

Event-by-Event Fluctuations in 40, 80, and 158A GeV/c Pb+Au Collisions

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- Goals
- Mean p_T fluctuations
- Net-charge fluctuations
- Conclusions

Goals of mean p_T fluctuations

- Search for the critical point and the phase transition

Non-monotonic variation and enhancement as a function of collision energy

- *M. Stephanov et al, PRD60 (1999)14028*
- *A. Dumitru et al, PLB 504 (2001) 282*

- How does thermalization/rescattering modify the fluctuations with respect to the superposition of N+N collisions?

⇒ Comparison with p+p extrapolation as a function of centrality

Goals of net charge fluctuations

- Search for the deconfined phase transition

Suppressed fluctuations due to small charge unit of (anti-) quarks

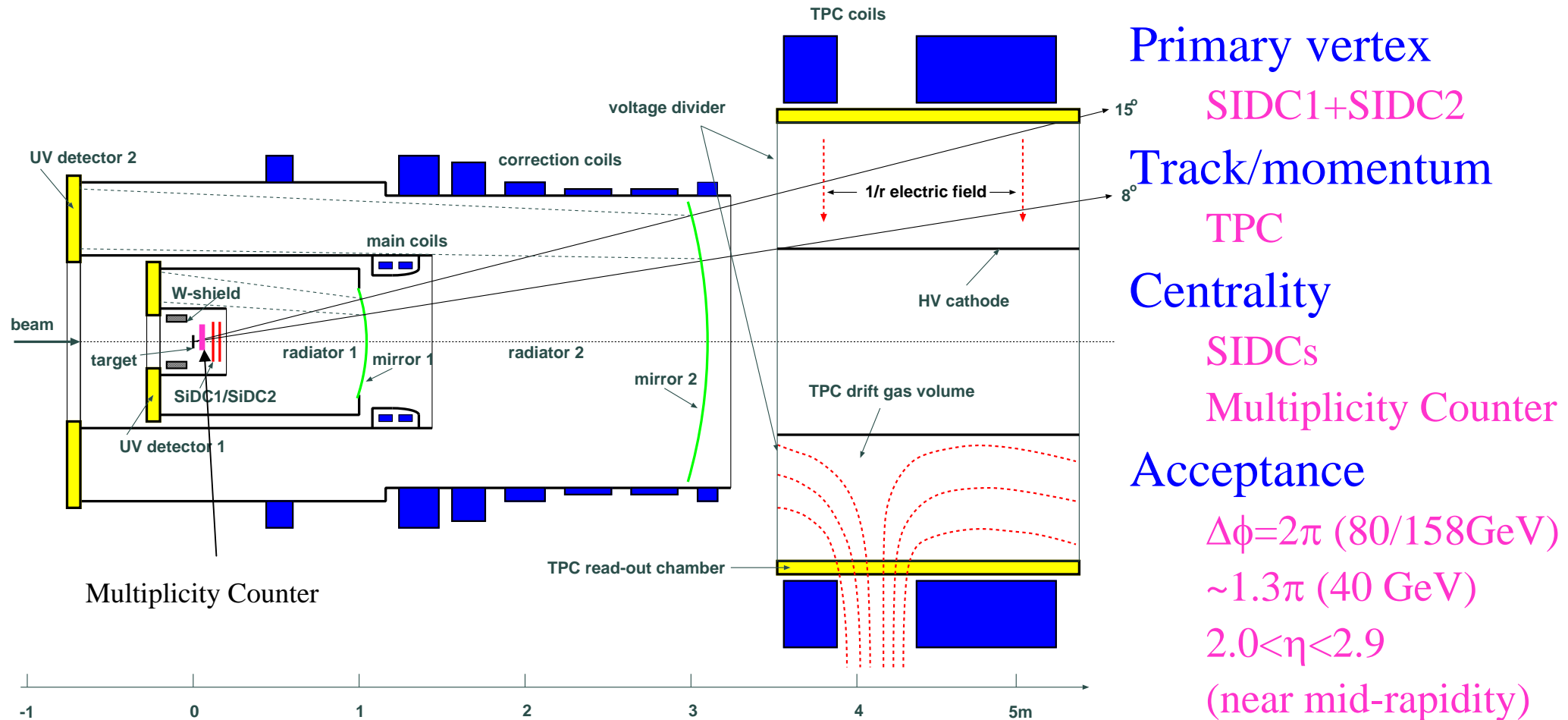
- *Jeon, Koch, PRL 85 (2000) 2076*
- *Asakawa, Heinz, Muller, PRL 85 (2000) 2072*

- Are observed fluctuations described by the resonance gas models?

⇒ Comparison with RQMD/UrQMD

CERES Experiment

Hadron measurement near mid-rapidity in Pb+Au collisions



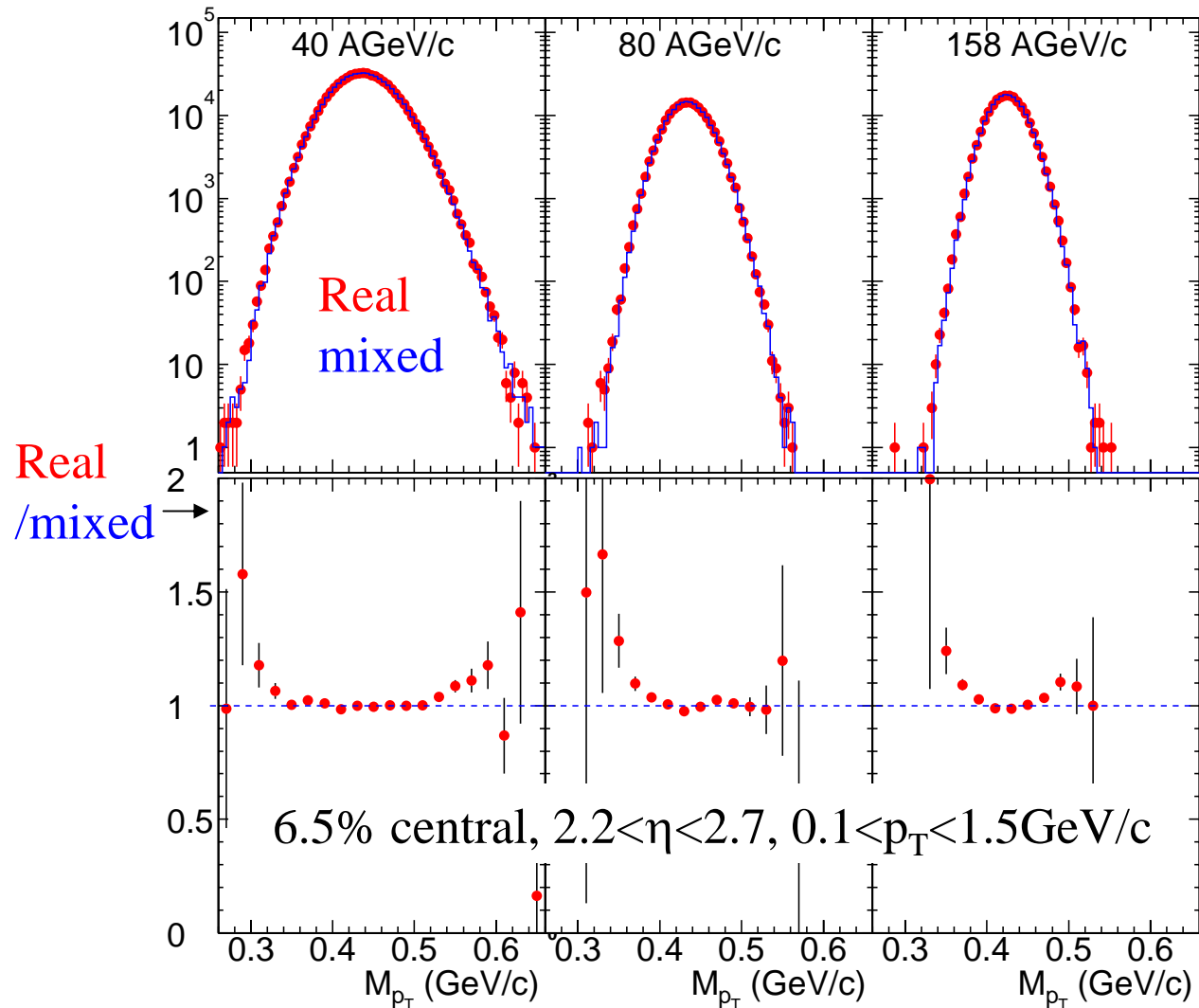
Mean p_T Fluctuations

(D. Adamova, *et al*, CERES collaboration,
Nucl. Phys. A727(2003)97-119)

Event-by-event mean p_T distributions

Event-by-event M_{pT} distributions **in real events** are slightly wider than those **in mixed events**

⇒ Evidence for the non-statistical (dynamical) mean p_T fluctuations



M_{pT} : Mean p_T of all charged particles per event

Measures of mean p_T fluctuations

- CERES

$$\Sigma_{p_T}^2 \equiv \frac{\sigma_{M_{p_T}}^2 - \sigma_{M_{p_T}}^{stat\ 2}}{p_T}$$

Proportional to mean covariance
of all particle pairs / event

- PHENIX (S.Adler, nucl-ex/0310005)

$$F_{p_T} \equiv \frac{\sigma_{M_{p_T}}}{\sigma_{M_{p_T}}^{stat}} - 1$$

- Statistical distribution

– The 2 measures $\rightarrow 0$

- Multiplicity dependence

$$\Sigma_{p_T}^2 \propto \frac{F_{p_T}}{\langle N \rangle}$$

$\sigma_{M_{p_T}}$: r.m.s. of M_{p_T} dist.

$\sigma_{M_{p_T}}^{stat} = \frac{\sigma_{p_T}}{\sqrt{\langle N \rangle}}$: $\sigma_{M_{p_T}}$ for statistical dist.

σ_{p_T} : r.m.s. of inclusive p_T dist.

$\langle N \rangle$: mean multiplicity

$\overline{p_T}$: mean p_T

Dependence of mean p_T fluctuations on pseudo-rapidity interval ($\Delta\eta$)

- Σ_{pT} decreases only 30% with $\Delta\eta$ and saturates at $\Delta\eta > 0.4$

$\Leftrightarrow F_{pT}$ increases by factor of 3~5 in $\Delta\eta = 0.05 - 0.8$

- Σ_{pT} at each $\Delta\eta$ is similar at 3 energies

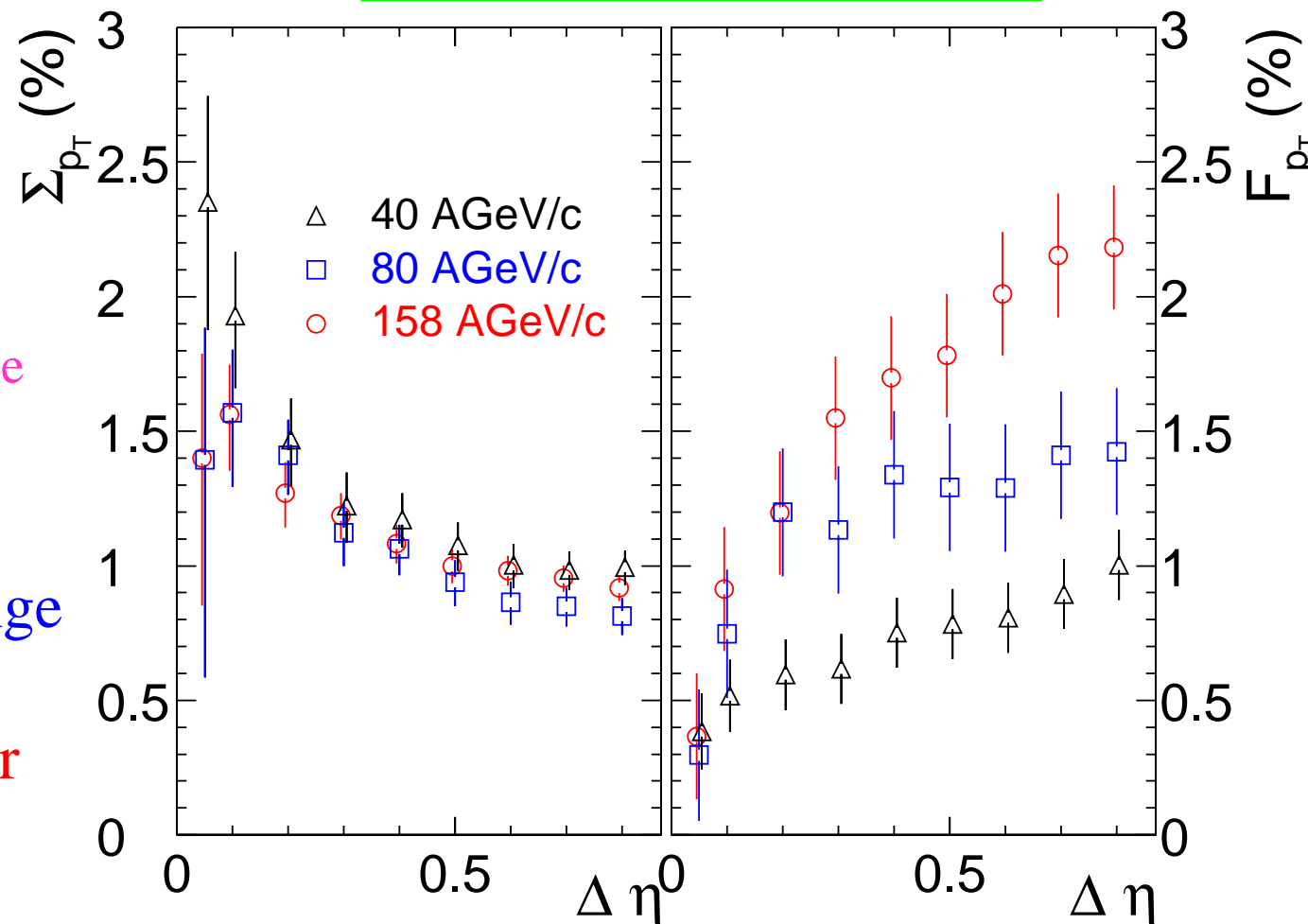
$\Leftrightarrow F_{pT}$ has large difference due to multiplicity difference



Σ_{pT} is robust under change of multiplicity and $\Delta\eta$

\Rightarrow Use Σ_{pT} to compare our data to RHIC data with wider $\Delta\eta$

0.1 < p_T < 1.5 GeV/c, 6.5% central
 $|\eta - 2.45| < \Delta\eta/2$ at each bin



Collision energy dependence

- Fluctuations of $\sim 1\%$ similar at SPS and RHIC
- No indication for non-monotonic dependence or enhanced fluctuations at the critical point
($\sim 2\%$ at SPS,

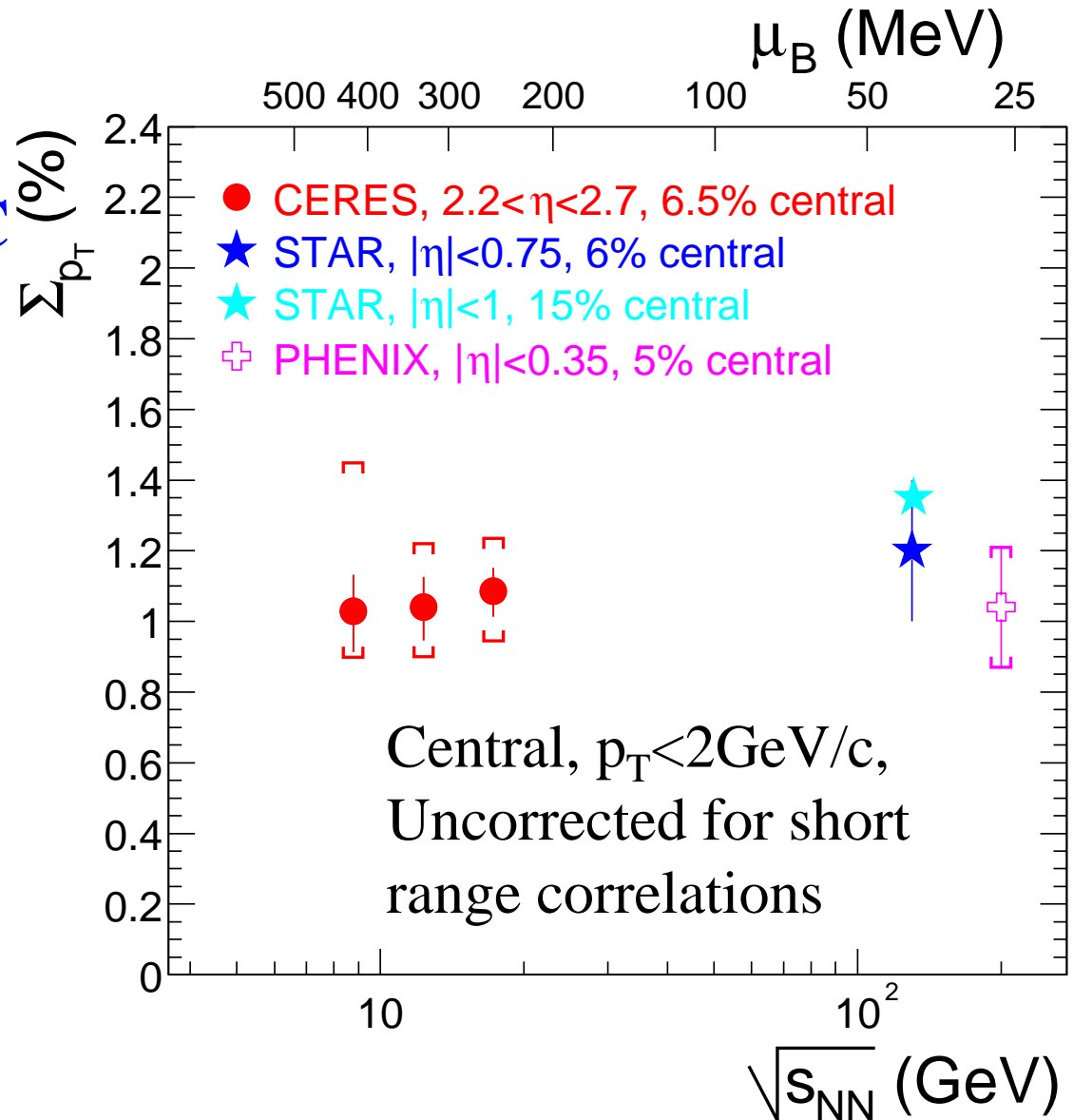
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Refs.

J.Adams (STAR), [nucl-ex/0308033](#)

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Centrality dependence at 158 AGeV/c

- Baseline: extrapolation from p+p measurement

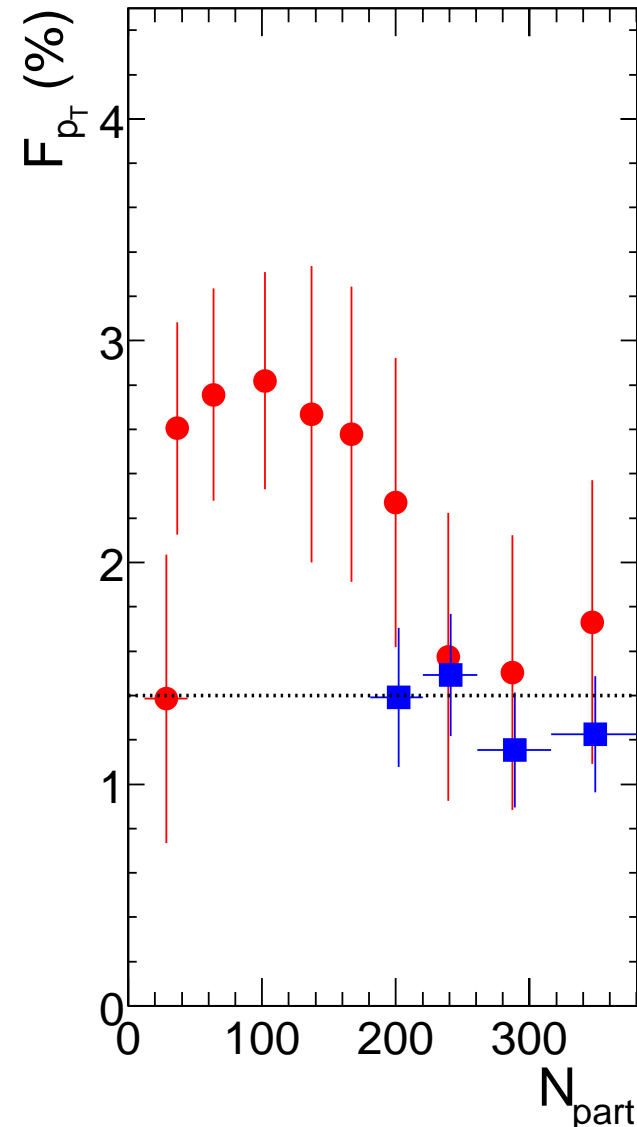
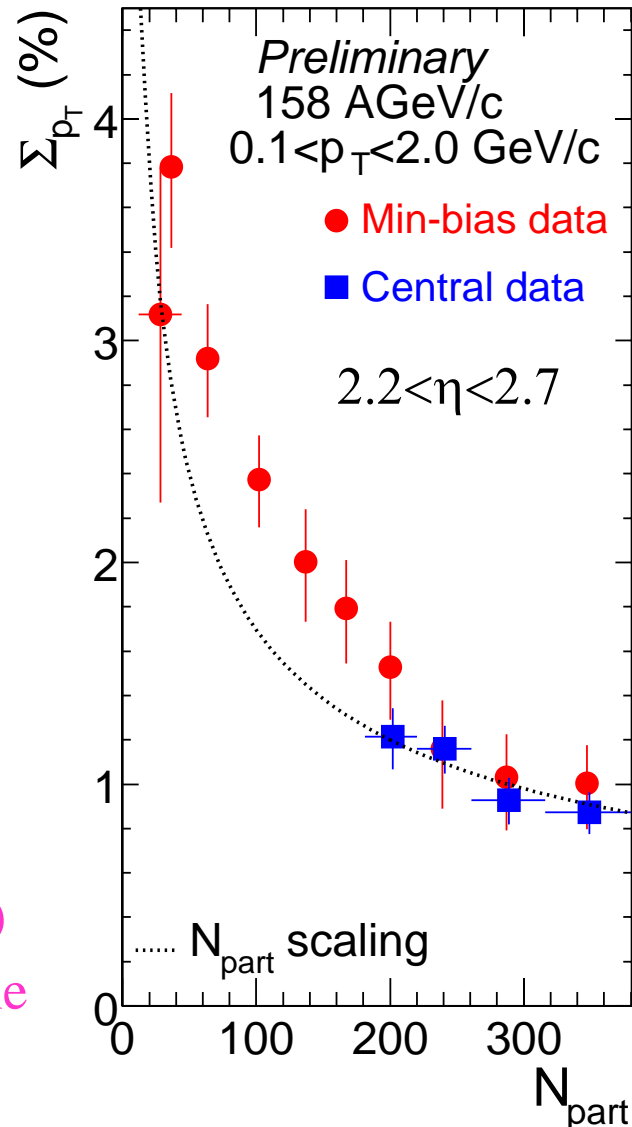
$$\Sigma_{p_T}^{AA} = 12\% \cdot \left(\langle N_{part} \rangle / 2 \right)^{-1/2}$$

12% measured in p+p at ISR
(Braune, PLB123(1983)467)

$$F_{p_T} = 1.4\% \text{ (const)}$$

- Non-monotonic dependence and enhancement of F_{p_T} in semi-central events
 - Maximum of 2.8 % at $N_{part} \sim 100$ (30-40% central)
 - Consistent with the baseline in central and peripheral

Corrected for short range correlations



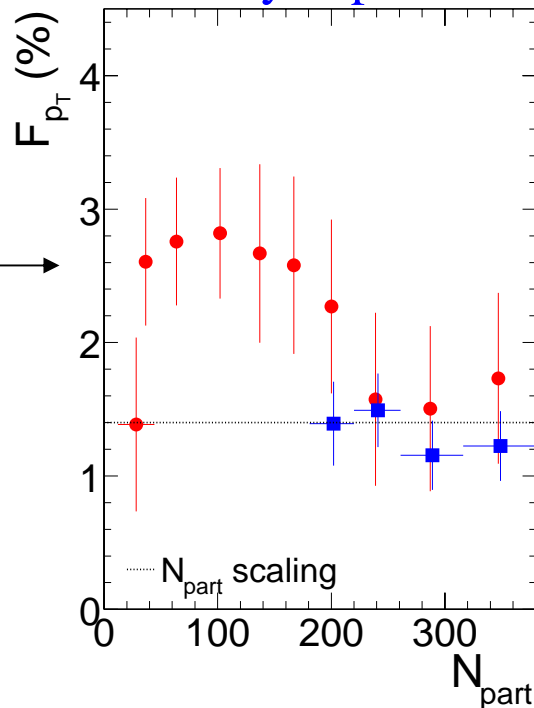
Comparison with PHENIX data

Similar dependence
of F_{pT} to
PHENIX data

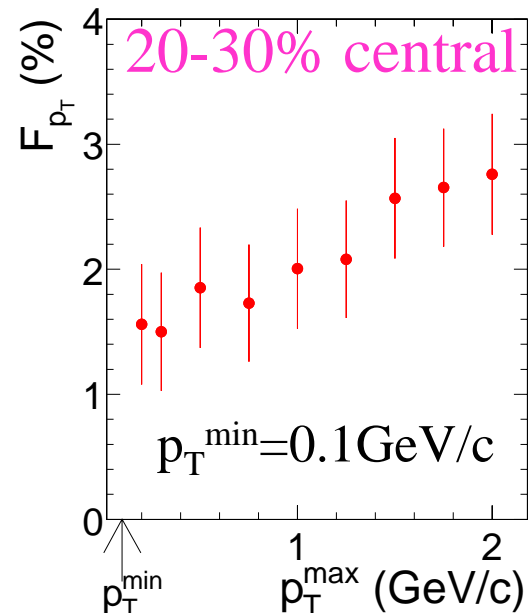
- Non-monotonic dependence of F_{pT} as a function of N_{part}
- Increase in F_{pT} as a function of upper p_T cut

CERES →

Centrality dependence



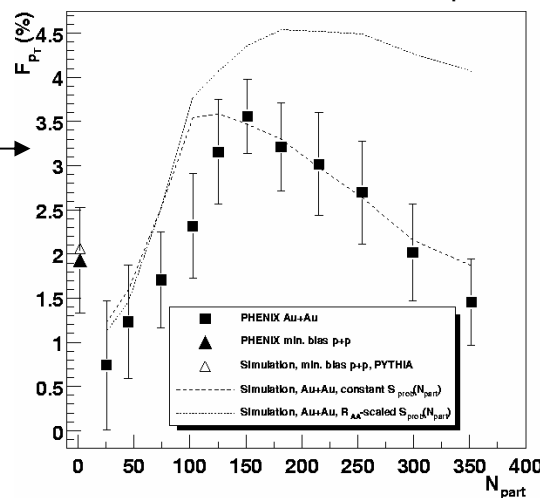
Upper p_T cut dependence



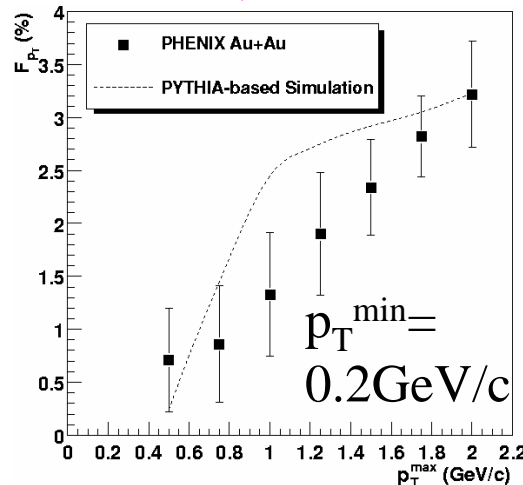
- Indication of same production mechanism?

PHENIX →

($s^{1/2} = 200$ GeV)
nucl-ex/031005



20-25% central

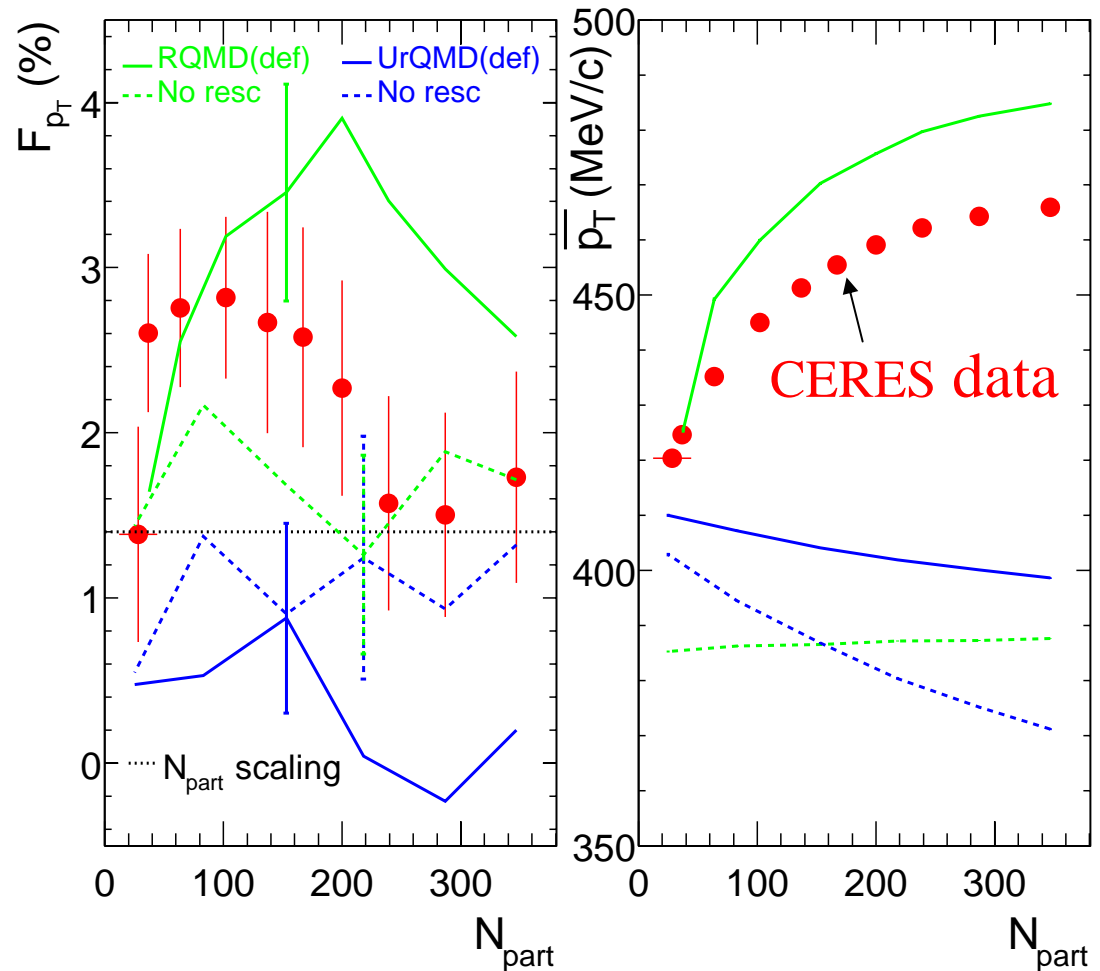


Comparison with RQMD and UrQMD

- Without rescattering
 - Fluctuations agree with p+p
- RQMD w/ rescattering
 - Enhanced fluctuations in semi-central
 - Increase of mean p_T
 - Qualitatively reproduces data
- UrQMD w/ rescattering
 - Reduced fluctuations
 - Flat mean p_T

⇒ Strong connection between centrality dependence of fluctuations and $\langle p_T \rangle$?

(c.f. S. Gavin, talk in this session, nucl-th/0308067)



Net Charge Fluctuations

Measures of net charge fluctuations

- Measure v_{dyn} (C. Pruneau et al, PRC66 (2002) 044904)

$$v_{dyn} \equiv \left\langle \left(\frac{N_+}{\langle N_+ \rangle} - \frac{N_-}{\langle N_- \rangle} \right)^2 \right\rangle - \left(\frac{1}{\langle N_+ \rangle} + \frac{1}{\langle N_- \rangle} \right)$$

N_{\pm} : positive(negative) particle multiplicity
 $\langle \rangle$: average over events

= Dynamical fluctuations of difference between normalized multiplicity of positive particles and that of negative particles

= 0 for statistical distribution

– Neutral resonance decay into a positive and a negative particles
 → decreases v_{dyn}

- Advantages of v_{dyn}

– Correction for the global charge conservation is constant and additive

$$\tilde{v}_{dyn} = v_{dyn} - C$$

$$C \equiv -\frac{4}{\langle N \rangle_{4\pi}} : \text{charge conservation limit}$$

– Insensitive to detector inefficiency

Centrality dependence of net charge fluctuations

- Fluctuations lower than charge conservation limit

Charge conservation limit
NA49 collaboration,
PRC66(2002)054902

$$2.05 < \eta < 2.85$$

- Fluctuations far above the QGP models of ~ -3.5

Preliminary

$$0.1 < p_T < 2.5 \text{ GeV}/c$$

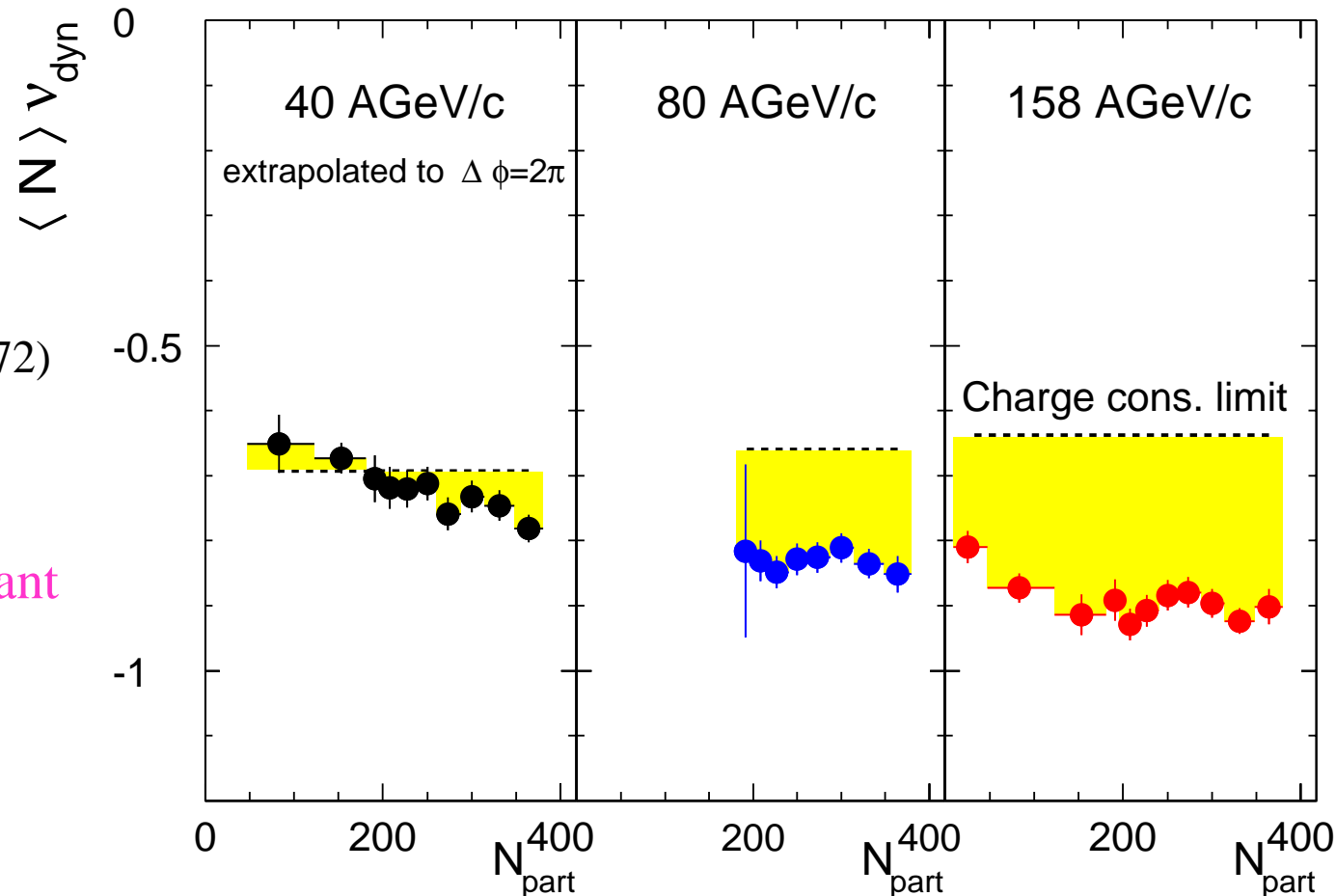
- No indication for phase transition

(Jeon, PRL85 (2000) 2076,
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- Slight decrease with centrality

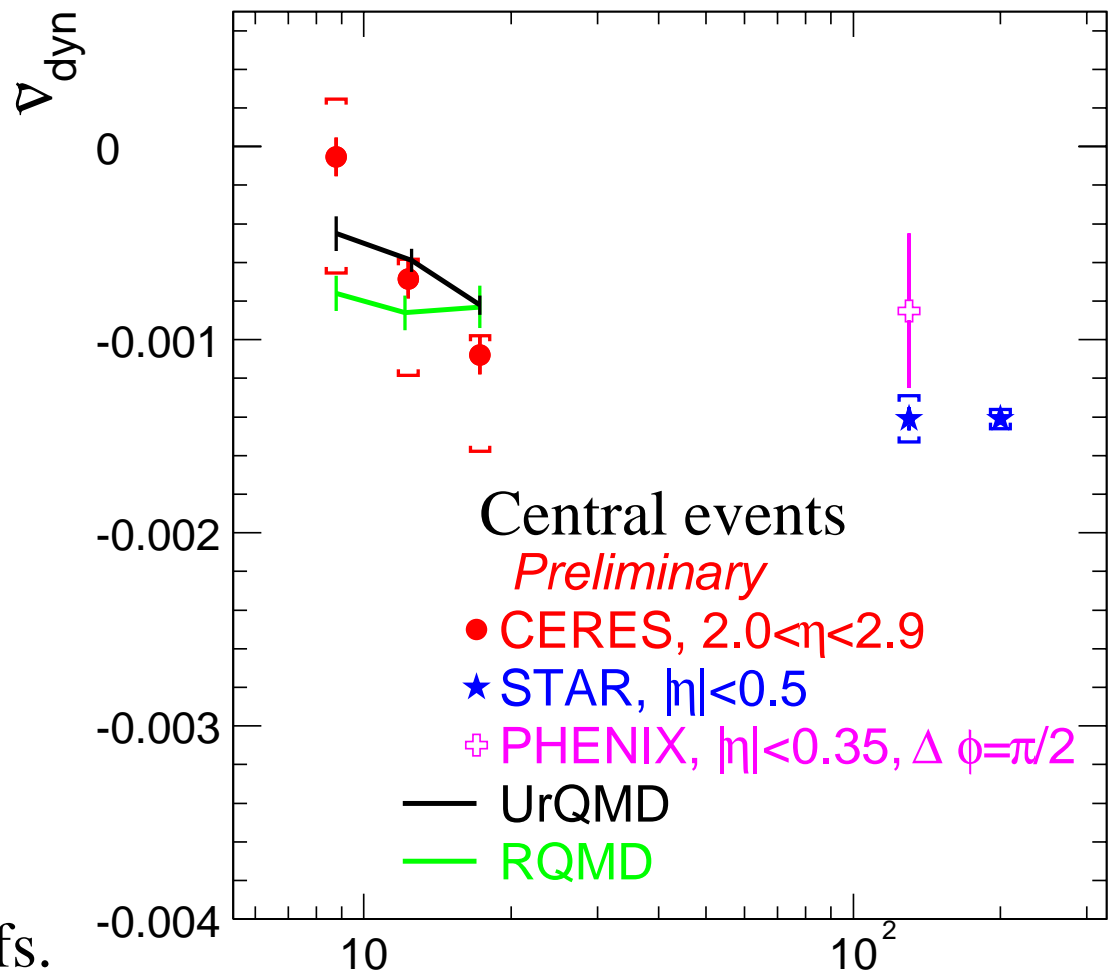
- Deviation from constant with superposition of sub-collisions

Rescattering and
resonance effects ?



Collision energy dependence of net charge fluctuations

- v_{dyn} corrected for charge conservation
 - Decrease at SPS
 - Little decrease from SPS top energy to RHIC
- UrQMD and RQMD are consistent with the observed fluctuations



Refs.

PHENIX: K.Adcox, PRL89(2002)082301

STAR 130GeV: J.Adams, PRC68(2003)044905

STAR 200GeV: C.Pruneau, nucl-ex/0304021

$\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} \text{ (GeV)}$

Conclusions

Mean p_T fluctuations

- Dynamical fluctuations of $\sim 1\%$ are observed at SPS, which are similar to RHIC data. No indication for the critical point or phase transition.
- Fluctuations show non-monotonic dependence on centrality with enhancement over p+p extrapolation in semi-central
- Dependence on the centrality and upper p_T cut is similar to PHENIX data

Net-charge fluctuations

- Dynamical fluctuations smaller than charge conservation limit are observed at SPS
- No indication for suppressed fluctuations in QGP
- v_{dyn} corrected for charge conservation decreases at SPS energies but changes little from the SPS top energy to RHIC. At SPS UrQMD and RQMD reproduce the data.

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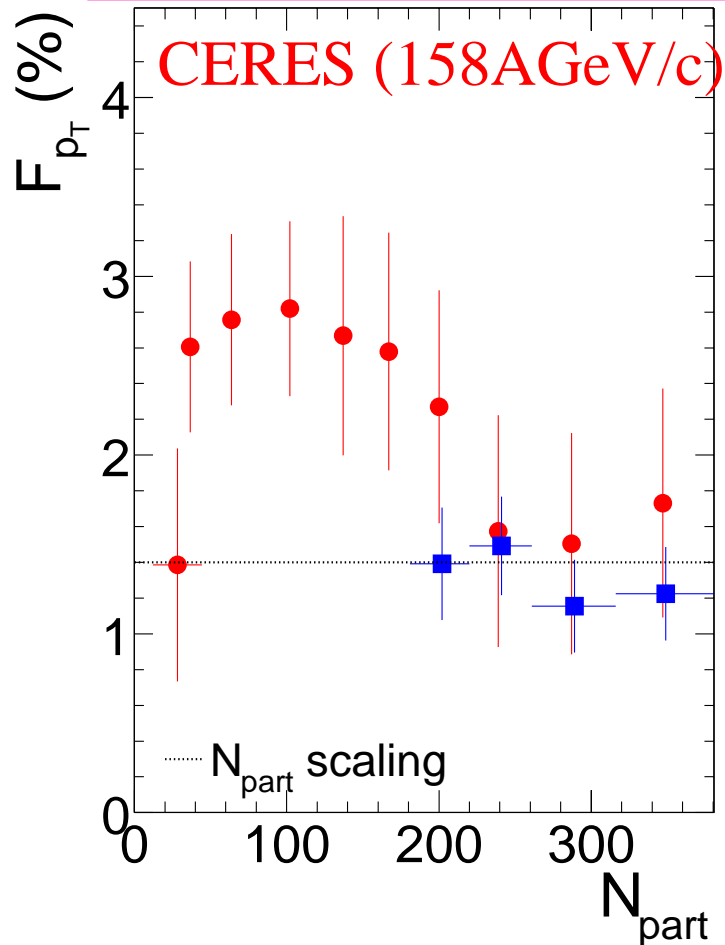
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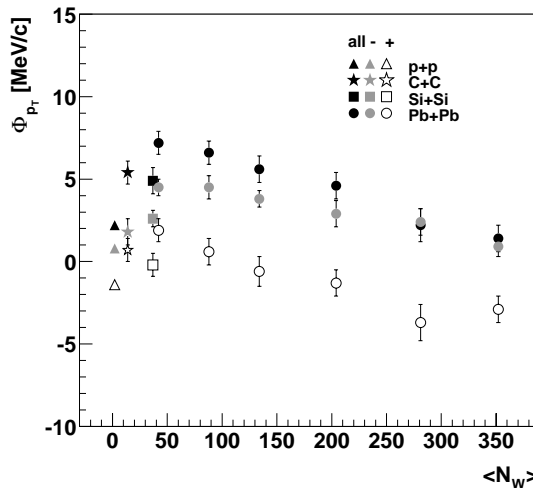
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Comparison to other SPS and RHIC experiments

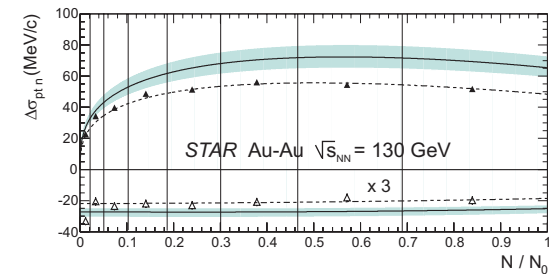
Fluctuations at SPS and RHIC show similar non-monotonic dependence



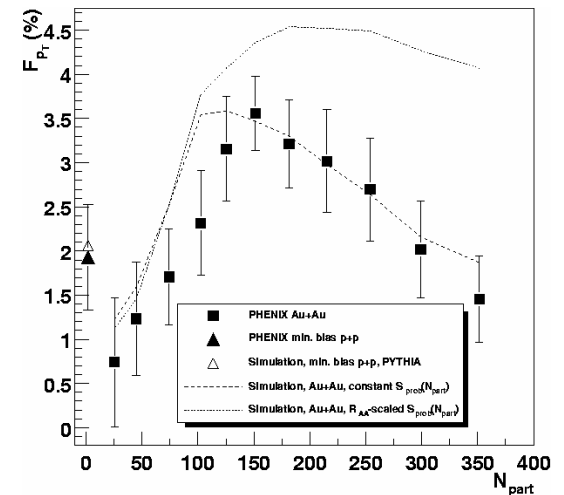
NA49 (158 AGeV/c)
hep-ex/0311009



STAR ($s^{1/2}=130\text{GeV}$)
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PHENIX ($s^{1/2}=200\text{GeV}$)
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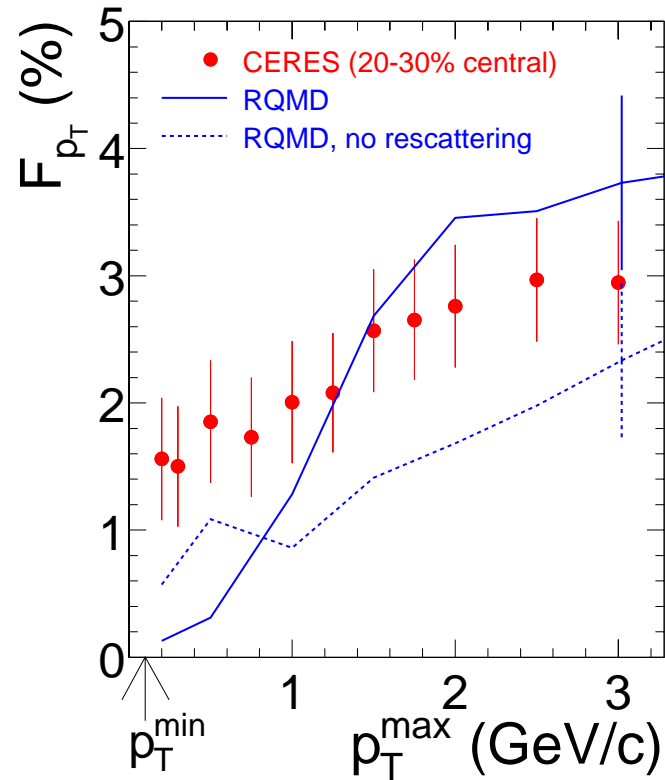
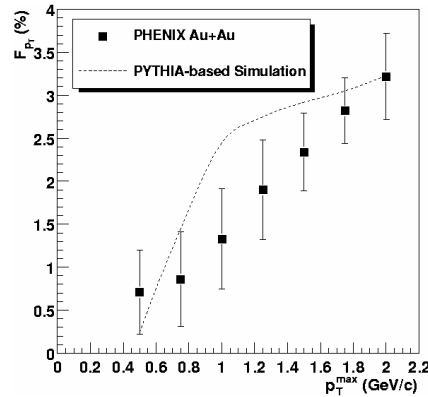


Dependence of mean p_T fluctuations on upper p_T cut

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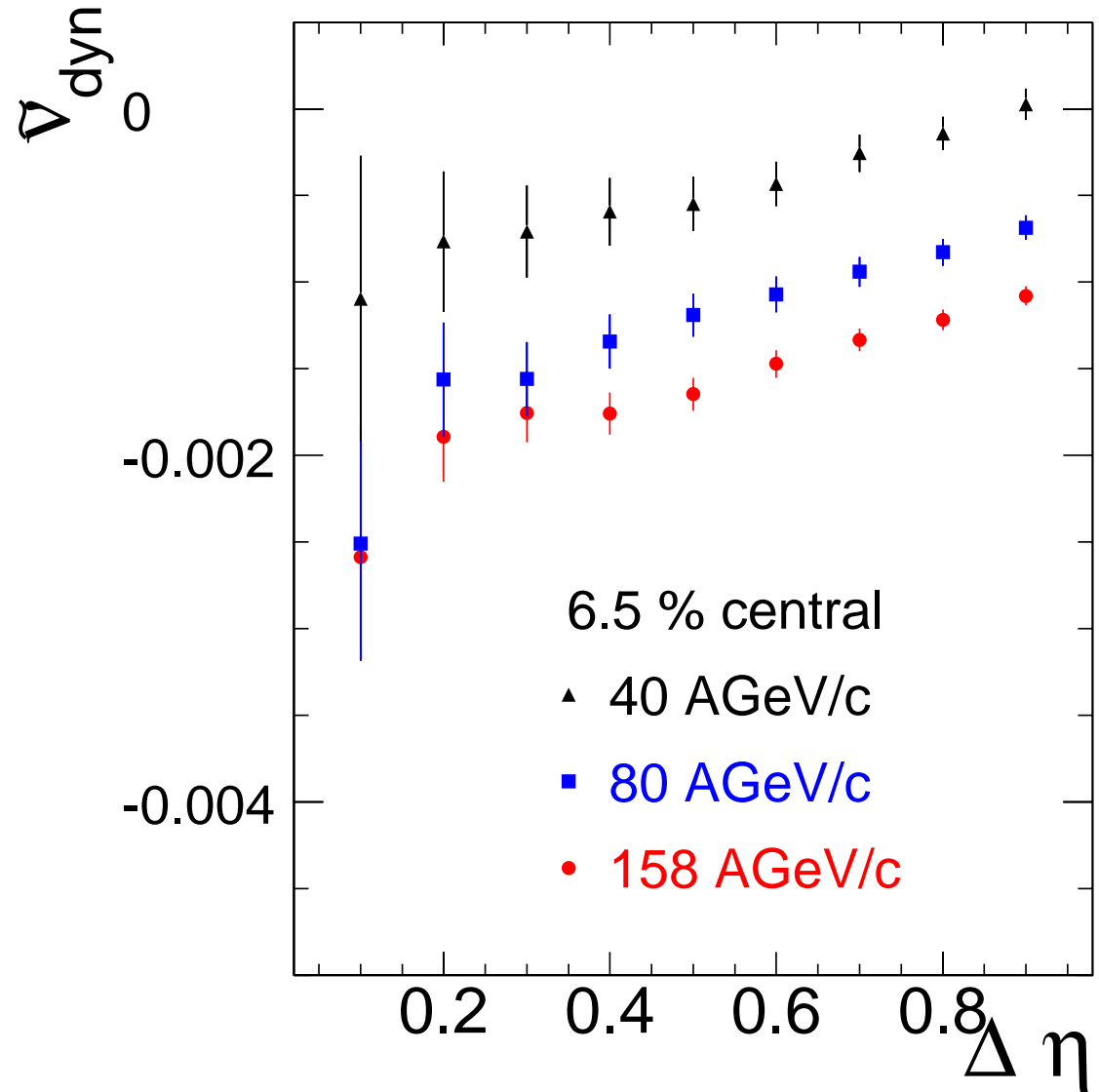
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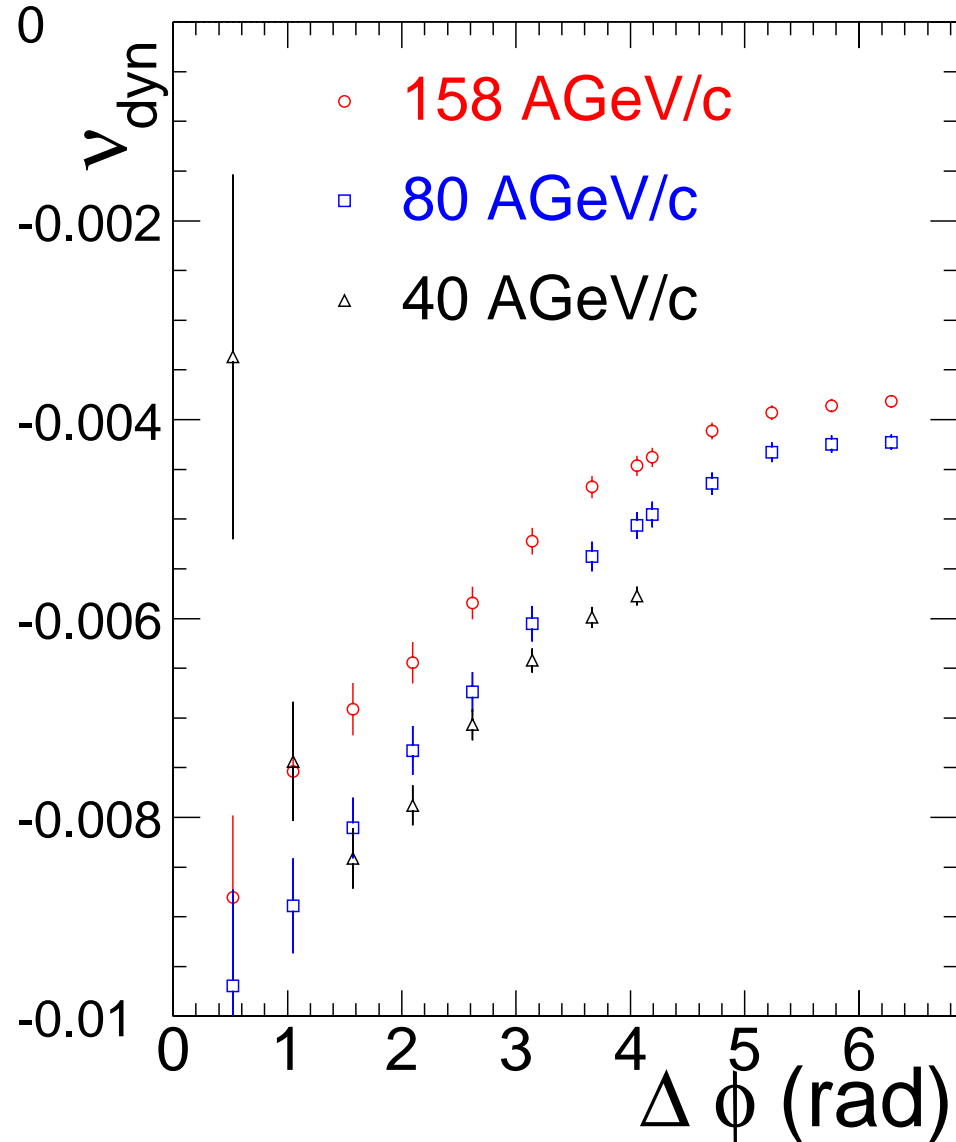
Pseudo-rapidity dependence of net-charge fluctuations

- v_{dyn} corrected for charge conservation increases as a function of $\Delta\eta$
- To compare energy dependence, we need to use similar $\Delta\eta$ acceptance



Φ acceptance dependence of net-charge fluctuations

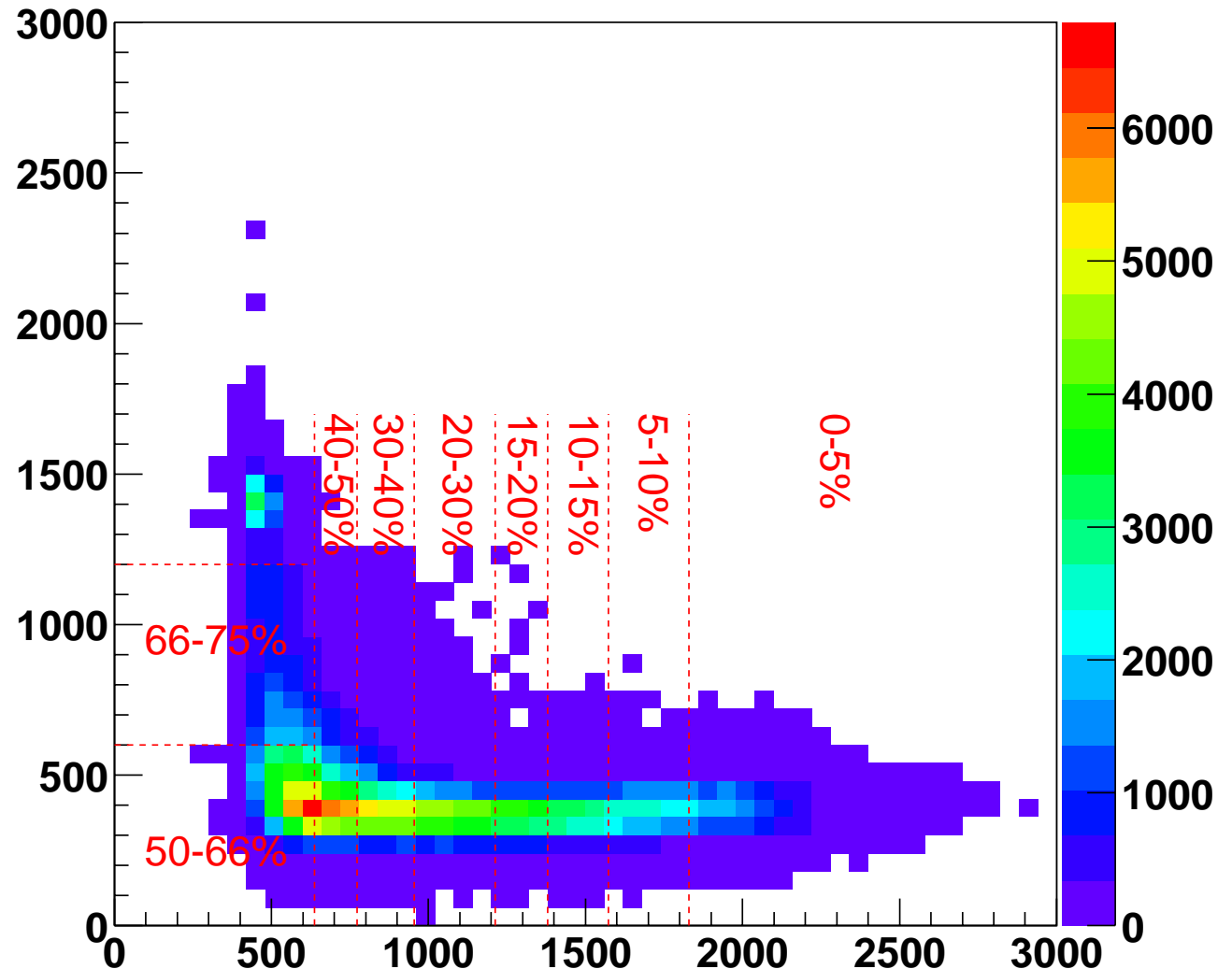
- Use 80 and 158 AGeV/c data to extrapolate 40 AGeV data to $\Delta\phi = 2\pi$



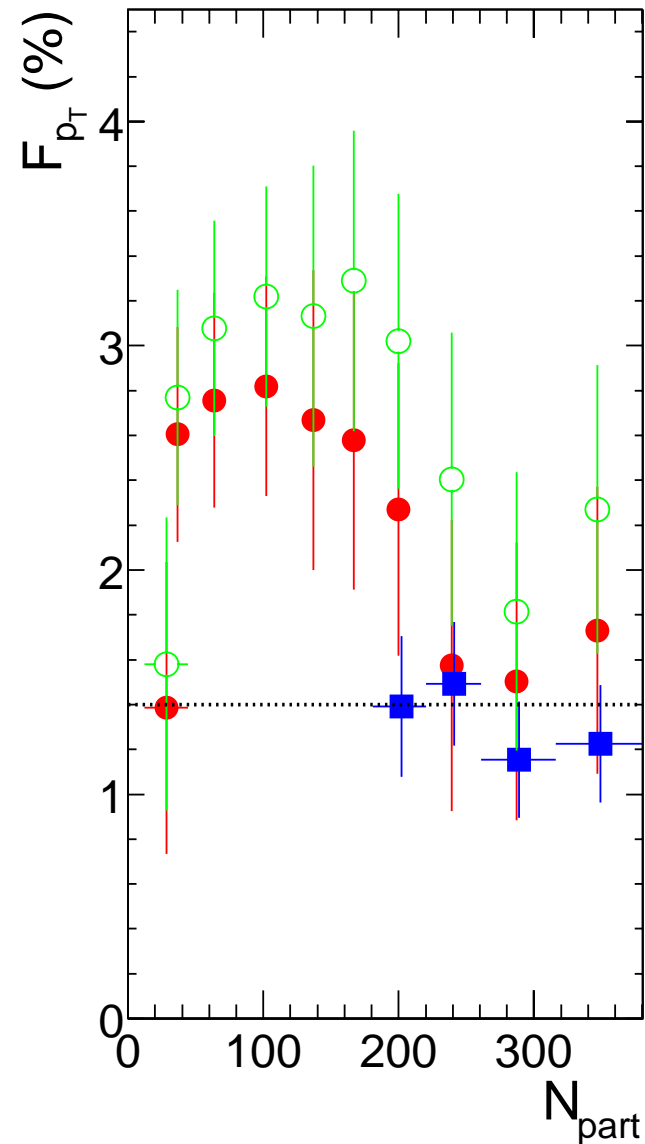
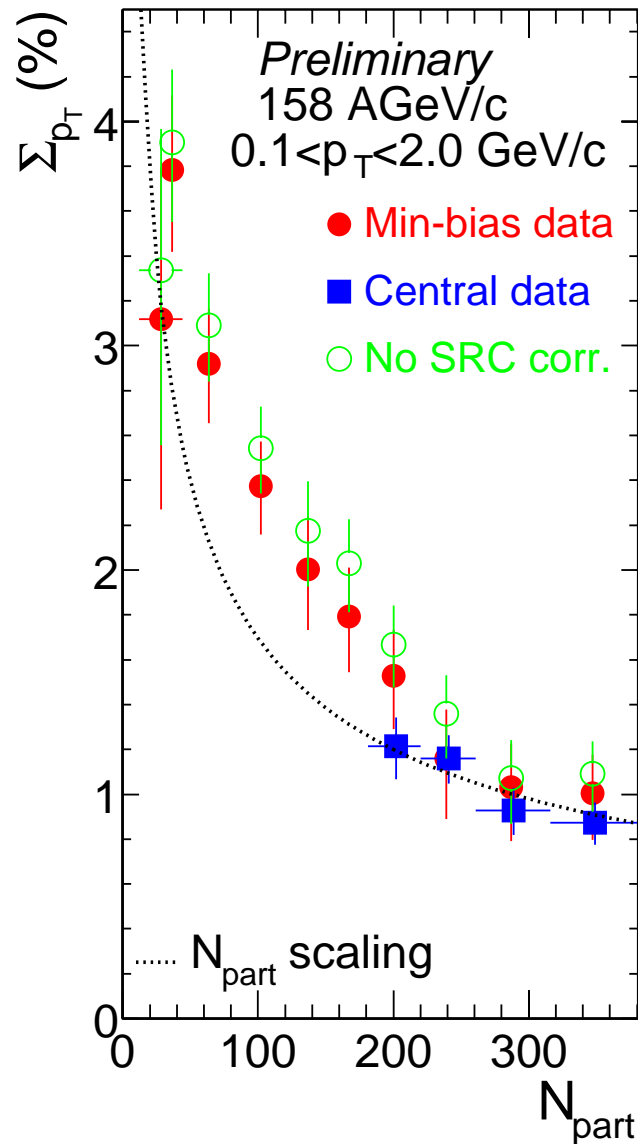
Centrality cut

- Multiplicity Counter vs BC3 (measurement of beam spectator)

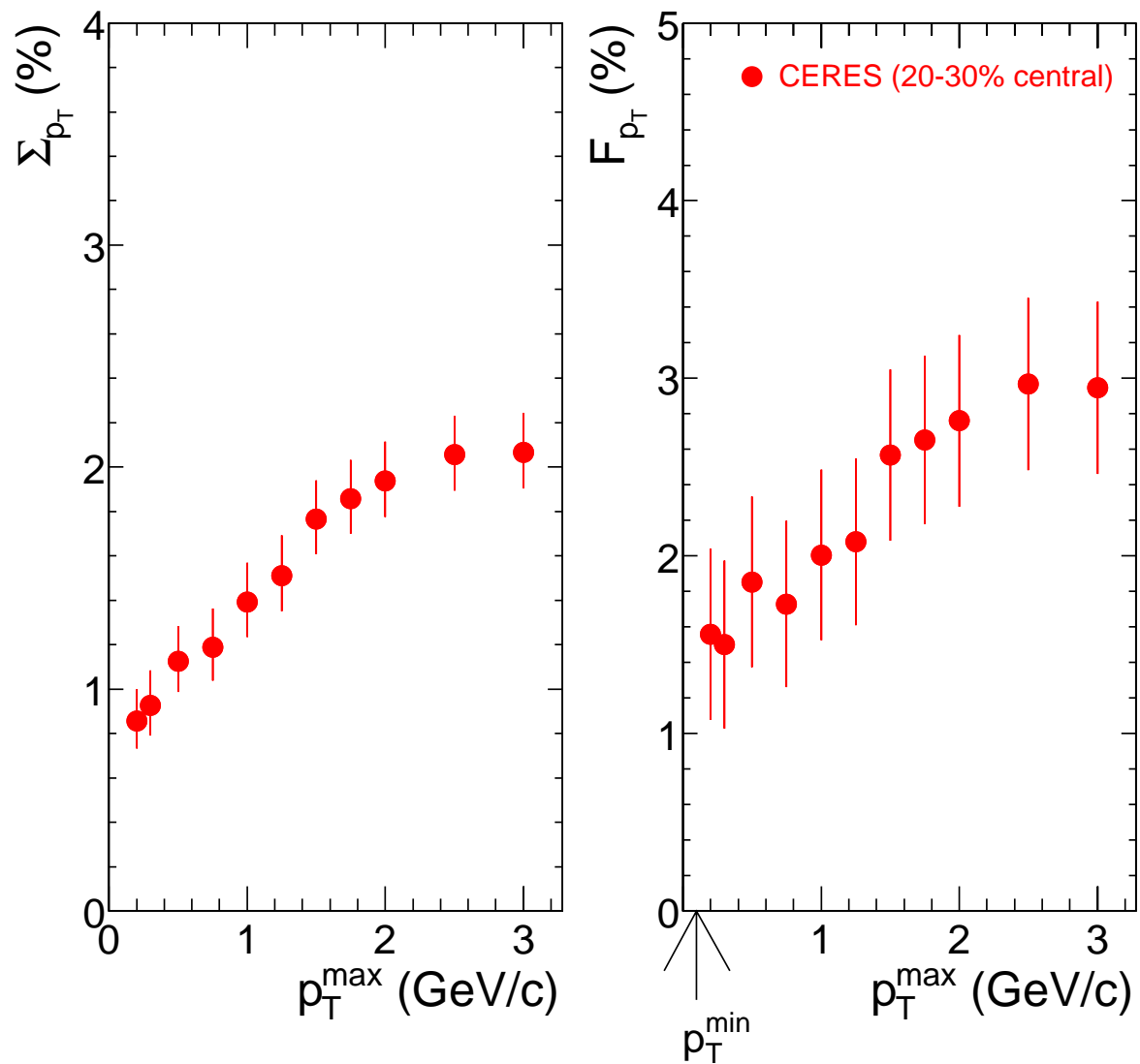
BC3 ADC vs MC ADC



Uncorrected centrality dependence

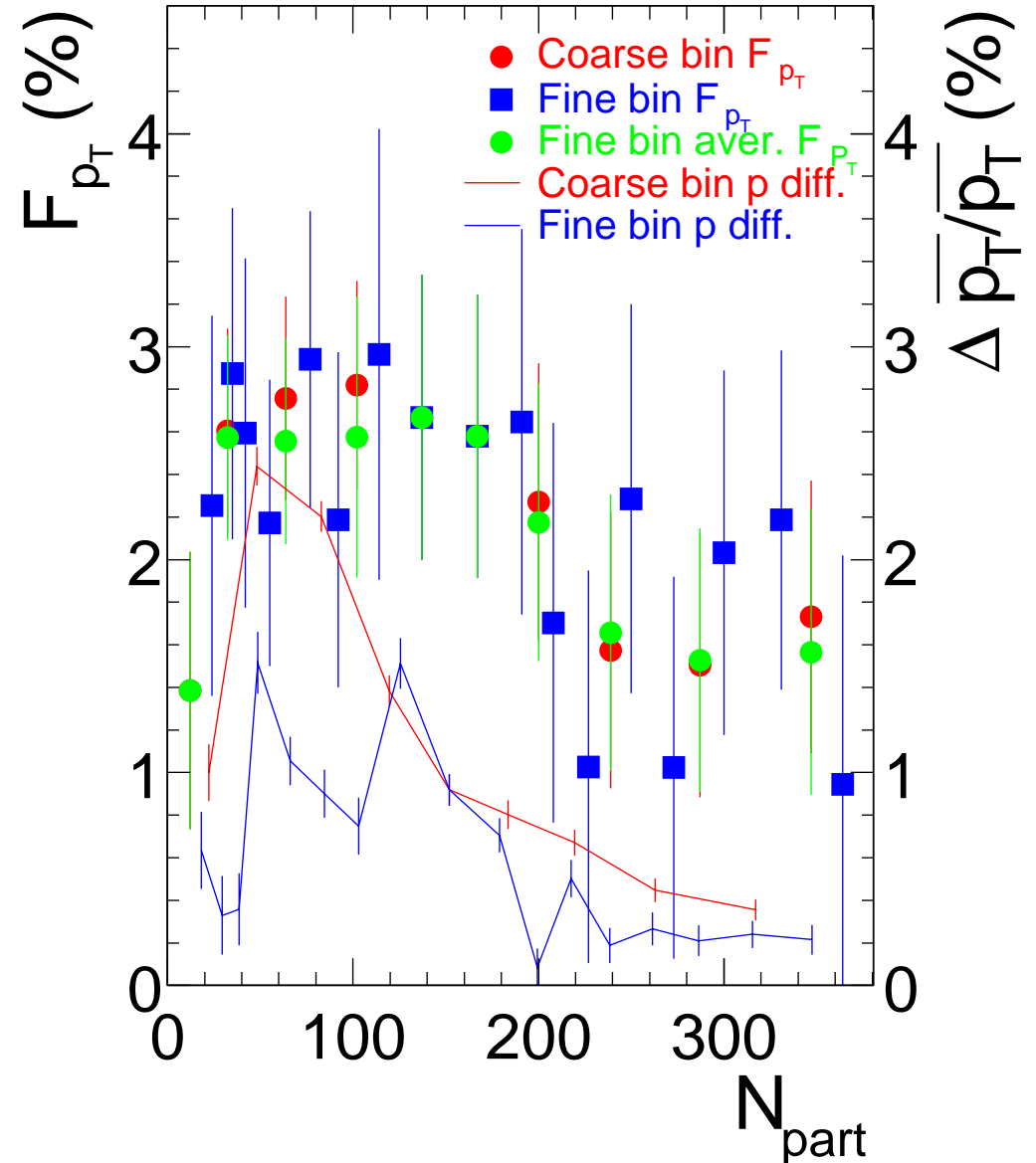


Σ_{pT} vs N_{part}

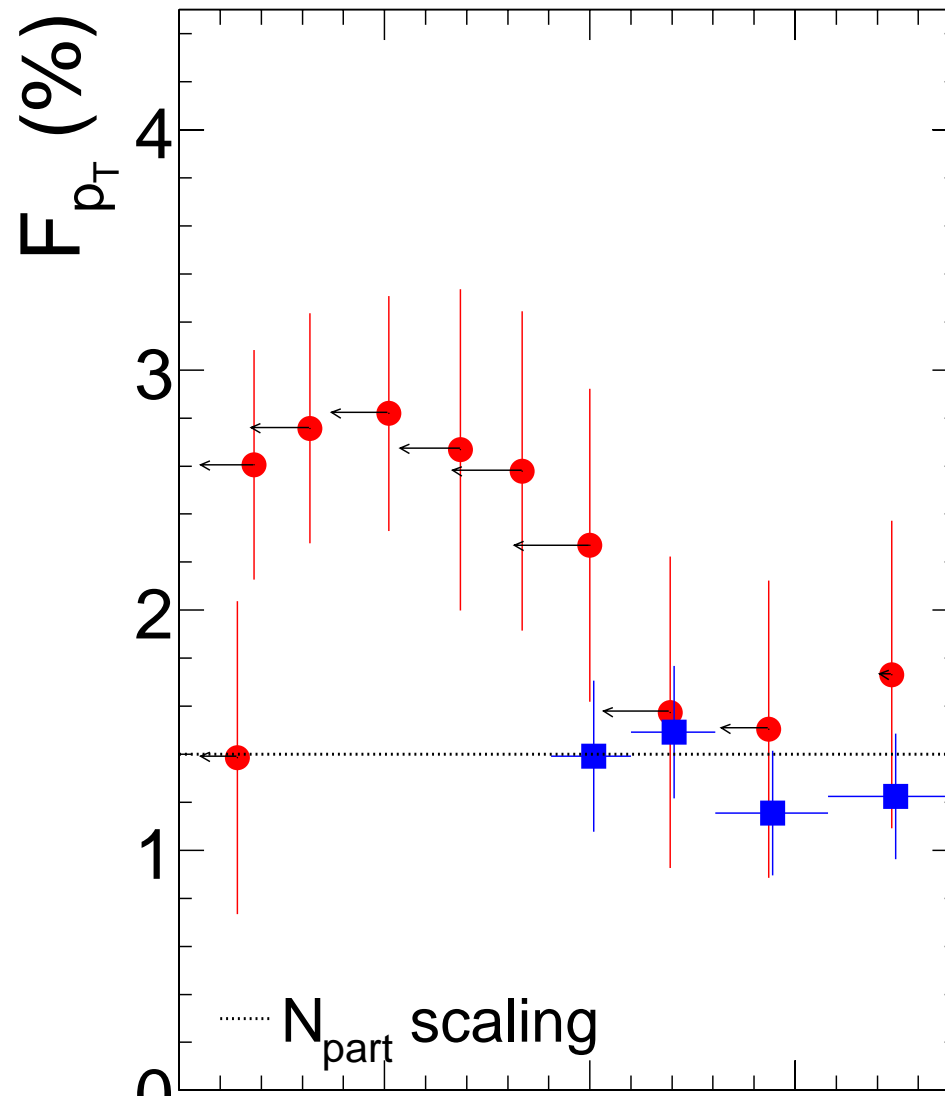


Centrality bin dependence

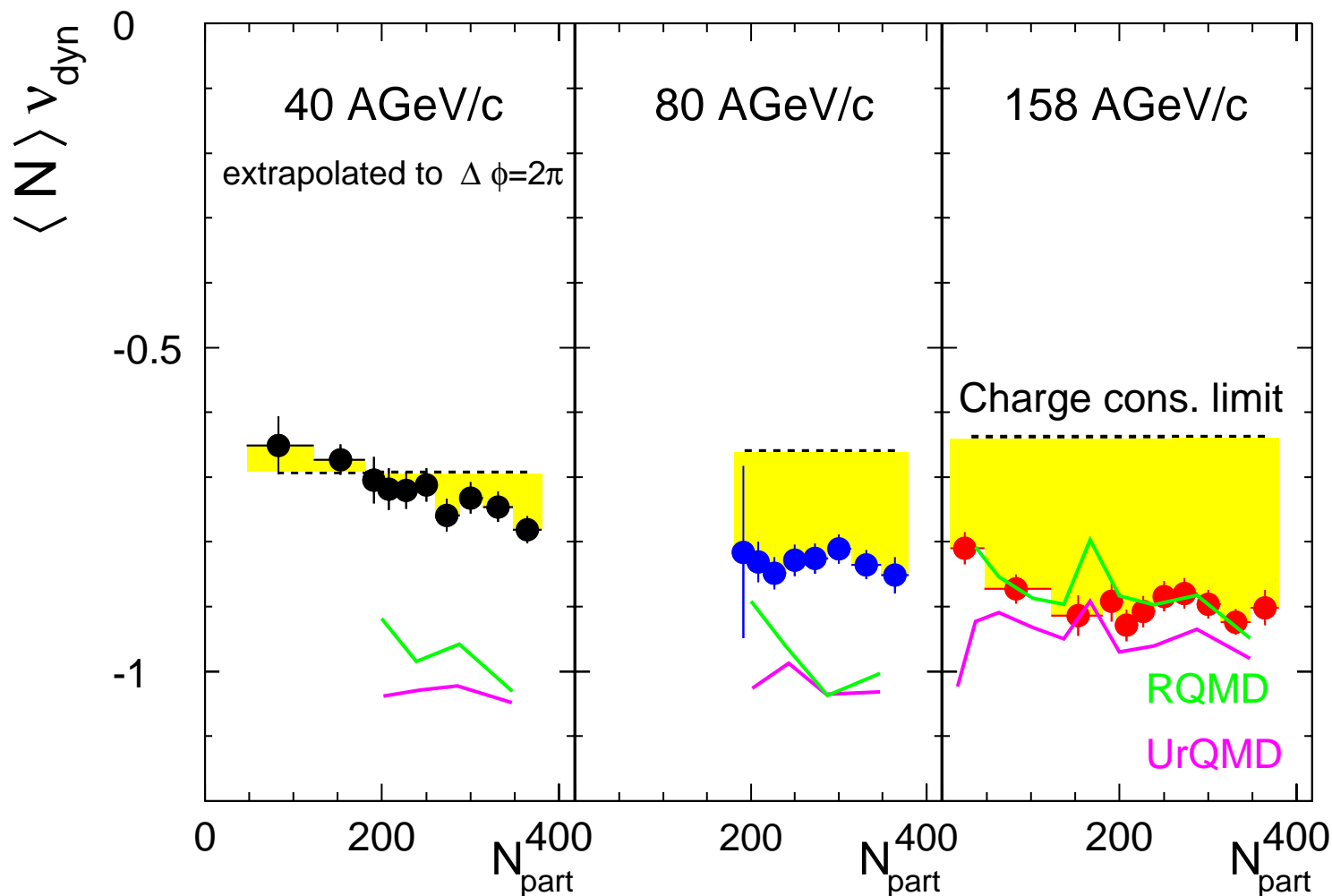
- Sys error due to finite centrality bin-size
 - Maximum of $\sim -0.4\%$ at 30-50% central
- From dp/p slope
 - Estimated contribution $\sim -0.4\%$



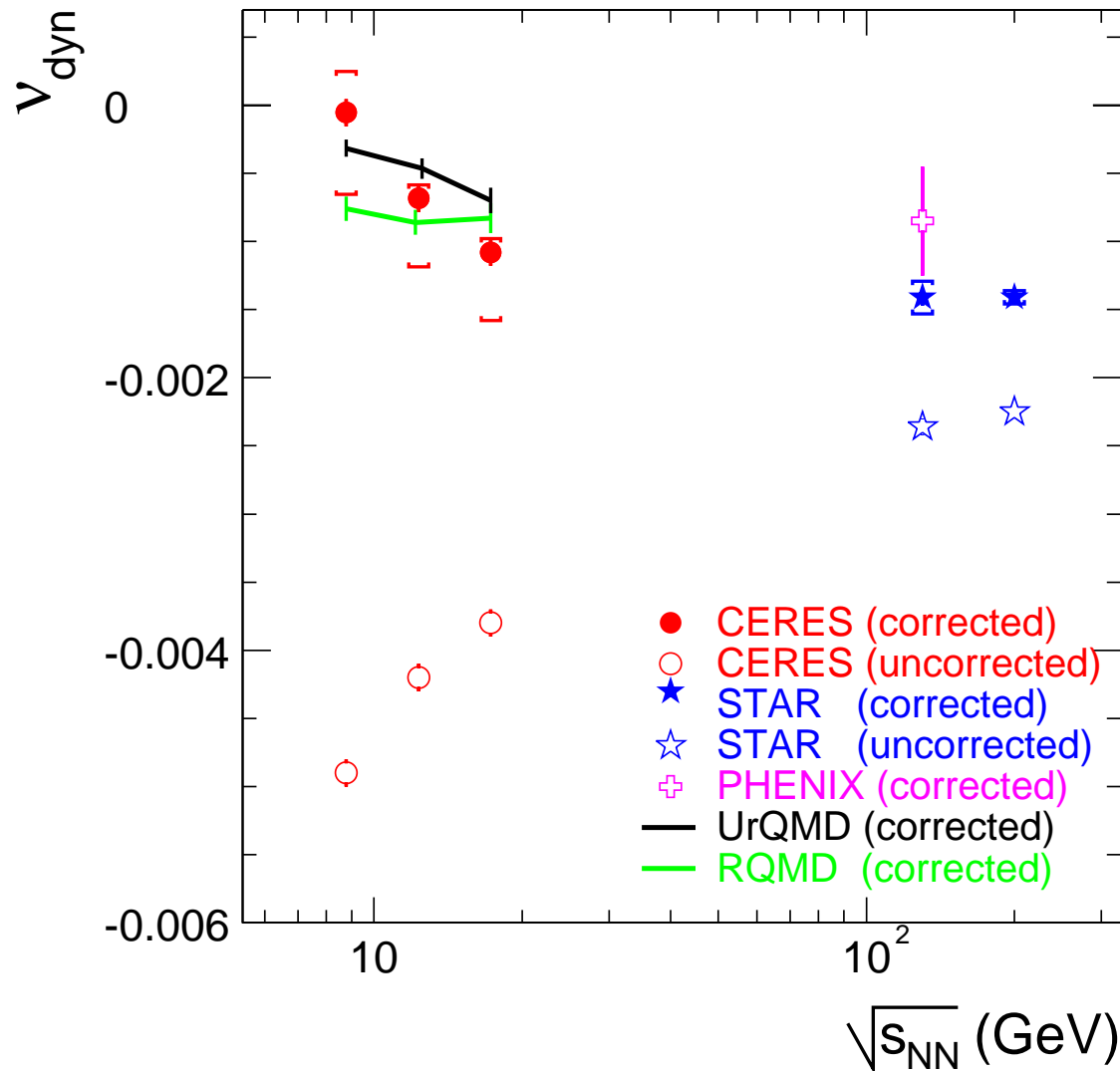
Sys error of Npart



Centrality dependence of net charge fluctuations with RQMD/UrQMD



Uncorrected v_{dyn} vs \sqrt{s}



Multiplicity dependence of p_T fluctuations

- Superposition of elementary sources whose number is proportional to the multiplicity
- Σ_{pT}^2 is proportional to probability p to select a correlated pair

$$p = \frac{N_s \cdot n(n-1)}{N(N-1)} \propto \frac{1}{N_s}$$

$N = N_s n$: particle multiplicity in acceptance

N_s : number of elemental sources

n : emitted particles from a source

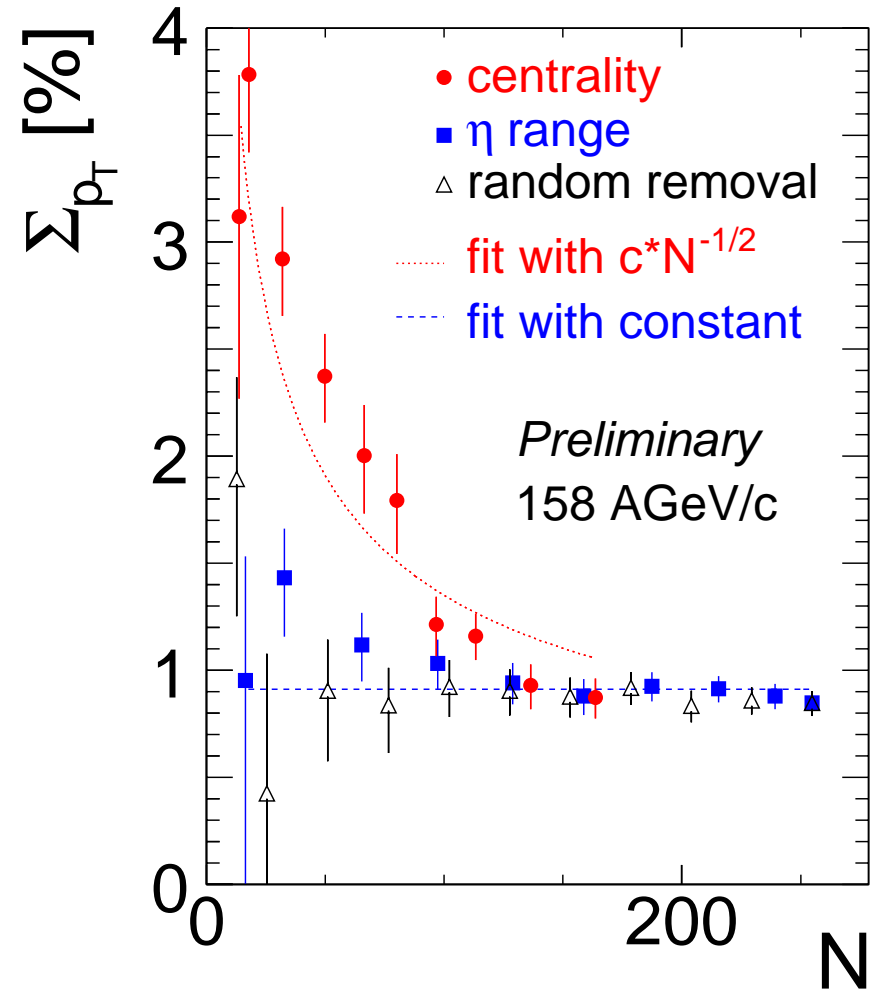
– Centrality dependence

- Change N_s , fix n , $\Sigma_{pT}^2 \sim N^{-1}$, $F_{pT} \sim \text{const}$

– Long range correlations, with $\Delta\eta$ cut

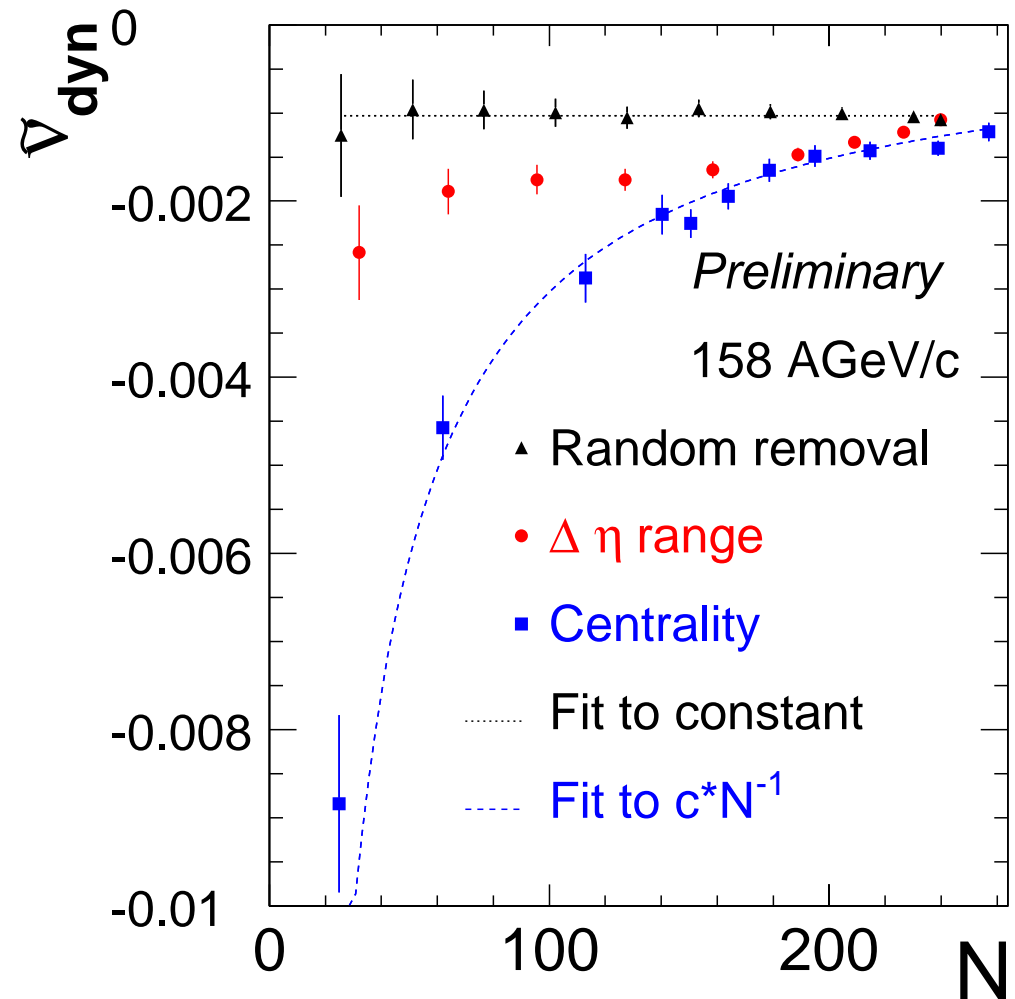
- Fix N_s , change n , $\Sigma_{pT}^2 \sim \text{const}$, $F_{pT} \sim N$
- Σ_{pTis} is good to compare data with different y acceptance

$0.1 < p_T < 2.0 \text{ GeV}/c$
Corrected for SRC



Multiplicity dependence of net-charge fluctuations

- Similar discussions with mean p_T fluctuations apply
- Just replace $\Sigma_{p_T}^2 \rightarrow \nu_{dyn}$
 - Centrality dependence
 - $\nu_{dyn} \sim N^{-1}$
 - Long range correlations, with $\Delta\eta$ cut, random removal of tracks
 - $\nu_{dyn} \sim \text{const}$
 - Deviation from constant for $\Delta\eta$ range dependence may be due to correlations of daughters from a resonance



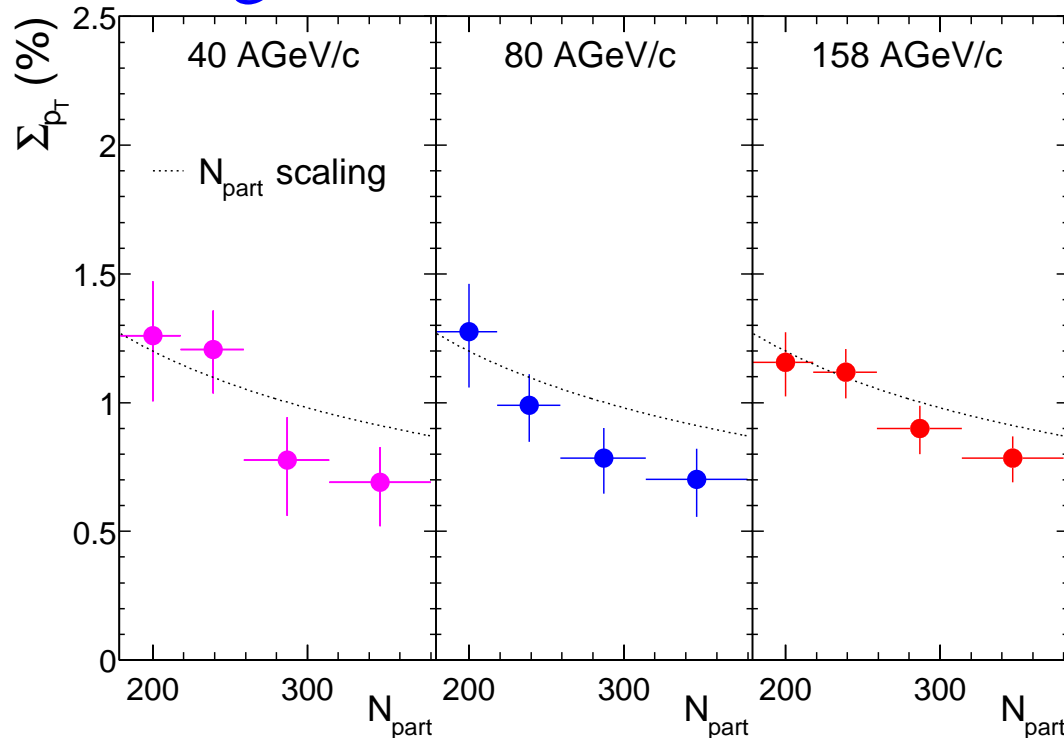
Comparison to p+p collisions

- Consistent with p+p superposition with N_{part} scaling in 20% central events

$$\Sigma_{p_T}^{AA} = \Sigma_{p_T}^{pp} \cdot \left(\langle N_{\text{part}} \rangle / 2 \right)^{-1/2}$$

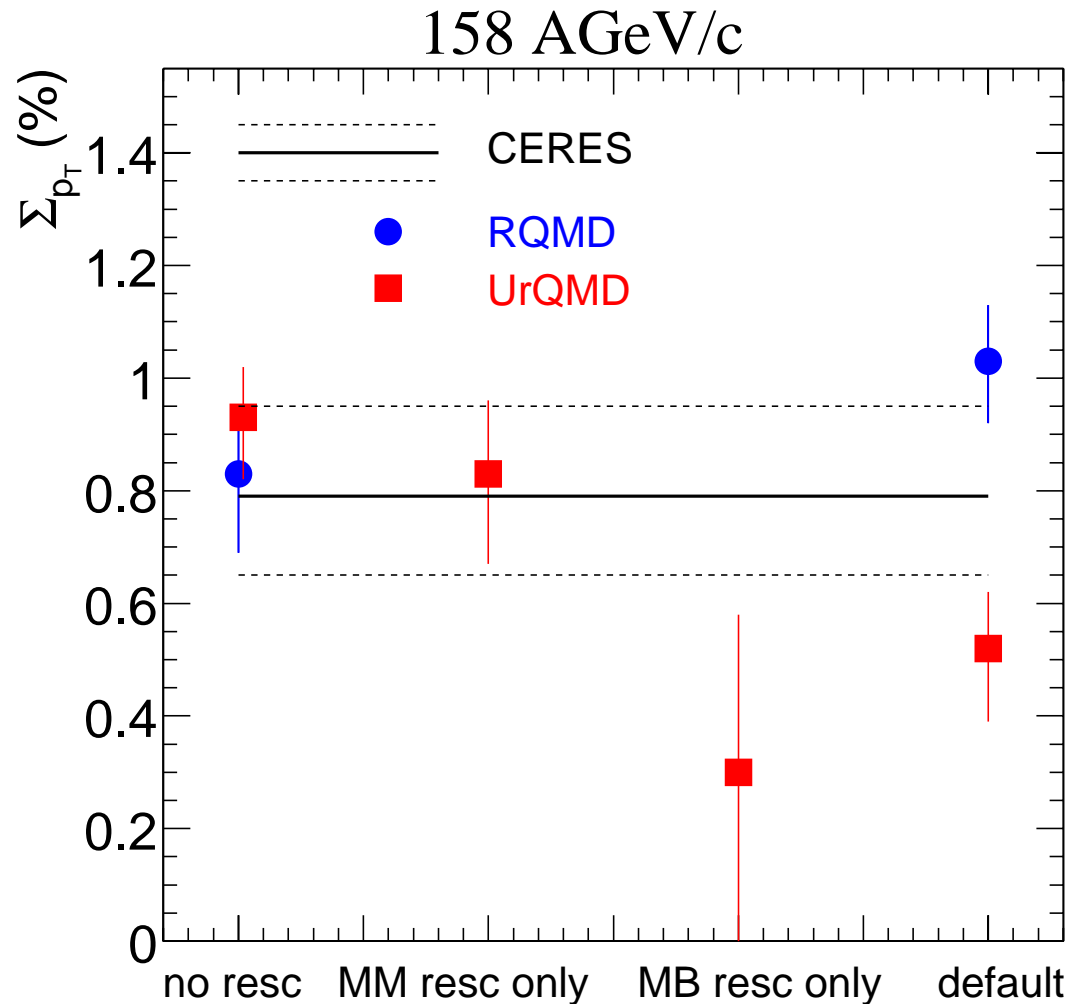
$$\Sigma_{p_T}^{pp} = 0.12 \text{ at ISR (K.Braune, PLB 123 (1983) 467)}$$

- Rescattering effect is weak.



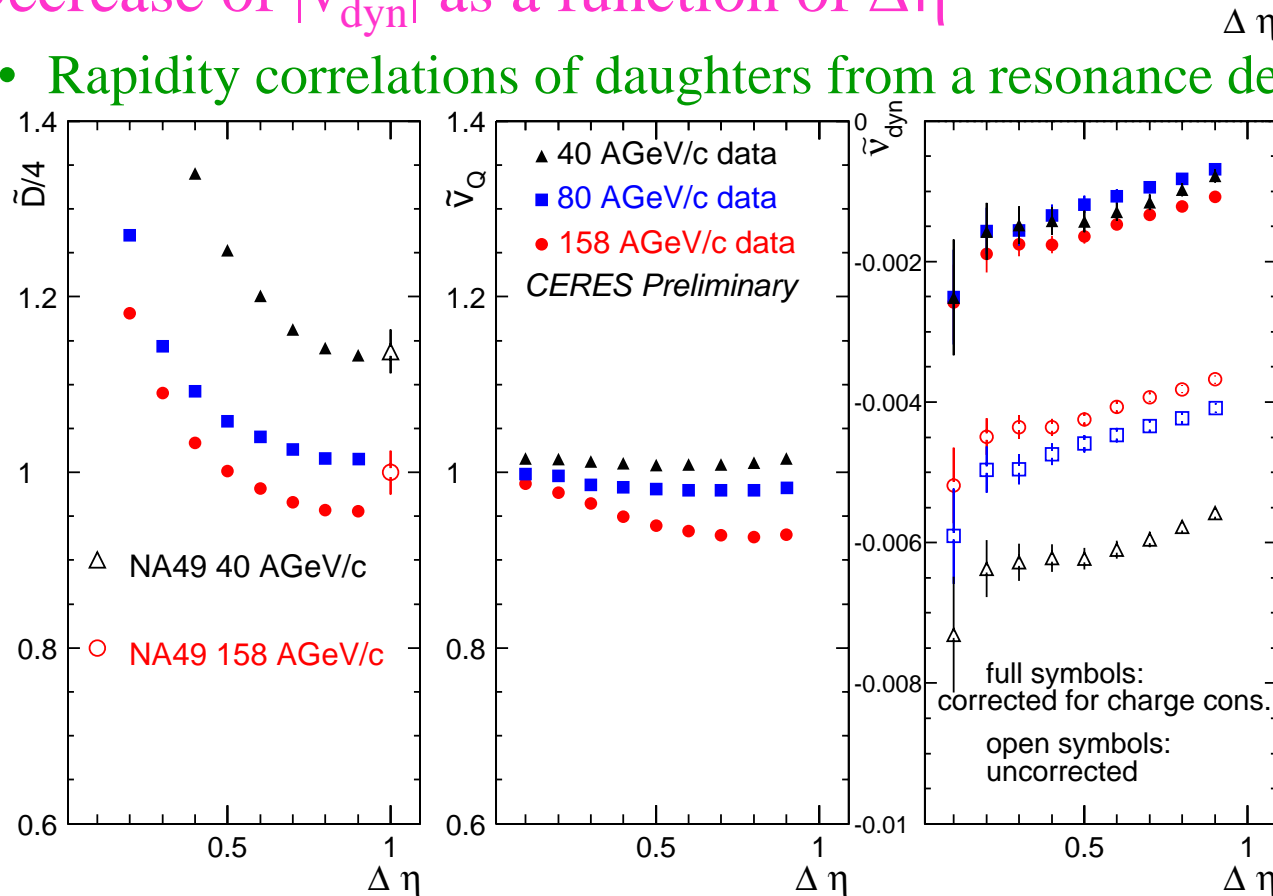
Effect of rescattering

- Rescattering effect is opposite between RQMD and UrQMD
- Measured fluctuations are consistent with both models without rescattering



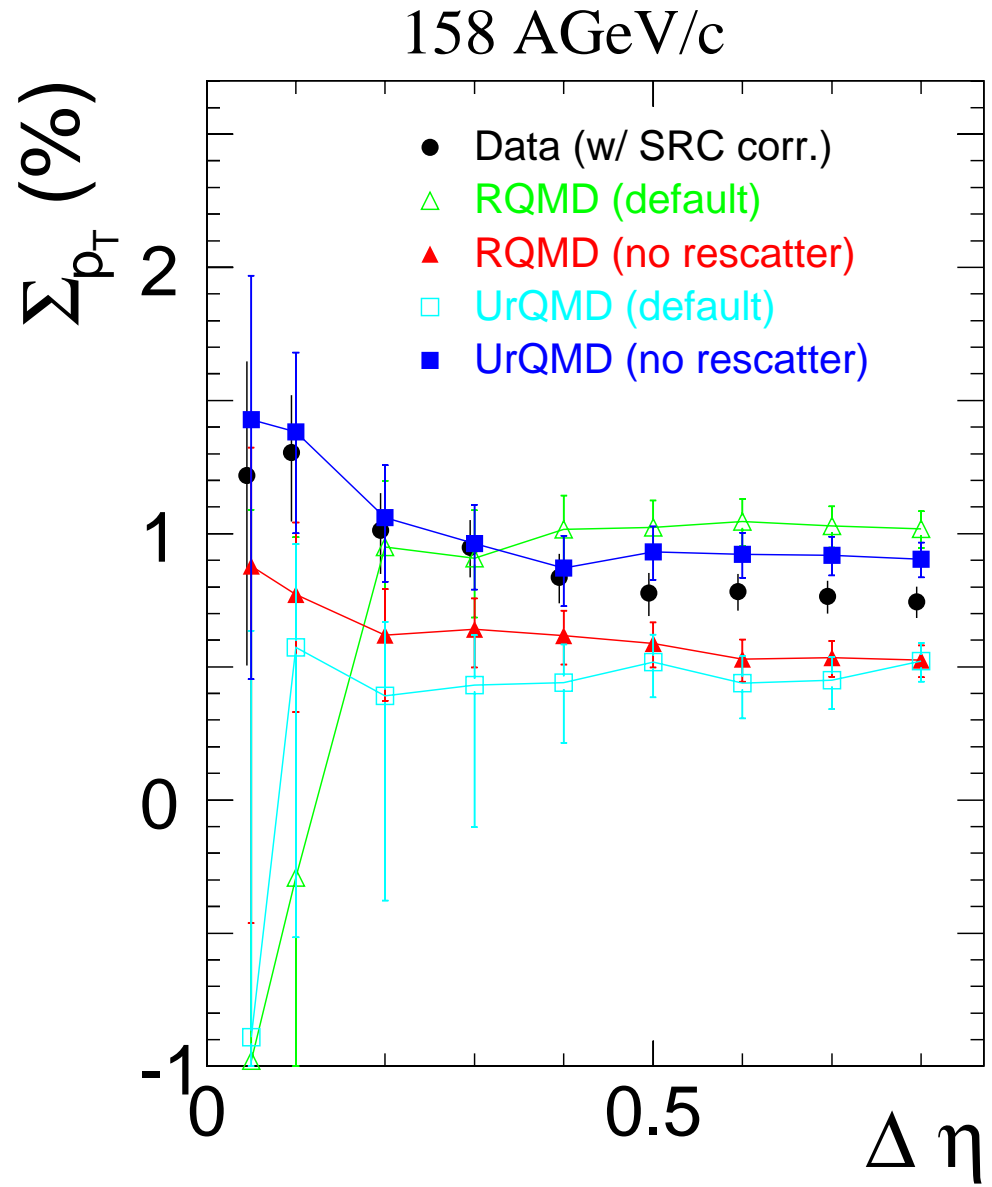
η range dependence of net-charge fluctuations

- Consistent with NA49 data at 40 and 158 AGeV/c
- Small difference of v_{dyn} in collision energies after correction for the charge conservation
- Decrease of $|v_{\text{dyn}}|$ as a function of $\Delta\eta$
 - Rapidity correlations of daughters from a resonance decay?



Pseudo-rapidity range dependence

- Enhanced fluctuations at $\Delta\eta \leq 0.4$
- Similar trend in RQMD/UrQMD without rescattering
- Enhancement disappears in RQMD/UrQMD with rescattering

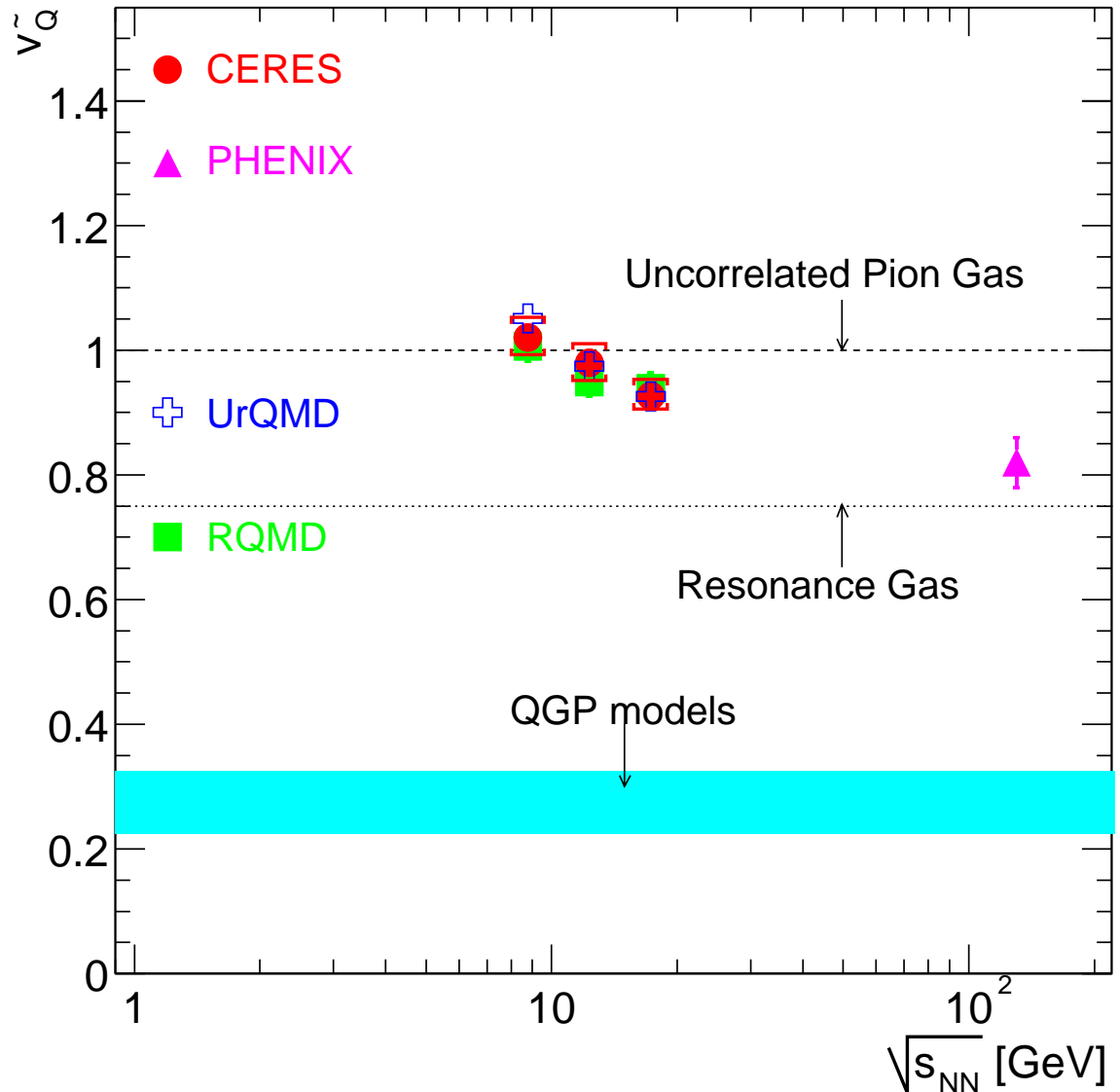


Net Charge Fluctuations

- Net-charge: $Q = N_+ - N_-$
- Measure

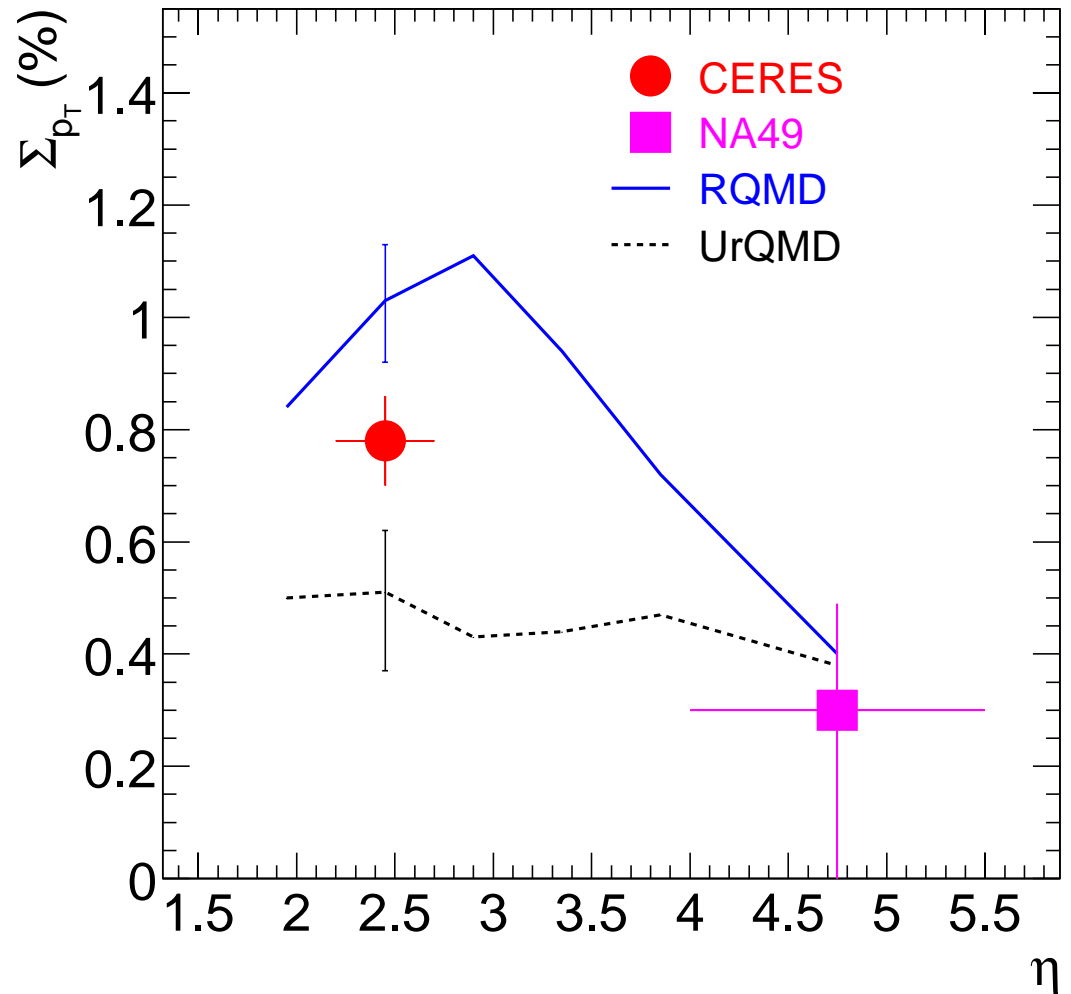
$$\tilde{v}_Q \cong \frac{\sigma_{real}^2}{\sigma_{stat}^2}$$

$$(\sigma_{stat}^2 = (\langle N_+ \rangle + \langle N_- \rangle) C_y C_\mu)$$
- Fluctuations decrease $1 \sim 0.85$ as a function of $s^{1/2}$
 - Increasing fraction of resonances?
- RQMD/UrQMD models reproduce SPS data
- No indication for QGP fluctuations
 - Hadron diffusion in y larger than the Δy_{acc} ?



Pseudo-rapidity dependence of p_T fluctuations

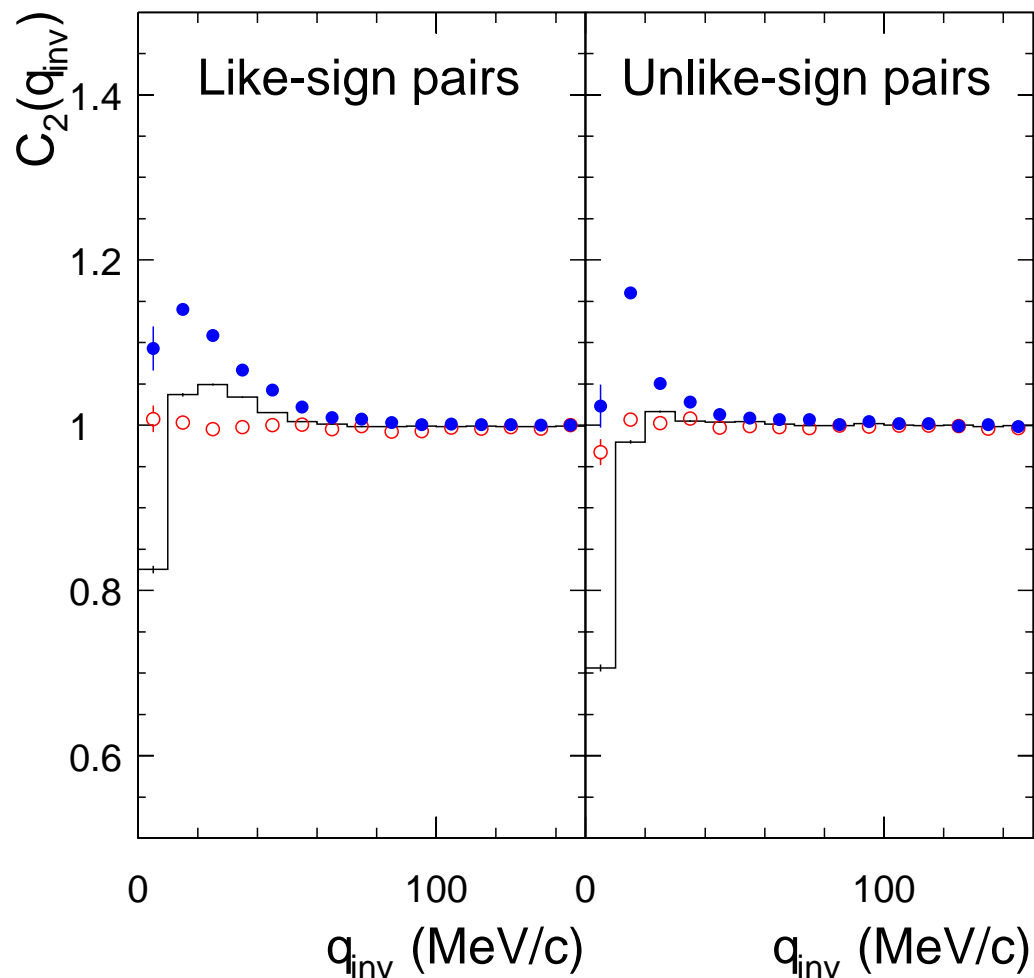
- Data show higher fluctuations in mid-rapidity
- RQMD reproduces this tendency
- UrQMD has no η dependence



Corrections for HBT/Coulomb correlations and two-track resolution

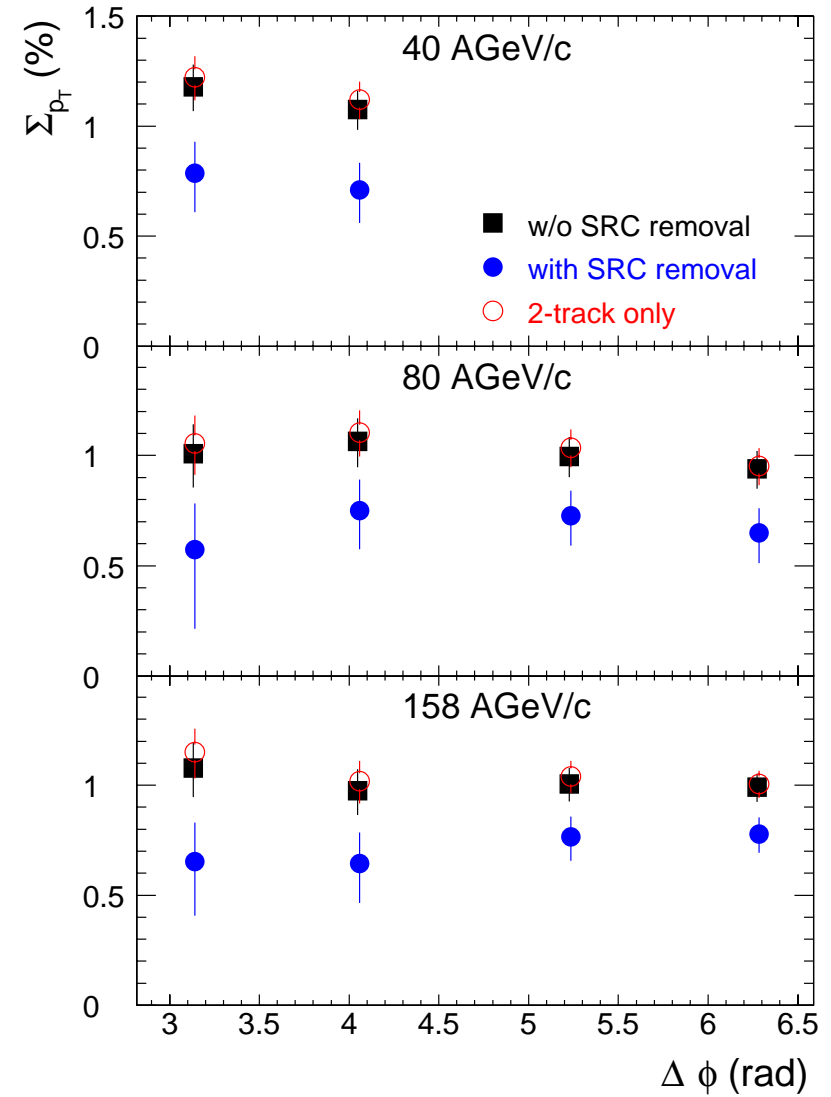
- Method

1. Remove tracks with small q to another track with a probability
2. Add tracks from another event with close opening angles to a real track to correct for lost tracks due to two-track resolution
3. Repeat 1. and 2. until the resulting correlation function is flat as a function of q

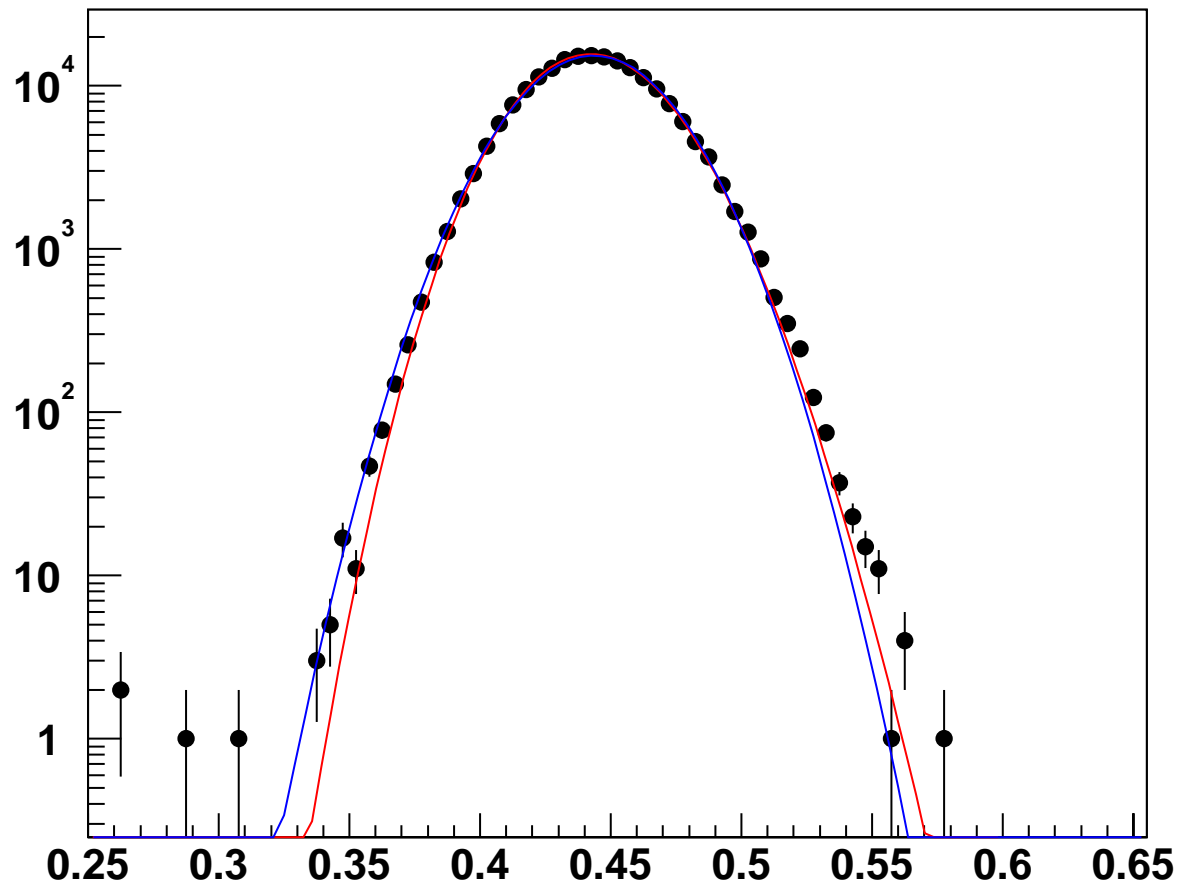


P_T fluctuation after corrections for HBT and two-track resolutions

- After SRC removal, fluctuations reduce by $\sim 30\%$
- Weak $\Delta\phi$ dependence from $\pi/2$ to 2π .



Gamma fit



Statistics and centrality selection

No. of Pb+Au events

P_{beam}	#event
40 AGeV/c	1.4M
80 AGeV/c	0.5M
158 AGeV/c	0.5M

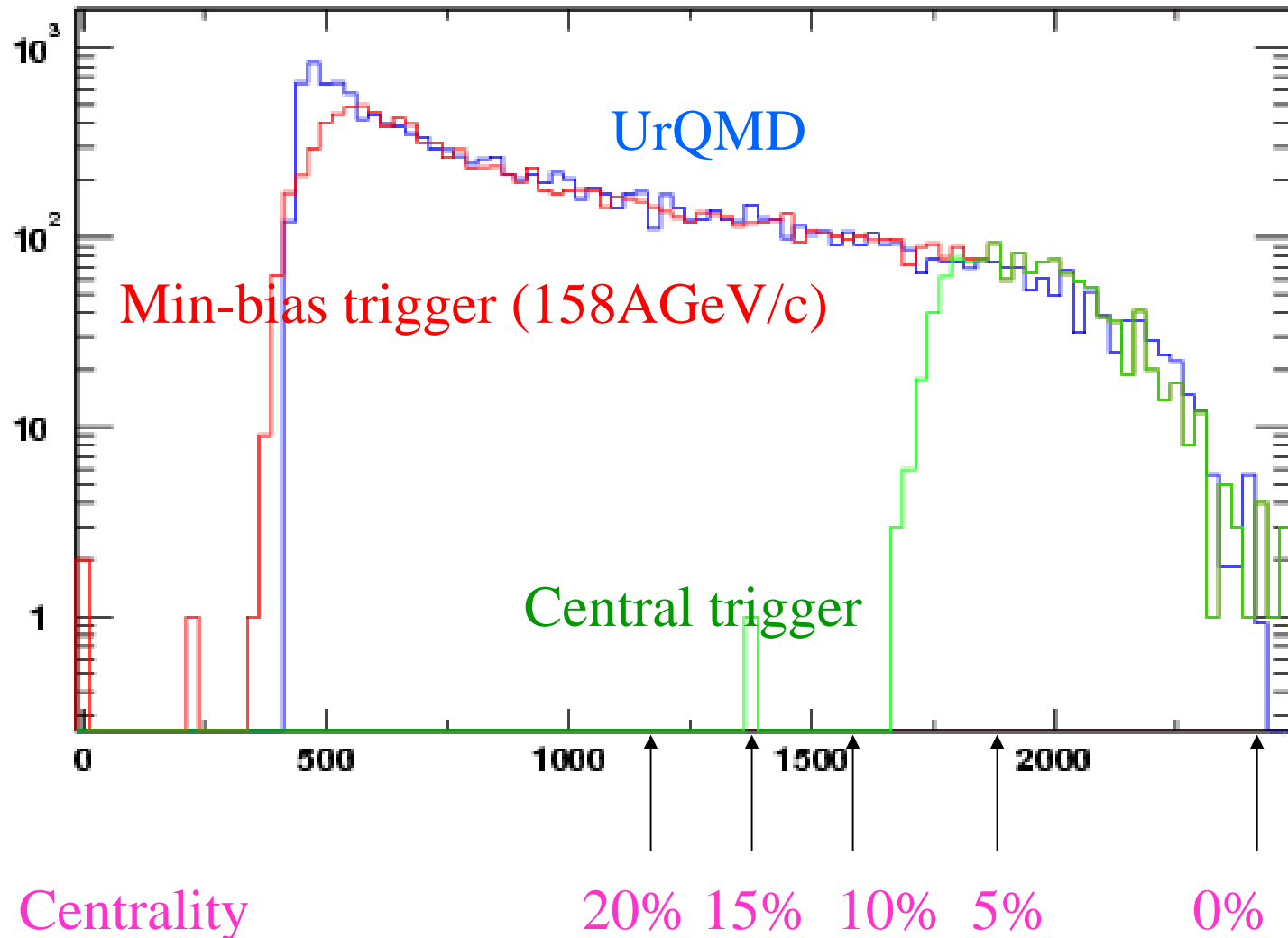
Centrality selection

- Multiplicity in SDDs (40 GeV) Multiplicity Counter (80/158 GeV)
- Number of participant nucleons is estimated with a geometric nuclear overlap (Glauber) model

$\sigma/\sigma_{\text{geo}}$	b	$\langle N_{\text{part}} \rangle$
0-5%	0-3.3 fm	358
5-10%	3.3-4.7 fm	289
10-15%	4.7-5.8 fm	240
15-20%	5.8-6.6 fm	200

Centrality determination

- Determination of centrality
 - 0%-100% of the total Pb+Au inelastic cross section
 - 0% \rightarrow impact parameter=0
- Multiplicity
Counter gain
distribution



Systematic errors (6.5% most central)

P_T fluctuation

	40GeV	80GeV	158GeV
Tracking efficiency	+/-0.11%	+/-0.11%	+/-0.06%
Pile-up events	+/-0.03%	+/-0.03%	+/-0.03%
Momentum scale	$^{+0.08}_{-0.03}\%$	$^{+0.05}_{-0.07}\%$	$^{+0.02}_{-0.07}\%$
Fiducial cut	+/-0.01%	-	-
SDD-TPC assoc.	+/-0.02%	+/-0.02%	+/-0.02%
χ^2 , vertex cut	$^{+0.39}_{-0.04}\%$	$^{+0.13}_{-0.01}\%$	<+/- 0.01%
Total	$^{+0.41}_{-0.23}\%$	$^{+0.18}_{-0.13}\%$	$^{+0.12}_{-0.13}\%$

Net-charge fluctuation

	40GeV	80GeV	158GeV
Pile-up events	+/-0.0001	+/-0.0001	+/-0.0001
ϕ extrapolation	+/-0.0003	-	-
SDD-TPC assoc.	$^{+0.0000}_{-0.0005}$	$^{+0.0000}_{-0.0004}$	$^{+0.0000}_{-0.0004}$
χ^2 , vertex cut	$^{+0.0001}_{-0.0001}$	$^{+0.0000}_{-0.0003}$	$^{+0.0001}_{-0.0002}$
Total	$^{+0.0006}_{-0.0006}$	$^{+0.0001}_{-0.0005}$	$^{+0.0004}_{-0.0005}$

Flow toy model

- Pt and multiplicity distributions from the real data (158A GeV)

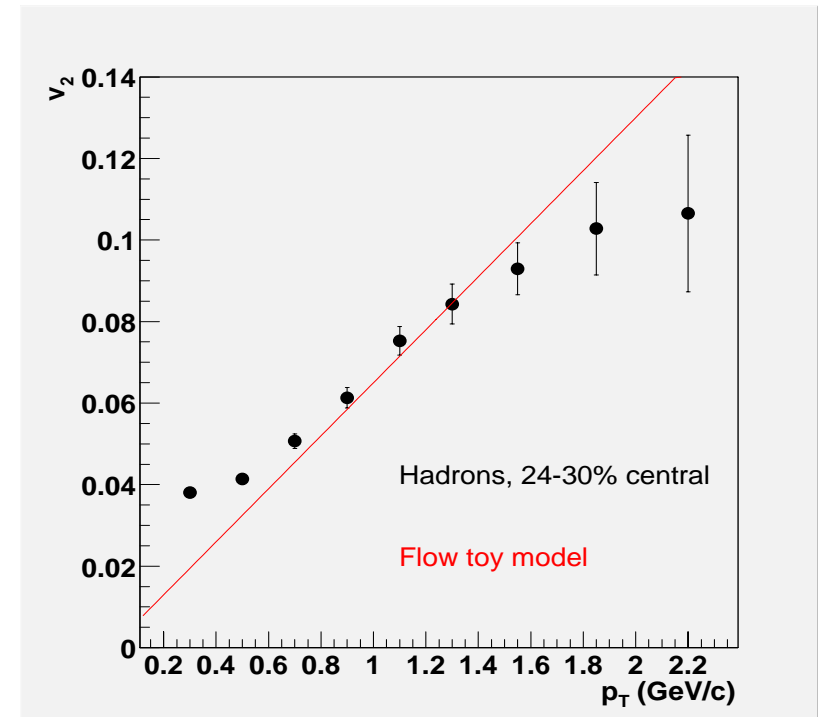
- Flow input

- Reaction plane angle changes randomly

$$\frac{dN}{d(\phi - \Phi)} = A[1 + 2v_2 \cos(2(\phi - \Phi))]$$

$$v_2 = 0.065 \times p_T$$

- No pt fluctuations produced (track efficiency 80-100%, ebe v_2 fluctuations 0-50%),
 - $\Sigma p_t < 0.3\%$ in and $F_{p_t} < 0.2\%$

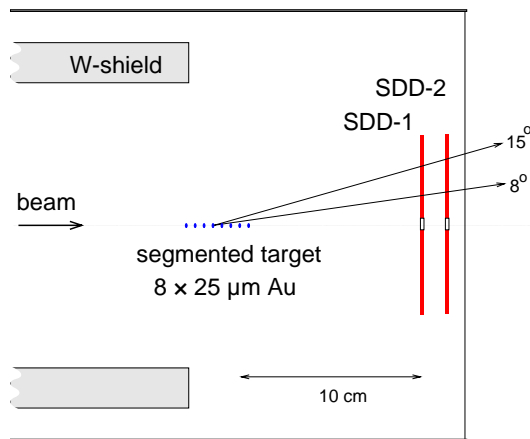


Tracking selection and parameters

- Track Selection
 - TPC tracks (no. of hits ≥ 11 -14 out of 20)
 - Target cut (projection of TPC track on the primary vertex $< 4\text{cm}$)
- Momentum resolution
 - $\Delta p/p = (0.024^2 + (0.036p)^2)^{1/2}$ at 40 AGeV
 - $= (0.015^2 + (0.016p)^2)^{1/2}$ at 80, 158 AGeV
- Acceptance
 - $\sim 60\%$ of TPC at 40 AGeV
 - $>90\%$ at 80, 158 AGeV
- Tracking efficiency
 - Better than 85% at $p_T > 0.05\text{GeV}/c$
- 2-particle resolution
 - ~ 5 mrad in TPC

Target area

Target Area

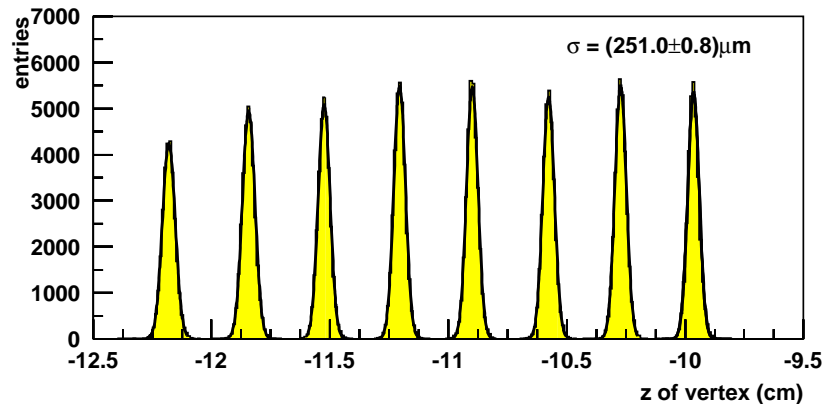


- 0.83% interaction length
- segmented micro-target
 $X/X_0 \approx 0.3\%$

- Silicon Drift Detectors
- $N_{ch}(\eta = 1.9 - 3.9)$
- vertex,
- tracking to RICH
- conversion and Dalitz rejection (dE/dx)

vertex resolution for $\langle N_{ch} \rangle \approx 165$

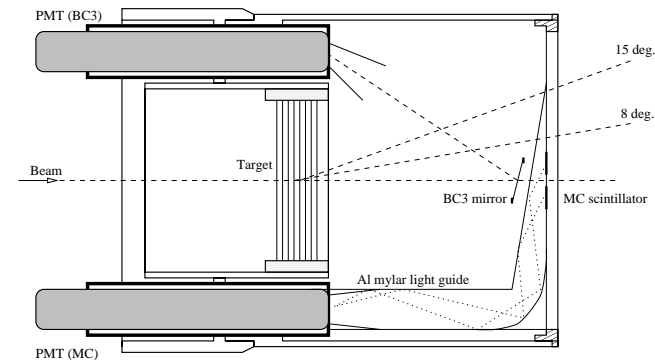
$$\sigma_z = 251 \mu m \quad \sigma_{x,y} = 28 \mu m$$



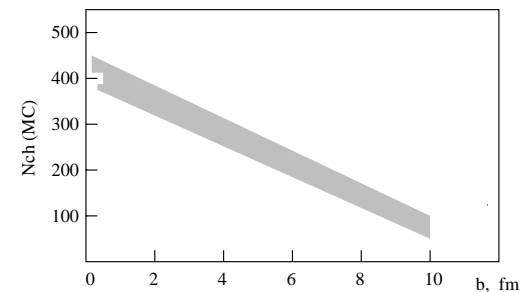
Scintillation Counter for a Measurement of Charged Particle Multiplicity in Angular Acceptance of 2-6 deg. in the Target Area as a Part of the Detector System of the First Level Trigger

$$FLT = BC1 \oplus BC2 \oplus \overline{BC3} \oplus MC \oplus MD$$

1. The new counter, MC, layout (1-mm scintillator with 4.9-mm inner and 14.7-mm outer diameters, $2.95 < \eta < 4.05$).



2. Result of Simulation - a dependence of charged particle multiplicity (or the pulse height of the counter) on an impact parameter of 160-GeV/n Pb-Au collisions.



3. Results of test measurements with the β^- source at MPI (1-mip response).

