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We present inclusive charged hadron elliptic flow ( $v_{2}$ ) measured over the pseudorapidity range $|\eta|<0.35$ in $\mathrm{Au}+\mathrm{Au}$ collisions at $\sqrt{s_{N N}}=200 \mathrm{GeV}$. Results for $v_{2}$ are presented over a broad range of transverse momentum ( $\left.p_{T}=0.2-8.0 \mathrm{GeV} / c\right)$ and centrality $(0-60 \%)$. To study nonflow effects that are correlations other than collective flow, as well as the fluctuations of $v_{2}$, we compare two different analysis methods: (1) the event-plane method from two independent subdetectors at forward $(|\eta|=3.1-3.9)$ and beam $(|\eta|>6.5)$ pseudorapidities and (2) the twoparticle cumulant method extracted using correlations between particles detected at midrapidity. The two eventplane results are consistent within systematic uncertainties over the measured $p_{T}$ and in centrality $0-40 \%$. There is at most a $20 \%$ difference in the $v_{2}$ between the two event-plane methods in peripheral ( $40-60 \%$ ) collisions. The comparisons between the two-particle cumulant results and the standard event-plane measurements are discussed.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

[^0]Collisions of $\mathrm{Au}+\mathrm{Au}$ nuclei at the BNL Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC) produce matter at very high energy density [1-4]. The dynamical evolution of this hot and dense
medium reflects its state and the degrees of freedom that govern the different stages it undergoes [5-7]. Azimuthal anisotropy measurements serve as a probe of the degree of thermalization, transport coefficients, and the equation of state (EOS) [8-10] of the produced medium.

Azimuthal correlations in $\mathrm{Au}+\mathrm{Au}$ collisions at RHIC have been shown to consist of a mixture of jet and harmonic contributions [11-14]. Jet contributions are found to be relatively small for $p_{T} \lesssim 2.0 \mathrm{GeV} / c$, with away-side jet yields strongly suppressed [13]. Significant modifications to the away-side jet topology have also been reported [15-17]. The harmonic contributions are typically characterized by the Fourier coefficients,

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\begin{equation*}
v_{n}=\left\langle\cos \left(n\left[\phi-\Psi_{\mathrm{RP}}\right]\right)\right\rangle \quad(n=1,2, \ldots), \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
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where $\phi$ represents the azimuthal emission angle of a charged hadron and $\Psi_{\mathrm{RP}}$ is the azimuth of the reaction plane defined as containing both the direction of the impact parameter vector and the beam axis. The brackets denote statistical averaging over particles and events. The first two harmonics $v_{1}$ and $v_{2}$ are referred to as directed and elliptic flow, respectively.

It has been found that at low $p_{T}\left(p_{T} \lesssim 2.0 \mathrm{GeV} / c\right)$, the magnitude and trends of $v_{2}$ are underpredicted by hadronic cascade models supplemented with string dynamics [18], but they are well reproduced by models that either incorporate hydrodynamic flow [7,9] with a first-order phase transition and rapid thermalization, $\tau \sim 1 \mathrm{fm} / c$ [19], or use a quasiparticle ansatz but include more than just 2-to-2 interactions [20].

The mass dependence of $v_{2}$ as a function of $p_{T}$ has been studied using identified baryons and mesons [19,21] and empirical scaling of elliptic flow per constituent quark was observed when the signal and the $p_{T}$ of the hadron were divided by the number of constituent quarks $n_{q}\left(n_{q}=2\right.$ for mesons, 3 for baryons). This scaling is most clearly observed by plotting the data as a function of transverse kinetic energy $\mathrm{KE}_{T} \equiv m_{T}-m=\sqrt{p_{T}^{2}+m^{2}}-m$ [22], where $m_{T}$ and $m$ denote the transverse mass and mass of the particle, respectively. A recent study [23] finds that the constituent quark scaling holds up to $\mathrm{KE}_{T} \approx 1 \mathrm{GeV}$. This indicates partonic, rather than hadronic, flow and suggests that the bulk matter collectivity develops before hadronization takes place [24-26]. Results for the $v_{2}$ of the $\phi$ meson further validate the observation of partonic collectivity. The $\phi$ is not expected to be affected by hadronic interactions in the late stages of the medium evolution because of to its small interaction cross section with nonstrange hadrons [27].

All of the $v_{2}$ measurements referenced above were performed using the event-plane method [28]. In PHENIX studies, the event plane was determined at forward and backward pseudorapidities $(|\eta|=3.1-3.9)$ with the assumption that correlations induced by elliptic flow dominate over all other nonflow correlations [19]. Nonflow correlations are those that are not correlated with the reaction plane. Common sources of nonflow correlations include jets, the near-side ridge, quantum correlations, and resonance decays. Simulation studies [19,29] have shown that the correlations from jets and dijets become negligible when the rapidity separation between the particles and the event plane is greater than three units. Thus we
expect that the event plane at forward pseudorapidities $|\eta|=$ 3.1-3.9 in the PHENIX experiment would not have significant jet-correlation with particles measured within the PHENIX central arm spectrometer covering the pseudorapidity window $|\eta|<0.35$. STAR and PHOBOS Collaborations have observed that in central $\mathrm{Au}+\mathrm{Au}$ collisions, there is a ridge of particles $[30,31]$ that are correlated in azimuthal angle with a high- $p_{T}$ particle and that this ridge extends to $|\eta|<4$ (for midrapidity triggers). The ridge could produce a nonflow correlation on which we can provide information by using our $v_{2}$ measurements, which are made with different techniques and at different rapidities.

Event-by-event flow fluctuations can also affect the magnitude of the extracted flow signal [32]. This occurs because the event plane at forward pseudorapidities is reconstructed using particles from participant nucleons whose positions fluctuate event-by-event. Assuming that $v_{2}$ fluctuates according to a Gaussian distribution, the $v_{2}$ fluctuation is proportional to the fluctuation of the initial geometry. This effect scales as $1 / N_{\text {part }}$, where $N_{\text {part }}$ denotes the number of participant nucleons. The difference between $v_{2}$ values obtained from different methods can be quantitatively understood in terms of nonflow and fluctuation effects [33,34].

Hence in this paper we will compare the $v_{2}$ results from the event plane determined at two different pseudorapidities with the goal of investigating the sensitivity of $v_{2}$ to nonflow and fluctuation effects. Additionally, we will extract the elliptic flow with the two-particle cumulant method, which is expected to have higher sensitivity to nonflow contributions to $v_{2}$.

In this paper, we describe the PHENIX measurements of elliptic flow ( $v_{2}$ ) at midrapidity $(|\eta|<0.35)$ in $\mathrm{Au}+\mathrm{Au}$ collisions at $\sqrt{s_{N N}}=200 \mathrm{GeV}$ obtained from a cumulant analysis of two-particle azimuthal correlations and the eventplane method over a broad range of $p_{T}\left(p_{T}=0.2-8 \mathrm{GeV} / c\right)$ and centrality ( $0-60 \%$ ). Section II describes the PHENIX apparatus, with an emphasis on the detectors relevant to the presented results, as well as the track selections used in the analysis. Section III gives details of the event-plane and cumulant methods as applied in PHENIX, and Sec. IV discusses their systematic uncertainties. The results from the two methods are reported in Sec. V. Section VI presents a comparison of $v_{2}$ results across different experiments and a discussion. The $v_{2}$ values obtained from the different methods are tabulated in the Appendix.

## II. EXPERIMENTAL ANALYSIS

## A. The PHENIX detector

The PHENIX detector consists of two central spectrometer arms at midrapidity that are designated East and West for their location relative to the interaction region, and two muon spectrometers at forward rapidity, similarly called North and South. A detailed description of the PHENIX detector can be found in Ref. [35]. The layout of the PHENIX detector during data taking in 2004 is shown in Fig. 1. Each central spectrometer arm covers a pseudorapidity range of $|\eta|<0.35$ subtending $90^{\circ}$ in azimuth and is designed to detect electrons, photons, and charged hadrons. Charged particles are tracked


FIG. 1. (Color online) PHENIX experimental layout in 2004. Top: PHENIX central arm spectrometers viewed along the beam axis. Bottom: side view of the PHENIX muon arm spectrometers.
by drift chambers (DCs) positioned between 2.0 and 2.4 m radially outward from the beam axis and layers of multiwire proportional chambers with pad readout (two in the east arm and three in the west arm) PC1, PC2, and PC3 located at a radial distance of $2.4,4.2$, and 5 m , respectively. Particle identification is provided by ring imaging Cerenkov counters (RICHs), a time-of-flight scintillator wall (TOF), and two types of electromagnetic calorimeter (EMCAL), the lead scintillator $(\mathrm{PbSc})$ and lead glass $(\mathrm{PbGl})$.

The detectors used to characterize each event are the beambeam counters (BBCs) [36] and the zero-degree calorimeters (ZDCs) [37]. These detectors are used to determine the time of the collision, the position of the collision vertex along the beam axis, and the collision centrality and also provide the event trigger. In this analysis the BBCs are also used to determine the event plane. Each BBC is composed of 64 elements, and a single BBC element consists of a 1 in . diameter mesh dynode photomultiplier tube (PMT) mounted on a 3 cm long quartz radiator. The BBCs are installed on the north and south sides of the collision point along the beam axis at a distance of 144 cm from the center of the interaction region and they
surround the beam pipe. The BBC acceptance covers the pseudorapidity range $3.1<|\eta|<3.9$ and the full range of azimuthal angles.

The ZDCs are hadronic calorimeters located on both sides of the PHENIX detector. Each ZDC is mechanically subdivided into three identical modules of two interaction lengths. They cover a pseudorapidity range of $|\eta|>6.5$ and measure the energy of the spectator neutrons with a 20 GeV energy resolution [37]. The shower maximum detectors (ZDC-SMDs) are scintillator strip hodoscopes between the first and second ZDC modules. This location approximately corresponds to the maximum of the hadronic shower. The horizontal coordinate is sampled by seven scintillator strips of 15 mm width, while the vertical coordinate is sampled by eight strips of 20 mm width. The active area of a ZDC-SMD is $105 \mathrm{~mm} \times 110 \mathrm{~mm}$ (horizontal $\times$ vertical dimension). Scintillation light is delivered to a multichannel PMT M16 by wavelength-shifter fibers. The ZDC-SMD position resolution depends on the energy deposited in the scintillator. It varies from $<3 \mathrm{~mm}$, when the number of particles exceeds 100 , to 10 mm for a smaller number of particles.


FIG. 2. (Color online) Correlation between ZDC energy and BBC charge sum for $\mathrm{Au}+\mathrm{Au}$ collisions at $\sqrt{s_{N N}}=200 \mathrm{GeV}$. Solid lines represent the corresponding centrality boundaries up to $60 \%$ centrality bin.

## B. Event selection

For the analyses presented here, we used approximately $850 \times 10^{6}$ minimum-bias triggered events. The minimum-bias trigger was defined by a coincidence between North and South BBC signals and an energy threshold of one neutron in the ZDCs. The events are selected offline to be within a $z$ vertex of less than 30 cm from the nominal center of the PHENIX spectrometer. This selection corresponds to $92.2_{-3.0}^{+2.5} \%$ of the $6.9 \mathrm{~b} \mathrm{Au}+\mathrm{Au}$ inelastic cross section at $\sqrt{s_{N N}}=200 \mathrm{GeV}$ [38]. The event centrality was determined by correlating the charge detected in the BBCs with the energy measured in the ZDCs, as shown in Fig. 2.

A Glauber model Monte Carlo simulation [39-41] that includes the responses of BBC and ZDC gives an estimate of the average number of participating nucleons $\left\langle N_{\text {part }}\right\rangle$ for each centrality class. The simulation does not include fluctuations in the positions of the nucleons which give rise to eccentricity fluctuations. Table I lists the calculated values of $\left\langle N_{\text {part }}\right\rangle$ for each centrality class.

TABLE I. Centrality classes and average number of participant nucleons $\left\langle N_{\text {part }}\right\rangle$ obtained from a Glauber Monte Carlo simulation of the BBC and ZDC responses for $\mathrm{Au}+\mathrm{Au}$ collision at $\sqrt{s_{N N}}=200 \mathrm{GeV}$. Each centrality class is expressed as a percentage of $\sigma_{\text {AuAu }}=6.9 \mathrm{~b}$ inelastic cross section. Errors denote systematic uncertainties from the Glauber MC simulation.

| Centrality | $\left\langle N_{\text {part }}\right\rangle$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| $0-10 \%$ | $325.2 \pm 3.3$ |
| $10-20 \%$ | $234.6 \pm 4.7$ |
| $20-30 \%$ | $166.6 \pm 5.4$ |
| $30-40 \%$ | $114.2 \pm 4.4$ |
| $40-50 \%$ | $74.4 \pm 3.8$ |
| $50-60 \%$ | $45.5 \pm 3.3$ |

## C. Track selection

Charged particle tracks are measured using information from the DC, the PC1 and PC3 detectors, and the $z$ vertex from the BBC. The DC has 12 wire planes, which are spaced at 0.6 cm intervals along the radial direction from the beam axis. Each wire provides a track position measurement, with better than $150 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ spatial resolution in the azimuthal $(\phi)$ direction. The PC1 provides a space point in the $\phi$ and beam directions, albeit with lower resolution. This space point and the vertex position help determine the three-dimensional momentum vector by providing the polar angle for charged tracks at the exit of the DC. Trajectories are confirmed by requiring matching hits at PC3 to reduce secondary background. Tracks are then projected back to the collision vertex through the magnetic field to determine the momentum $\vec{p}$ [42]. The momentum resolution is $\delta p / p \simeq 0.7 \% \oplus 1.0 \% \times p(\mathrm{GeV} / c)$. The momentum scale is known to $0.7 \%$, as determined from the reconstructed proton mass using the TOF detector. Further details on track reconstruction and momentum determination can be found in Refs. [41,42].

The tracks reconstructed by the DC that do not originate from the event vertex have been investigated as potential background to the charged particle measurement. The main background sources include secondary particles from decays and $e^{+} e^{-}$pairs from the conversion of photons in the material between the vertex and the DC [41]. Tracks are required to have a hit in the PC3, as well as in the EMCAL, within at most $2 \sigma$ of the expected hit location in both the azimuthal and beam directions. This cut reduces the background not originating in the direction of the vertex. To reduce the conversion background, we further require tracks to have $E / p_{T}>0.2$, where $E$ denotes the energy deposited in the EMCAL and $p_{T}$ is the transverse momentum of particles measured in the DC. Since most of the electrons from photon conversion are genuine low $p_{T}$ particles that were reconstructed as high $p_{T}$ particles, requiring a large deposit of energy in the EMCAL suppresses the electron background [43]. We also require that there are no associated hits in the RICH. The RICH is filled with $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ gas at atmospheric pressure and has a charged particle threshold $\gamma_{\text {th }}=35$ to emit Čerenkov photons.

## III. METHODS OF AZIMUTHAL ANISOTROPY MEASUREMENT

In this section, we introduce the methods for azimuthal anisotropy measurements as used in the PHENIX experiment. Section III A describes the event-plane method using the BBCs and ZDC-SMDs detectors, and Sec. III B describes the twoparticle cumulant method.

## A. Event-plane method

The event-plane method [28] uses the azimuthal anisotropy signal to estimate the angle of the reaction plane. The estimated reaction plane is called the "event plane" and is determined for each harmonic of the Fourier expansion of the azimuthal distribution. The event flow vector $\vec{Q}_{n}=\left(Q_{x}, Q_{y}\right)$ and azimuth of the event plane $\Psi_{n}$ for the $n$th harmonic of the
azimuthal anisotropy can be expressed as

$$
\begin{align*}
Q_{x} & \equiv\left|\vec{Q}_{n}\right| \cos \left(n \Psi_{n}\right)=\sum_{i}^{M} w_{i} \cos \left(n \phi_{i}\right)  \tag{2}\\
Q_{y} & \equiv\left|\vec{Q}_{n}\right| \sin \left(n \Psi_{n}\right)=\sum_{i}^{M} w_{i} \sin \left(n \phi_{i}\right)  \tag{3}\\
\Psi_{n} & =\frac{1}{n} \tan ^{-1}\left(\frac{Q_{y}}{Q_{x}}\right) \tag{4}
\end{align*}
$$

where $M$ denotes the number of particles used to determine the event plane, $\phi_{i}$ is the azimuthal angle of each particle, and $w_{i}$ is the weight chosen to optimize the event-plane resolution. Once the event plane is determined, the elliptic flow $v_{2}$ can be extracted by correlating the azimuthal angle of emitted particles $\phi$ with the event plane, i.e.,

$$
\begin{equation*}
v_{2}=\frac{v_{2}^{\mathrm{obs}}}{\operatorname{Res}\left\{\Psi_{n}\right\}}=\frac{\left\langle\cos \left(2\left[\phi-\Psi_{n}\right]\right)\right\rangle}{\left\langle\cos \left(2\left[\Psi_{n}-\Psi_{\mathrm{RP}}\right]\right)\right\rangle}, \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\phi$ is the azimuthal angle of tracks in the laboratory frame, $\Psi_{n}$ is the $n$ th-order event plane, and the brackets denote an average over all charged tracks and events. The denominator Res $\left\{\Psi_{n}\right\}$ is the event-plane resolution that corrects for the difference between the estimated event plane $\Psi_{n}$ and true reaction plane $\Psi_{\mathrm{RP}}$.

In this paper, the second-harmonic event planes were independently determined with two BBCs located at the forward (BBC South, referred to as BBCS) and backward (BBC North, referred to as BBCN) pseudorapidities $|\eta|=$ 3.1-3.9 [19]. The difference between the two independent event planes was used to estimate the event-plane resolution. The planes were also combined to determine the event plane for the full event. A large pseudorapidity gap between the charged particles detected in the central arms and the event plane at the BBCs reduces the effect of possible nonflow contributions, especially those from dijets [29]. The measured $v_{2}$ of hadrons in the central arms with respect to the combined second-harmonic BBC event plane will be denoted throughout this paper as $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}$.

Two first-harmonic event planes were also determined using spectator neutrons at the two shower maximum detectors (ZDC-SMDs) that are sandwiched between the first and second modules of the ZDCs. Forward (ZDCS) and backward (ZDCN) SMDs which cover pseudorapidity $|\eta|>6.5$ were used. The measured $v_{2}$ of hadrons in the central arms determined with respect to the first-harmonic ZDC-SMD event plane is denoted as $v_{2}\{Z \mathrm{ZDC}-\mathrm{SMD}\}$.

The pseudorapidity gap between the hadrons measured in the central arms and the ZDC-SMDs is larger than that for the BBCs, which could cause a further reduction of nonflow contributions on $v_{2}\{$ ZDC-SMD $\}$. Since the ZDC-SMD measures spectator neutrons, the ZDC-SMD event plane should be insensitive to fluctuations in the participant event plane. Hence fluctuations in $v_{2}\{$ ZDC-SMD $\}$ should be suppressed up to fluctuations in the spectator positions.

For completeness, two further event planes are defined: (1) a combined event plane defined by the weighted average of event planes at the forward and backward pseudorapidities for both

BBCs and ZDC-SMDs, and (2) an event plane found using tracks in the central arm. The event plane at the central arms (CNT) is only used to estimate the resolution of BBC and ZDCSMD event planes by using a three-subevent combination of the ZDC-SMD, BBC, and CNT.

## 1. Event-plane determination

To determine an event plane, the contribution at each azimuthal angle needs to be appropriately weighted depending on the detector used. For the BBC, we chose the weights to be the number of particles detected in each phototube, while for the ZDC-SMD, the weights were based on the energy deposited in each of the SMD strips. For the CNT event plane, the weight was taken to be proportional to $p_{T}$ up to $2 \mathrm{GeV} / c$ and constant for $p_{T}>2 \mathrm{GeV} / c$. For the CNT event plane, we also adopted a unit weight ( $w_{i}=1$ ) and found that the resulting CNT event-plane resolution extracted by comparing the CNT event plane with the BBC and ZDC-SMD planes was nearly identical when using the $p_{T}$-dependent or unit weights.

Corrections were performed to remove possible biases from the finite acceptance of the BBC and ZDC-SMD. In this analysis, we applied two corrections called the recentering and shift methods [28]. In the recentering method, event flow vectors are shifted and normalized by using the mean $\langle Q\rangle$ and width $\sigma$ of flow vectors, i.e.,

$$
\begin{equation*}
Q_{x}^{\prime}=\frac{Q_{x}-\left\langle Q_{x}\right\rangle}{\sigma_{x}}, \quad Q_{y}^{\prime}=\frac{Q_{y}-\left\langle Q_{y}\right\rangle}{\sigma_{y}} \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

This correction reduces the dependence of the event-plane resolution on the laboratory angle. Most acceptance effects were removed by the application of the recentering method. However, remaining small corrections were applied after recentering using the shift method [28], in which the reaction plane is shifted by $\Delta \Psi_{n}$ defined by

$$
\begin{align*}
n \Delta \Psi_{n}\left(\Psi_{n}\right)= & \sum_{k=1}^{k_{\max }} \frac{2}{k}\left[-\left\langle\sin \left(k n \Psi_{n}\right)\right\rangle \cos \left(k n \Psi_{n}\right)\right. \\
& \left.+\left\langle\cos \left(k n \Psi_{n}\right)\right\rangle \sin \left(k n \Psi_{n}\right)\right] \tag{7}
\end{align*}
$$

where $k_{\max }=8$ in this analysis. The shift ensures that $d N / d \Psi_{n}$ is isotropic. When $k_{\max }$ was reduced to $k_{\max }=4$, the difference in the extracted $v_{2}$ was negligible, and thus we include no systematic uncertainty due to the choice of $k_{\max }$ in our $v_{2}$ results.

Independent corrections were applied to each centrality selection in $5 \%$ increments and in 20 cm steps in the $z$ vertex to optimize the event-plane resolution. The corrections were also done for each experimental run (the duration of a run is typically $1-3 \mathrm{~h}$ ) to minimize the possible time-dependent response of detectors.

Figure 3 shows event-plane distributions for a subsample of the entire data set. After all corrections are applied, the event-plane distributions are isotropic.

## 2. Event-plane resolution

The event-plane resolution for $v_{2}$ was evaluated by both the two-subevent and three-subevent methods. In the two-subevent


FIG. 3. (Color online) Event-plane distributions after applying all corrections for the ZDC-SMD, BBC, and CNT. The statistical error bars are smaller than the symbols. The distributions for the BBC and CNT event planes are scaled by $3 / 4$ and $1 / 2$ to improve visibility.
method, the event-plane resolution [28] is expressed as

$$
\begin{align*}
& \left\langle\cos \left(k n\left[\Psi_{n}-\Psi_{\mathrm{RP}}\right]\right)\right\rangle \\
& \quad=\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2 \sqrt{2}} \chi_{n} e^{-\chi_{n}^{2} / 4}\left[I_{(k-1) / 2}\left(\frac{\chi_{n}^{2}}{4}\right)+I_{(k+1) / 2}\left(\frac{\chi_{n}^{2}}{4}\right)\right], \tag{8}
\end{align*}
$$

where $\chi_{n}=v_{n} \sqrt{2 M}, M$ is the number of particles used to determine the event plane $\Psi_{n}, I_{k}$ is the modified Bessel function of the first kind, and $k=1$ for the second-harmonic BBC event plane. For the ZDC-SMD event plane, the resolution is estimated with either $k=1$ or 2 in Eq. (8). We will discuss the difference between these estimates in Sec. IV A.

To determine the event-plane resolution, we need to determine $\chi_{n}$. Since the North and South BBCs have approximately the same $\eta$ coverage, the event-plane resolution of each subdetector is expected to be the same. The same is true for the North and South ZDC-SMDs. Thus, the subevent resolution for South and North event planes can be expressed as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\langle\cos \left(2\left[\Psi_{n}^{\mathrm{S}(\mathrm{~N})}-\Psi_{\mathrm{RP}}\right]\right)\right\rangle=\sqrt{\left\langle\cos \left(2\left[\Psi_{n}^{\mathrm{S}}-\Psi_{n}^{\mathrm{N}}\right]\right)\right\rangle} \tag{9}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\Psi_{n}^{\mathrm{S}(\mathrm{N})}$ denotes the event plane determined by the South (North) BBC or ZDC-SMD. Once the subevent resolution is obtained from Eq. (9), one can calculate $\chi_{n}^{\text {sub }}$ using Eq. (8). The $\chi_{n}$ for the full event can then be estimated by $\chi_{n}=\sqrt{2} \chi_{n}^{\text {sub }}$. This is then substituted into Eq. (8) to give the full-event resolution. Since the multiplicity of the full event is twice as large as that of the subevent, $\chi_{n}$ is proportional to $\sqrt{M}$.

In the three-subevent method, the resolution of each subevent is calculated by adding a reference event plane $\Psi_{n}^{\mathrm{C}}$ in Eq. (9):
$\operatorname{Res}\left\{\Psi_{l}^{\mathrm{A}}\right\}=\sqrt{\left\langle\cos \left(2\left[\Psi_{l}^{\mathrm{A}}-\Psi_{m}^{\mathrm{B}}\right]\right)\right\rangle} \sqrt{\frac{\left\langle\cos \left(2\left[\Psi_{n}^{\mathrm{C}}-\Psi_{l}^{\mathrm{A}}\right]\right)\right\rangle}{\left\langle\cos \left(2\left[\Psi_{m}^{\mathrm{B}}-\Psi_{n}^{\mathrm{C}}\right]\right)\right\rangle}}$,
where $l, m, n$ are the harmonics of the event plane for subevents A, B, and C, respectively. The multiplicity of each subevent is not necessarily the same in Eq. (10).

The resolution of each subdetector for the BBC and ZDCSMD can be evaluated with the three-subevent method. For the BBC event plane, the reference event plane is chosen to be the ZDC-SMD event plane and vice versa. We found that the agreement of the event-plane resolutions for BBCS and BBCN is much better than $1 \%$, while the ZDCS and ZDCN resolutions agree within $2 \%$.

Figure 4 shows the full-event resolution as a function of centrality. The resolution of ZDC-SMD is much smaller than that of BBC because the resolution of the first-harmonic event plane is proportional to $\left(\chi_{1}\right)^{2}$. The dashed lines are the resolutions obtained from the three-subevent method with the CNT event plane as the reference plane. For example, the BBC event-plane resolution is estimated by substituting $\Psi_{l}^{\mathrm{A}} \rightarrow \Psi_{2}^{\mathrm{BBC}}, \Psi_{m}^{\mathrm{B}} \rightarrow \Psi_{2}^{\mathrm{CNT}}$, and $\Psi_{n}^{\mathrm{C}} \rightarrow \Psi_{1}^{\mathrm{ZDC}-\mathrm{SMD}}$ in Eq. (10). By including the CNT event plane, the BBC resolution increases by about $3 \%$ over that of the two-subevent method. For the ZDC-SMD, we observe the opposite effect, namely, the resolution decreases by about $8 \%$. In Sec. VI, the resulting $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}$ and $v_{2}\{\mathrm{ZDC}-\mathrm{SMD}\}$, corrected by the resolution obtained using the ZDC-BBC-CNT combination, will be compared against those with the resolution determined from South-North subevents. Table II summarizes the eventplane resolutions.

## 3. Correlation of event planes

Figure 5 shows the correlation of two different event planes as a function of centrality. The first-harmonic event-plane correlation for South-North detector combinations is negative both for the ZDC-SMDs and the BBCs over all centrality bins, as shown in Fig. 5(a). This is because $v_{1}$ is an odd function of $\eta$. The magnitude of the ZDC-SMD correlation is about a factor of 2 larger than that of the BBCs for midcentral collisions. This indicates that the magnitude of $v_{1}$ and the subevent multiplicity

TABLE II. Event-plane resolutions for centrality $0-60 \%$ at $\sqrt{s_{N N}}=200 \mathrm{GeV}$. S-N denotes the resolutions estimated from South and North correlation of BBC and ZDC-SMD using Eqs. (8) and (9), and resolutions for ZDC-BBC-CNT are estimated from Eq. (10). The errors are statistical only.

| Centrality | S-N | ZDC-BBC-CNT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\operatorname{Res}\left\{\Psi_{2}^{\mathrm{BBC}}\right\}$ |  |
| $0-10 \%$ | $0.2637 \pm 0.0003$ | $0.272 \pm 0.003$ |
| $10-20 \%$ | $0.3809 \pm 0.0002$ | $0.394 \pm 0.001$ |
| $20-30 \%$ | $0.3990 \pm 0.0002$ | $0.4106 \pm 0.0008$ |
| $30-40 \%$ | $0.3634 \pm 0.0002$ | $0.3759 \pm 0.0007$ |
| $40-50 \%$ | $0.2943 \pm 0.0003$ | $0.3067 \pm 0.0007$ |
| $50-60 \%$ | $0.2106 \pm 0.0004$ | $0.2240 \pm 0.0009$ |
|  | $\operatorname{Res}\left\{\Psi_{1}^{\mathrm{ZDC}-\text { SMD }\}}\right.$ |  |
| $0-10 \%$ | $0.02 \pm 0.01$ | $0.0223 \pm 0.0003$ |
| $10-20 \%$ | $0.059 \pm 0.003$ | $0.0574 \pm 0.0002$ |
| $20-30 \%$ | $0.087 \pm 0.002$ | $0.0818 \pm 0.0002$ |
| $30-40 \%$ | $0.100 \pm 0.002$ | $0.0928 \pm 0.0002$ |
| $40-50 \%$ | $0.102 \pm 0.002$ | $0.0920 \pm 0.0002$ |
| $50-60 \%$ | $0.100 \pm 0.002$ | $0.0798 \pm 0.0003$ |



FIG. 4. (Color online) Full-event resolutions for the ZDC-SMD and BBC from the two-subevent method, Eq. (8), as a function of centrality in $\mathrm{Au}+\mathrm{Au}$ at $\sqrt{s_{N N}}=200 \mathrm{GeV}$. The dashed lines represent resolutions from the three-subevent method with the CNT event plane as a reference. Statistical errors are smaller than the symbols.
at higher pseudorapidities are larger than those at the BBC location, since the magnitude of the correlation is proportional to $v_{1}^{2} M$. Figure 5(b) shows the correlation of the first-harmonic event planes between BBC and ZDC-SMD. The same-side $\eta$ correlation is negative, while the opposite-side $\eta$ correlation is positive, which shows that the particles detected at the BBCs (dominantly charged pions emitted from participant nucleons) have the opposite sign of $v_{1}$ compared to the spectator neutrons detected at the ZDCs-SMDs.

The correlation of the mixed-harmonic event planes provides the sign of $v_{2}$, since the correlation is given by the expression [28]

$$
\begin{align*}
&\left\langle\cos \left(2\left[\Psi_{1}^{\mathrm{ZDC}-\mathrm{SMD}}-\Psi_{2}^{\mathrm{BBC}}\right]\right)\right\rangle \\
& \approx \frac{2}{\pi}\left(\operatorname{Res}\left\{\Psi_{1}^{\mathrm{ZDC}-\mathrm{SMD}}\right\}\right)^{2} \operatorname{Res}\left\{\Psi_{2}^{\mathrm{BBC}}\right\} \\
&= \pm 2 \sqrt{2} \frac{2}{\pi}\left\langle\cos \left(\Psi_{1}^{\mathrm{ZDCS}}-\Psi_{1}^{\mathrm{ZDCN}}\right)\right\rangle \\
& \times \sqrt{\left\langle\cos \left(2\left[\Psi_{2}^{\mathrm{BBCS}}-\Psi_{2}^{\mathrm{BBCN}}\right]\right)\right\rangle .} \tag{11}
\end{align*}
$$

Three assumptions were made to obtain Eq. (11): (1) the BBC and ZDC-SMD are statistically independent, (2) the weak flow limit ( $\chi_{n} \ll 1$ ) is applicable [28], and (3) the subevent multiplicity $M$ is equal in the North-South direction for the same detector type. Thus the sign of the correlation of the mixed-harmonic event planes in Eq. (11) is determined by the term $\operatorname{Res}\left\{\Psi_{2}^{\mathrm{BBC}}\right\}$, which in turn determines the sign of $v_{2}$ measured at the BBC.

Figure 6 shows the mixed-harmonic correlation of the ZDCSMD and BBC event planes as a function of centrality. The approximations in Eq. (11) provide a good description of the magnitude of the measured correlation as shown by the dashed line. The correlation is positive over all centrality bins. This result indicates that the sign of $v_{2}$ at the BBC is positive.


FIG. 5. (Color online) (a) Correlation of first-harmonic event planes between forward and backward ZDC-SMDs and BBCs as a function of centrality. (b) Correlation of first-harmonic event planes between ZDC-SMDs and BBCs as a function of centrality, for correlations of opposite- and same-side $\eta$ subevents. Statistical errors are smaller than the symbols.

## B. Cumulant method

In this section, we present the application of the cumulant method for azimuthal anisotropy measurements in PHENIX. This method uses cumulants of multiparticle correlations [44,45] to extract the azimuthal anisotropy. The cumulant method has been successfully applied in several heavy-ion experiments utilizing detectors with full azimuthal coverage (NA49, STAR) [46,47]. Here, we describe the first application


FIG. 6. (Color online) Correlation between the first-harmonic ZDC-SMD and the second-harmonic BBC event planes as a function of centrality. The dashed line shows the result obtained using Eq. (11). Statistical errors are smaller than the data symbols.
of the method for a detector with only partial azimuthal coverage. The cumulant method does not require the measurement of the reaction plane, instead the cumulants of multiparticle azimuthal correlations are related to the flow harmonics $v_{n}$, where $n$ is the harmonic being evaluated. The cumulants can be constructed in increasing order according to the number of particles that are correlated with each other. Since PHENIX has partial azimuthal coverage, reliable extraction of azimuthal anisotropy requires the choice of a fixed number of particles from each event to avoid additional numerical errors [44].

Particles in an event are selected over a fixed ( $p_{T}, \eta$ ) range where there is sufficient multiplicity. From this set, particles (called integral particles hereafter) are selected to determine the integrated flow, which is flow measured over a large $\left(p_{T}, \eta\right)$ bin. This is done by excluding particles within small $\left(p_{T}, \eta\right)$ bins from all available particles to avoid autocorrelations. The particles within a small ( $p_{T}, \eta$ ) window (called differential particles hereafter) are used to determine the differential flow. For each event, a fixed number $M$ of particles, chosen at random among the integral particles in the event, are used to reconstruct the integrated flow through the generating function $G_{2}(z)$ defined by

$$
\begin{equation*}
G_{2}(z)=\prod_{j=1}^{M}\left[1+\frac{w_{j}}{M}\left(z^{*} e^{2 i \phi_{j}}+z e^{-2 i \phi_{j}}\right)\right] \tag{12}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $w_{j}$ is the weight, chosen to be equal to 1 in our analysis, $\phi_{j}$ is the azimuth of the detected particles, and $M$ is the multiplicity chosen for the integrated flow reconstruction. $G_{2}(z)$ is a real-valued function of the complex variable $z$. The average of $G_{2}(z)$ over events is then expanded in a power series to generate multiparticle azimuthal correlations. The generating function of the cumulants, defined by

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathcal{C}_{2}(z) \equiv M\left(\left\langle G_{2}(z)\right\rangle^{1 / M}-1\right) \tag{13}
\end{equation*}
$$

generates cumulants of azimuthal correlations to all orders, the lowest being the second order, as detailed in Sec. II B of Ref. [44]. The formulas used to compute the cumulants from which the $v_{2}$ is computed are given in Appendix B of Ref. [44]. In the case of a perfect acceptance, the relations between the anisotropy parameter $v_{2}$ and the lowest order cumulants are

$$
\begin{align*}
& v_{2}\{2\}^{2}=c_{2}\{2\}  \tag{14}\\
& v_{2}\{4\}^{4}=-c_{2}\{4\} \tag{15}
\end{align*}
$$

for the integrated anisotropy. Here $v_{2}\{2\}$ and $v_{2}\{4\}$ are the second- and fourth-order $v_{2}$, respectively; whereas, $c_{2}\{2\}$ and $c_{2}\{4\}$ are the second- and fourth-order cumulants. Because the typical multiplicity of charged hadrons in PHENIX, which is $\approx 40$ for midcentral collisions, did not allow a reliable calculation of $v_{2}\{4\}$, we report here only the $v_{2}\{2\}$ results.

The remaining differential particles in the same event are selected in different $\left(p_{T}, \eta\right)$ bins, and the differential cumulants are calculated from the generating function

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathcal{D}_{2 / 2}(z) \equiv \frac{\left\langle e^{2 i \psi} G_{2}(z)\right\rangle}{\left\langle G_{2}(z)\right\rangle} \tag{16}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\langle G(z)\rangle$ denotes an average over all events, and $\psi$ is the azimuth of each differential particle. $D_{2 / 2}$ denotes the
second-order differential cumulant computed with respect to the second-order integral cumulant.

The differential $v_{2 / 2}\{2\}\left(p_{T}, \eta\right)$, the second-order differential $v_{2}$ with respect to the second-order integrated $v_{2}$, is calculated from the relation

$$
\begin{equation*}
v_{2 / 2}\{2\}\left(p_{T}, \eta\right)=\frac{d_{2 / 2}\{2\}\left(p_{T}, \eta\right)}{v_{2}\{2\}} \tag{17}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $d_{2 / 2}\{2\}\left(p_{T}, \eta\right)$ is the second-order differential cumulant. These relations have to be modified through acceptance corrections, which are detailed below.

## 1. Acceptance/efficiency corrections

The central arms detectors in PHENIX have only partial azimuthal coverage, and the implementation of the cumulant method requires an additional acceptance correction. To correct for the influence of the detector acceptance on the raw anisotropy values, we apply a correction factor using the prescription described in Ref. [44]. The acceptance and efficiency of the detector is characterized by a function $A\left(\phi, p_{T}, \eta\right)$, which is expressed in terms of the Fourier series as

$$
\begin{equation*}
A\left(\phi, p_{T}, \eta\right)=\sum_{p=-\infty}^{+\infty} a_{p}\left(p_{T}, \eta\right) e^{i p \phi} \tag{18}
\end{equation*}
$$

The Fourier coefficients $a_{p}\left(p_{T}, \eta\right)$ for the detector acceptance were extracted from the fit of the respective azimuthal distributions of integral and differential particles. The coefficients resulting from such fits were then used to calculate the correction factor for the raw values of the $v_{2}$ following the procedure detailed in Appendix C of Ref. [44].

Figure 7 shows a typical azimuthal angular distribution of differential particles detected in the PHENIX central arms and the corresponding Fourier fit used to correct for acceptance inhomogeneities. The Fourier fit reproduces well the overall features of the acceptance profile. This produces typical correction factors, which are in the range 1.1-1.2 for the differential flow and depend very little on centrality and $p_{T}$, as shown in Fig. 8.


FIG. 7. Azimuthal angular distribution and corresponding Fourier fit for centrality $20-40 \%$ and $p_{T}=1.2-1.4 \mathrm{GeV} / c$.


FIG. 8. (Color online) Acceptance correction factor for differential $v_{2}\{2\}$ as a function of (a) $p_{T}$ for centrality $10-20 \%$ and (b) centrality for $p_{T}$ range $0.4-0.5 \mathrm{GeV} / c$ in $\mathrm{Au}+\mathrm{Au}$ collisions at $\sqrt{s_{N N}}=200 \mathrm{GeV}$.

## 2. Simulations

While Fig. 7 shows that the uneven detector acceptance is reproduced by the Fourier fit, a better test of the cumulant method is to use Monte Carlo simulations, as in Ref. [44]. For these tests, events were generated with particles having a distribution of the form $1+2 v_{1} \cos \phi+2 v_{2} \cos 2 \phi$, with known integrated and differential azimuthal anisotropies. The anisotropy was introduced into the events by way of a Fourier weighted selection of the azimuthal angles followed by a random event rotation designed to simulate the random orientation of the reaction plane. The multiplicity of these events was chosen to reflect the typical multiplicity measured with the PHENIX detector, and the $\phi$ angles were chosen from a filter that is representative of the PHENIX acceptance. We extracted Fourier components from these simulated results and applied these to extract corrected elliptic flow values.

Figure 9 shows selected results from these simulations. Corrected differential anisotropy values are compared for


FIG. 9. (Color online) Comparison of input and extracted differential $v_{2}$ values for a fixed integrated $v_{2}$ of $8 \%$. The dotted line indicates the expectation if input and reconstructed values are the same.
various input differential $v_{2}$ values, with the integrated $v_{2}$ kept fixed. The dotted line shows the trend expected if the extracted $v_{2}$ is identical to the input value used to generate the events. The good agreement between the input and extracted $v_{2}$ attests to the reliability of the analysis method within the acceptance of the PHENIX central arms.

## IV. SYSTEMATIC UNCERTAINTIES

In this section, we present the systematic uncertainties on the $v_{2}$ from the event-plane method (Sec. IV A) and the two-particle cumulant method (Sec. IV B). Table III lists the different sources of systematic errors for each method. The errors in Table III are categorized by type:
(i) point-to-point error uncorrelated between $p_{T}$ bins,
(ii) $p_{T}$ correlated, all points move in the same direction but not by the same factor,
(iii) an overall normalization error in which all points move by the same factor independent of $p_{T}$.

TABLE III. Systematic uncertainties given in percent on the $v_{2}\{$ ZDC-SMD $\}$, $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}$, and $v_{2}\{2\}$ measurements. The ranges correspond to different systematic errors for different centrality bins.

| Error source | Percentage error |  | Type |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}$ | $v_{2}\{\mathrm{ZDC}-\mathrm{SMD}\}$ |  |
| Background contribution | $<5 \%$ in $p_{T}<4 \mathrm{GeV} / c$ |  | B |
| Event-plane calibration | $5-30 \%$ in $p_{T}>4 \mathrm{GeV} / c$ | B |  |
| Event-plane determination | $1-4 \%$ | $1-5 \%$ | C |
| Acceptance effect | $1 \%$ | $1-16 \%$ | C |
| on event planes |  | $1-25 \%$ | C |
|  |  | $v_{2}\{2\}$ |  |
| Fixed multiplicity | $5 \%$ | B |  |
| Integrated $p_{T}$ range | $3-8 \%$ | B |  |
| Background correction | $6-10 \%$ | B |  |

## A. Event-plane method

## 1. Background contributions

To study the influence of background on our results, we varied one of the track selections while keeping other cuts fixed and investigated the effect on $v_{2}$ in the following two cases: (i) the PC3 and EMCAL matching cuts, $\pm 1.5 \sigma$ and $\pm 2.5 \sigma$ matching cuts, and (ii) $E>0.15 p_{T}$ and $E>0.25 p_{T}$. For both conditions, we found that the difference of the $v_{2}$ is $1-2 \%$ for $p_{T}<4 \mathrm{GeV} / c$, and $5-20 \%$ for $p_{T}>4 \mathrm{GeV} / c$ depending on $p_{T}$ and centrality.

The effect of the RICH veto cut has also been studied. Since the contribution of charged $\pi$ increases without the RICH veto cut, the $p / \pi$ ratio decreases at high $p_{T}$. Thus, the $v_{2}$ for charged hadrons could be modified due to the difference of $v_{2}$ between protons and $\pi$ in the range $4<p_{T}<8 \mathrm{GeV} / c$. We found that $v_{2}$ is $10-20 \%$ different without the RICH veto cut for $p_{T}>4-5 \mathrm{GeV} / c$, where the charged $\pi$ starts firing the RICH.

One of the remaining sources of background contribution comes from the random tracks that are accidentally associated with the tracks in PC3. These random tracks have been estimated by swapping the $z$ coordinate of the PC3 hits and then by associating those hits with the real tracks. Figure 10 shows the comparison of the radial PC3 matching distribution between the real and random tracks for $6<p_{T}<8 \mathrm{GeV} / c$. The signal-to-background ratio $S / B$ is evaluated in the $\sigma_{\mathrm{PC} 3}<$ 2 window and is $\sim 52$ for $6<p_{T}<8 \mathrm{GeV} / c$ in centrality 0-60\%.

The ratio of real and random tracks with and without the $E / p_{T}>0.2$ cut is shown as a function of $p_{T}$ for centrality $0-60 \%$ in Fig. 11. The $E / p_{T}>0.2$ cut reduces the random tracks and improves the $S / B$ ratio by a factor of $\approx 10-24$ for $p_{T}>4 \mathrm{GeV} / c$. Since random tracks are not expected to be correlated with the event plane, we assume that their $v_{2}=0$ and evaluate the systematic uncertainty on $v_{2}$ to be less than $2 \%$ for $p_{T}>4 \mathrm{GeV} / c$, increasing to $5 \%$ for $p_{T}<0.5 \mathrm{GeV} / c$.

There is a finite residual background contribution even after the $E / p_{T}>0.2$ has been applied, as observed in Fig. 10. The residual backgrounds have been estimated by fitting the $\sigma_{\mathrm{PC} 3}$


FIG. 10. (Color online) Radial PC3 matching distribution for real (open circles) and random (solid lines) tracks for $6<p_{T}<8 \mathrm{GeV} / c$ in centrality $0-60 \%$.


FIG. 11. (Color online) Ratio of real $S$ to random $B$ tracks as a function of $p_{T}$ in centrality $0-60 \%$. Solid and open circles show the $S / B$ ratio with and without $E / p_{T}>0.2$, respectively.
with a double Gaussian while requiring that the signal and residual background $\sigma_{\mathrm{PC} 3}$ distribution have the same mean. For the highest $p_{T}$ bin, we found that the signal-to-background ratio is $\sim 5$ for $\sigma_{\mathrm{PC} 3}<2$. The systematic error on $v_{2}$ is evaluated by comparing the measured $v_{2}$ with that of the signal

$$
\begin{equation*}
v_{2}^{S}=\left(1+\frac{B}{S}\right) v_{2}-\frac{B}{S} v_{2}^{B} \tag{19}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $v_{2}^{S}, v_{2}^{B}$ and $v_{2}$ are, respectively, $v_{2}$ of signal, background estimated for $\sigma_{\mathrm{PC} 3}>3$, and measured within the $2 \sigma$ matching window. The systematic uncertainties are less than $5 \%$ for $p_{T}<4 \mathrm{GeV} / c$, and $\sim 5-10 \%$ for higher $p_{T}$. All the above systematic errors are added in quadrature, and the overall systematic error from the background contribution is estimated to vary from $<5 \%$ for $p_{T}<4 \mathrm{GeV} / c$ to $\sim 30 \%$ for higher $p_{T}$.

## 2. Event-plane calibrations

The procedures used in the determination and calibration of event planes are the dominant sources of systematic errors on $v_{2}$ and are discussed in the following sections.

Different calibration procedures of the BBC event plane were extensively studied for previous $\mathrm{Au}+\mathrm{Au}$ data sets [19]. We followed the same procedure to study the systematic errors on the BBC and ZDC-SMD event planes. Systematic uncertainties from the shift methods on $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}$ are $\sim 1-5 \%$ depending on the centrality. The systematic errors on the $v_{2}\{$ ZDC-SMD $\}$ are $1-2 \%$ larger than those on $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}$ for centrality $10-30 \%$ and $50-60 \%$, although those are still less than 5\%.

## 3. Event-plane determination

Figure 12 shows the comparison of $\left\langle v_{2}\right\rangle$ for different subdetectors with respect to the BBC and ZDC-SMD event planes as a function of centrality. Systematic errors are estimated by taking the maximum difference of the $v_{2}$ from the South and North event planes to that from the combined


FIG. 12. (Color online) Comparison of $\left\langle v_{2}\right\rangle$ averaged over $0.2<$ $p_{T}<8 \mathrm{GeV} / c$ as a function of centrality for the (a) BBC and (b) ZDC-SMD event planes from South and North subdetectors and from combined South-North (S-N) event planes. Results from South and North event planes are shifted in the $x$ direction to improve visibility. Only statistical errors are shown and they are smaller than the symbols.

South-North event plane scaled by $2 / \sqrt{12}$ for each centrality. Systematic errors range from $1-4 \%$ for the BBC, and $1-16 \%$ for the ZDC-SMD event planes depending on the centrality bins.

## 4. Effect of nonuniform acceptance on $v_{2}$

In this subsection, we discuss the effect of nonuniform acceptance on the measured $v_{2}$. In practice, the imperfect azimuthal acceptance of the BBC or ZDC-SMD or the central arms could induce an azimuthal-dependent event-plane resolution and/or smear the magnitude of $v_{2}$. To study the possible effect of nonuniform acceptance, the measured $v_{2}$ is decomposed into X and Y components [48]:

$$
\begin{align*}
& v_{2}^{\mathrm{X}}=\frac{\sqrt{2}}{a_{4}^{+}} \frac{\left\langle\cos (2 \phi) \cos \left(2 \Psi_{n}^{\mathrm{A}}\right)\right\rangle}{\operatorname{Res}\left\{\Psi_{n}^{\mathrm{A}} ; \mathrm{X}\right\}}  \tag{20}\\
& v_{2}^{\mathrm{Y}}=\frac{\sqrt{2}}{a_{4}^{-}} \frac{\left\langle\sin (2 \phi) \sin \left(2 \Psi_{n}^{\mathrm{A}}\right)\right\rangle}{\operatorname{Res}\left\{\Psi_{n}^{\mathrm{A}} ; \mathrm{Y}\right\}}
\end{align*}
$$

where $\phi$ denotes the azimuthal angle of hadrons measured in the central arms and $a_{4}^{ \pm}=1 \pm\langle\cos (4 \phi)\rangle$ are the acceptance correction factors of the measured $v_{2}$ in the central arms. The coefficient $a_{4}^{ \pm}$should be unity in the case of perfect azimuthal acceptance. $\operatorname{Res}\left\{\Psi_{n}^{\mathrm{A}} ; \mathrm{X}\right\}$ and $\operatorname{Res}\left\{\Psi_{n}^{\mathrm{A}} ; \mathrm{Y}\right\}$ denote the event-plane resolution for $v_{2}^{\mathrm{X}}$ and $v_{2}^{\mathrm{Y}}$, respectively, and are
expressed as

$$
\begin{align*}
\operatorname{Res}\left\{\Psi_{l}^{\mathrm{A}} ; \mathrm{X}\right\}= & \sqrt{\left.\left\langle\cos \left(2 \Psi_{l}^{\mathrm{A}}\right) \cos \left(2 \Psi_{m}^{\mathrm{B}}\right)\right)\right\rangle} \\
& \times \sqrt{\frac{\left\langle\cos \left(2 \Psi_{n}^{\mathrm{C}}\right) \cos \left(2 \Psi_{l}^{\mathrm{A}}\right)\right\rangle}{\left\langle\cos \left(2 \Psi_{m}^{\mathrm{B}}\right) \cos \left(2 \Psi_{n}^{\mathrm{C}}\right)\right\rangle}}, \\
\operatorname{Res}\left\{\Psi_{l}^{\mathrm{A}} ; \mathrm{Y}\right\}= & \sqrt{\left.\left\langle\sin \left(2 \Psi_{l}^{\mathrm{A}}\right) \sin \left(2 \Psi_{m}^{\mathrm{B}}\right)\right)\right\rangle}  \tag{21}\\
& \times \sqrt{\frac{\left\langle\sin \left(2 \Psi_{n}^{\mathrm{C}}\right) \sin \left(2 \Psi_{l}^{\mathrm{A}}\right)\right\rangle}{\left\langle\sin \left(2 \Psi_{m}^{\mathrm{B}}\right) \sin \left(2 \Psi_{n}^{\mathrm{C}}\right)\right\rangle}}
\end{align*}
$$

where $l, m, n$ are the harmonics of event planes for subevents A, B, and C, respectively. Another acceptance effect from the difference between $\operatorname{Res}\left\{\Psi_{n}^{\mathrm{A}} ; \mathrm{X}\right\}$ and $\operatorname{Res}\left\{\Psi_{n}^{\mathrm{A}} ; \mathrm{Y}\right\}$ is discussed below.

Figure 13 shows the acceptance correction factor $a_{4}^{ \pm}$as a function of $p_{T}$ in the central arms for centrality $0-60 \%$. The $p_{T}$ dependence is parametrized by

$$
\begin{equation*}
a_{4}^{ \pm}\left(p_{T}\right)=1 \mp\left(p_{0} e^{-p_{1} p_{T}}+\frac{p_{2}}{1+e^{\left(p_{T}-p_{3}\right) / p_{4}}}+p_{5}\right) \tag{22}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $p_{n}(n=0,1, \ldots, 5)$ are free parameters. From the fit, we get $p_{0}=0.131, p_{1}=1.203, p_{2}=0.029, p_{3}=$ $0.640, p_{4}=0.096$, and $p_{5}=-0.097$. There is no centrality dependence of the acceptance corrections in the measured centrality range, and these same correction factors are applied for all centrality bins.

Figure 14 shows the raw $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}$ as a function of $p_{T}$ in the $20-60 \%$ centrality bin. $v_{2}^{\mathrm{Y}}$ is systematically higher than $v_{2}^{\mathrm{X}}$ for $p_{T}>1 \mathrm{GeV} / c$ as shown in Fig. 14(a). Figure 14(b) shows that $v_{2}^{\mathrm{X}}$ and $v_{2}^{\mathrm{Y}}$ agree with each other after dividing $v_{2}^{\text {obs }}$ by $a_{4}^{ \pm}$, the remaining difference between them being accounted


FIG. 13. (Color online) Acceptance correction factors $a_{4}^{ \pm}$in the central arms as a function of $p_{T}$ for centrality $0-60 \%$. Correction factors become unity for a perfect azimuthal acceptance. Statistical errors are smaller than the symbols.


FIG. 14. (Color online) (a) Raw $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}$ without the acceptance correction as a function of $p_{T}$ in centrality $20-60 \%$ for $v_{2}^{\mathrm{X}}$ and $v_{2}^{\mathrm{Y}}$ with the South and North BBC event planes. (b) Same comparison, but with the acceptance correction.
for as a systematic error. For the ZDC-SMD event plane, we observed a similar trend for $v_{2}^{\mathrm{X}}$ and $v_{2}^{\mathrm{Y}}$.

A possible nonuniform acceptance of the BBC and ZDCSMD could lead to the difference between $\operatorname{Res}\left\{\Psi_{n} ; \mathrm{X}\right\}$ and $\operatorname{Res}\left\{\Psi_{n} ; \mathrm{Y}\right\}$. If the azimuthal coverage of both detectors is perfect, $\operatorname{Res}\left\{\Psi_{n} ; \mathrm{X}\right\}$ and $\operatorname{Res}\left\{\Psi_{n} ; \mathrm{Y}\right\}$ should be identical. Therefore, the effect of the acceptance of the detector on the event-plane resolution can be assessed by comparing $\operatorname{Res}\left\{\Psi_{n} ; \mathrm{X}\right\}$ and $\operatorname{Res}\left\{\Psi_{n} ; \mathrm{Y}\right\}$.

Figure 15 shows $\operatorname{Res}\left\{\Psi_{n} ; \mathrm{X}\right\}$ and $\operatorname{Res}\left\{\Psi_{n} ; \mathrm{Y}\right\}$ of the BBC and ZDC-SMD as a function of centrality. The resolutions are calculated by using Eq. (21) with the ZDC-SMD, BBC, and CNT event planes. $\operatorname{Res}\left\{\Psi_{n} ; \mathrm{X}\right\}$ was comparable to $\operatorname{Res}\left\{\Psi_{n} ; \mathrm{Y}\right\}$ for both the BBC and ZDC-SMD event planes. They also agreed, within statistical errors, with the expected resolution, namely, the full-event resolution scaled by $1 / \sqrt{2}$. We also evaluated $\operatorname{Res}\left\{\Psi_{n} ; \mathrm{X}\right\}$ and $\operatorname{Res}\left\{\Psi_{n} ; \mathrm{Y}\right\}$ of BBC and ZDC-SMD for the two-subevent method. $\operatorname{Res}\left\{\Psi_{2}^{\mathrm{BBC}} ; \mathrm{X}\right\}$ was consistent with $\operatorname{Res}\left\{\Psi_{2}^{\mathrm{BBC}} ; \mathrm{Y}\right\}$. However, for the ZDC-SMD event plane, $\operatorname{Res}\left\{\Psi_{1}^{\mathrm{ZDC}-\text { SMD }} ; \mathrm{Y}\right\}\left(\operatorname{Res}\left\{\Psi_{1}^{\mathrm{ZDC}-S M D} ; \mathrm{X}\right\}\right)$ was systematically higher (lower) by about $30 \%$ than the expected resolution when the resolutions were calculated with $k=1$ in Eq. (8). The difference between $\operatorname{Res}\left\{\Psi_{1}^{\mathrm{ZDC}-S M D} ; \mathrm{X}\right\}$ and $\operatorname{Res}\left\{\Psi_{1}^{\mathrm{ZDC}-S M D} ; \mathrm{Y}\right\}$ for the two-subevent method is attributed to the nonuniform acceptance between horizontal $(x)$ and


FIG. 15. (Color online) Comparison of $\operatorname{Res}\left\{\Psi_{n} ; \mathrm{X}\right\}$ and $\operatorname{Res}\left\{\Psi_{n} ; \mathrm{Y}\right\}$ with $\operatorname{Res}\left\{\Psi_{n}\right\}$ for the (a) BBC event plane ( $n=2$ ) and (b) ZDC-SMD event plane $(n=1)$ as a function of centrality. The resolutions are calculated by using Eq. (21) with the ZDC-SMD, BBC, and CNT event planes. $\operatorname{Res}\left\{\Psi_{n}\right\}$ is divided by $\sqrt{2}$ in order to compare $\operatorname{Res}\left\{\Psi_{n} ; \mathrm{X}\right\}$ and $\operatorname{Res}\left\{\Psi_{n} ; \mathrm{Y}\right\}$. Only statistical errors are shown and are smaller than symbols.
vertical ( $y$ ) directions of the ZDC-SMD. Those resolutions of the ZDC-SMD were consistent with each other using $k=2$. For $k=2$, the nonuniform acceptance in the azimuthal directions cancels out, since $\operatorname{Res}\left\{\Psi_{1}^{\mathrm{ZDC}-\mathrm{SMD}} ; \mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}\right\}$ contains both $\langle\cos (\Psi)\rangle$ and $\langle\sin (\Psi)\rangle$ terms. Thus, $\operatorname{Res}\left\{\Psi_{1}^{\text {ZDC-SMD }} ; \mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}\right\}$ should be the same and consistent with that from the expected resolution.

The comparison of $v_{2}^{\mathrm{X}}$ and $v_{2}^{\mathrm{Y}}$ with $v_{2}$ with respect to the BBC and ZDC-SMD event planes is shown in Fig. 16. The maximum difference of $v_{2}^{\mathrm{X}}$ and $v_{2}^{\mathrm{Y}}$ relative to $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}$ is about $2 \%$ for the centrality range $20-60 \%$ and is independent of centrality. Systematic uncertainties are evaluated by scaling the maximum difference by $2 / \sqrt{12}$. The same comparison is also made for $v_{2}\{$ ZDC-SMD $\}$ as shown in the bottom panel in Fig. 16. The systematic errors range from $1-25 \%$ and strongly depend on the centrality, as well as on the corrections by the different event-plane resolutions. $v_{2}^{\mathrm{X}}$ and $v_{2}^{\mathrm{Y}}$ are $\sim 10-25 \%$ different from $v_{2}\{$ ZDC-SMD $\}$ in the $0-20 \%$ centrality bin because of the very low resolution. This systematic uncertainty is denoted as "Acceptance effect on event planes" in Table III.

## B. Cumulant method

The potential sources of systematic errors on the cumulant measurements are detailed below.


FIG. 16. (Color online) Comparison of $v_{2}^{\mathrm{X}}$ and $v_{2}^{\mathrm{Y}}$ with the total $v_{2}$ for the (a) BBC and (b) ZDC-SMD event planes as a function of $p_{T}$ for the centrality bin $20-60 \%$. $\operatorname{Res}\left\{\Psi_{n} ; \mathrm{X}\right\}$ and $\operatorname{Res}\left\{\Psi_{n} ; \mathrm{Y}\right\}$ are calculated by the combination of the ZDC-SMD, BBC, and CNT event planes. Acceptance corrections are included into $v_{2}^{\mathrm{X}}$ and $v_{2}^{\mathrm{Y}}$. Error bars denote statistical errors.

## 1. Fixed multiplicity cut

Following Ref. [44], a fixed multiplicity is used to reconstruct the integrated flow to avoid introducing additional errors arising from a fluctuating multiplicity. In our analysis, the systematic errors were estimated by varying the fixed multiplicity cut used for the reconstruction of the integrated flow and studying its effect on the differential flow values.

Figure 17(a) shows the variation of $v_{2}$ with $p_{T}$ for integral multiplicity cuts equal to $60 \%, 70 \%$, and $80 \%$ of the mean multiplicity for the centrality bin $10-20 \%$, which corresponds to 17,20 , and 22 particles, respectively. The ratio of the differential $v_{2}$ values, shown in Fig. 17(b), is used to estimate the systematic error on our measurements, which is $\sim 5 \%$.

## 2. $p_{T}$ range for integrated flow

To assess the influence of the $p_{T}$ range used to estimate the integrated flow on the differential flow, we chose different $p_{T}$ ranges over which the integral particles were selected. Differential $v_{2}$ results were obtained for three $p_{T}$ ranges: $0.25-$ $2.0,0.25-1.5$, and $0.3-1.5 \mathrm{GeV} / c$. The systematic error from this source is estimated to be $3-8 \%$ depending on centrality and $p_{T}$.


FIG. 17. (Color online) (a) $v_{2}\{2\}$ as a function of $p_{T}$ for centrality $10-20 \%$ in $\mathrm{Au}+\mathrm{Au}$ collisions at $\sqrt{s_{N N}}=200 \mathrm{GeV}$ for different fixed multiplicity cuts, corresponding to $60 \%$ (filled triangles), $70 \%$ (open circles), and $80 \%$ (open crosses) of the mean multiplicity. (b) Ratio of $v_{2}\left(p_{T}\right)$ for the two lowest multiplicity cuts to $v_{2}\left(p_{T}\right)$ for $80 \%$ of the mean multiplicity.

## 3. Background contribution

The procedures followed for studying the background contribution to $v_{2}\{2\}$ were the same as for the event-plane method. After background subtraction, the systematic error is calculated by determining the difference between the $v_{2}$ obtained from using $2 \sigma$ and $3 \sigma$ association cuts. We determined that the overall systematic error due to these differences is $6-10 \%$ depending on $p_{T}$ and centrality.

## V. RESULTS

## A. $\boldsymbol{p}_{T}$ dependence of $\boldsymbol{v}_{\mathbf{2}}$

The $p_{T}$ dependence of $v_{2}$ has been instrumental in revealing the hydrodynamic properties of the matter formed at RHIC [19,21]. In this context, it is important to compare the $p_{T}$ dependence of $v_{2}$ from different methods to establish the robustness of our $v_{2}$ measurements. This comparison is displayed in Fig. 18, which shows the differential charged hadron $v_{2}$ as a function of $p_{T}$ from the event-plane and cumulant methods for different centrality bins in the range $0-60 \%$ in $\mathrm{Au}+\mathrm{Au}$ at $\sqrt{s_{N N}}=200 \mathrm{GeV}$. $v_{2}\{2\}$ increases up to $p_{T} \approx 3 \mathrm{GeV} / c$ and saturates at $0.1-0.25$, depending on centrality, for higher $p_{T}$. On the other hand, $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}$ and $v_{2}\{$ ZDC-SMD $\}$ reach their maximum value at $p_{T} \approx 3 \mathrm{GeV} / c$, and decrease for higher $p_{T}$.

The differences between $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}$ and $v_{2}\{\mathrm{ZDC}-\mathrm{SMD}\}$ are independent of $p_{T}$ within systematic errors in the measured centrality range. $v_{2}\{Z \mathrm{ZDC}-\mathrm{SMD}\}$ is consistent with $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}$ within systematic errors in the $0-40 \%$ centrality range,


FIG. 18. (Color online) Charged hadron $v_{2}\left(p_{T}\right)$ in $\mathrm{Au}+\mathrm{Au}$ collisions at $\sqrt{s_{N N}}=200 \mathrm{GeV}$ from the two-particle cumulant method (filled squares), the BBC event plane (filled triangles), and the ZDC-SMD event plane (filled circles) for the indicated centralities. Error bars denote statistical errors. The type B systematic uncertainties are represented by the open boxes for the $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}$ and $v_{2}\{\mathrm{ZDC}-\mathrm{SMD}\}$, and by the solid lines for the $v_{2}\{2\}$. The gray bands and blue boxes represent the type C systematic uncertainties on the $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}$ and $v_{2}\{$ ZDC-SMD $\}$, respectively.
but it is $\sim 10-20 \%$ smaller than $v_{2}\{B B C\}$ in the $40-60 \%$ centrality range. These results could indicate that the influence of nonflow effects on $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}$ is small and within the systematic errors, because nonflow effects are not expected to influence $v_{2}\{$ ZDC-SMD $\}$. The difference between $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}$ and $v_{2}\{$ ZDC-SMD $\}$ in peripheral collisions could be attributed to nonflow contributions that might be proportionally larger in more peripheral collisions.

The cumulant and event-plane $v_{2}$ agree well within systematic uncertainties in the centrality range $0-40 \%$. In more peripheral collisions, there may be some differences developing above $p_{T} \simeq 4 \mathrm{GeV} / c$. Correlations between particles from jets affect the cumulant results, but have less influence on $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}$, as explained in Ref. [29], where it was shown that the smaller the rapidity gap between the leading particle
from a jet and the event plane, the greater the $v_{2}$ of the leading particle of the jet.

To illustrate more clearly the differences between the different methods, Fig. 19 shows the ratio of $v_{2}\{$ ZDC-SMD $\}$ and $v_{2}\{2\}$ to $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}$. The results from the three methods are comparable in magnitude within systematic errors, except for the central and peripheral bins where the largest deviations occur. In addition, $v_{2}\{2\}$ and $v_{2}\{$ ZDC-SMD $\}$ show different behaviors at $p_{T}>3 \mathrm{GeV} / c$, with $v_{2}\{2\}$ being larger, and $v_{2}\{$ ZDC-SMD $\}$, smaller than $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}$.

## B. Centrality dependence of $\boldsymbol{v}_{\mathbf{2}}$

Figure 20 shows the $N_{\text {part }}$ dependence of $v_{2}$ from different methods for charged hadrons in the range $1.0<p_{T}<$


FIG. 19. (Color online) Ratio of $v_{2}$ to $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}$ as a function of $p_{T}$ for six centrality bins over the range $0-60 \%$ in $\mathrm{Au}+\mathrm{Au}$ collisions at $\sqrt{s_{N N}}=200 \mathrm{GeV}$. Data symbols are the same as in the Fig. 18. Error bars denote statistical errors. The solid red lines represent the type B systematic errors on the $v_{2}\{2\}$. The blue and yellow bands represent type C systematic uncrtainties on $v_{2}\{$ ZDC-SMD $\}$ and $v_{2}\{2\}$.


FIG. 20. (Color online) Comparison of charged hadron $v_{2}$ at $1<p_{T}<1.2 \mathrm{GeV} / c$ as a function of $N_{\text {part }}$ for $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}, v_{2}\{\mathrm{ZDC}-$ $\mathrm{SMD}\}$, and $v_{2}\{2\}$ in $\mathrm{Au}+\mathrm{Au}$ at $\sqrt{s_{N N}}=200 \mathrm{GeV}$. The error bars represent statistical errors. The open boxes represent type B systematic uncertainties on $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}$ and $v_{2}\{\mathrm{ZDC}-\mathrm{SMD}\}$. Type B systematic uncertainties on $v_{2}\{2\}$ are represented by solid red lines. The gray and blue bands represent type C systematic errors on $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}$ and $v_{2}\{Z \mathrm{ZDC}-\mathrm{SMD}\}$, respectively. $v_{2}\{2\}$ values are shifted in the $x$ axis to improve the plot.
1.2 GeV/c. $v_{2}$ is observed to increase with decreasing $N_{\text {part }}$ and then decrease slightly for $N_{\text {part }} \lesssim 75$. Note that $v_{2}$ values obtained with the different methods agree well within systematic errors for all centralities. This is $p_{T}$ dependent, as shown in Fig. 18.

## C. Pseudorapidity dependence of $\boldsymbol{v}_{\mathbf{2}}$

Figure 21 compares the pseudorapidity dependence of the $v_{2}$ of charged hadrons within the $\eta$ range $( \pm 0.35)$ of the PHENIX central arms for different $p_{T}$ selections. It can be


FIG. 21. (Color online) Anisotropy parameter $v_{2}$ as a function of pseudorapidity within the PHENIX central arms using event planes from the BBC and ZDC-SMD, and from the two-particle cumulant method for centrality $20-40 \%$. The results are shown for three $p_{T}$ bins, which are from top to bottom: 2.0-3.0, 1.2-1.4 and $0.6-0.8 \mathrm{GeV} / c$. Only statistical errors are shown.
observed that $v_{2}$ is constant over the $\eta$ coverage of the PHENIX detector, and the constancy does not depend on $p_{T}$. This is not the case when the $v_{2}$ is measured far from midrapidity, where the PHOBOS and STAR Collaborations observe a drop in $v_{2}$ for $|\eta|>1.0[49,50]$.

## VI. DISCUSSION

## A. Effect of CNT event-plane resolution

Figure 22 shows the comparison of $v_{2}\{Z \mathrm{ZDC}-\mathrm{SMD}\}$ and $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}$ as a function of $p_{T}$ corrected either by the resolution from South-North correlations from the same detectors or by the resolution from ZDC-SMD-CNT correlations in the $20-60 \%$ centrality bin. Figures 22(a) and 22(b) compare the $v_{2}$ obtained by using two different corrections from the SouthNorth and ZDC-BBC-CNT subevents for the BBC and ZDCSMD event planes. The $v_{2}$ from the South-North subevent is consistent with that from the ZDC-BBC-CNT subevent, within systematic uncertainties. The small difference between South-North and ZDC-BBC-CNT subevents is attributed to the difference between the event-plane resolution, as shown in Fig. 4. Figures 22(c) and 22(d) compare $v_{2}\{$ ZDC-SMD $\}$ with $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}$ for the South-North and ZDC-BBC-CNT subevents. The data points in Figs. 22(c) and 22(d) are the same as in Figs. 22(a) and 22(b). Figure 22(c) shows that $v_{2}\{$ ZDC-SMD $\}$ is about $10 \%$ smaller than $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}$ for the South-North subevent. The ratio of $v_{2}\{Z D C-S M D\}$ to $v_{2}\{B B C\}$ is found to be independent of $p_{T}$ except for $6<p_{T}<8 \mathrm{GeV} / c$. If jets are the dominant source of nonflow, one expects its contribution to $v_{2}$ to become larger at higher $p_{T}$. The constant ratio suggests that the nonflow contribution from jets is small, and $v_{2}$ fluctuations may affect $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}$ below $p_{T} \approx 6 \mathrm{GeV} / c$, since the effect of fluctuations is expected to be independent of $p_{T} . v_{2}\{$ ZDC-SMD $\}$ agrees with $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}$ within systematic uncertainties for the ZDC-BBC-CNT subevent, as shown in Fig. 22(d). The event-plane resolution from the ZDC-BBC-CNT subevents includes the effect of nonflow contributions and $v_{2}$ fluctuations, since the CNT and BBC event planes are sensitive to both effects, though nonflow effects especially from jets could be negligible in the BBC event plane, as discussed earlier. The consistency between $v_{2}$ from the ZDC-SMD and BBC event planes may suggest that $v_{2}\{$ ZDC-SMD $\}$ becomes sensitive to $v_{2}$ fluctuations when the BBC and CNT event planes are included in the estimation of resolution.

## B. Comparison with other experiments

It is instructive to compare measurements made by different experiments at RHIC. Figure 23 shows a comparison of the $p_{T}$ dependence of charged hadron $v_{2}$ in the $20-60 \%$ centrality range between PHENIX and STAR experiments [51]. The relative systematic errors on the STAR $v_{2}\{2\}$ and $v_{2}\{4\}$ measurements range up to $10 \%$ for $p_{T}<1 \mathrm{GeV} / c$, with the lowest $p_{T}$ bin having the largest error $\sim 10 \%$, while they are of the order of $1 \%$ above $1 \mathrm{GeV} / c$ [51]. The $v_{2}\{2\}$ from PHENIX is lower than that from STAR, but they are comparable within


FIG. 22. (Color online) (a) Comparison of the $v_{2}\{$ ZDC-SMD $\}$ obtained from the S-N and ZDC-BBCCNT subevents as a function of $p_{T}$ in the $20-60 \%$ centrality range. (b) Same comparison as (a), but for the $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}$. (c) Comparison of $v_{2}$ between BBC and ZDC-SMD event planes from the S-N subevent as a function of $p_{T}$ in centrality $20-60 \%$. (d) Same comparison as (c), but from the ZDC-BBC-CNT subevent. Error bars denote statistical errors. Open boxes and shaded bands describe the quadratic sum of type $B$ and $C$ systematic uncertainties from the S-N and ZDC-BBCCNT subevents, respectively.
systematic uncertainties, as shown in Fig. 23(a). Figure 23(b) compares $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}$ and $v_{2}\{\mathrm{ZDC}-\mathrm{SMD}\}$ with $v_{2}\{4\}$, obtained from four-particle cumulants, as measured in STAR. For


FIG. 23. (Color online) (a) Comparison of charged hadron $v_{2}\{2\}$ between PHENIX and STAR experiments as a function of $p_{T}$ in centrality $20-60 \%$. Solid lines represent the quadratic sum of type B and C systematic errors on the PHENIX $v_{2}\{2\}$. (b) Comparison of charged hadron $v_{2}$ from four-particle cumulant $v_{2}\{4\}$ at STAR with the PHENIX $v_{2}\{$ BBC $\}$ and $v_{2}\{$ ZDC-SMD $\}$ as a function of $p_{T}$ in centrality $20-60 \%$. Open boxes and shaded bands represent the quadratic sum of type B and C systematic errors on the $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}$ and $v_{2}\{$ ZDC-SMD $\}$, respectively. STAR results are taken from Ref. [51]. Systematic errors on the STAR $v_{2}$ are not plotted, see text for more details.
$p_{T}>2 \mathrm{GeV} / c$, the $\operatorname{STAR} v_{2}\{4\}$ is systematically smaller than the PHENIX event-plane $v_{2}$, while $v_{2}\{$ ZDC-SMD $\}$ is lower than $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}$. However, the three sets of measurements are consistent within systematic errors. The order of $v_{2}$, that is, $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}>v_{2}\{$ ZDC-SMD $\}>v_{2}\{4\}$, could be explained by the effect of flow fluctuations $[33,52]$ if other nonflow contributions are small.

Figure 24 compares our charged hadron $v_{2}$ from the BBC and ZDC-SMD event planes to $v_{2}$ from a modified event-plane method [49], labeled $v_{2}\left\{\mathrm{EP}_{2}\right\}$, from the STAR experiment for three centrality bins in the range $10-40 \%$. Particles within $|\Delta \eta|<0.5$ around the highest $p_{T}$ particle were excluded for the determination of the modified event plane in order to reduce some of the nonflow effects at high $p_{T}$. We find that $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}$ agrees well with $v_{2}\left\{\mathrm{EP}_{2}\right\}$ over the measured $p_{T}$ range, whereas $v_{2}\{$ ZDC-SMD $\}$ is generally slightly smaller than $v_{2}\left\{\mathrm{EP}_{2}\right\}$.

## VII. SUMMARY

In summary, we have presented PHENIX elliptic flow measurements for unidentified charged hadrons from the event plane and the two-particle cumulant methods as a function of $p_{T}$ and centrality at midrapidity $(|\eta|<0.35)$ in $\mathrm{Au}+\mathrm{Au}$ collisions at $\sqrt{s_{N N}}=200 \mathrm{GeV}$. The first-harmonic ZDC-SMD event plane is used to measure $v_{2}$ and is compared with $v_{2}$ from the second-harmonic BBC event plane in order to understand the possible nonflow contributions as well as the effect of $v_{2}$ fluctuations on $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}$.

The comparison between $v_{2}$ from two-particle cumulant and event-plane methods shows that they agree within systematic errors. However, nonflow effects from jet correlations begin to contribute to the two-particle cumulant $v_{2}$, especially for peripheral collisions and at high $p_{T}$.

In contrast, nonflow effects on $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}$ are very small. The measured $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}$ values decrease by about $3 \%$ when the central arm event plane is included in the estimate of the BBC reaction plane resolution. This could be due to a


FIG. 24. (Color online) Comparison of the PHENIX $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}$ and $v_{2}\{$ ZDC-SMD $\}$ with the STAR $v_{2}$ from the modified eventplane method for charged hadrons [49] as a function of $p_{T}$ in three centralities. Open boxes and shaded bands represent the quadratic sum of type B and C systematic errors on $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}$ and $v_{2}\{\mathrm{ZDC}-\mathrm{SMD}\}$, respectively.
partial compensation of the nonflow effects on the measured $v_{2}$, though the results of $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}$ with and without the CNT event-plane resolution are consistent within systematic errors. The strongest evidence that nonflow effects on $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}$ are small comes from the observation that $v_{2}\{$ ZDC-SMD $\}$ is comparable to $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}$ within systematic uncertainties in the $0-40 \%$ centrality range, and is only $\sim 5-10 \%$ smaller than $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}$ for the $40-60 \%$ centrality bin. The magnitude of this difference could indicate the level at which nonflow effects such as jets or the ridge could impact the measured flow. However, the PHOBOS Collaboration has observed the ridge to be strongest in central collisions [31] where we observe that $v_{2}\{$ ZDC-SMD $\}$ is comparable with $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}$. For collisions that are more peripheral than $40 \%$ centrality, PHOBOS observes no ridge [31], so it is unlikely that our observation that $v_{2}\{$ ZDC-SMD $\}$ is $\sim 5-10 \%$ smaller than $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}$ for the $40-60 \%$ centrality bin is caused by the ridge. Moreover, the difference between $v_{2}\{\mathrm{ZDC}-\mathrm{SMD}\}$ and $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}$ is independent of $p_{T}$ in the measured centrality range.

Because of the large pseudorapidity gap between the event plane and the particles detected in the central arms spectrometer, and the first-harmonic event plane from directed flow by spectator neutrons, $v_{2}\{\mathrm{ZDC}-\mathrm{SMD}\}$ is considered
to provide an unbiased measure of the elliptic flow. Within systematic uncertainties, the measured $v_{2}\{$ ZDC-SMD $\}$ from PHENIX is consistent with $v_{2}$ from the four-particle cumulant method measured by the STAR experiment in the $20-60 \%$ centrality bin, and it is also consistent with the STAR $v_{2}$ from a modified event-plane method in $10-40 \%$ centrality bins. These comparisons (1) further demonstrate the validity of the $v_{2}\{$ ZDC-SMD $\}$, because both STAR results aim to minimize the nonflow effects, (2) reinforce the robustness of the BBC event-plane method at RHIC, and (3) confirm previous studies of the influence of jets on the measured $v_{2}$ for different rapidity gaps. Hence, $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}$ can be used to infer constraints on the hydrodynamic behavior of heavy-ion collisions at RHIC.

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## APPENDIX: DATA TABLES OF $\boldsymbol{v}_{\mathbf{2}}$

Tables IV-X show numerical data in the same units as plotted in the figures: $p_{T}(\mathrm{GeV} / c), v_{2}$, type A statistical error $\sigma_{\text {stat }}$, type B systematic error $\sigma_{\text {syst }}^{B}$ and type C systematic error $\sigma_{\text {syst }}^{C}$.

TABLE IV. $v_{2}\{2\}$ as a function of $p_{T}$ in centralities $0-10 \%, 10-20 \%, 20-30 \%, 30-40 \%, 40-50 \%$, and $50-60 \%$.

| Centrality $v_{1}\{ \}$ | $\begin{gathered} p_{T} \\ (\mathrm{GeV} / c) \end{gathered}$ | $v_{2}$ | $\sigma_{\text {stat }}$ | $\sigma_{\text {syst }}^{B}$ | $\sigma_{\text {syst }}^{C}$ | Centrality $v_{2}\{ \}$ | $\begin{gathered} p_{T} \\ (\mathrm{GeV} / c) \end{gathered}$ | $v_{2}$ | $\sigma_{\text {stat }}$ | $\sigma_{\text {syst }}^{B}$ | $\sigma_{\text {syst }}^{C}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 0.247 | 0.00859 | 0.00014 | 0.00001 | 0.00000 |  | 0.250 | 0.00898 | 0.00021 | 0.00001 | 0.00000 |
|  | 0.347 | 0.01406 | 0.00019 | 0.00004 | 0.00000 |  | 0.349 | 0.04323 | 0.00030 | 0.00026 | 0.00000 |
|  | 0.450 | 0.01882 | 0.00023 | 0.00007 | 0.00000 |  | 0.448 | 0.06214 | 0.00036 | 0.00053 | 0.00000 |
|  | 0.547 | 0.02140 | 0.00027 | 0.00009 | 0.00000 |  | 0.548 | 0.07193 | 0.00042 | 0.00071 | 0.00000 |
|  | 0.649 | 0.02395 | 0.00031 | 0.00011 | 0.00000 |  | 0.648 | 0.08243 | 0.00048 | 0.00093 | 0.00000 |
|  | 0.748 | 0.02718 | 0.00036 | 0.00014 | 0.00000 |  | 0.748 | 0.09401 | 0.00055 | 0.00121 | 0.00000 |
|  | 0.847 | 0.03087 | 0.00041 | 0.00018 | 0.00000 |  | 0.848 | 0.10533 | 0.00063 | 0.00153 | 0.00000 |
|  | 0.949 | 0.03605 | 0.00047 | 0.00024 | 0.00000 |  | 0.948 | 0.11678 | 0.00071 | 0.00187 | 0.00000 |
|  | 1.090 | 0.03950 | 0.00041 | 0.00029 | 0.00000 |  | 1.092 | 0.12972 | 0.00063 | 0.00231 | 0.00000 |
| 0-10\% | 1.291 | 0.04734 | 0.00053 | 0.00042 | 0.00000 | $\begin{gathered} 30-40 \% \\ v_{2}\{2\} \end{gathered}$ | 1.291 | 0.15059 | 0.00081 | 0.00312 | 0.00000 |
| $v_{2}\{2\}$ | 1.490 | 0.05633 | 0.00070 | 0.00059 | 0.00000 | $v_{2}\{2\}$ | 1.489 | 0.16955 | 0.00107 | 0.00395 | 0.00000 |
|  | 1.689 | 0.06542 | 0.00095 | 0.00080 | 0.00000 |  | 1.689 | 0.18422 | 0.00147 | 0.00467 | 0.00000 |
|  | 1.890 | 0.07148 | 0.00128 | 0.00096 | 0.00000 |  | 1.891 | 0.19625 | 0.00198 | 0.00529 | 0.00000 |
|  | 2.194 | 0.08352 | 0.00128 | 0.00130 | 0.00000 |  | 2.197 | 0.21718 | 0.00196 | 0.00648 | 0.00000 |
|  | 2.698 | 0.09362 | 0.00249 | 0.00164 | 0.00000 |  | 2.702 | 0.22835 | 0.00369 | 0.00717 | 0.00000 |
|  | 3.329 | 0.08866 | 0.00421 | 0.00147 | 0.00000 |  | 3.338 | 0.22623 | 0.00556 | 0.00704 | 0.00000 |
|  | 4.365 | 0.08997 | 0.01134 | 0.00151 | 0.00000 |  | 4.360 | 0.19059 | 0.01496 | 0.00499 | 0.00000 |
|  | 5.376 | 0.07933 | 0.02365 | 0.00118 | 0.00000 |  | 5.379 | 0.16931 | 0.03256 | 0.00394 | 0.00000 |
|  | 6.695 | 0.08701 | 0.02720 | 0.00142 | 0.00000 |  | 6.628 | 0.16346 | 0.05010 | 0.00367 | 0.00000 |
|  | 0.248 | 0.01089 | 0.00013 | 0.00002 | 0.00000 |  | 0.250 | 0.00625 | 0.00032 | 0.00001 | 0.00000 |
|  | 0.348 | 0.02714 | 0.00018 | 0.00011 | 0.00000 |  | 0.349 | 0.04611 | 0.00044 | 0.00028 | 0.00000 |
|  | 0.449 | 0.03914 | 0.00023 | 0.00023 | 0.00000 |  | 0.448 | 0.06387 | 0.00054 | 0.00054 | 0.00000 |
|  | 0.547 | 0.04592 | 0.00027 | 0.00032 | 0.00000 |  | 0.548 | 0.07455 | 0.00062 | 0.00073 | 0.00000 |
|  | 0.649 | 0.05281 | 0.00030 | 0.00042 | 0.00000 |  | 0.648 | 0.08575 | 0.00072 | 0.00097 | 0.00000 |
|  | 0.748 | 0.05977 | 0.00035 | 0.00054 | 0.00000 |  | 0.748 | 0.09774 | 0.00082 | 0.00126 | 0.00000 |
|  | 0.848 | 0.06637 | 0.00040 | 0.00066 | 0.00000 |  | 0.848 | 0.11126 | 0.00094 | 0.00163 | 0.00000 |
|  | 0.948 | 0.07459 | 0.00045 | 0.00083 | 0.00000 |  | 0.948 | 0.11974 | 0.00108 | 0.00189 | 0.00000 |
|  | 1.092 | 0.08249 | 0.00040 | 0.00102 | 0.00000 |  | 1.092 | 0.13745 | 0.00095 | 0.00249 | 0.00000 |
| 10-20\% | 1.291 | 0.09506 | 0.00051 | 0.00136 | 0.00000 | $\begin{gathered} 40-50 \% \\ v_{2}\{2\} \end{gathered}$ | 1.291 | 0.15672 | 0.00123 | 0.00324 | 0.00000 |
| $v_{2}\{2\}$ | 1.490 | 0.10997 | 0.00067 | 0.00181 | 0.00000 | $v_{2}\{2\}$ | 1.489 | 0.17633 | 0.00166 | 0.00410 | 0.00000 |
|  | 1.689 | 0.12394 | 0.00090 | 0.00230 | 0.00000 |  | 1.689 | 0.19315 | 0.00229 | 0.00492 | 0.00000 |
|  | 1.891 | 0.13378 | 0.00121 | 0.00268 | 0.00000 |  | 1.891 | 0.20965 | 0.00309 | 0.00580 | 0.00000 |
|  | 2.196 | 0.14881 | 0.00121 | 0.00332 | 0.00000 |  | 2.199 | 0.21909 | 0.00304 | 0.00633 | 0.00000 |
|  | 2.699 | 0.16781 | 0.00232 | 0.00422 | 0.00000 |  | 2.701 | 0.23572 | 0.00567 | 0.00733 | 0.00000 |
|  | 3.328 | 0.16669 | 0.00382 | 0.00417 | 0.00000 |  | 3.344 | 0.24331 | 0.00808 | 0.00781 | 0.00000 |
|  | 4.357 | 0.13468 | 0.01047 | 0.00272 | 0.00000 |  | 4.346 | 0.26575 | 0.02124 | 0.00932 | 0.00000 |
|  | 5.371 | 0.14951 | 0.02244 | 0.00335 | 0.00000 |  | 5.414 | 0.24613 | 0.03288 | 0.00799 | 0.00000 |
|  | 6.587 | 0.11931 | 0.02641 | 0.00214 | 0.00000 |  | 6.566 | 0.17786 | 0.05097 | 0.00417 | 0.00000 |
|  | 0.249 | 0.01127 | 0.00015 | 0.00002 | 0.00000 |  | 0.251 | 0.01201 | 0.00052 | 0.00002 | 0.00000 |
|  | 0.349 | 0.03713 | 0.00022 | 0.00019 | 0.00000 |  | 0.349 | 0.03575 | 0.00056 | 0.00016 | 0.00000 |
|  | 0.448 | 0.05370 | 0.00028 | 0.00040 | 0.00000 |  | 0.448 | 0.05111 | 0.00063 | 0.00033 | 0.00000 |
|  | 0.548 | 0.06252 | 0.00032 | 0.00054 | 0.00000 |  | 0.548 | 0.06256 | 0.00071 | 0.00050 | 0.00000 |
|  | 0.648 | 0.07147 | 0.00036 | 0.00070 | 0.00000 |  | 0.648 | 0.07591 | 0.00080 | 0.00073 | 0.00000 |
|  | 0.748 | 0.08144 | 0.00041 | 0.00091 | 0.00000 |  | 0.748 | 0.08903 | 0.00091 | 0.00101 | 0.00000 |
|  | 0.848 | 0.09118 | 0.00047 | 0.00114 | 0.00000 |  | 0.848 | 0.09965 | 0.00103 | 0.00126 | 0.00000 |
|  | 0.948 | 0.10071 | 0.00053 | 0.00139 | 0.00000 |  | 0.948 | 0.11124 | 0.00118 | 0.00157 | 0.00000 |
|  | 1.092 | 0.11227 | 0.00047 | 0.00173 | 0.00000 |  | 1.091 | 0.12340 | 0.00103 | 0.00193 | 0.00000 |
| 20-30\% | 1.291 | 0.12982 | 0.00060 | 0.00232 | 0.00000 | 50-60\% | 1.290 | 0.14241 | 0.00133 | 0.00257 | 0.00000 |
| $v_{2}\{2\}$ | 1.489 | 0.14786 | 0.00079 | 0.00301 | 0.00000 | $v_{2}\{2\}$ | 1.489 | 0.16236 | 0.00178 | 0.00334 | 0.00000 |
|  | 1.689 | 0.16113 | 0.00107 | 0.00357 | 0.00000 |  | 1.689 | 0.17737 | 0.00248 | 0.00399 | 0.00000 |
|  | 1.891 | 0.17515 | 0.00145 | 0.00422 | 0.00000 |  | 1.890 | 0.19295 | 0.00337 | 0.00472 | 0.00000 |
|  | 2.196 | 0.19364 | 0.00143 | 0.00515 | 0.00000 |  | 2.198 | 0.21282 | 0.00330 | 0.00575 | 0.00000 |
|  | 2.699 | 0.20931 | 0.00271 | 0.00602 | 0.00000 |  | 2.700 | 0.22201 | 0.00623 | 0.00625 | 0.00000 |
|  | 3.333 | 0.20299 | 0.00430 | 0.00567 | 0.00000 |  | 3.348 | 0.21980 | 0.00917 | 0.00613 | 0.00000 |
|  | 4.356 | 0.19729 | 0.01175 | 0.00535 | 0.00000 |  | 4.373 | 0.24935 | 0.02292 | 0.00789 | 0.00000 |
|  | 5.383 | 0.18635 | 0.02567 | 0.00477 | 0.00000 |  | 5.452 | 0.36285 | 0.05515 | 0.01671 | 0.00000 |
|  | 6.611 | 0.15079 | 0.04839 | 0.00313 | 0.00000 |  | 6.734 | 0.40554 | 0.08167 | 0.02087 | 0.00000 |

TABLE V. $v_{2}\{2\}$ as a function of $p_{T}$ in centrality $20-60 \%$.

| Centrality <br> $v_{2}\{ \}$ | $p_{T}$ <br> $(\mathrm{GeV} / c)$ | $v_{2}$ | $\sigma_{\text {stat }}$ | $\sigma_{\text {syst }}^{B}$ | $\sigma_{\text {syst }}^{C}$ | $p_{T}$ <br> $(\mathrm{GeV} / c)$ | $v_{2}$ | $\sigma_{\text {stat }}$ | $\sigma_{\text {syst }}^{B}$ | $\sigma_{\text {syst }}^{C}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 0.251 | 0.00778 | 0.00011 | 0.00001 | 0.00000 | 1.489 | 0.14884 | 0.00058 | 0.00292 | 0.00000 |
|  | 0.349 | 0.03793 | 0.00016 | 0.00019 | 0.00000 | 1.689 | 0.16226 | 0.00080 | 0.00347 | 0.00000 |
|  | 0.448 | 0.05476 | 0.00020 | 0.00040 | 0.00000 | 1.890 | 0.17456 | 0.00108 | 0.00402 | 0.00000 |
|  | 0.548 | 0.06374 | 0.00023 | 0.00054 | 0.00000 | 2.198 | 0.19027 | 0.00106 | 0.00478 | 0.00000 |
| $20-60 \%$ | 0.648 | 0.07303 | 0.00026 | 0.00070 | 0.00000 | 2.700 | 0.20415 | 0.00201 | 0.00550 | 0.00000 |
| $v_{2}\{2\}$ | 0.748 | 0.08283 | 0.00030 | 0.00091 | 0.00000 | 3.348 | 0.21363 | 0.00304 | 0.00602 | 0.00000 |
|  | 0.848 | 0.09301 | 0.00034 | 0.00114 | 0.00000 | 4.373 | 0.19568 | 0.00653 | 0.00505 | 0.00000 |
|  | 0.948 | 0.10247 | 0.00039 | 0.00139 | 0.00000 | 5.452 | 0.23823 | 0.01494 | 0.00749 | 0.00000 |
|  | 1.091 | 0.11444 | 0.00034 | 0.00173 | 0.00000 | 6.734 | 0.18915 | 0.02297 | 0.00472 | 0.00000 |
|  | 1.290 | 0.13201 | 0.00044 | 0.00230 | 0.00000 |  |  |  |  |  |

TABLE VI. $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}$ and $v_{2}\{$ ZDC-SMD $\}$ from S-N and ZDC-BBC-CNT subevents as a function of $p_{T}$ in centrality 20-60\%.

| Centrality $v_{2}\{ \}$ | $\begin{gathered} p_{T} \\ (\mathrm{GeV} / c) \end{gathered}$ | S-N subevents |  |  |  | ZDC-BBC-CNT subevents |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $v_{2}$ | $\sigma_{\text {stat }}$ | $\sigma_{\text {syst }}^{B}$ | $\sigma_{\text {syst }}^{C}$ | $v_{2}$ | $\sigma_{\text {stat }}$ | $\sigma_{\text {syst }}^{B}$ | $\sigma_{\text {syst }}^{C}$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & 20-60 \% \\ & v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\} \end{aligned}$ | 0.247 | 0.02569 | 0.00009 | 0.00049 | 0.00001 | 0.02486 | 0.00009 | 0.00045 | 0.00001 |
|  | 0.348 | 0.04271 | 0.00009 | 0.00016 | 0.00003 | 0.04133 | 0.00010 | 0.00015 | 0.00003 |
|  | 0.448 | 0.05587 | 0.00010 | 0.00014 | 0.00006 | 0.05407 | 0.00012 | 0.00013 | 0.00005 |
|  | 0.548 | 0.06846 | 0.00011 | 0.00015 | 0.00009 | 0.06625 | 0.00013 | 0.00014 | 0.00008 |
|  | 0.648 | 0.08009 | 0.00013 | 0.00015 | 0.00012 | 0.07751 | 0.00015 | 0.00014 | 0.00011 |
|  | 0.748 | 0.09123 | 0.00014 | 0.00016 | 0.00015 | 0.08828 | 0.00017 | 0.00015 | 0.00014 |
|  | 0.848 | 0.10124 | 0.00016 | 0.00019 | 0.00019 | 0.09798 | 0.00019 | 0.00018 | 0.00018 |
|  | 0.948 | 0.11159 | 0.00018 | 0.00017 | 0.00023 | 0.10799 | 0.00021 | 0.00016 | 0.00021 |
|  | 1.092 | 0.12439 | 0.00016 | 0.00018 | 0.00029 | 0.12038 | 0.00020 | 0.00017 | 0.00027 |
|  | 1.292 | 0.14170 | 0.00020 | 0.00019 | 0.00037 | 0.13713 | 0.00025 | 0.00018 | 0.00035 |
|  | 1.492 | 0.15770 | 0.00027 | 0.00027 | 0.00046 | 0.15261 | 0.00031 | 0.00025 | 0.00043 |
|  | 1.692 | 0.17244 | 0.00037 | 0.00027 | 0.00055 | 0.16688 | 0.00040 | 0.00026 | 0.00051 |
|  | 1.892 | 0.18481 | 0.00050 | 0.00030 | 0.00063 | 0.17885 | 0.00052 | 0.00028 | 0.00059 |
|  | 2.200 | 0.19684 | 0.00049 | 0.00029 | 0.00071 | 0.19049 | 0.00052 | 0.00027 | 0.00067 |
|  | 2.703 | 0.20803 | 0.00092 | 0.00025 | 0.00080 | 0.20132 | 0.00092 | 0.00023 | 0.00075 |
|  | 3.343 | 0.20569 | 0.00141 | 0.00039 | 0.00078 | 0.19905 | 0.00138 | 0.00037 | 0.00073 |
|  | 4.381 | 0.17942 | 0.00371 | 0.00066 | 0.00059 | 0.17363 | 0.00360 | 0.00062 | 0.00056 |
|  | 5.410 | 0.14862 | 0.00877 | 0.00098 | 0.00041 | 0.14382 | 0.00849 | 0.00092 | 0.00038 |
|  | 6.852 | 0.16262 | 0.01770 | 0.00328 | 0.00049 | 0.15738 | 0.01713 | 0.00308 | 0.00046 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 20-60 \% \\ & v_{2}\{\text { ZDC-SMD }\} \end{aligned}$ | 0.247 | 0.02532 | 0.00025 | 0.00047 | 0.00004 | 0.02661 | 0.00035 | 0.00052 | 0.00002 |
|  | 0.348 | 0.04002 | 0.00029 | 0.00014 | 0.00010 | 0.04188 | 0.00037 | 0.00015 | 0.00004 |
|  | 0.448 | 0.05165 | 0.00032 | 0.00012 | 0.00017 | 0.05395 | 0.00041 | 0.00013 | 0.00007 |
|  | 0.548 | 0.06296 | 0.00036 | 0.00013 | 0.00025 | 0.06567 | 0.00046 | 0.00014 | 0.00010 |
|  | 0.648 | 0.07433 | 0.00041 | 0.00013 | 0.00035 | 0.07746 | 0.00051 | 0.00014 | 0.00014 |
|  | 0.748 | 0.08377 | 0.00046 | 0.00013 | 0.00044 | 0.08730 | 0.00057 | 0.00015 | 0.00017 |
|  | 0.848 | 0.09429 | 0.00052 | 0.00017 | 0.00056 | 0.09827 | 0.00065 | 0.00018 | 0.00022 |
|  | 0.948 | 0.10365 | 0.00059 | 0.00015 | 0.00067 | 0.10808 | 0.00074 | 0.00016 | 0.00027 |
|  | 1.092 | 0.11617 | 0.00053 | 0.00016 | 0.00085 | 0.12065 | 0.00063 | 0.00017 | 0.00033 |
|  | 1.292 | 0.13006 | 0.00066 | 0.00016 | 0.00106 | 0.13535 | 0.00081 | 0.00018 | 0.00042 |
|  | 1.492 | 0.14367 | 0.00086 | 0.00023 | 0.00129 | 0.14994 | 0.00109 | 0.00024 | 0.00052 |
|  | 1.692 | 0.15763 | 0.00115 | 0.00023 | 0.00156 | 0.16504 | 0.00150 | 0.00025 | 0.00062 |
|  | 1.892 | 0.17281 | 0.00151 | 0.00026 | 0.00187 | 0.18136 | 0.00203 | 0.00029 | 0.00075 |
|  | 2.200 | 0.18031 | 0.00149 | 0.00024 | 0.00204 | 0.18912 | 0.00200 | 0.00026 | 0.00082 |
|  | 2.703 | 0.18983 | 0.00263 | 0.00021 | 0.00226 | 0.19998 | 0.00375 | 0.00023 | 0.00092 |
|  | 3.343 | 0.18147 | 0.00393 | 0.00030 | 0.00206 | 0.19147 | 0.00576 | 0.00034 | 0.00084 |
|  | 4.381 | 0.16102 | 0.01018 | 0.00053 | 0.00162 | 0.17005 | 0.01517 | 0.00059 | 0.00066 |
|  | 5.410 | 0.14043 | 0.02402 | 0.00088 | 0.00124 | 0.14833 | 0.03585 | 0.00098 | 0.00050 |
|  | 6.852 | 0.12310 | 0.04849 | 0.00188 | 0.00095 | 0.13003 | 0.07240 | 0.00210 | 0.00039 |

TABLE VII. $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}$ from S-N and ZDC-BBC-CNT subevents as a function of $p_{T}$ in centrality $0-10 \%, 10-20 \%$, and 20-30\%.

| Centrality $v_{2}\{ \}$ | $\begin{gathered} p_{T} \\ (\mathrm{GeV} / c) \end{gathered}$ | S-N subevents |  |  |  | ZDC-BBC-CNT subevents |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $v_{2}$ | $\sigma_{\text {stat }}$ | $\sigma_{\text {syst }}^{B}$ | $\sigma_{\text {syst }}^{C}$ | $v_{2}$ | $\sigma_{\text {stat }}$ | $\sigma_{\text {syst }}^{B}$ | $\sigma_{\text {syst }}^{C}$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & 0-10 \% \\ & v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\} \end{aligned}$ | 0.247 | 0.01025 | 0.00012 | 0.00008 | 0.00001 | 0.00966 | 0.00016 | 0.00007 | 0.00000 |
|  | 0.348 | 0.01868 | 0.00014 | 0.00003 | 0.00002 | 0.01762 | 0.00025 | 0.00003 | 0.00002 |
|  | 0.448 | 0.02300 | 0.00016 | 0.00005 | 0.00003 | 0.02169 | 0.00030 | 0.00005 | 0.00002 |
|  | 0.548 | 0.02741 | 0.00018 | 0.00007 | 0.00004 | 0.02586 | 0.00035 | 0.00006 | 0.00003 |
|  | 0.648 | 0.03174 | 0.00020 | 0.00007 | 0.00005 | 0.02993 | 0.00041 | 0.00006 | 0.00005 |
|  | 0.748 | 0.03570 | 0.00023 | 0.00007 | 0.00006 | 0.03367 | 0.00046 | 0.00006 | 0.00006 |
|  | 0.848 | 0.03990 | 0.00026 | 0.00007 | 0.00008 | 0.03763 | 0.00051 | 0.00006 | 0.00007 |
|  | 0.948 | 0.04428 | 0.00029 | 0.00008 | 0.00010 | 0.04176 | 0.00057 | 0.00007 | 0.00009 |
|  | 1.092 | 0.04941 | 0.00025 | 0.00008 | 0.00012 | 0.04660 | 0.00061 | 0.00007 | 0.00011 |
|  | 1.292 | 0.05631 | 0.00032 | 0.00008 | 0.00016 | 0.05310 | 0.00070 | 0.00007 | 0.00014 |
|  | 1.492 | 0.06349 | 0.00042 | 0.00008 | 0.00020 | 0.05988 | 0.00082 | 0.00007 | 0.00018 |
|  | 1.692 | 0.07065 | 0.00058 | 0.00012 | 0.00025 | 0.06663 | 0.00096 | 0.00010 | 0.00022 |
|  | 1.892 | 0.07859 | 0.00078 | 0.00011 | 0.00031 | 0.07412 | 0.00115 | 0.00010 | 0.00028 |
|  | 2.200 | 0.08557 | 0.00078 | 0.00009 | 0.00037 | 0.08070 | 0.00121 | 0.00008 | 0.00033 |
|  | 2.703 | 0.09598 | 0.00151 | 0.00015 | 0.00046 | 0.09052 | 0.00179 | 0.00014 | 0.00041 |
|  | 3.343 | 0.09806 | 0.00245 | 0.00031 | 0.00049 | 0.09249 | 0.00257 | 0.00028 | 0.00043 |
|  | 4.381 | 0.08795 | 0.00699 | 0.00089 | 0.00039 | 0.08295 | 0.00667 | 0.00079 | 0.00035 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 10-20 \% \\ & v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\} \end{aligned}$ | 0.247 | 0.01804 | 0.00010 | 0.00008 | 0.00000 | 0.01754 | 0.00011 | 0.00007 | 0.00000 |
|  | 0.348 | 0.03095 | 0.00011 | 0.00008 | 0.00001 | 0.03008 | 0.00015 | 0.00008 | 0.00001 |
|  | 0.448 | 0.03927 | 0.00012 | 0.00012 | 0.00002 | 0.03816 | 0.00018 | 0.00011 | 0.00002 |
|  | 0.548 | 0.04714 | 0.00014 | 0.00018 | 0.00003 | 0.04582 | 0.00020 | 0.00017 | 0.00003 |
|  | 0.648 | 0.05480 | 0.00015 | 0.00016 | 0.00004 | 0.05326 | 0.00023 | 0.00015 | 0.00004 |
|  | 0.748 | 0.06236 | 0.00017 | 0.00016 | 0.00006 | 0.06060 | 0.00026 | 0.00015 | 0.00005 |
|  | 0.848 | 0.06895 | 0.00019 | 0.00016 | 0.00007 | 0.06701 | 0.00029 | 0.00015 | 0.00006 |
|  | 0.948 | 0.07647 | 0.00022 | 0.00017 | 0.00008 | 0.07432 | 0.00033 | 0.00016 | 0.00008 |
|  | 1.092 | 0.08498 | 0.00019 | 0.00018 | 0.00010 | 0.08259 | 0.00033 | 0.00017 | 0.00010 |
|  | 1.292 | 0.09731 | 0.00024 | 0.00018 | 0.00014 | 0.09457 | 0.00040 | 0.00017 | 0.00013 |
|  | 1.492 | 0.10883 | 0.00032 | 0.00022 | 0.00017 | 0.10576 | 0.00047 | 0.00021 | 0.00016 |
|  | 1.692 | 0.12204 | 0.00044 | 0.00021 | 0.00021 | 0.11860 | 0.00058 | 0.00020 | 0.00020 |
|  | 1.892 | 0.13129 | 0.00059 | 0.00029 | 0.00025 | 0.12760 | 0.00072 | 0.00027 | 0.00023 |
|  | 2.200 | 0.14375 | 0.00058 | 0.00021 | 0.00030 | 0.13970 | 0.00074 | 0.00020 | 0.00028 |
|  | 2.703 | 0.15569 | 0.00112 | 0.00023 | 0.00035 | 0.15130 | 0.00120 | 0.00022 | 0.00033 |
|  | 3.343 | 0.15885 | 0.00177 | 0.00033 | 0.00037 | 0.15437 | 0.00180 | 0.00031 | 0.00034 |
|  | 4.381 | 0.13970 | 0.00491 | 0.00056 | 0.00028 | 0.13577 | 0.00480 | 0.00053 | 0.00027 |
|  | 5.410 | 0.12763 | 0.01194 | 0.00101 | 0.00024 | 0.12403 | 0.01161 | 0.00095 | 0.00022 |
|  | 6.852 | 0.10820 | 0.02401 | 0.00193 | 0.00017 | 0.10515 | 0.02334 | 0.00183 | 0.00016 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 20-30 \% \\ & v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\} \end{aligned}$ | 0.247 | 0.02367 | 0.00011 | 0.00032 | 0.00001 | 0.02303 | 0.00012 | 0.00030 | 0.00001 |
|  | 0.348 | 0.03981 | 0.00012 | 0.00014 | 0.00002 | 0.03874 | 0.00015 | 0.00014 | 0.00002 |
|  | 0.448 | 0.05138 | 0.00014 | 0.00016 | 0.00004 | 0.04999 | 0.00017 | 0.00015 | 0.00004 |
|  | 0.548 | 0.06250 | 0.00015 | 0.00019 | 0.00006 | 0.06081 | 0.00020 | 0.00018 | 0.00005 |
|  | 0.648 | 0.07276 | 0.00017 | 0.00020 | 0.00008 | 0.07080 | 0.00023 | 0.00019 | 0.00007 |
|  | 0.748 | 0.08298 | 0.00019 | 0.00018 | 0.00010 | 0.08075 | 0.00026 | 0.00017 | 0.00010 |
|  | 0.848 | 0.09184 | 0.00022 | 0.00020 | 0.00012 | 0.08937 | 0.00029 | 0.00019 | 0.00012 |
|  | 0.948 | 0.10139 | 0.00024 | 0.00020 | 0.00015 | 0.09866 | 0.00032 | 0.00019 | 0.00014 |
|  | 1.092 | 0.11279 | 0.00021 | 0.00022 | 0.00019 | 0.10976 | 0.00032 | 0.00021 | 0.00018 |
|  | 1.292 | 0.12862 | 0.00027 | 0.00023 | 0.00024 | 0.12516 | 0.00038 | 0.00022 | 0.00023 |
|  | 1.492 | 0.14459 | 0.00036 | 0.00029 | 0.00031 | 0.14070 | 0.00046 | 0.00027 | 0.00029 |
|  | 1.692 | 0.15864 | 0.00049 | 0.00030 | 0.00037 | 0.15437 | 0.00058 | 0.00029 | 0.00035 |
|  | 1.892 | 0.17169 | 0.00066 | 0.00032 | 0.00043 | 0.16707 | 0.00074 | 0.00030 | 0.00041 |
|  | 2.200 | 0.18437 | 0.00065 | 0.00032 | 0.00050 | 0.17941 | 0.00075 | 0.00030 | 0.00047 |
|  | 2.703 | 0.19554 | 0.00123 | 0.00042 | 0.00056 | 0.19028 | 0.00127 | 0.00039 | 0.00053 |
|  | 3.343 | 0.19585 | 0.00192 | 0.00048 | 0.00056 | 0.19058 | 0.00192 | 0.00046 | 0.00053 |
|  | 4.381 | 0.18189 | 0.00521 | 0.00088 | 0.00049 | 0.17700 | 0.00509 | 0.00083 | 0.00046 |
|  | 5.410 | 0.14502 | 0.01244 | 0.00138 | 0.00031 | 0.14112 | 0.01211 | 0.00131 | 0.00029 |
|  | 6.852 | 0.15856 | 0.02490 | 0.00286 | 0.00037 | 0.15430 | 0.02423 | 0.00271 | 0.00035 |

TABLE VIII. $v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\}$ from S-N and ZDC-BBC-CNT subevents as a function of $p_{T}$ in centrality $30-40 \%, 40-50 \%$, and $50-60 \%$.

| Centrality $v_{2}\{ \}$ | $\begin{gathered} p_{T} \\ (\mathrm{GeV} / c) \end{gathered}$ | S-N subevents |  |  |  | ZDC-BBC-CNT subevents |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $v_{2}$ | $\sigma_{\text {stat }}$ | $\sigma_{\text {syst }}^{B}$ | $\sigma_{\text {syst }}^{\text {C }}$ | $v_{2}$ | $\sigma_{\text {stat }}$ | $\sigma_{\text {syst }}^{B}$ | $\sigma_{\text {syst }}^{\text {C }}$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & 30-40 \% \\ & v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\} \end{aligned}$ | 0.247 | 0.02733 | 0.00015 | 0.00064 | 0.00001 | 0.02643 | 0.00016 | 0.00059 | 0.00001 |
|  | 0.348 | 0.04523 | 0.00016 | 0.00017 | 0.00004 | 0.04375 | 0.00018 | 0.00016 | 0.00003 |
|  | 0.448 | 0.05935 | 0.00018 | 0.00017 | 0.00006 | 0.05740 | 0.00021 | 0.00016 | 0.00006 |
|  | 0.548 | 0.07263 | 0.00020 | 0.00016 | 0.00010 | 0.07024 | 0.00024 | 0.00015 | 0.00009 |
|  | 0.648 | 0.08502 | 0.00023 | 0.00015 | 0.00013 | 0.08223 | 0.00028 | 0.00014 | 0.00012 |
|  | 0.748 | 0.09651 | 0.00025 | 0.00020 | 0.00017 | 0.09334 | 0.00031 | 0.00018 | 0.00016 |
|  | 0.848 | 0.10742 | 0.00029 | 0.00019 | 0.00021 | 0.10390 | 0.00035 | 0.00018 | 0.00020 |
|  | 0.948 | 0.11793 | 0.00033 | 0.00018 | 0.00025 | 0.11406 | 0.00039 | 0.00017 | 0.00024 |
|  | 1.092 | 0.13156 | 0.00028 | 0.00022 | 0.00032 | 0.12724 | 0.00038 | 0.00020 | 0.00030 |
|  | 1.292 | 0.15004 | 0.00036 | 0.00019 | 0.00041 | 0.14512 | 0.00046 | 0.00018 | 0.00038 |
|  | 1.492 | 0.16604 | 0.00048 | 0.00030 | 0.00050 | 0.16059 | 0.00057 | 0.00028 | 0.00047 |
|  | 1.692 | 0.18107 | 0.00066 | 0.00029 | 0.00060 | 0.17513 | 0.00073 | 0.00027 | 0.00056 |
|  | 1.892 | 0.19290 | 0.00089 | 0.00034 | 0.00068 | 0.18657 | 0.00094 | 0.00032 | 0.00063 |
|  | 2.200 | 0.20640 | 0.00088 | 0.00035 | 0.00078 | 0.19962 | 0.00094 | 0.00032 | 0.00073 |
|  | 2.703 | 0.21859 | 0.00164 | 0.00042 | 0.00087 | 0.21142 | 0.00164 | 0.00040 | 0.00081 |
|  | 3.343 | 0.21843 | 0.00252 | 0.00037 | 0.00087 | 0.21127 | 0.00247 | 0.00034 | 0.00081 |
|  | 4.381 | 0.18342 | 0.00662 | 0.00101 | 0.00061 | 0.17740 | 0.00641 | 0.00095 | 0.00057 |
|  | 5.410 | 0.15970 | 0.01568 | 0.00197 | 0.00046 | 0.15446 | 0.01517 | 0.00184 | 0.00043 |
|  | 6.852 | 0.18703 | 0.03171 | 0.00640 | 0.00064 | 0.18090 | 0.03067 | 0.00599 | 0.00060 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 40-50 \% \\ & v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\} \end{aligned}$ | 0.247 | 0.02840 | 0.00024 | 0.00071 | 0.00002 | 0.02735 | 0.00024 | 0.00066 | 0.00002 |
|  | 0.348 | 0.04699 | 0.00025 | 0.00018 | 0.00005 | 0.04524 | 0.00027 | 0.00017 | 0.00005 |
|  | 0.448 | 0.06236 | 0.00028 | 0.00015 | 0.00009 | 0.06005 | 0.00031 | 0.00014 | 0.00009 |
|  | 0.548 | 0.07757 | 0.00031 | 0.00015 | 0.00014 | 0.07469 | 0.00035 | 0.00014 | 0.00013 |
|  | 0.648 | 0.09141 | 0.00035 | 0.00015 | 0.00020 | 0.08802 | 0.00040 | 0.00014 | 0.00018 |
|  | 0.748 | 0.10354 | 0.00039 | 0.00016 | 0.00025 | 0.09969 | 0.00045 | 0.00015 | 0.00024 |
|  | 0.848 | 0.11530 | 0.00044 | 0.00019 | 0.00032 | 0.11102 | 0.00051 | 0.00017 | 0.00029 |
|  | 0.948 | 0.12668 | 0.00050 | 0.00016 | 0.00038 | 0.12198 | 0.00057 | 0.00015 | 0.00035 |
|  | 1.092 | 0.14106 | 0.00044 | 0.00015 | 0.00047 | 0.13583 | 0.00054 | 0.00014 | 0.00044 |
|  | 1.292 | 0.15967 | 0.00056 | 0.00019 | 0.00061 | 0.15374 | 0.00066 | 0.00017 | 0.00056 |
|  | 1.492 | 0.17584 | 0.00075 | 0.00025 | 0.00074 | 0.16932 | 0.00083 | 0.00023 | 0.00068 |
|  | 1.692 | 0.19082 | 0.00104 | 0.00031 | 0.00087 | 0.18373 | 0.00110 | 0.00029 | 0.00080 |
|  | 1.892 | 0.20216 | 0.00141 | 0.00031 | 0.00097 | 0.19466 | 0.00144 | 0.00029 | 0.00090 |
|  | 2.200 | 0.21274 | 0.00138 | 0.00031 | 0.00108 | 0.20485 | 0.00142 | 0.00029 | 0.00100 |
|  | 2.703 | 0.22348 | 0.00256 | 0.00039 | 0.00119 | 0.21518 | 0.00252 | 0.00036 | 0.00110 |
|  | 3.343 | 0.22044 | 0.00387 | 0.00067 | 0.00116 | 0.21226 | 0.00376 | 0.00063 | 0.00107 |
|  | 4.381 | 0.18665 | 0.00994 | 0.00094 | 0.00083 | 0.17973 | 0.00958 | 0.00087 | 0.00077 |
|  | 5.410 | 0.16716 | 0.02325 | 0.00178 | 0.00067 | 0.16095 | 0.02239 | 0.00165 | 0.00062 |
|  | 6.852 | 0.15951 | 0.04732 | 0.00616 | 0.00060 | 0.15359 | 0.04556 | 0.00571 | 0.00056 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 50-60 \% \\ & v_{2}\{\mathrm{BBC}\} \end{aligned}$ | 0.247 | 0.02767 | 0.00043 | 0.00056 | 0.00003 | 0.02604 | 0.00042 | 0.00050 | 0.00003 |
|  | 0.348 | 0.04569 | 0.00046 | 0.00019 | 0.00008 | 0.04300 | 0.00046 | 0.00017 | 0.00007 |
|  | 0.448 | 0.06193 | 0.00050 | 0.00018 | 0.00014 | 0.05828 | 0.00052 | 0.00016 | 0.00013 |
|  | 0.548 | 0.07654 | 0.00056 | 0.00014 | 0.00022 | 0.07203 | 0.00060 | 0.00013 | 0.00019 |
|  | 0.648 | 0.08963 | 0.00064 | 0.00013 | 0.00030 | 0.08435 | 0.00068 | 0.00012 | 0.00027 |
|  | 0.748 | 0.10358 | 0.00072 | 0.00014 | 0.00040 | 0.09747 | 0.00077 | 0.00012 | 0.00036 |
|  | 0.848 | 0.11362 | 0.00082 | 0.00020 | 0.00048 | 0.10692 | 0.00087 | 0.00018 | 0.00043 |
|  | 0.948 | 0.12637 | 0.00093 | 0.00011 | 0.00060 | 0.11892 | 0.00099 | 0.00010 | 0.00053 |
|  | 1.092 | 0.14117 | 0.00082 | 0.00014 | 0.00075 | 0.13284 | 0.00091 | 0.00012 | 0.00066 |
|  | 1.292 | 0.15953 | 0.00105 | 0.00020 | 0.00095 | 0.15013 | 0.00114 | 0.00017 | 0.00085 |
|  | 1.492 | 0.17233 | 0.00141 | 0.00028 | 0.00111 | 0.16217 | 0.00146 | 0.00024 | 0.00099 |
|  | 1.692 | 0.18714 | 0.00196 | 0.00029 | 0.00131 | 0.17611 | 0.00196 | 0.00026 | 0.00116 |
|  | 1.892 | 0.19757 | 0.00266 | 0.00054 | 0.00146 | 0.18592 | 0.00260 | 0.00047 | 0.00130 |
|  | 2.200 | 0.20146 | 0.00260 | 0.00054 | 0.00152 | 0.18959 | 0.00255 | 0.00048 | 0.00135 |
|  | 2.703 | 0.21521 | 0.00480 | 0.00066 | 0.00174 | 0.20252 | 0.00458 | 0.00059 | 0.00154 |
|  | 3.343 | 0.19757 | 0.00712 | 0.00083 | 0.00146 | 0.18593 | 0.00674 | 0.00074 | 0.00130 |
|  | 4.381 | 0.16368 | 0.01791 | 0.00363 | 0.00100 | 0.15403 | 0.01686 | 0.00321 | 0.00089 |
|  | 5.410 | 0.11745 | 0.04124 | 0.00292 | 0.00052 | 0.11053 | 0.03881 | 0.00259 | 0.00046 |

TABLE IX. $v_{2}\{$ ZDC-SMD $\}$ from S-N and ZDC-BBC-CNT subevents as a function of $p_{T}$ in centralities $0-10 \%$, $10-20 \%$, and $20-30 \%$.

| Centrality $v_{2}\{ \}$ | $\begin{gathered} p_{T} \\ (\mathrm{GeV} / c) \end{gathered}$ | S-N subevents |  |  |  | ZDC-BBC-CNT subevents |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $v_{2}$ | $\sigma_{\text {stat }}$ | $\sigma_{\text {syst }}^{B}$ | $\sigma_{\text {syst }}^{C}$ | $v_{2}$ | $\sigma_{\text {stat }}$ | $\sigma_{\text {syst }}^{B}$ | $\sigma_{\text {syst }}^{C}$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & 0-10 \% \\ & v_{2}\{\text { ZDC-SMD }\} \end{aligned}$ | 0.247 | 0.01342 | 0.00114 | 0.00013 | 0.00005 | 0.01723 | 0.00158 | 0.00022 | 0.00004 |
|  | 0.348 | 0.01488 | 0.00131 | 0.00002 | 0.00007 | 0.01929 | 0.00183 | 0.00003 | 0.00005 |
|  | 0.448 | 0.01231 | 0.00133 | 0.00002 | 0.00005 | 0.01688 | 0.00205 | 0.00003 | 0.00004 |
|  | 0.548 | 0.02085 | 0.00170 | 0.00004 | 0.00013 | 0.02643 | 0.00230 | 0.00006 | 0.00010 |
|  | 0.648 | 0.01557 | 0.00166 | 0.00002 | 0.00007 | 0.02132 | 0.00256 | 0.00003 | 0.00006 |
|  | 0.748 | 0.02236 | 0.00203 | 0.00003 | 0.00015 | 0.02928 | 0.00289 | 0.00005 | 0.00012 |
|  | 0.848 | 0.02656 | 0.00233 | 0.00003 | 0.00021 | 0.03444 | 0.00326 | 0.00005 | 0.00017 |
|  | 0.948 | 0.03014 | 0.00265 | 0.00004 | 0.00027 | 0.03909 | 0.00371 | 0.00006 | 0.00021 |
|  | 1.092 | 0.04275 | 0.00268 | 0.00006 | 0.00055 | 0.04922 | 0.00319 | 0.00008 | 0.00034 |
|  | 1.292 | 0.03826 | 0.00304 | 0.00004 | 0.00044 | 0.04801 | 0.00405 | 0.00006 | 0.00032 |
|  | 1.492 | 0.03859 | 0.00367 | 0.00003 | 0.00045 | 0.05124 | 0.00534 | 0.00005 | 0.00037 |
|  | 1.692 | 0.04492 | 0.00476 | 0.00005 | 0.00061 | 0.06137 | 0.00730 | 0.00009 | 0.00053 |
|  | 1.892 | 0.06318 | 0.00654 | 0.00007 | 0.00120 | 0.08583 | 0.00992 | 0.00014 | 0.00103 |
|  | 2.200 | 0.06910 | 0.00672 | 0.00006 | 0.00143 | 0.09233 | 0.00989 | 0.00011 | 0.00119 |
|  | 2.703 | 0.07798 | 0.01123 | 0.00010 | 0.00182 | 0.11270 | 0.01925 | 0.00021 | 0.00178 |
|  | 3.343 | 0.07481 | 0.01667 | 0.00018 | 0.00168 | 0.11230 | 0.03125 | 0.00041 | 0.00177 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 10-20 \% \\ & v_{2}\{\text { ZDC-SMD }\} \end{aligned}$ | 0.247 | 0.02194 | 0.00061 | 0.00011 | 0.00006 | 0.02145 | 0.00067 | 0.00011 | 0.00003 |
|  | 0.348 | 0.02987 | 0.00070 | 0.00008 | 0.00011 | 0.02924 | 0.00074 | 0.00008 | 0.00005 |
|  | 0.448 | 0.03696 | 0.00078 | 0.00010 | 0.00017 | 0.03621 | 0.00083 | 0.00010 | 0.00008 |
|  | 0.548 | 0.04342 | 0.00088 | 0.00015 | 0.00023 | 0.04255 | 0.00092 | 0.00014 | 0.00011 |
|  | 0.648 | 0.05052 | 0.00098 | 0.00013 | 0.00031 | 0.04951 | 0.00103 | 0.00013 | 0.00016 |
|  | 0.748 | 0.05556 | 0.00110 | 0.00013 | 0.00037 | 0.05445 | 0.00115 | 0.00012 | 0.00019 |
|  | 0.848 | 0.06572 | 0.00125 | 0.00014 | 0.00052 | 0.06442 | 0.00130 | 0.00014 | 0.00026 |
|  | 0.948 | 0.07064 | 0.00141 | 0.00014 | 0.00060 | 0.06923 | 0.00148 | 0.00014 | 0.00030 |
|  | 1.092 | 0.07773 | 0.00122 | 0.00015 | 0.00073 | 0.07626 | 0.00126 | 0.00014 | 0.00037 |
|  | 1.292 | 0.09169 | 0.00155 | 0.00016 | 0.00102 | 0.08993 | 0.00162 | 0.00015 | 0.00051 |
|  | 1.492 | 0.10236 | 0.00204 | 0.00019 | 0.00127 | 0.10031 | 0.00214 | 0.00019 | 0.00064 |
|  | 1.692 | 0.11847 | 0.00275 | 0.00020 | 0.00170 | 0.11598 | 0.00293 | 0.00019 | 0.00085 |
|  | 1.892 | 0.13255 | 0.00365 | 0.00029 | 0.00212 | 0.12960 | 0.00397 | 0.00028 | 0.00107 |
|  | 2.200 | 0.13748 | 0.00363 | 0.00020 | 0.00229 | 0.13446 | 0.00393 | 0.00019 | 0.00115 |
|  | 2.703 | 0.15166 | 0.00640 | 0.00022 | 0.00278 | 0.14772 | 0.00754 | 0.00021 | 0.00139 |
|  | 3.343 | 0.14679 | 0.00945 | 0.00028 | 0.00261 | 0.14255 | 0.01196 | 0.00026 | 0.00129 |
|  | 4.381 | 0.14874 | 0.02444 | 0.00064 | 0.00268 | 0.14410 | 0.03301 | 0.00060 | 0.00132 |
|  | 5.410 | 0.02580 | 0.05846 | 0.00004 | 0.00008 | 0.02498 | 0.08004 | 0.00004 | 0.00004 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 20-30 \% \\ & v_{2}\{\text { ZDC-SMD }\} \end{aligned}$ | 0.247 | 0.02479 | 0.00045 | 0.00035 | 0.00005 | 0.02523 | 0.00056 | 0.00037 | 0.00002 |
|  | 0.348 | 0.03843 | 0.00052 | 0.00013 | 0.00011 | 0.03893 | 0.00061 | 0.00014 | 0.00005 |
|  | 0.448 | 0.04673 | 0.00058 | 0.00013 | 0.00017 | 0.04726 | 0.00067 | 0.00013 | 0.00008 |
|  | 0.548 | 0.05726 | 0.00065 | 0.00016 | 0.00025 | 0.05785 | 0.00075 | 0.00016 | 0.00012 |
|  | 0.648 | 0.06796 | 0.00073 | 0.00017 | 0.00036 | 0.06860 | 0.00084 | 0.00018 | 0.00016 |
|  | 0.748 | 0.07649 | 0.00082 | 0.00015 | 0.00045 | 0.07721 | 0.00094 | 0.00016 | 0.00021 |
|  | 0.848 | 0.08664 | 0.00093 | 0.00018 | 0.00058 | 0.08745 | 0.00106 | 0.00018 | 0.00027 |
|  | 0.948 | 0.09430 | 0.00105 | 0.00018 | 0.00069 | 0.09523 | 0.00120 | 0.00018 | 0.00032 |
|  | 1.092 | 0.10554 | 0.00093 | 0.00019 | 0.00086 | 0.10622 | 0.00103 | 0.00020 | 0.00040 |
|  | 1.292 | 0.12012 | 0.00118 | 0.00020 | 0.00112 | 0.12107 | 0.00132 | 0.00020 | 0.00051 |
|  | 1.492 | 0.13329 | 0.00153 | 0.00025 | 0.00138 | 0.13466 | 0.00176 | 0.00025 | 0.00064 |
|  | 1.692 | 0.14589 | 0.00202 | 0.00026 | 0.00165 | 0.14785 | 0.00242 | 0.00026 | 0.00077 |
|  | 1.892 | 0.16194 | 0.00265 | 0.00028 | 0.00204 | 0.16454 | 0.00327 | 0.00029 | 0.00095 |
|  | 2.200 | 0.17353 | 0.00265 | 0.00028 | 0.00234 | 0.17613 | 0.00322 | 0.00029 | 0.00109 |
|  | 2.703 | 0.18631 | 0.00458 | 0.00038 | 0.00269 | 0.19024 | 0.00610 | 0.00039 | 0.00127 |
|  | 3.343 | 0.18180 | 0.00683 | 0.00042 | 0.00257 | 0.18612 | 0.00952 | 0.00044 | 0.00121 |
|  | 4.381 | 0.17827 | 0.01783 | 0.00084 | 0.00247 | 0.18283 | 0.02570 | 0.00088 | 0.00117 |
|  | 5.410 | 0.16731 | 0.04246 | 0.00184 | 0.00217 | 0.17163 | 0.06153 | 0.00194 | 0.00103 |

TABLE X. $v_{2}\{$ ZDC-SMD $\}$ from S-N and ZDC-BBC-CNT subevents as a function of $p_{T}$ in centralities $30-40 \%, 40-50 \%$, and $50-60 \%$.

| Centrality $v_{2}\{ \}$ | $\begin{gathered} p_{T} \\ (\mathrm{GeV} / c) \end{gathered}$ | S-N subevents |  |  |  | ZDC-BBC-CNT subevents |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $v_{2}$ | $\sigma_{\text {stat }}$ | $\sigma_{\text {syst }}^{B}$ | $\sigma_{\text {syst }}^{C}$ | $v_{2}$ | $\sigma_{\text {stat }}$ | $\sigma_{\text {syst }}^{B}$ | $\sigma_{\text {syst }}^{C}$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & 30-40 \% \\ & v_{2}\{\text { ZDC-SMD }\} \end{aligned}$ | 0.247 | 0.02694 | 0.00045 | 0.00062 | 0.00004 | 0.02819 | 0.00061 | 0.00068 | 0.00002 |
|  | 0.348 | 0.04133 | 0.00050 | 0.00014 | 0.00010 | 0.04305 | 0.00065 | 0.00015 | 0.00004 |
|  | 0.448 | 0.05500 | 0.00057 | 0.00015 | 0.00018 | 0.05713 | 0.00071 | 0.00016 | 0.00007 |
|  | 0.548 | 0.06605 | 0.00064 | 0.00013 | 0.00026 | 0.06852 | 0.00079 | 0.00014 | 0.00010 |
|  | 0.648 | 0.07744 | 0.00073 | 0.00013 | 0.00035 | 0.08028 | 0.00089 | 0.00014 | 0.00013 |
|  | 0.748 | 0.08648 | 0.00082 | 0.00016 | 0.00044 | 0.08966 | 0.00099 | 0.00017 | 0.00016 |
|  | 0.848 | 0.09719 | 0.00092 | 0.00016 | 0.00055 | 0.10077 | 0.00112 | 0.00017 | 0.00021 |
|  | 0.948 | 0.10647 | 0.00104 | 0.00014 | 0.00066 | 0.11046 | 0.00128 | 0.00016 | 0.00025 |
|  | 1.092 | 0.12033 | 0.00093 | 0.00018 | 0.00085 | 0.12430 | 0.00110 | 0.00020 | 0.00031 |
|  | 1.292 | 0.13425 | 0.00117 | 0.00015 | 0.00106 | 0.13898 | 0.00141 | 0.00017 | 0.00039 |
|  | 1.492 | 0.15041 | 0.00152 | 0.00025 | 0.00133 | 0.15615 | 0.00188 | 0.00027 | 0.00050 |
|  | 1.692 | 0.16789 | 0.00203 | 0.00025 | 0.00165 | 0.17486 | 0.00260 | 0.00027 | 0.00062 |
|  | 1.892 | 0.18310 | 0.00266 | 0.00031 | 0.00196 | 0.19124 | 0.00353 | 0.00033 | 0.00074 |
|  | 2.200 | 0.18792 | 0.00263 | 0.00029 | 0.00207 | 0.19616 | 0.00346 | 0.00031 | 0.00078 |
|  | 2.703 | 0.19298 | 0.00458 | 0.00033 | 0.00218 | 0.20250 | 0.00649 | 0.00036 | 0.00083 |
|  | 3.343 | 0.19902 | 0.00685 | 0.00031 | 0.00232 | 0.20918 | 0.00995 | 0.00034 | 0.00089 |
|  | 4.381 | 0.15951 | 0.01765 | 0.00077 | 0.00149 | 0.16787 | 0.02619 | 0.00085 | 0.00057 |
|  | 5.410 | 0.03318 | 0.04176 | 0.00008 | 0.00006 | 0.03492 | 0.06213 | 0.00009 | 0.00002 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 40-50 \% \\ & v_{2}\{\text { ZDC-SMD }\} \end{aligned}$ | 0.247 | 0.02601 | 0.00054 | 0.00060 | 0.00004 | 0.02771 | 0.00077 | 0.00068 | 0.00001 |
|  | 0.348 | 0.04210 | 0.00060 | 0.00014 | 0.00010 | 0.04474 | 0.00081 | 0.00016 | 0.00003 |
|  | 0.448 | 0.05541 | 0.00067 | 0.00012 | 0.00017 | 0.05880 | 0.00089 | 0.00013 | 0.00005 |
|  | 0.548 | 0.06853 | 0.00076 | 0.00012 | 0.00026 | 0.07264 | 0.00099 | 0.00013 | 0.00008 |
|  | 0.648 | 0.08077 | 0.00086 | 0.00011 | 0.00036 | 0.08558 | 0.00111 | 0.00013 | 0.00012 |
|  | 0.748 | 0.09316 | 0.00097 | 0.00013 | 0.00048 | 0.09868 | 0.00125 | 0.00015 | 0.00015 |
|  | 0.848 | 0.10257 | 0.00110 | 0.00015 | 0.00059 | 0.10868 | 0.00141 | 0.00017 | 0.00019 |
|  | 0.948 | 0.11494 | 0.00125 | 0.00013 | 0.00074 | 0.12181 | 0.00161 | 0.00015 | 0.00023 |
|  | 1.092 | 0.12842 | 0.00112 | 0.00012 | 0.00092 | 0.13572 | 0.00139 | 0.00014 | 0.00029 |
|  | 1.292 | 0.14455 | 0.00141 | 0.00015 | 0.00116 | 0.15299 | 0.00179 | 0.00017 | 0.00037 |
|  | 1.492 | 0.15539 | 0.00183 | 0.00020 | 0.00134 | 0.16483 | 0.00240 | 0.00022 | 0.00043 |
|  | 1.692 | 0.16641 | 0.00245 | 0.00023 | 0.00154 | 0.17691 | 0.00333 | 0.00027 | 0.00049 |
|  | 1.892 | 0.18706 | 0.00325 | 0.00027 | 0.00195 | 0.19913 | 0.00453 | 0.00030 | 0.00063 |
|  | 2.200 | 0.19007 | 0.00319 | 0.00025 | 0.00201 | 0.20228 | 0.00443 | 0.00028 | 0.00065 |
|  | 2.703 | 0.19675 | 0.00563 | 0.00030 | 0.00215 | 0.20991 | 0.00824 | 0.00034 | 0.00069 |
|  | 3.343 | 0.17518 | 0.00833 | 0.00043 | 0.00171 | 0.18706 | 0.01244 | 0.00049 | 0.00055 |
|  | 4.381 | 0.15207 | 0.02120 | 0.00062 | 0.00129 | 0.16245 | 0.03198 | 0.00071 | 0.00042 |
|  | 5.410 | 0.23778 | 0.04958 | 0.00360 | 0.00315 | 0.25402 | 0.07485 | 0.00410 | 0.00102 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 50-60 \% \\ & v_{2}\{\text { ZDC-SMD }\} \end{aligned}$ | 0.247 | 0.02164 | 0.00071 | 0.00034 | 0.00004 | 0.02529 | 0.00114 | 0.00047 | 0.00002 |
|  | 0.348 | 0.03766 | 0.00077 | 0.00013 | 0.00011 | 0.04384 | 0.00120 | 0.00017 | 0.00007 |
|  | 0.448 | 0.05159 | 0.00087 | 0.00013 | 0.00021 | 0.05986 | 0.00132 | 0.00017 | 0.00013 |
|  | 0.548 | 0.06277 | 0.00098 | 0.00010 | 0.00031 | 0.07273 | 0.00148 | 0.00013 | 0.00020 |
|  | 0.648 | 0.07471 | 0.00111 | 0.00009 | 0.00044 | 0.08647 | 0.00166 | 0.00012 | 0.00028 |
|  | 0.748 | 0.08320 | 0.00125 | 0.00009 | 0.00054 | 0.09633 | 0.00188 | 0.00012 | 0.00035 |
|  | 0.848 | 0.09675 | 0.00143 | 0.00015 | 0.00074 | 0.11196 | 0.00214 | 0.00020 | 0.00047 |
|  | 0.948 | 0.10720 | 0.00163 | 0.00008 | 0.00090 | 0.12413 | 0.00244 | 0.00011 | 0.00058 |
|  | 1.092 | 0.11901 | 0.00146 | 0.00010 | 0.00111 | 0.13707 | 0.00212 | 0.00013 | 0.00070 |
|  | 1.292 | 0.12717 | 0.00184 | 0.00013 | 0.00127 | 0.14709 | 0.00274 | 0.00017 | 0.00081 |
|  | 1.492 | 0.14188 | 0.00243 | 0.00019 | 0.00158 | 0.16469 | 0.00370 | 0.00025 | 0.00101 |
|  | 1.692 | 0.15811 | 0.00331 | 0.00021 | 0.00196 | 0.18411 | 0.00516 | 0.00028 | 0.00127 |
|  | 1.892 | 0.15997 | 0.00439 | 0.00035 | 0.00201 | 0.18679 | 0.00701 | 0.00048 | 0.00131 |
|  | 2.200 | 0.16724 | 0.00431 | 0.00037 | 0.00220 | 0.19518 | 0.00684 | 0.00051 | 0.00142 |
|  | 2.703 | 0.18027 | 0.00776 | 0.00047 | 0.00255 | 0.21100 | 0.01265 | 0.00064 | 0.00166 |
|  | 3.343 | 0.13888 | 0.01139 | 0.00041 | 0.00152 | 0.16274 | 0.01878 | 0.00056 | 0.00099 |
|  | 4.381 | 0.12204 | 0.02867 | 0.00202 | 0.00117 | 0.14306 | 0.04745 | 0.00277 | 0.00077 |

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