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# IMPORTANCE OF NON-FLOW BACKGROUND ON THE CHIRAL MAGNETIC WAVE SEARCH

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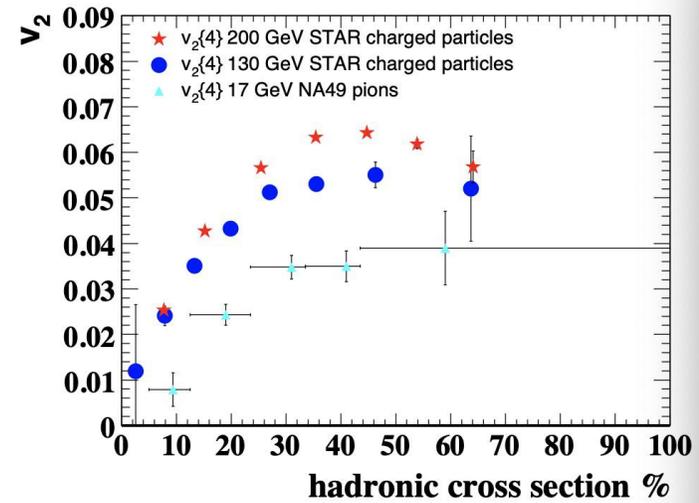
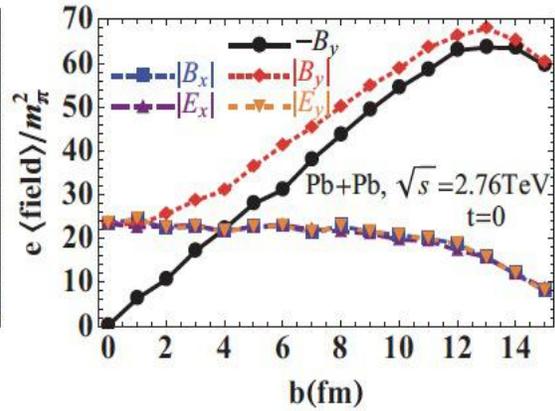
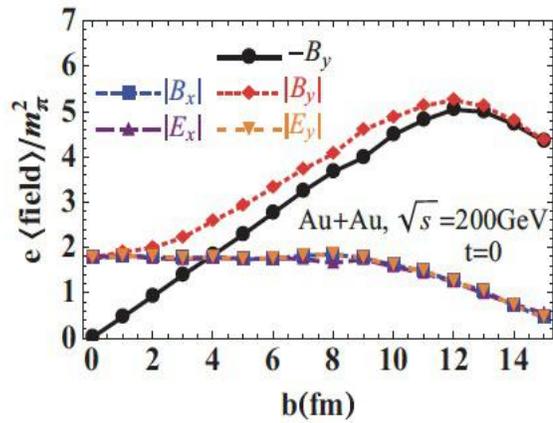
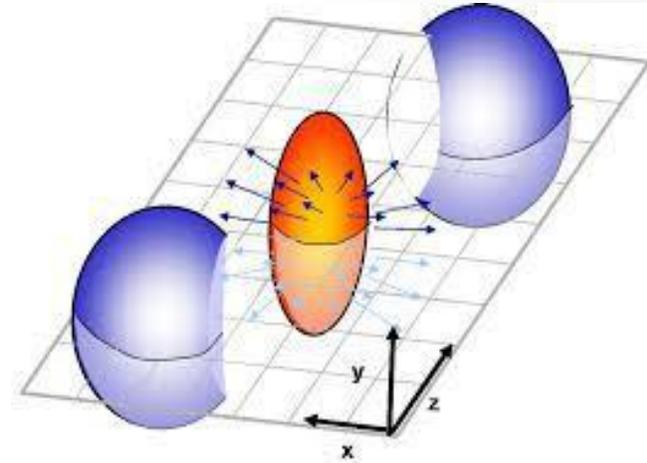
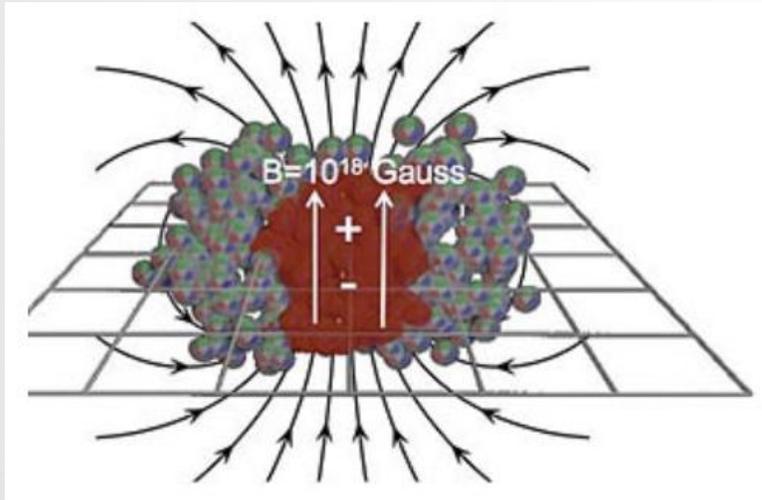
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  - Isospin chemical potential [Y. Hatta et al, NPA (2016)]

## ➤ Summary

HJX, J. Zhao, Y. Feng, F. Wang, “*Complications in the interpretation of the charge asymmetry dependent  $\pi$  flow for the chiral magnetic wave*”, *Phy.Rev. C*101 (2020), 014913 , arXiv:1910.02896

# INTRODUCTION

# HEAVY ION COLLISIONS



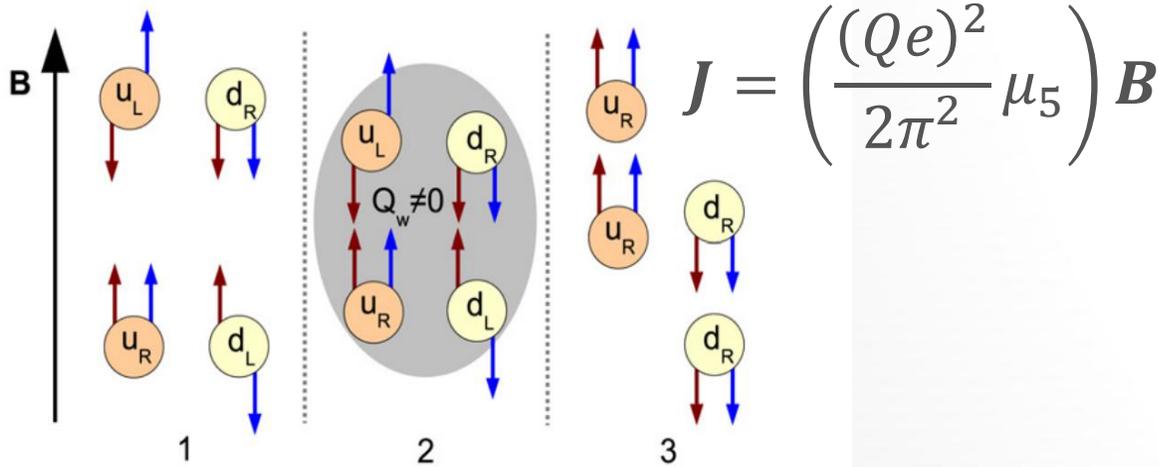
Deng, PRC85, 044907 (2012)

STAR, NPA757, 102 (2005)

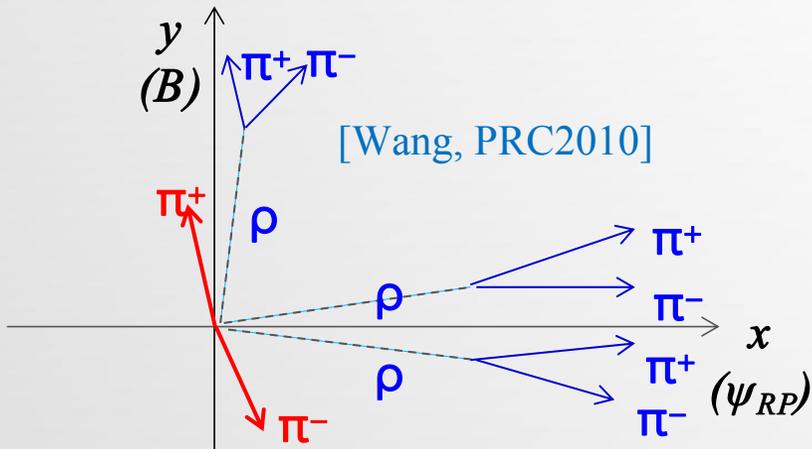
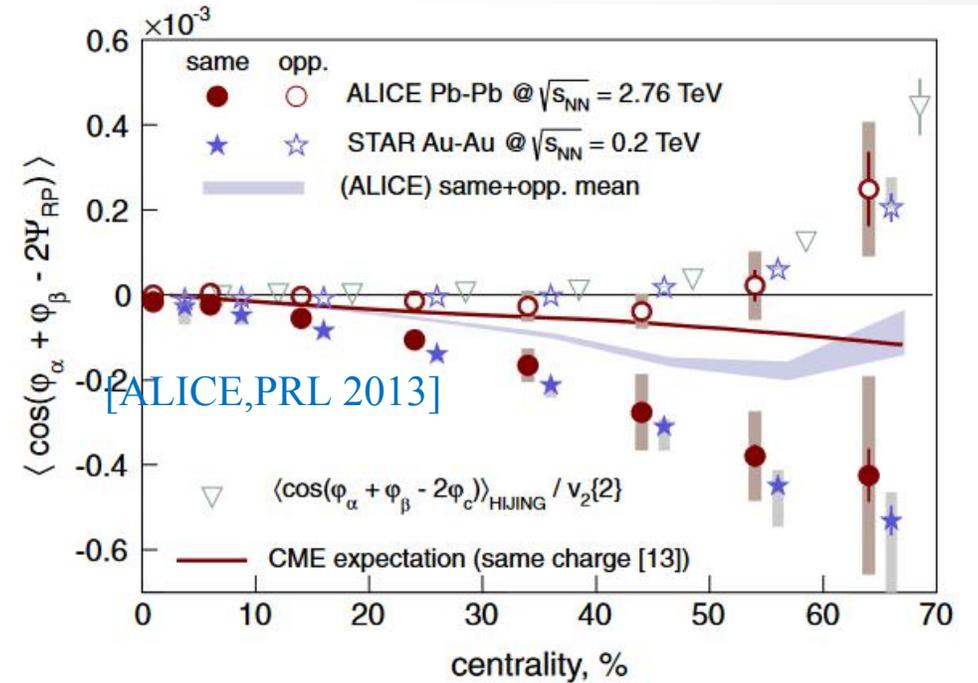
# CHIRAL MAGNETIC EFFECT

[Voloshin, RPC2004]

D.E. Kharzeev et al. / Nuclear Physics A 803 (2008) 227–253

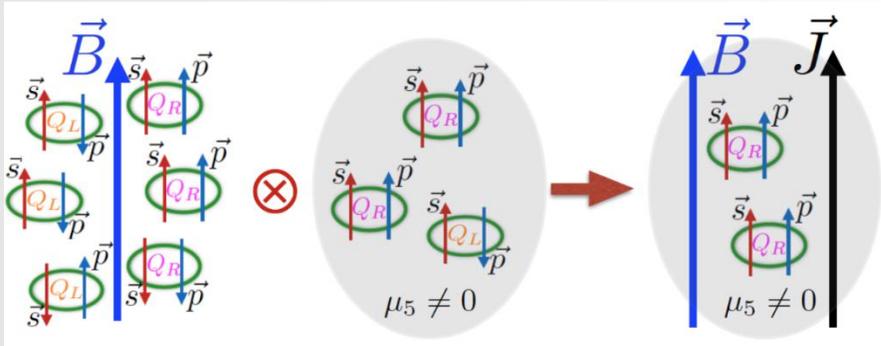


$$\begin{aligned} \gamma &\equiv \langle \cos(\phi_\alpha + \phi_\beta - 2\Psi_{RP}) \rangle = \langle \cos \Delta\phi_\alpha \cos \Delta\phi_\beta \rangle - \langle \sin \Delta\phi_\alpha \sin \Delta\phi_\beta \rangle \\ &= [\langle v_{1,\alpha} v_{1,\beta} \rangle + B_{IN}] - [\langle a_\alpha a_\beta \rangle + B_{OUT}] \\ &\approx -\langle a_\alpha a_\beta \rangle + [B_{IN} - B_{OUT}], \end{aligned}$$



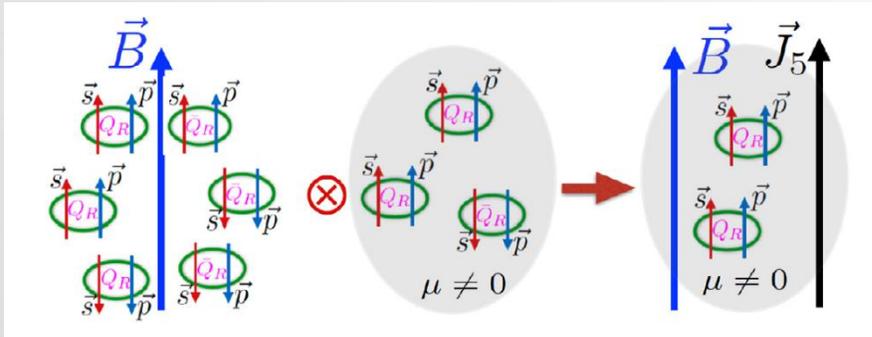
Elliptic flow: **BACKGROUND**

# CHIRAL MAGNETIC WAVE



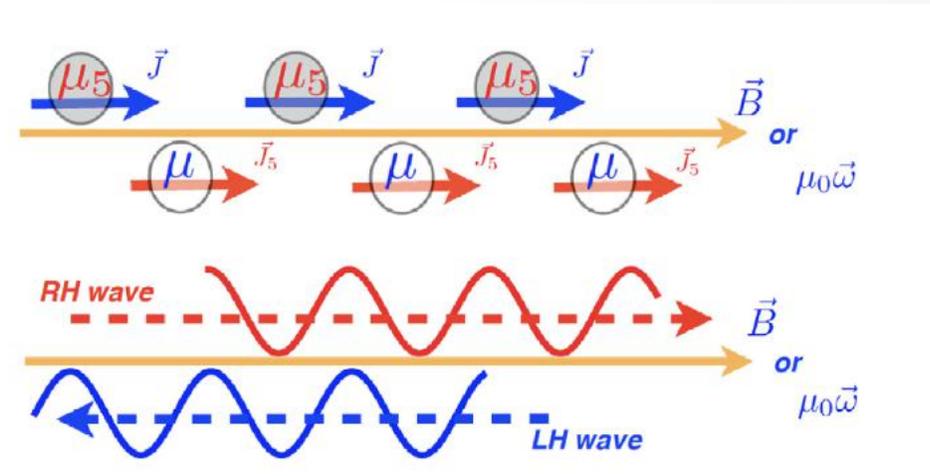
Chiral Magnetic Effect:  $J = \left( \frac{(Qe)^2}{2\pi^2} \mu_5 \right) B$

Chiral Separation Effect:  $J_5 = \left( \frac{(Qe)^2}{2\pi^2} \mu \right) B$



D. Kharzeev, PLB 633, 260 (2006)  
 D. Kharzeev, PRD 83, 085007 (2006)  
 D. Kharzeev, PPNP 88, 1 (2016)

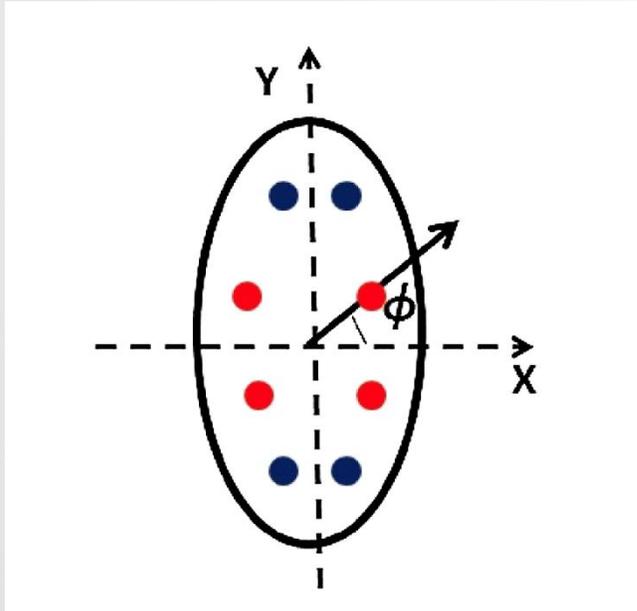
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The **Chiral Magnetic Wave (CMW)** is a gapless collective excitation of the QGP stemming from the interplay of the CME and CSE

# THE CMW OBSERVABLE

Y. Burnier, PRL 107, 052303 (2011)



Charge quadrupole moment

The  $A_{ch}$ -dependent elliptic flow

$$v_2^\pm = v_2 \mp \frac{rA_{ch}}{2}$$

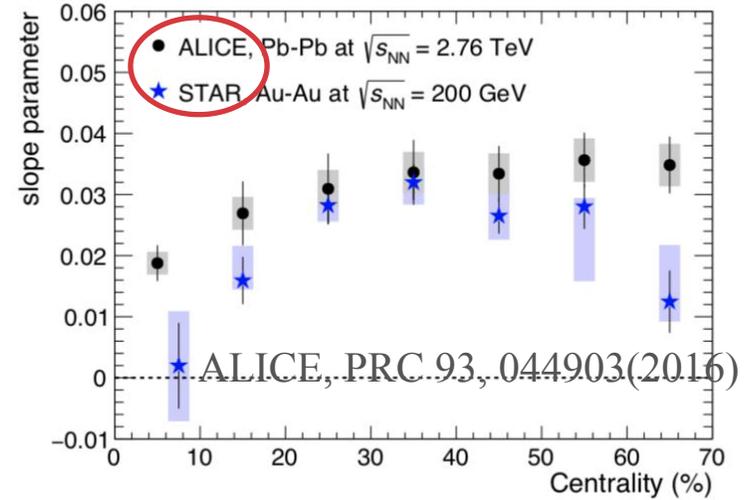
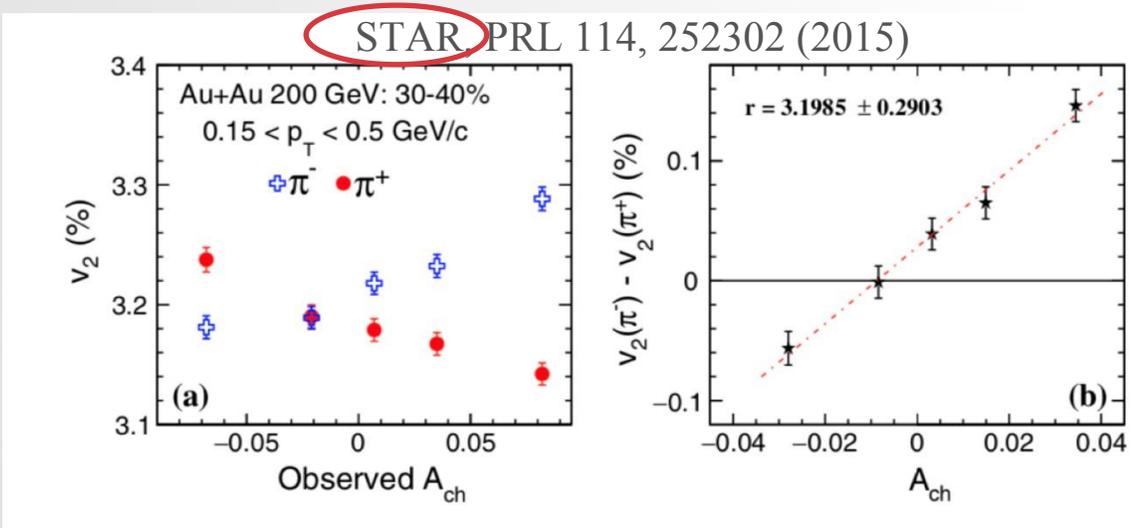
where

$$A_{ch} = \frac{N_+ - N_-}{N_+ + N_-}$$

**The CMW observable:**  
**slope of  $\Delta v_2(A_{ch}) \equiv v_2^-(A_{ch}) - v_2^+(A_{ch})$**

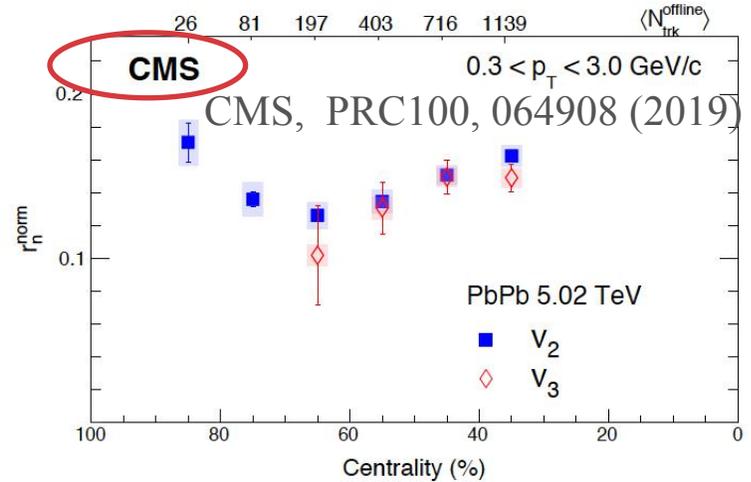
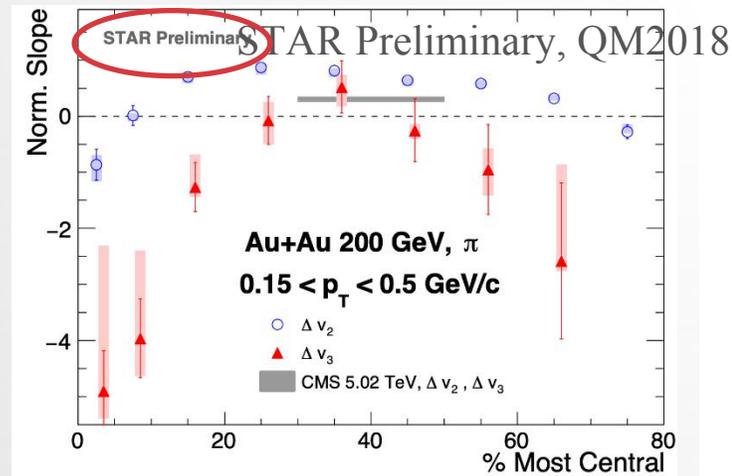
Elliptic flow: **SIGNAL**

# EXPERIMENTAL MEASUREMENTS



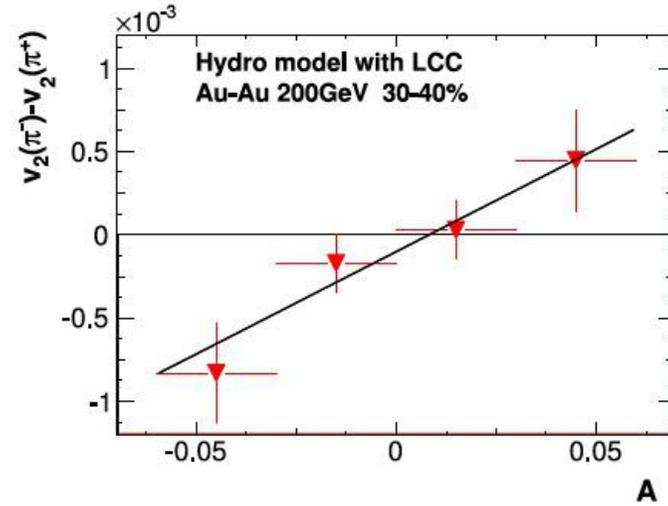
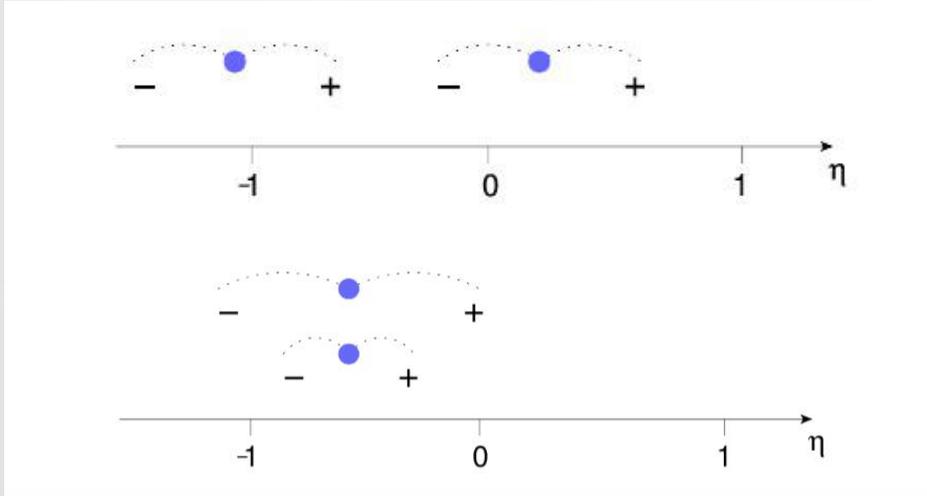
Norm slope is extracted from

$$Norm. \Delta v_n = 2 \frac{v_n^- - v_n^+}{v_n^+ + v_n^-}$$



# THE BACKGROUNDS

Local Charge Conservation [A. Bzdak, PLB (2013)]

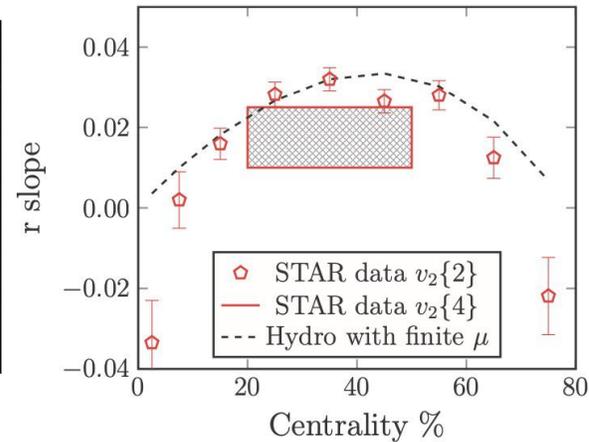
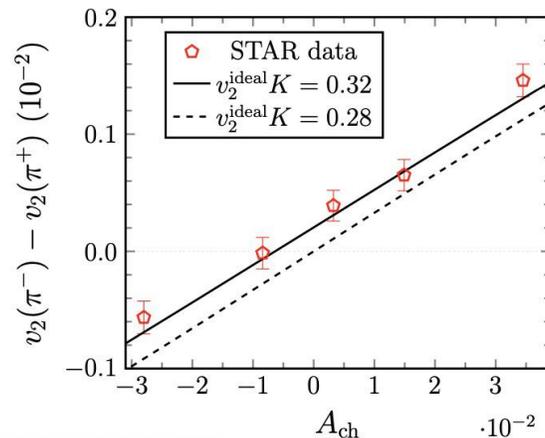


Similar slope for pion triangle flow differences

Isospin chemical potential [Y. Hatta, NPA (2016)]

$$r \approx \frac{\Delta v_2^\pi}{A_{ch}} \propto \frac{\mu_I/T}{A_{ch}} \frac{\eta}{s} \frac{\epsilon}{S^2} \frac{dN}{dy},$$

Negative slope for kaon elliptic flow differences



# NON-FLOW BACKGROUND

Two particles correlations [N. Borghini, PRC2000]:

- Transverse momentum conservation
- Resonance decays
- HBT, Coulomb and strong interaction
- .....

N-particles correlations:

- Jet emission
- .....

Flow in small system

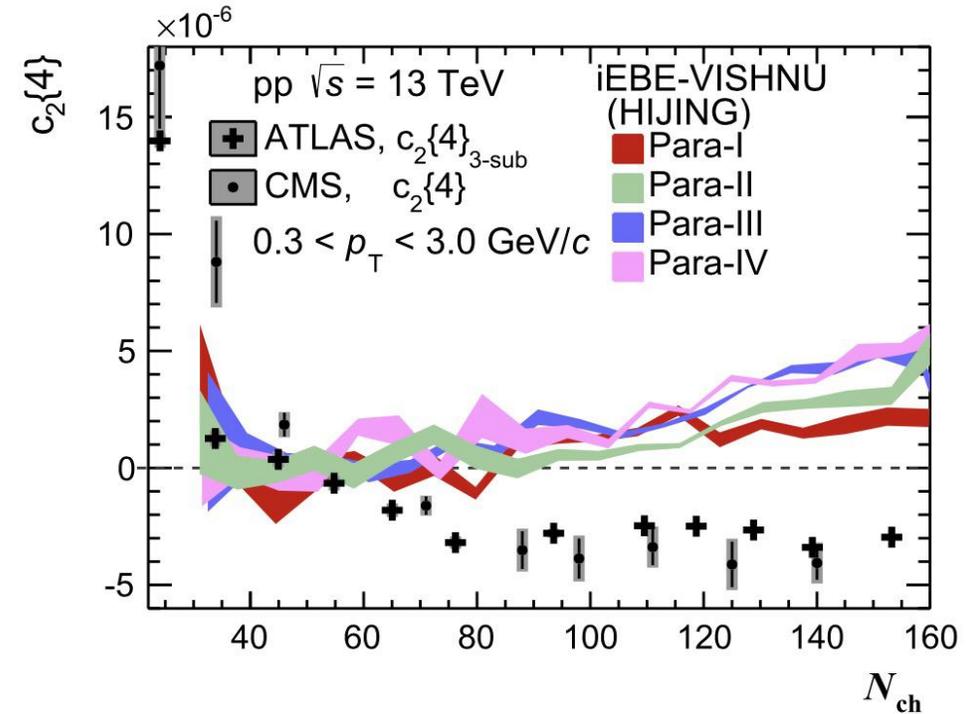
Flow in most central heavy ion collisions

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For the CMW measurement:

[STAR, PRL(2015)] The non-flow correlations are largely canceled in the  $v_2$  difference between  $\pi^-$  and  $\pi^+$ .

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W. Zhao, PLB (2018)]

## II. BACKGROUND SOURCES

# 1) ANALYSIS FLAW: TRIVIAL LINEAR $A_{ch}$ TERM

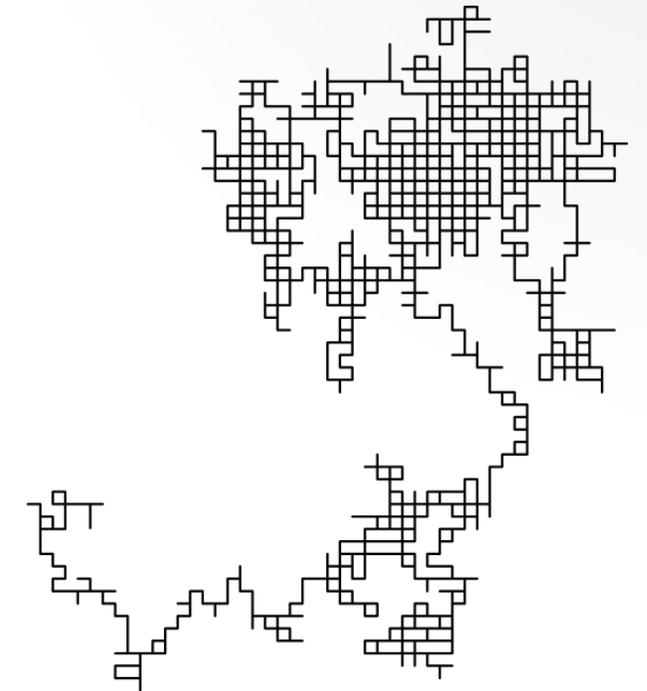
Q-cumulant flow method [Bilandzic, PRC(2011)]

$$Q_n = \sum_{i=1}^M e^{in\varphi_i}, \quad \langle 2 \rangle_{n,-n} = \frac{|Q_n|^2 - M}{M(M-1)},$$
$$\langle 4 \rangle_{n,n,-n,-n} = \frac{|Q_n|^4 + |Q_{2n}|^2 - 2 \cdot \text{Re}[Q_{2n} Q_n^* Q_n^*]}{M(M-1)(M-2)(M-3)} - 2 \frac{2(M-2) \cdot |Q_n|^2 - M(M-3)}{M(M-1)(M-2)(M-3)},$$

$$c_n\{2\} = \langle \langle 2 \rangle \rangle_{n,-n},$$

$$c_n\{4\} = \langle \langle 4 \rangle \rangle_{n,n,-n,-n} - 2 \cdot \langle \langle 2 \rangle \rangle_{n,-n}^2.$$

$$v_n\{2\} = \sqrt{c_n\{2\}}, \quad v_n\{4\} = \sqrt[4]{-c_n\{4\}}.$$



Random walk, from wiki

# 1) ANALYSIS FLAW: TRIVIAL LINEAR $A_{ch}$ TERM

The two-particle Q-cumulant flow for particle of interest (POI)  $v_n\{2\} = d_n\{2\}/\sqrt{c_n\{2\}}$

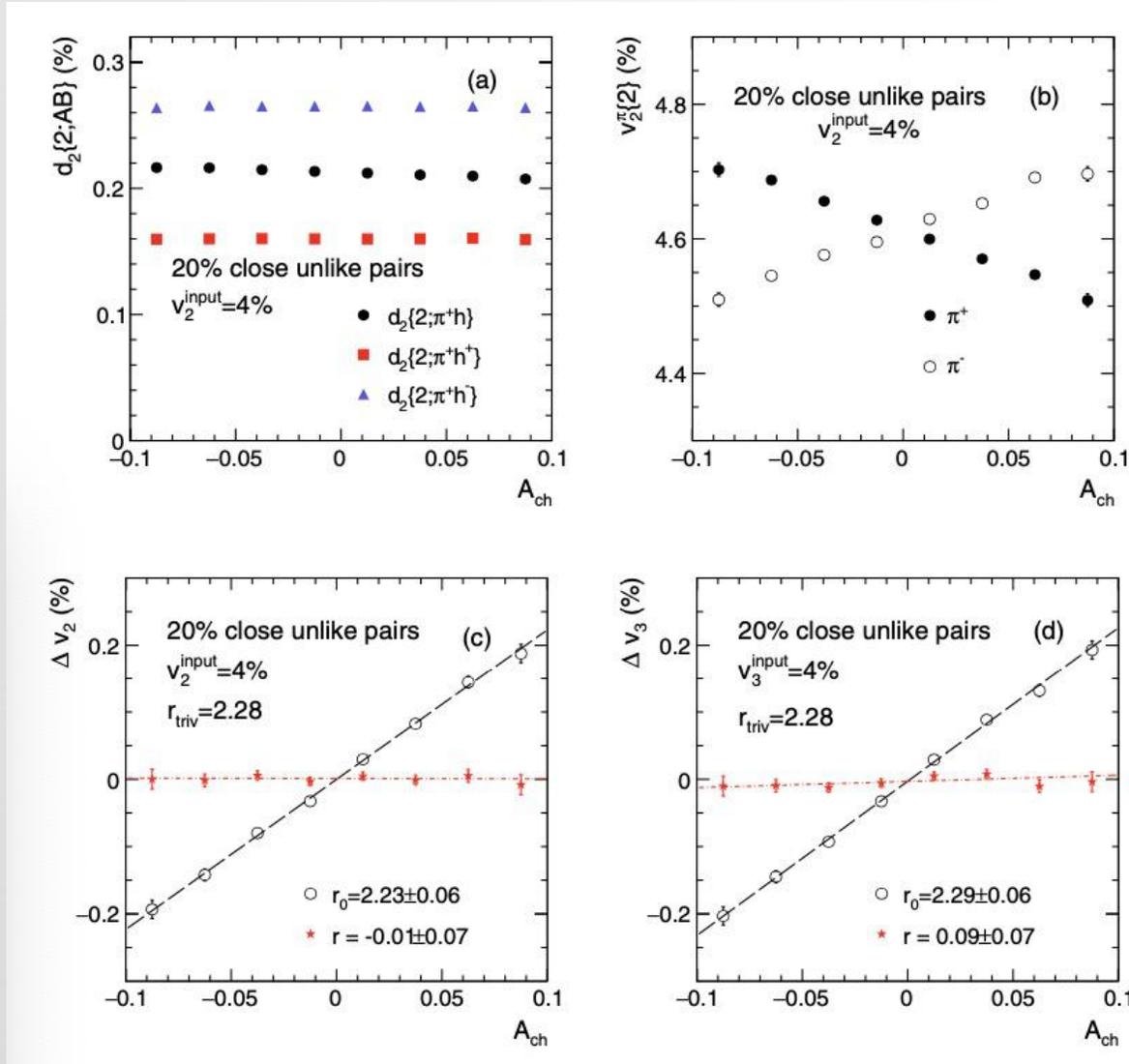
For all charges as reference particles (REF),  $d_n\{2\}$  can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_n &= Q_{n+} + Q_{n-} \\
 M &= \frac{2N_+}{1 + A_{ch}} \\
 &= \frac{2N_-}{1 - A_{ch}} \\
 d_n\{2; \pi^\pm h\} &= \left\langle \frac{\sum q_n^{\pi^\pm} Q_n}{\sum mM} \right\rangle = \frac{1 + A_{ch}}{2} \left\langle \frac{q_n^{\pi^\pm} Q_{n+}}{mN_+} \right\rangle + \frac{1 - A_{ch}}{2} \left\langle \frac{q_n^{\pi^\pm} Q_{n-}}{mN_-} \right\rangle \\
 &= \frac{d_n\{2; \pi^\pm h^+\} + d_n\{2; \pi^\pm h^-\}}{2} + \frac{d_n\{2; \pi^\pm h^+\} - d_n\{2; \pi^\pm h^-\}}{2} A_{ch}.
 \end{aligned}$$

The trivial term arises when:

- All charges are included in REF
- Non-flow differs between like- and unlike-sign pairs. (if only flow, then it vanishes)

# 1) ANALYSIS FLAW: TRIVIAL LINEAR $A_{ch}$ TERM



- Non-flow correlations: close unlike-sgin pairs
- A toy Monte Carlo study:
  - pion only
  - pT and eta spectra, 30-40% AuAu@ $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$  GeV.
  - Poisson multiplicity fluctuation.
- Single-sign charges as reference to remove the trivial term

$$\bar{v}_n^\pi \equiv \frac{v_n^\pi\{2;h^+\} + v_n^\pi\{2;h^-\}}{2}.$$

slope parameters:

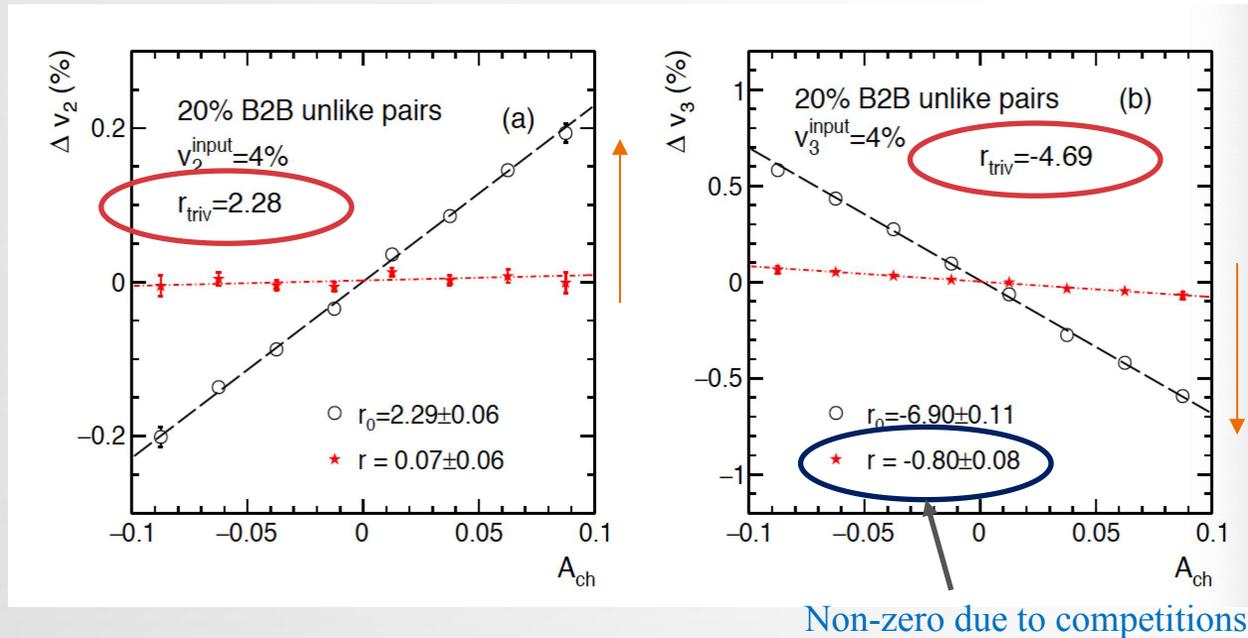
$r_{triv}$ : trivial contribution

$r_0$ : trivial-included

$r$ : trivial-removed

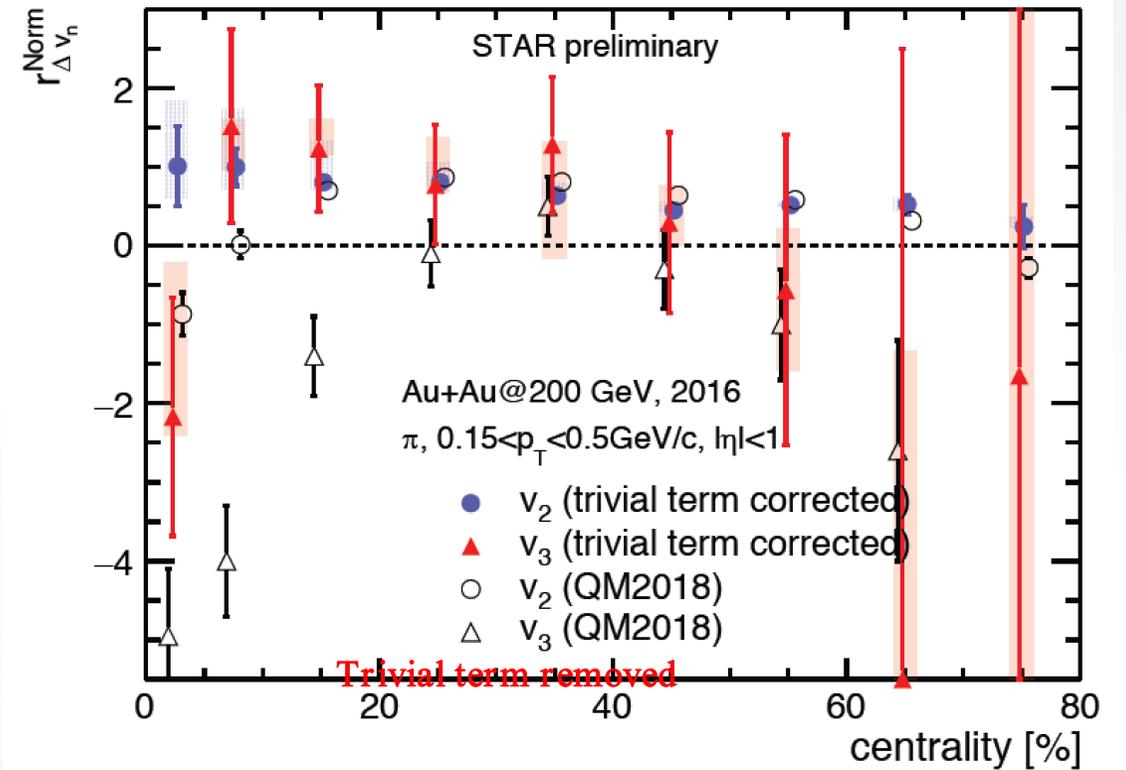
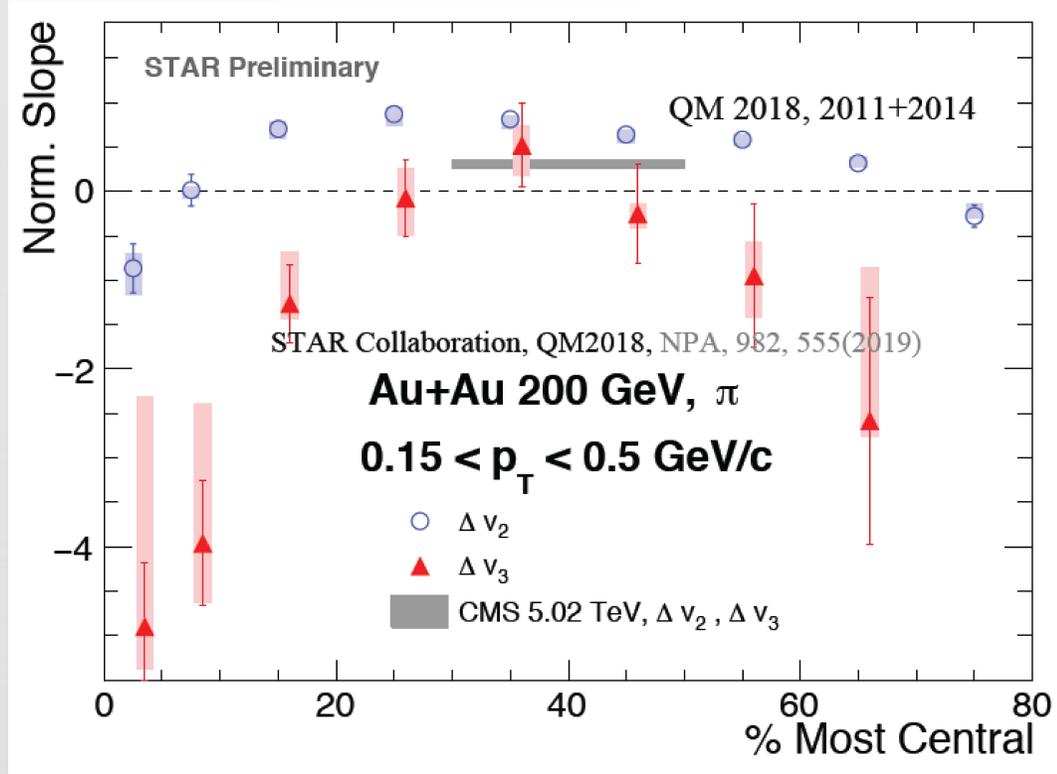
# 1) TRIVIAL LINEAR $A_{ch}$ TERM: TOY MODEL STUDY

- Back-to-back unlike-sign non-flow correlations
- $v_n = 4\%$  is used for both  $\pi^+$  and  $\pi^-$ , no input  $A_{ch}$  dependence.
- $r_0$  (trivial term included),  $r$  (trivial term removed)



- ❑ The trivial slope is positive for  $\Delta v_2(A_{ch})$  and negative for  $\Delta v_3(A_{ch})$ .
- ❑ Single-sign charges as reference to remove the trivial term

# 1) TRIVIAL LINEAR $A_{ch}$ TERM: STAR MEASUREMENT

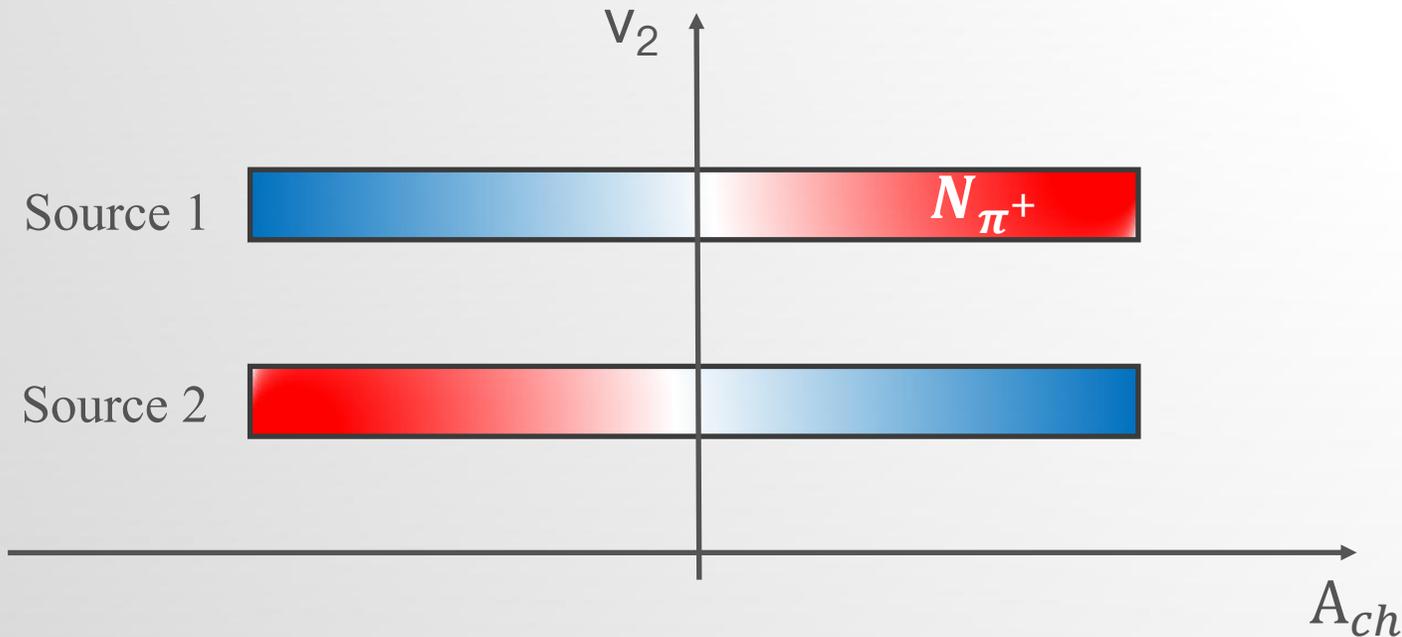


H. Xu (STAR), QM2019 poster

## 2) THE MULTIPLE PION SOURCE EFFECT

From the two-component model ( $\epsilon = N_D/N_P$ ), assume the charge asymmetry distributions of each sources  $A_P$  and  $A_D$  are both normal distributions with width  $\sigma_P$  and  $\sigma_P$ ,

$$\Delta v_n = \frac{2\epsilon(\epsilon\sigma_D^2 - \sigma_P^2)(v_{n,P} - v_{n,D})}{(1 + \epsilon)(\epsilon^2\sigma_D^2 + \sigma_P^2)} A_{ch} \equiv r^{2C} A_{ch}$$



$A_D$  and  $A_P$  differences

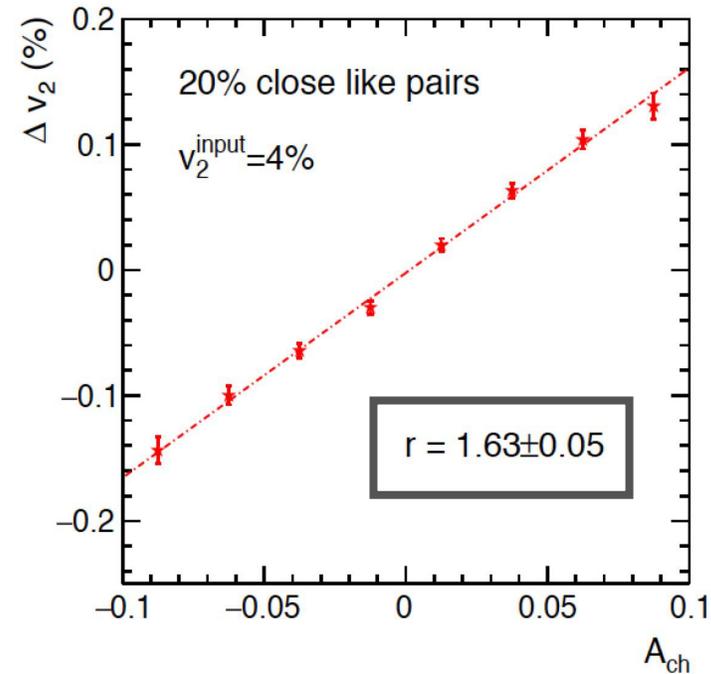
- different  $A_{ch}$ , different component ratio
- competition between different pion flow
- $A_{ch}$  dependence pion flow
- slope parameter

### 3) NON-FLOW DILUTION EFFECT

For like-sign non-flow correlations:

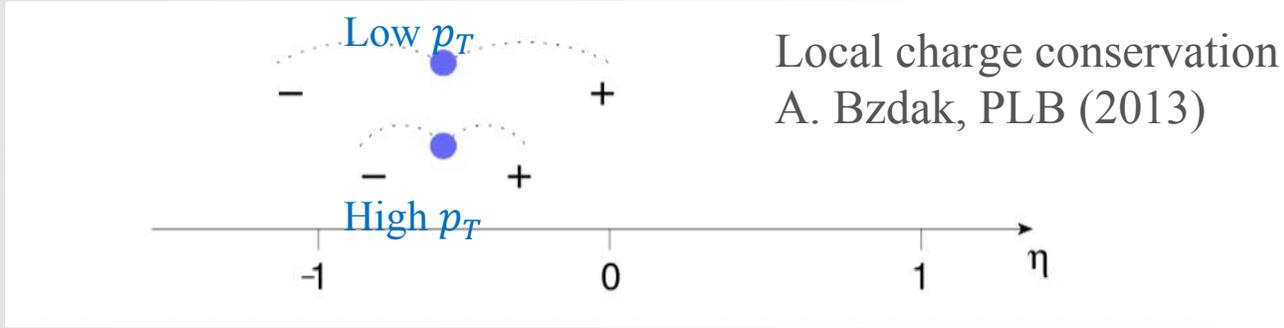
$$A_{ch} > 0$$

- large  $\pi^+$  multiplicity
- more non-flow dilution
- smaller  $\pi^+ v_2$
- positive slope



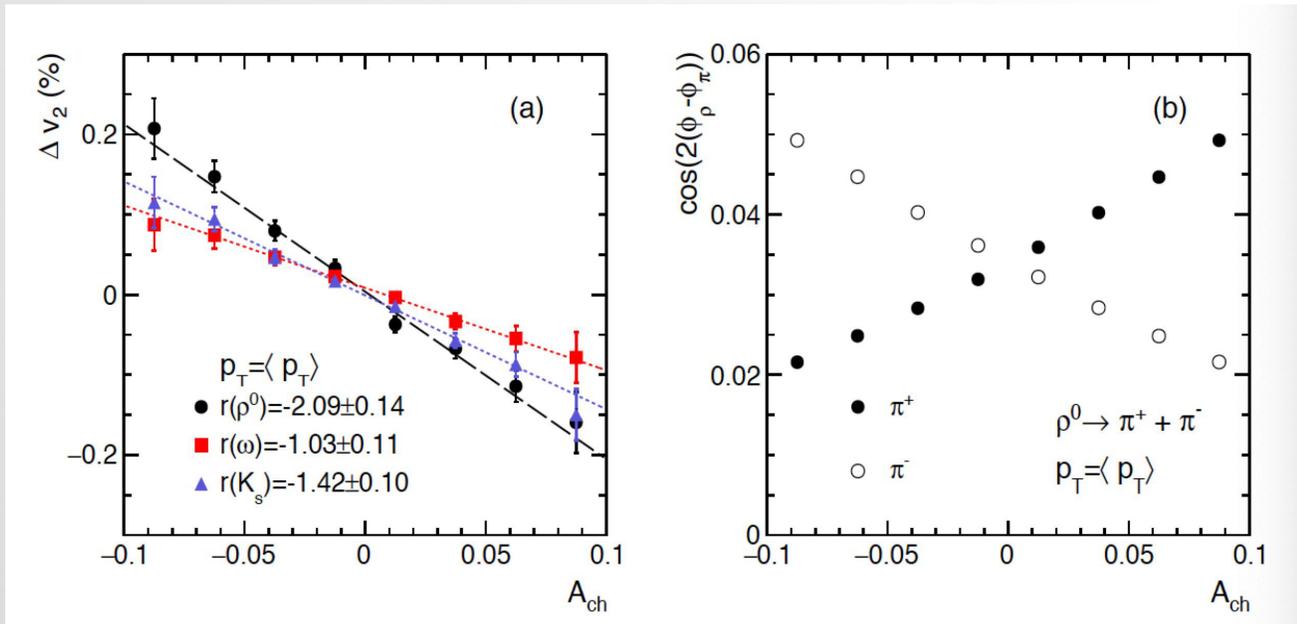
- ❑ Close-pair like-sign non-flow correlations
- ❑ Trivial term have been removed

# 4) LOCAL CHARGE CONSERVATION (LCC) EFFECT



Fix resonance  $p_T$  (use mean value from data).  
No effect from LCC.

## DETOUR – EFFECT OF DECAY KINEMATICS

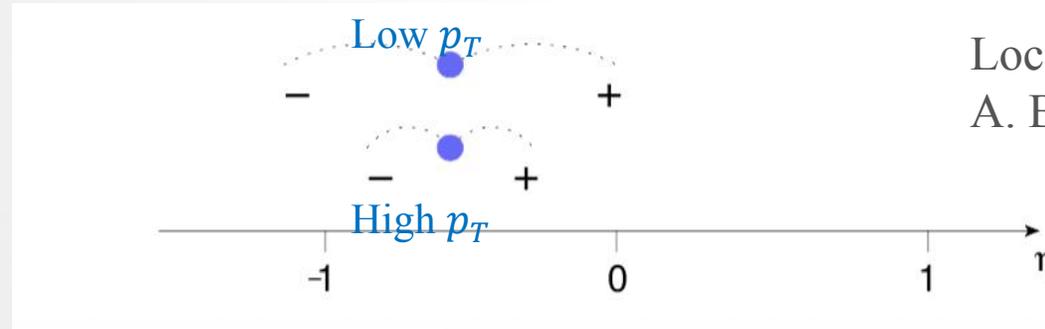


At  $A_{ch} > 0$ :

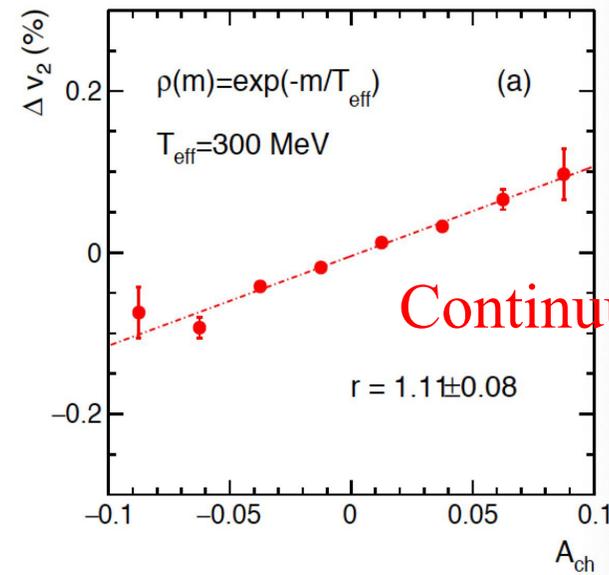
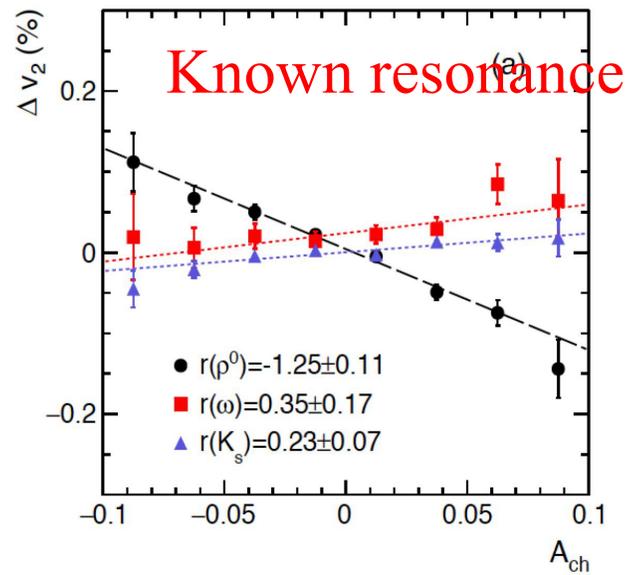
- $\pi^+$  in acceptance
- $\pi^+$  on average closer to  $\rho$
- less azimuth dilution
- larger  $\pi^+ v_2$ , negative slope

Without LCC effect, the slope parameter from decays is **negative**.

## 4) LCC: INDIVIDUAL SOURCE

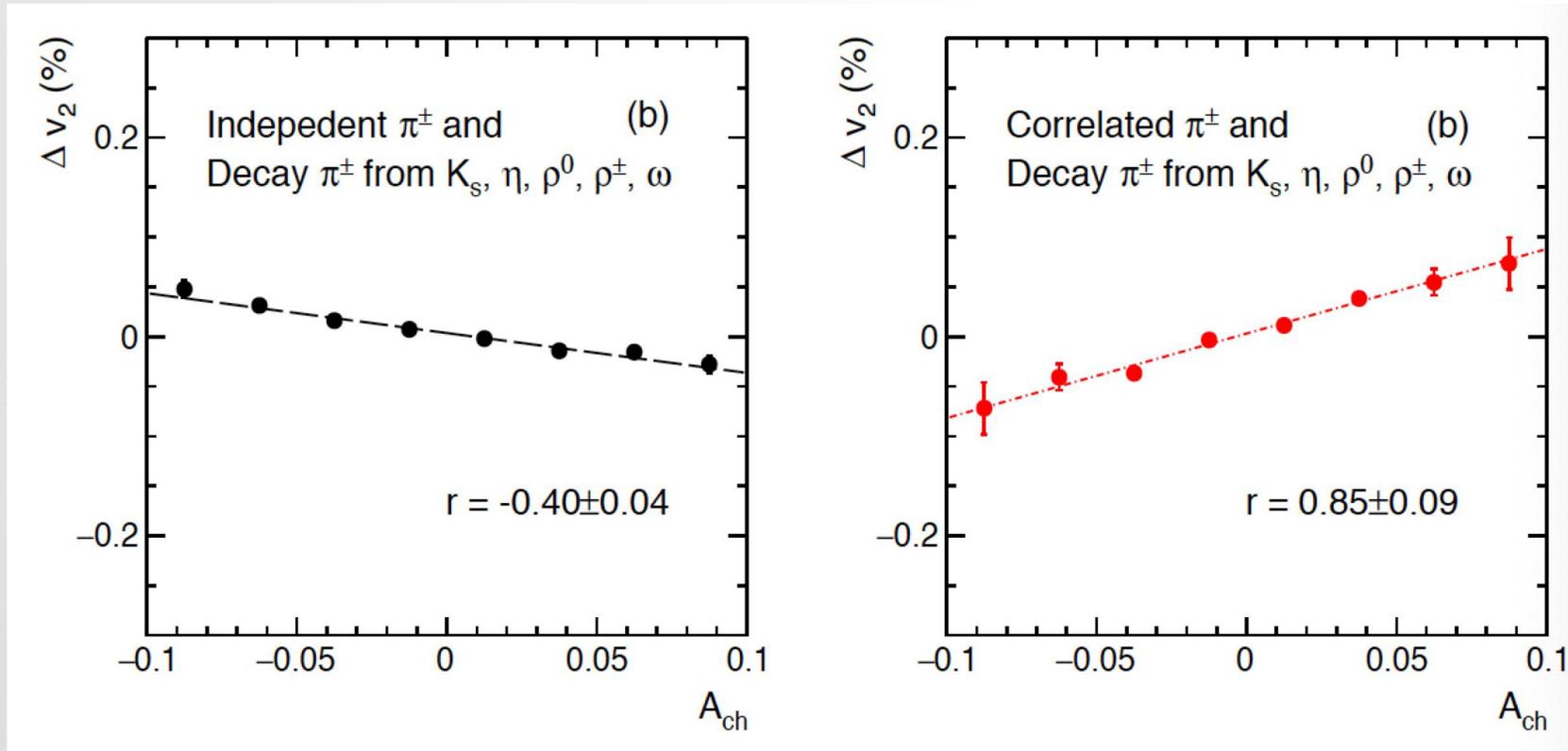


Local charge conservation  
A. Bzdak, PLB (2013)



Mass effect, 2-body or 3-body decays

## 4) LCC: MULTIPLE SOURCE



Primordial  $\pi^+$  and  $\pi^-$ :

□ Independent production

□ LCC correlations

# SUMMARY

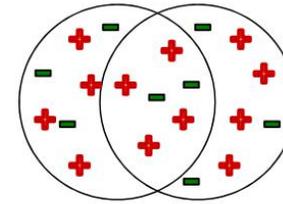
Non-CMW mechanisms can generate  $A_{ch}$ -dependent  $\pi$  flows

1. Trivial linear- $A_{ch}$  term
2. The multiple pion source effect HJX, PRC(2020)
3. Non-flow effect
4. Resonance decays, decay kinematics, Local Charge Conservation

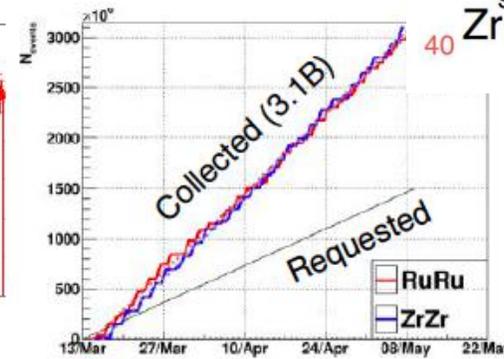
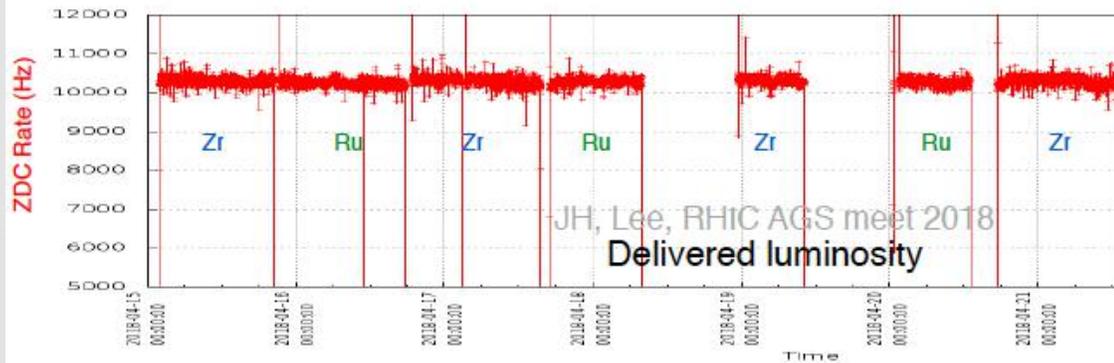
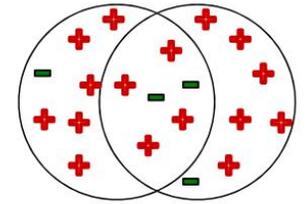
- The  $A_{ch}$ -dependent pion flow  $v_2$  difference CMW observable is awfully **complicated !!**
- In order to say anything about the CMW, a **precise modeling of all heavy-ion collision backgrounds** is a must-prerequisite.

**BACKUP**

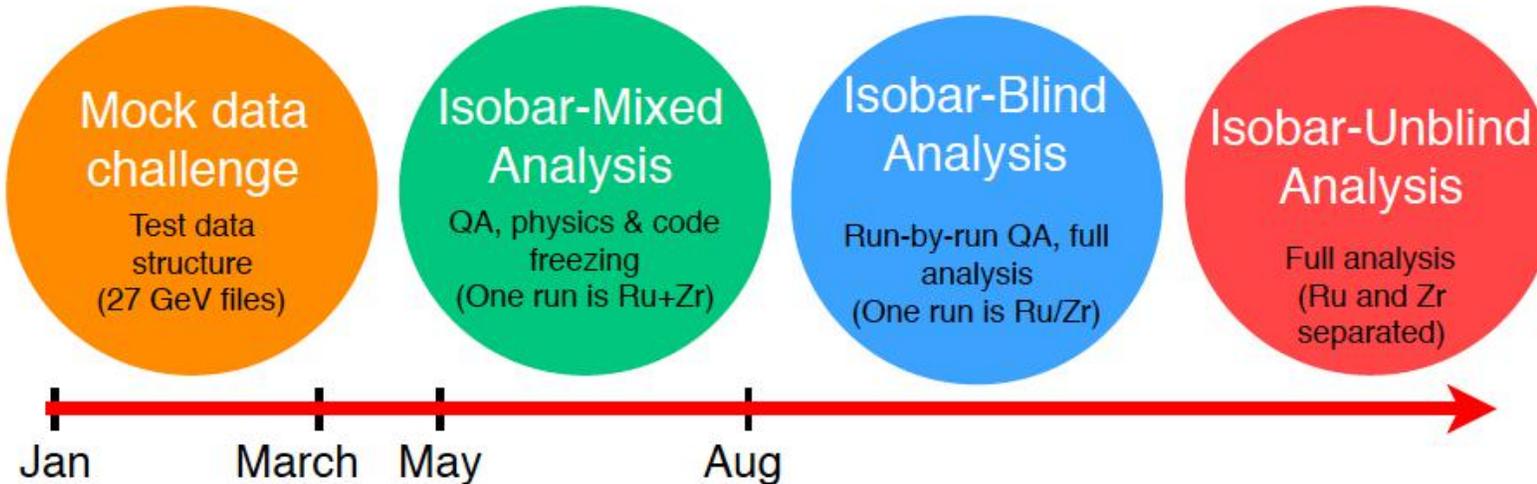
# STAR ISBAR COLLISIONS



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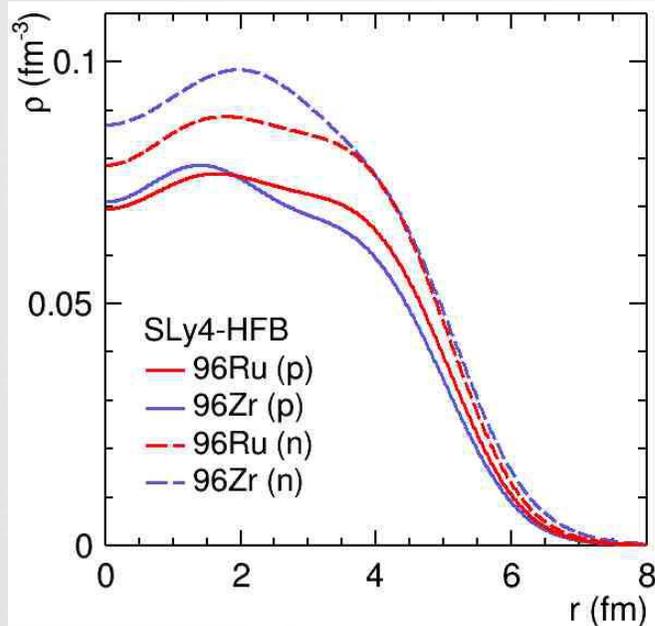


3.1B events for both Ru+Ru, Zr+Zr collected over 8 weeks  
Plans for blind analyses of the data was laid down from the beginning

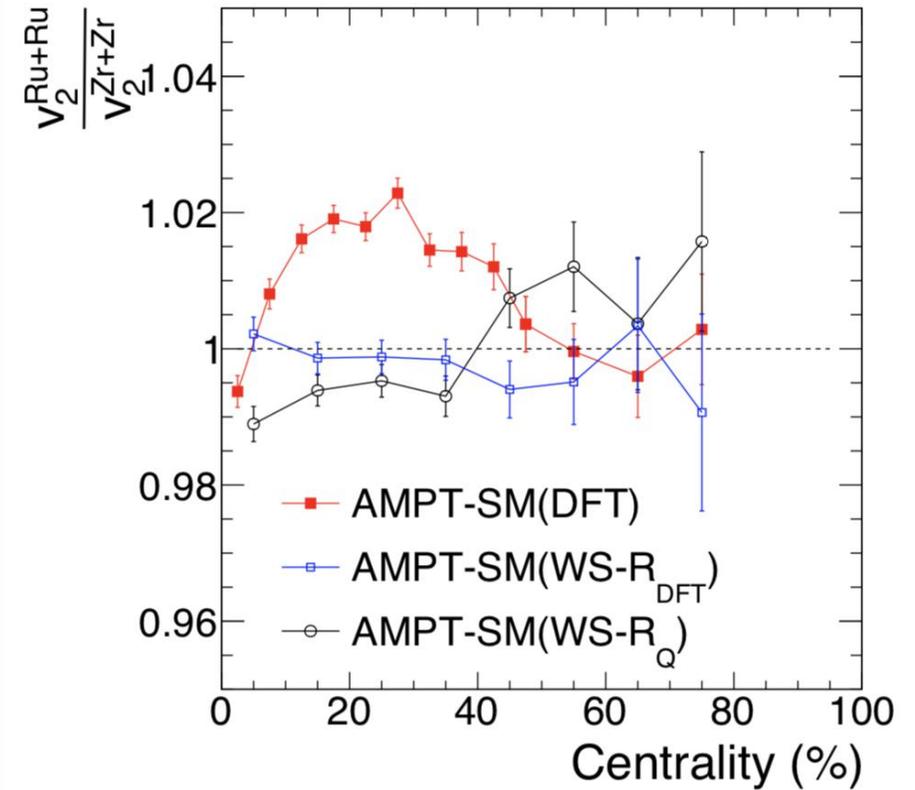


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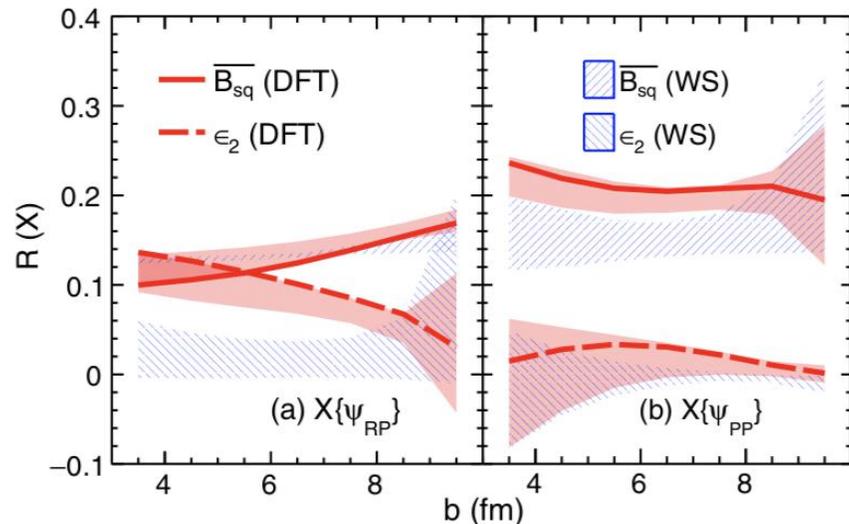
# ISBAR COLLISIONS AND CME



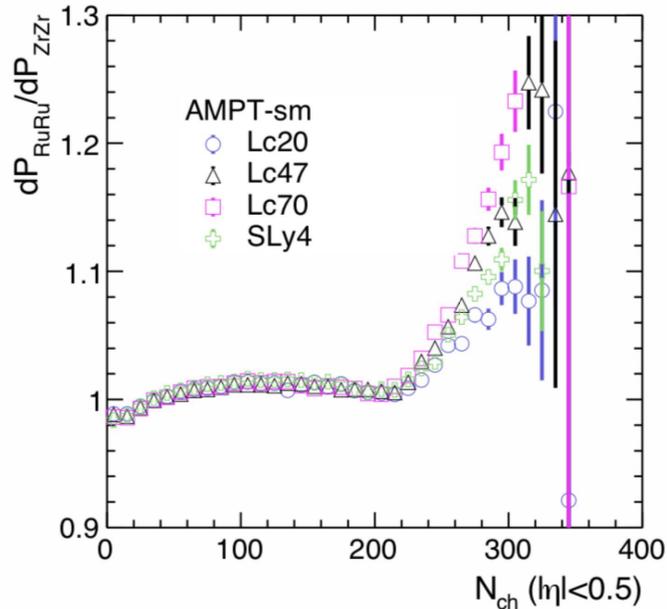
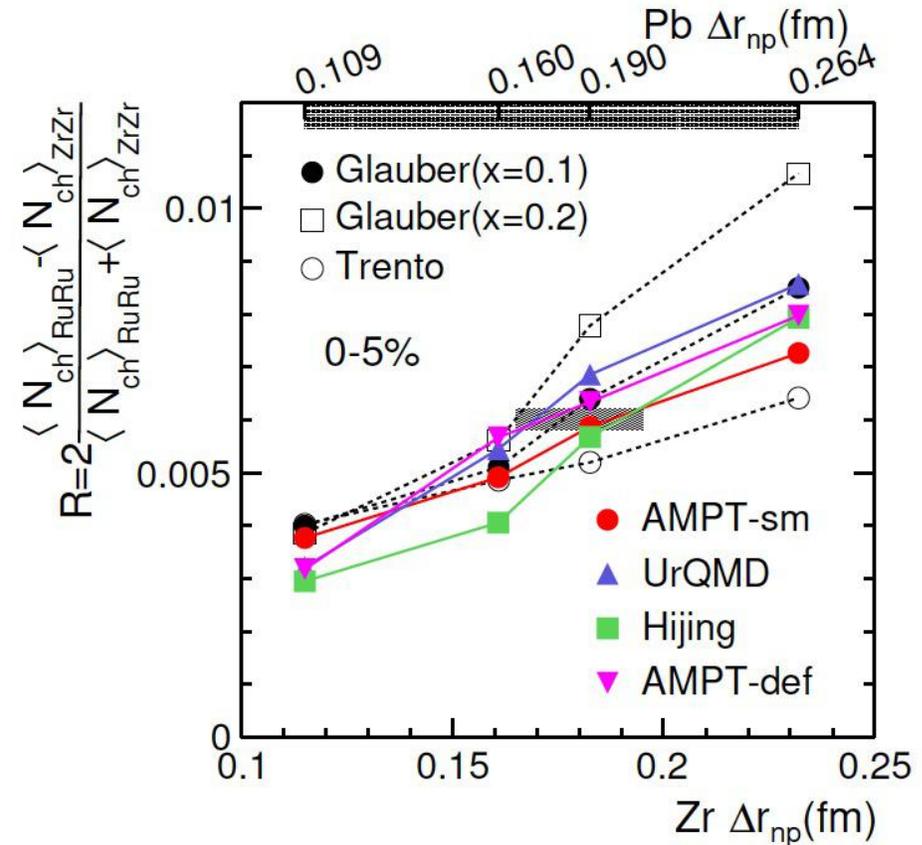
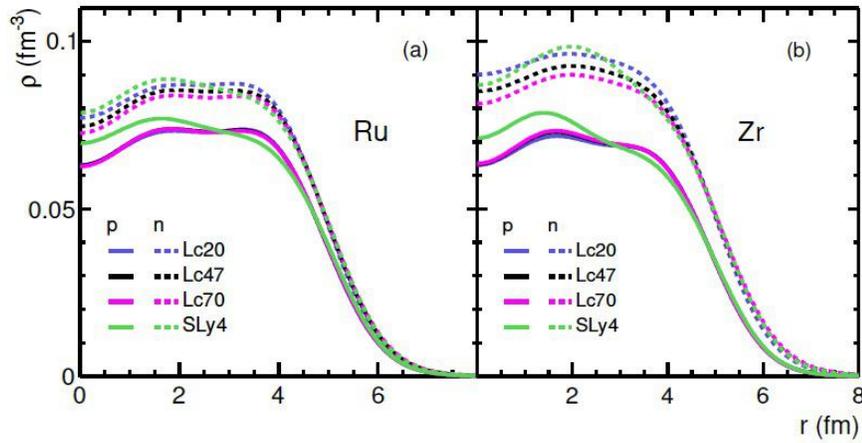
HJX, PRL(2018)  
Li, PRC(2018)



The isobar (nucleon/charge) density distributions play important role on the CME search!



# ISBAR COLLISIONS AND NEUTRON SKIN



H. Li, arXiv: 1910.06170

The  $N_{ch}$  distributions in isobaric collisions may be used to determine the neutron skin.