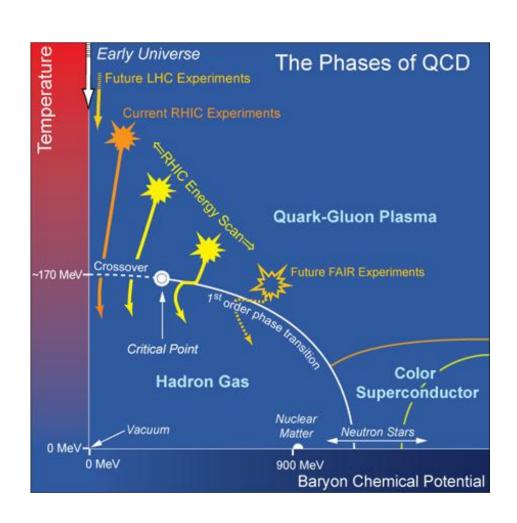
# Probing hot and dense nuclear matter with particle correlations and jets at RHIC

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### The central goal of RHIC/LHC heavy-ion program

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### Quantitative study of the phases of QCD

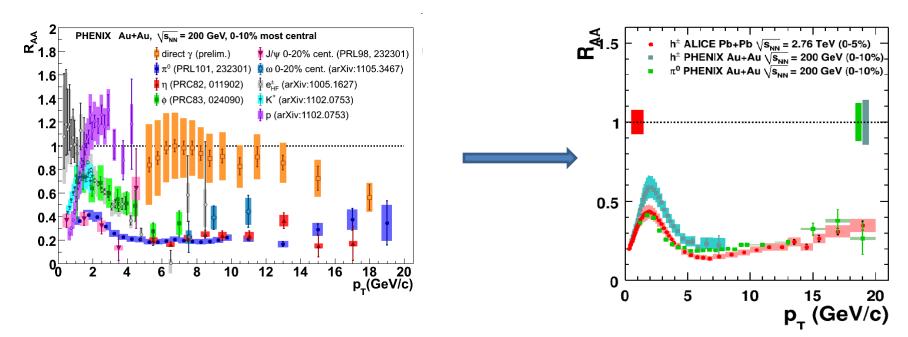


The natural starting point to study the bulk properties:

Begin from single particles observables and extract physics characters:

T, 
$$C_s$$
,  $\hat{q}$ ,  $\eta$ ,  $\zeta$ , etc.

### Medium in the eyes of R<sub>AA</sub>, from RHIC to LHC

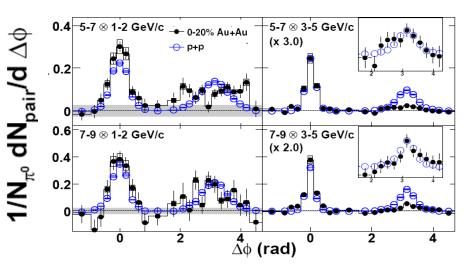


- Mesons, whether of light quarks or charm/bottoms, showing similar suppression patterns,
- On contrary to "baryon anomaly" and direct-γ.
- A strong indication of medium effects.

- Despite more than a factor of 20 higher energy, the R <sub>AA</sub> are very close for RHIC and LHC at 5<pT< 20 GeV/c
- ••The same Quark soup cooked at LHC and RHIC?

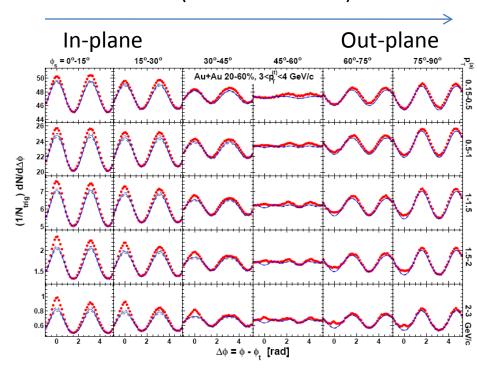
# Jets (including the correlation functions as proxies) as the double-edged sword

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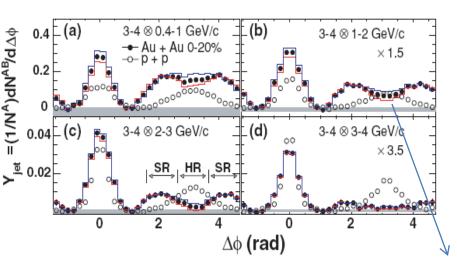
- Jets, originated from the hard-scattering partons, are considered to be a good probe of medium.
- These scatterings happen at the early age of QGP formation, and partons have a chance of carrying the information of medium via the interactions.

STAR (arXiv:1010.0690)



- However, RAW correlations contain not only jets, but bulk medium information: event plane, flow  $v_n$ .
- They exist in both central A+A (left plot) or mid-central (right plot).

### Flow: the primary factor(s) to disentangle

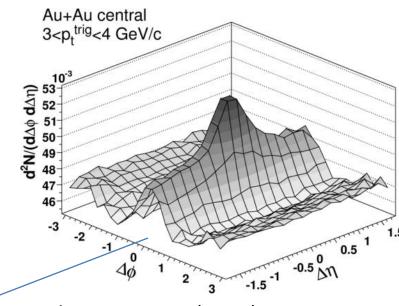


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Mach-cone? Ridge?



- All plots here already have v<sub>2</sub> subtracted.
- Are these modified jets production? Or they are medium themselves coincide with trigger particles?
- There are more  $v_n$  than that  $v_2$  to modulate the correlation functions?



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#### **Azimuthal anisotropy**

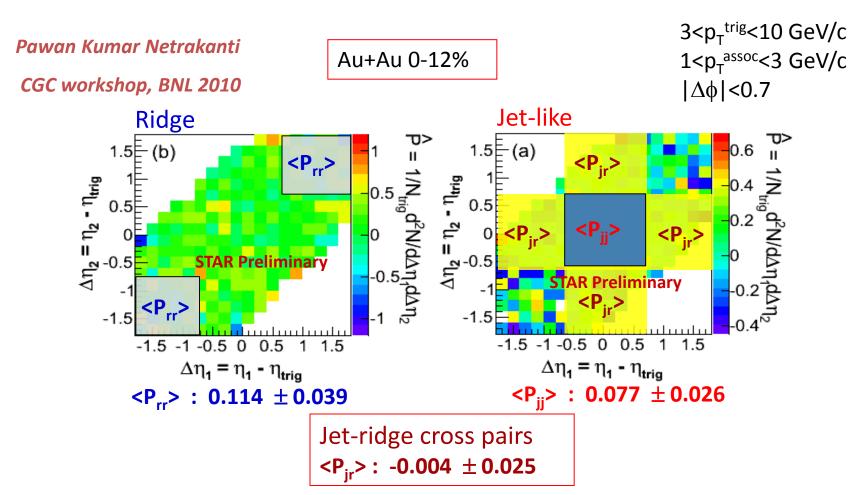
$$\frac{dN}{d(\phi-\Psi_{\rm RP})} \propto 1$$
 Softening of  $+2v_1\cos{(\phi-\Psi_{\rm RP})}$ 

$$+ \ 2a_1\sin{(\phi-\Psi_{
m RP})}$$
 Chiral magnetic effect ?

Partonic d.o.f, thermalization ?  $+ 2 v_2 \cos{(2\phi - 2\Psi_{
m RP})}$ 

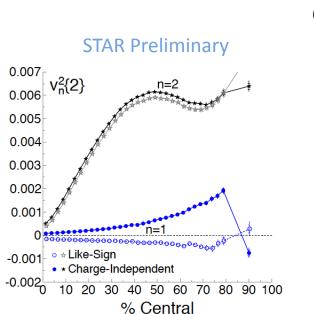
 $+\ 2v_3\cos{(3\phi-3\Psi_{
m RP})}$  Initial geometry fluctuations ?

# Before $v_3$ era: $\Delta \eta - \Delta \eta$ pair densities: ridge, jet-like, and their cross-item

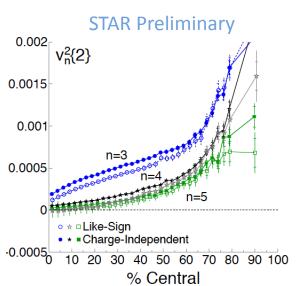


"No correlation is found between production of the ridge and production of the jet-like particles, suggesting the ridge may be formed from the bulk medium itself." from *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 105 (2010) 22301

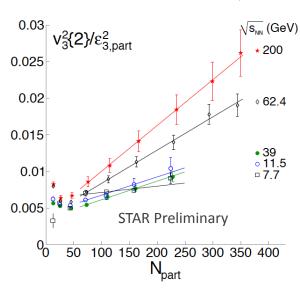
### Higher v<sub>n</sub> from 2 particle correlations







#### P. Sorensen QM11



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n=3 exhibits effects of elliptic overlap geometry.

n=4 and larger show 1/N dependence typical of non-flow correlations.

From mid-central to central,  $v_3^2\{2\}$  follows an  $N_{part}\epsilon_{3,part}^2$  trend, similar to  $v_2$ .

Q-Cumulants: A. Bilandzic, R. Snellings, S. Voloshin, Phys. Rev. C 83, 044913 (2011)

These  $p_T$  integrated  $v_n$  are already exciting. Can they help us on the intermediate  $p_T$  correlations?

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arXiv:1105.3928

central

 $V_3 = V_2$ 

### Theory expectations of $v_n$ at intermediate $p_T$

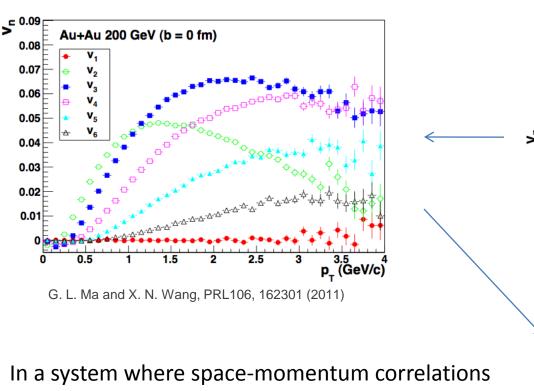
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0.15

0.1

Au+Au 200GeV

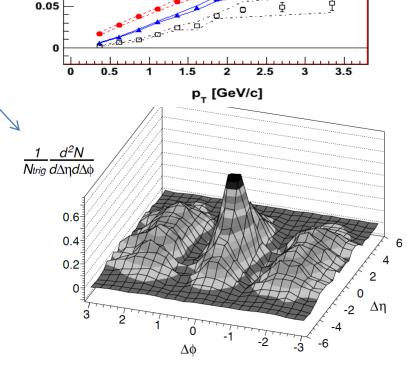
 $V_4\{\Psi_a\}$ 



In a system where space-momentum correlations develop, the initial density fluctuations can manifest in momentum space.

For b=0 fm, at low  $p_T$ ,  $v_n$  drops with n, but at intermediate  $p_T$ ,  $v_3 \sim v_2$ , agree with RHIC data.

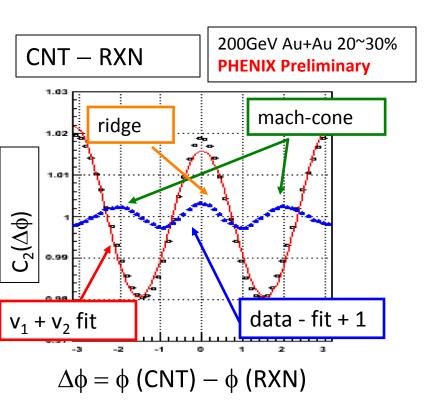
It's possible to reproduce the "ridge" with these  $v_n$ , without need of jets.

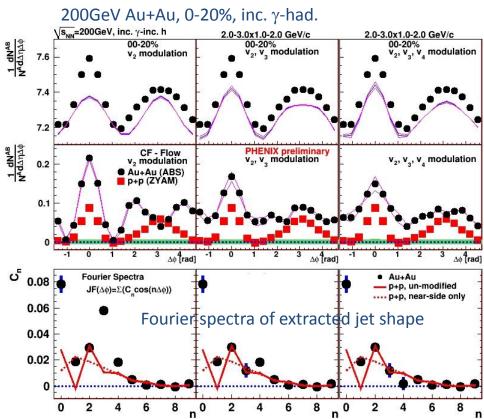


J.Takahashi, B.Tavares, W.Qian, F.Grassi, Y.Hama, T.Kodama & N.Xu and many others

### Correlation functions with v<sub>n</sub> modulation

ShinIchi Esumi, QM11

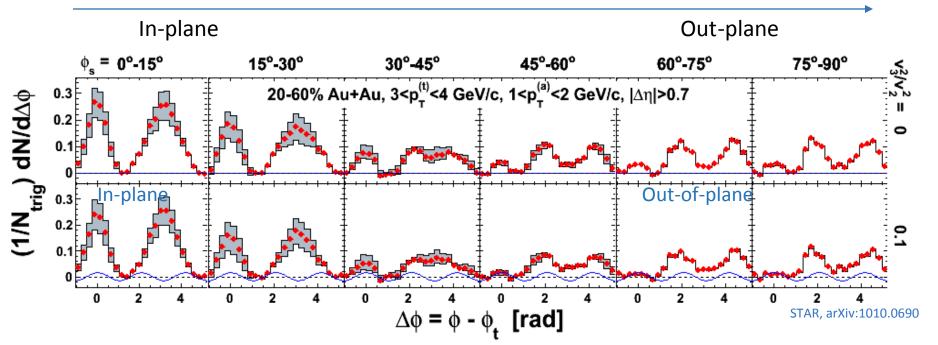




- Great success in central Au+Au.
- The mach-cone is mostly gone.
- Remaining medium effect exists.

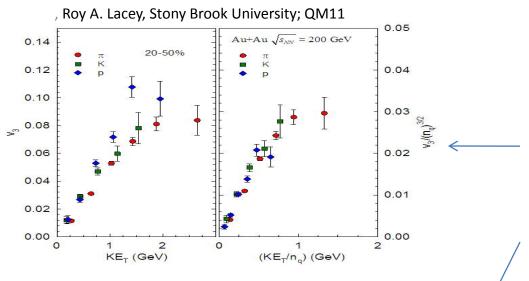
### The $v_2 + v_3$ isn't the whole world yet

 $v_2$  subtracted di-hadron correlations:  $v_2$  estimated using  $\Psi_{EP}$  (high  $|\Delta\eta|$  from trigger)



- It's measured that  $\Psi_2^{EP}$  and  $\Psi_3^{EP}$  are weakly correlated.
- Thus, the fact that the  $v_2$  modulations subtracted correlation shapes still keep strong  $2^{nd}$  order event plane  $\Psi_2^{EP}$  dependence, can't be explained by pure  $v_3$ .
- While the measured  $v_2$  and  $v_3$  have weak  $|\eta|$  dependence from long  $\Delta\eta$  away  $\Psi_2^{EP}$  and  $\Psi_3^{EP}$ , the factorization of  $v_2^2$  and  $v_3^2$  need further investigation.
- Higher order  $v_n$  needed. Or, is it due to those long  $\Delta \eta$  non-flow contribution?

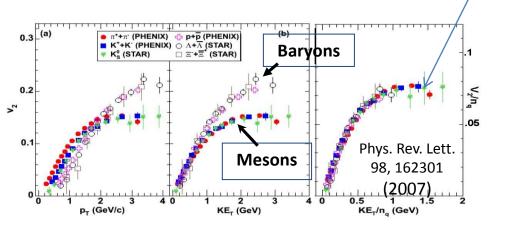
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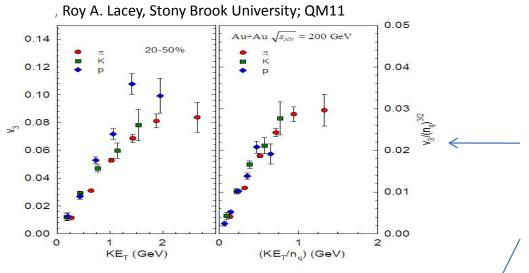
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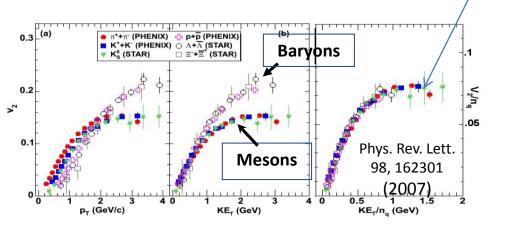
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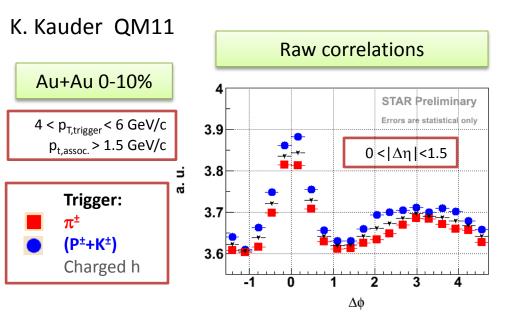
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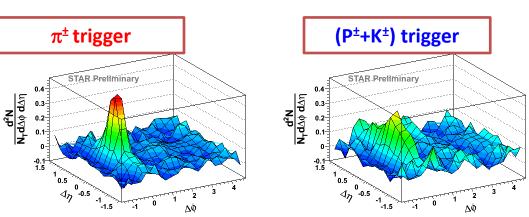


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Background subtracted correlations



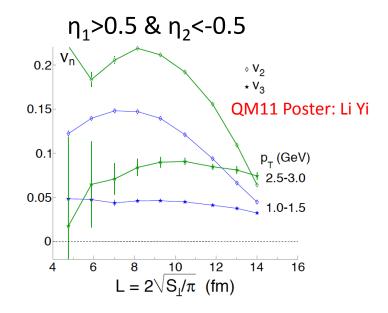
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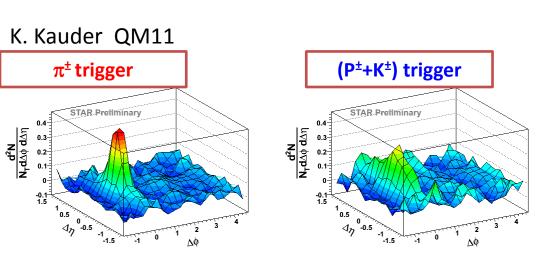
Yes they do!

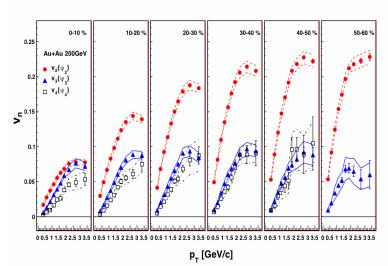
### Centrality (in)dependence of v<sub>n</sub>

- A much weaker centrality dependent of  $v_3$  is observed at RHIC (LHC), contrary to  $v_2$ .
- This is commonly considered an evidence of v<sub>3</sub> is caused by initial state density inhomogeneity, as were predicted by such models.
- → Current leading explanation.

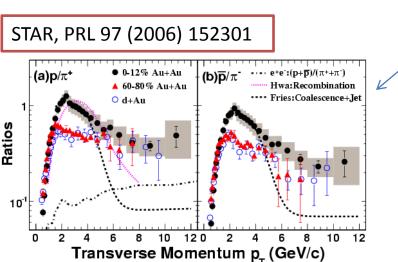


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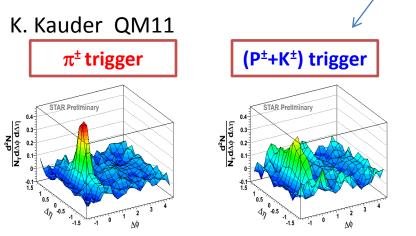




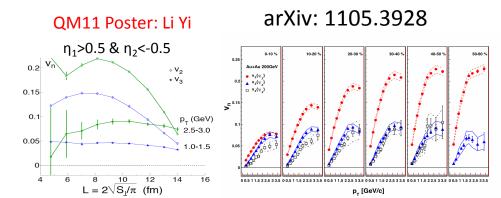
## More v<sub>n</sub> work are needed, when centrality combined with PID



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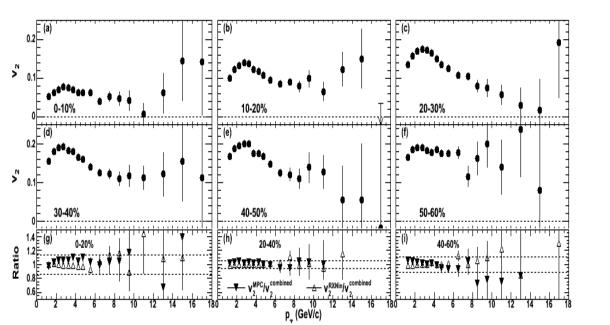


- The baryon/meson splitting, and baryon "anomaly" enhancements are centrality dependent.
- If  $v_3$  is partonic flow as indicated from RHIC (and LHC), then is this weak centrality dependence of  $v_3$  at intermediate  $p_T$  due to the convolution of  $\varepsilon^2_{3,part}$ , PIDed  $v_3$  (proton  $v_3$  > pion  $v_3$ ) and "baryon anomaly"?
- Will v<sub>3</sub> modulation produce this PID ordering in mid-central Au+Au? (work in progress)
- Or is this PID ordering due to non-flow effect coming to work at inter-mediate  $p_T$  region? **Jets?**



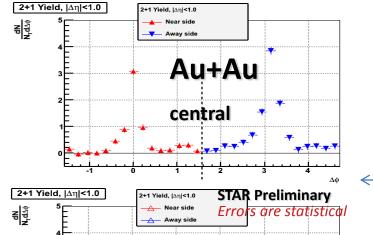
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#### Red: Same-side, Blue: Away-side



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 $Trig_1E_T \in [10, 15]GeV$   $Trig_2p_T \in [4, 10]GeV$  $assocp_T \in [1.5, 10]GeV$ 

 Back-to-back high-p<sub>T</sub> trigger are selected to tag "jet-like" events.

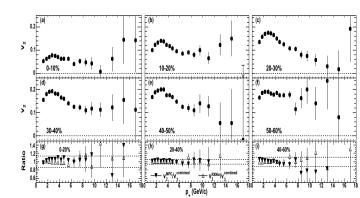
d+Au

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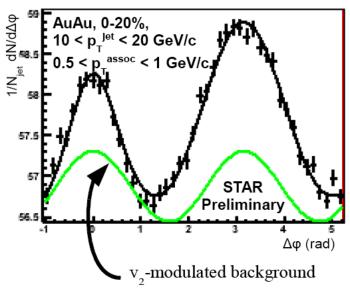
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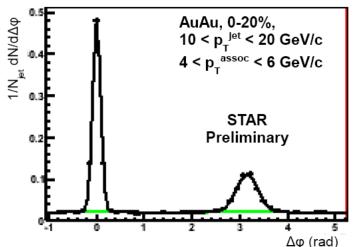
 $\Delta \phi$  ( $|\Delta \eta| < 1.0$ )

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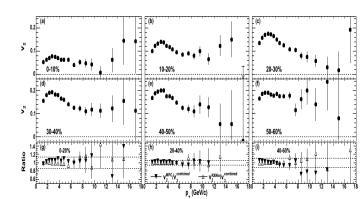
#### A. Ohlson QM11





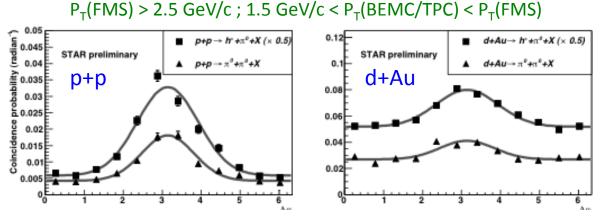
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#### Cold nuclear matter effect

- Forward (FMS)  $\pi^0$  trigger particle
- Mid-rapidity (BEMC/TPC)  $\pi^0/h^{\pm}$  associated particle
- Includes efficiency and background corrections
- Similar  $\Delta\eta$  between trigger/associated as those  $v_3$  measured in broad  $|\eta|$ .



Shown by Chris Perkins on DIS2011, ref. Ermes Braidot (arXiv:1102.0931)

- No significant broadening from p+p to d+Au
- No hints of away-side peak disappearance
- As for now, the observed long  $\Delta\eta$  higher-order  $v_n$  are still heavy-ion specific.

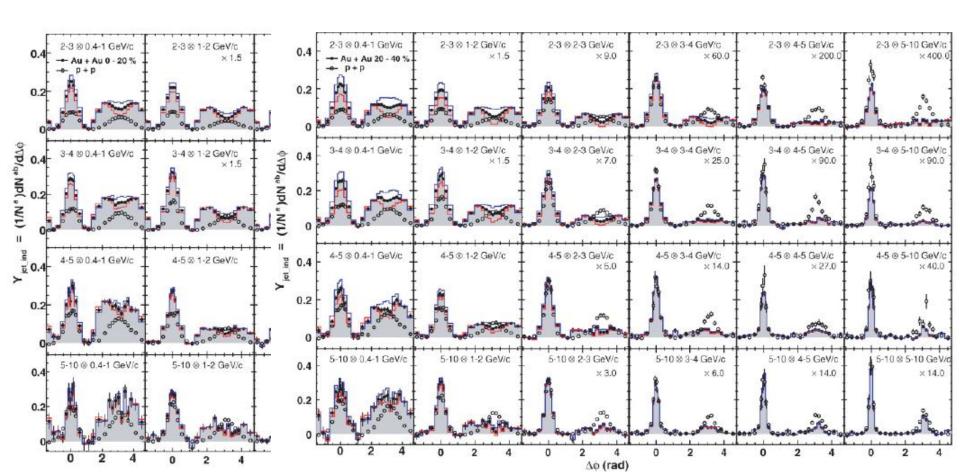
### Summary and outlook

- Recent results from RHIC on the "ridge" and the away-side correlation structure are presented in central A+A collisions.
- Higher order Fourier harmonics  $v_n$  based on initial geometry fluctuation, in addition to the common  $v_2$ , make an important role in disentangle different sources of physics. These  $v_n$  successfully reproduce the correlation structures (ridge/cone) with little help from jets-medium interaction.
- More quantitative analysis/prediction on these higher order  $v_n$  are necessary, including their dependence on pT,  $\Delta\eta$ , centrality, and PID, etc.
- The hadron correlations with multiple high-energy triggers (as proxies of jets) and/or fully reconstructed jets show no signal of higher order  $v_n$ , on contrary to the high- $p_T$   $v_2$ , also supporting assumption of  $v_2$  and higher order  $v_n$  from different sources.
- No evident cold-nuclear-matter effect observed for high order  $v_n$  at current stage.

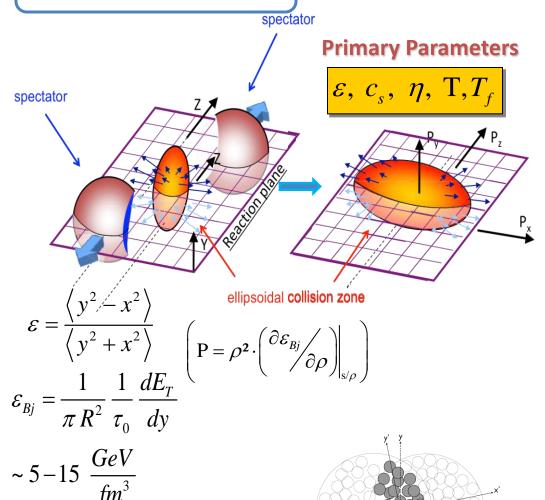
### Back up

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0-20% Au+Au (left) and 20-40% Au+Au (right). The "cone" appear at the same positions, showing very weak trigger/associate pT and centralities.



#### The Flow probe



#### **Azimuthal Distribution**

$$f(\varphi) \propto \left(1 + 2\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} v_n \cos\left[n(\varphi - \psi_n)\right]\right)$$

$$\langle e^{in\varphi} \rangle \equiv \int_0^{2\pi} e^{in\varphi} f(\varphi) d\phi = v_n e^{in\psi_n}$$

$$v_{\rm n} = \left\langle e^{in(\varphi_p - \Psi_n)} \right\rangle, \quad n = 1, 2, 3...,$$

$$\frac{dN^{\text{pairs}}}{d\Delta\varphi} \propto \left(1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2v_n^a v_n^b \cos(n\Delta\varphi)\right)$$

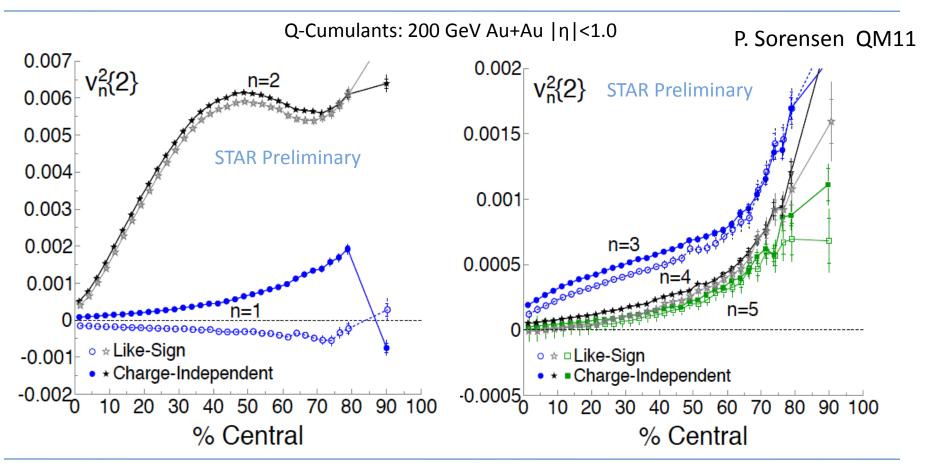
For smooth profile  $\varphi \rightarrow \varphi + \pi$ 

Odd harmonics = 0

For "lumpy" profile  $\varphi \neq \varphi + \pi$ 

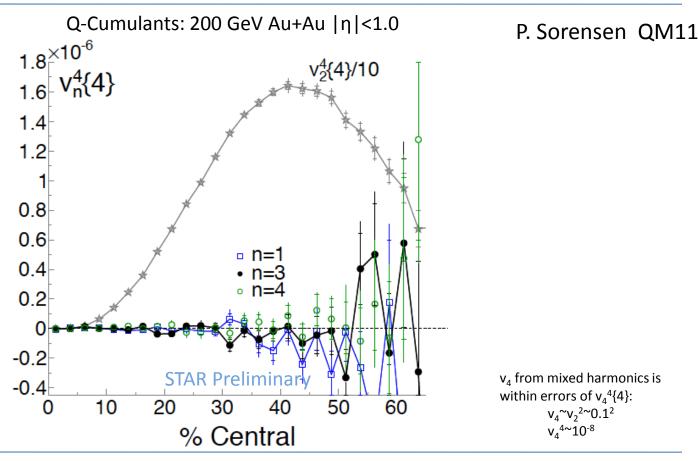
Odd harmonics  $\neq 0$ 

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n=1 shows large difference between LS and CI: charge and momentum conserv?
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### Higher v<sub>n</sub> from 4 Particle Correlations

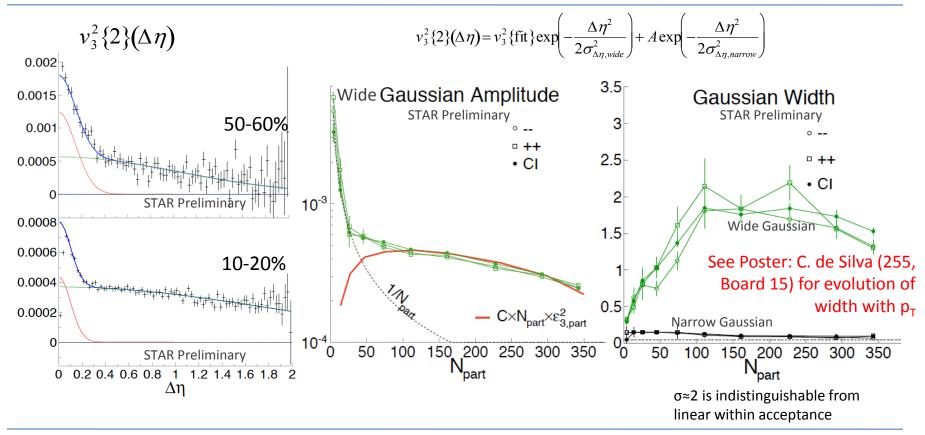


 $v_n$ {4} consistent with zero for odd terms. Consistent with  $v_3^2$ {2} being due to non-flow and/or with  $v_n \propto \epsilon_{n,part}$ : for  $v_n \propto \epsilon_{n,part}$ ,  $v_n$ {4} $\propto \epsilon_{n,std}$ 

R.S. Bhalerao and J-Y.Ollitrault, Phys.Lett.B641:260-264 (2006) S. Voloshin, A. Poskanzer, A. Tang, G. Wang, Phys.Lett.B659:537-541 (2008)

For 0-2.5% central  $v_2\{4\}\approx 0$  indicates elliptic shape is nearly gone. We'll look at the shape of  $v_n^2\{2\}$  vs. n for nearly symmetric collisions

### $v_3^2{2}$ vs $\Delta\eta$ and Non-flow



Initial state density correlations may drop with  $\Delta y$ : interesting physics  $\sigma_{\Delta y}^{-1}/\alpha_s$ ?

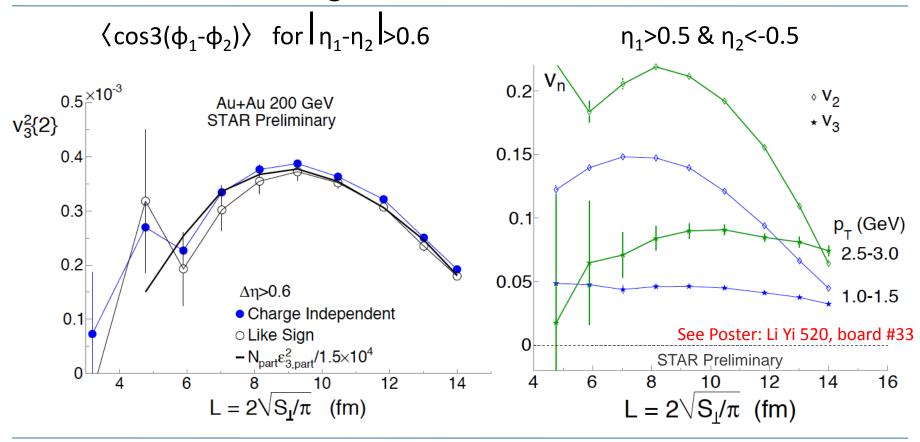
Dusling, Gelis, Lappi & Venugopalan, Nucl. Phys. A 836, 159 (2010)

Petersen, Greiner, Bhattacharya & Bass, arXiv:1105.0340

Fit with a wide and a narrow peak. Wide peak amplitude first drops with 1/N but then deviates from trend near  $N_{part}$ =50. Above that it follows an  $N_{part}$  $\epsilon^2_{3,part}$  trend

Is the wide Gaussian non-flow as in previous interpretations\* and/or  $\Delta \eta$  dependence of initial density fluctuations? \* Trainor, Kettler RefInt.J.Mod.Phys.E17:1219,2008

### $v_3^2$ at Large $\Delta \eta$



Centrality variable L estimates the transverse size of the system

 $v_3^2$  for  $\Delta\eta$ >0.6 rises then falls with centrality as the overlap shape becomes symmetric. Similar to  $v_2$ 

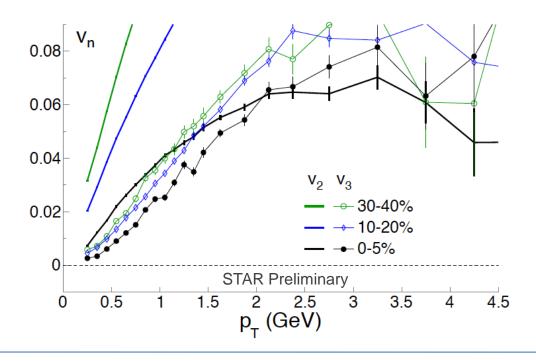
Almond shape of the overlap area appears to couple to n=3

See Poster: J. Thomas (576, Board #43)

### $v_3$ and $(v_3/v_2)^2$ vs centrality and $p_T$

 $v_3$ {2} using separate  $\eta$  ranges:  $\eta_1$ <-0.5 and  $\eta_2$ >0.5

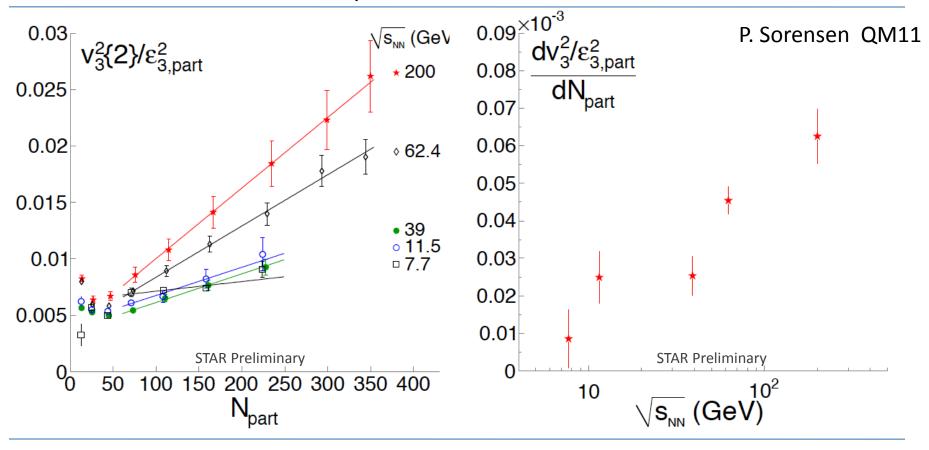
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For central collisions at intermediate  $p_T$ ,  $v_3\{2\} \ge v_2\{2\}$ : what non-flow source would give such a behavior?

Weak  $v_3\{2\}$  centrality dependence &  $v_3 \ge v_2$  in central were predicted by models based on initial state density inhomogeneity  $\Rightarrow$  leading explanation

### v<sub>3</sub><sup>2</sup>/ε<sup>2</sup><sub>3,part</sub> vs Beam Energy



Analysis based on Q-Cumulants for all charges and -1<η<1

 $v_3^2/\epsilon^2_{3,part}$  follows a simple trend with  $N_{part}$ : consistent with fits to  $v_3^2\{2\}$  vs  $\Delta\eta$ 

Slope of  $v_3^2/\epsilon^2_{3,part}$  is increasing with beam energy: what about the difference between  $v_2^2\{2\}-v_2^2\{4\}$ 

#### Method of event plane determination

- (1) Detector calibration / cell-by-cell calibration
- (2) Q-vector, re-centering, normalization of width

$$\begin{split} &Q_{\{n\}x} = \Sigma_{i} \left\{ w_{i} \cos \left( n \; \varphi_{i} \right) \right\} & Q'_{\{n\}x} = \left( Q_{\{n\}x} - < Q_{\{n\}x} > \right) / \; \sigma_{Q\{n\}x} \\ &Q_{\{n\}y} = \Sigma_{i} \left\{ \; w_{i} \sin \left( n \; \varphi_{i} \right) \right\} & Q'_{\{n\}y} = \left( Q_{\{n\}y} - < Q_{\{n\}y} > \right) / \; \sigma_{Q\{n\}y} \\ &Q_{\{1\}x}^{ZDC} = \Sigma_{i} \left\{ \; w_{i} \; x_{i} \right\} / \; \Sigma_{i} \left\{ \; w_{i} \right\} \\ &Q_{\{1\}y}^{ZDC} = \Sigma_{i} \left\{ \; w_{i} \; y_{i} \right\} / \; \Sigma_{i} \left\{ \; w_{i} \right\} \end{split}$$

(3) n-th harmonics reaction plane

$$\Phi_{\{n\}}$$
 = atan2 (Q'<sub>{n}y</sub> , Q'<sub>{n}x</sub>) / n

- (4) Fourier flattening (Sergei's+Art's method paper)
  - $n \Phi'_{\{n\}} = n \Phi_{\{n\}} + \Sigma_i (2/i) \{ \langle \sin(i n \Phi_{\{n\}}) \rangle \cos(i n \Phi_{\{n\}}) + \langle \cos(i n \Phi_{\{n\}}) \rangle \sin(i n \Phi_{\{n\}}) \}$
- (5) measure  $v_n$  w.r.t.  $\Phi_n$  and correct for E.P. resolution

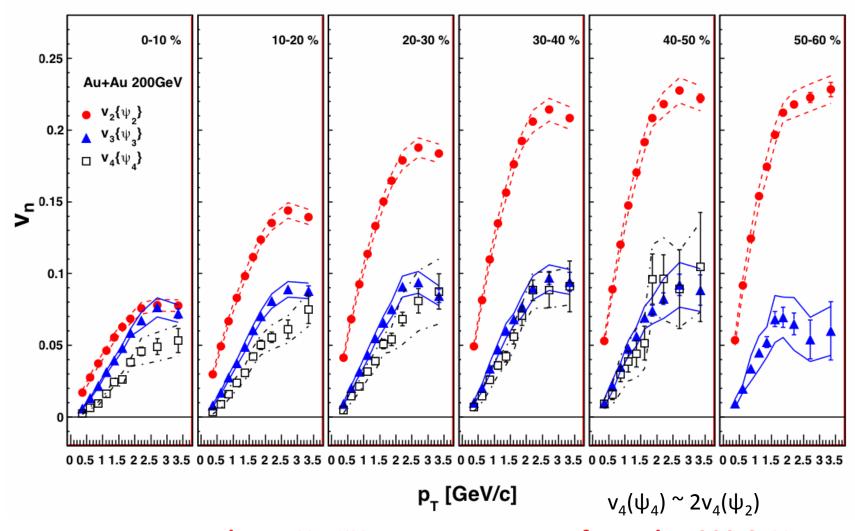
#### 2-particle correlation among 3-sub detectors

Forward<sup>Hit</sup> (F), Backward<sup>Hit</sup> (B), Central<sup>Track</sup> (C)

- (1) measure dφ distribution between 2 detectors weighting by the hit amplitude
- (2) normalize by the event mixing to make correlation functions for 3 combinations
- (3) fit the correlation with Fourier function to extract  $v_n^F v_n^B$ ,  $v_n^F v_n^C$  and  $v_n^B v_n^C$
- (4)  $v_n^F(Hit)$  and  $v_n^B(Hit)$  can be determined as a function of centrality
- (5)  $v_n^c$ (Track) can be determined as a function of centrality and  $p_T$

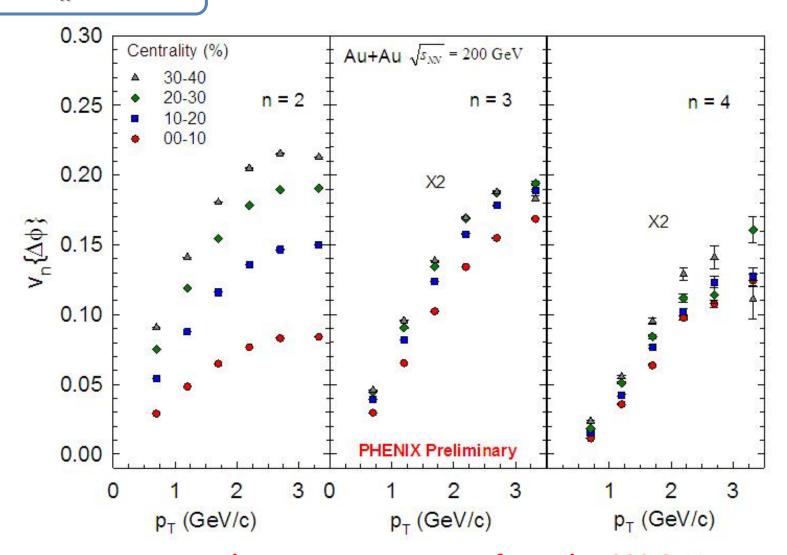
Results:  $v_n(\psi_n)$ 

http://arxiv.org/abs/1105.3928



Robust PHENIX measurements performed at 200 GeV (Crosschecked with correlation method)

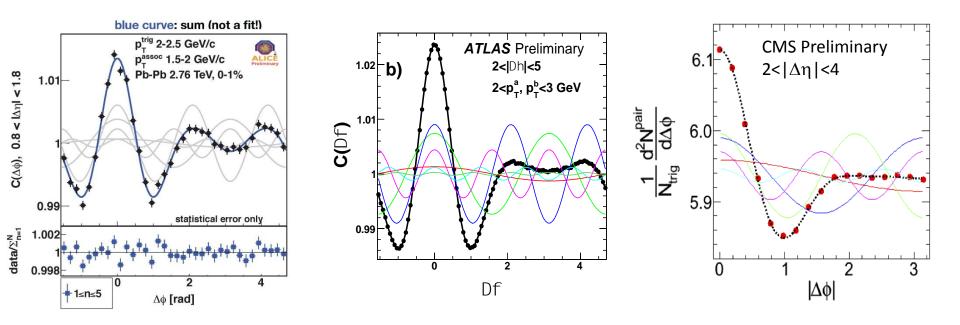
Results:  $v_n(\Delta \phi)$ 



Robust measurements performed at 200 GeV (Crosschecked with event-plane method)

Roy A. Lacey, Stony Brook University; QM11, Annecy, France 2011

# Dihadron Correlations and v<sub>n</sub> Harmonics at LHC



- ALICE, ATLAS, CMS:
- Correlation function can be obtained from sum (not fit) of Fourier Components
  - including v<sub>2</sub>, v<sub>3</sub>, v<sub>4</sub>, v<sub>5</sub>...

### Test of v<sub>n</sub> factorization at Alice

#### ALICE correlation paper:

arXiv: 1107.0556

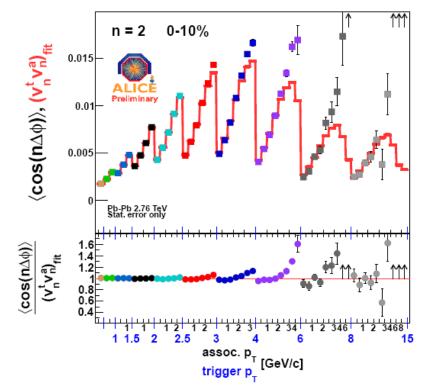
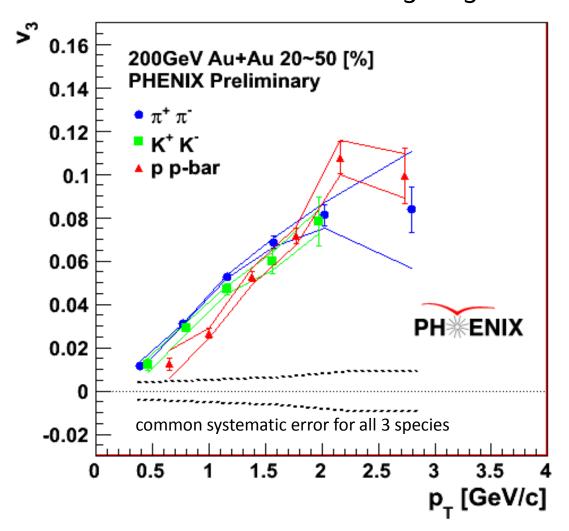


Figure 6. Test of the factorization relation for:  $V_{2\Delta}(p_{T,\text{assoc}}, p_{T,\text{trig}})$  (points);  $v_2(p_{T,\text{assoc}}) \cdot v_2(p_{T,\text{trig}})$  (line). The bottom panel shows their ratio.

### Identified $\pi/K/p v_3\{\Phi_3\}$ at 200GeV Au+Au



- •lower p<sub>T</sub>

  particle mass

  dependence

  radial flow
- •intermediate p<sub>T</sub>

  baryon / meson

  splitting

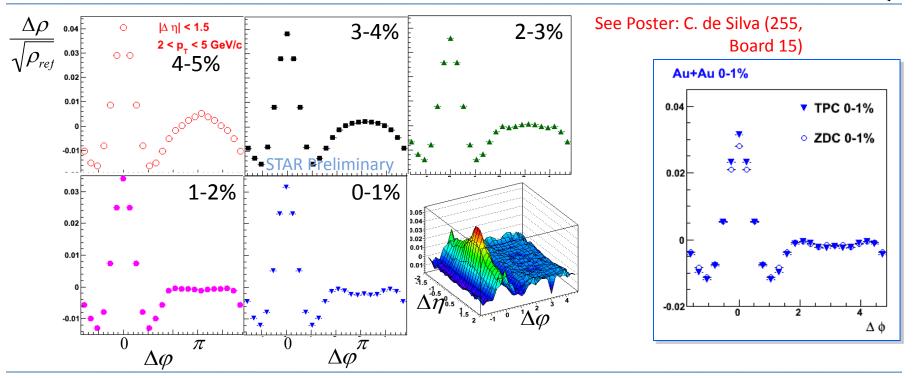
  quark coalescence
  at hadronization with
  partonic v<sub>3</sub>

Radial & Partonic collective flow seen in v<sub>3</sub>

### Correlations at Intermediate p<sub>T</sub>

 $v_3$  should be most evident at intermediate  $p_T$  and for central collisions where the overlap geometry is most symmetric

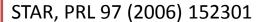
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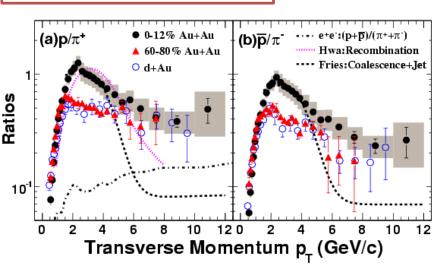


For 0-1% central, n=3 double hump is present on the away-side without  $v_2$  subtraction

We see effects consistent with expectations, we'll investigate further by looking at various measurements related to  $v_n$ 

### A remind of the baryon / meson splitting

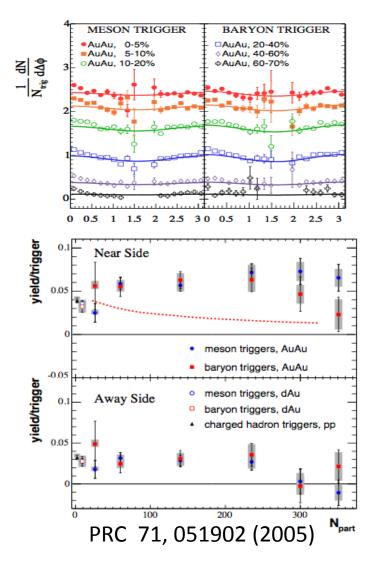




From simplistic recombination:

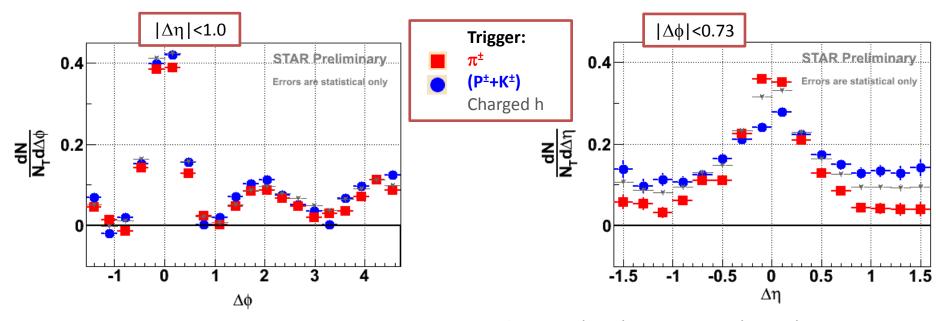
Stronger trigger dilution for enhanced baryons

→ Lower associated yield per hadron trigger



Lower baryon-triggered yield in central collisions

### Projections – Au+Au



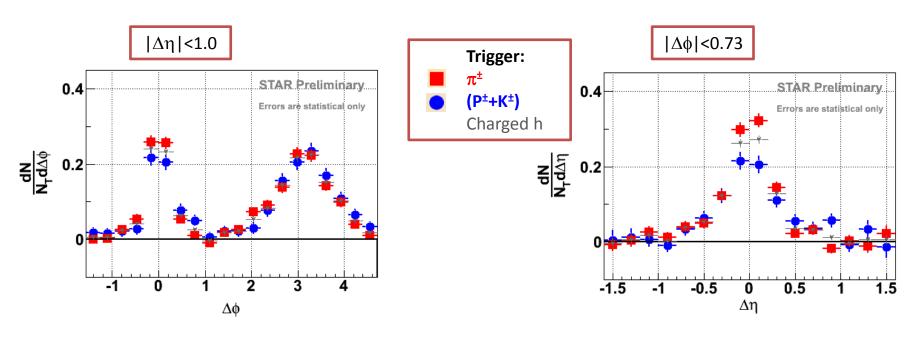
- Consistent with previous results but that is a function of projection range!
- Does not reveal entire structure

Au+Au

 $4 < p_{T,trigger} < 6 \text{ GeV/c}$  $p_{t,assoc.} > 1.5 \text{ GeV/c}$ 

- $ightharpoonup \Delta \eta$  reveals rich trigger PID dependent structure:
  - Higher jet-like amplitude for pions
  - Ridge predominantly contributed by nonpion-triggered events

### Projections – d+Au



Difference in Jet-like amplitude persists

d+Au MB

 $4 < p_{T,trigger} < 6 \text{ GeV/c}$  $p_{t,assoc.} > 1.5 \text{ GeV/c}$ 

π<sup>±</sup> trigger

### Di-Hadron Correlation with PID

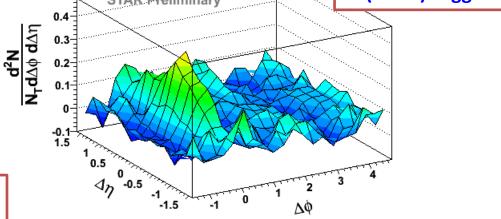
triggers

Large jet-like cone, small ridge from pion triggers

**STAR Preliminary**  $\frac{d^2N}{N_Td\Delta \emptyset \ d\Delta \eta}$ 0.3 ΔΦ (P±+K±) trigger STAR Preliminary

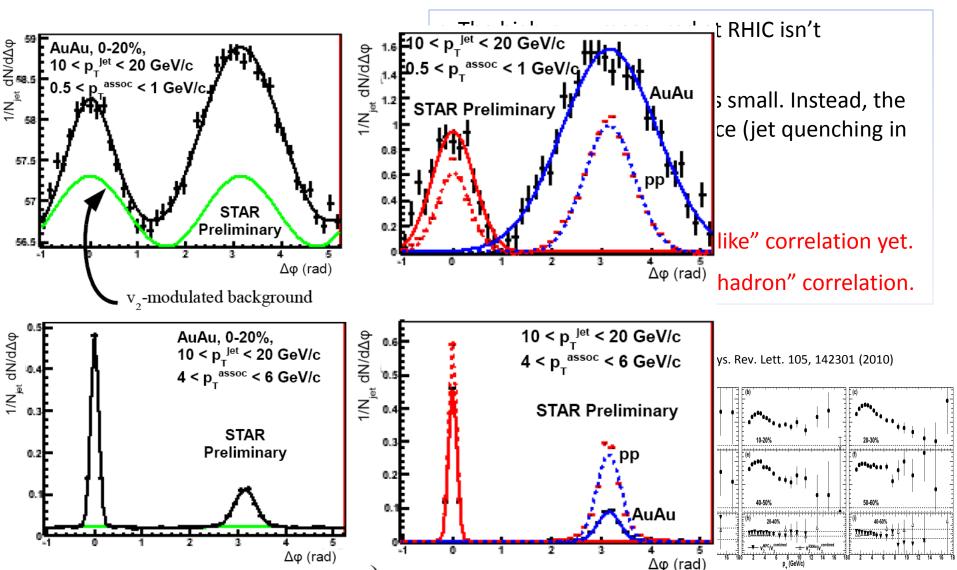
 Smaller cone, large ridge from P+K triggers

> $4 < p_{T,trigger} < 6 \text{ GeV/c}$  $p_{t,assoc.} > 1.5 \text{ GeV/c}$

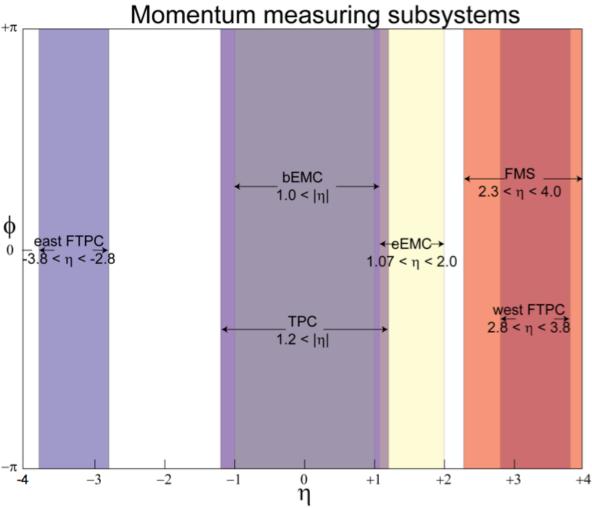


Au+Au

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### STAR η-φ Coverage



STAR has nearly hermetic coverage over full azimuthal range and wide pseudorapidity range

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