



# Experimental overview of collectivity in small systems

## soft probes

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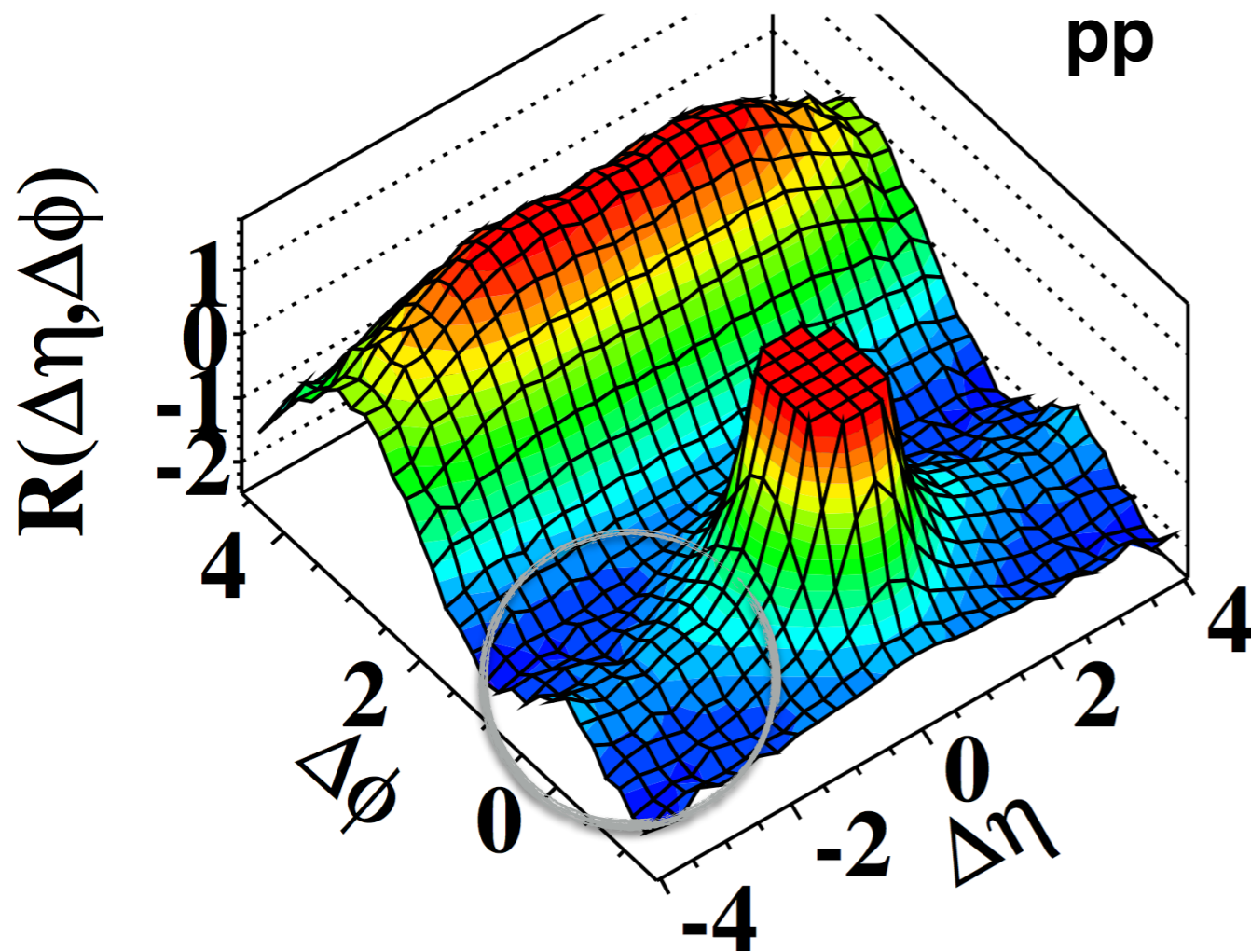
# Unexpected phenomena

results from small systems are  
showing new **unexpected phenomena**

# The ridge

study of two-particle correlations led to the observation of **long-range** ( $2 < |\Delta\eta| < 4$ ), **near-side** ( $\Delta\phi \approx 0$ ) angular correlations in high-multiplicity pp and p-Pb events

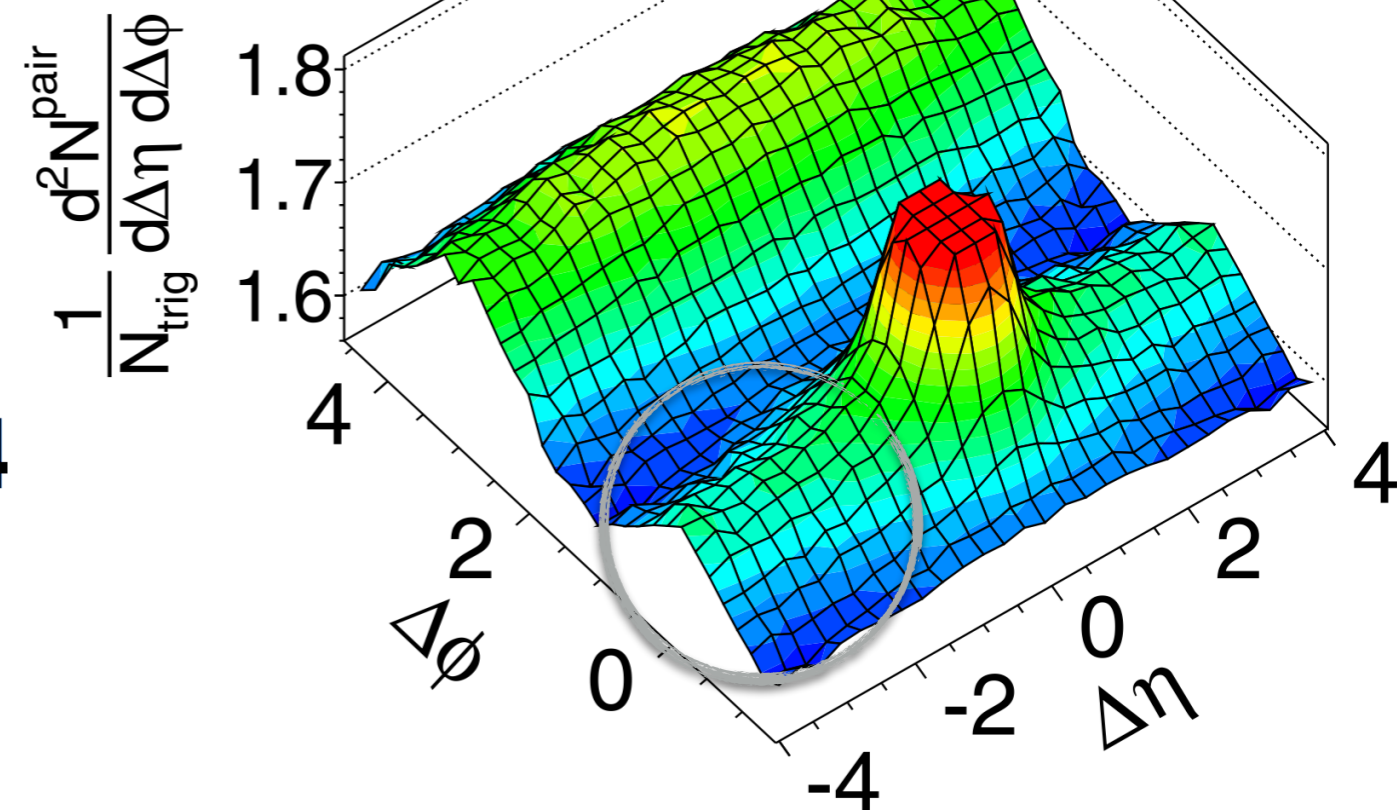
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*CMS, JHEP 09 (2010) 091*

pPb  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02 \text{ TeV}, N_{\text{trk}}^{\text{offline}} \geq 110$

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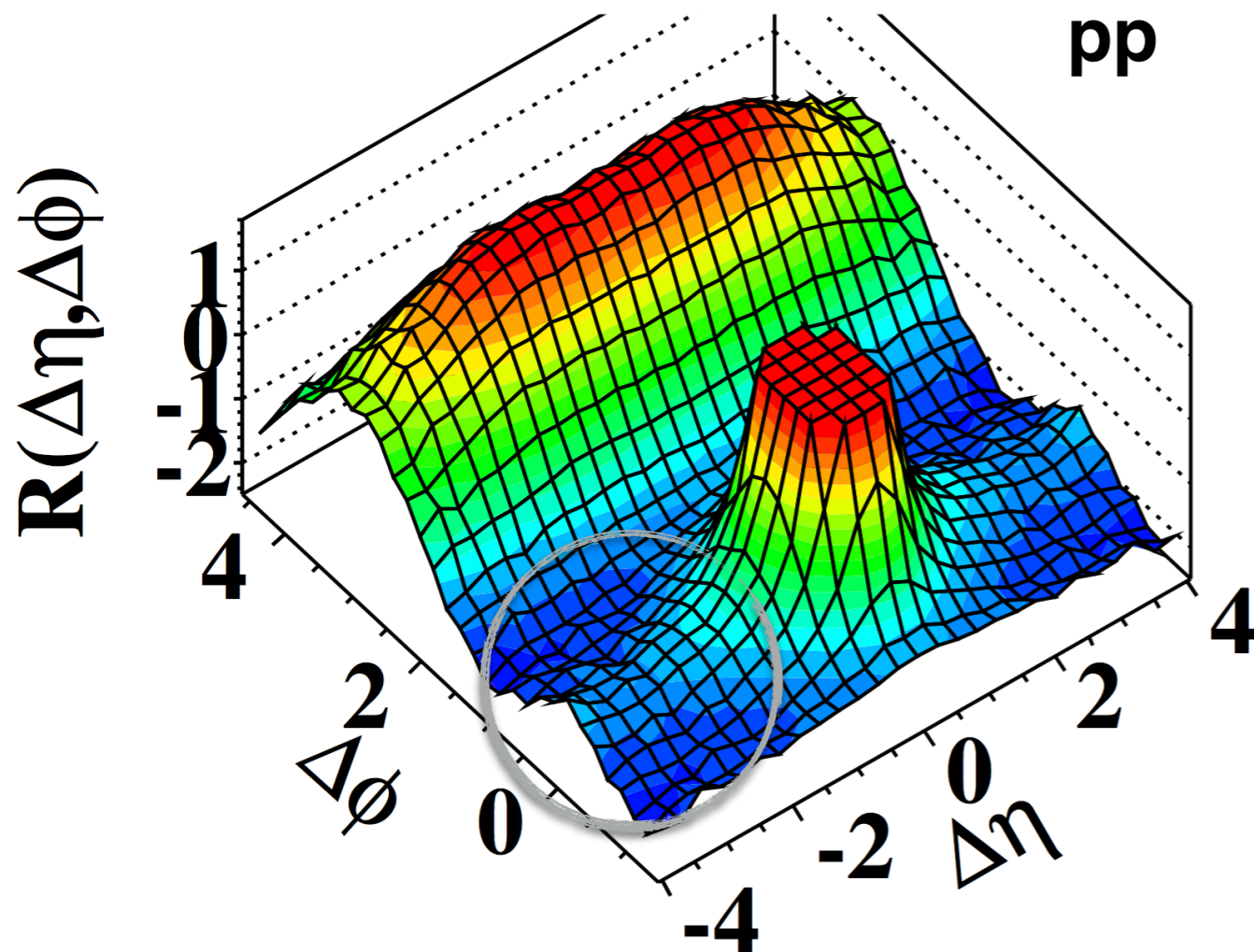


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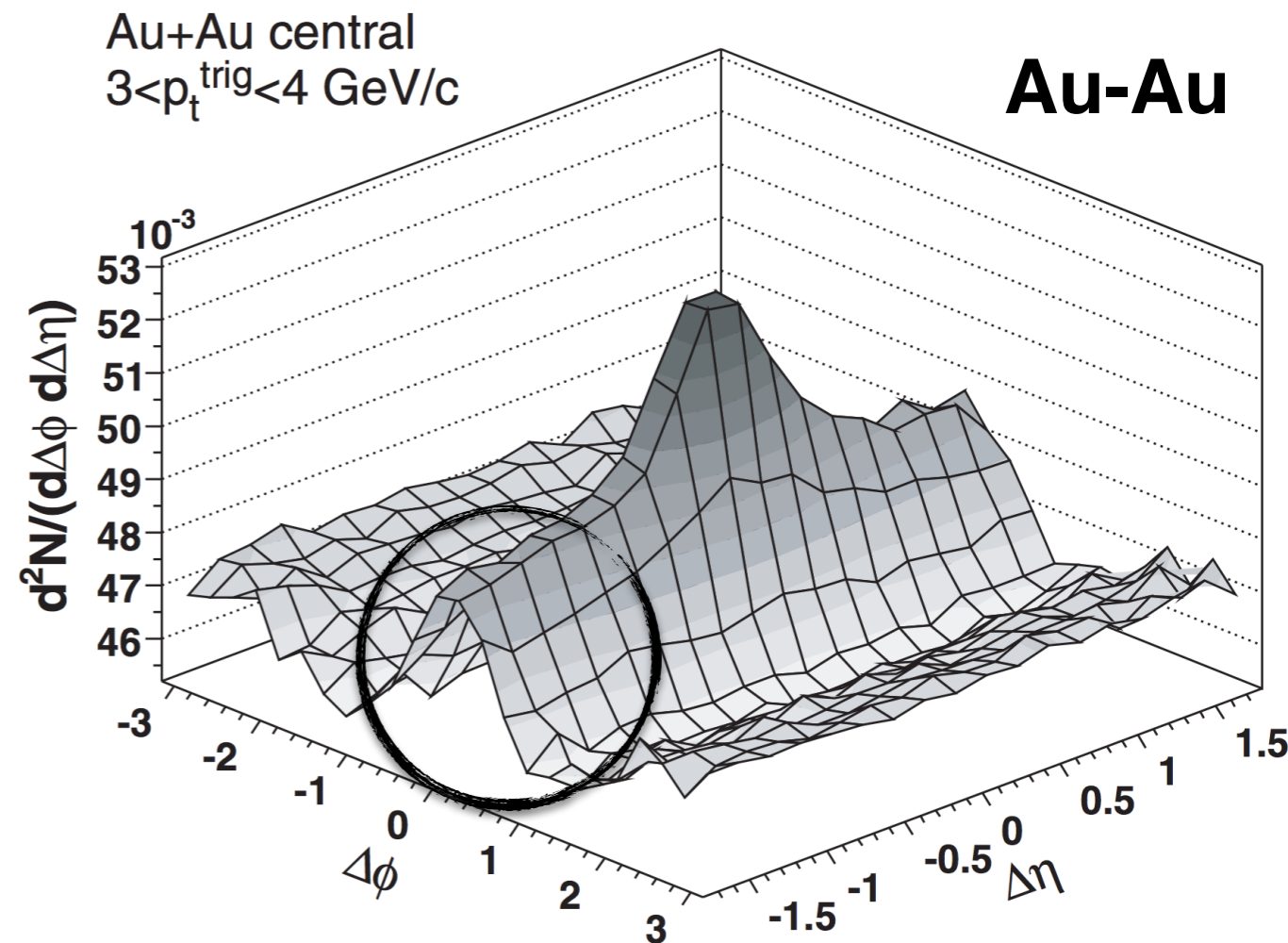
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resembles the ridge-like correlation seen in A-A collisions  
interpreted as consequence of **hydrodynamic flow**

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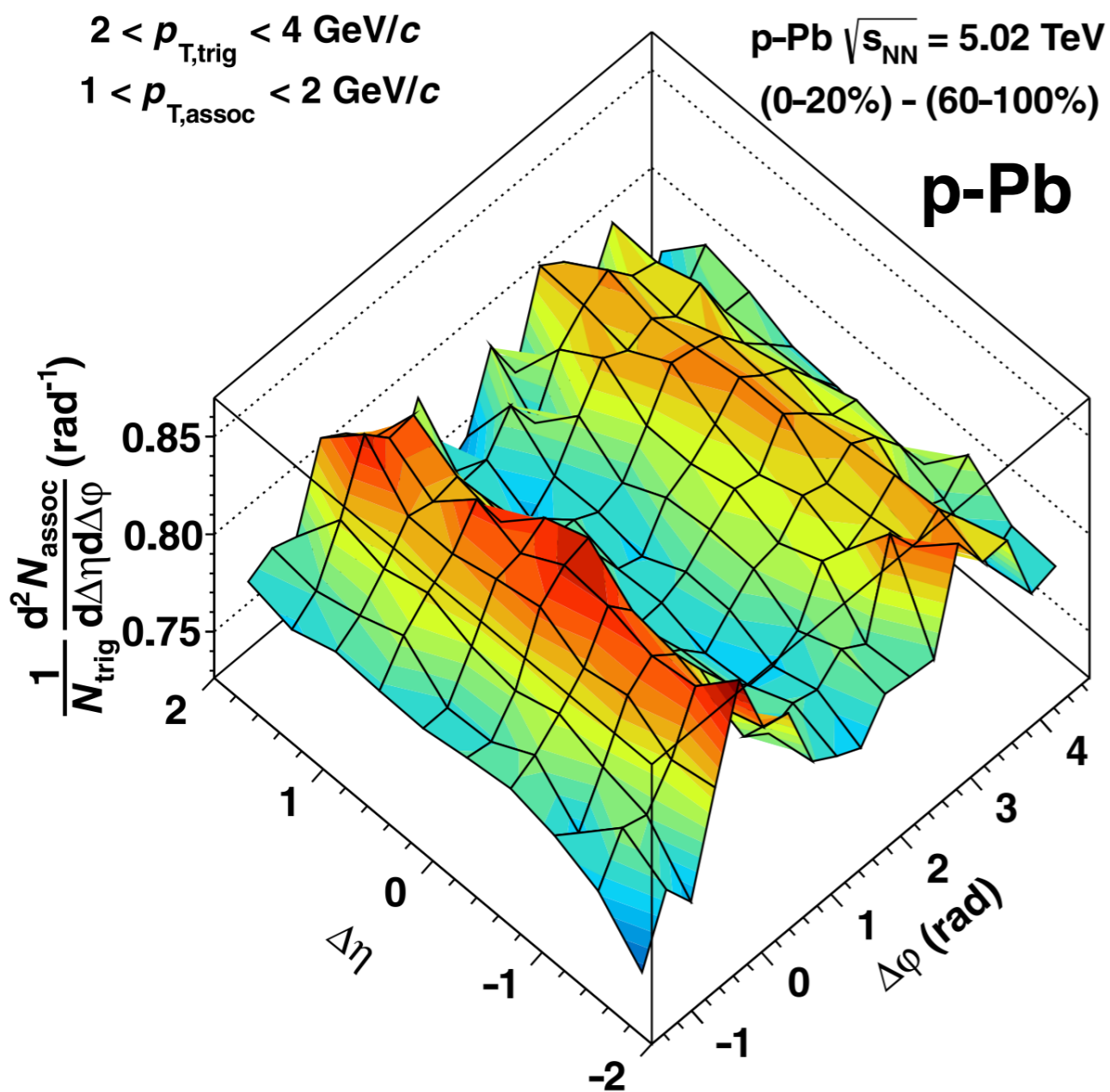
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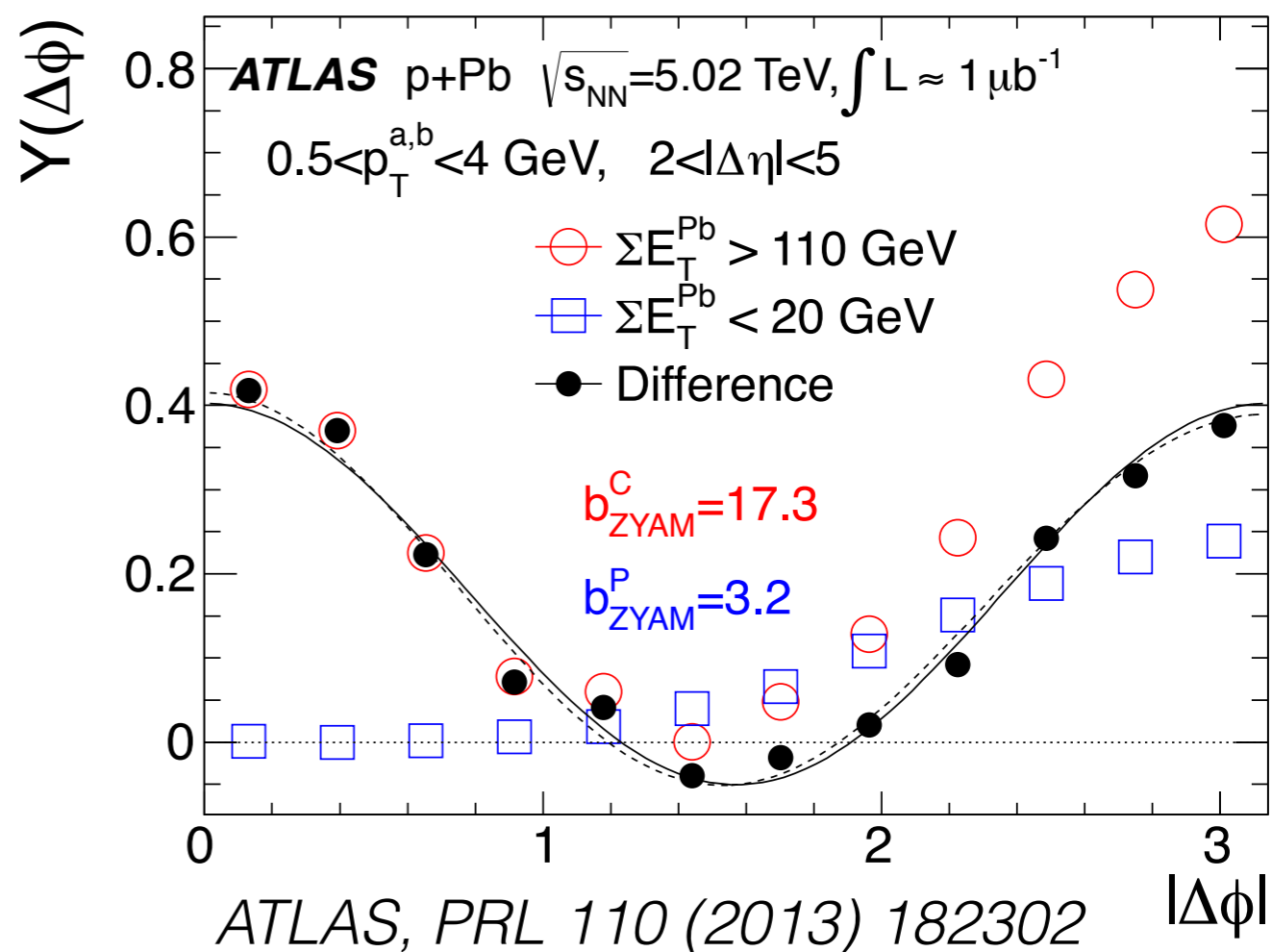
*STAR, PRC 80 (2010) 064912*

# The double ridge

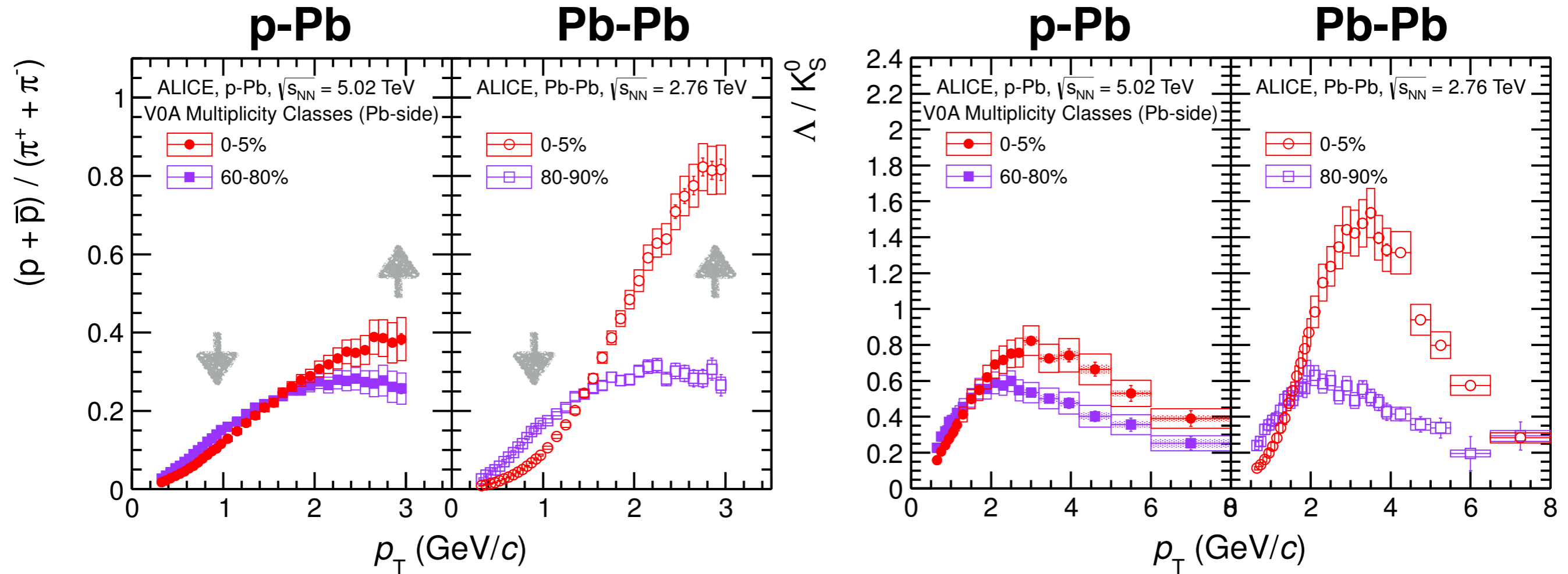
the observation of the ridge triggered further investigations  
 jet contribution removed by subtracting low-multiplicity events  
 a **double-ridge** structure **was revealed**



**looks so much like flow**



# Baryon enhancement



**significant centrality/multiplicity dependence** of the ratios  
 enhancement at mid  $p_T$  with increasing multiplicity  
 corresponding depletion in the low- $p_T$  region  
**reminiscent of A-A observations**

commonly understood in terms of collective flow / quark recombination

# Collective phenomena

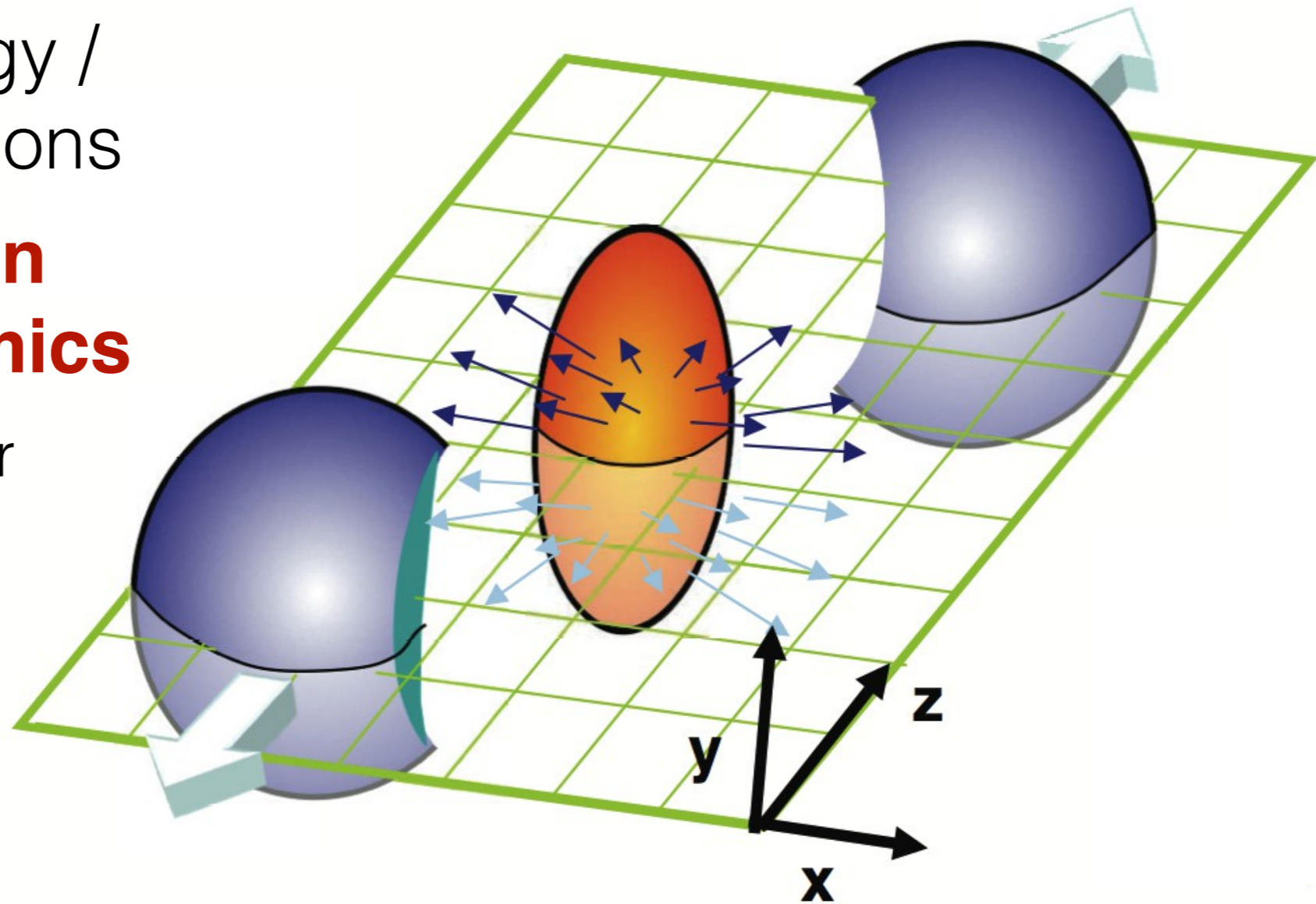
if the **bulk of the matter** created in high-energy / high-multiplicity collisions

**can be described in terms of hydrodynamics**

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- rapid expansion
- collective flows develop
- system cools down
- final decoupling

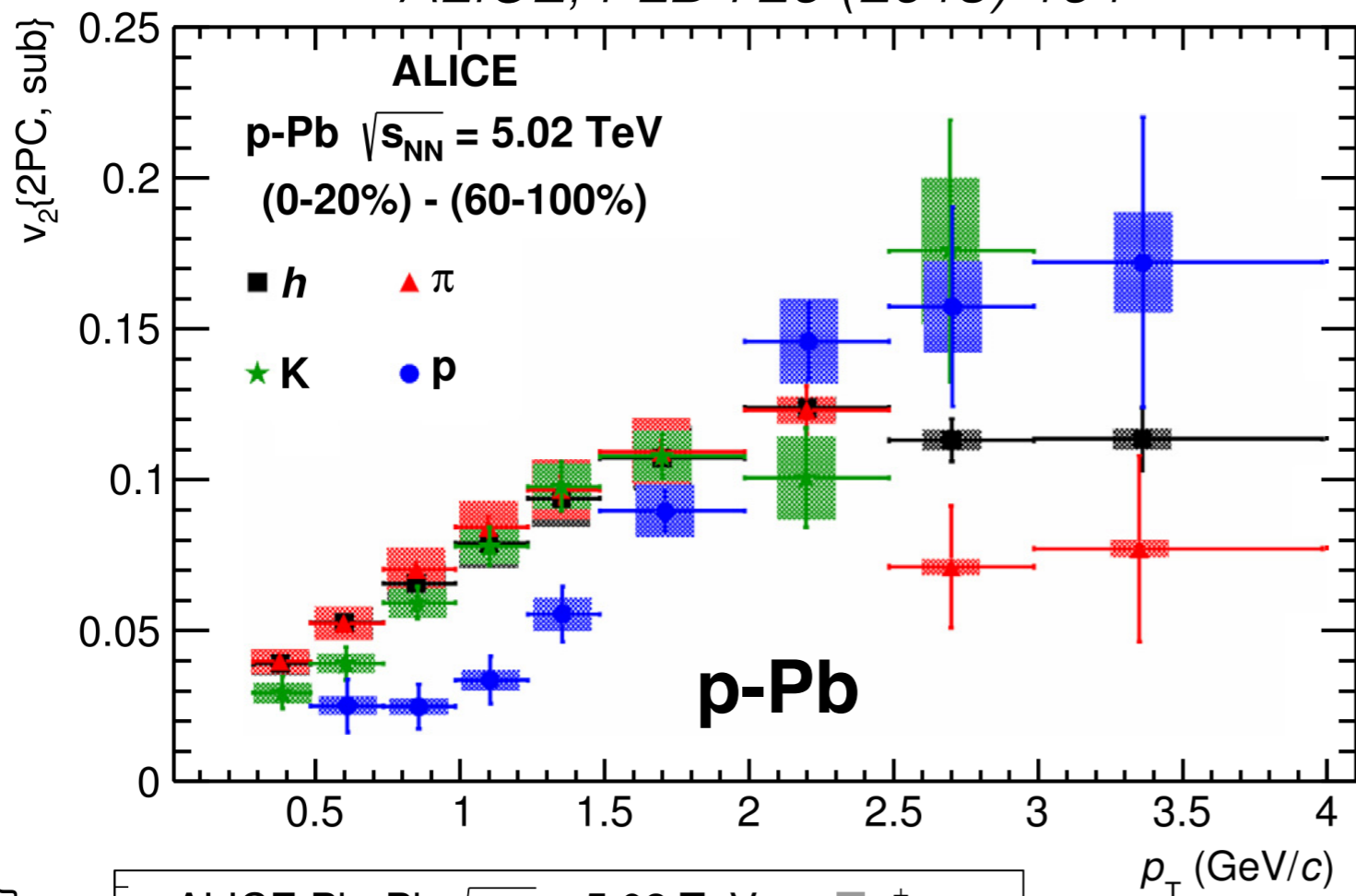
one would expect to observe

- azimuthal anisotropic flow patterns (initial spatial anisotropy)
- dependence of the shape of the  $p_T$  distribution on the particle mass

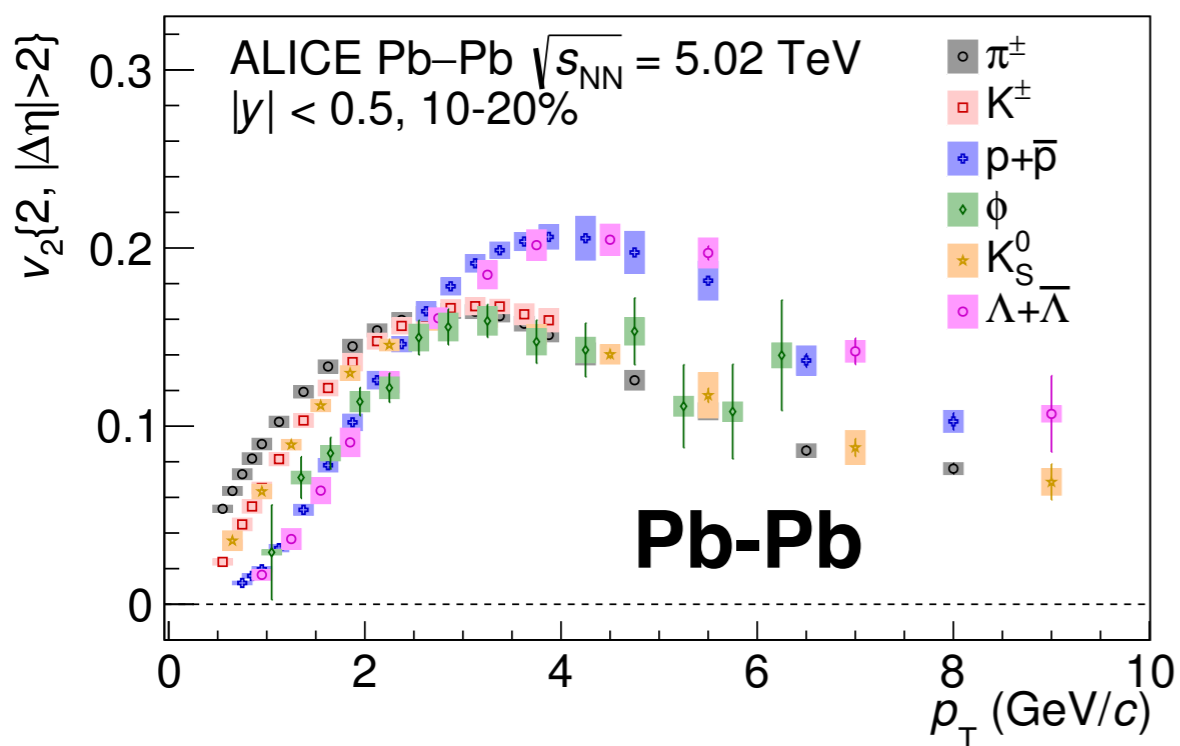
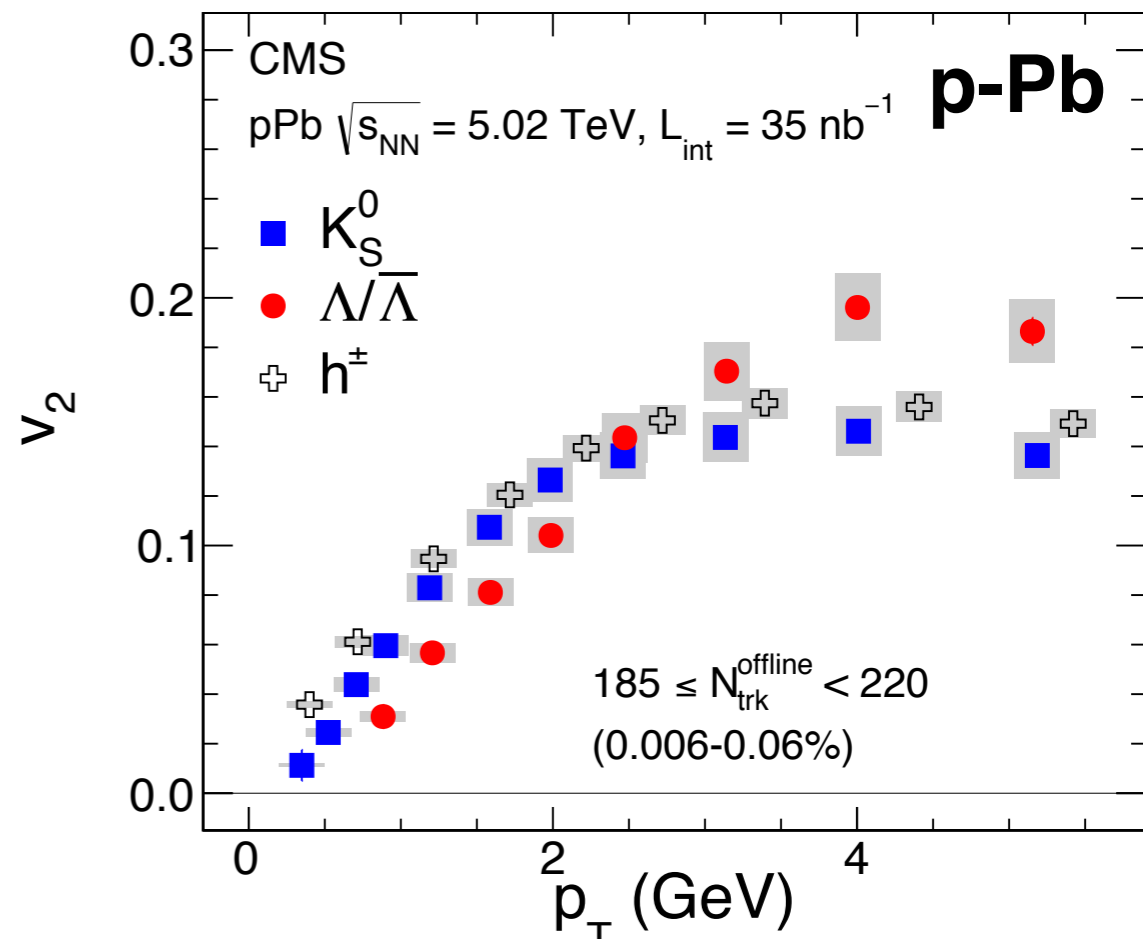


# $v_2$ of identified particles

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CMS, PLB 742 (2015) 200

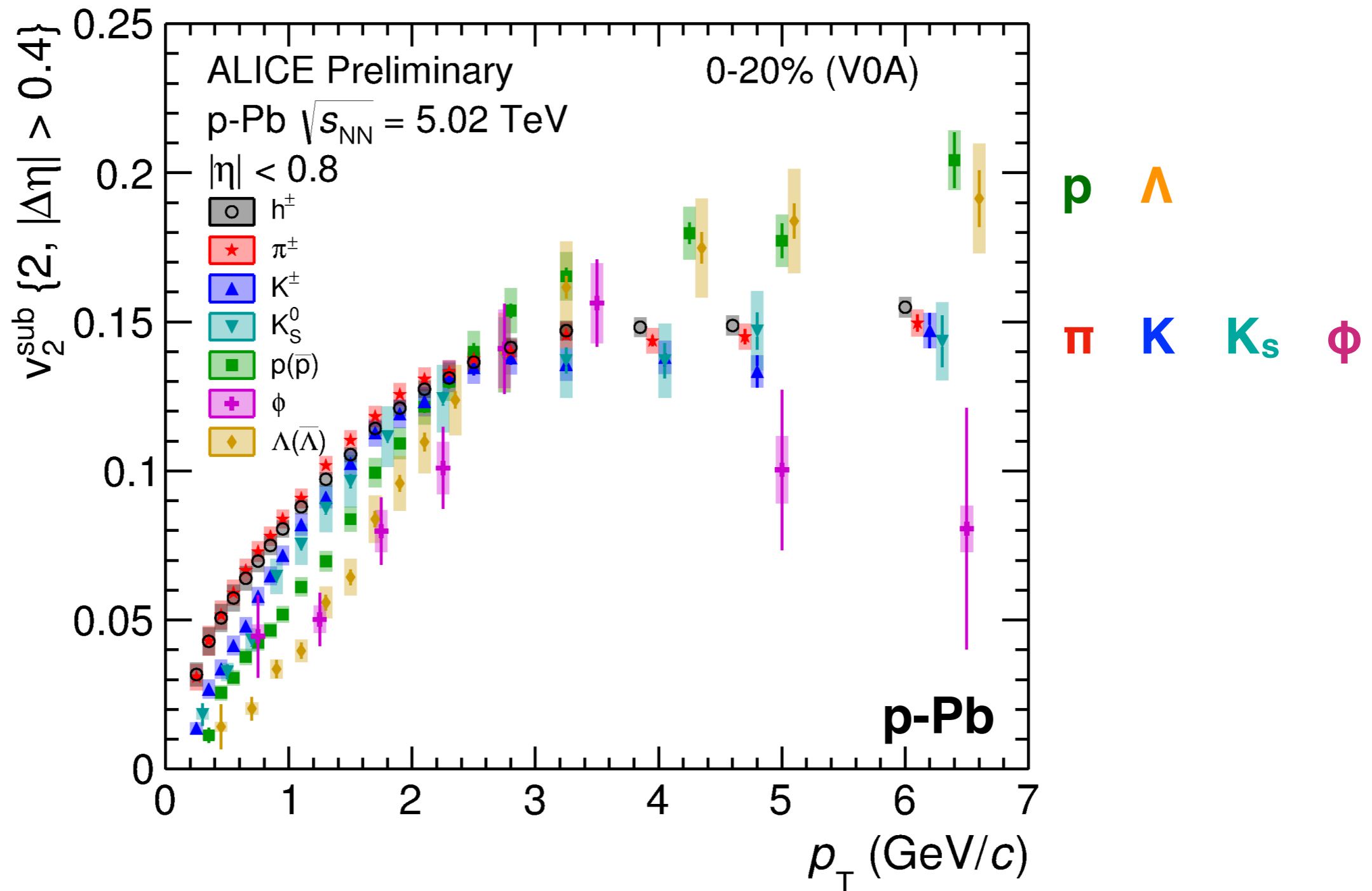


**mass ordering** observed at low  $p_T$   
lower  $v_2$  for heavier particles  
crossing at higher  $p_T$   
**reminiscent of A-A** observations

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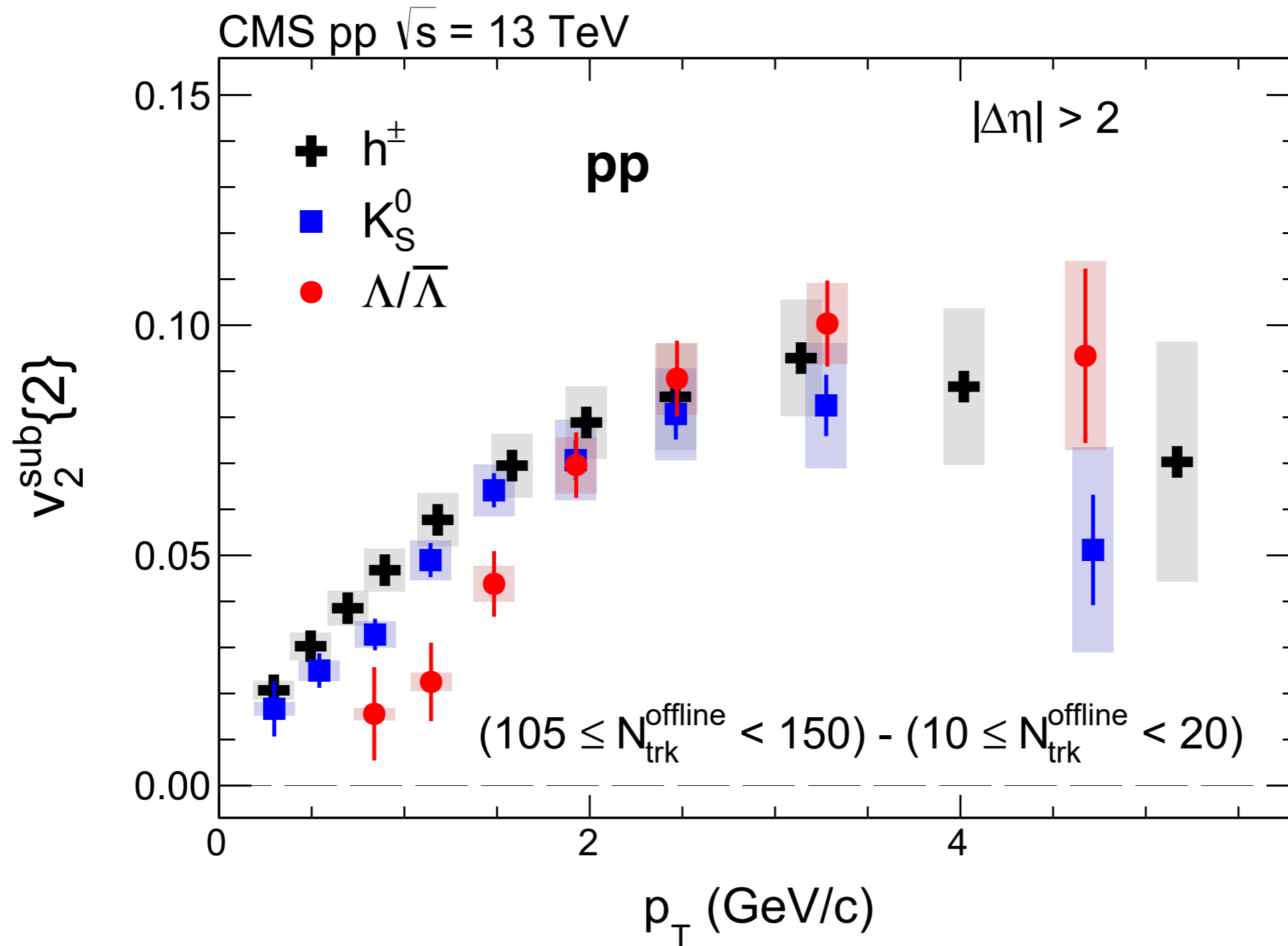


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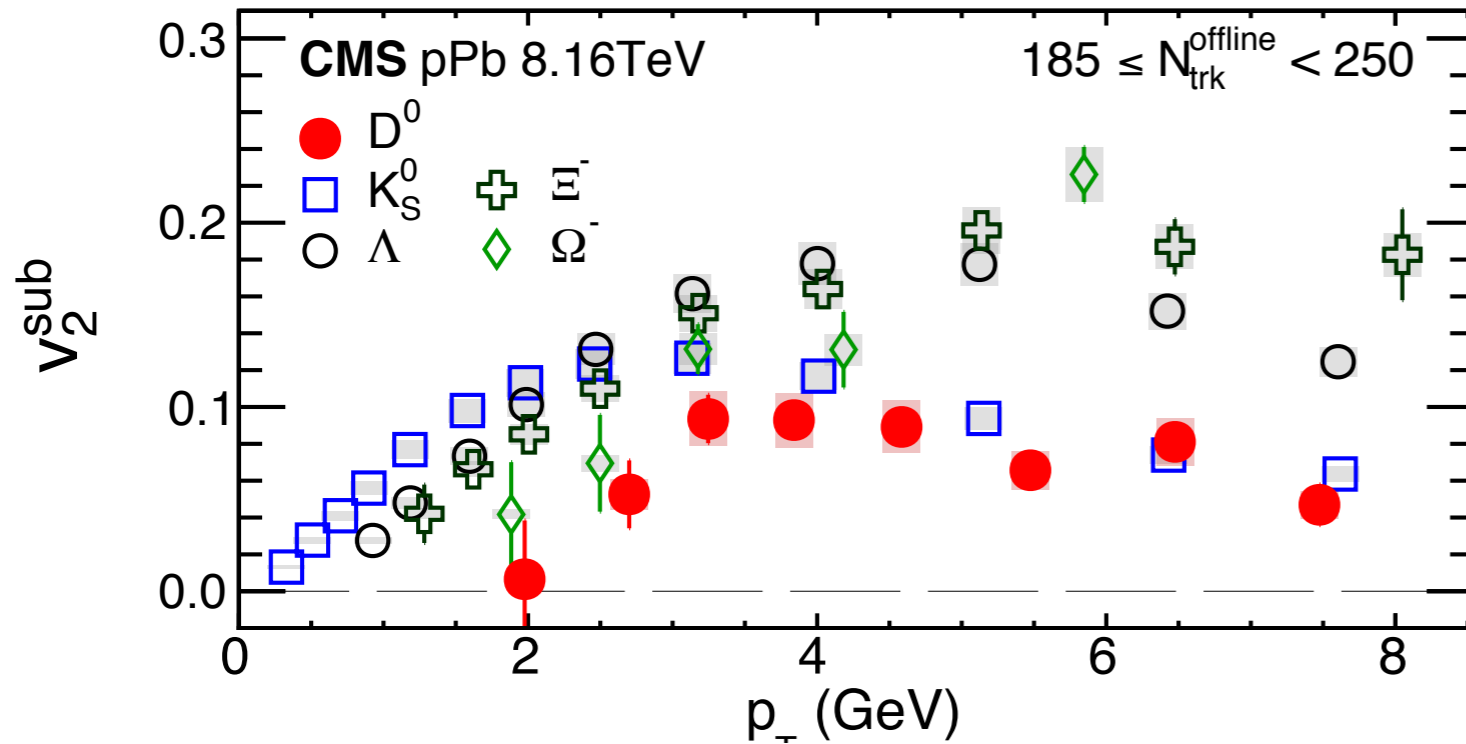
**mass ordering** observed at low  $p_T$   
 baryon/meson grouping at mid  $p_T$

# $v_2$ of identified particles in pp



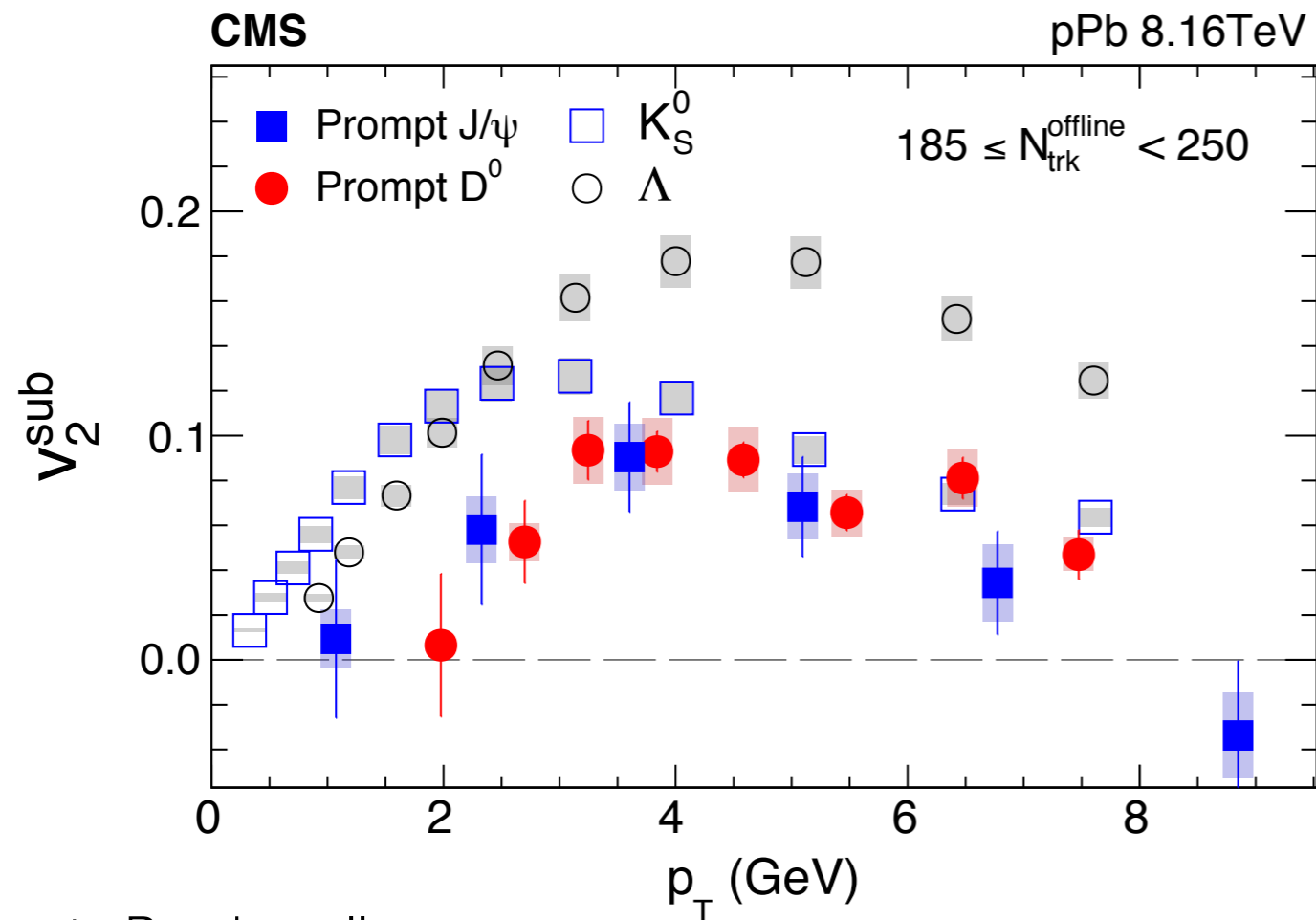
**mass ordering** observed at low  $p_T$   
also in pp collisions

# Also charm flows!



**p-Pb**

*CMS, PRL 121 (2018) 082301*



**p-Pb**

*CMS, PLB 791 (2019) 172*

see next talk  
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# Collective phenomena

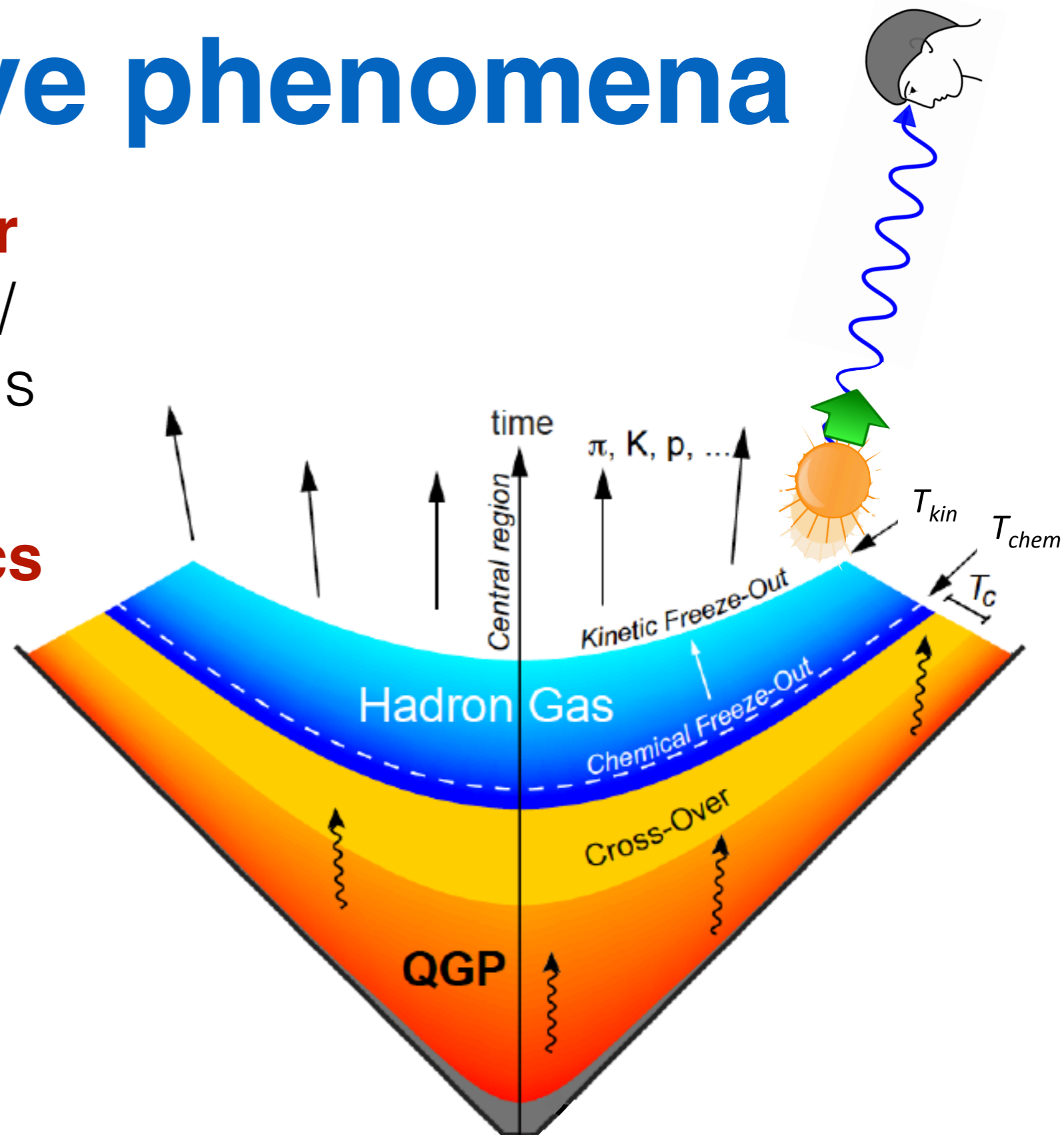
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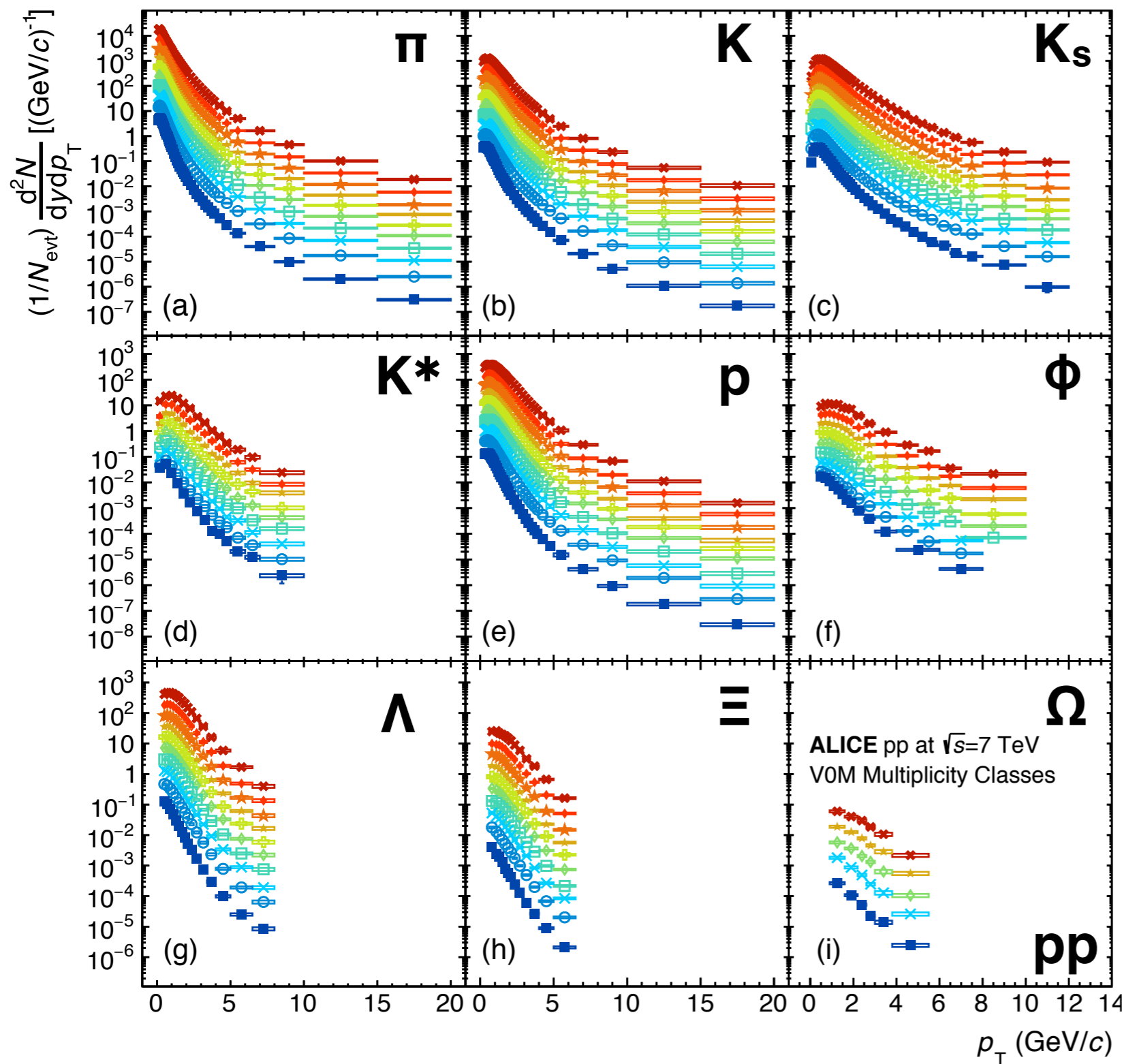
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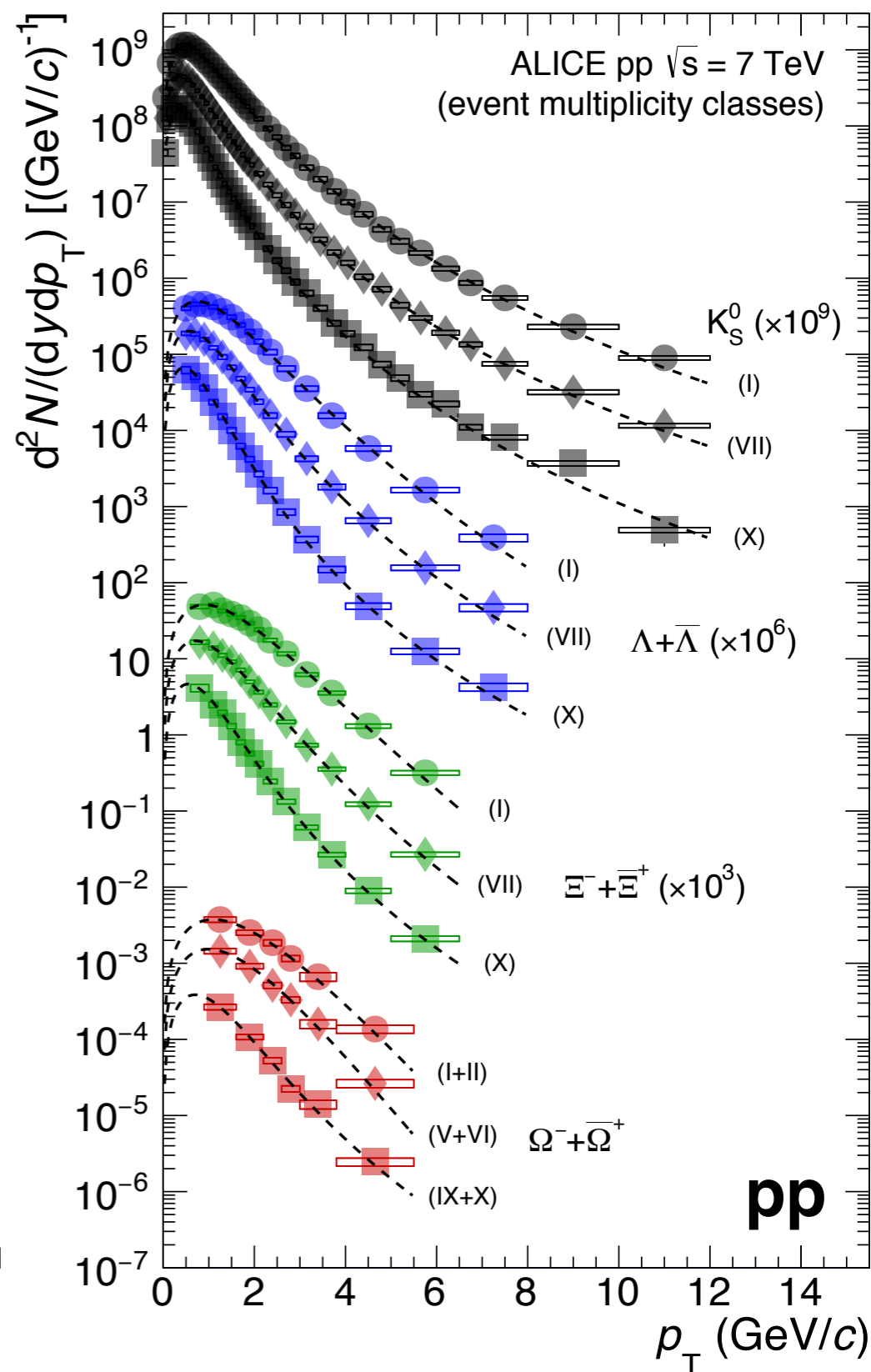


# Identified hadron $p_T$ spectra

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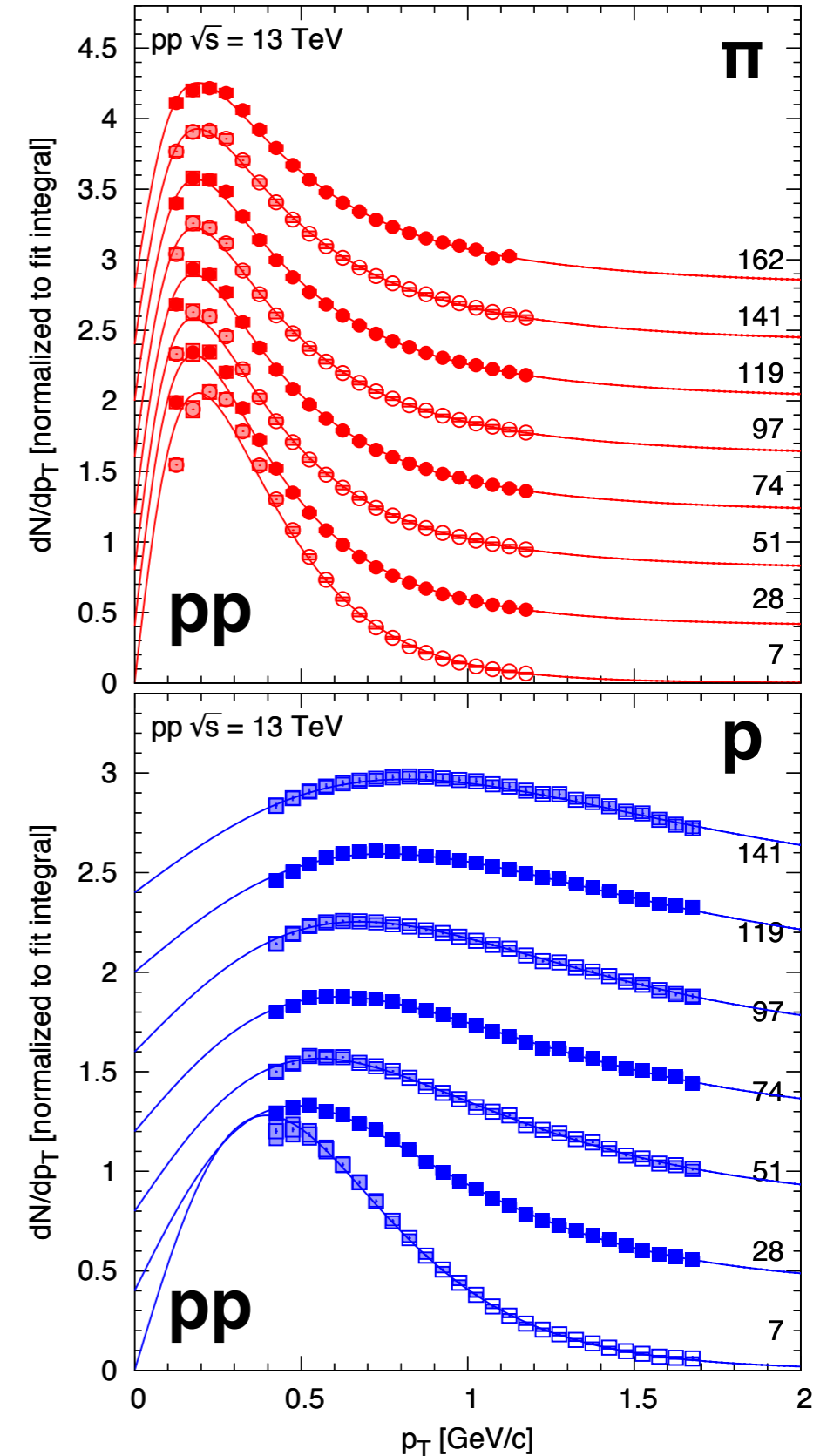
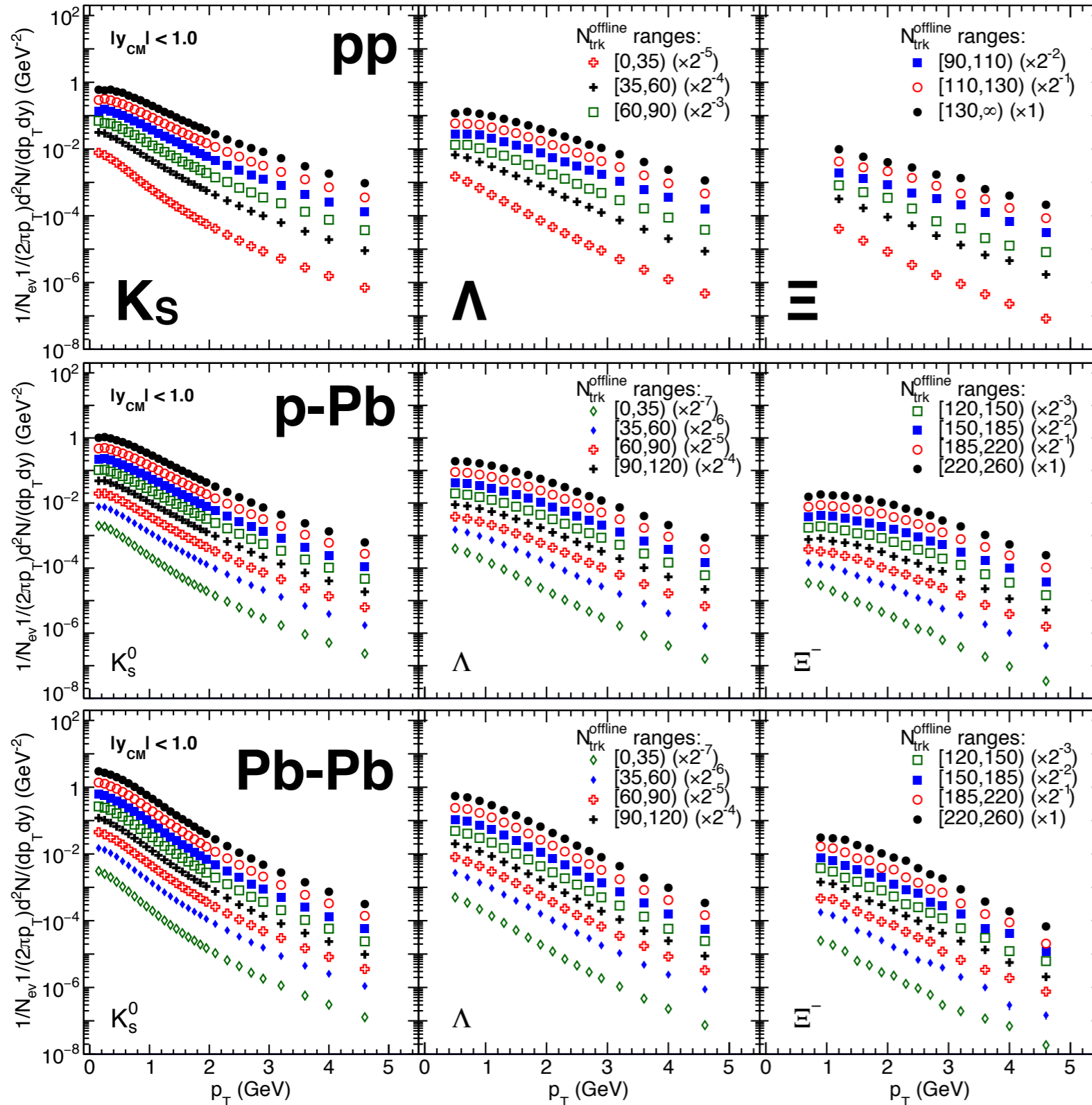
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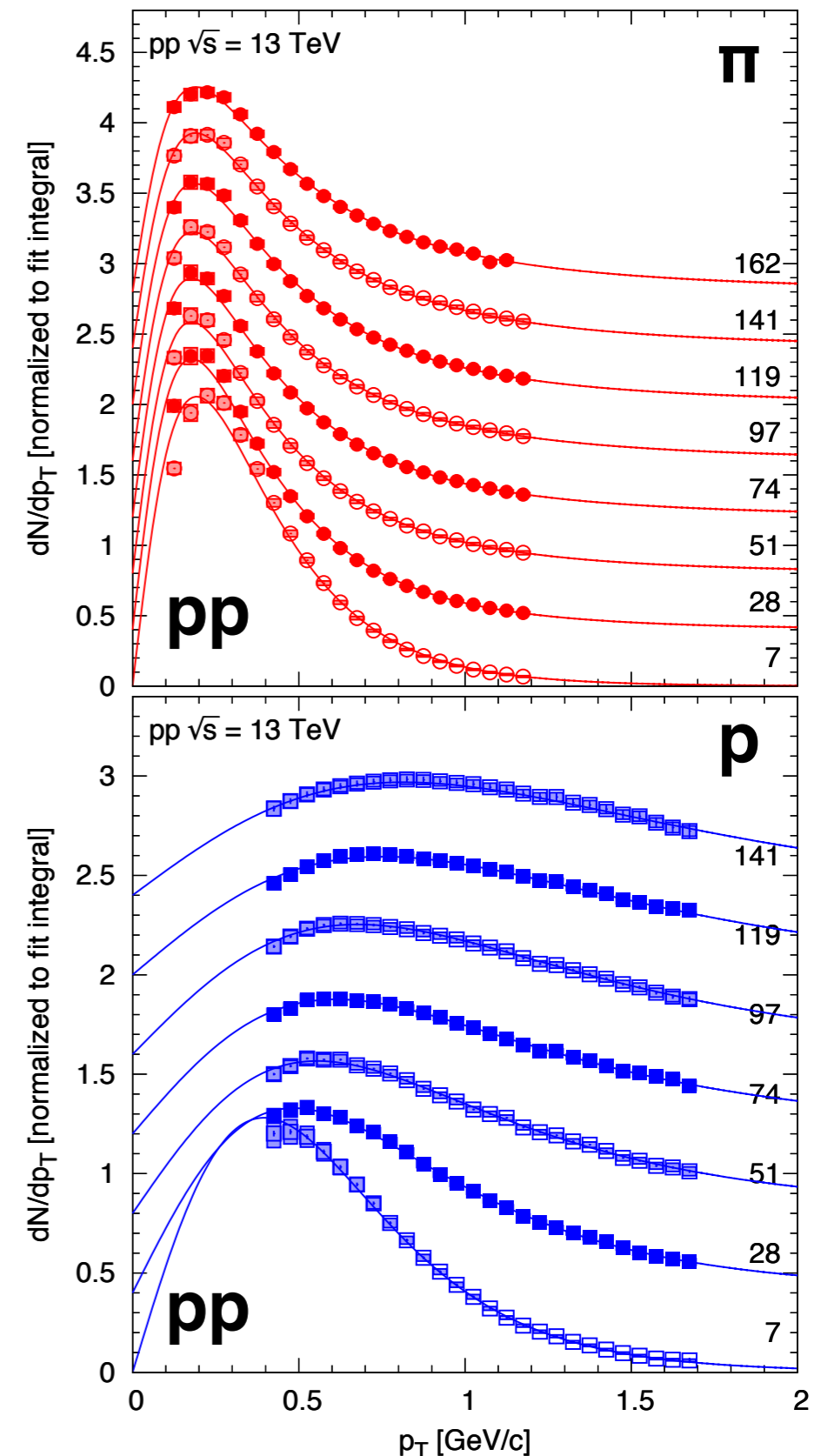
# Mass-dependent evolution

**clear evolution** of particle spectra  
become flatter with increasing  $N_{ch}$

significantly more pronounced for  
protons than for pions

**mass ordering as expected from  
collective hydro expansion**

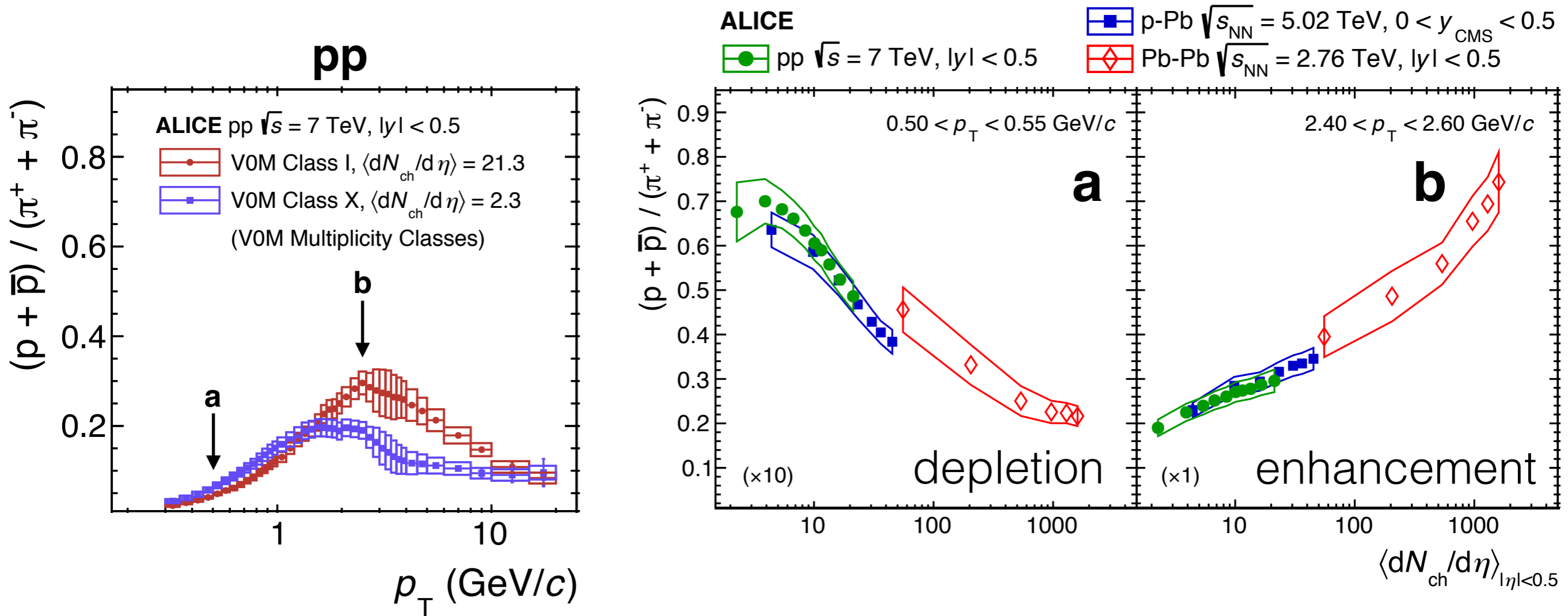
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# Multiplicity dependence

$N_{ch}$ -dependence of **p/ $\pi$  ratio at fixed  $p_T$**

points towards a universal (soft) mechanism driven by final state  $dN_{ch}/d\eta$



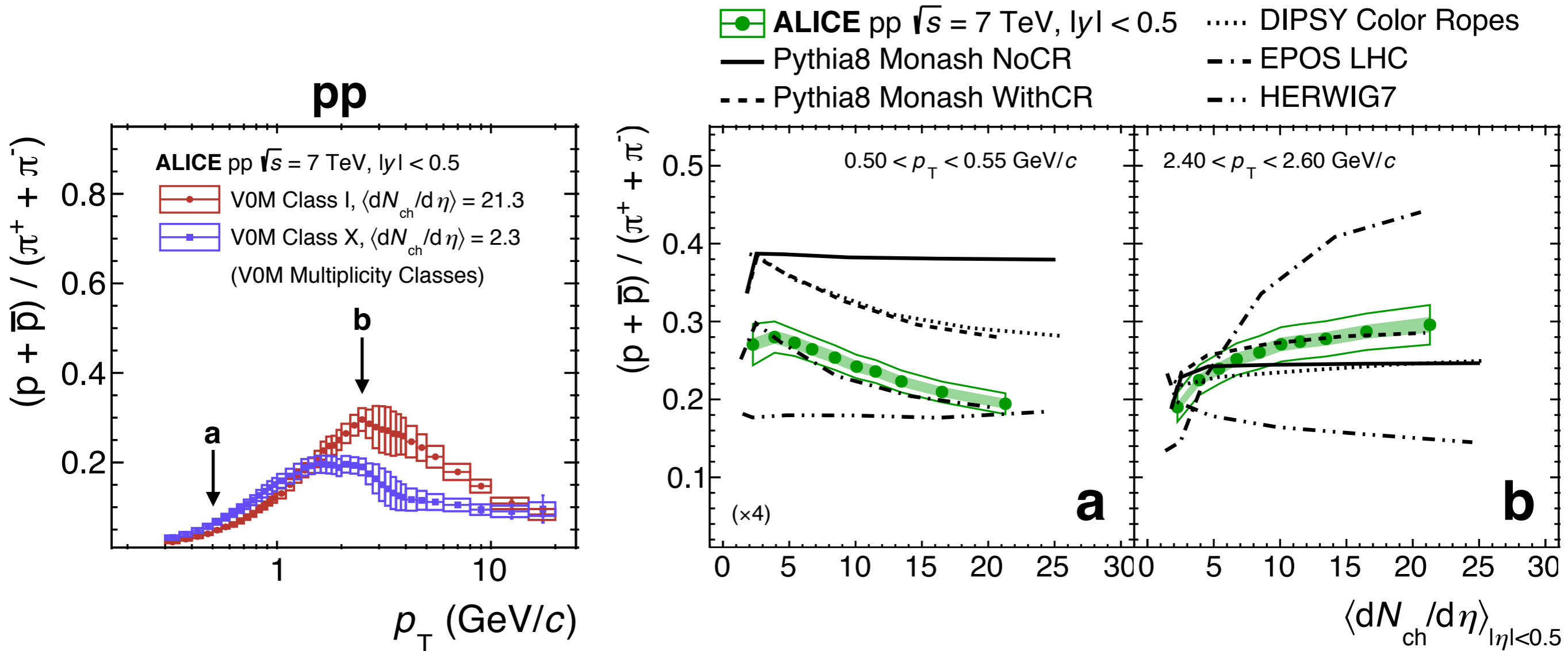
rather **smooth evolution across different systems** at low and mid  $p_T$   
(not shown) high- $p_T$  hard fragmentation does not feel  $dN_{ch}/d\eta$



# Multiplicity dependence

$N_{\text{ch}}$ -dependent ratios **compared to a large set of generators**

no model gets everything right, so far



**colour-reconnection** (PYTHIA, DIPSY) and **collective expansion** (EPOS, core-corona) **models** are the most viable options

# Nuclear modification factors

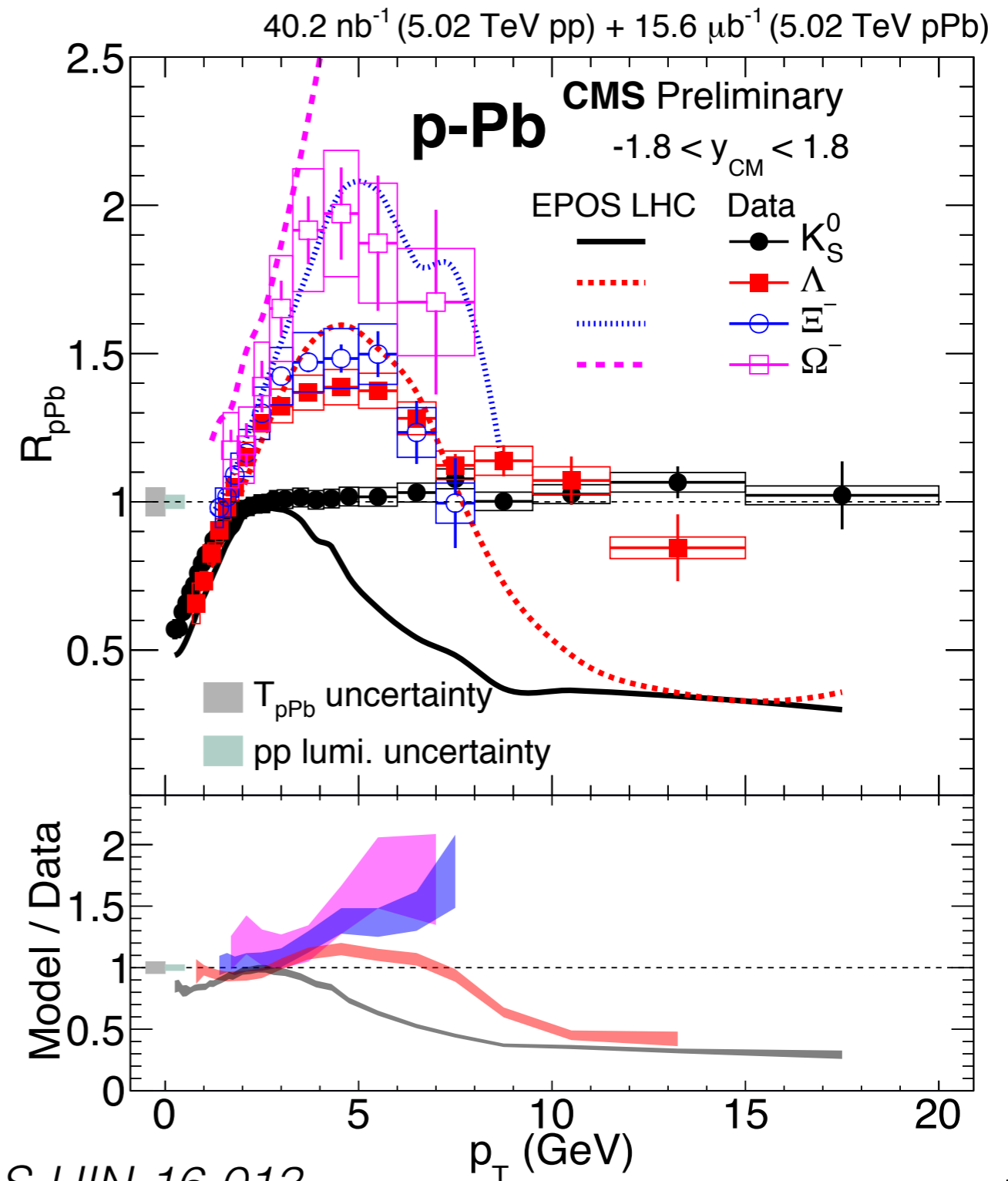
measured for **strange-hadrons in p-Pb** collisions  
can provide critical information about initial/final state effects

**Cronin**-like enhancements  
are visible at intermediate  $p_T$

clear **mass ordering**  
consistent with radial flow in hydro picture

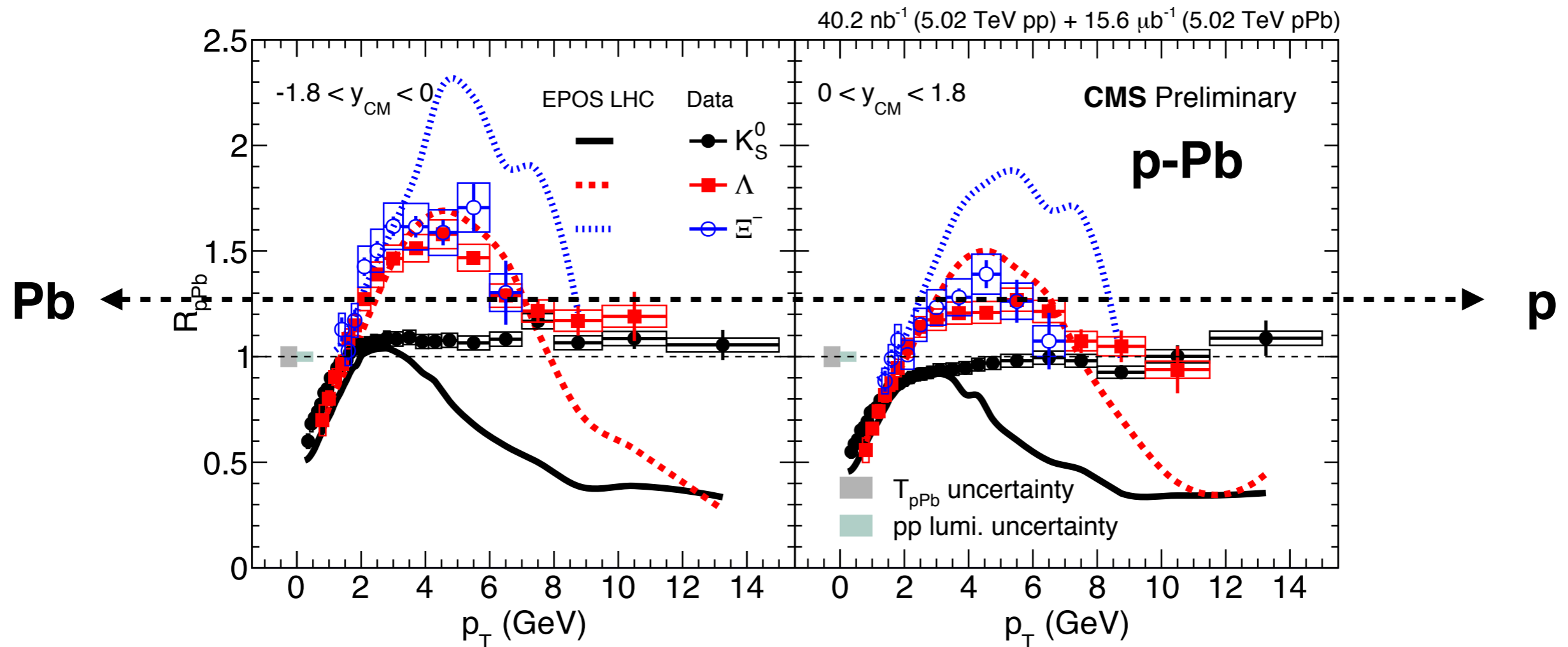
## EPOS-LHC

includes collective flow in pp and p-Pb  
predicts (stronger) mass ordering  
agrees for  $p_T < 3$  GeV  
much below the data at high  $p_T$



# Nuclear modification factors

measured for **strange-hadrons in p-Pb** collisions  
both in the p-going and Pb-going directions, separately

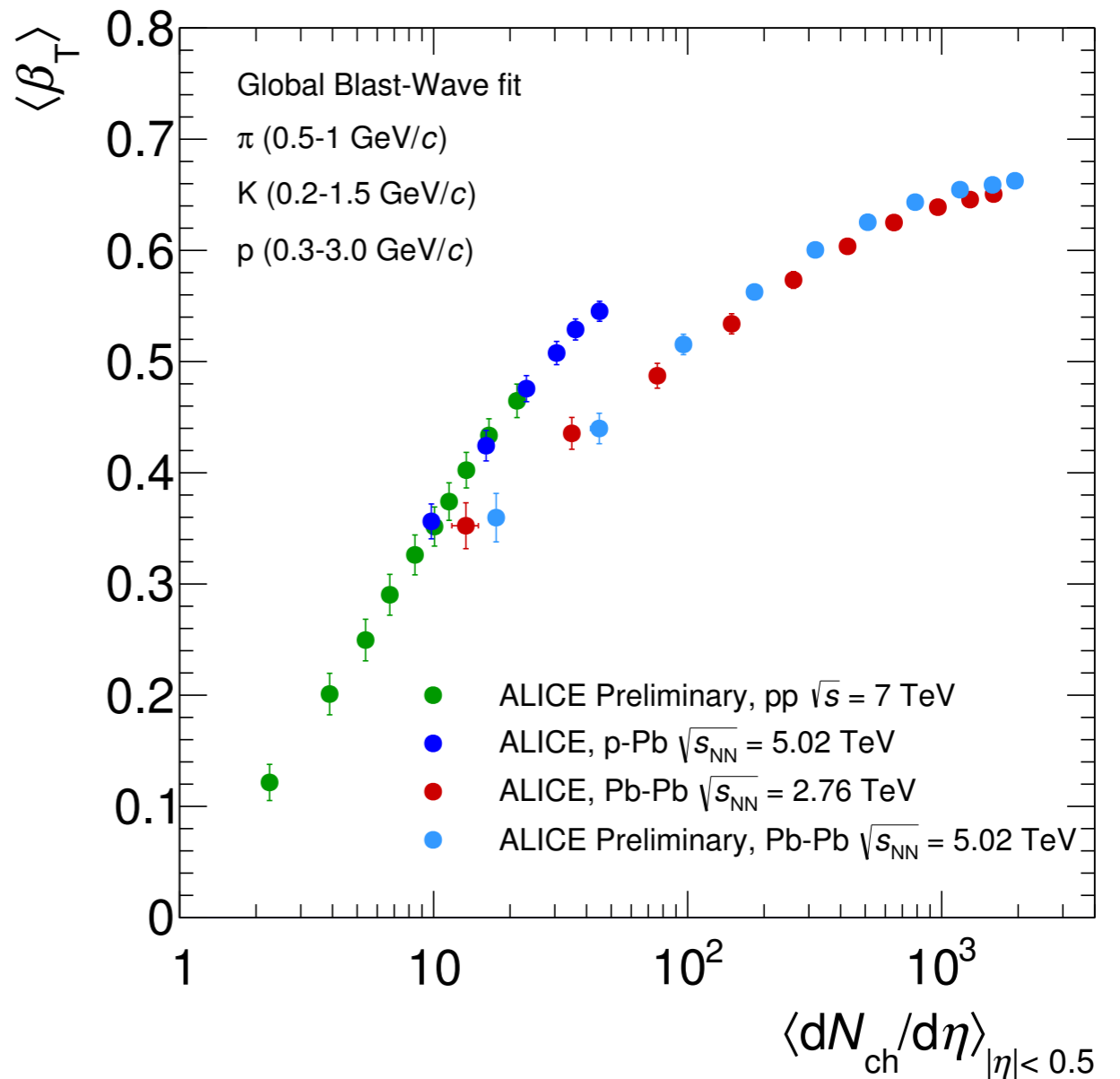
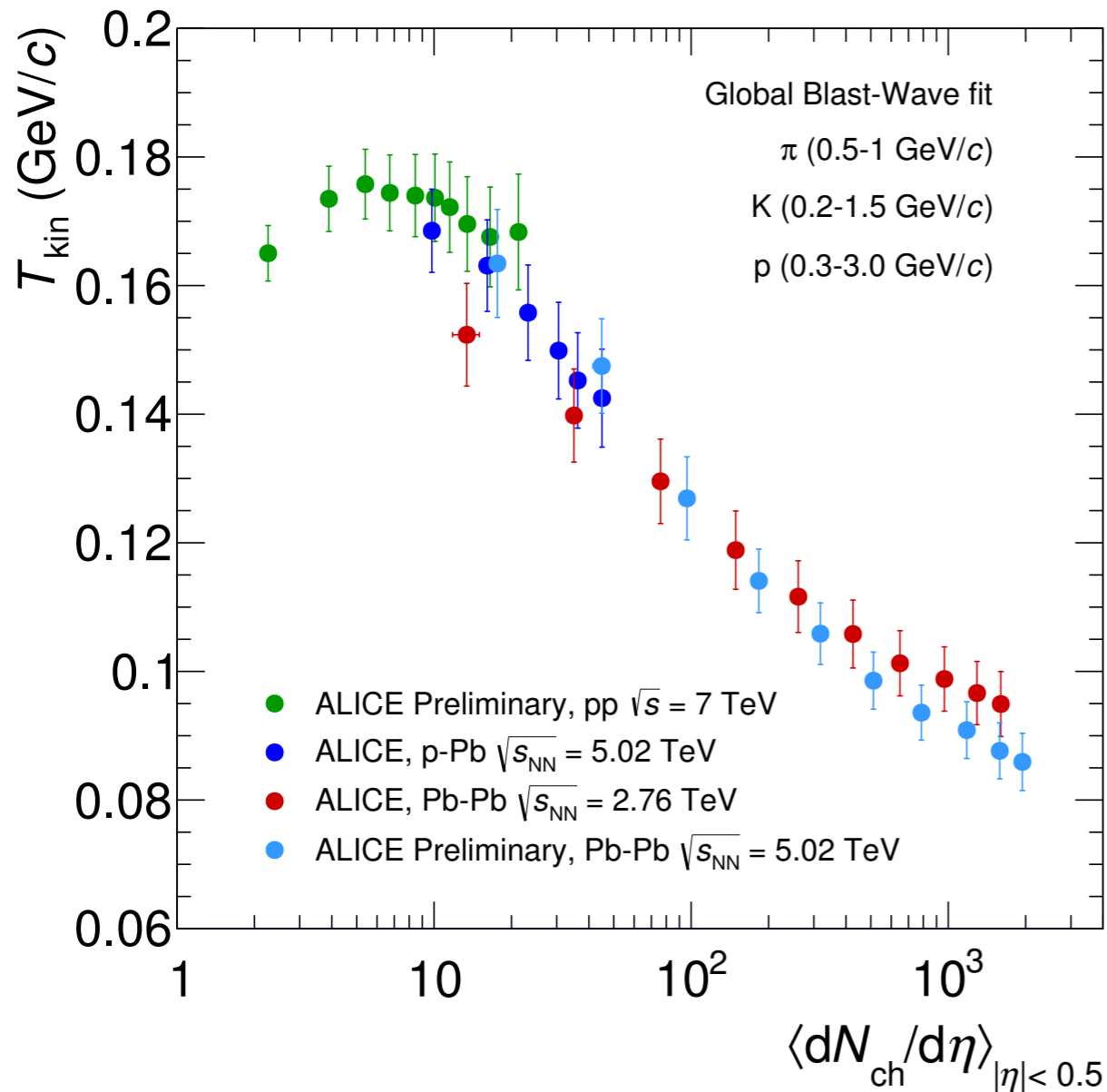


$R_{pPb}$  is **larger in the Pb-going** direction (stronger mass ordering)  
consistent with radial-flow and EPOS-LHC prediction (also with shadowing)

**Cronin effect inconsistent with the data**

should be larger in p-going if initial-state parton (projectile) scatterings

# Collective radial flow



**spectra analysed in the context of the Blast-Wave model**

*Schnedermann et al., PRC 48 (1993) 2462*

when comparing the parameters of different systems at similar  $dN_{ch}/d\eta$

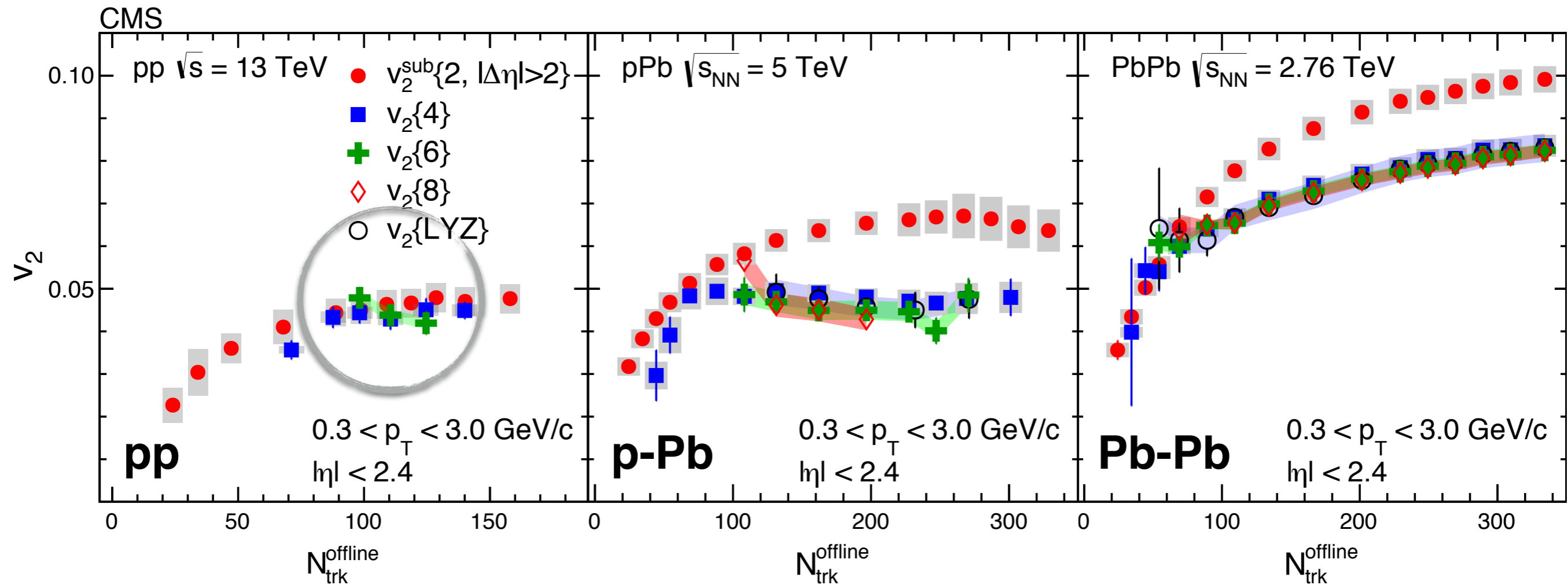
**$T_{kin}$  values are similar,  $\langle \beta_T \rangle$  larger for small systems**

larger radial flow in small system as consequence of stronger gradients

*Shuryak et al., PRC 88 (2013) 044915*

# Evidence of collectivity

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 $v_n\{k\}$  have different sensitivity to non-flow effects

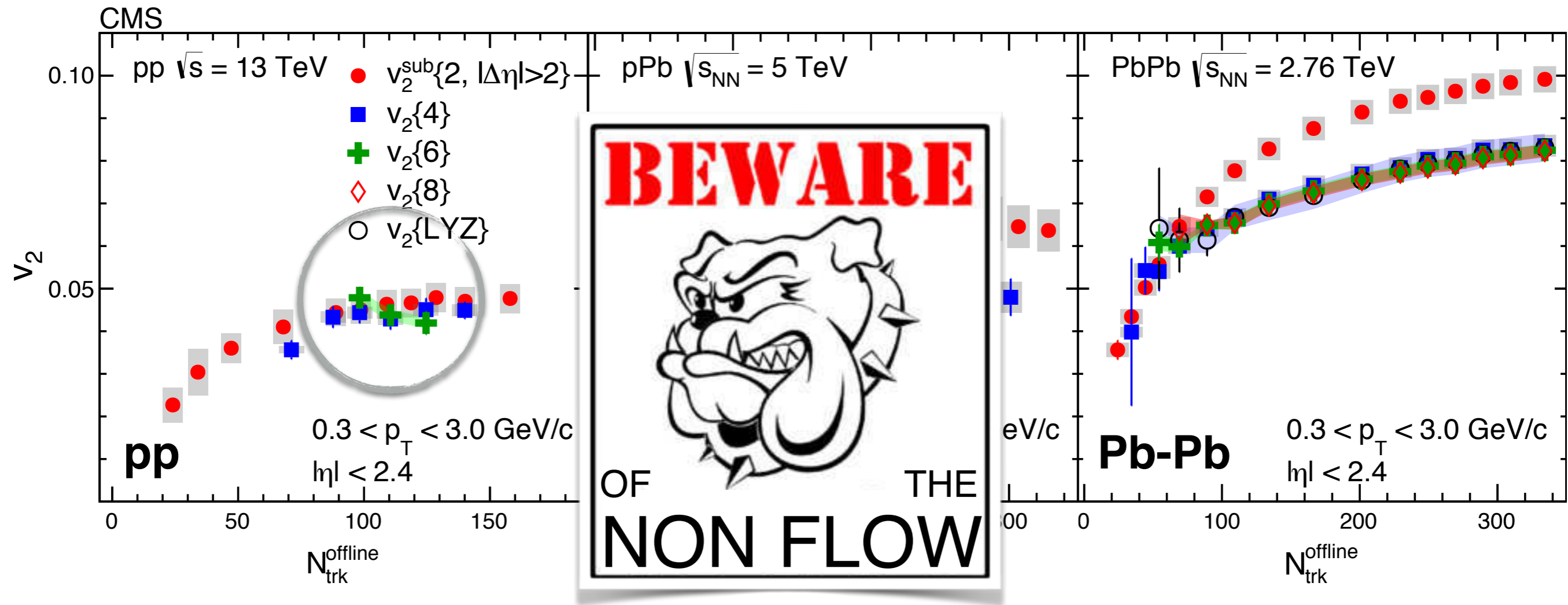


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pp:  $v_2\{4\} = v_2\{6\}$ , p-Pb:  $v_2\{4\} = v_2\{6\} = v_2\{8\} = v_2\{\text{LYZ}\}$

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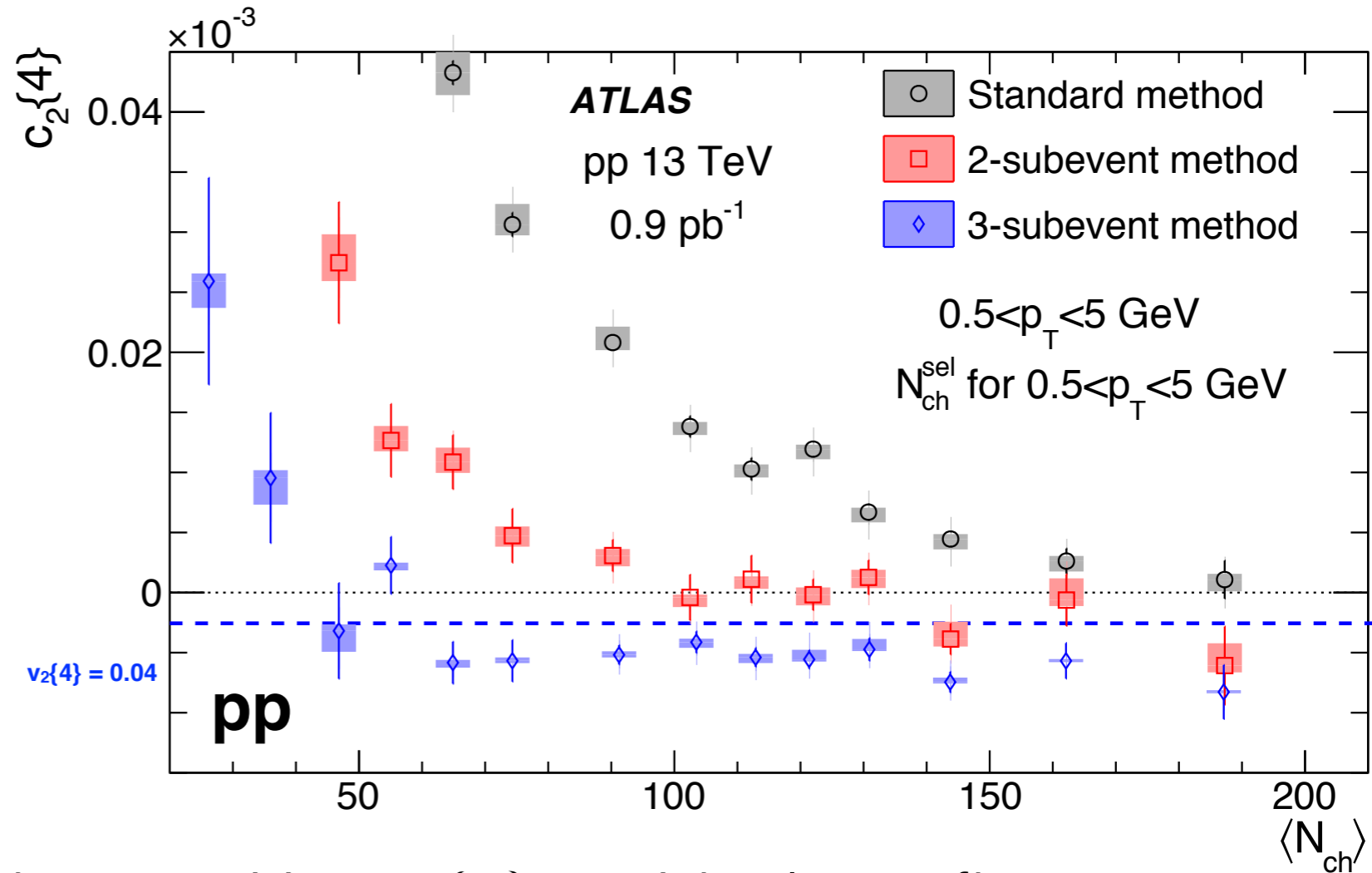
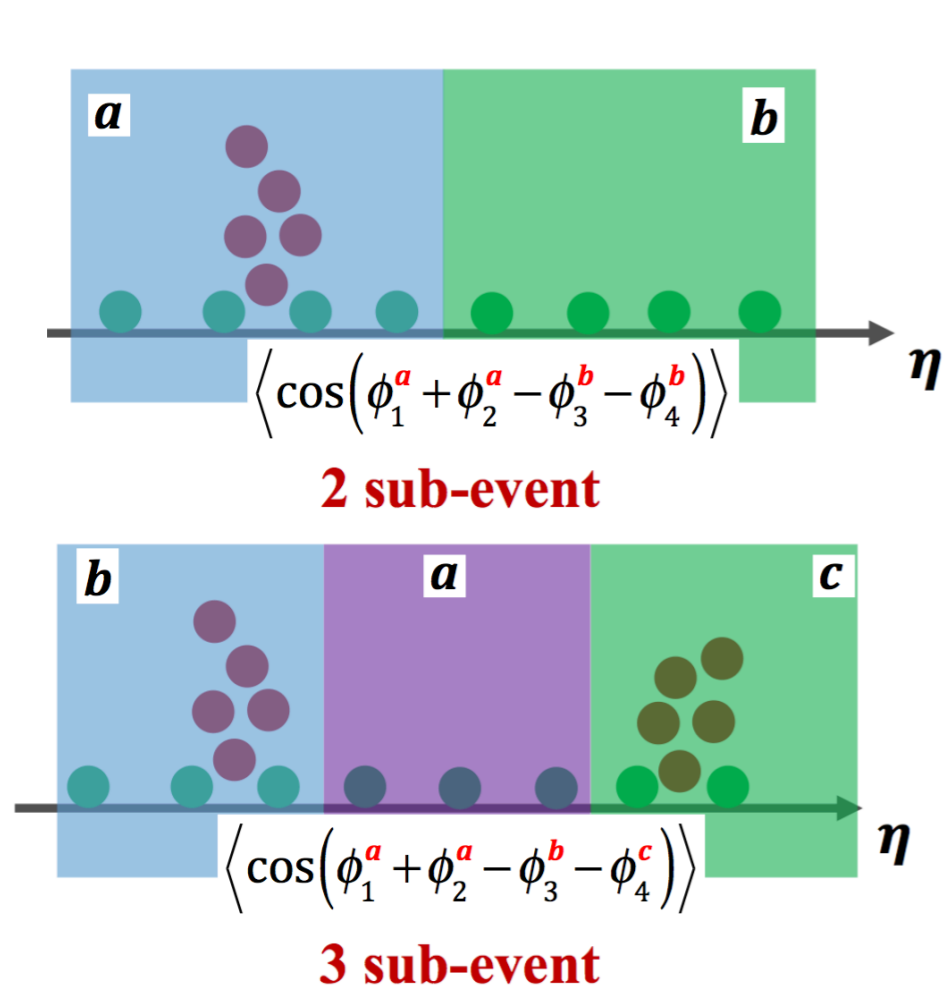


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 make sure that non-flow is properly suppressed

# The subevent method

minimises biases from **few particle correlations**

**aka non-flow** (resonances and jets not associated with a collision symmetry plane)



standard method has positive  $c_2\{4\}$ , residual non-flow

2-subevent method suppresses non-flow, but it is still affected

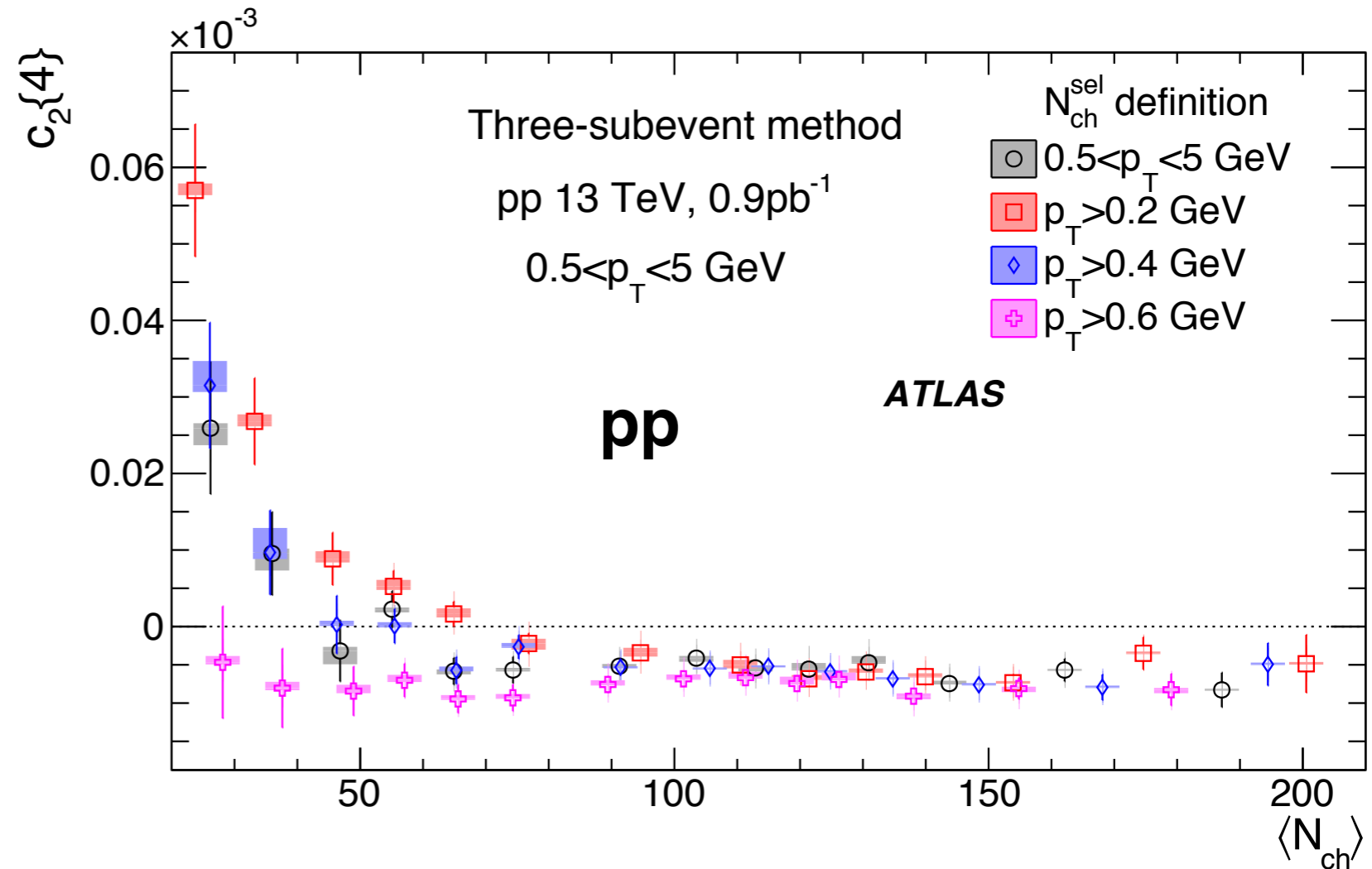
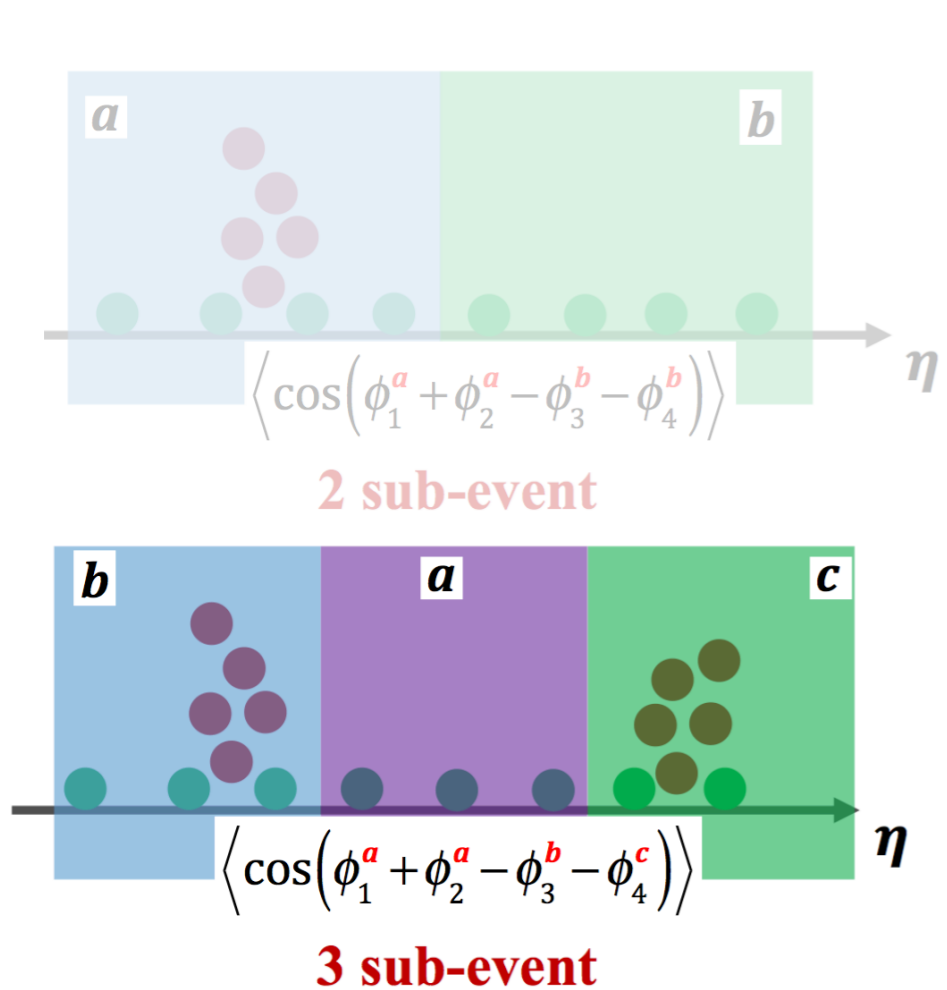
**3-subevent cumulant is more robust against non-flow**

significant flow in a broad range, nearly independent from  $N_{ch}$

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$c_2\{4\}$  still shows some sensitivity to definition of event-class  
but for  $N_{ch} > 100$  the values are consistent with each other

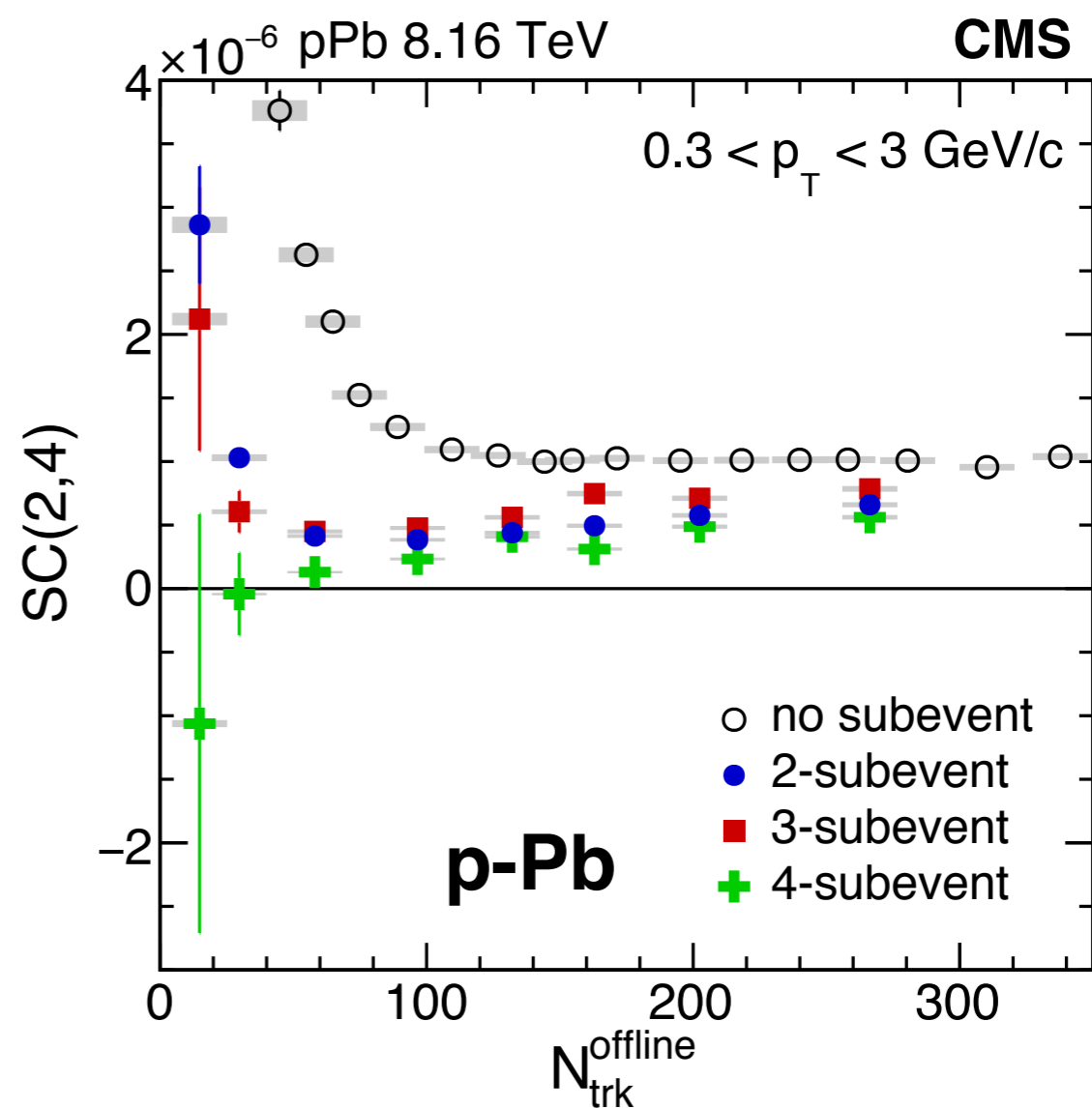
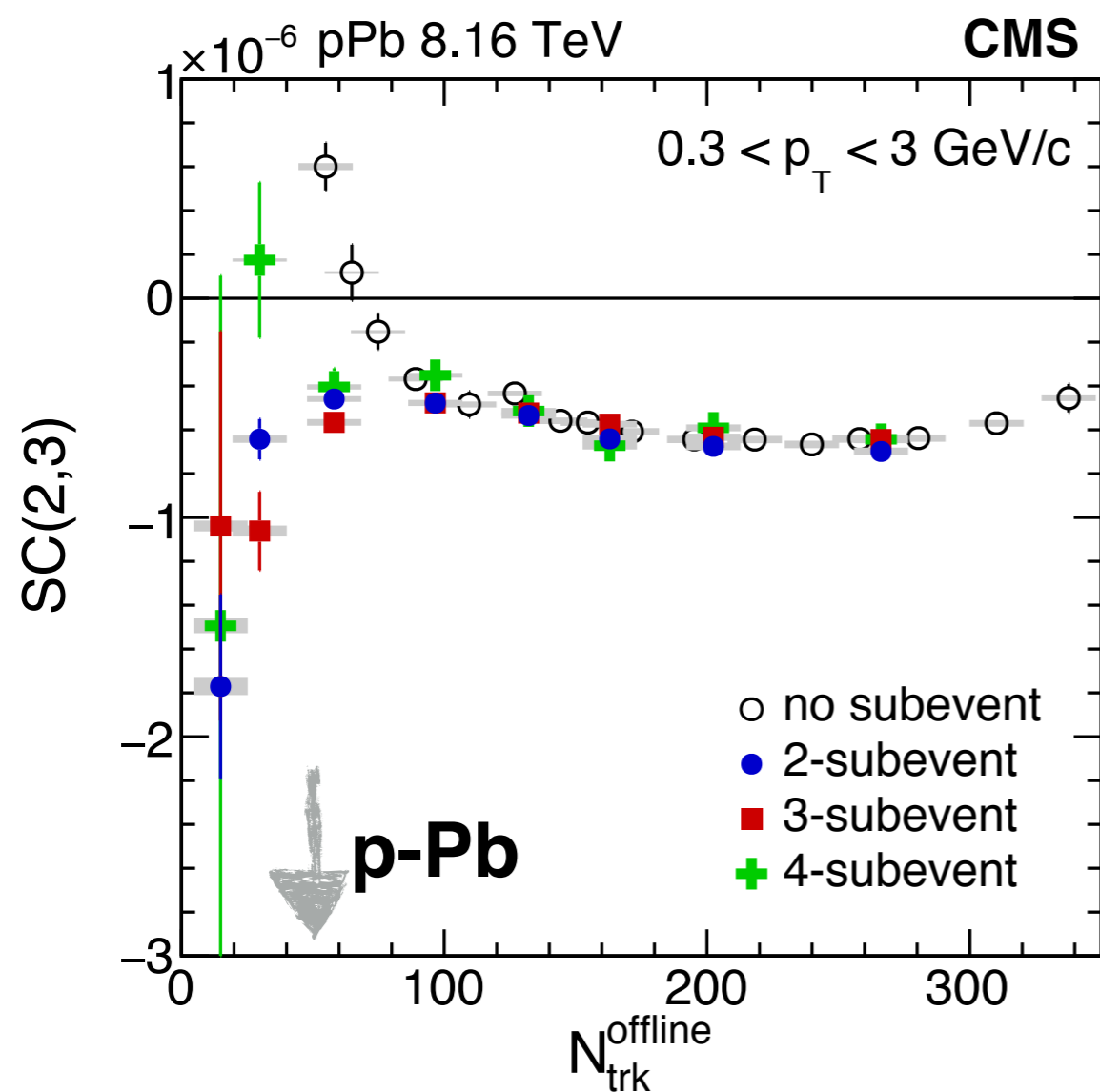
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the ridge is indeed a long-range phenomenon involving many particles



# Symmetric cumulants

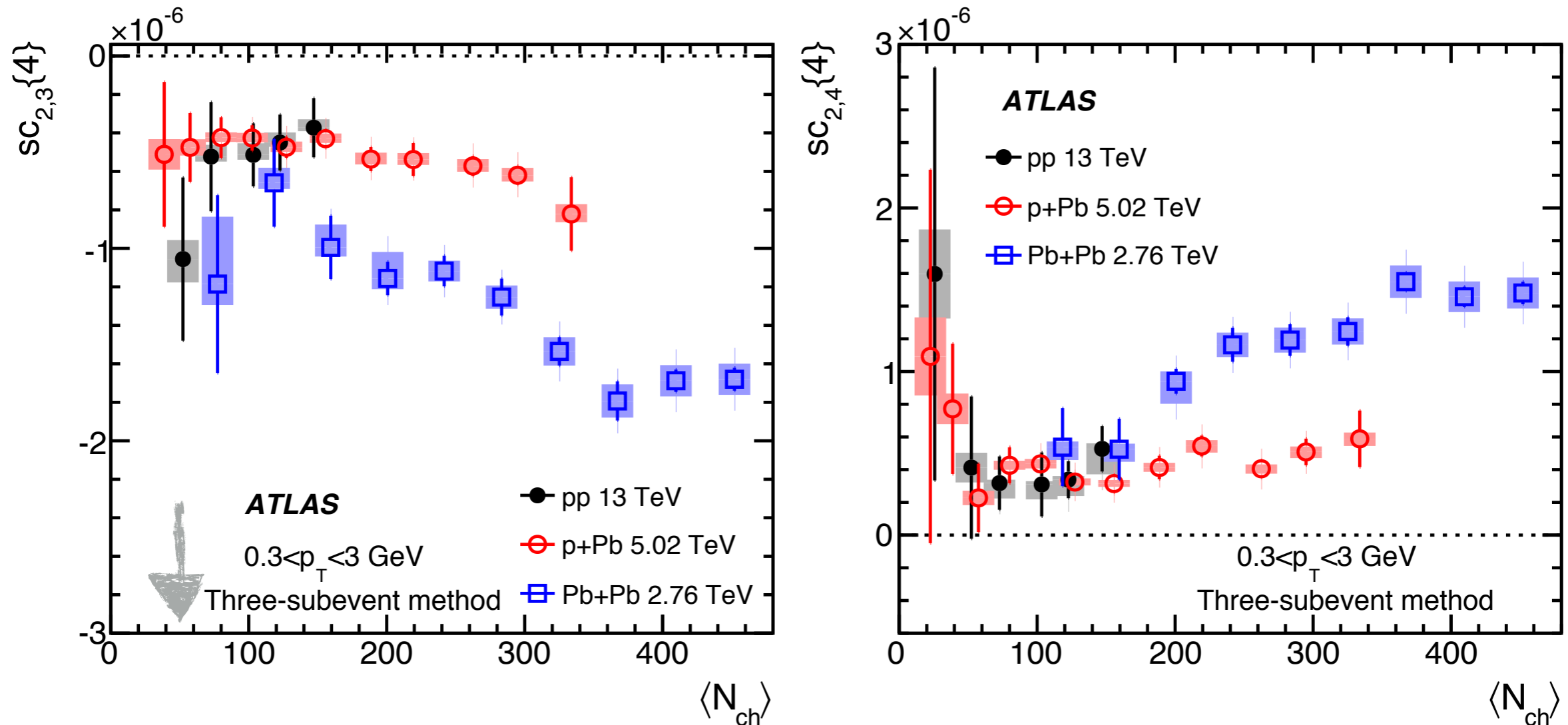
with **subevent method** to suppress non-flow correlations



no rising trend at low  $N_{\text{ch}}$ , **SC(2,3) stays negative**  
range for possible onset of collectivity down to  $N_{\text{ch}} \sim 50$  ( $dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta \sim 10$ )

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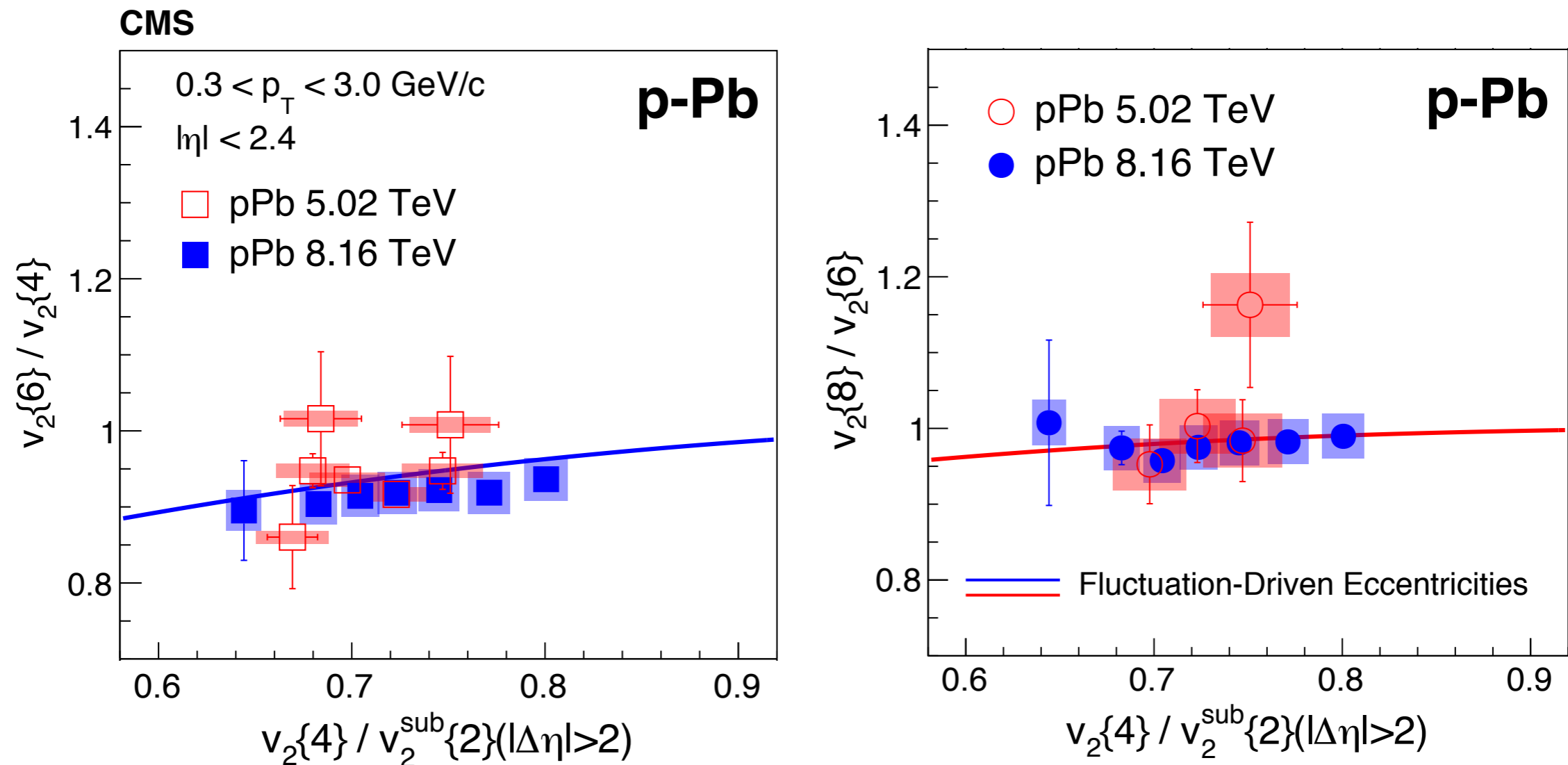
**negative SC(2,3) and positive SC(2,4) for all systems**

nature of collective correlations are of the same origin

large-small systems: similar(different) magnitude at small(large)  $N_{ch}$

# Fluctuation-driven correlations

**high-precision** measurement of  $v_2\{k\}$ ,  $k = 4, 6, 8$   
ratios compared to fluctuation-driven eccentricity calculations

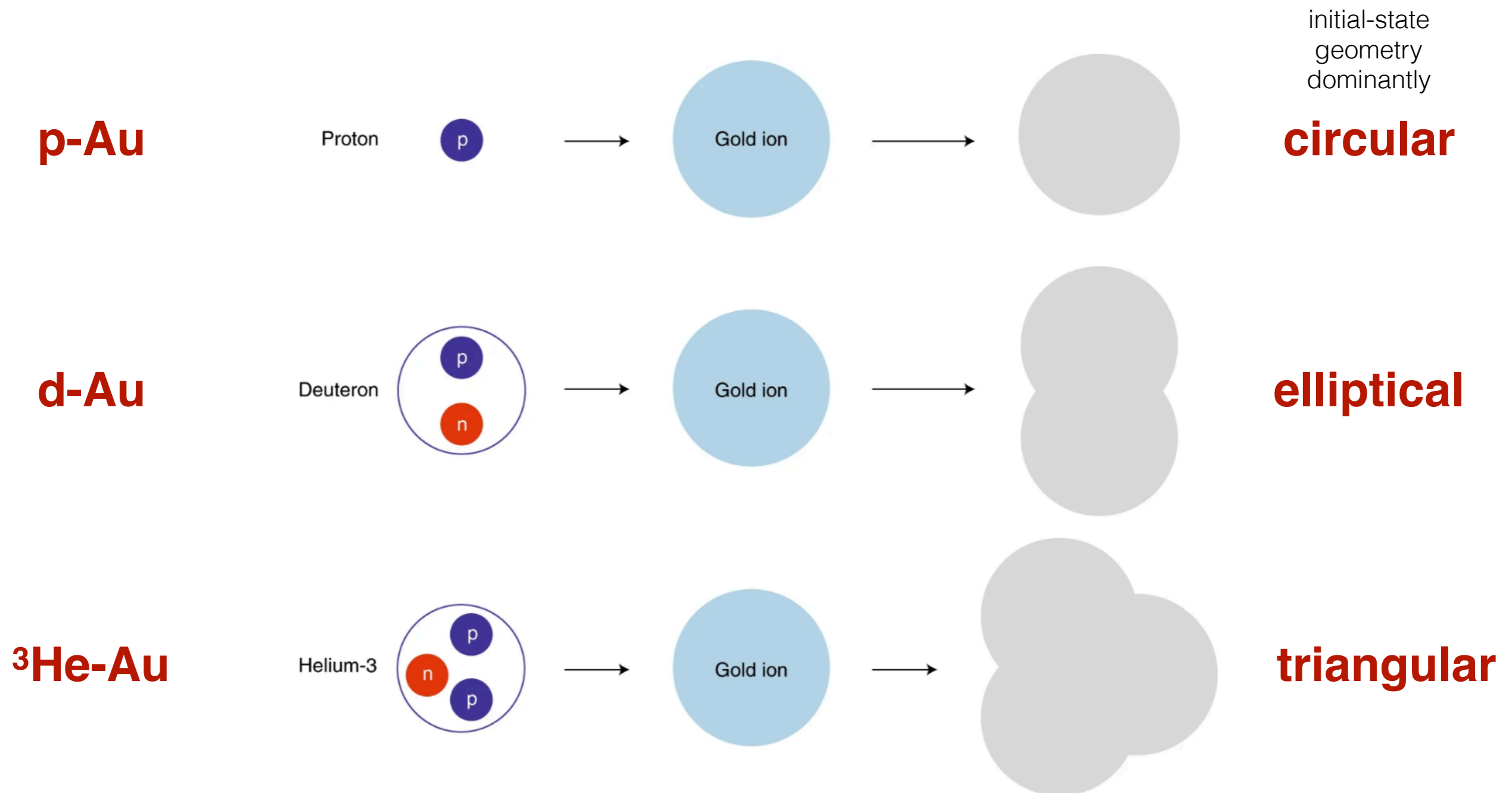


confirms **correlations originate from source fluctuations**  
fundamental assumption for hydro and CGC calculations

# Quark-Gluon droplets engineered

RHIC versatility: projectile geometry scan

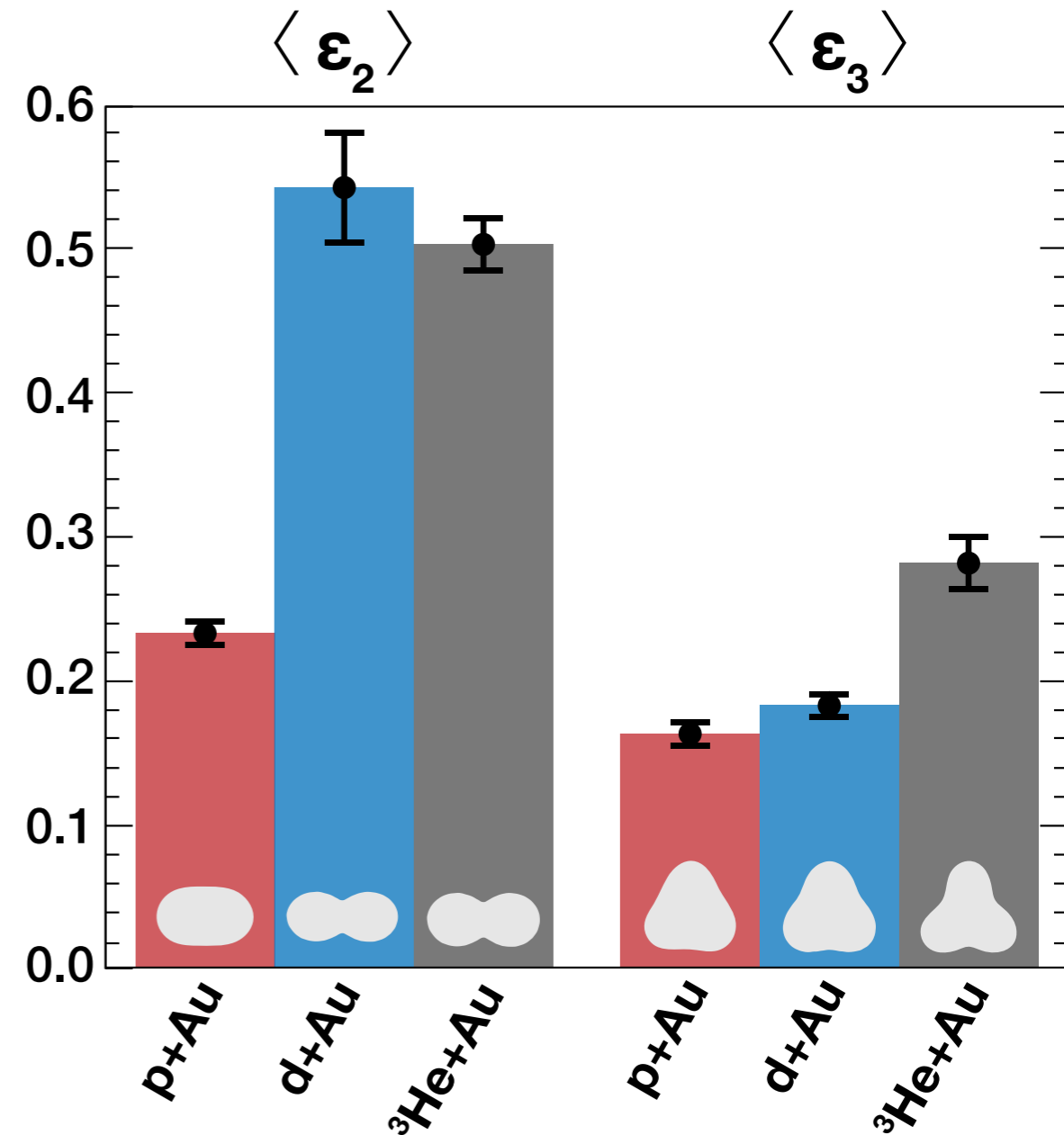
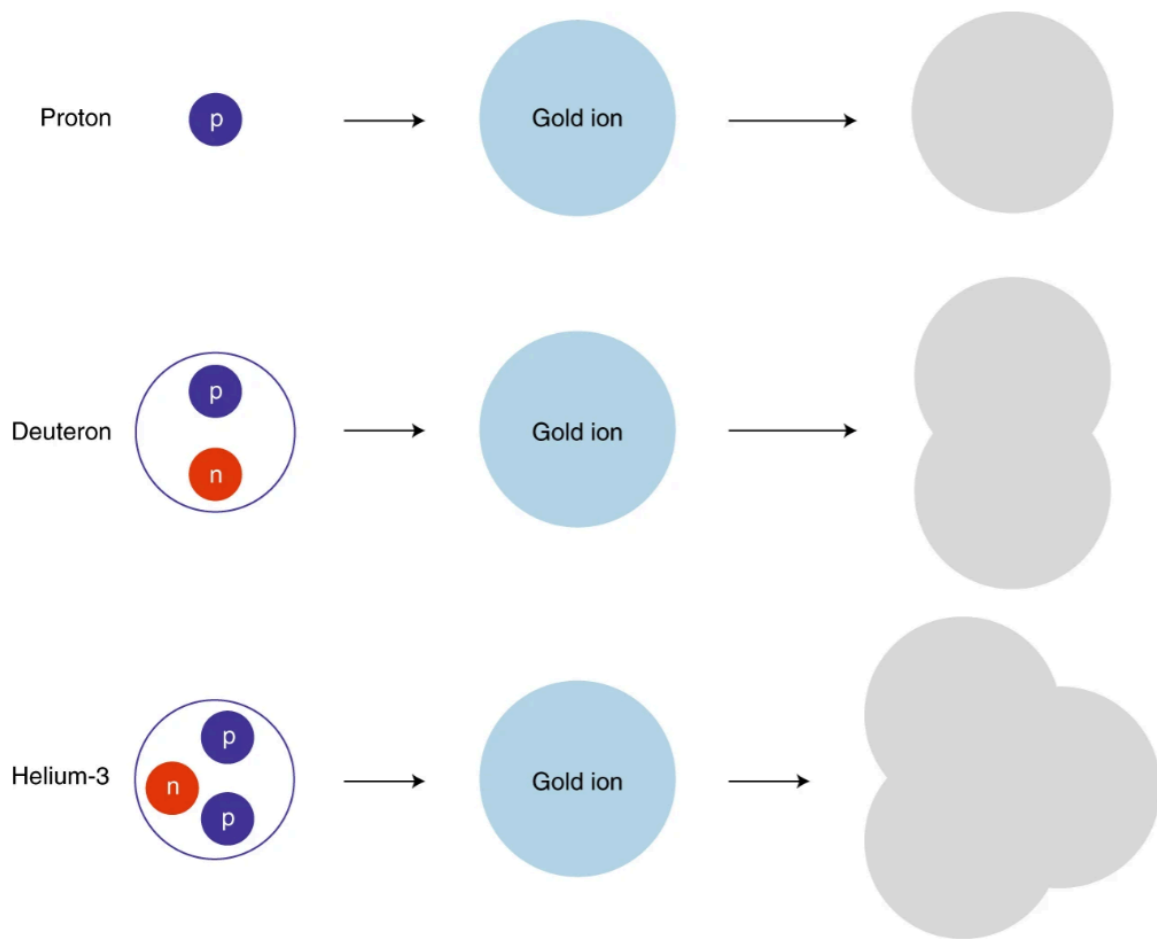
*PHENIX, Nature Phys. 15 (2019) 214*



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**initial-state spatial eccentricity** (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> order) **fluctuates** E-by-E

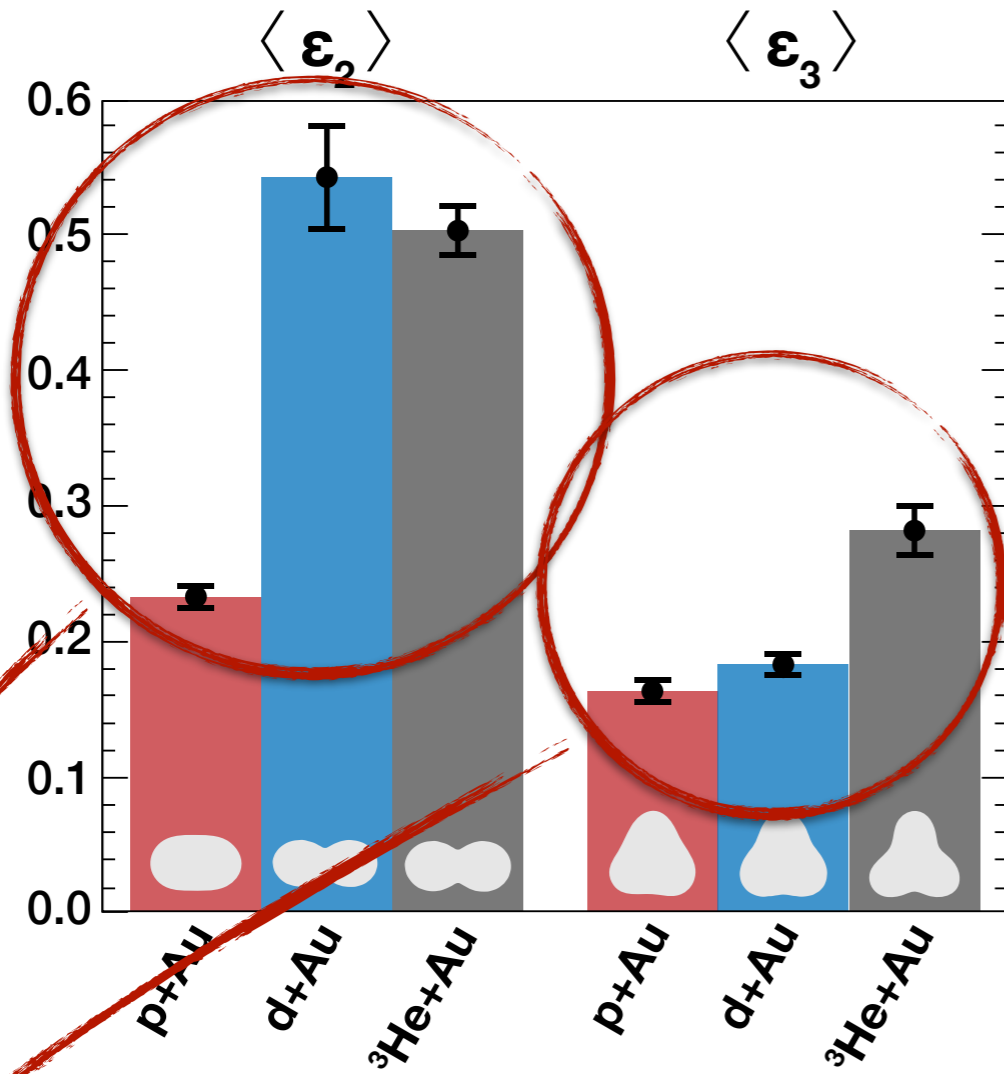


**p-Au fluctuation driven, d-Au and  ${}^3\text{He}</math>-Au geometry driven$**

mean values determined from Glauber Monte Carlo

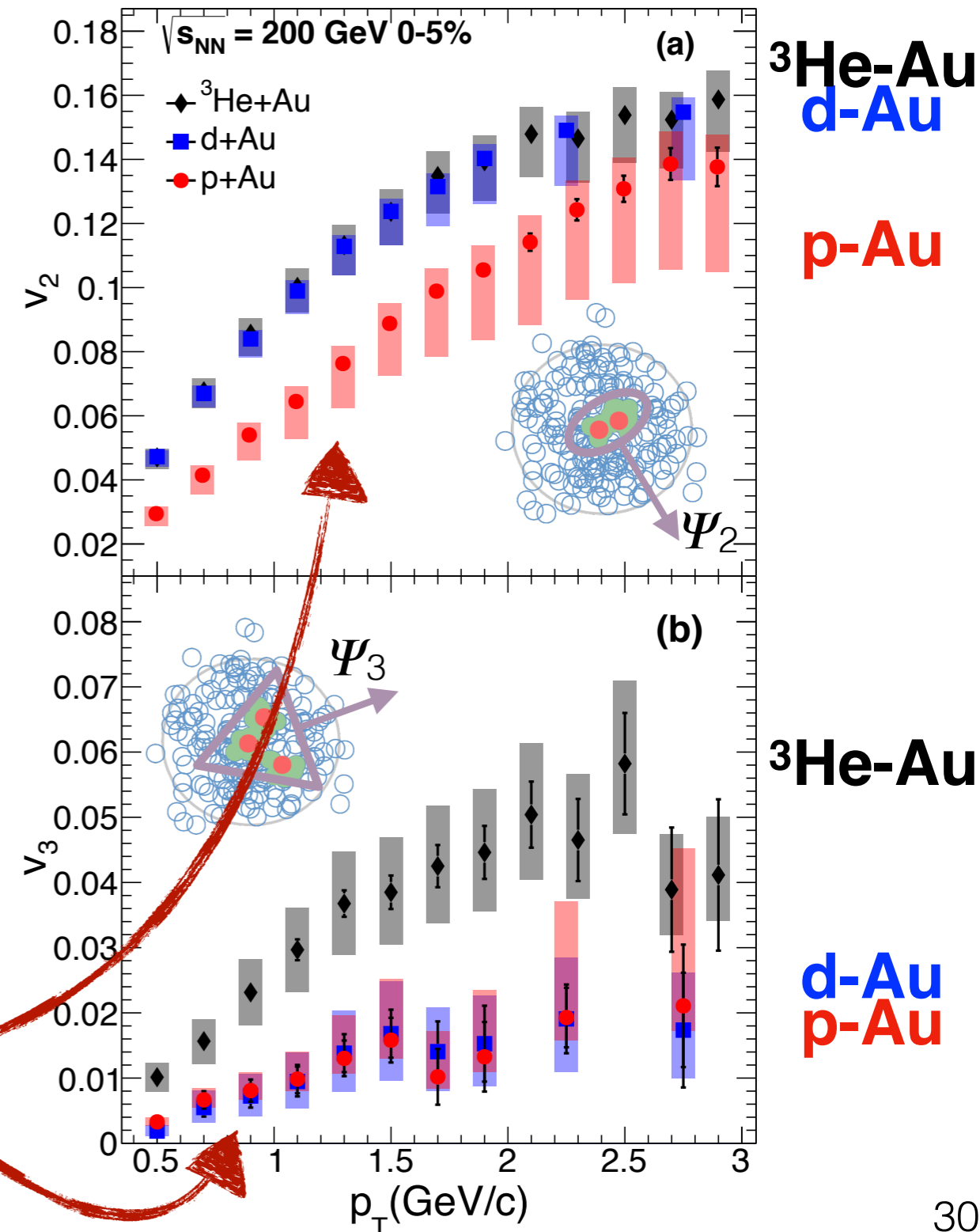
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**measured  $v_2$  and  $v_3$  follow the predicted hydro hierarchy**



$$v_2^{p+Au} < v_2^{d+Au} \approx v_2^{^3\text{He}+Au}$$

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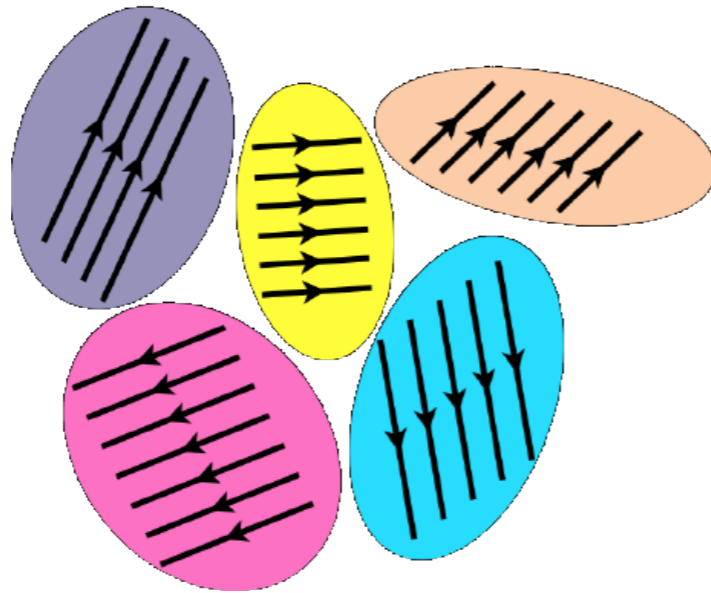
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initial-state momentum correlation scenario

rule out "back-of-the-envelope" initial-state correlation scenario

a large-area collision system  
(d-Au,  $^3\text{He}$ -Au)

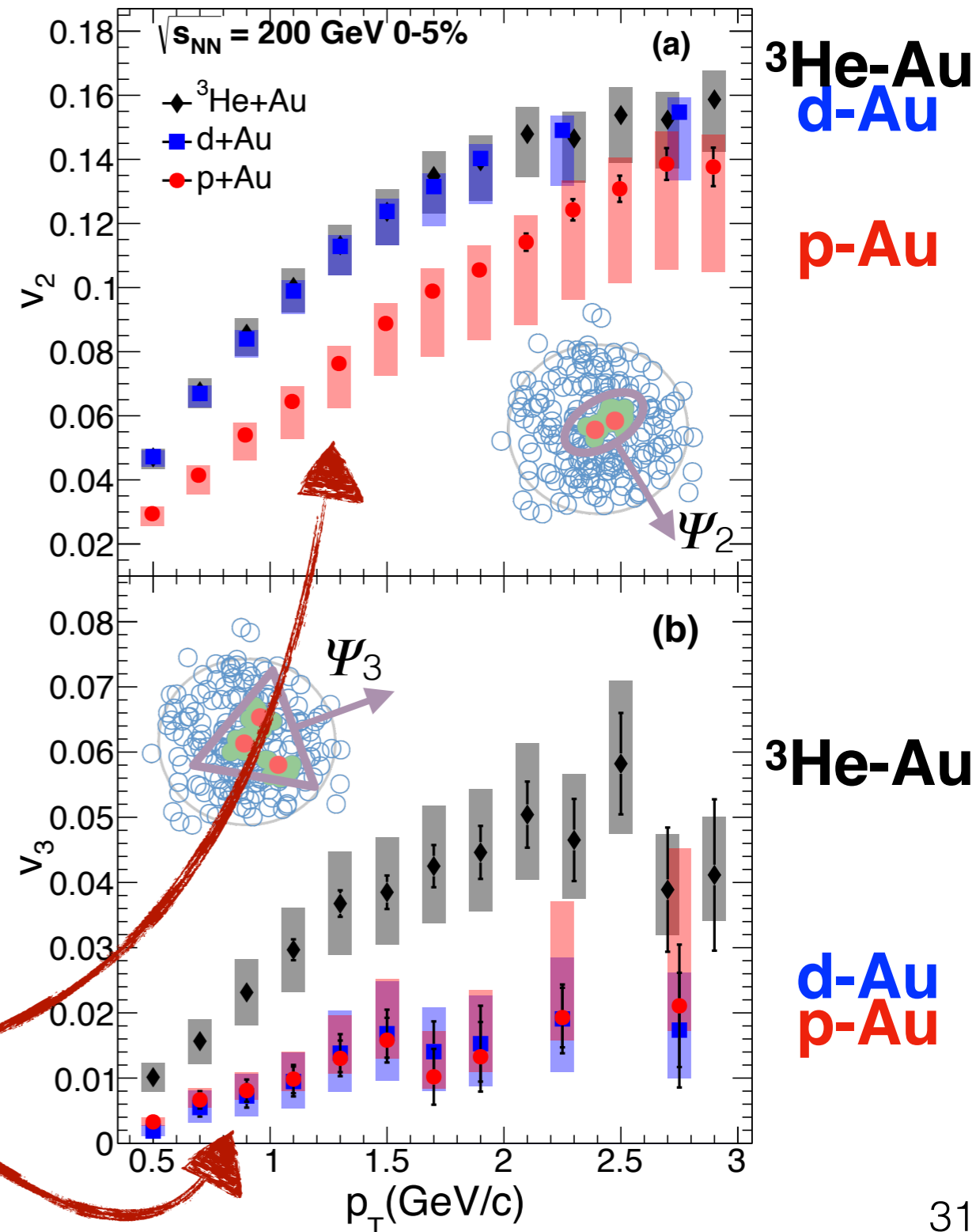
should exhibit a weaker correlation



if the different individual colour domains are resolved and separated > colour-correlation length because they do not communicate

simple prediction  
 $v_2, v_3$  ordering

~~$$v_n^{p+Au} > v_n^{d+Au} > v_n^{^3\text{He}+Au}$$~~

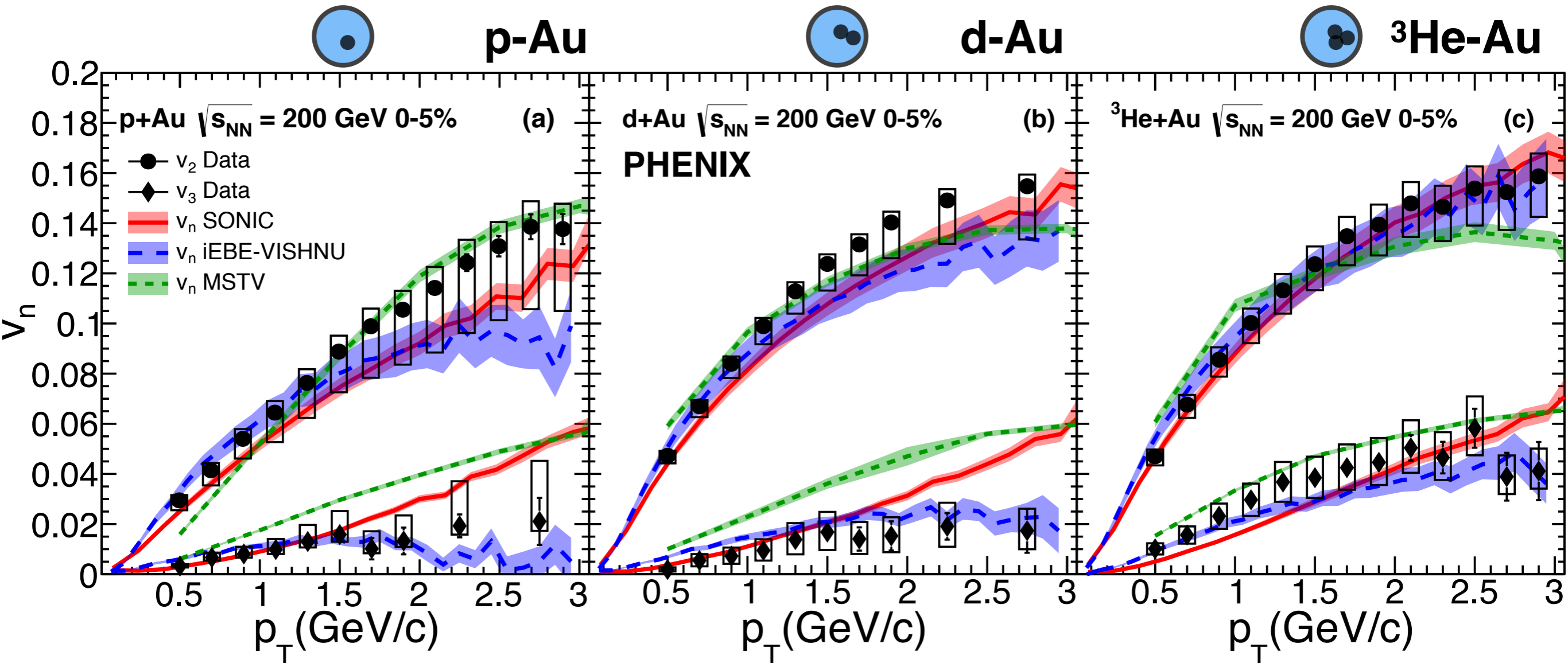


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**follows hierarchy of the data** when performing the actual calculations

Mace et al., PRL 121 (2018) 052301



**but for the same  $N_{ch}$  ...**

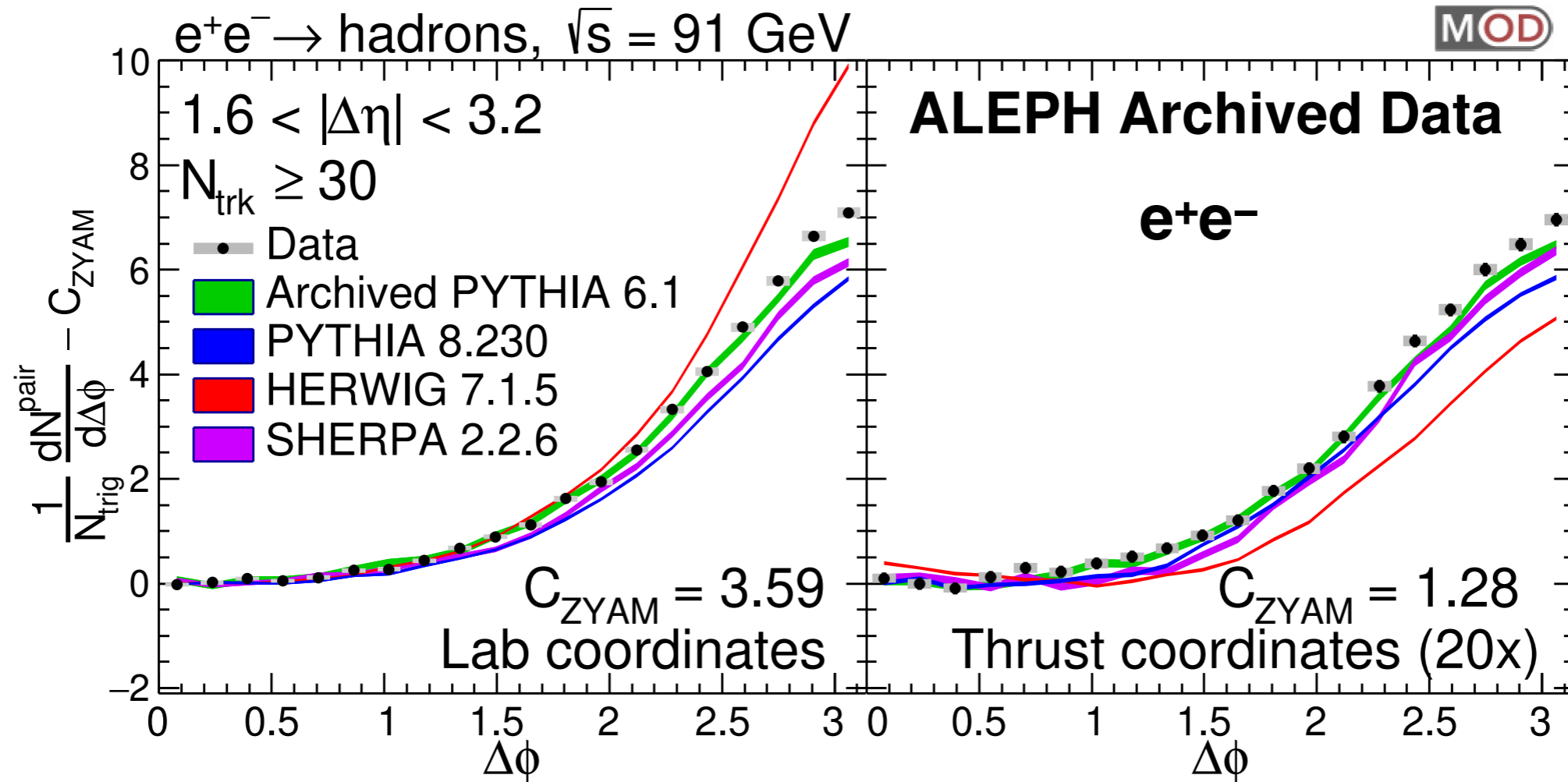
long story to tell today

more on *Nature Phys.* 15 (2019) 214 and [arXiv:1901.10506 \[hep-ph\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/1901.10506)



# Is flow unique to h-h collisions?

check in  **$e^+e^-$  events** with ALEPH archived data  
2-particle correlation measurement in high- $N_{ch}$  hadronic events



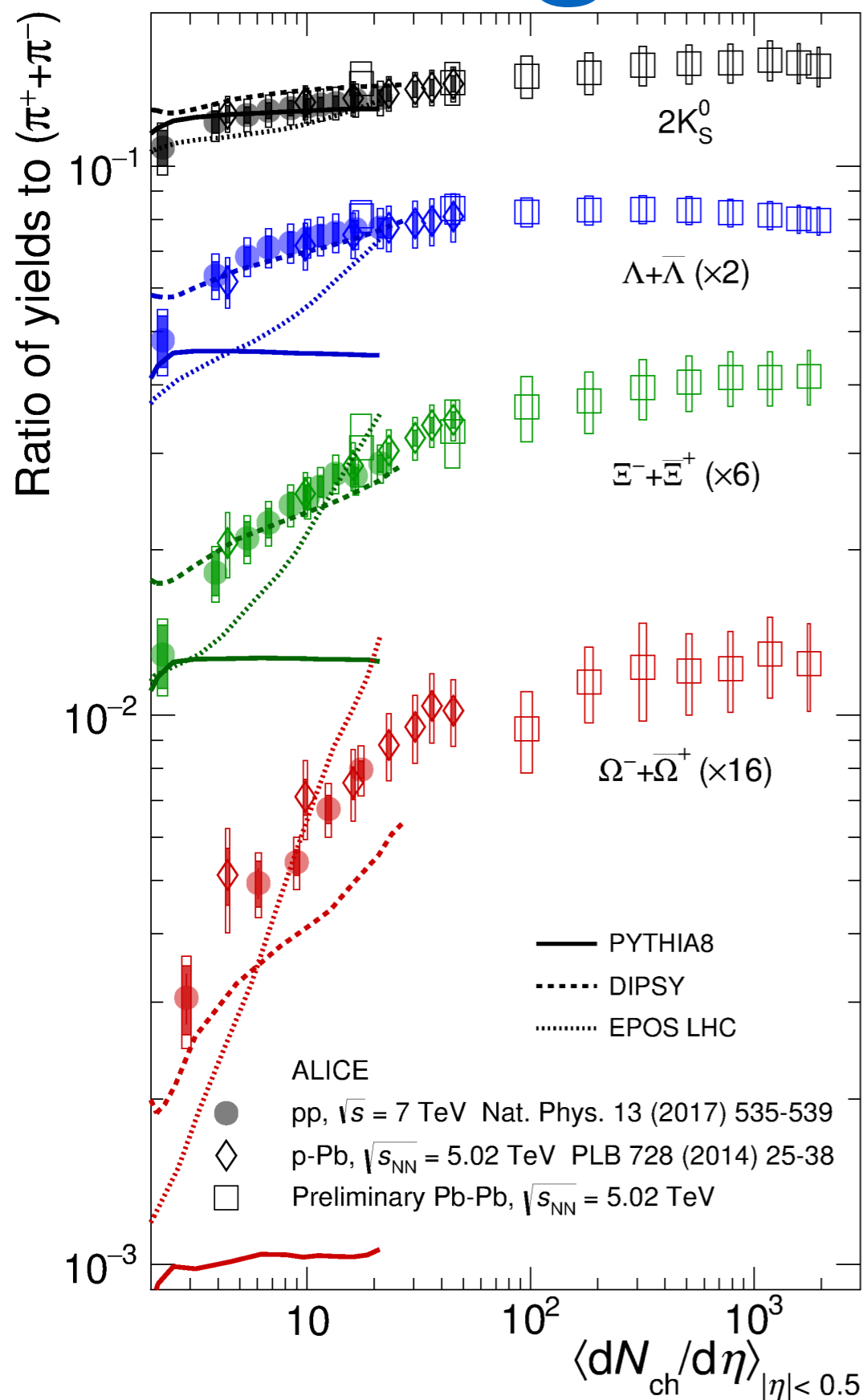
**no evidence of long-range correlations**

consistent with PYTHIA 6.1, no final state effects

ZEUS  $c_n\{2\}$ : no evidence of long-range correlations in ep DIS either



# Strangeness enhancement



one of the first proposed QGP signatures

**strange particle production in pp**

relative to pions

increases significantly with  $dN_{ch}/d\eta$

**remarkable agreement with p-Pb**

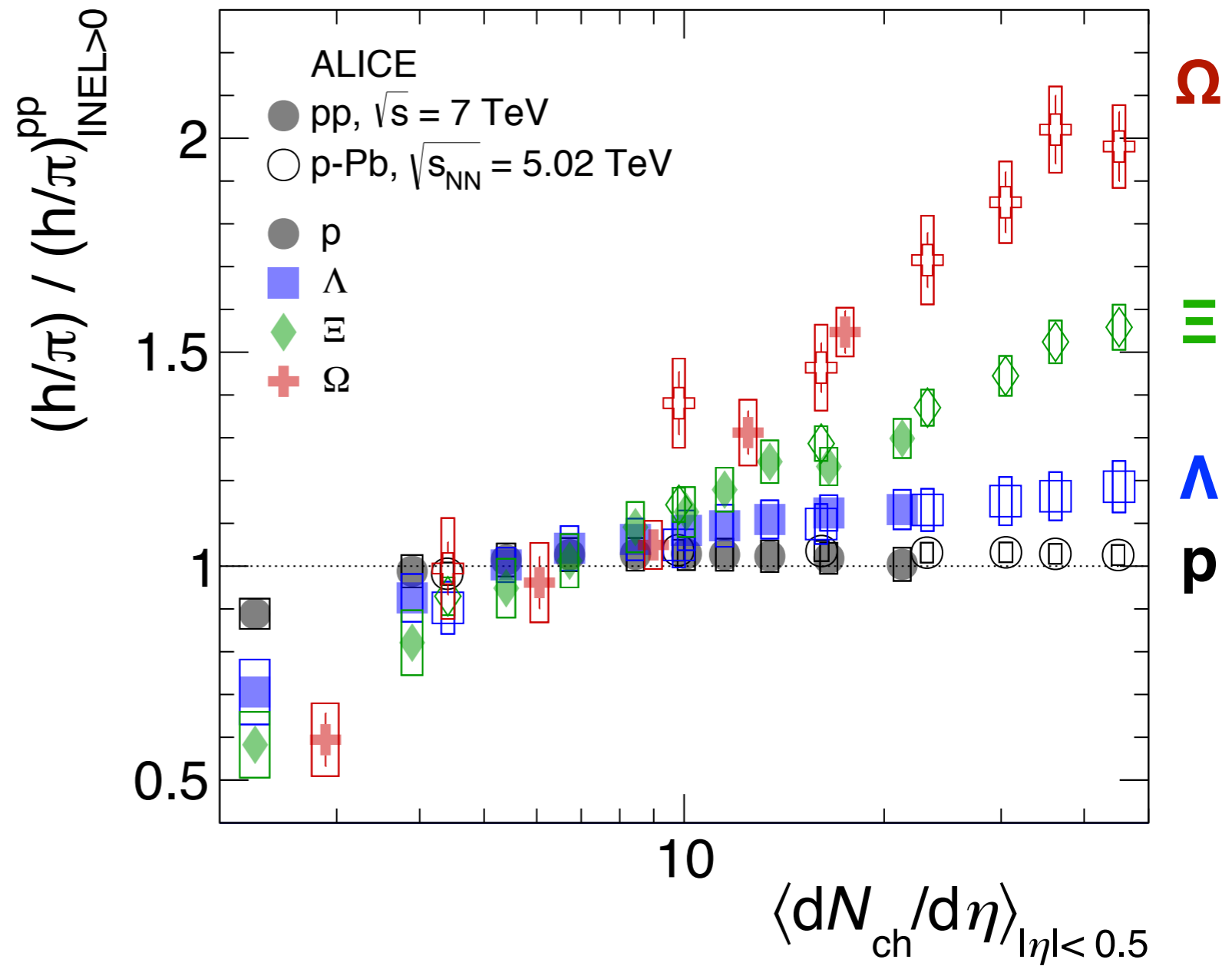
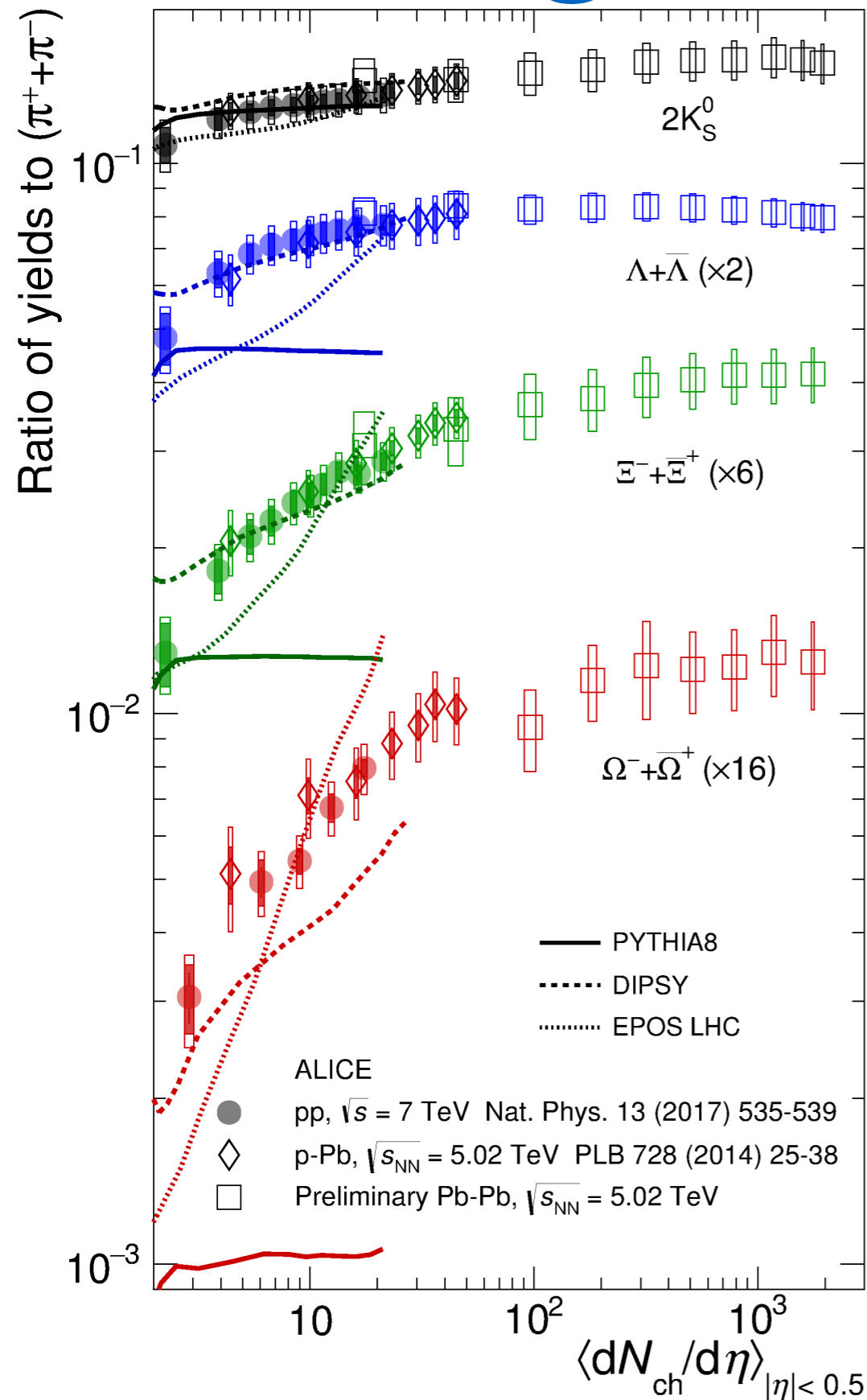
phenomenon related to the final system

**smooth evolution**

from low- $N_{ch}$  pp to high- $N_{ch}$  p-Pb

**reaches Pb-Pb values**

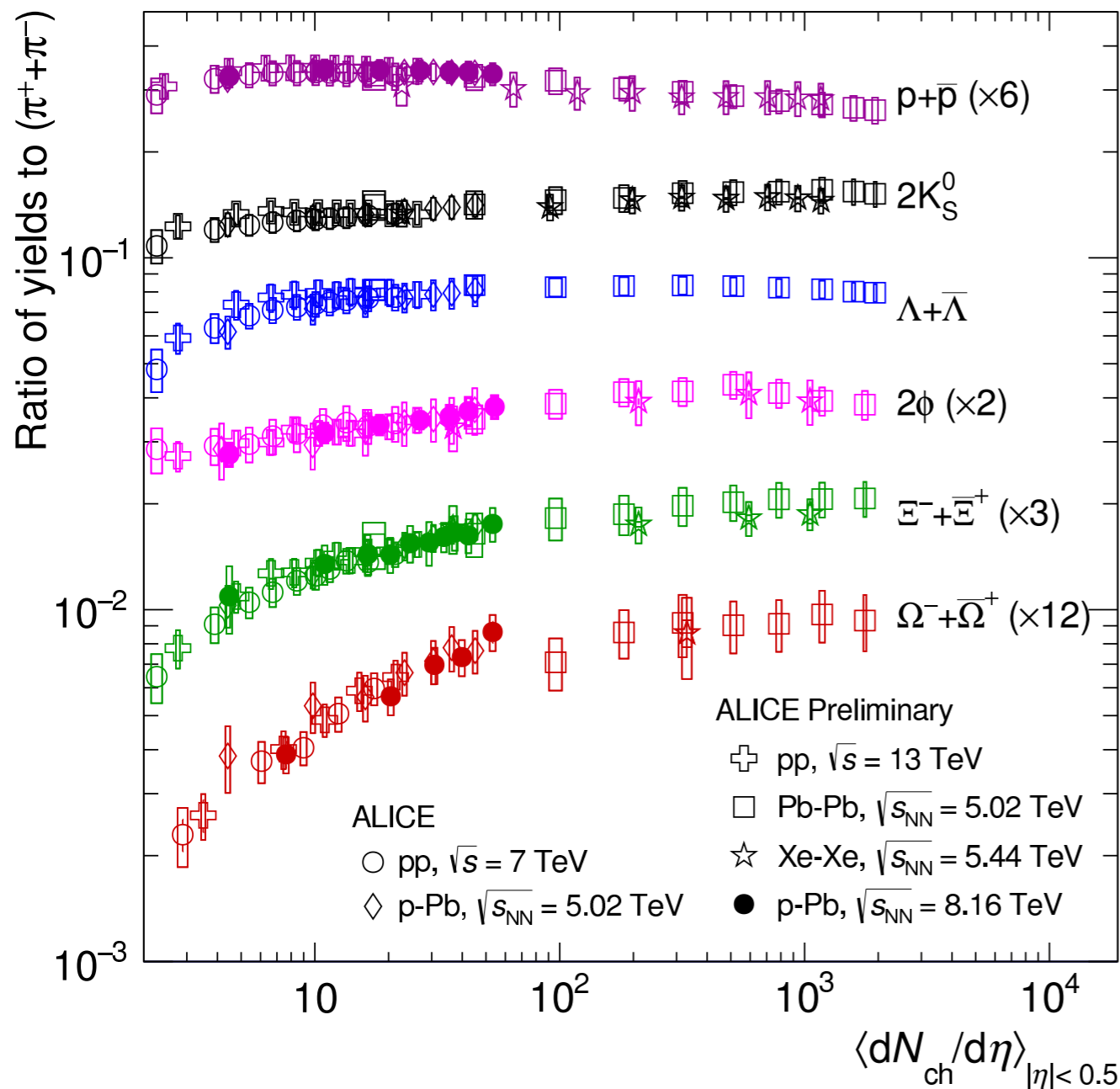
# Strangeness enhancement



strangeness hierarchy  
**not strange? not enhanced!**  
 the observed effect is strangeness  
 rather than mass related

# Hadrochemistry evolution

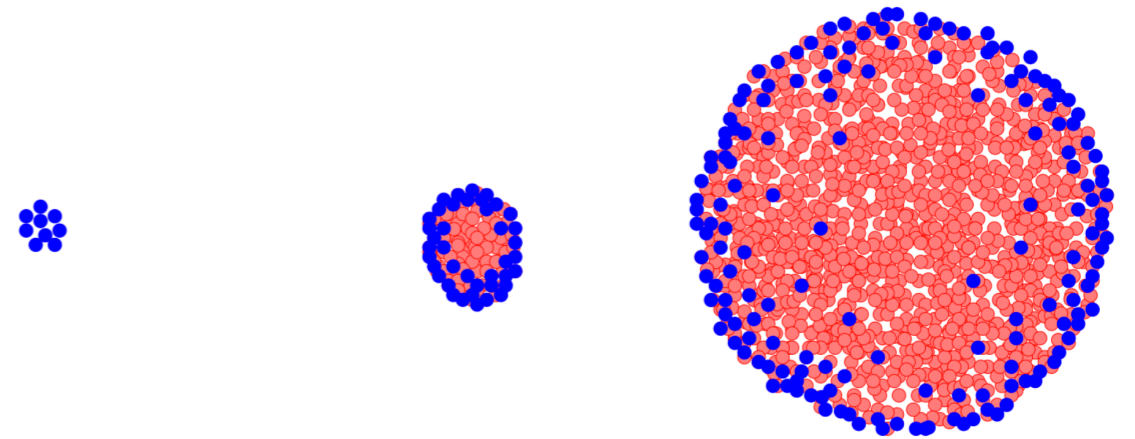
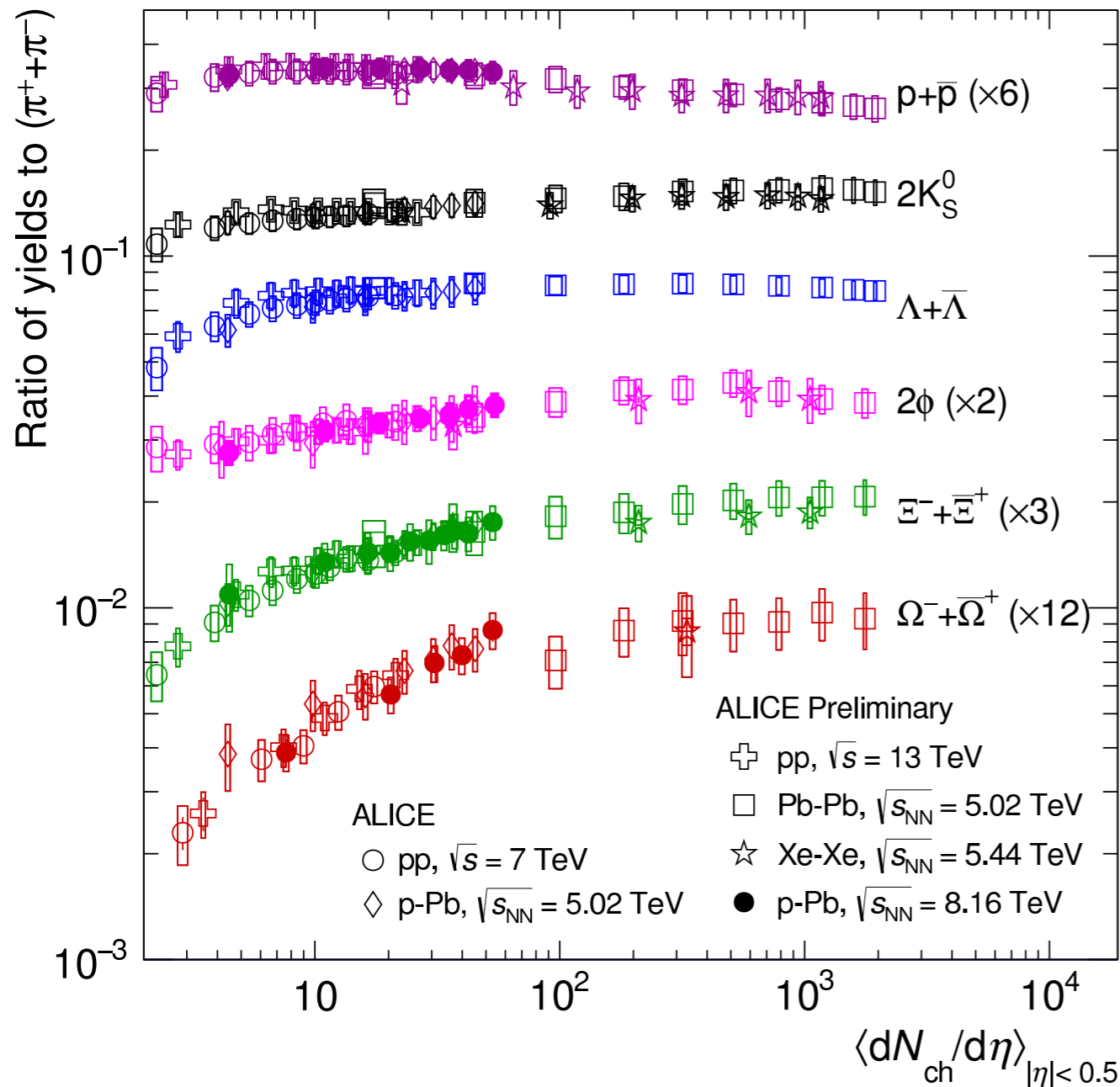
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not captured by **jet-universality** principle

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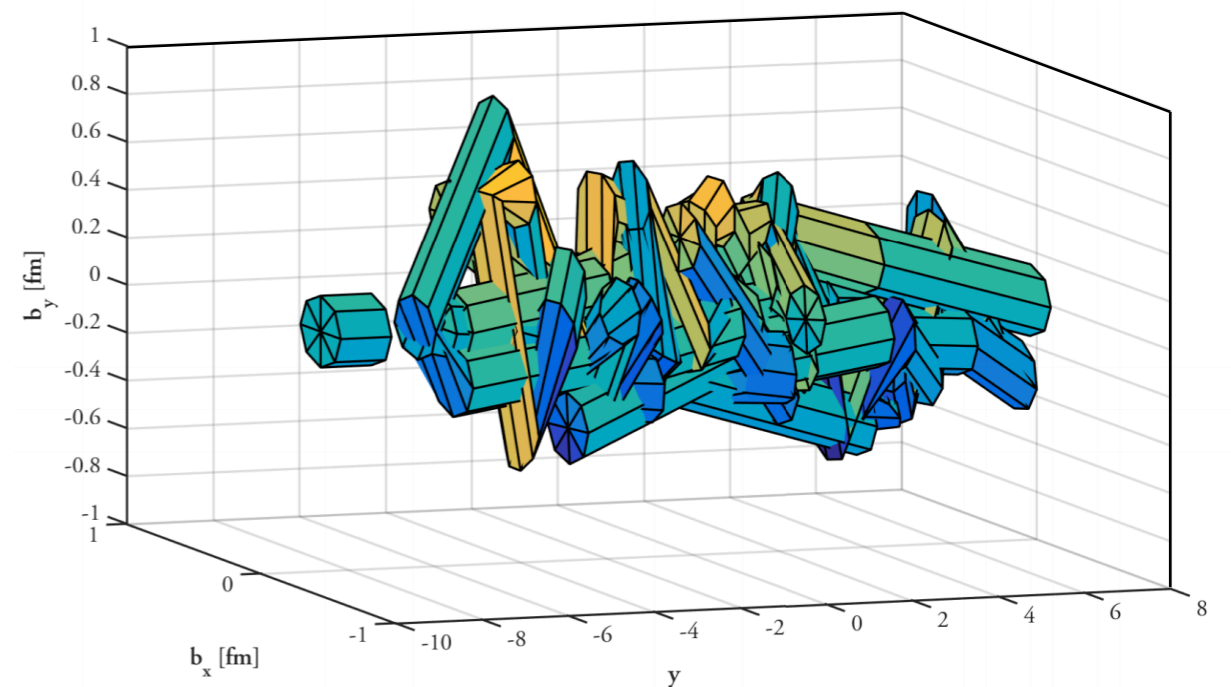
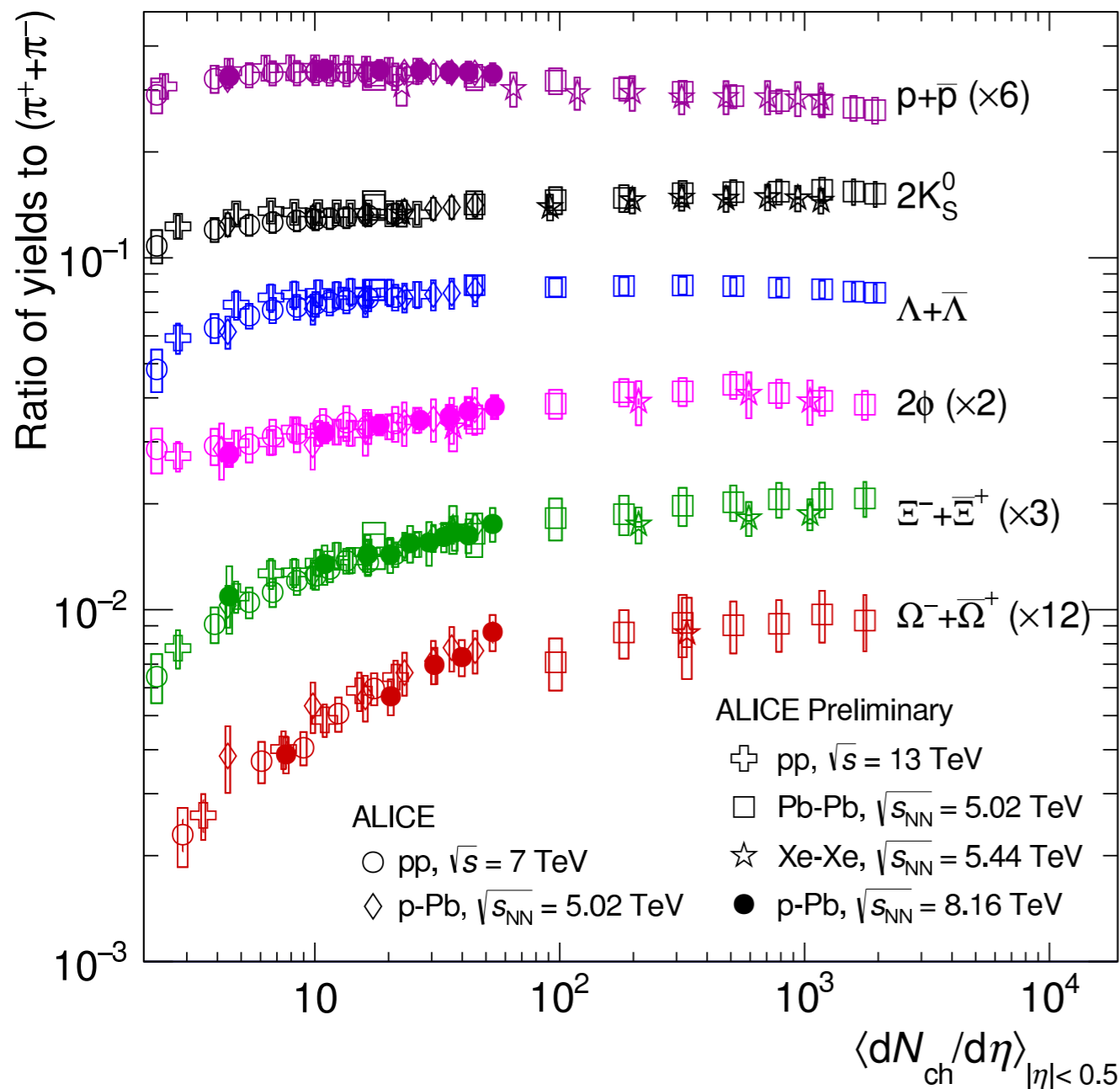


**core-corona** modelling  
(implies formation of QGP droplets)

implemented in **EPOS**, allows a smooth transition

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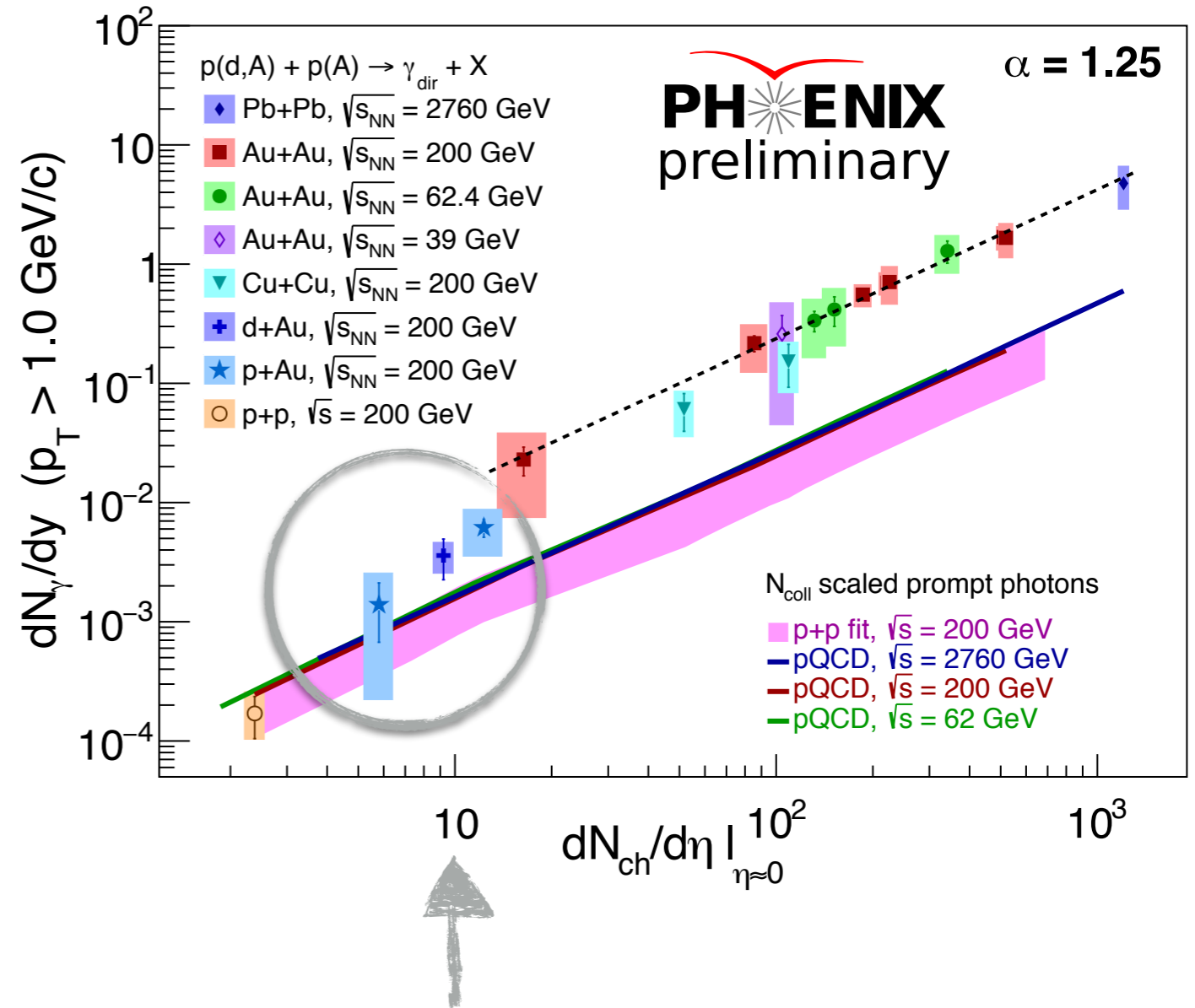
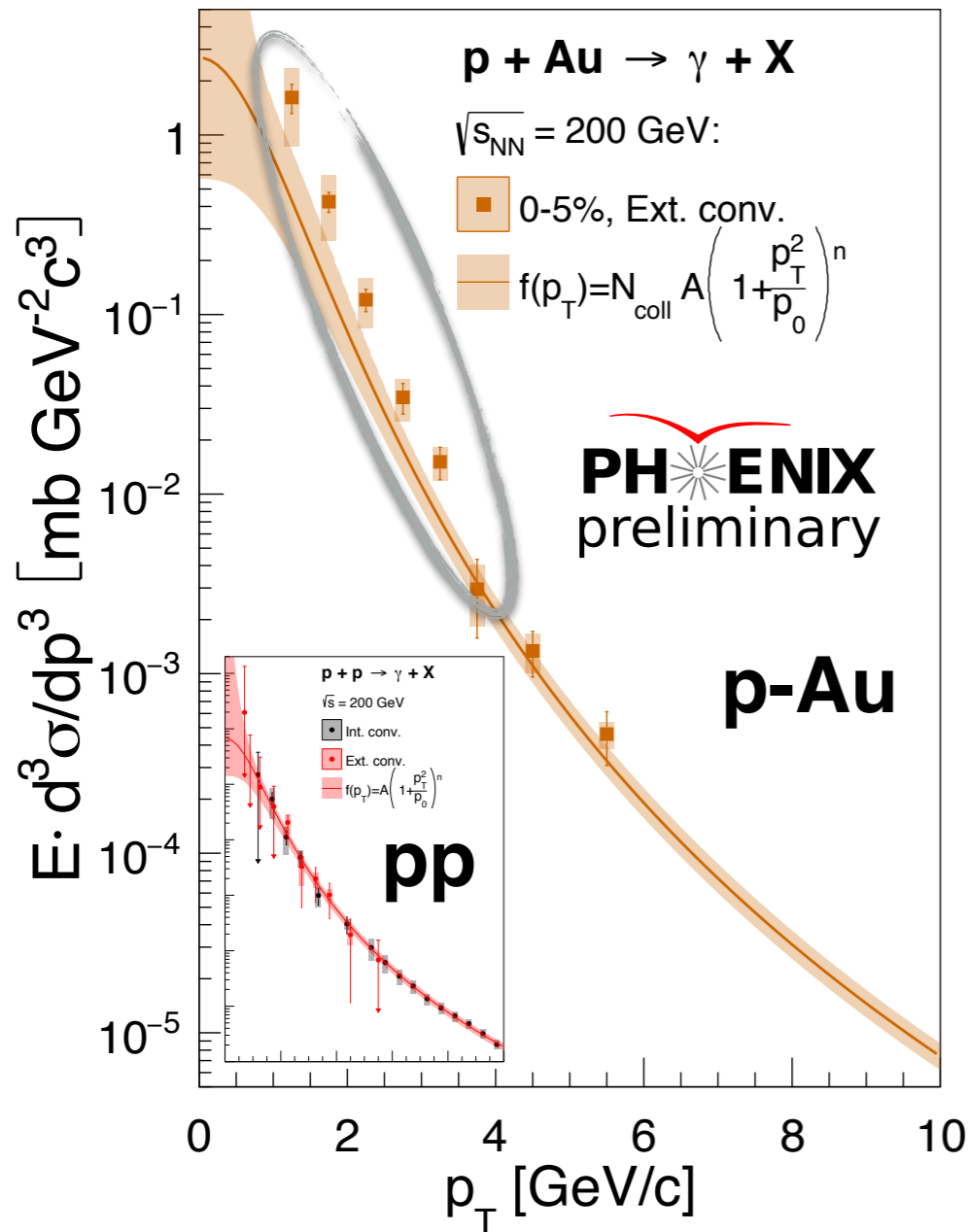


**colour-ropes** modelling  
(needs coherent overlap strings)

adjust conventional MC, developed in **DIPSY** (available in PYTHIA)

# Photon radiation

RHIC versatility: different collision systems and energies  
 excess of direct photons over scaled pp **also in small systems**



**p-Au and d-Au data: bridge between pp and A-A**

suggests transition from pp to A-A scaling: radiation from QGP droplets?



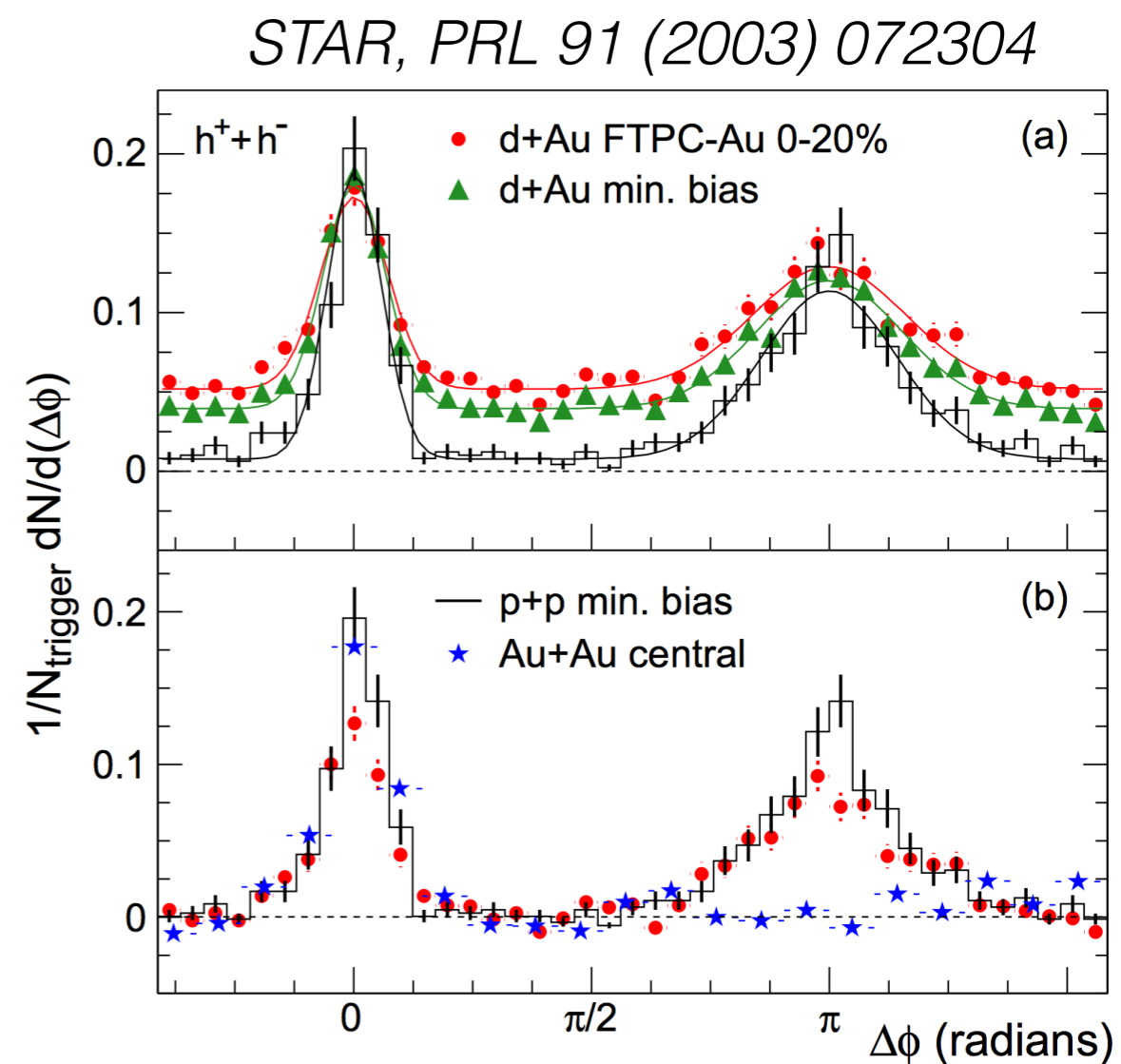
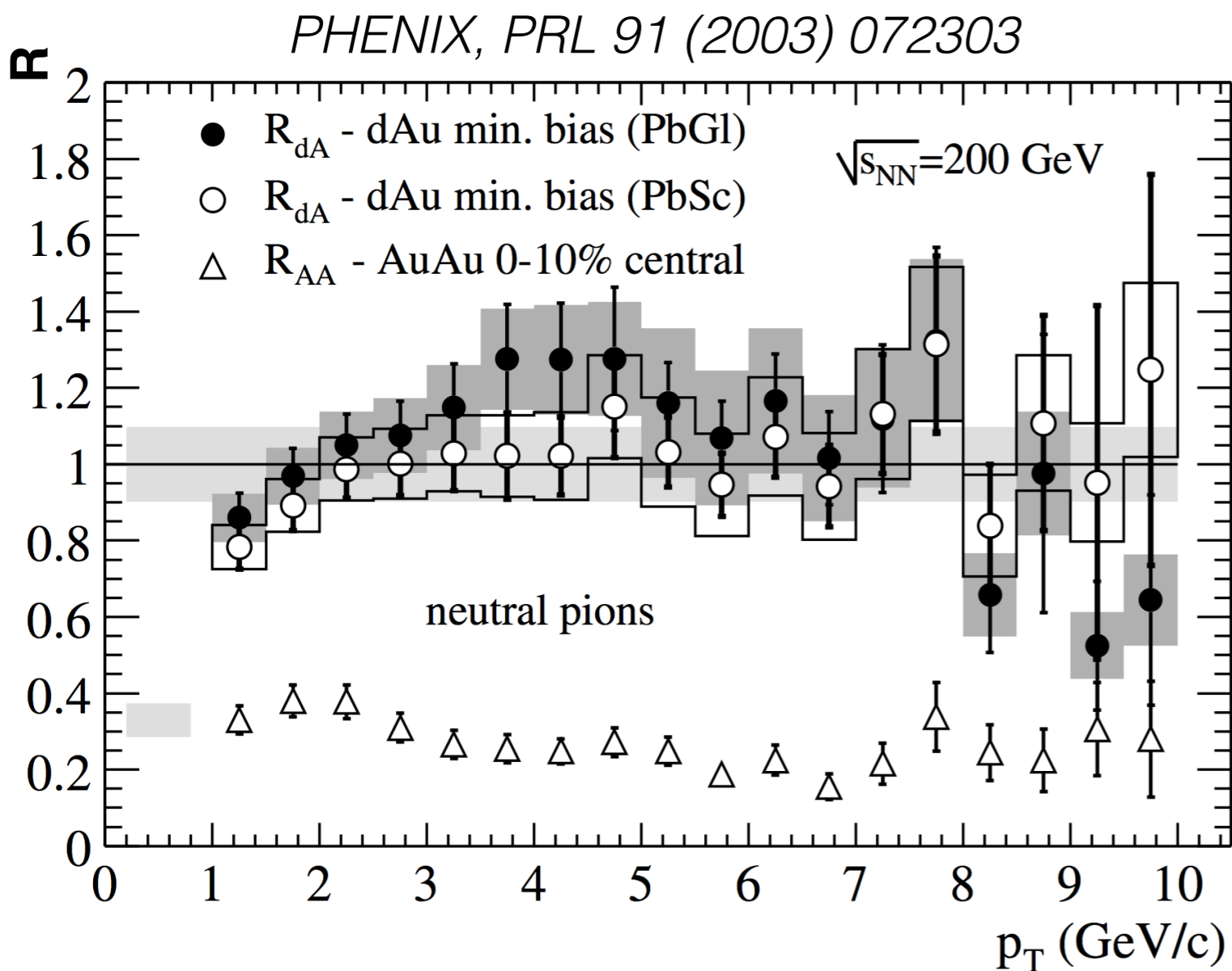
# Summary

there are **many more results** than these on small systems  
always something new! The ridge in pp opened a brand new and very active field

- **multi-particle collectivity in all hadronic systems**
  - ▷ initial-state spatial asymmetry + final-state (hydro) interactions?
  - ▷ initial-state momentum correlations from gluon saturation (CGC)?
  - ▷ new constraints from high-precision measurements
- **strangeness enhancement and direct photon excess**
  - ▷ evolves from low- $N_{ch}$  pp to high- $N_{ch}$  p-A towards A-A
  - ▷ soft QCD processes sensitive to final-state environment
  - ▷ is there a universal underlying microscopic mechanism?
- **formation of Quark-Gluon droplets in small systems**
  - ▷ or manifestation of new physics?
  - ▷ indication that something starts happening around  $dN_{ch}/d\eta \sim 10-20$
  - ▷ keep a critical look at the data and all viable theoretical options



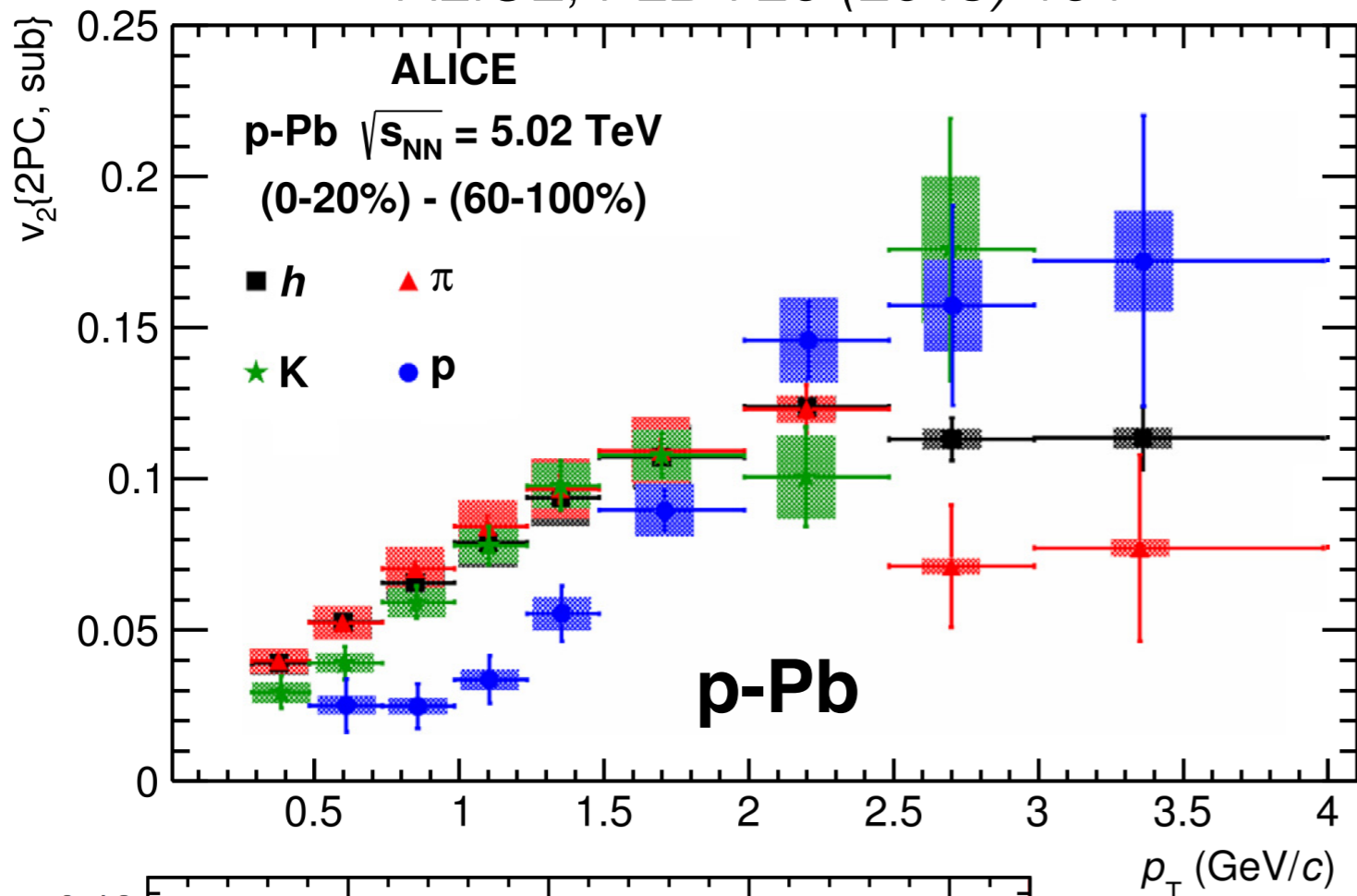
# Once upon a time



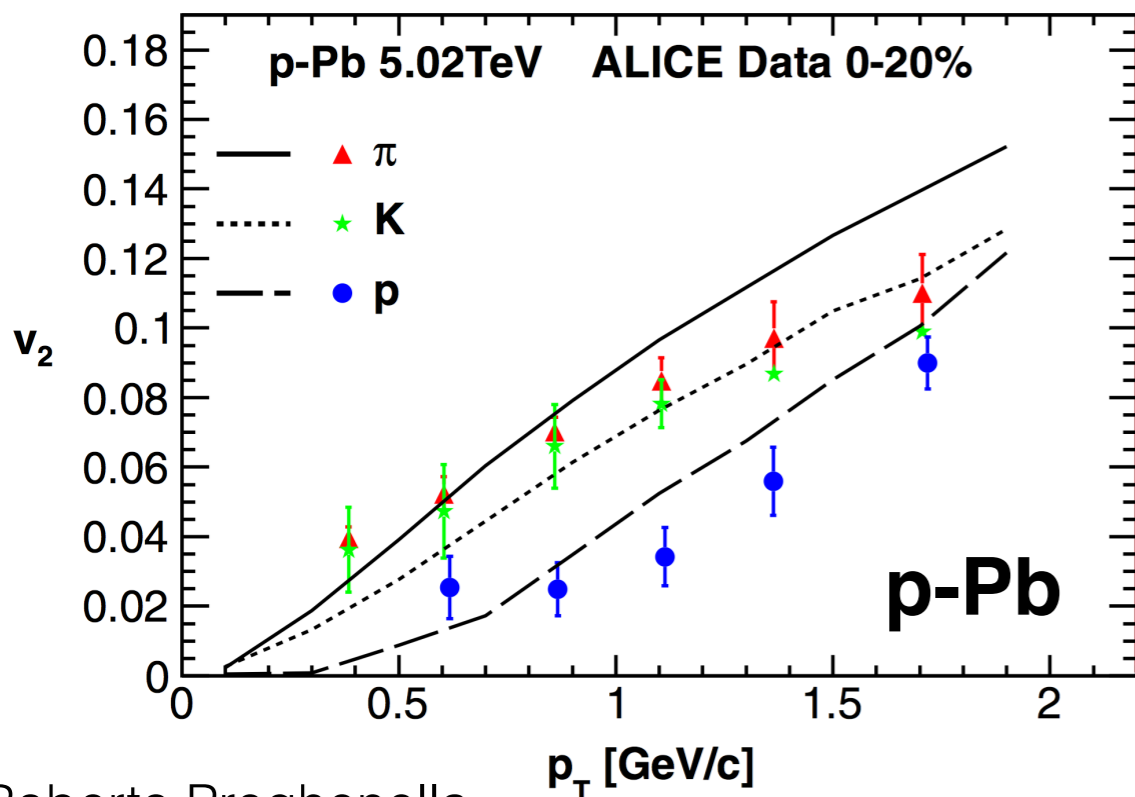
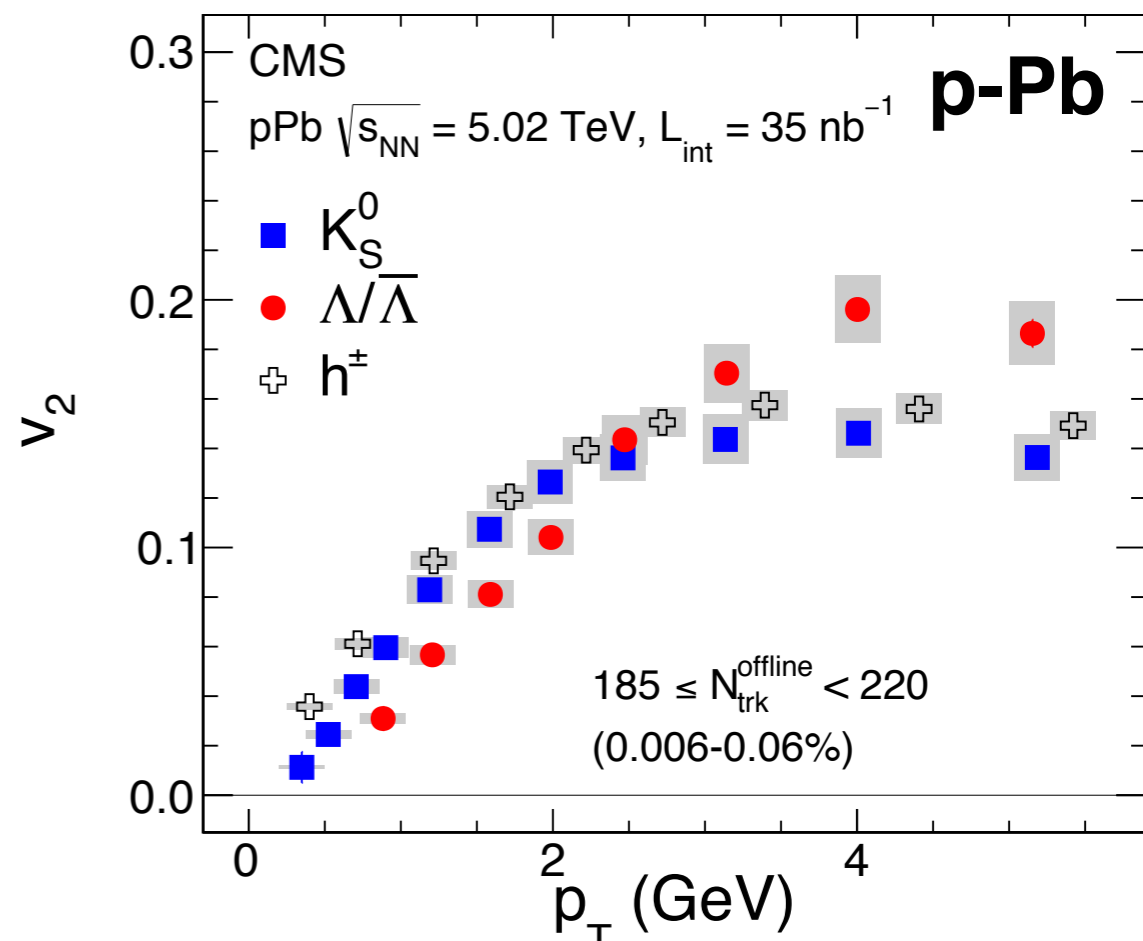
results from small systems provided the **evidence for hot QCD matter** in the final state of A-A collisions

# $v_2$ of identified particles

ALICE, PLB 726 (2013) 164



CMS, PLB 742 (2015) 200



**mass ordering** observed at low  $p_T$   
 lower  $v_2$  for heavier particles  
 crossing at higher  $p_T$   
**consistent with expectations**  
 from collective hydro expansion

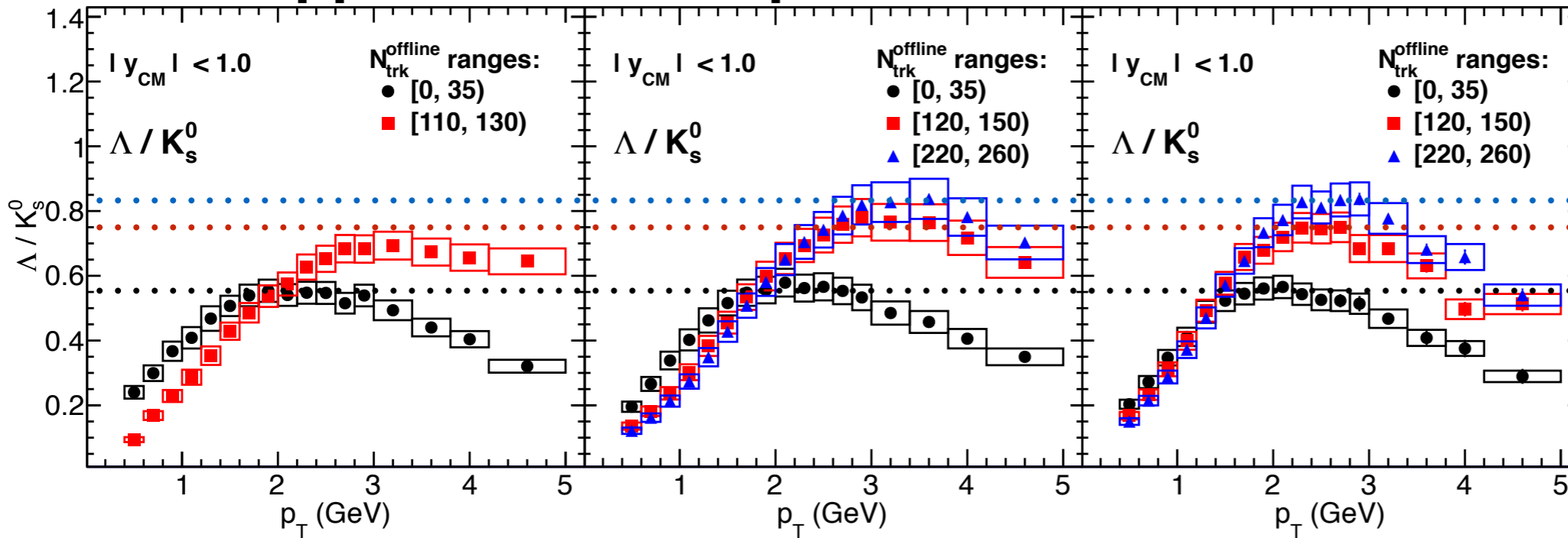
Bozek et al, PRL 111 (2013) 172303

# Mass-dependent enhancement

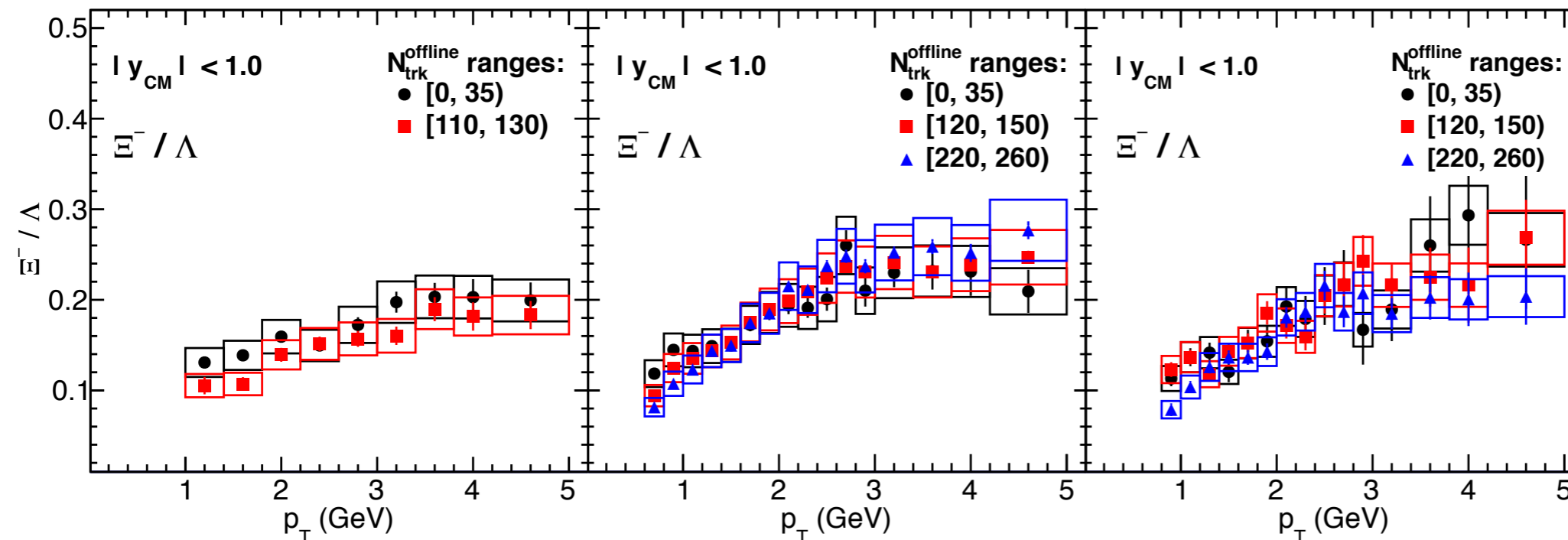
pp

p-Pb

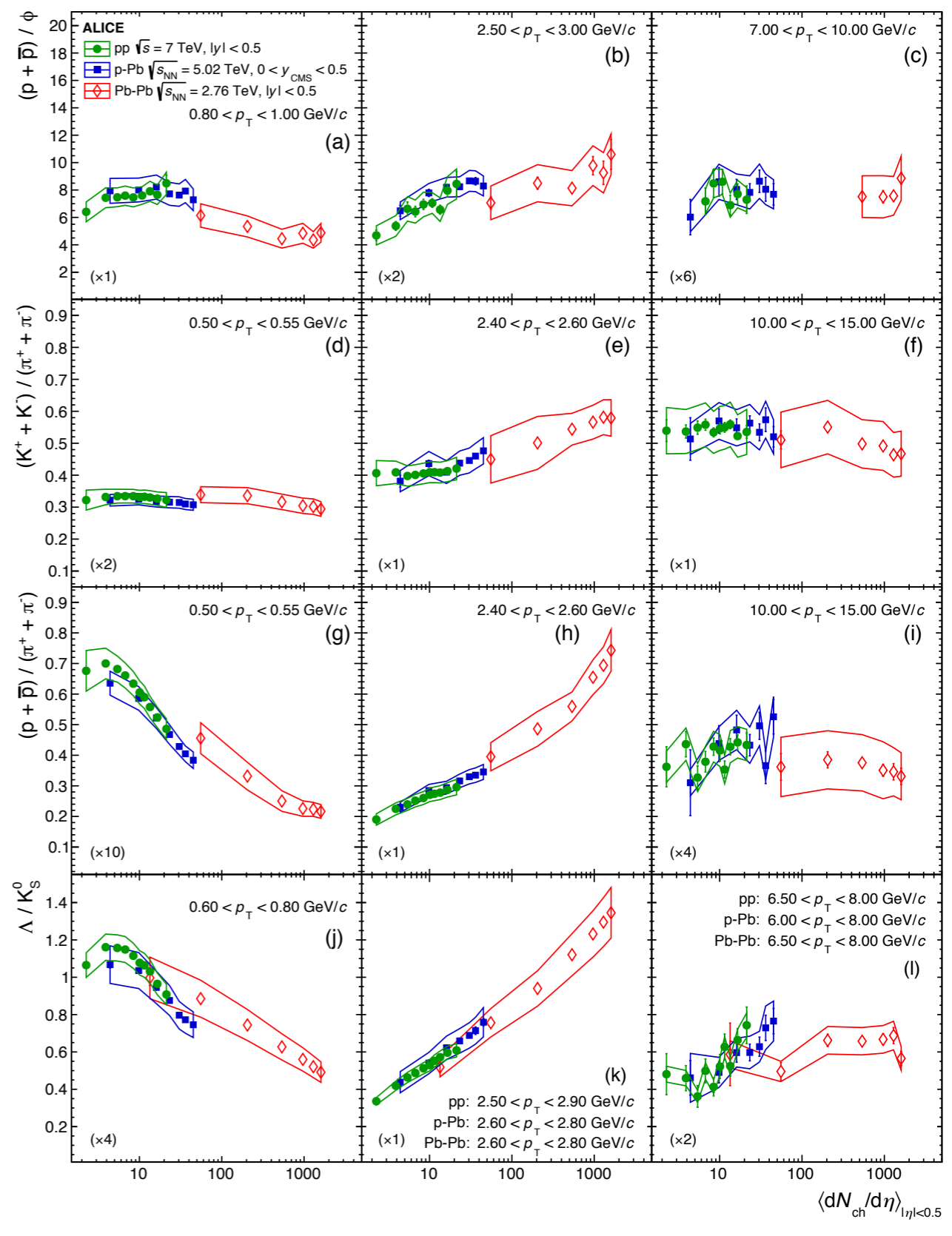
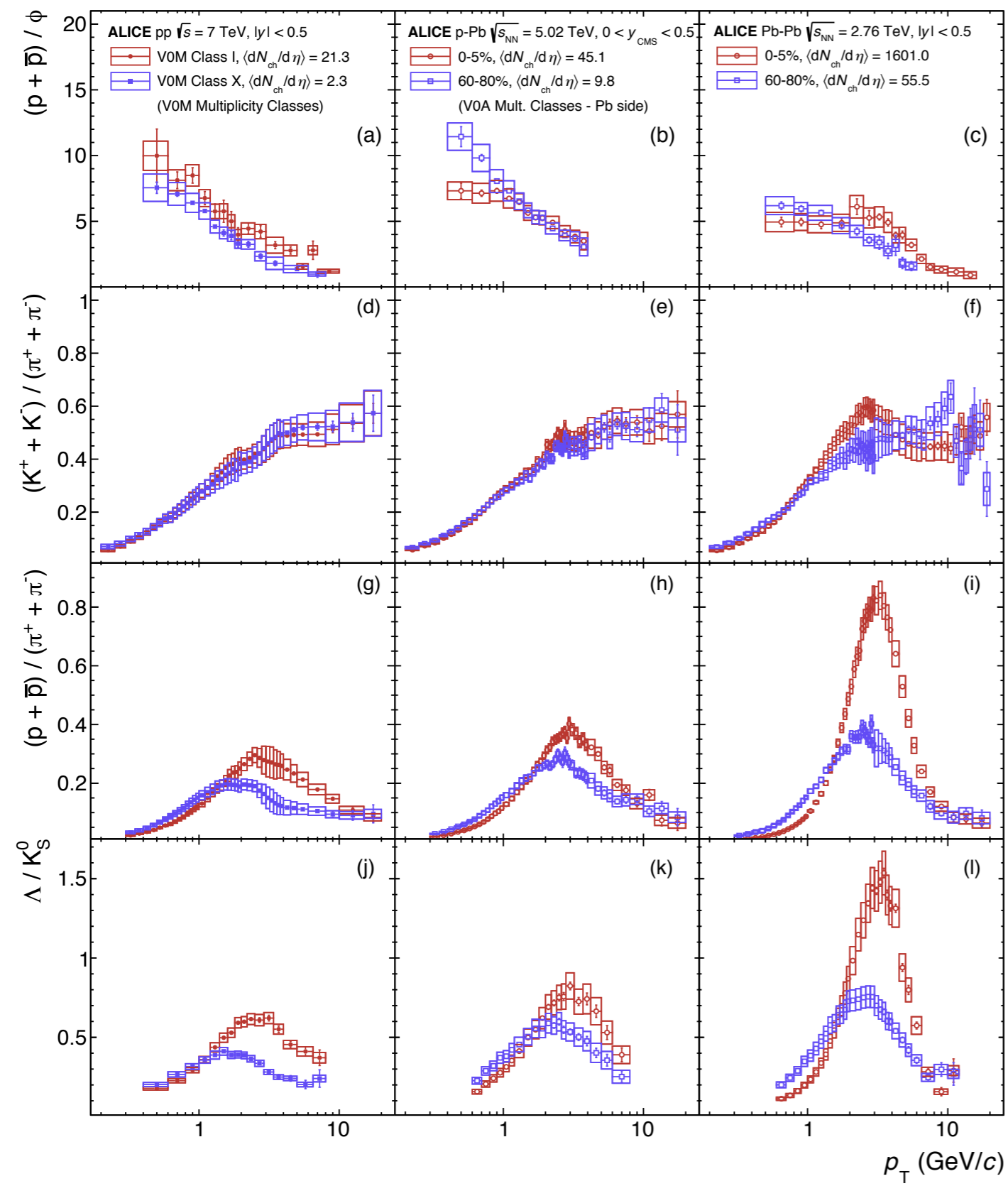
Pb-Pb



$\Lambda/K_s$   
maximum at  
similar  $N_{ch}$  has  
**similar value**

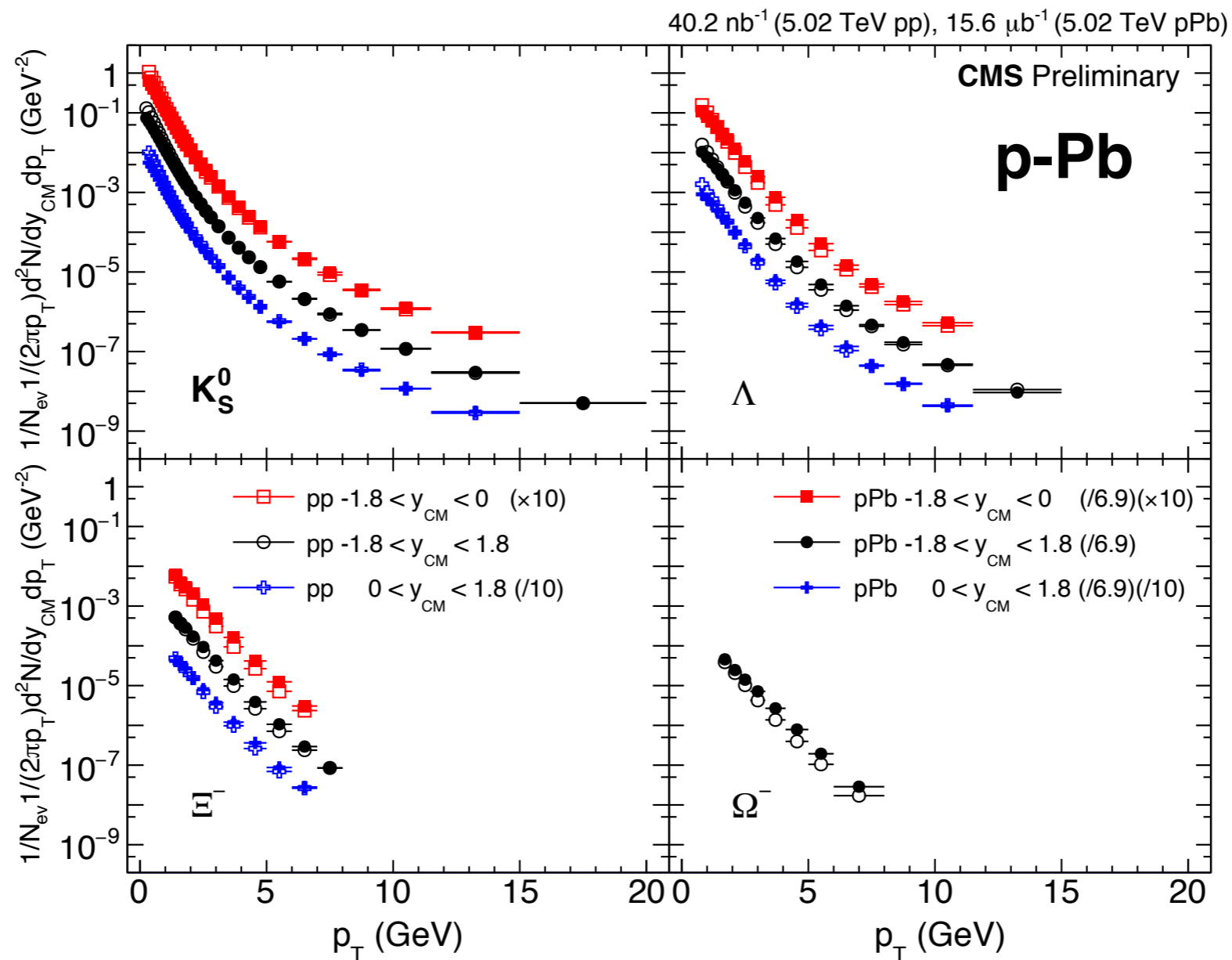


$\Xi/\Lambda$   
increases and  
reaches plateau



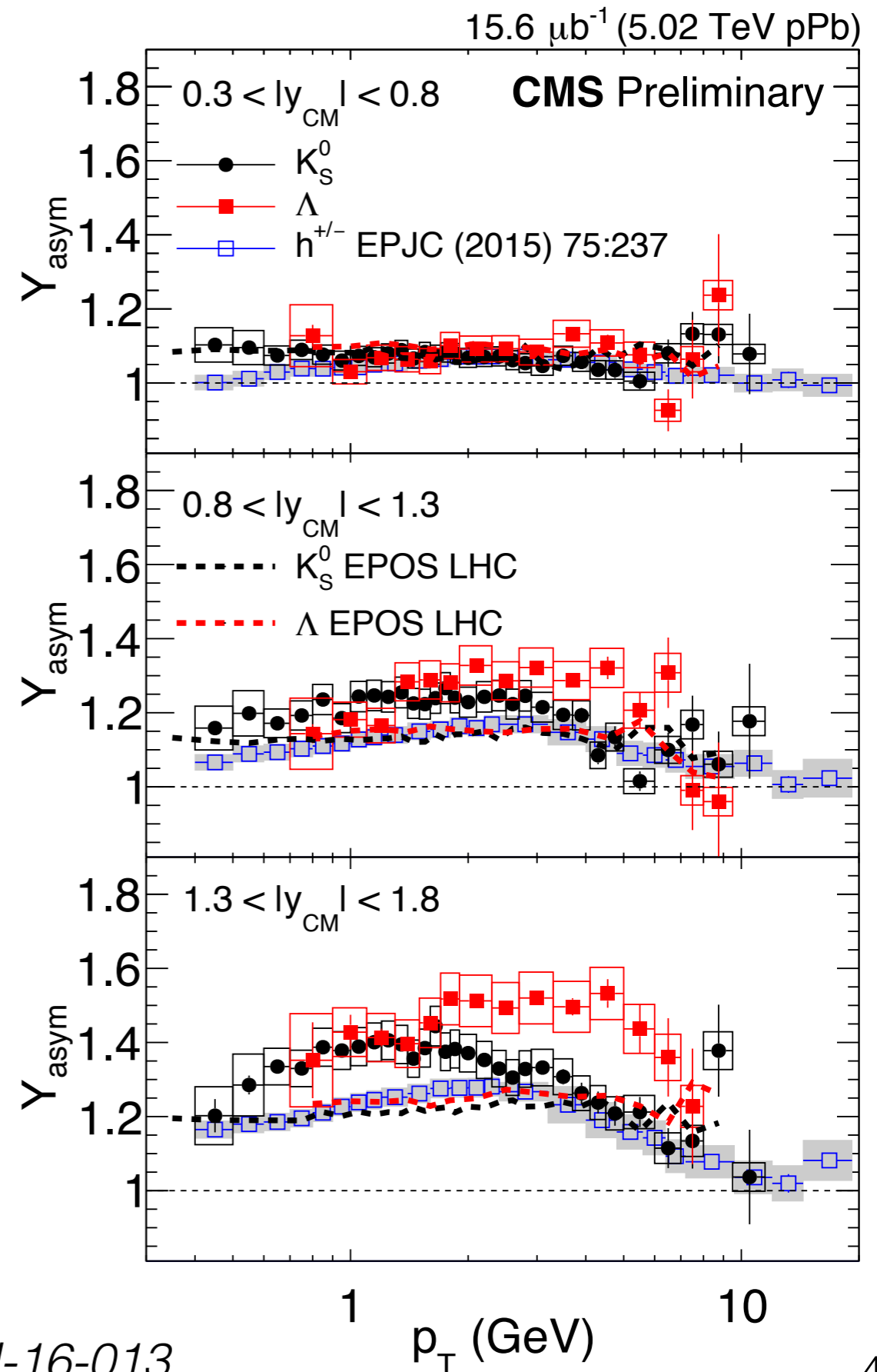
# Nuclear modification factors

measured for **strange-hadrons in p-Pb** collisions  
 can provide critical information about initial/final state effects



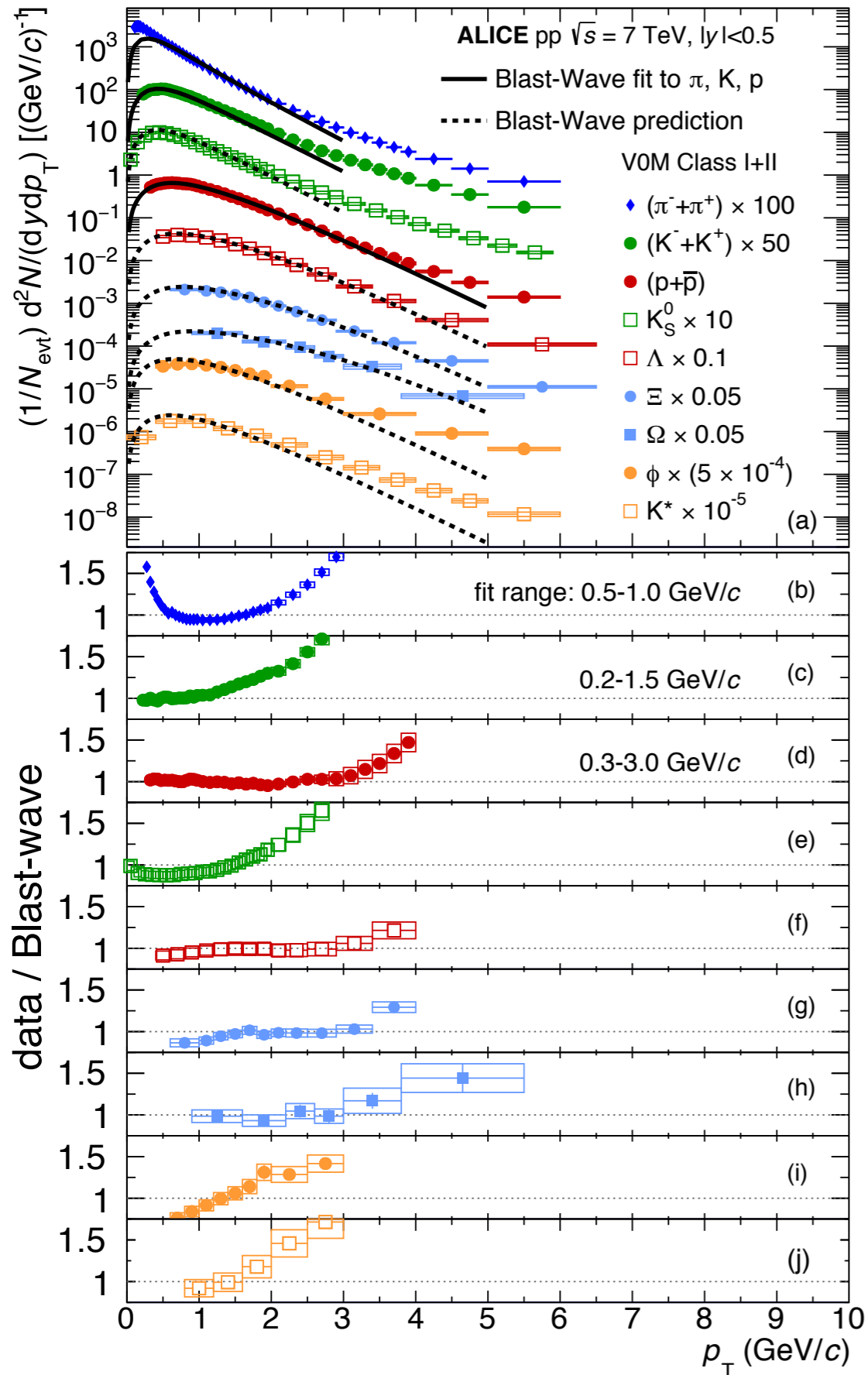
help understanding **collective dynamics** (final state)  
 probe **Cronin** and **nuclear shadowing** effects (initial state)

# Forward-backward asymmetry



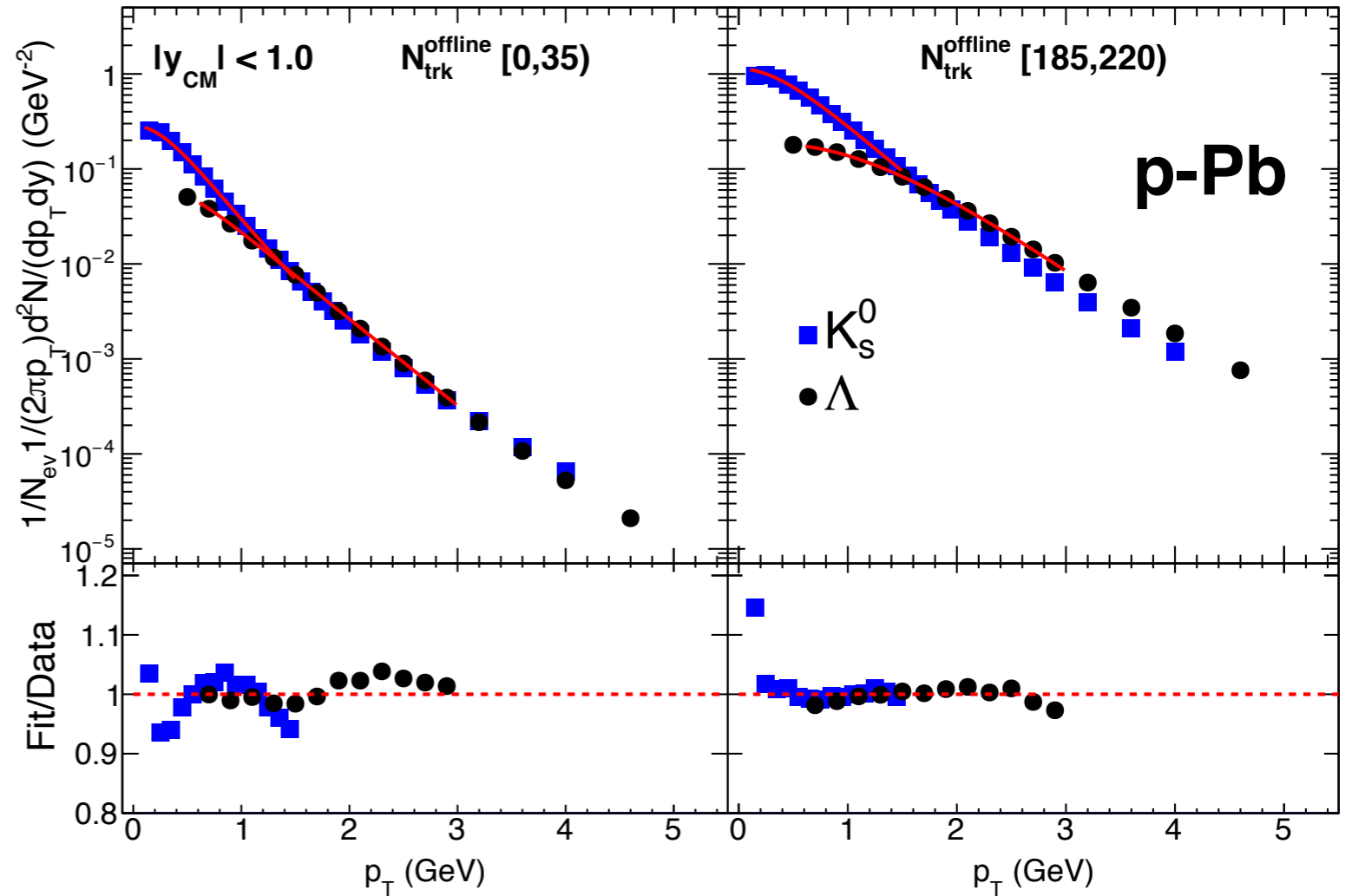


# Collective radial flow



pp

CMS, PLB 768 (2017) 103

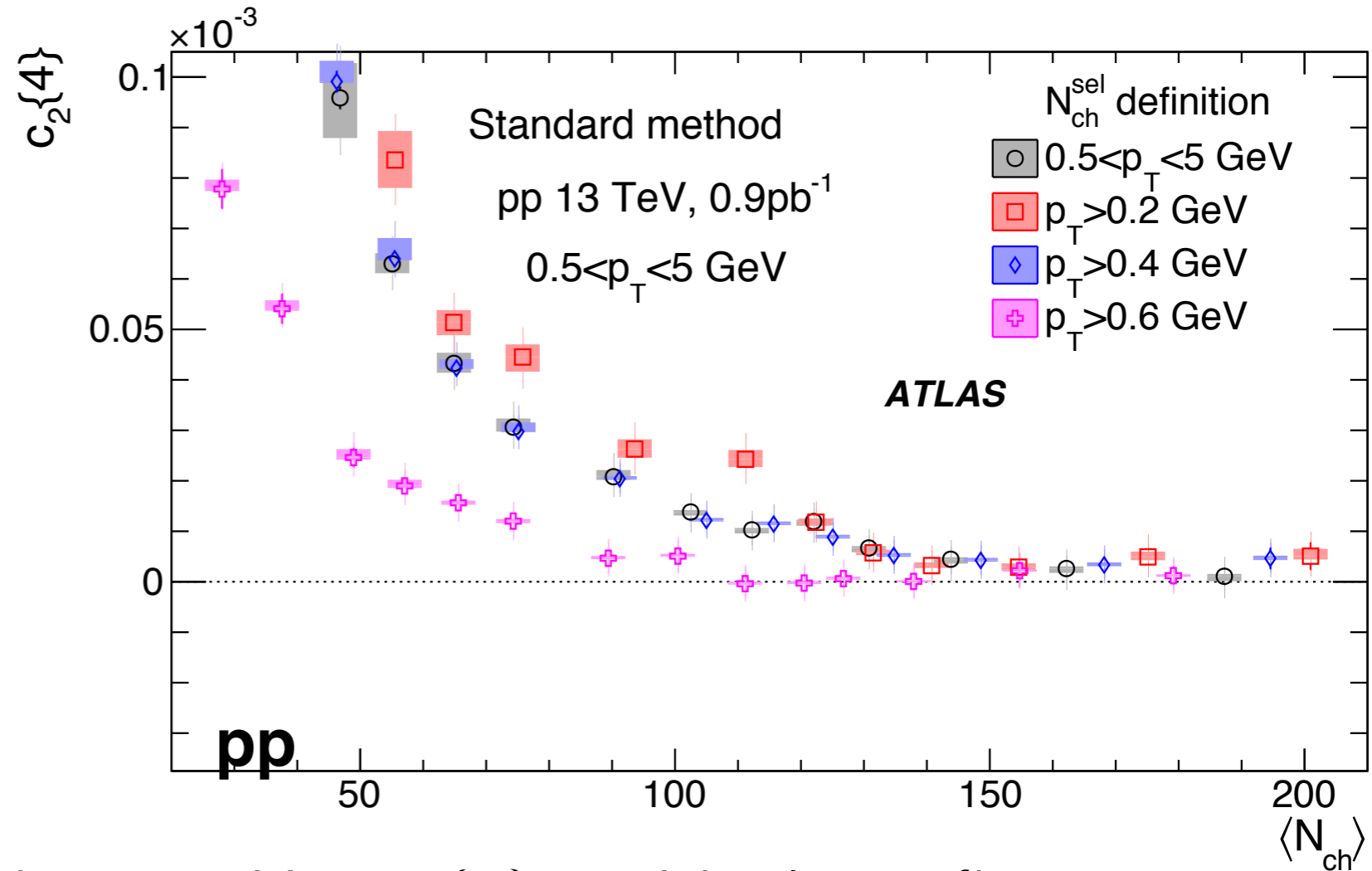


**Blast-Wave fits / predictions**

useful to characterise spectral shapes  
and test data against radial flow picture

# Dependence on the event-class

multi-particle cumulant sensitivity to **few particle correlations**  
**aka non-flow** (resonances and jets not associated with a collision symmetry plane)



perhaps add a plot showing that p-Pb is not much affected, unless at low N<sub>ch</sub>

standard method has positive  $c_2\{4\}$ , residual non-flow  
the values change dramatically with the definition of the event-class

**this suggests that  $c_2\{4\}$  is strongly influenced by non-flow**

previous  $v_2\{4\}$   $v_2\{6\}$  results in pp might be dominated by non-flow

# Correlations of harmonics

new observable

robust against non-flow

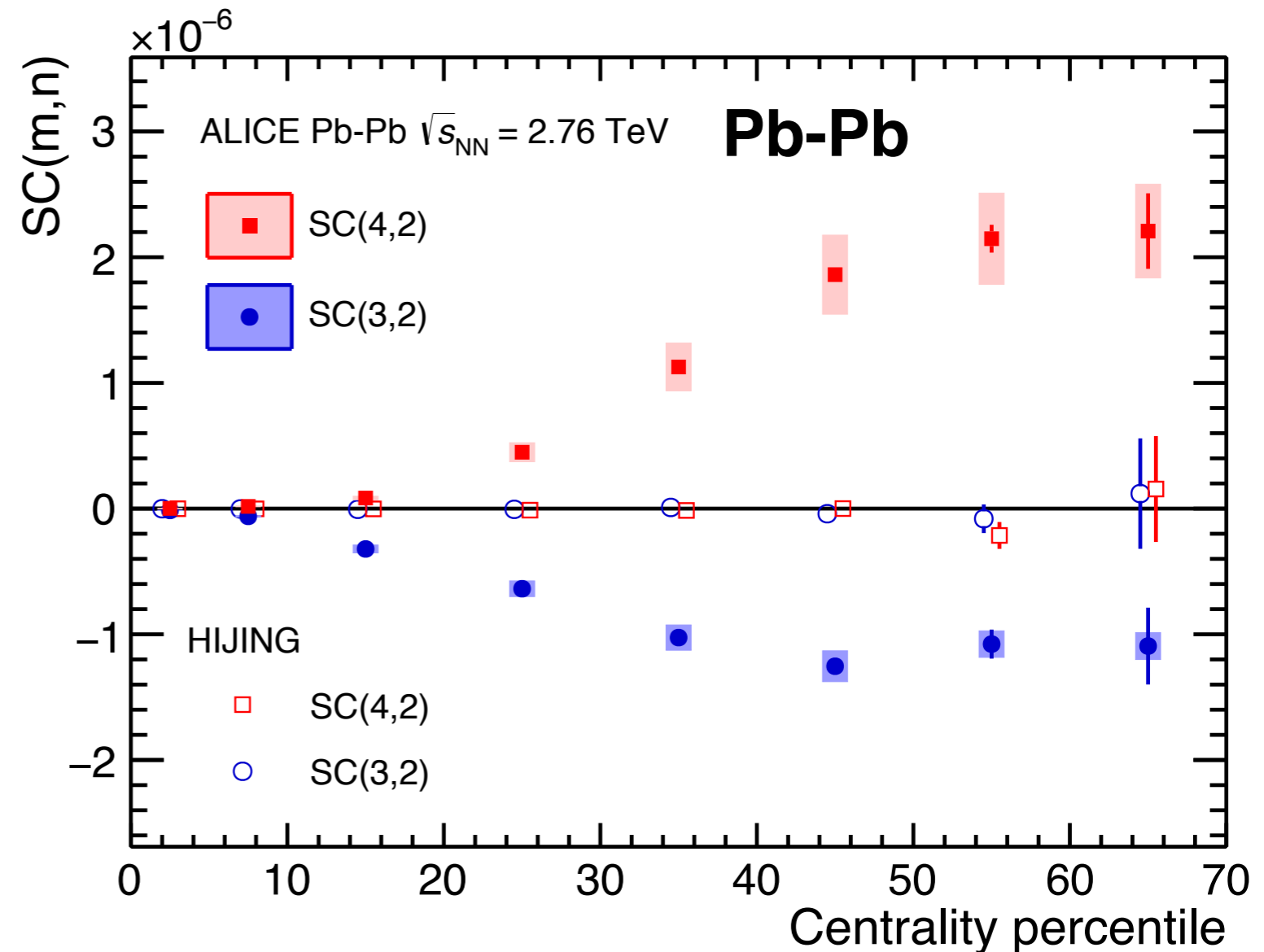
## Symmetric cumulants

$$SC(n,m) = \langle v_n^2 v_m^2 \rangle - \langle v_n^2 \rangle \langle v_m^2 \rangle$$

developed by ALICE

ALICE, PRL 117 (2016) 182301

particle correlations is a very active and inventive field!



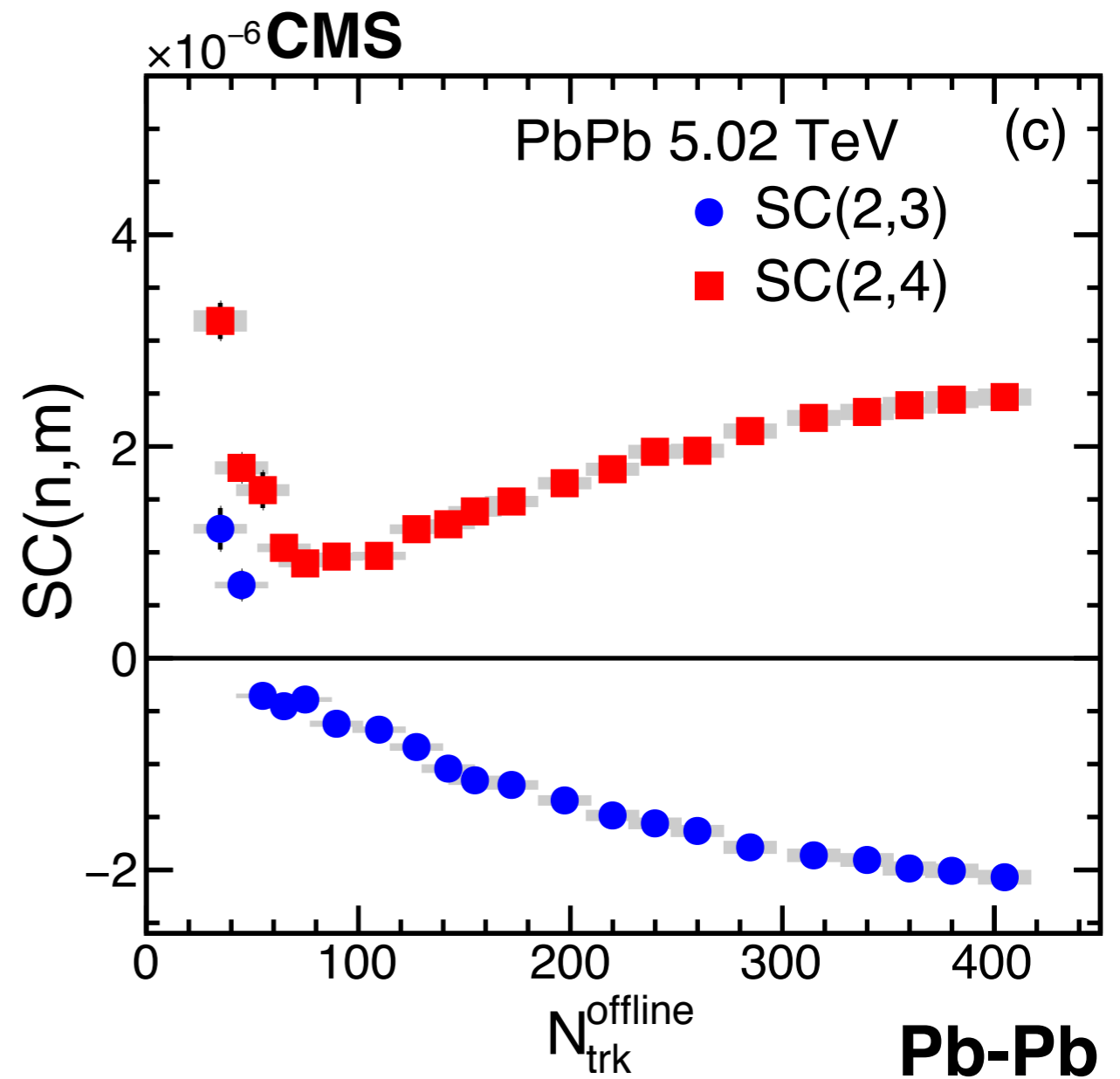
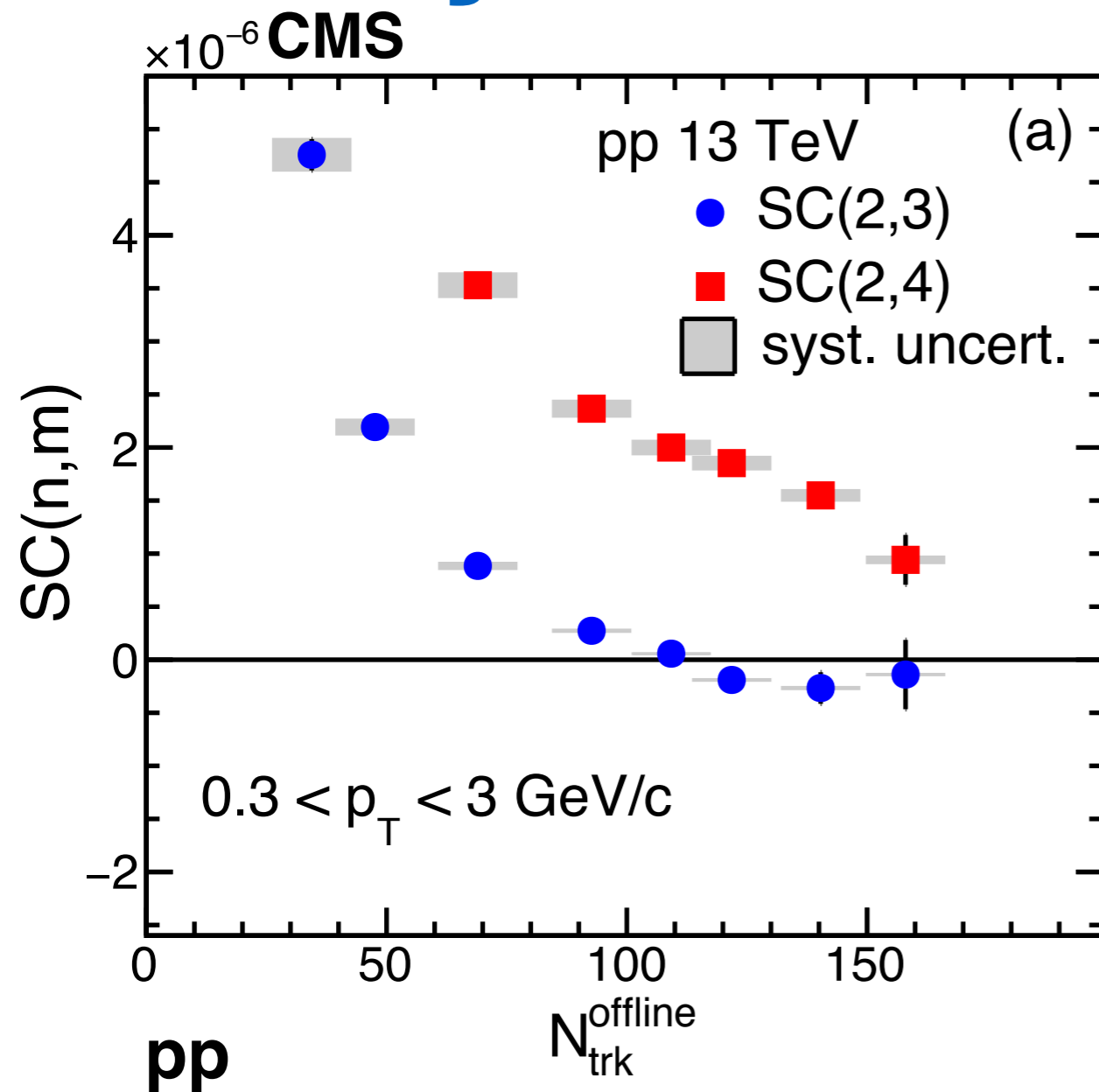
$$SC(2,3) < 0$$

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$$SC(2,4) > 0$$

$v_2$  and  $v_4$  are correlated

# Symmetric cumulants



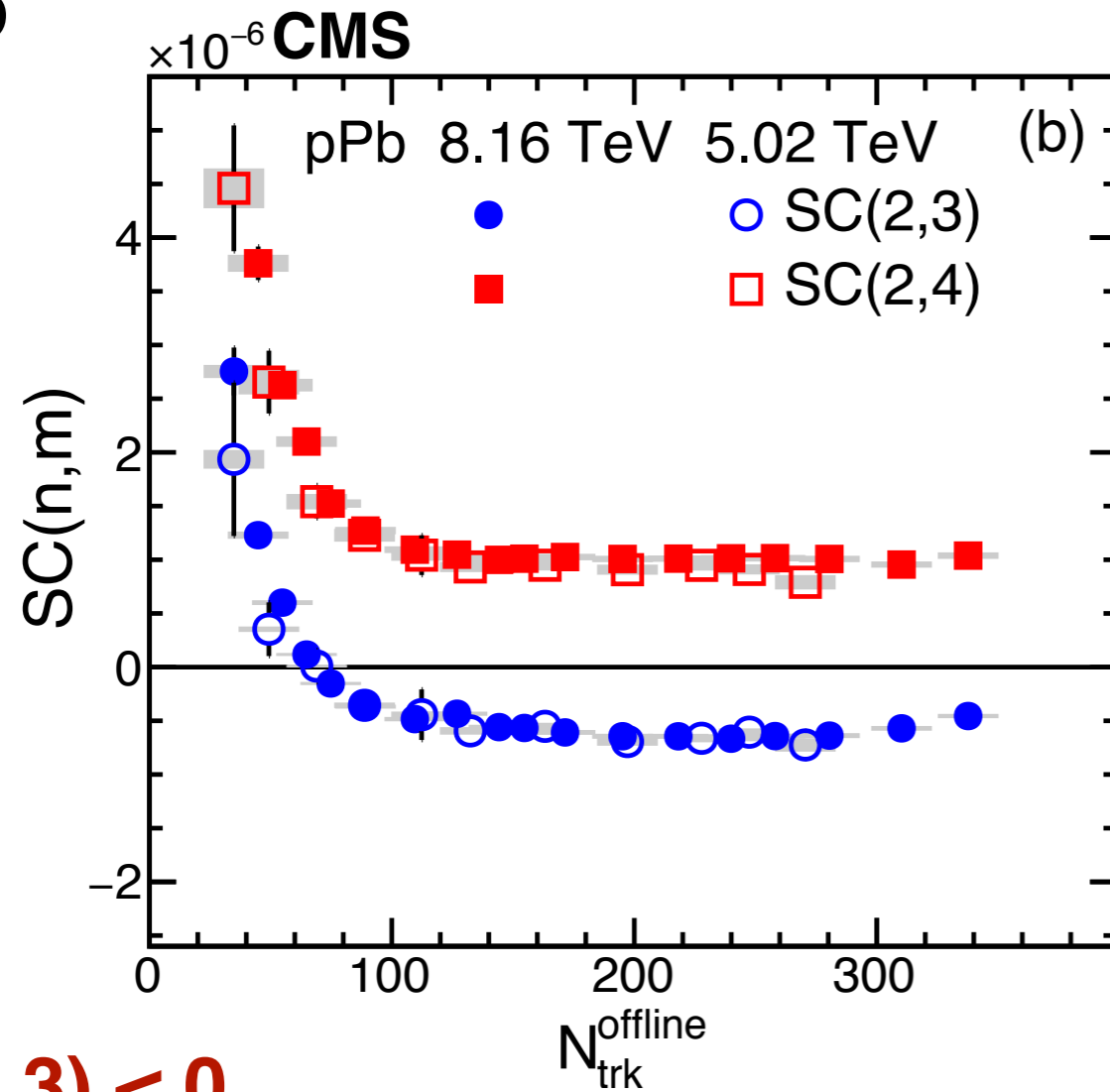
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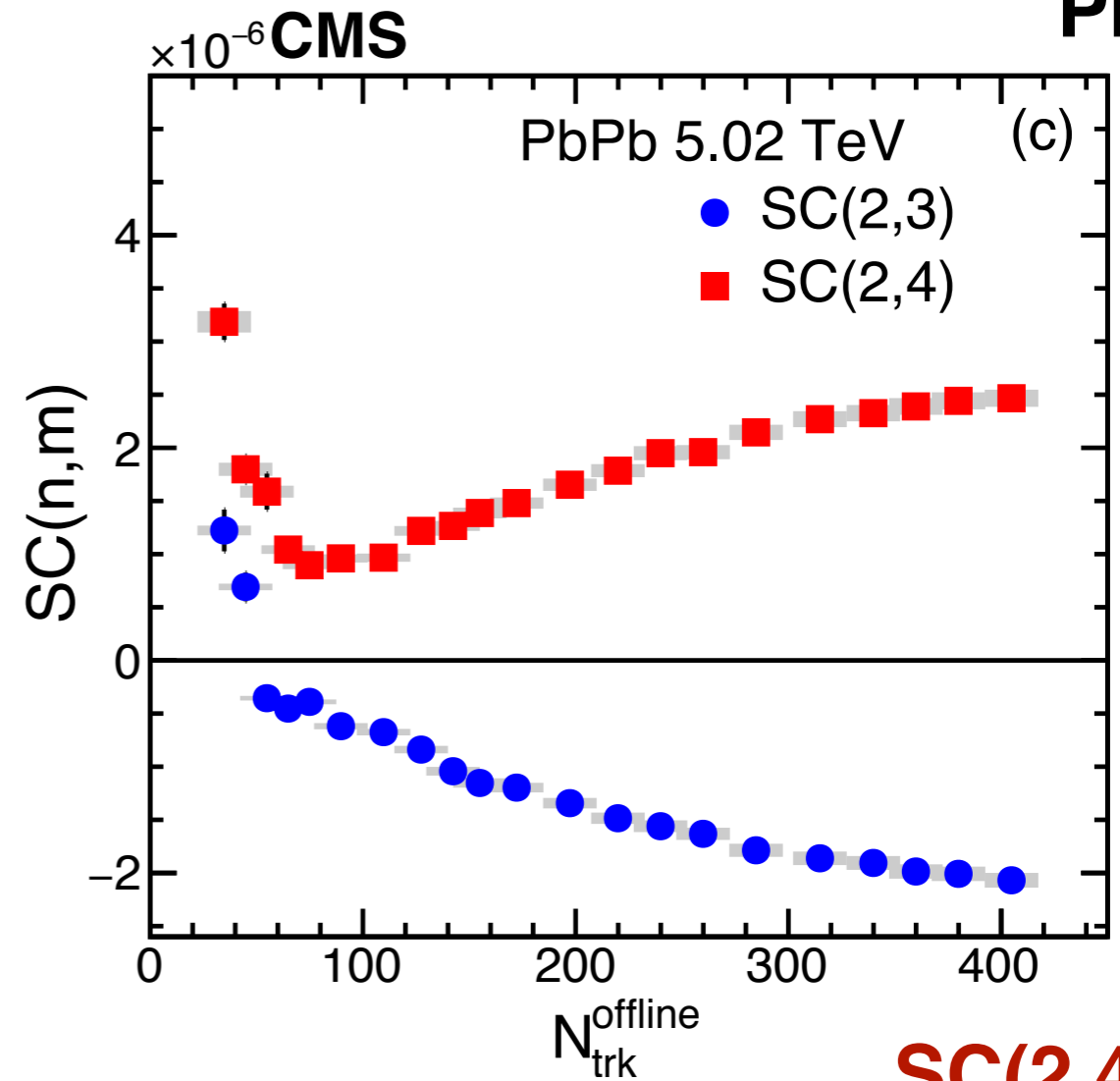
hint of **transition to negative SC(2,3)** in pp at large  $N_{\text{ch}}$

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Pb-Pb



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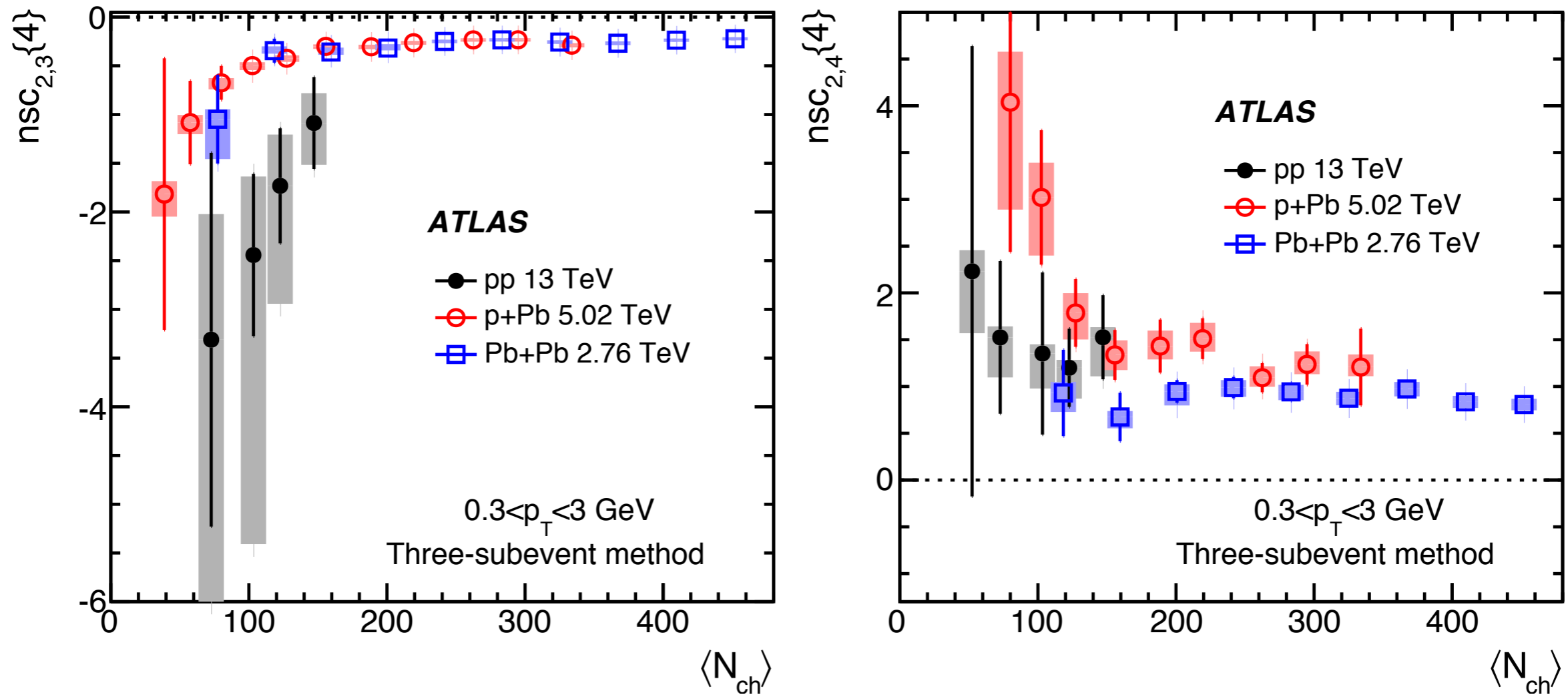
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but both  $SC(2,3)$  and  $SC(2,4)$  **tend to diverge at low  $N_{\text{ch}}$**

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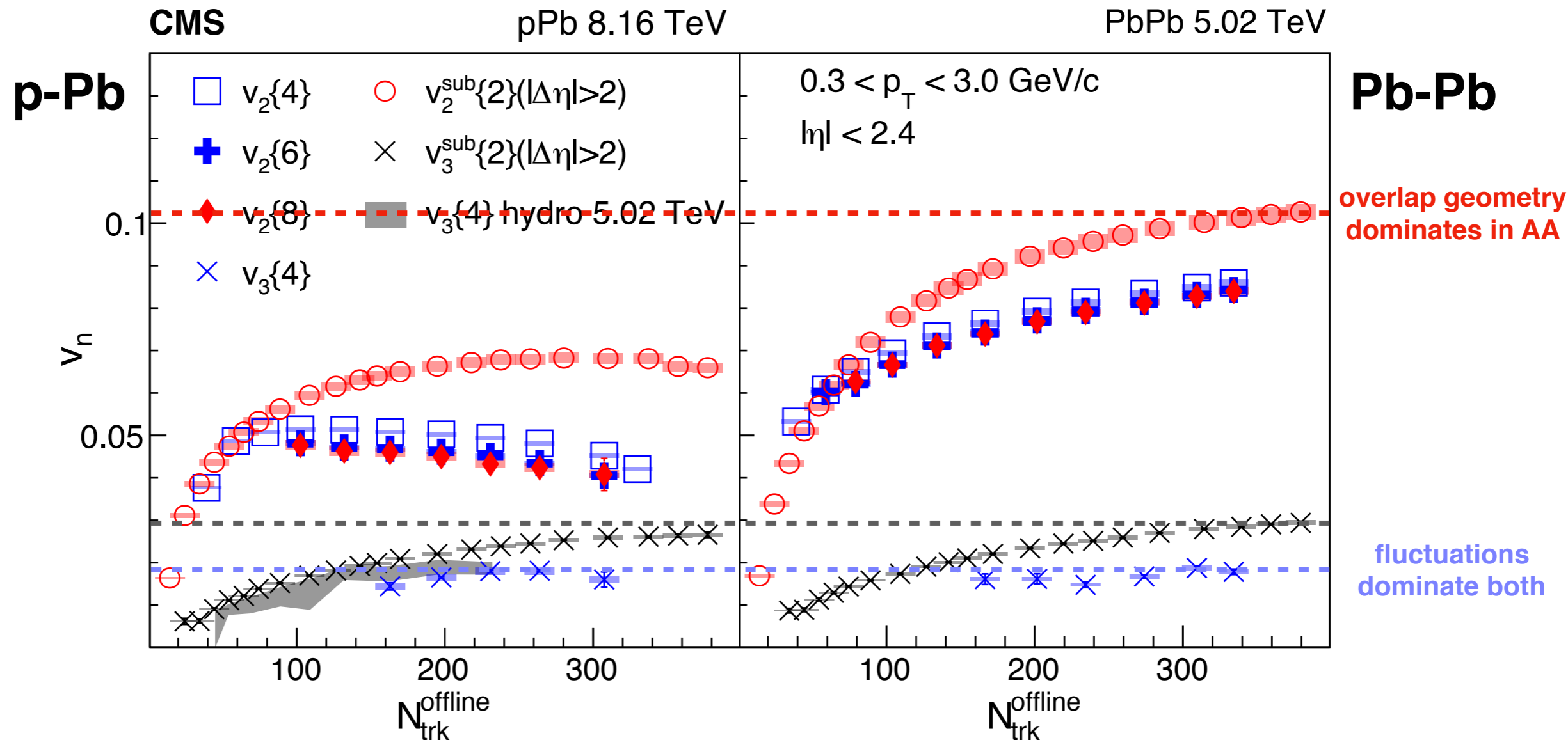
with **subevent method** to suppress non-flow correlations



**negative SC(2,3) and positive SC(2,4) for all systems**  
large-small systems: similar(different) magnitude at small(large)  $N_{ch}$   
much closer to each other after scaling by  $\langle v_n^2 \rangle$

# Fluctuation-driven correlations

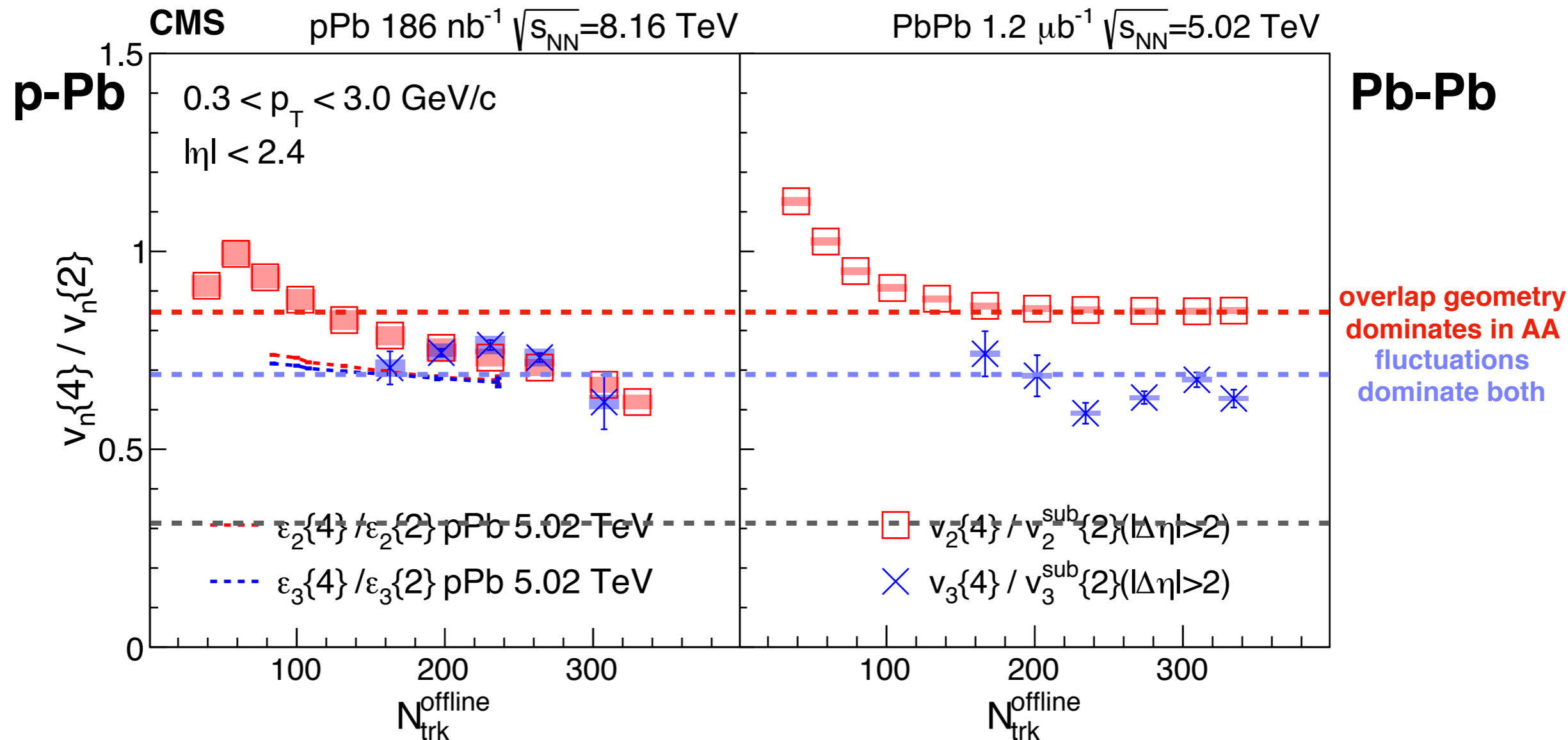
**high-precision** measurement of  $v_2\{k\}$ ,  $k = 4, 6, 8$   
 make a direct comparison with eccentricity-fluctuation calculations



**third-order** triangular harmonic  $v_3\{k\}$ ,  $k = 4$   
 expected to be dominated by fluctuations, measured for the first time

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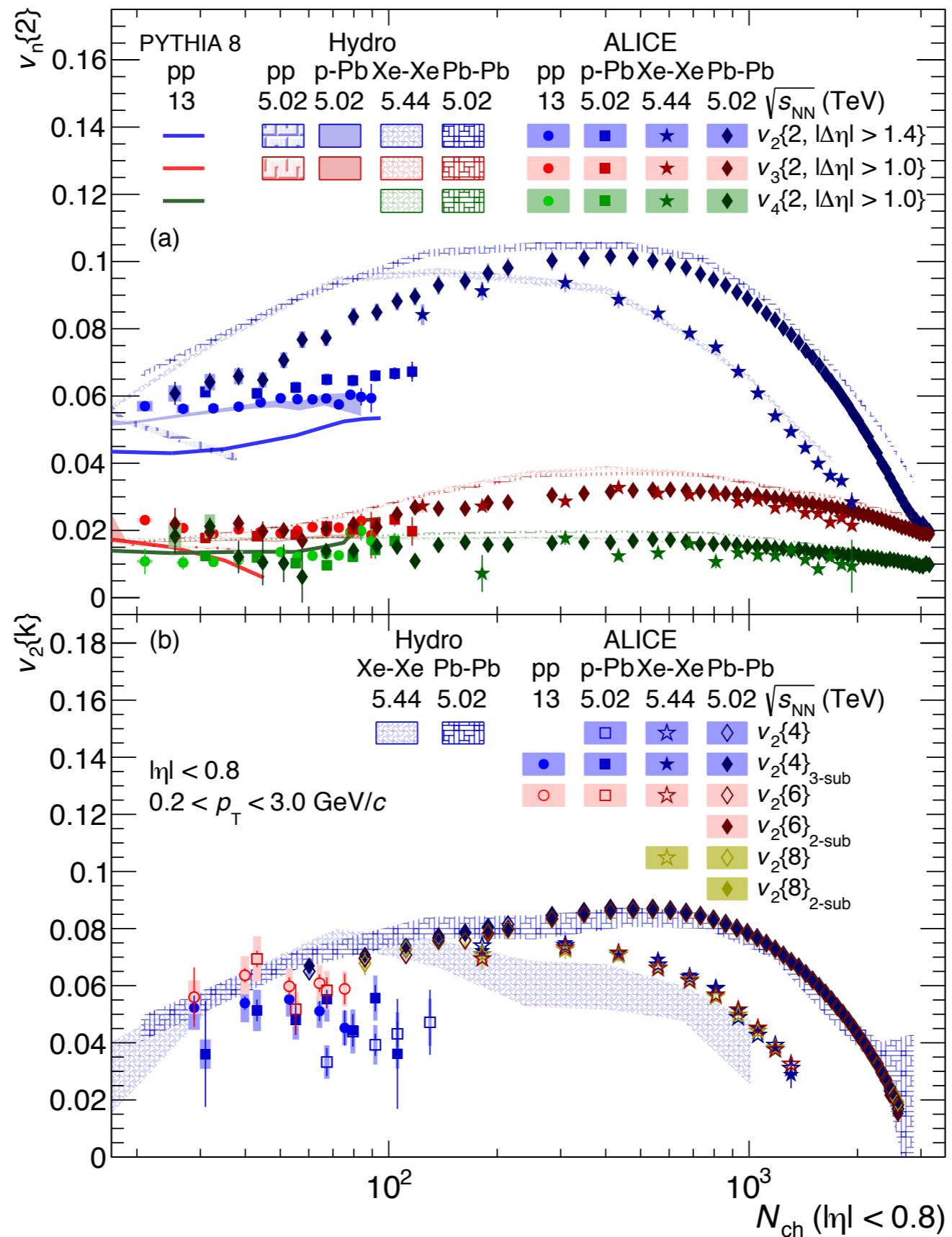
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 $v_2\{4\} / v_2\{2\}$  and  $v_3\{4\} / v_3\{2\}$  ratios



**$v_2$  and  $v_3$  ratios are similar** in p-Pb collisions

both harmonic originate from the same initial-state fluctuation mechanism

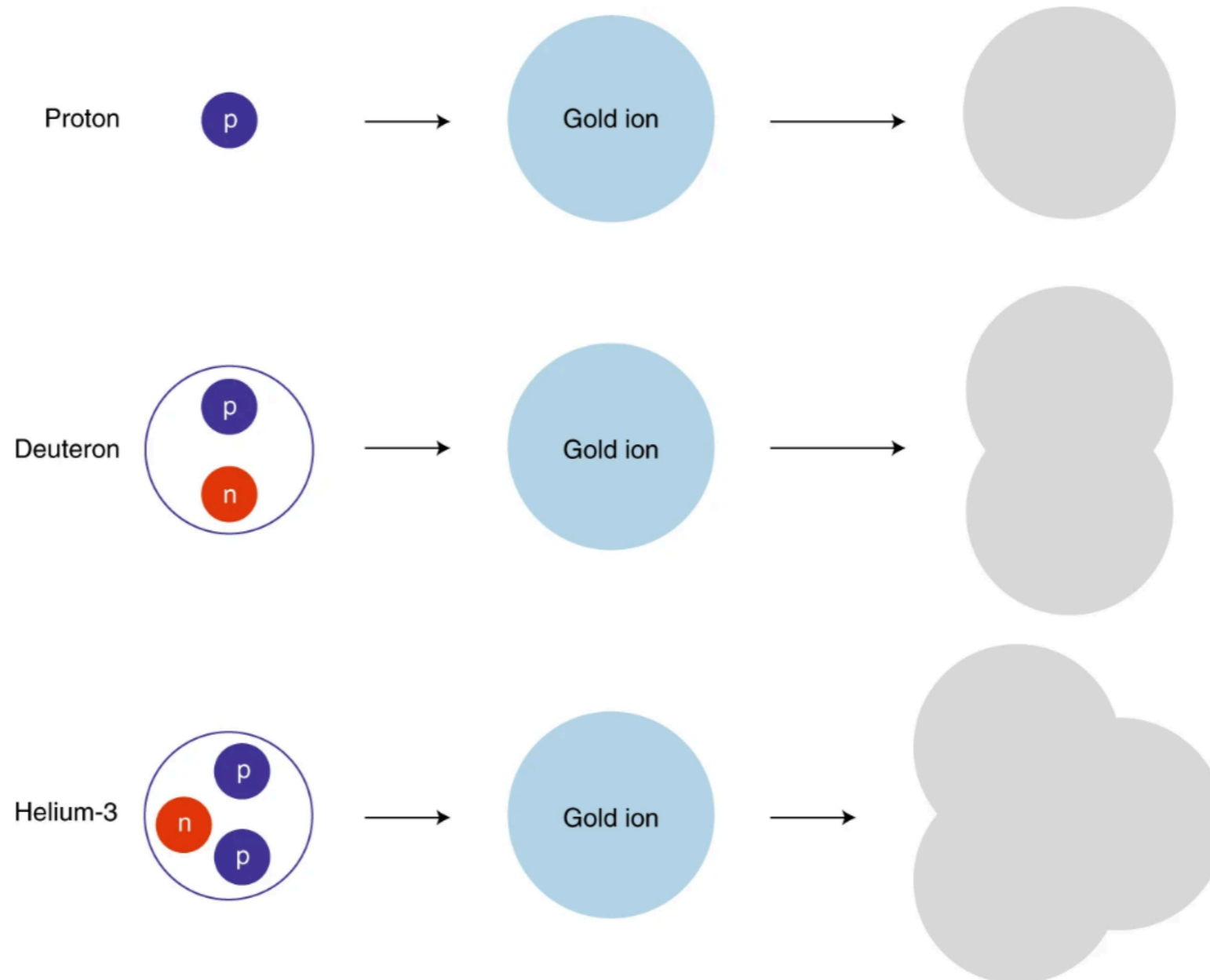




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# Quark-gluon droplets engineered

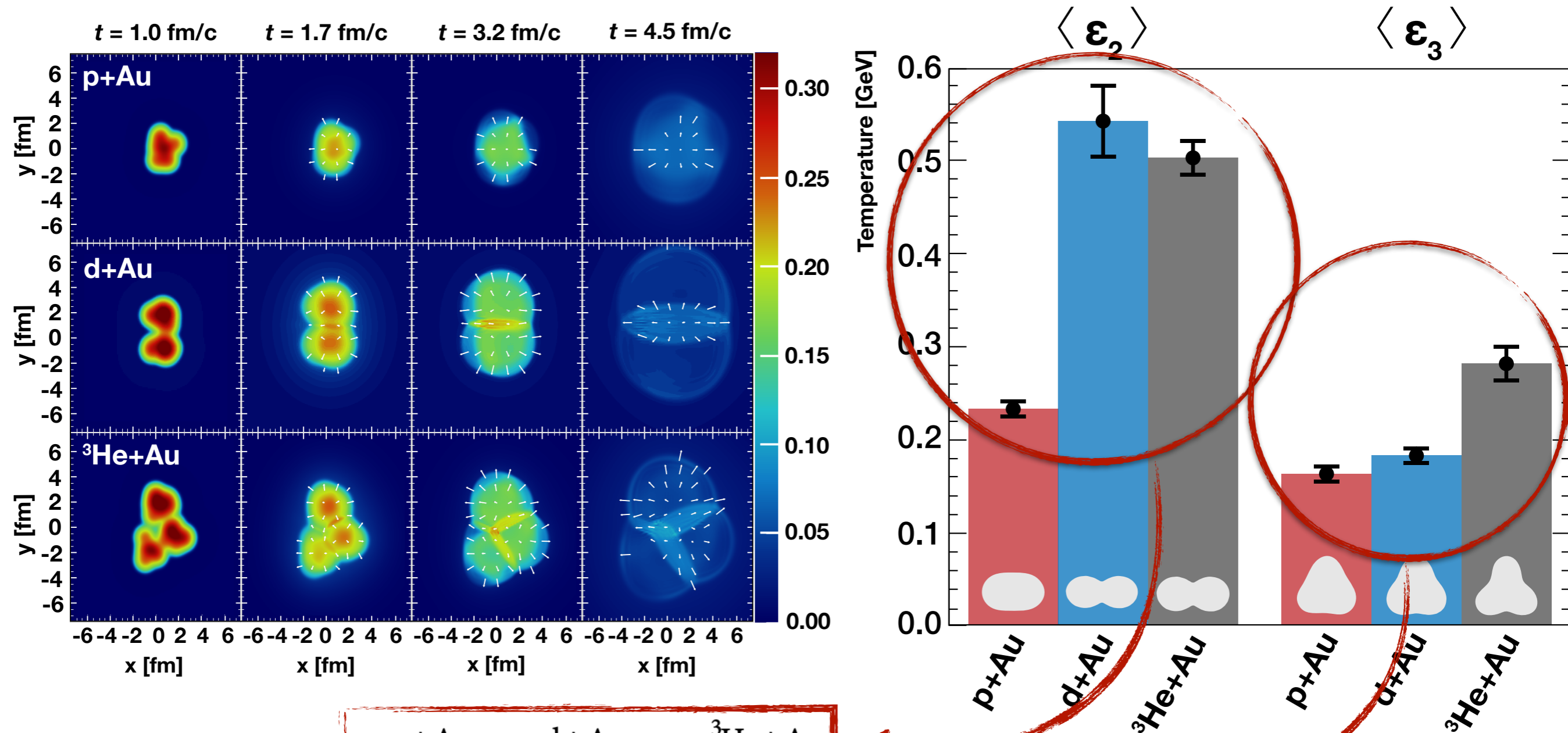
Quark-gluon plasma has been recreated in heavy-ion collisions, providing a glimpse of the very early Universe. The PHENIX Collaboration offers new insights into the possible creation of this state in smaller collision systems.



# Quark-Gluon droplets engineered

RHIC versatility: projectile geometry scan

$\epsilon_2, \epsilon_3$  coupled with efficient hydrodynamics



**prediction for  $v_2, v_3$  ordering**

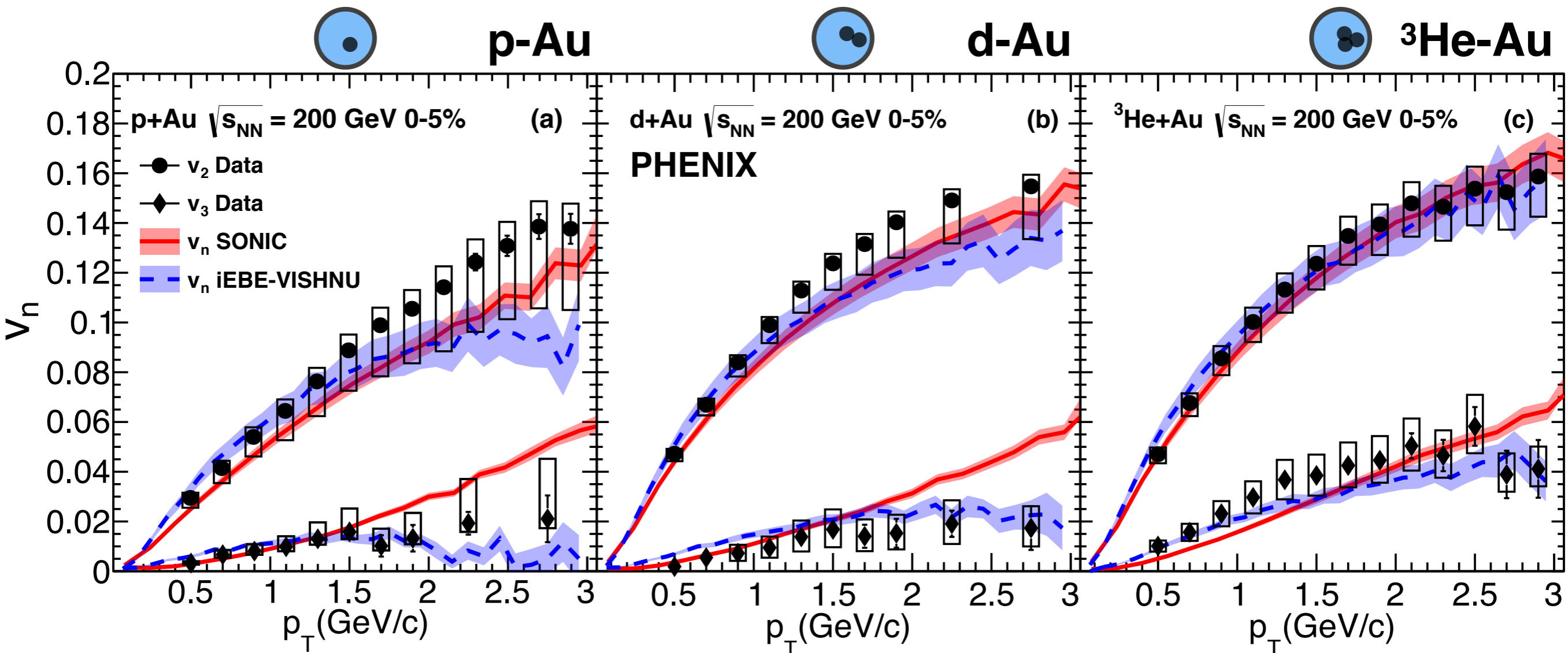
$$v_2^{p+Au} < v_2^{d+Au} \approx v_2^{3He+Au}$$

$$v_3^{p+Au} \approx v_3^{d+Au} < v_3^{3He+Au}$$

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measured  $v_2$  and  $v_3$  follow the predicted hydro hierarchy

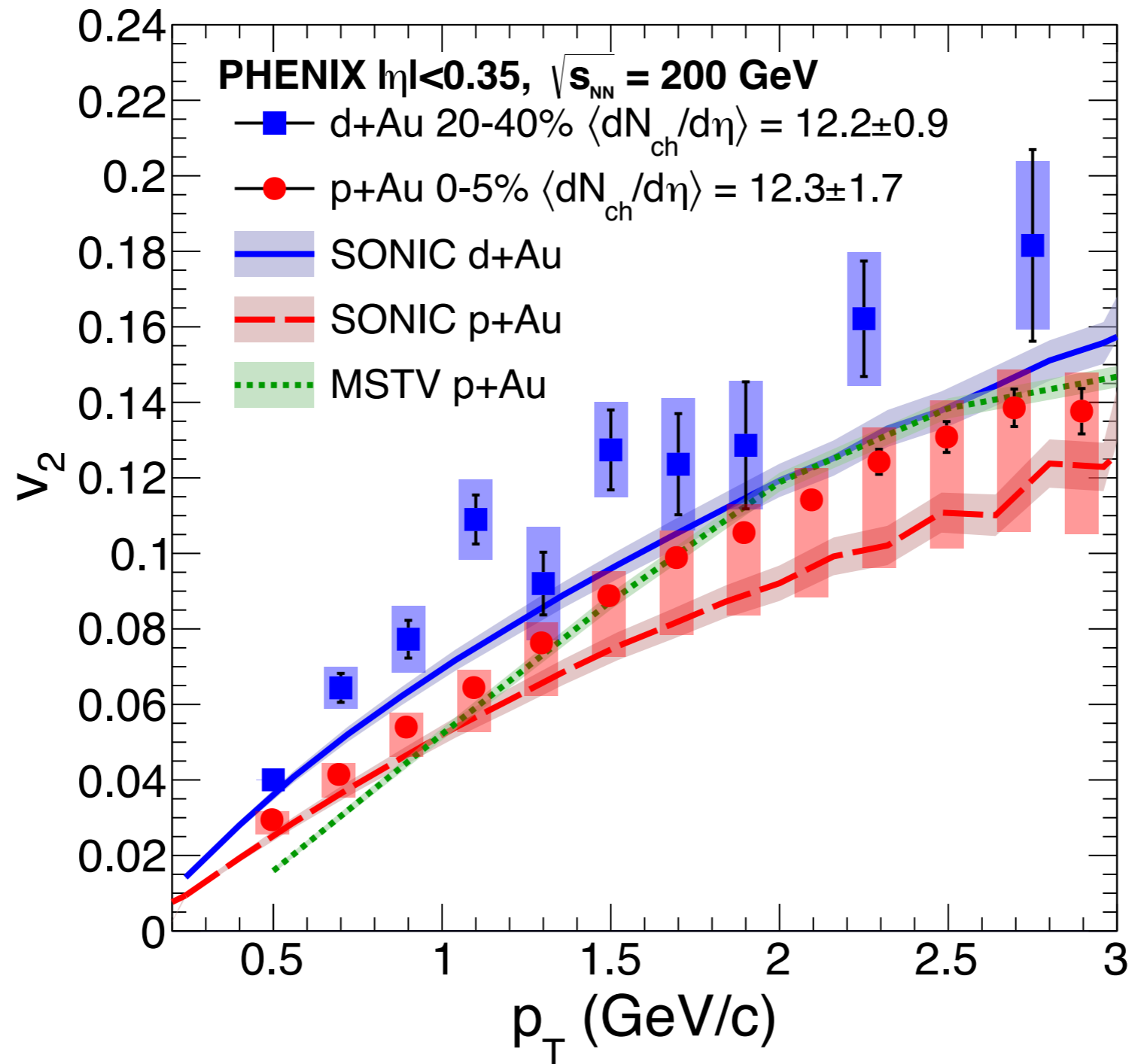


**initial conditions  $\rightarrow$  hydro evolution  $\rightarrow$**

**$\rightarrow$  fluid hadronisation  $\rightarrow$  hadronic rescattering**

models with similar core structure, different implementation details

# Quark-Gluon droplets engineering

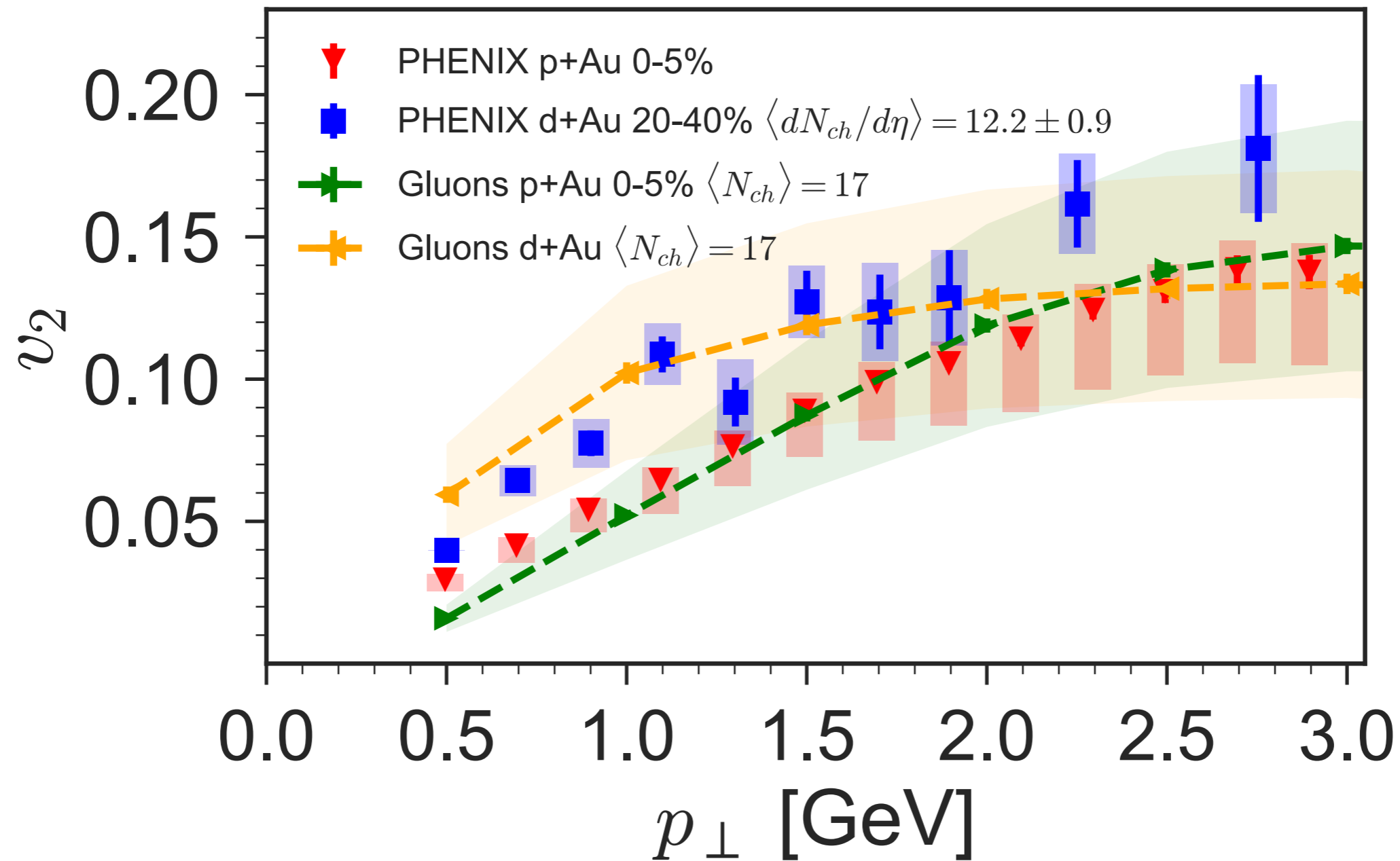


**but for the same  $N_{ch}$  ...**

long story to tell today

more on *Nature Phys.* 15 (2019) 214 and [arXiv:1901.10506 \[hep-ph\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/1901.10506)

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# Is flow unique to h-h collisions?

check in **e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> events** with ALEPH archived data  
 2-particle correlation measurement in high- $N_{ch}$  hadronic events

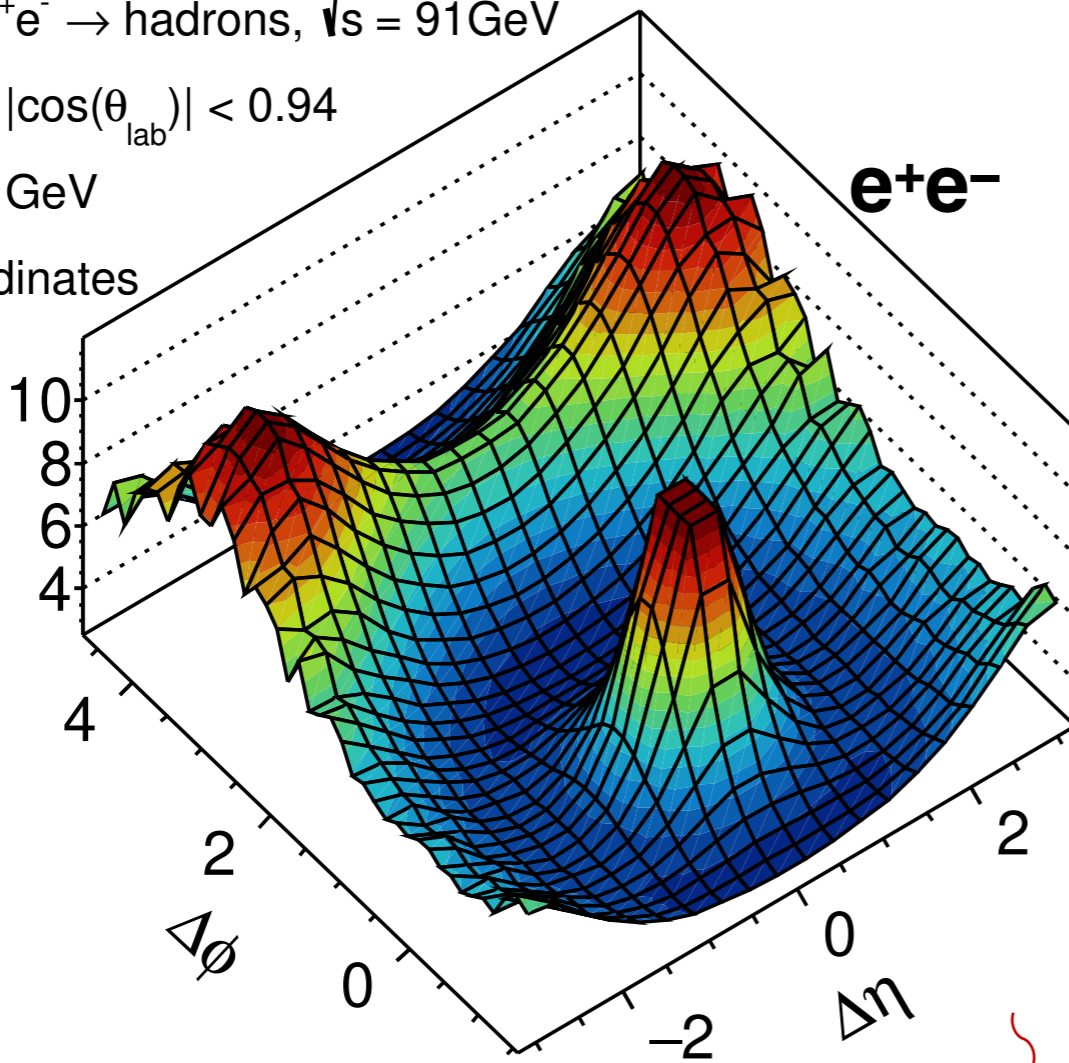
ALEPH e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> → hadrons,  $\sqrt{s} = 91\text{ GeV}$

$N_{trk} \geq 35$ ,  $|\cos(\theta_{lab})| < 0.94$

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

Lab coordinates

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

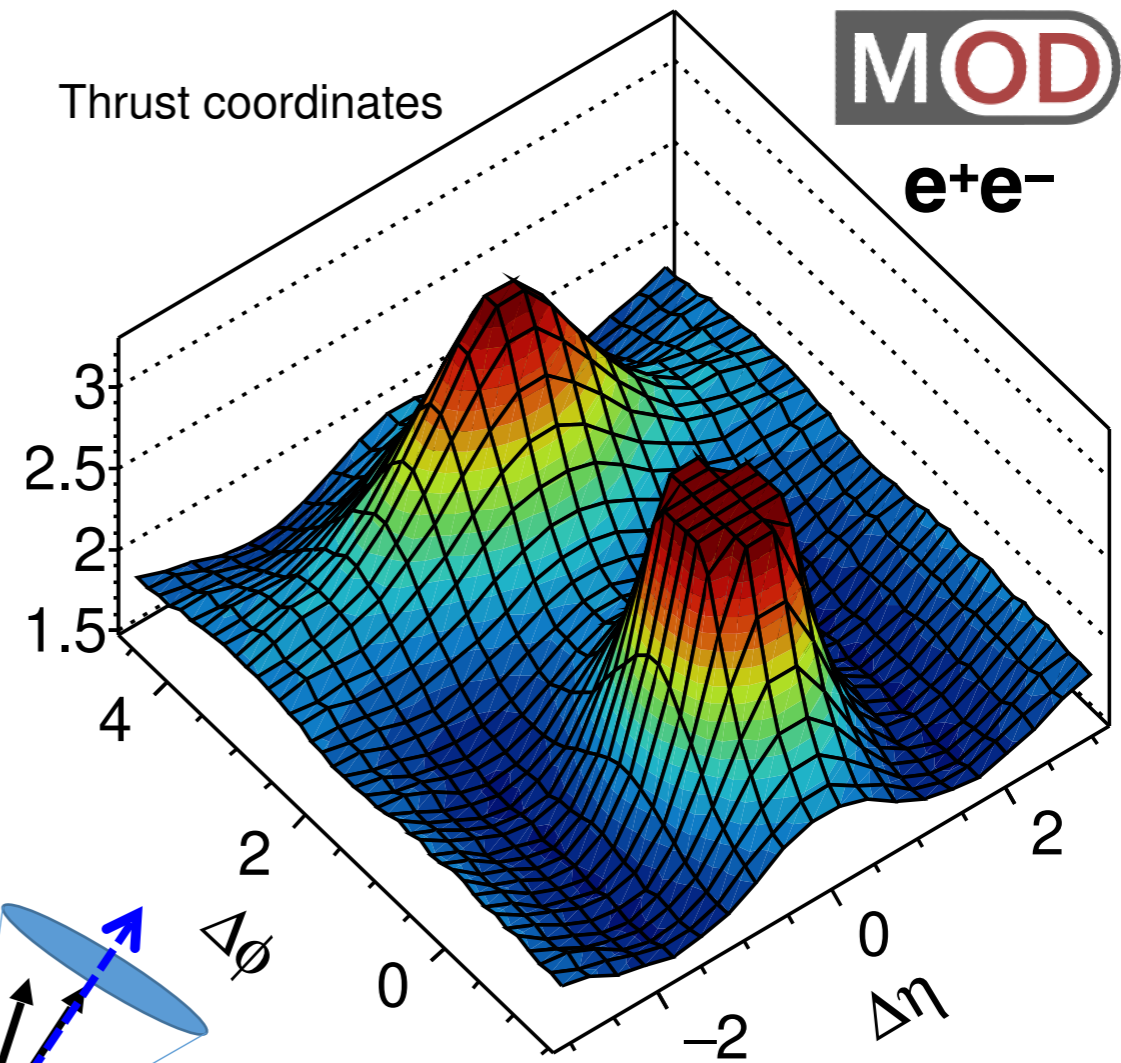


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Thrust coordinates

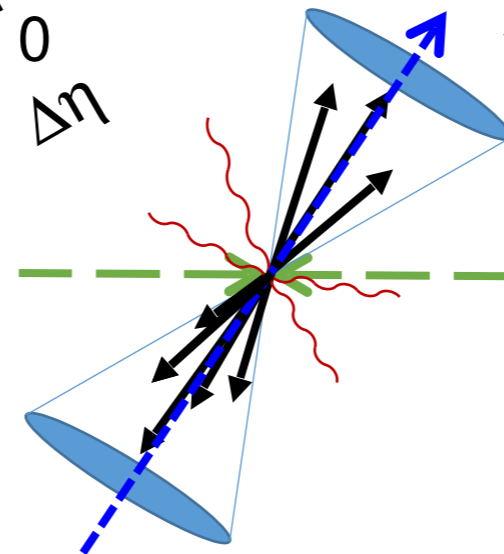


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wrt. **beam axis**

as performed in pp, p-A and AA  
 sensitive to QCD medium  
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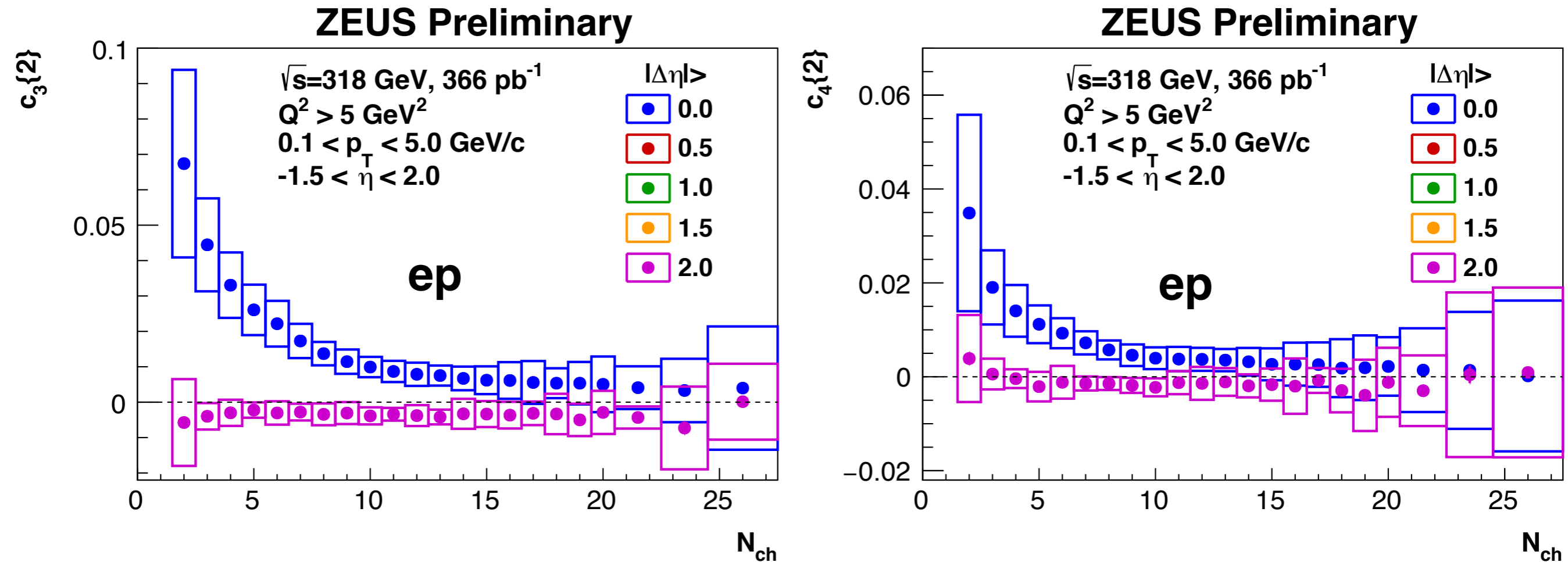


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2-particle cumulants vs.  $N_{ch}$  with increasing  $\eta$ -gap



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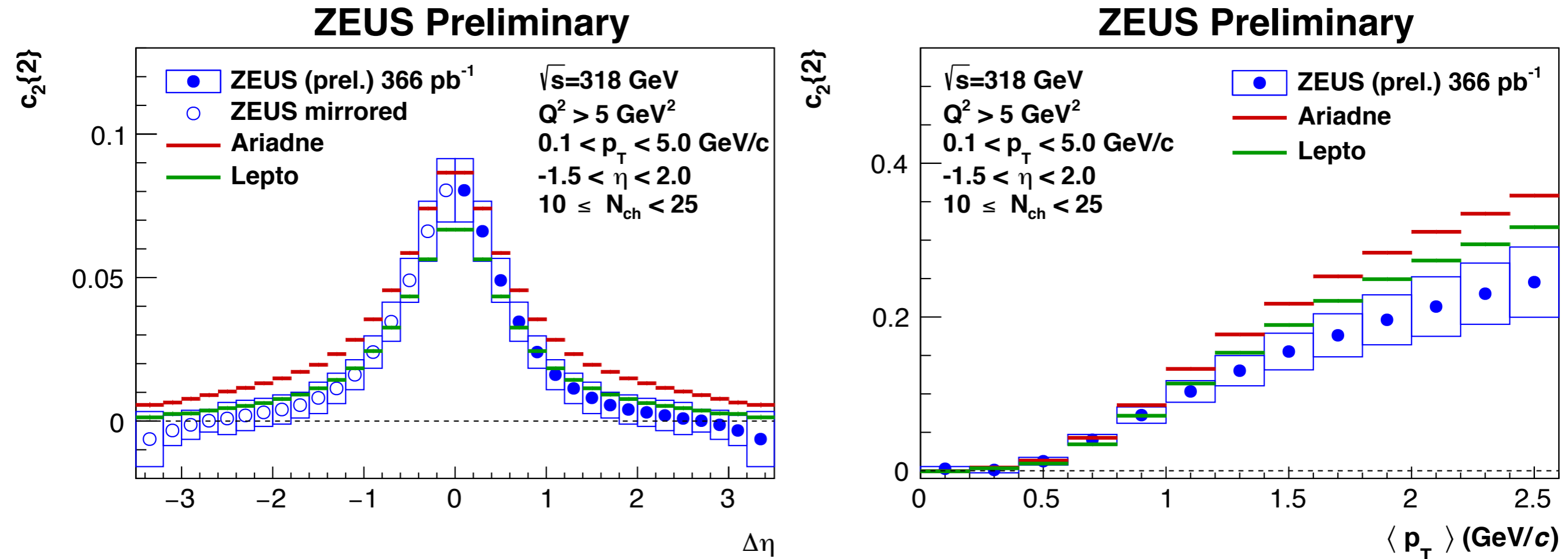
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# Strangeness in small systems

one of the first proposed QGP signatures

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PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS

19 APRIL 1982

## Strangeness Production in the Quark-Gluon Plasma

Johann Rafelski and Berndt Müller.

*Institut für Theoretische Physik, Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität, D-6000 Frankfurt am Main, Germany*

(Received 11 January 1982)

We thus conclude that strangeness abundance saturates in sufficiently excited quark-gluon plasma ( $T > 160$  MeV,  $E > 1$  GeV/fm<sup>3</sup>), allowing us to utilize enhanced abundances of rare, strange hadrons ( $\bar{\Lambda}$ ,  $\bar{\Omega}$ , etc.) as indicators for the formation of the plasma state in nuclear collisions.

# Canonical suppression

in macroscopic models  
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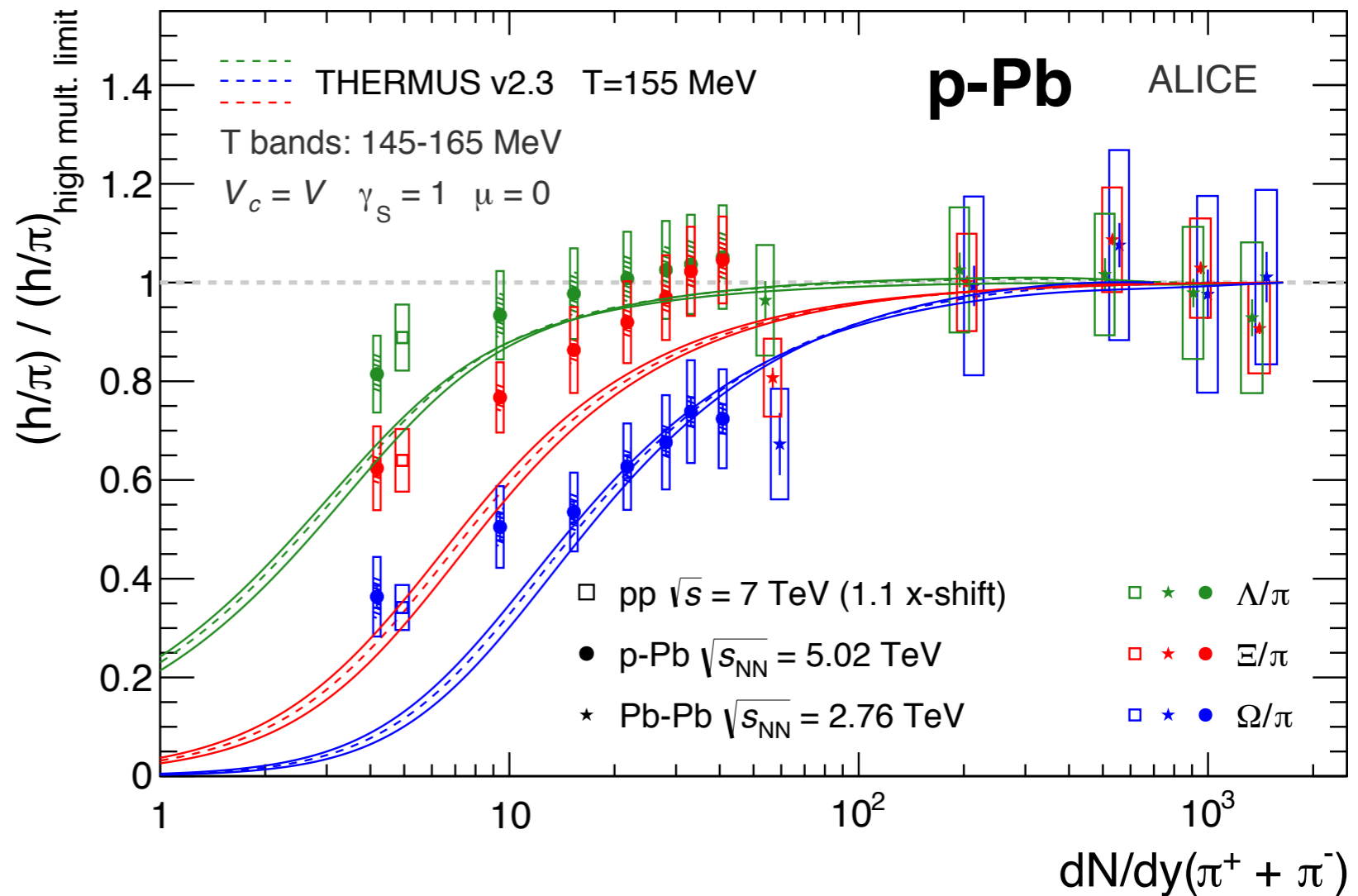
**local conservation of strangeness**

within a volume  $V_c$

**strangeness in small systems suppressed**

wrt. grand-canonical limit

magnitude depends on  
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calculations from **Strangeness Canonical** model in THERMUS  
**good qualitative agreement with the data**

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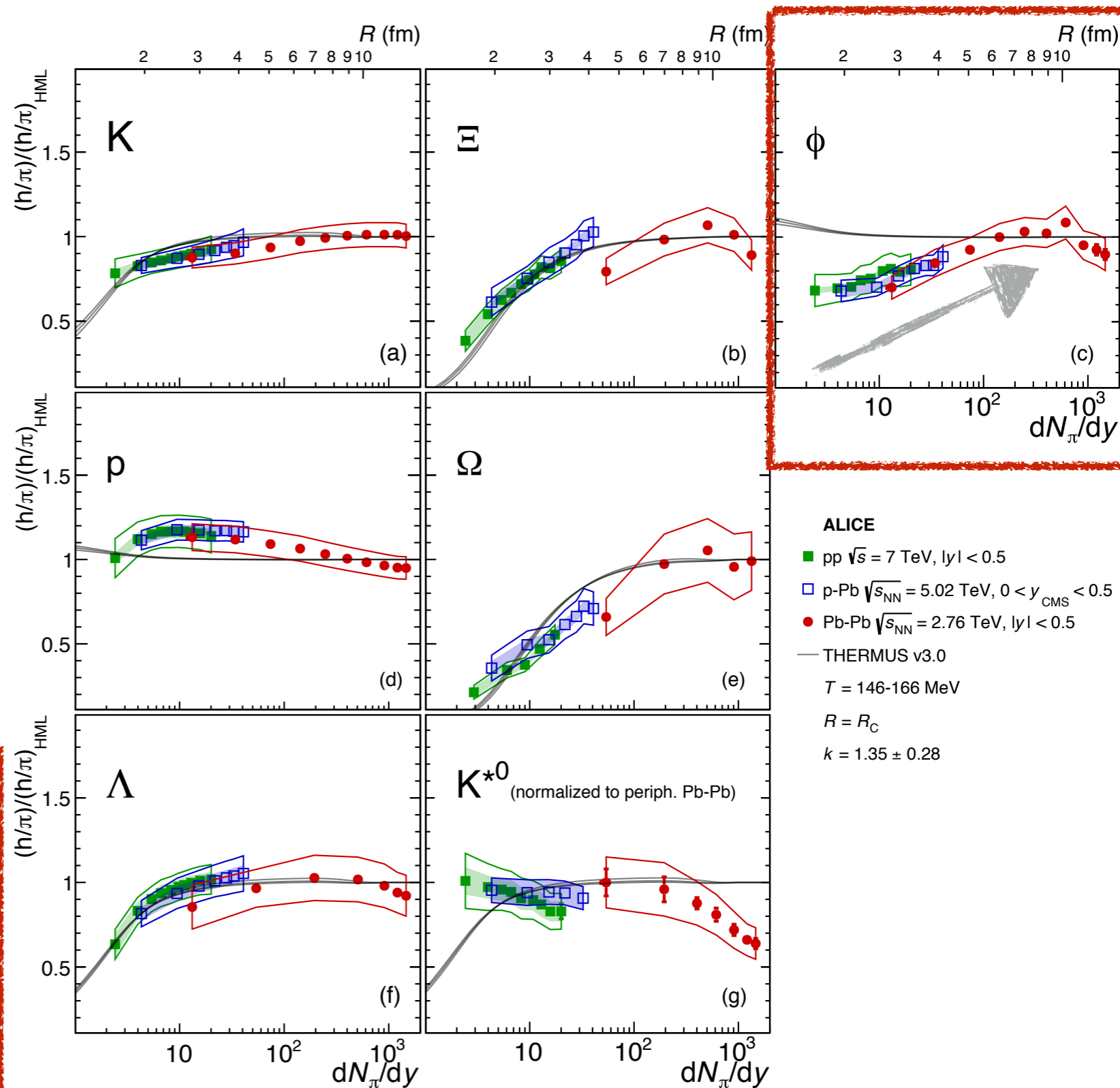
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**but the  $\phi$  meson...**

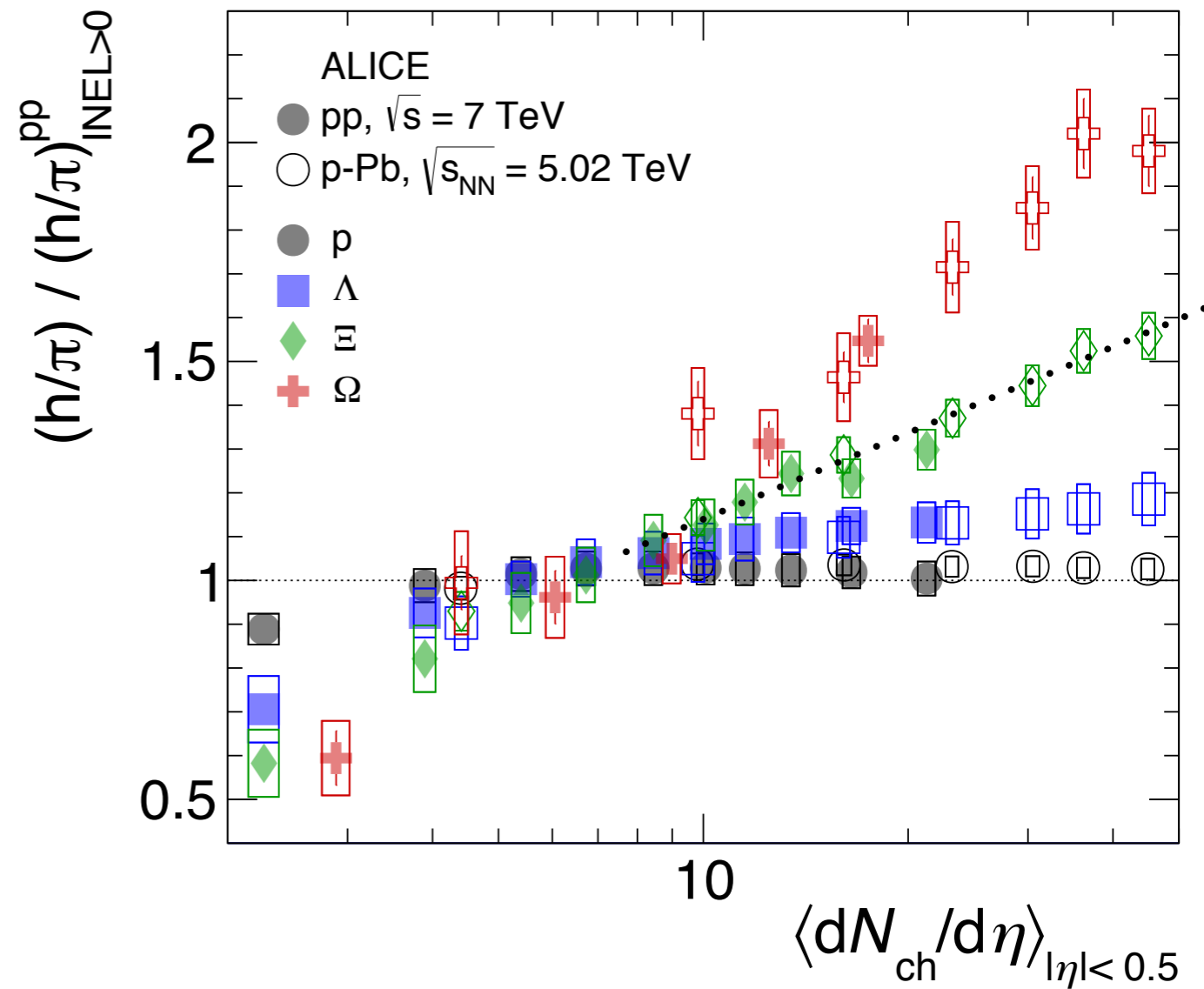
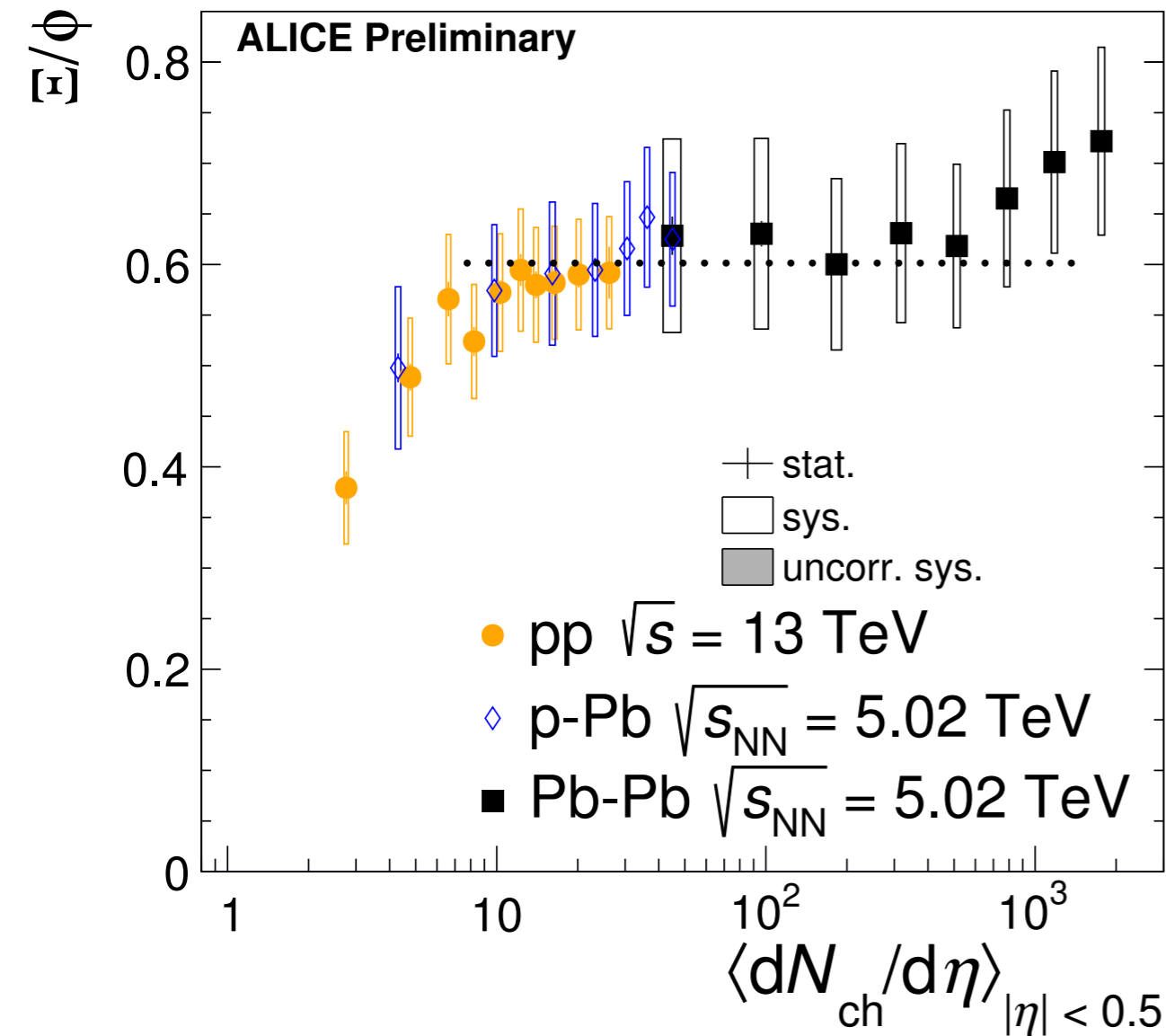
zero strangeness

has multiplicity dependence

**does not fit into  
this picture**



# How does the $\phi$ behave?



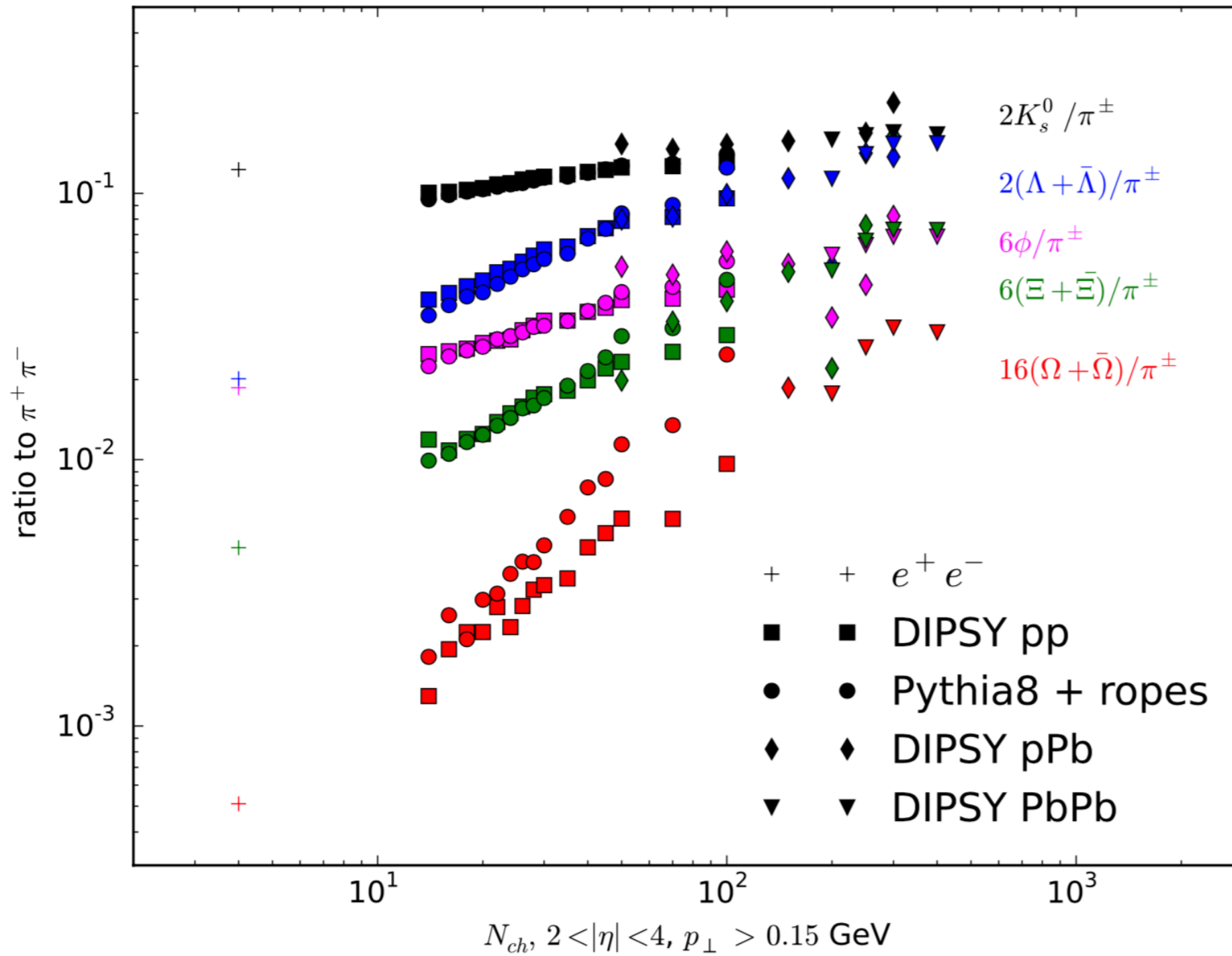
**$\phi$  meson shows enhancement with increasing  $dN_{ch}/d\eta$**

does not behave as a hadron with zero strangeness quantum number

**$\Xi/\phi$  is constant within uncertainties for  $dN_{ch}/d\eta > 10$**

the  $\phi$  meson behaves  $\sim$  as a particle made of two strange quarks

# Colour ropes

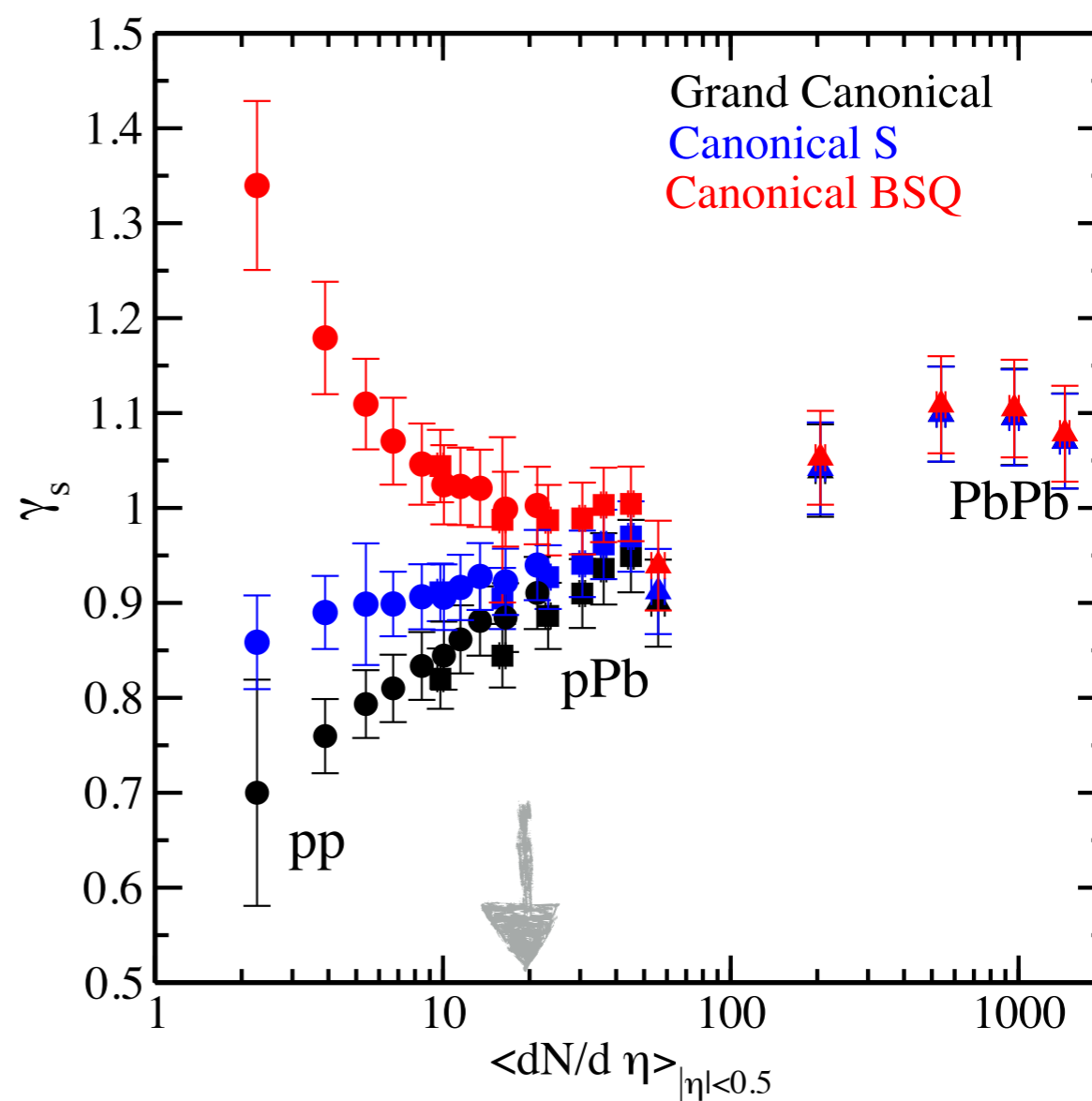
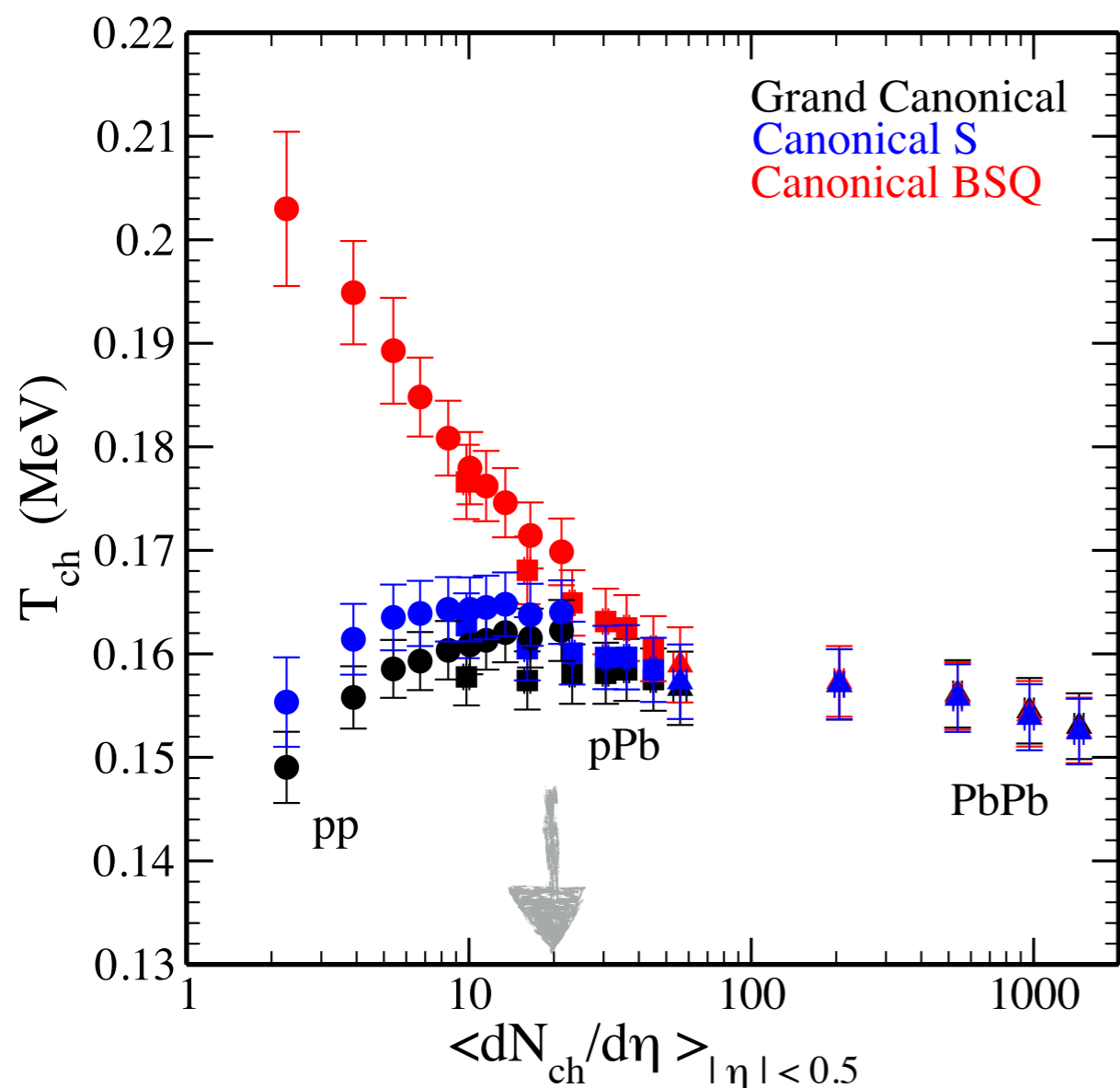


**high density**  
 string overlap and  
 form colour ropes

larger string tension  
 larger production of  
 strangeness

# Thermal unification

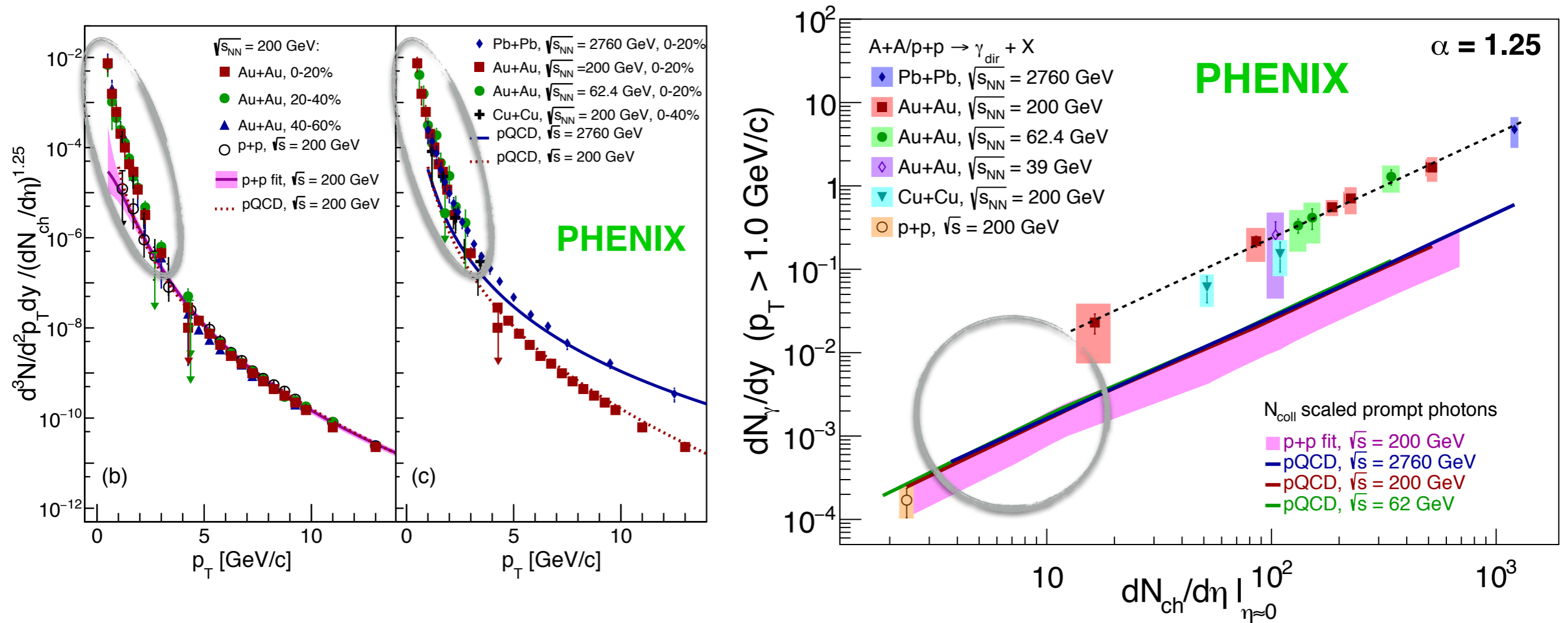
**three different ensembles** to analyse pp, p-Pb and Pb-Pb  
GC, GC with exact S, GC with B+S+Q conservation



same results for  $dN_{ch}/d\eta > 20$   
 $\phi$ -meson not included in the fits

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**Au-Au and Cu-Cu: large excess of direct photons** over scaled pp



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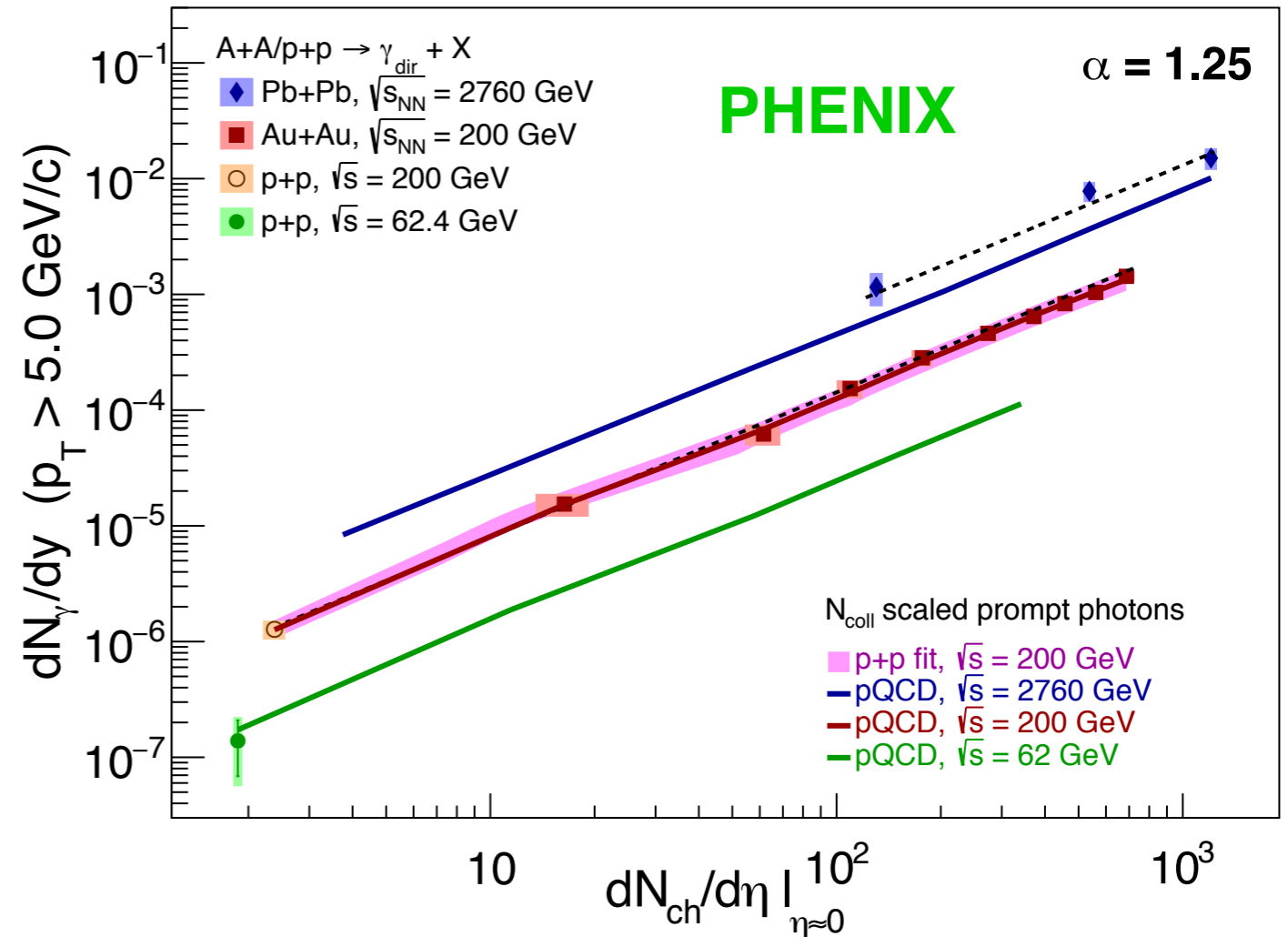
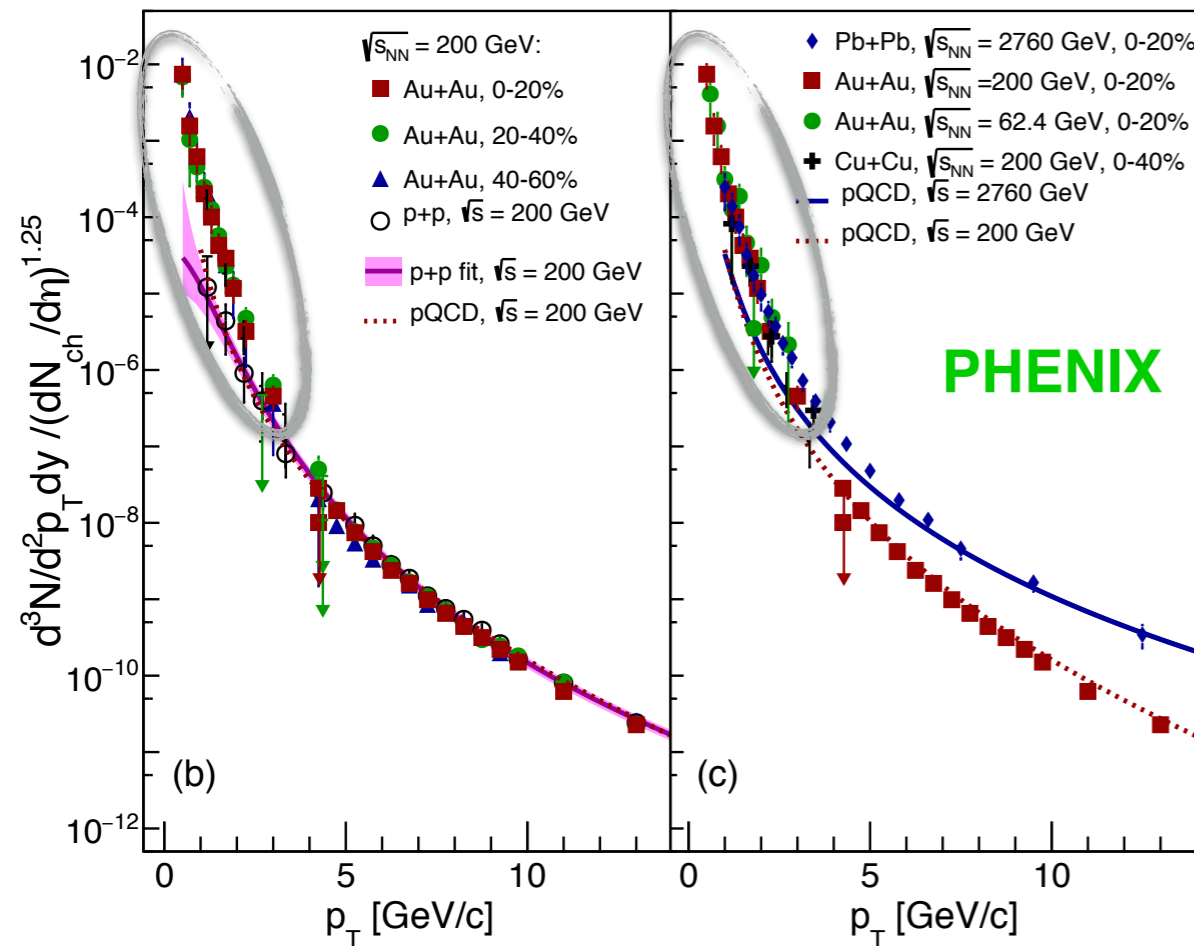
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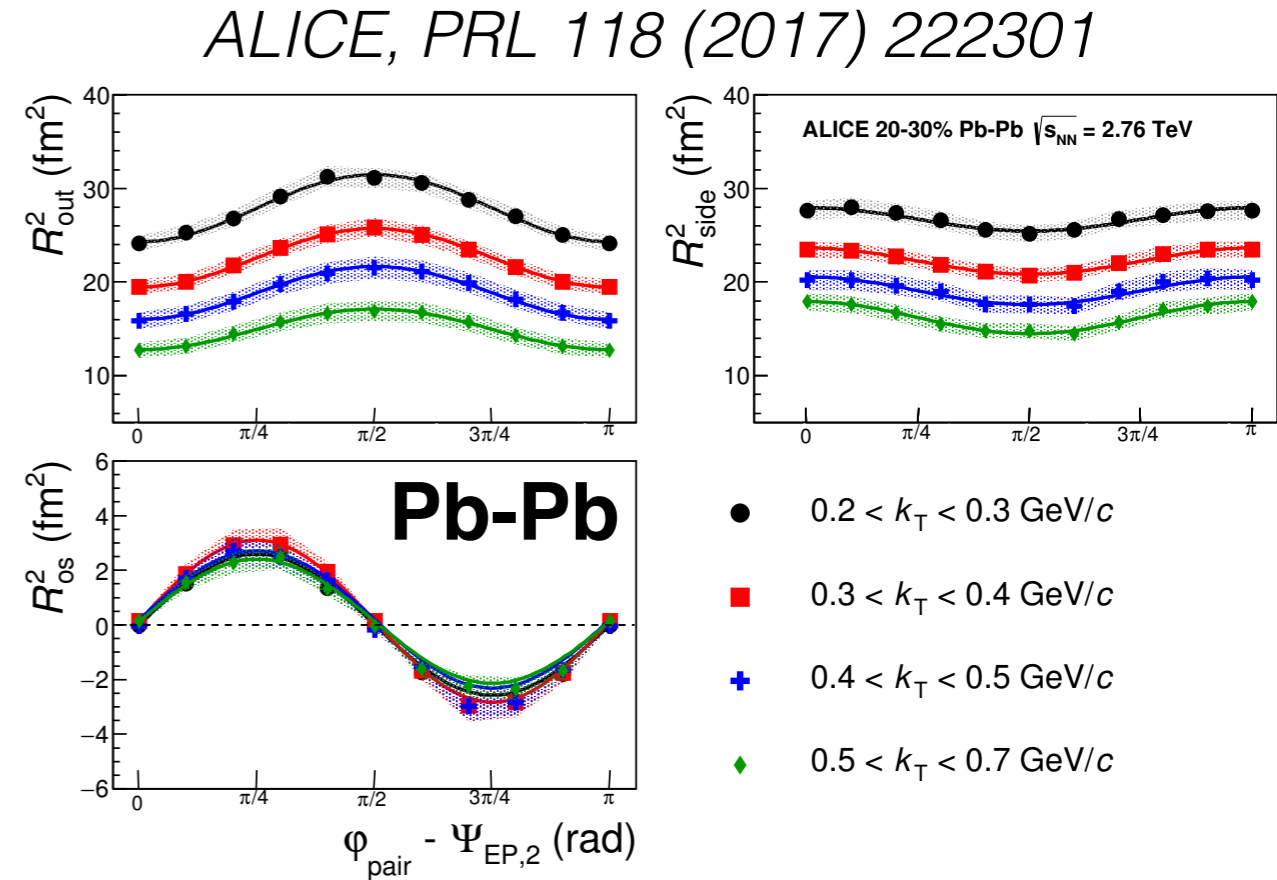
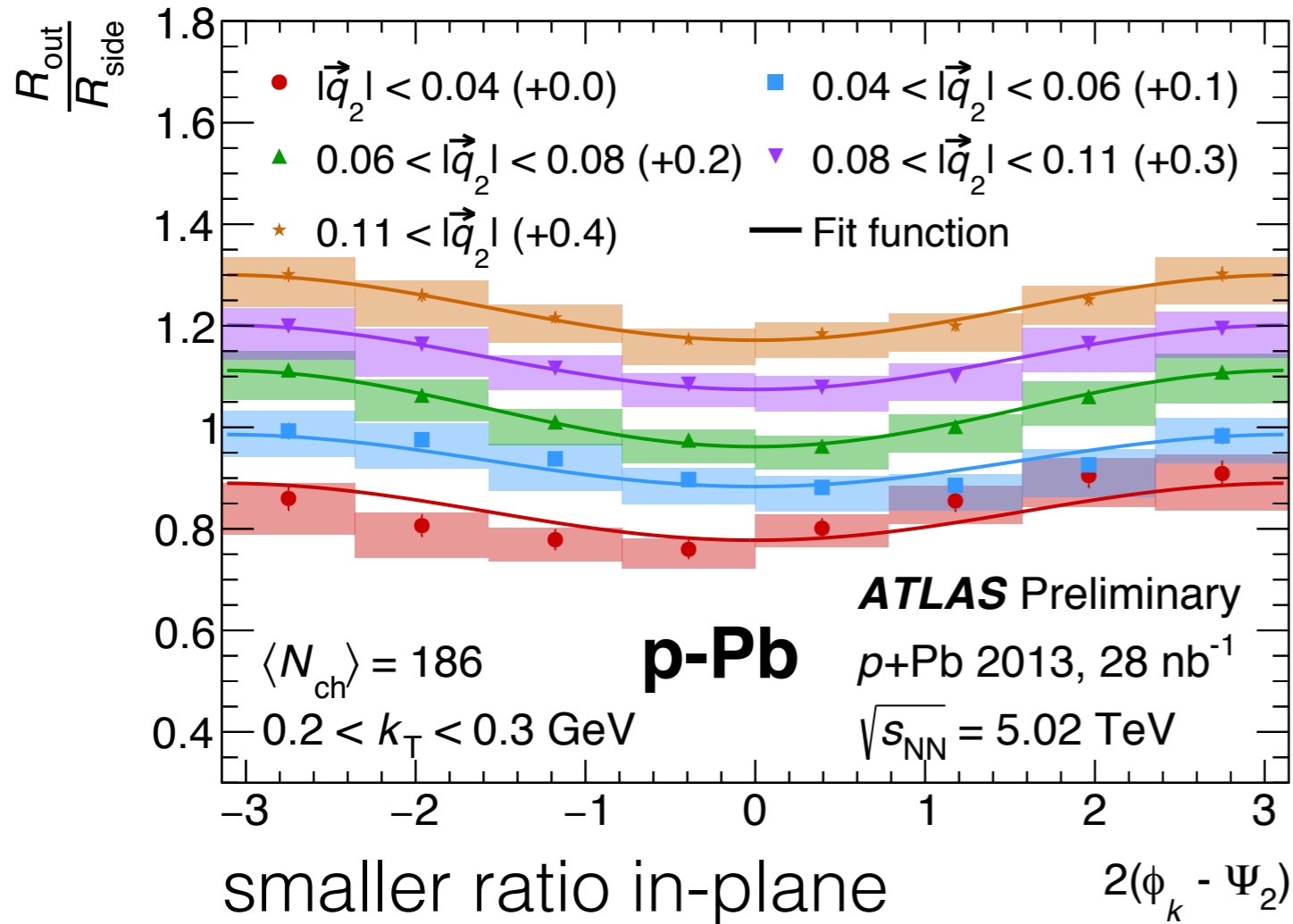
PHENIX, arXiv:1805.04084



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# Azimuthal femtoscopies in p-Pb



## HBT radii wrt. 2<sup>nd</sup>-order event-plane in p-Pb

measured in central 0-1% events vs. flow vector magnitude  $|q_2|$   
 qualitatively similar to Pb-Pb, consistent within hydro picture  
 source expands more explosively along the event plane