

Elliptic flow of hadrons in relativistic heavy-ion collisions using the PHSD model

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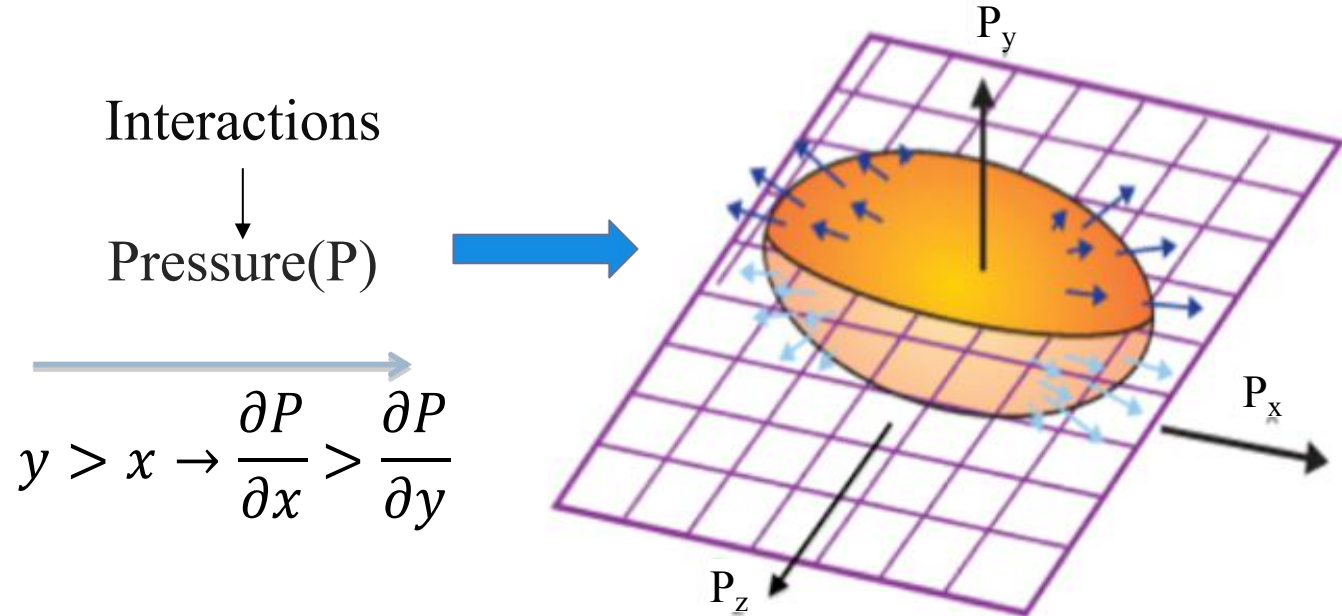
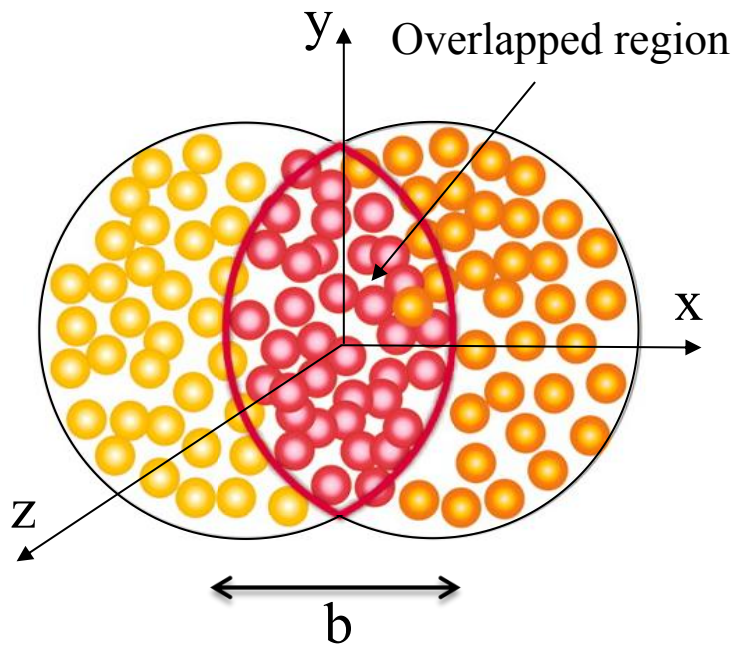


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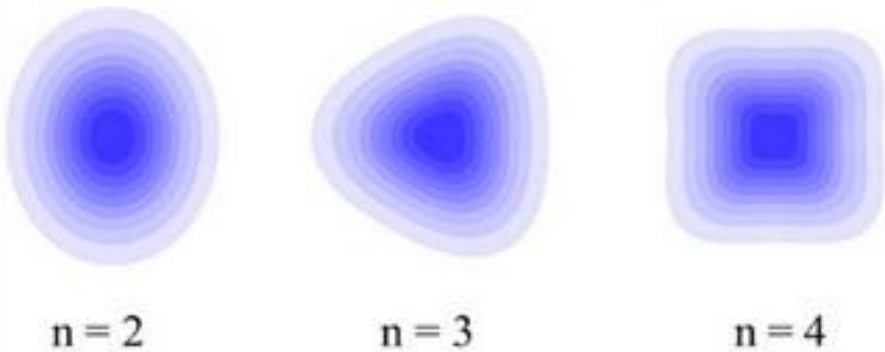


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Introduction: Collective Flow



Different flow harmonics



Elliptic flow (v_2)

Momentum space anisotropy in the azimuthal angle distribution of produced particles with respect to the reaction plane.

- **Sensitive to initial conditions of collisions**
- **Sensitive to transport properties (η/s) of system**
- **Probe for the particle production mechanism (e.g. quark coalescence)**

Flow Measurements

► Single particle distribution:

$$E \frac{d^3 N}{dp^3} = E \frac{d^2 N}{2\pi p_T dp_T d\eta} \left[1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v_n(p_T, \eta) \cos \{n(\phi - \Psi_n)\} \right]$$

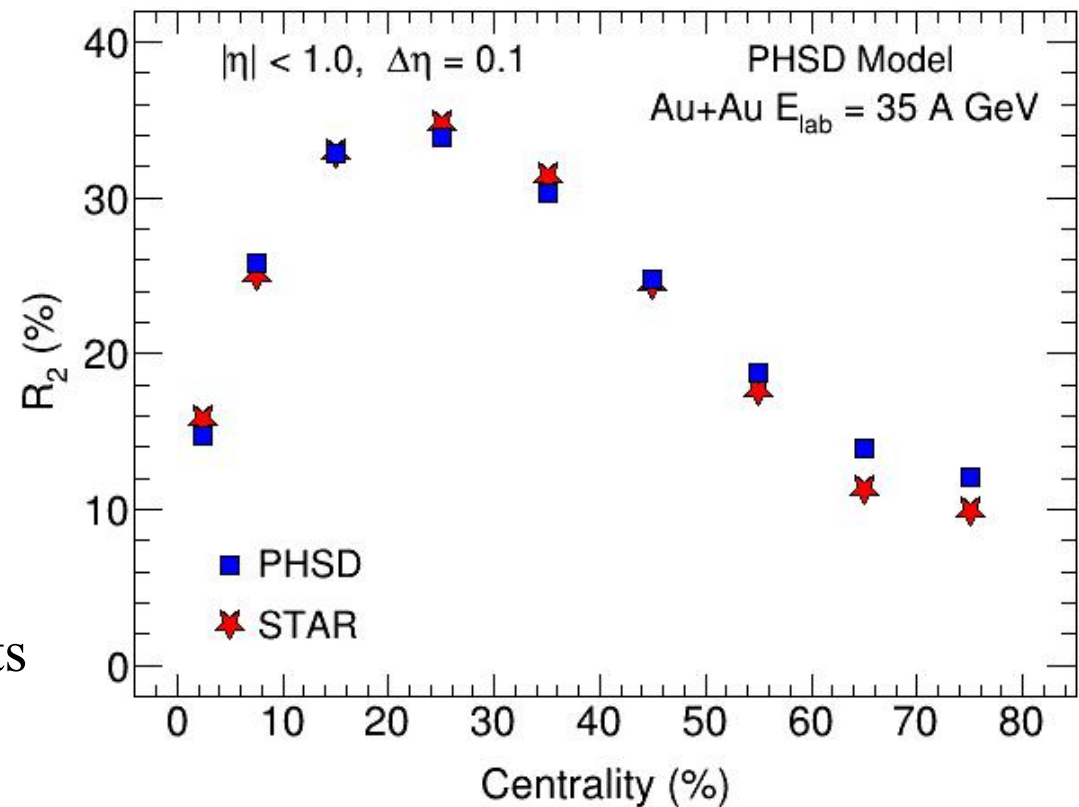
anisotropic flow $v_n = \langle \cos [n(\phi - \Psi_n)] \rangle$, $\Psi_n = n^{\text{th}}$ -order reaction plane angle

► η -sub event plane method

$$\Psi_n = \frac{1}{n} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^M w_i \sin(n\phi_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^M w_i \cos(n\phi_i)} \right)$$

$$R_n = \sqrt{\langle \cos [n(\Psi_n^A - \Psi_n^B)] \rangle}$$

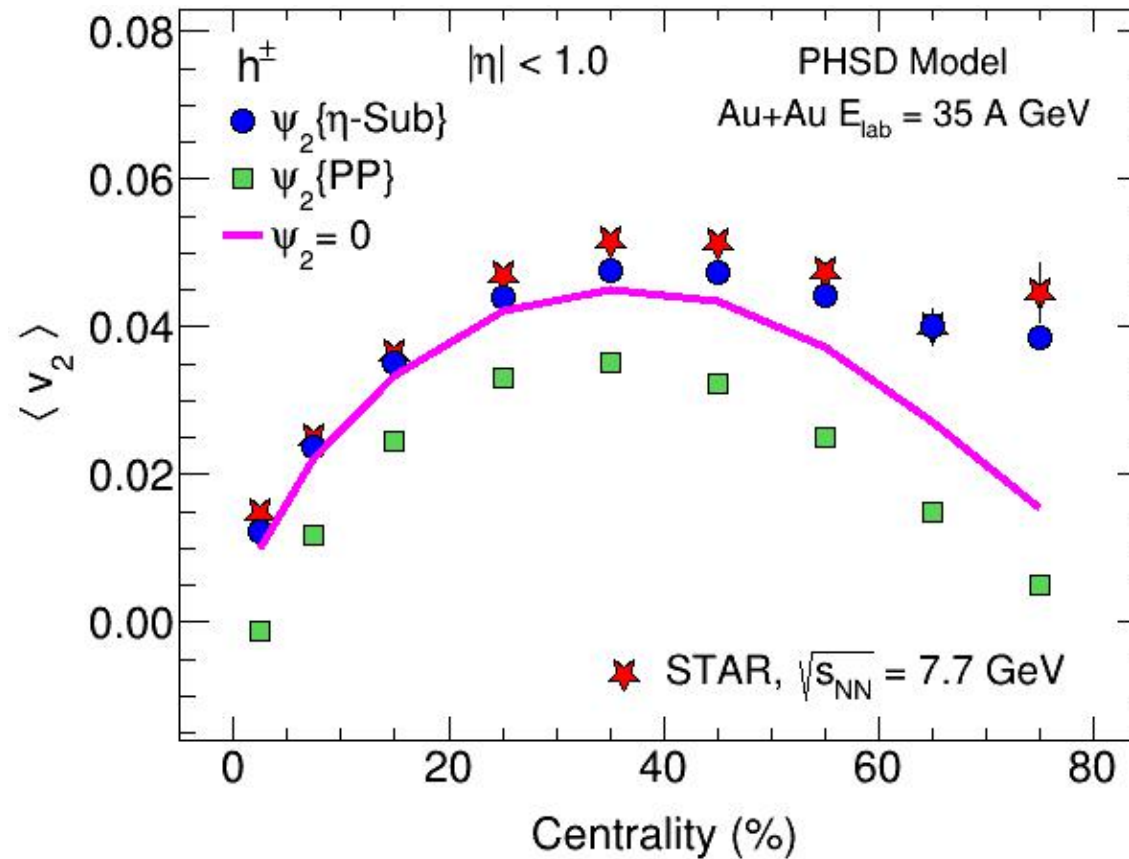
Event plane angle calculated in two sub-events
A ($0.05 < \eta < 1.0$) and B ($-1.0 < \eta < -0.05$).



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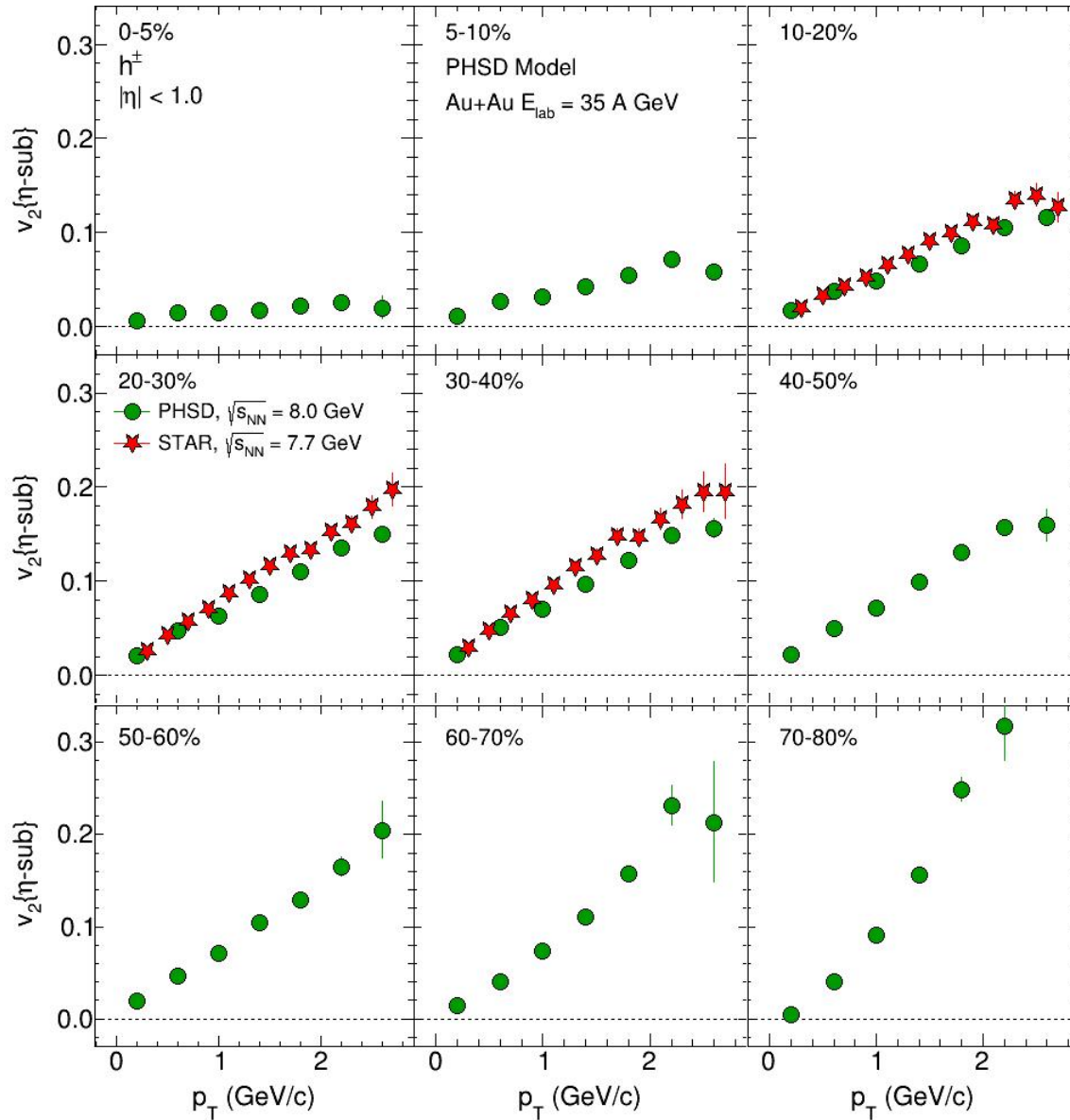
Results: Charged Hadrons Elliptic Flow



- Elliptic flow $\langle v_2 \rangle$ increases from central to peripheral collisions showing strong centrality dependence.
- $\langle v_2 \rangle$ with respect to $\psi_2\{\eta\text{-sub}\}$ in Au+Au collisions at $E_{\text{lab}} = 35 \text{ A GeV}$ from the PHSD model is similar to the Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 7.7 \text{ GeV}$ from the STAR experiment.

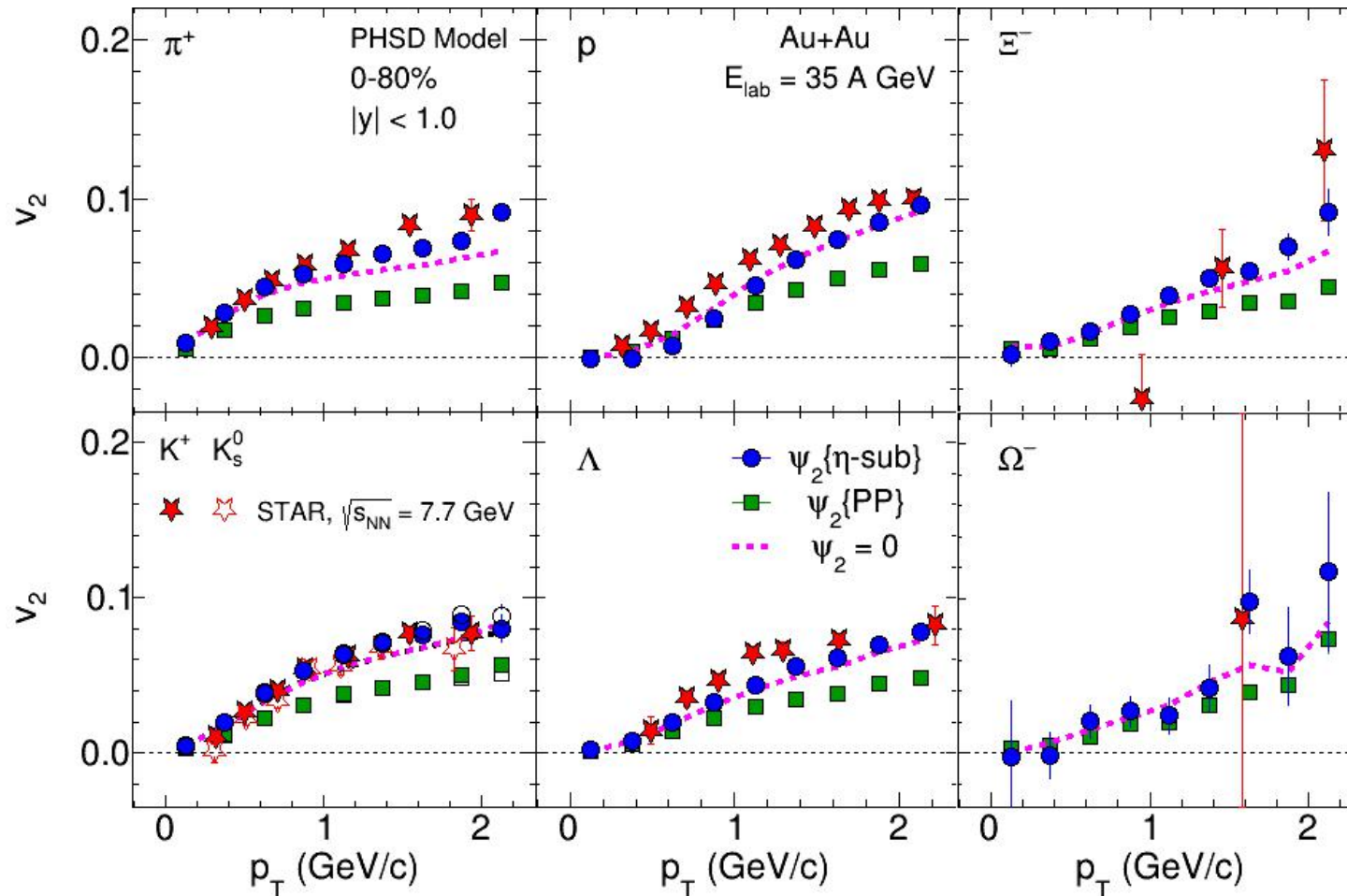
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Differential $v_2(p_T)$



- Elliptic flow $v_2(p_T)$ increases monotonically with transverse momentum (p_T) till 2.0 GeV/c.
- Differential $v_2(p_T)$ also increases from central to peripheral collisions showing strong centrality dependence.
- Differential $v_2(p_T)$ in Au+Au collisions at $E_{lab} = 35$ A GeV from the PHSD model is similar to the Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 7.7$ GeV from the STAR experiment.

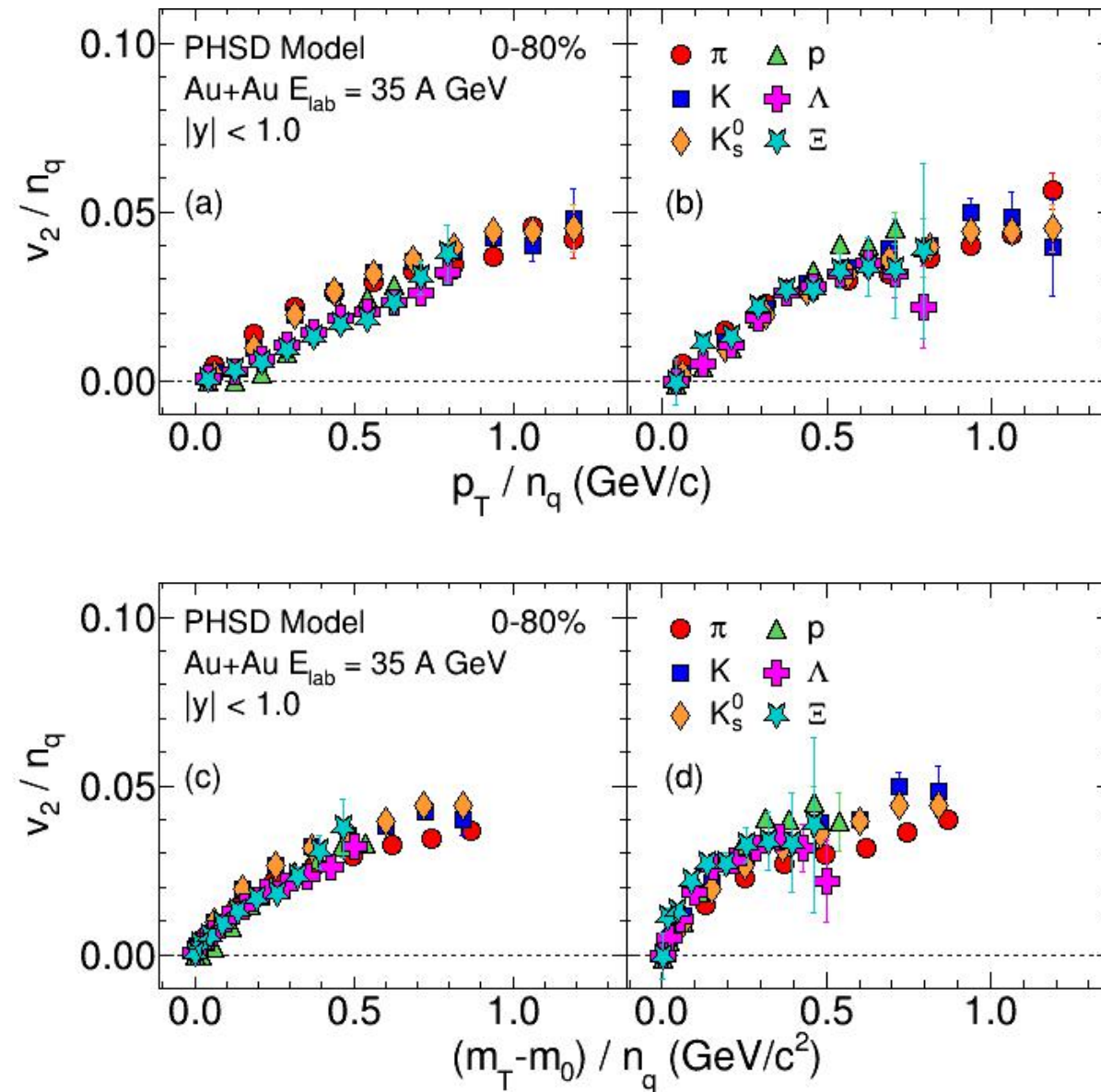
Results: Identified Hadrons Elliptic Flow



- Identified hadron $v_2(p_T)$ in Au+Au collisions at $E_{lab} = 35$ A GeV from the PHSD model calculated with respect to the event plane and participant plane angle is compared to the published STAR experimental results from Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 7.7$ GeV.

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NCQ Scaling



■ Hydrodynamics flow:

- large v_2 for lighter mass particles compare to the heavier mass particles consistent with the hydrodynamics flow.
- Mass ordering of v_2 below $p_T < 1.5 \text{ GeV/c}$ indicates effect of radial flow.

■ Hadronisation via quark coalescence:

- Elliptic flow v_2 of baryons $>$ mesons above intermediate $p_T \approx 1.5 \text{ GeV/c}$. v_2 scaled by number of constituent quarks (n_q) follows a single curve.
- The NCQ scaling of identified hadron v_2 suggests quark coalescence as dominate particle production mechanism.

Summary

- Inclusive and identified hadron elliptic flow v_2 at mid-rapidity measured using eta-sub event plane method is presented for Au+Au collisions at $E_{\text{lab}} = 35 \text{ A GeV}$ from the PHSD model.

Sensitive to initial conditions

- v_2 increases from central to peripheral collisions showing strong centrality dependence indicates sensitivity towards the initial conditions.
- Elliptic flow v_2 measured with respect to the participant plane angle is lower compared to the $\psi_2\{\eta\text{-sub}\}$ also indicate effect of initial condition of the colliding system.

Hydrodynamic flow and partonic collectivity

- Mass ordering of v_2 at low $p_T < 1.5 \text{ GeV}/c$ suggest hydrodynamic flow of identified hadrons.
- Number of constituent quarks scaling of v_2 at intermediate p_T indicates parton coalescence as dominate particle production mechanism.

Thank you!



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Backup

centrality selection

- Centrality Selection is based on reference multiplicity (N_{ch} in $|\eta| < 0.5$) in the PHSD model same as in case of the experimental measurements.

