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Study of the Number of Quark Scaling of  $v_2$  at High Transverse Momentum NA LI, Brookhaven National Laboratory, STAR COLLABORATION — The number of quark (NCQ) scaling in the anisotropy parameter  $v_2$ , for almost all measured hadrons at transverse momentum region up to  $p_T$  about 5GeV/c, has been observed in high-energy nuclear collisions at RHIC. The scaling results imply the formation of the de-confined matter with partonic collectivity in the collisions. In this talk, we report systematic studies of  $v_2$  at midrapidity for  $\pi$ , p,  $K_s^0$  and  $\Lambda$  in Au+Au collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$  GeV using the STAR detector. The FTPC detectors, which sit at large rapidity, were used for the determination of the event plane. Comparing to previous results, a high statistics data set is used in the analysis. We find that in the high transverse momentum region,  $p_T \geq 6 \text{GeV/c} ((m_T - m)/n_q > 1.5$ GeV/c), the NCQ in  $v_2$  is breaking down. A comparison to models suggests this is mainly caused by an increase in particles coming from hard process at high  $p_T$ .

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