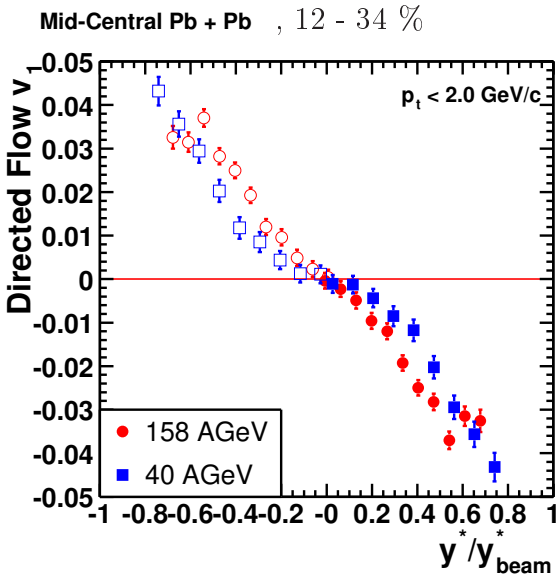
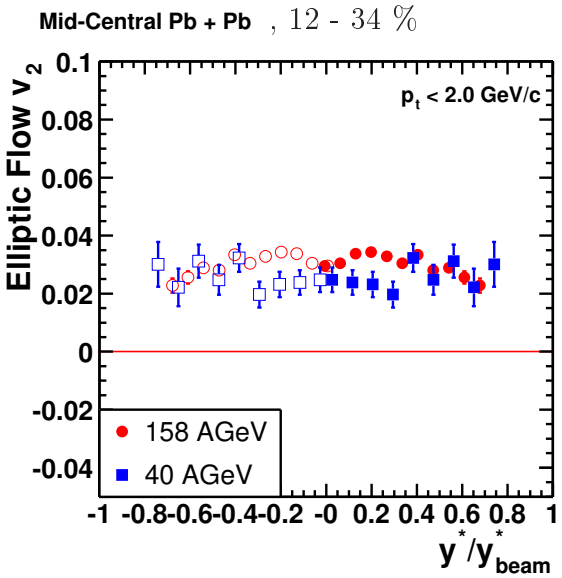
anisotropic flow

- sensitive to pressure in the early reaction phase
- may show soft point at the onset of deconfinement (Shuryak)
- close to final results at 40 and 158 A·GeV:
  - improved method based on azimuthal $(\Phi - \Phi_R)$ distributions
  - cumulant method based on n-particle correlations





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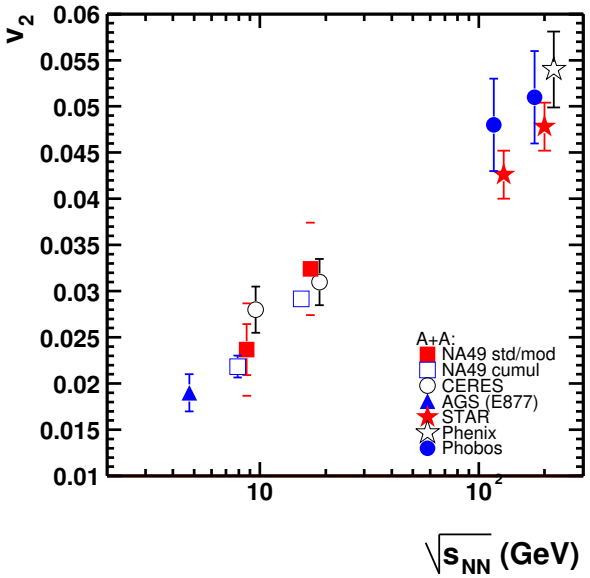

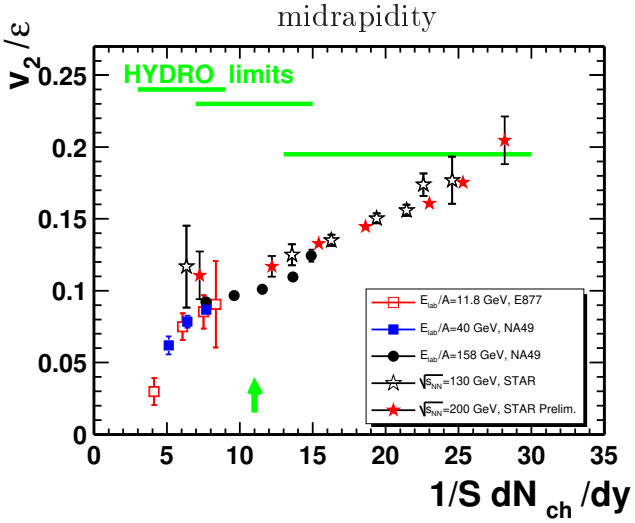

smooth energy dependence of elliptic flow