



Elliptic flow of electrons from heavy flavor decays

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Elliptic flow (v_2)

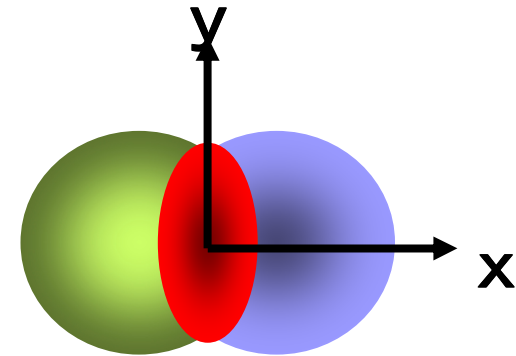
- Elliptic flow

$$dN/d\varphi \propto N_0(1+2v_2\cos(2\varphi))$$

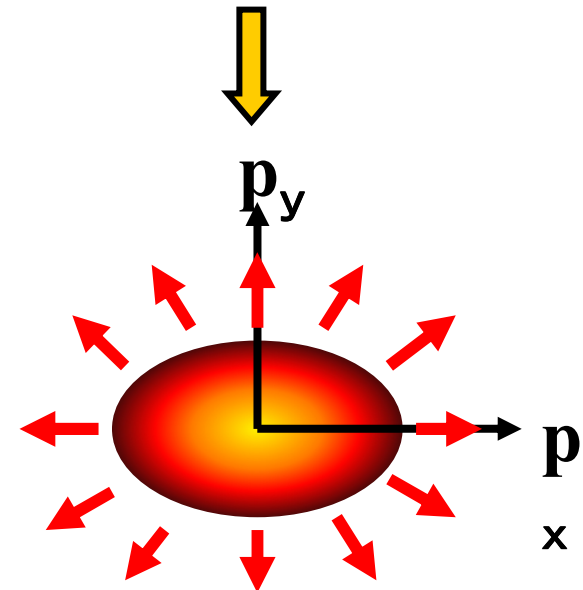
- A powerful probe of the initial state of the high energy heavy ion collision

- transfer initial spatial anisotropy to momentum space anisotropy

- macroscopic ; hydro model
=> pressure gradient
- microscopic
=> scattering in the medium



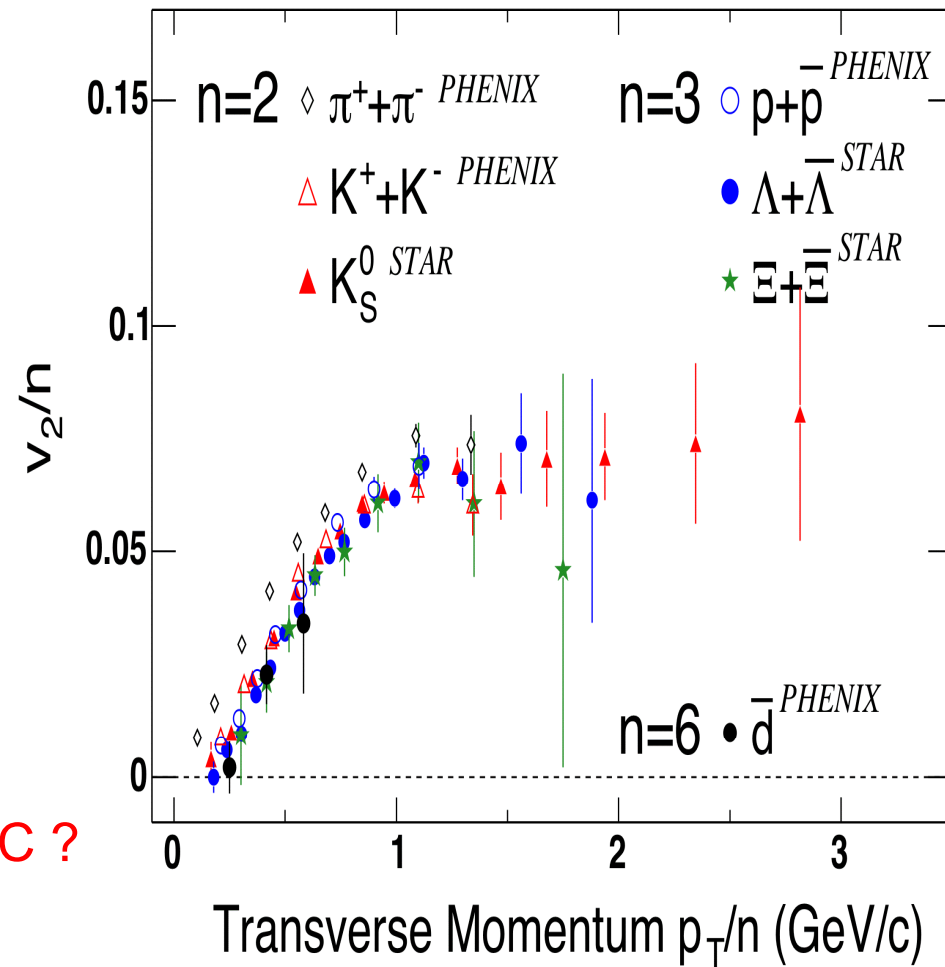
Initial spatial anisotropy



*Momentum space anisotropy
of particle emission*

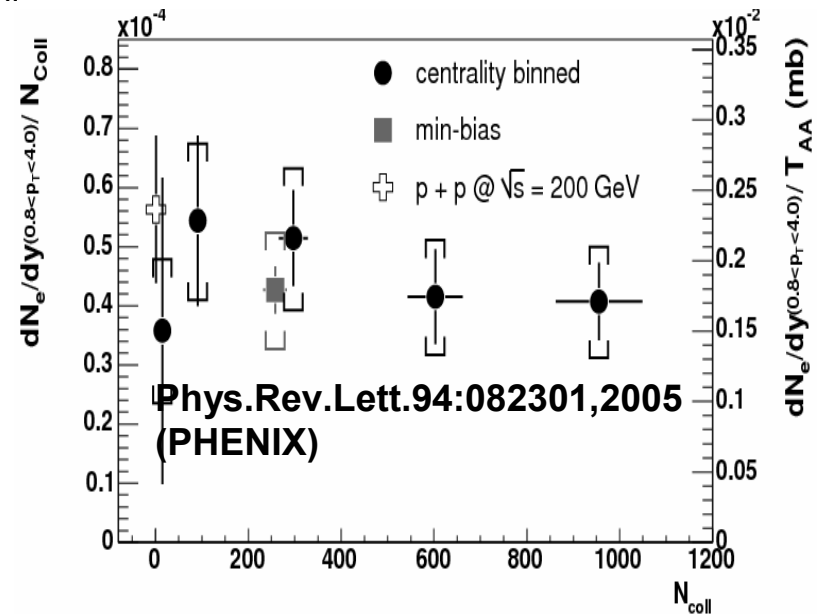
v_2 already developed in partonic phase ?

- identified hadrons v_2 after scaling p_T and v_2 number of quarks
- v_2 after scaling **fall on same curve**
- v_2 already formed in the partonic phase for hadrons made of **light quarks (u,d,s)**
=> partonic level v_2
- **charm quark also flow @ RHIC ?**



Charm quark

- Charm is believed to be produced in initial collisions via gluon fusion
=> total cross-section ; binary scaling (N_{coll})
- Charm propagates through medium created in the collisions
=> good probe of medium
- initial charm v_2 might be 0
=> charm quark v_2 due to scattering in medium
=> non-zero charm v_2 indicate
very high dense medium created in the collision and quark level thermalization

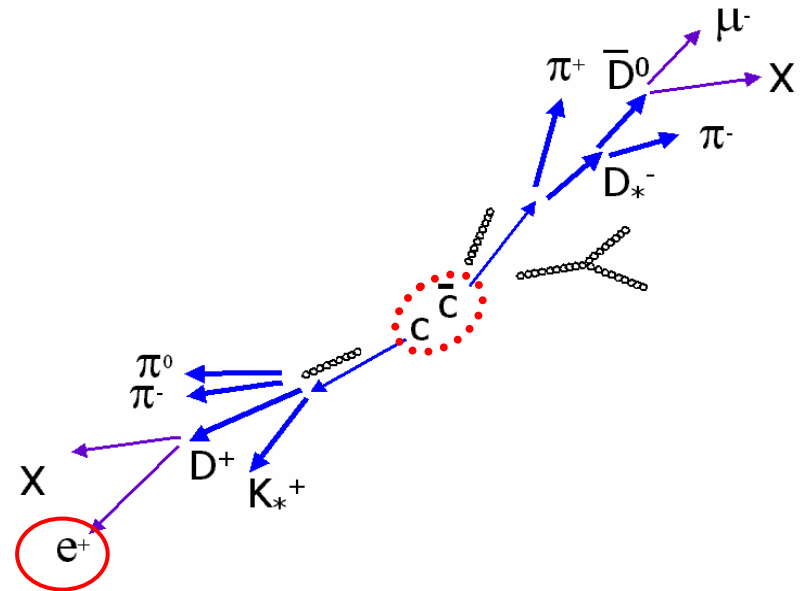


Charm quark study @ PHENIX

- Electron sources

charm decay
beauty decay } non-photonic

Dalitz decays
Di-electron decays
Photon conversions
Kaon decays
Thermal dileptons } photonic



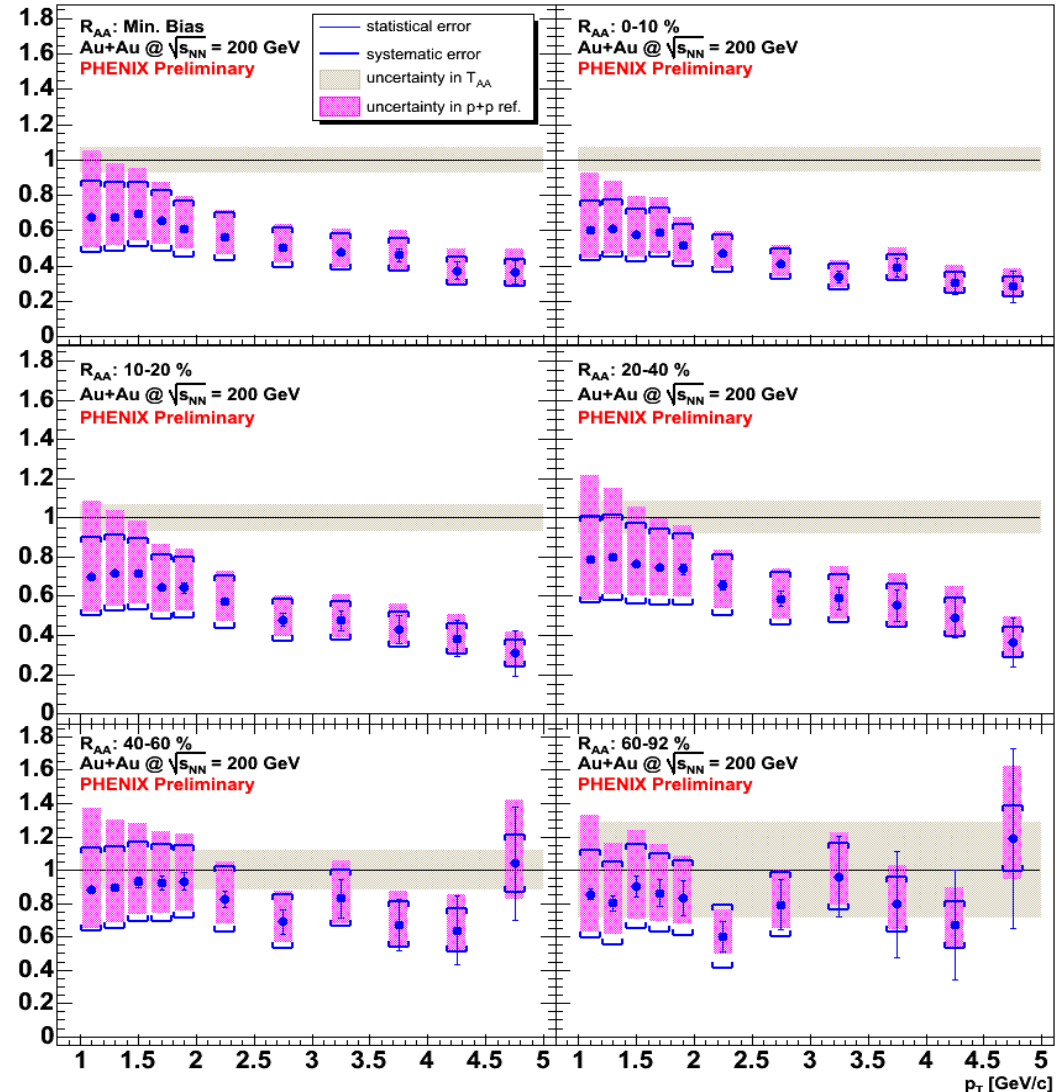
- Subtract photonic electrons following methods

- “Cocktail subtraction” – calculation of “photonic” electron background from all known sources

- “Converter subtraction” – extraction of “photonic” electron background by special run with additional converter (brass, $X = 1.7\%$)

Charm quarks interact with medium ?

- non-photonic electron R_{AA}
- clear suppression @ high p_T in more central collision ($R_{AA} < 1.0$)
- ⇒ one of the evidence charm quarks interact with the medium
- low p_T and peripheral collision (centrality > 40 %) is consistent with binary scale
- v_2 measurement (p_T, cent) gives us additional info. of the interaction between charm and the medium



Electron v_2 measurement @ PHENIX

- Electron v_2 is measured by R.P. method

$$dN/d(\phi-\Phi) = N (1 + 2v_2^{obs} \cos(2(\phi-\Phi)))$$

- R.P. --- determined with BBC
- Tracking (p_T, ϕ) --- DC + PC
- electron ID --- RICH & EMCal

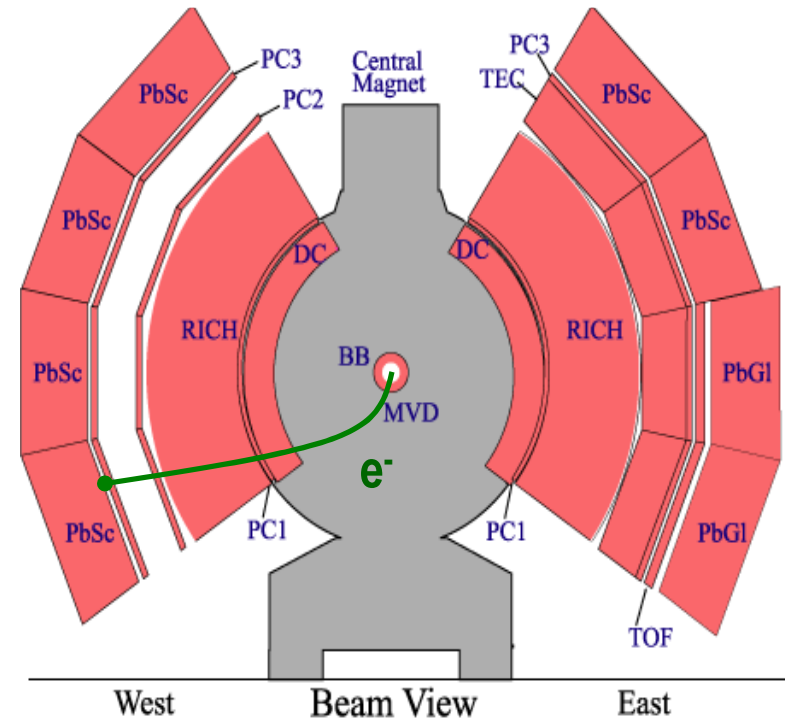
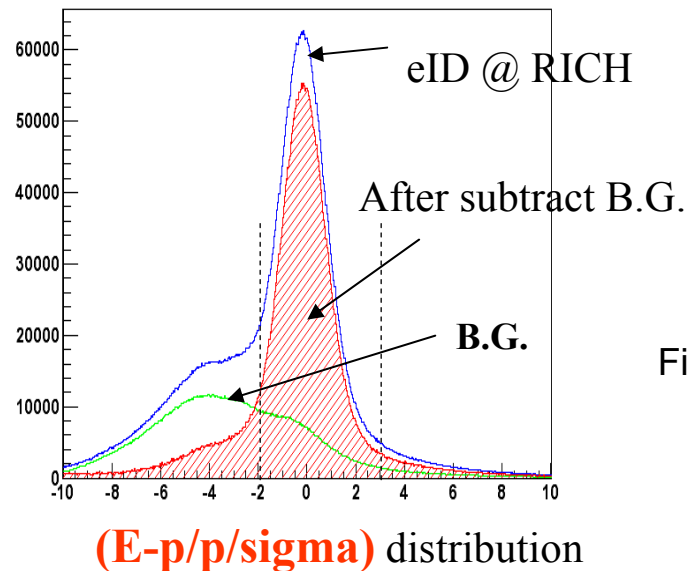


Fig : Energy (EMcal) & momentum matching of electrons identified by RICH.
Clear electron signals around $E/p-1 = 0$

Non-photonic electron v2 measurement

- Non photonic electron v2 is given as;

$$dN_e/d\Phi = dN_{\text{pho.e}}/d\Phi + dN_{\text{non-pho.e}}/d\Phi$$

$$\Rightarrow v2_{\text{non-}\gamma}^e = \{(1+R_{\text{NP}}) v2 - v2_{\gamma}^e\} / R_{\text{NP}}$$

- v2 --- inclusive electron v2
- R_{NP} --- $e(\text{non-}\gamma) / e(\gamma)$
- $v2_{\gamma}^e$ --- photonic electron v2

- photonic electron v2 determination

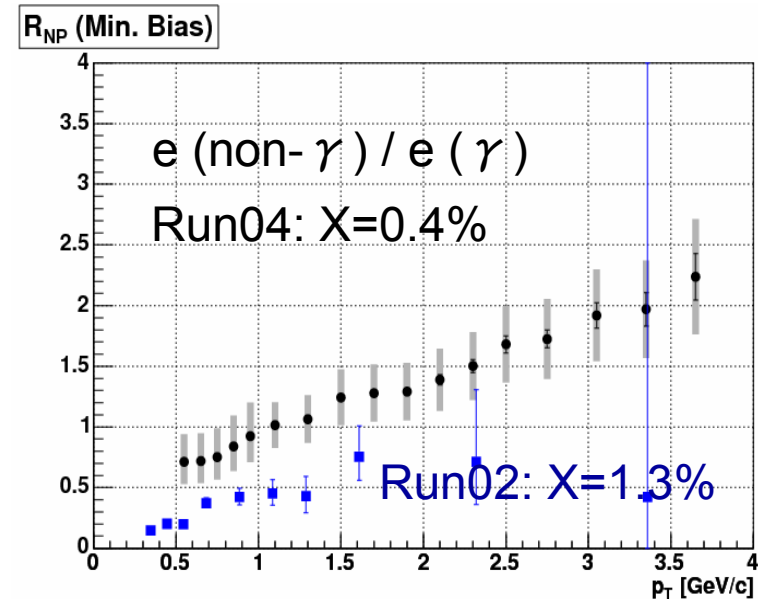
□ *converter method (experiment)*

Measure inclusive electron v2
with/without converter.

Then separate non-photonic & photonic e v2

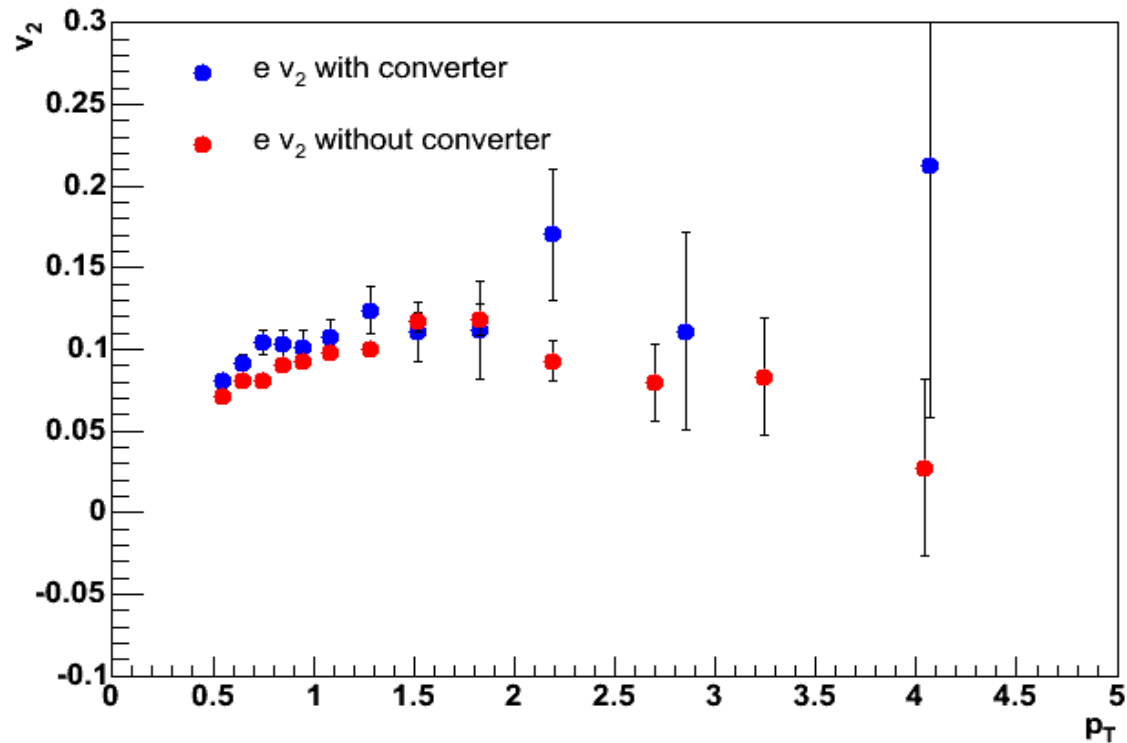
□ *cocktail method (simulation)*

Determined photonic electron v2 with simulation



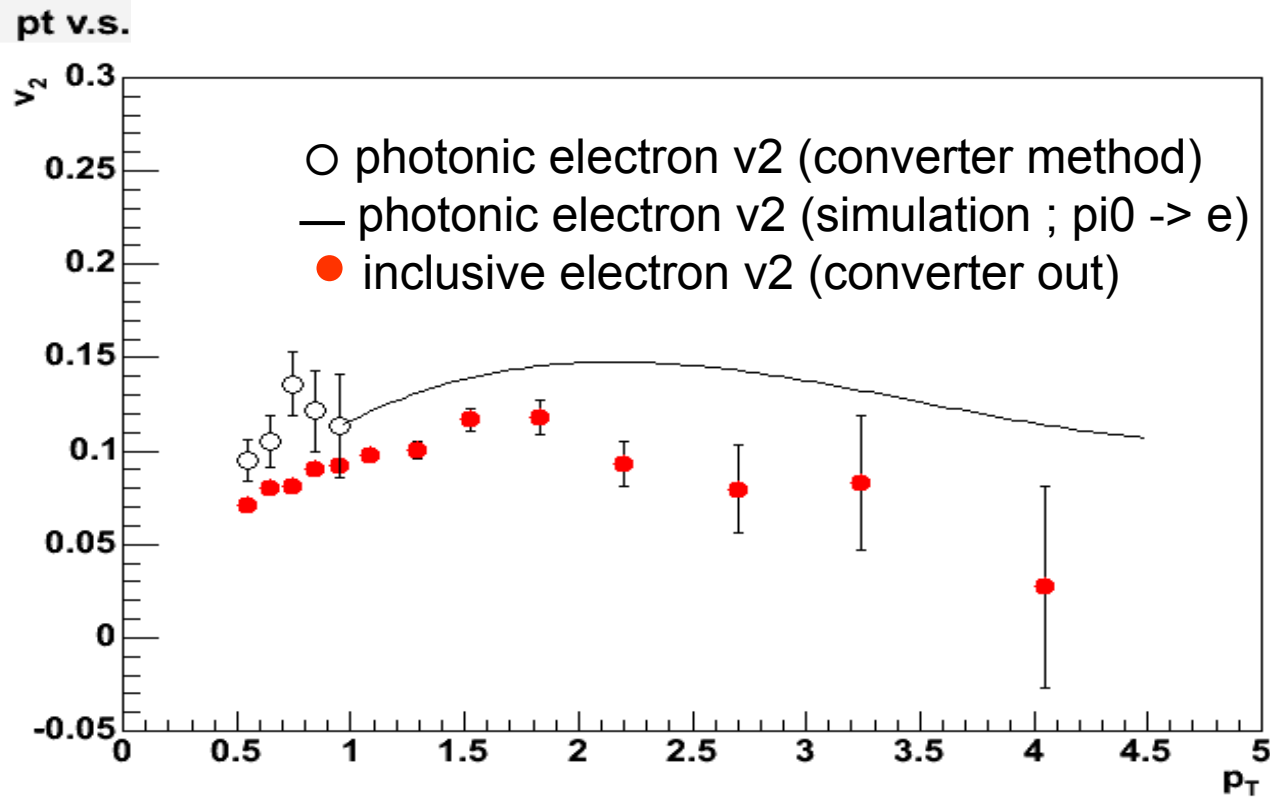
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Inclusive electron v_2 (in/out converter)



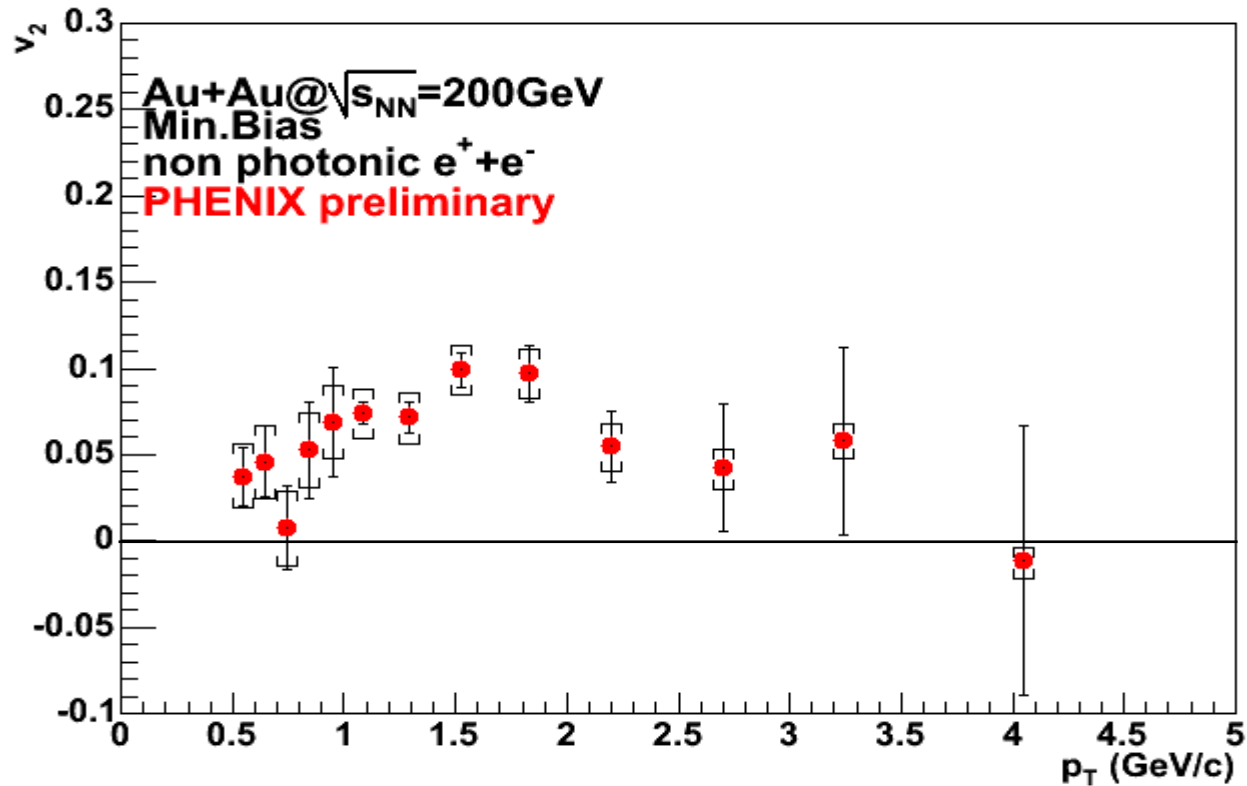
- inclusive electron v_2 in / out converter
- difference between converter in / out
=> photonic & non-photonic e v_2 is different

Inclusive electron & photonic electron v_2



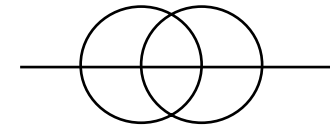
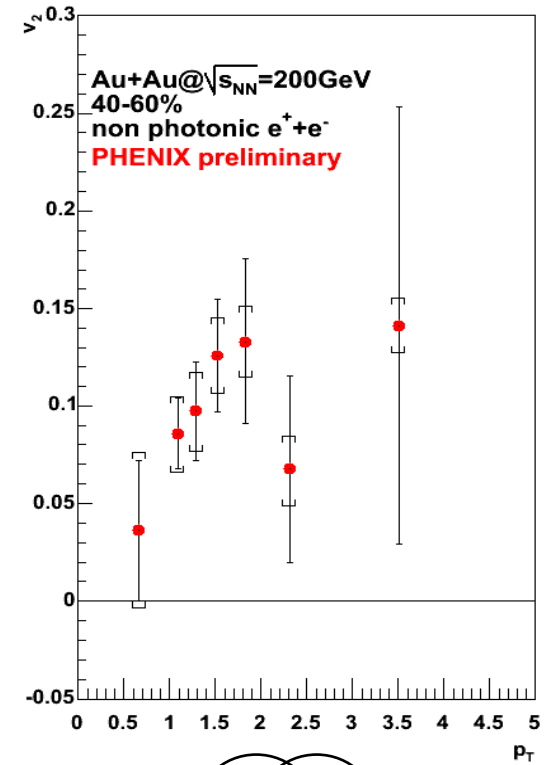
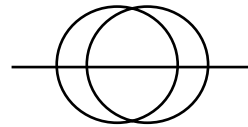
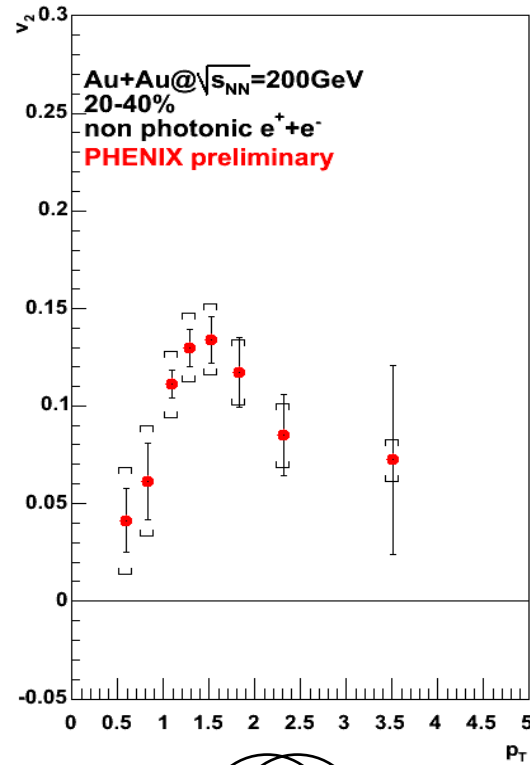
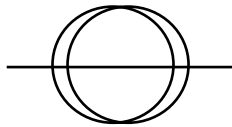
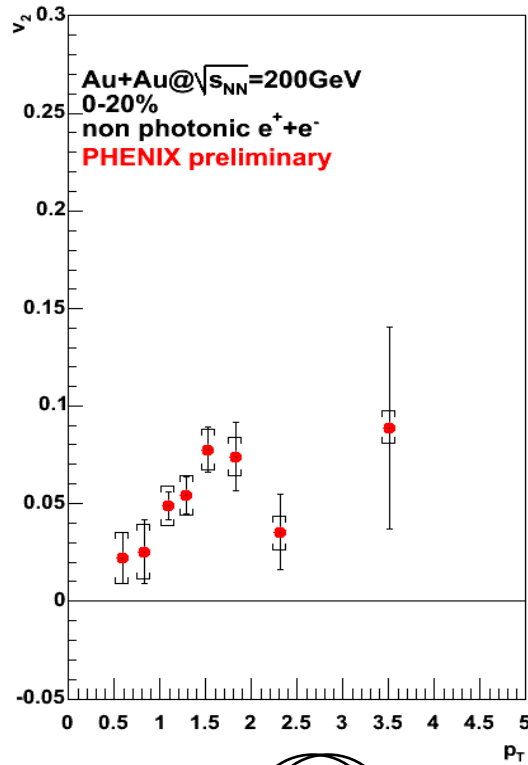
- compare with inclusive & photonic electron v_2
- photonic e v_2 ; $p_T < 1.0$ (conv.) & $p_T > 1.0$ (cock.)
- inclusive electron v_2 is smaller than photonic electron v_2

Non-photonic electron v_2



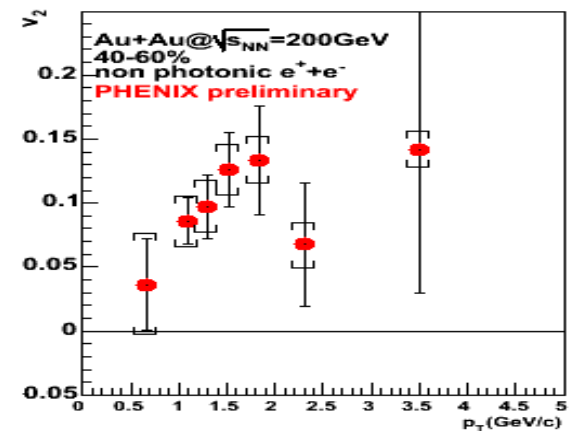
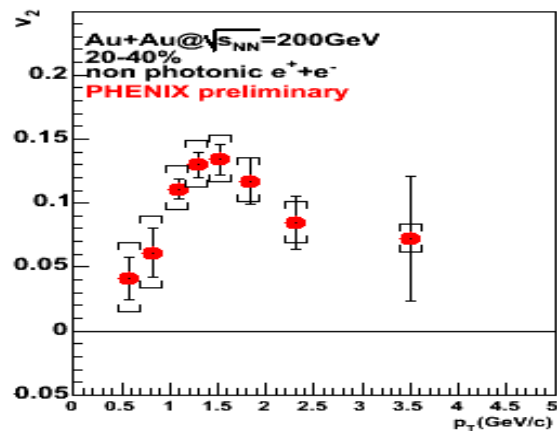
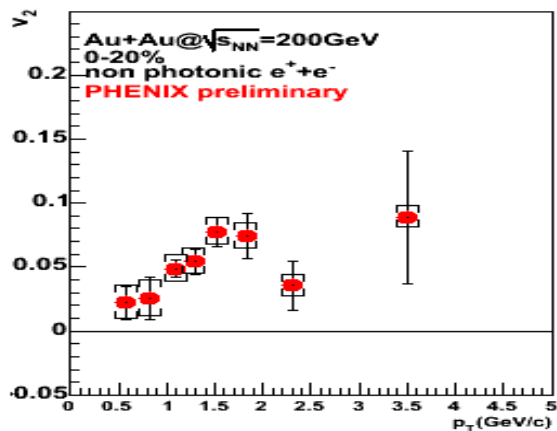
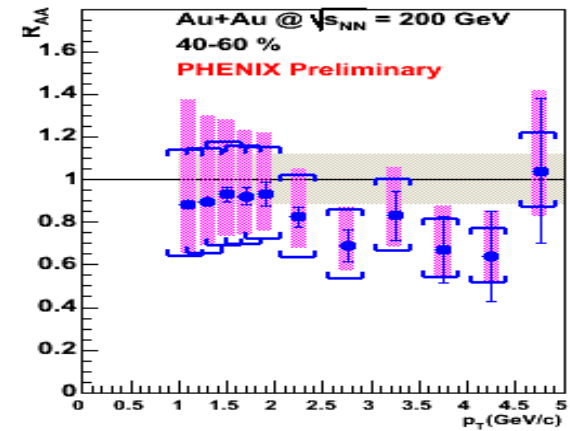
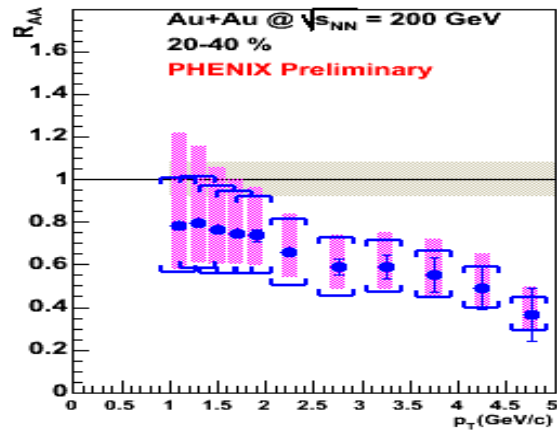
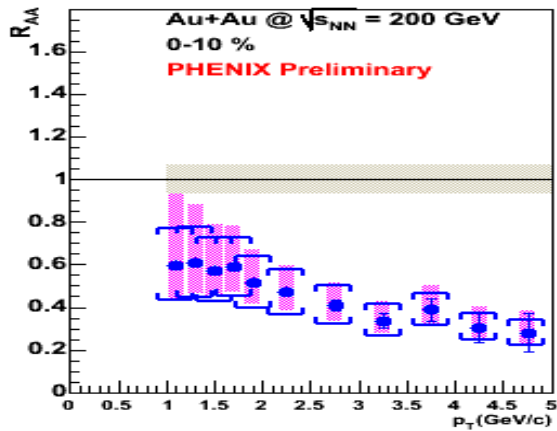
- Non-photonic electron v_2 : $p_T < 1.0$ (conv.) & $p_T > 1.0$ (cock.)
- Non-photonic electron v_2 has non-zero v_2

Non-photonic electron v_2 (centrality dep.)



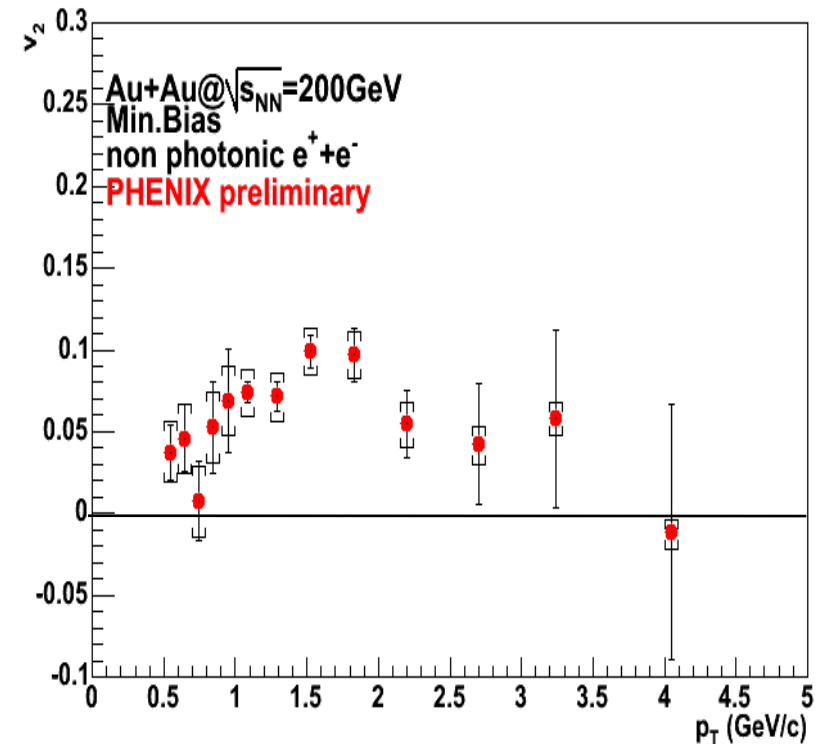
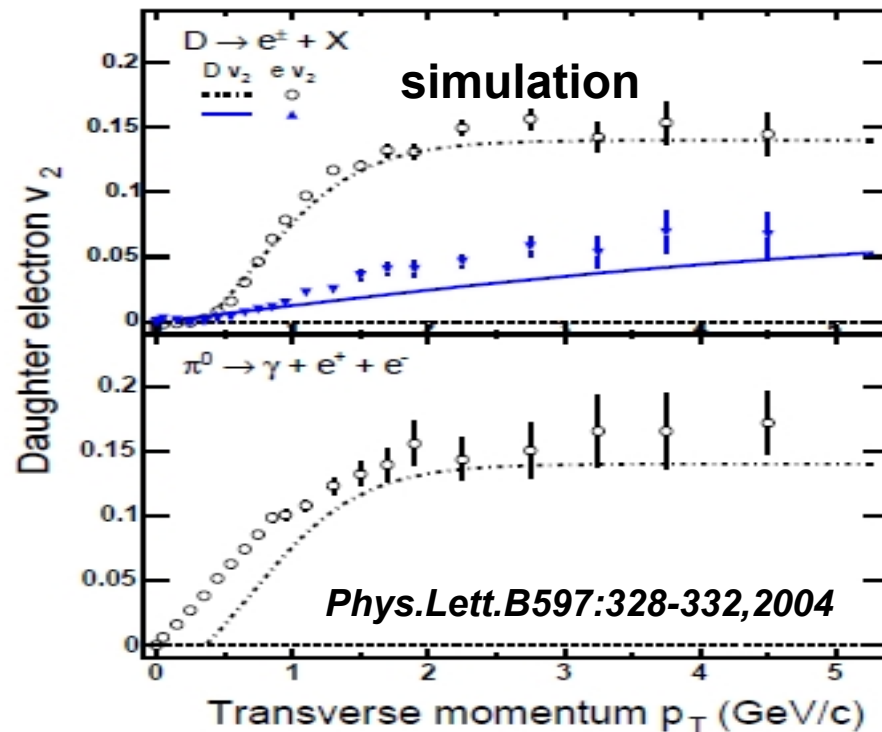
■ non-photonic electron v_2 seems like getting larger with centrality

Compare with R_{AA}



- $R_{AA} \sim 1.0$ @ peripheral collision but v_2 still non-zero
- indicate *charm quarks* interact with *medium* not only central but also peripheral

D meson flow ?

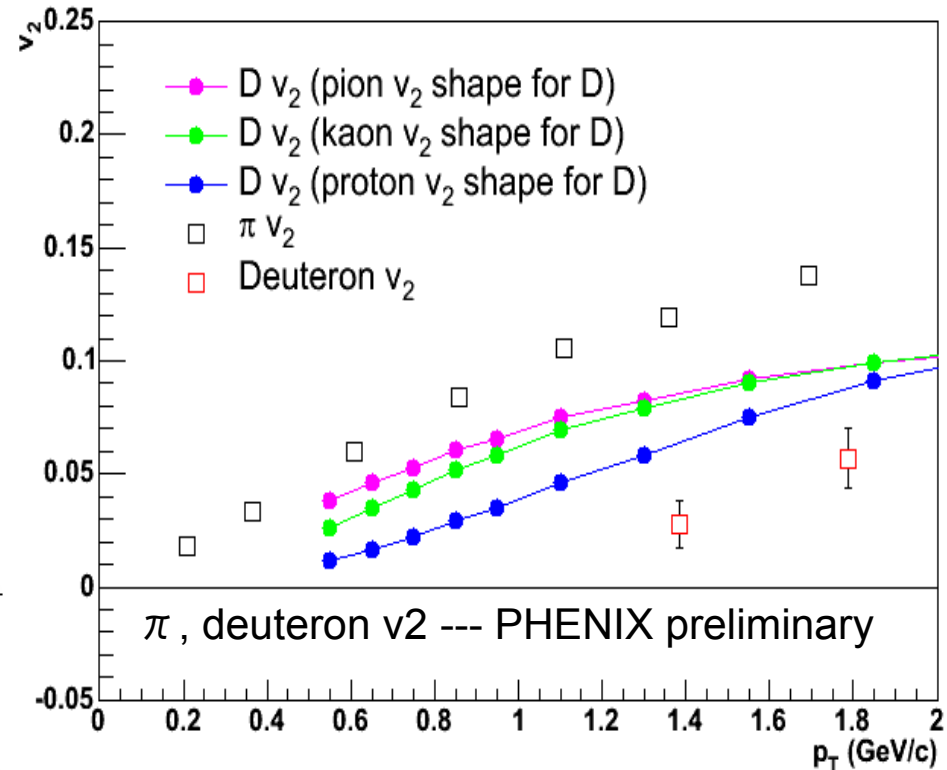


- electron v_2 from D meson decay well reflect parent v_2
- non-zero non-photonic electron v_2 suggest D meson also flow @ RHIC

expected $D v_2$ from non-photonic $e v_2$

- expected $D v_2$ from non- γv_2 process
- (1) $D v_2 = a \cdot f(p_T)$
 a ; free parameter
 $f(p_T)$; π, K, p
- (2) $D \rightarrow e v_2$
- (3) Calculate χ^2
- (4) Find χ^2 minimum for “ a ”

D meson v_2 shape ($f(p_T)$)	$a_{\chi^2_{min}}$	χ^2/ndf
$v_2(\pi)$	0.7	0.88
$v_2(K)$	0.75	0.89
$v_2(p)$	0.65	1.23



- expected D meson v_2 from non-photonic electron v_2
 - smaller than πv_2
 - larger than Deuteron v_2 “if $D v_2$ shape same as π, k, p ”
 Mass D meson \sim Mass Deuteron

Charm quark flow ?

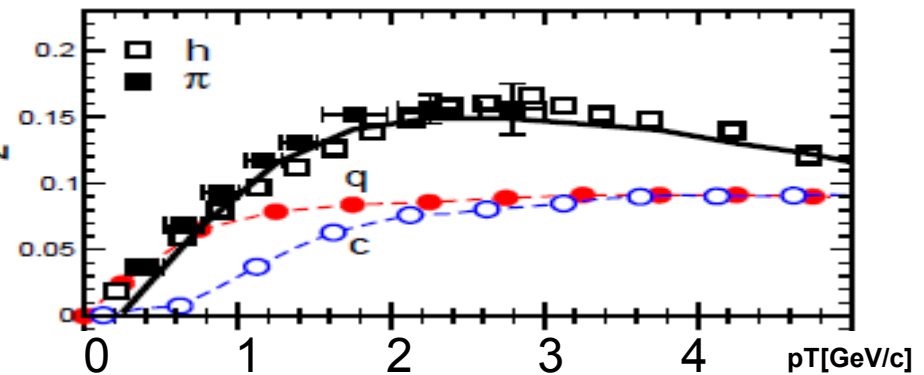
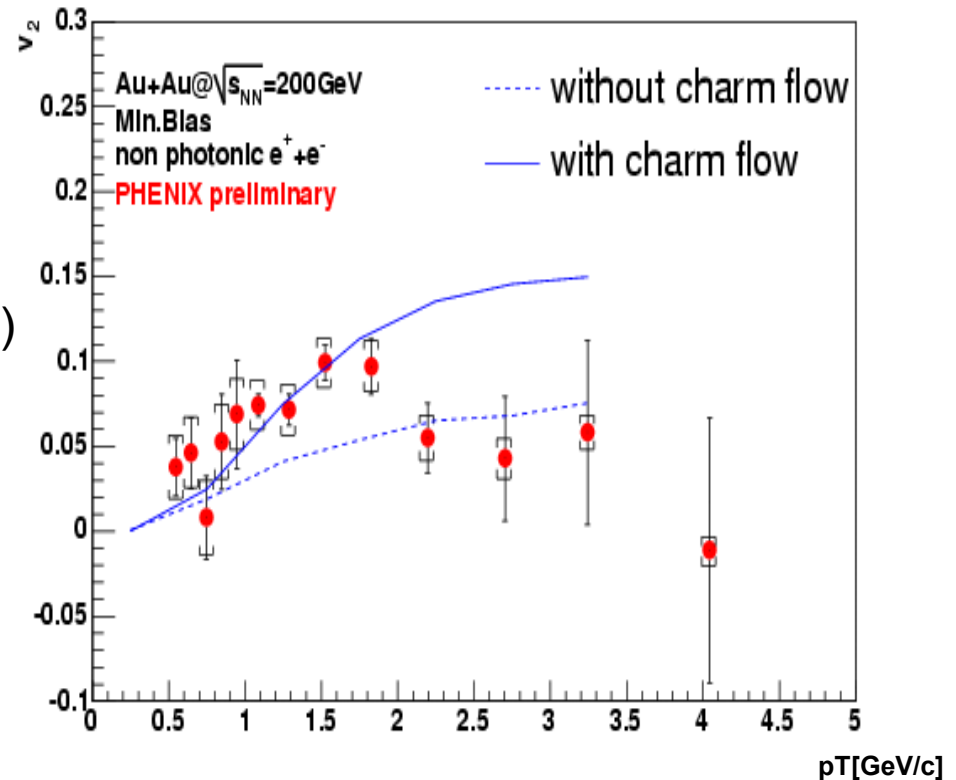
■ Compared with quark coalescence model prediction.
with/without charm quark flow
 (Greco, Ko, Rapp: PLB 595 (2004) 202)

- No Bottom contribution
- $c v_2$ small $u v_2$ @ low p_T
- quark v_2 flat @ high p_T

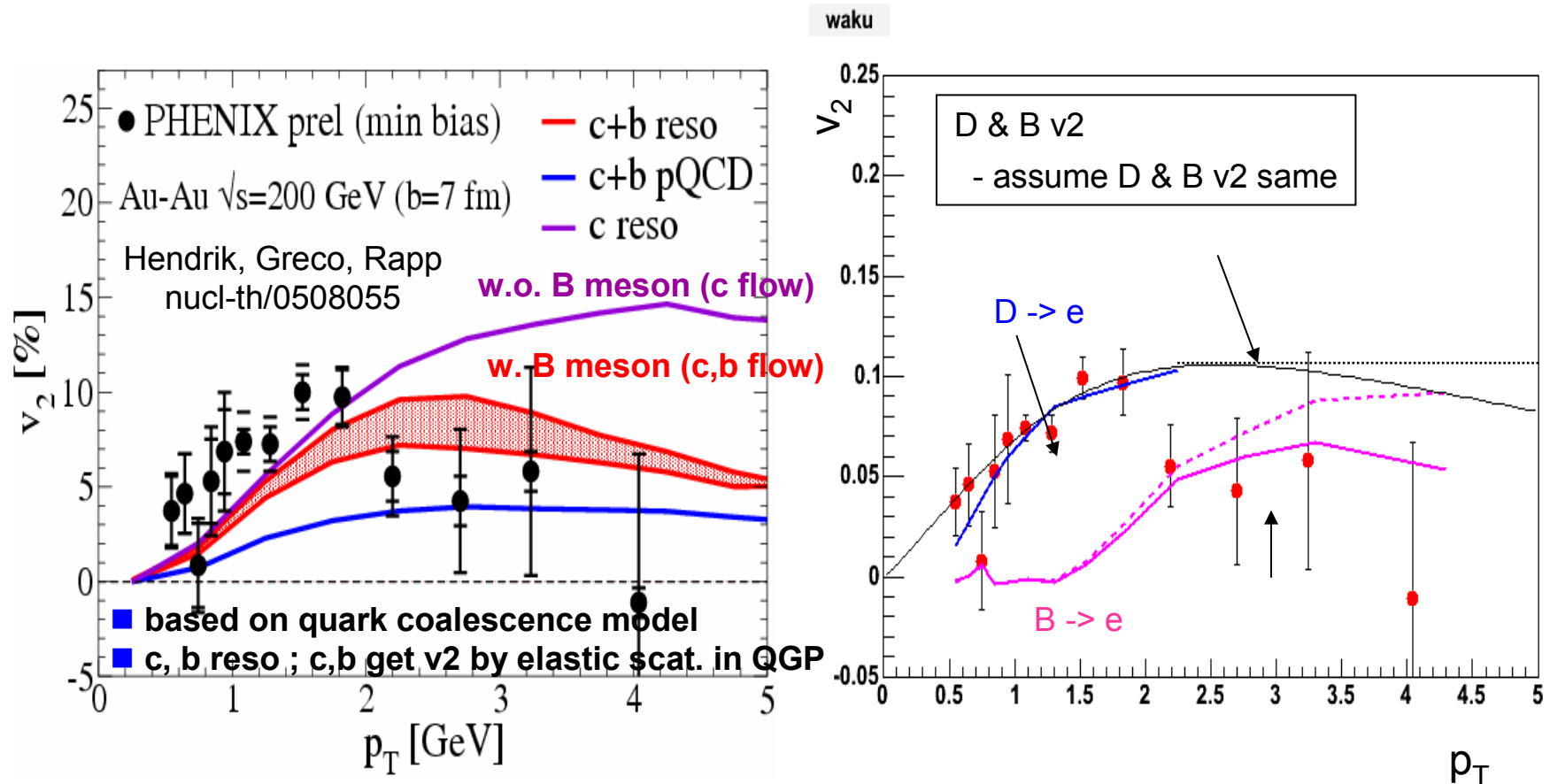
■ Below 2.0 GeV/c ;
consistent with charm quark flow model.

=> **favor charm quark flow model**

■ assume $c v_2 < u v_2$ @ low p_T
 => **mass effect in partonic level ?**



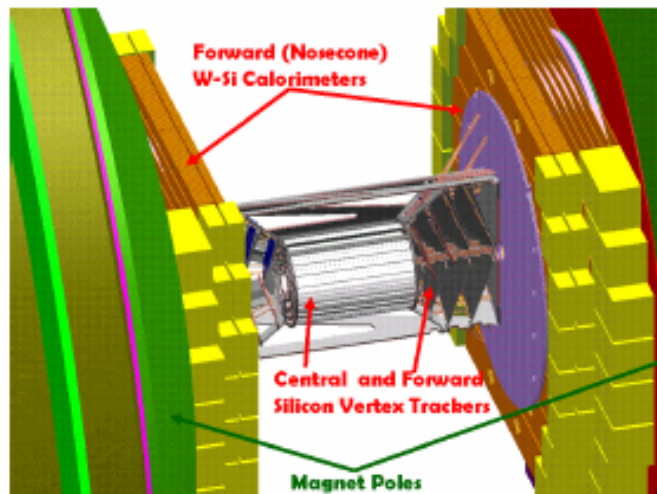
B meson contribution ?



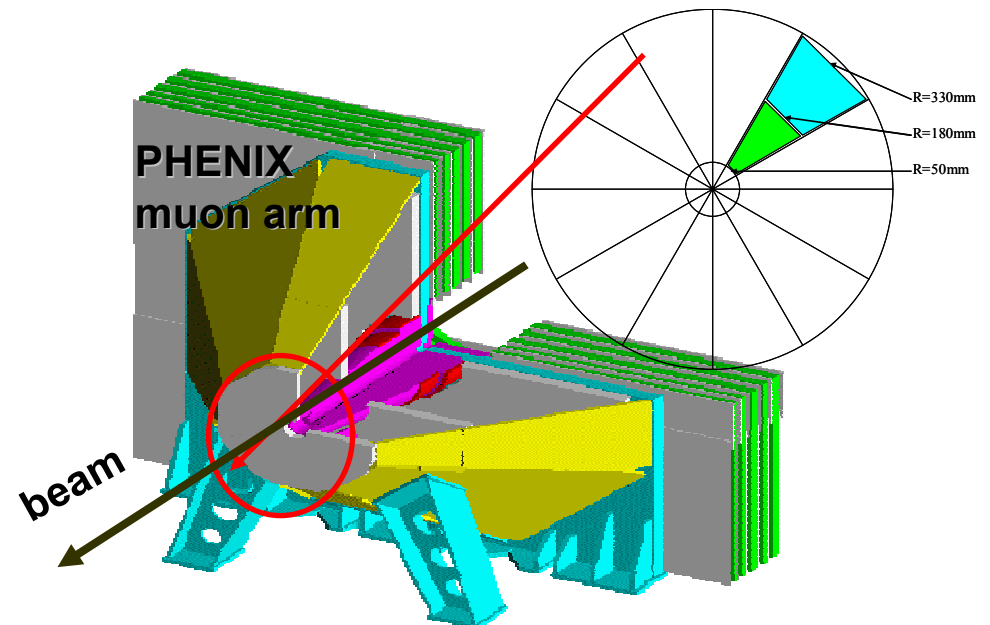
- B meson contribution is model dependent now but the contribution is getting larger at high p_T .
- electron v_2 from B meson is smeared due to large mass difference \Rightarrow high p_T single electron v_2 is getting smaller ?

Near future

- **single μ v_2**
- **new reaction plane detector**
 - **good resolution => reduce error from R.P.**
 - **J/ψ v_2 & high p_T non-photonic electron v_2**
- **silicon vertex detector**
 - **direct measurement D meson v_2**



[Silicon vertex detector]

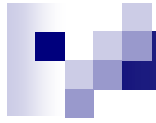


[Reaction plane detector]



Summary

- Non-photonic electron v_2 from heavy flavor decays has been measured with RHIC-PHENIX
- Non-photonic electron v_2 has non-zero v_2
=> indicate non-zero D meson v_2
- Clear centrality dependence of non-photonic e v_2
- Compare with model calculation with charm flow ($c v_2 < u v_2$)
=> **consistent with charm flow model** below 2.0 GeV/c
=> mass effect in partonic level ?
- Estimate D meson v_2 from non-photonic electron v_2 assuming D meson v_2 shape same as pion, Kaon, proton.



■ Backup slides

Converter method

Separate non-photonic & photonic $e v^2$ by using
Non-converter run & converter run

$$\begin{cases} \text{Non-converter ; } N_{nc} = N_{\gamma} + N_{\text{non-}\gamma} \\ \text{Converter ; } N_c = R_{\gamma} * N_{\gamma} + N_{\text{non-}\gamma} \end{cases}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} (1+R_{NP})v^2_{nc} = v^2_{\gamma} + R_{NP}v^2_{\text{non-}\gamma} \\ (R_{\gamma} + R_{NP}) v^2_c = R_{\gamma} v^2_{\gamma} + R_{NP}v^2_{\text{non-}\gamma} \end{cases}$$

R_{γ} --- ratio of electrons with & without converter (measured)

R_{NP} --- non-photonic/photonic ratio (measured)

v^2_{nc} --- inclusive $e v^2$ measured with non-converter run (measured)

v^2_c --- inclusive $e v^2$ measured with converter run (measured)

**$v^2_{\text{non-}\gamma}$ (non-photonic) & v^2_{γ} (photonic) is
“experimentally” determined !**

Cocktail method

Determined photonic electron v_2 with simulation
Then subtract it from electron v_2 measured
with non-converter run

$$dN_e/d\Phi = dN_{\text{pho.e}}/d\Phi + dN_{\text{non-pho.e}}/d\Phi$$

$$\Rightarrow v_{2\text{non-}\gamma} = \left\{ (1+R_{\text{NP}}) v_2 - v_{2\gamma} \right\} / R_{\text{NP}}$$

↑ ↑ ← measured

measured calculate

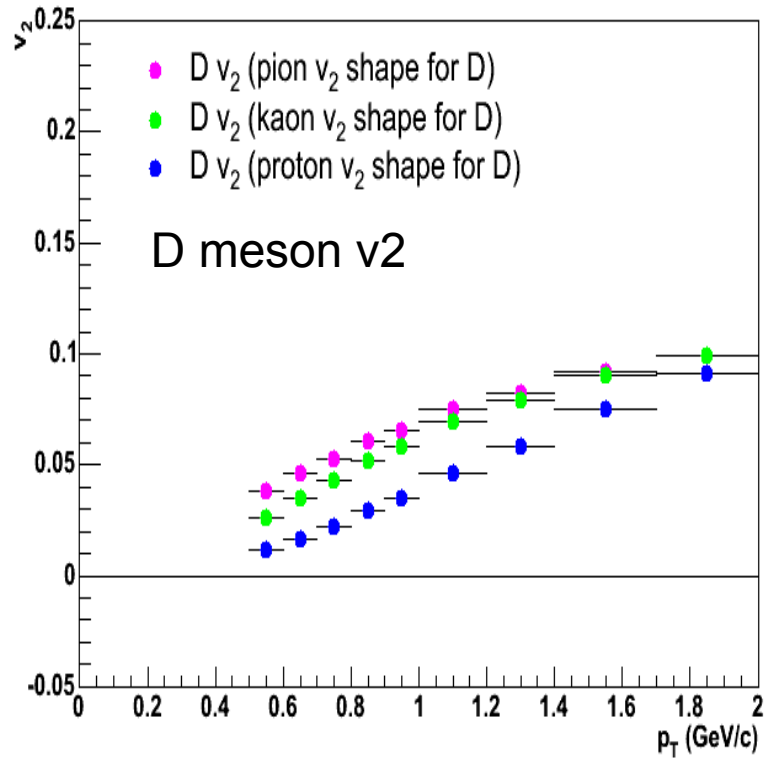
R_{NP} --- non-photonic/photonic ratio
experimentally determined

v_2 --- inclusive electron v_2 (without converter)

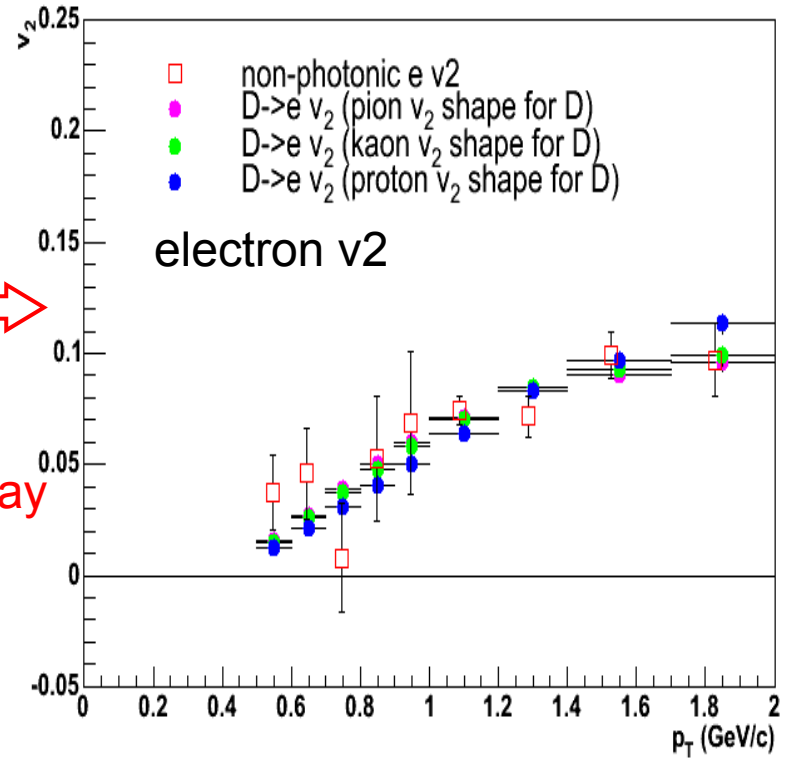
$v_{2\gamma}$ --- photonic electron v_2
calculated from π^0 (pion) v_2

D → e ν₂

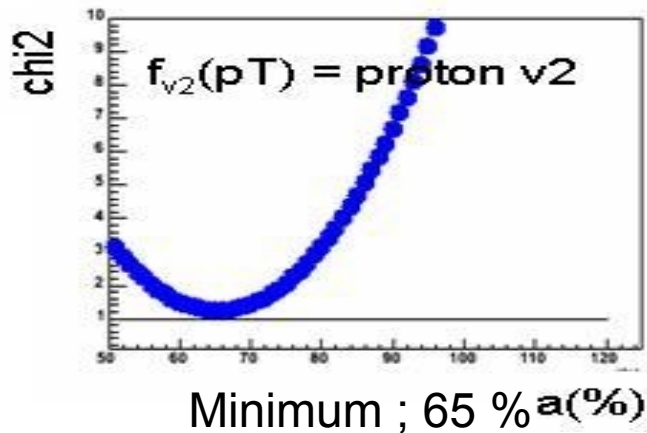
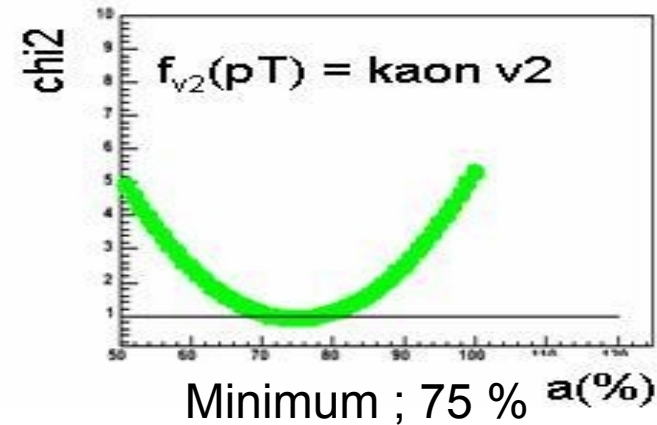
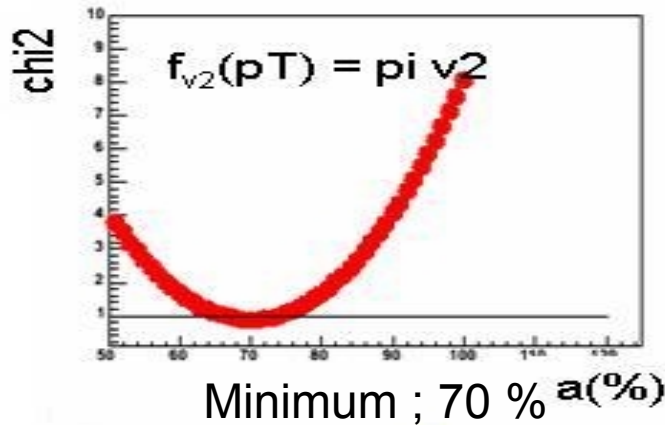
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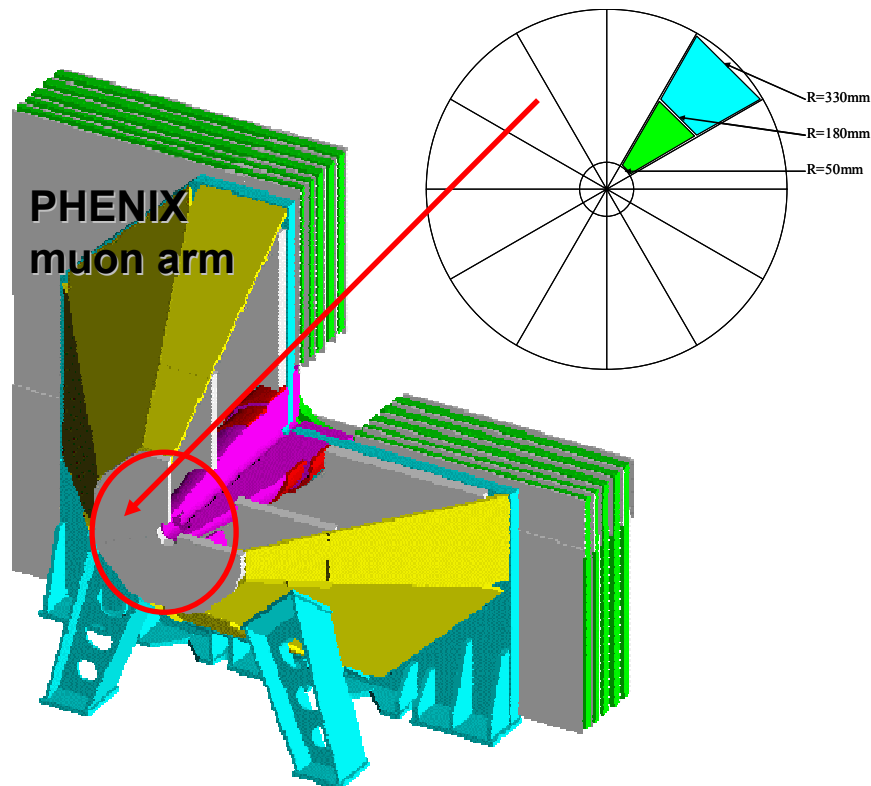


D v2 estimate from non- γ e v2 (2)



- χ^2/ndf v.s. scale factor (a)
- current result can't decide what shape is better.

New reaction plane detector



- A new reaction plane detector
- position ; $1 \sim |\eta| \sim 2.5$,
- resolution ; $\langle \cos 2 \Delta \Phi \rangle \sim 0.7$
(BBC ; $\langle \cos 2 \Delta \Phi \rangle \sim 0.3$)
- materials ;
Pb converter + scintillator