

Search for New Physics with Multiparticle Correlations and Cosmological Analogies

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Two-particle rapidity correlations

$$C_2(y_1, y_2) = \rho(y_1, y_2) - \rho(y_1)\rho(y_2)$$

← 2-particle rapidity correlation function

$$\rho(y) = \frac{1}{\sigma_{in}} \frac{d\sigma_{in}}{dy}, \quad \rho_2(y_1, y_2) = \frac{1}{\sigma_{in}} \frac{d^2\sigma_{in}}{dy_1 dy_2}$$

one- and two-particle densities

$$\int dy_1 dy_2 C(y_1, y_2) = D^2 - \langle n \rangle \quad (= 0 \text{ for independent emission})$$

$$K_2(y_1, y_2) = \frac{C_2(y_1, y_2)}{\rho(y_1)\rho(y_2)} = \frac{1}{\sigma_{in}} \frac{d^2\sigma_{in}}{dy_1 dy_2} / \frac{1}{\sigma_{in}^2} \frac{d\sigma_{in}}{dy_1} \frac{d\sigma_{in}}{dy_2} - 1$$

$$F_2 = \frac{\langle n(n-1) \rangle}{\langle n \rangle^2} = \frac{D^2}{\langle n \rangle^2} - \frac{1}{\langle n \rangle} + 1, \quad D^2 = \langle n^2 \rangle - \langle n \rangle^2$$

Scaled factorial moment

Generalization to *higher-orders* is straightforward:

I.M.Dremin and W.J.Gary, *Phys. Rept.*349 (2001) 301

E.A. De Wolf, I.M. Dremin, W. Kittel, *Phys. Rep.* 270 (1996) 1

2-particle azimuthal and (pseudo)rapidity correlations

$$R(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi) = \frac{S(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi)}{B(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi)}$$

$$\Delta\eta = \eta_1 - \eta_2 \quad ; \quad \Delta\phi = \phi_1 - \phi_2$$

$S(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi)$: particle pair distribution from **the same** event

$B(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi)$: particle pair distribution from **different** events

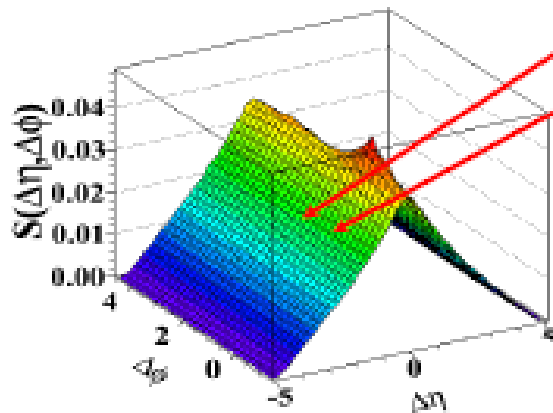
Complex structure of 2-dimensional plot in pp, pA and AA collisions

seen by ALICE, ATLAS, and CMS at the LHC

2-particle azimuthal and (pseudo)rapidity correlations

Signal distribution:

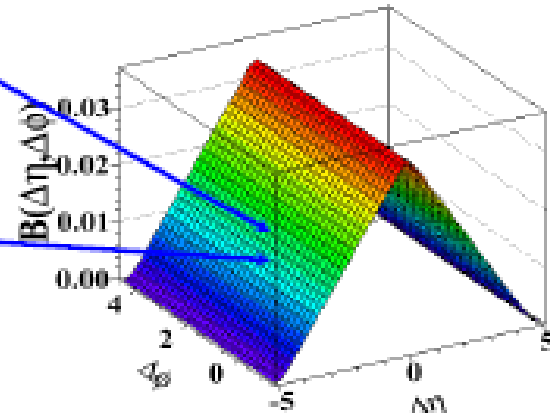
$$S(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi) = \frac{1}{N_{\text{trig}}} \frac{d^2 N^{\text{assoc}}}{d\Delta\eta d\Delta\phi}$$



same event pairs

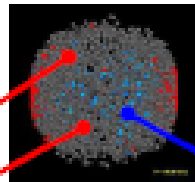
Background distribution:

$$B(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi) = \frac{1}{N_{\text{trig}}} \frac{d^2 N^{\text{mix}}}{d\Delta\eta d\Delta\phi}$$

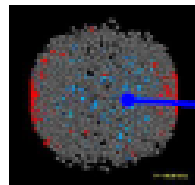


mixed event pairs

Event 1

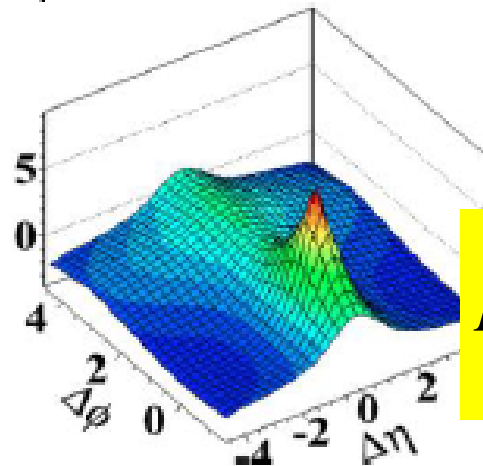


Event 2



$$\Delta\eta = \eta^{\text{assoc}} - \eta^{\text{trig}}$$

$$\Delta\phi = \phi^{\text{assoc}} - \phi^{\text{trig}}$$



$$R(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi) = \frac{S(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi)}{B(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi)}$$

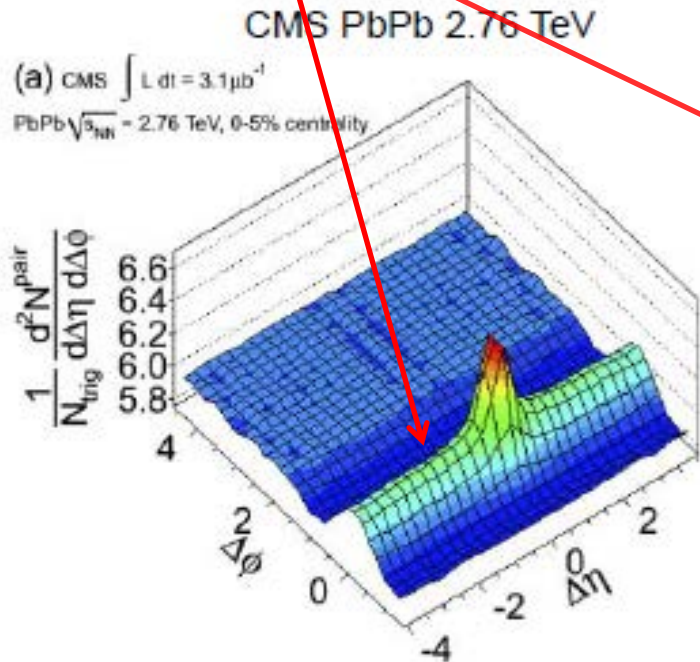
Divide signal by background

$S(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi)$: particle pair **signal** distribution from **the same** event

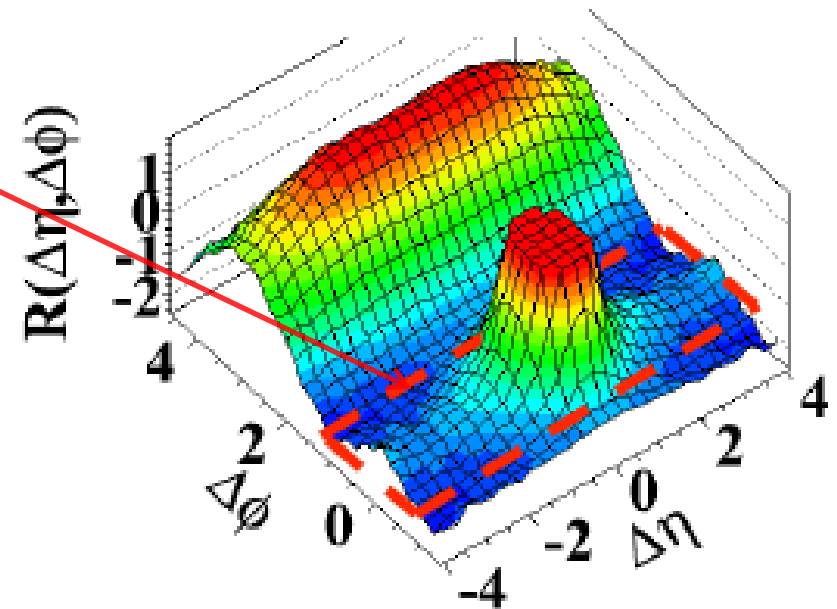
$B(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi)$: particle pair **background** distribution from **different** events

Ridge structure

“Ridge” structure extending over $\Delta\eta$ at $\Delta\phi = 0$



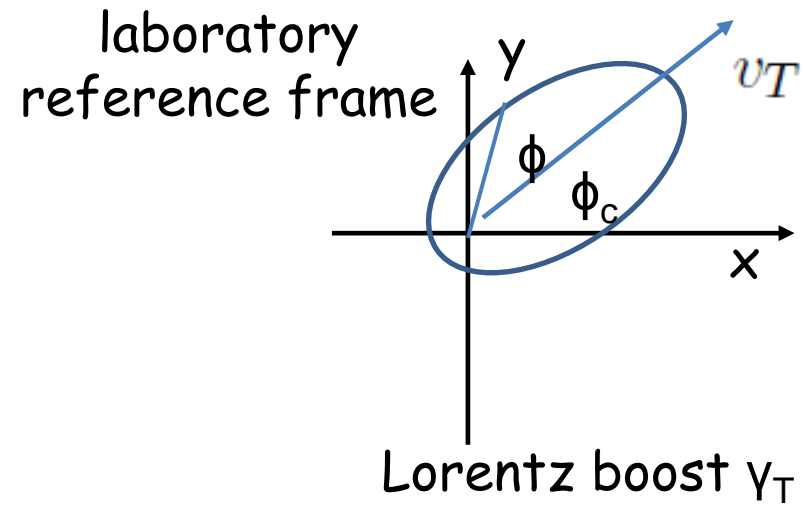
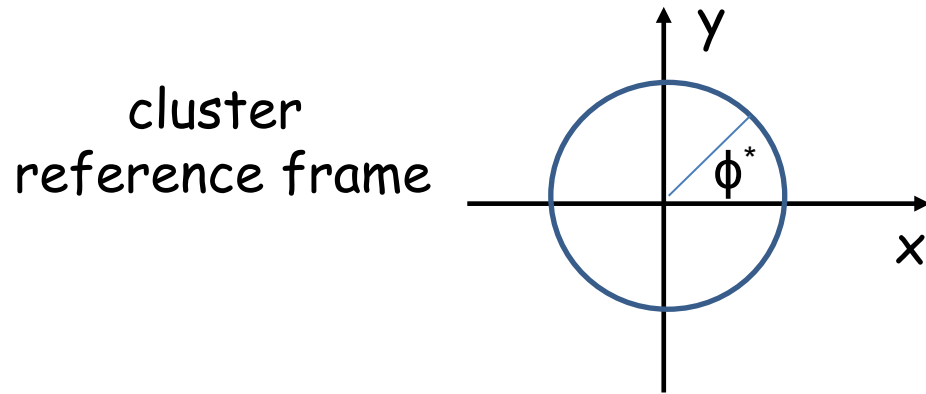
High multiplicity pp ($N > 110$)



CMS Collab. J. High Energy Phys. 1009 (2010) 091

- **Expected** in heavy-ion collisions (*hydro, high density*)
- **Unexpected** in pp (and pA) interactions
- **Similarity in pp and heavy-ion collisions!**
- **No explanation** so far, while many models proposed

Correlated-cluster model



- Azimuthal dependence

1) *Isotropic* cluster emission

2) *Isotropic* particle emission in clusters: $w^*(\phi^*) = \text{constant}$

- **Gaussians** for cluster and particle distributions inside clusters

$$\rho^{(c)}(y_c, \phi_c) \sim \exp\left[-\frac{y_c^2}{2\delta_{cy}^2}\right], \rho^{(1)}(y, \phi; y_c, \phi_c) \sim \exp\left[-\frac{(y - y_c)^2}{2\delta_y^2}\right] \exp\left[-\frac{(\phi - \phi_c)^2}{2\delta_\phi^2}\right]$$

The cluster correlation length $\delta_{cy}^2 \gg \delta_y^2 \lesssim 1$ the cluster decay "width",
and the cluster azimuthal decay "width"

$$\delta_\phi \sim \frac{1}{v_T \gamma_T}$$

Correlated-cluster model

$$R(\Delta y, \Delta\phi) = \frac{s(\Delta y, \Delta\phi)}{b(\Delta y, \Delta\phi)}$$

$$= \frac{s^{\text{SR}}(\Delta y, \Delta\phi) + s^{\text{LR}}(\Delta y, \Delta\phi)}{b(\Delta y, \Delta\phi)} = 1 + \frac{h^{\text{SR}}(\Delta y, \Delta\phi)}{\langle N_c \rangle} + \frac{\langle N_c(N_c - 1) \rangle}{\langle N_c \rangle^2} h^{\text{LR}}(\Delta\phi)$$

Reduces at large $\langle N_c \rangle$

Short-range contribution:

$$h^{\text{SR}}(\Delta y, \Delta\phi) = \frac{e_s^{\text{SR}}(\Delta y, \Delta\phi)}{e_b(\Delta y, \Delta\phi)} = \exp\left[-\frac{(\Delta y)^2}{4\delta_y^2}\right] \exp\left[-\frac{(\Delta\phi)^2}{4\delta_\phi^2}\right]$$

Long-range contribution:

$$h^{\text{LR}}(\Delta y, \Delta\phi) = \frac{e_s^{\text{LR}}(\Delta y, \Delta\phi)}{e_b(\Delta y, \Delta\phi)} \simeq \exp\left[\frac{(\Delta y)^2}{4(\delta_y^2 + \delta_{cy}^2)}\right] \exp\left[-\frac{(\Delta\phi)^2}{2(2\delta_\phi^2 + \delta_{c\phi}^2)}\right]$$

near-side ridge

For $\delta_{cy}^2 \gg \delta_y^2$

≈ 0.1 radians ($p_T \approx 1$ GeV)

MAIN RESULT: The ridge effect of 2-particle correlations at small $\Delta\phi$ over a wide (pseudo)rapidity range is naturally explained within a model of clusters correlated in the transverse plane

3-particle correlations

$$C_3(1, 2, 3) = \rho_3(1, 2, 3) + 2\rho(1)\rho(2)\rho(3) - \rho_2(1, 2)\rho(3) - \rho_2(2, 3)\rho(1) - \rho_2(1, 3)\rho(2)$$

$$\rho_3(y_1, y_2, y_3, \phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3) = \frac{1}{\sigma_{\text{in}}} \frac{d^6\sigma}{dy_1 dy_2 dy_3 d\phi_1 d\phi_2 d\phi_3}$$

3-particle
density

Correlation function ratio:

$$c_3(\vec{\Delta y}, \vec{\Delta\phi}) = \frac{s_3 + 2b_3 - s_{123} - s_{231} - s_{132}}{b_3}, \quad \vec{\Delta y}, \vec{\Delta\phi} \text{ for } \Delta y_{ij}, \Delta\phi_{ij}$$

$$, \vec{y} = (y_1, y_2, y_3), \vec{\phi} = (\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3)$$

Signal (s):

$$s_3(\vec{\Delta y}, \vec{\Delta\phi}) = \int d\vec{y} d\vec{\phi} \vec{\delta}(\Delta y) \vec{\delta}(\Delta\phi) \rho_3(\vec{y}, \vec{\phi}) \quad d\vec{y} d\vec{\phi} = dy_1 dy_2 dy_3 d\phi_1 d\phi_2 d\phi_3$$

$$\vec{\delta}(\Delta y) = \delta(\Delta y_{12} - y_1 + y_2) \delta(\Delta y_{13} - y_1 + y_3)$$

Background (b):

$$b_3(\vec{\Delta y}, \vec{\Delta\phi}) = \int d\vec{y} d\vec{\phi} \vec{\delta}(\Delta y) \vec{\delta}(\Delta\phi) \rho(y_1, \phi_1) \rho(y_2, \phi_2) \rho(y_3, \phi_3)$$

$$s_{123}(\vec{\Delta y}, \vec{\Delta\phi}) = \int d\vec{y} d\vec{\phi} \vec{\delta}(\Delta y) \vec{\delta}(\Delta\phi) \rho(y_1, \phi_1) \rho_2(y_2, \phi_2, y_3, \phi_3)$$

+ permutations

Correlated-cluster model: 3 clusters

$$c_3(\vec{\Delta y}, \vec{\Delta \phi}) = \frac{s_3^{(1)}(\vec{\Delta y}, \vec{\Delta \phi}) + s_3^{(2)}(\vec{\Delta y}, \vec{\Delta \phi}) + s_3^{(3)}(\vec{\Delta y}, \vec{\Delta \phi})}{b_3(\vec{\Delta y}, \vec{\Delta \phi})}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\langle N_c \rangle^2} h^{(1)}(\vec{\Delta y}, \vec{\Delta \phi}) + \frac{\langle N_c(N_c - 1) \rangle}{\langle N_c \rangle^3} h^{(2)}(\vec{\Delta y}, \vec{\Delta \phi}) + \frac{\langle N_c(N_c - 1)(N_c - 2) \rangle}{\langle N_c \rangle^3} h^{(3)}(\vec{\Delta y}, \vec{\Delta \phi})$$

Reducing at large $\langle N_c \rangle$ ridge effect

Three-particle three-cluster contribution

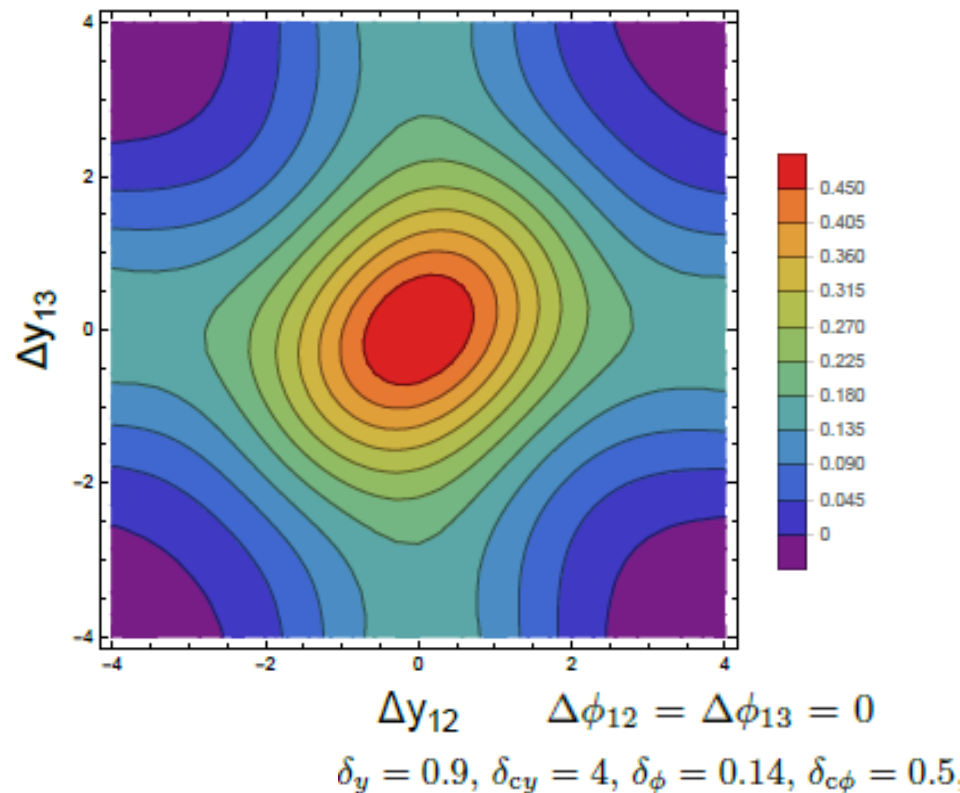
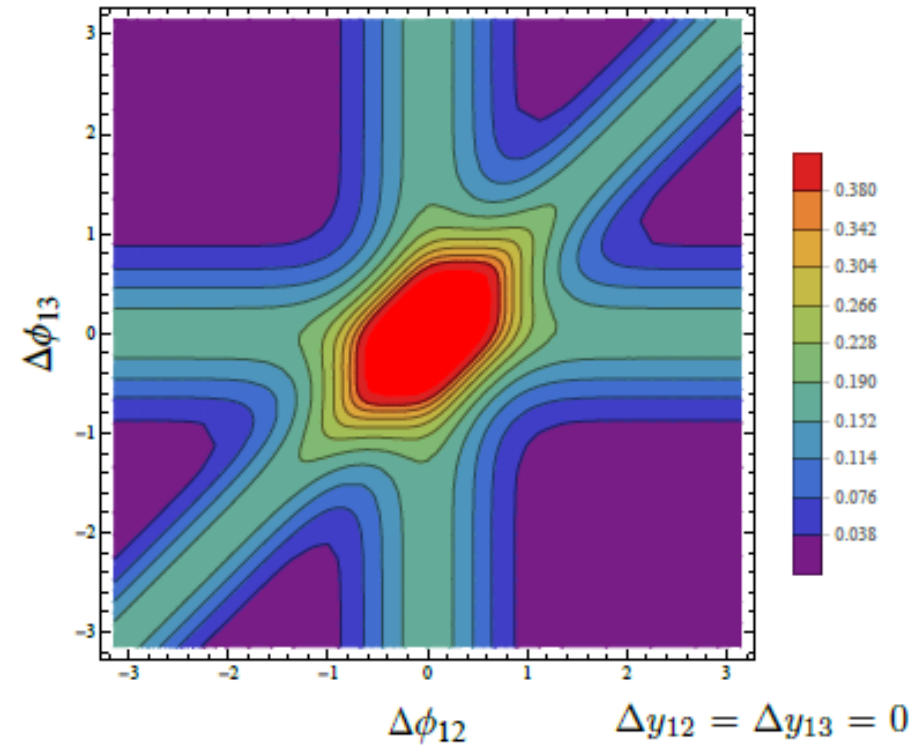
for $\delta_{cy}^2 \gg \delta_y^2$ and $\delta_{c\phi}^2 \gg \delta_\phi^2$

$$h^{(3)}(\Delta y_{12}, \Delta y_{13}, \Delta \phi_{12}, \Delta \phi_{13}) \sim \exp \left[\frac{(\Delta y_{12})^2 + (\Delta y_{13})^2 - (\Delta y_{12})(\Delta y_{13})}{3\delta_{cy}^2} \right]$$

$$\times \left(\exp \left[-\frac{(\Delta \phi_{12})^2 + (\Delta \phi_{13})^2 - \Delta \phi_{12}\Delta \phi_{13}}{\delta_{c\phi}^2} \right] + \exp \left[-\frac{(\Delta \phi_{12})^2}{2\delta_{c\phi}^2} \right] + \exp \left[-\frac{(\Delta \phi_{13})^2}{2\delta_{c\phi}^2} \right] + \exp \left[-\frac{(\Delta \phi_{12})^2 + (\Delta \phi_{13})^2 - 2\Delta \phi_{12}\Delta \phi_{13}}{2\delta_{c\phi}^2} \right] \right)$$

MAIN RESULT: The ridge effect of 3-particle correlations at small $\Delta \phi$ over a wide (pseudo)rapidity range is natural and to be observed as predicted in model of clusters correlated in the transverse plane

Correlated clusters: 3-part. contour plots



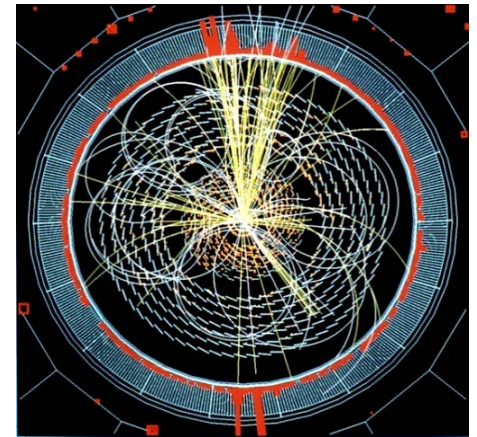
Left panel: structured asymmetric two-dimensional plot, results from the two correlation scales - a short-range azimuthal correlation scale set by single cluster decay vs. long-range correlation length from $h^{(3)}$ term of three cluster formation, the **ridge effect** due to transversely correlated-cluster emission

Right panel: rather structureless plot dominating by single cluster decay short-range correlation scale

Usually expected signatures of New Physics @ LHC

Mainly on the transverse plane:

- > Lower background
- > Expected signatures such as
 - high- p_T jets, leptons or photons
 - missing transverse energy/momentum
 - displaced vertices ...
 - mass peaks



LHC potential
must be fully used

Novel signals should not be overlooked however, e.g.

- related to multiparticle production (*soft* physics)
 - but tagged by hard signals
- } diffuse signal

May be helpful for *discovery* of a new stage of matter (Hidden/Dark Sector) manifesting in the parton cascade of high-energy pp collisions.

Not an easy task!

Techniques related to the quest for QGP in heavy-ion collisions

Hidden Valley + SM shower

Depending on the model parameters

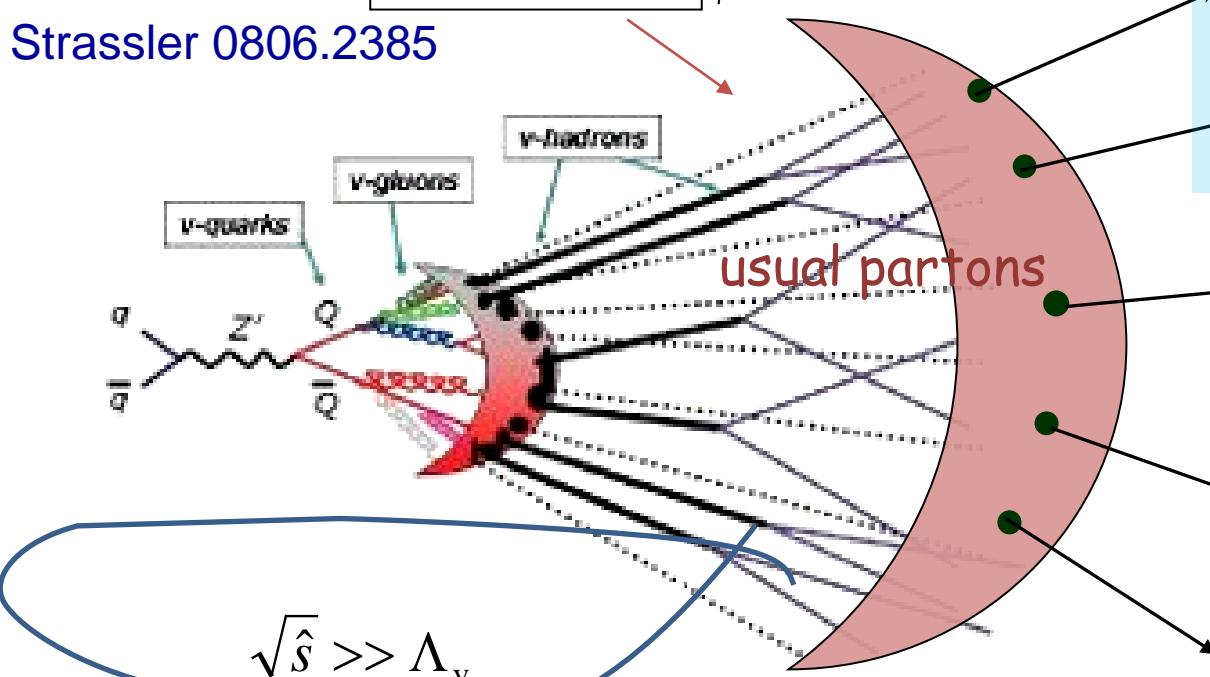
Some v -particles can be stable, decay outside the detectors, or promptly decay back to SM quarks and gluons

Unseen v -particles

QCD parton cascade

Multiplicity distributions of final state particles and rapidity/azimuthal correlations can be affected by the extra step in the cascade

Strassler 0806.2385



usual partons

Kind of diffuse signal

Final state SM particles

Final non-perturbative hadronization

M.-A .Sanchis-Lozano, Int. J. Mod Phys. A24 (2009) 4529

One more (and different) step than in conventional QCD-parton showers

Estimates

M.-A .Sanchis-Lozano, ESG,
Phys. Rev. D 102 (2020) 035013

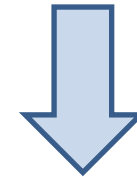
$$M_h \approx 350 - 1000 \text{ TeV}, \quad \Lambda_h \approx 10 - 100 \text{ GeV}$$

$$t_h = \frac{M_h}{\Lambda_h^2} (\approx 1 \text{ fm}) \quad t_f = \frac{\Lambda_h}{\Lambda_{QCD}^2} + \frac{M_h}{\Lambda_h^2} \approx 5 - 10 \text{ fm}$$

$$\phi_0 = \frac{2\pi}{\ln(t_f/t_h)} \approx \pi \text{ radians} = 180^\circ$$

Maximum angle (causality) in a linearly expanding universe

Very long range azimuthal correlations can be expected!



Such long range azimuthal correlations suggest uncovering the existence of a hidden/dark matter stage on top of the QCD parton cascade

M.-A .Sanchis-Lozano, ESG,
MDPI Physics 1 (2019) 84

Effect of NP contribution in 3-step cascade

Two-particle density $\frac{1}{\sigma_{\text{in}}} \frac{d^2\sigma}{d\phi_1 d\phi_2} = \int d\phi_s \rho^{(s)}(\phi_s)$

$$\times \left[\int d\phi_c \rho^{(c)}(\phi_c; \phi_s) \rho_2^{(1)}(\phi_1, \phi_2; \phi_c) + \int d\phi_{c1} d\phi_{c2} \rho_2^{(c)}(\phi_{c1}, \phi_{c2}; \phi_s) \rho^{(1)}(\phi_1; \phi_{c1}) \rho^{(1)}(\phi_2; \phi_{c2}) \right]$$

$$+ \int d\phi_{s1} d\phi_{s2} \rho_2^{(s)}(\phi_{s1}, \phi_{s2}) \approx e^{-\frac{(\phi_{s1} - \phi_{s2})^2}{2\delta_{s\phi}^2}}$$

$$\times \int d\phi_{c1} d\phi_{c2} \rho^{(c)}(\phi_{c1}; \phi_{s1}) \rho^{(c)}(\phi_{c2}; \phi_{s2}) \rho^{(1)}(\phi_1, \phi_{c1}) \rho_1^{(1)}(\phi_2; \phi_{c2})$$

We use again **Gaussians** to parametrize the effect of a hidden/dark sector

$$C(\Delta\phi) \approx \exp\left[-\frac{(\Delta\phi)^2}{2(\delta_{s\phi}^2 + 2\delta_{c\phi}^2 + 2\delta_{\phi}^2)}\right], \quad \delta_{s\phi}^2 \gg \delta_{c\phi}^2 \gg \delta_{\phi}^2$$

$$\delta_{s\phi}^2$$

3-particle correlations in 3-step cascade

Focusing on azimuthal variable

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{\sigma_{\text{in}}} \frac{d^3\sigma}{d\phi_1 d\phi_2 d\phi_3} = \int d\phi_s \rho^{(s)}(\phi_s) \\
 & \times \left[\rho^{(c)}(\phi_c; \phi_s) \rho_3^{(1)}(\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3; \phi_c) + \rho_2^{(c)}(\phi_{c1}, \phi_{c2}; \phi_s) \rho^{(1)}(\phi_1; \phi_{c1}) \rho_2^{(1)}(\phi_2, \phi_3; \phi_{c2}) \right. \\
 & \left. + \rho_3^{(c)}(\phi_{c1}, \phi_{c2}, \phi_{c3}; \phi_s) \rho^{(1)}(\phi_1; \phi_{c1}) \rho^{(1)}(\phi_2; \phi_{c2}) \rho^{(1)}(\phi_3; \phi_{c3}) \right] + \int d\phi_{s1} d\phi_{s2} \rho_2^{(s)}(\phi_{s1}, \phi_{s2}) \\
 & \times \left\{ \left[\rho^{(c)}(\phi_{c1}; \phi_{s1}) \rho^{(c)}(\phi_{c2}; \phi_{s2}) \rho^{(1)}(\phi_1, \phi_{c1}) \rho_2^{(1)}(\phi_2, \phi_3; \phi_{c2}, \phi_{c3}) + \text{combinations} \right] \right. \\
 & \left. \left[+ \rho^{(c)}(\phi_{c1}; \phi_{s1}) \rho_2^{(c)}(\phi_{c2}, \phi_{c3}; \phi_{s2}) \rho^{(1)}(\phi_1; \phi_{c1}) \rho^{(1)}(\phi_2; \phi_{c2}) \rho^{(1)}(\phi_3; \phi_{c3}) + \text{combinations} \right] \right\} \\
 & + \int d\phi_{s1} d\phi_{s2} d\phi_{s3} \rho_3^{(s)}(\phi_{s1}, \phi_{s2}, \phi_{s3}) \\
 & \times \left[\rho^{(c)}(\phi_{c1}; \phi_{s1}) \rho^{(c)}(\phi_{c2}; \phi_{s2}) \rho^{(c)}(\phi_{c3}; \phi_{s3}) \rho^{(1)}(\phi_1; \phi_{c1}) \rho^{(1)}(\phi_2; \phi_{c2}) \rho^{(1)}(\phi_3; \phi_{c3}) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta y_{12} = y_1 - y_2 \quad , \quad \Delta y_{12} = y_1 - y_2, \quad \Delta\phi_{12} = \phi_1 - \phi_2 \quad , \quad \Delta\phi_{13} = \phi_1 - \phi_3$$

3-particle correlations from three hidden sources

$$c_3(\Delta\phi_{12}, \Delta\phi_{13}) = \frac{1}{\langle N_s \rangle^2} h^{(1)}(\Delta\phi_{12}, \Delta\phi_{13}) + \frac{1}{\langle N_c \rangle} h^{(2)}(\Delta\phi_{12}, \Delta\phi_{13}) + h^{(3)}(\Delta\phi_{12}, \Delta\phi_{13})$$

Reducing at large $\langle N_c \rangle$

Three-particle contribution from three hidden sources

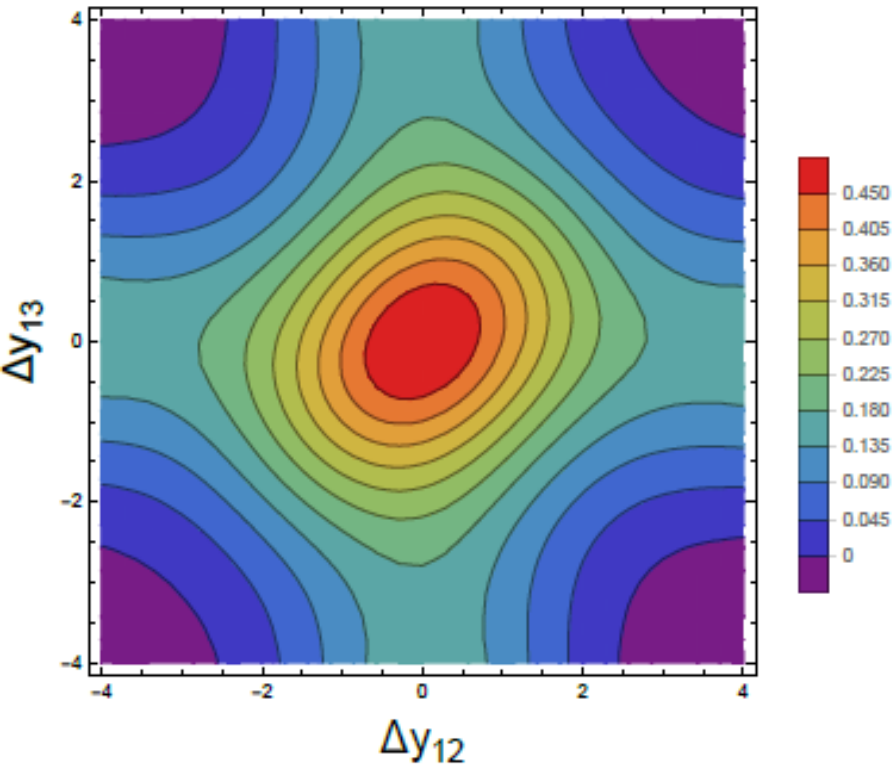
for $\delta^2_{s\Phi} \gg \delta^2_{c\Phi} \gg \delta^2_{\Phi}$

$$h^{(3)}(\Delta\phi_{12}, \Delta\phi_{13}) \sim \exp \left[-\frac{(\Delta\phi_{12})^2 + (\Delta\phi_{13})^2 - \Delta\phi_{12}\Delta\phi_{13}}{3\delta_{c\phi}^2 + \delta_{s\phi}^2} \right]$$

$$+ \exp \left[-\frac{(\Delta\phi_{12})^2}{2(2\delta_{c\phi}^2 + \delta_{s\phi}^2)} \right] + \exp \left[-\frac{(\Delta\phi_{13})^2}{2(2\delta_{c\phi}^2 + \delta_{s\phi}^2)} \right] + \exp \left[-\frac{(\Delta\phi_{12})^2 + (\Delta\phi_{13})^2 - 2\Delta\phi_{12}\Delta\phi_{13}}{2(2\delta_{c\phi}^2 + \delta_{s\phi}^2)} \right]$$

MAIN RESULT: The effect of NP to be observed in the three-particle correlations on top of the ridge phenomenon is predicted in the model of clusters correlated in the transverse plane

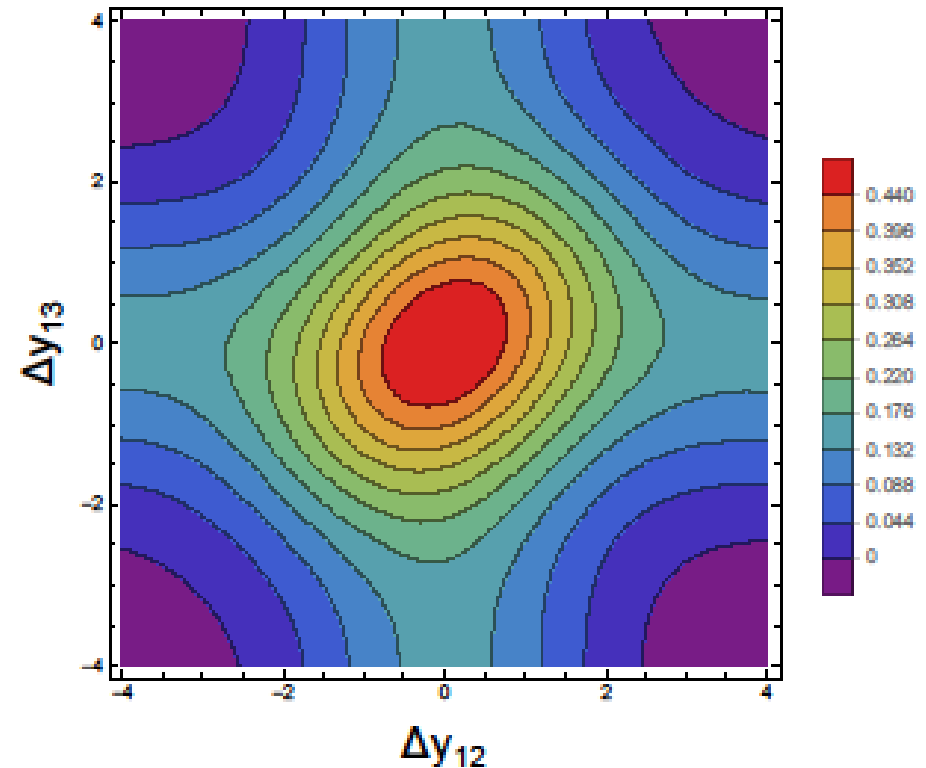
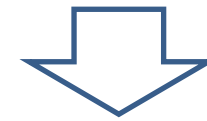
Three-particle pseudorapidity correlations



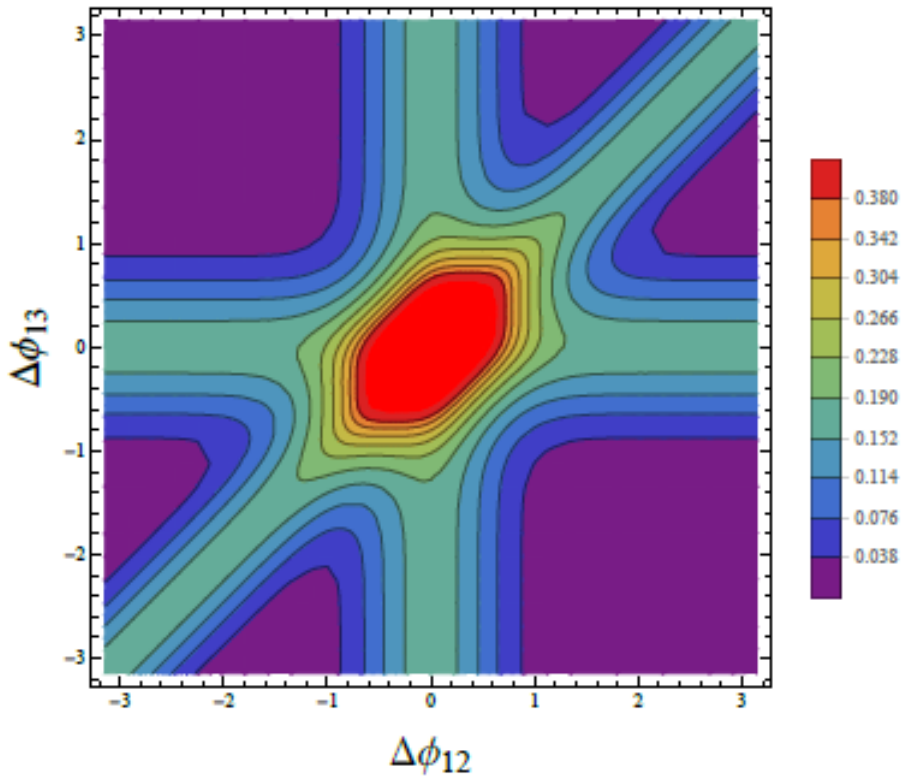
↑
SM

Almost no difference

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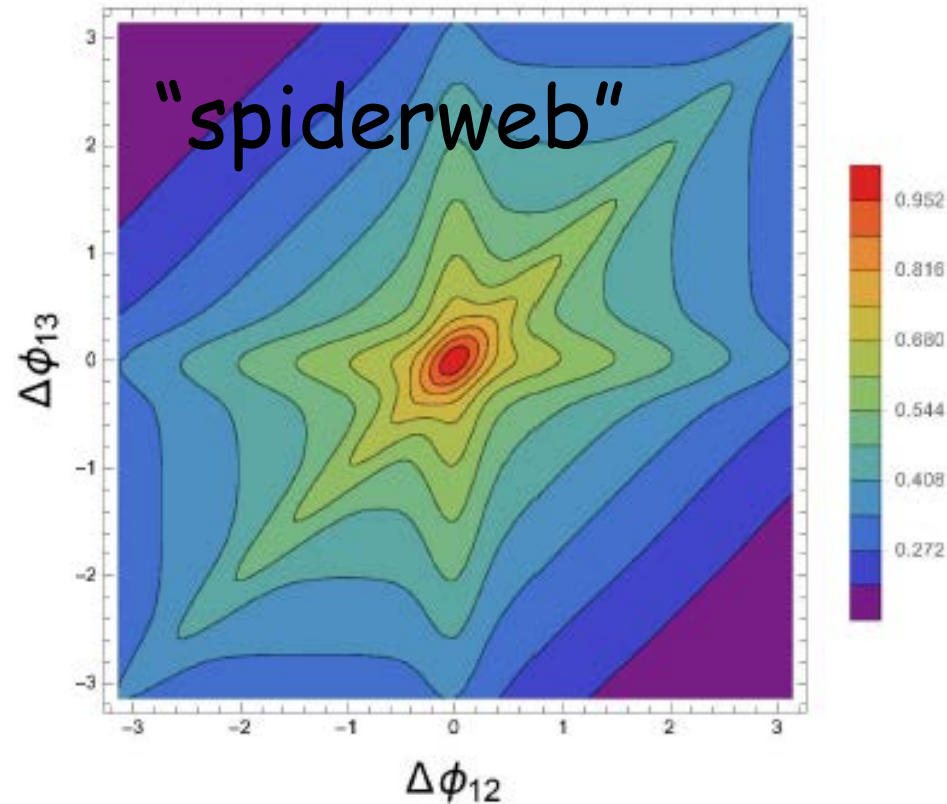


Three-particle azimuthal correlations



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NP effects should rather manifest in azimuth!

Signal vs background

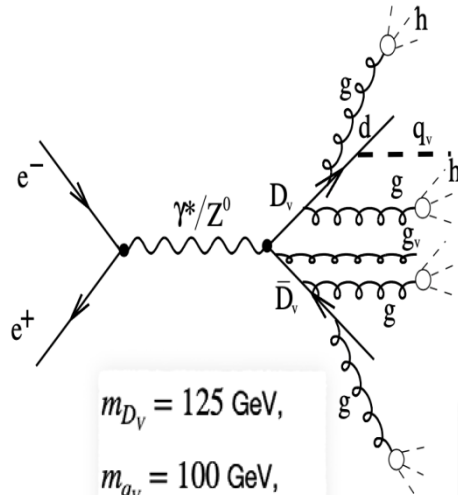
QCD-like scenario

The HV particles have to be pair-produced

SIGNAL

BACKGROUND

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma^*/Z^0 \rightarrow D_V \bar{D}_V \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$$



$$m_{D_V} = 125 \text{ GeV},$$

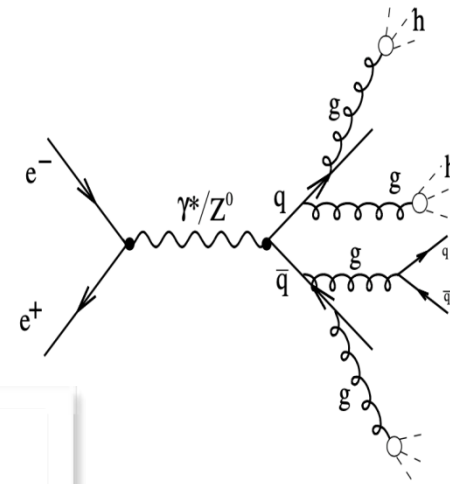
$$m_{q_V} = 100 \text{ GeV},$$

$$\alpha_V = 0.1$$

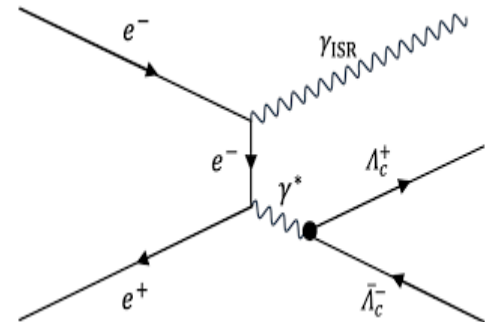
TOOLS:

- Pythia8
- FastJet
- ROOT

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma^*/Z^0 \rightarrow q\bar{q} \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$$



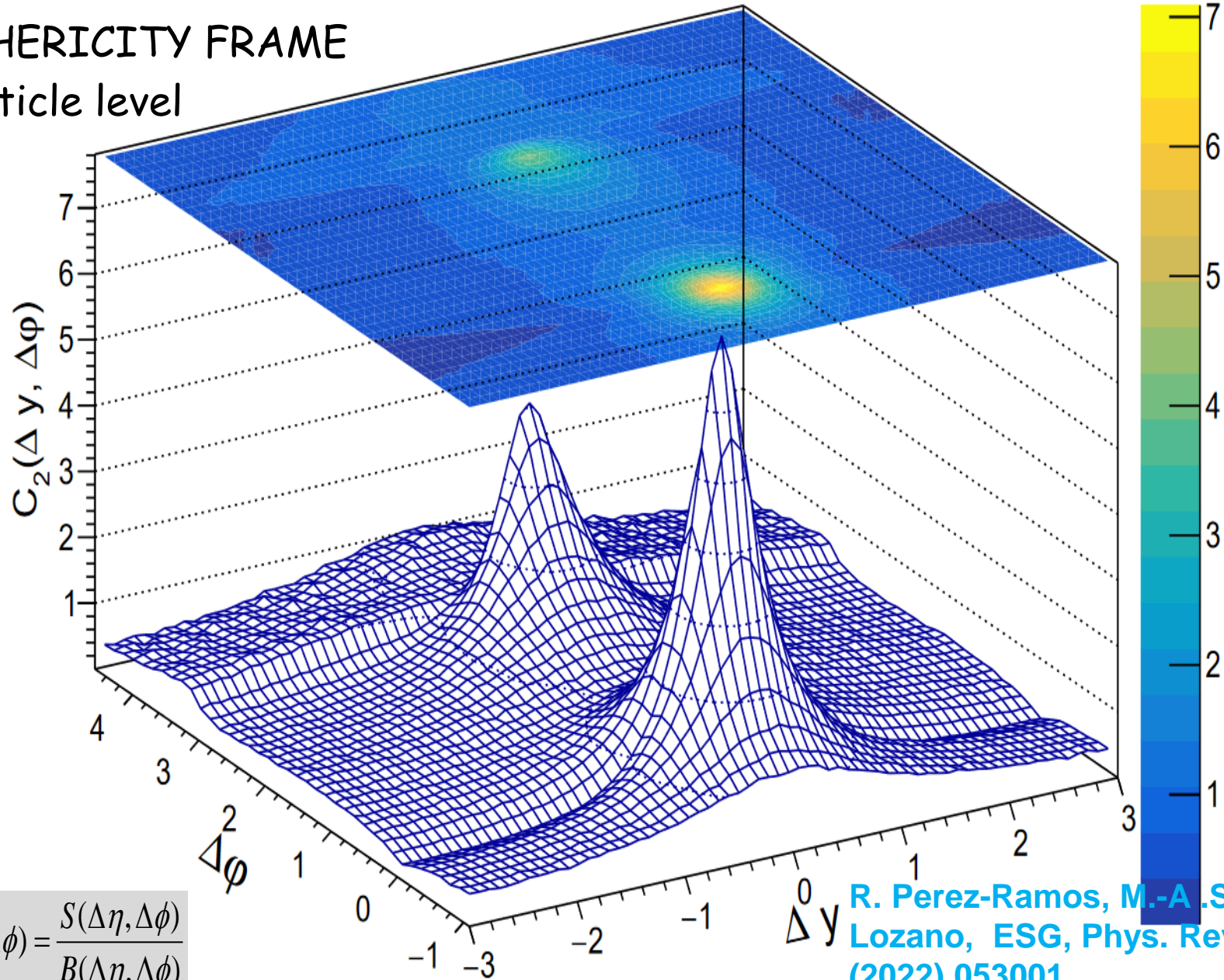
We take into account the ISR contribution



Pythia8, $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}(\eta_f=5) \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$ at $\sqrt{s}=250$ GeV, $0.5 \leq p_t(\text{GeV}/c) \leq 5.0$ & $N_{\text{ch}} \geq 10$

SPHERICITY FRAME

Particle level



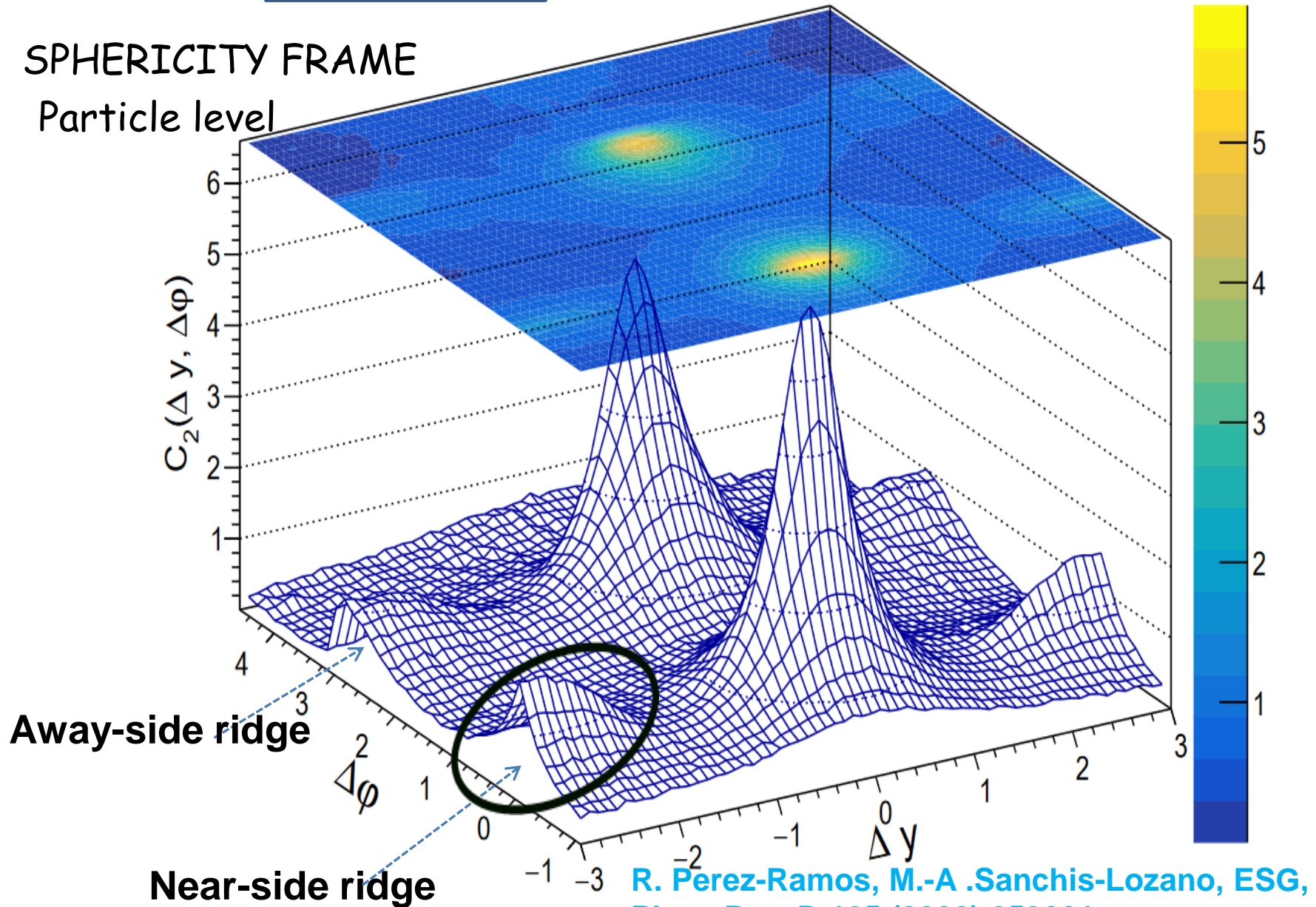
$$C(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi) = \frac{S(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi)}{B(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi)}$$

R. Perez-Ramos, M.-A. Sanchis-Lozano, ESG, Phys. Rev. D 105 (2022) 053001

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SPHERICITY FRAME

Particle level

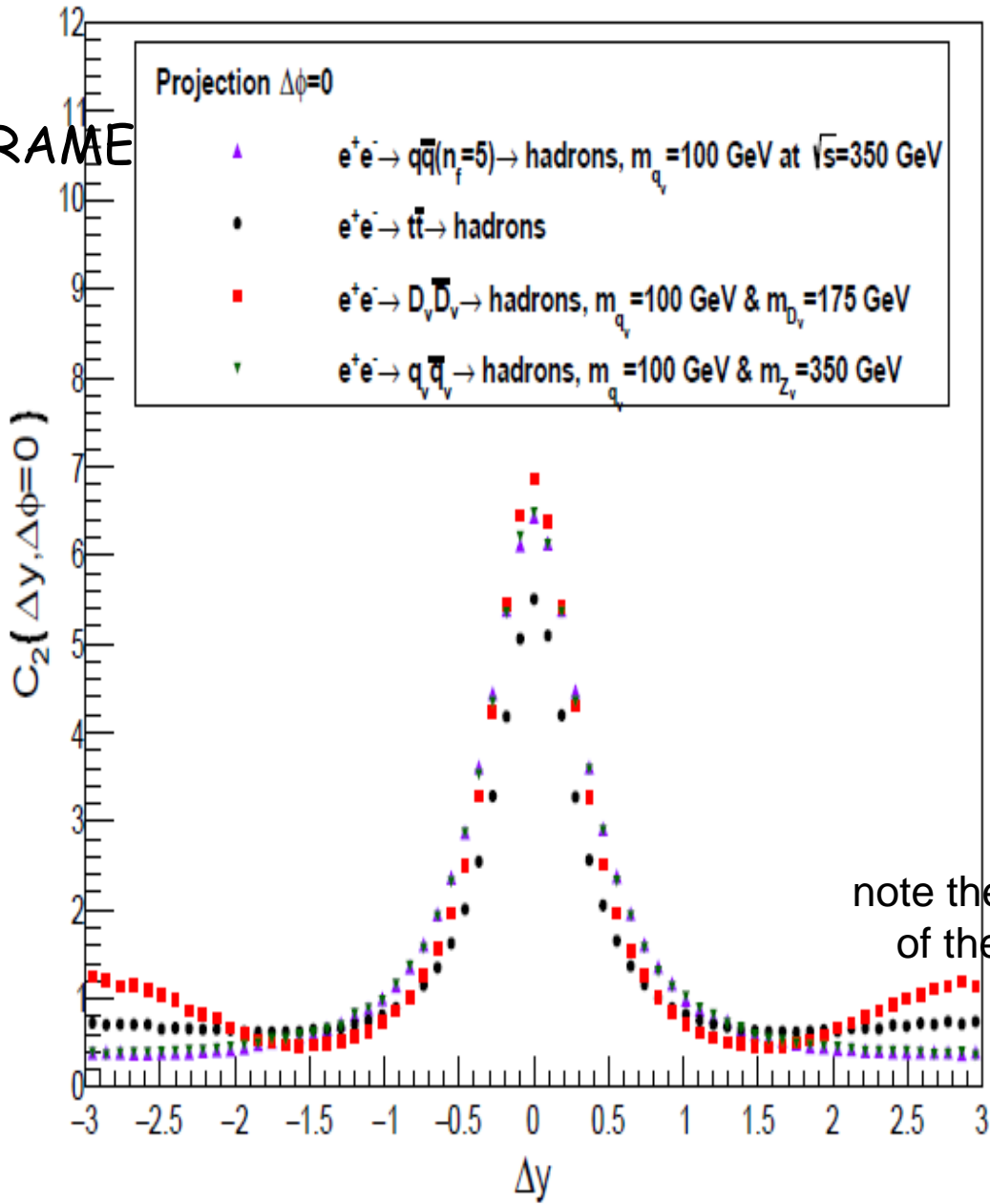


Near-side ridge

Away-side ridge

SPHERICITY FRAME

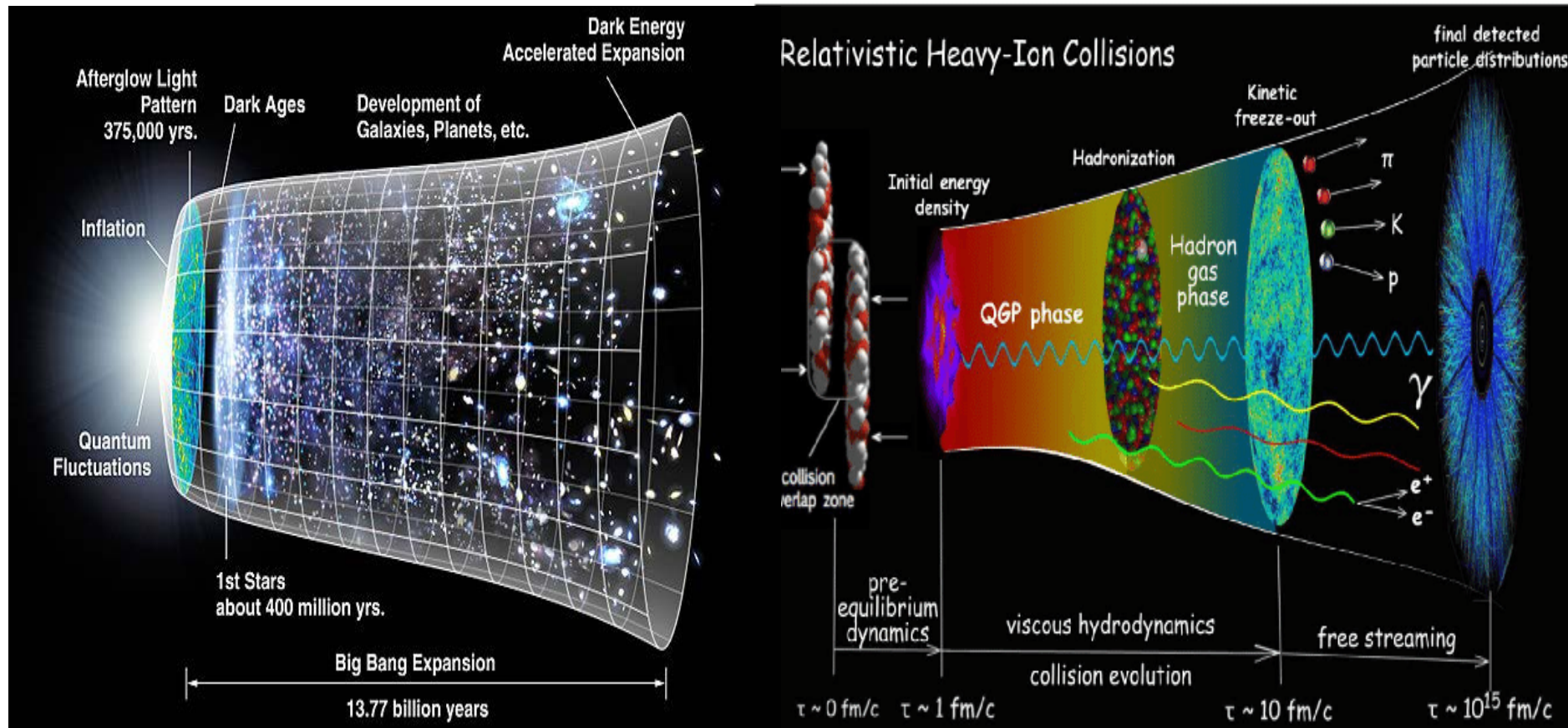
Particle level



note the interpolating position of the top-antitop channel



Heavy-ion collision analogy with universe evolution



Analogy with high-energy collisions

High-energy collisions

$$ct \approx \frac{E}{Q_0^2}, \quad E = \text{energy of the initial parton}, \quad Q_0 = \text{final virtuality}$$

Equivalent to recombination in cosmology

Hidden/dark cascade



Bound
Hidden
states

QCD cascade

hadro
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Final-state particles

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$$\frac{1}{M_h} (\approx 1 \text{ am}) \quad ct_h = \frac{M_h}{\Lambda_h^2} (\approx 1 \text{ fm})$$

$$ct_{\text{QCD}} = \frac{\Lambda_h}{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2} (\approx \text{several fm})$$

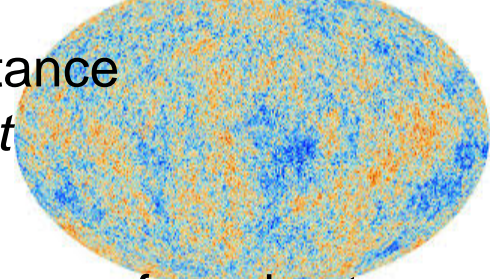
Inflation + early universe expansion

$\approx 1 \text{ m}$

Not at scale

Cosmic analogy of pp collisions

Planck mission



Maximum fluctuation distance at any cosmic time t

$$C(\cos \theta) \equiv \langle T(\hat{\mathbf{n}}_1)T(\hat{\mathbf{n}}_2) \rangle = \frac{1}{4\pi} \sum_l (2l+1) C_l P_l(\cos \theta).$$

$$\lambda_{\max}(t) = 2\pi R(t)$$

$$R_h = ct \text{ universe}$$

The distance to the last scattering surface due to the expansion is given by

F. Melia, arXiv:1207.0015 [astro-ph.CO]

$$\text{Linear: } a(t) = \frac{t_f}{t} \quad r_{\text{rec}} = c \int_{t_{\text{rec}}}^{t_f} \frac{dt'}{a(t')} = ct_f \int_{t_{\text{rec}}}^{t_f} \frac{dt'}{t'} = ct_f \ln \left(\frac{t_f}{t_{\text{rec}}} \right)$$

The maximum angular size of any fluctuation associated to the last scattering surface should be of order

$$\theta_{\max} = \frac{\lambda_{\max}(t_{\text{rec}})}{R(t_{\text{rec}})}$$

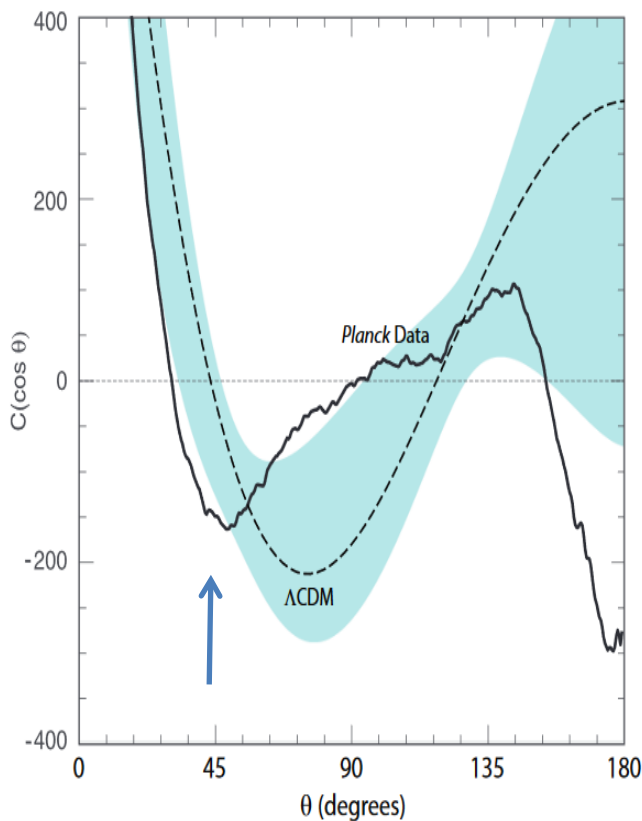
where the proper distance to the last scattering surface is

$$R(t_{\text{rec}}) = a(t_{\text{rec}}) r_{\text{rec}} = a(t_{\text{rec}}) ct_f \ln \left(\frac{t_f}{t_{\text{rec}}} \right) = ct_{\text{rec}} \ln \left(\frac{t_f}{t_{\text{rec}}} \right)$$

$$\theta_0 = \frac{2\pi}{\ln(t_f/t_{\text{rec}})} \approx \frac{\pi}{4} \text{ rad} \approx 45^\circ$$

$$t_{\text{rec}} = 380000 \text{ years}$$

$$t_f = 1.38 \text{ Gyears}$$



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