

# Search for Chiral Magnetic Wave in heavy-ion collisions



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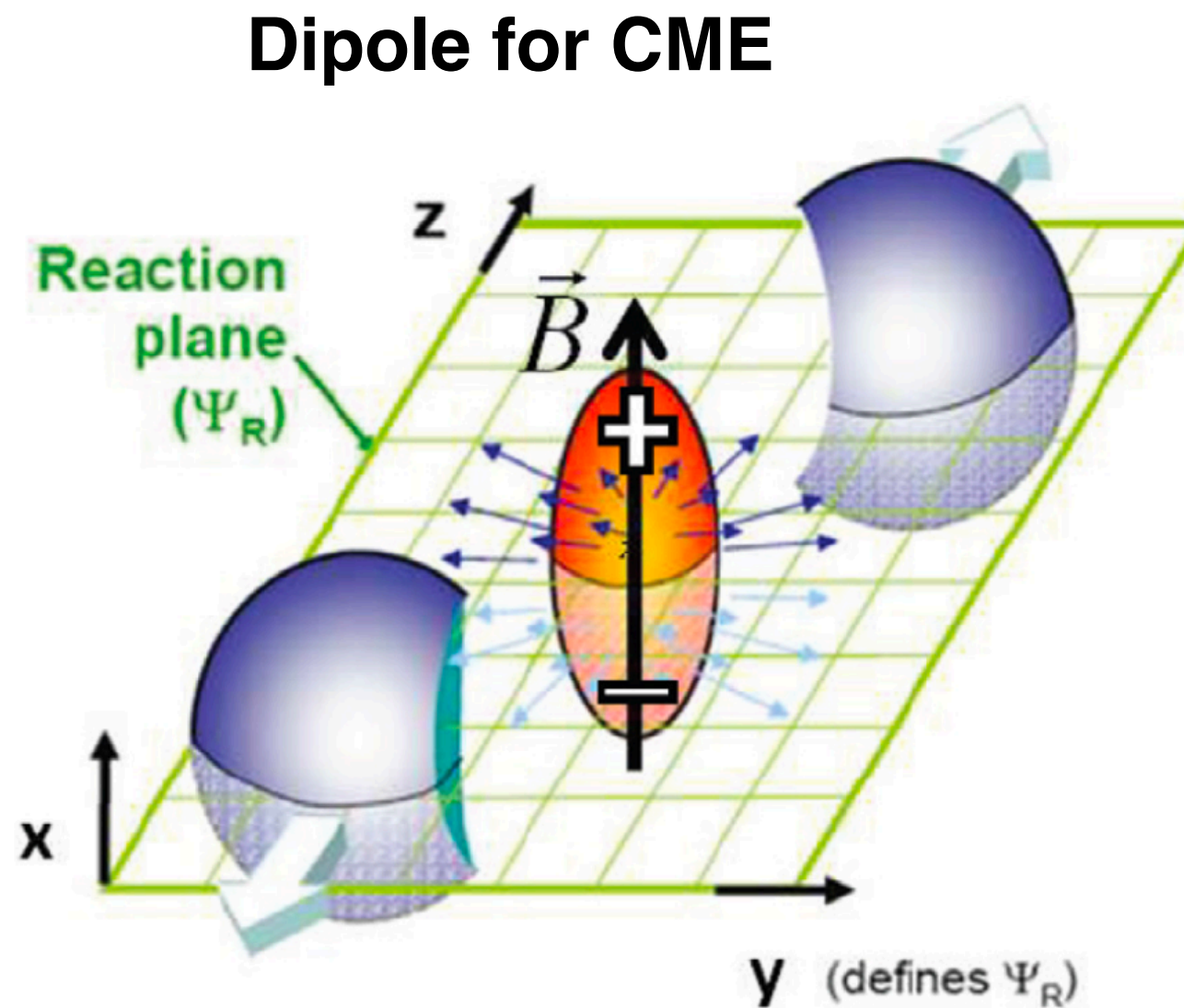
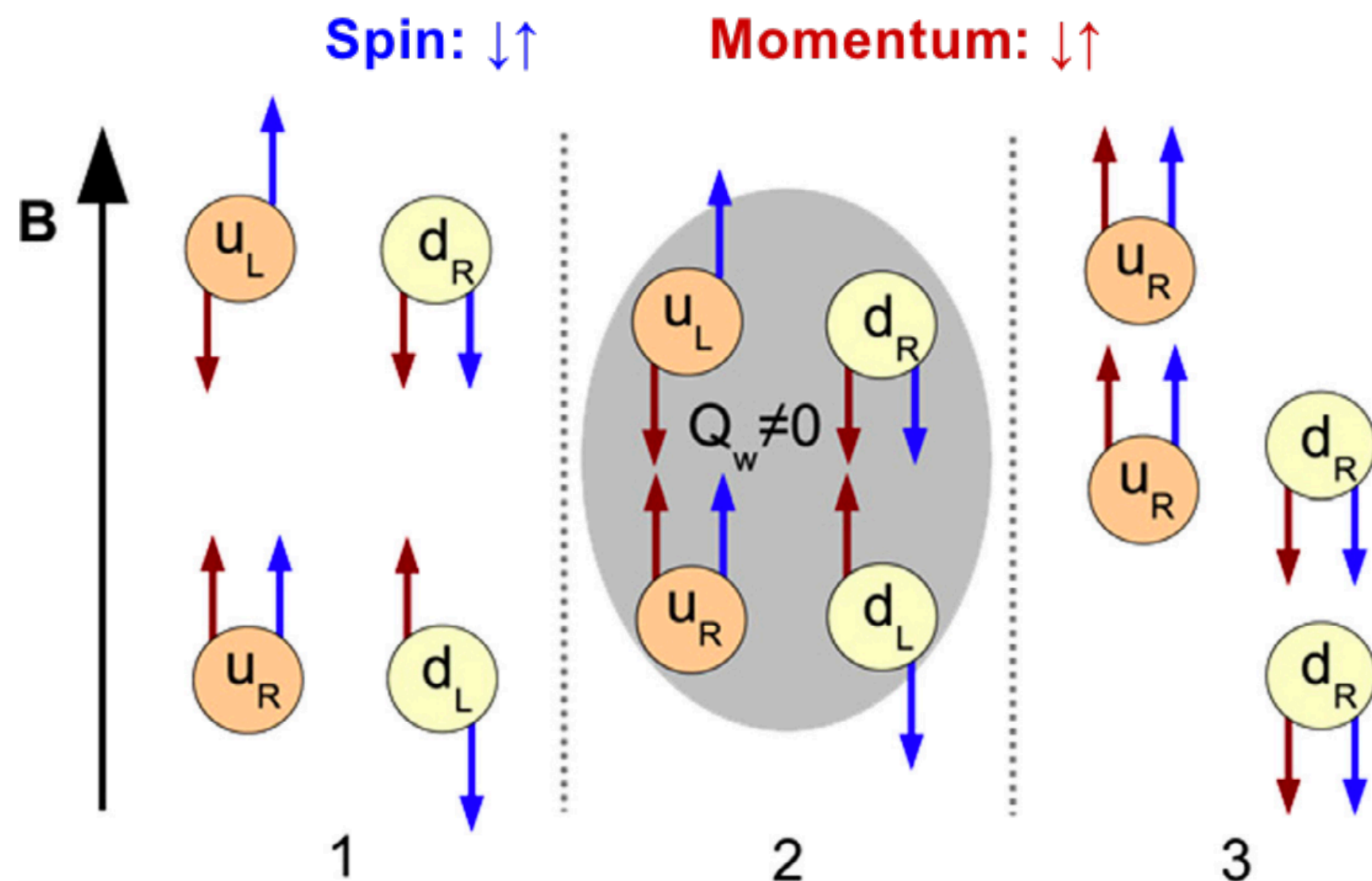
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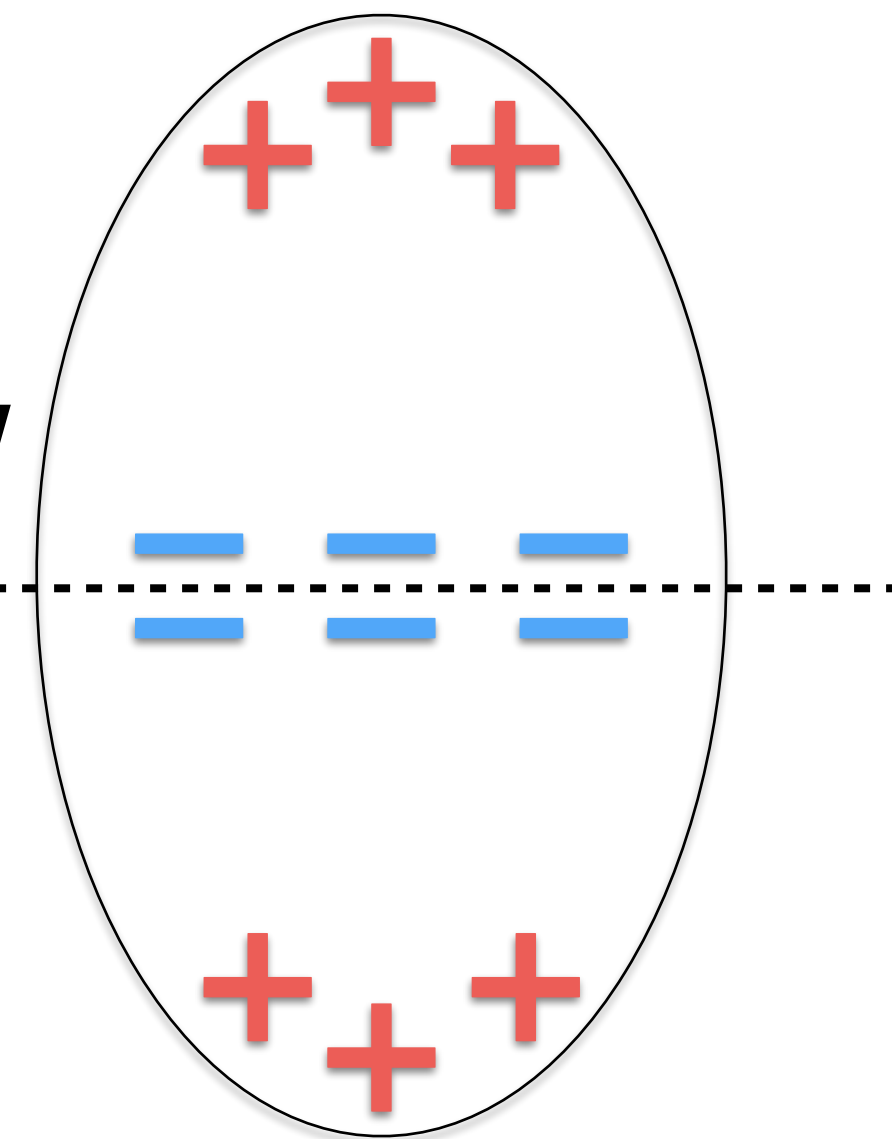
## Outline

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# Motivation



CME+CSE → CMW  
Quadrupole



- ✓ **Chiral Magnetic Effect (CME):**  $j_\nu = \frac{N_c e}{2\pi^2} \mu_A B$
- ✓ **Chiral Separation Effect (CSE):**  $j_A = \frac{N_c e}{2\pi^2} \mu_\nu B$
- ✓ **Chiral Magnetic Wave (CMW):** CME+CSE

- ✓ Chiral symmetry restoration
- ✓ Deconfinement
- ✓ QCD vacuum transitions
- ✓ Extremely strong magnetic field ( $\sim 10^{15}$  T)

**All the necessary conditions are possible to be achieved in heavy-ion collisions**

K. Dmitri et al. Phys.Rev.Lett. 81 512-515 (1998)  
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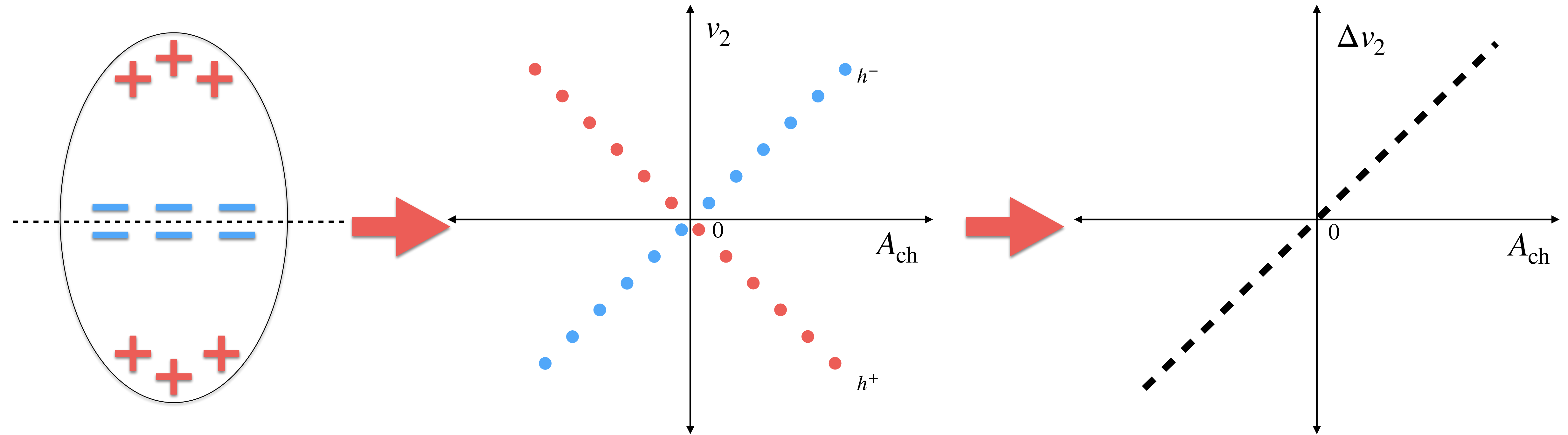




# Experimental observable — slope



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$$A_{\text{ch}} = \frac{N^+ - N^-}{N^+ + N^-},$$

$$\Delta v_2 = v_2^- - v_2^+ = r A_{\text{ch}}$$

**CMW observable:** Normalized slope,  $r_{\Delta v_2}^{\text{Norm.}} = \frac{d(\frac{\Delta v_2}{\langle v_2 \rangle})}{dA_{\text{ch}}}$ ,  $\langle v_2 \rangle = \frac{v_2^+ + v_2^-}{2}$



# Experimental observable — covariance



## Integral covariance :

$$\langle v_2^\pm A_{\text{ch}} \rangle - \langle A_{\text{ch}} \rangle \langle v_2^\pm \rangle \approx \mp r \sigma_{A_{\text{ch}}}^2 / 2$$

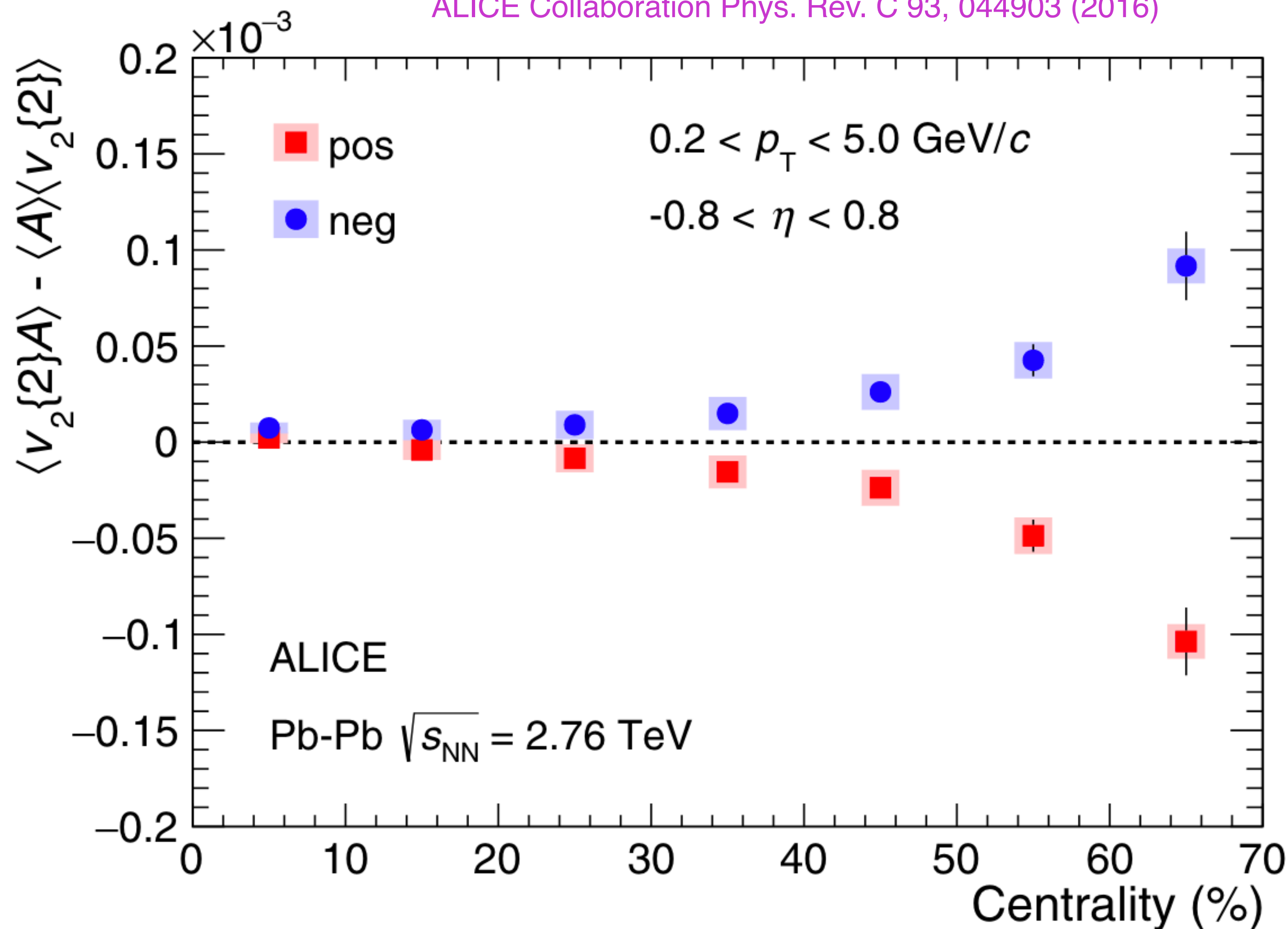
$$dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta \left( \langle v_2^\pm A_{\text{ch}} \rangle - \langle A_{\text{ch}} \rangle \langle v_2^\pm \rangle \right)_{\text{neg-pos}}$$

## Covariance observable:

(proposed in S. A. Voloshin et al. Nucl.Phys.A 931 992-996 (2014))

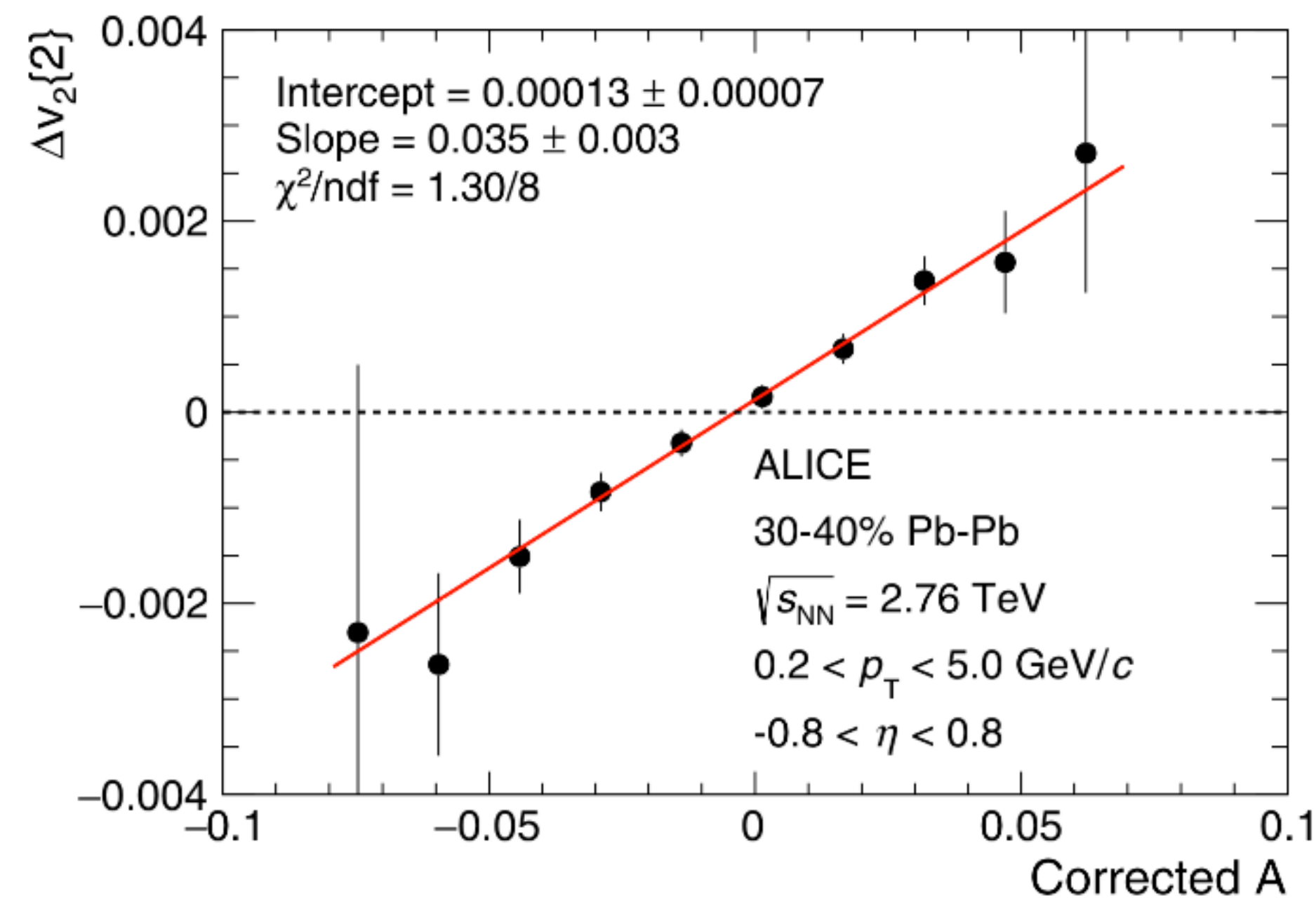
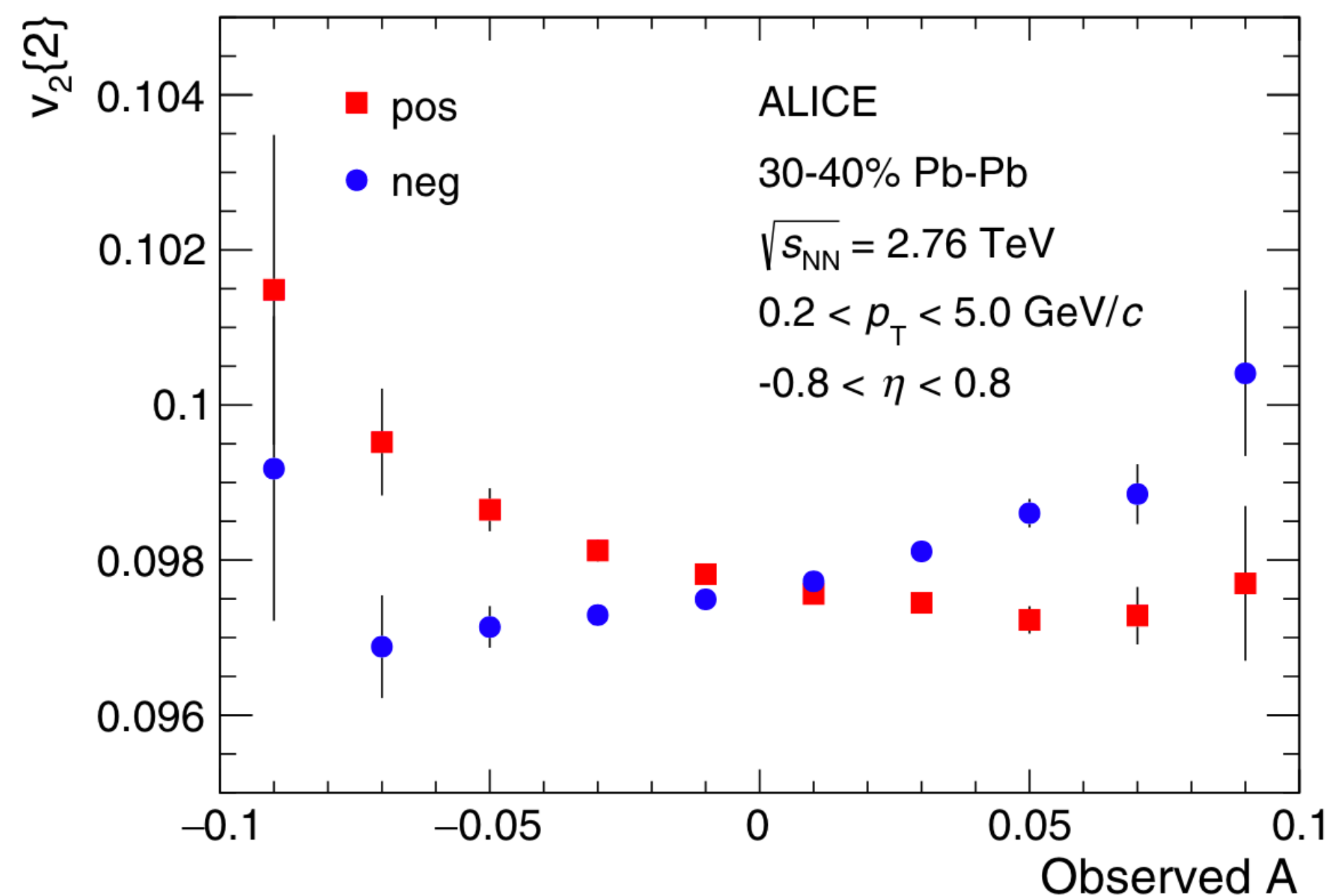
- ✓ Proportional to slope parameter
- ✓ Saves statistics
- ✓ Has differential form (see backup)

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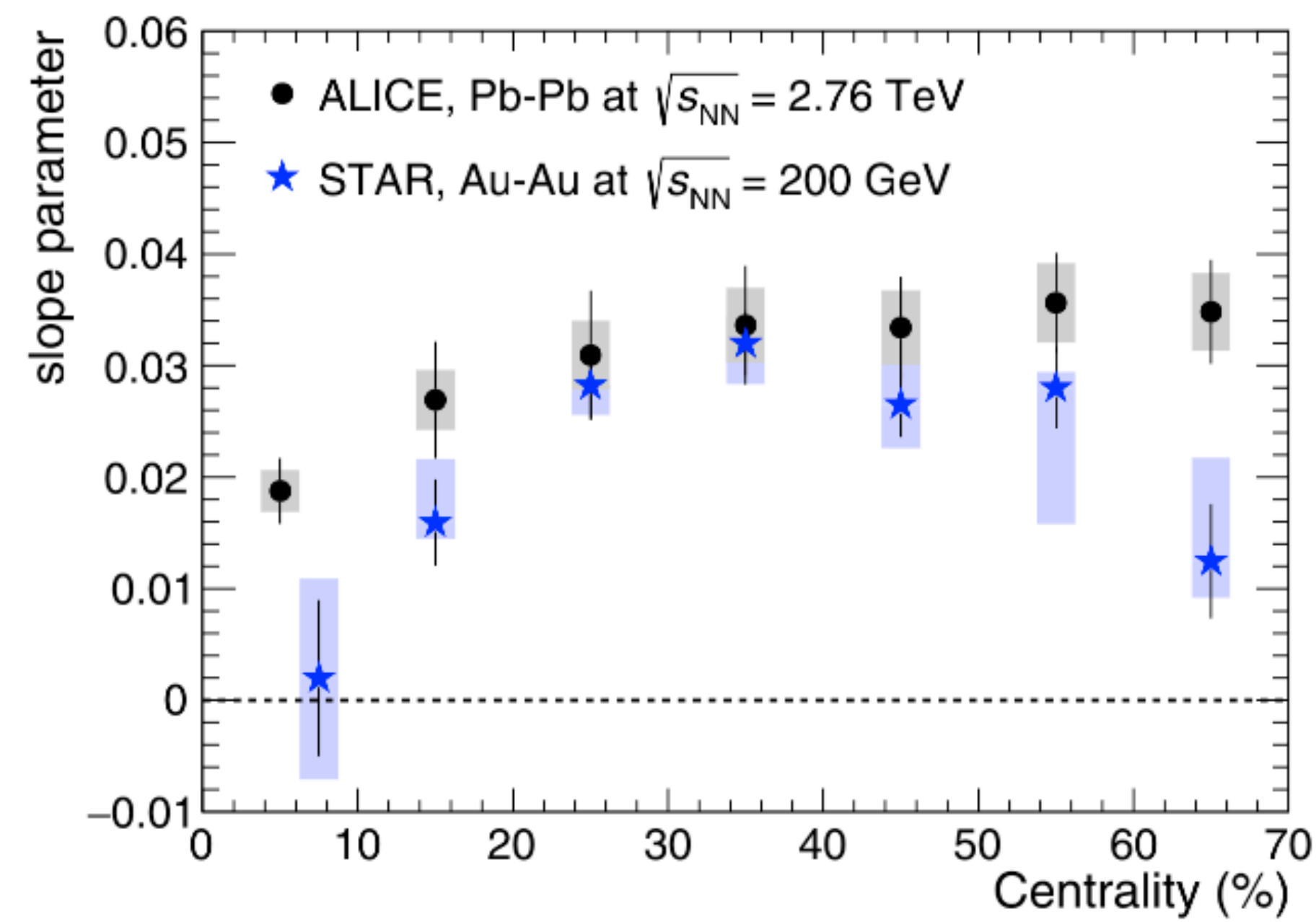


# Previous experimental measurements — ALICE & STAR



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- ✓ Linear relationship for  $\Delta v_2(h^\pm)$  vs.  $A_{ch}$
- ✓ Significant positive signals (around 3%) in ALICE and STAR match theoretical prediction



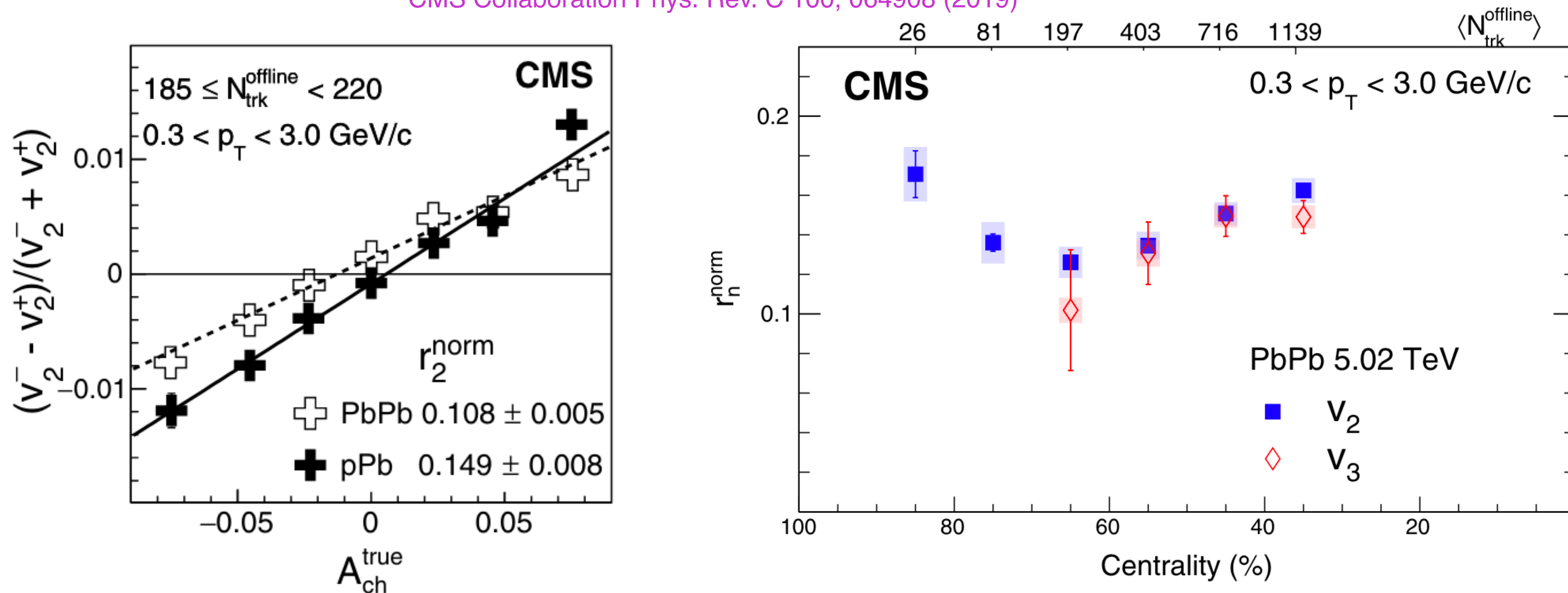




# Experimental results from CMS and the LCC background



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Most possible background: **local charge conservation (LCC) convoluted with  $v_2$**

- ✓ The observable in p-Pb collision is in line with the one in Pb-Pb collisions
- ✓ Higher harmonic ( $v_3$ ) observable with nonzero signal

**How to separate the signal/background?**

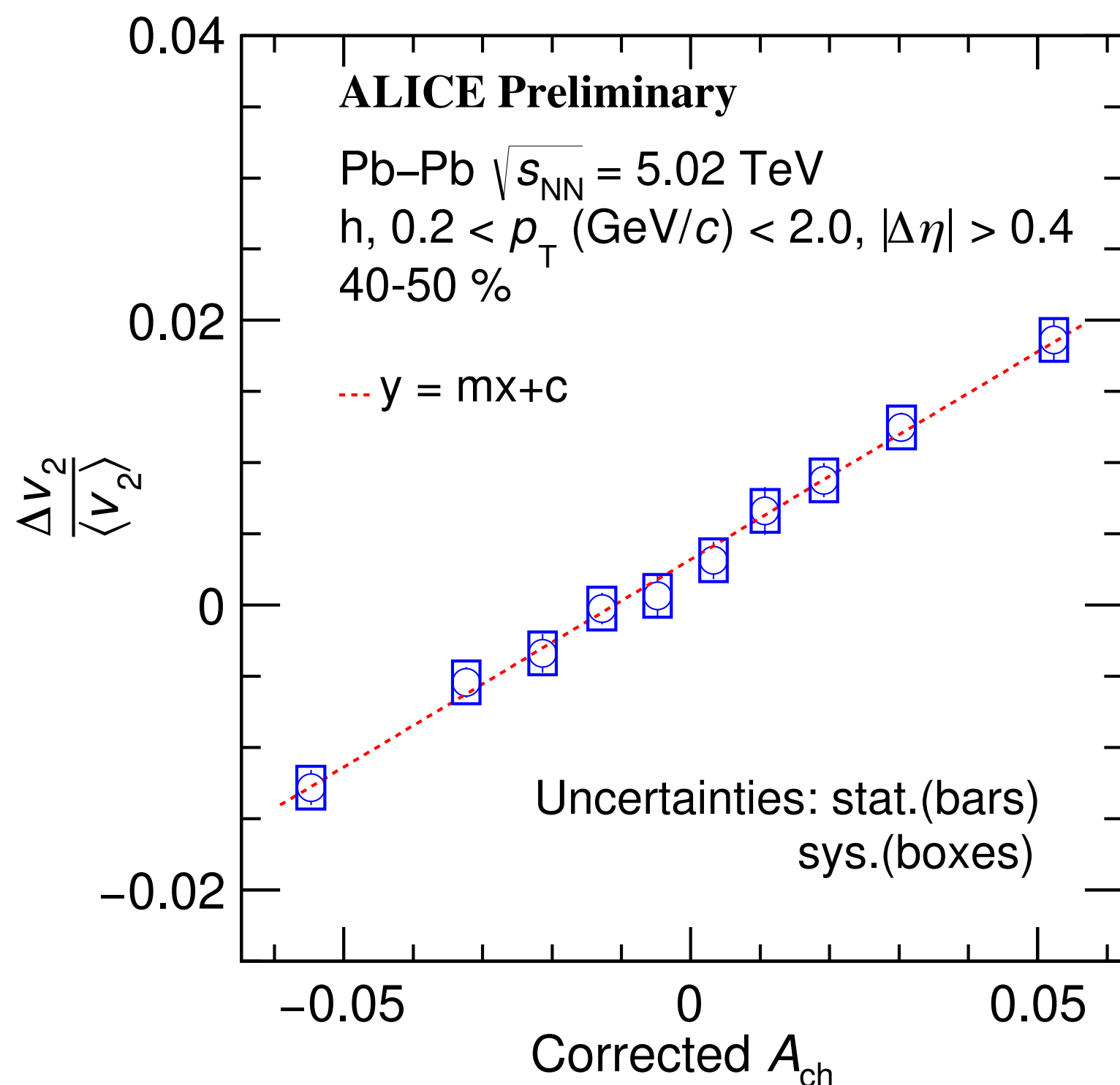
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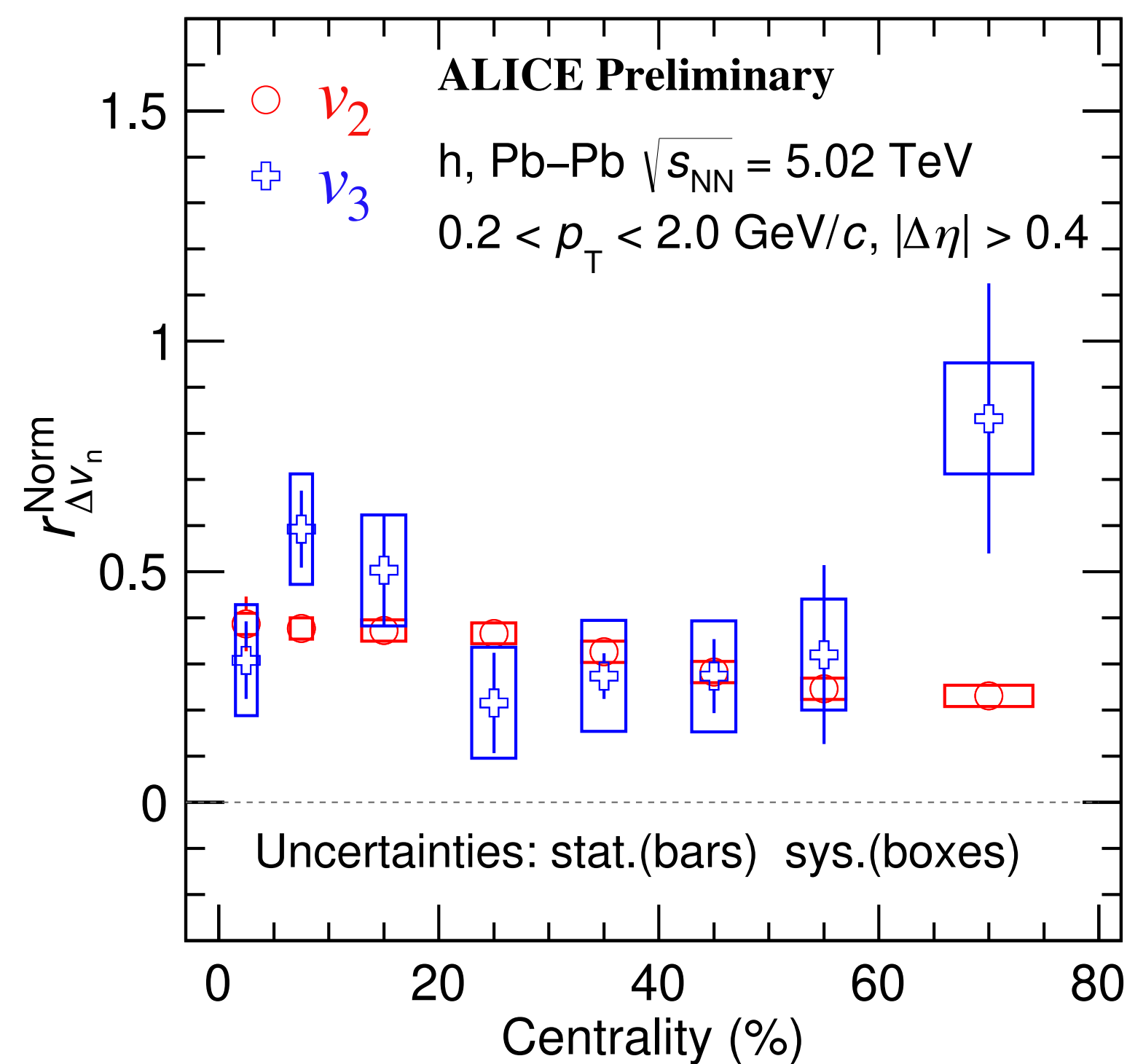
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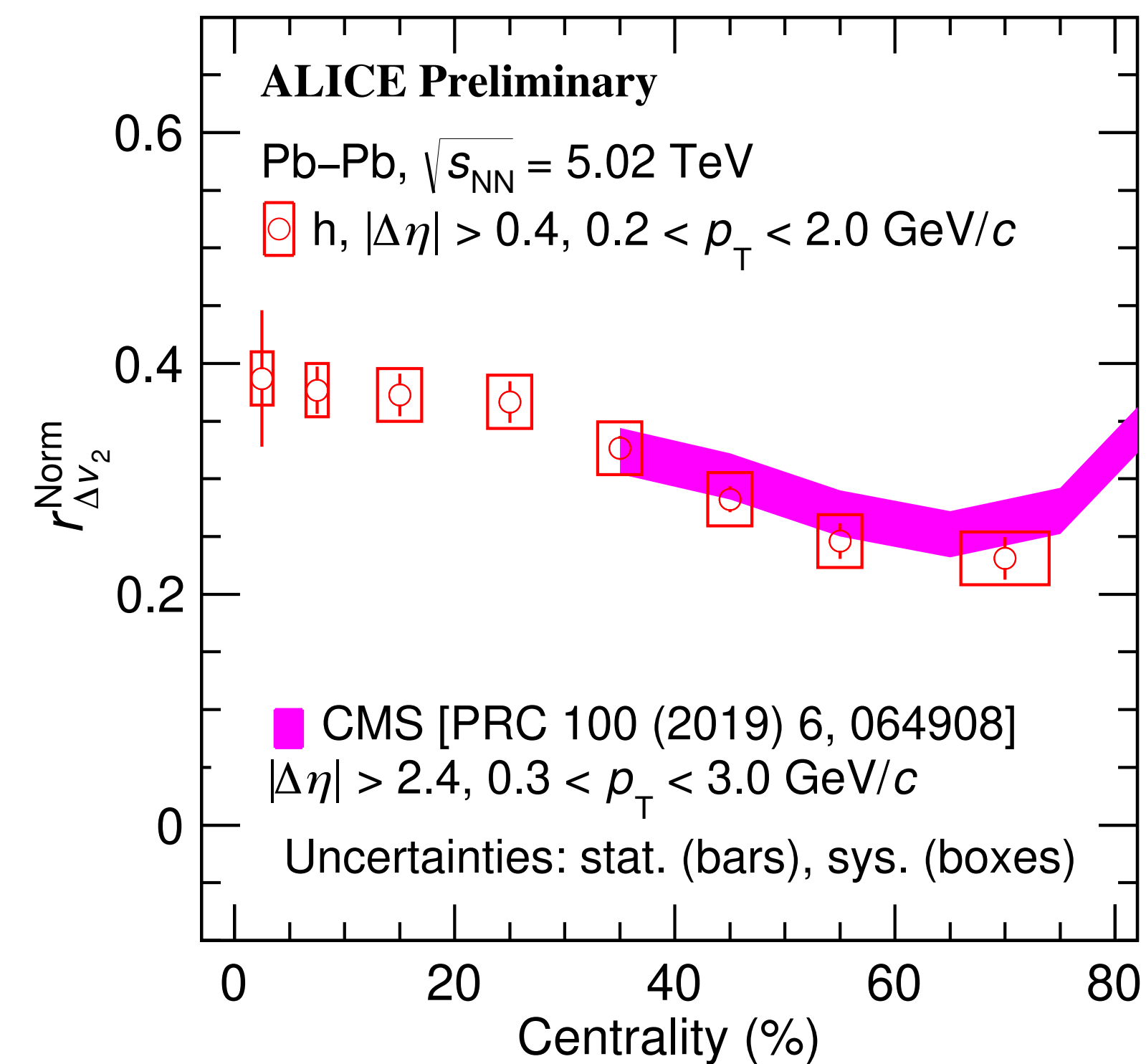
# Slope in Pb-Pb collision at 5.02 TeV with the ALICE detector



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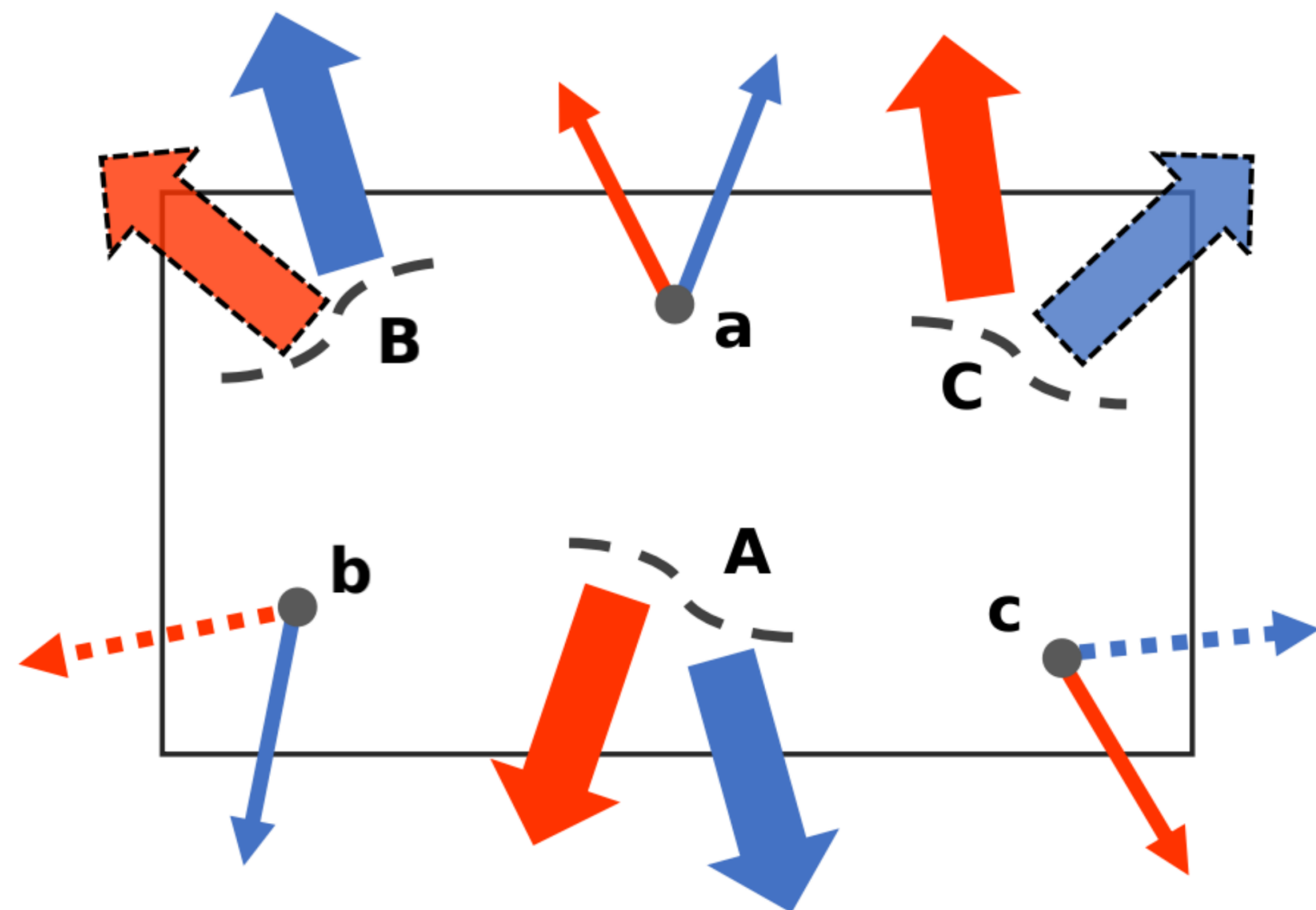


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- ✓ Linear dependences between  $\Delta v_2 / \langle v_2 \rangle$  and  $A_{ch}$  in the left figure
- ✓ In the middle figure,  $r_{\Delta v_2}^{Norm.}$  is consistent with  $r_{\Delta v_3}^{Norm.}$  within uncertainties
- ✓  $r_{\Delta v_2}^{Norm(ALICE)} \approx r_{\Delta v_2}^{Norm(CMS)}$

W. Wu [arXiv:2212.04137](https://arxiv.org/abs/2212.04137)

# Local charge conservation leads to backgrounds



When selecting events with a specific  $A_{ch}$ , in practice, one preferentially applies **nonuniform  $p_T(\eta)$  cuts** on the charged particles  
**A manifestation of LCC!**

Type	$\rho^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$		String frag.	
	unpaired (case <i>b, c</i> )	paired (case <i>a</i> )	unpaired (case <i>B, C</i> )	paired (case <i>A</i> )
Mother $p_T$	0.75	0.97	0.94	1.41
Mother $ \eta $	1.17	0.53	2.15	2.12
Daughter $p_T$	0.59	0.64	0.68	0.74
Daughter $ \eta $	0.41	0.39	0.41	0.40
Daughter $ \Delta\eta $	1.27	0.48	1.03	0.69

$$A_{ch} < 0 (> 0) \rightarrow B(C) \text{ and } b(c) \uparrow \rightarrow \text{unpaired neg(pos) particles } \uparrow \rightarrow \langle p_T^- \rangle < \langle p_T^+ \rangle \left( \langle p_T^- \rangle > \langle p_T^+ \rangle \right)$$

- **Resonance decay** (a,b,c): paired particle emitted at the same point
- **String fragmentation model** (A,B,C): hadronization process with a string consisting of  $q$  and  $\bar{q}$  endpoints

CMW LCC:

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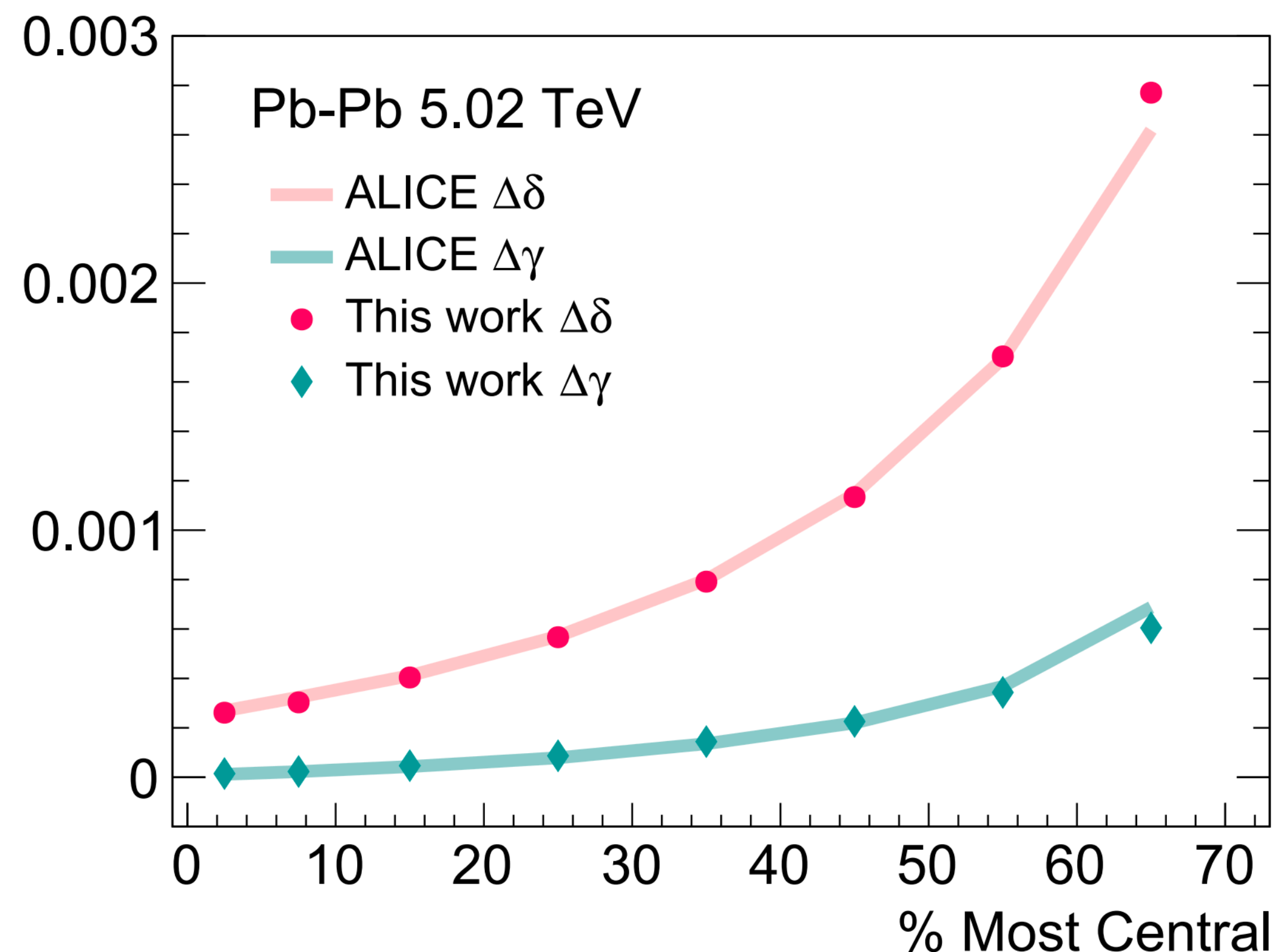
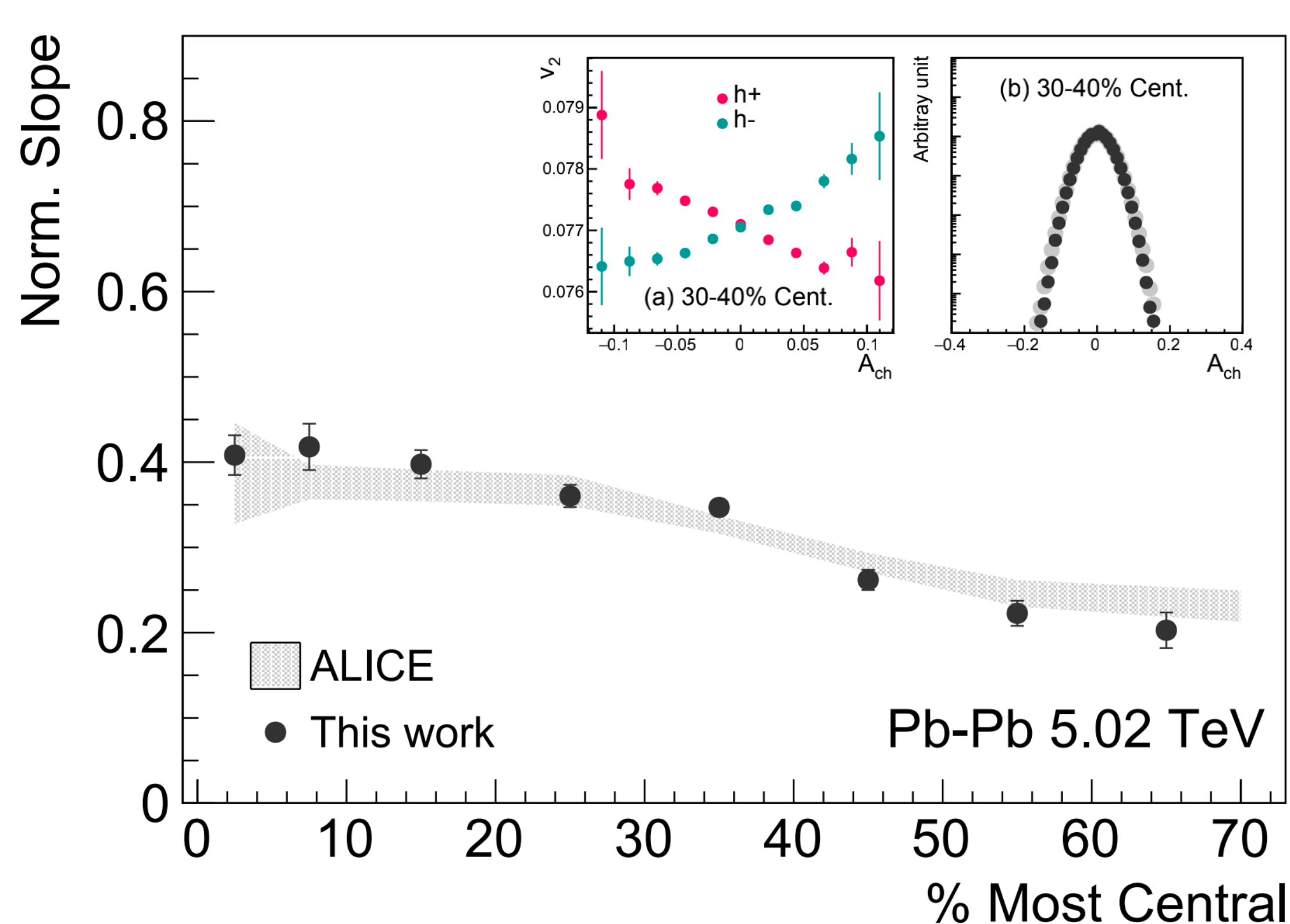
CME LCC:

S. Schlichting et al. Phys. Rev. C 83, 014913 (2011)





# Blast wave with LCC reproduces experimental results of CMW/E



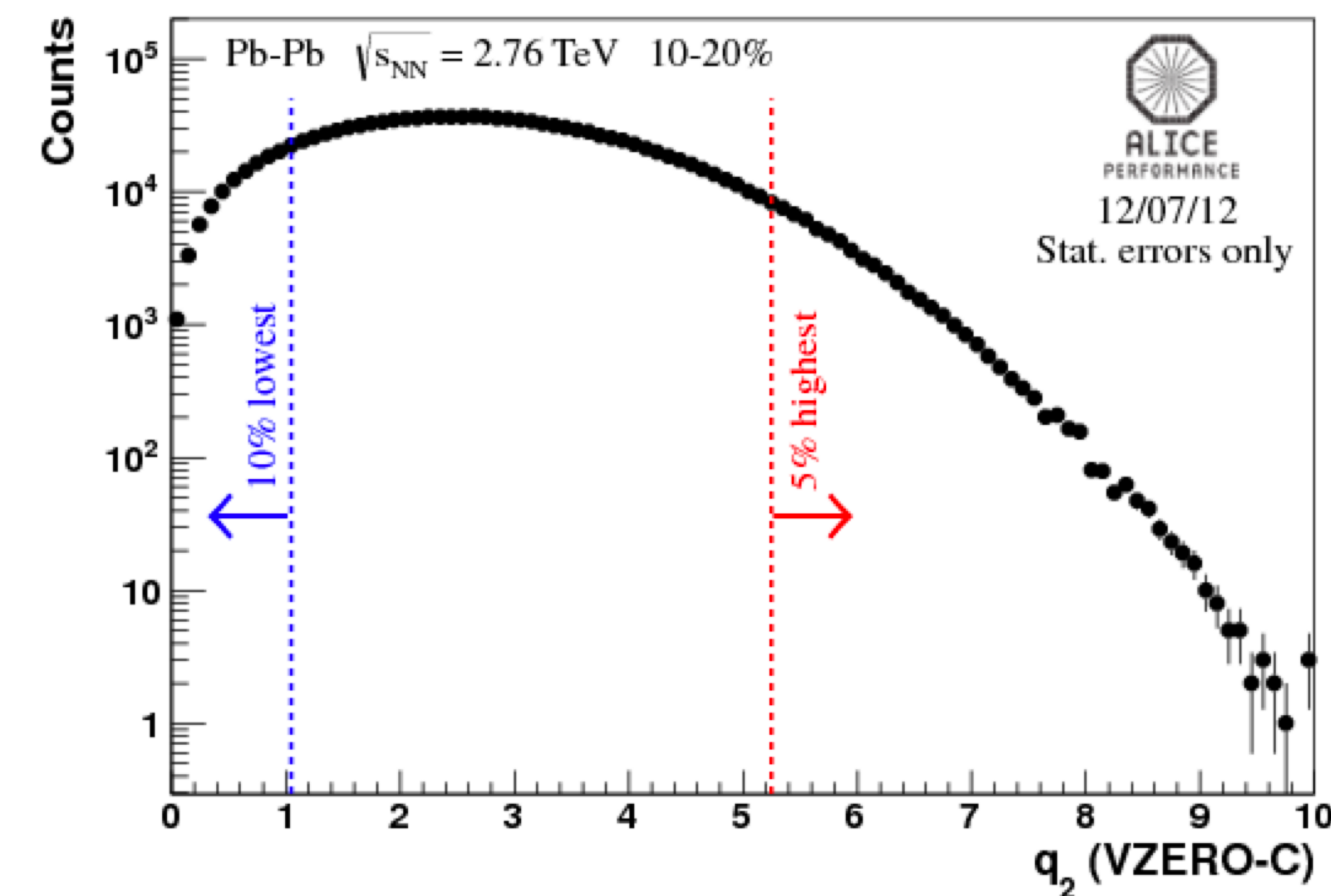
- BW+LCC  $\rightarrow$  boost paired particles at a same point
- Blast wave model (thermal expansion) adding **finite** LCC effect can reproduce the ALICE experimental measurements of CMW(left) and CME(right) together  $\rightarrow$  measurements on both CMW and CME are dominated by the LCC background
- Observables are very sensitive to CMW/CME signal as BW+LCC (adding signal) simulation



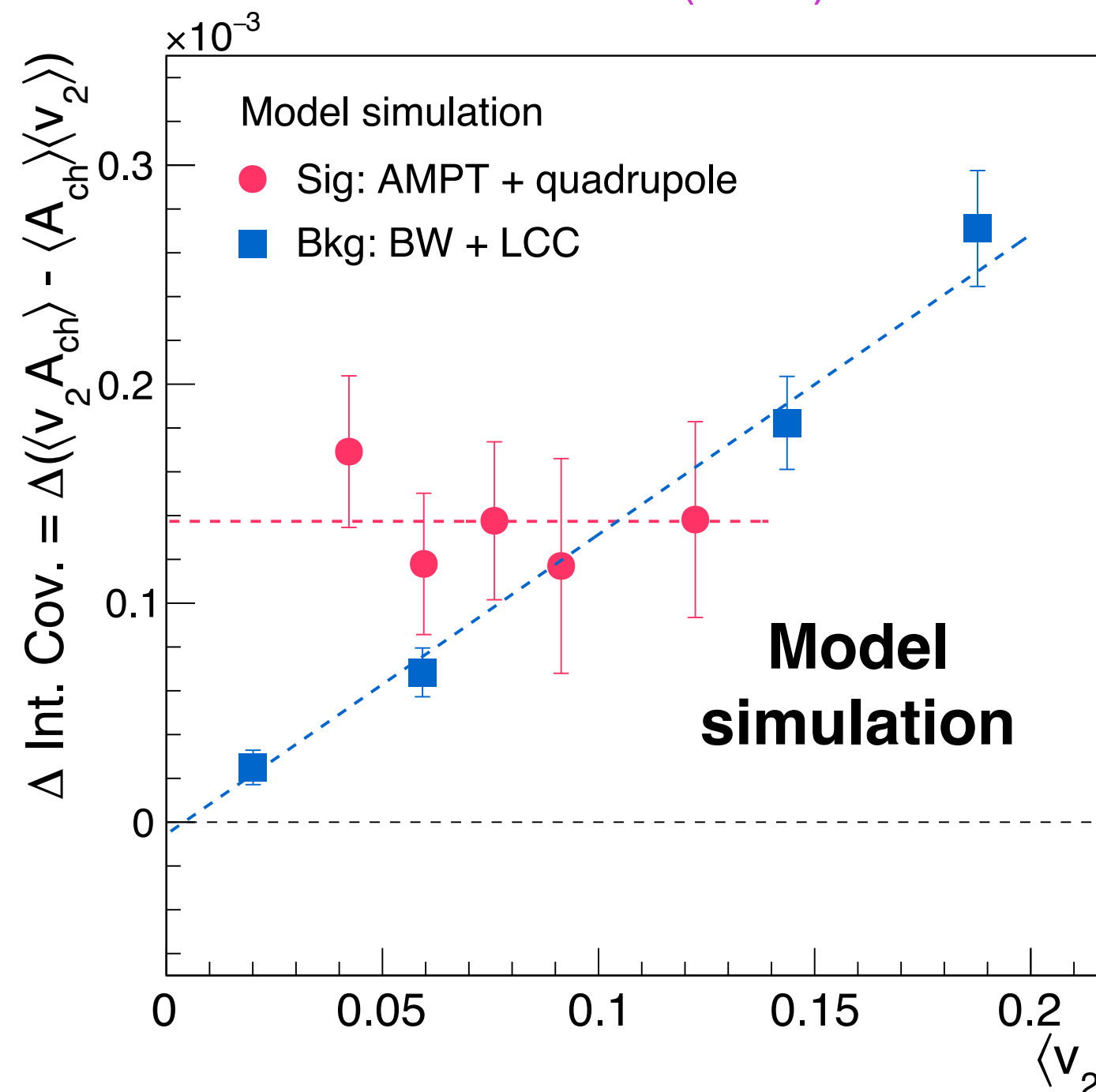
# Event-shape engineering constrains CMW fraction



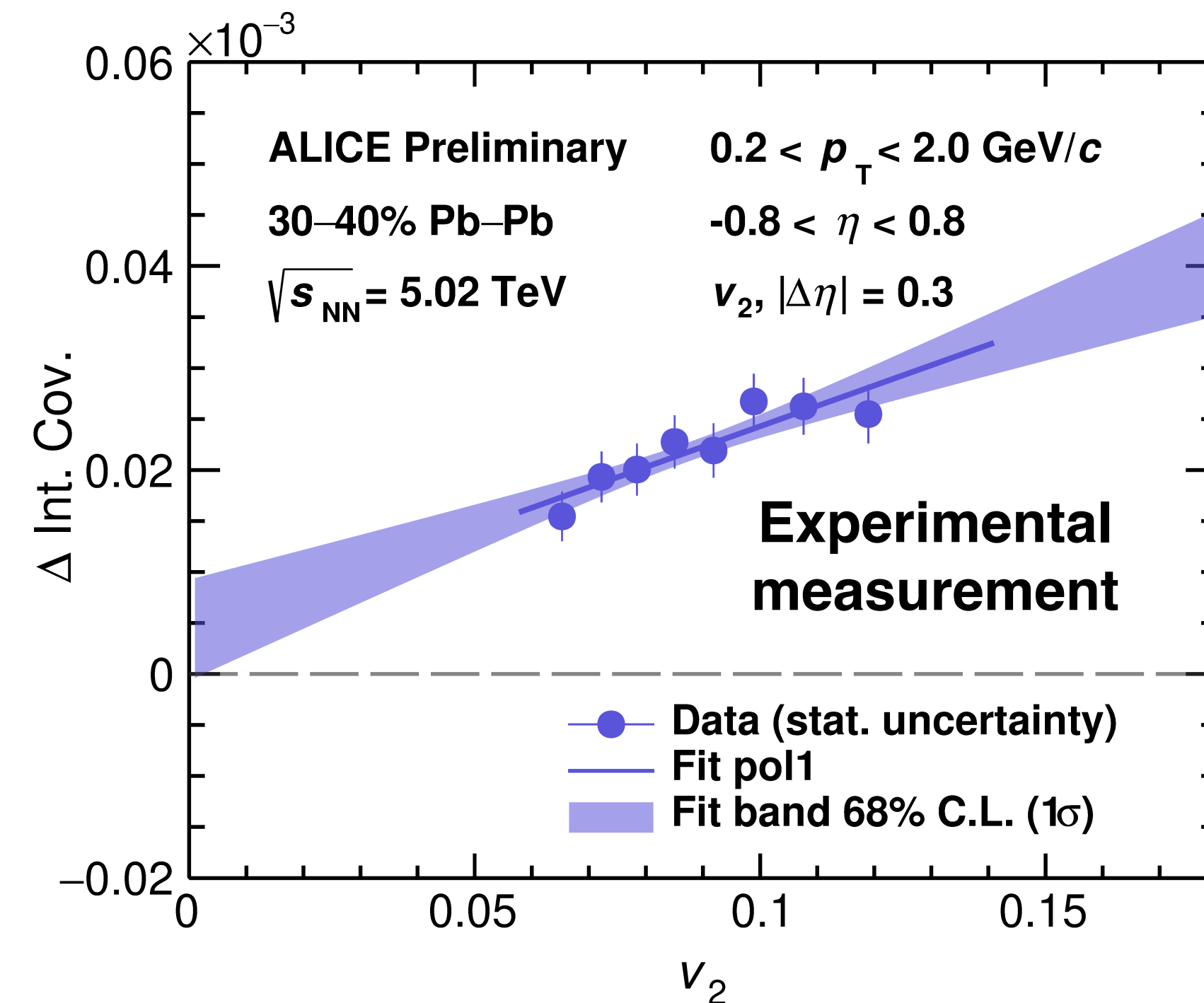
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- ✓ Classify events corresponding to  $q_2$
- ✓ Sensitive to  $v_2$  of collision ( $q_2 \propto v_2$ )
- ✓ Successfully used for CME

- ✓ **CMW signal (AMPT+quadrupole)**  
 $\Delta \text{Int. Cov. vs. } v_2$  : finite intercept
- ✓ **Background (BW+LCC)**  
 $\Delta \text{Int. Cov. vs. } v_2$  : zero intercept

- ✓ In most centralities, the proportionality of  $\Delta \text{Int. Cov.}$  changes with  $v_2 \rightarrow$  indication of a large background
- ✓ Linear fit:  $F(v_2) = a \times v_2 + b$

ESE technique

J. Schukraft et al. Phys. Lett. B 719 394398 (2013)  
ALICE Collaboration Phys. Lett. B 777, 151162 (2018)  
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# Centrality dependence of CMW fraction $f_{CMW}$

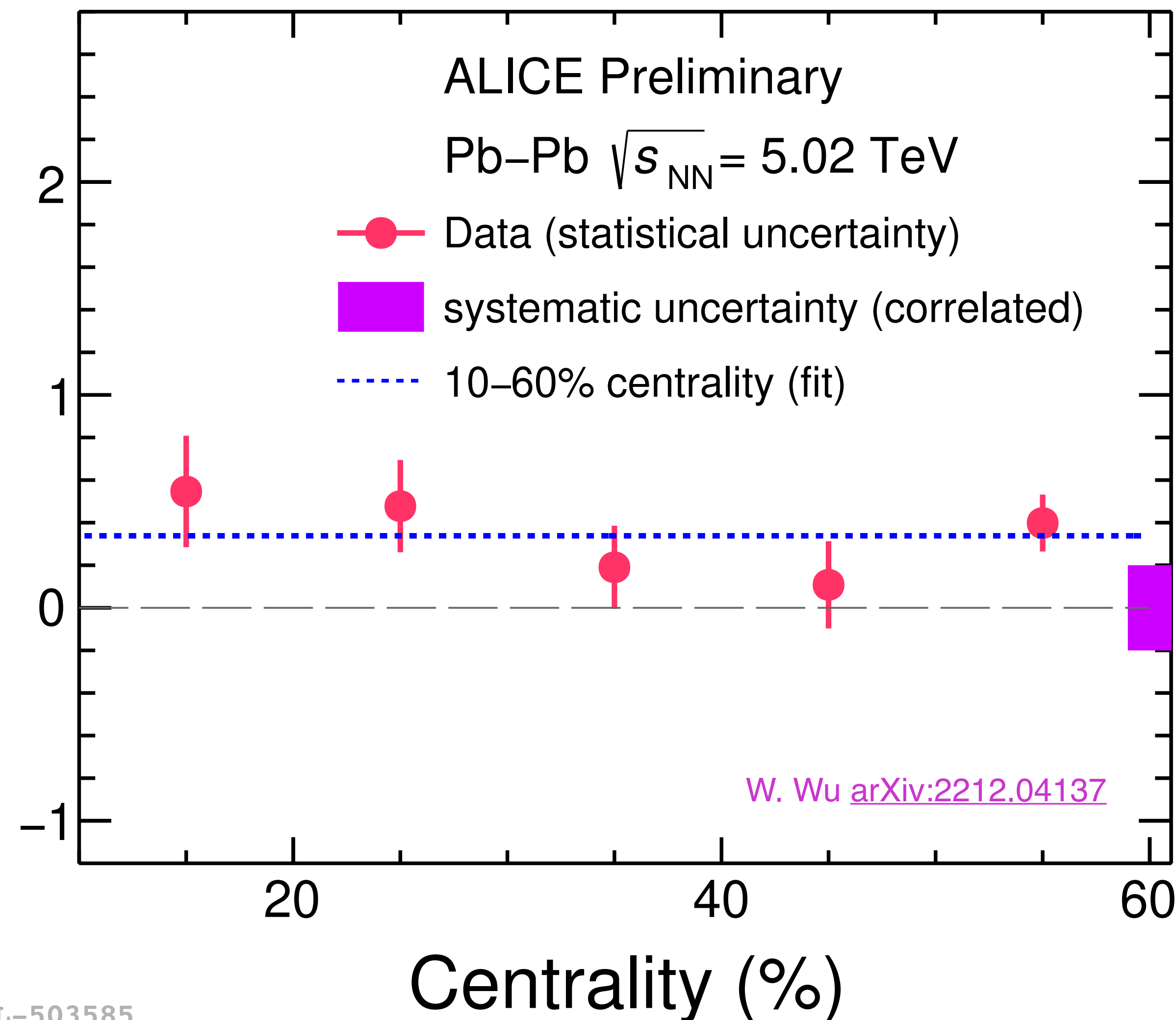


$$f_{CMW} \equiv \frac{b}{a \times \overline{\langle v_2 \rangle} + b}$$

- ✓ Parameters  $a$  and  $b$  are extracted from the  $F(v_2)$  fit to  $\Delta$ Int. Cov.
- ✓  $\overline{\langle v_2 \rangle}$  averaged over all intervals of  $q_2$
- ✓  $f_{CMW}$  consistent with 0 within uncertainties

Value of  $f_{CMW}$  extracted in 10-60% centrality,  
 $f_{CMW} \sim \mathbf{0.338 \pm 0.084(stat.) \pm 0.198(syst.)}$

$f_{CMW}$



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# Summary



- ✓ The LCC effect is recognized as one of the most important background effect in the studies of chiral anomalous effects
- ✓  $\Delta v_2$ - $A_{ch}$  **method**: The normalized slope  $r_{\Delta v_2}^{Norm.}$  is consistent with  $r_{\Delta v_3}^{Norm.}$  within uncertainties implying that CMW signal is consistent with zero
- ✓ **ESE method**: First measurement of the CMW fraction with ESE method in Pb-Pb collisions,  $f_{CMW}$  is consistent with zero within uncertainties (There is no statistical significance to observe the CMW signal)

**Thanks for your attention!**



Differential covariance:  
 $\langle v_2^\pm q_3 \rangle - \langle q_3 \rangle_1 \langle v_2^\pm \rangle$

- Averaged charge around specific particle
- Reflect the LCC effect in CMW measurements

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