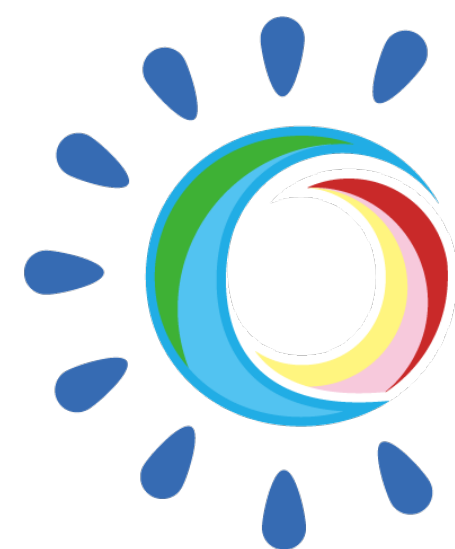


Measurements of collectivity in the forward region at LHCb



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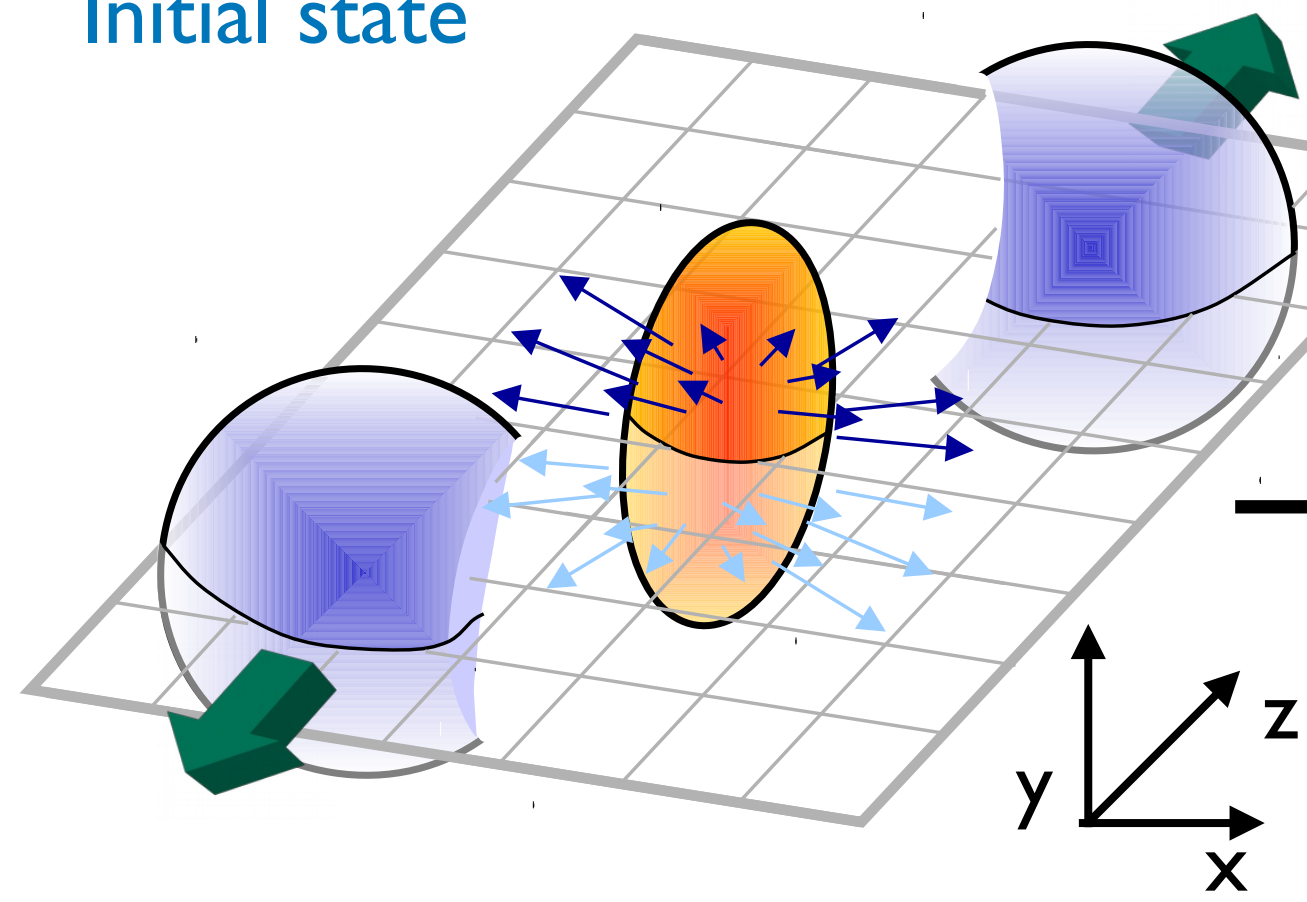


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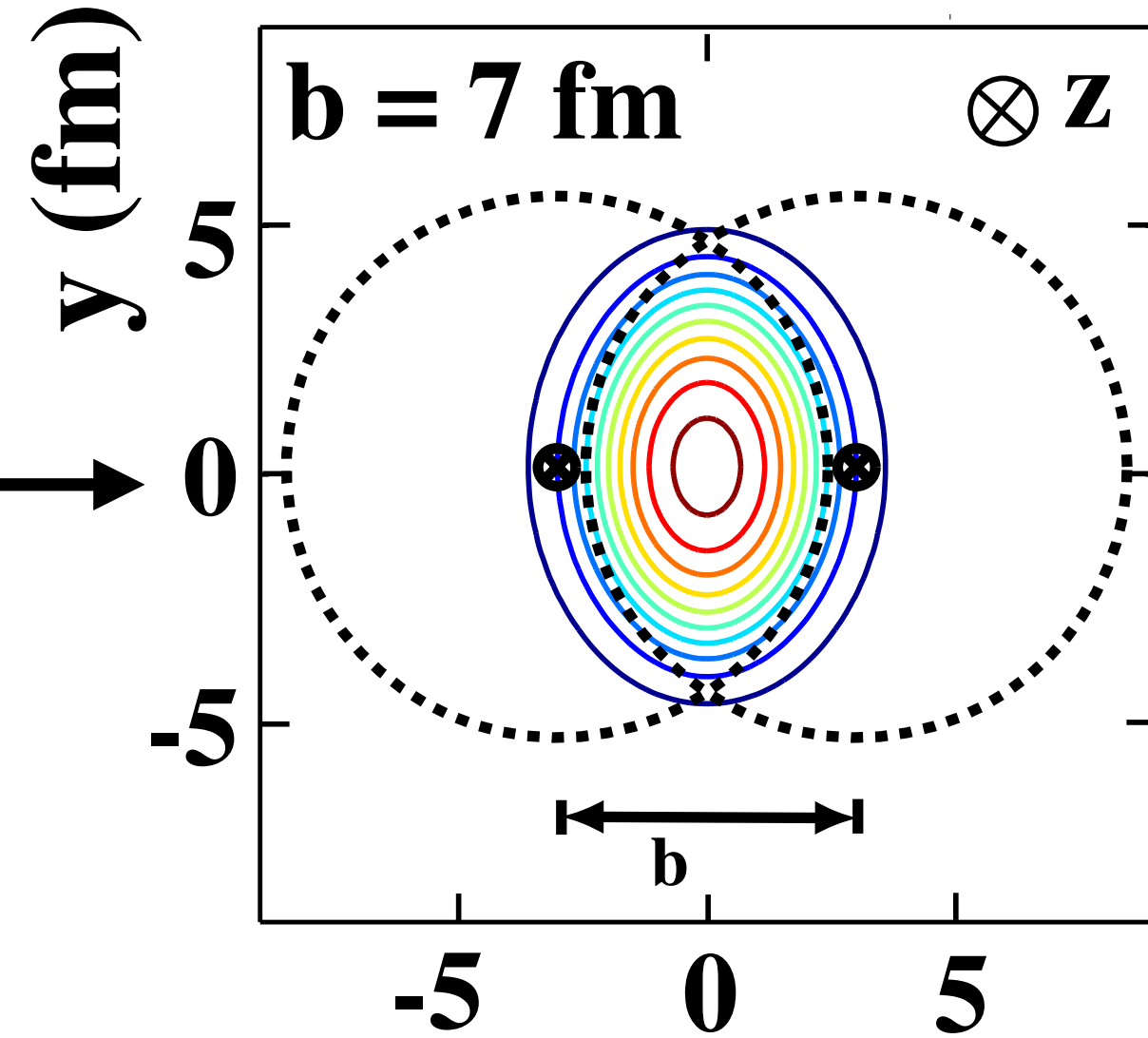
Initial state: Energy density **spatial asymmetry** in non-central ion collisions

Initial state



0 fm/c

$y \text{ (fm)}$

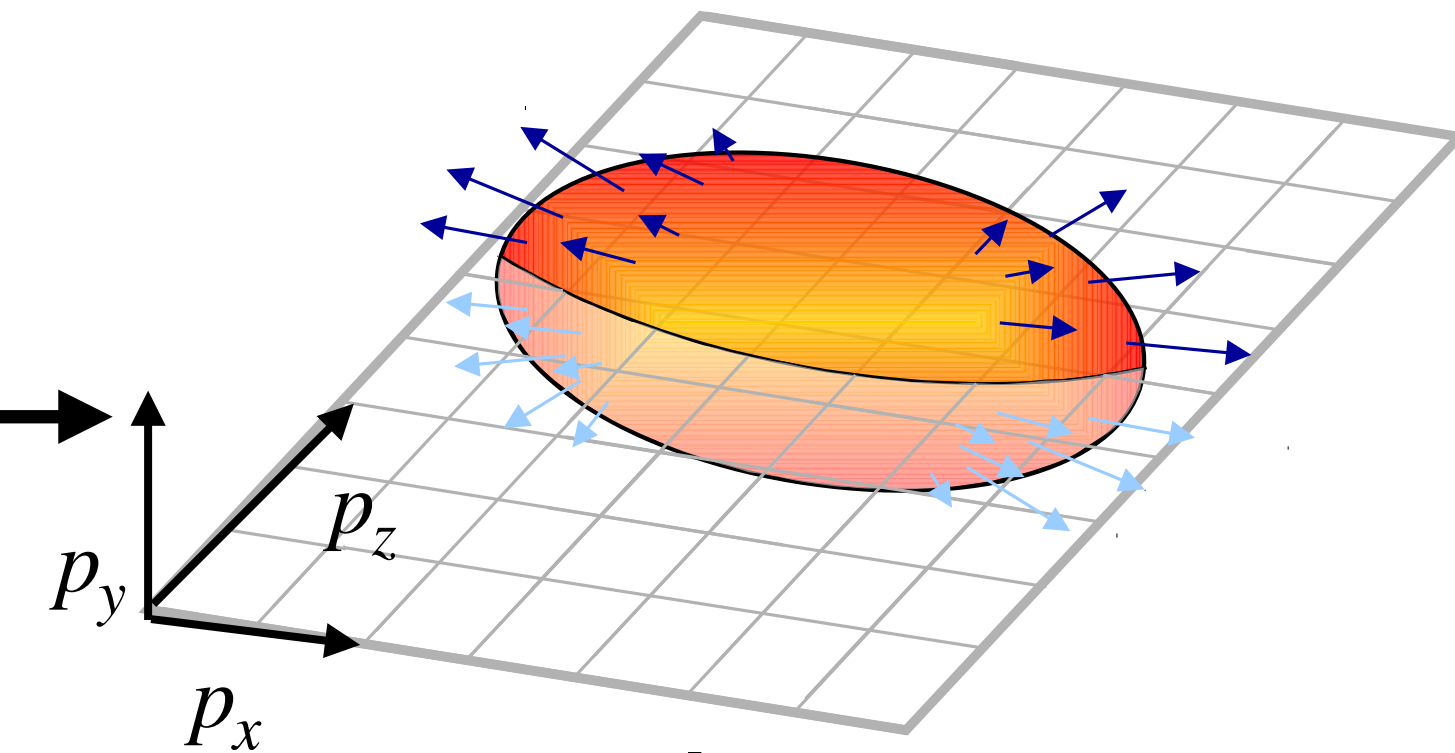


arXiv:nucl-th/0305084 $x \text{ (fm)}$

Macroscopically described by **Energy-Momentum Tensor**

Momentum and position asymmetry in the final state

Final state



Access to initial state properties

Introduction



Extracting Energy-Momentum tensor components from collective flow

Measuring it with Fourier decomposition of particle correlations

Mainly
Gluons

$$\langle T^{xy}(x, t) T^{xy}(0, 0) \rangle$$

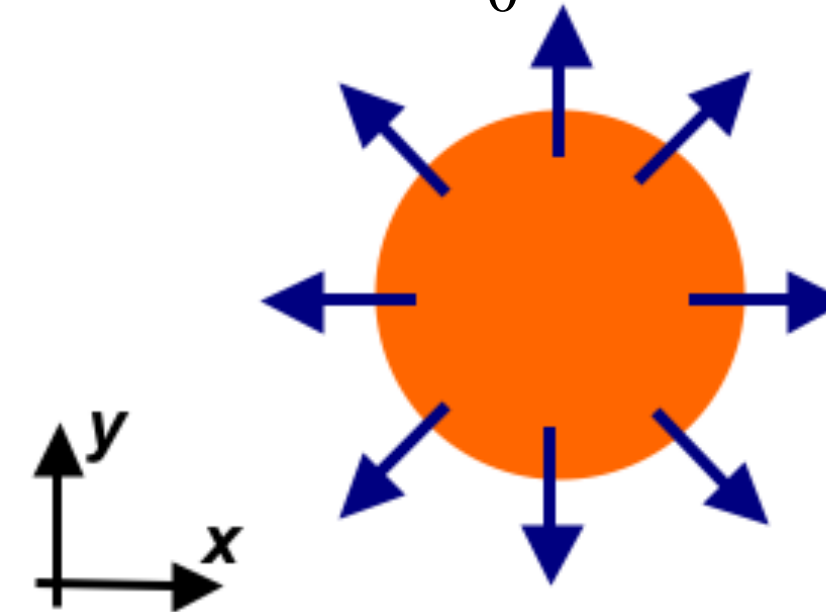
$$\langle T_i^i(x, t) T_i^i(0, 0) \rangle$$

Shear viscosity η :
anisotropic collective flow

Bulk viscosity ζ :
transverse collective flow

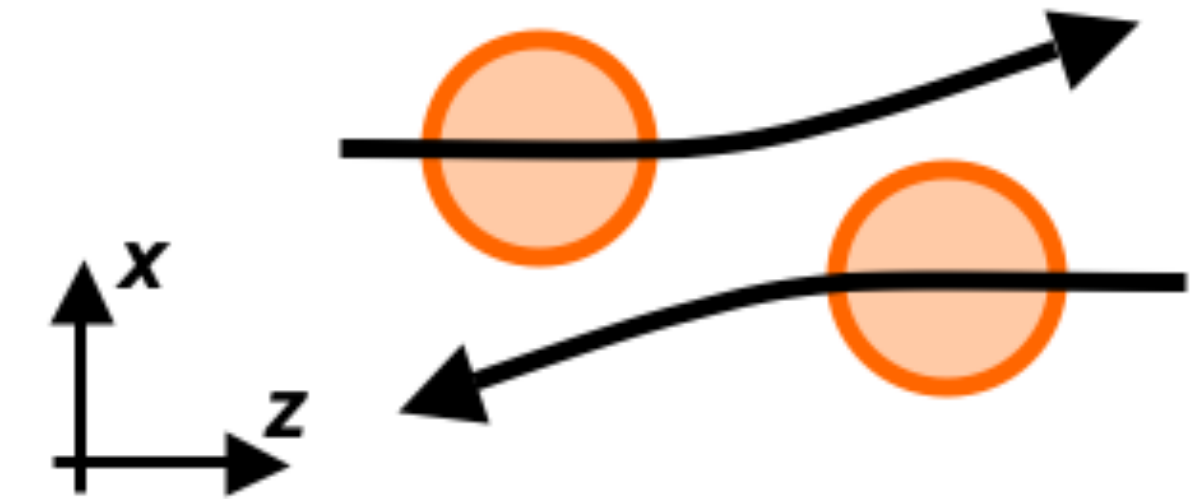
Experimentally

Radial flow v_0

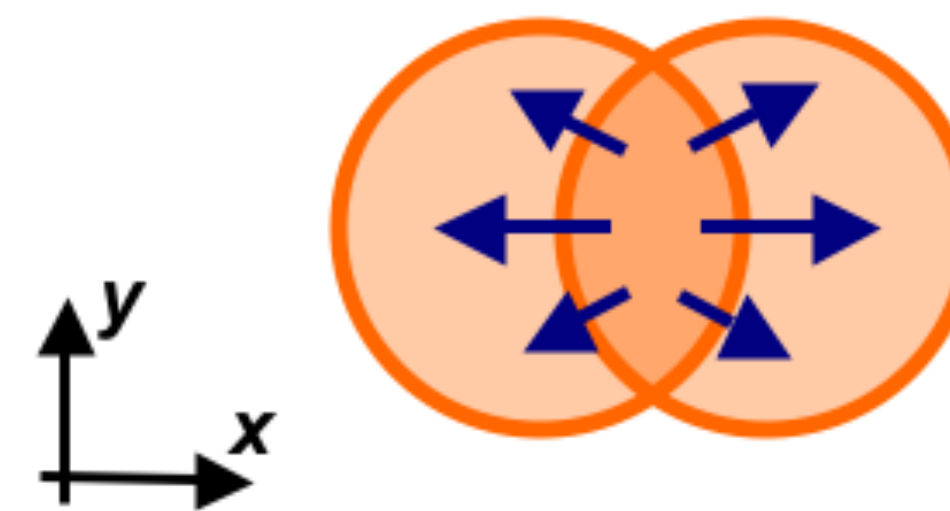


Direct flow v_1

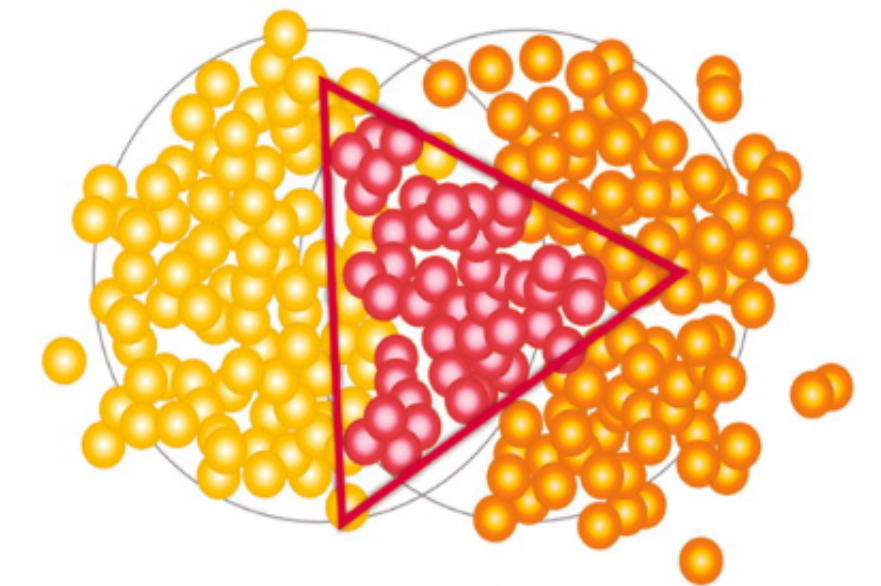
Only at forward rapidity



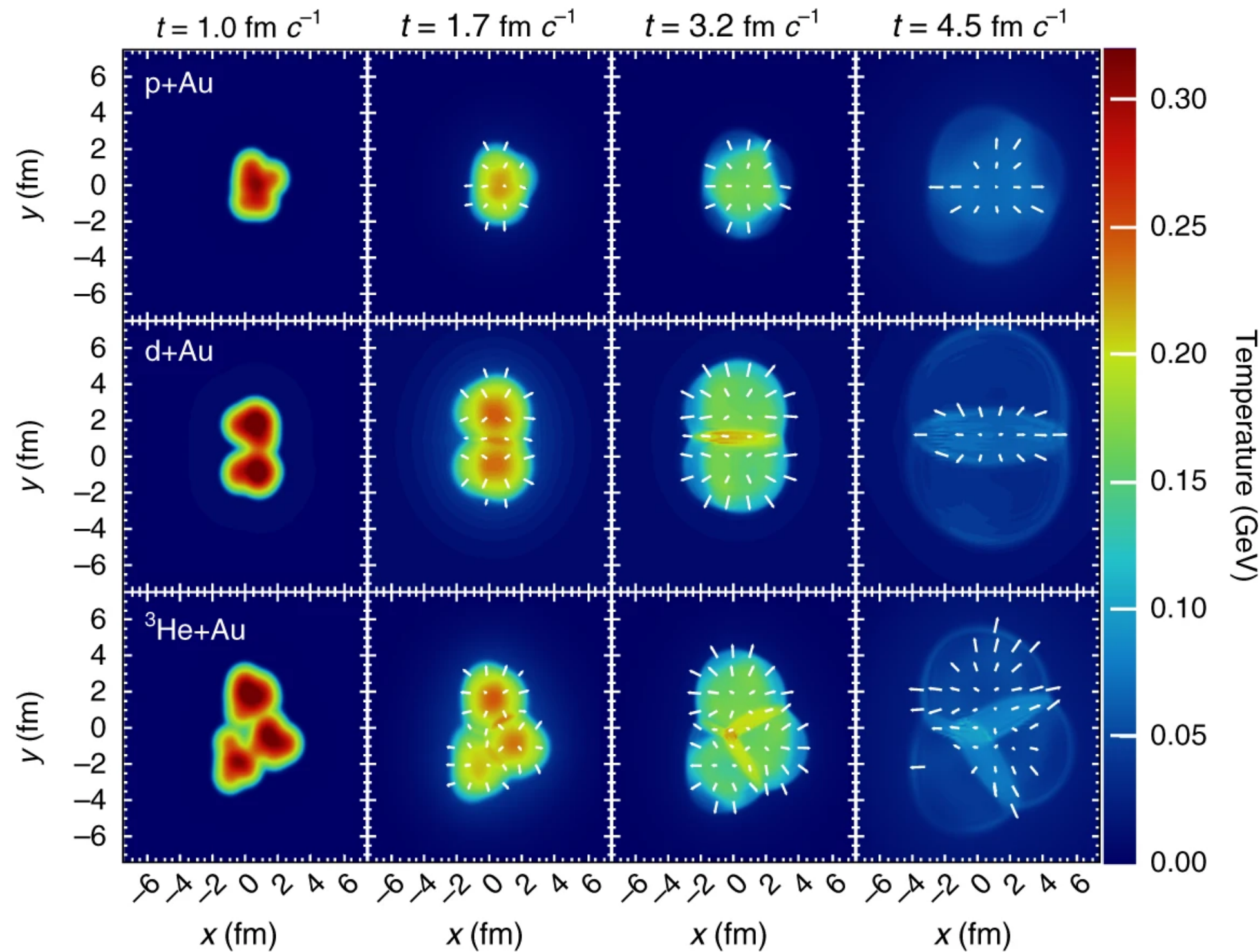
Elliptic flow v_2



Triangular flow v_3



Also in small systems? [Nat. Phys. 15, 214–220 \(2019\)](#)

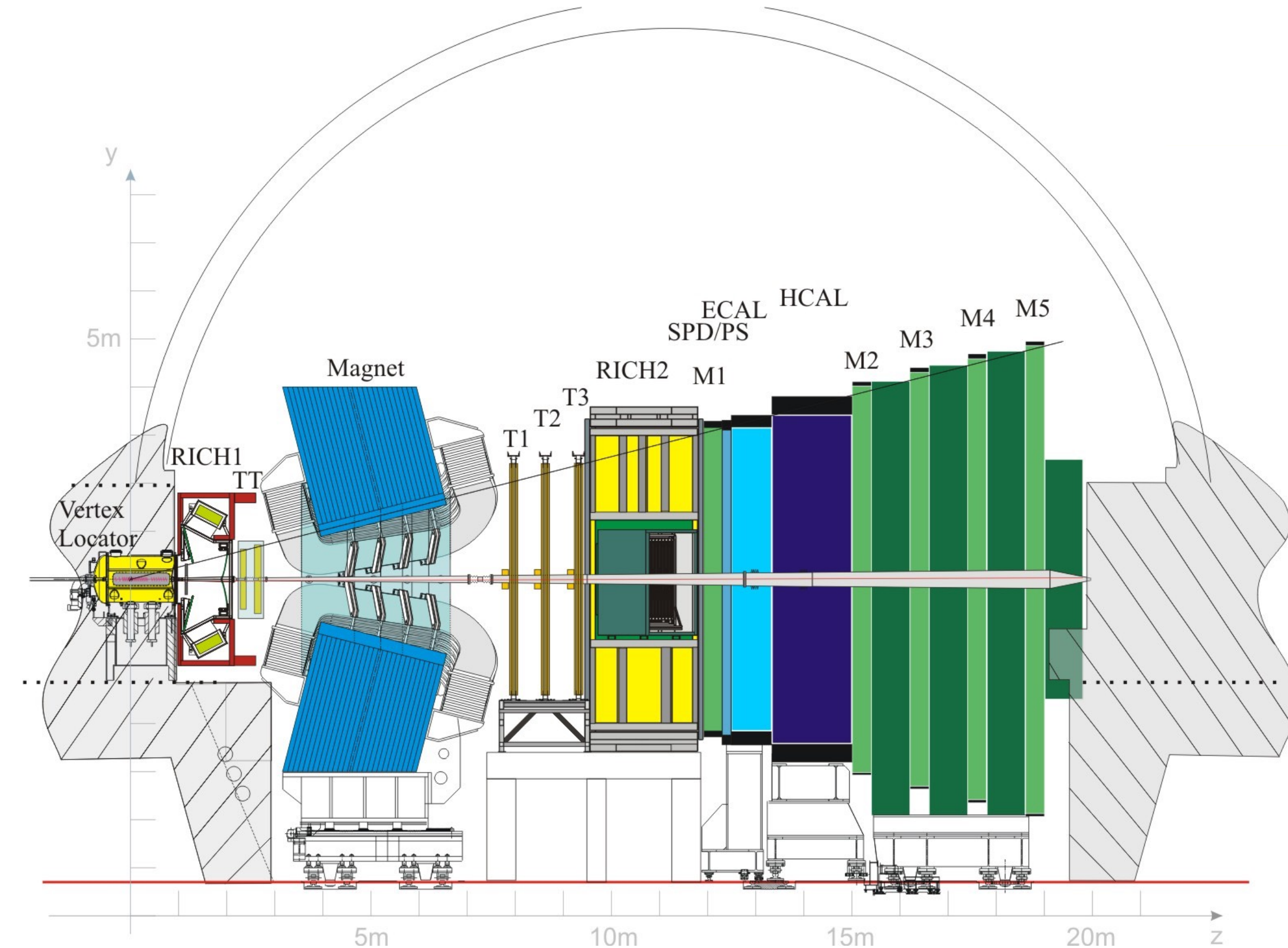


About LHCb



LHCb experiment

- Single-arm fully instrumented spectrometer in $\eta \in [2, 5]$
- pp, pPb, PbPb and fixed target modes
- Momentum resolution:
 $\Delta p/p = 0.5 - 1\% , p \in [2, 200] \text{ GeV}/c$
- Primary vertex resolution: $\in [10, 35] \mu\text{m}$
- ECAL energy resolution: [arXiv:2008.11556](https://arxiv.org/abs/2008.11556)
 $13.5\% / \sqrt{E/\text{GeV}} \oplus 5.2\% \oplus (0.32 \text{ GeV})/E$



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Accessing low-x phenomena



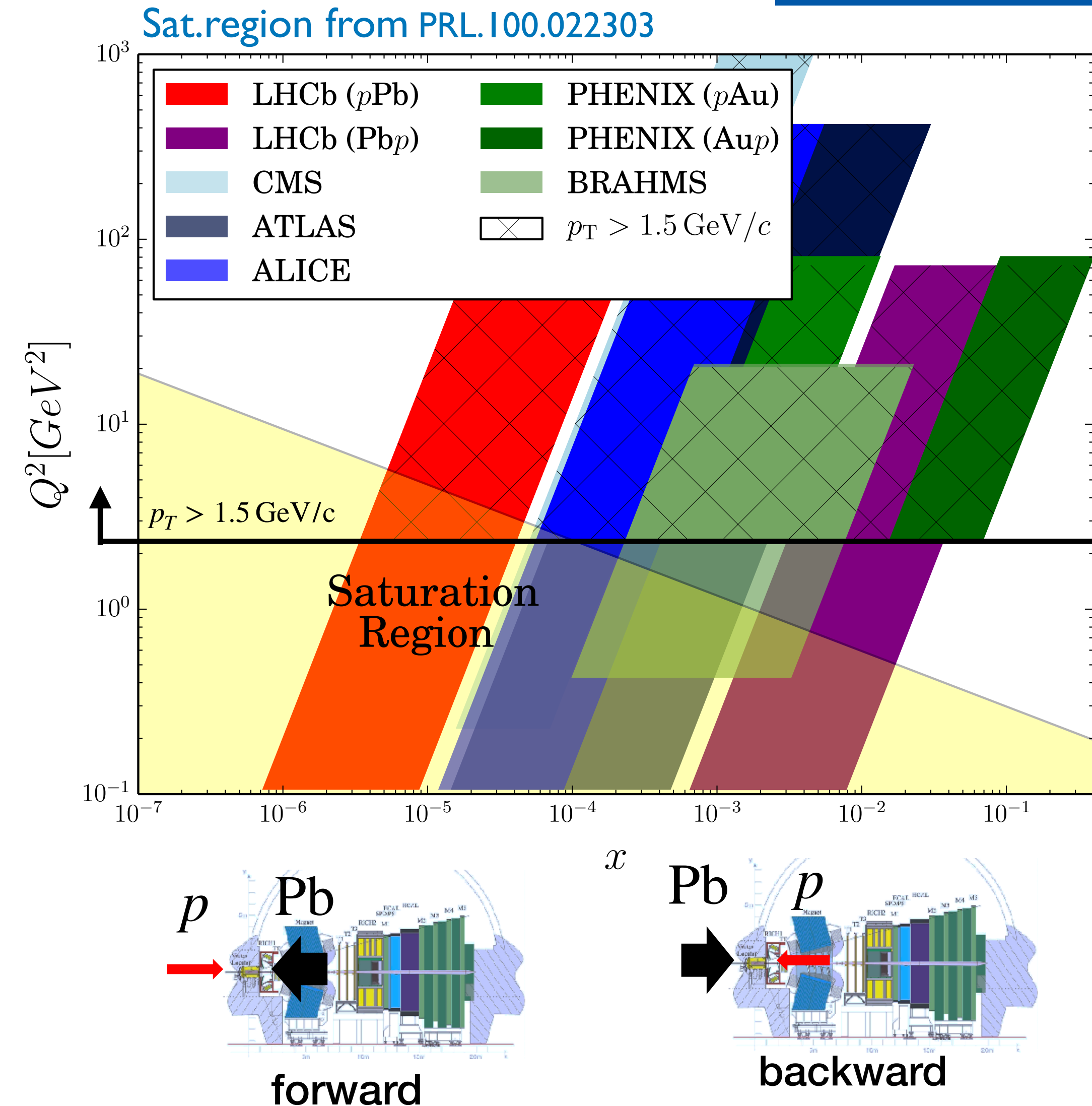
- Q^2 : exchanged moments between interacting partons
- x : momentum fraction of the parton with respect to nucleus

$$Q^2 \sim m^2 + p_T^2, \quad x \sim \frac{Q}{\sqrt{s_{NN}}} e^{-\eta}$$

- **LHCb coverage**
 - Forward, $10^{-6} \leq x \leq 10^{-4}$
 - Backward, $10^{-3} \leq x \leq 10^{-1}$
- ↓
- Unique access to low-x physics

LHCb particular capabilities

- Charged and neutral hadron production at small-x
- Capability to study one system in a wide range of x values:
 - Forward/Backward comparison
- Possible access to the *saturation region* → Non-linear dynamics

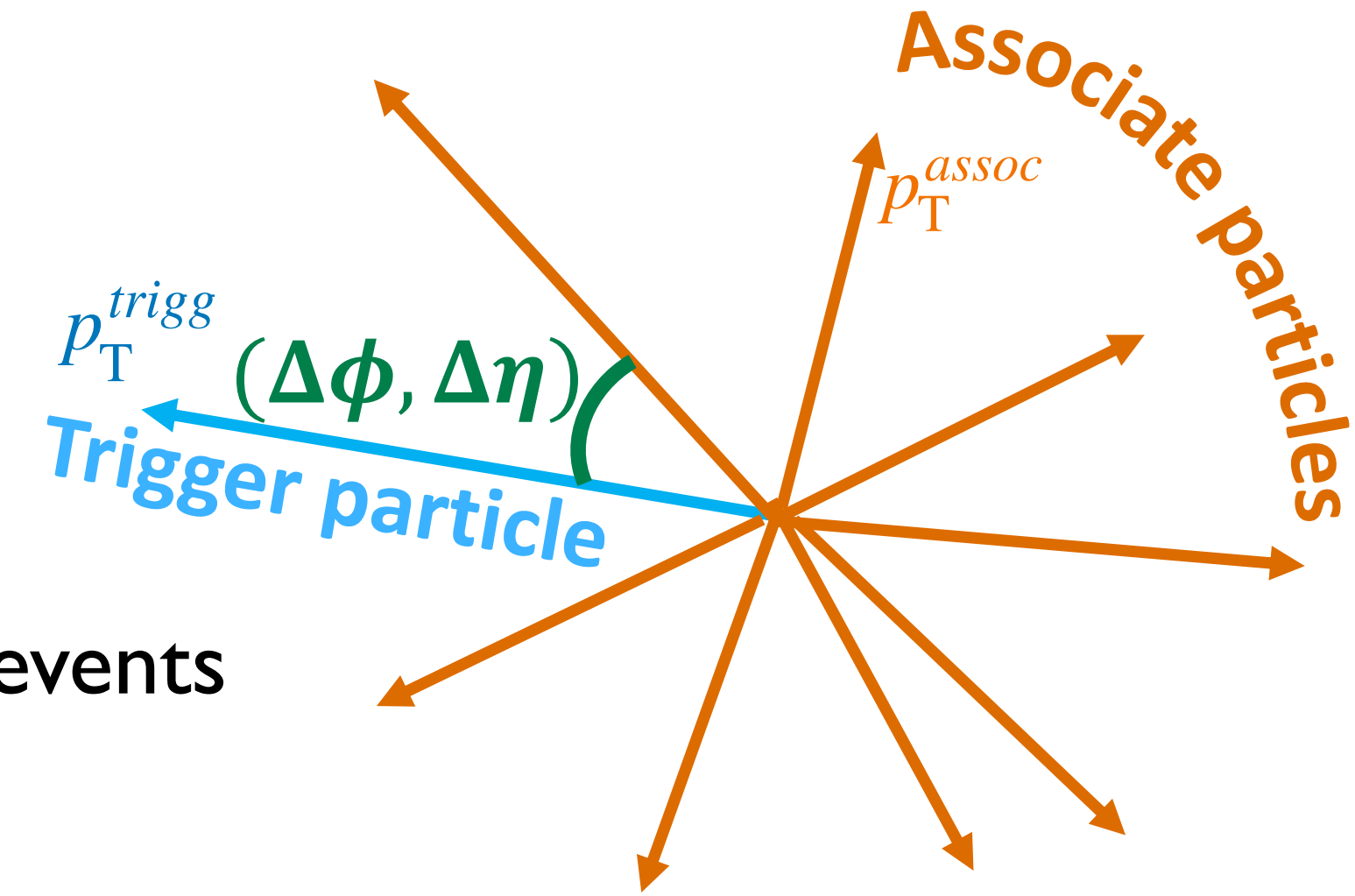


Two-particle angular correlations



Correlation function:
$$\frac{1}{N_{trig}} \frac{d^2 N_{pairs}}{d\Delta\phi d\Delta\eta} = B(0, 0) \frac{S(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi)}{B(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi)}$$

Where
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} S(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi) = \frac{1}{N_{trig}} \frac{dN_{pairs}^{same}}{d\Delta\phi} \rightarrow \text{Correlated pairs from the same events} \\ B(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi) = \frac{1}{N_{pairs}(\Delta\phi = 0)} \frac{dN_{pairs}^{mixed}}{d\Delta\phi} \rightarrow \text{Uncorrelated pairs from mixed events} \end{array} \right.$$



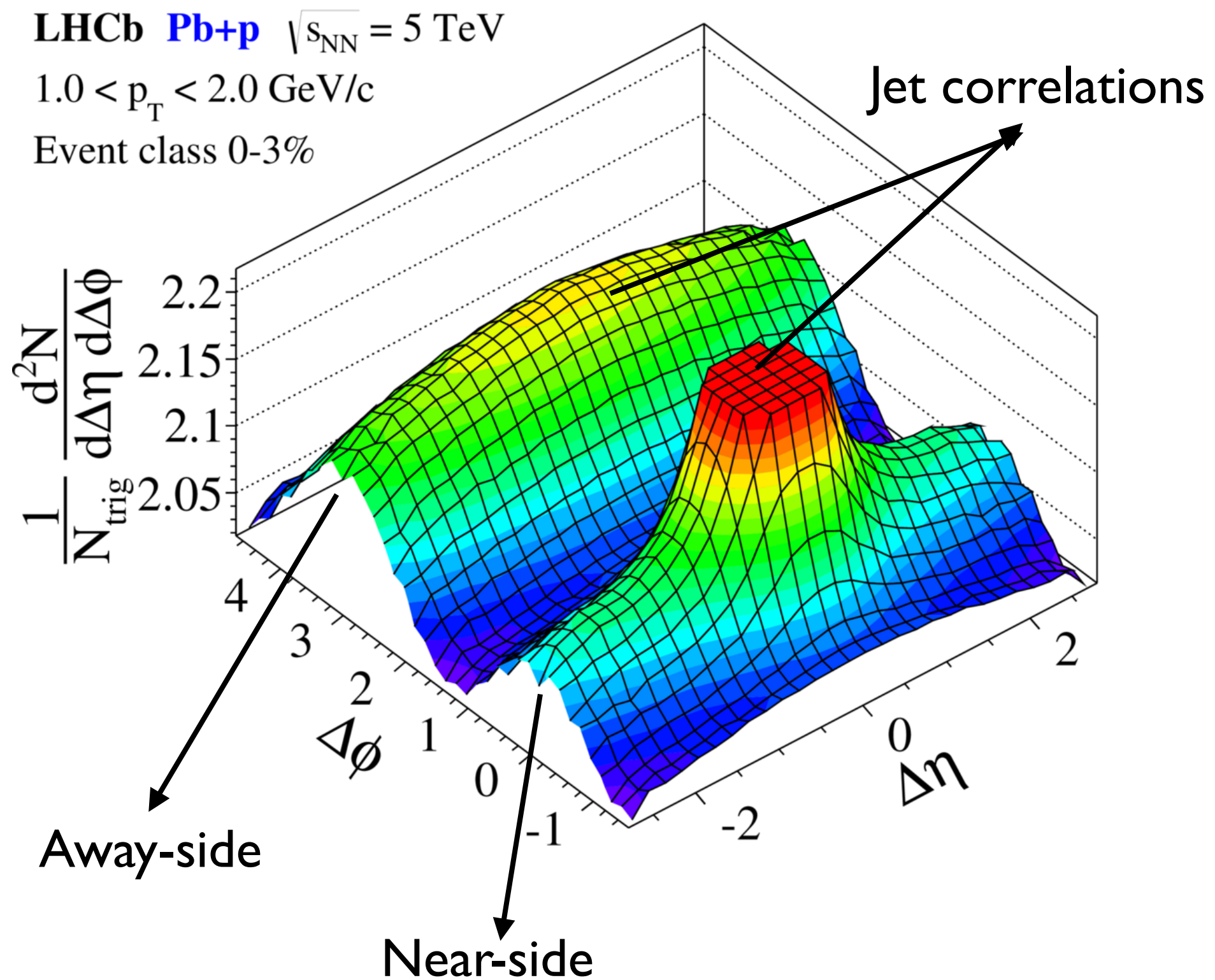
Background mixed events should have similar features with respect to signal

Fourier expansion

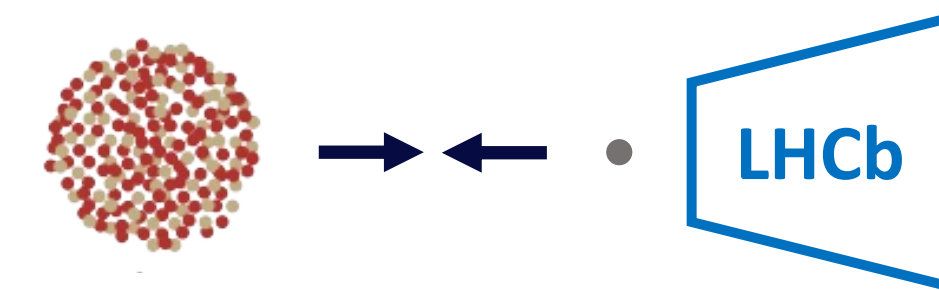
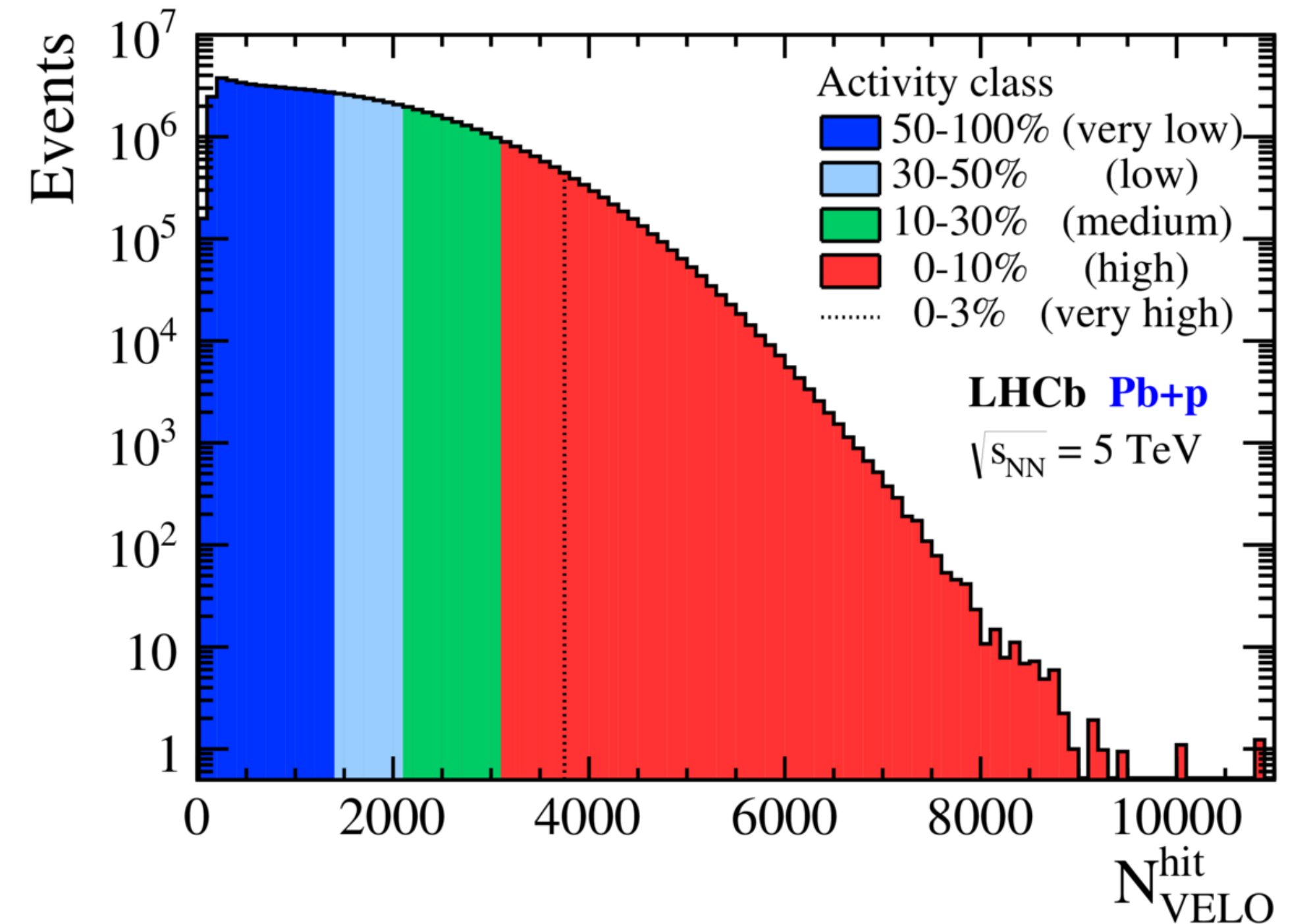
$$\frac{dN_{pairs}}{d\Delta\phi} = A \left[1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^3 \langle V_n \rangle \cos(n \cdot \Delta\phi) \right] \text{ Fitting we extract } \rightarrow v_n(p_T^{assoc}) = \frac{V_n(p_T^{assoc}, p_T^{trigg})}{\sqrt{V_n(p_T^{trigg}, p_T^{trigg})}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} v_1 \rightarrow \text{Directed flow} \\ v_2 \rightarrow \text{Elliptic flow} \\ v_3 \rightarrow \text{Triangular flow} \end{array} \right.$$

Two-particle angular correlations in pPb at 5 TeV

- **Correlation function:** $\frac{1}{N_{trig}} \frac{d^2 N_{pair}}{d\Delta\eta d\Delta\phi} = B(0,0) \frac{S(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi)}{B(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi)}$
- $\mathcal{L} = 95 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$



Activity class definition based on percentiles of N_{VELO}^{hit} distribution*



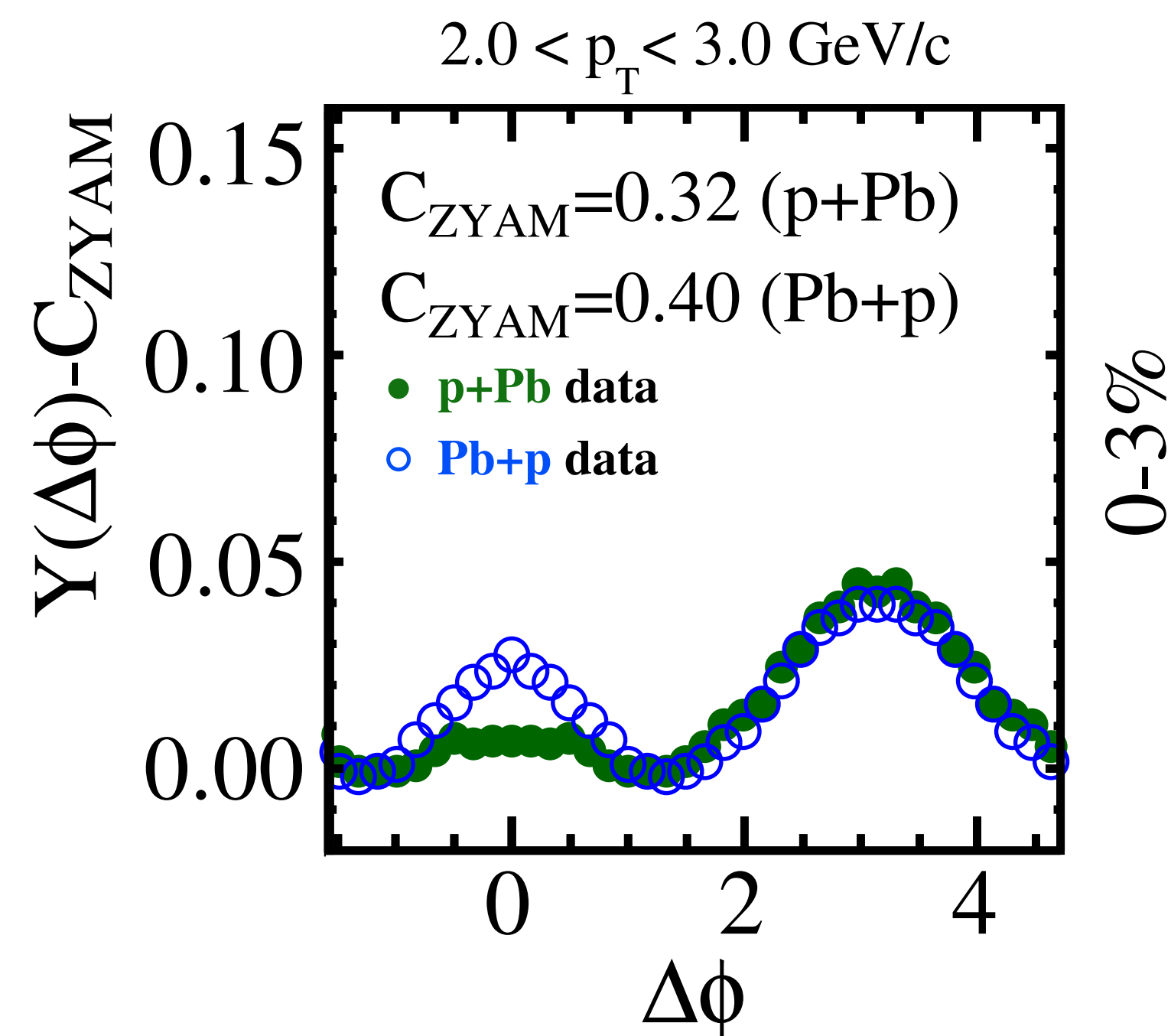
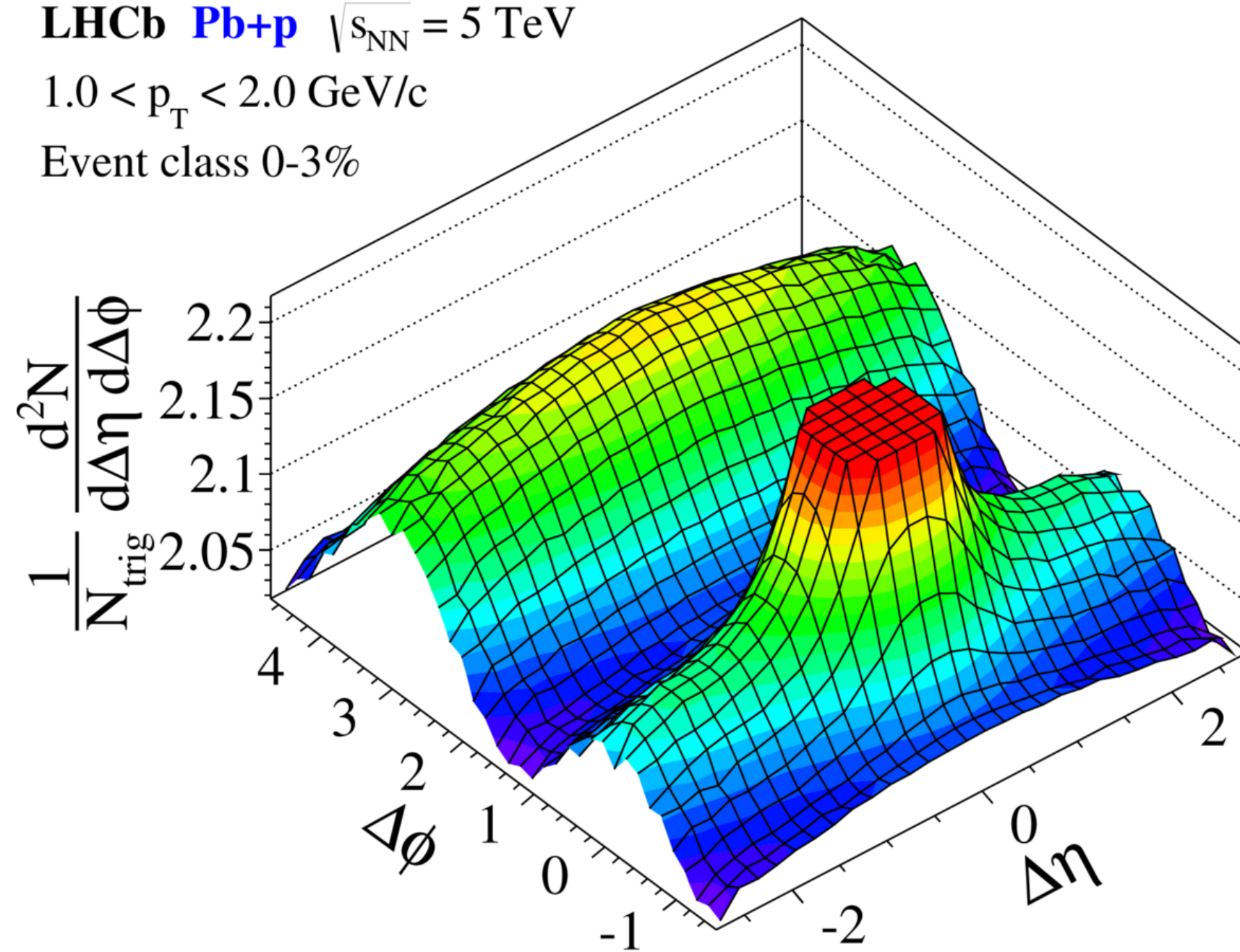
*VErtext LOcator (VELO): LHCb Vertex detector

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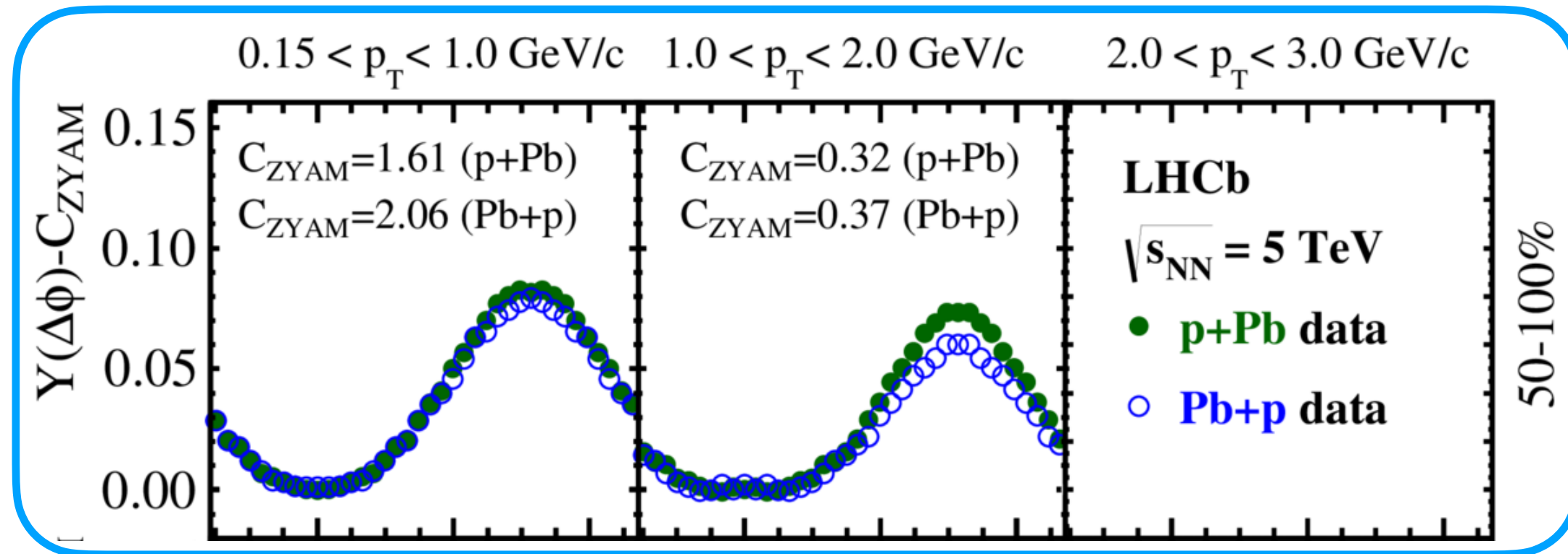
Quantitative analysis:

- 1-dimensional yield: $Y(\Delta\phi) = \frac{1}{N_{trig}} \frac{dN_{pair}}{d\Delta\phi} = B(0,0) \frac{S(\Delta\phi)}{B(\Delta\phi)}$
- Integrating over $2 < |\Delta\eta| < 2.8$ to avoid short range (jet etc) contributions
- Using zero-yield-at-minimum (ZYAM) condition to remove flat pedestal $\rightarrow C_{ZYAM}$ from a second-order polynomial fit at $\Delta\phi_{min}$

LHCb **Pb+p** $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5$ TeV
 $1.0 < p_T < 2.0$ GeV/c
 Event class 0-3%

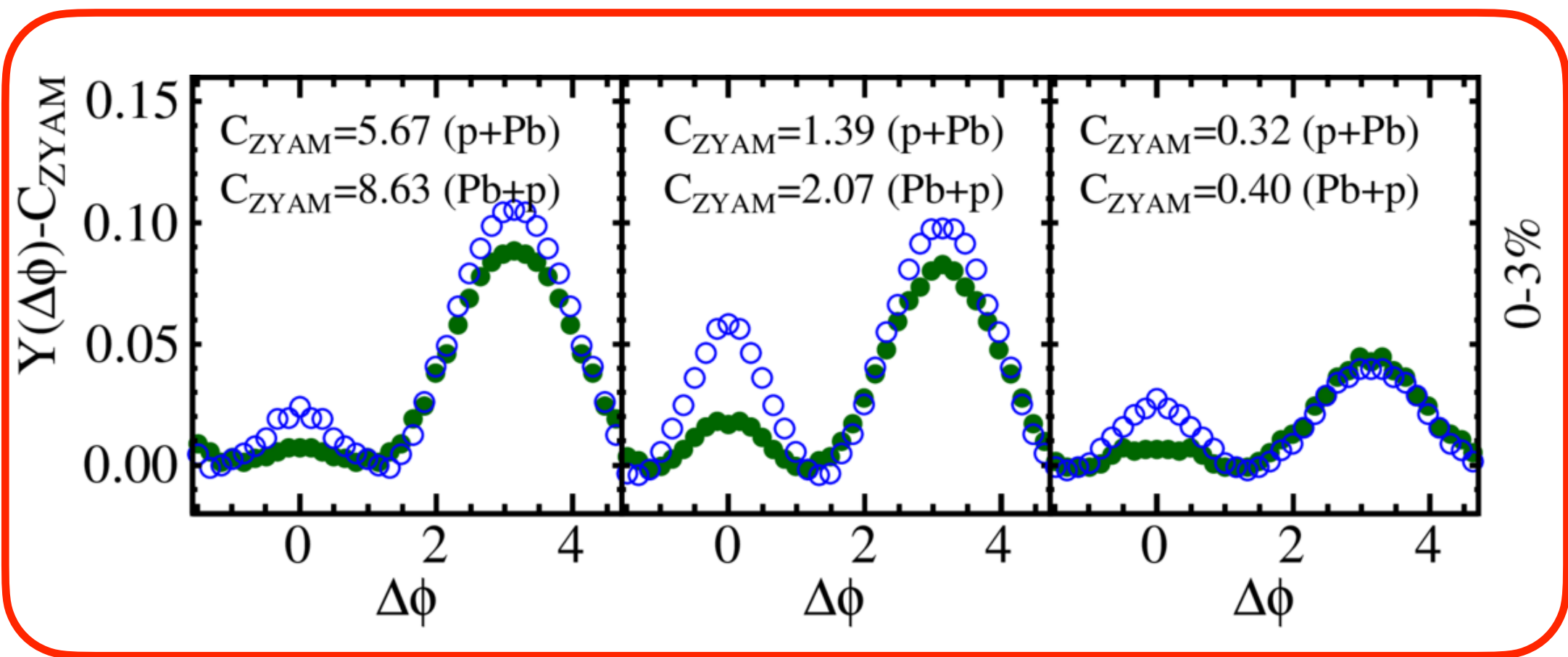


Two-particle angular correlations in pPb at 5 TeV



Lower activity events (>30%)

- No near-side peak
- Pronounced away-side peaks



High activity events (<30%)

- Near-side peak emerge
- Near-side peaks are higher in Pbp than in pPb
- p_T dependence for both near and away-side peak

Multiplicity

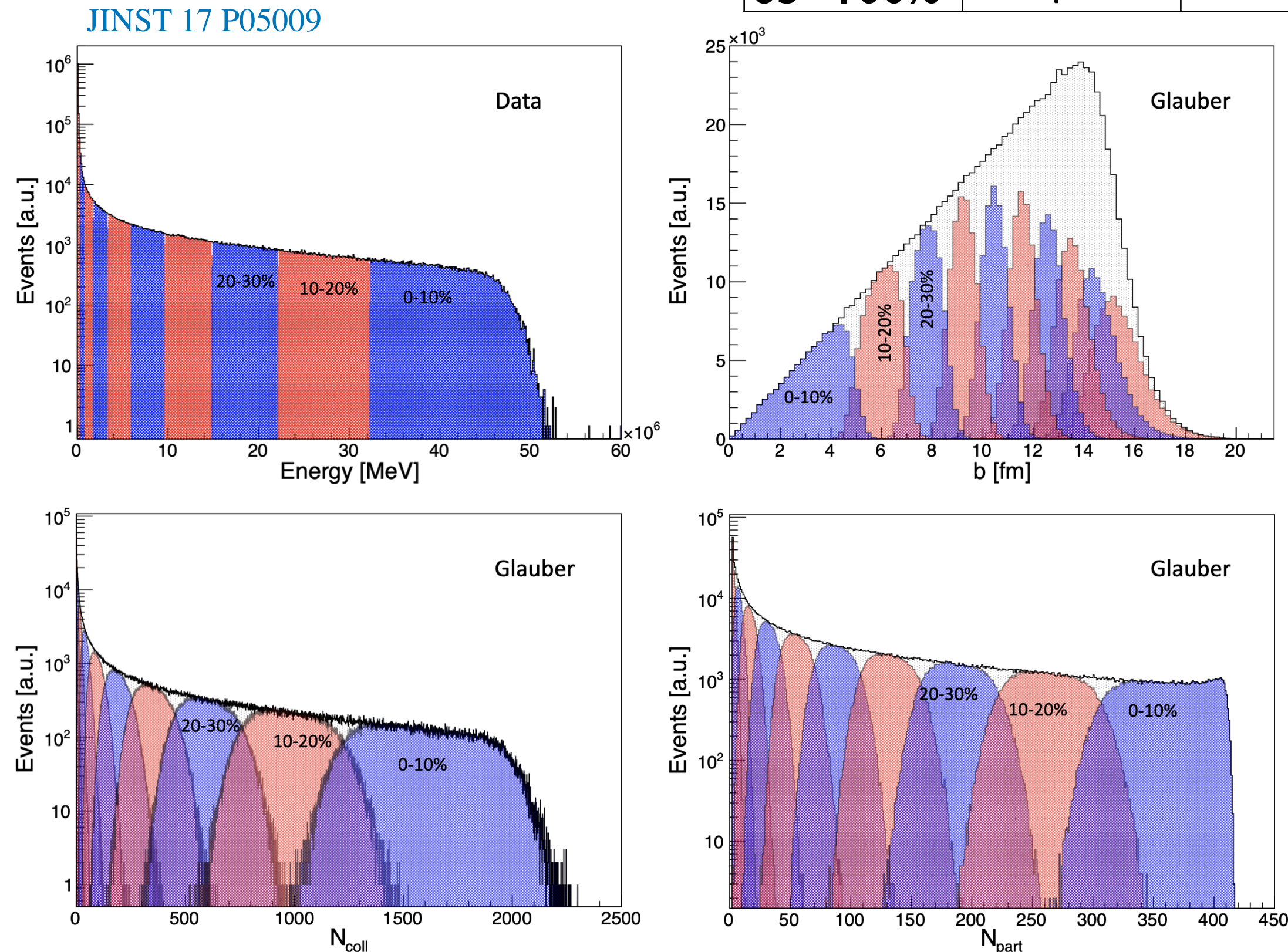
Ongoing analyses



Charged hadrons v_n in PbPb at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5 \text{ TeV}$

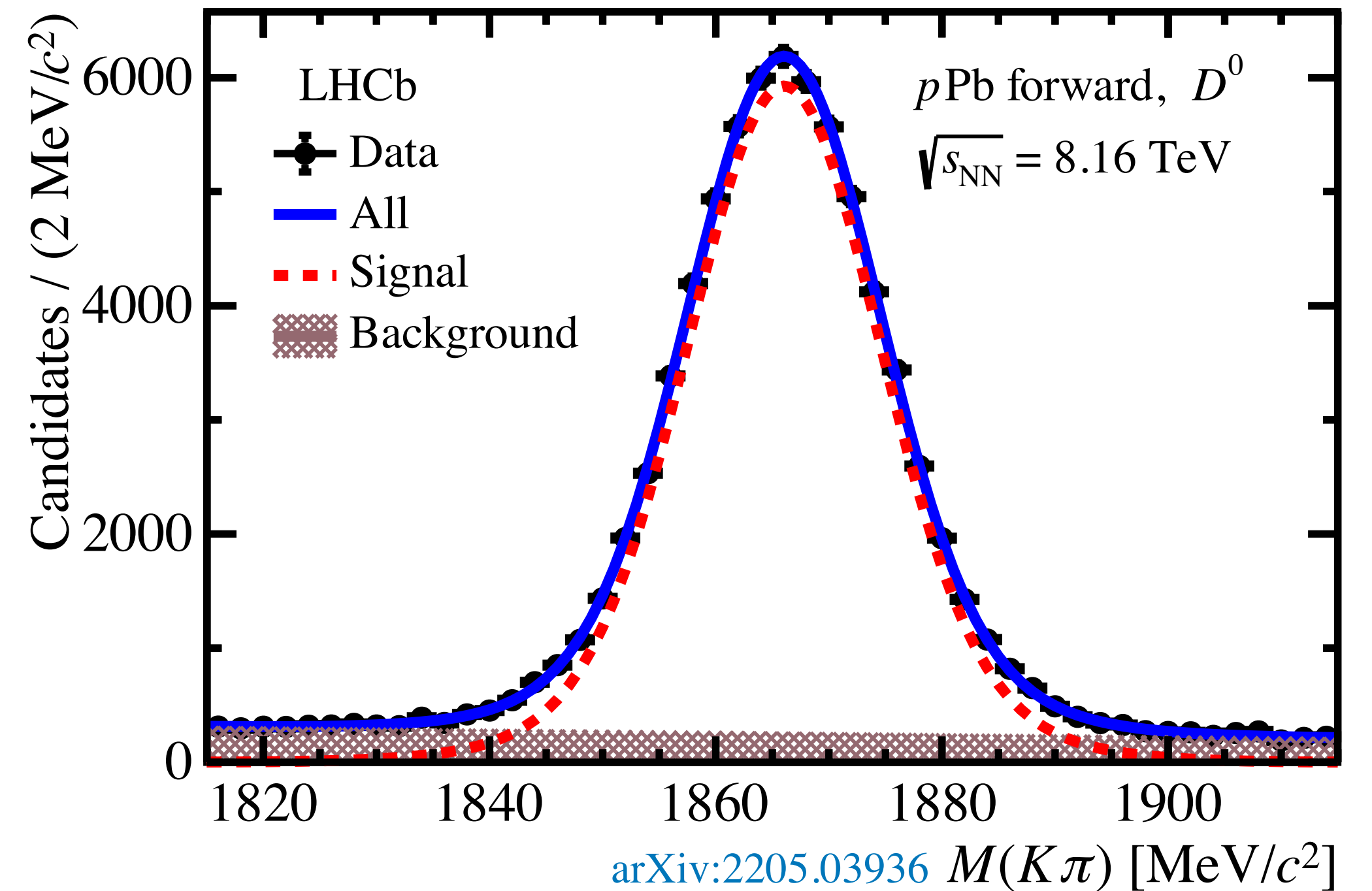
- Charge hadron v_n in PbPb at 5TeV
- Centrality determination using calorimeter energy and MC Glauber
- Study direct flow in forward region
- $\mathcal{L} = 228 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$

Events	Tracks	Pair
centrality 65 - 100%	$p > 2 \text{ GeV}$ $2 \leq \eta \leq 4.9$	$ \Delta\eta \geq 1$



Charged hadrons and charm v_n in pPb at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 8 \text{ TeV}$

- Study initial effects at low-x
- $\mathcal{L} \sim 15 \text{ nb}^{-1}$
- Multiplicity dependent measurement
- Multiplicity correction with response matrix
- Precise charmed mesons reconstruction \rightarrow High statistics



Bose-Einstein correlations of identical pions in pPb

- Bose-Einstein correlations (BEC) → Enhanced production of identical particles with small momentum
- Measure scales that are referred to as *lengths of homogeneity* → Related with the geometrical size of the particle-emitting source
- Correlation radius scales universally with the cube root of the charge-particle multiplicity

Data sample: 2013 pPb/Pbp data at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV

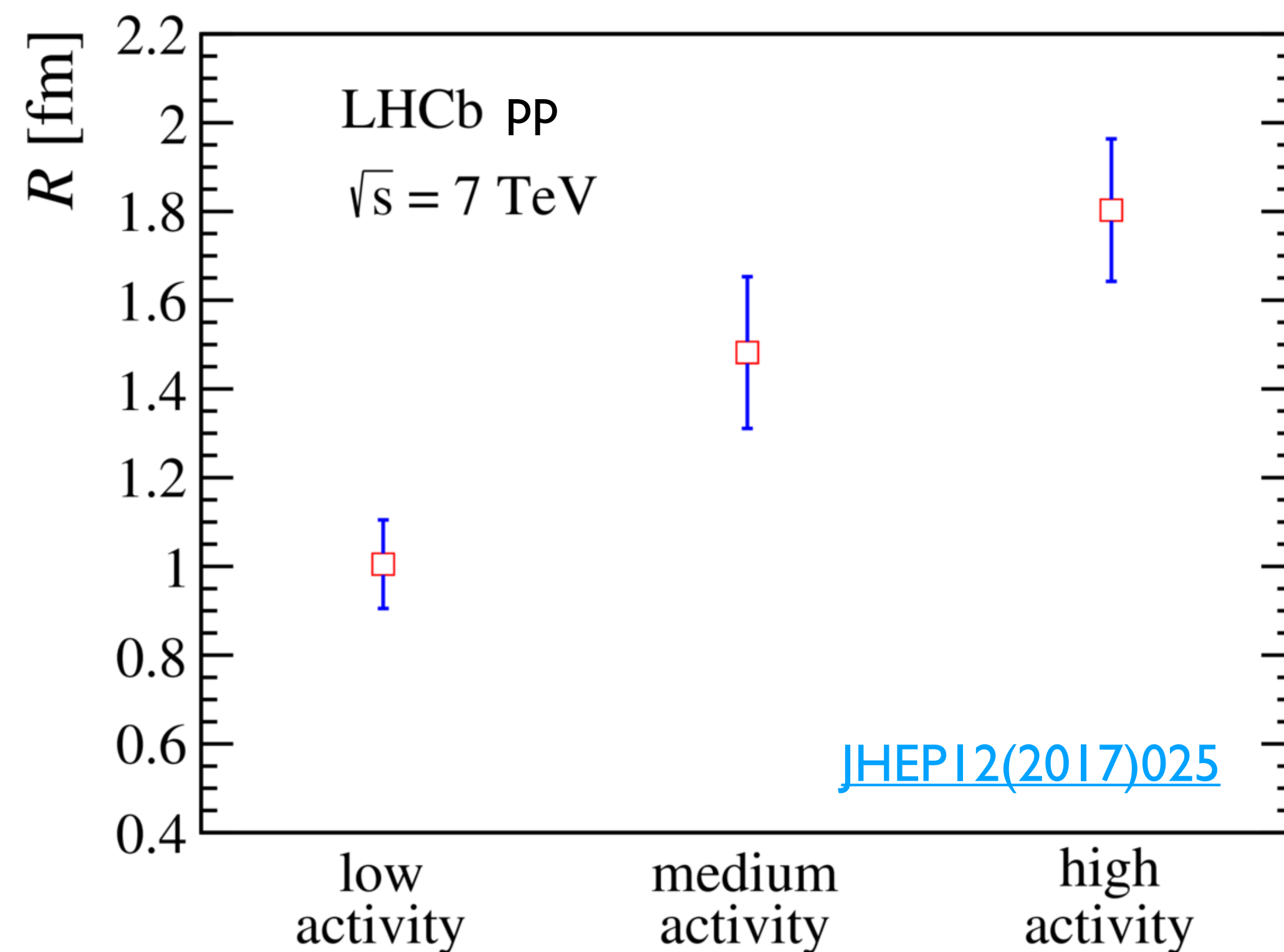
1. Two-particle correlation function

In progress

$$C_2(Q) = \left(\frac{N^{ref}}{N^{sig}} \right) \left(\frac{dN^{sig}(Q)/dQ}{dN^{ref}(Q)/dQ} \right) \text{ where } Q \equiv \sqrt{-q^2} = \sqrt{-(k_1 - k_2)^2}$$

Where $\begin{cases} N^{sig} \rightarrow \text{Sample with BEC. Same-sign charged particles} \\ N^{ref} \rightarrow \text{Sample free from BEC. Event-mixing method} \end{cases}$

2. Levy-type parametrization: $C_2(Q) = 1 + e^{-|RQ|} \rightarrow$ Correlation radius, R



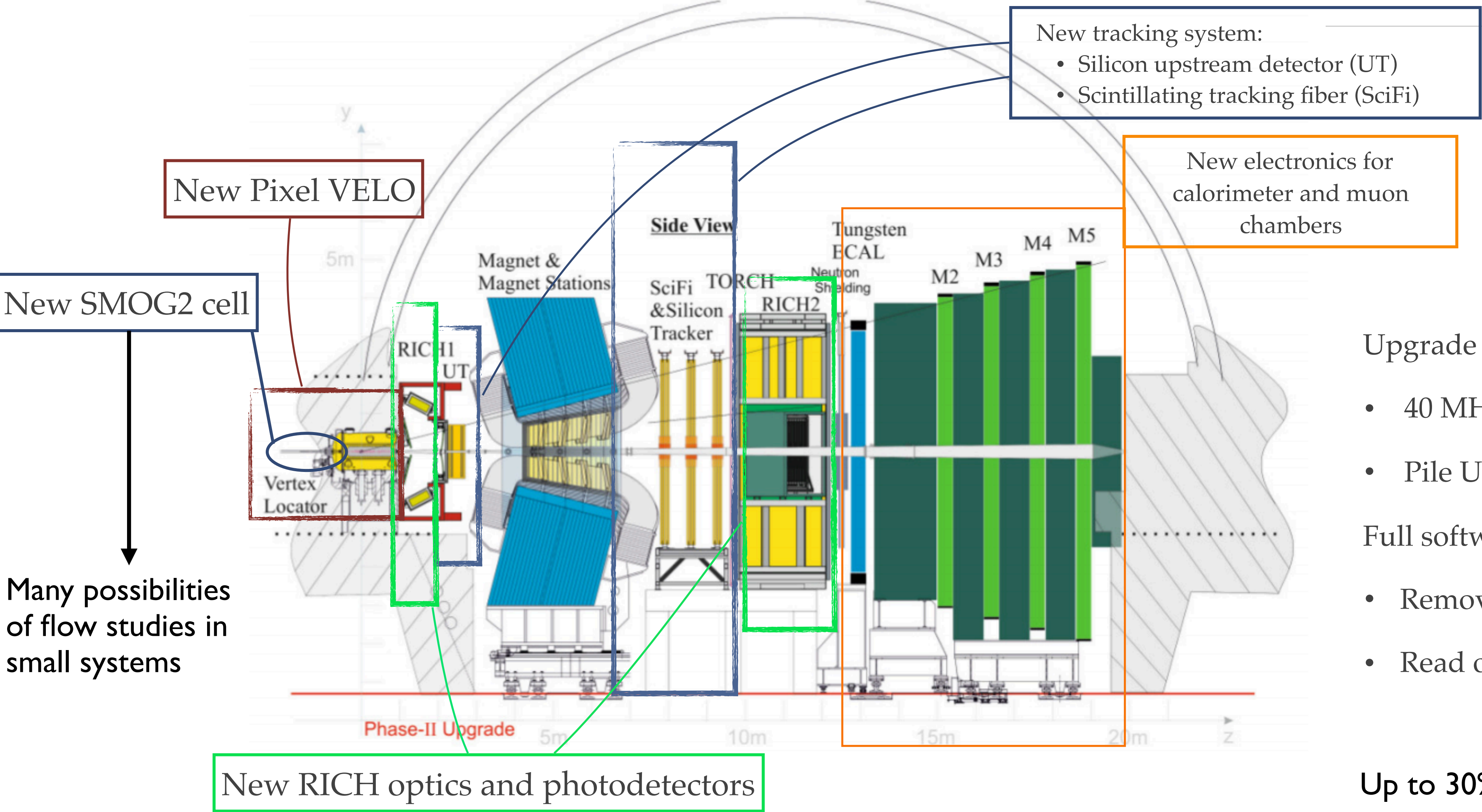
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Vertex LOcator activity based classification

LHCb at Run3



[CERN-LHCC-2012-007]



New tracking system:

- Silicon upstream detector (UT)
- Scintillating tracking fiber (SciFi)

New electronics for calorimeter and muon chambers

New Pixel VELO

New SMOG2 cell

New RICH optics and photodetectors

Upgrade for pp requirement

- 40 MHz collision rate
- Pile Up factor ~ 5

Full software trigger

- Remove L0 triggers.
- Read out full detector at 40 MHz.

Up to 30% centrality in PbPb

Many possibilities of flow studies in small systems

Summary



- Two-particle angular correlations → Initial state properties
- LHCb can
 - Access low-x physics in pPb and PbPb, $10^{-6} < x < 10^{-1}$
 - Measure two-particle correlations in a complementary pseudorapidity region to other experiments, $2.0 < \eta < 4.9$

Ongoing analysis:

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More LHCb results will come in the future → Stay tuned



Backup: Event activity classification



- Multiplicity of reconstructed VELO tracks assigned to a PV for the 2011 no-bias sample.
- Different colours indicate three activity classes defined as fractions of the full distribution.
- The minimum value of the track multiplicity to accept reconstructed PV is five

