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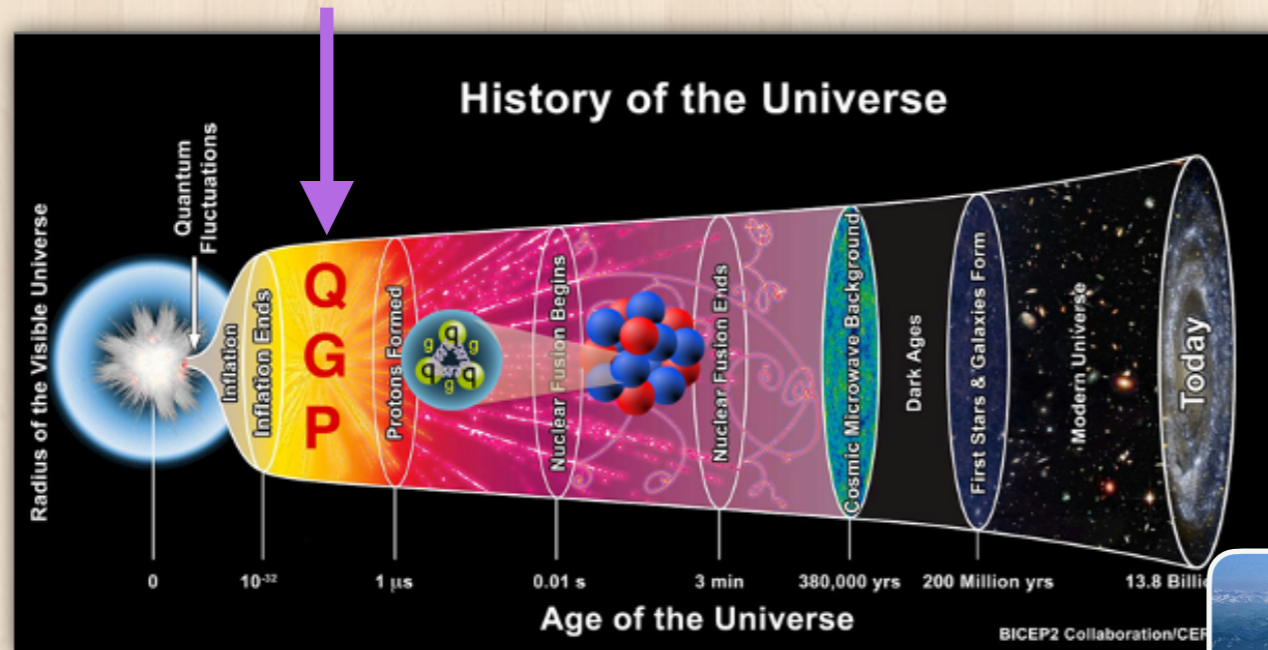
# Outline

- Motivation
- Reanalysis effort on archived data
  - How it started and how it is going
  - Some lessons learned for open data
- Two-particle correlation analysis and results

# Motivation: Particle Correlations

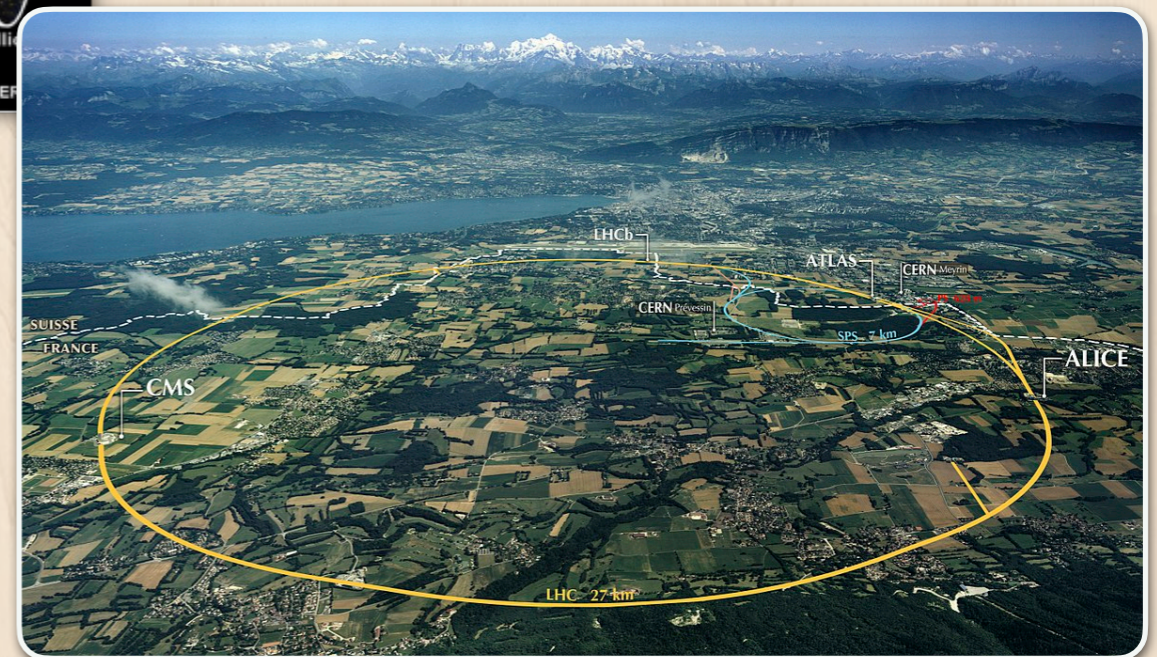
# Quark Gluon Plasma and Heavy-ion

The Quark-gluon plasma



 **Hot!** Quarks and gluons not confined in hadrons

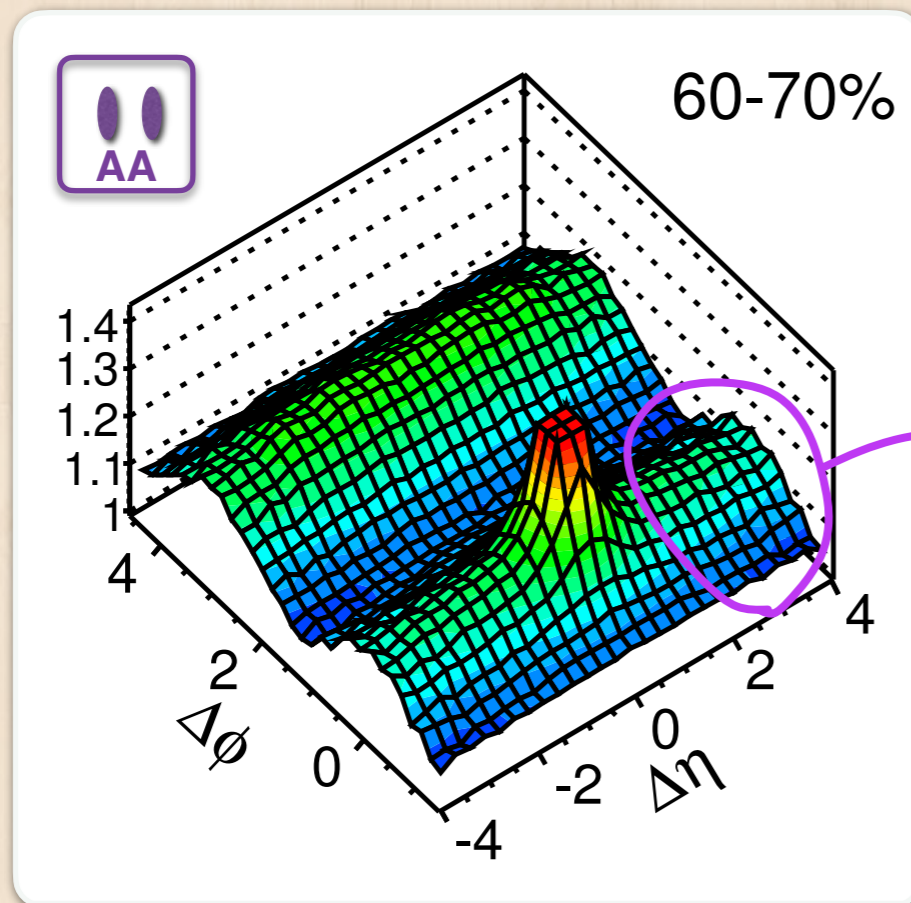
Tiny droplets created in high energy Heavy-ion collisions (e.g. RHIC/LHC)



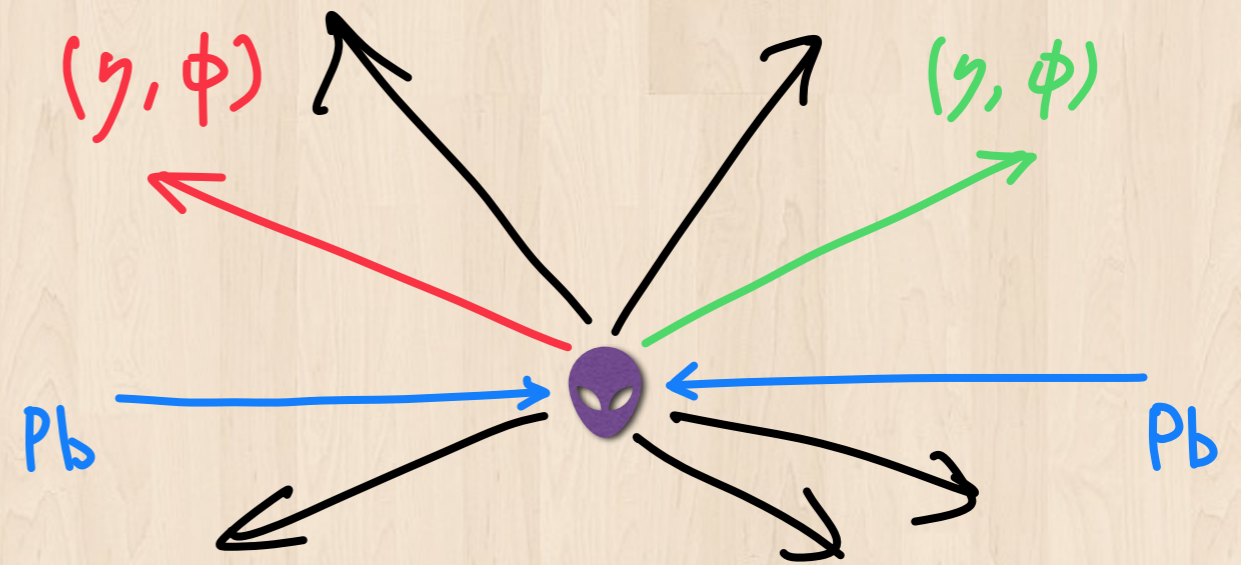
**Stress test QCD under extreme conditions**

# Collectivity in Heavy-ion collision

2-particle correlation



PbPb collisions at LHC



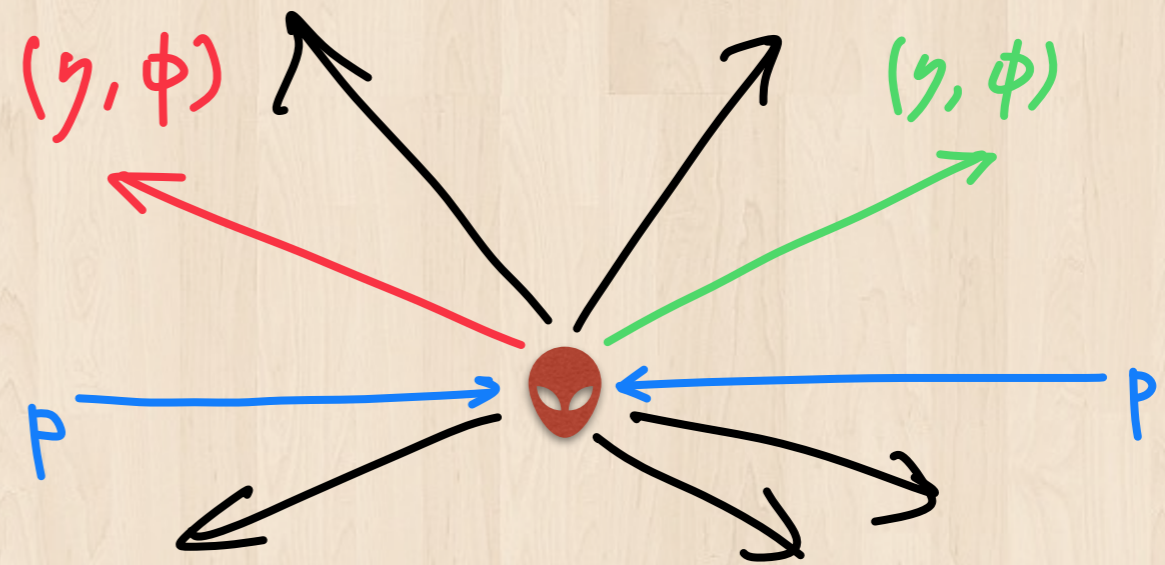
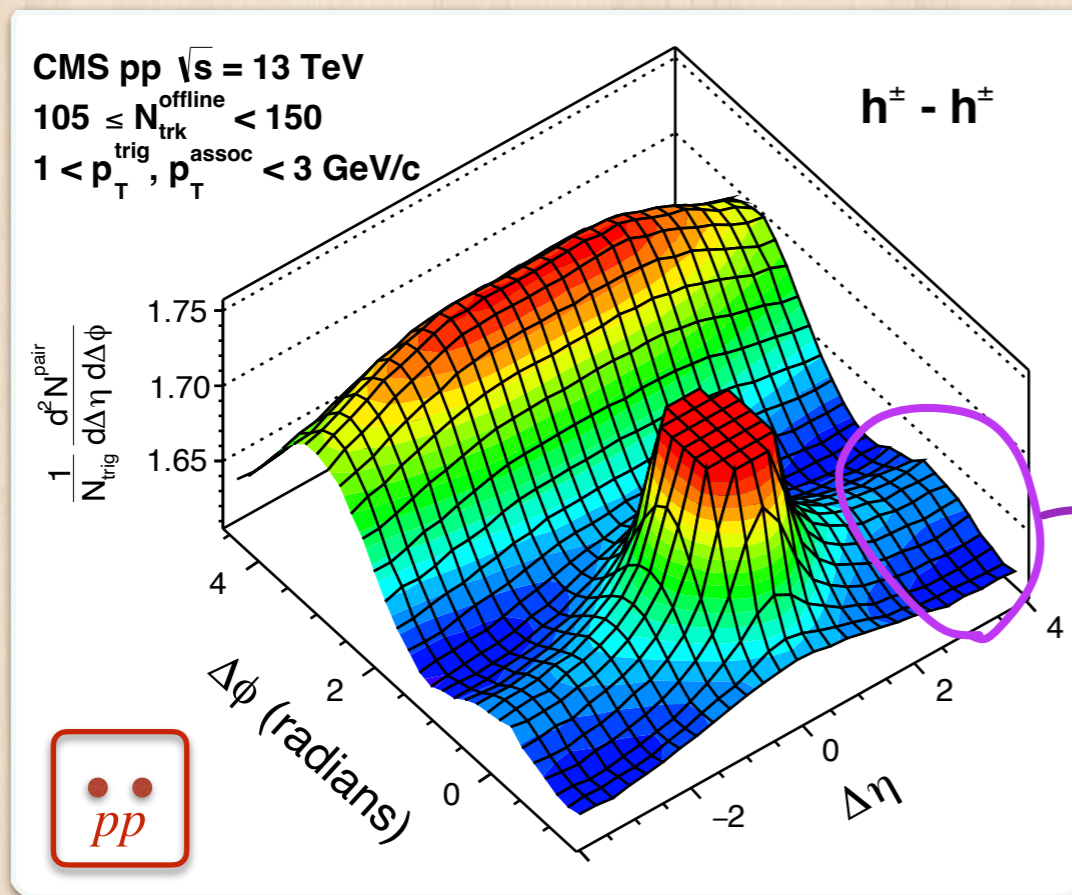
Excess  $\Delta\phi \sim 0$ , large  $\Delta\eta$   
Or  $\phi \sim \phi$

Many potential causes:  
Shape of the plasma  
Initial state fluctuation

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# Some effects in $pp$ as well

## 2-particle correlation



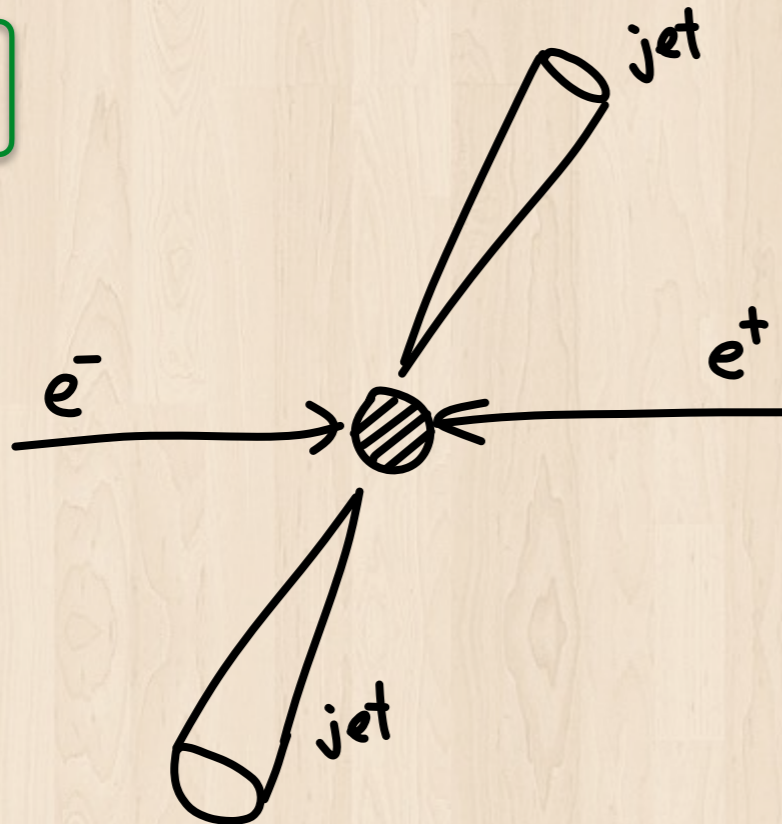
Interesting 🤔

QGP droplets? Ropes? ...

$pp$  collisions at LHC

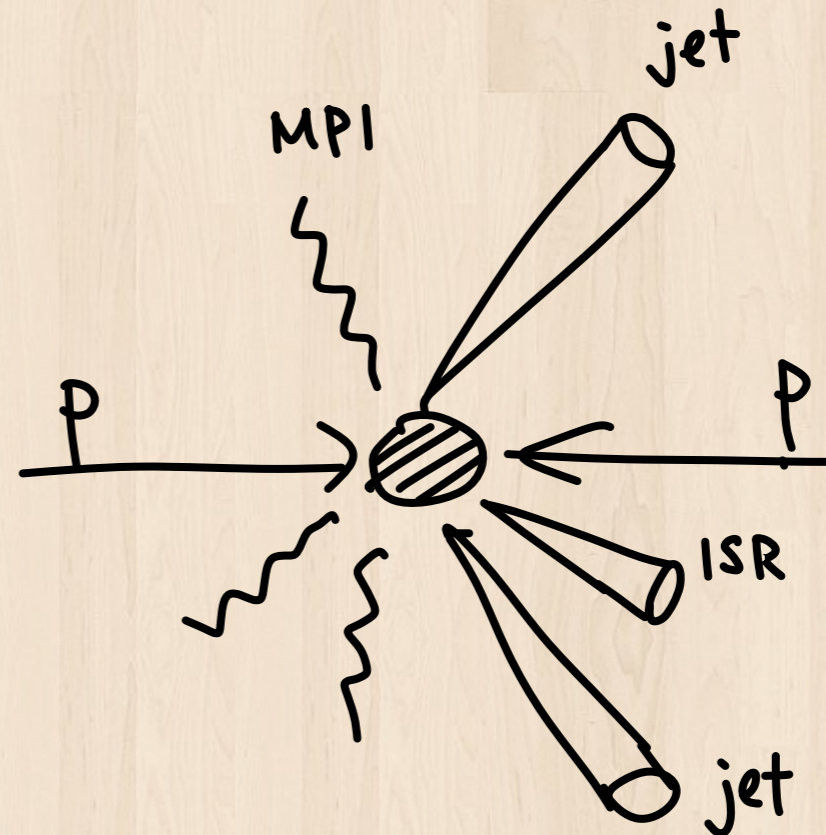
**Time to go to simpler systems**

# Going even simpler



Better control of event kinematics

**Cleanest** test of pQCD and models



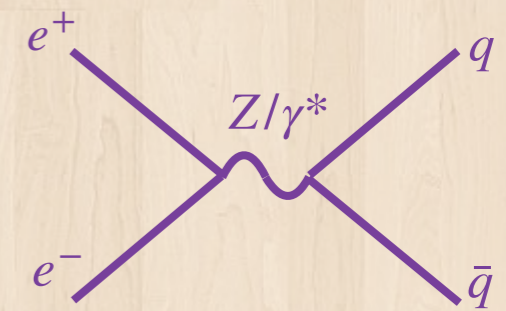
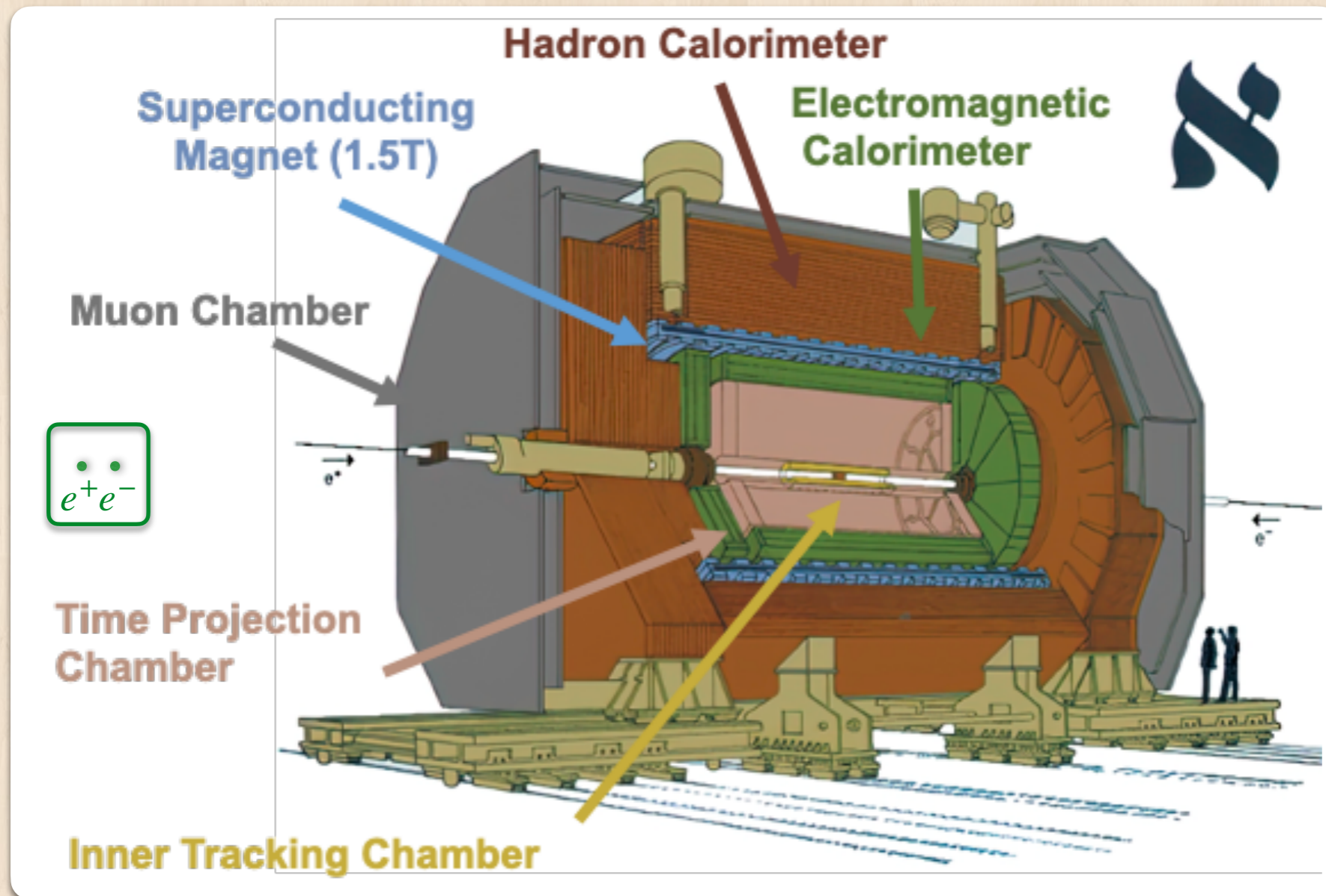
PDF convolution  
No longitudinal control  
More ISR  
MPI

Complements well measurements from other systems



The archived data

# The archived ALEPH data



Comparable with  
RHIC energy!

LEP1  $e^+e^-$  data taken at 91.2 GeV from 1992-1995

LEP2 taken with higher energy up to 209 GeV

# How the reanalysis effort started

2017

February: **Yen-Jie Lee** connected to **Gigi Rolandi** and later to spokesperson **Roberto Tenchini** about the use of archived data

**Marcello Maggi** help extract the energy flow information and archived simulation/data

Mid-2017: all samples converted to the MIT open-data format

**Bibek Pandit** & **Anthony Badea** (**Yen-Jie**'s undergraduate student) started working on event selection validation

**Guenter Dissertori** provided analysis code from the QCD paper

2018

March: Successfully reproduced unfolded thrust distribution

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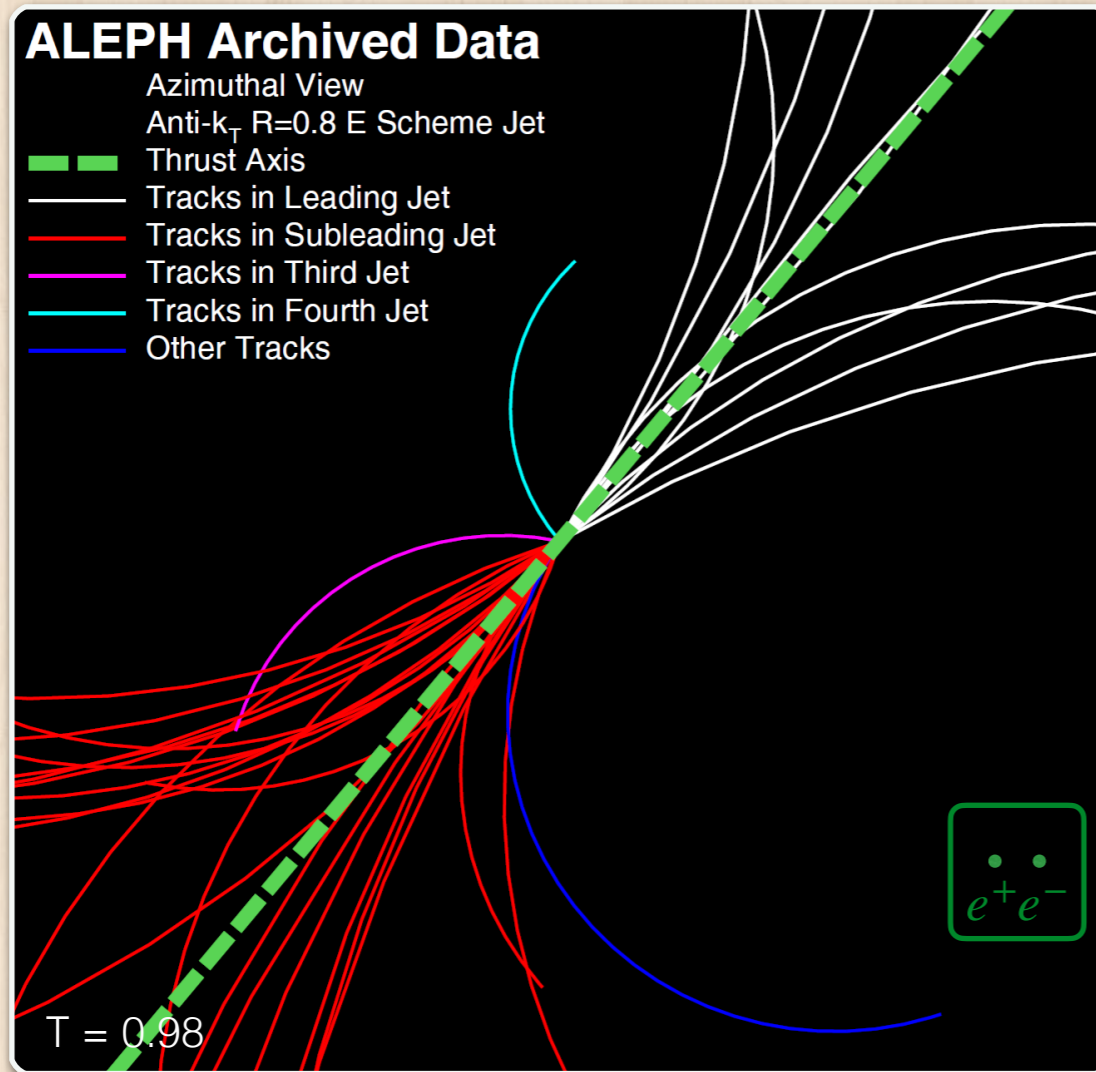
# Keys to the success

- Foresight from **ALEPH collaboration** for the data archival
- Incredible support from ALEPH members **Marcello Maggi, Roberto Tenchini, Gigi Rolandi, Guenther Dissertori** on the technical aspects and knowledge
- Many **bright young students** who dug into the data collected before they were born
- **Reproduction of published physics results** using identical event selections
- Development of **data-driven checks** to understand the data

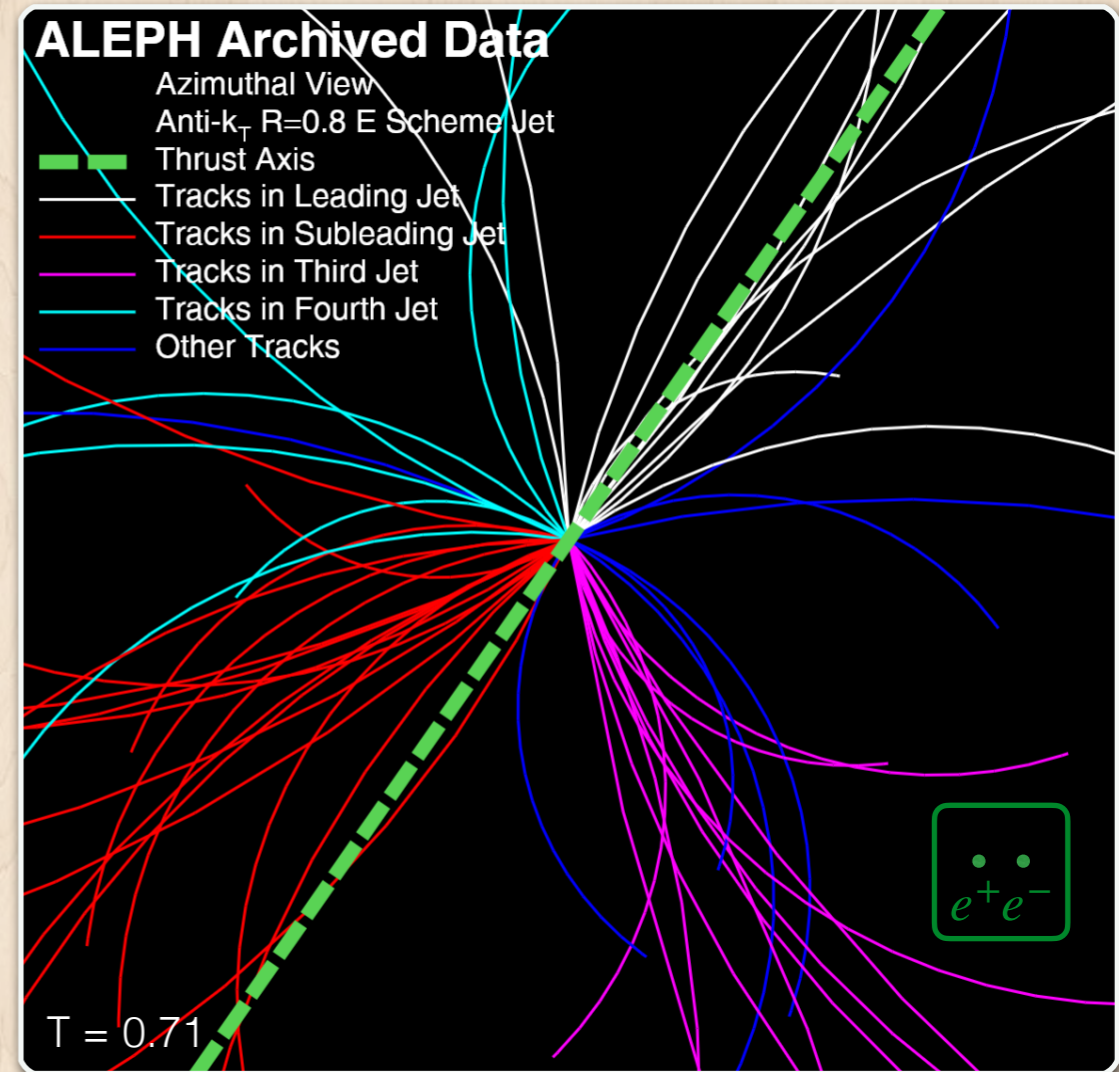
# What information is available

- **Energy flow objects** — similar idea to the particle flow approach in other experimental collaborations
- Combining information from tracker, calorimeter and muon chambers
- Starting point of all re-analysis effort
- Some other **associated information** also available, for example PID scores, number of hits in TPC

# Example high multiplicity events



$$N_{\text{track}} = 39$$



$$N_{\text{track}} = 55$$

# Available simulation

- **Archived MC**: both generator level and detector level available
  - Great for deriving MC calibrations on objects
  - The only available set of MC that is fully simulated
- **More recent generators**: typically we generate things ourselves, only generator level possible
  - This is the limiting factor for some observables

# Data-driven checks

- Data-driven methods to study and understand the **data/MC difference**
- As a demonstration, I will go over a recent example on understanding performance of **jets**
- Dedicated calibration probing data/MC difference is developed — both jet energy scale and resolution



# Jet clustering

For 1994 archived data & simulation

Energy-flow objects are used as input

In order to compare with LHC/RHIC

anti-“ $k_T$ ” jet,  **$R = 0.4$**

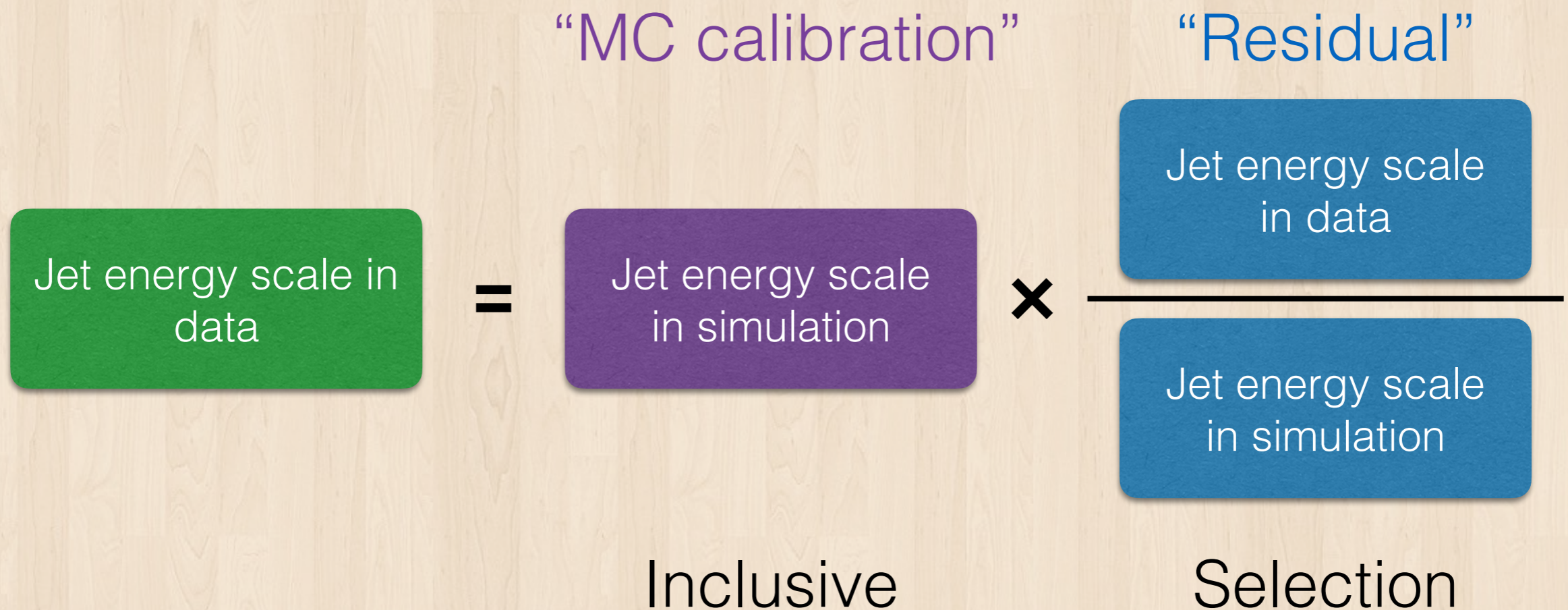
Hadron-hadron collider

$e^+e^-$  distance measure

$$d_{ij} = \min \left( p_{T,i}^{-2}, p_{T,j}^{-2} \right) \frac{\Delta R_{ij}^2}{R^2} \longrightarrow d_{ij} = \min \left( E_i^{-2}, E_j^{-2} \right) \frac{1 - \cos \theta_{ij}}{1 - \cos R}$$
$$d_{iB} = p_{T,i}^{-2} \qquad d_{iB} = E_i^{-2}$$

$\theta_{ij}$  = opening angle (rad.)

# Jet calibration



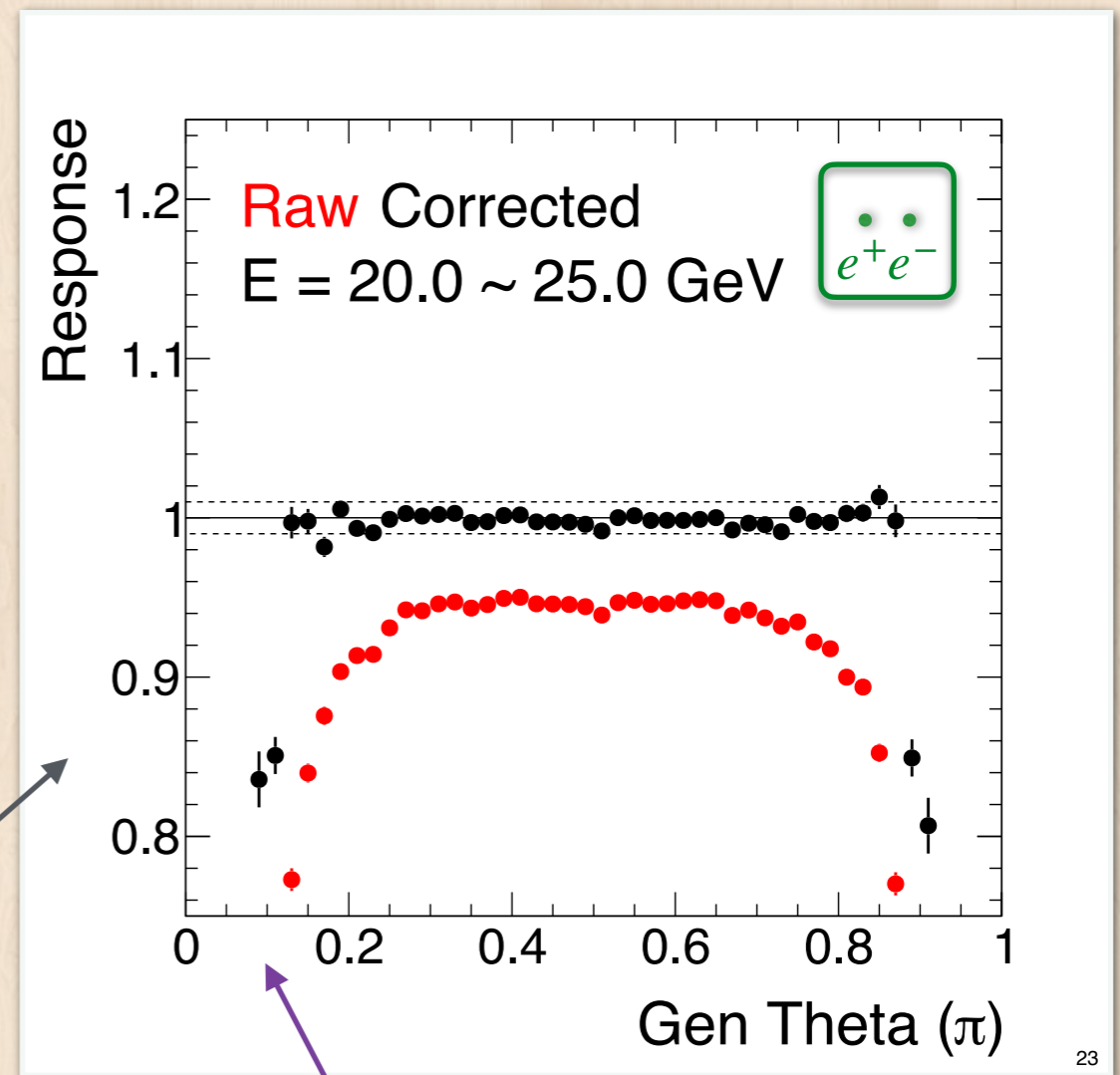
Strategy: first go 99% of the way there with simulation  
Then data and MC difference in restricted phase spaces

# Simulated energy scale

Correct detector jet energy  
in bins of jet direction ( $\theta_{\text{jet}}$ )

Good closure with  
 $E > 10 \text{ GeV}$   
 $0.2\pi < \theta_{\text{jet}} < 0.8\pi$

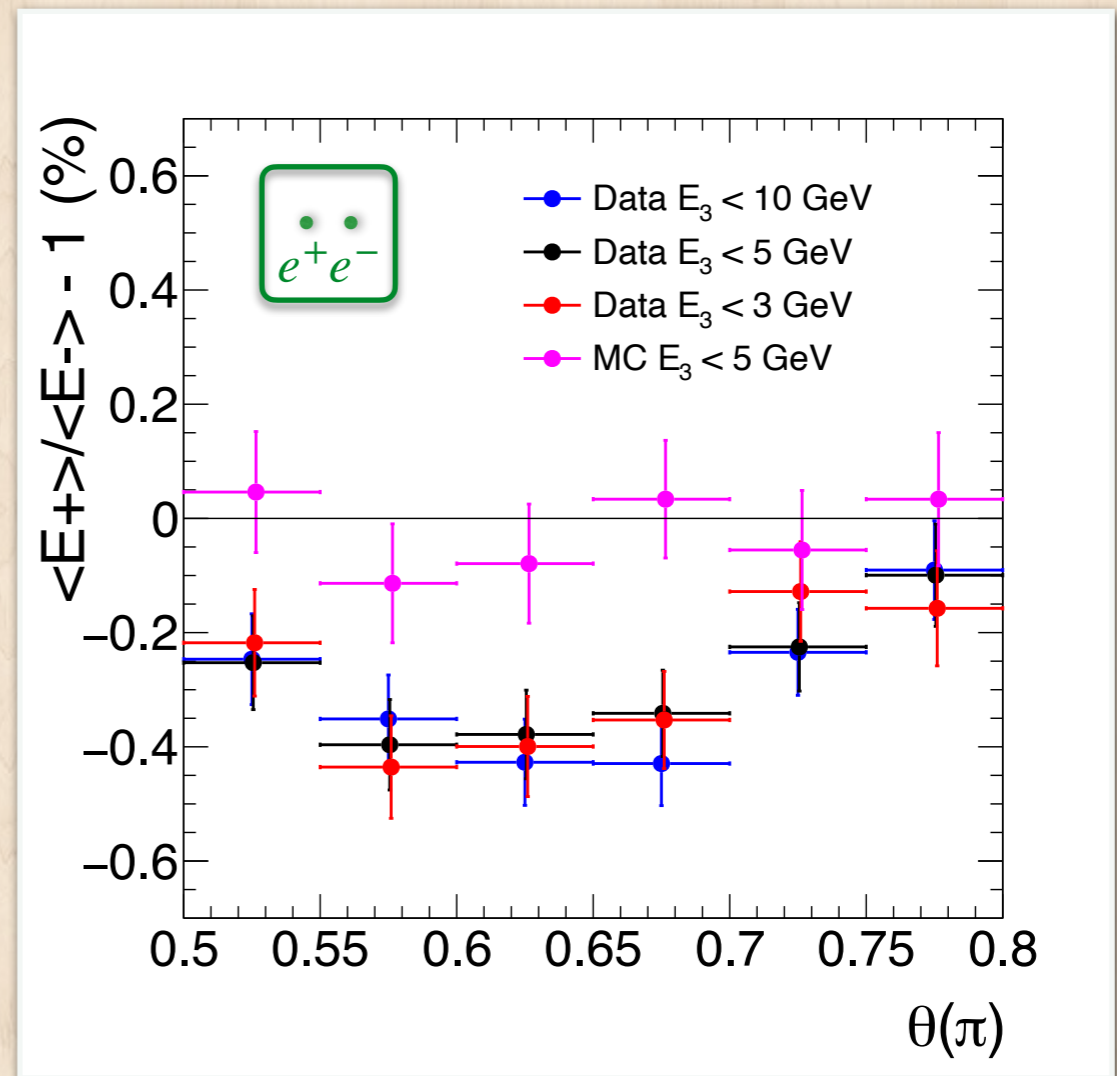
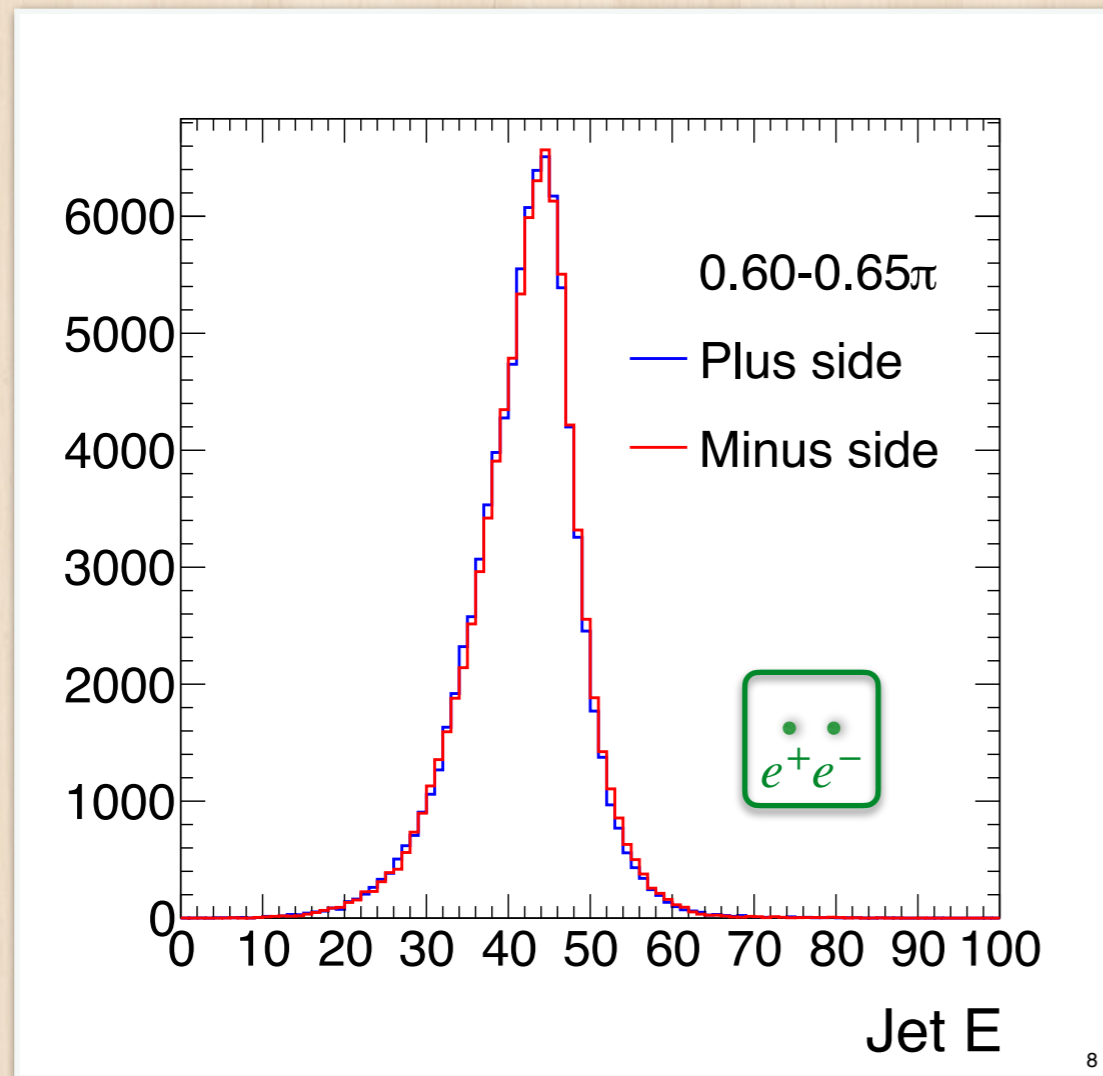
Example raw and  
corrected response  
(= detector-level/generated)



Energy leaking out  
around beam direction

# Residual calibration: step 1

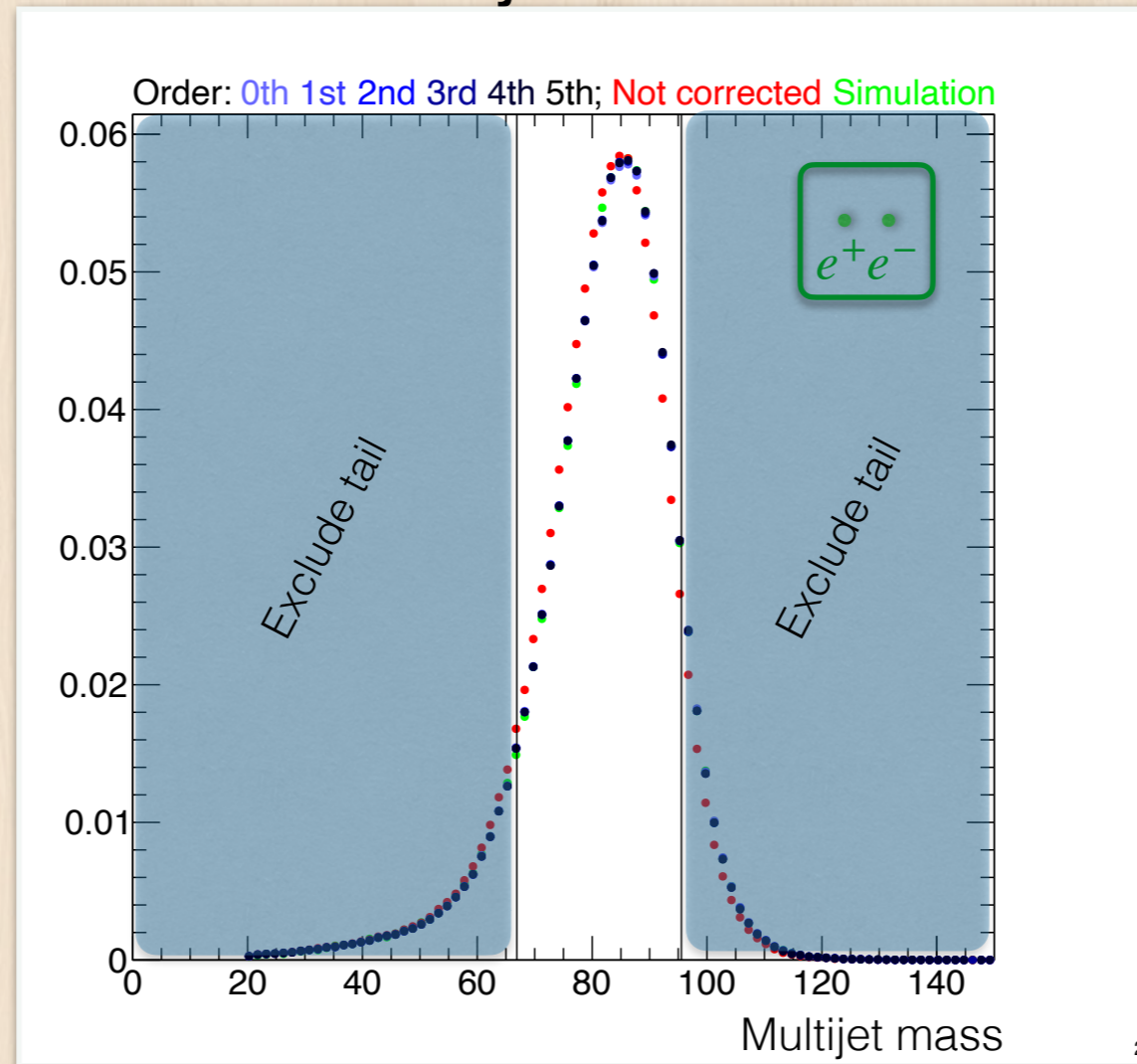
Fiducial dijet, two sides of the detector



Look at data only, and calibrate out the difference between  $e^-$ - and  $e^+$ -going sides

# Residual calibration: step 2

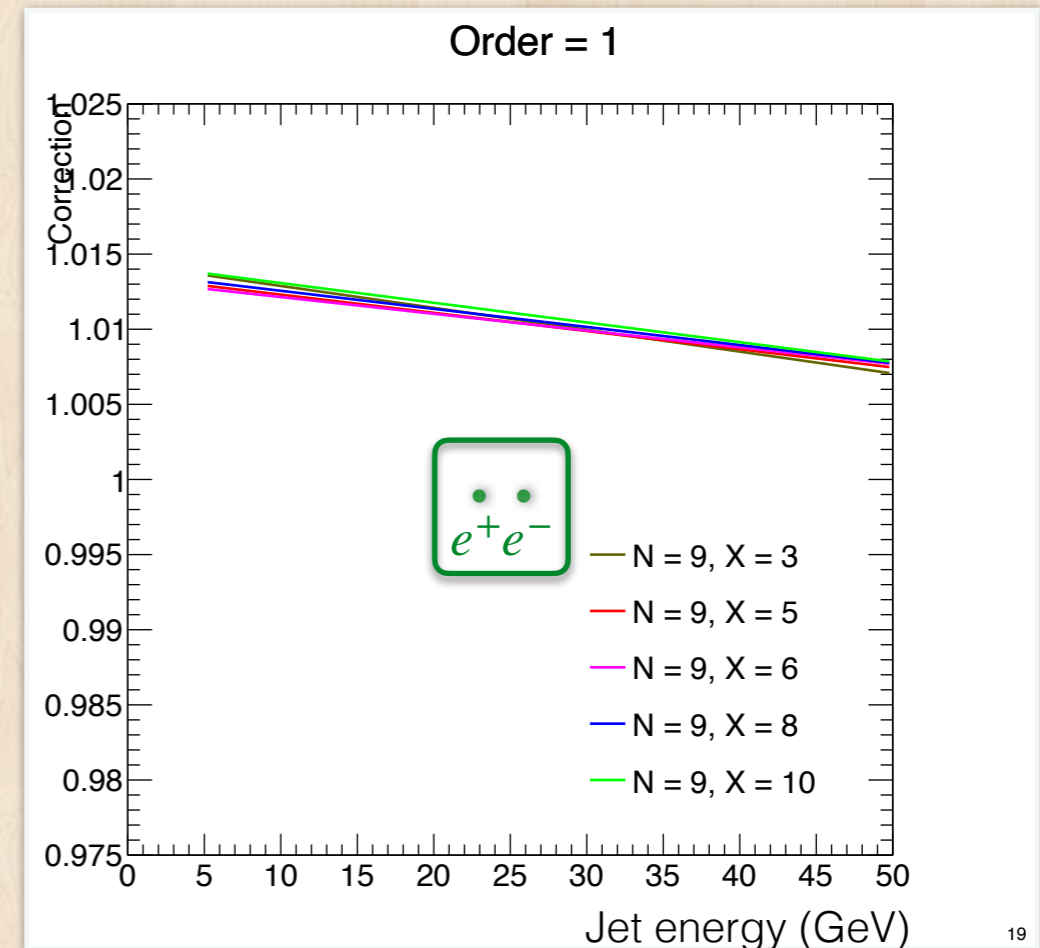
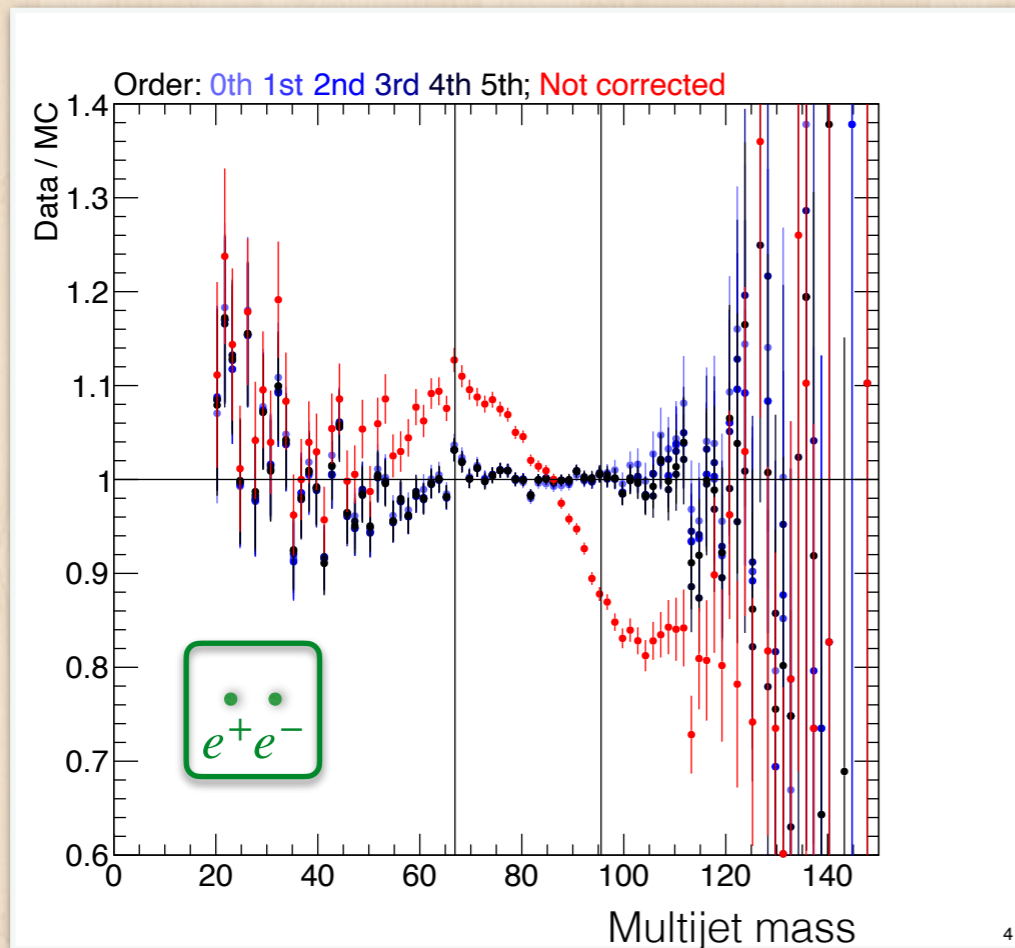
Fiducial multijet invariant mass



Fit jet energy correction function parameters

# Residual calibration: step 2

Fiducial multijet invariant mass



Take up to leading N jet above X GeV

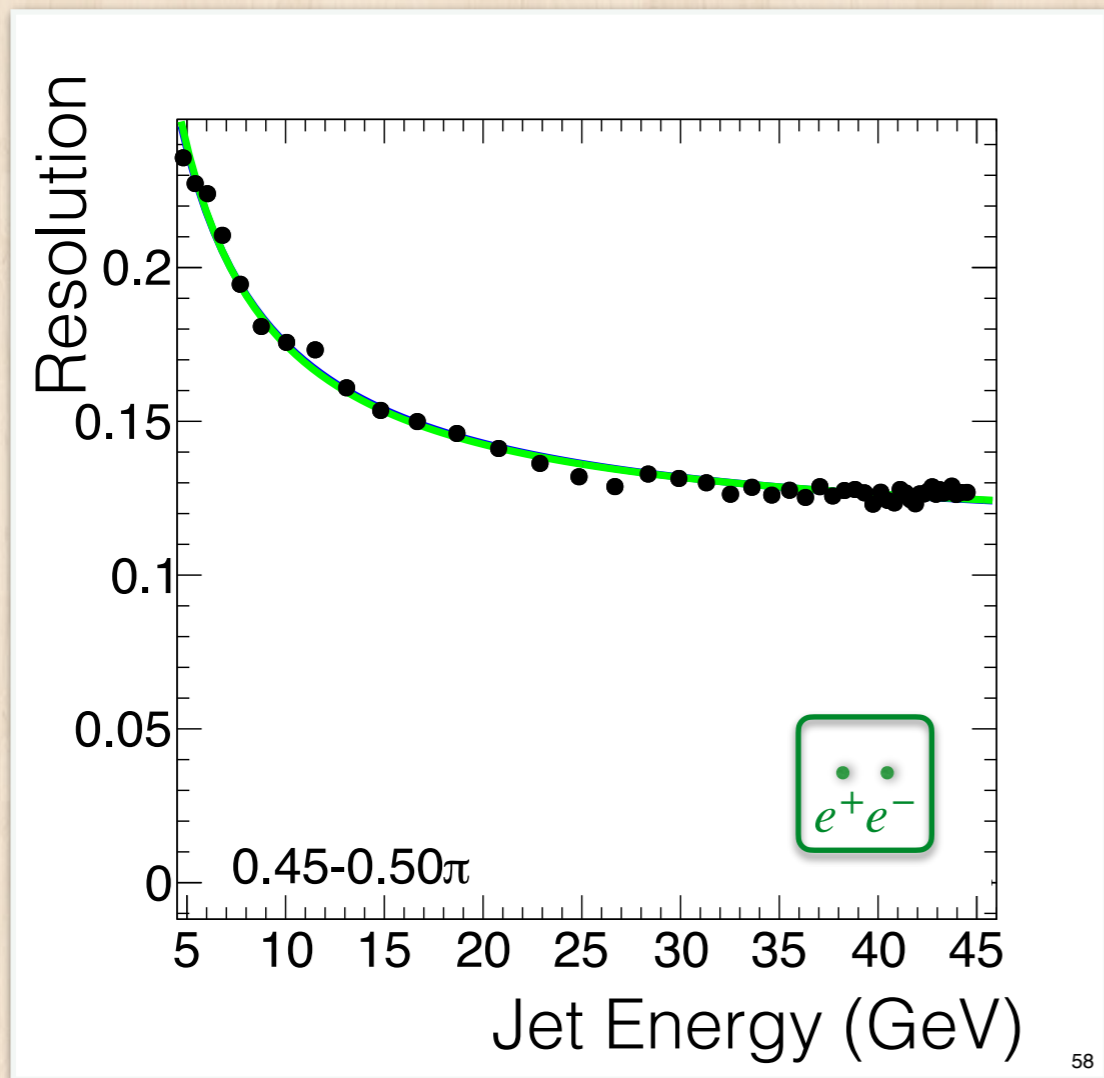
Fit jet energy correction function parameters

Minimize “quantile difference” ( $\sim$ KS) between data and MC curves

Nominal: linear correction as a function of energy

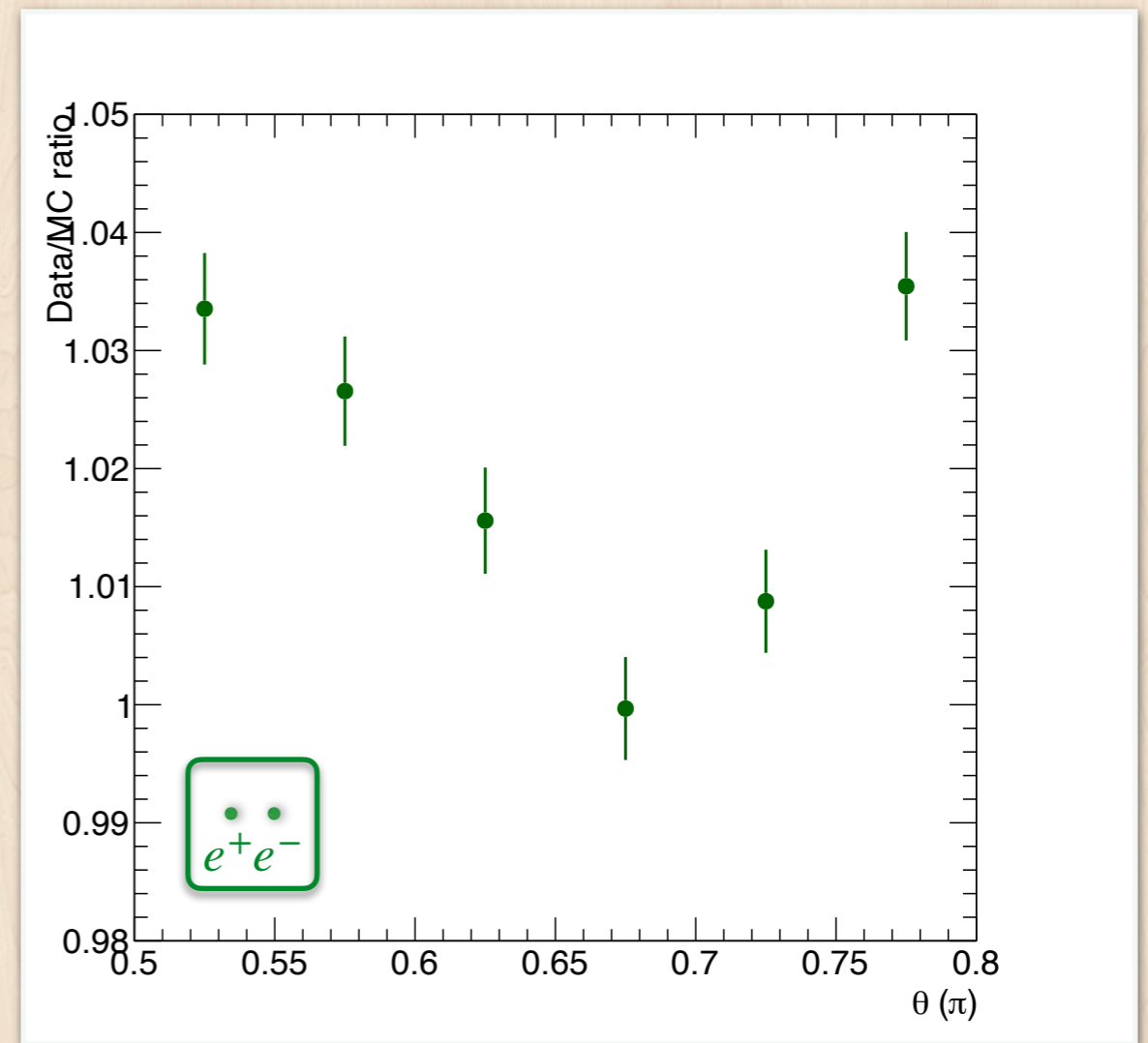
# Jet resolution

Jet resolution in simulation



Energy resolution: 10-25%  
(Angular resolution: 0.01-0.05)

Fiducial dijet —  
vary 3<sup>rd</sup>-leading jet as systematics



Up to 5% difference in energy  
resolution between data and MC

# Data-driven checks

- Even though anti-kT jets did not exist during LEP, we are able to control data/MC differences with available information
- Up to 1-2% for jet energy scale, and up to relative 4% for jet energy resolution



# Some bottlenecks

- Example: PID information
- PID scores for different particle hypothesis are available: how likely it is a proton, Kaon, pion, etc
  - Supposedly one can cut and enrich particle type
- Not immediately clear how to **control data/MC differences** on the information

# Reproducing published results

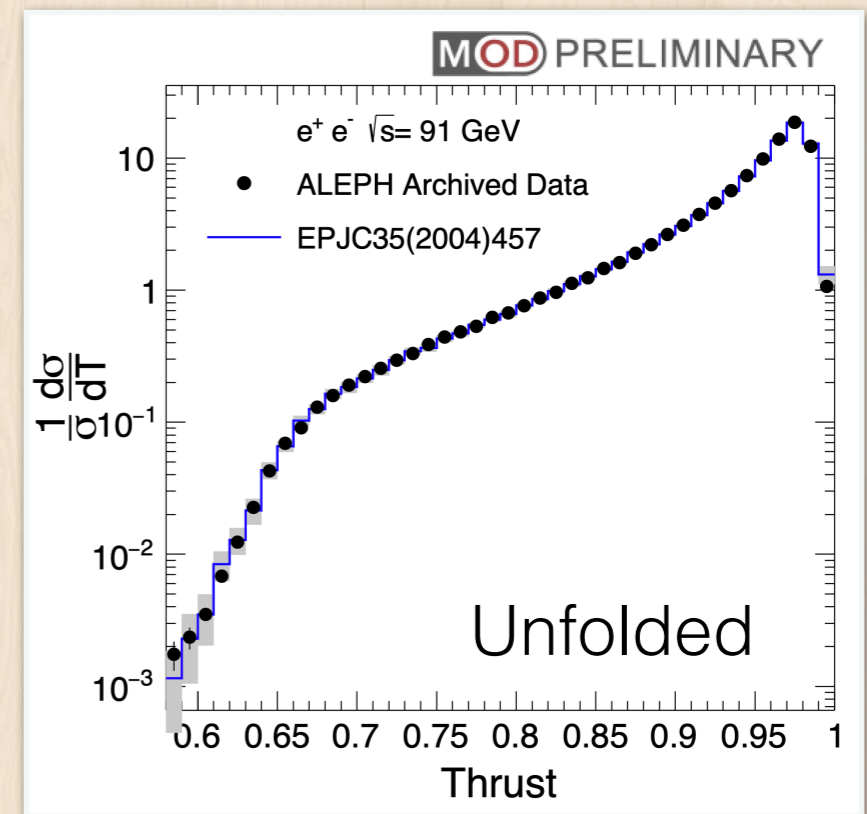
- Comprehensive data/MC comparisons
- Ultimate test of our understanding of the data

- Exact selection as QCD paper

- Thrust  $T \equiv \max_{\hat{n}} \frac{\sum_i |\vec{p}_i \cdot \hat{n}|}{\sum_i |\vec{p}_i|}$

- Global event shape

- Back to back dijet:  $T \sim 1$



# Lessons for future: accessing the data

- Mileage vary ***a lot*** depending on experiment (beyond ALEPH)
  - Make sense of the **format**: knowledge needed from members
  - Not easy to gain **control of stored information** — more lower-level information will be useful
  - Good to have more **sets of fully simulated MCs** available
- Many lessons for current & future experiments
  - Enough information for end-to-end measurements?
  - Best to do some “**user tests**” for open data as we go

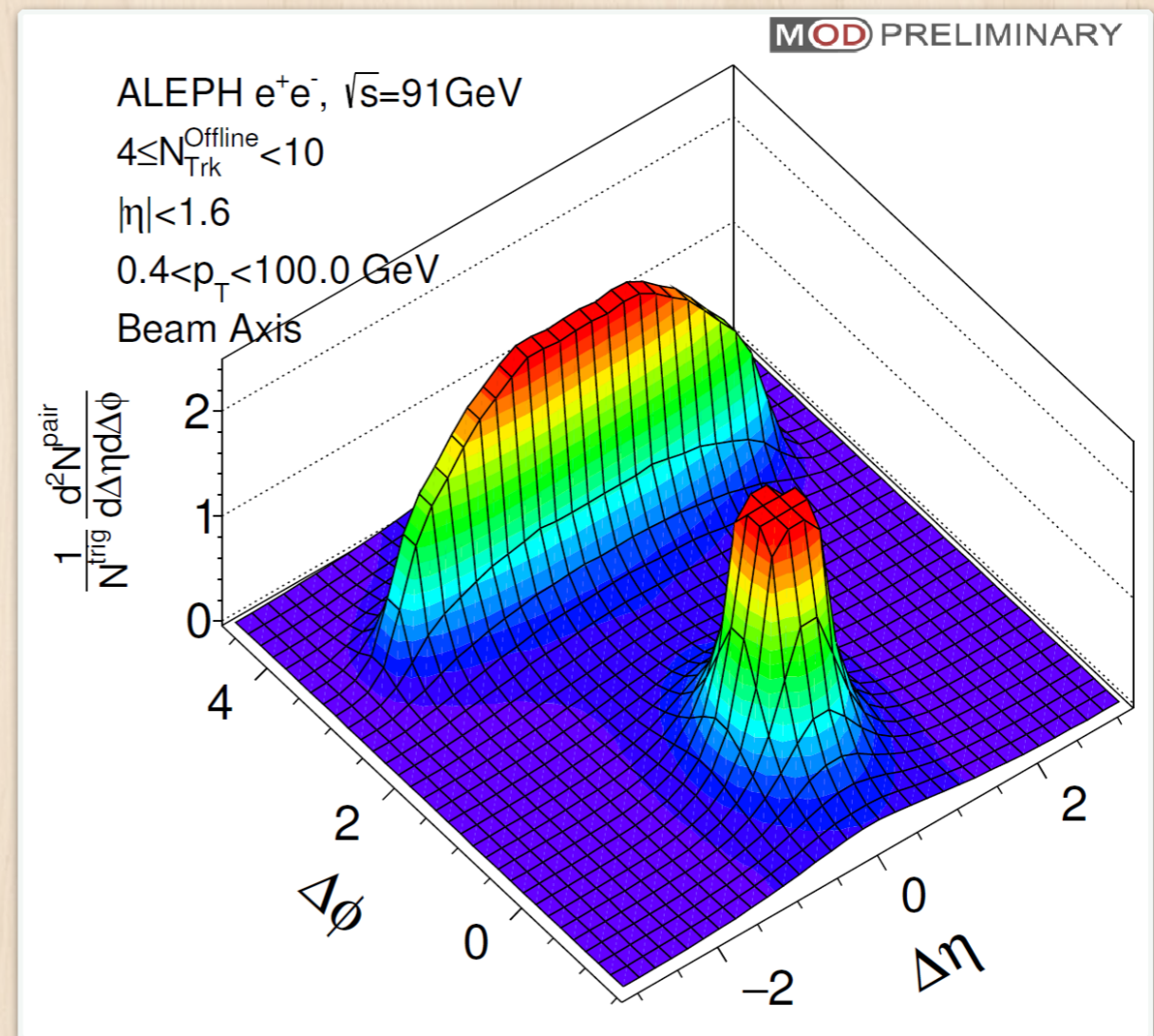
# The re-analysis: 2PC

# Analysis overview

Same event  
correlation  
 $S(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi)$

Correlate all pairs of  
particles from  
the same collision

However acceptance  
effects are in here

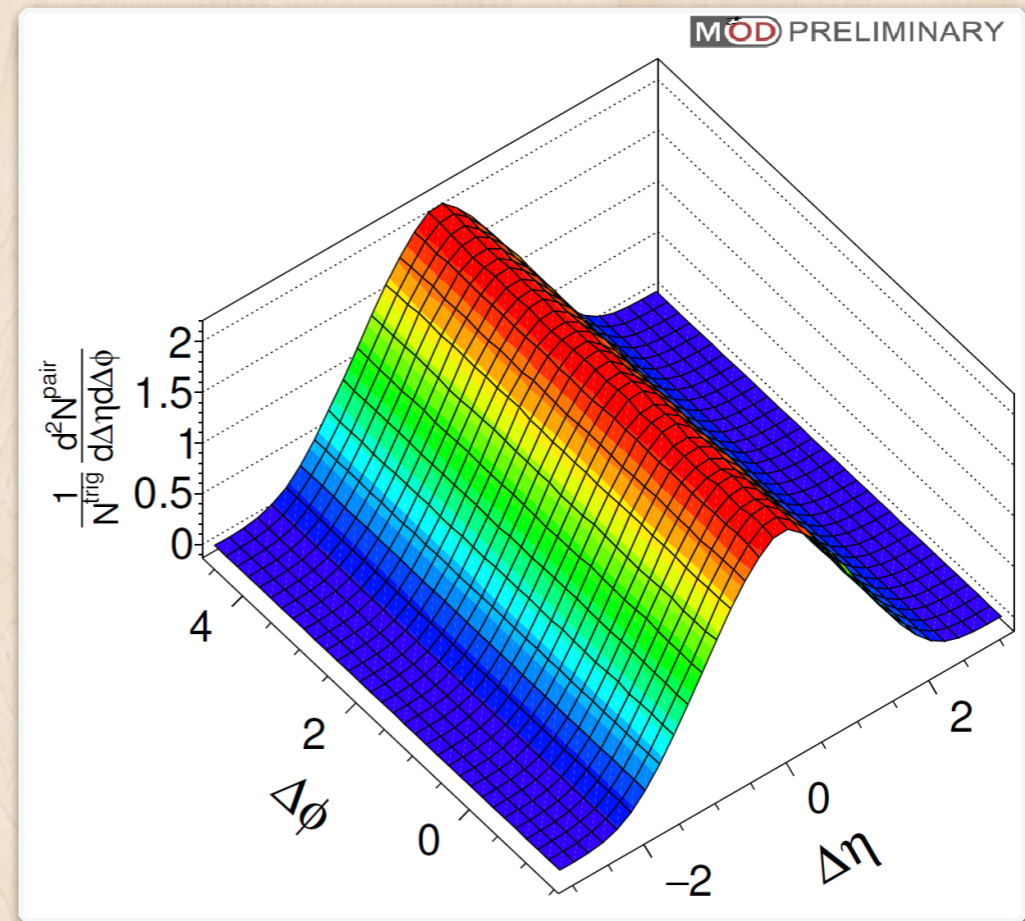
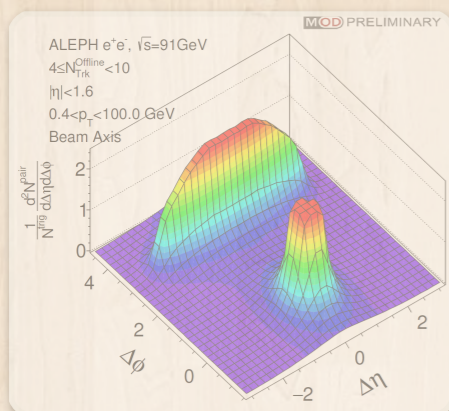


# Analysis overview

Same event  
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 $S(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi)$

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Mix event  
correlation  
 $B(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi)$



Correlate particles from different collisions

“Null hypothesis” without any physics correlations

# Analysis overview

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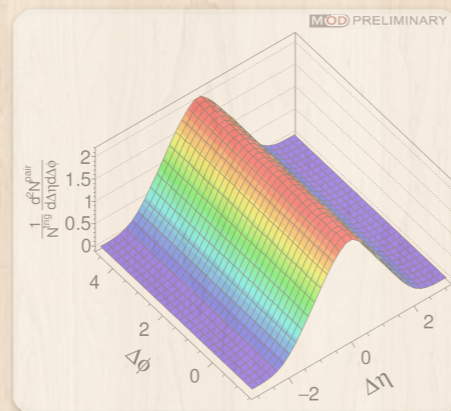
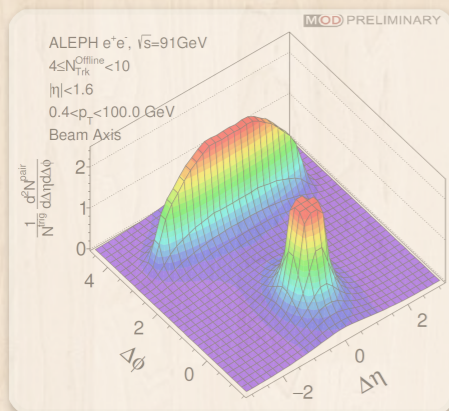
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Mix event correlation  
 $B(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi)$

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Acceptance-corrected signal

$$S(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi) \times \frac{B(0,0)}{B(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi)}$$

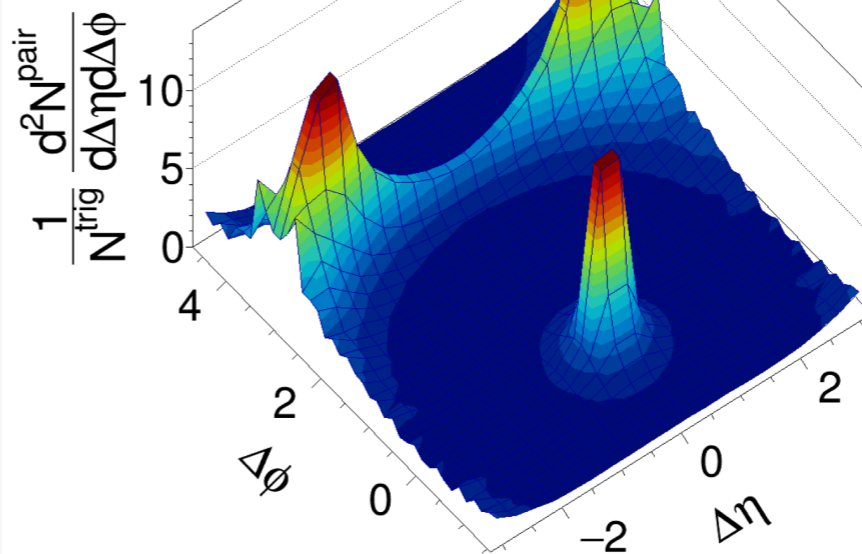
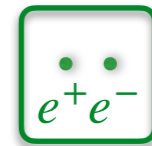


PYTHIA6  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$ ,  $\sqrt{s} = 91\text{GeV}$

$5 \leq N_{\text{Trk}}^{\text{Offline}} < 10$ ,  $|\cos(\theta_{\text{lab}})| < 0.94$

$0.2 \text{ GeV} < p_{\text{T}}^{\text{lab}}$

Beam coordinates



Keep only correlation from physics processes

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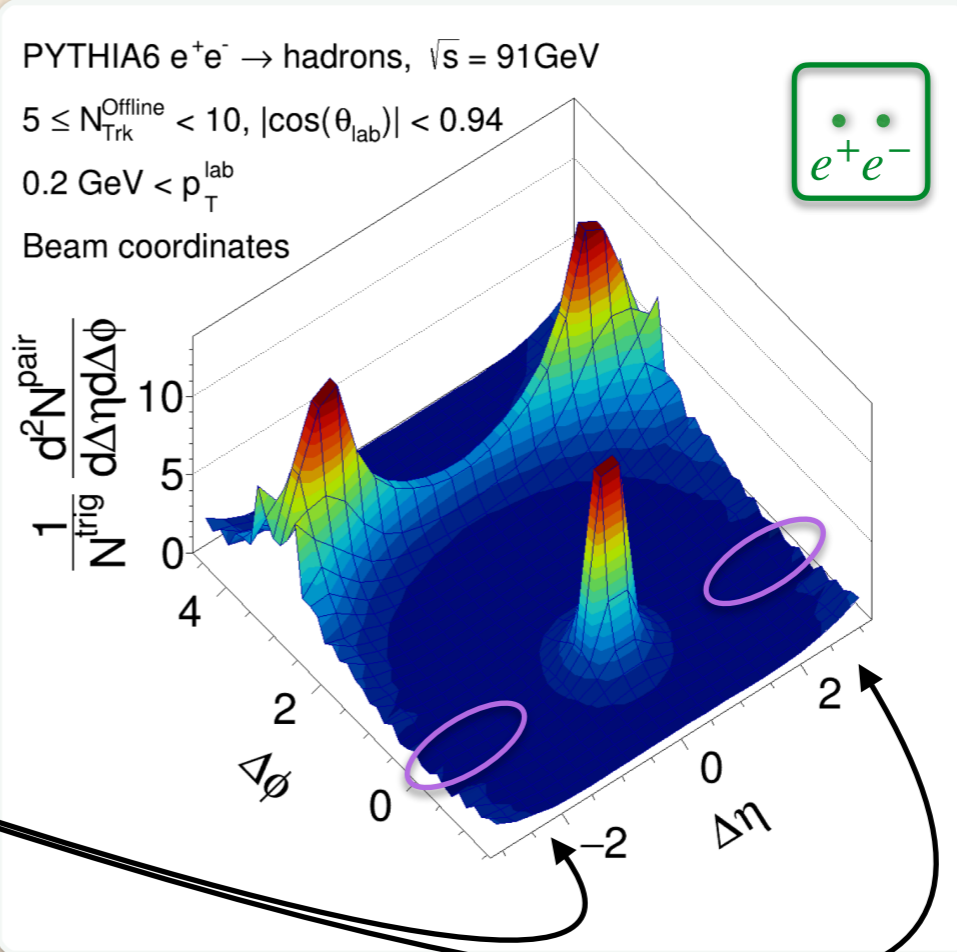
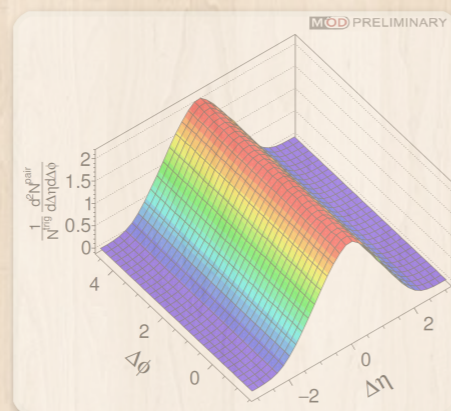
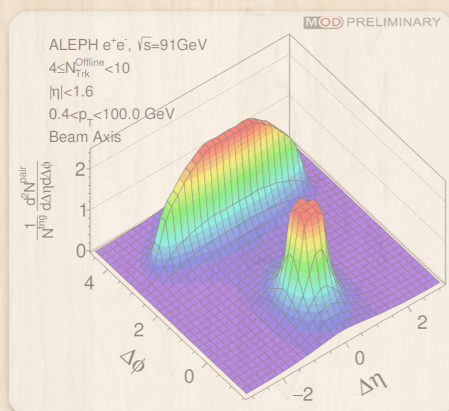
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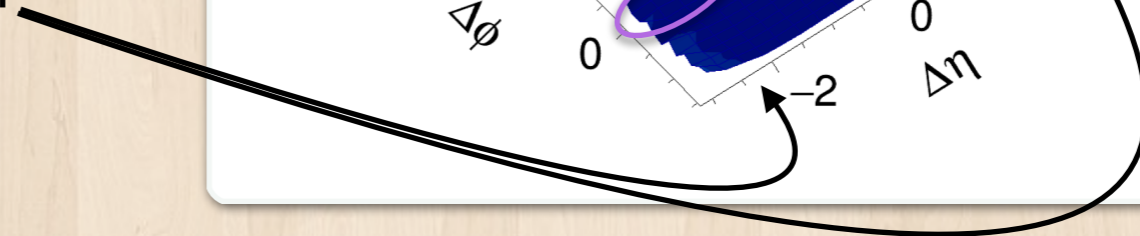
Mix event correlation  
 $B(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi)$

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Acceptance-corrected signal



Look at **near-side**  
**long-range** correlation  
in  $(\eta, \phi)$  space





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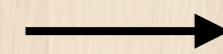
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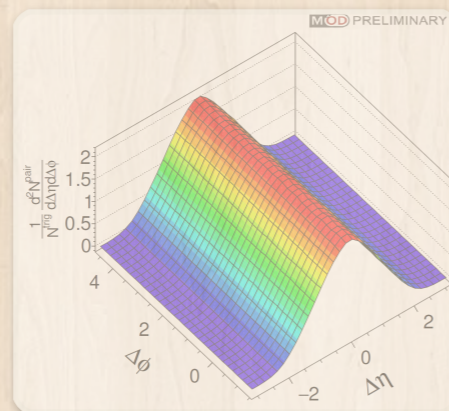
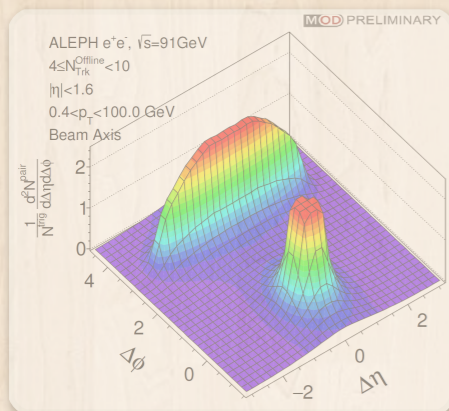
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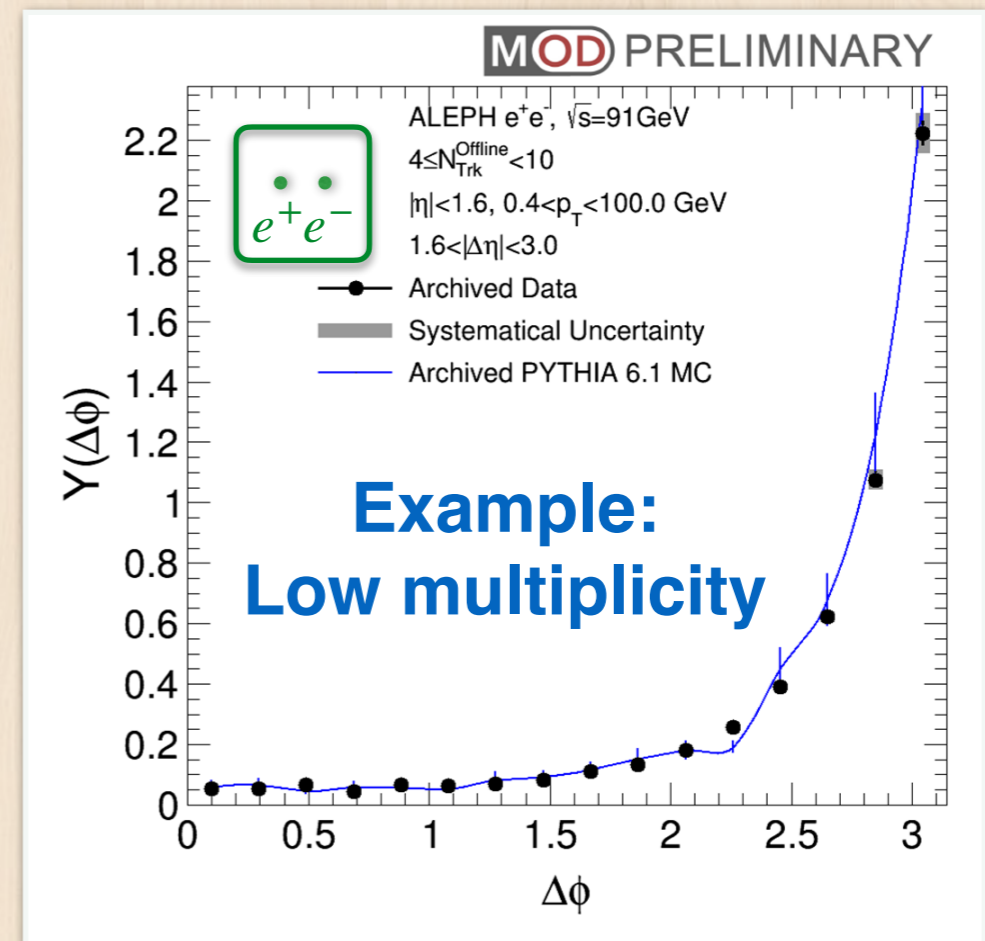
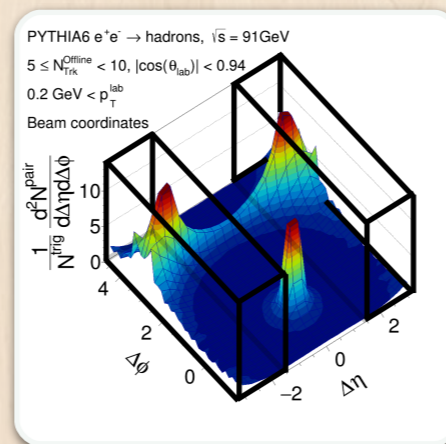
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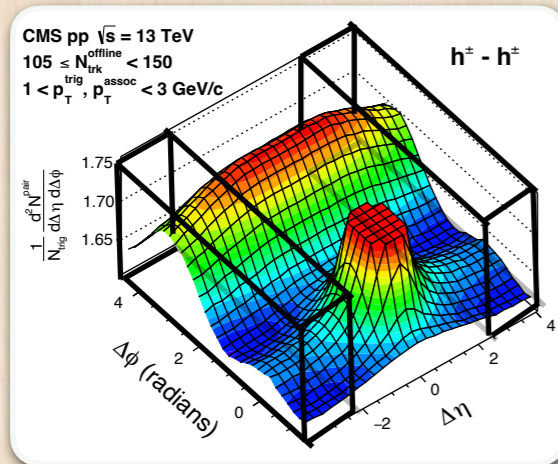
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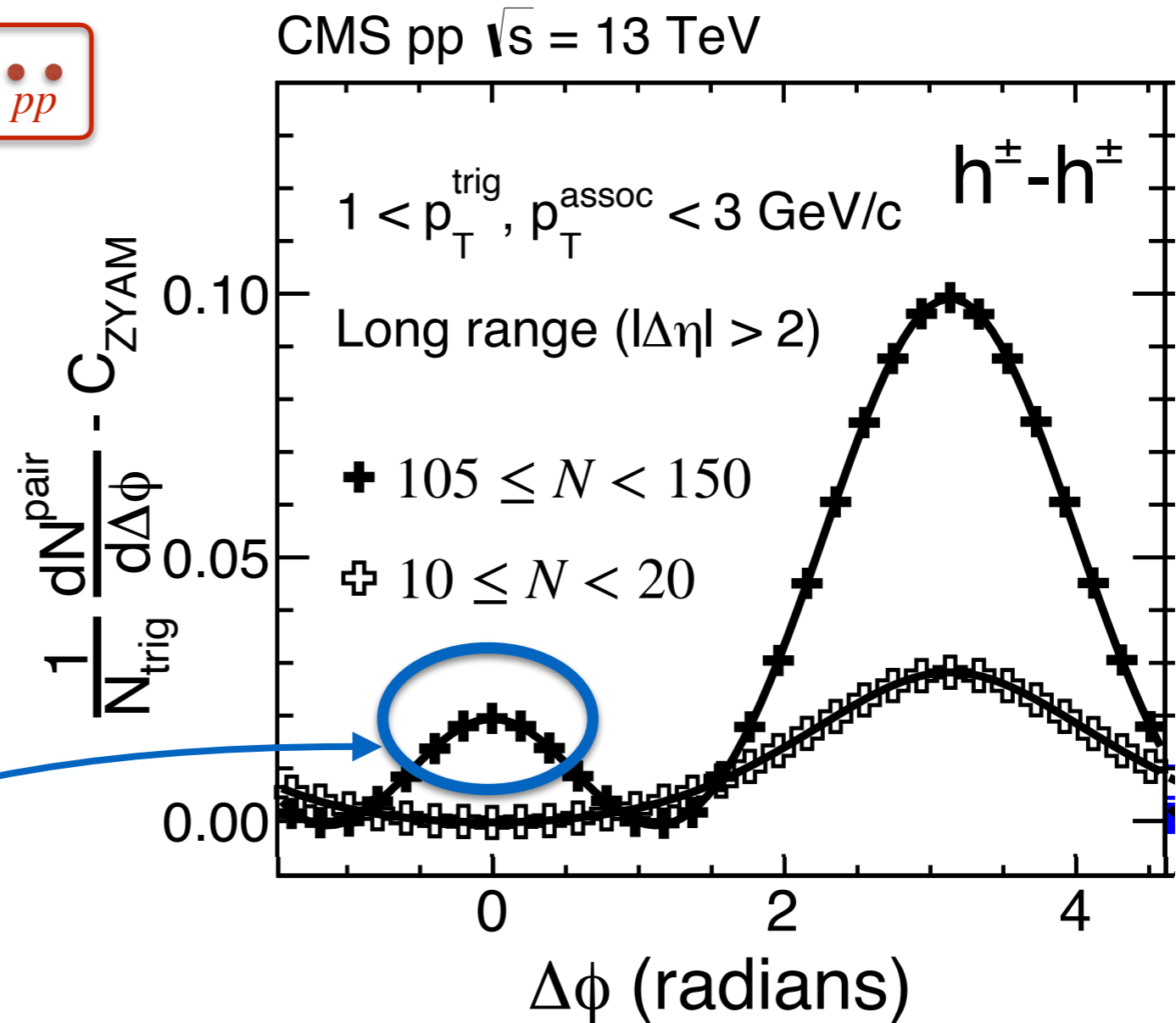
Project onto  $\Delta\phi$   
for further studies



# How ridge looks like in pp

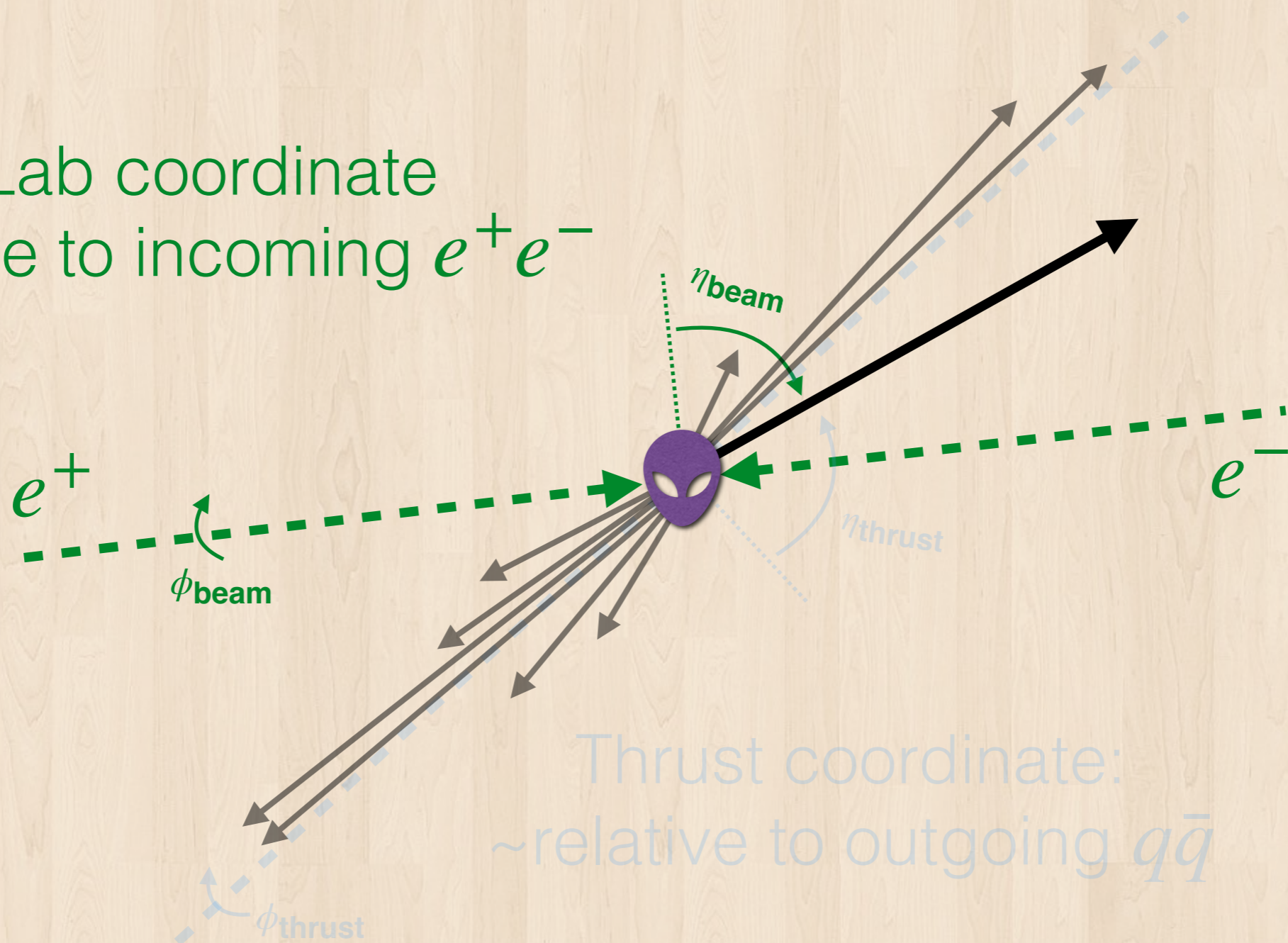


Excess at  
small  $\Delta\phi$



# The two coordinate systems

Lab coordinate  
relative to incoming  $e^+e^-$

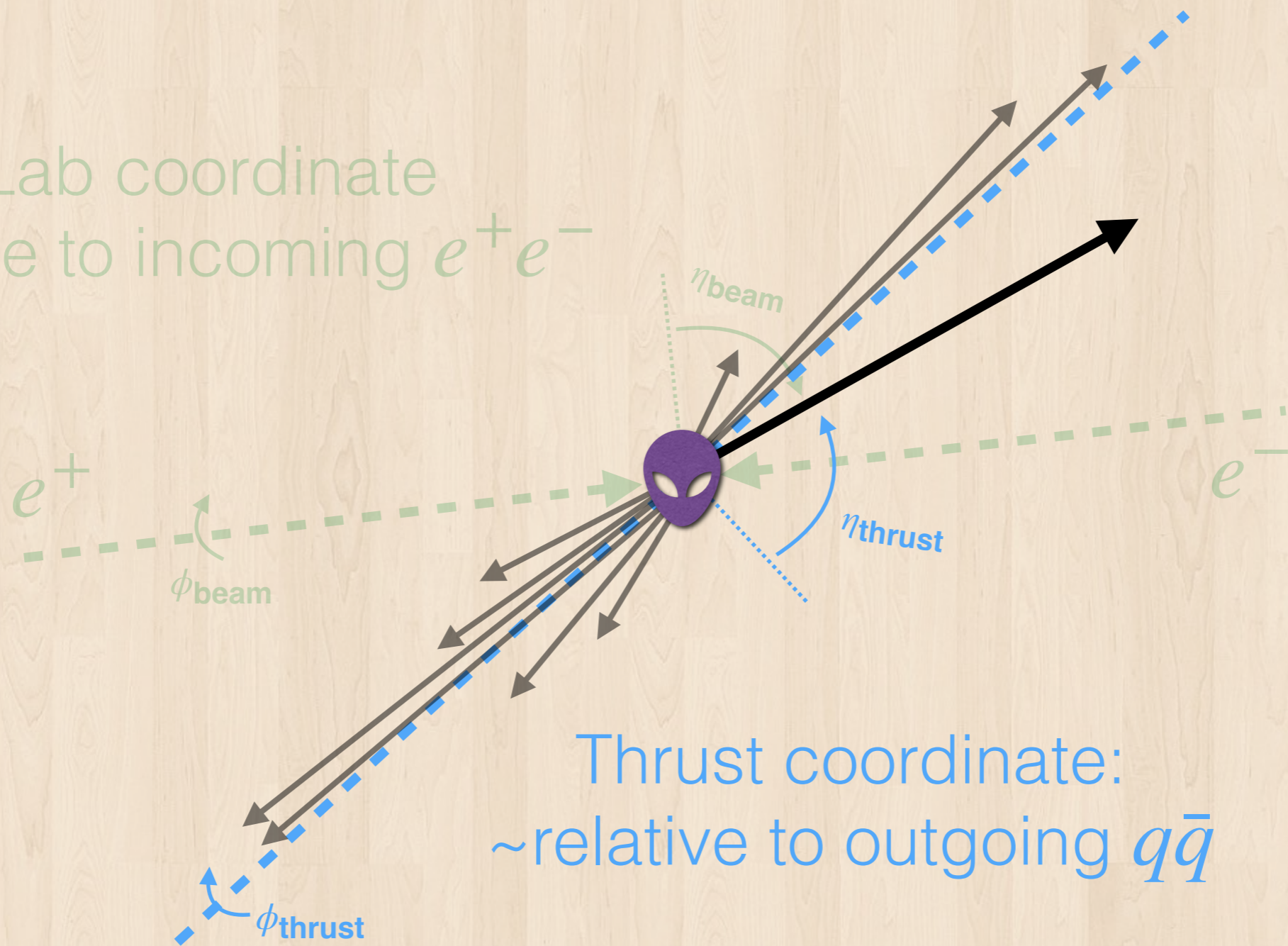


Thrust coordinate:  
~relative to outgoing  $q\bar{q}$

Analogous to hadron collider setup

# The two coordinate systems

Lab coordinate  
relative to incoming  $e^+e^-$



Thrust coordinate:  
~relative to outgoing  $q\bar{q}$

~direction of color-string in  $q\bar{q}$  topology

# Baseline event selections

- Following methods from previous ALEPH publication
- Select **hadronic** events
  - Number of good charged particles  $\geq 5$
  - Number of good particles  $\geq 13$
  - $E_{\text{charged}} > 15 \text{ GeV}$
  - $|\cos(\theta_{\text{sphericity}})| < 0.82$ : ensure collision well-contained in the detector

# Baseline event selections: LEP2

- In LEP2, **initial state QED radiation** is significant
- Reject collisions with a lot of QED radiation
- Method from previous ALEPH publication
  - First, ignore “QED jets” and examine the rest
  - Effective center-of-mass energy  $\sqrt{s'} > 0.9\sqrt{s}$
  - Visible invariant mass  $M_{vis} > 0.7\sqrt{s}$

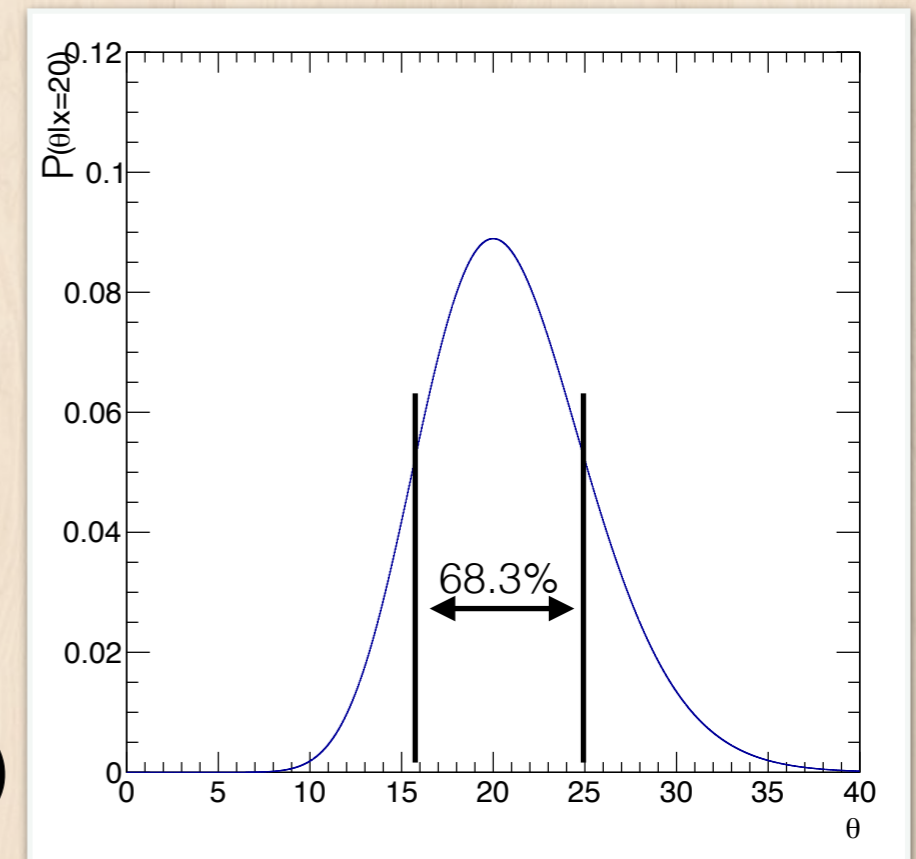
# Uncertainty: Bayesian approach

- Things not always Gaussian: **Bayesian approach**
- Construct posterior  $P(\theta | x)$  using Bayes' theorem

- $\underline{P(\theta | x)} = P(x | \theta)P(\theta) / P(x)$



- Probability of some value  $\theta$  to be true given observed data  $x$
- Example: counting experiment
- Then we quote central value and uncertainty (68% most likely interval)



# Propagating uncertainty

- In the Bayesian paradigm everything has a **probability density** interpretation
- **Monte-Carlo technique** can be used to **propagate uncertainty** to nontrivial observables
  - For example, associated yield across many bins
- Extensive internal studies show that this approach is reasonable and robust



# Results

# LEP1: High multiplicity

Focus on high multiplicity here:  $N_{trk} \geq 30$

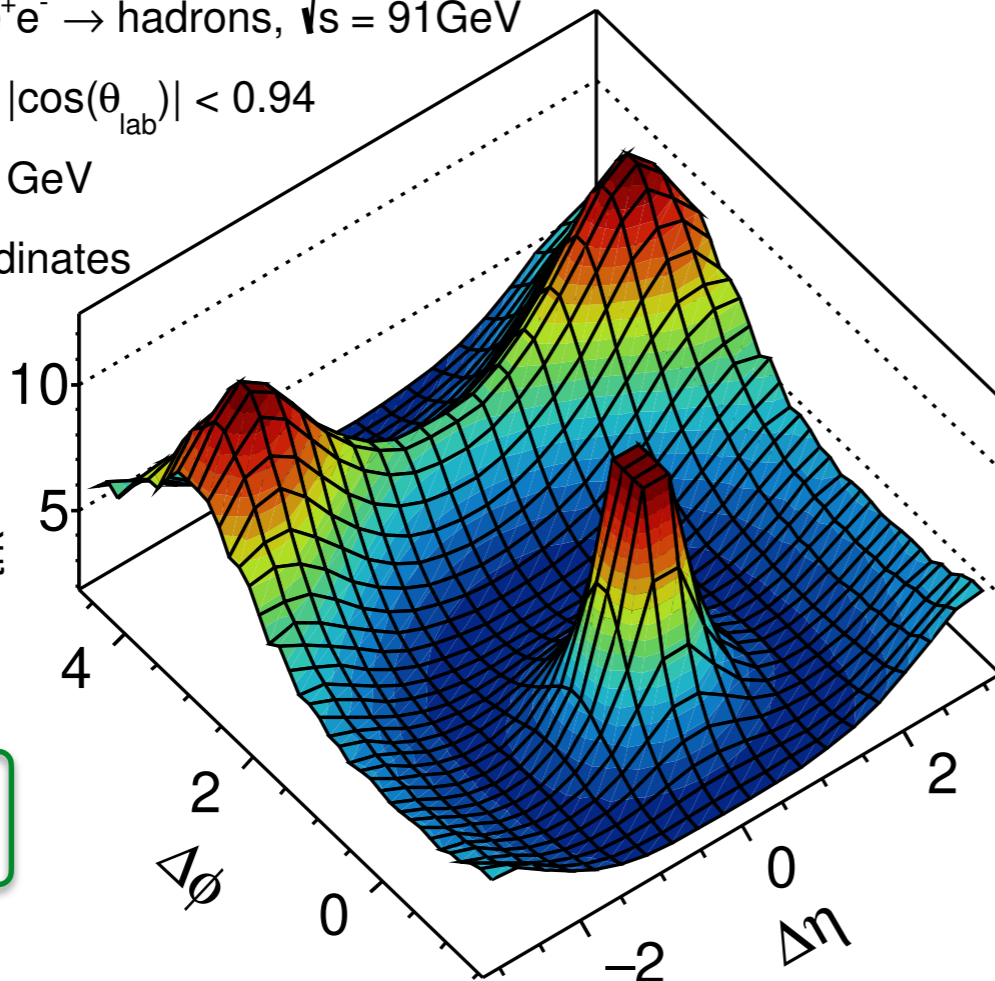
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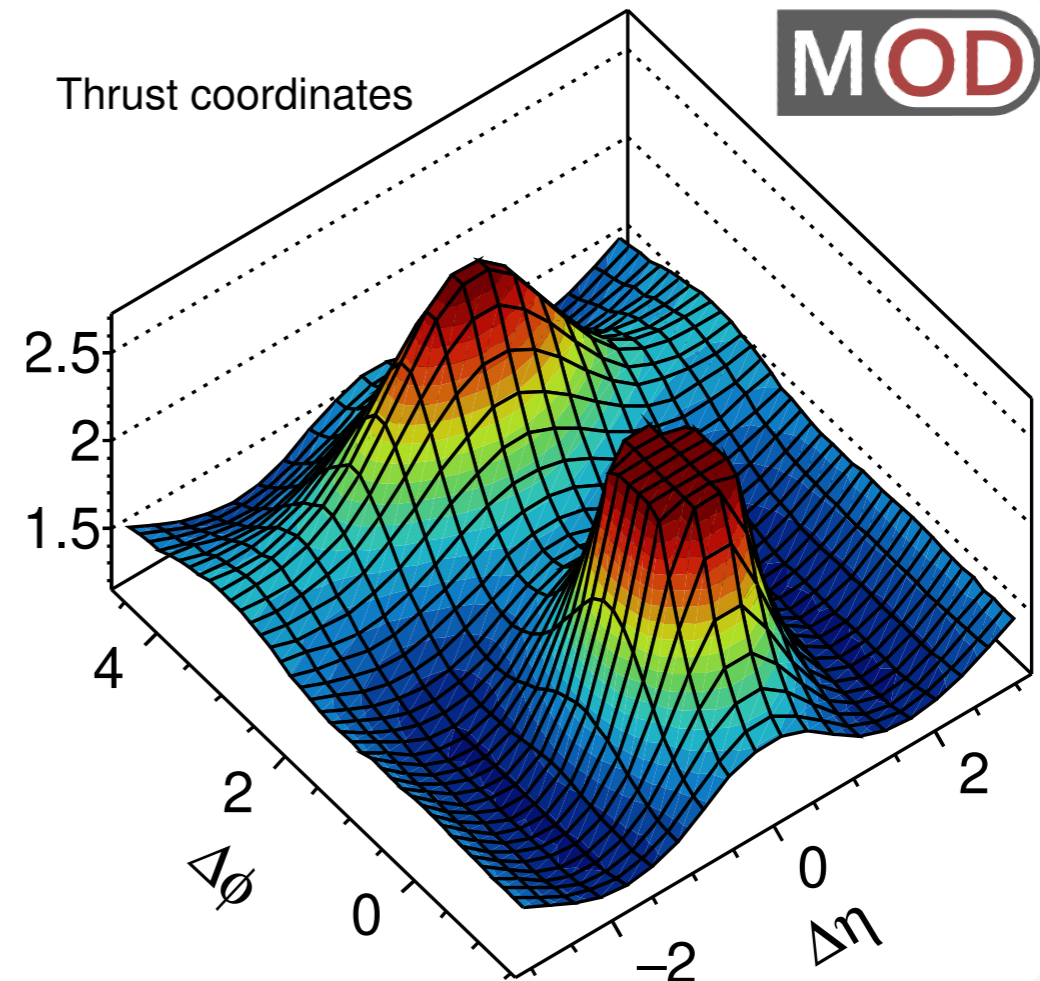
$p_T^{lab} > 0.2\text{ GeV}$

Lab coordinates

$$\frac{1}{N_{trk}^{corr}} \frac{d^2 N_{pair}}{d\Delta\eta d\Delta\phi}$$



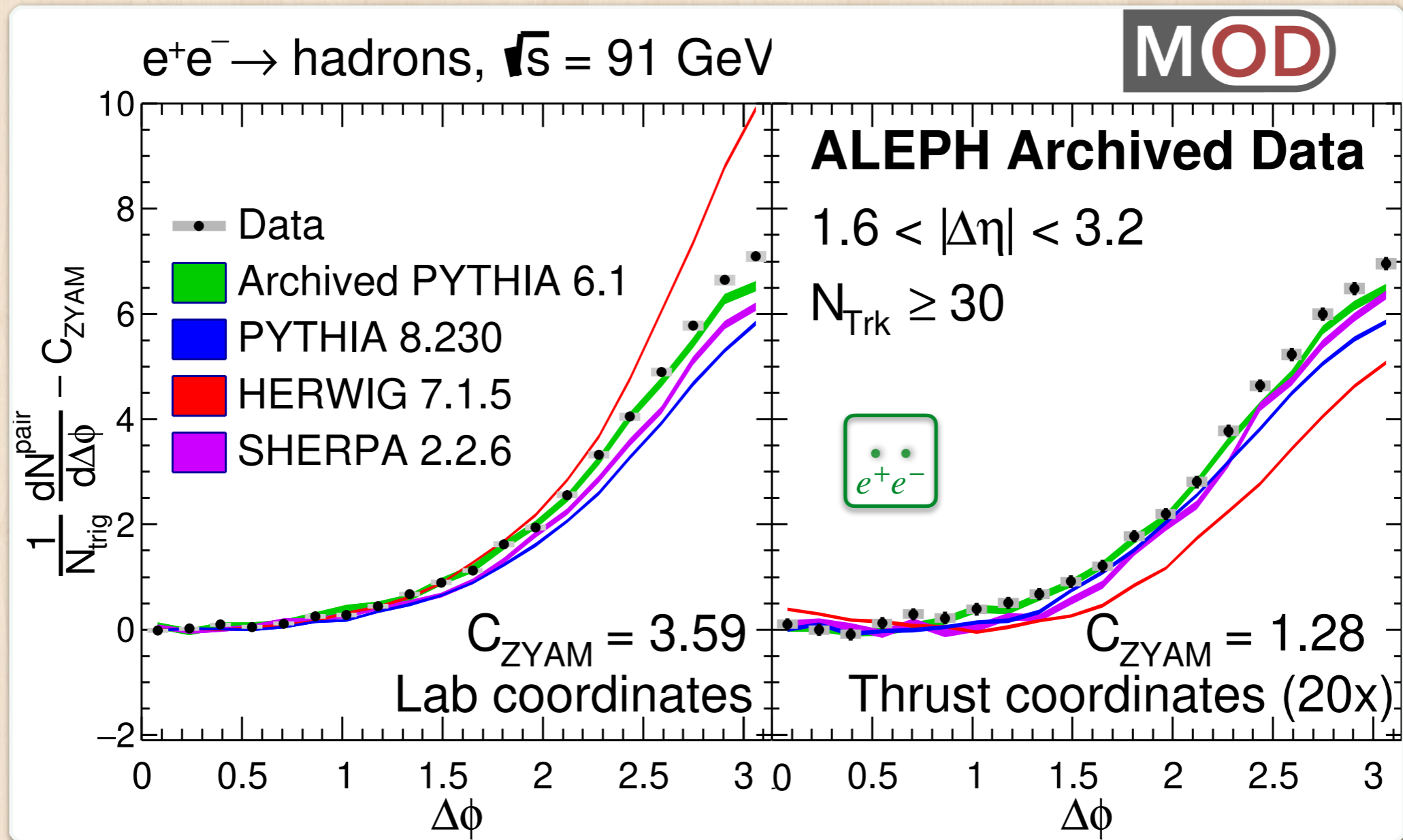
Thrust coordinates



Many interesting features!

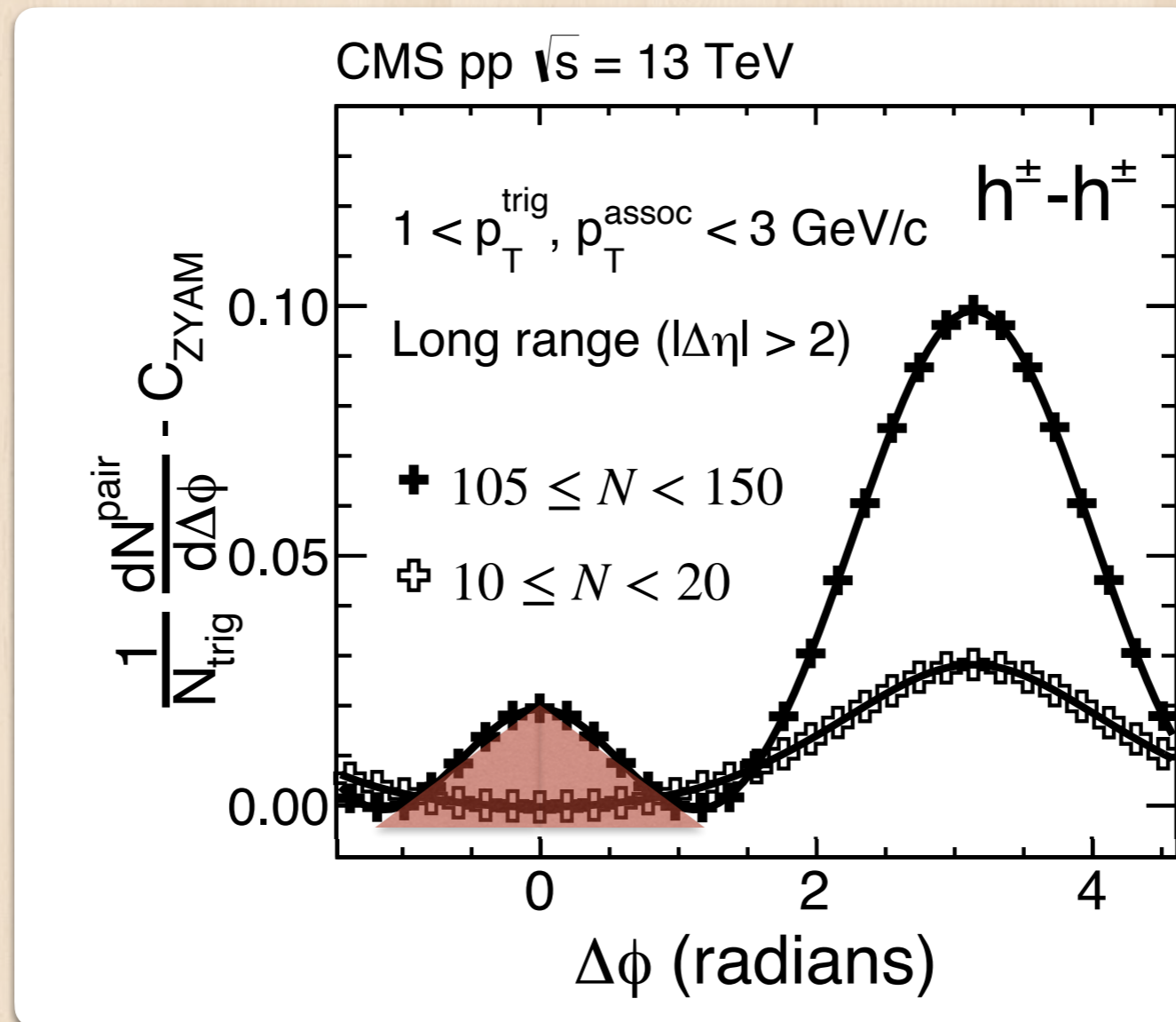
For now let's focus on the ridge search

# No sign of ridge (LEP1)



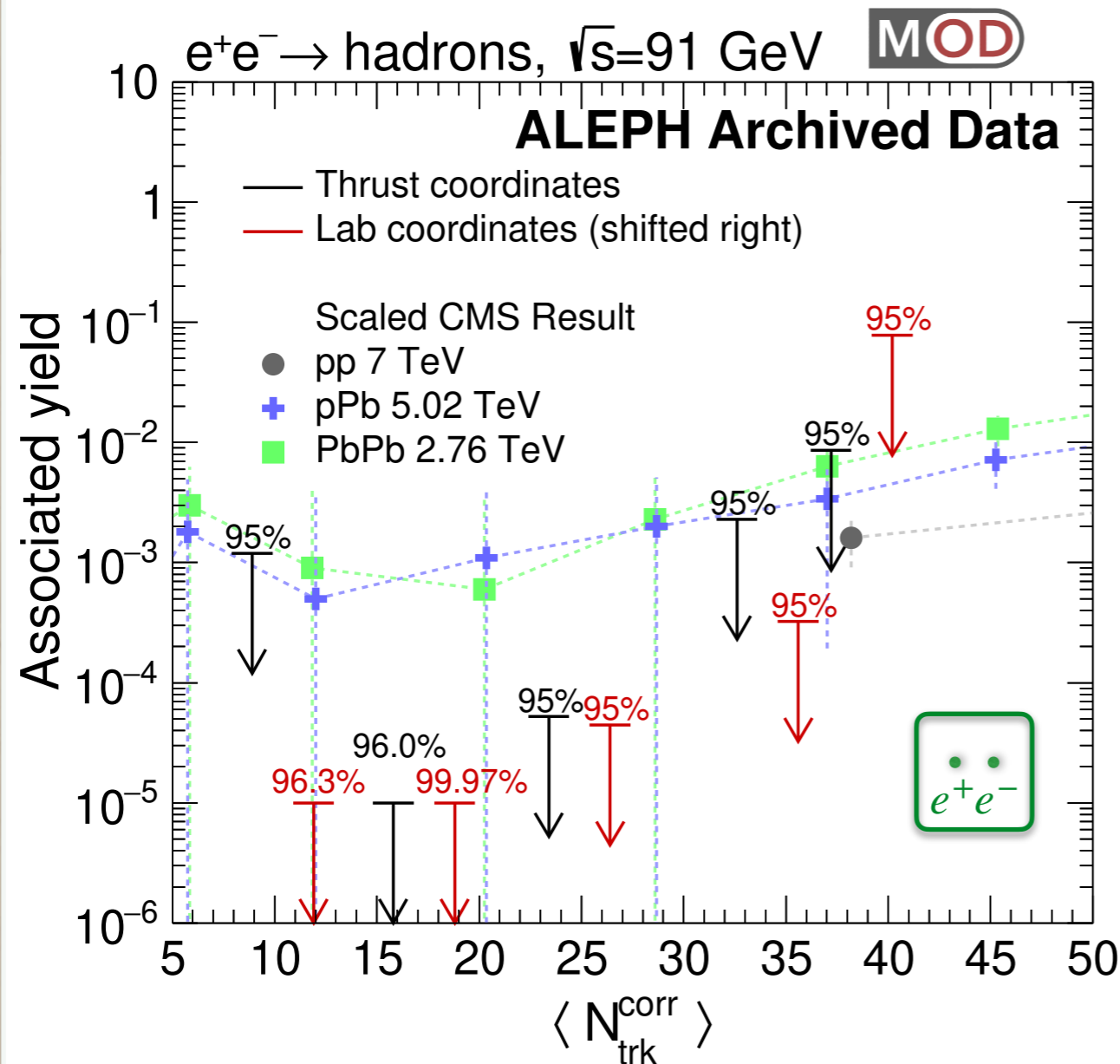
Also no ridge-like excess in other multiplicity bins

# Ridge-like yield extraction



1. Find minimum point
2. Integrate area under it

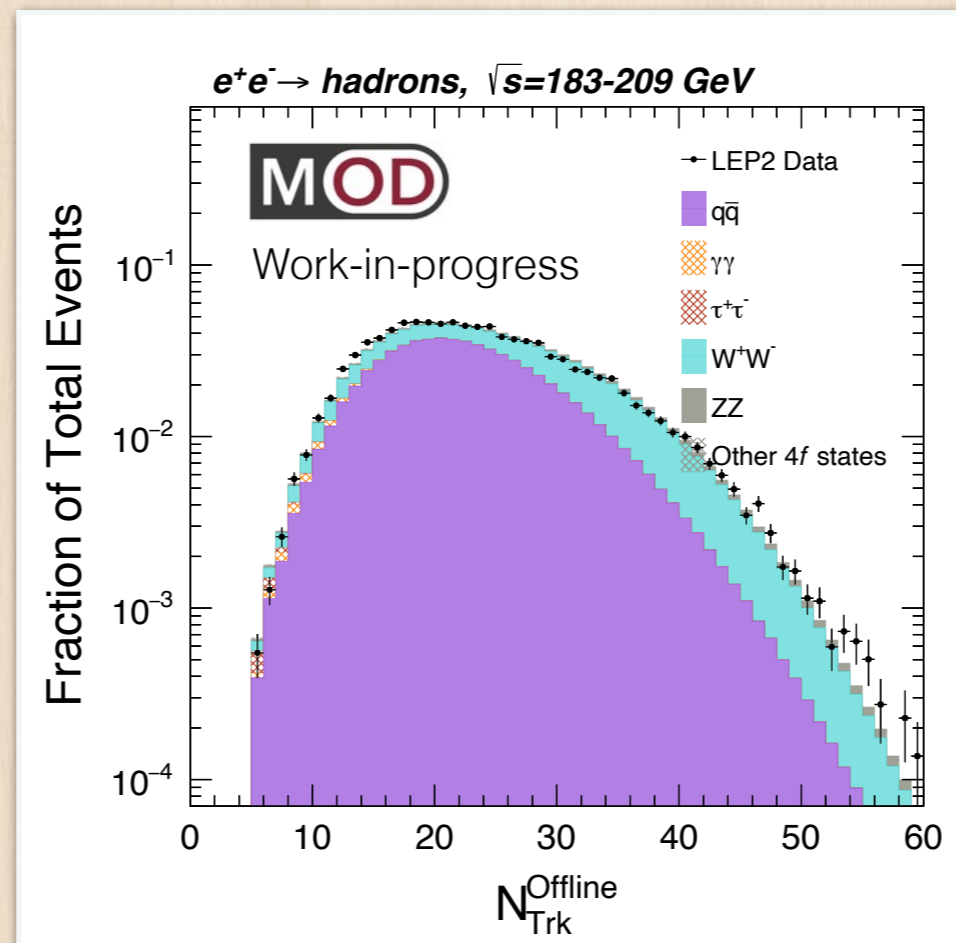
# Limits on ridge yield: LEP1



No significant ridge observed — we proceed to set limit

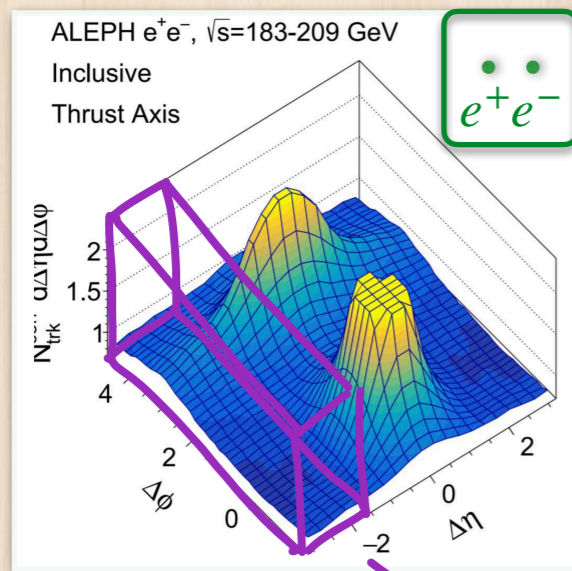
What about higher energy  $e^+e^-$  data?

# Higher energy LEP2 data



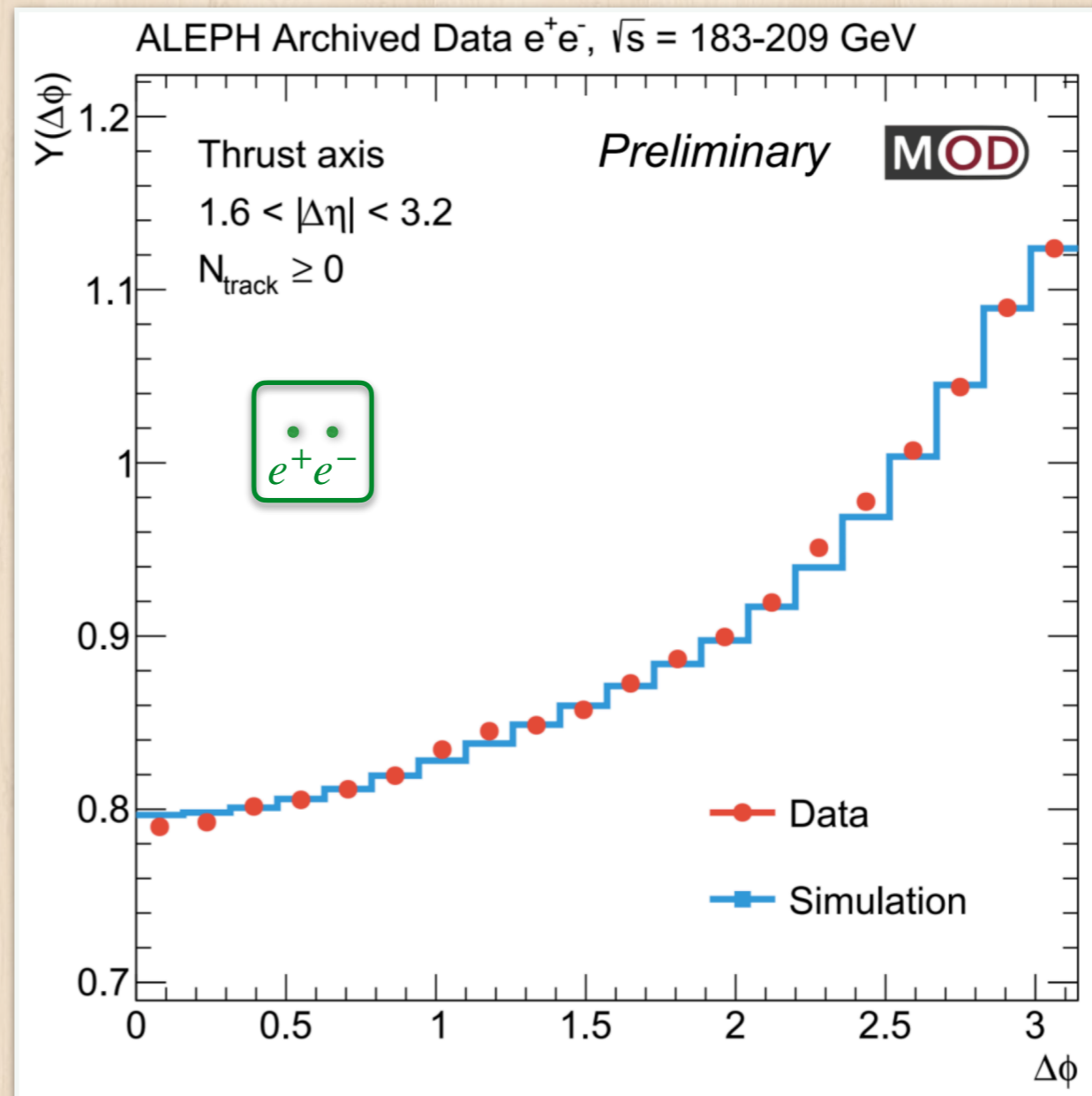
Integrated over higher energy datasets  
Generally decent data-MC agreement

# Inclusive correlation function

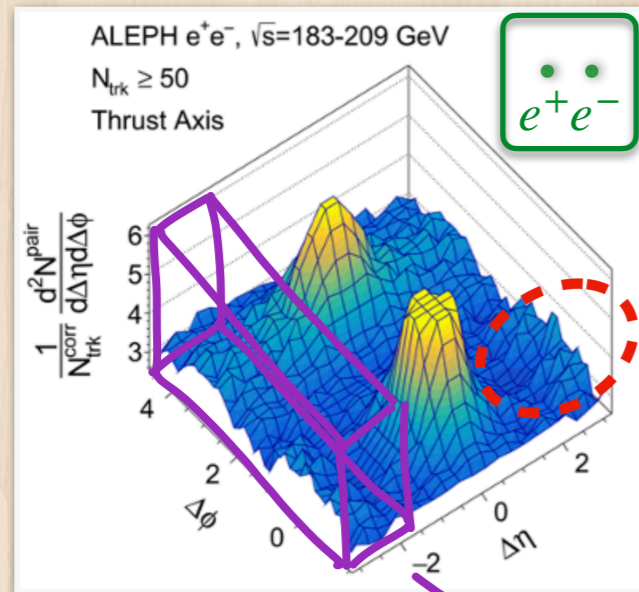


Decent data-MC  
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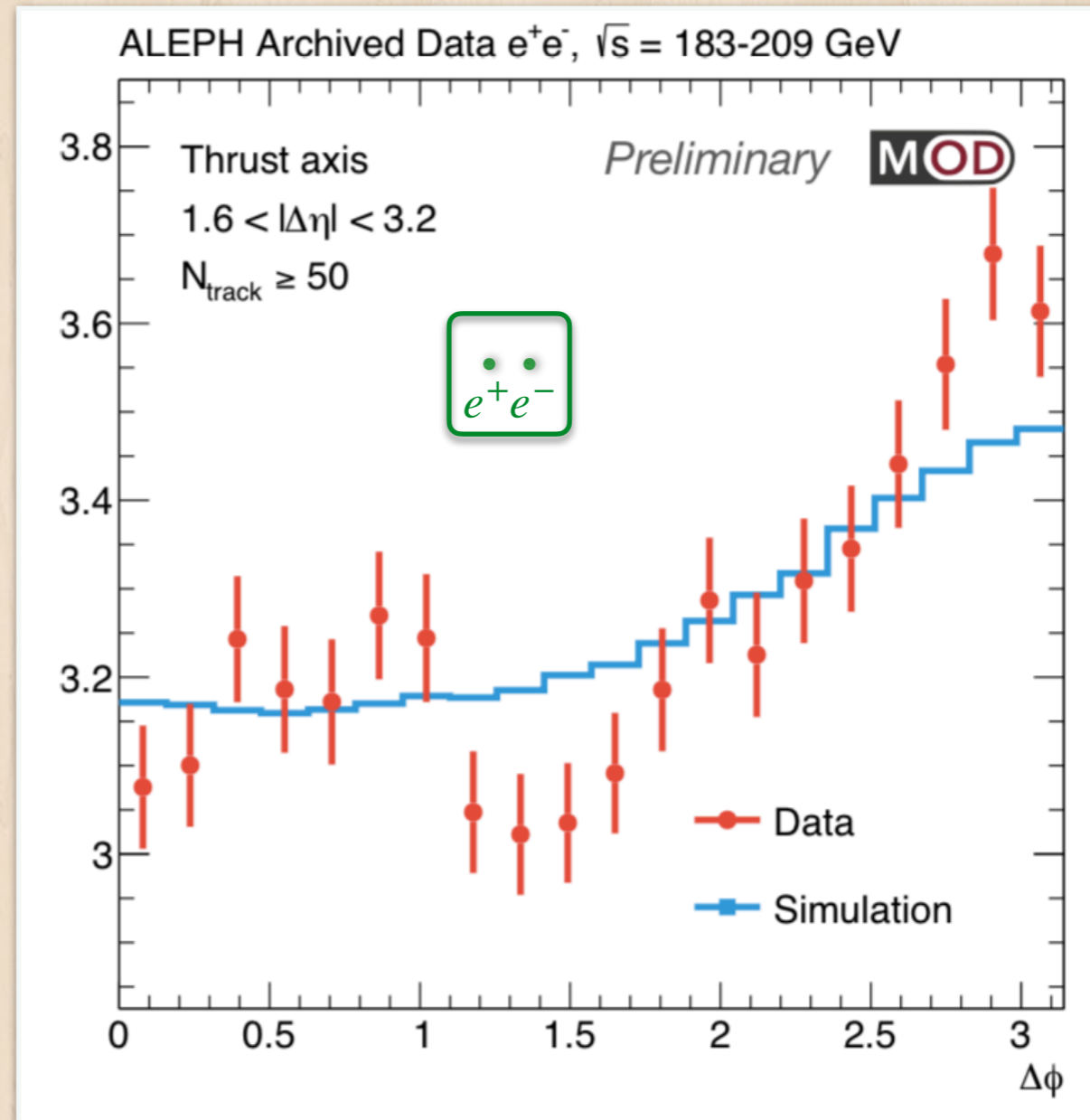
Overall things  
match quite well



# Focus on high multiplicity



Intriguing structure!





# Quantify with Fourier components

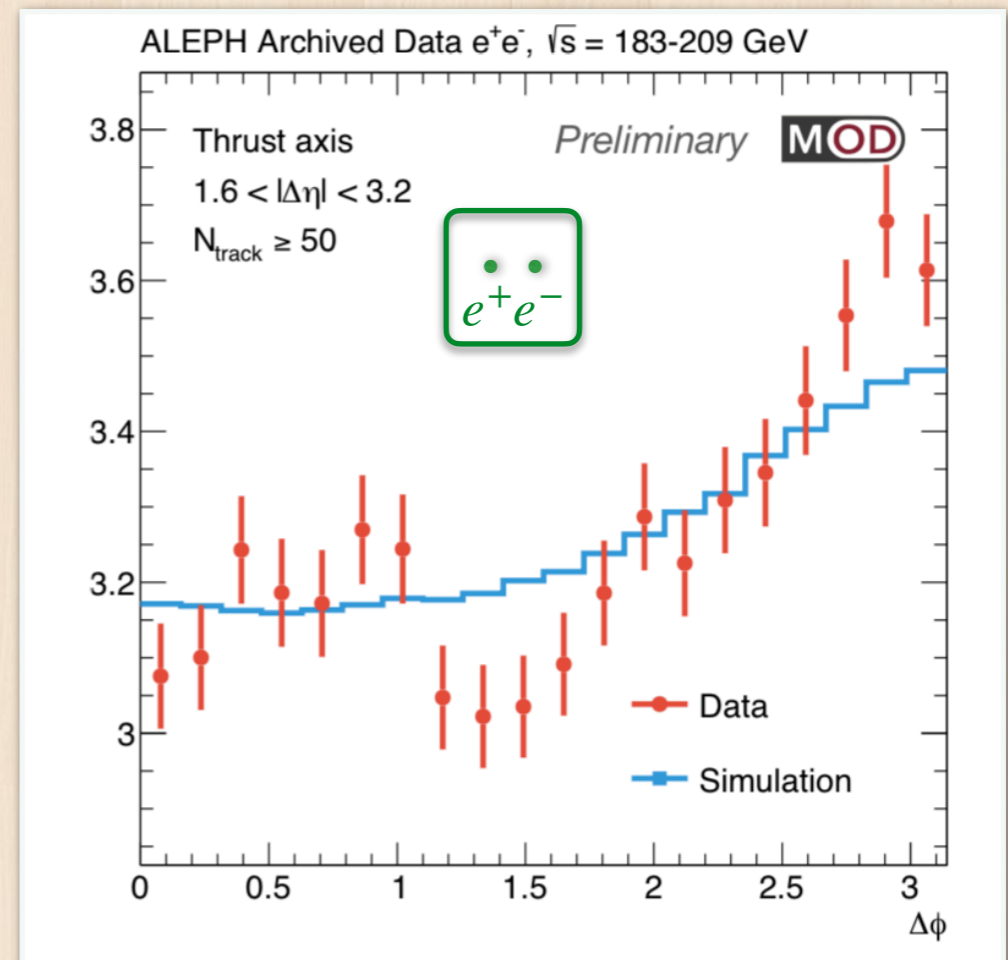
Fourier decomposition of the 2-particle distribution:

$$Y(\Delta\phi) \propto 1 + \sum_n 2V_n \cos(n\Delta\phi)$$

↓  
Coefficients  
of “single particle”:

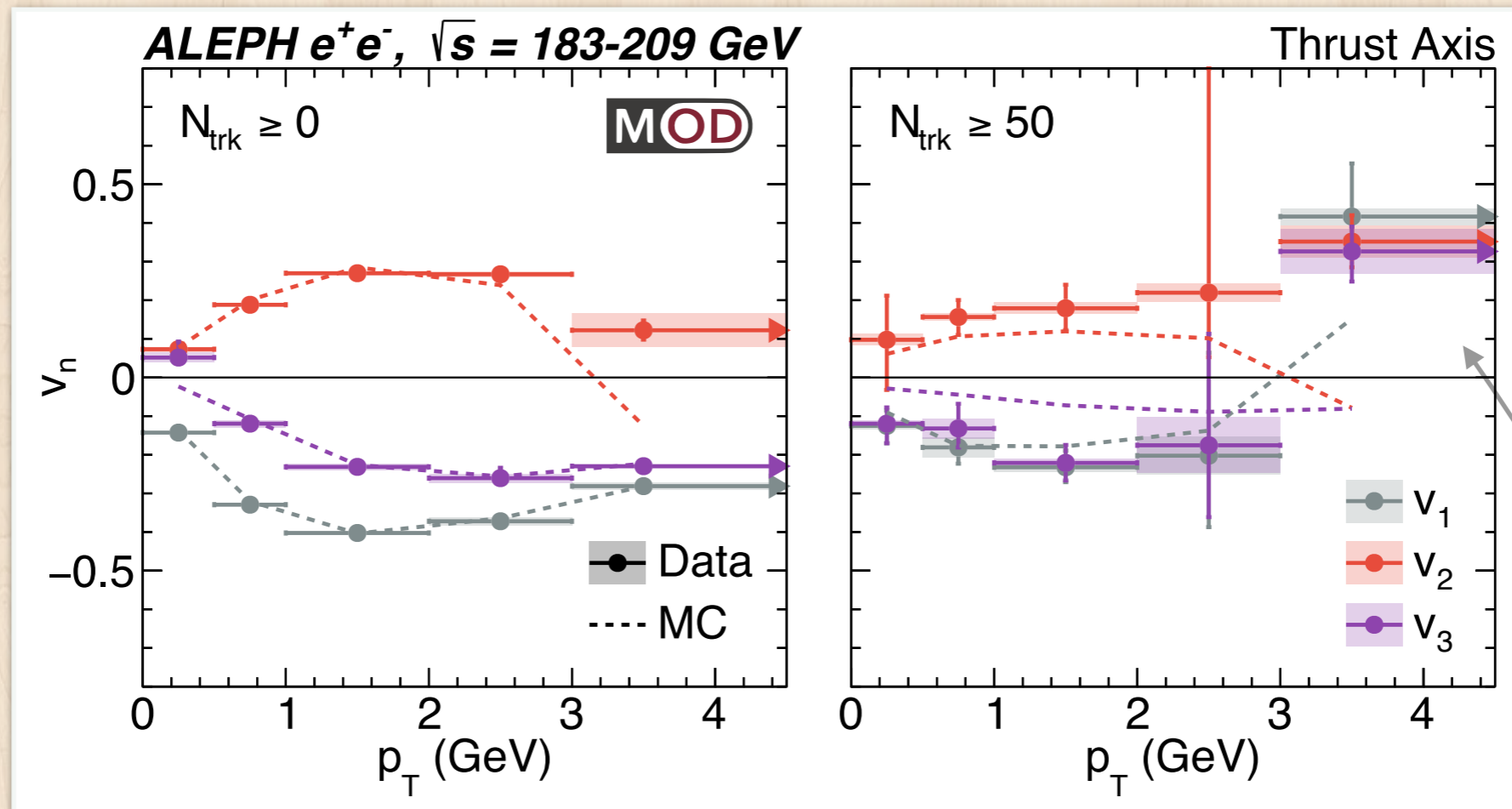
$$v_n \equiv \text{sign}(V_n) \sqrt{|V_n|}$$

Assumes factorization



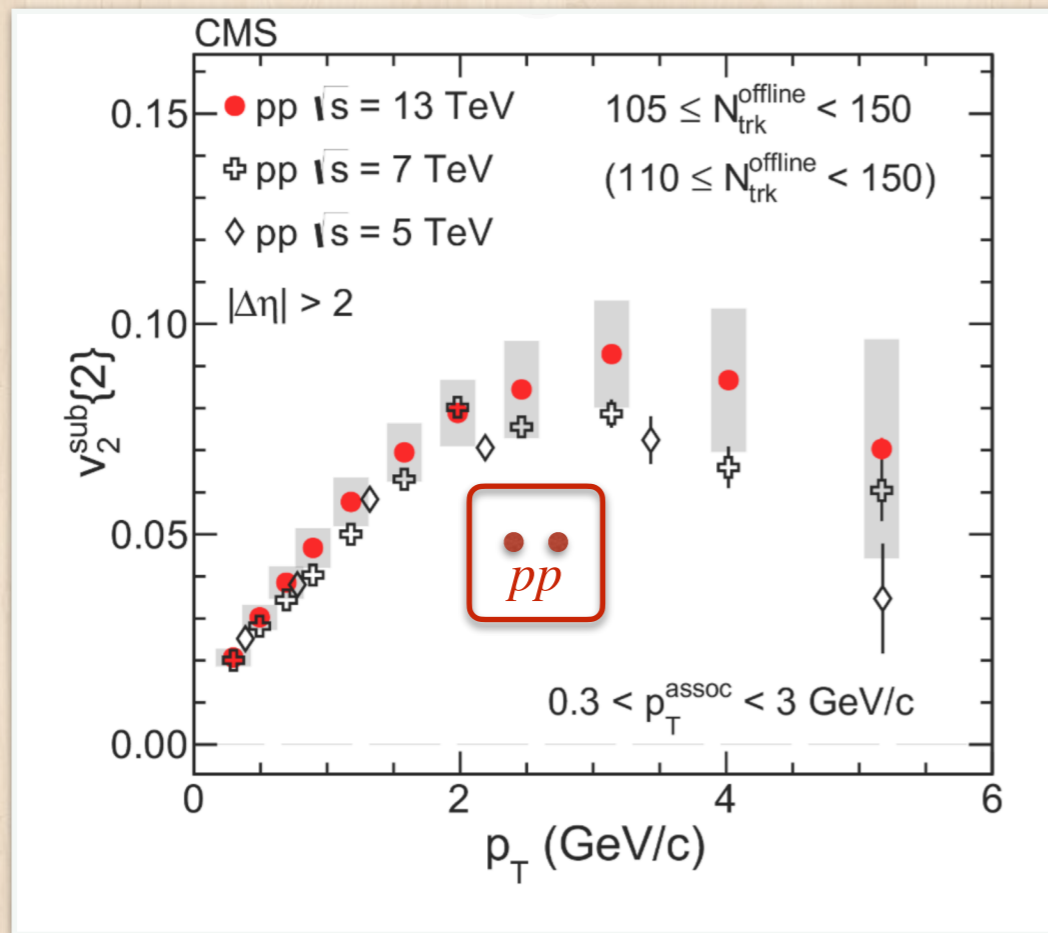
# Quantify with Fourier components

Inclusive: decent data-MC agreement



Smaller magnitude for large multiplicity  
High multiplicity: magnitude larger in data  
Sign change for  $v_1$  and  $v_3$

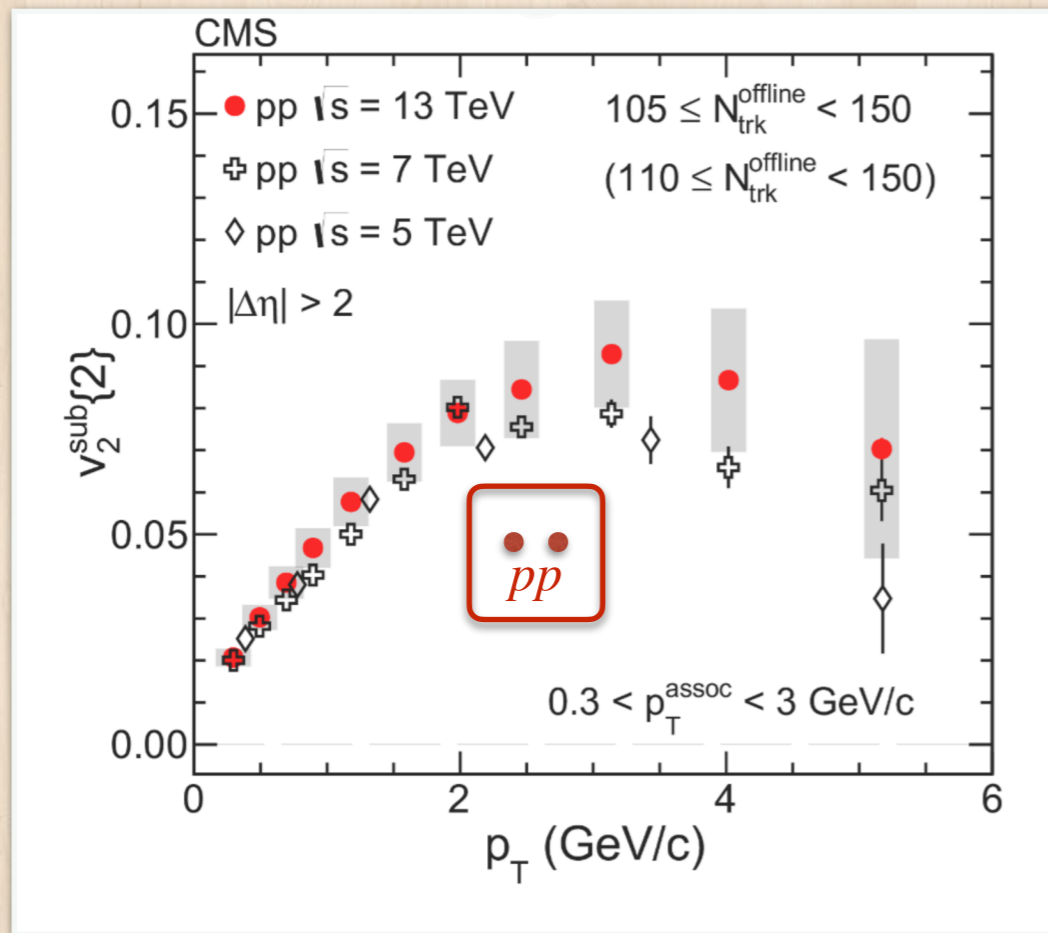
# Comparisons to LHC



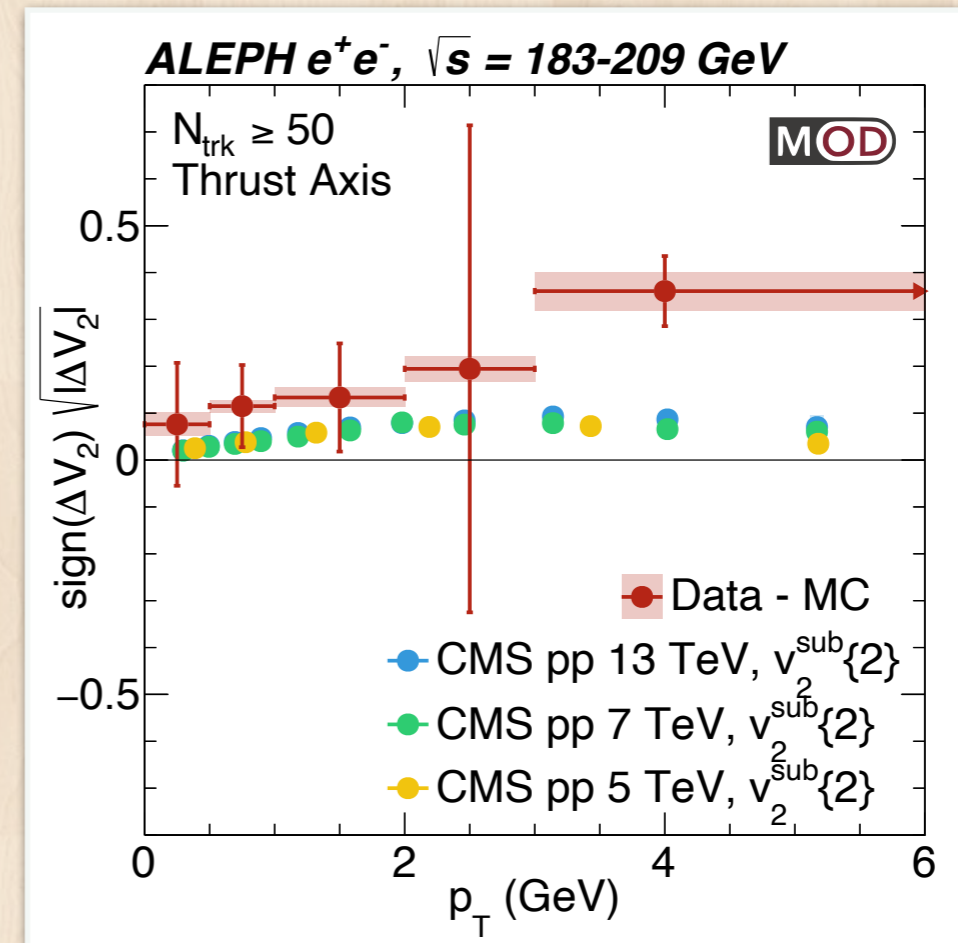
High multiplicity *pp*

Non-zero  $v_2$

# Comparisons to LHC



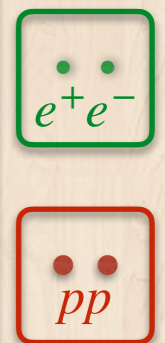
High multiplicity  $pp$   
Non-zero  $v_2$



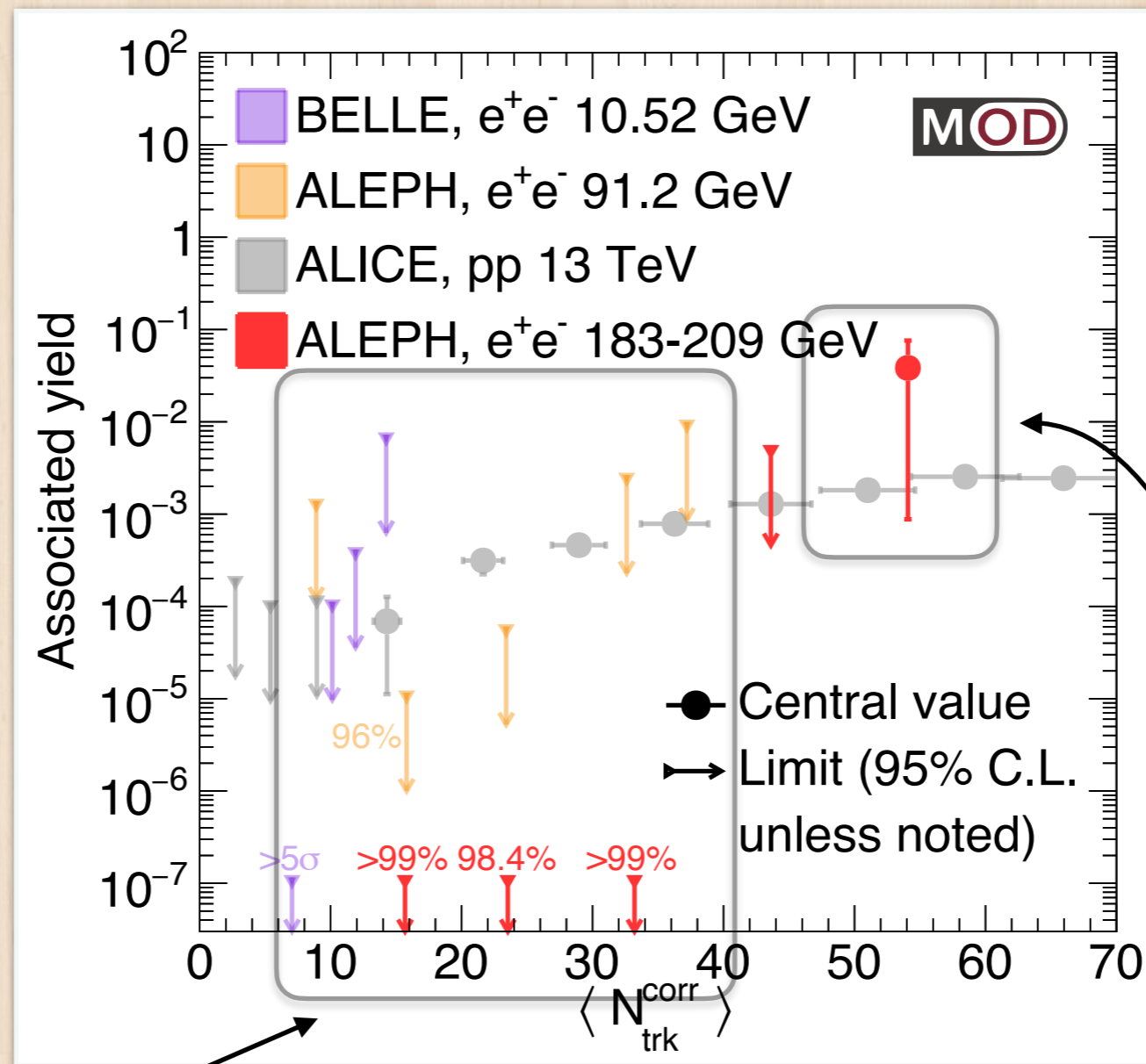
$e^+e^-$ :  $v_2(\text{data}) - v_2(\text{MC})$

Interesting trend 🤔

=> final state effect?



# Quantifying the result: ridge yield



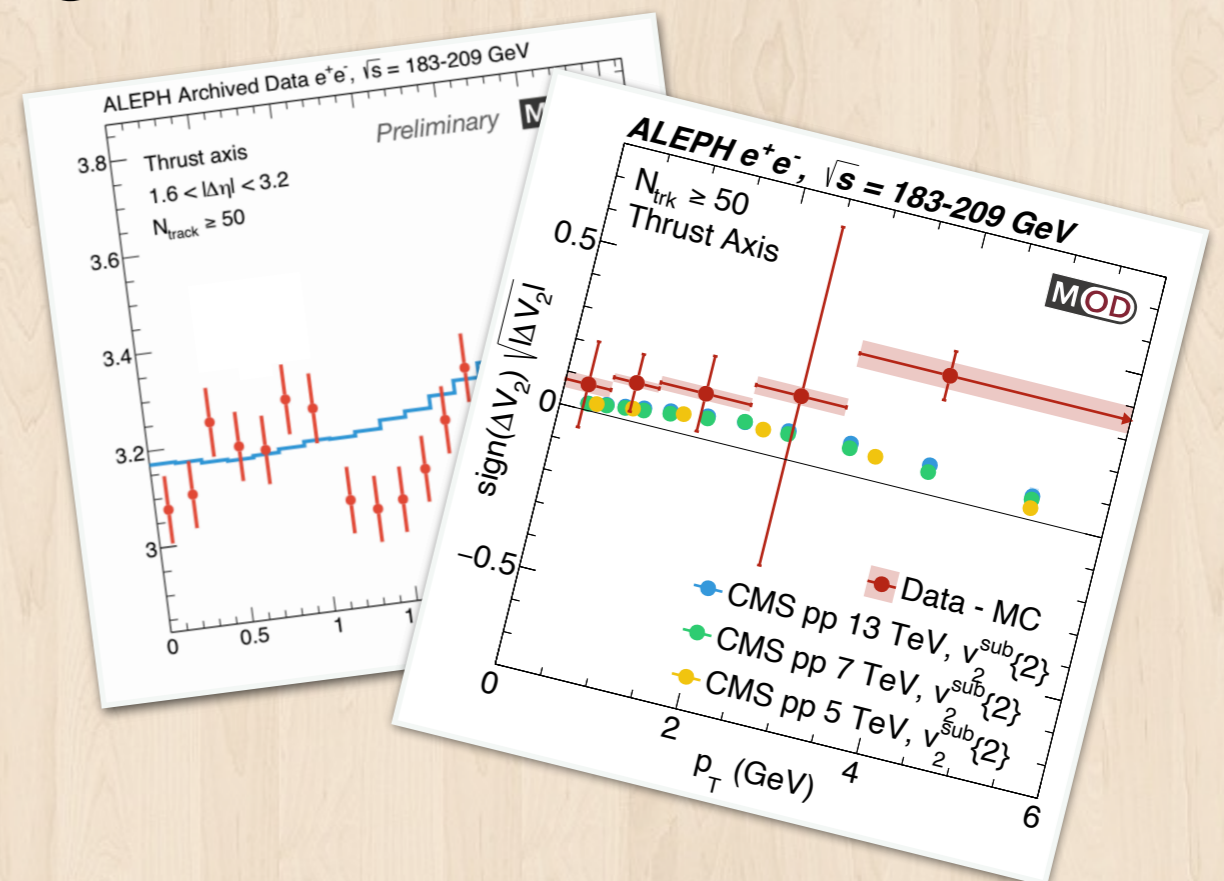
Associated yield lower than what ALICE found in pp

Uncertainty still large but interesting trend

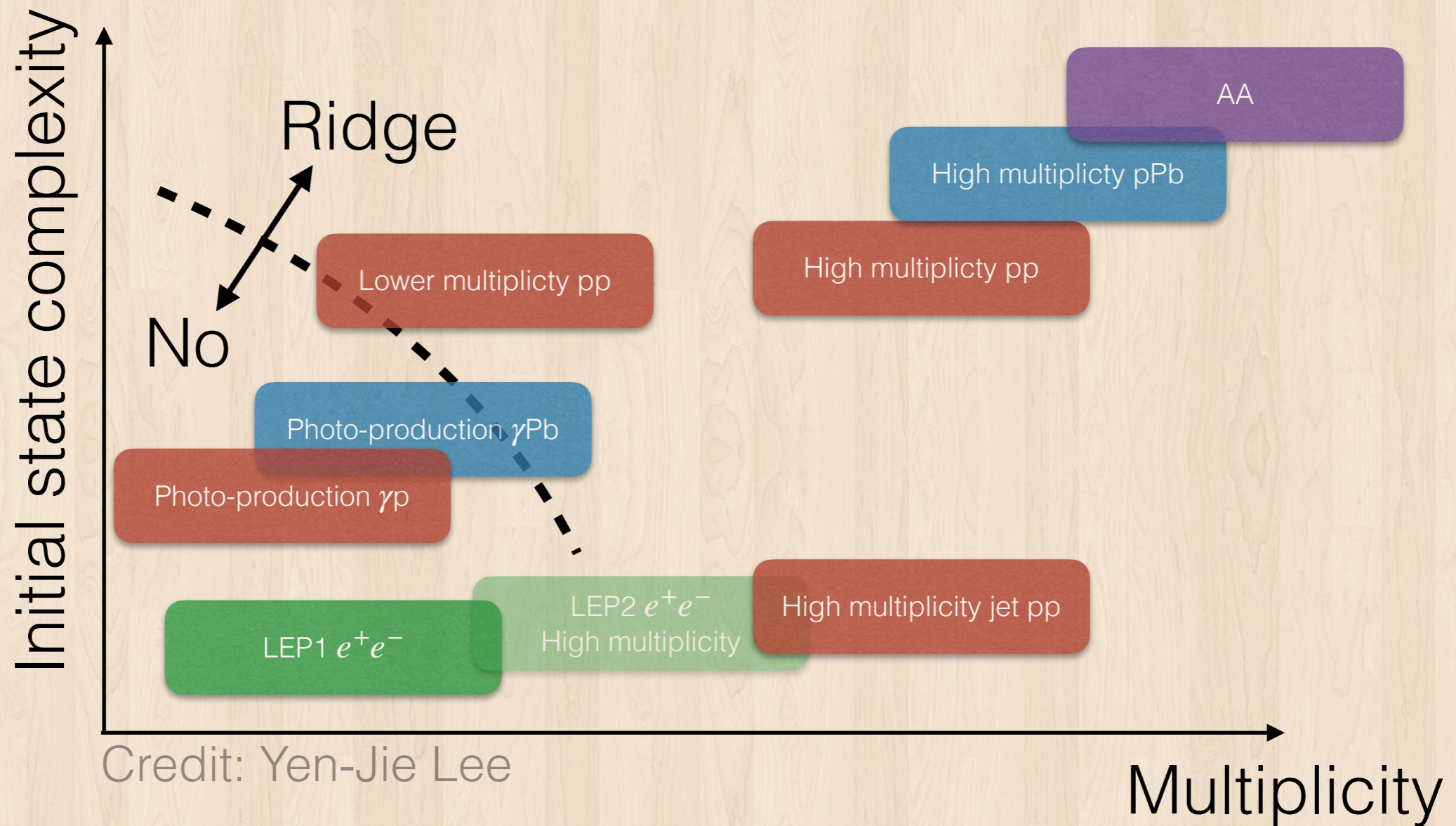
# Concluding Remarks

# Summary: two-particle correlation

- First measurement of two-particle correlation function for  $e^+e^-$  collisions up to 209 GeV at LEP
- No significant ridge-like signal at 91 GeV
- LEP2 with thrust axis: interesting structure in high multiplicity events



# Putting into bigger picture

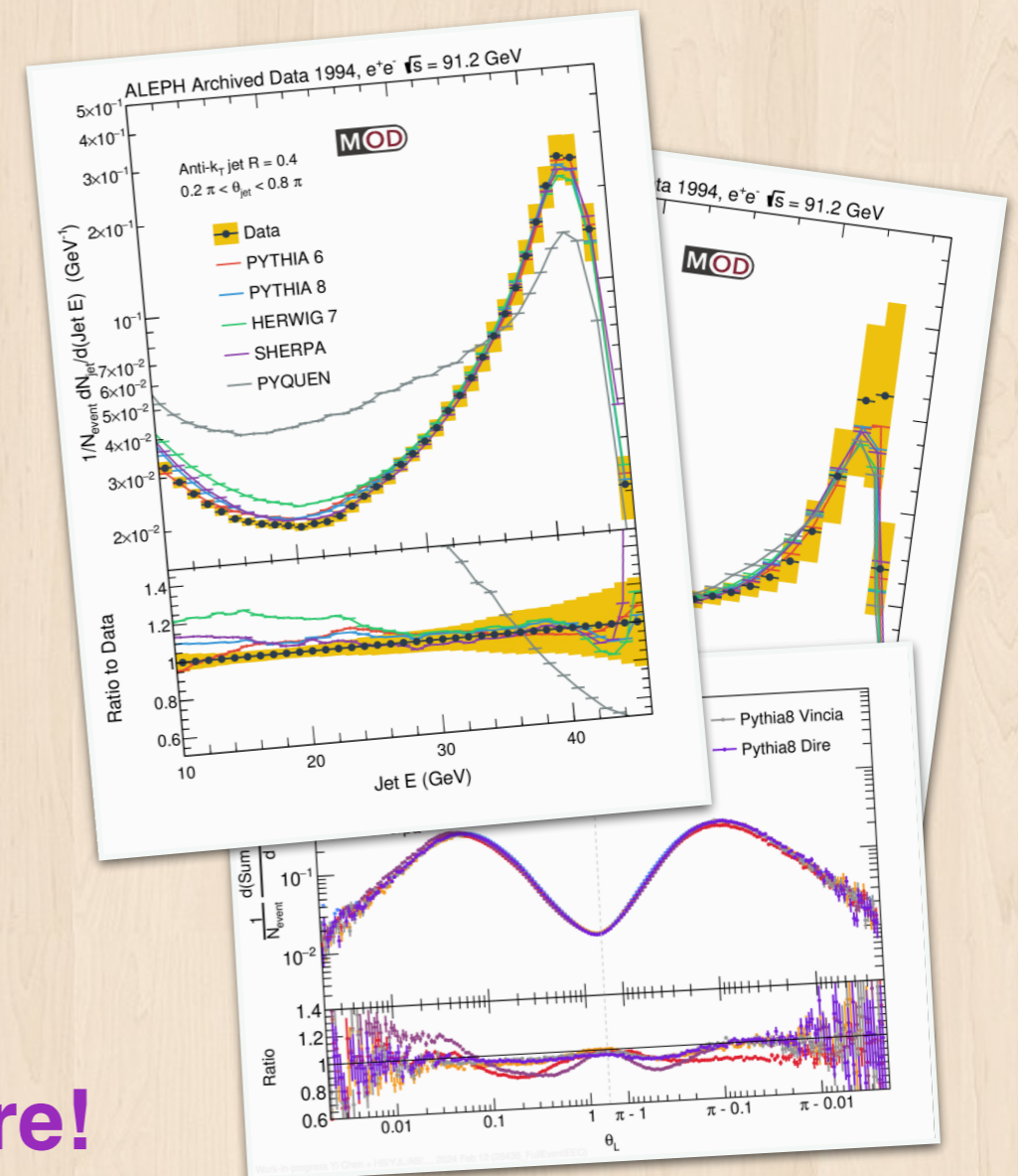


More places to explore! e.g. topologies in  $e^+e^-$



# What comes next for the effort?

- Two-particle correlation: more to explore with selections focusing on **different event topologies**
- Other efforts
  - First measurement of **jet spectra and substructure** [1]
  - Energy-energy correlator, etc...
- **Testing ground** for new algorithm developments (e.g. EIC)
- **Huge amount of things to explore!**



# Archived data

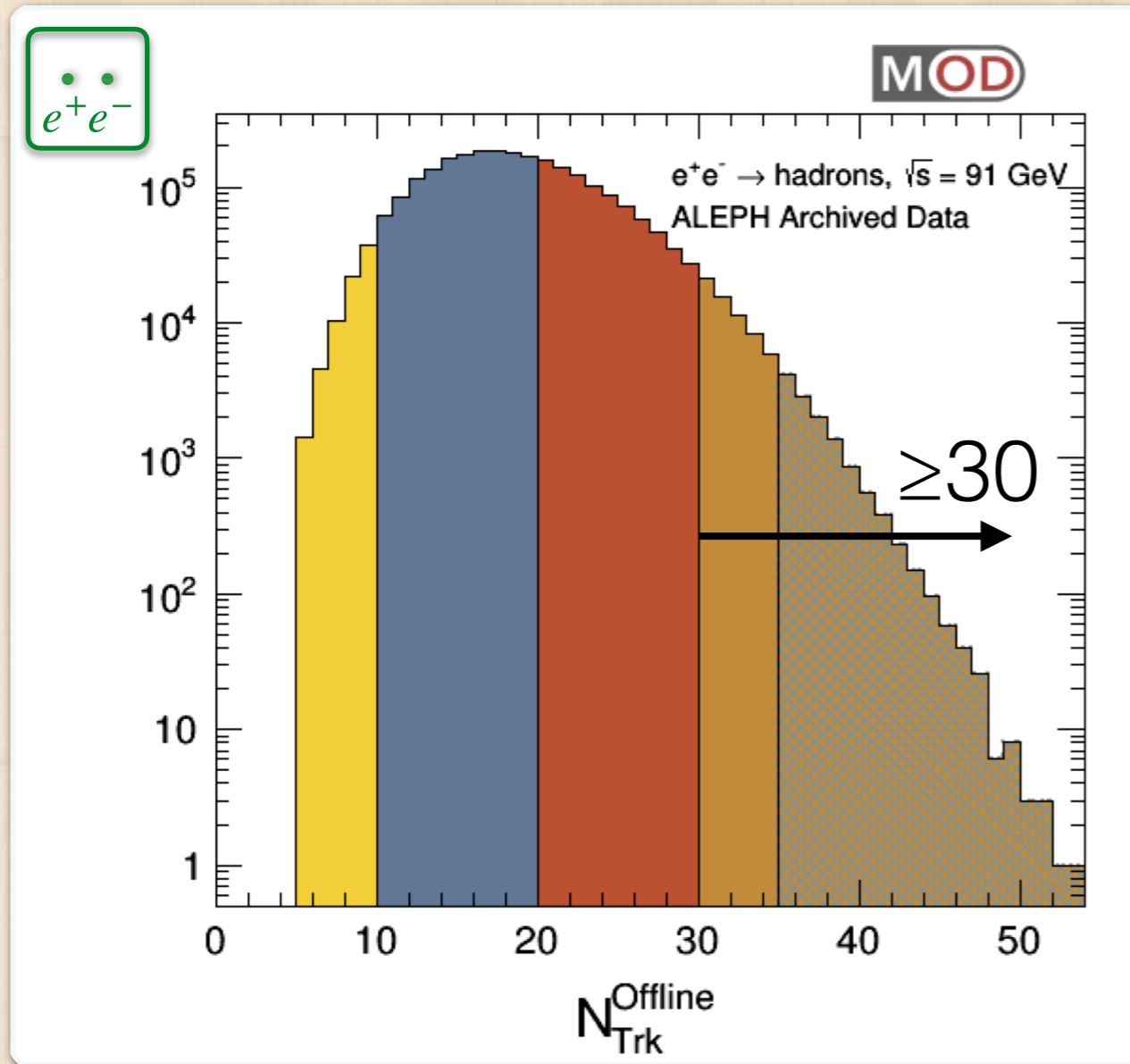
- Re-analysis of archived ALEPH data — multi-year process
  - A lot of effort in making sure we understand the data
  - Huge amount of help from ALEPH members
- Food for thought for ongoing experiments: preservation of knowledge, multiple MC samples, ability to rerun key software, low-level information, ...
- **User test** while experiment ongoing would be best
- Allows **new ideas** popped up long after end of data-taking

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Backup Slides Ahead

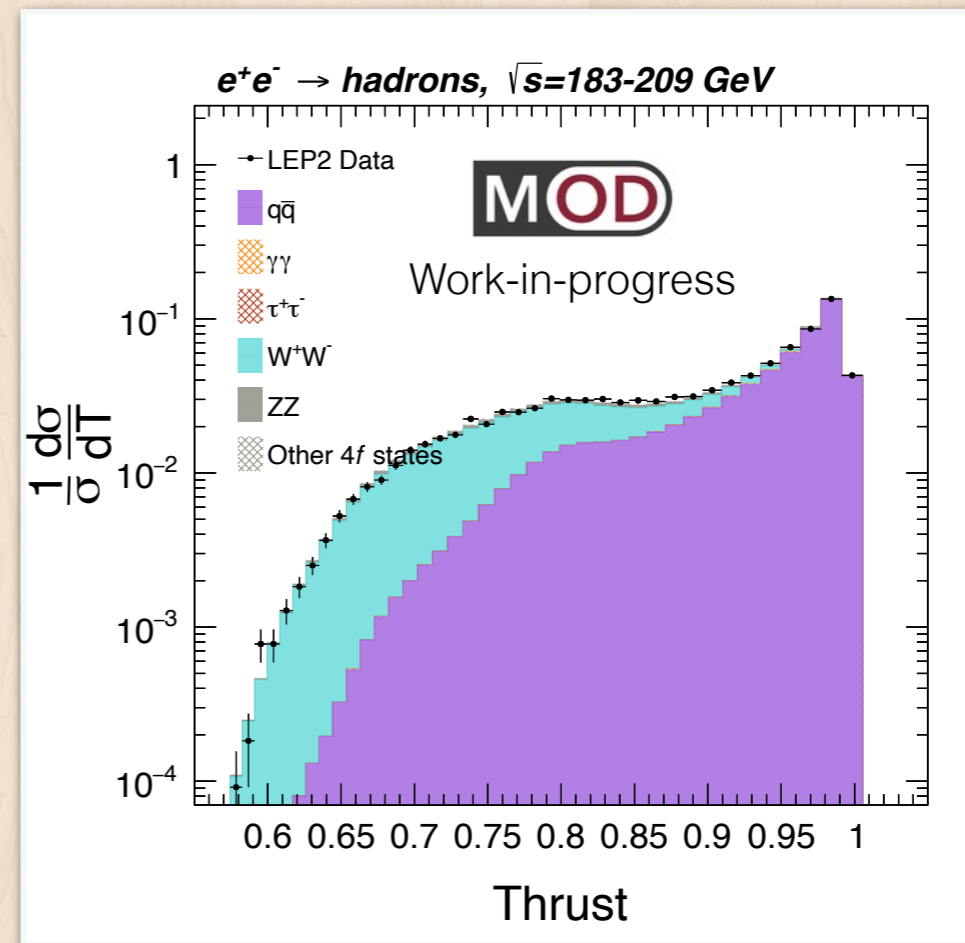
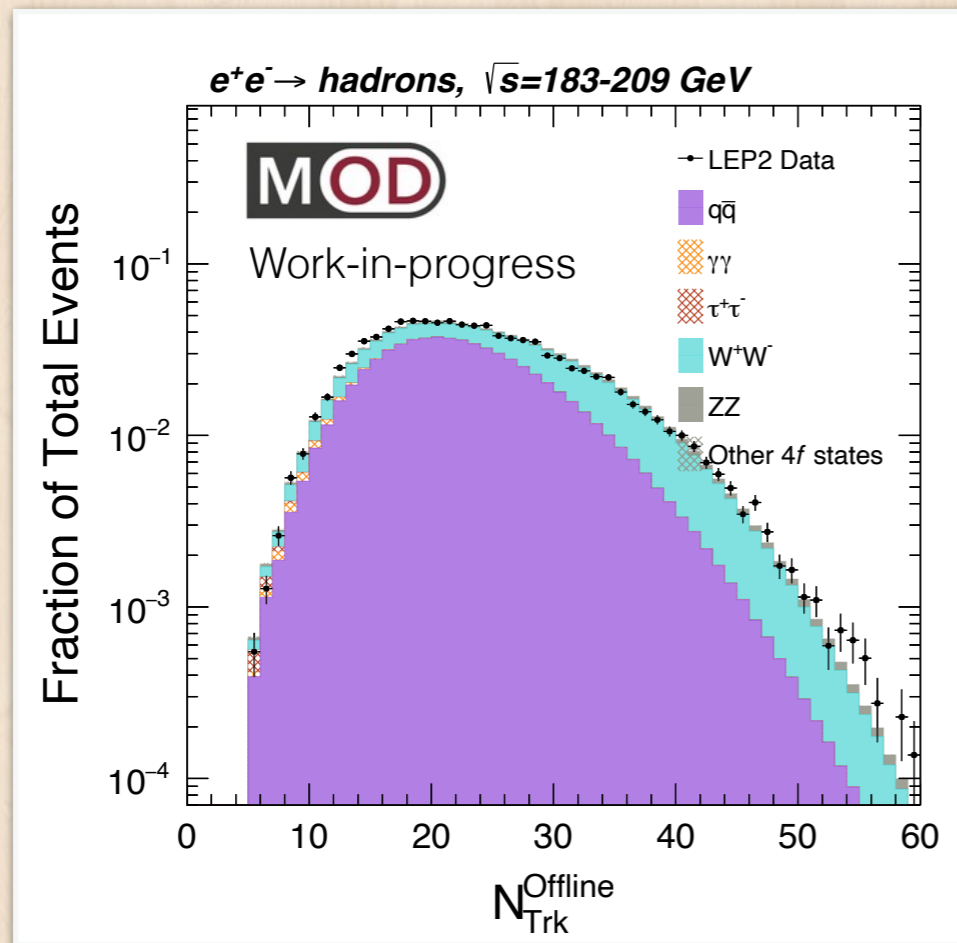
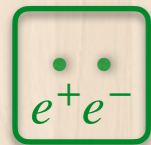
# Particle multiplicity (LEP1)



Inspired by the pp experience, look at correlations in bins of multiplicity

We focus on the high multiplicity events in this talk

# Higher energy LEP2 data



Integrated over higher energy datasets  
Generally decent data-MC agreement

# Understanding beam axis

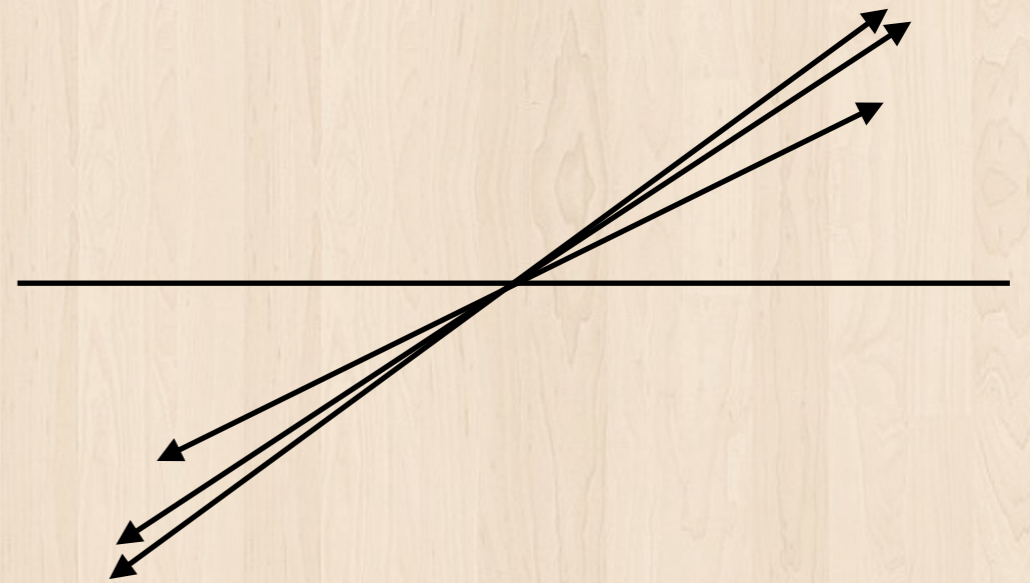
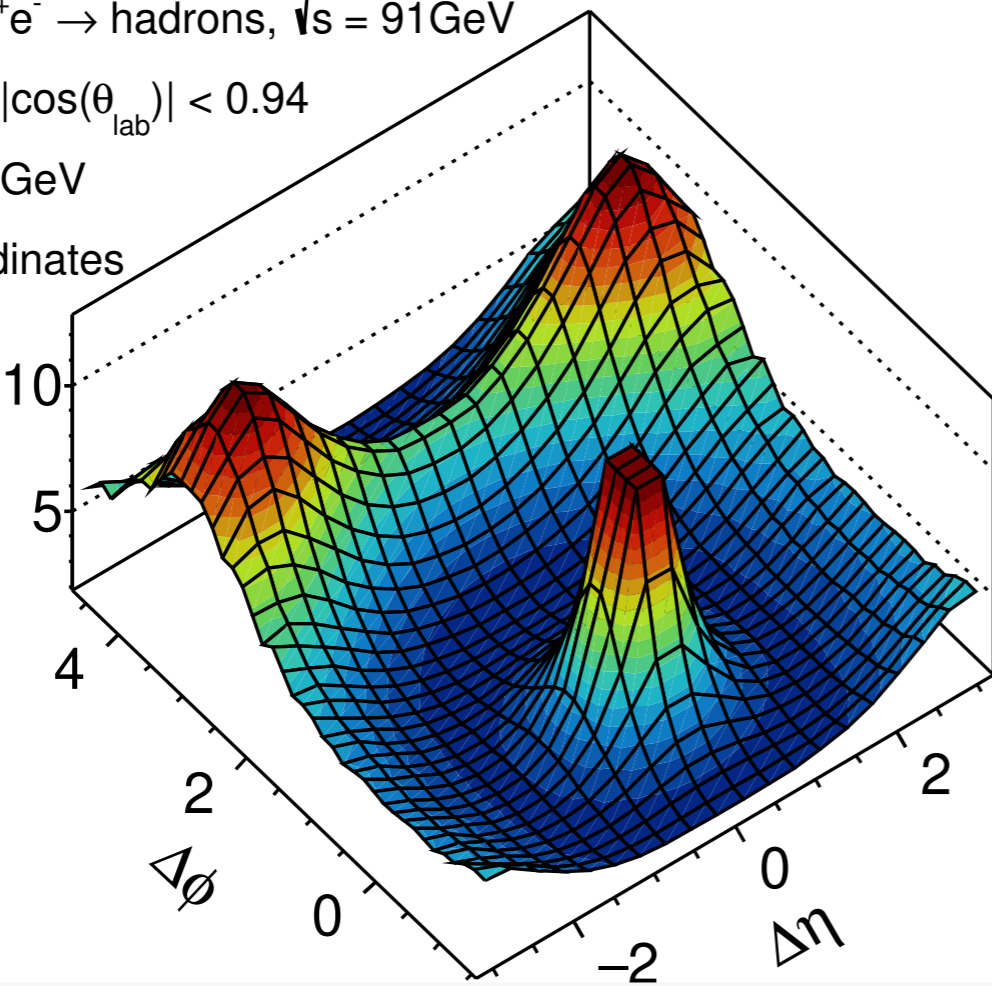
ALEPH  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$ ,  $\sqrt{s} = 91\text{GeV}$

$N_{\text{trk}} \geq 30$ ,  $|\cos(\theta_{\text{lab}})| < 0.94$

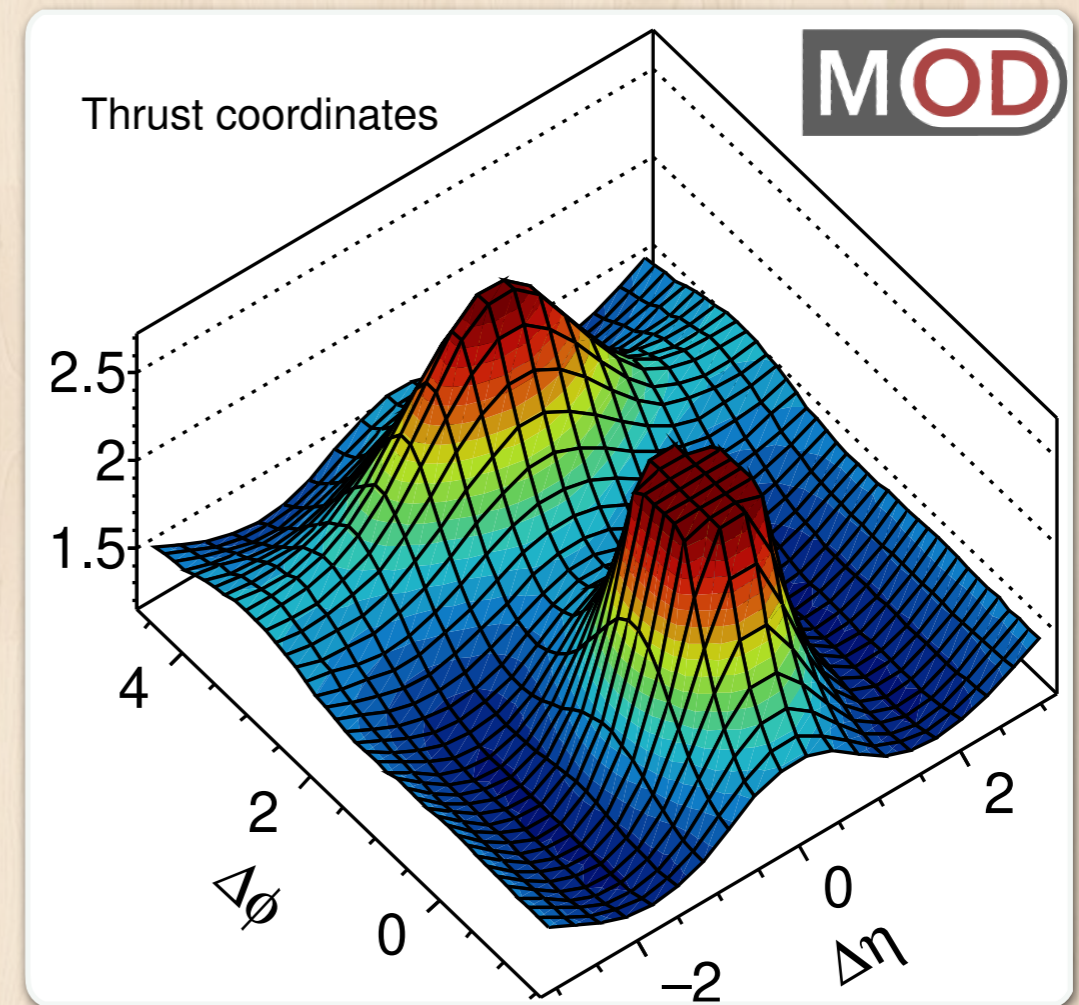
$p_{\text{T}}^{\text{lab}} > 0.2 \text{ GeV}$

Lab coordinates

$$\frac{1}{N_{\text{trk}}^{\text{corr}}} \frac{d^2 N_{\text{pair}}}{d\Delta\eta d\Delta\phi}$$

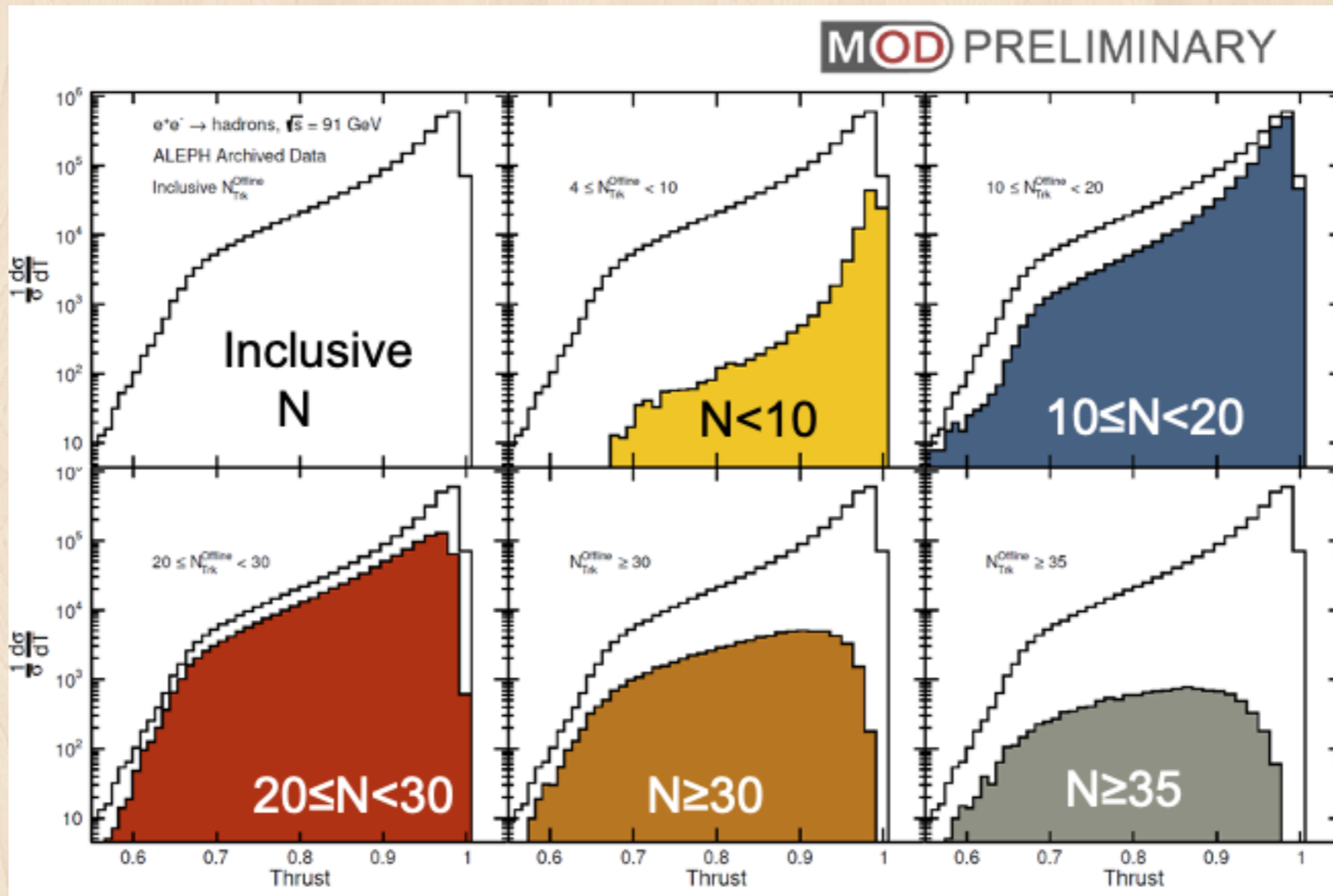


# Thrust: what is what

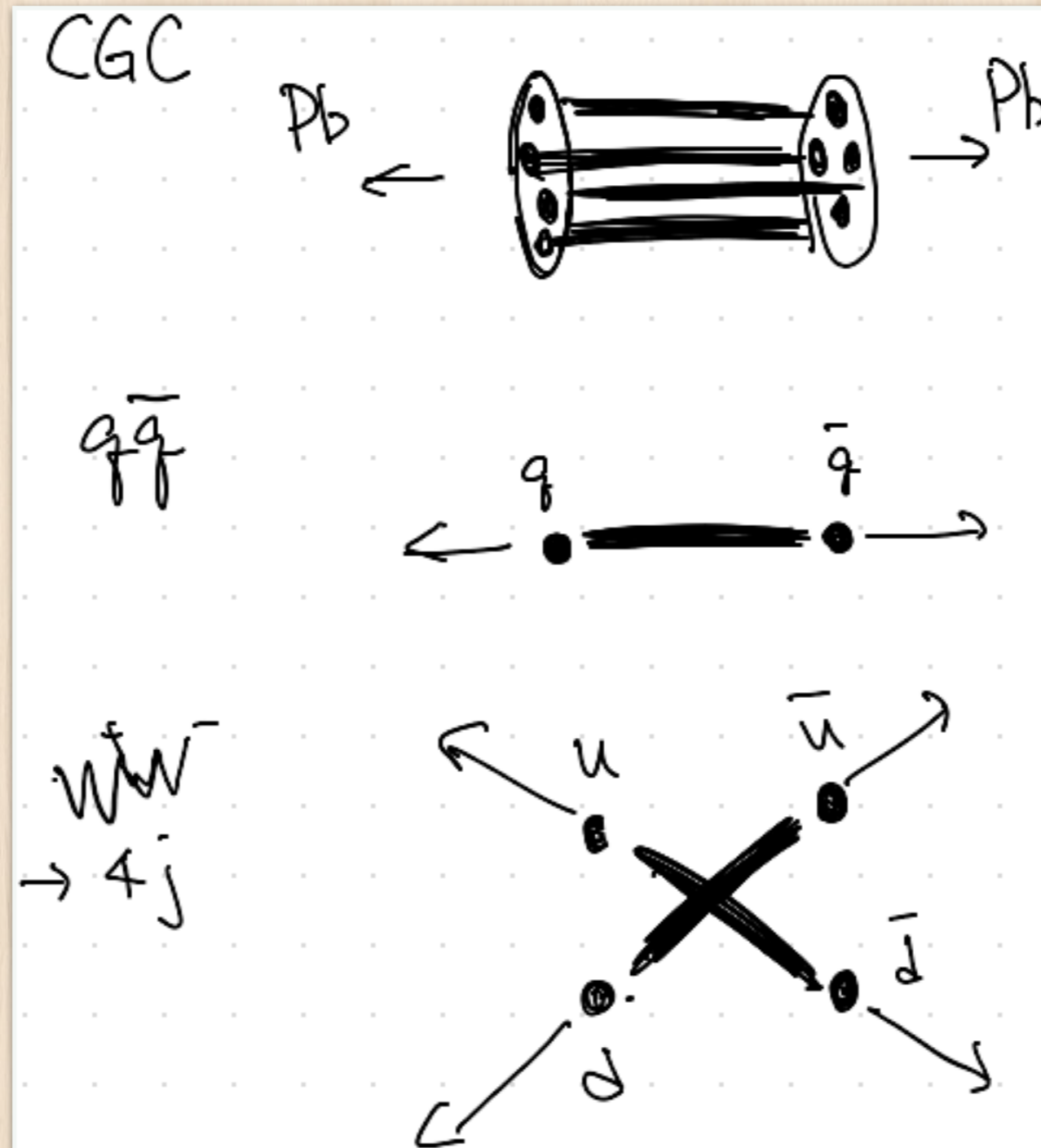




# Backup: thrust distributions



# Color string configuration



# Systematic uncertainties

- Event and track cuts
- Number of hits in the TPC detector
- Overall normalization
- Residual MC correction

## Lab coordinate

$N_{\text{Trk}}^{\text{Offline}}$	TPC hits	Event energy and track cuts	$B(0,0)$	Residual MC correction
LEP-I				
[5, 10)	0.7	0.6	0.11	10.3
[10, 20)	0.7	0.0	0.015	2.3
[20, 30)	0.7	0.0	0.013	0.2
[30, $\infty$ )	0.7	0.0	0.027	1.2
[35, $\infty$ )	0.7	0.0	0.057	4.4
LEP-II				
[10, 20)	0.28	6.84	0.10	1.52
[20, 30)	1.99	2.97	0.06	0.61
[30, 40)	1.13	0.64	0.06	1.10
[40, 50)	0.45	0.10	0.09	1.50
[50, $\infty$ )	2.52	0.21	0.17	1.74

## Thrust coordinate

$N_{\text{Trk}}^{\text{Offline}}$	TPC hits	Event energy and track cuts	$B(0,0)$	Residual MC correction
LEP-I				
[5, 10)	0.3	3.4	0.88	0.50
[10, 20)	0.3	0.0	0.09	0.21
[20, 30)	0.3	0.0	0.05	0.06
[30, $\infty$ )	0.3	0.0	0.06	0.21
[35, $\infty$ )	0.3	0.0	0.13	0.21
LEP-II				
[10, 20)	1.09	0.39	0.44	1.17
[20, 30)	0.68	0.44	0.21	0.11
[30, 40)	0.65	0.05	0.12	0.10
[40, 50)	0.73	0.04	0.16	0.13
[50, $\infty$ )	1.60	0.50	0.27	0.02

