

# Signatures of Primordial Momentum Anisotropy in Small Collision Systems

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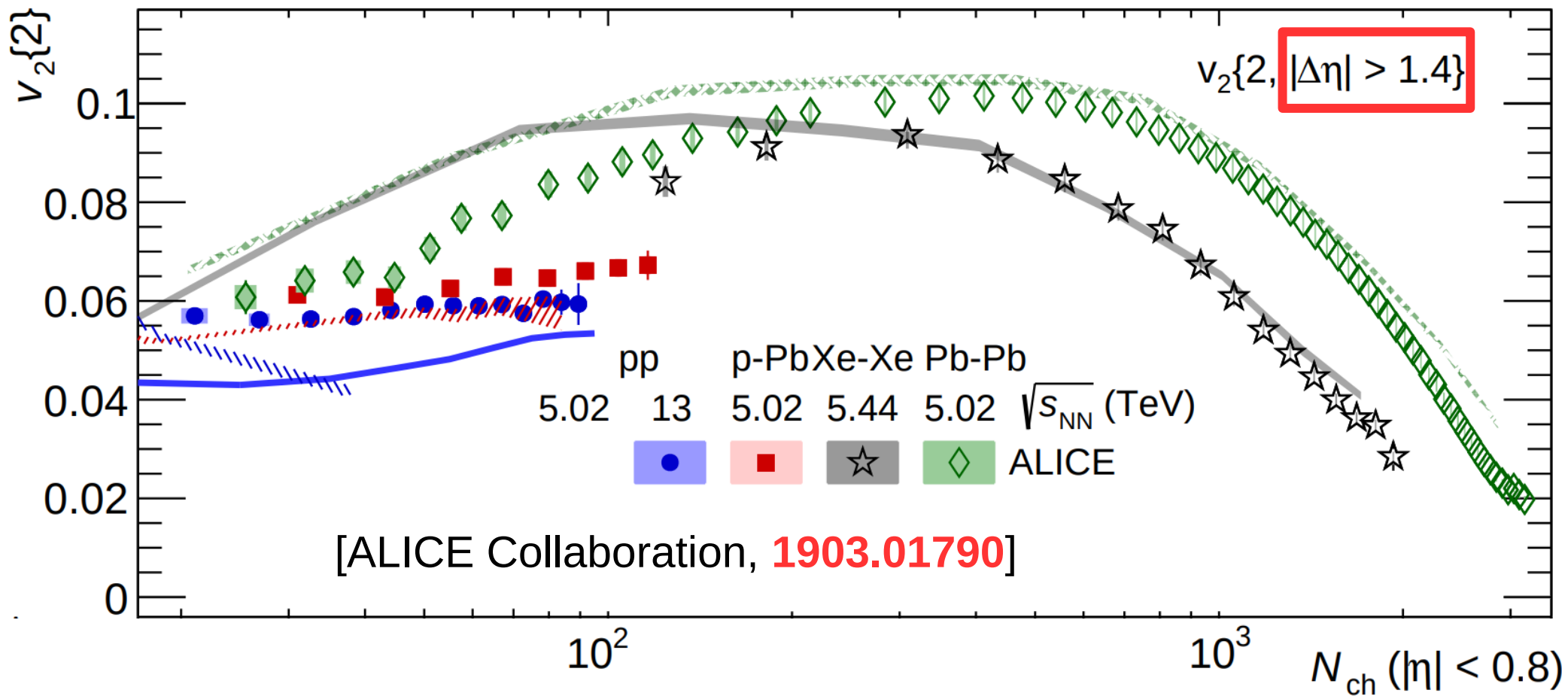
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**Based on:** [Giacalone, Schenke, Shen](#)  
[arXiv:2006.15721 \(to appear in PRL\)](#)



# Elliptic flow all over the place!


$$V_2 = \frac{1}{N} \int_{\mathbf{p}_t} \frac{dN}{d^2\mathbf{p}_t} e^{-i2\phi_p} \longrightarrow v_2\{2\}^2 \equiv \langle V_2 V_2^* \rangle$$



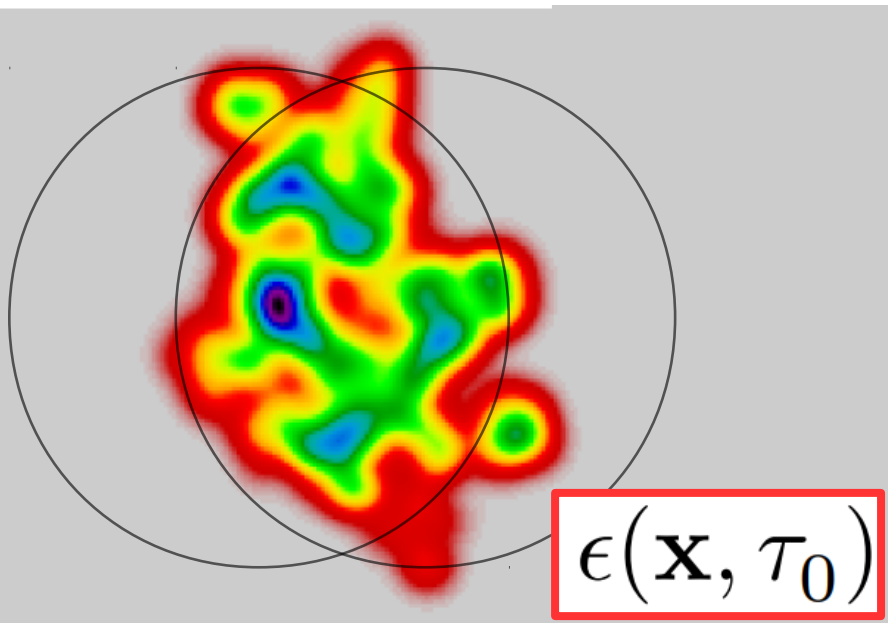
what is its origin?

**Simplest guess:  $F = -\nabla P$ . Response to the spatial ellipticity.**

$$T^{\mu\nu}(\tau_0) \approx \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & P(\epsilon) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & P(\epsilon) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & P(\epsilon) \end{pmatrix}$$

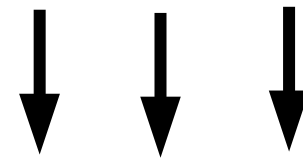

  
**onset of hydro**

[Teaney, Yan, [1010.1876](#)]



**Quadrupole moment**

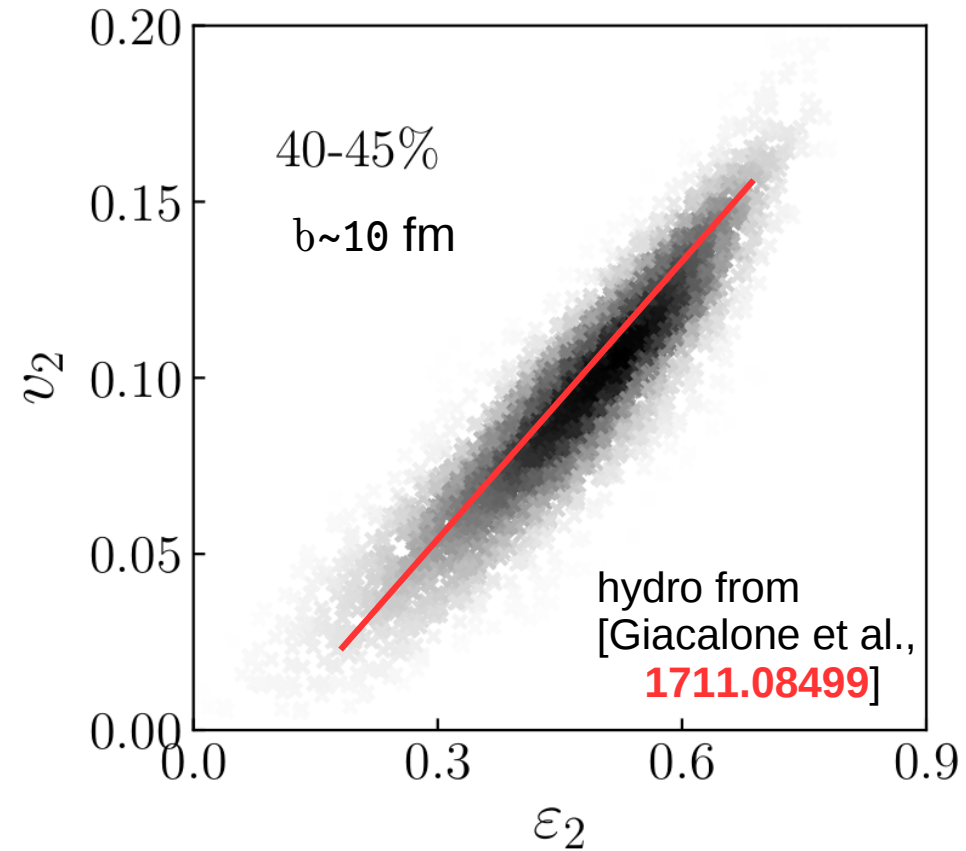
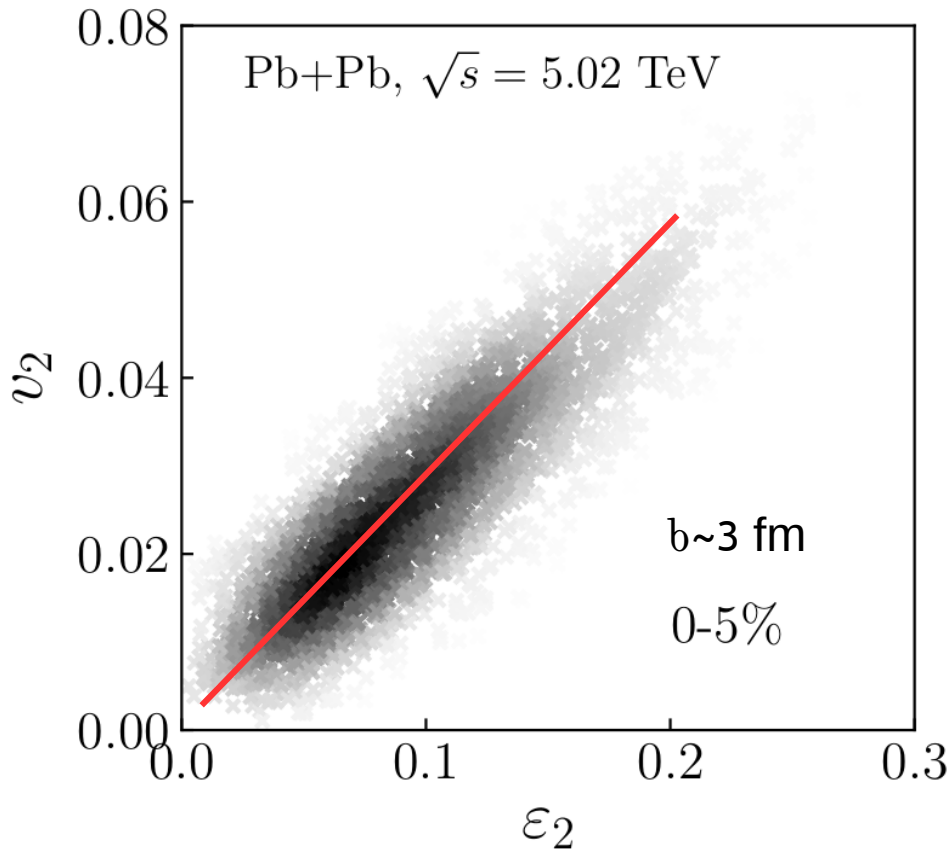
$$\mathcal{E}_2 = \frac{\int_{\mathbf{x}} |\mathbf{x}|^2 e^{i2\phi} \epsilon(\tau_0, \mathbf{x})}{\int_{\mathbf{x}} |\mathbf{x}|^2 \epsilon(\tau_0, \mathbf{x})}$$



$$V_2 \propto \mathcal{E}_2$$

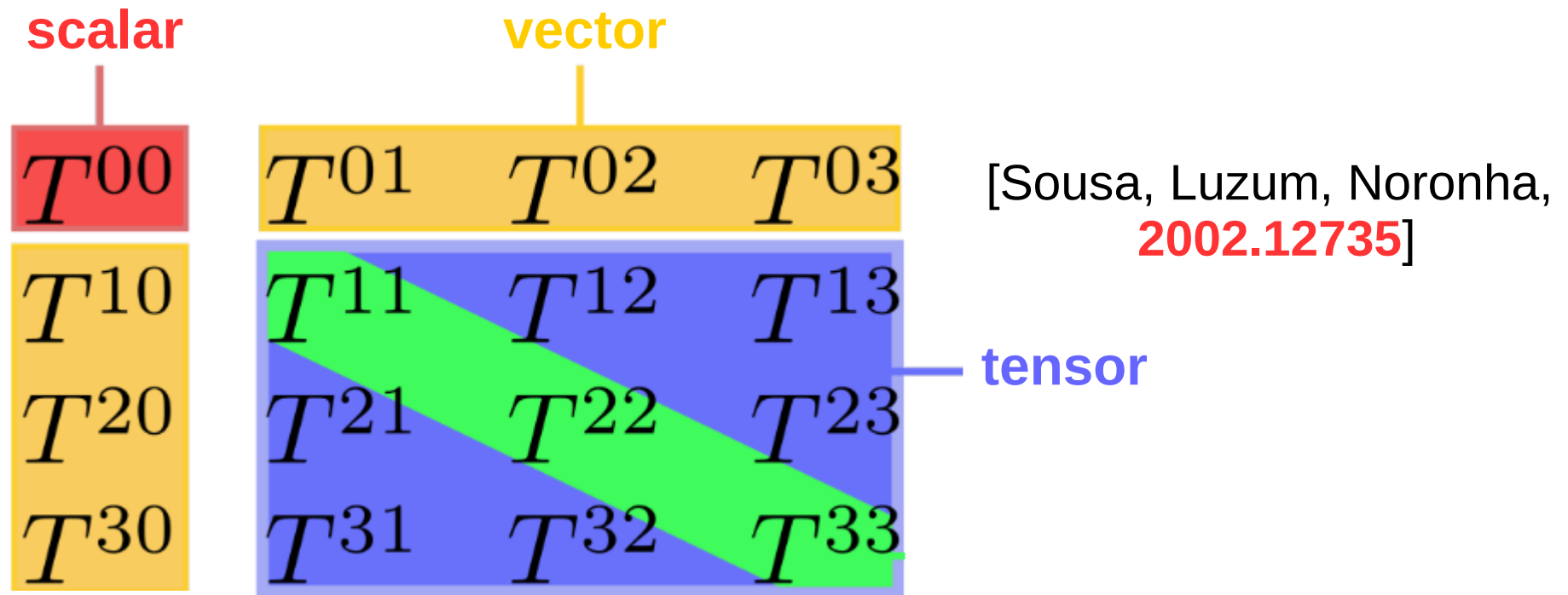
**Excellent approximation.**

$$\varepsilon_2 = |\mathcal{E}_2| \quad v_2 = |V_2|$$



**Explains essentially all the phenomenology of anisotropic flow in large systems + high-multiplicity small systems.**

But more is needed for small or short-lived systems...



**Off-diagonal terms are filled by pre-equilibrium phase over the first fm/c.** [Kurkela, Mazeliauskas, Paquet, Schlichting, Teaney, [1805.01604](#)]

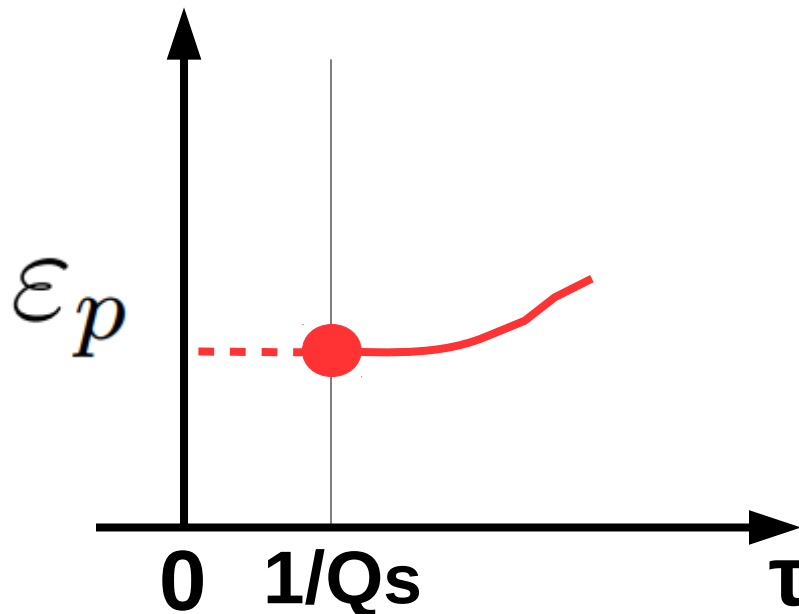
**These terms are predicted by the IP-GLASMA framework based on the CGC effective theory.**

[Schenke, Shen, Tribedy, [2005.14682](#)]

# Large-scale ellipticity of the tensor modes.

$$\boxed{\mathcal{E}_p} \equiv \varepsilon_p e^{i2\Psi_2^p} \equiv \frac{\langle T^{xx} - T^{yy} \rangle + i\langle 2T^{xy} \rangle}{\langle T^{xx} + T^{yy} \rangle}$$

In the CGC, it is encoded in the initial system.



*“primordial  
momentum  
anisotropy”*

**genuine  
CGC  
prediction**

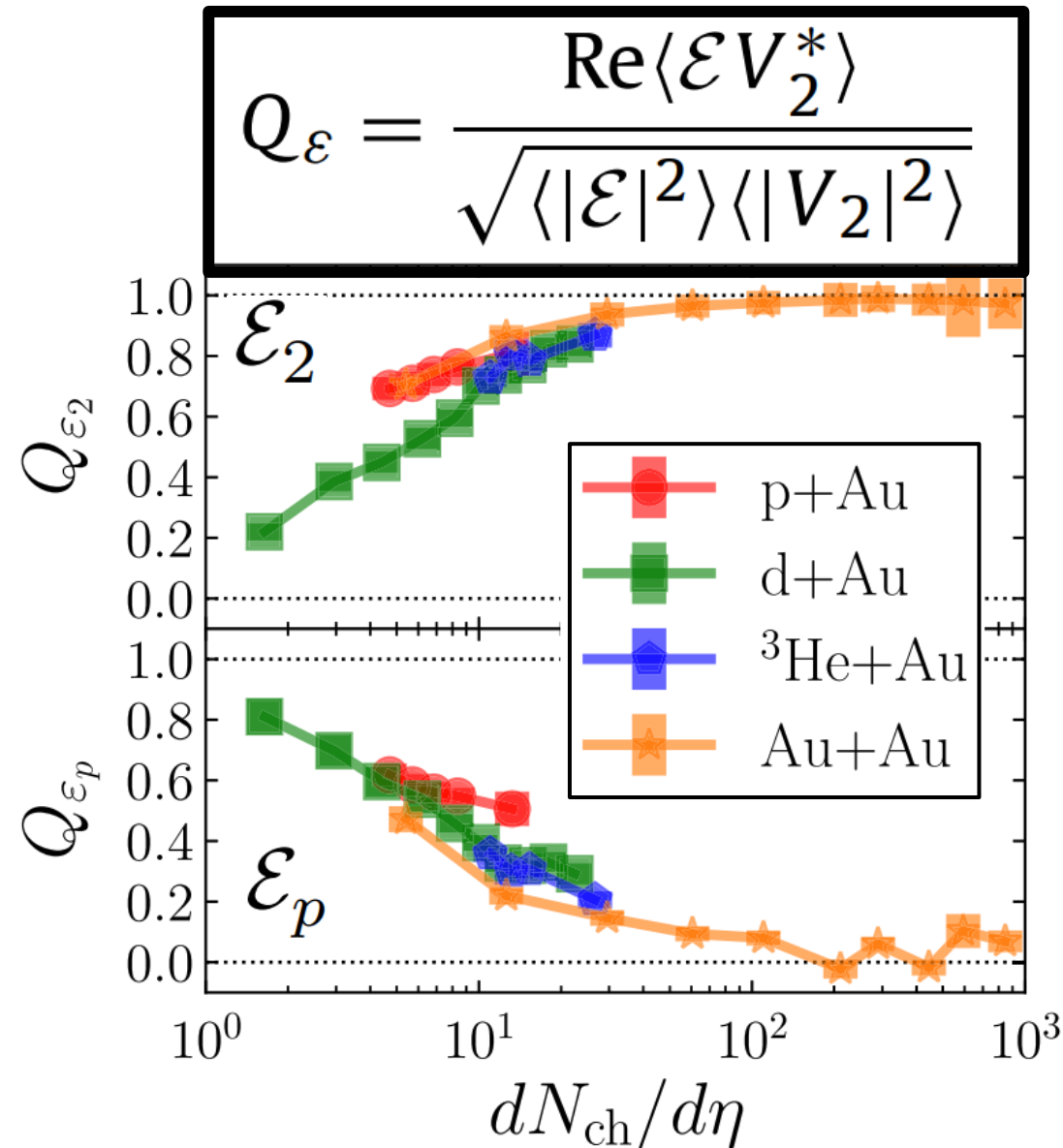
# Does it impact the final anisotropy, $V_2$ ?

[Schenke, Shen, Tribedy, [1908.06212](#)]

- Q coefficient of linear correlation.

- At low multiplicity,  $V_2$  is in a stronger correlation with  $E_p$  than with  $E_2$ .

Can we see this effect in an observable quantity?



Yes, we can! The observable to study:

[Bozek, [1601.04513](#)]

$$\rho_2 \left( v_2^2, \langle p_t \rangle \right) = \frac{\langle v_2^2 \langle p_t \rangle \rangle - \langle v_2^2 \rangle \langle \langle p_t \rangle \rangle}{\sigma(v_2^2) \sigma(\langle p_t \rangle)}$$

Physical meaning @ fixed multiplicity (fixed entropy):

$\langle p_t \rangle > \langle \langle p_t \rangle \rangle \longrightarrow$  **Smaller system, hotter**

$\langle p_t \rangle < \langle \langle p_t \rangle \rangle \longrightarrow$  **Larger system, colder**

[Schenke, Shen, Teaney, [2004.00690](#)]

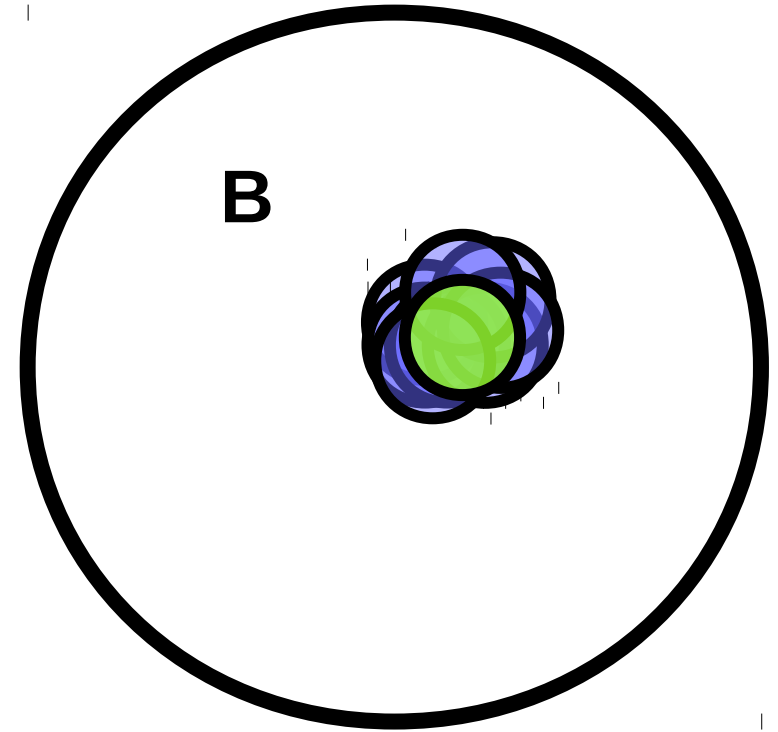
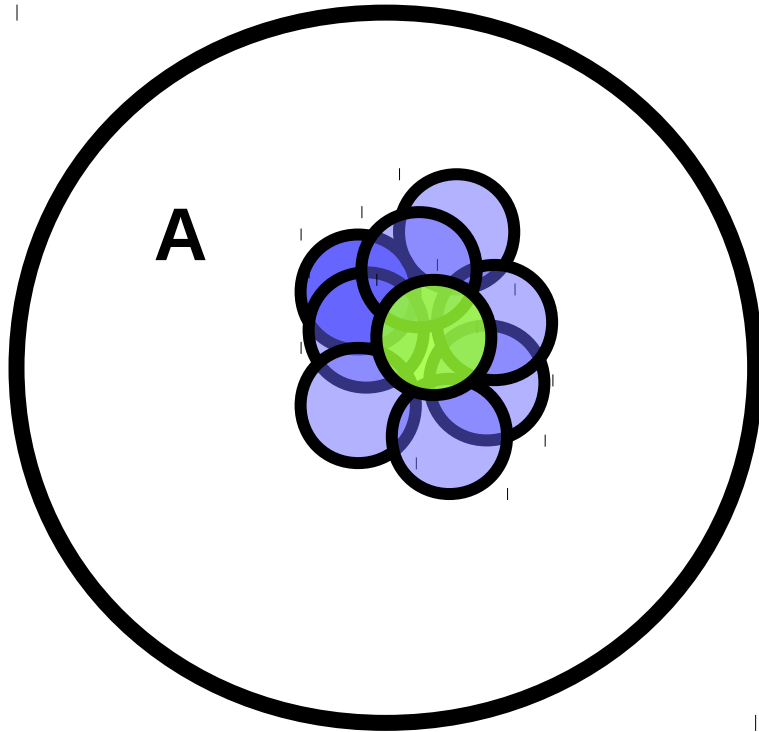
[Giacalone, Gardim, Noronha-Hostler, Ollitrault, [2004.01765](#)]

**We correlate  $v_2$  with (system size)<sup>-1</sup>**



**pA collisions**

# Geometry-driven behavior for pA collisions @ fixed multiplicity:



$$R(A) > R(B)$$

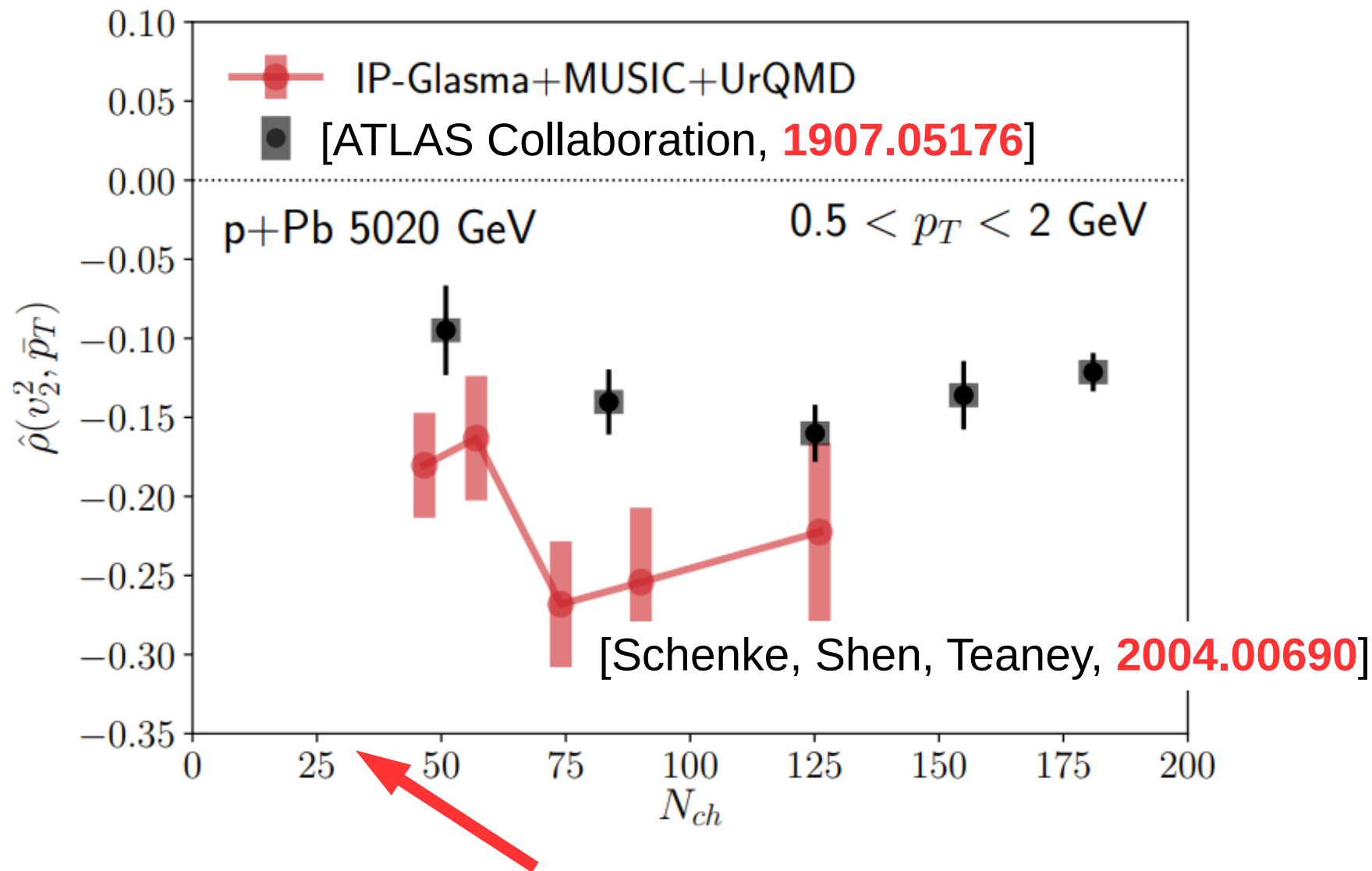
$$\langle p_t \rangle (A) < \langle p_t \rangle (B)$$

$$\varepsilon_2(A) > \varepsilon_2(B)$$



$v_2$  and  $\langle p_t \rangle$  are anti-correlated!

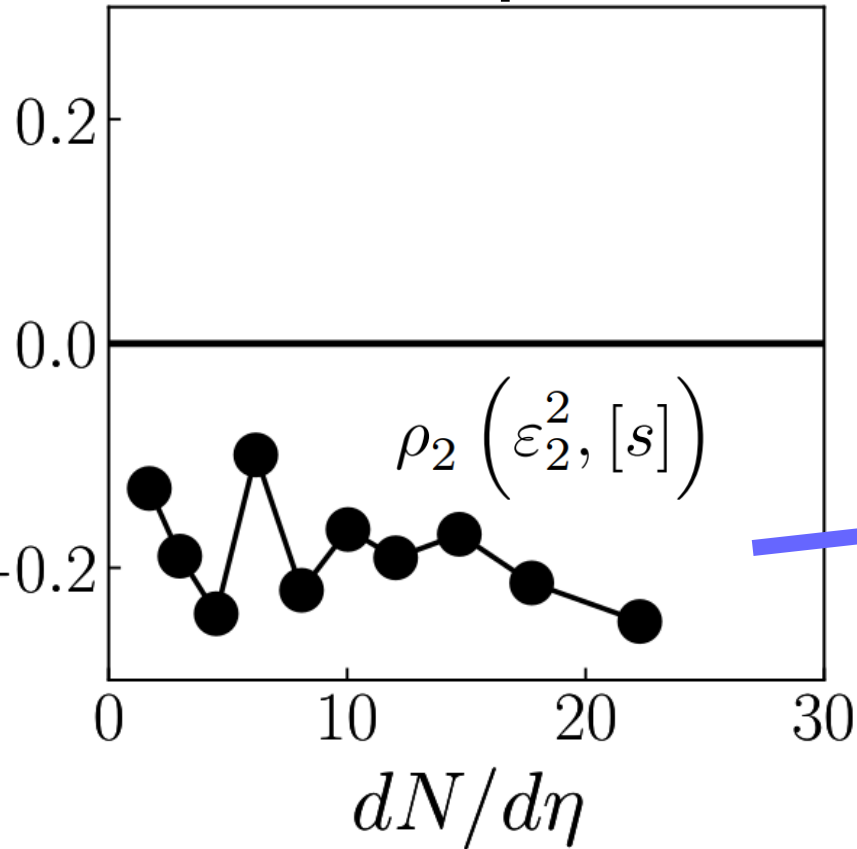
# The correlation is indeed negative at moderate/high multiplicity.



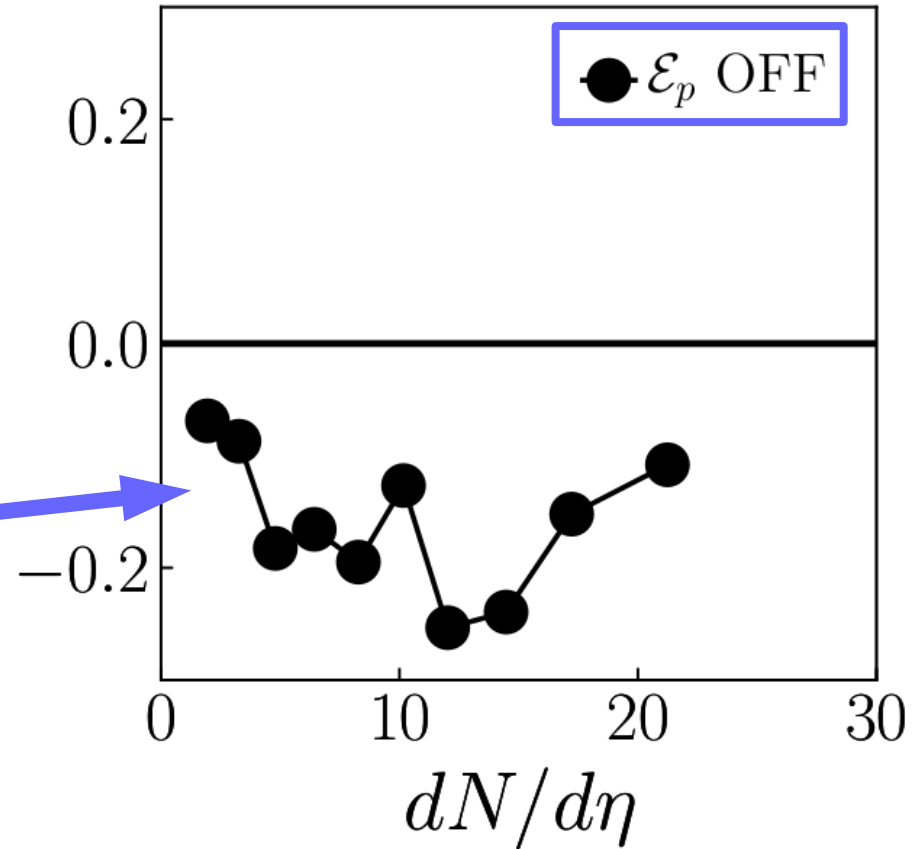
What about lower multiplicity?

We consider  $\langle p_t \rangle \propto [s]$ . We study d+Au collisions.

initial state predictor



full IP-GLASMA+MUSIC



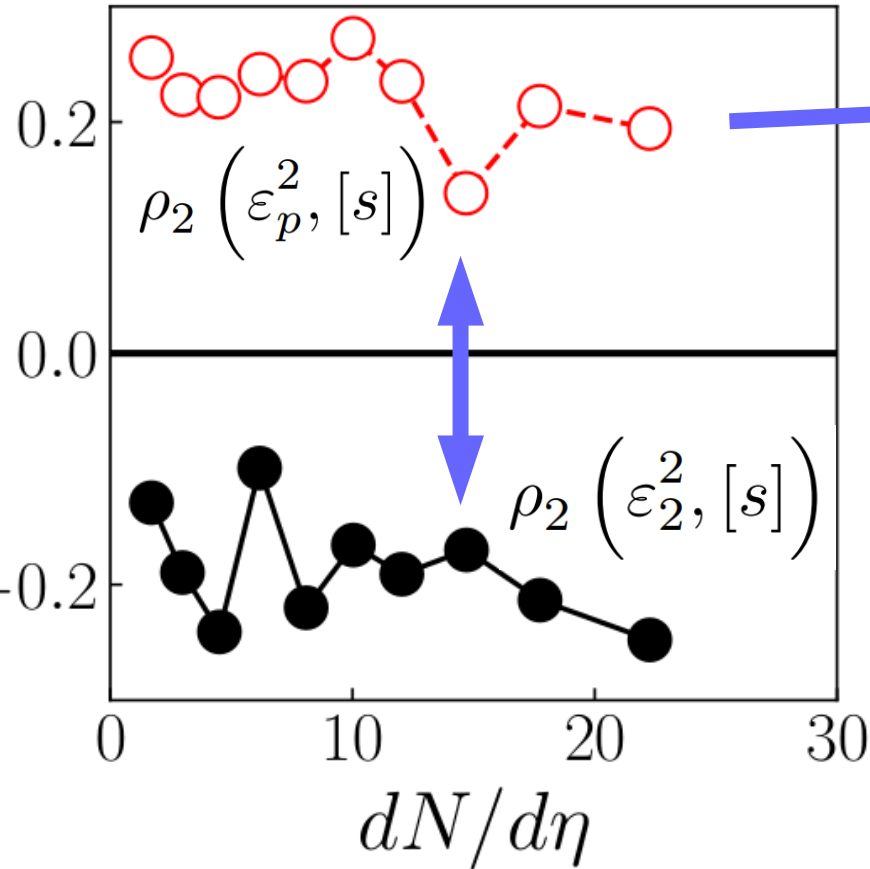
$\rho_2(v_2^2, \langle p_t \rangle)$



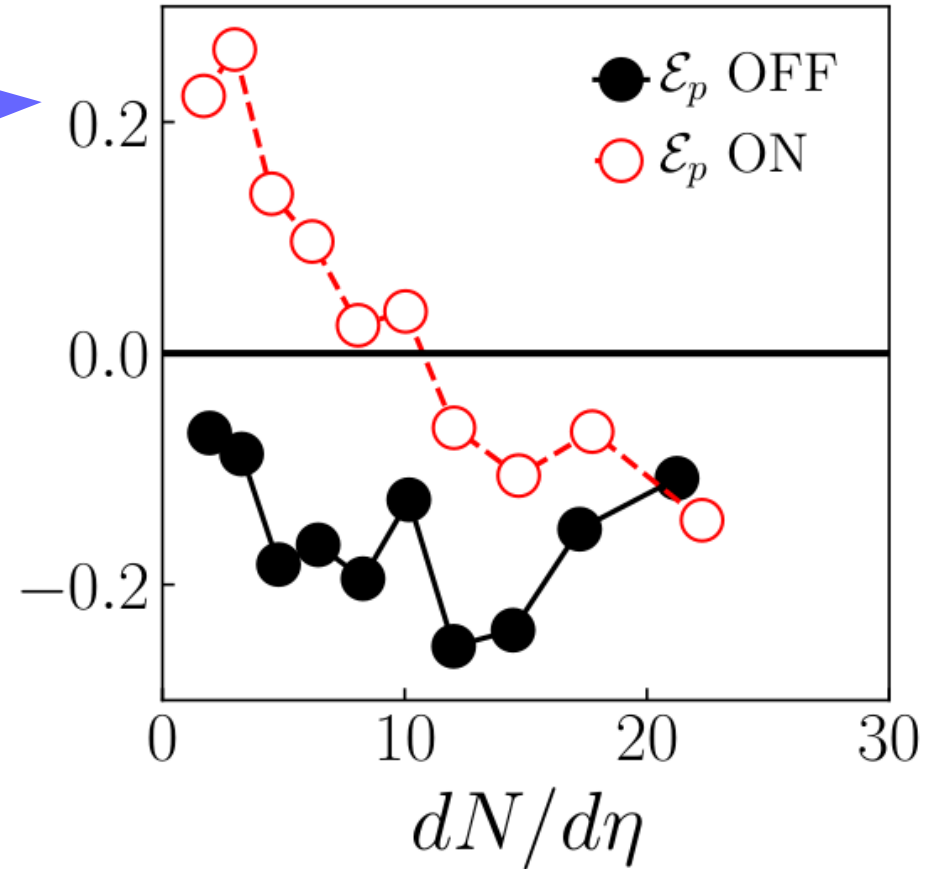
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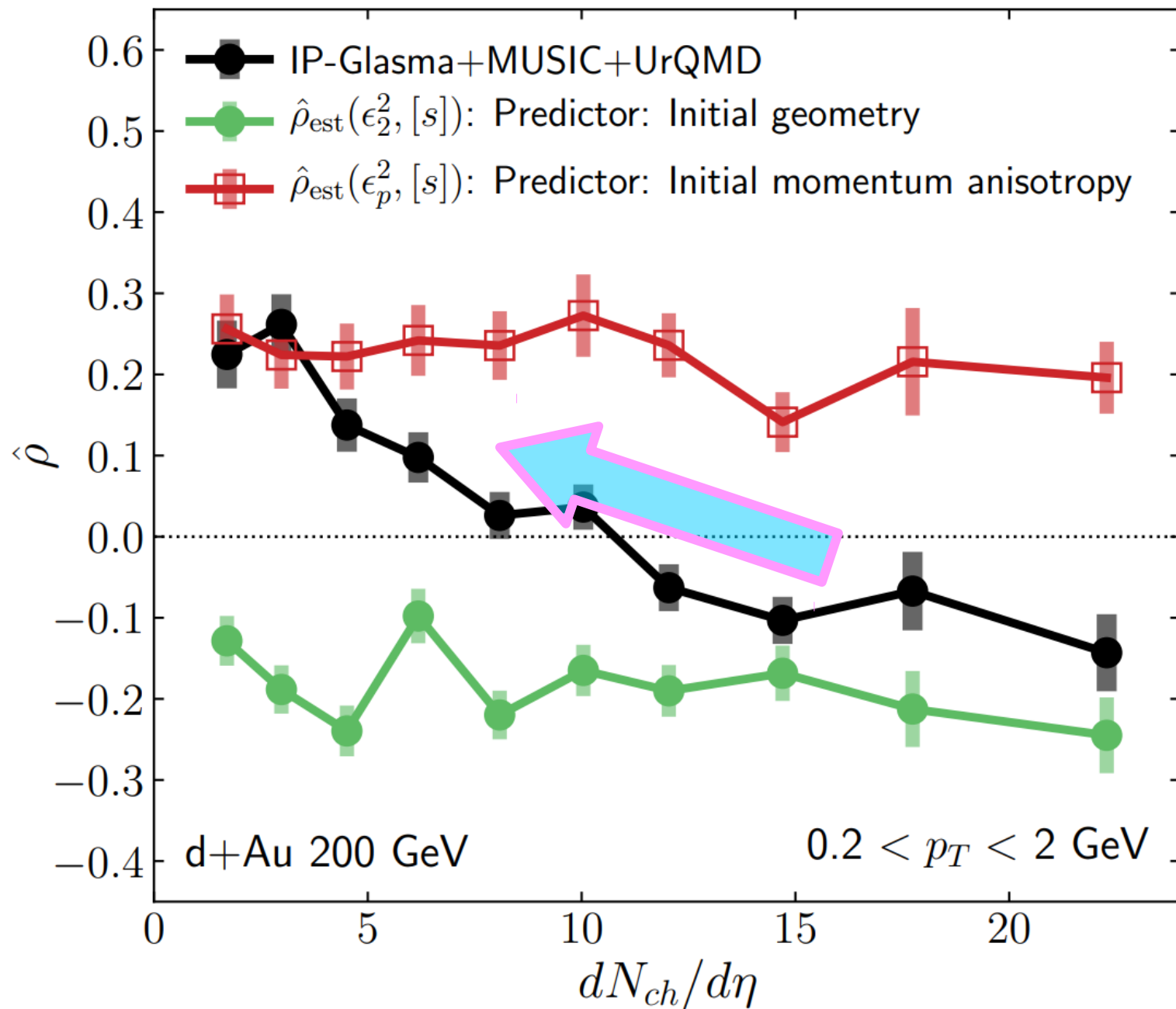


full IP-GLASMA+MUSIC



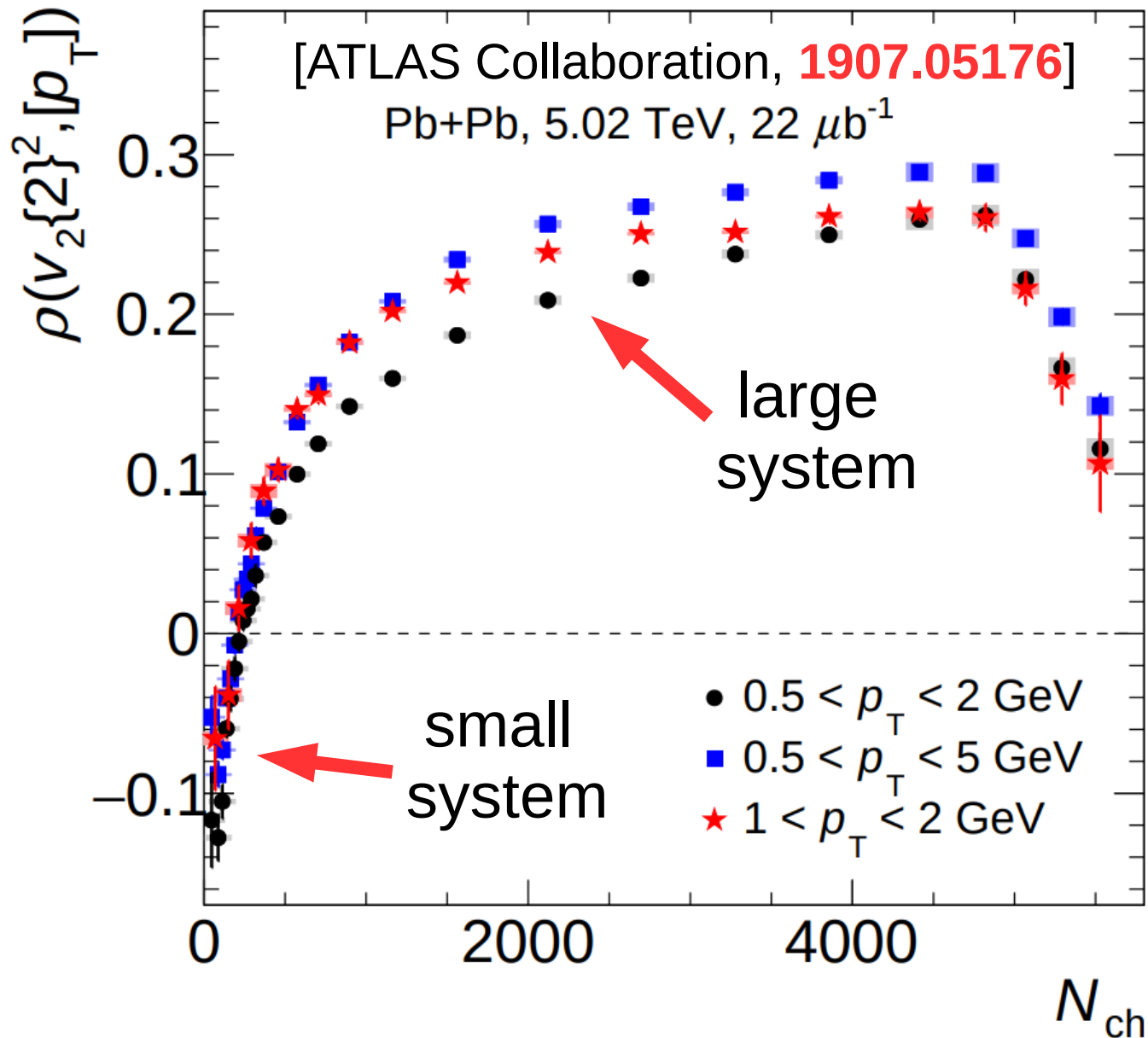
- without initial anisotropy, geometry-based predictor matches full hydro. Both negative.
- with initial anisotropy the momentum-based predictor is positive. Full hydro result changes!

# A sign change driven by the primordial momentum anisotropy. Clear prediction!



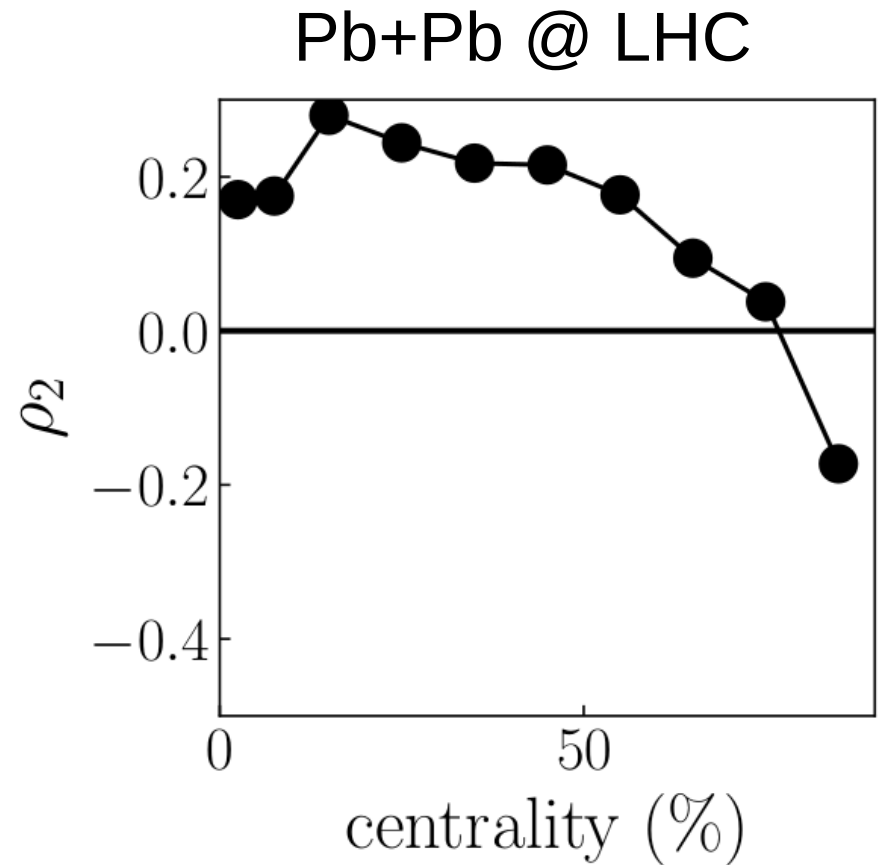
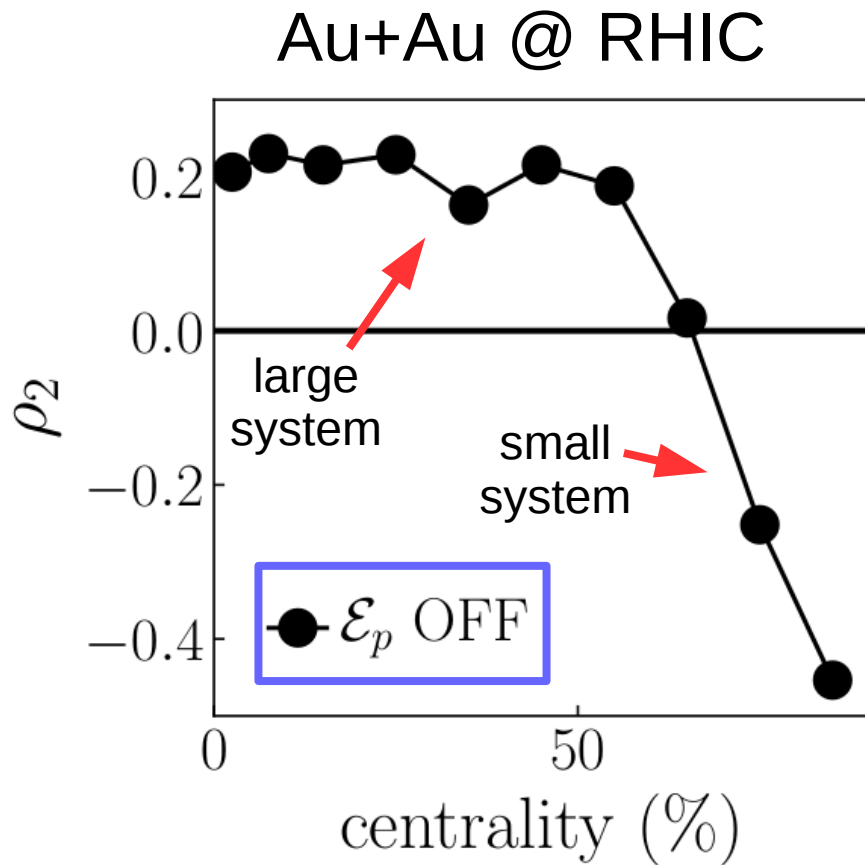
**AA collisions**

# Correlation between $v_2$ and $\langle p_T \rangle$ measured by ATLAS. Nch dependence = transition from large to small system.



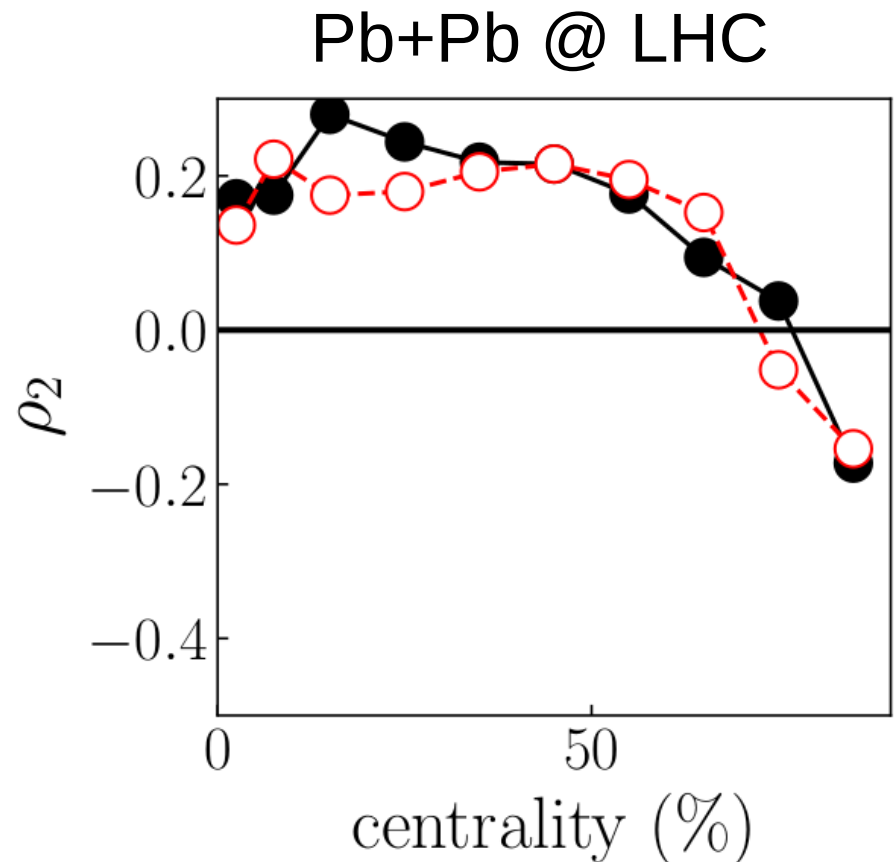
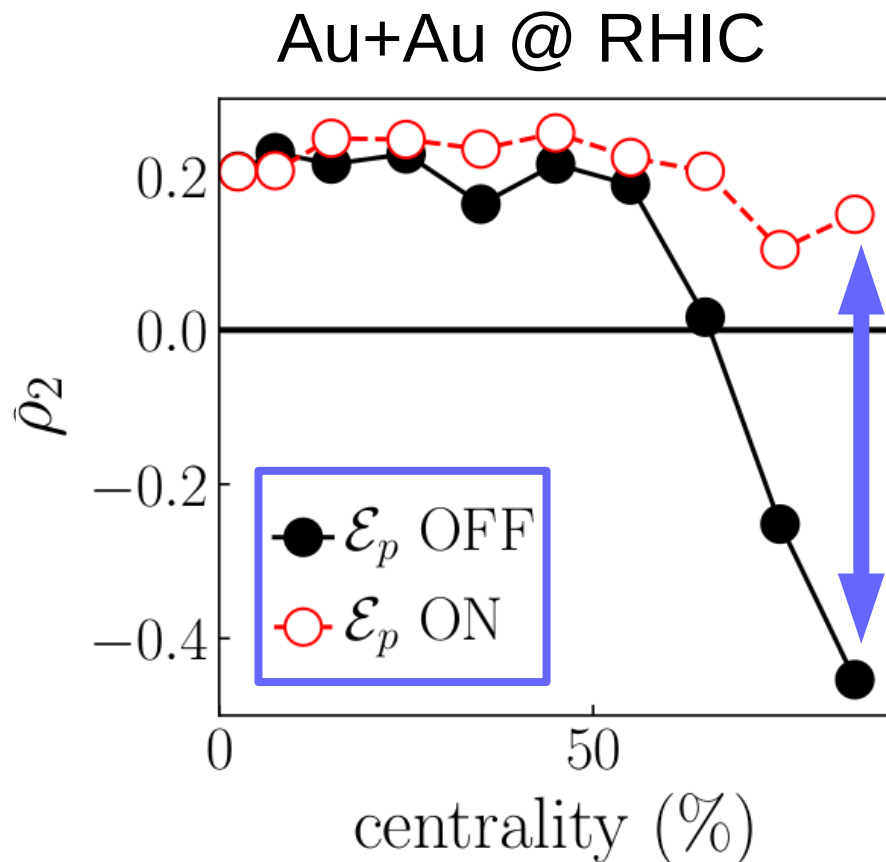


- Same result in IP-GLASMA+MUSIC w/o initial anisotropy.

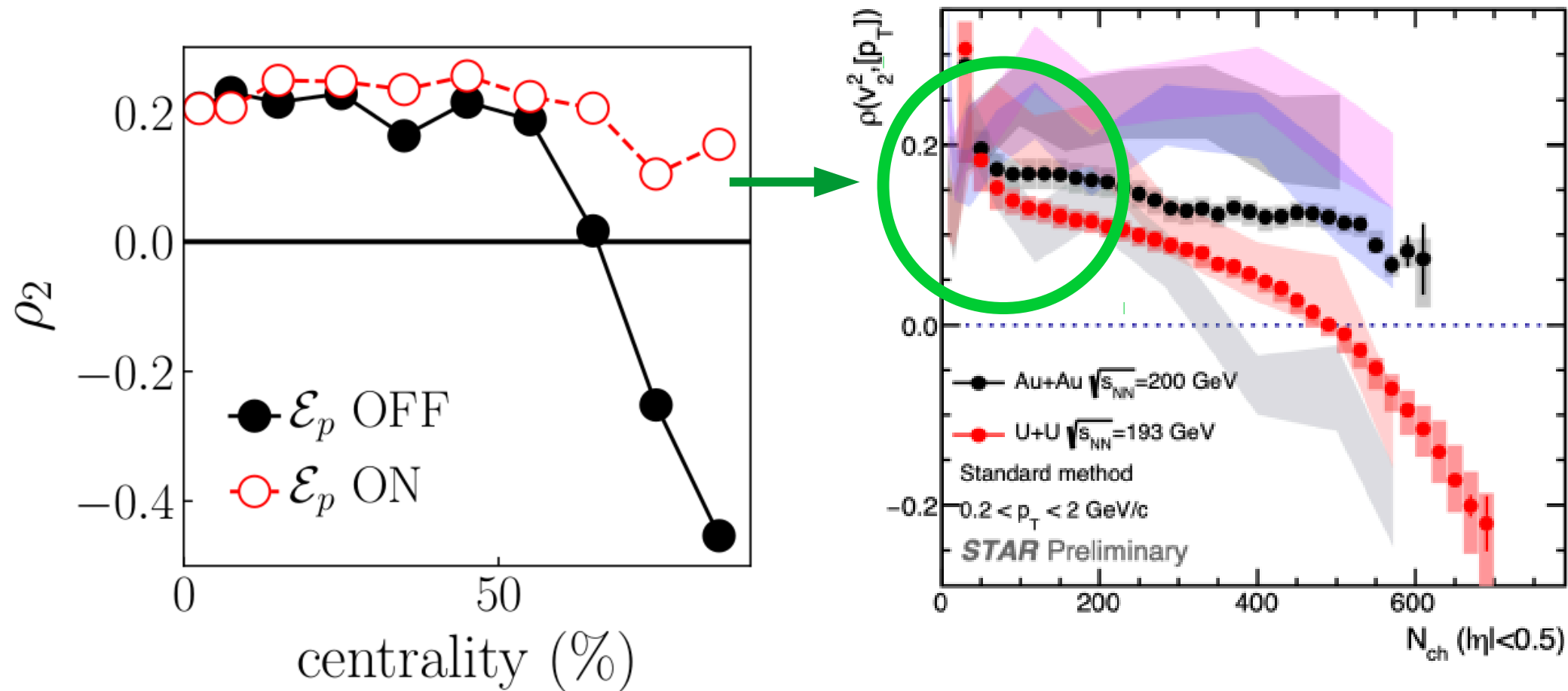


● Same result in IP-GLASMA+MUSIC w/o initial anisotropy.

○ Sizable beam energy dependence w/ initial anisotropy!  
Change of sign disappears at RHIC energy. A prediction!



# Prediction consistent with preliminary STAR data! NO change of sign!



[poster by Chun-Jian Zhang, STAR Collaboration]

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HukR5k023L1K7C0UT20g5QTg6dXXddgu/view?usp=sharing>

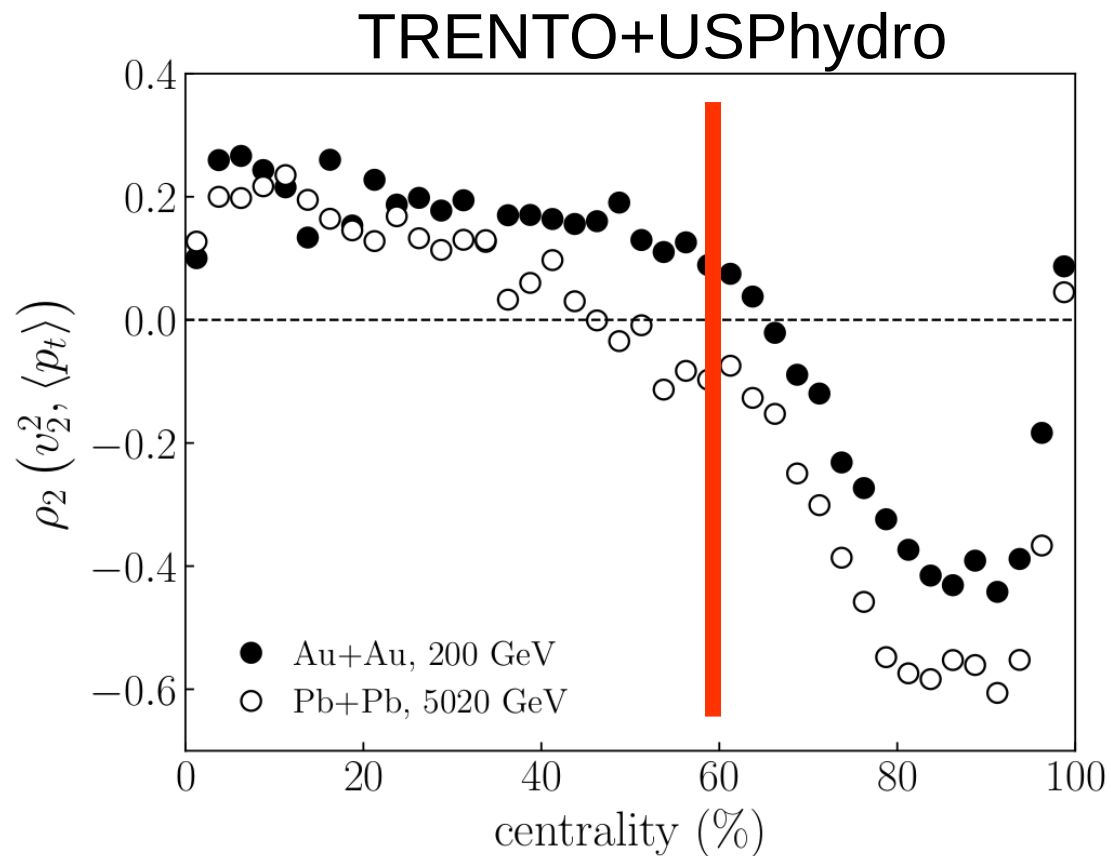
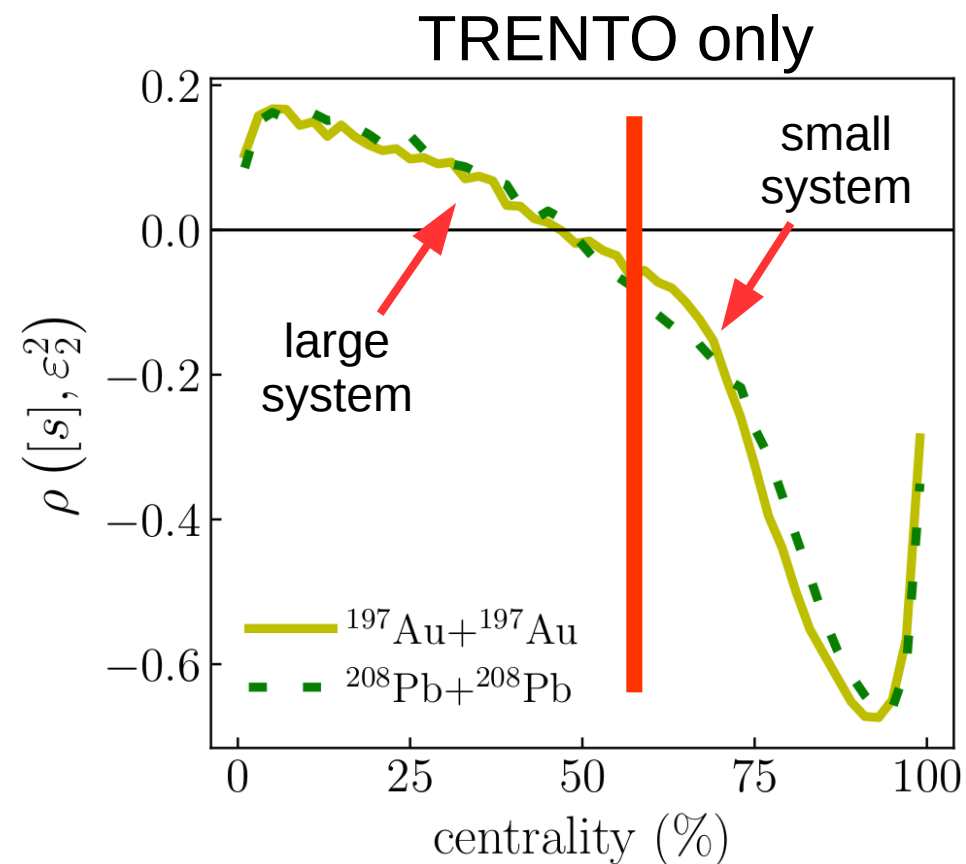
## A potential discovery, or nonflow?

# CONCLUSIONS

- Primordial momentum anisotropy predicted by the CGC.
- **Qualitative signatures to be searched for in data on  $v_2$  -  $\langle p_T \rangle$  correlation.**
- Change of sign *appears* at low multiplicity in pA.
- Change of sign *disappears* in peripheral Au-Au.
- **Consistent with preliminary data! Nonflow contribution under investigation.**

**BACKUP**

# Clear predictions from hydrodynamics **without** initial momentum anisotropy. **NO** beam energy dependence!



[Alba, Mantovani Sarti, Noronha, Noronha-Hostler, Parotto, Portillo Velazquez, Ratti, [1711.05207](#)]

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# TRENTO with substructure

