



*Pseudorapidity and p_t dependence of
identified-particle azimuthal flow for
 $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200 \text{ GeV Au+Au and Cu+Cu}$
collisions*

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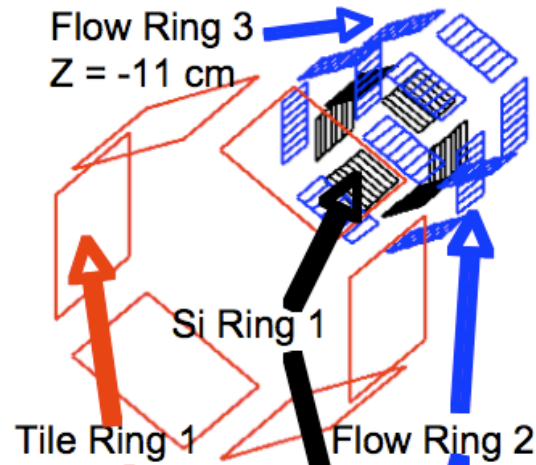
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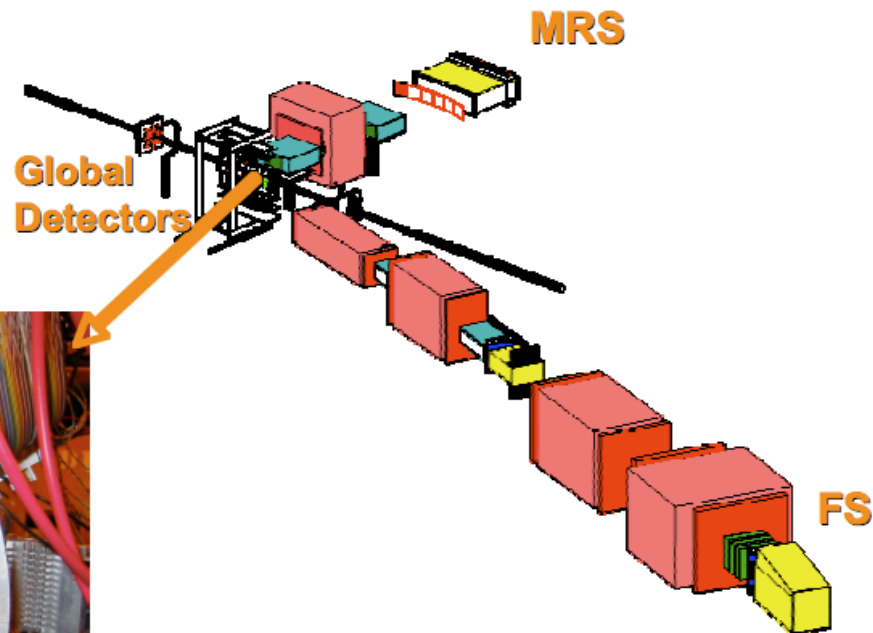
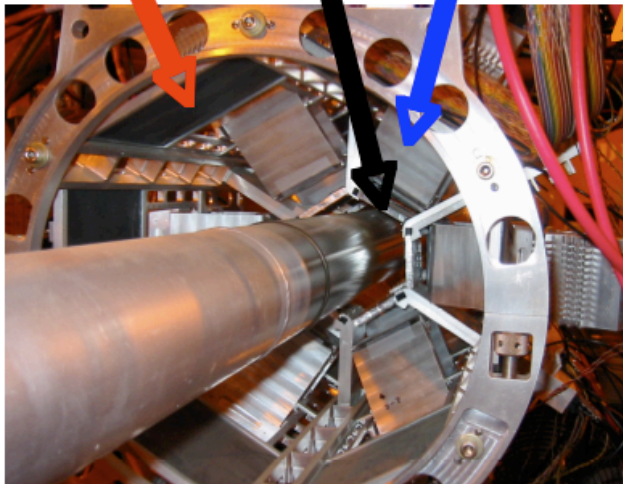
- Motivation: What can BRAHMS data teach us about azimuthal flow in AuAu and CuCu collisions?
- Technique: Use of small acceptance spectrometers to establish particle-identified $v_2(p_t)$
- Results



Measuring Flow in BRAHMS



Reaction plane calculated for different global detector combinations



Identified particle v_2 deduced using spectrometer data, with global detectors



v_2 Formalism:



- **The reaction plane:**

$$\Psi_2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sum_i w_i \sin(2\phi_i)}{\sum_i w_i \cos(2\phi_i)}$$

- **Observed v_2 values (average over all events within a given range of transverse momenta):**

$$v_2^{obs} = \langle \cos(2[\phi - \Psi_2]) \rangle$$

- **True v_2 value:**

$$v_2 = v_2^{obs} / R$$

- **Flattening(average over min. bias events for a given centrality bin):**

$$\Psi^{flat} = \Psi + \sum_n \frac{2}{n+1} \{ \langle \cos(|(n+1)\Psi|) \rangle \sin[(n+1)\Psi] - \langle \sin(|(n+1)\Psi|) \rangle \cos[(n+1)\Psi] \}$$

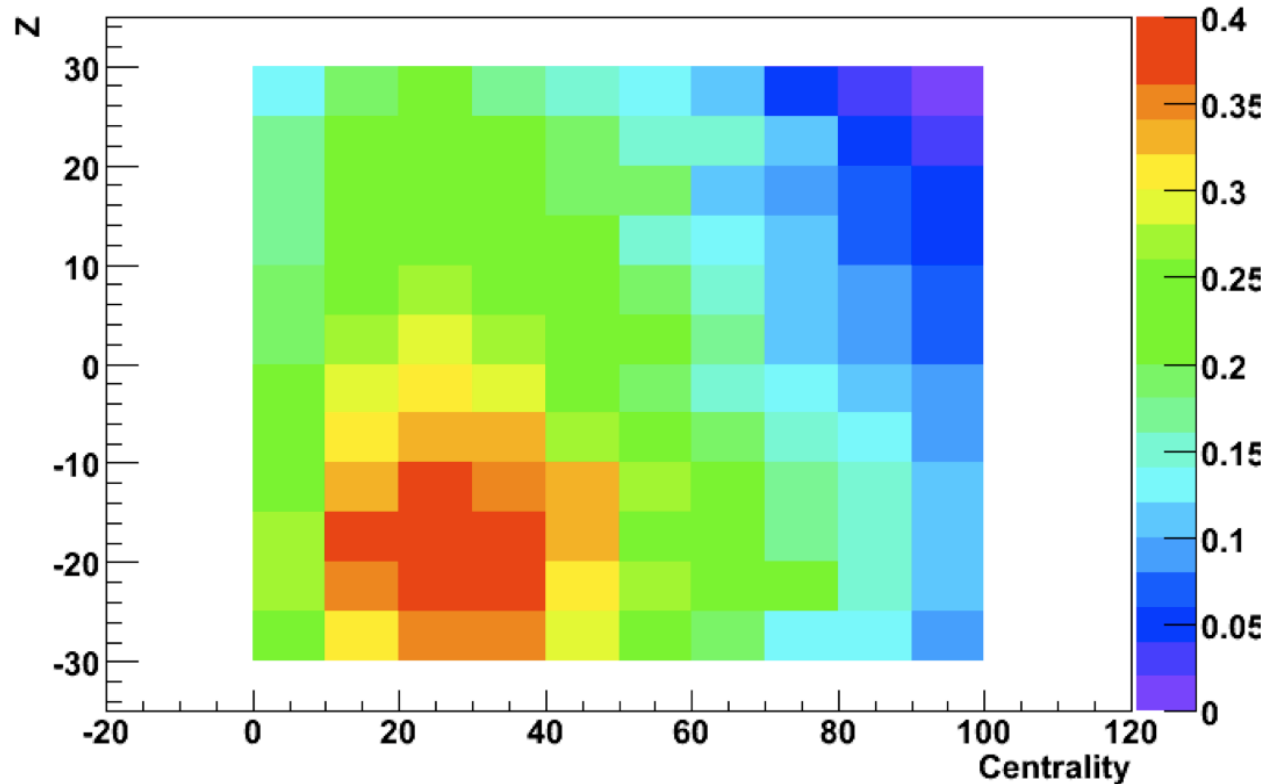


Event Plane Resolution:



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AuAu 200 GeV

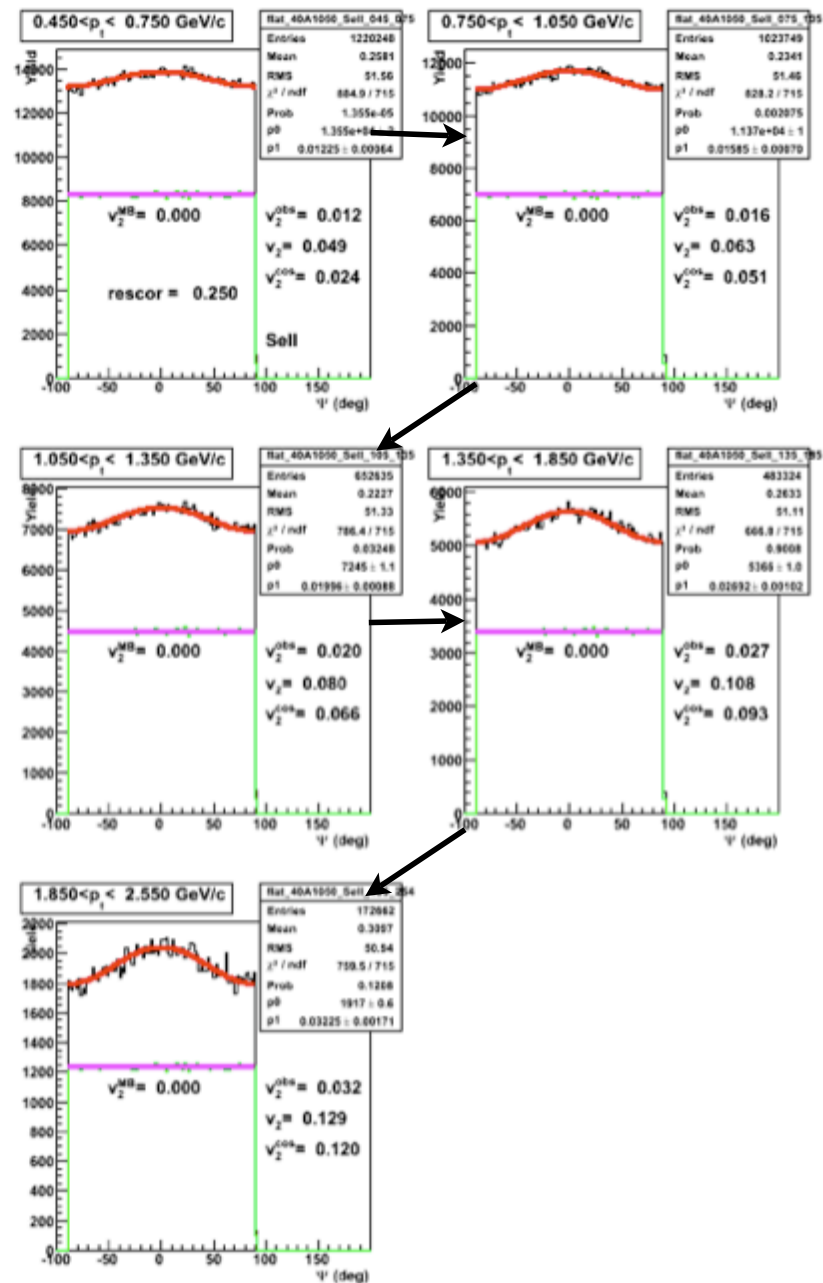
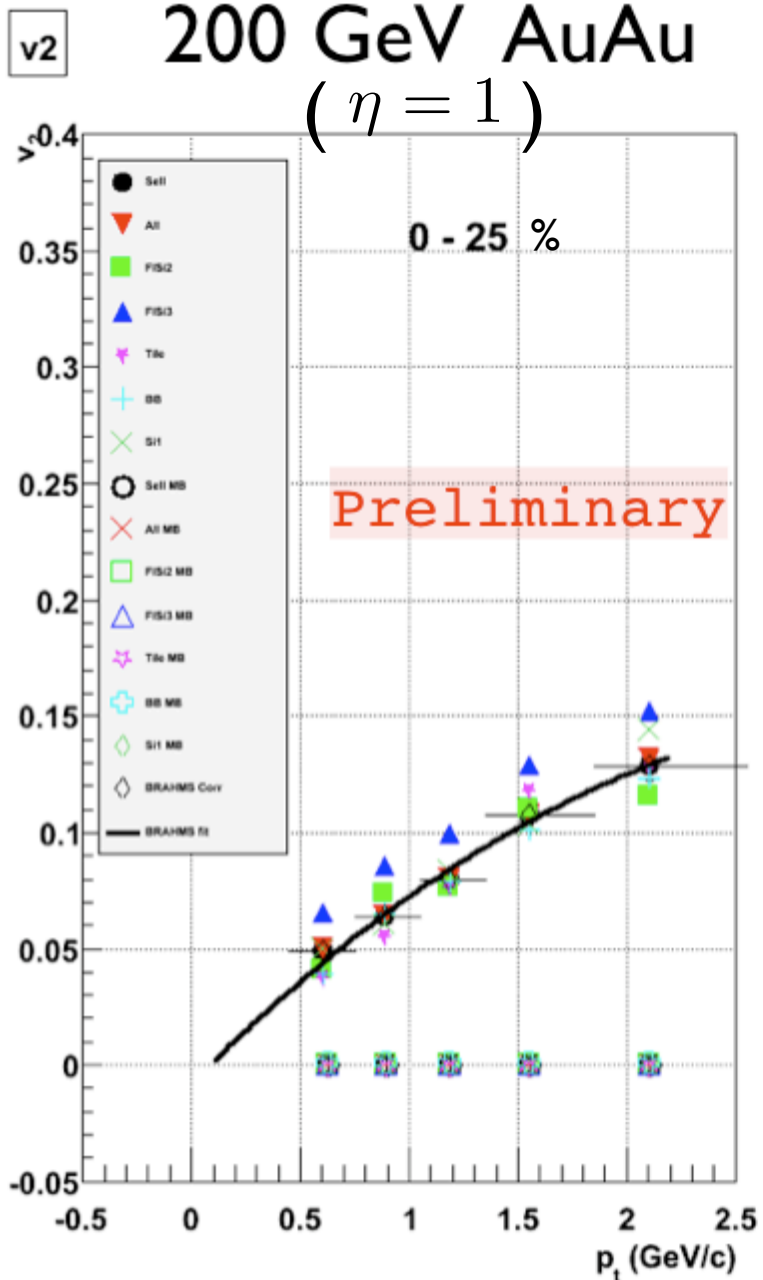


Resolution corrections are based on a Monte Carlo simulation where the particle spectra are set by BRAHMS data and where the v_2 values are based on published PHOBOS results. The thrown events are passed through a GEANT simulation of the BRAHMS detector system.

Charged Hadrons

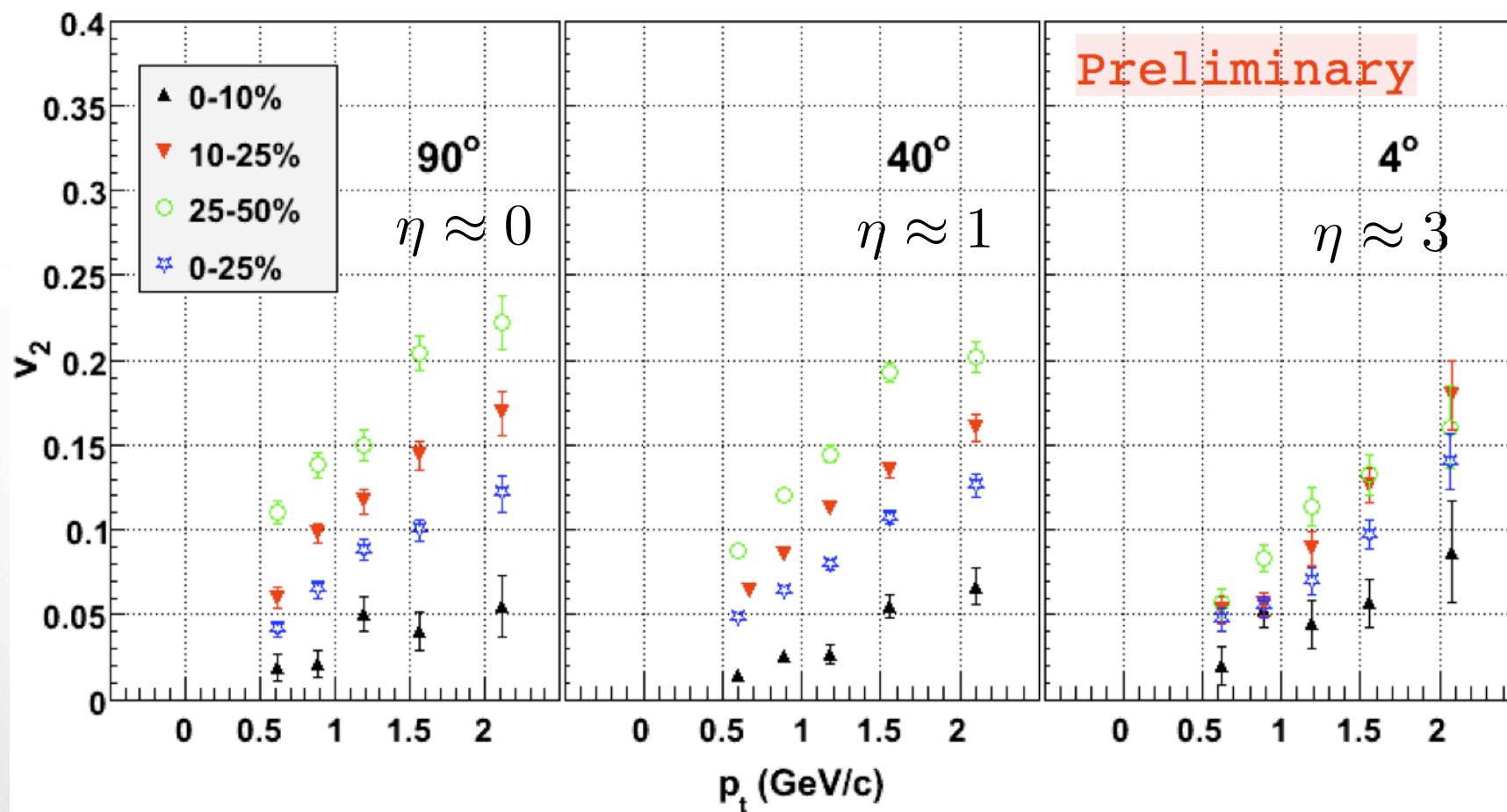
200 GeV AuAu

($\eta = 1$)

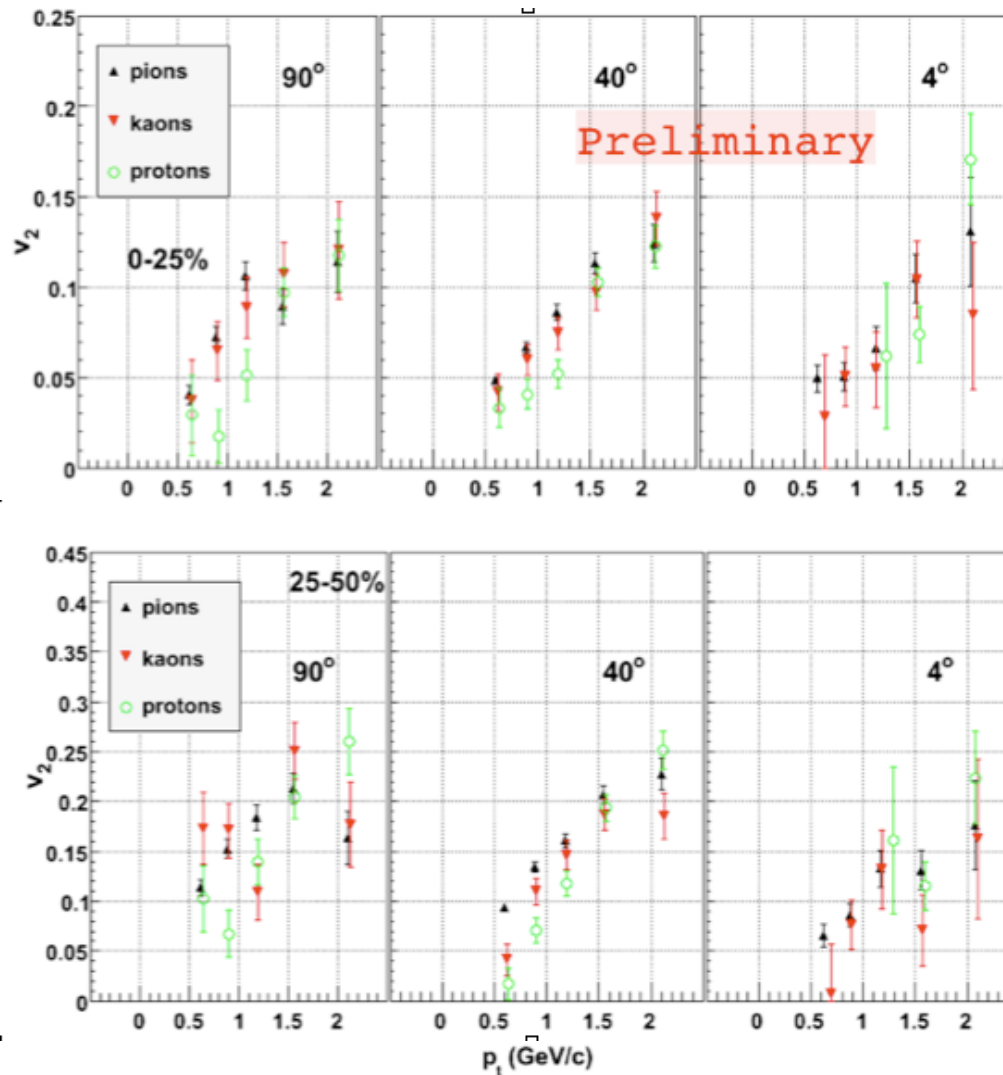


Results(2):

Charged hadrons 200 GeV AuAu

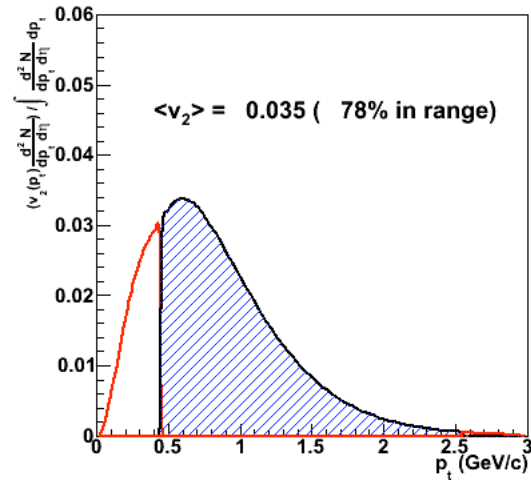
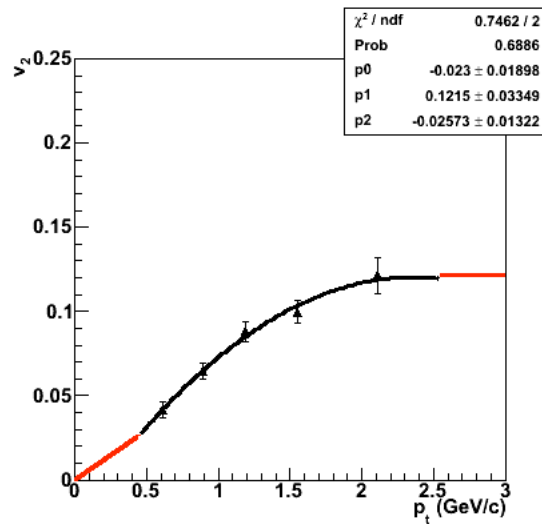
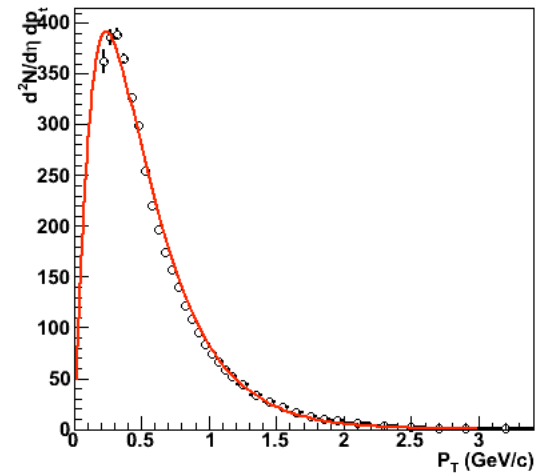
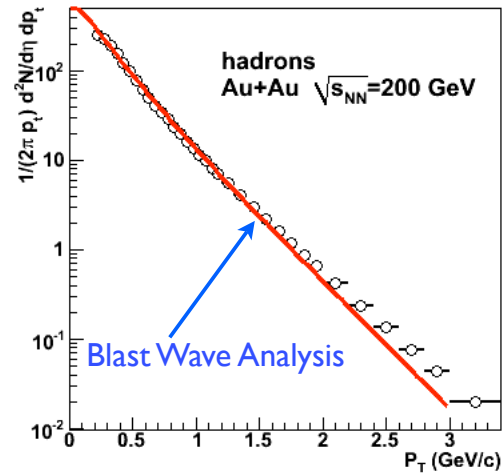


Identified particles AuAu 200GeV (pions, kaons, protons):

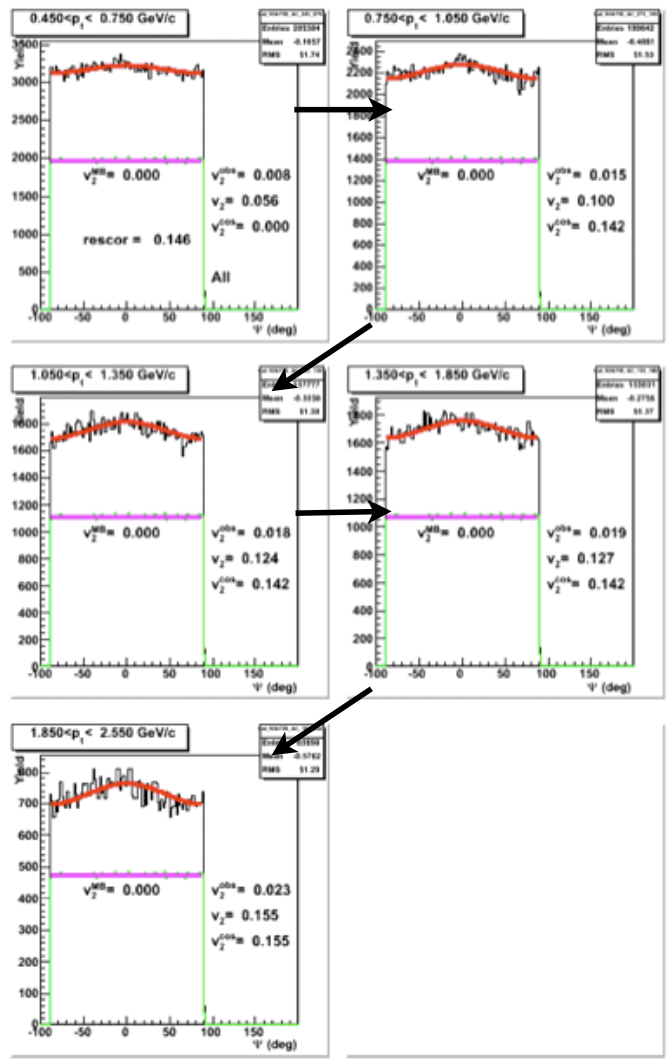
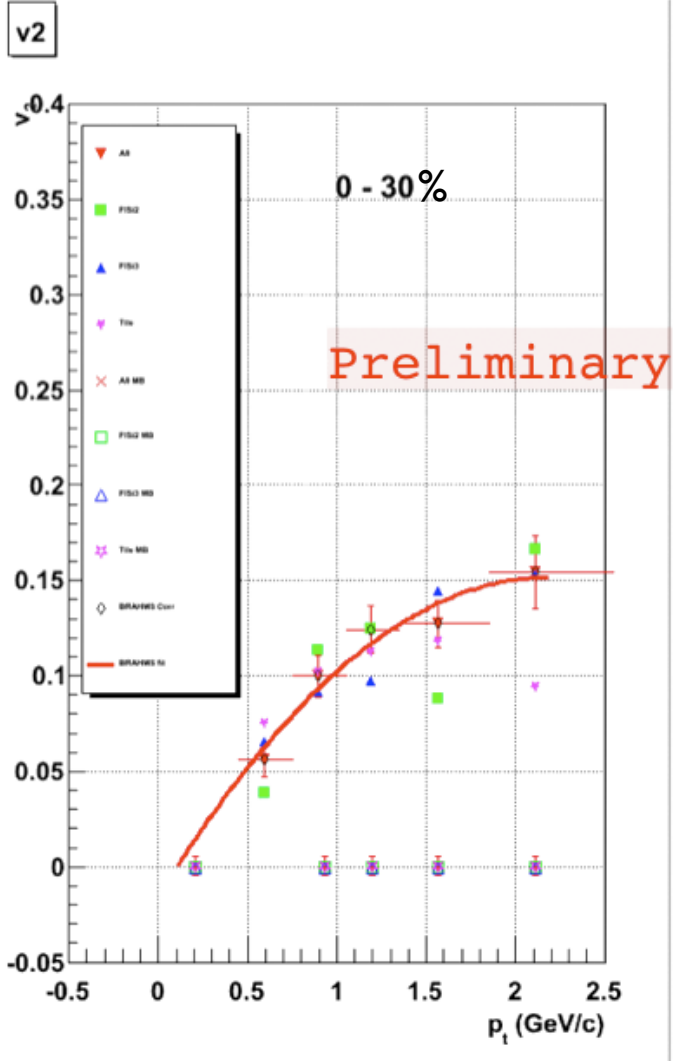




Integral v_2 :



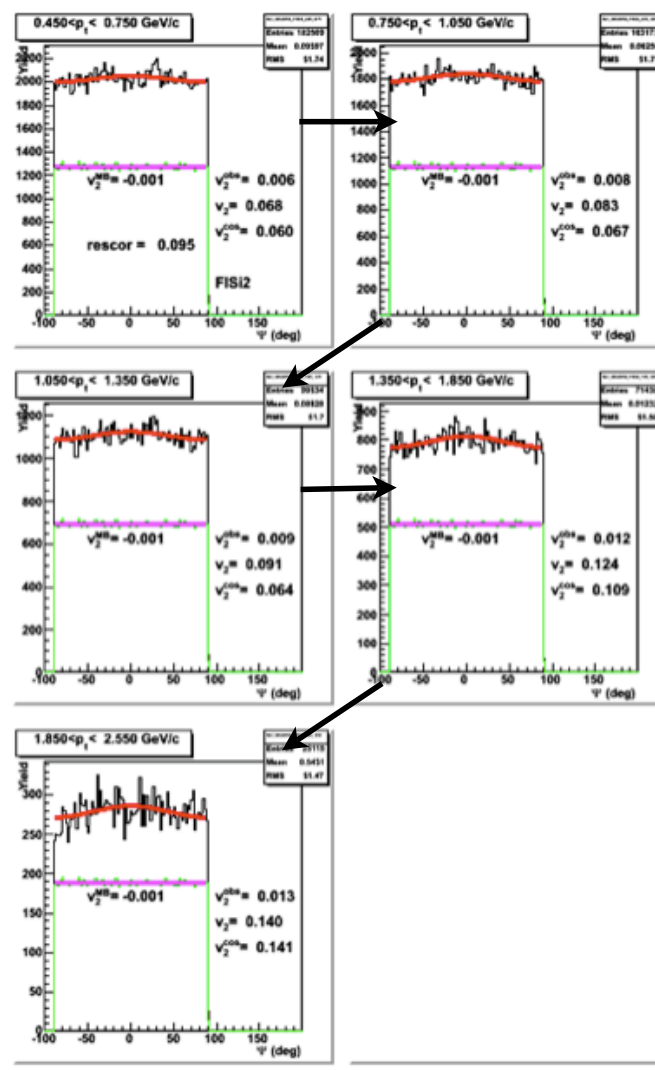
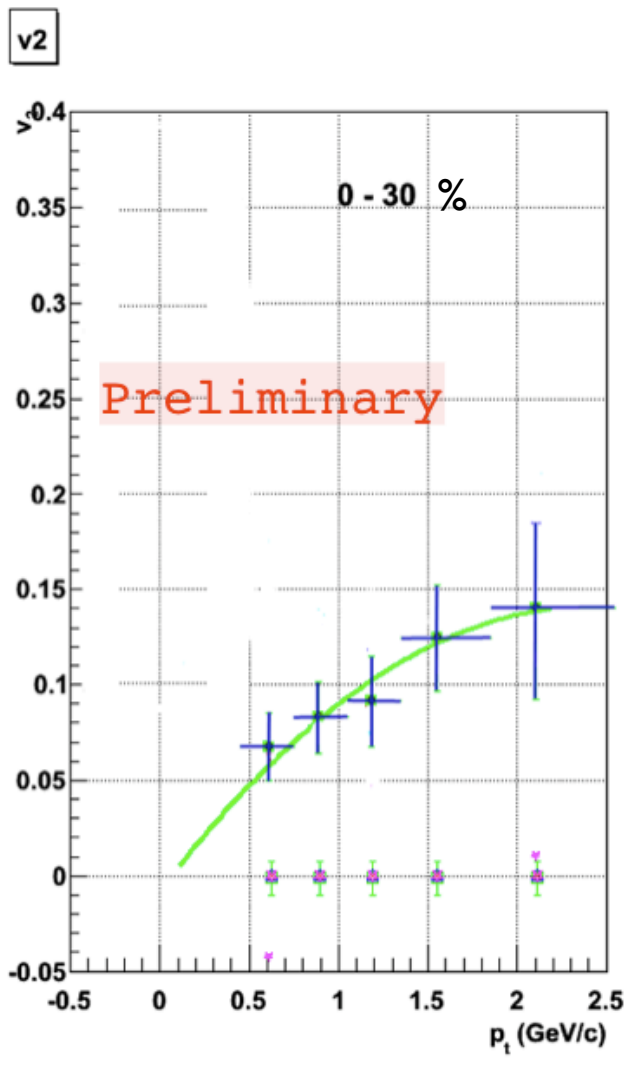
Charged Hadrons CuCu 200GeV $\eta=0$:



P_t



Charged Hadrons CuCu 200GeV $\eta=1$:

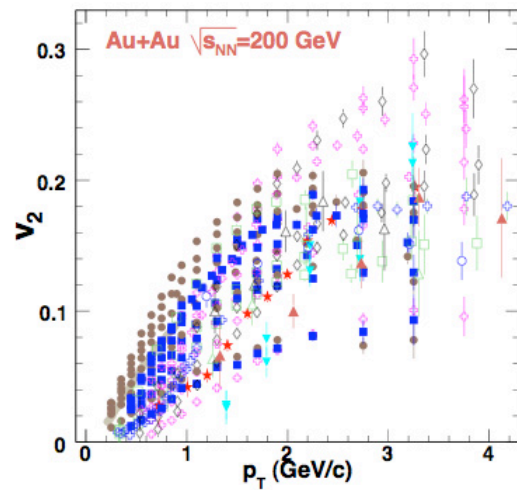


P_t





Systematics:



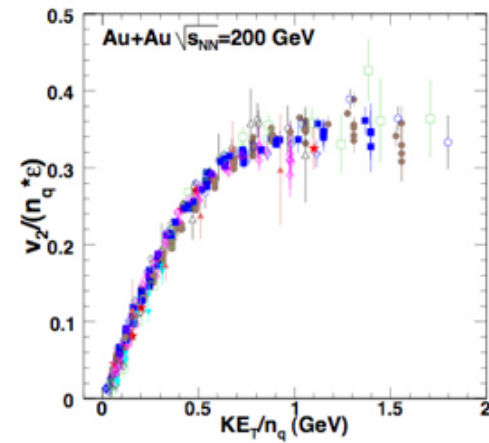
PHENIX (Phys.Rev.Lett.91, Preliminary: QM05, GRC 06)

- $\pi^+ + \pi^-$: min.bias, 0-10%, 10-20%, 20-30%, 30-40%, 40-50%, 20-60%
- π^0 : min.bias
- $K^+ + K^-$: min.bias, 0-10%, 10-20%, 20-30%, 30-40%, 40-50%, 20-60%
- ◇ $p + \bar{p}$: min.bias, 0-10%, 10-20%, 20-30%, 30-40%, 40-50%, 20-60%
- ▽ d : min.bias, 10-50%
- △ ϕ : 20-60%

STAR (Phys.Rev.Lett. 92, Phys.Rev.C72(2005), Preliminary QM05, SQM06)

- $\pi^+ + \pi^-$: min.bias
- K_s^0 : min.bias, 5-30%, 30-70%
- ◇ $p + \bar{p}$: min.bias
- ◇ $\Lambda + \bar{\Lambda}$: min.bias, 5-30%, 30-70%
- ★ $\Xi + \bar{\Xi}$: min.bias
- ▲ $\Omega + \bar{\Omega}$: min.bias

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Conclusions:



- **What have we learned:**

- ✓ For central events, $v_2(p_t)$ shows very little change with pseudorapidity for three different particle species in AuAu collisions.
- ✓ For mid-central events, $v_2(p_t)$ appears to decrease with increasing pseudorapidity.
- ✓ Charged hadrons show similar p_t dependence for AuAu and CuCu systems.

- **Future work:**

- ✓ Complete analysis of the CuCu forward spectrometer data for charged hadrons.
- ✓ Explore the $v_2(p_t)$ dependence for different particle species.