



# Charge-dependent anisotropic flow in Cu+Au collisions

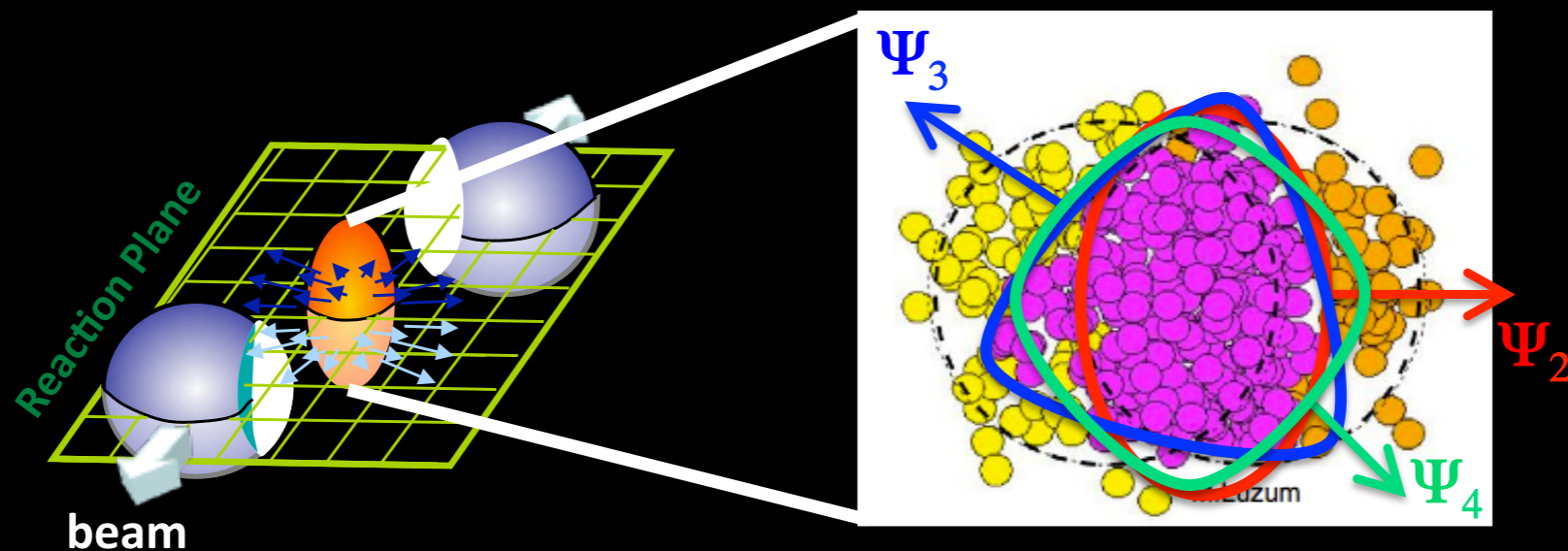
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# Azimuthal anisotropy $v_n$

- ▶ Anisotropies in momentum-space originate from anisotropies in initial geometry (including fluctuations)



$$\frac{dN}{d\phi} \propto 1 + 2 \sum_n v_n \cos[n(\phi - \Psi_n)]$$

*A. Poskanzer and S. Voloshin  
PRC58,1671 (1998)*

Directed flow ( $v_1$ ): sensitive to EoS and phase transition

Elliptic( $v_2$ ), Triangular( $v_3$ ),  $\dots$ : sensitive to  $\eta/s$  and initial fluctuations

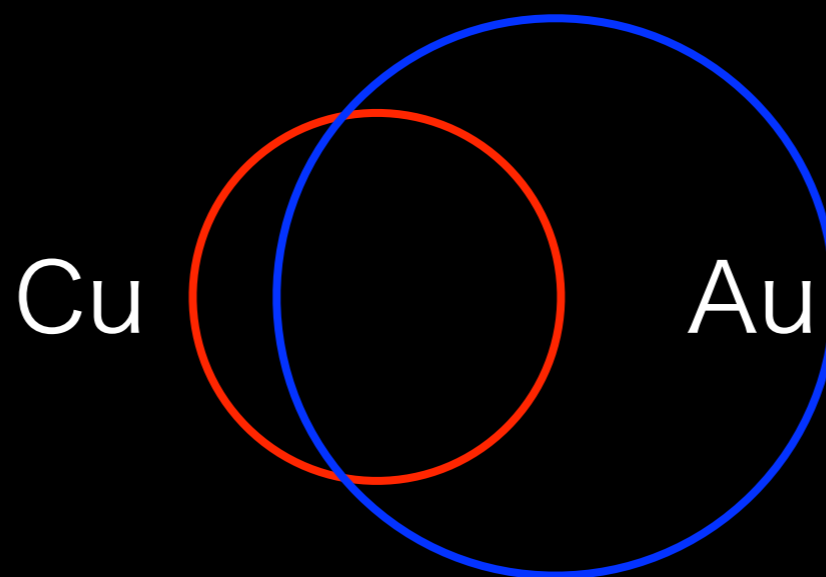
*Many experimental and theoretical studies so far*



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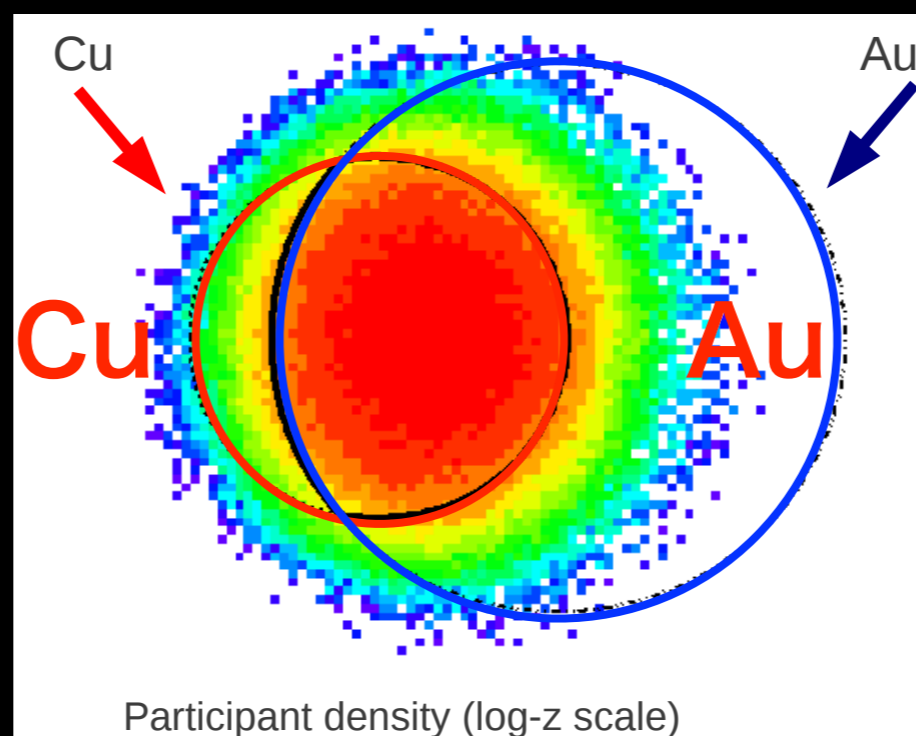




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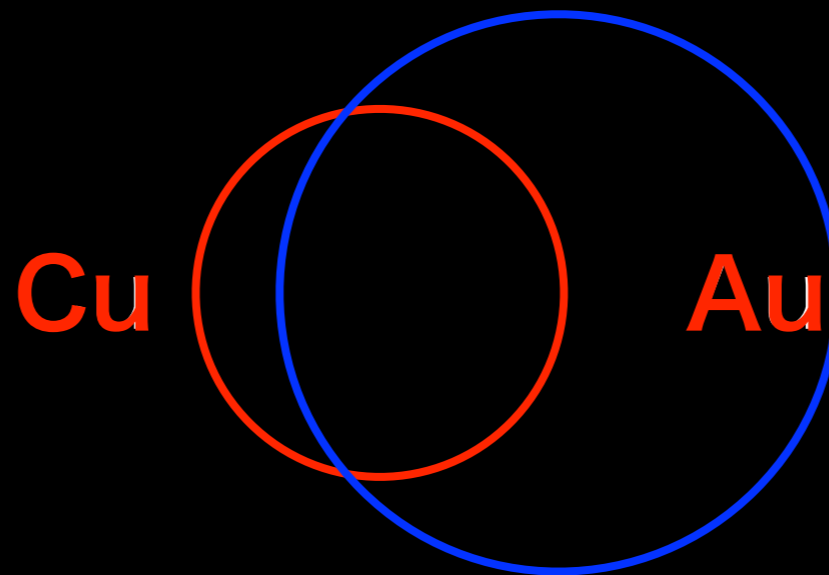
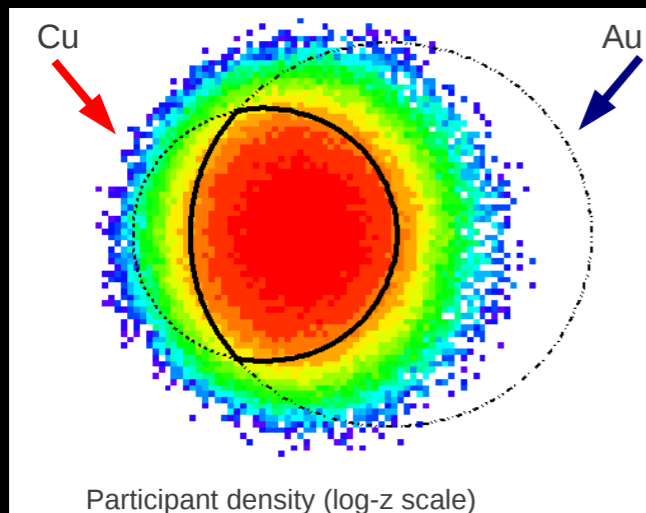


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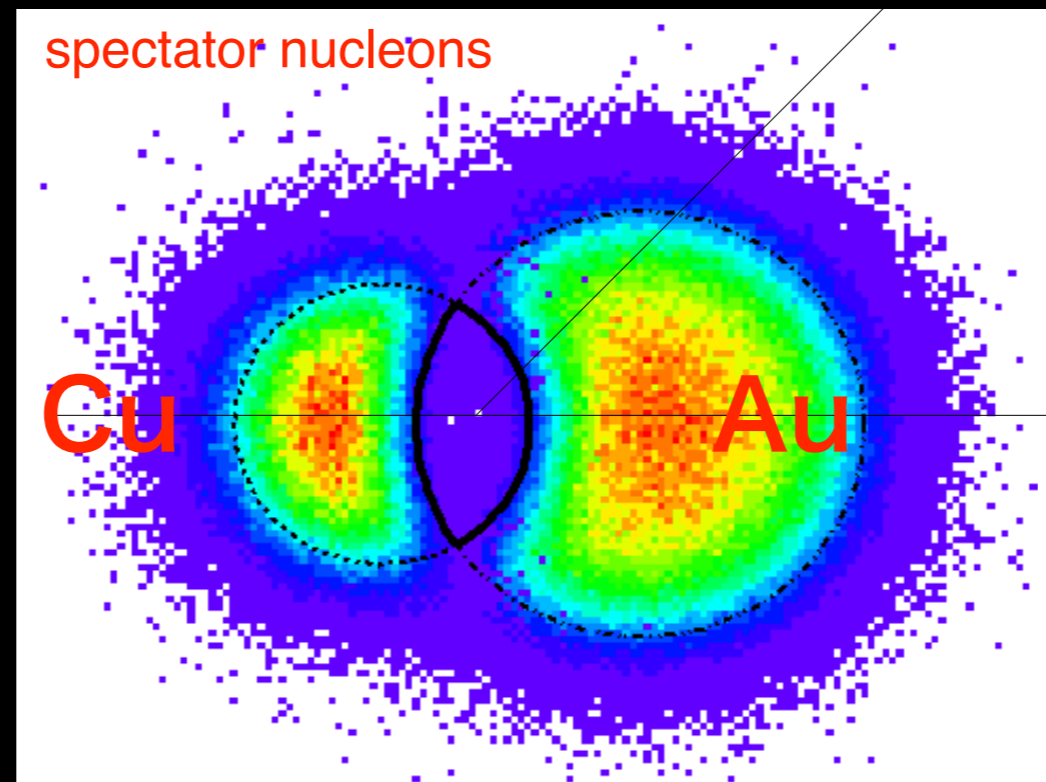
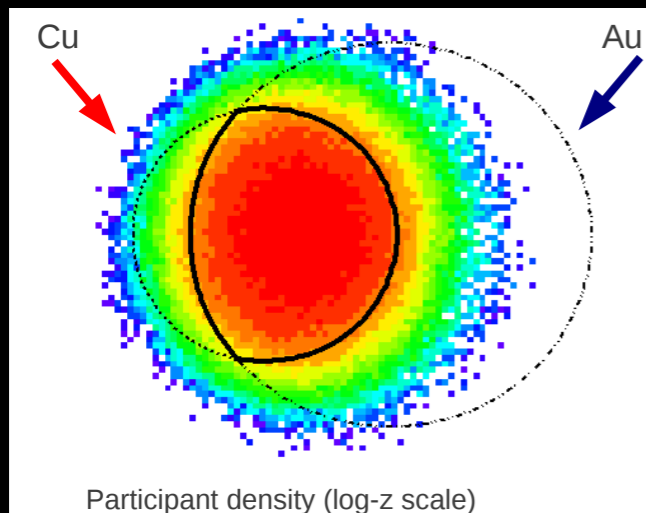
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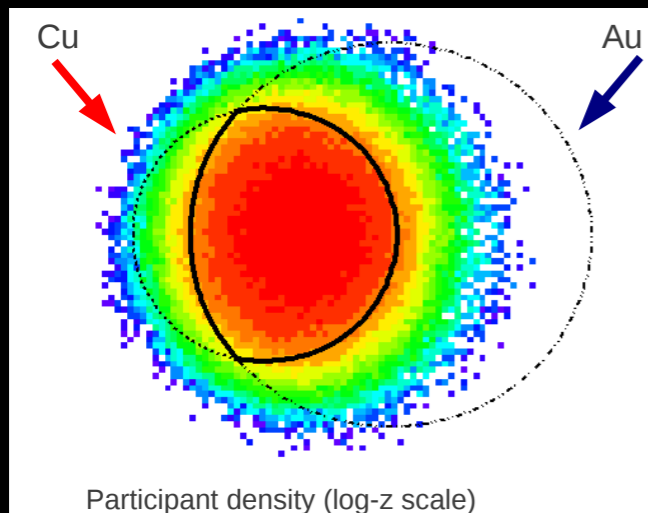
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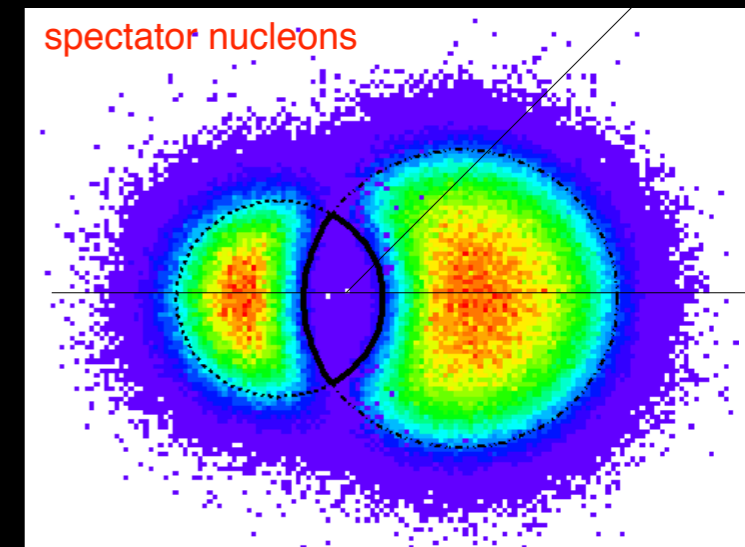
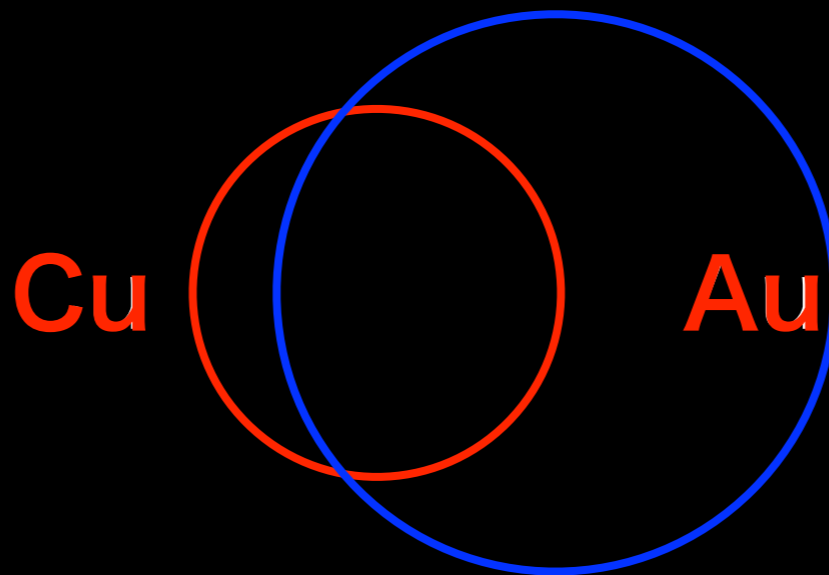
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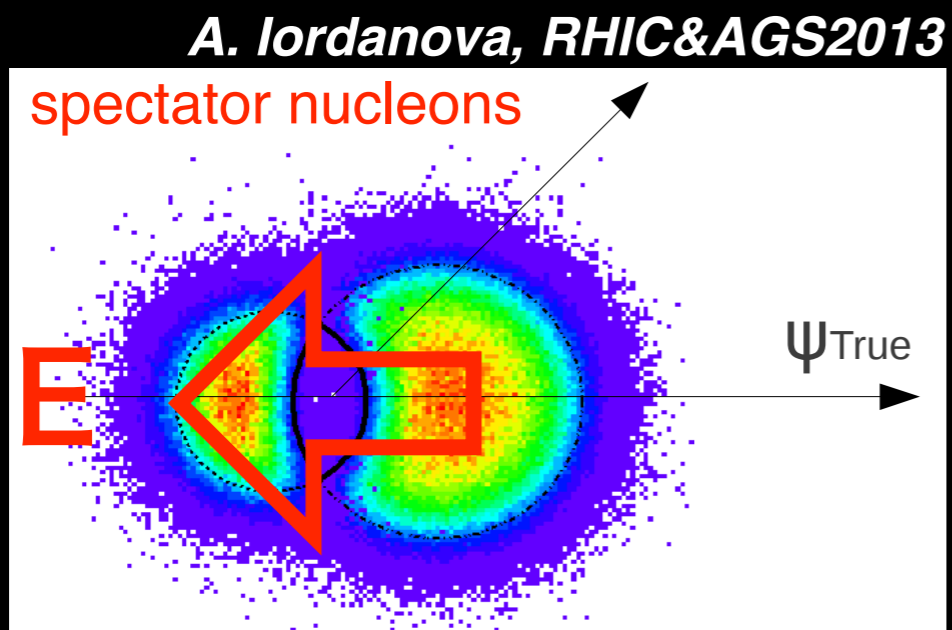


**Dipole-like charge distribution**  
**by spectators**



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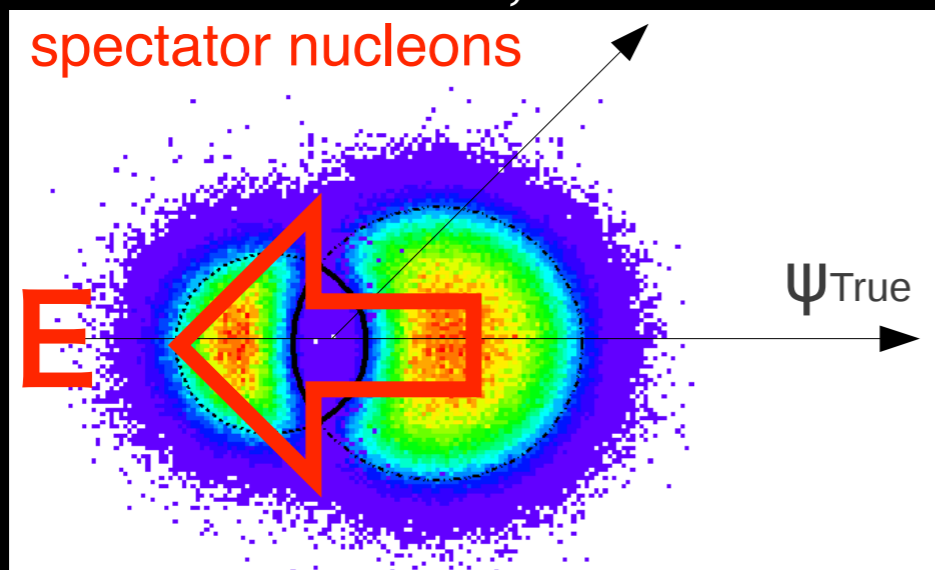




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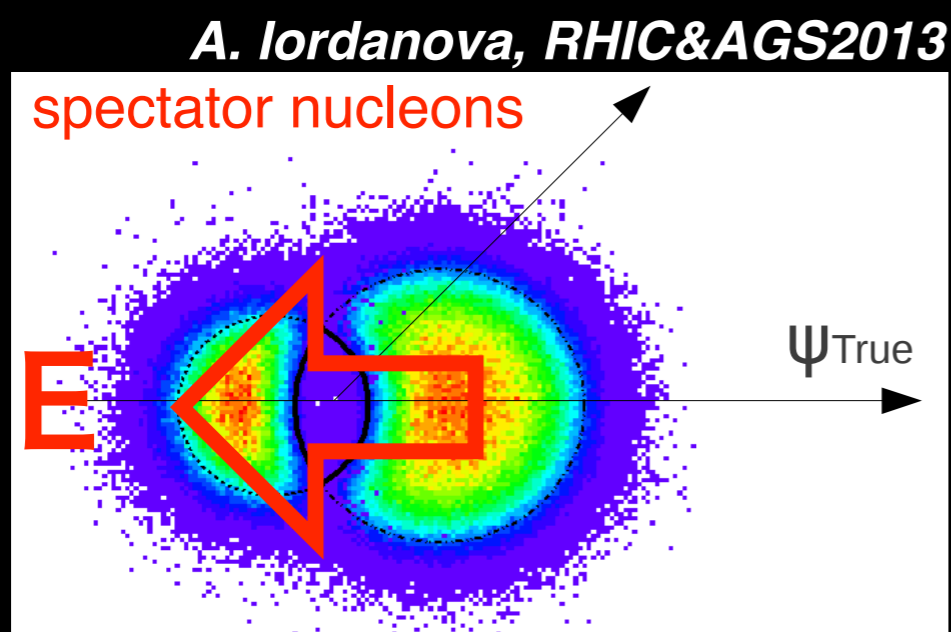
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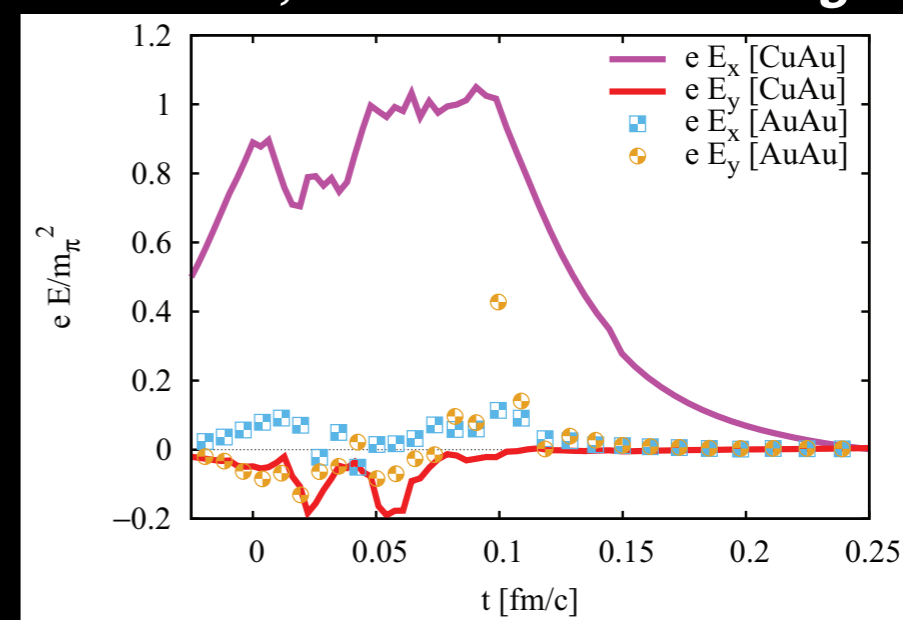


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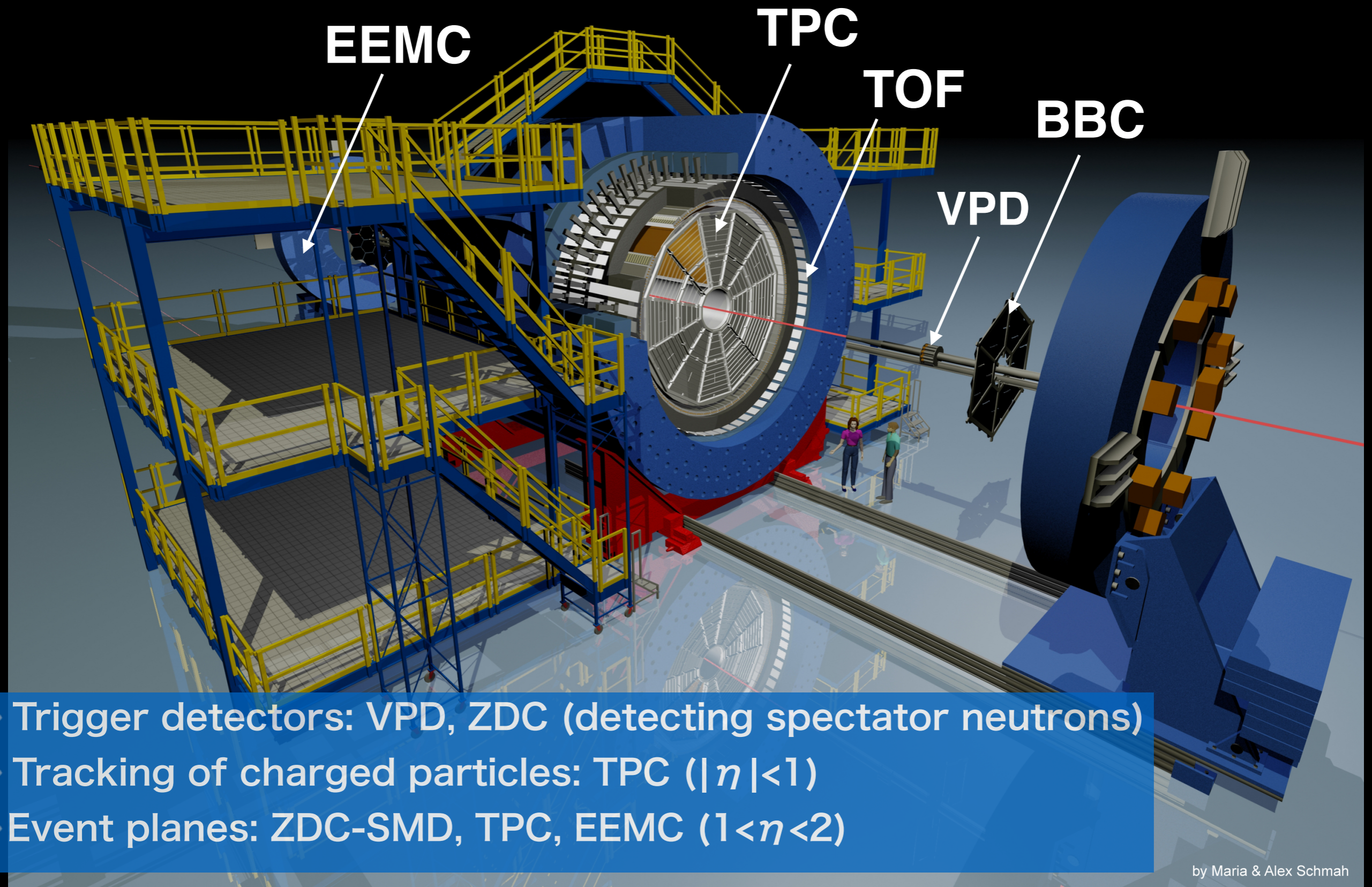


**Life time of E-field ( $\sim 0.25 \text{ fm/c}$ )**  
 PRC90.064903, Parton-Hadron String Dynamics





# Solenoidal Tracker At RHIC (STAR)



- ▶ Trigger detectors: VPD, ZDC (detecting spectator neutrons)
- ▶ Tracking of charged particles: TPC ( $|\eta| < 1$ )
- ▶ Event planes: ZDC-SMD, TPC, EEMC ( $1 < \eta < 2$ )





# Measurements of azimuthal anisotropies

## ▶ Event plane method

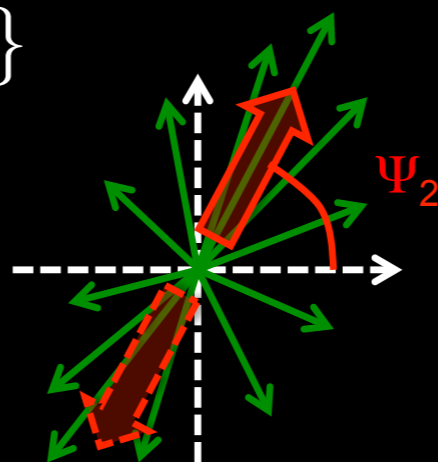
- $\Psi_1$  determined by ZDC-SMD measuring spectator neutrons
- $\Psi_n$  ( $n > 1$ ) determined by TPC( $\eta$ -sub) and EEMC

$$v_n = \langle \cos[n(\phi - \Psi_n)] \rangle / \text{Res}\{\Psi_n\}$$

$$\Psi_n = \frac{1}{n} \tan^{-1}(Q_{n,y}/Q_{n,x})$$

$$Q_{n,x} = \sum w_i \cos(n\phi)$$

$$Q_{n,y} = \sum w_i \sin(n\phi)$$



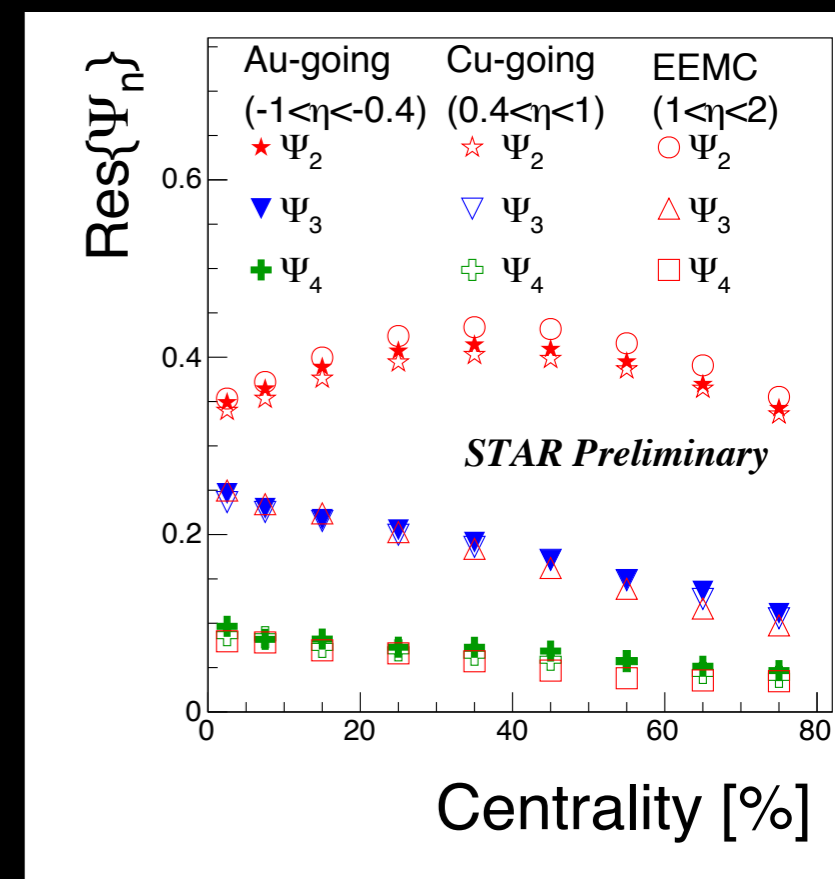
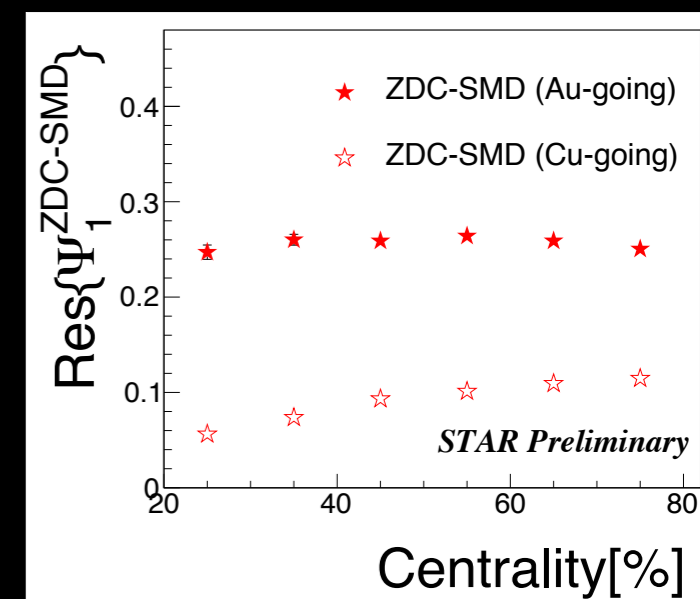
## ▶ Scalar product method

- STAR, PRC66.034904 (2002)
- $v_n$  ( $n > 1$ ) using flow vectors determined by TPC-tracks in forward and backward region

$$v_n = \frac{\langle \vec{Q}_n^{F(B)} \cdot \vec{u} \rangle}{\sqrt{\langle \vec{Q}_n^F \cdot \vec{Q}_n^B \rangle}}$$

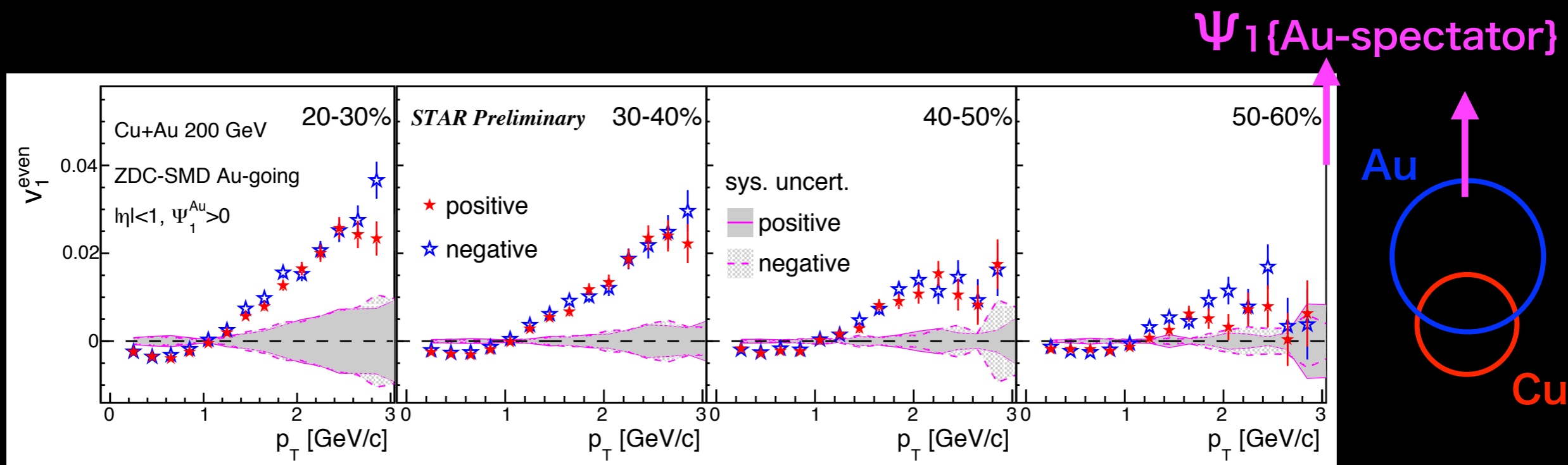
## ▶ Systematic uncertainty

- variation of track selection
- For  $v_1$ , EP resolutions from different 3-sub events
- For  $v_n$ , difference between TPC  $\eta$ -sub and EEMC





# Charge-dependent directed flow



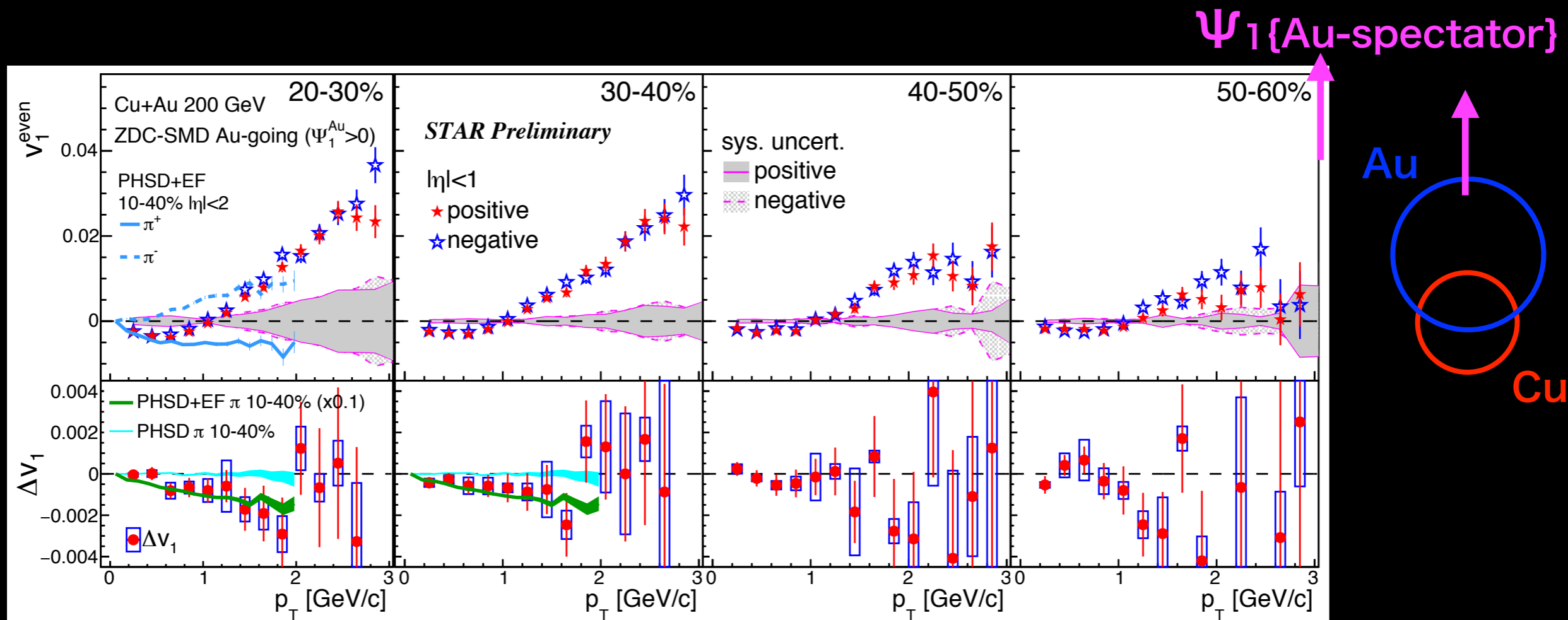
$$v_1^{\text{even}} = \langle \cos(\phi - \Psi_1) \rangle$$

- ▶ Sizable  $v_1^{\text{even}}$  measured relative to  $\Psi_1\{\text{ZDC-SMD}\}$  in Au-going side ( $\Psi_1^{\text{Au}} > 0$ )
  - ⦿ Negative  $v_1$  in  $p_T < 1 \text{ GeV}/c$ : more low  $p_T$  particles in Cu-side
  - ⦿ Positive  $v_1$  in  $p_T > 1 \text{ GeV}/c$ : more high  $p_T$  particles in Au-side
  - ⦿  $v_1^{\text{even}}$  become smaller in more peripheral collisions
- ▶  $v_1$  in Cu+Au is larger than that in Au+Au
  - ▶ Asymmetric density causes sizable  $v_1$  (U. Heinz and P. Kolb, arXiv:nucl-th/0403044)
  - ▶ Note: In A+A collisions,  $v_1^{\text{even}}$  is only due to density fluctuations

**Very small charge difference... but let's see more detail !**



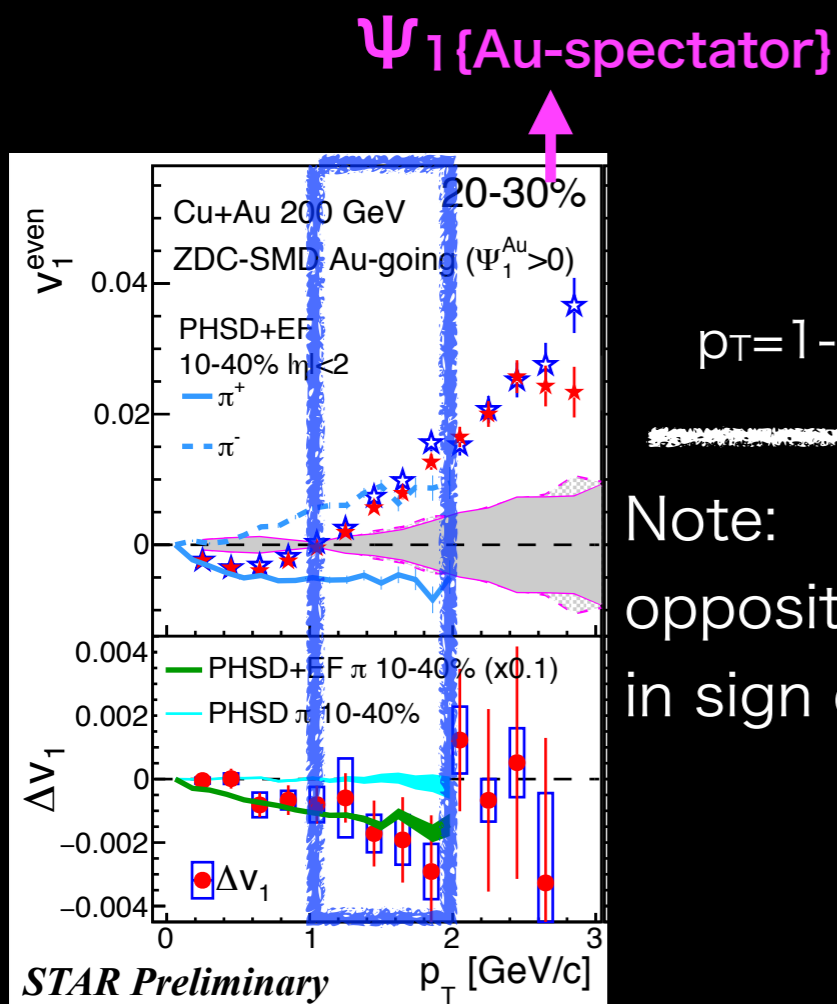
# Charge-dependent directed flow



- ▶  $\Delta v_1 = v_1(h^+) - v_1(h^-)$ , and  $v_1 \sim 1\%$ ,  $\Delta v_1 < 0.2\%$ 
  - $\Delta v_1$  looks to be negative in  $p_T < 2$  GeV/c,
  - similar  $p_T$  dependence to PHSD model (PRC90.064903), but **smaller by a factor of 10**
- ▶ Finite  $\Delta v_1$  indicates the **existence of E-field**
- ▶ Small  $\Delta v_1$  indicates the **number of quarks at times earlier than the E-field life time ( $\sim 0.25$  fm/c) would be very small**
  - PHSD assumes all partons are present at early time and affected by the E-field

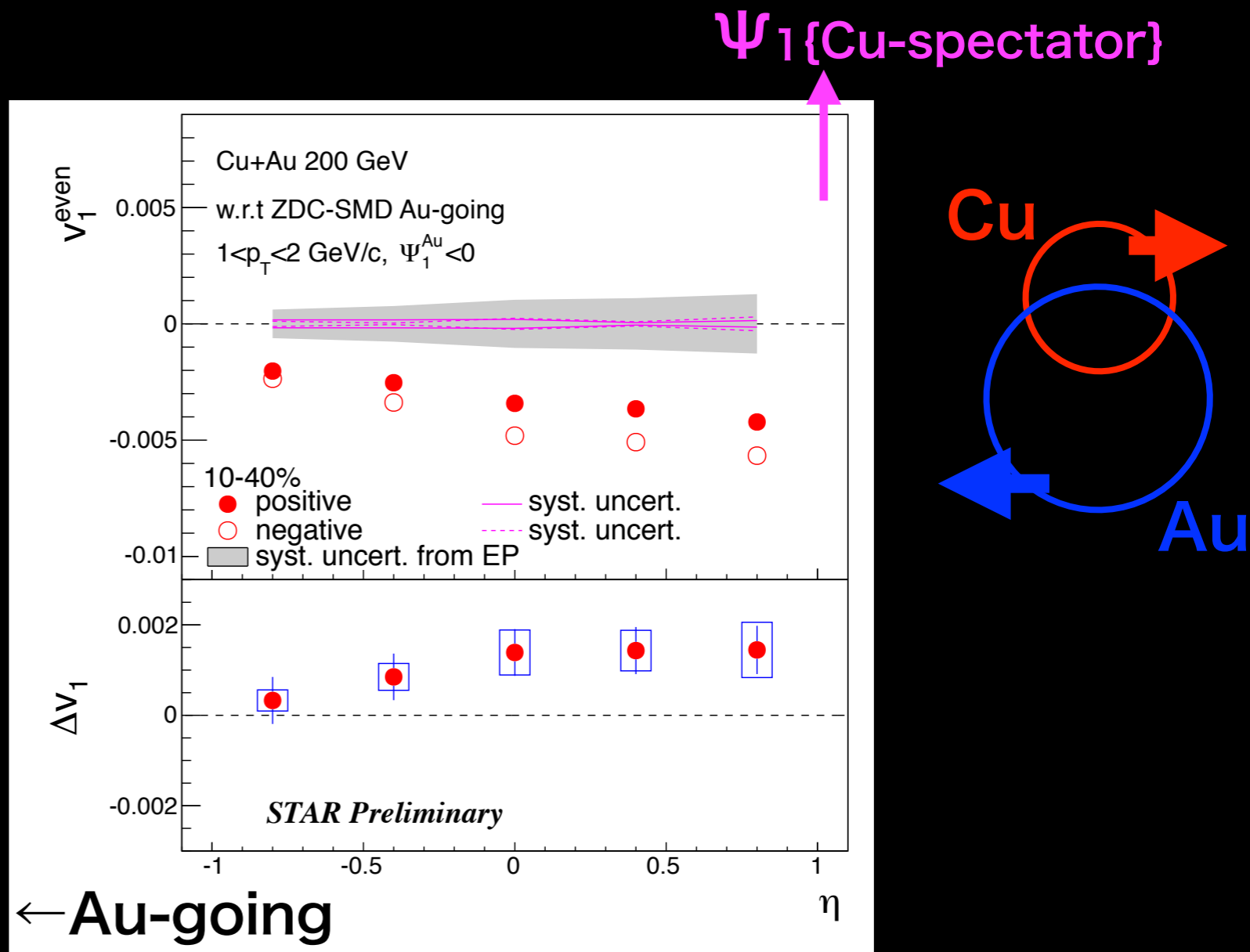


# $\eta$ dependence of $v_1$



$p_T = 1-2$

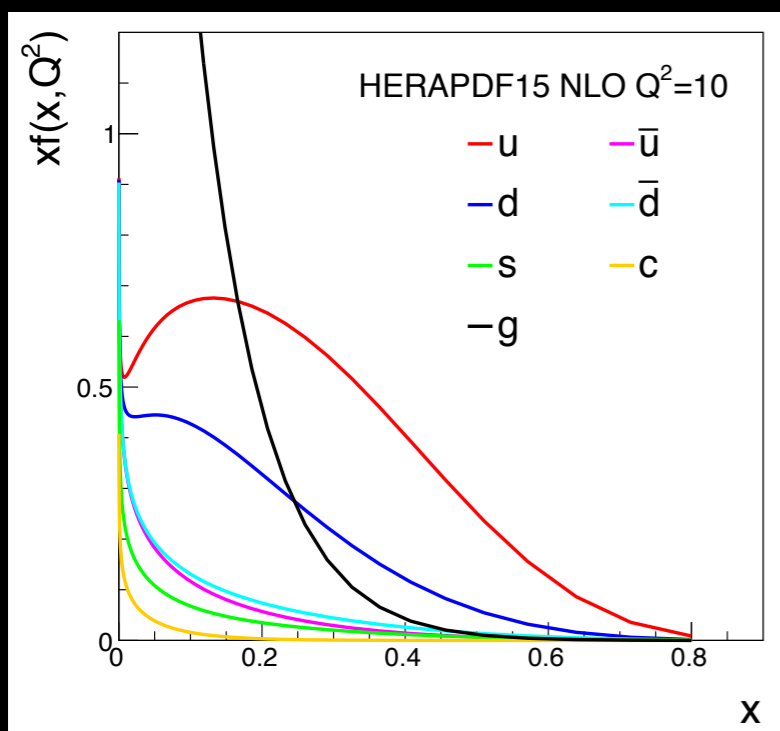
Note:  
opposite def.  
in sign of  $v_1$



- ▶  $v_1^{\text{even}}$  w.r.t to  $\Psi_1$  {ZDC-SMD} in Au-going side defined as  $\Psi_1^{Au} < 0$
- ▶ Charge-difference can be seen in  $-1 < \eta < 1$  and  $1 < p_T < 2$  GeV/c
  - Difference looks larger in Cu-going direction



# How many quarks at initial state?



<http://hepdata.cedar.ac.uk/>

## ▶ Rough estimate from PDF

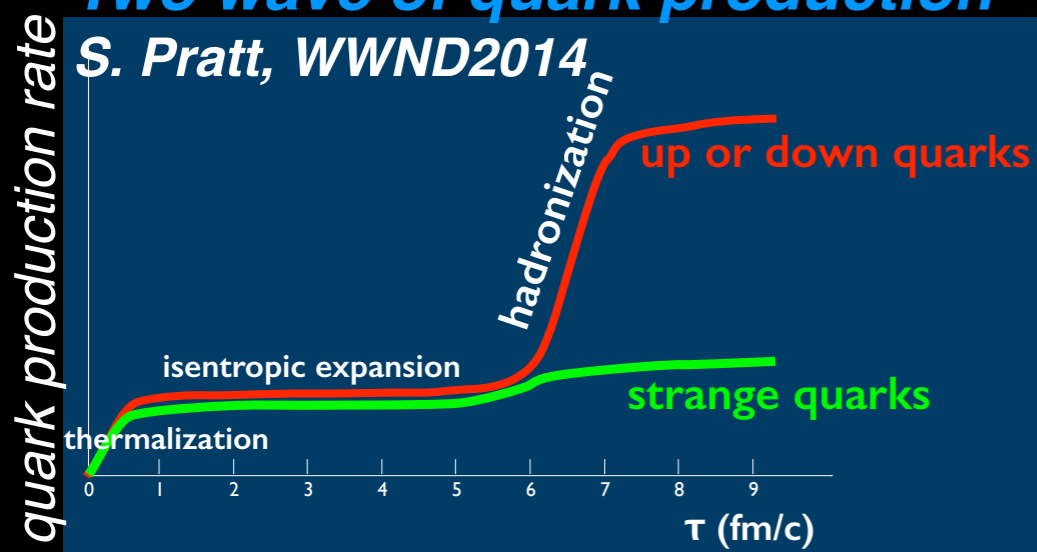
- Quark density in PDF → Quarks at initial state
- Quarks + Gluons in PDF → All quarks created
  - Assuming gluons are converted to 2 quarks at final state

$$x \sim \frac{p_T}{\sqrt{s}} e^\eta$$

- $0.2 < p_T < 1$  GeV/c,  $|\eta| < 1$ ,  $\sqrt{s} = 200$  GeV →  $4 \times 10^{-4} < x < 0.01$
- Initial quarks/All quarks created **~15%**, which is close to 10% obtained from  $\Delta v_1 + \text{PHSD}$  model

## Two wave of quark production

S. Pratt, WWND2014



**Suggest small fraction of initial quarks to all quarks!**

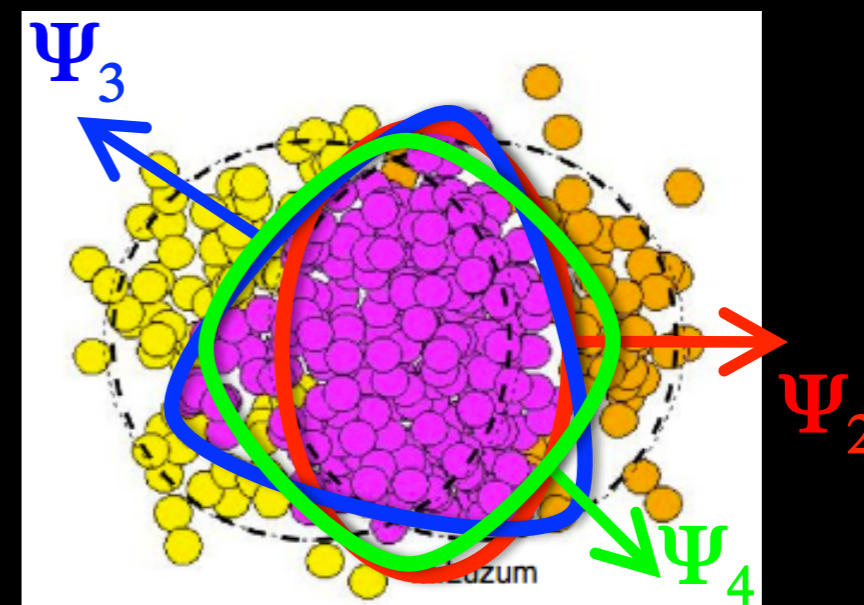
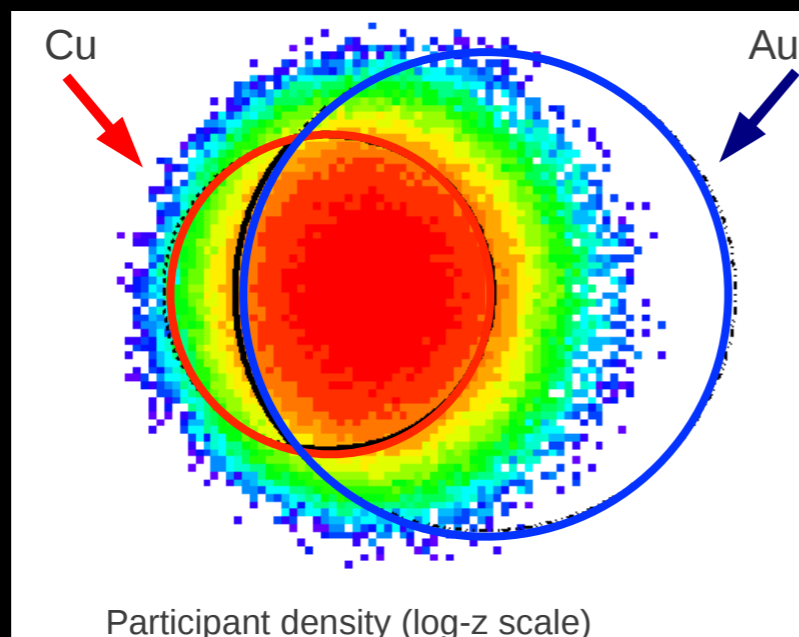
## ▶ Possible explanation?

- Two wave scenario of light quark production
- small fraction of quarks created at early time



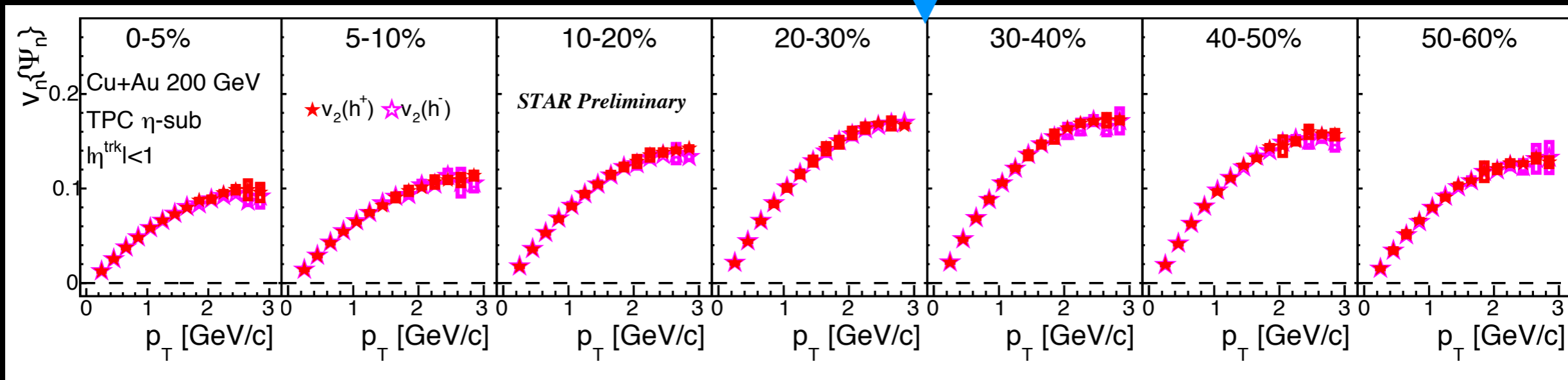
# Higher-order flow

- ▶ Higher-order flow under the asymmetric pressure gradient
  - Any difference from symmetric collisions, especially in odd components?
  - Good test of the hydrodynamic model which reasonably describes the symmetric collisions





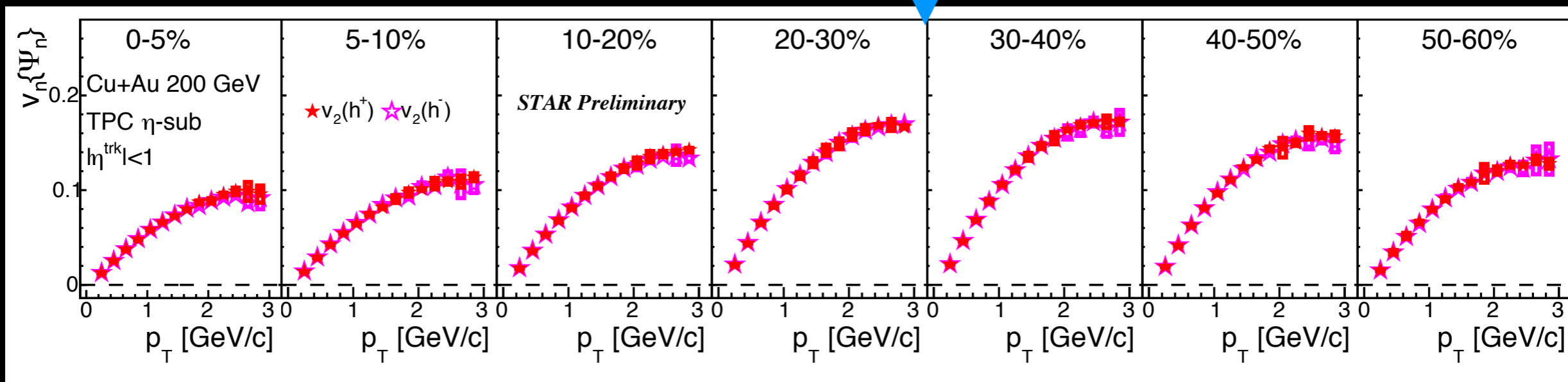
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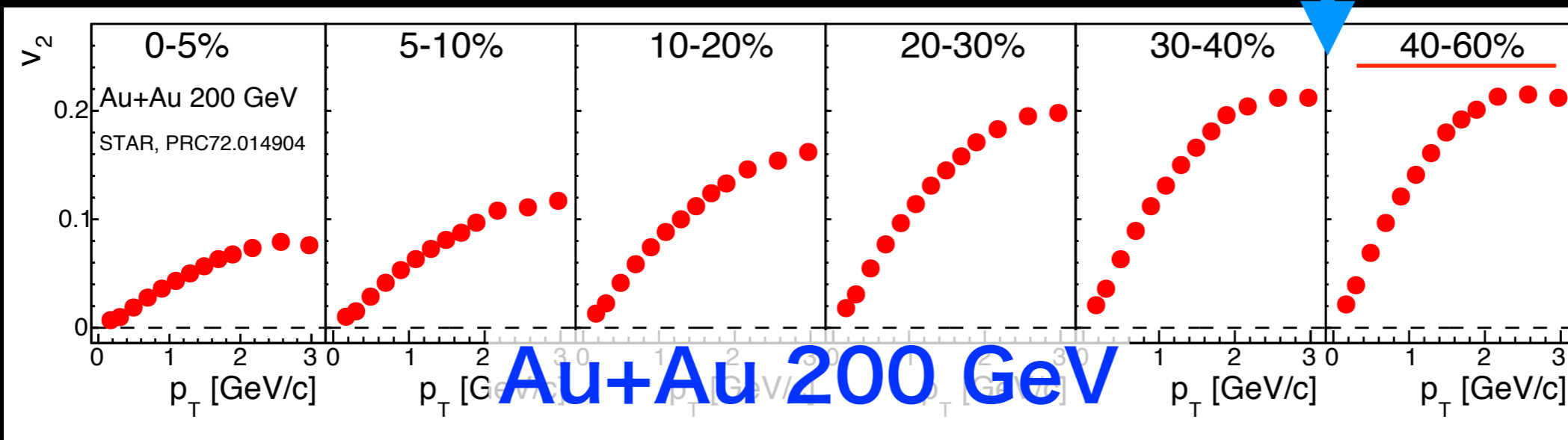
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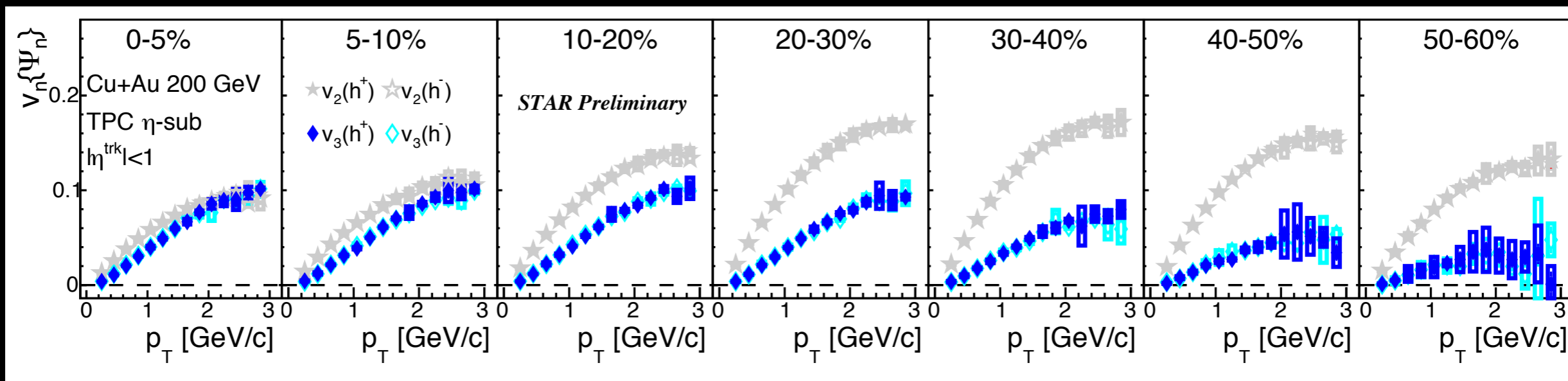


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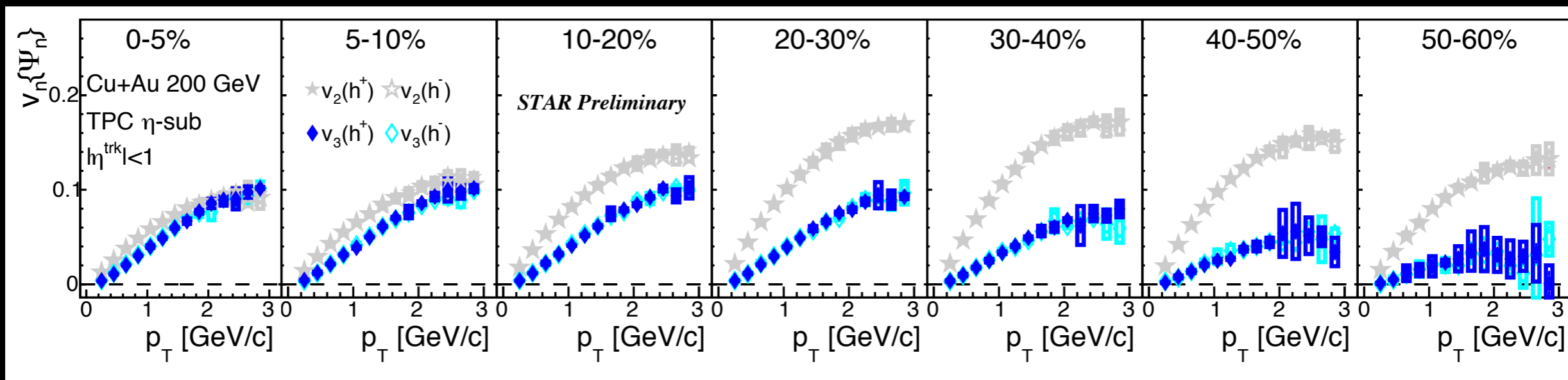
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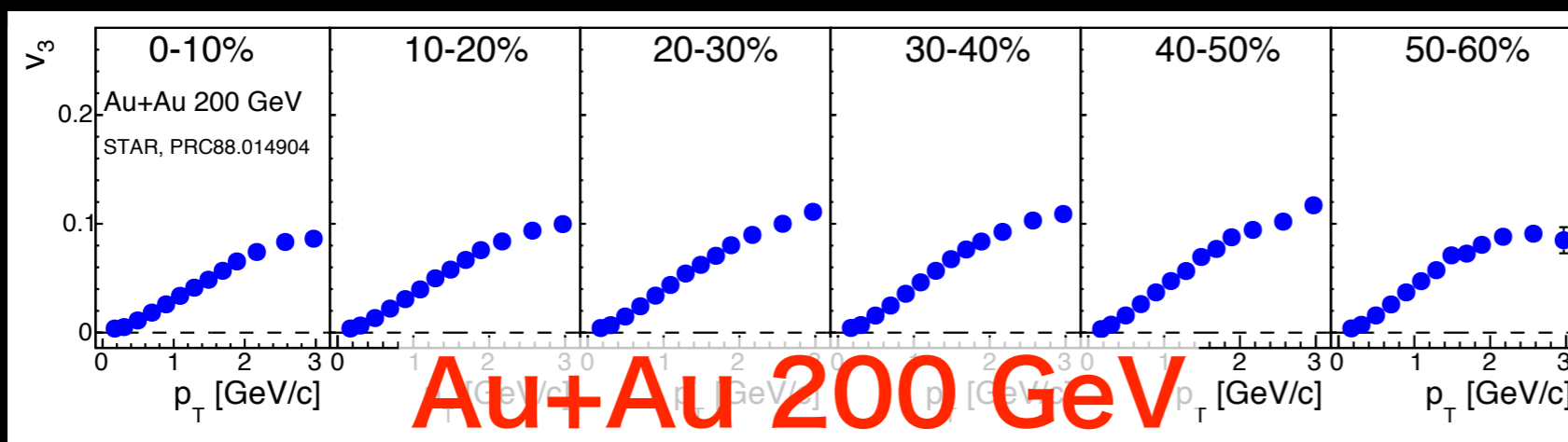
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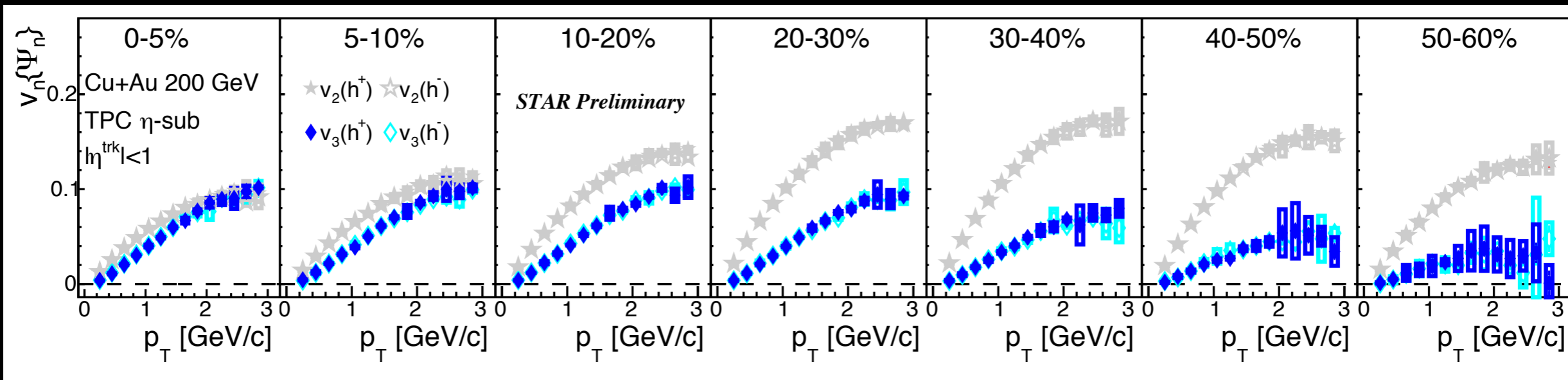


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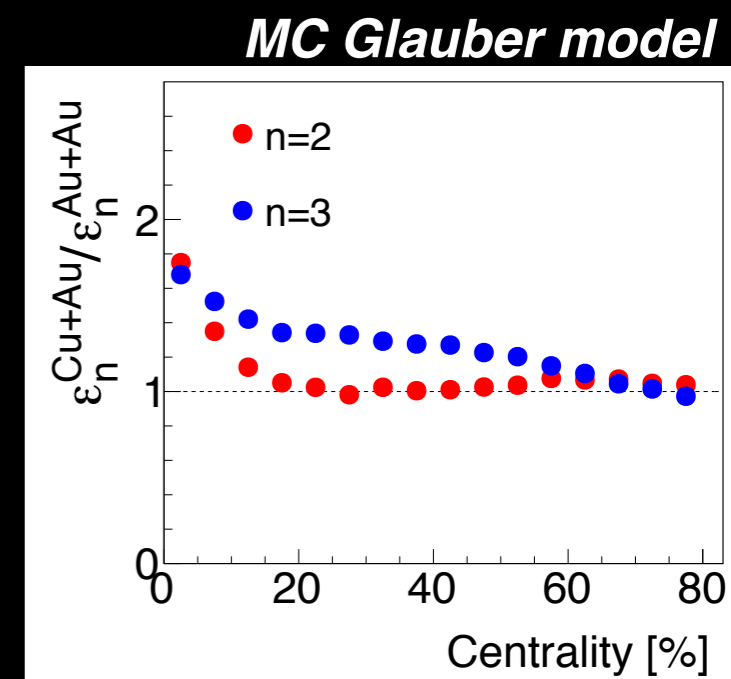
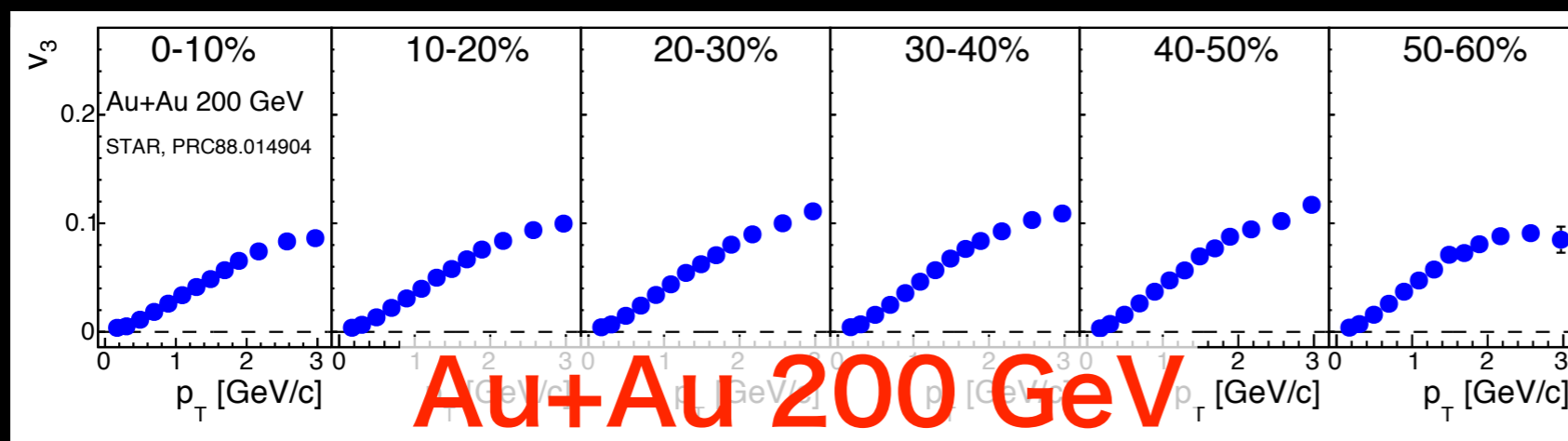




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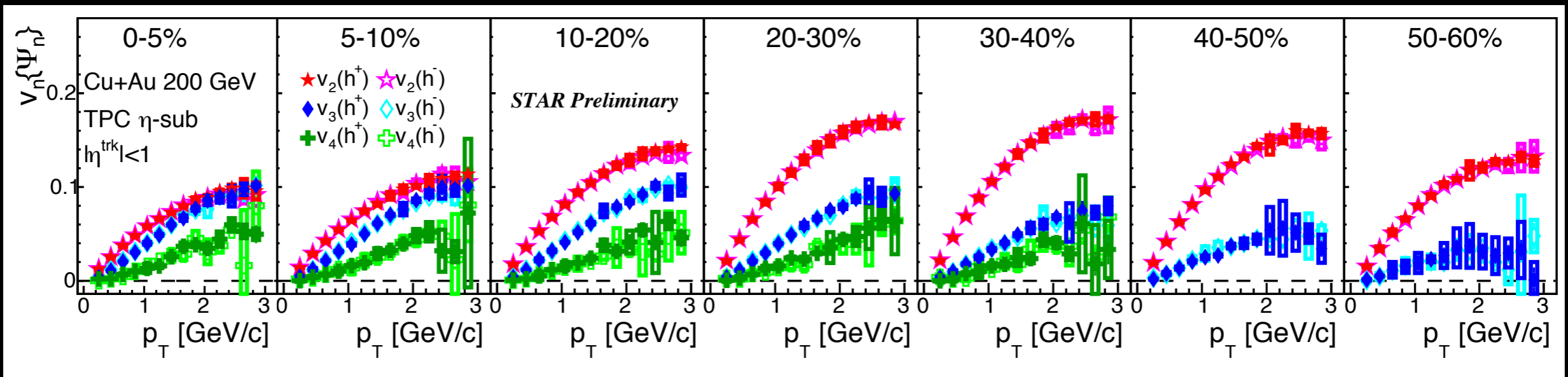


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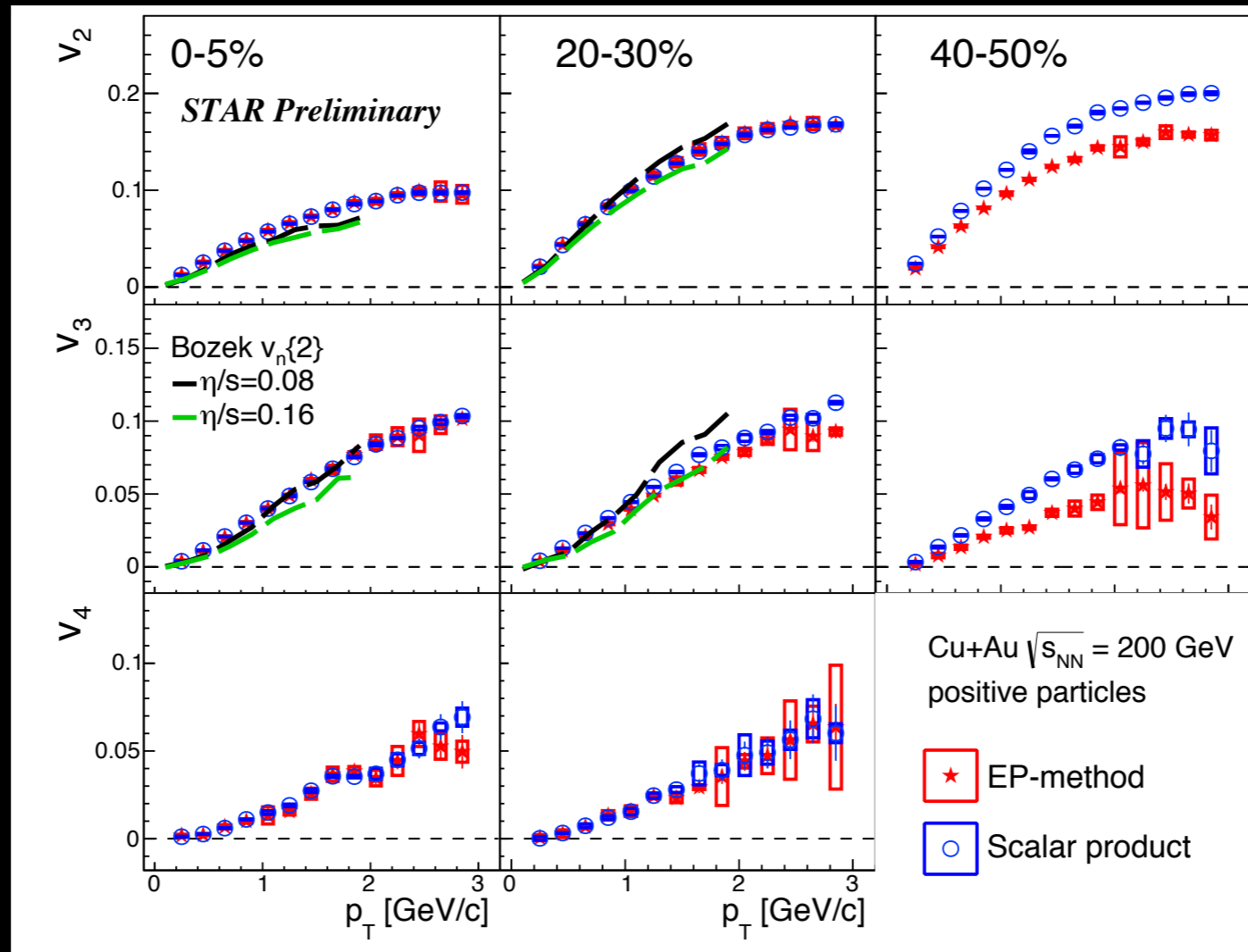


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- ▶ Finite  $v_4$  is observed
  - ◉ weaker centrality dependence than Au+Au
- ▶ No charge dependence for  $v_n$  ( $n \geq 2$ )

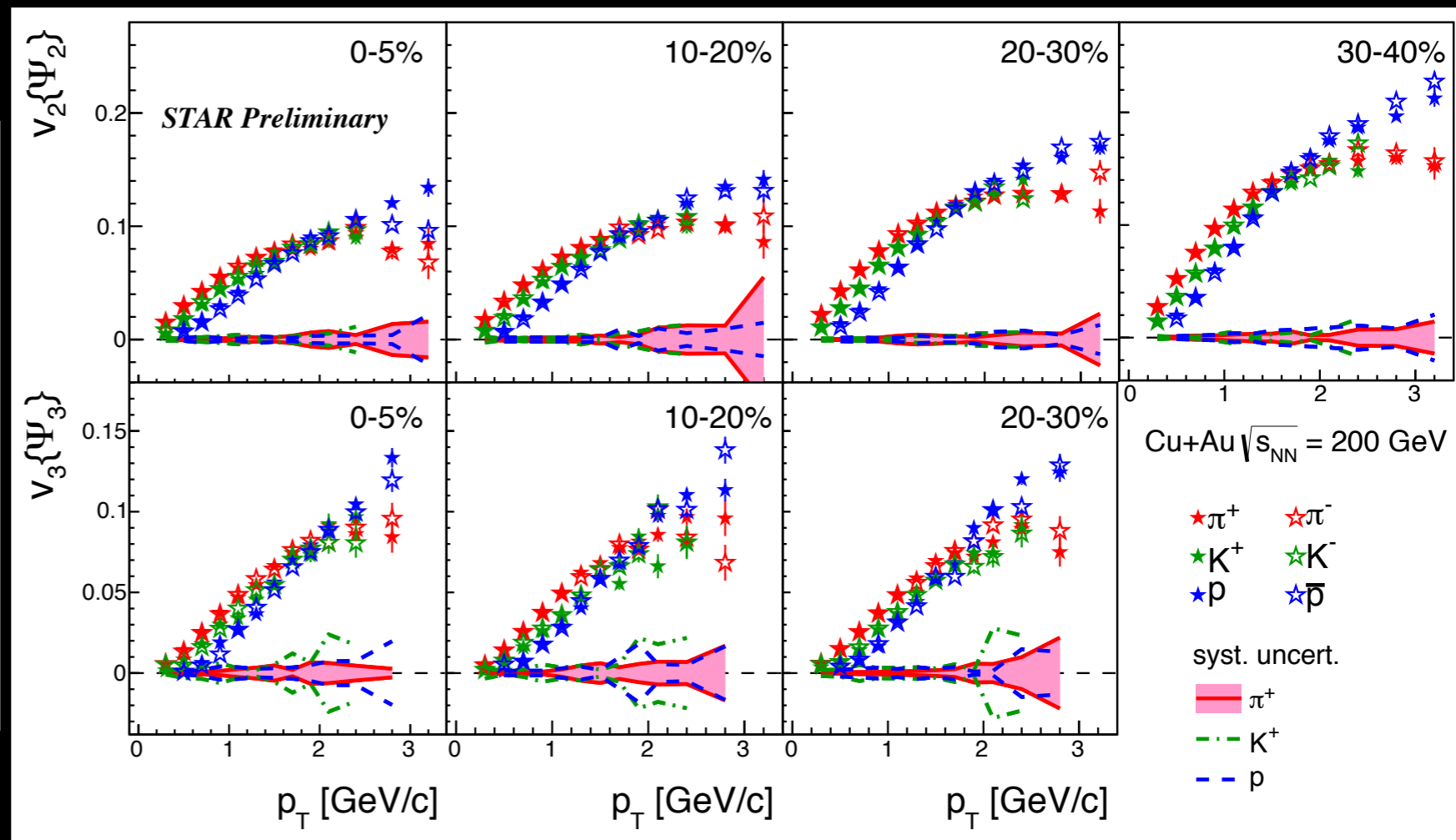
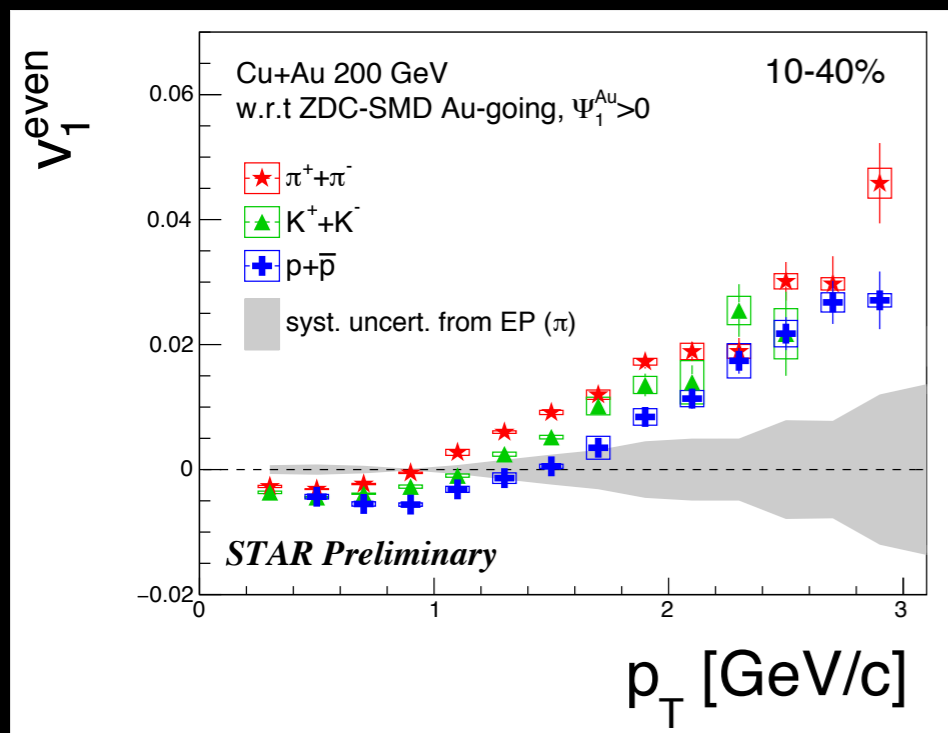
# Comparison with Hydro-model



- ▶  $v_2$  and  $v_3$  are described well by e-b-e viscous hydrodynamic model
  - Bozek, PLB.717(2012)287
  - The data are close to the model calculations with  $\eta/s=0.08$  and  $0.16$
- ▶  $v_n\{EP\}$  is in good agreement with  $v_n\{SP\}$  in more central collisions
  - Difference in peripheral collisions due to different sensitivity to flow fluctuations (S. Voloshin et al., arXiv:0809.2949)



# Identified Particle $v_n$



- ▶  $\pi$  /K/p identification by TPC + TOF
- ▶ Mass ordering at low  $p_T$  for  $v_1$ ,  $v_2$ , and  $v_3$  (effect of radial flow)
- ▶ Baryon/meson splitting at intermediate  $p_T$  for  $v_2$  and  $v_3$

***Analysis on charge-dependent  $v_1$ , especially for kaon, is ongoing!***



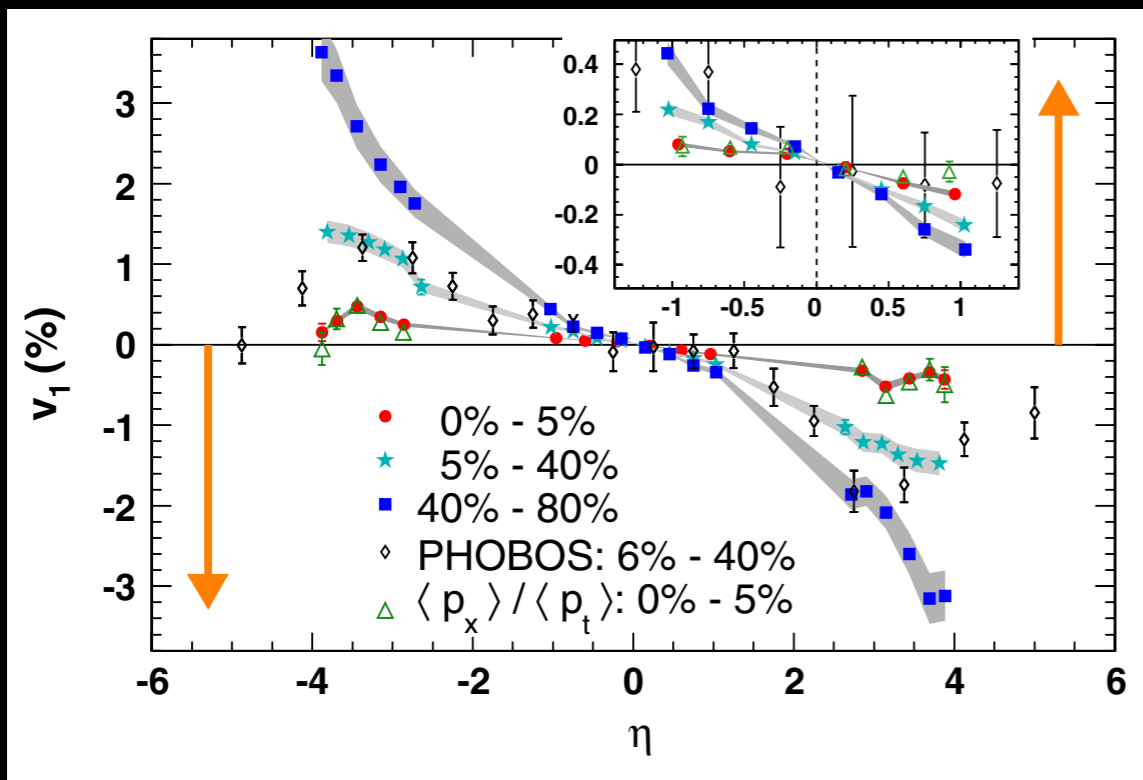
# Summary

- ▶ Charge-dependent directed flow in Cu+Au collisions
  - ◉ Charge difference of  $v_1$  was observed, which is consistent with an existence of the initial electric field
  - ◉ The fraction of initial (anti-)quarks could be constrained by the magnitude of  $\Delta v_1$
  
- ▶ Higher-order flow ( $v_2$ - $v_4$ )
  - ◉  $v_3$  has a stronger centrality dependence than Au+Au, and  $v_4$  has a weaker centrality dependence than Au+Au
  - ◉ PID  $v_1$ ,  $v_2$ , and  $v_3$  have been presented

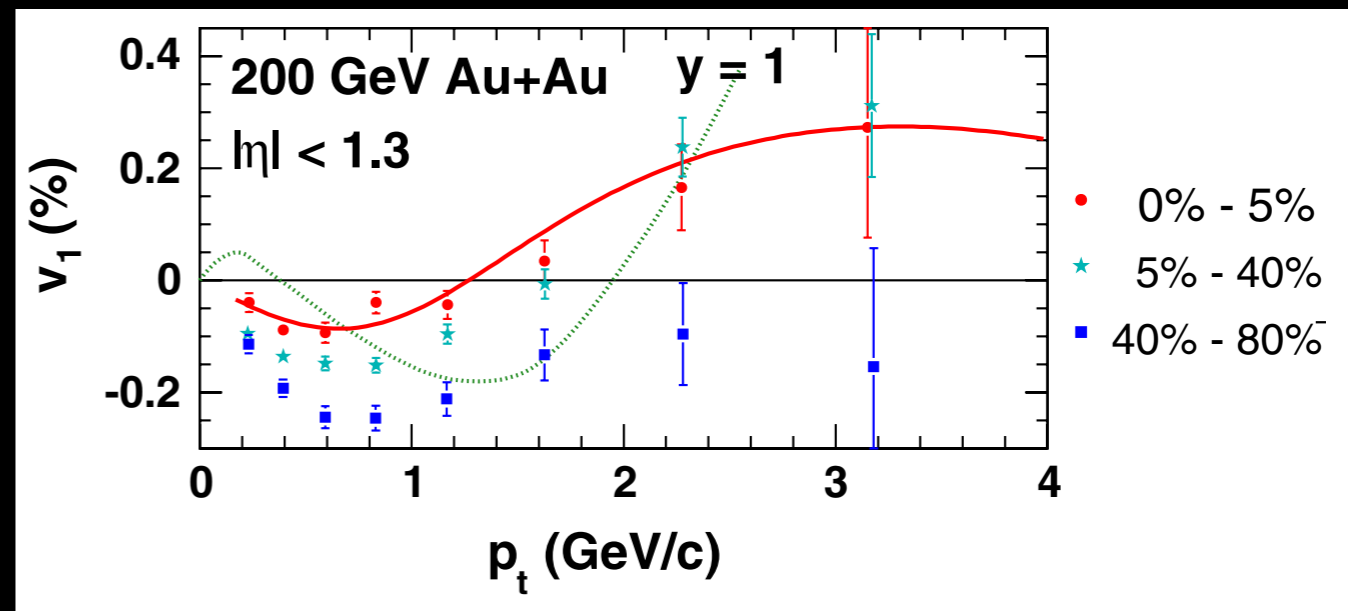
***Thank you for your attention!***

**Back up**

# $v_1^{\text{odd}}$ in Au+Au 200GeV



STAR, PRL101.252301



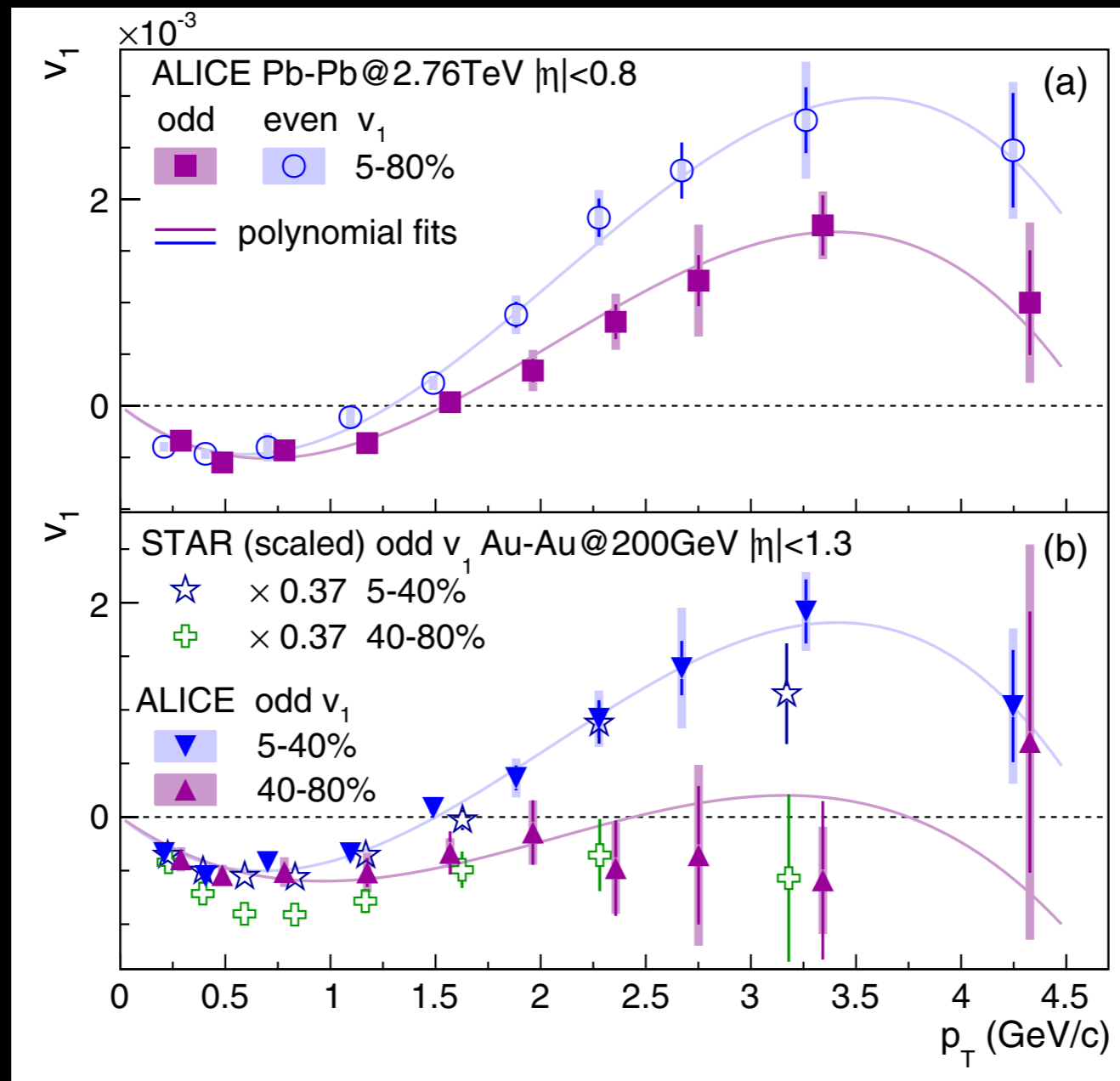
► Small signal of  $v_1$  at mid-rapidity in Au+Au collisions

$$v_1^{\text{odd}} = \langle \text{sgn}(\eta) \cos(\phi - \Psi_1) \rangle$$



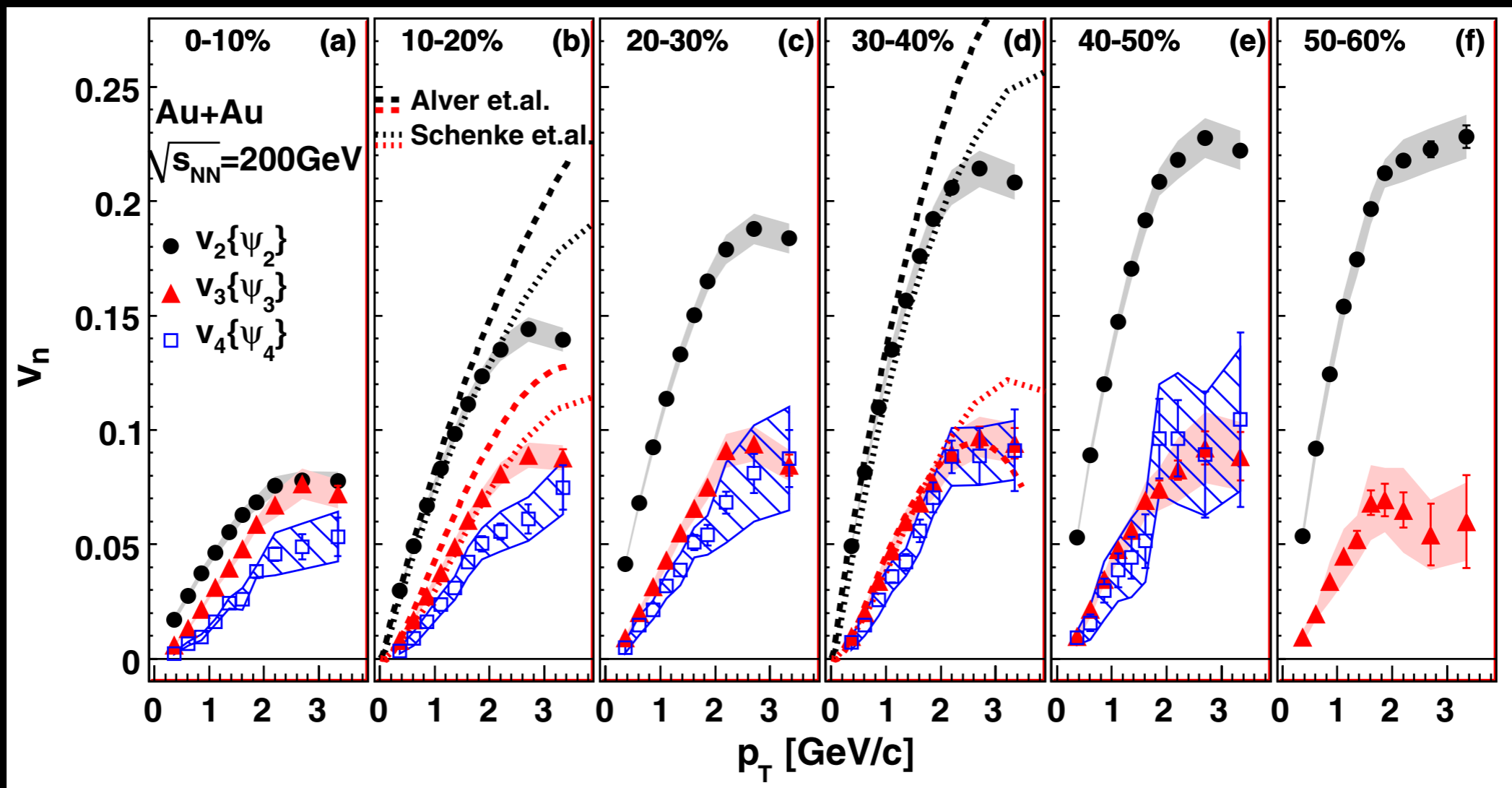
# $v_1^{\text{even}}$ and $v_1^{\text{odd}}$ in Pb+Pb 2.76 TeV

$v_1$  in Au+Au vs Pb+Pb  
ALICE, PRL111.23202



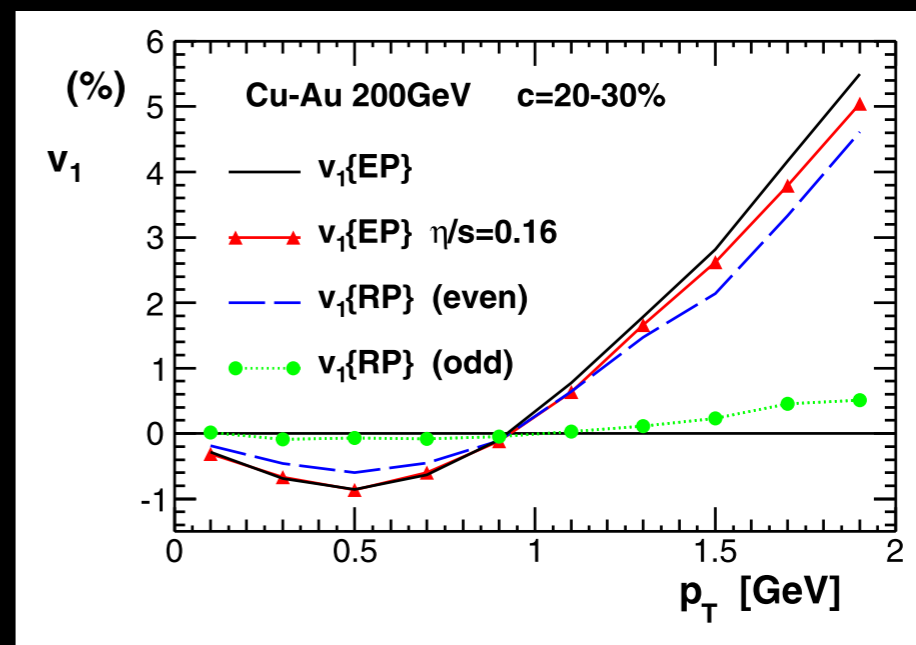
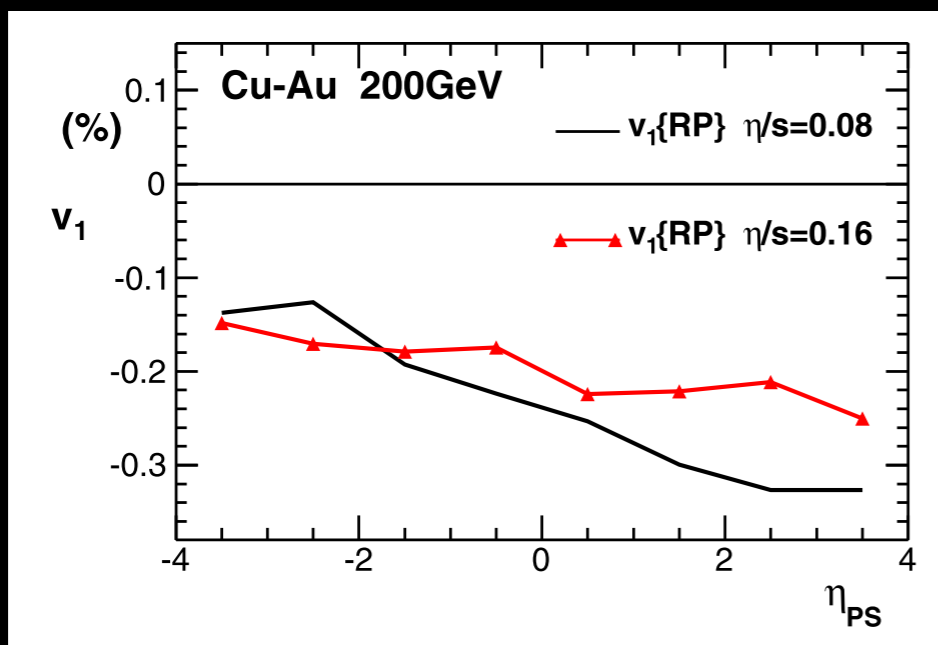
# Higher-order flow in Au+Au

PHENIX, PRL107.252301





# E-b-e viscous hydrodynamics in Cu+Au



*P. Bozek, PLB717(2012)287*

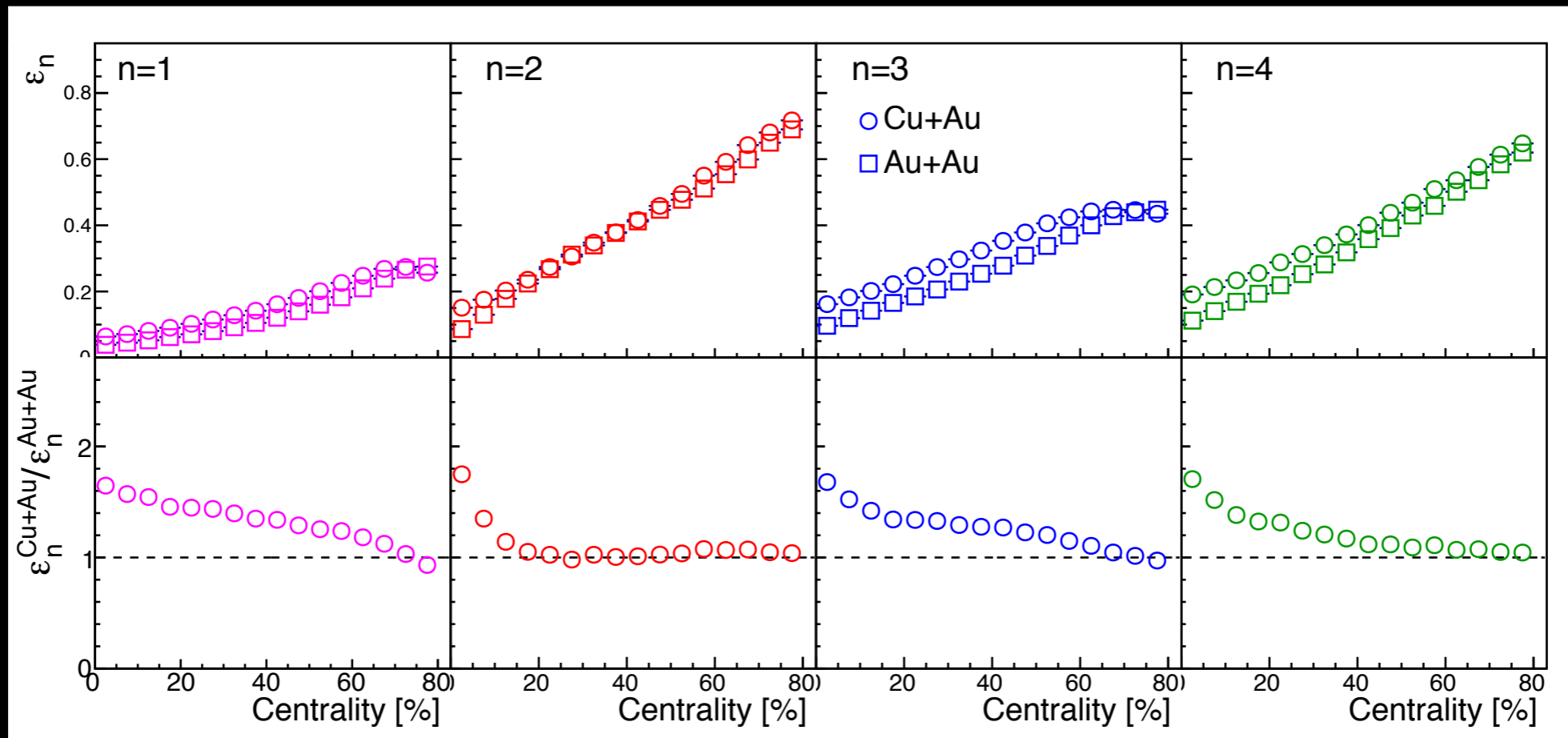
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# Initial spatial anisotropy Cu+Au vs Au+Au

*MC Glauber simulation*



$$\epsilon_n = \frac{\langle r^n \cos[n(\phi - \Psi_n)] \rangle}{\langle r^n \rangle}$$

✳  $r^3$  weight for  $n=1$