

Investigation of the Chiral Magnetic Effect using Event Shape Engineering at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02 \text{ TeV Pb-Pb}$

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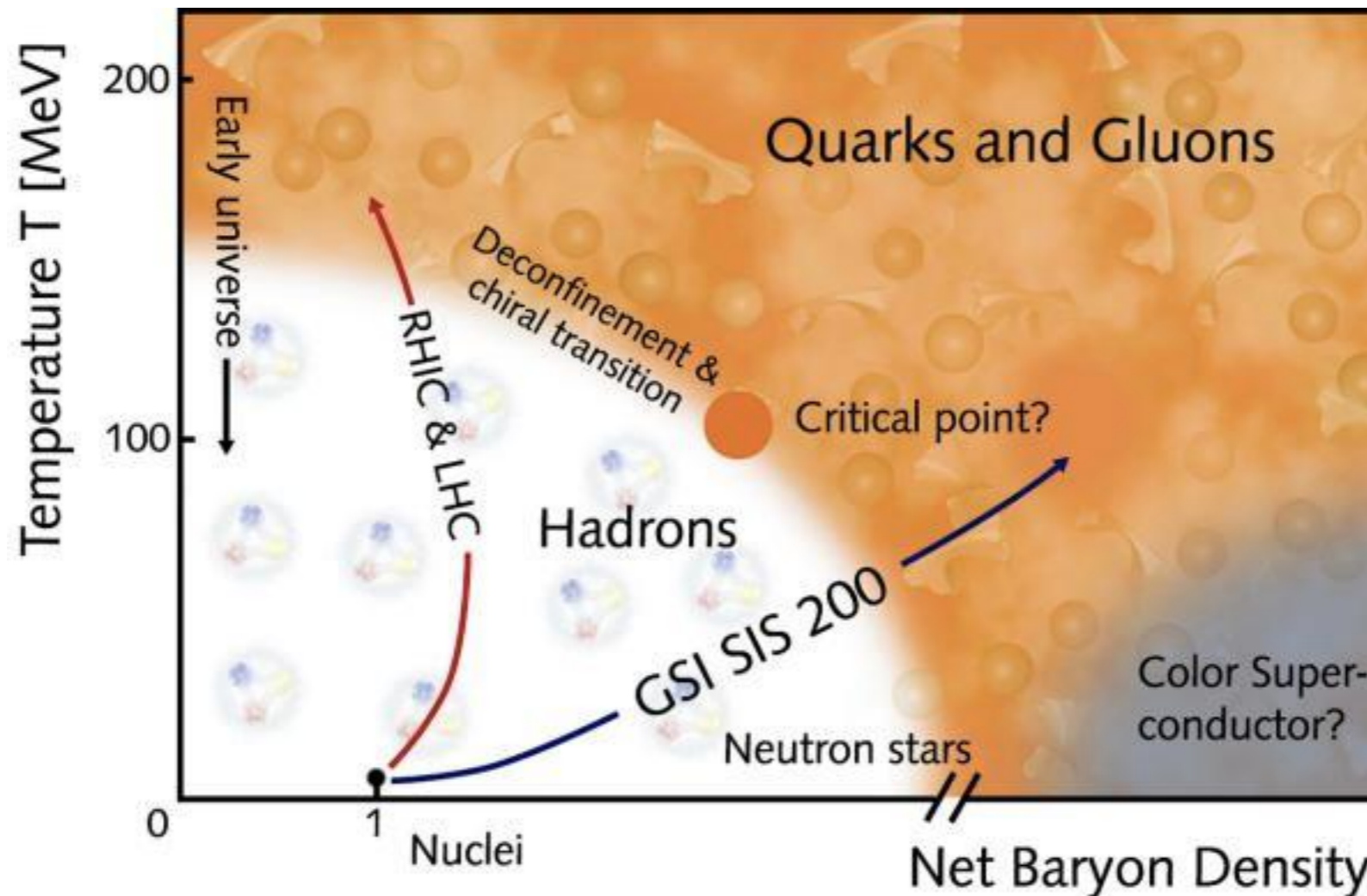
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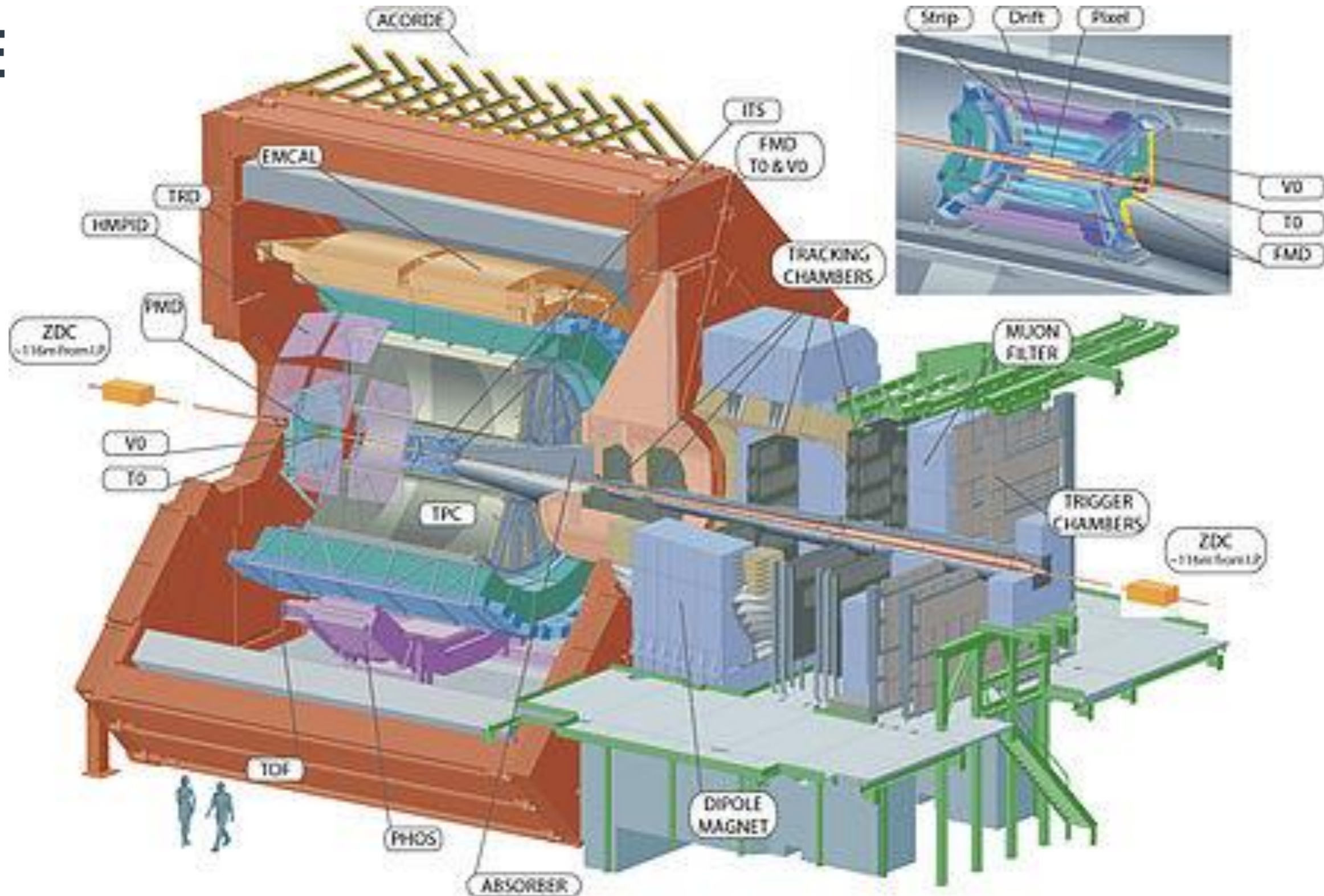
Physics Background



- Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD) predicts at high temperature a new phase of matter, Quark Gluon Plasma (QGP), a deconfined system of quarks and gluons.
- QGP is expected to be present in the early universe in the first milliseconds.



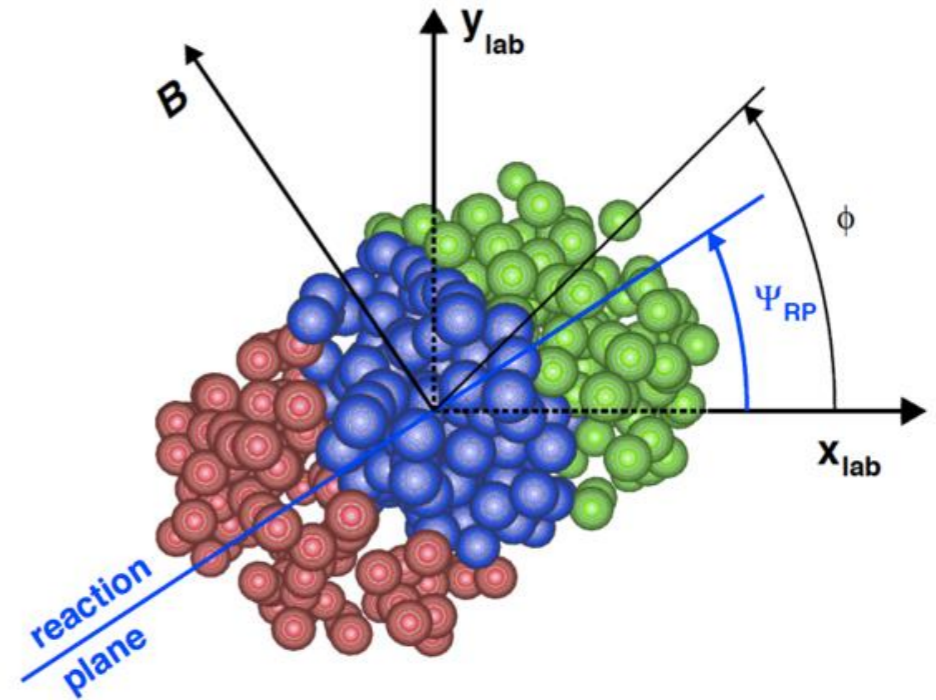
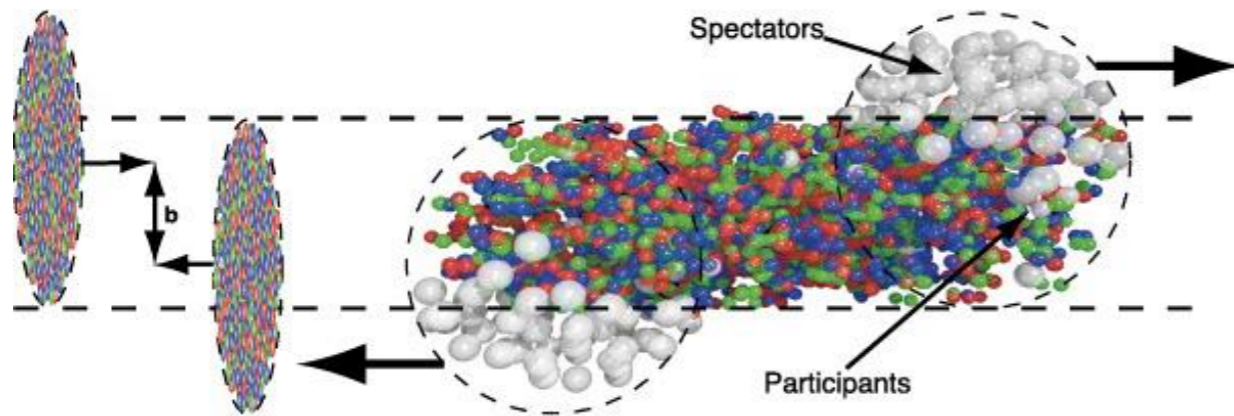
A Large Ion Collider Experiment





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Experimental Approach



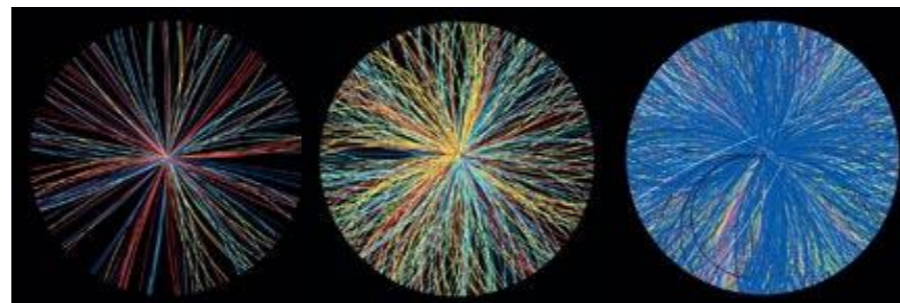
Impact Parameter b

- Normal to the beam direction
- Estimated from the multiplicity of the event → **centrality**

Reaction Plane Ψ_{RP}

- Due to fluctuations of event shapes, use symmetry plane Ψ_n to investigate the collision

Low Multiplicity
Large b
Peripheral Collisions

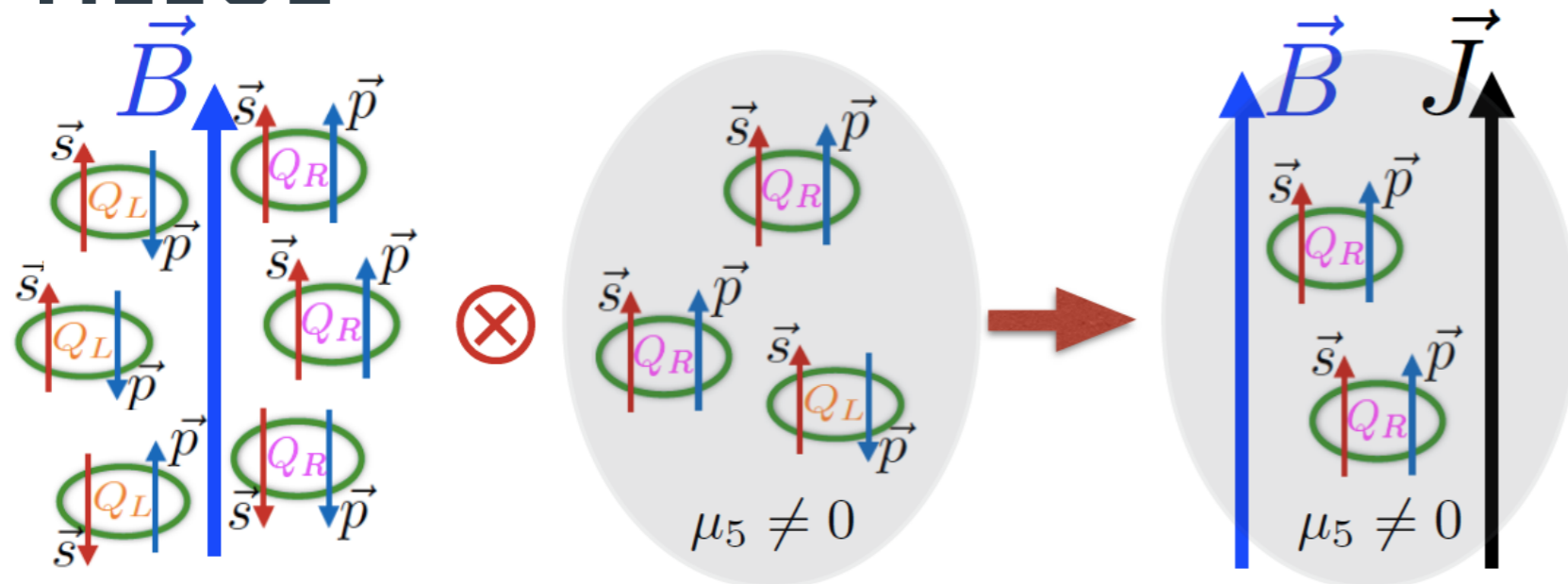


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Small b
Central Collisions



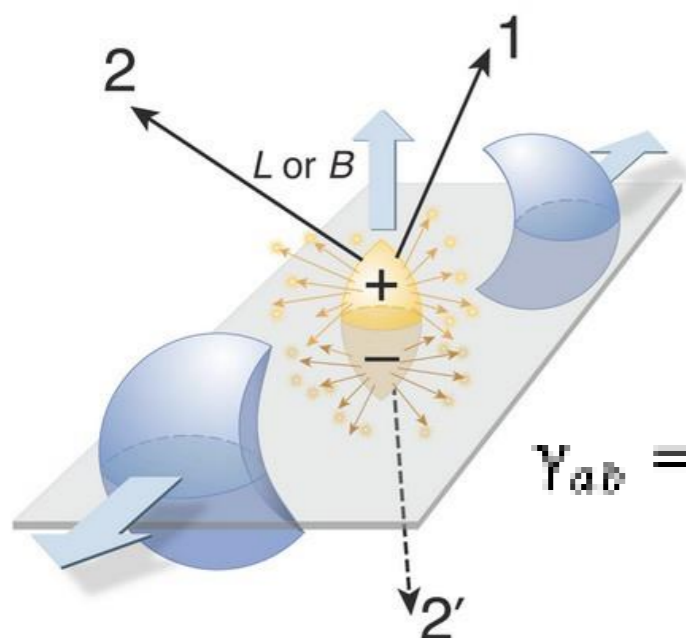
Chiral Magnetic Effect (CME)

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- An electric current will be induced in chiral domains along the B field in the heavy ion collisions ($B \sim 10^{15}$ T).
- Experimental evidence: Charge Separation along the magnetic field.

Kharzeev, D.E. et al. Prog.Part.Nucl.Phys. 88 (2016) 1-28 arXiv:1511.04050 [hep-ph]

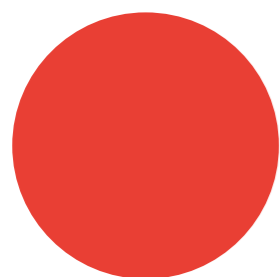


3-particle correlator

$$\gamma_{ab} = \langle \cos(\varphi_a + \varphi_b - 2\Psi_2) \rangle \approx -\langle a_{1,a} a_{1,b} \rangle + Bkg_{in-plane} - Bkg_{out-plane}$$



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Small q_2 Large q_2

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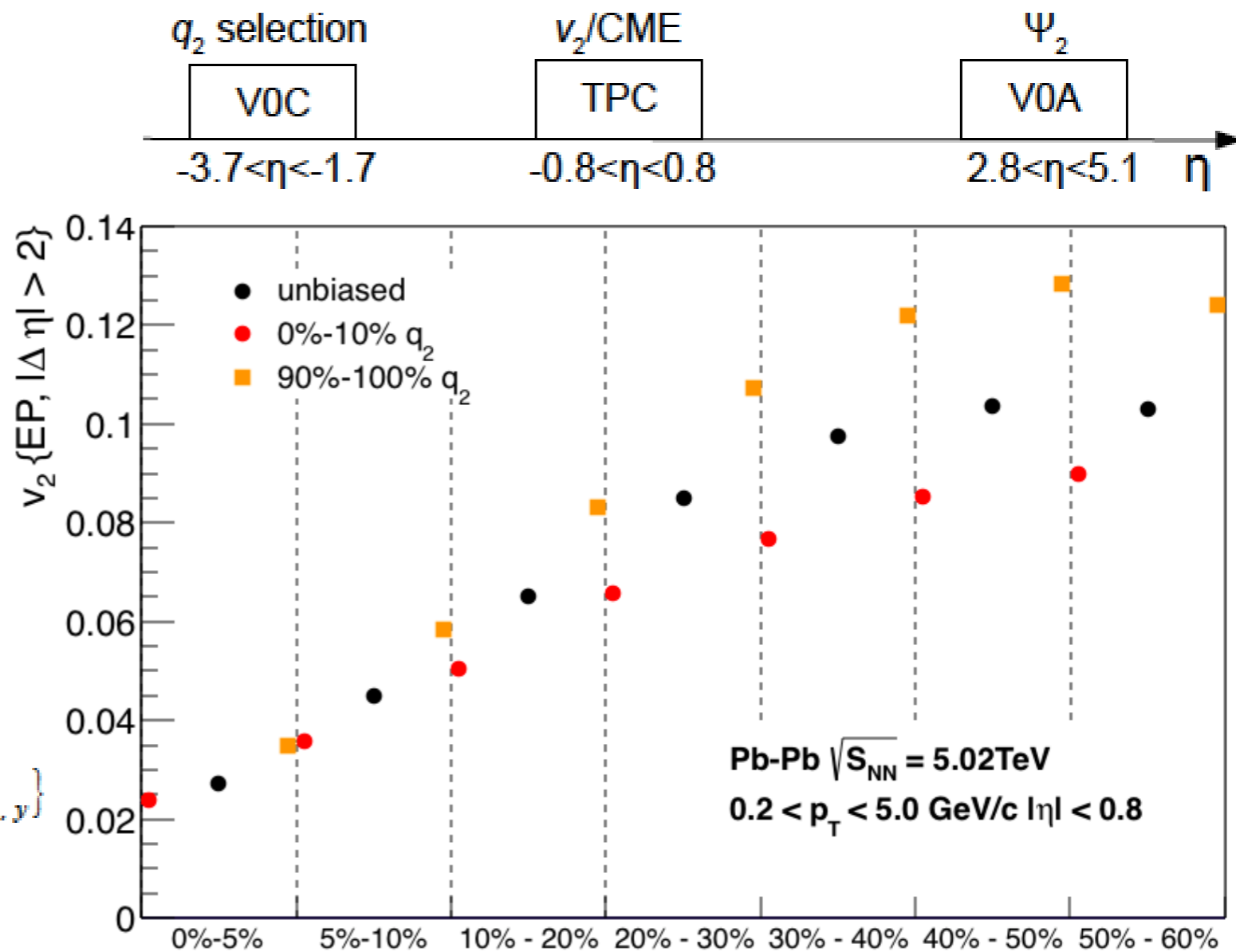
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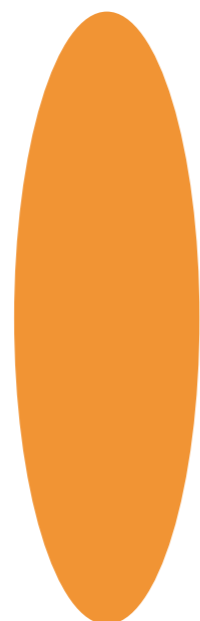
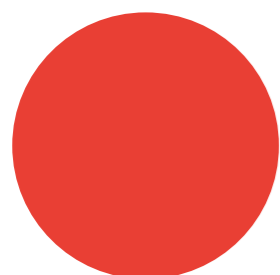
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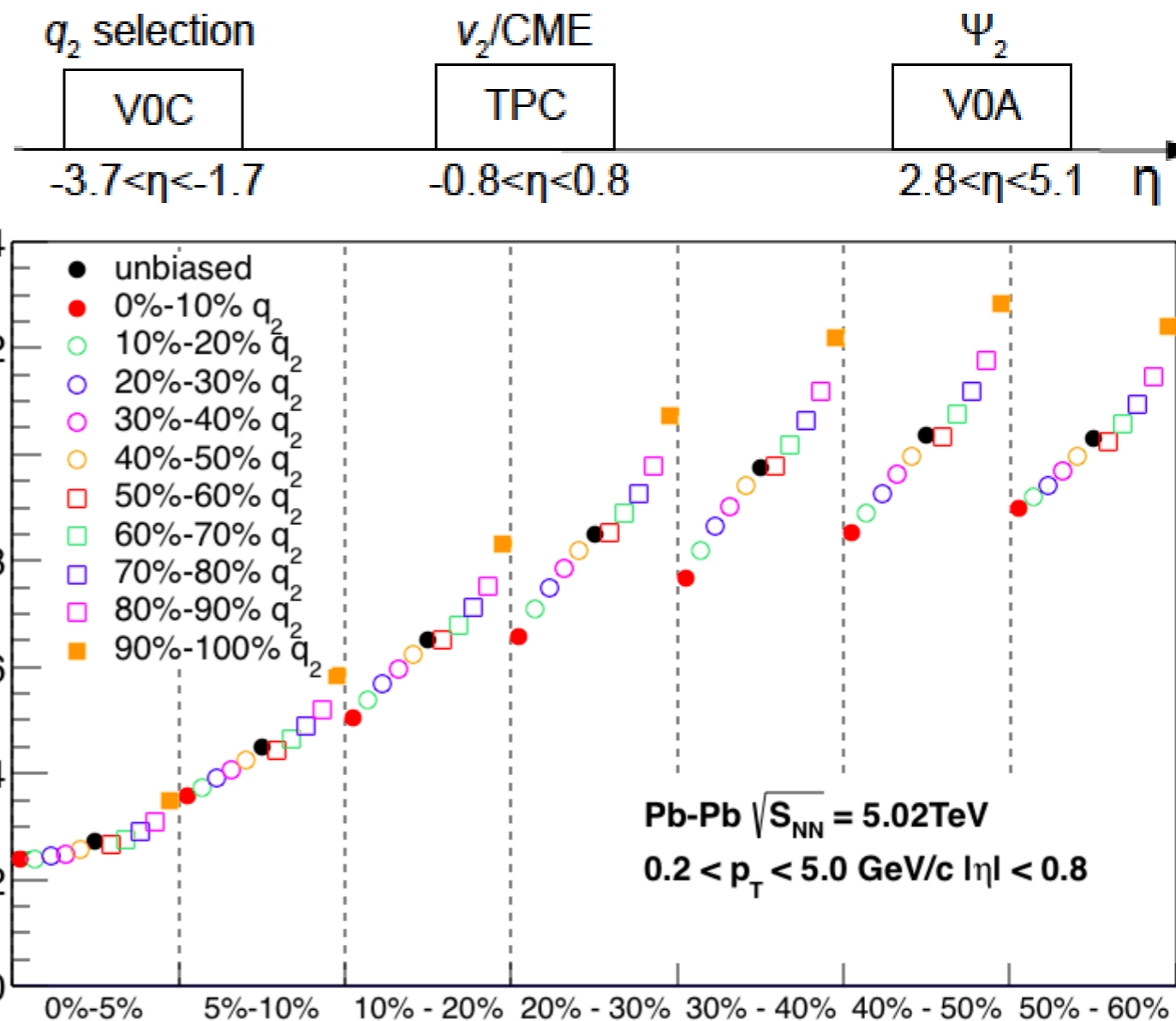
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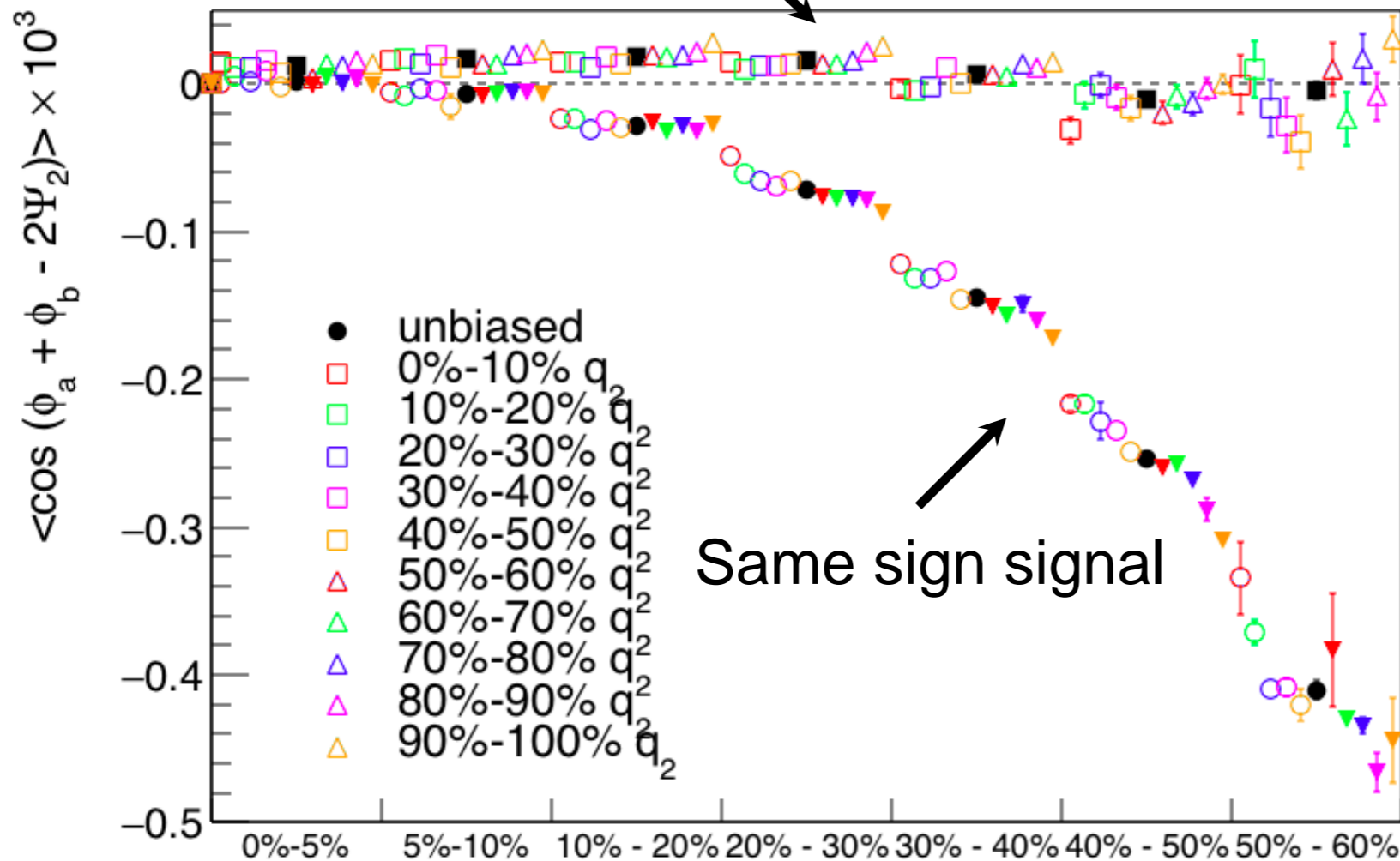
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CME with ESE

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Opposite sign signal



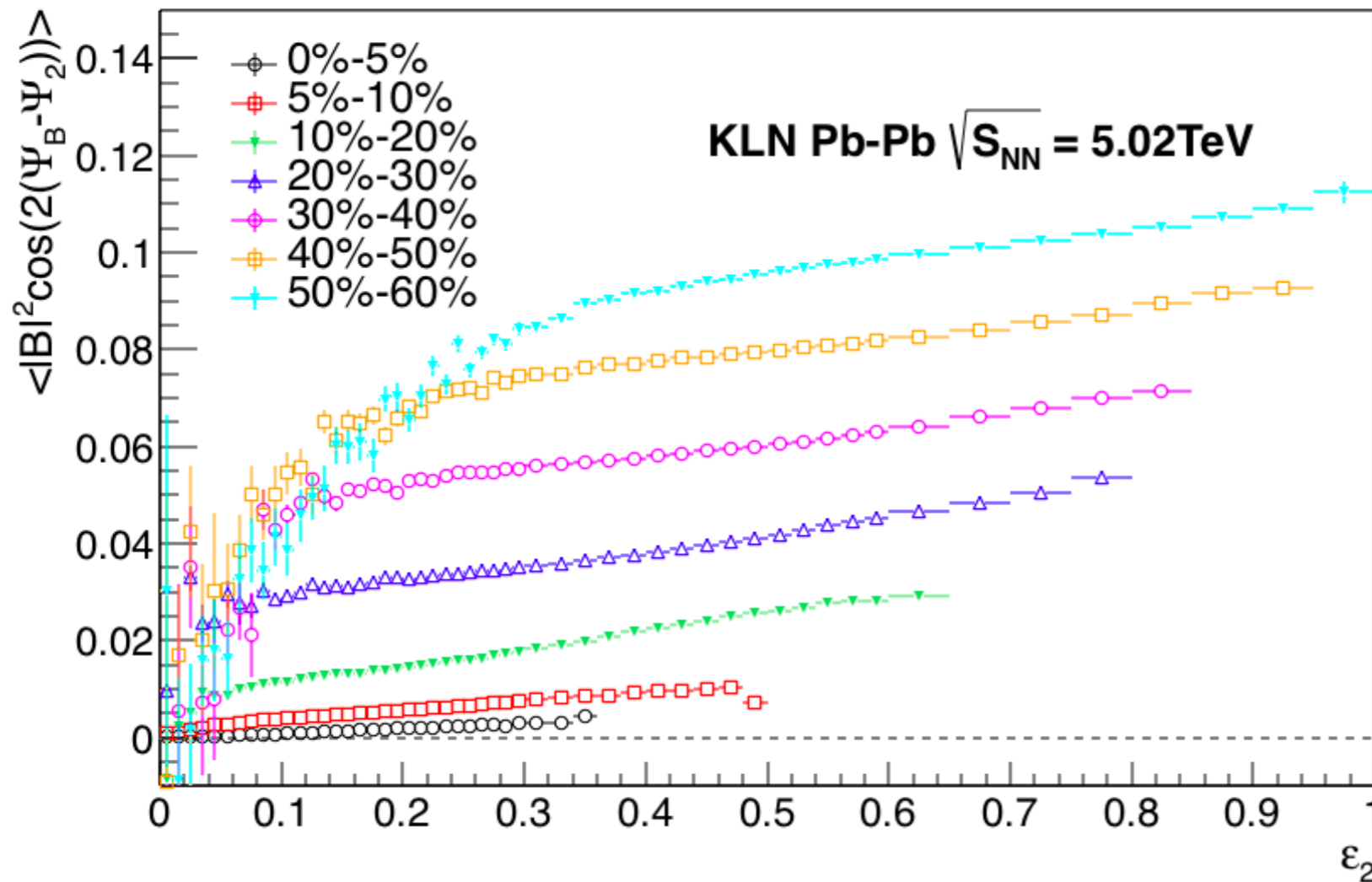
- Potential CME signal + flow-related background contributions
- γ_{ab} scales with q_2 in a given centrality bin: flow contributions



CGC-KLN Model

$$eB_s^\pm(\tau, \eta, \mathbf{x}_\perp) = \pm Z\alpha_{EM} \sinh(Y_0 \mp \eta) \int d^2\mathbf{x}'_\perp \rho_\pm(\mathbf{x}'_\perp) [1 - \theta_\mp(\mathbf{x}'_\perp)]$$

$$\times \frac{(\mathbf{x}'_\perp - \mathbf{x}_\perp) \times \mathbf{e}_z}{[(\mathbf{x}'_\perp - \mathbf{x}_\perp)^2 + \tau^2 \sinh(Y_0 \mp \eta)^2]^{3/2}}$$



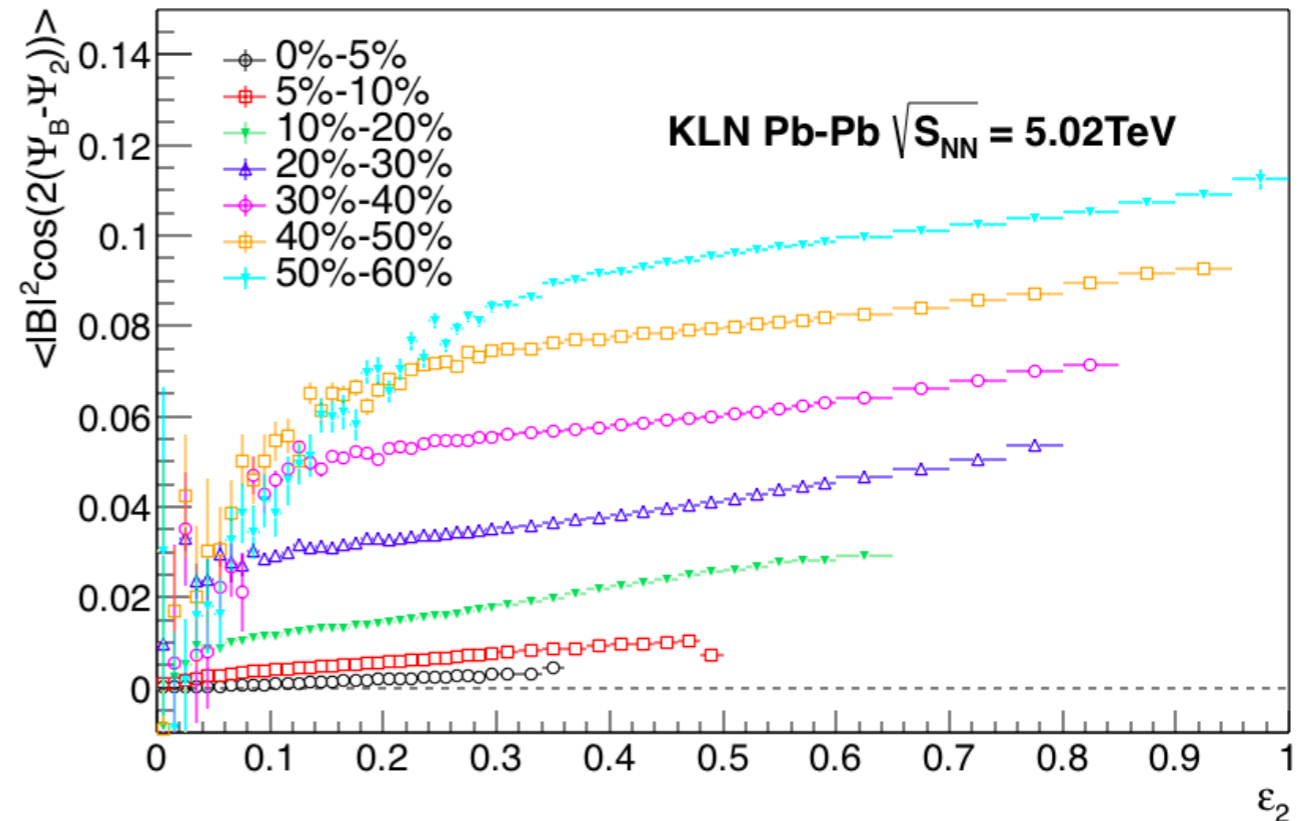
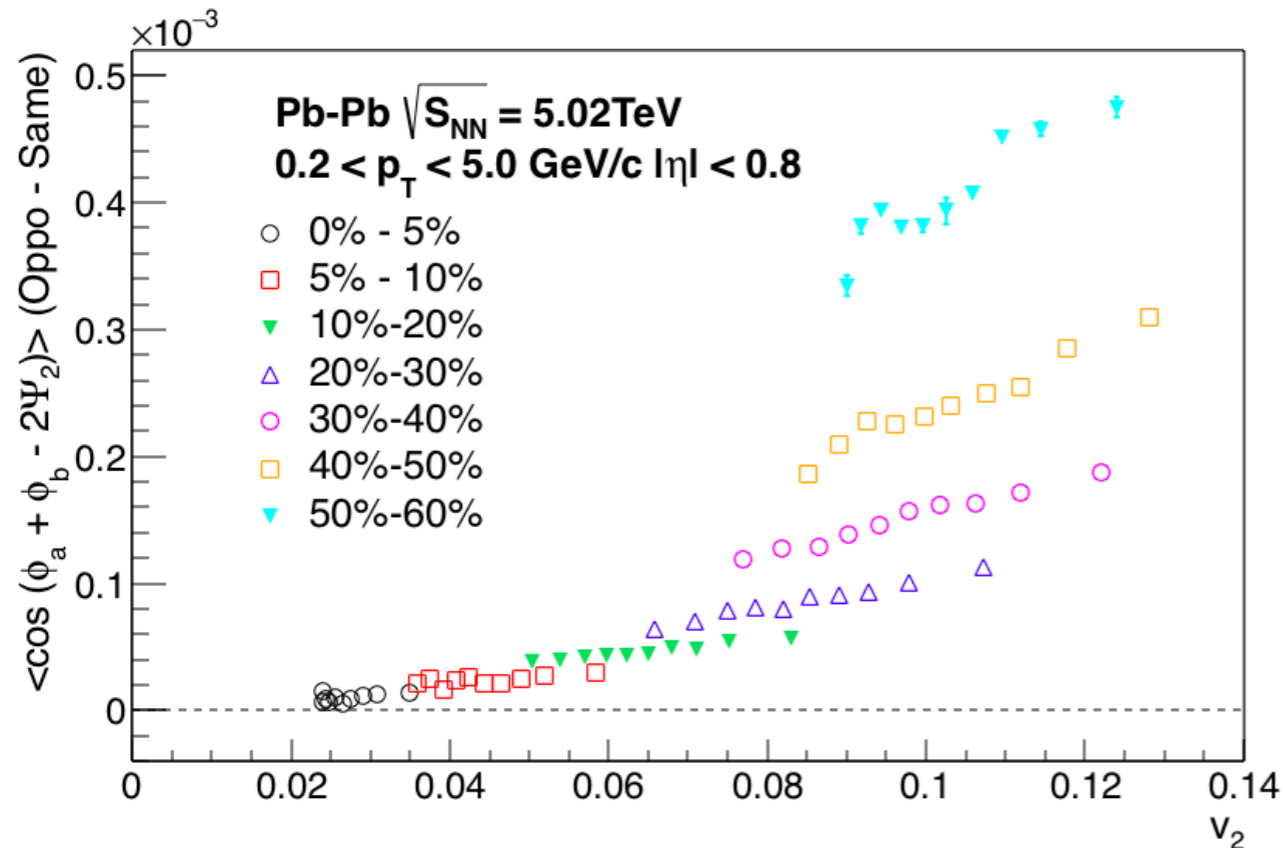
$$\epsilon_2 = \frac{(y^2 - x^2)}{(y^2 + x^2)}$$

- Monte-Carlo simulation using the KLN Model to calculate the magnetic field using spectators
- To evaluate the dependence of the CME signal on different geometries
 - $\langle |B|^2 \cos(2(\Psi_B - \Psi_2)) \rangle$
- Using 2 million events, the proper time $\tau=0.1$ fm



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Connecting Data and Model



- Linear fit γ_{ab} (oppo - same) vs v_2 and $\langle |B|^2 \cos(2(\Psi_B - \Psi_2)) \rangle$ with ϵ_2
- Fit function: $p_1(v_2) = p_0(1 + p_1(v_2 - \langle v_2 \rangle) / \langle v_2 \rangle)$
- Fit with $f_{CME} * p_{1,MC} + (1 - f_{CME}) * 1 = p_{1,data}$ to get the fraction of potential CME contributions



Summary & Outlook

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- Use Event Shape Engineering (ESE) to select the event shape to study the flow-related contributions of Chiral Magnetic Effect
 - γ_{ab} (oppo-same) scales with v_2
 - From the Monte Carlo results using the CGC-KLN Model (Pure CME): CME contributions scale with v_2
- To-do
 - Check the error on the γ_{ab} (oppo-same) signal
 - Estimate the fraction of potential CME contributions by connecting the model and the data