

ALICE measurements of flow coefficients and their correlations in small (pp and p-Pb) and large (Xe-Xe and Pb-Pb) collision systems

Is there collectivity in small collision systems?

If yes, what is its origin?



ALICE



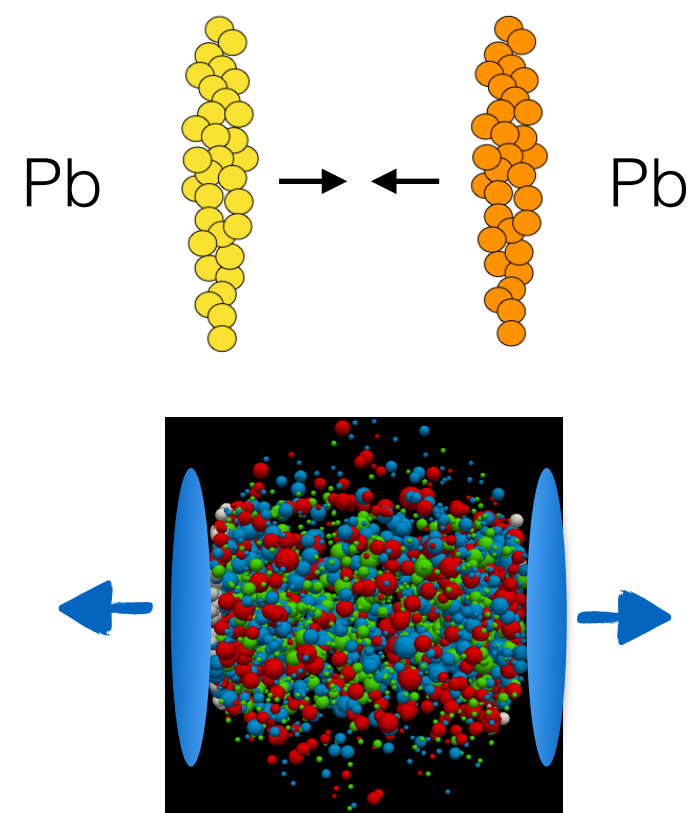
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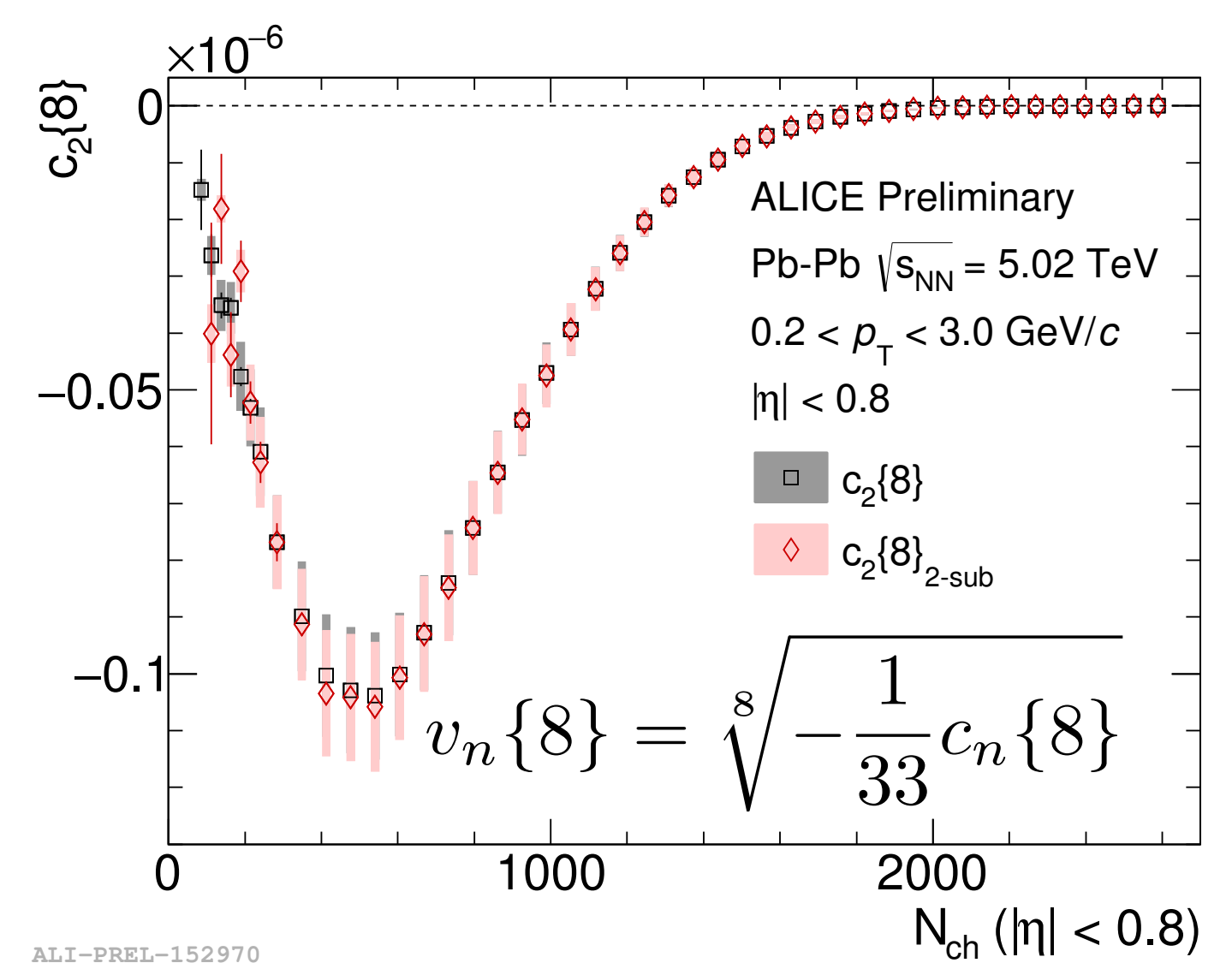
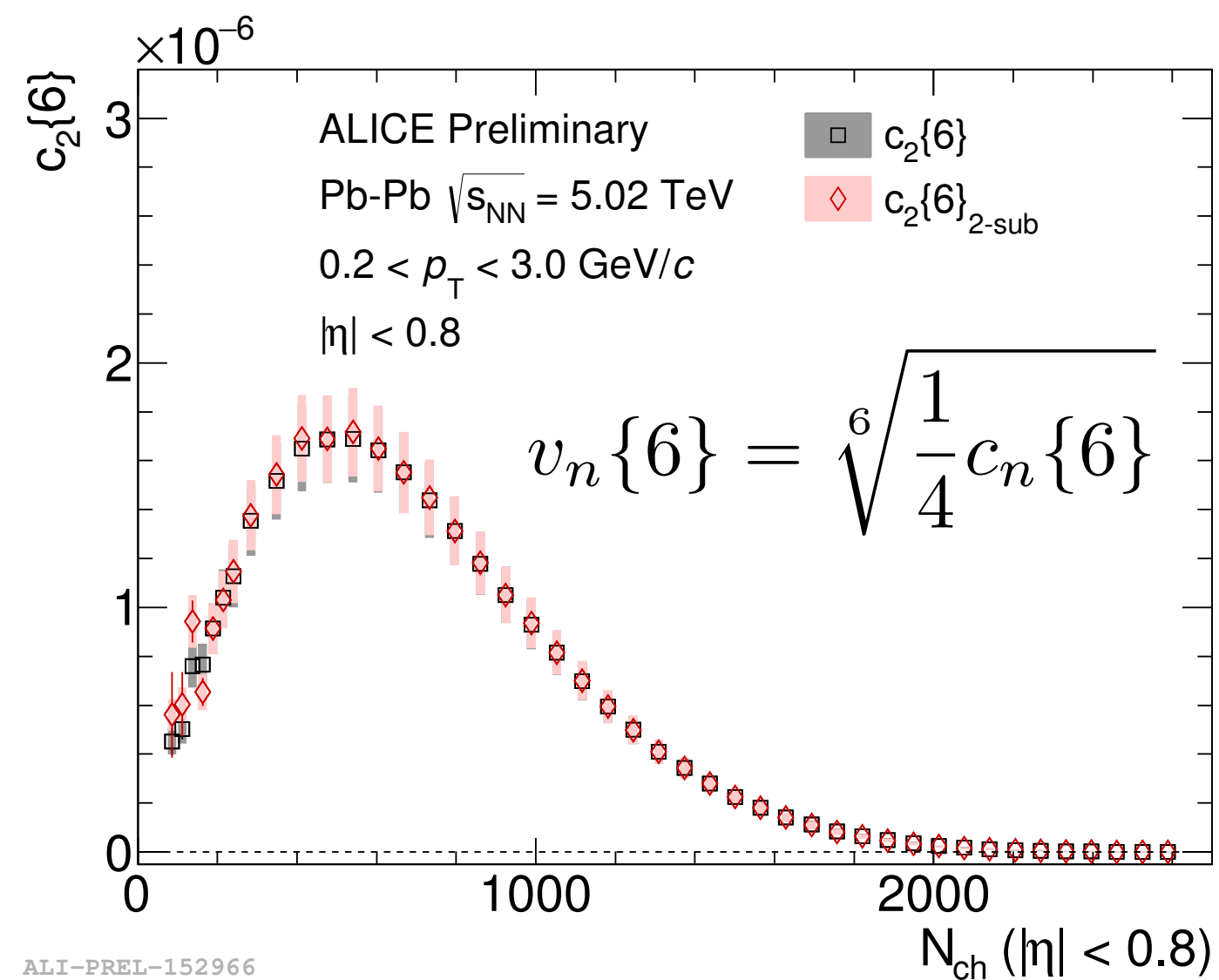
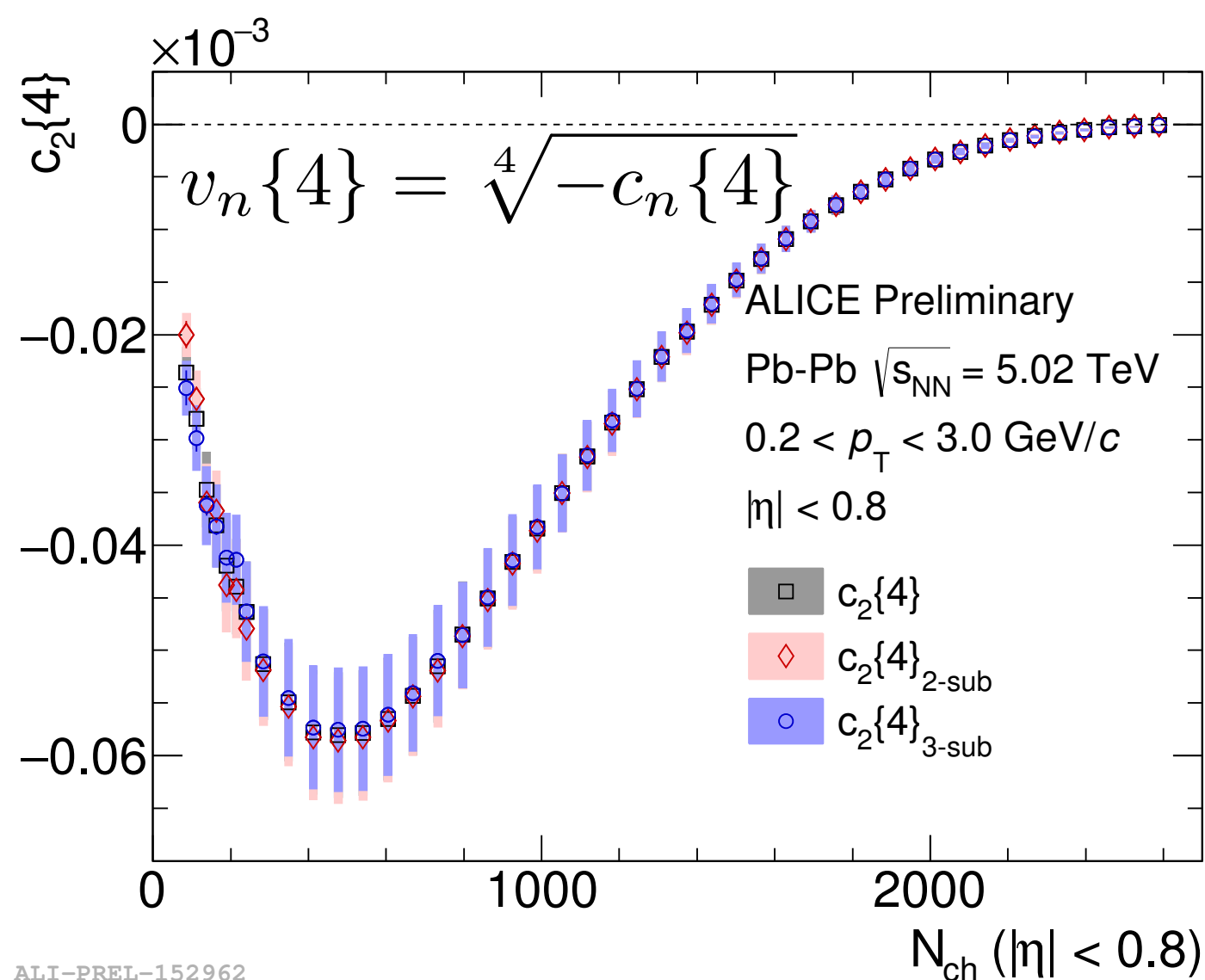
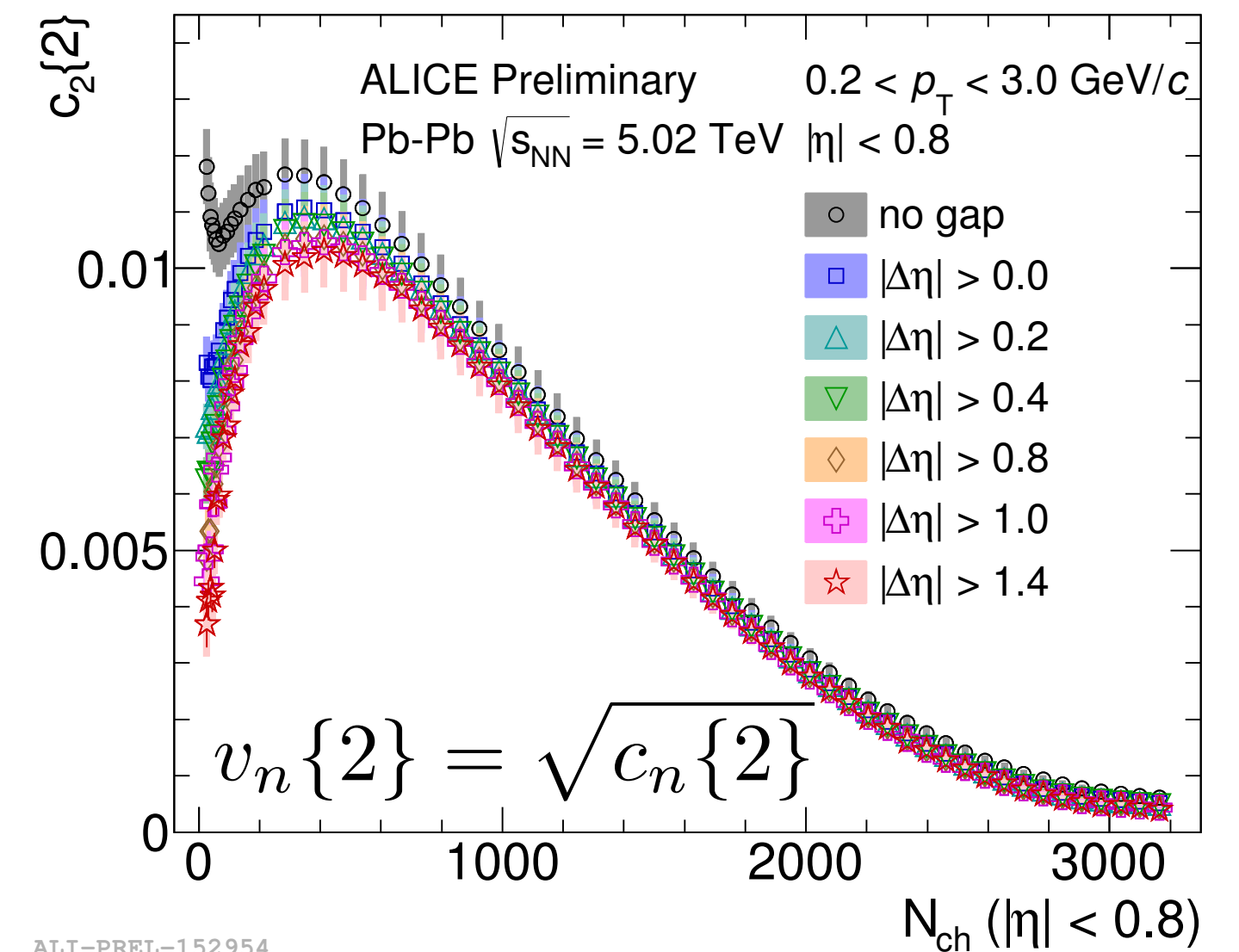
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What is collectivity: long-range correlations

Collectivity: **long-range** multi-particle correlations

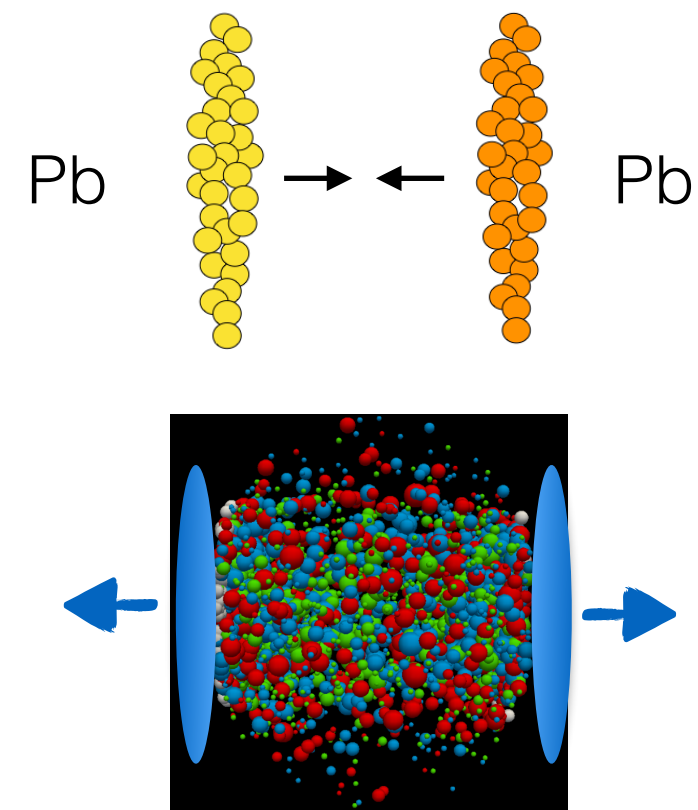


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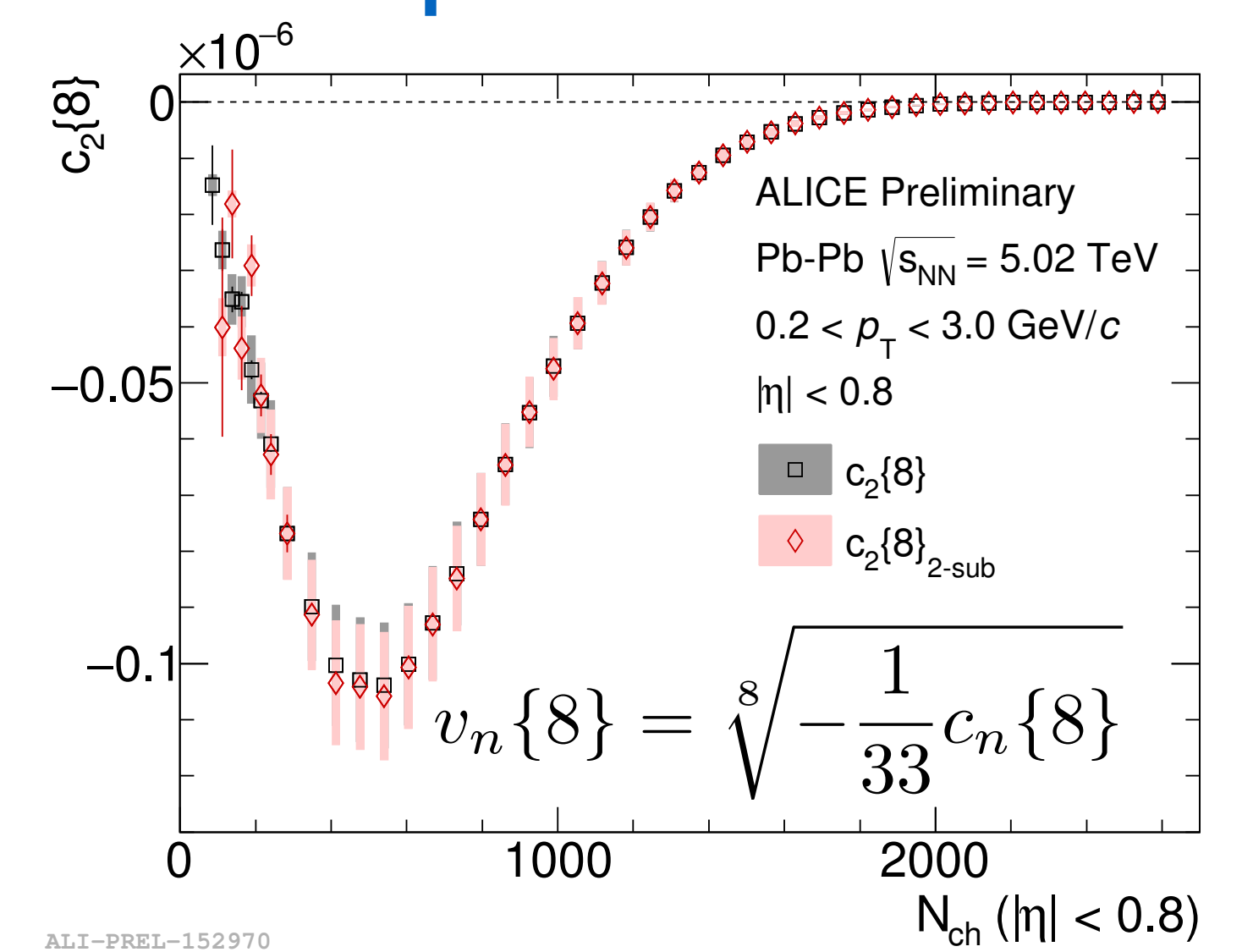
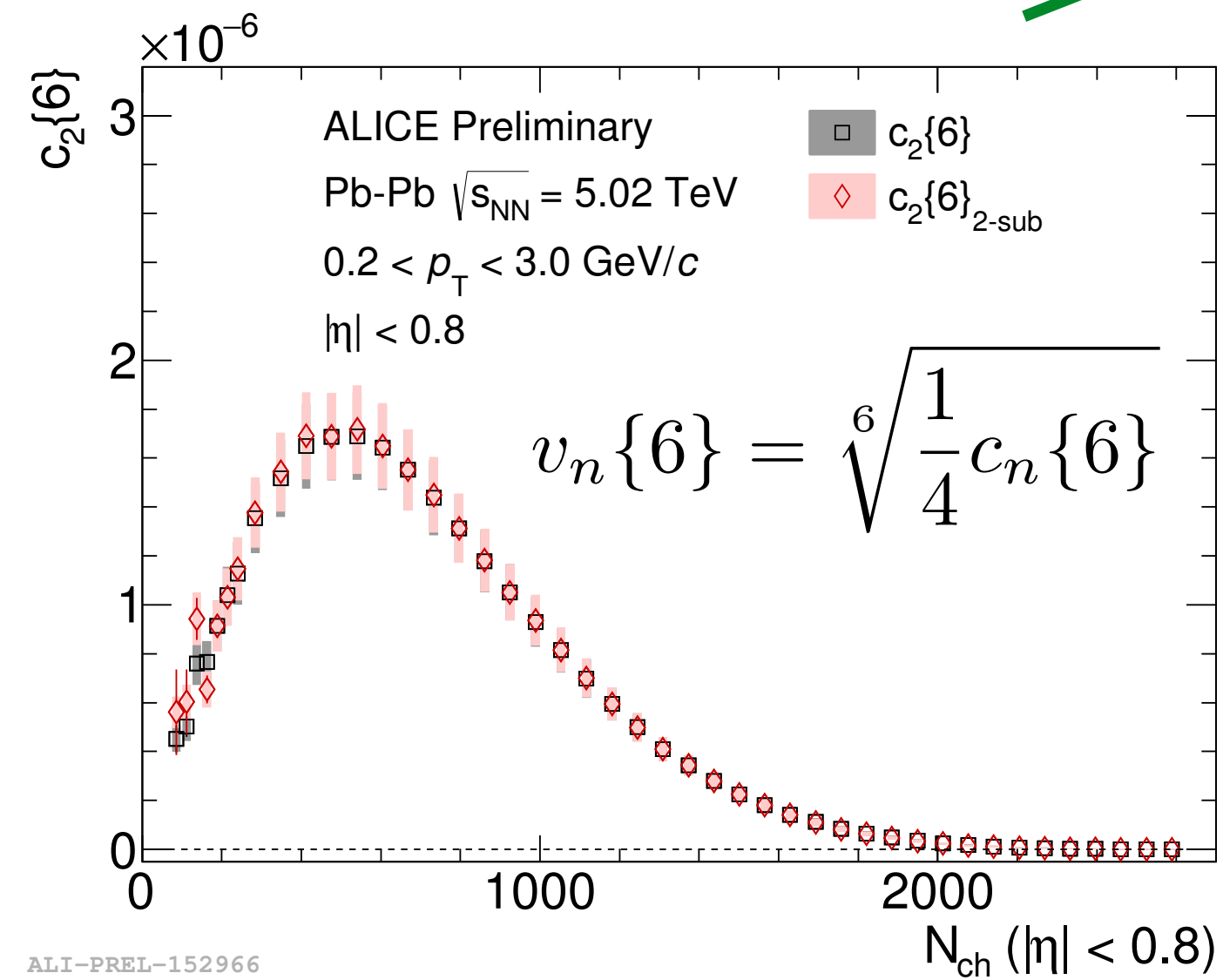
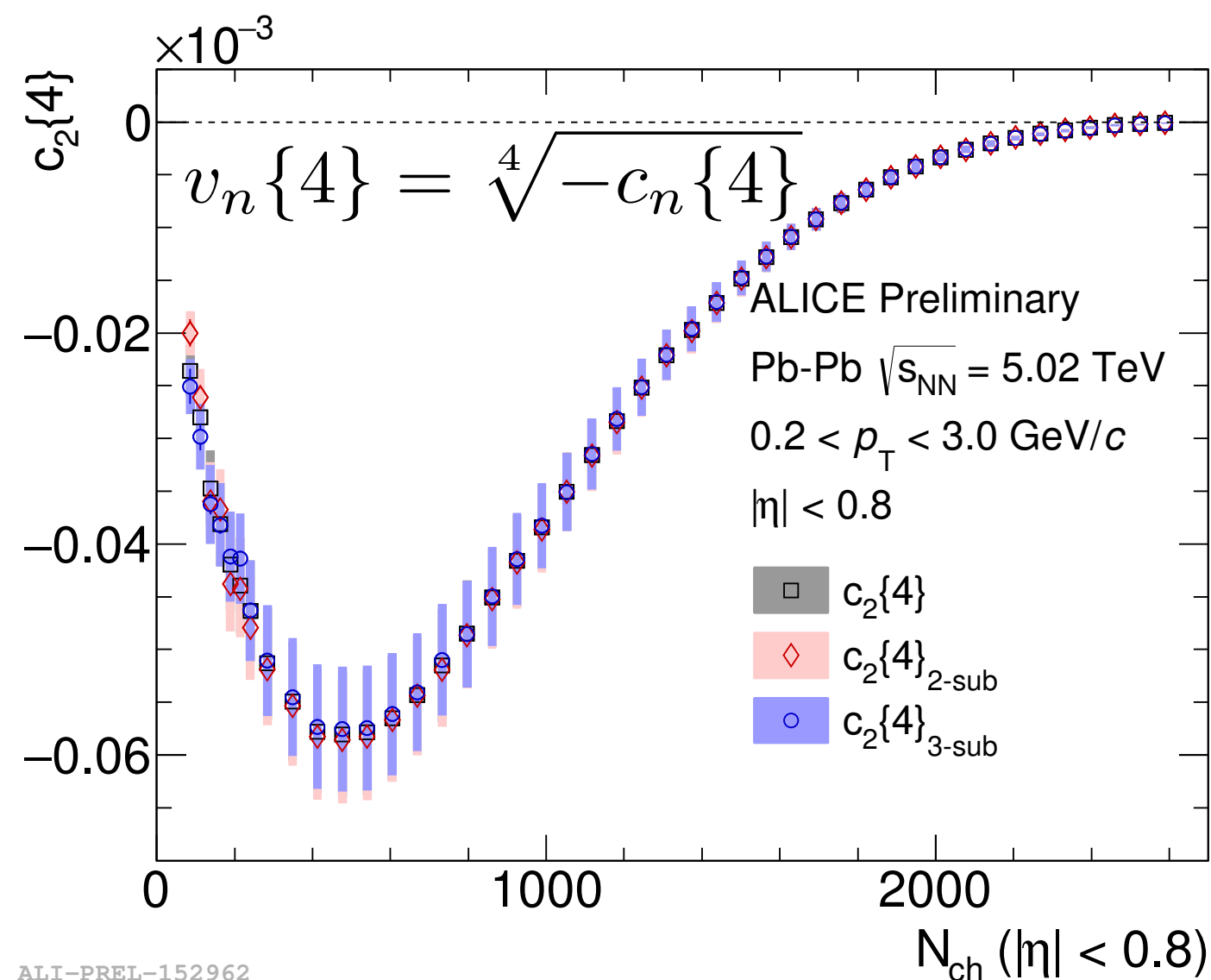
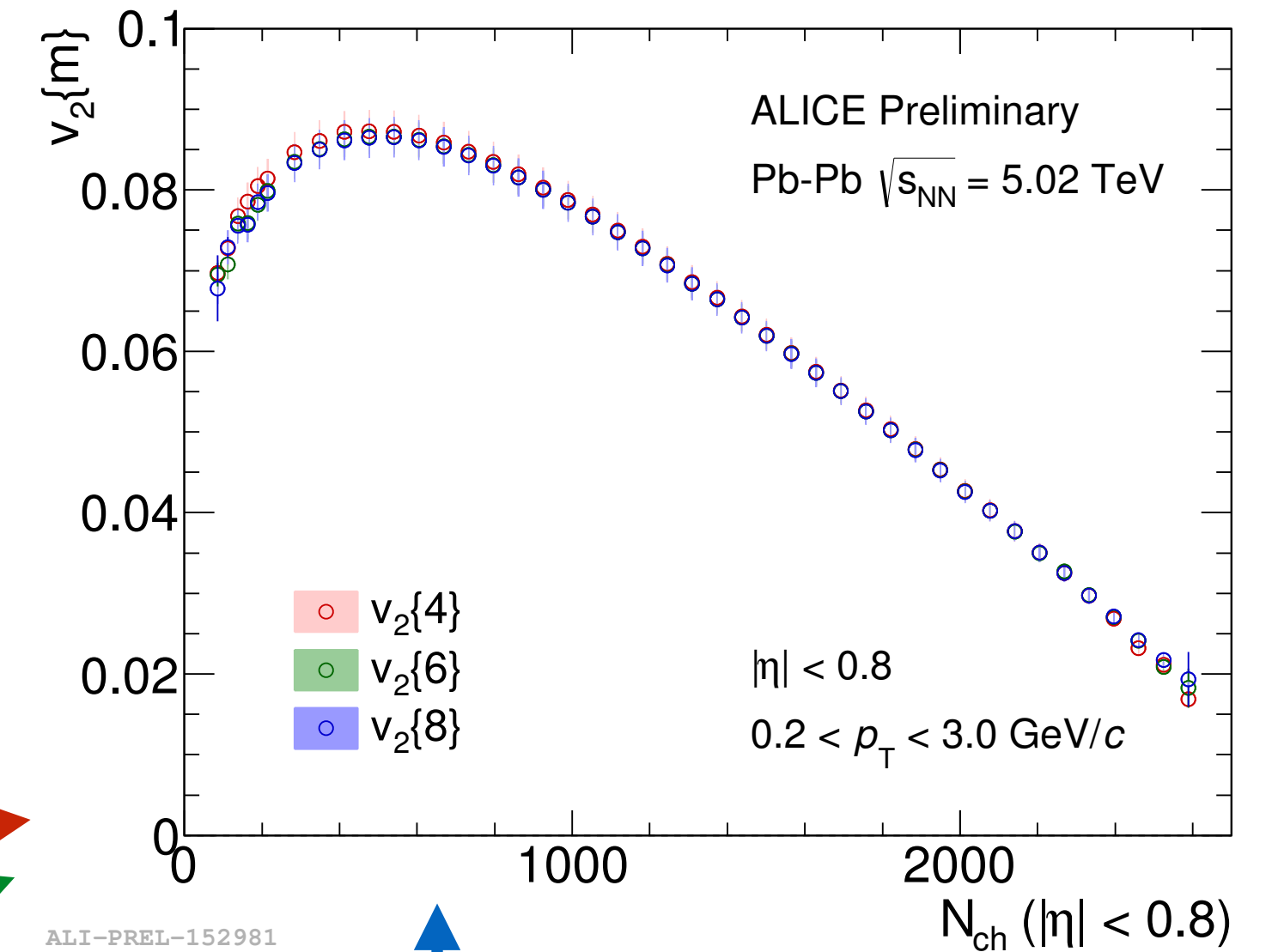


What is collectivity: multi-particle correlations

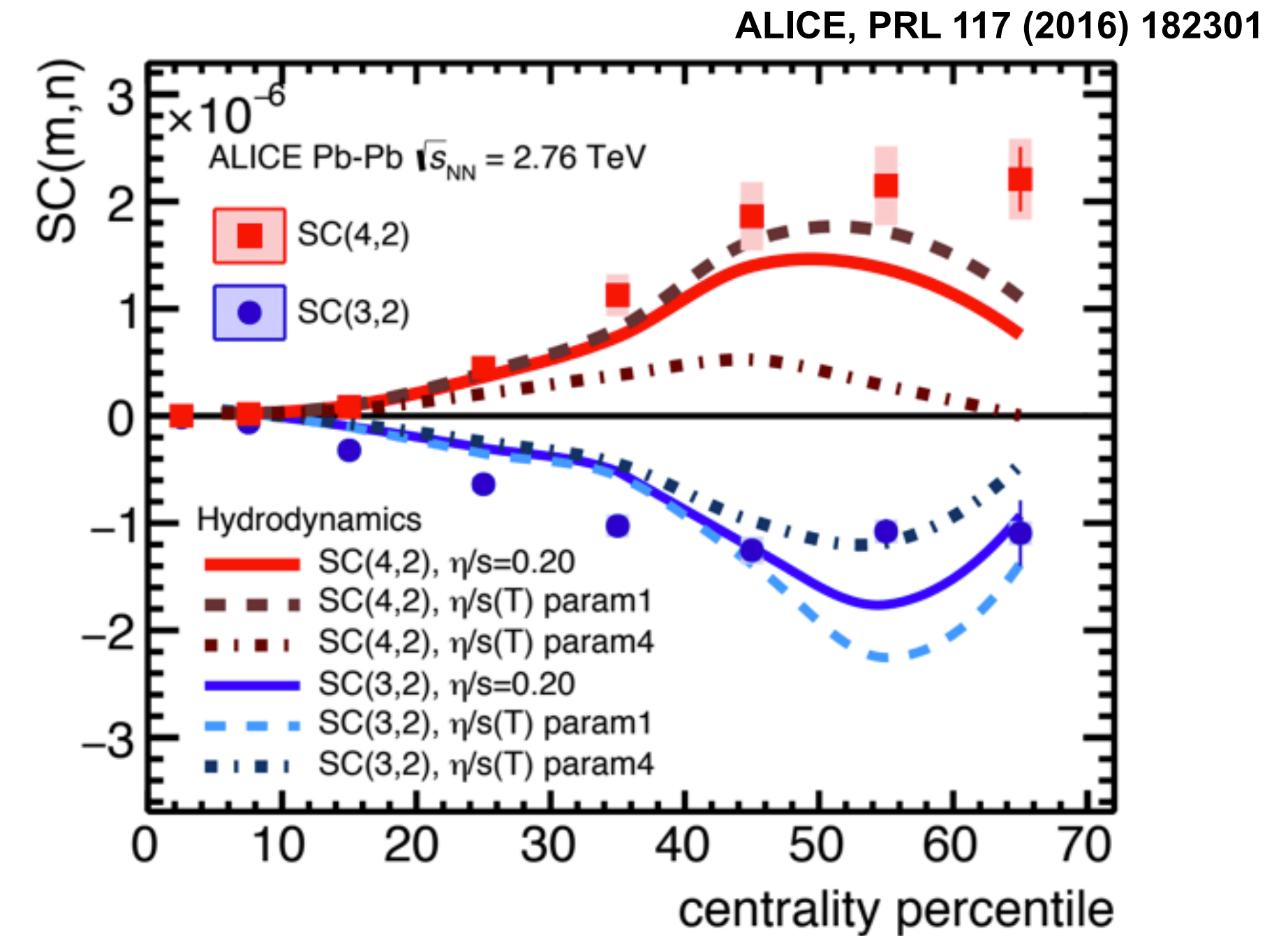
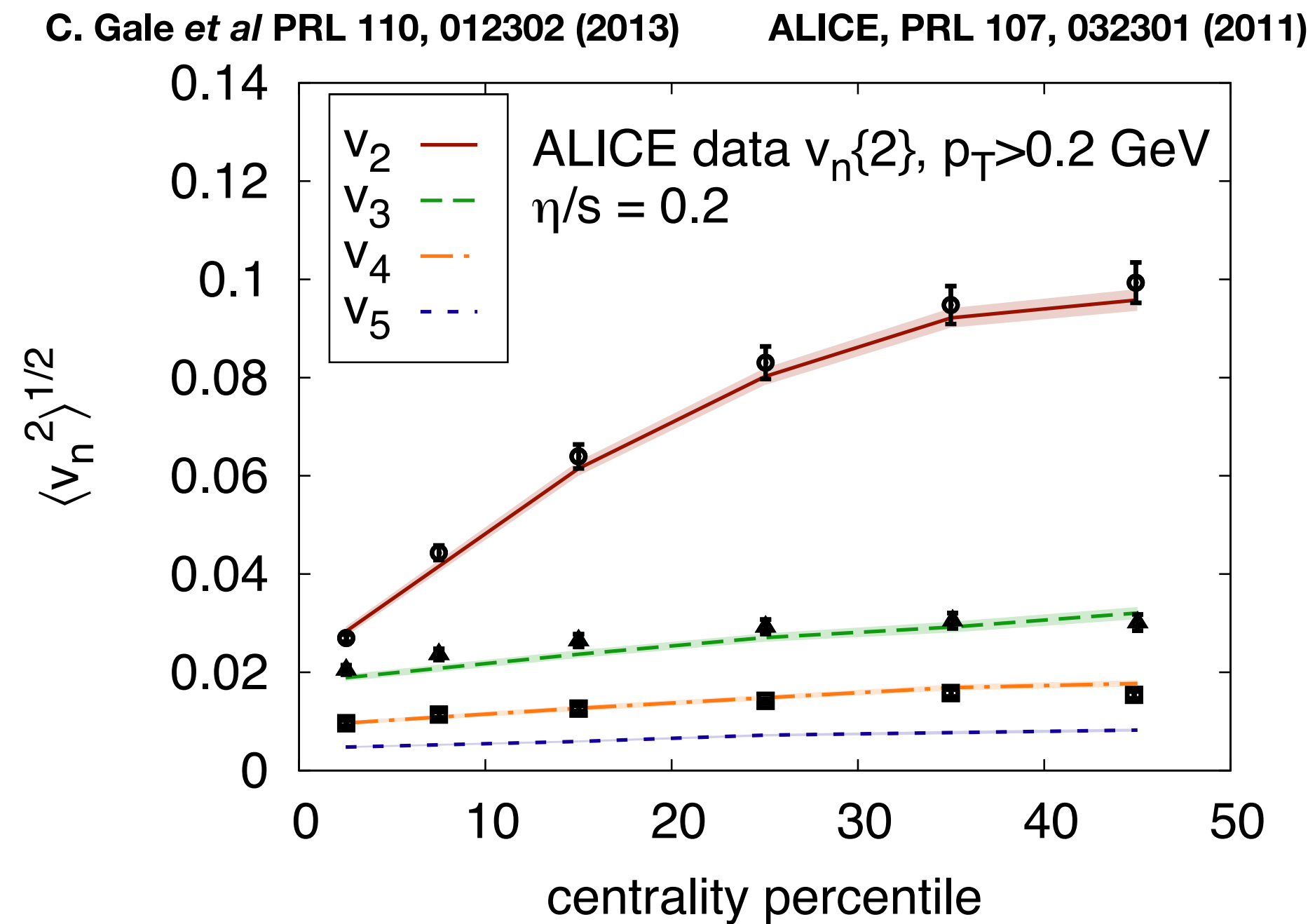
Collectivity: long-range **multi-particle** correlations



- **Correlations are long-range:** saturation of the v_2 with $|\Delta\eta|$ separation
- **Correlations among many particles**
 - $v_2\{4\} \sim v_2\{6\} \sim v_2\{8\}$



Origin of collectivity in Pb-Pb collisions



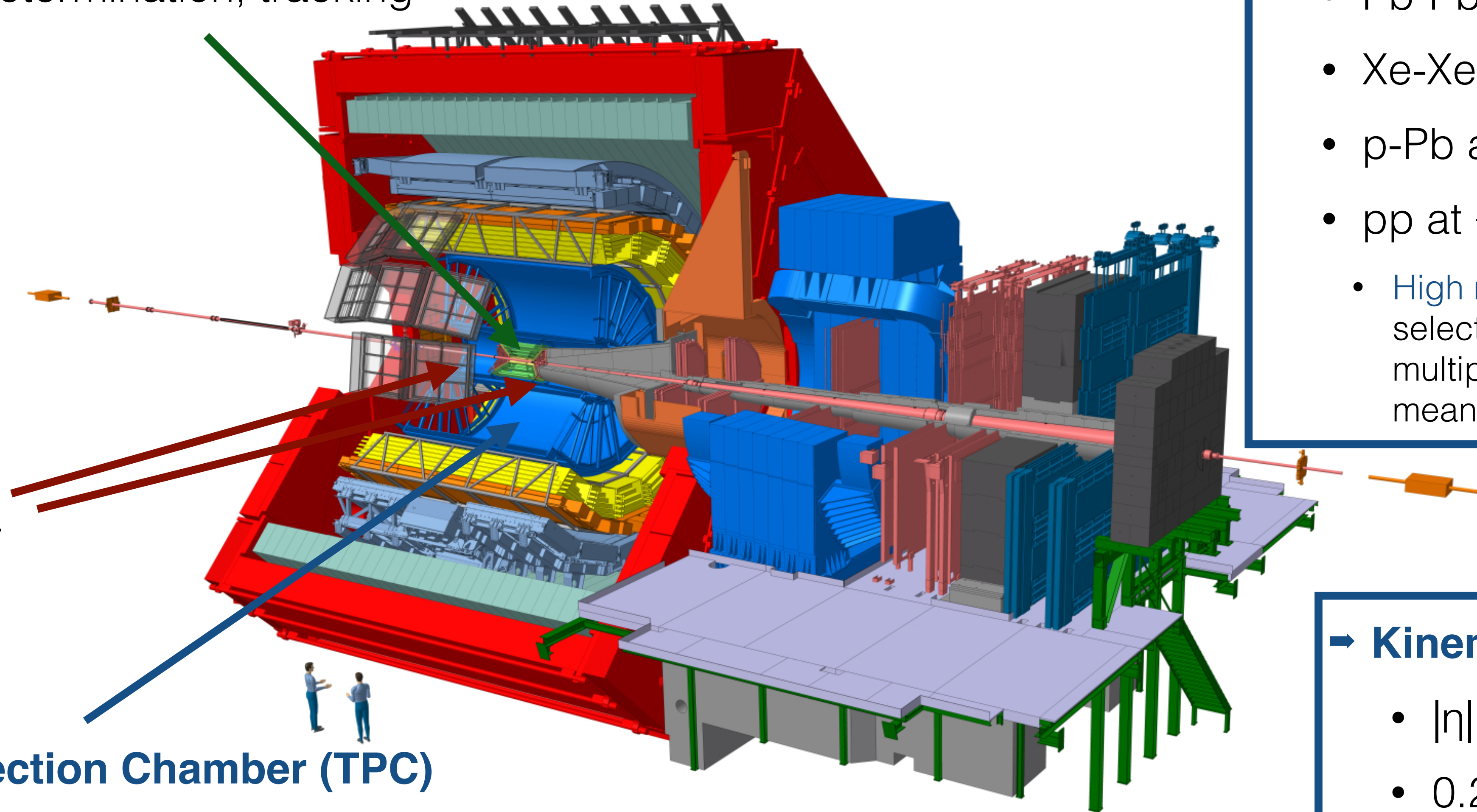
- Measurements of v_n consistent with hydrodynamical model calculations
- Symmetric Cumulants provide further constraints on the initial conditions and transport coefficients
- $v_n\{m\}$ together with $SC(m,n)$ provide a better handle of the model parameters than each of them independently

Origin of collectivity in large collision systems is well understood.

Experimental setup and data sets

→ Inner Tracking System (ITS)

- vertex determination, tracking



→ **V0**: trigger

→ Time Projection Chamber (TPC)

- tracking

→ Data samples (LHC Run2):

- Pb-Pb at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV
- Xe-Xe at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.44$ TeV
- p-Pb at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV
- pp at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV
- High multiplicity trigger selects events with V0 multiplicity 4 times larger than mean V0 multiplicity

→ Kinematic cuts

- $|\eta| < 0.8$
- $0.2 < p_T < 3.0$ GeV/c

Suppression of non-flow effects

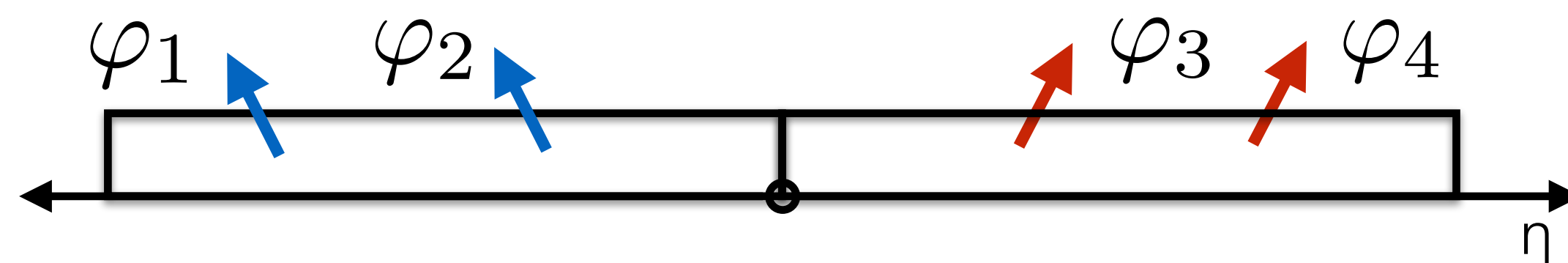
- **Non-flow:** few particle correlations not associated to the common symmetry plane
 - Correlations between particles in jets, or from resonance decays, etc.

Subevent method J. Jia, M. Zhou, A. Trzupek, PRC 96, 034906 (2017)

- Enforces a space separation between particles that are being correlated
- Extended to multi-particle cumulants

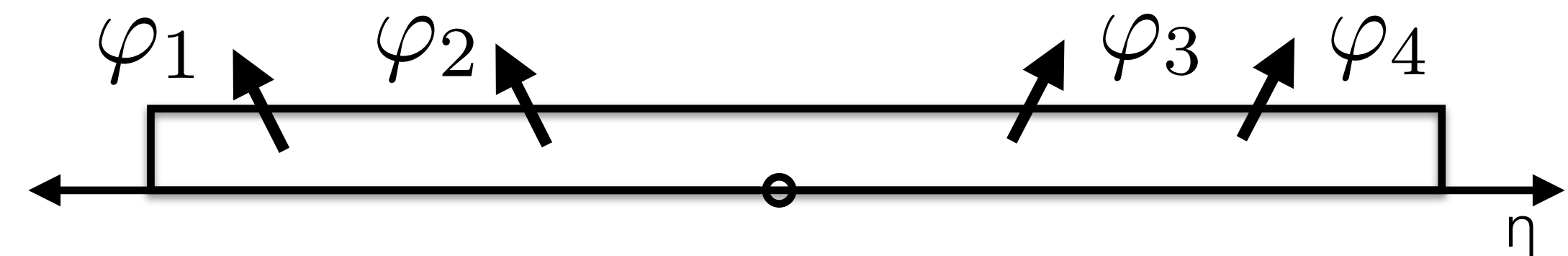
Example: 4-particle correlation

2-subevent method



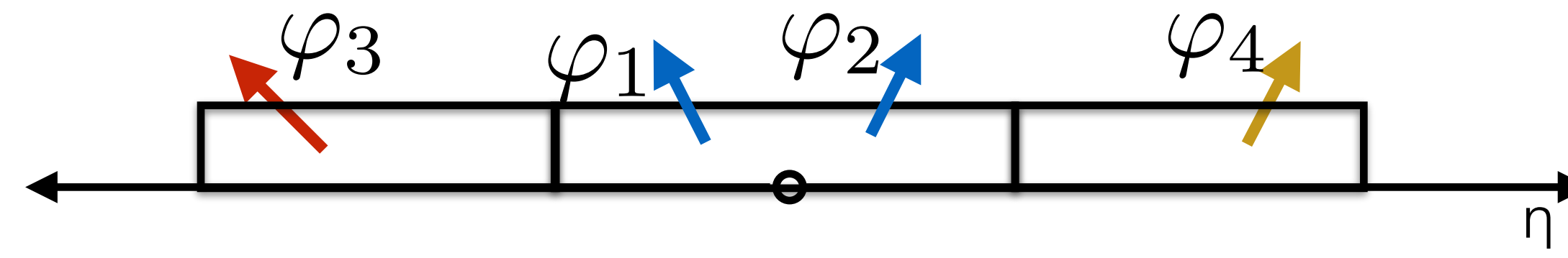
$$\langle\langle 4 \rangle\rangle_{2-sub} = \langle\langle \cos n(\varphi_1 + \varphi_2 - \varphi_3 - \varphi_4) \rangle\rangle$$

standard method



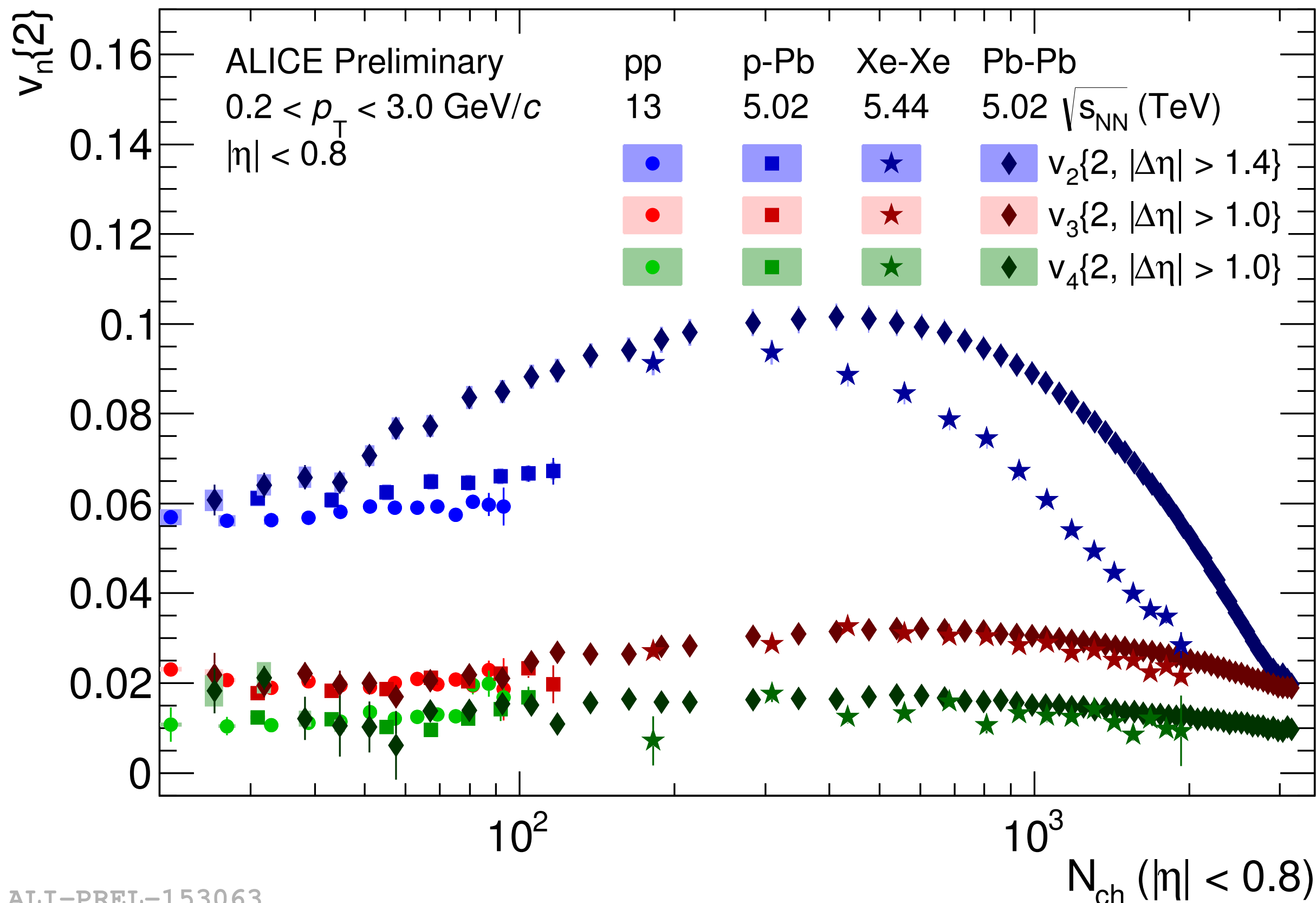
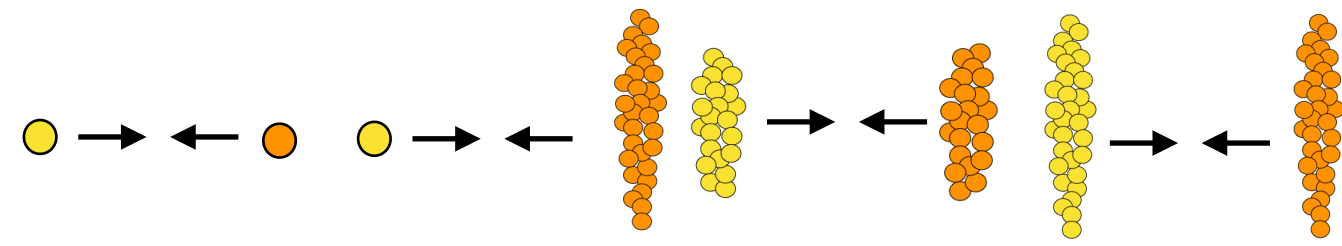
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3-subevent method



$$\langle\langle 4 \rangle\rangle_{3-sub} = \langle\langle \cos n(\varphi_1 + \varphi_2 - \varphi_3 - \varphi_4) \rangle\rangle$$

$v_n\{2\}$: all systems



→ Heavy-ion collisions:

- Clear multiplicity dependence of v_2 showing response to collision geometry
- Ordering $v_2 > v_3 > v_4$

→ Small systems:

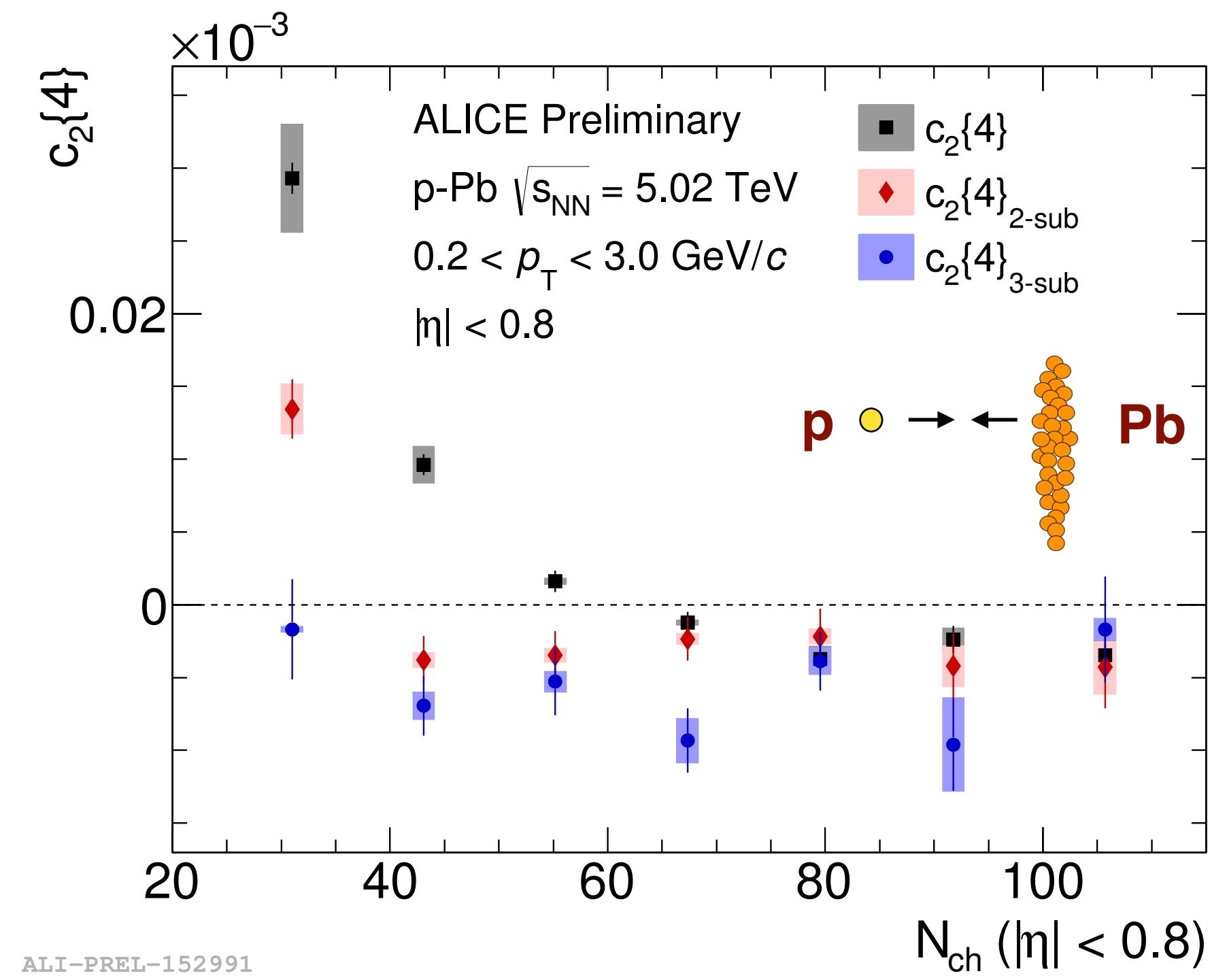
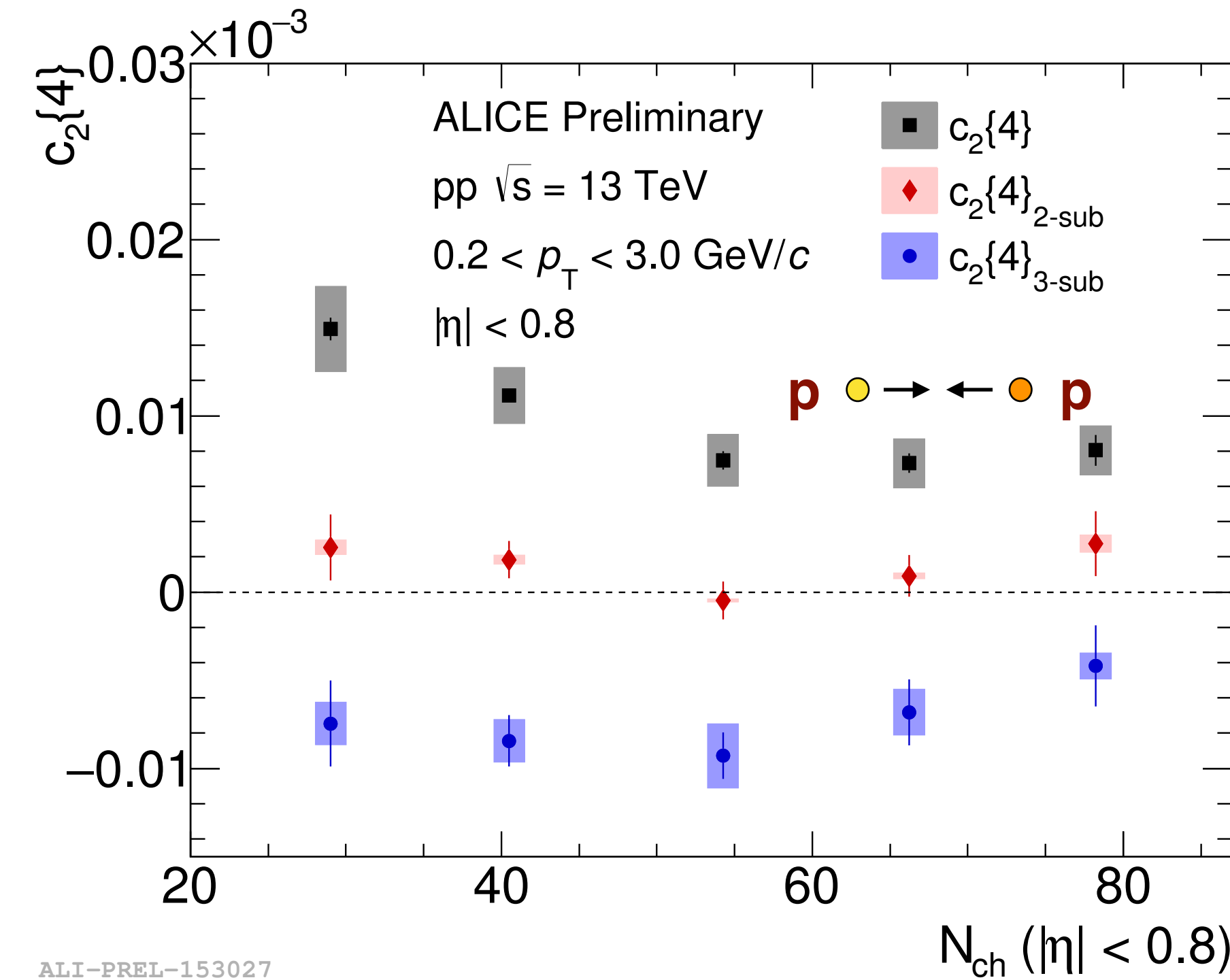
- Comparable values with Pb-Pb at low N_{ch}
- Weak multiplicity dependence
- Ordering $v_2 > v_3 > v_4$

Cannot be explained solely by non-flow

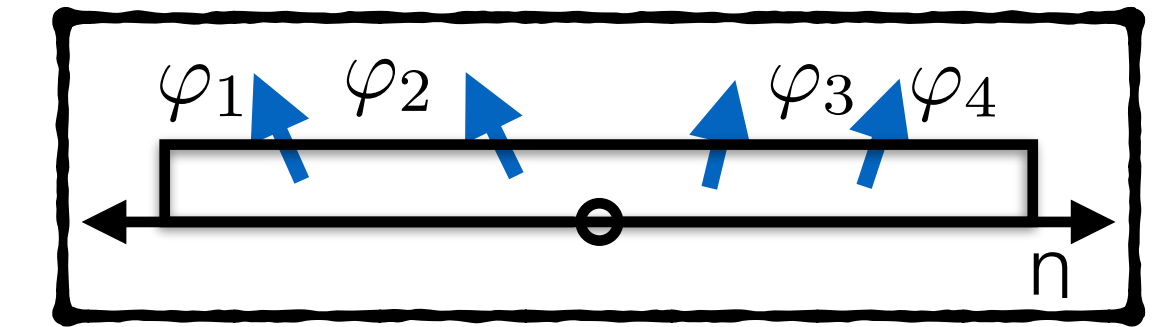
REMINDER: **Collectivity**: long-range multi-particle correlations

Collectivity can be better probed with multi-particle cumulants

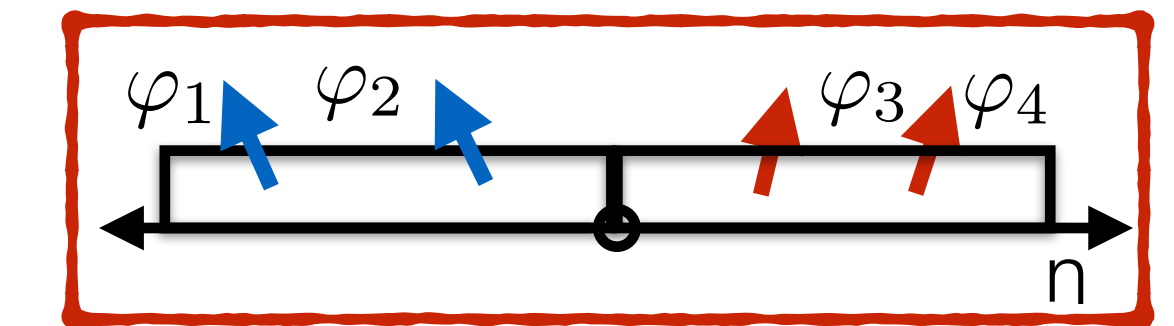
$c_2\{4\}$: small systems



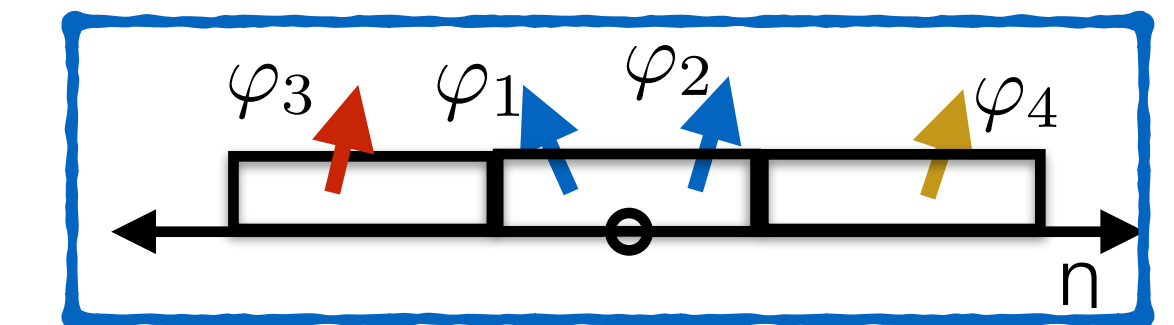
Standard method:



2-subevent method:

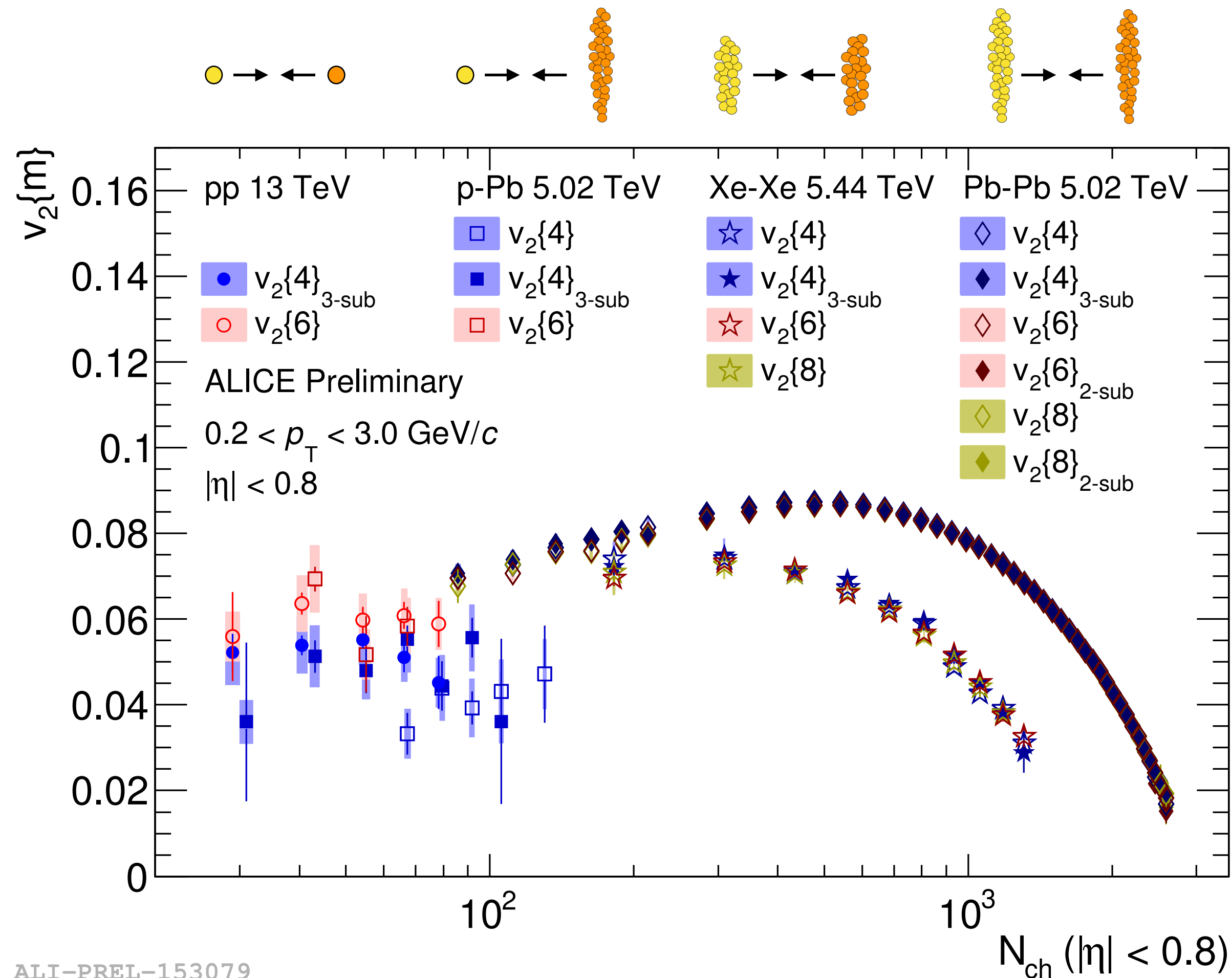


3-subevent method:



- Subevent method further suppresses non-flow in multi-particle cumulants in **pp collisions**
 - **Negative $c_2\{4\}_{3\text{-sub}}$ -> real value** for $v_2\{4\}_{3\text{-sub}}$
- Non-flow can be largely suppressed also in **p-Pb collisions**
- No significant further decrease of $v_2\{4\}_{3\text{-sub}}$ with $|\Delta\eta| > 0.2$ between subevents

$v_2\{m\}$ ($m>2$): all systems



→ Heavy-ion collisions:

- Long-range: signal doesn't change anymore with subevent method

$$v_2\{4\} \sim v_2\{4\}_{3\text{-sub}}$$

$$v_2\{6\} \sim v_2\{6\}_{2\text{-sub}}$$

$$v_2\{8\} \sim v_2\{8\}_{2\text{-sub}}$$

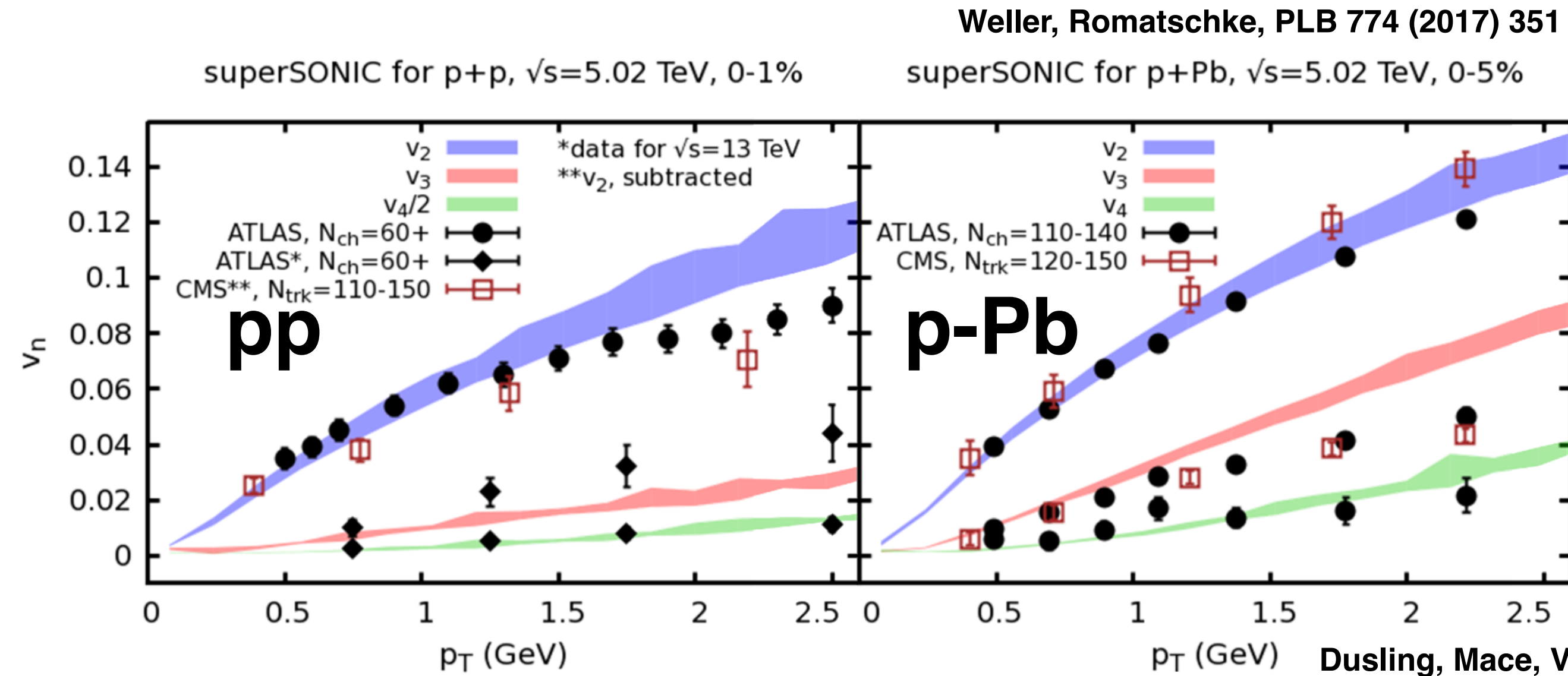
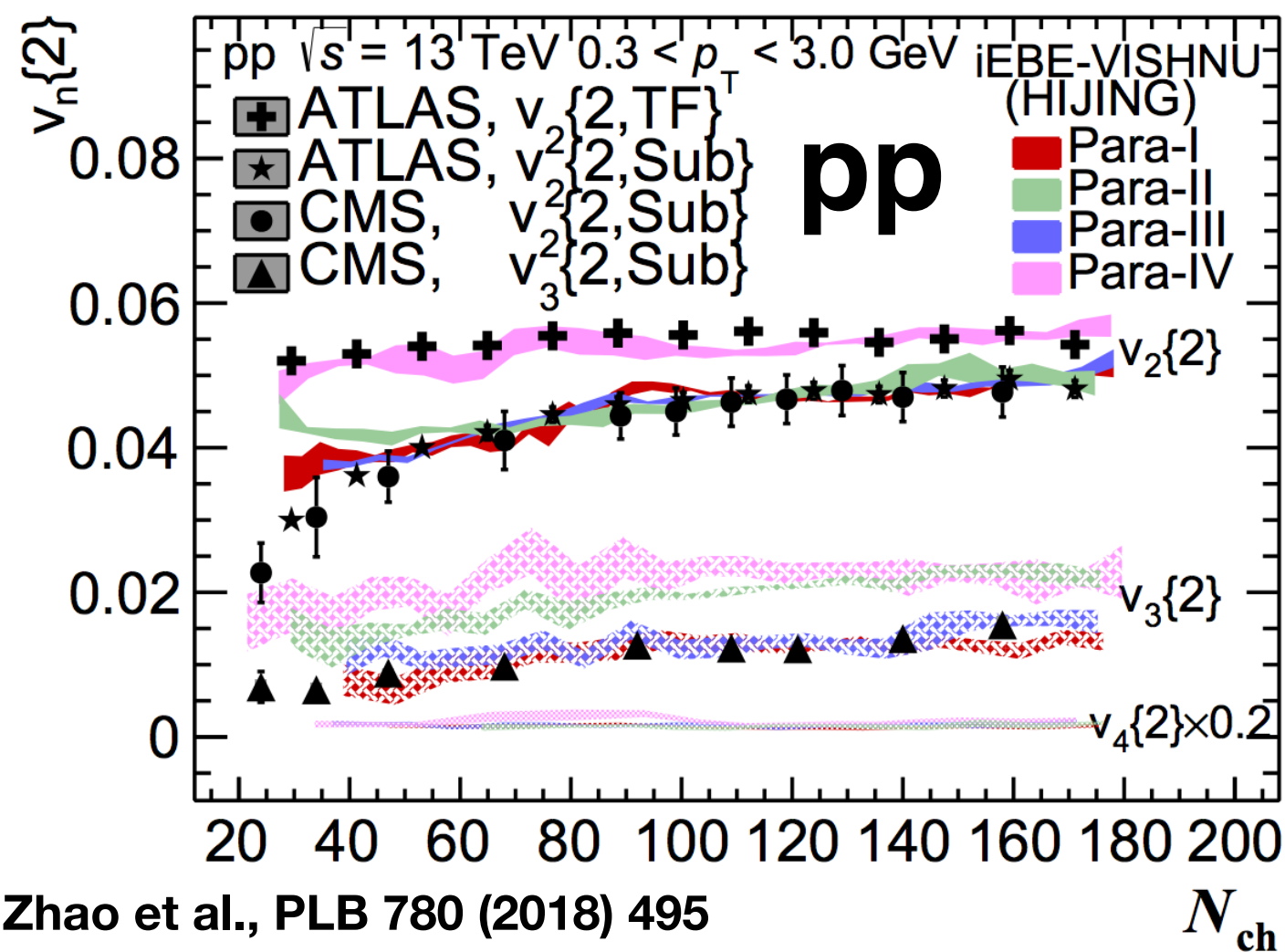
- Multi-particle: $v_2\{4\} \sim v_2\{6\} \sim v_2\{8\}$

→ Small systems:

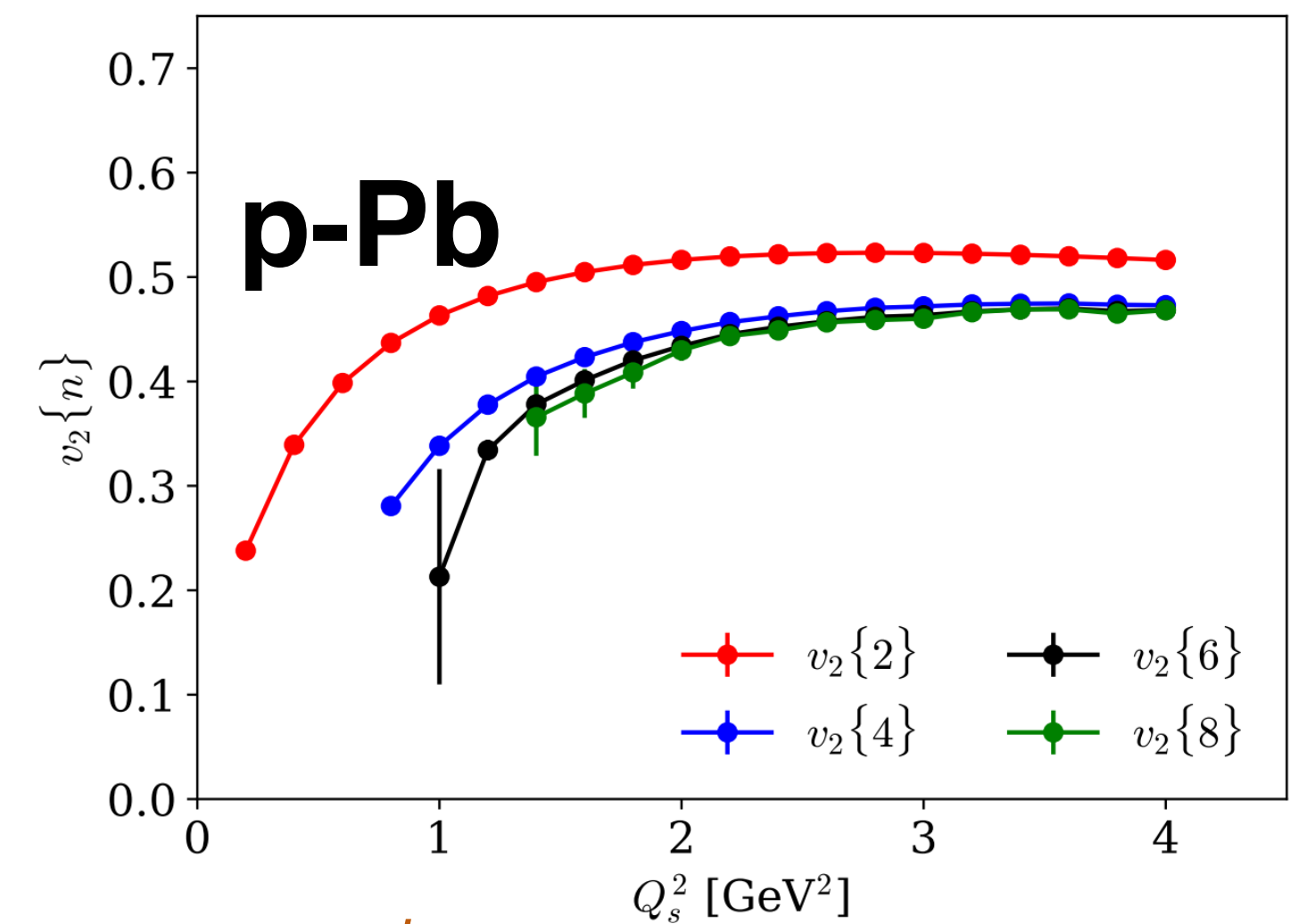
- Real $v_2\{4\}_{3\text{-sub}}$ (extracted for the first time in pp collisions with ALICE)
- $v_2\{4\}_{3\text{-sub}} \sim v_2\{6\}$ (Improved agreement could be done with subevent method in $v_2\{6\}$)

Multi-particle cumulants show evidence of long-range multi-particle correlations

Origin of collectivity in small collision systems



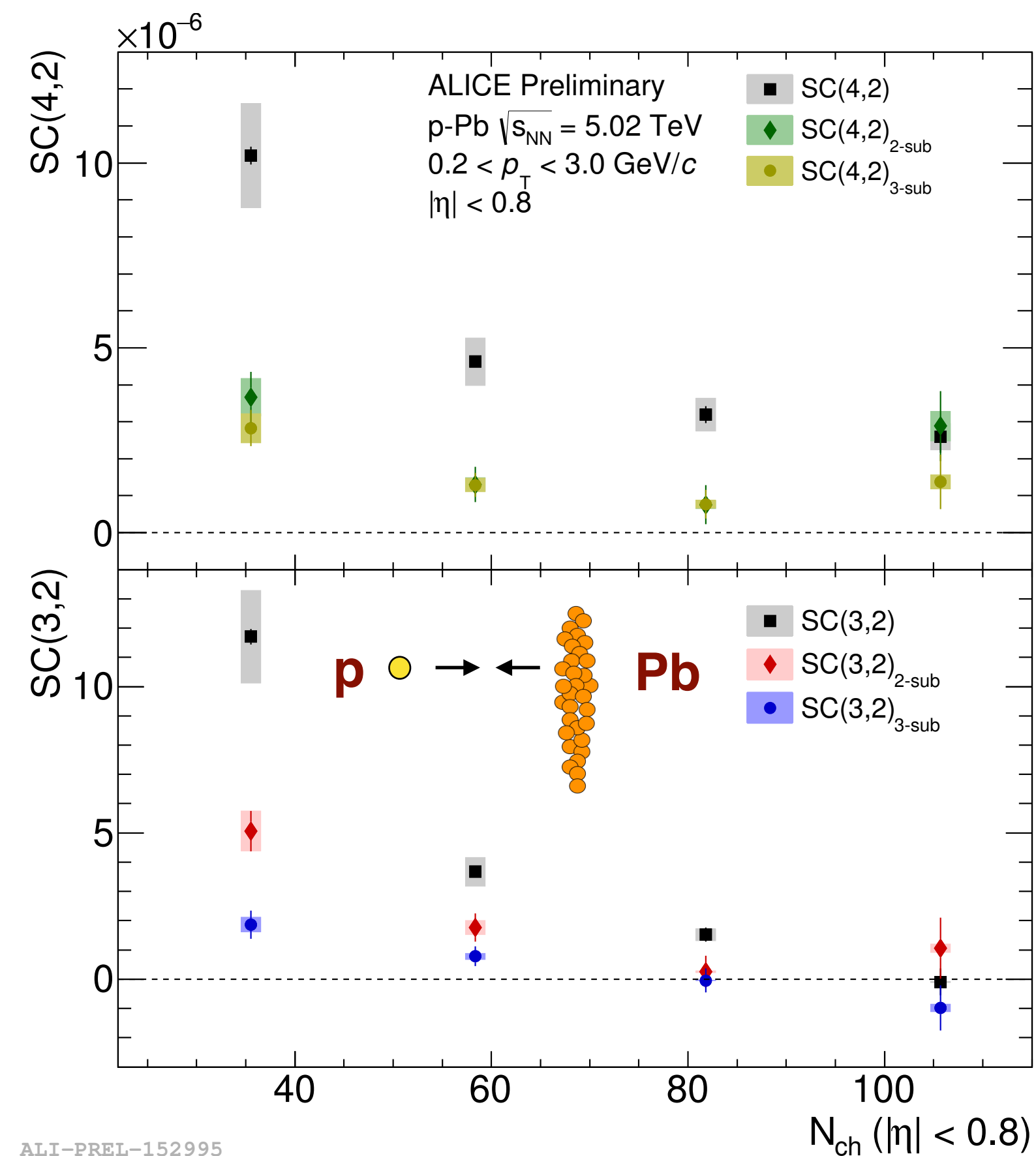
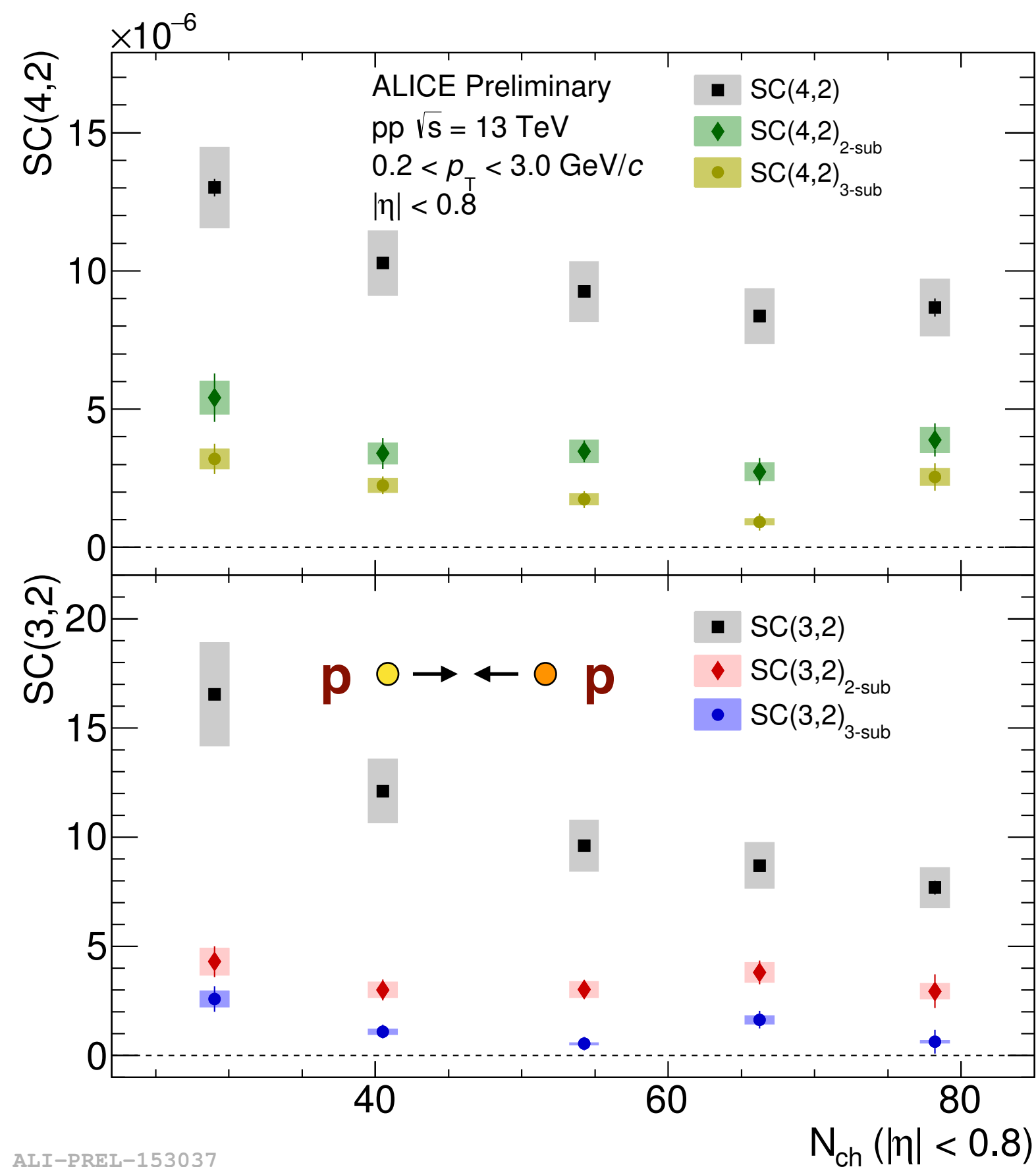
- **2-particle correlations:** described by final state models (including hydrodynamics, parton escape, hadron interactions) and rope and shoving
- **Multi-particle correlations:** not described quantitatively by any model so far
 - Initial state model \rightarrow overestimated magnitude



$v_n\{m\}$ measurements alone cannot distinguish between initial and final state approaches

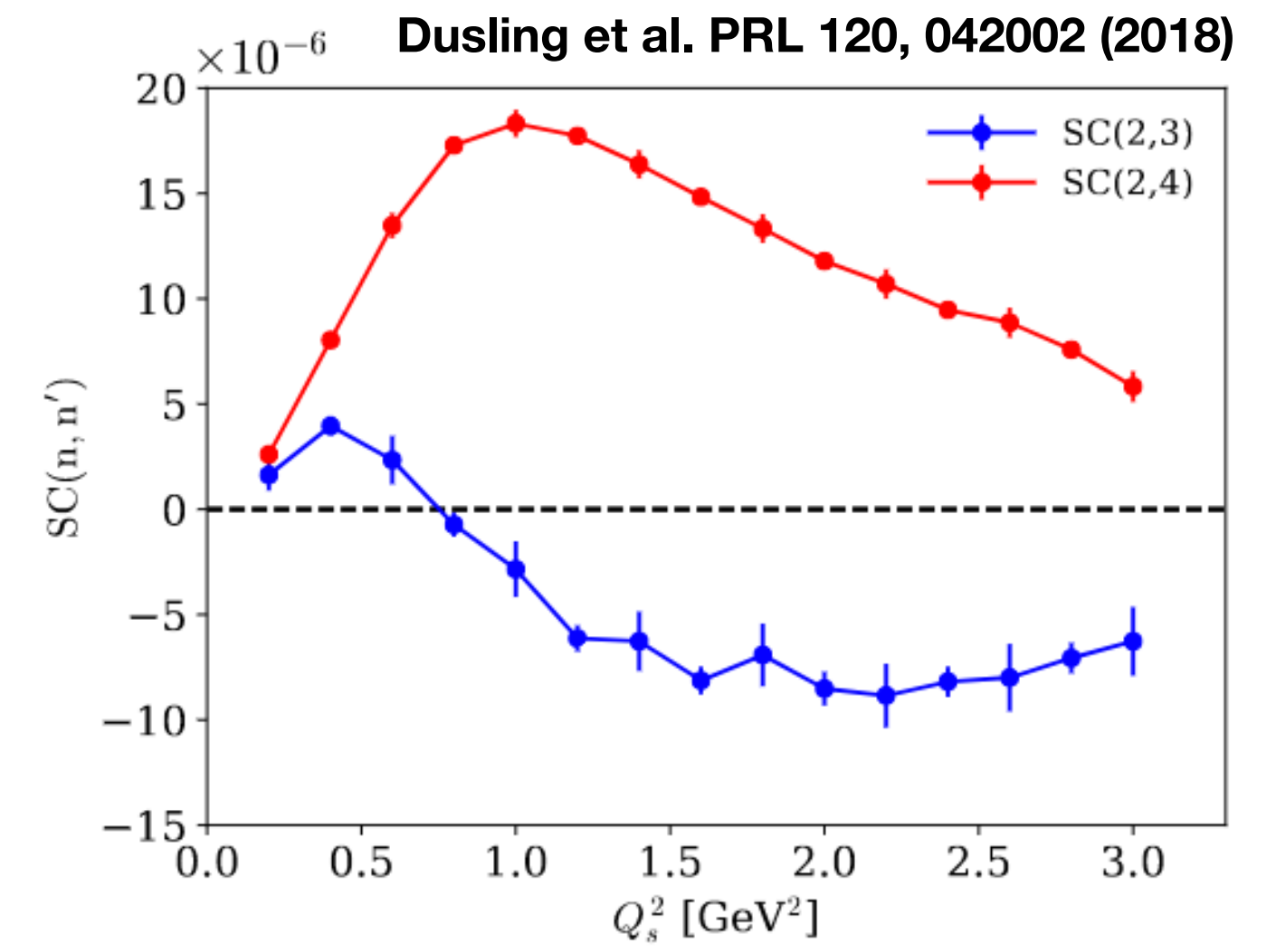
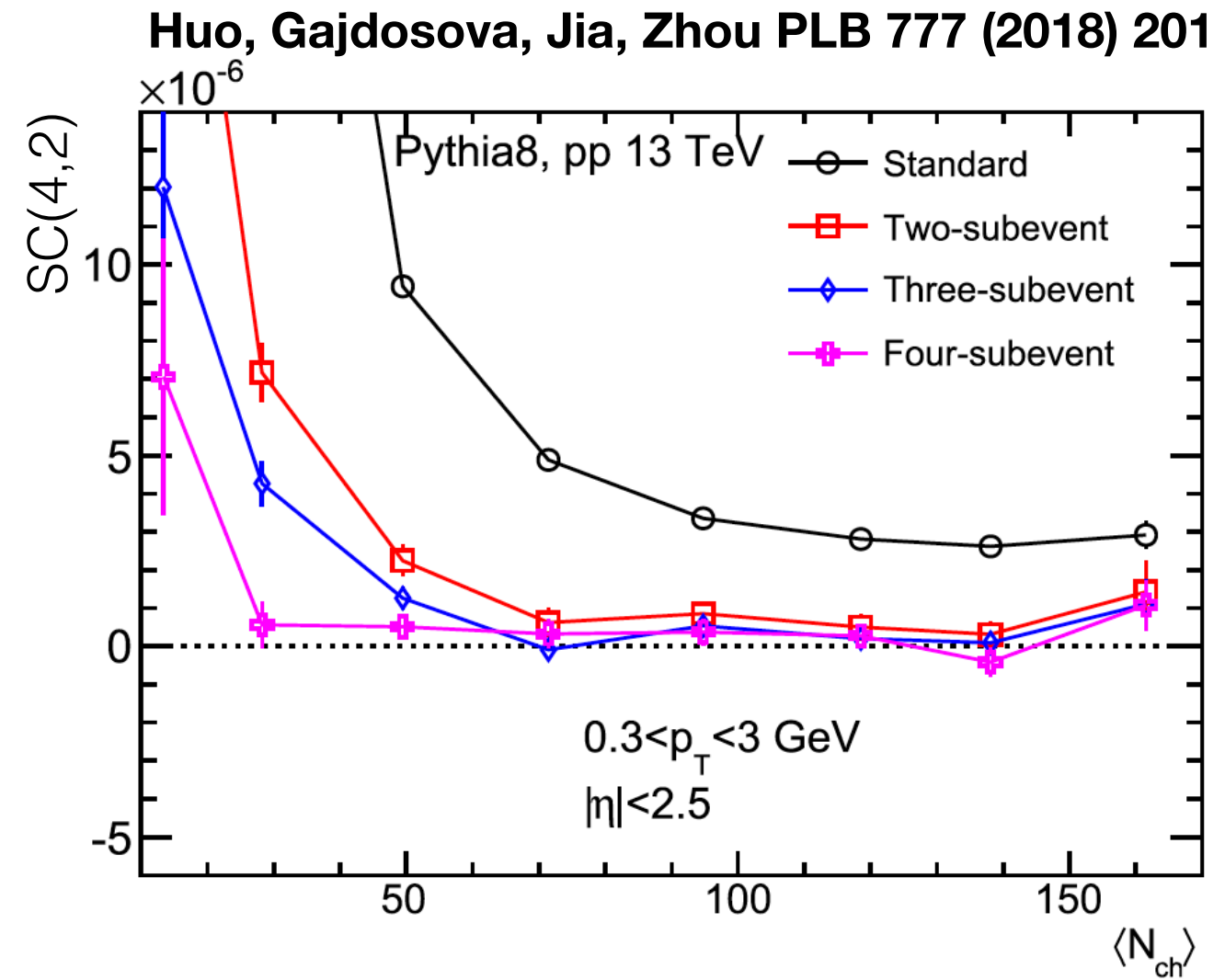
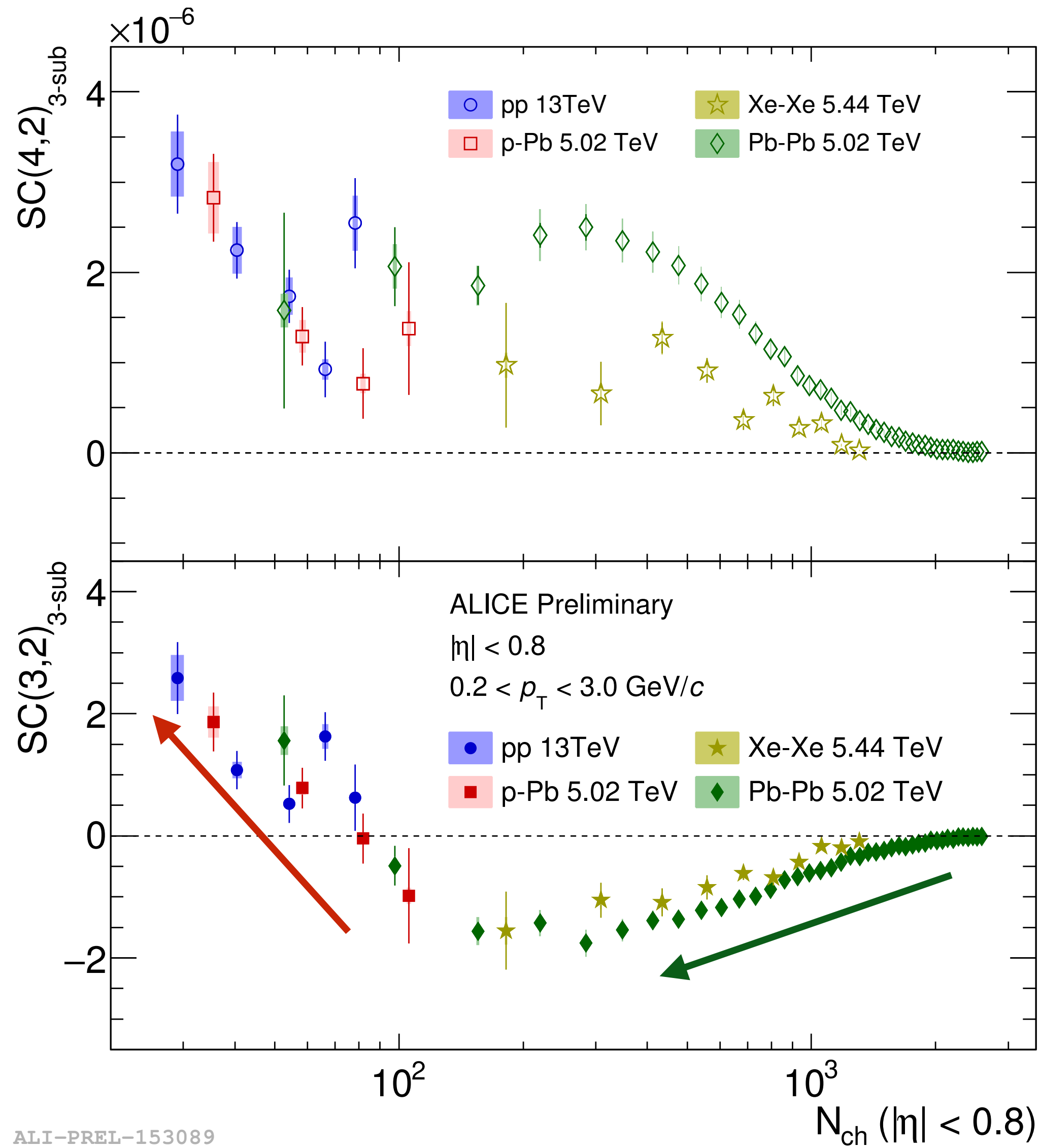
SC(m,n): suppression of non-flow effects

- Constraining initial conditions in small systems, which are currently not well known, is crucial to improve the understanding of the measurements
 - Observable sensitive to initial conditions is necessary: Symmetric Cumulants



- Clear suppression of non-flow effects in Symmetric Cumulants
- $SC(m,n) > SC(m,n)_{2-sub} > SC(m,n)_{3-sub}$

SC(m,n)_{3-sub}: all systems



- **Positive correlation between v_2 and v_4** in all collision systems
- Anti-correlation between v_2 and v_3 at large multiplicities (direct link to initial eccentricity correlations)
 - A **transition** to positive correlation followed by both small and large systems
- Not described by non-flow only models, but qualitatively predicted by model with initial state correlations

Summary

Is there collectivity in small collision systems? Yes

- Measurements of $v_n\{m\}$: long-range multi-particle correlations observed in pp and p-Pb

If yes, what is its origin? Initial state effects, final state effects, both?

- Measurements of $SC(m,n)_{3-sub}$ provide tight constraints to future theoretical calculations



- Our measurements provide complete set of information to better understand the collectivity in small collision systems



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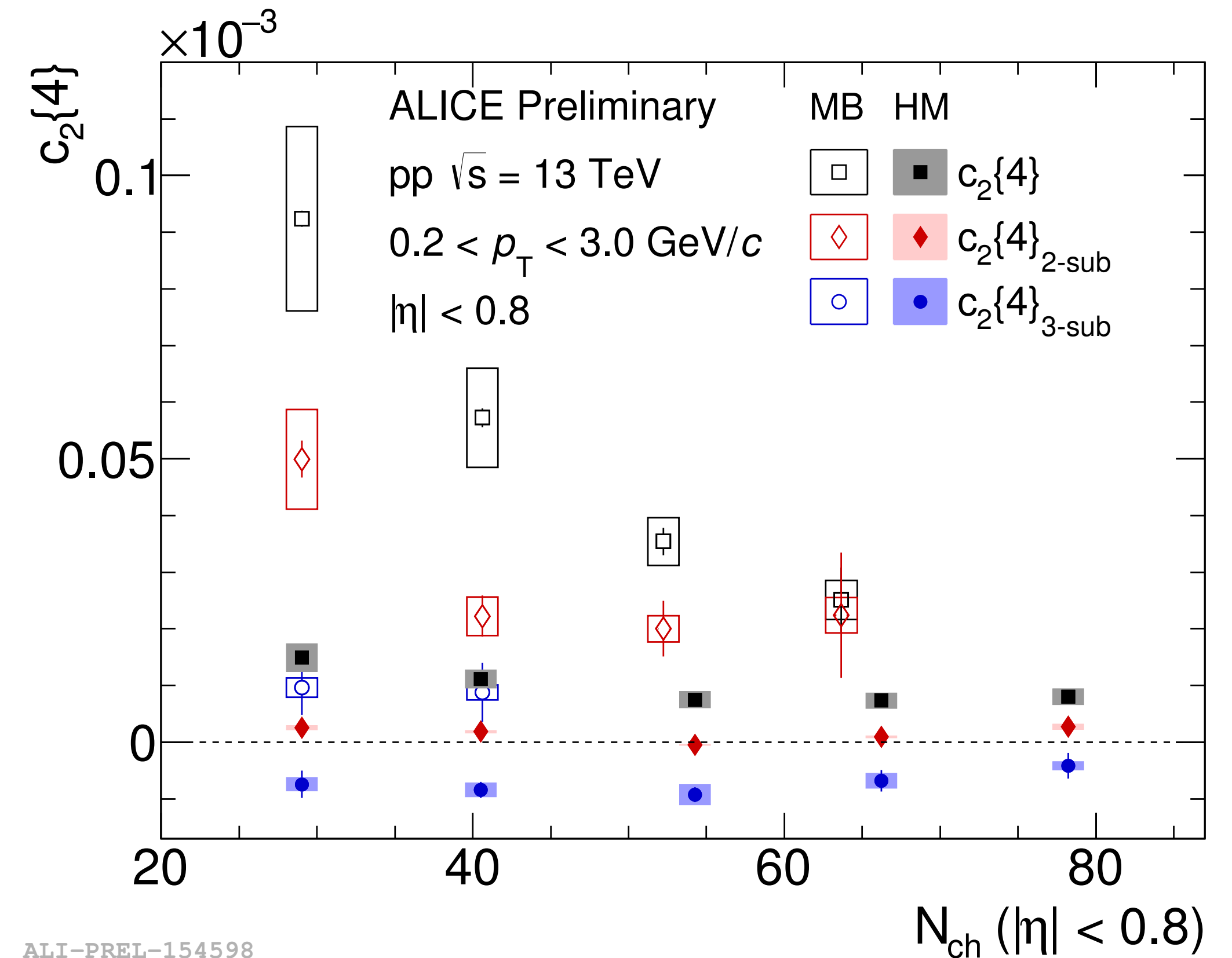
Backup

Trigger selection

- Minimum-bias trigger:
 - Suppression of non-flow with subevent method
 - The sign of $c_2\{4\}$ remains positive
- High multiplicity trigger selection:

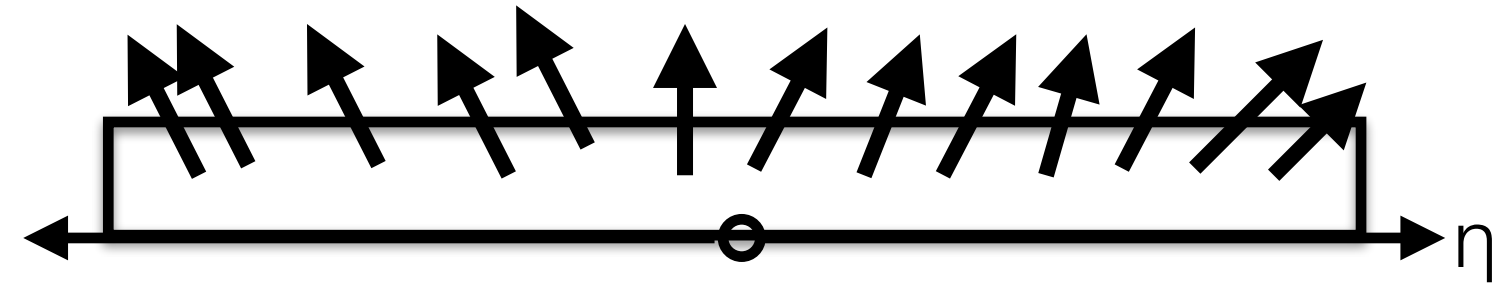
$$\frac{VOM}{\langle VOM \rangle} > 4$$

- Additional event selection allows to obtain negative $c_2\{4\}_{3\text{-sub}}$



How do we calculate observables

m-particle correlation



step 1

$$\langle\langle 2 \rangle\rangle_n = \langle\langle \cos n(\varphi_1 - \varphi_2) \rangle\rangle$$

$$\langle\langle 4 \rangle\rangle_n = \langle\langle \cos n(\varphi_1 + \varphi_2 - \varphi_3 - \varphi_4) \rangle\rangle$$

$$\langle\langle 6 \rangle\rangle_n = \langle\langle \cos n(\varphi_1 + \varphi_2 + \varphi_3 - \varphi_4 - \varphi_5 - \varphi_6) \rangle\rangle$$

$$\langle\langle 8 \rangle\rangle_n = \langle\langle \cos n(\varphi_1 + \varphi_2 + \varphi_3 + \varphi_4 - \varphi_4 - \varphi_5 - \varphi_6 - \varphi_7 - \varphi_8) \rangle\rangle$$

m-particle cumulant

step 2

$$c_n\{2\} = \langle\langle 2 \rangle\rangle_n$$

$$c_n\{4\} = \langle\langle 4 \rangle\rangle_n - 2 \cdot \langle\langle 2 \rangle\rangle_n^2$$

$$c_n\{6\} = \langle\langle 6 \rangle\rangle - 9 \cdot \langle\langle 2 \rangle\rangle \cdot \langle\langle 4 \rangle\rangle + 12 \cdot \langle\langle 2 \rangle\rangle^3$$

$$c_n\{8\} = \langle\langle 8 \rangle\rangle - 16 \cdot \langle\langle 6 \rangle\rangle \langle\langle 2 \rangle\rangle - 18 \cdot \langle\langle 4 \rangle\rangle^2 + 144 \cdot \langle\langle 4 \rangle\rangle \langle\langle 2 \rangle\rangle^2 - 144 \cdot \langle\langle 2 \rangle\rangle^4$$

flow coefficients

step 3

$$v_n\{2\} = \sqrt{c_n\{2\}}$$

$$v_n\{6\} = \sqrt[6]{\frac{1}{4} c_n\{6\}}$$

$$v_n\{4\} = \sqrt[4]{-c_n\{4\}}$$

$$v_n\{8\} = \sqrt[8]{-\frac{1}{33} c_n\{8\}}$$

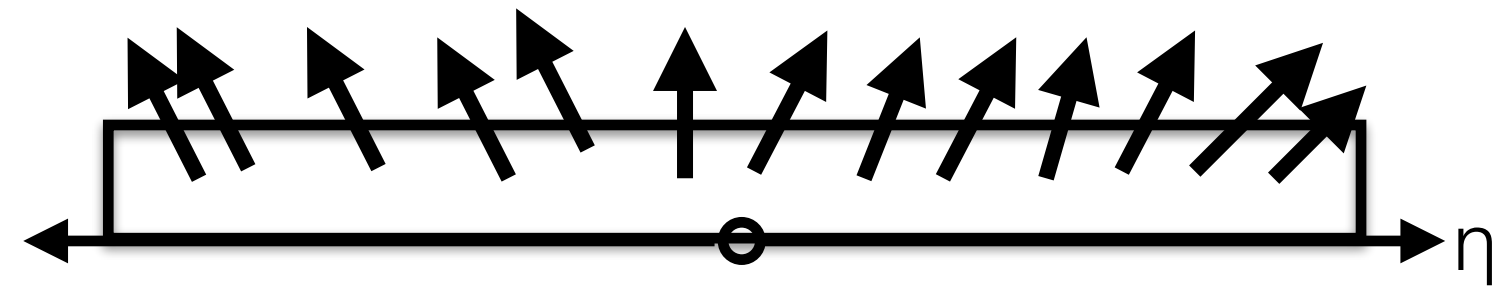
step 2.2

Symmetric Cumulants

$$SC(m, n) = \langle\langle 4 \rangle\rangle_{m, n} - \langle\langle 2 \rangle\rangle_m \langle\langle 2 \rangle\rangle_n$$

Efficient method to calculate m-particle correlations

m-particle correlation



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Generic Framework (PRC 89, 064904 (2014))

- Universal implementation able to calculate any type and order of correlation, including corrections (which was not possible to do with Q-cumulant method)

$$Q_{n,p} = \sum_{k=1}^M w_k^p e^{in\varphi_k}$$

Two-particle correlation

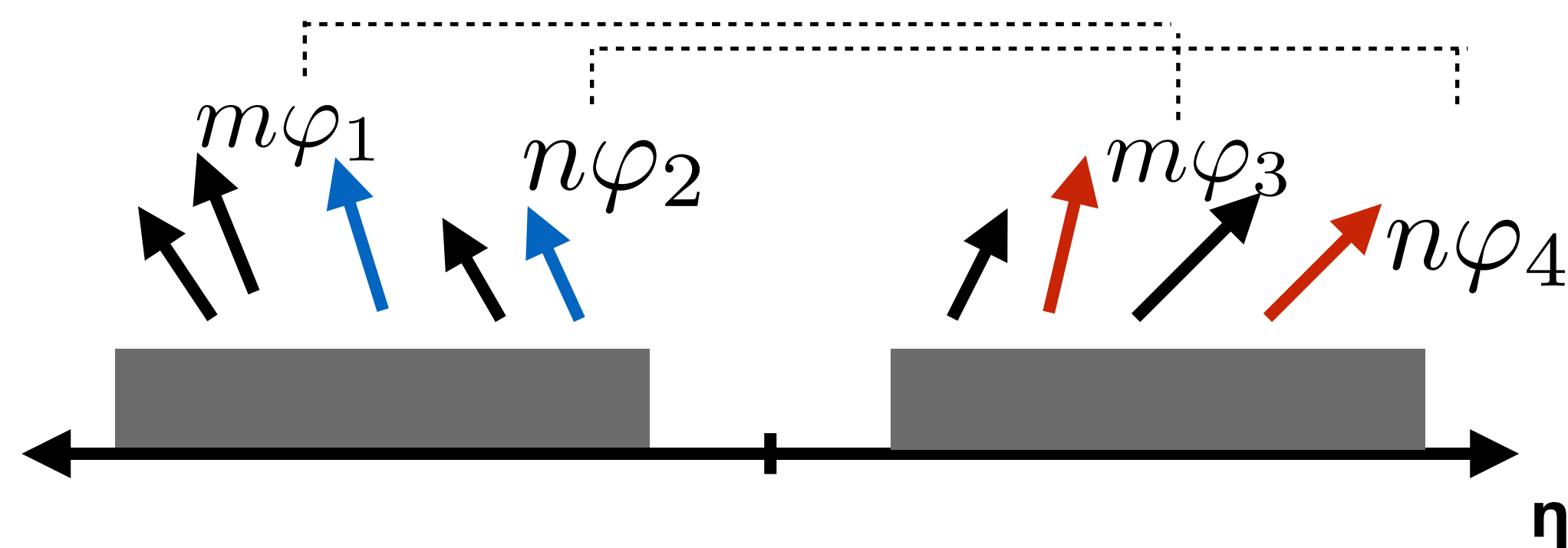
$$\text{Two}(n_1, n_2) = \frac{Q_{n_1,1} Q_{n_2,1} - Q_{n_1+n_2,2}}{Q_{0,1}^2 - Q_{0,2}}$$

Four-particle correlation

$$\text{Four}(n_1, n_2, n_3, n_4) = \frac{Q_{n_1,1} Q_{n_2,1} Q_{n_3,1} Q_{n_4,1} - Q_{n_1+n_2,2} Q_{n_3,1} Q_{n_4,1} - Q_{n_2,1} Q_{n_1+n_3,2} Q_{n_4,1} - Q_{n_1,1} Q_{n_2+n_3,2} Q_{n_4,1} + 2Q_{n_1+n_2+n_3,3} Q_{n_4,1} - Q_{n_2,1} Q_{n_3,1} Q_{n_1+n_4,2} + Q_{n_2+n_3,2} Q_{n_1+n_4,2} - Q_{n_1,1} Q_{n_3,1} Q_{n_2+n_4,2} + Q_{n_1+n_3,2} Q_{n_2+n_4,2} + 2Q_{n_3,1} Q_{n_1+n_2+n_4,3} - Q_{n_1,1} Q_{n_2,1} Q_{n_3+n_4,2} + Q_{n_1+n_2,2} Q_{n_3+n_4,2} + 2Q_{n_2,1} Q_{n_1+n_3+n_4,3} + 2Q_{n_1,1} Q_{n_2+n_3+n_4,3} - 6Q_{n_1+n_2+n_3+n_4,4}}{Q_{0,1}^4 - 6Q_{0,1}^2 Q_{0,2} + 3Q_{0,2}^2 + 8Q_{0,1} Q_{0,3} - 6Q_{0,4}}$$

Contamination with non-flow in SC(m,n)

- SC(m,n) measurements are based on 4-particle cumulant
- Clear contamination of standard $c_2\{4\}$ measurements -> **SC(m,n) is contaminated too**
- Method developed very recently by both ATLAS and ALICE (WPCF 2017, Phys.Lett. B777 (2018) 201-206)



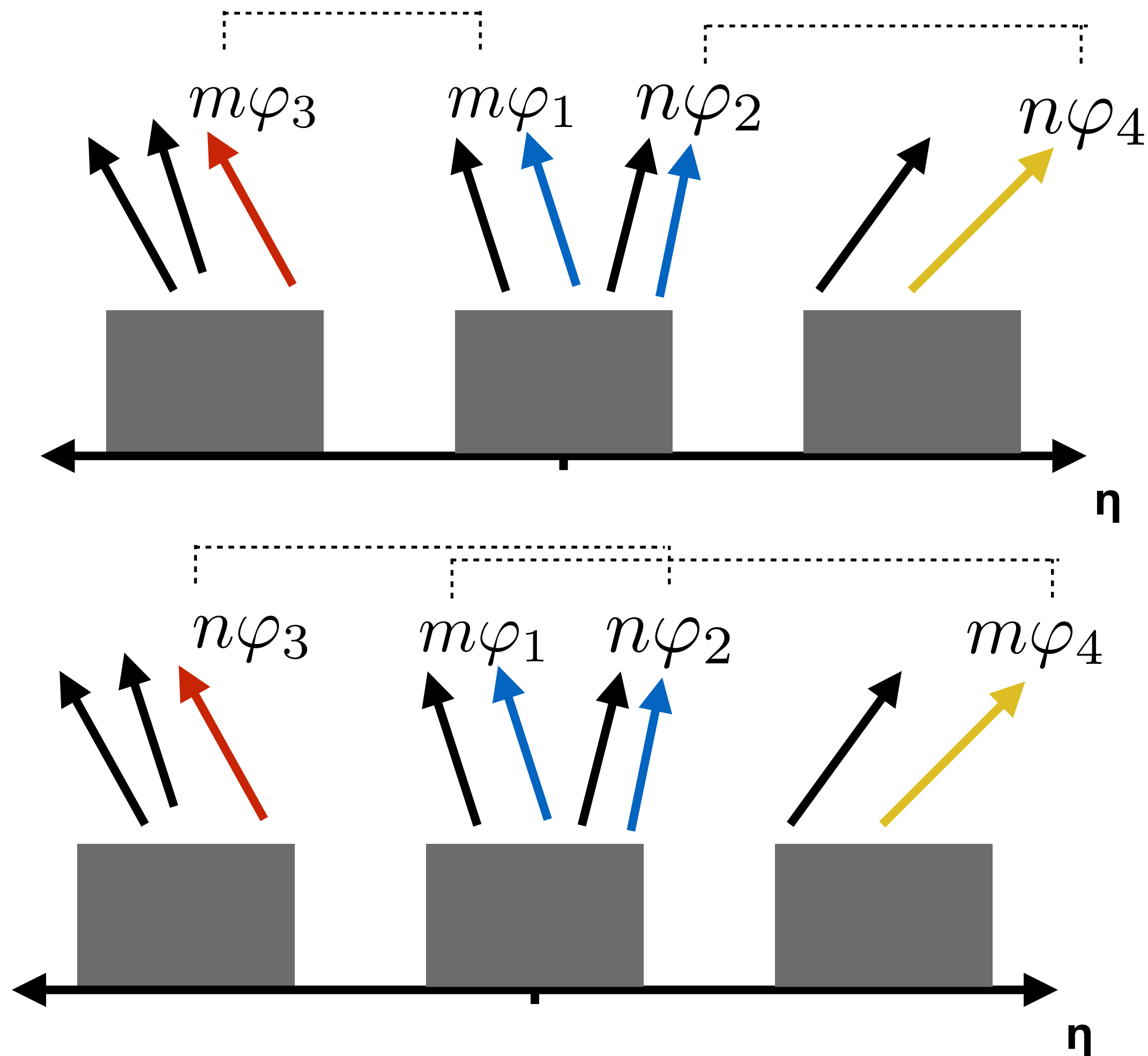
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$$SC(m, n)_{2\text{-sub}} = \langle\langle 4 \rangle\rangle_{2\text{-sub}} - \langle\langle 2 \rangle\rangle_{2\text{-sub}} \langle\langle 2 \rangle\rangle_{2\text{-sub}}$$

3-subevent method in the backup

3-subevent method in SC(m,n)



A.

$$\langle\langle 4 \rangle\rangle_{m,n,-m,-n} = \langle\langle \cos (m\varphi_1 + n\varphi_2 - m\varphi_3 - n\varphi_4) \rangle\rangle$$

$$\langle\langle 2 \rangle\rangle_{m,-m} \langle\langle 2 \rangle\rangle_{n,-n} = \langle\langle \cos m(\varphi_1 - \varphi_3) \rangle\rangle \langle\langle \cos n(\varphi_2 - \varphi_4) \rangle\rangle$$

$$SC(m, n)_A = \langle\langle 4 \rangle\rangle_{m,n,-m,-n} - \langle\langle 2 \rangle\rangle_{m,-m} \langle\langle 2 \rangle\rangle_{n,-n}$$

B.

$$\langle\langle 4 \rangle\rangle_{m,n,-n,-m} = \langle\langle \cos (m\varphi_1 + n\varphi_2 - n\varphi_3 - m\varphi_4) \rangle\rangle$$

$$\langle\langle 2 \rangle\rangle_{n,-n} \langle\langle 2 \rangle\rangle_{m,-m} = \langle\langle \cos n(\varphi_2 - \varphi_3) \rangle\rangle \langle\langle \cos m(\varphi_1 - \varphi_4) \rangle\rangle$$

$$SC(m, n)_B = \langle\langle 4 \rangle\rangle_{m,n,-n,-m} - \langle\langle 2 \rangle\rangle_{n,-n} \langle\langle 2 \rangle\rangle_{m,-m}$$

- $SC(m,n)_A$ and $SC(m,n)_B$ are then combined together