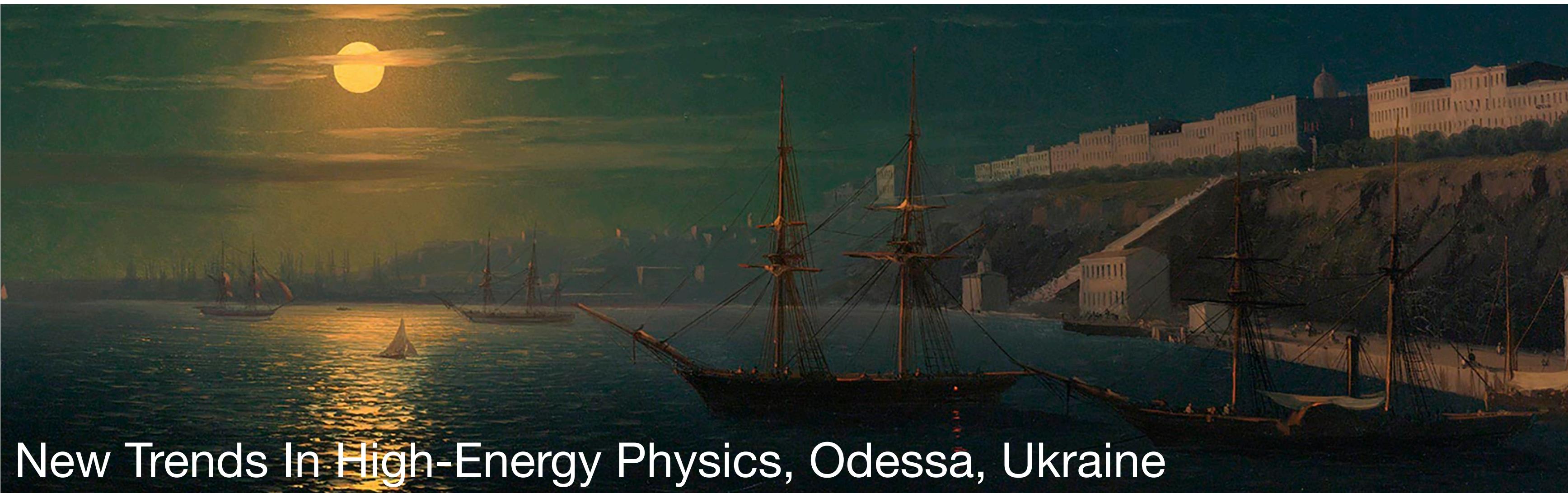


# Collectivity in small collision systems with ALICE



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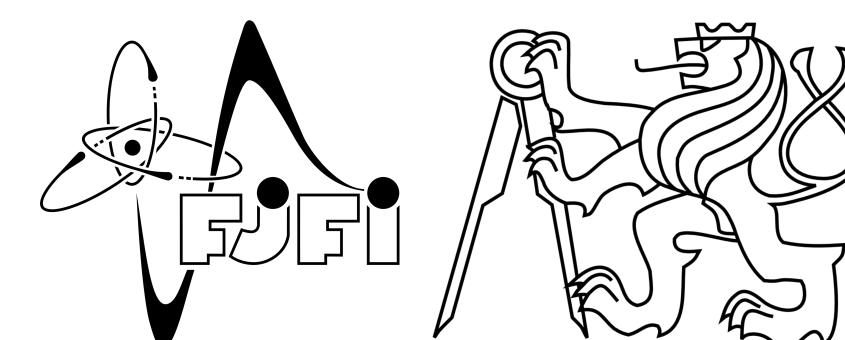
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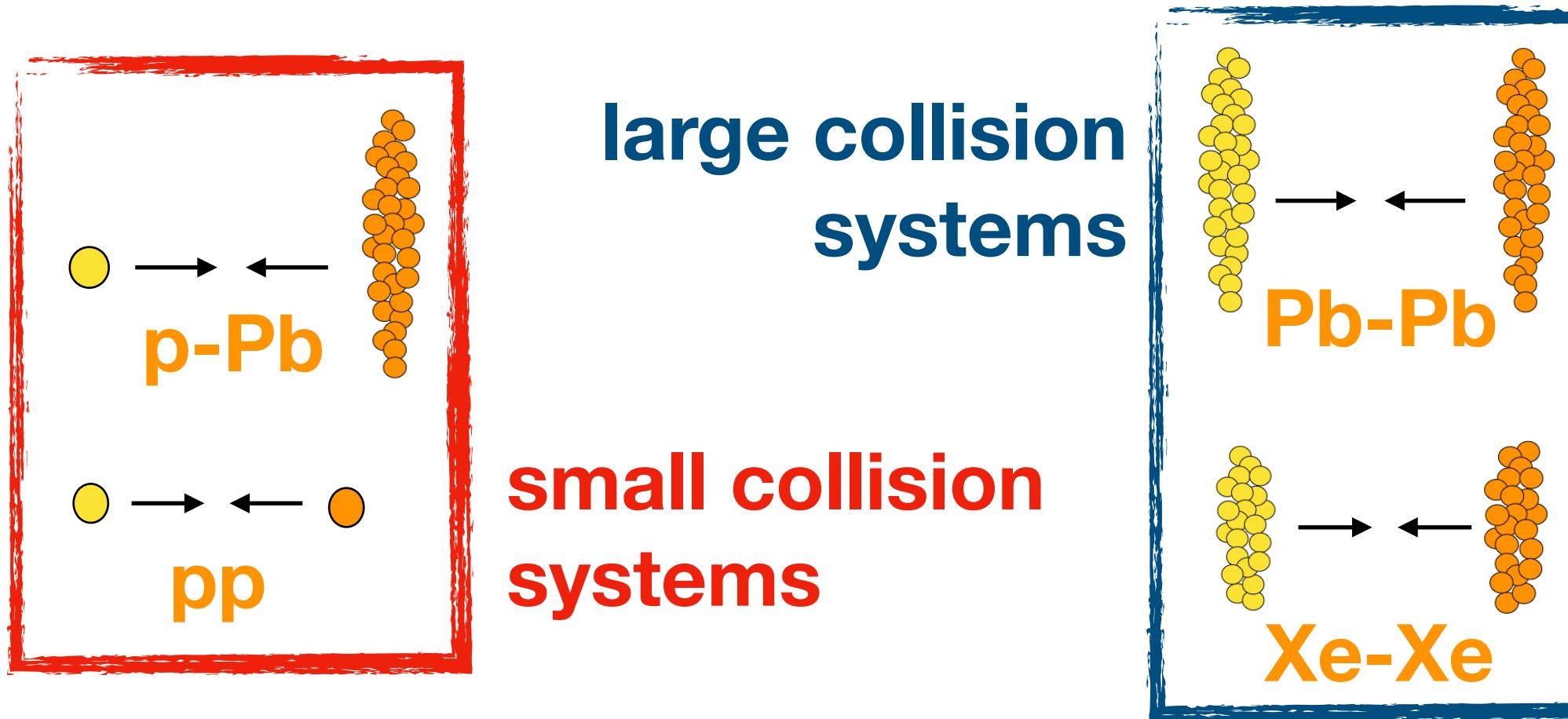
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# Small and large collision systems



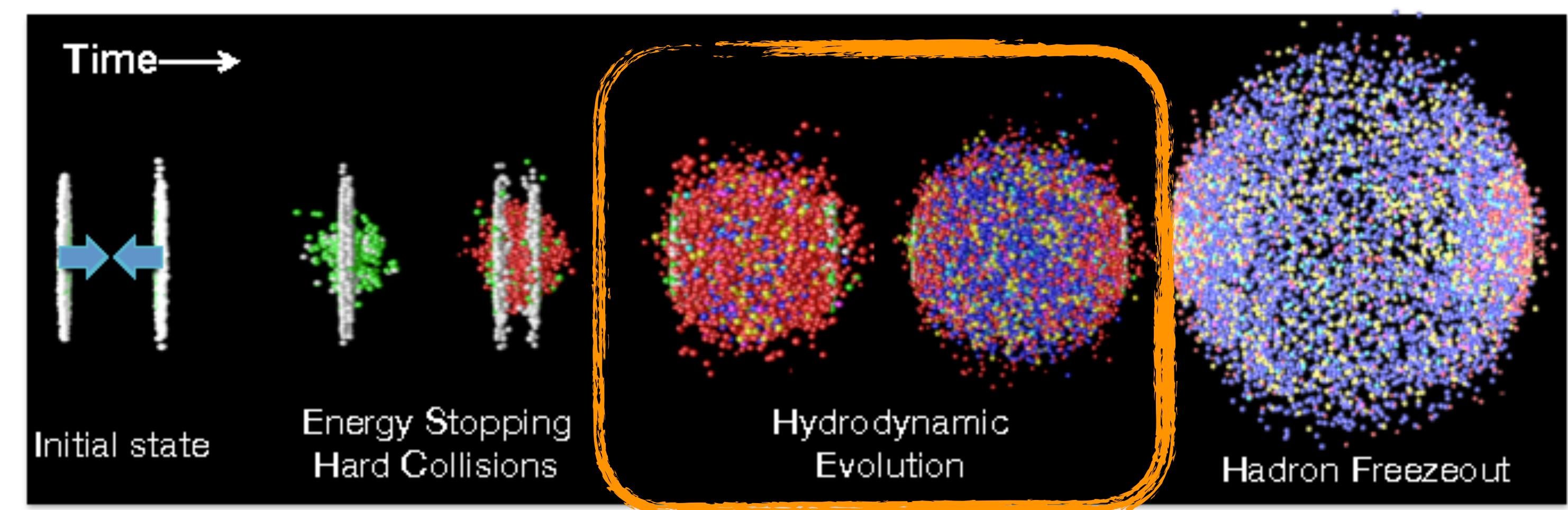
- QCD predicts a phase transition from a hadron gas to a strongly interacting deconfined medium (**Quark-Gluon Plasma**)
- High energy **heavy-ion collisions** (large systems) allow to produce this phase of matter
  - Study its properties (shear viscosity over entropy density, transport coefficients, ...)

## pp collisions

- Medium-free baseline for studies in heavy-ion collisions

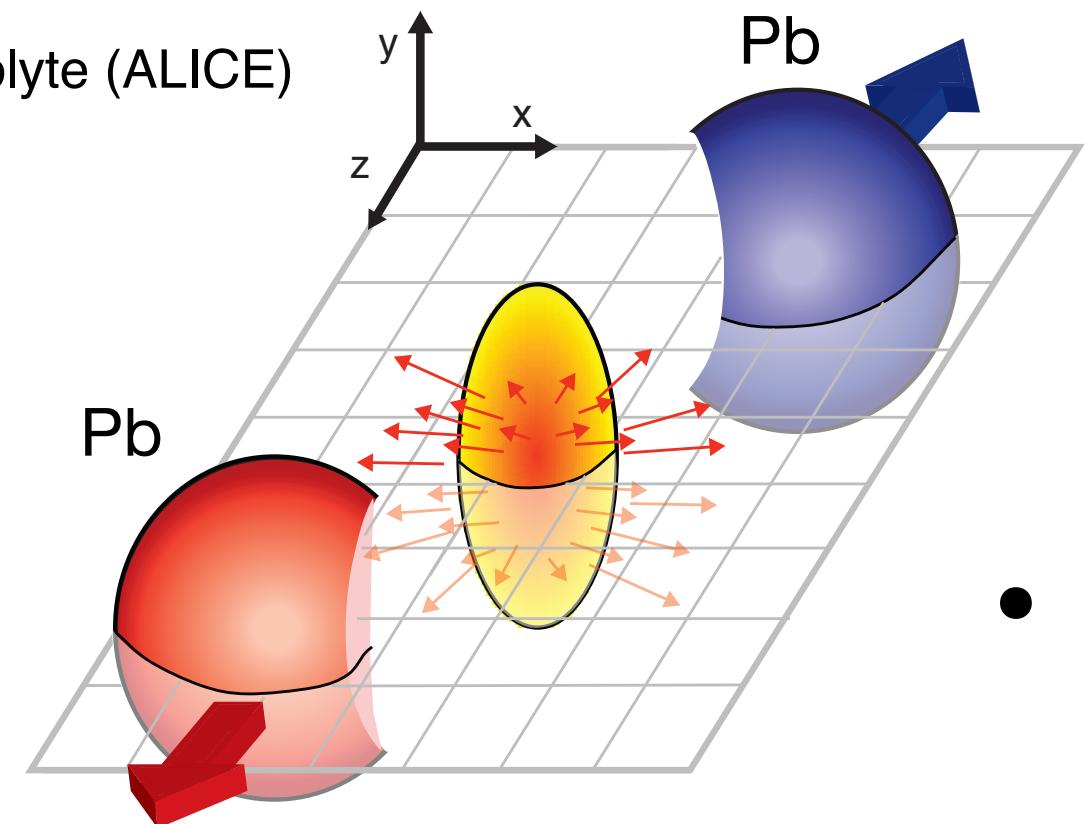
## p-Pb collisions

- Access to Cold Nuclear Matter effects (CNM)



# Heavy-ion collisions: what we want to measure?

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- Initial overlap geometry and its fluctuations is transferred into final momentum anisotropy via collective interactions in the QGP

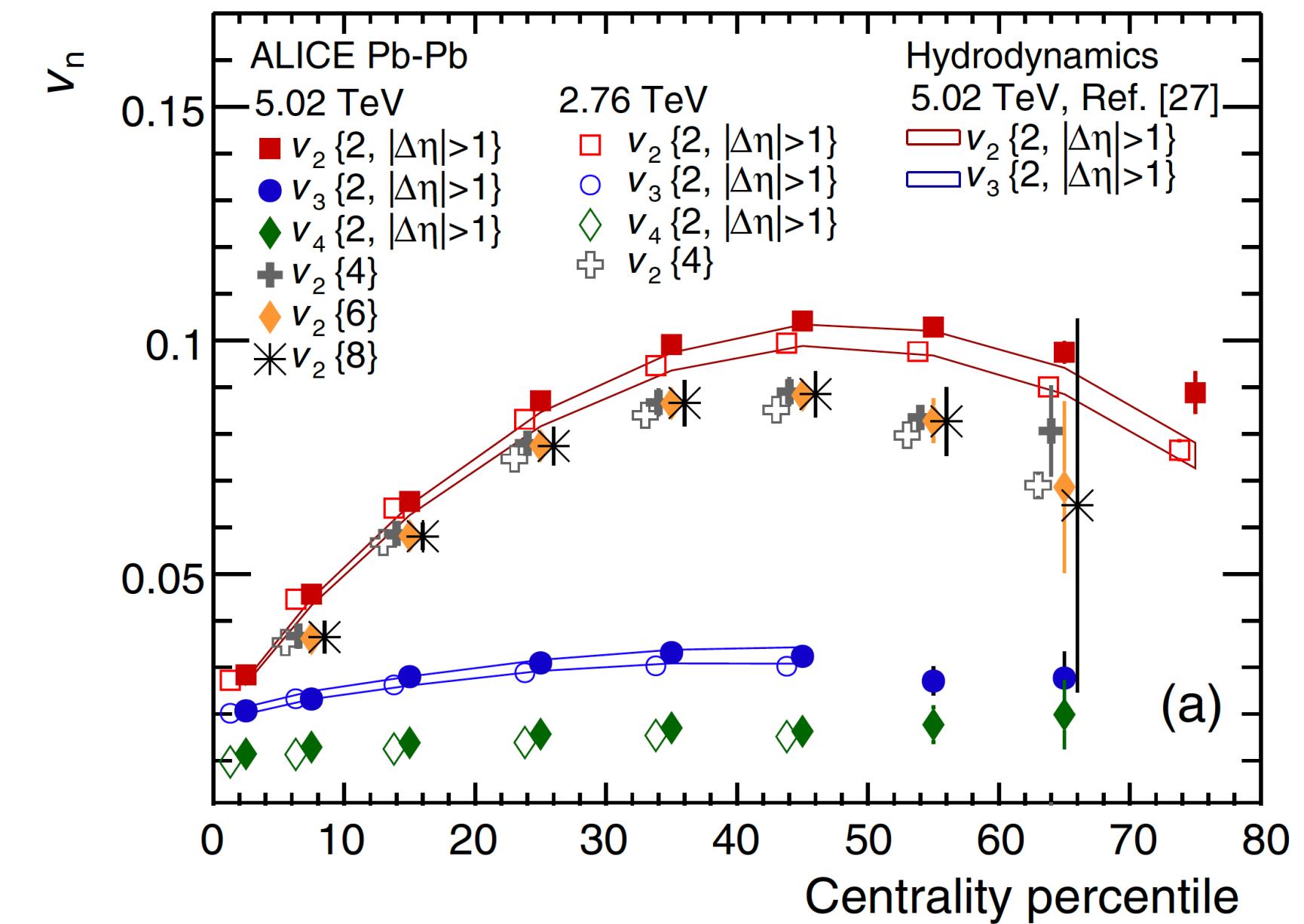
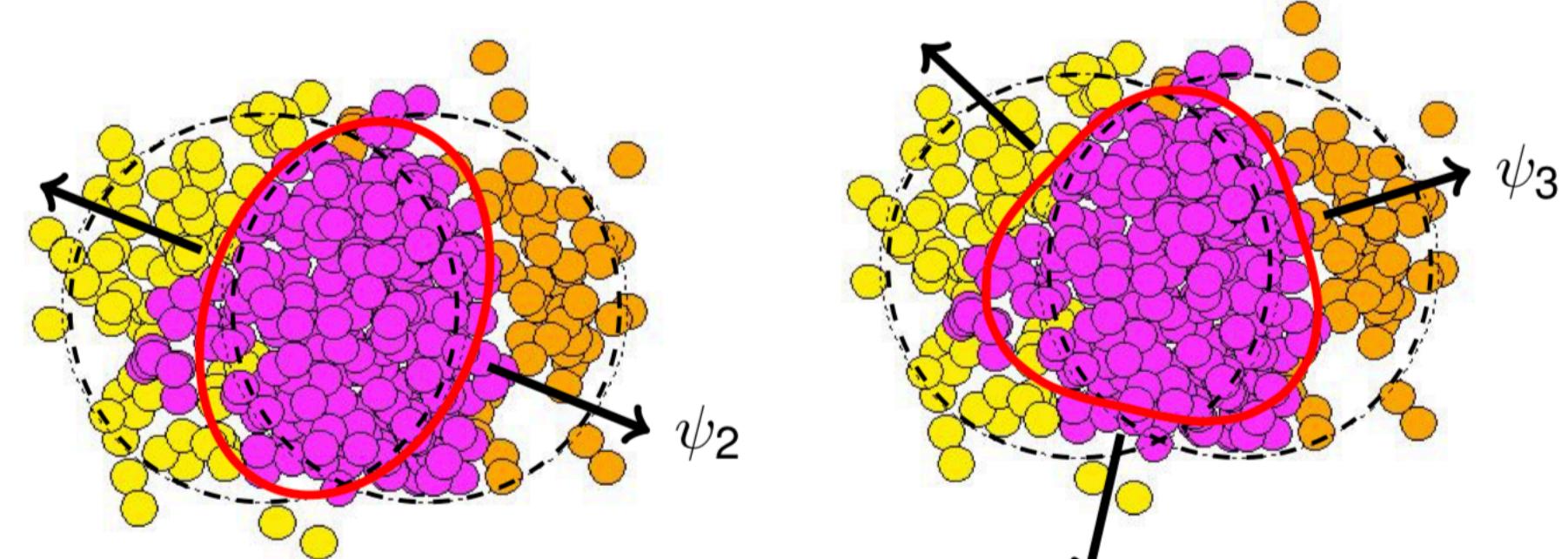
- Fourier expansion of the azimuthal distribution of emitted particles

$$\frac{dN}{d\varphi} \propto 1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v_n \cos[n(\varphi - \Psi_n)]$$

- Flow coefficient:** correlation of particles with azimuthal angle  $\varphi$  with respect to a common symmetry plane  $\Psi_n$

$$v_n = \langle \cos n(\varphi - \Psi_n) \rangle$$

- Measurements are described by **hydrodynamic calculations**



ALICE, PRL 116, 132302 (2016)

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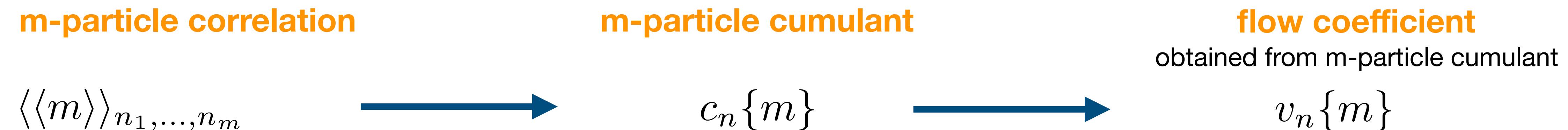
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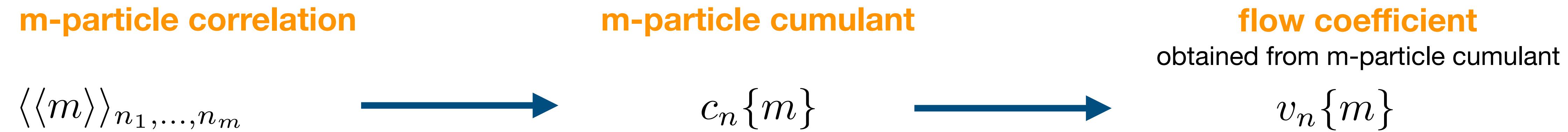
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## A) Two-particle differential cumulants

$$v_n\{2\}(p_T) = \frac{d_n\{2\}(p_T)}{\sqrt{c_n\{2\}}} = \frac{\langle v_n(p_T) \cdot v_n \rangle}{\sqrt{\langle v_n \cdot v_n \rangle}}$$

( $h^\pm, \pi^\pm, K^\pm, p(\bar{p})$ )

## B) Invariant mass method

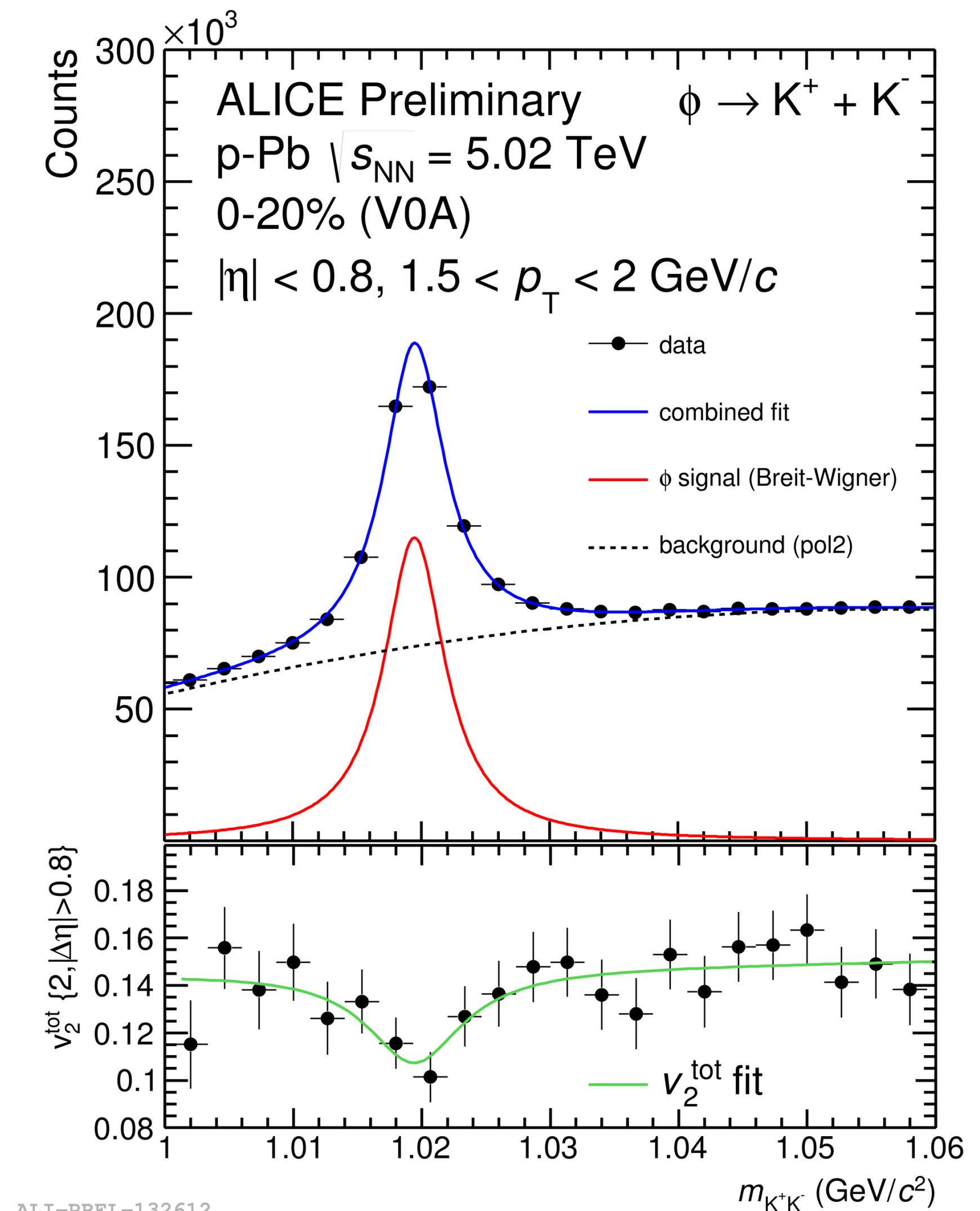
- Obtain the particle pair flow

$$v_n^{\text{tot}}\{2\}(p_T, m_{\text{inv}}) = \frac{d_n\{2\}(p_T, m_{\text{inv}})}{\sqrt{c_n\{2\}}}$$

( $K_S^0, \Lambda(\bar{\Lambda}), \phi$ )

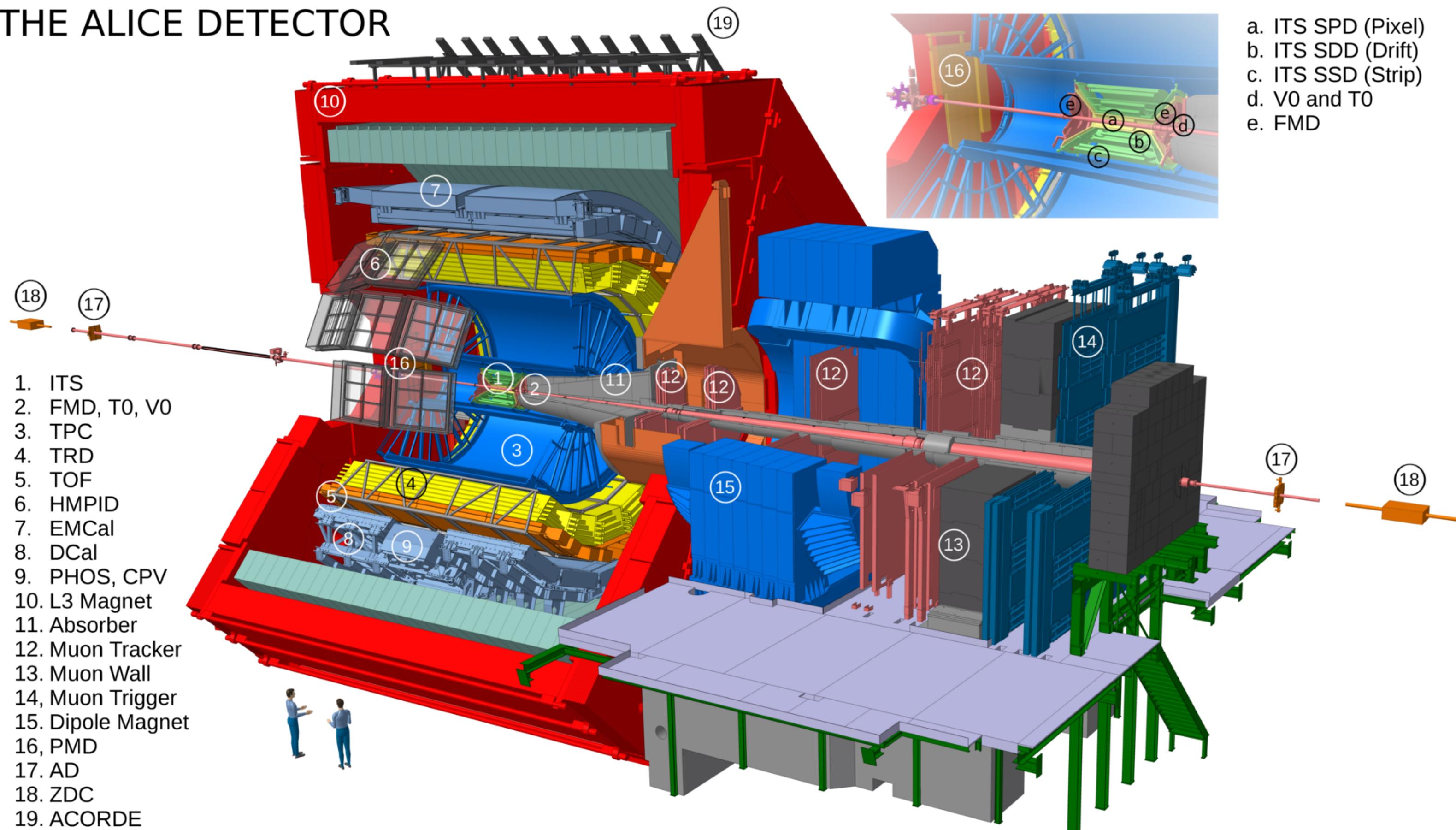
- Extract the  $v_n$  from invariant mass method

$$v_n^{\text{tot}}(m_{\text{inv}}) = \frac{N^{\text{sig}}(m_{\text{inv}})}{N^{\text{tot}}(m_{\text{inv}})} \cdot v_n^{\text{sig}} + \frac{N^{\text{bg}}(m_{\text{inv}})}{N^{\text{tot}}(m_{\text{inv}})} \cdot v_n^{\text{bg}}(m_{\text{inv}})$$



# A Large Ion Collider Experiment

## THE ALICE DETECTOR



## • Data sets:

- Pb-Pb @ 5.02 TeV
- p-Pb @ 5.02 TeV
- Xe-Xe @ 5.44 TeV
- pp @ 13 TeV

## • Inner Tracking System (ITS)

- trigger, tracking

ALICE, Nucl.Instrum.Meth. A622, 316 (2010)

## • Time Projection Chamber (TPC)

- tracking, particle identification

ALICE, Eur.Phys.J.Plus 128, 44 (2013)

## • Time Of Flight (TOF)

- particle identification

## • V0

ALICE, JINST 8 P10016 (2013)

- trigger
- event multiplicity estimation

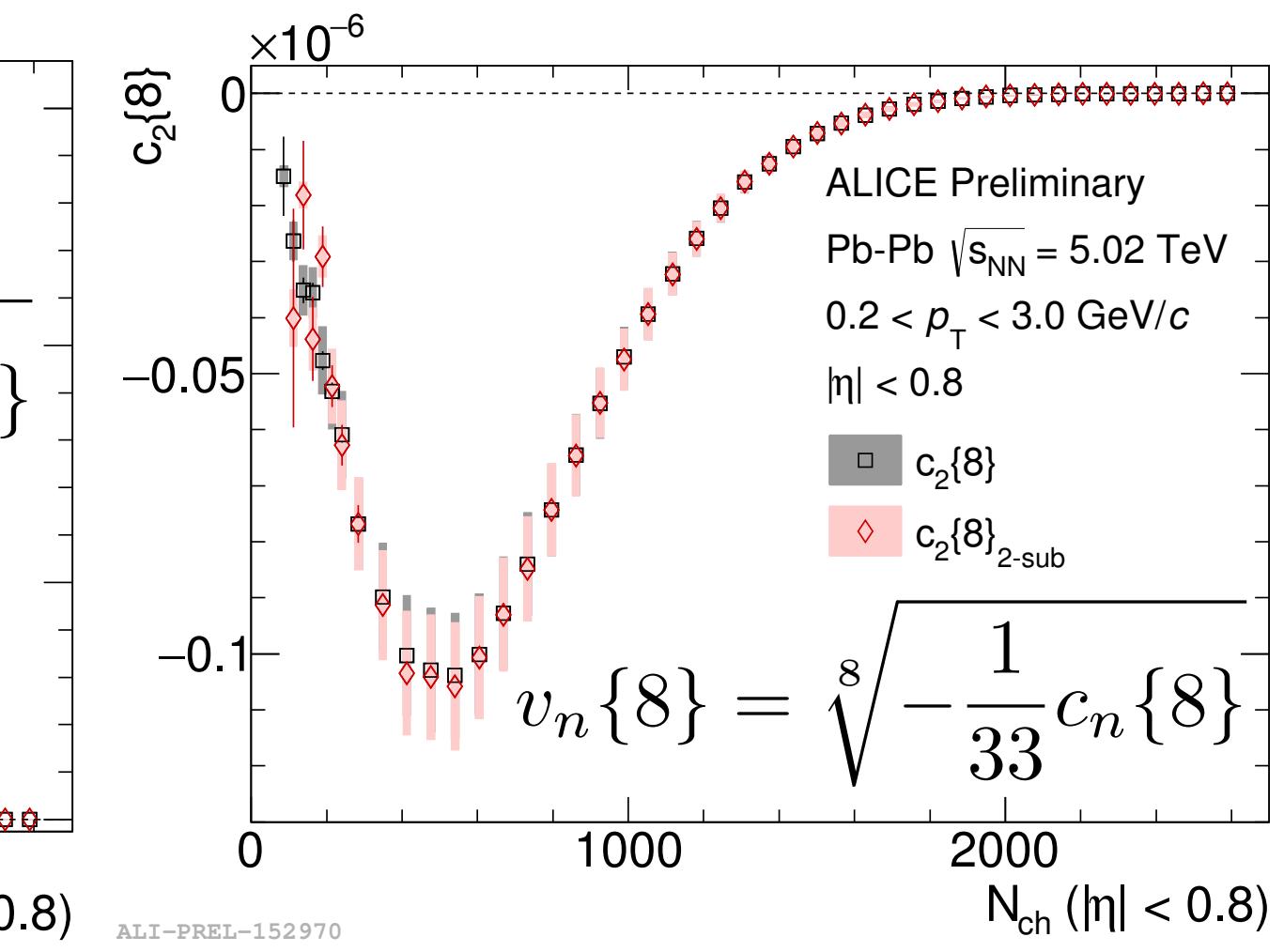
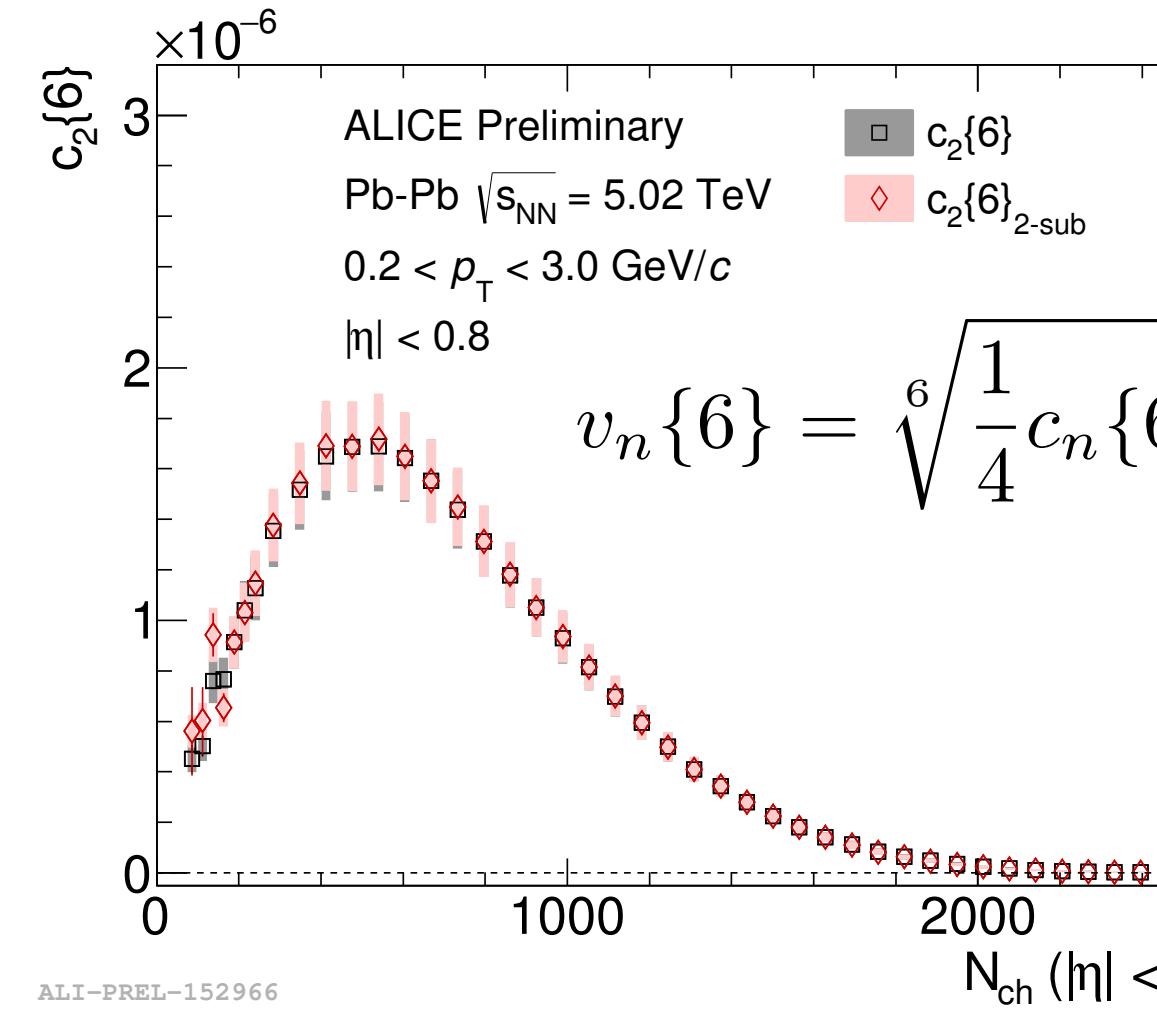
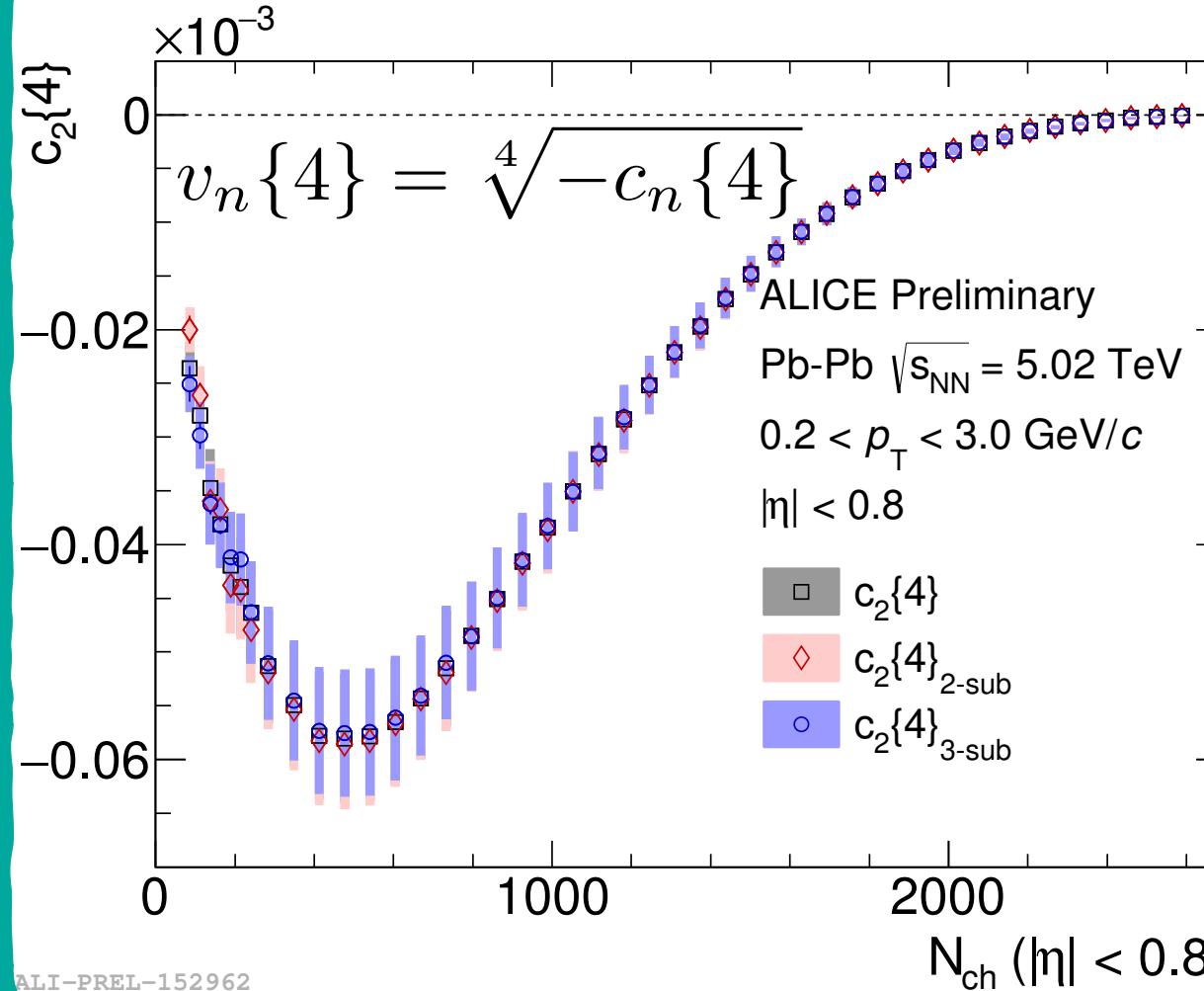
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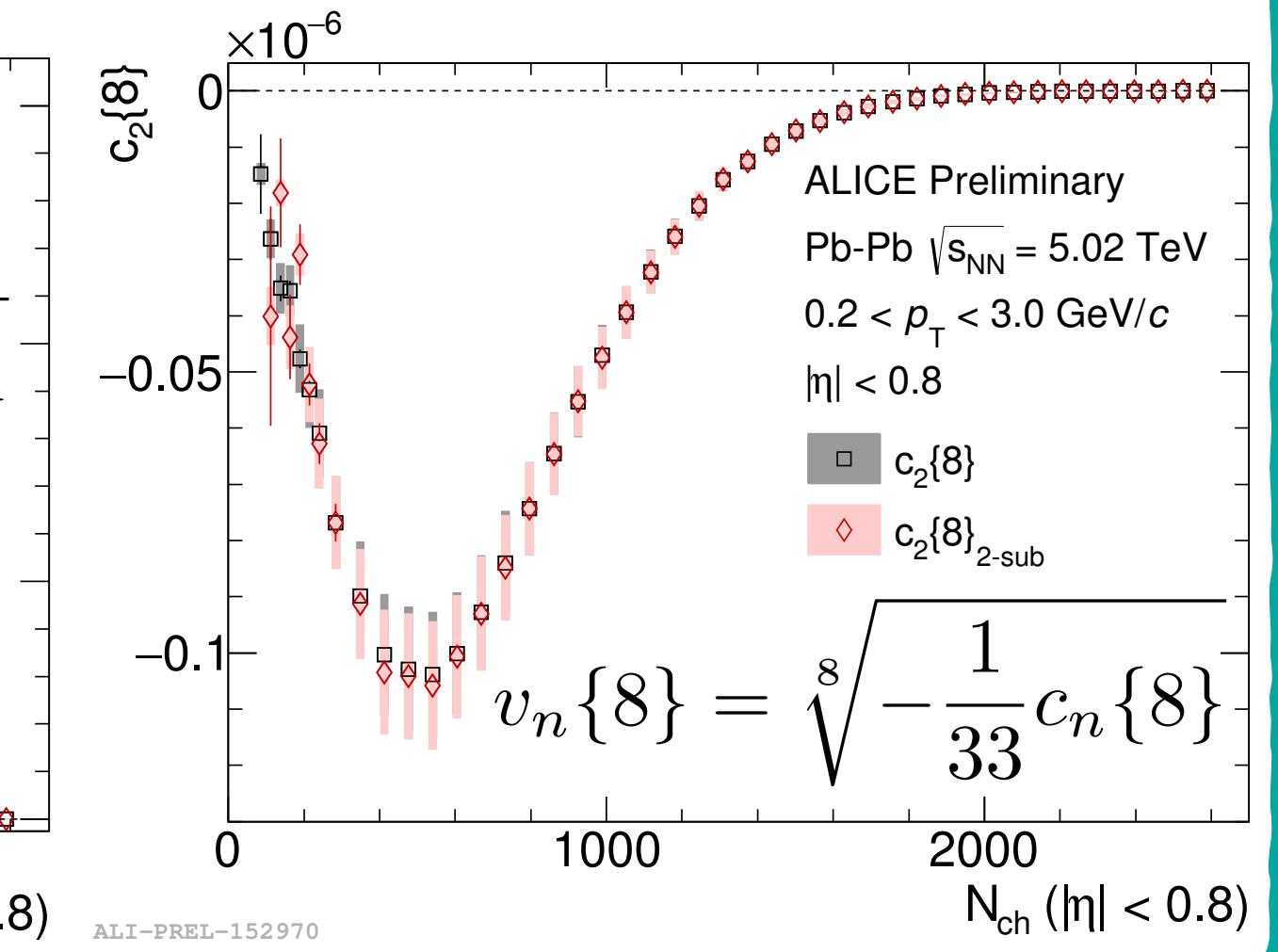
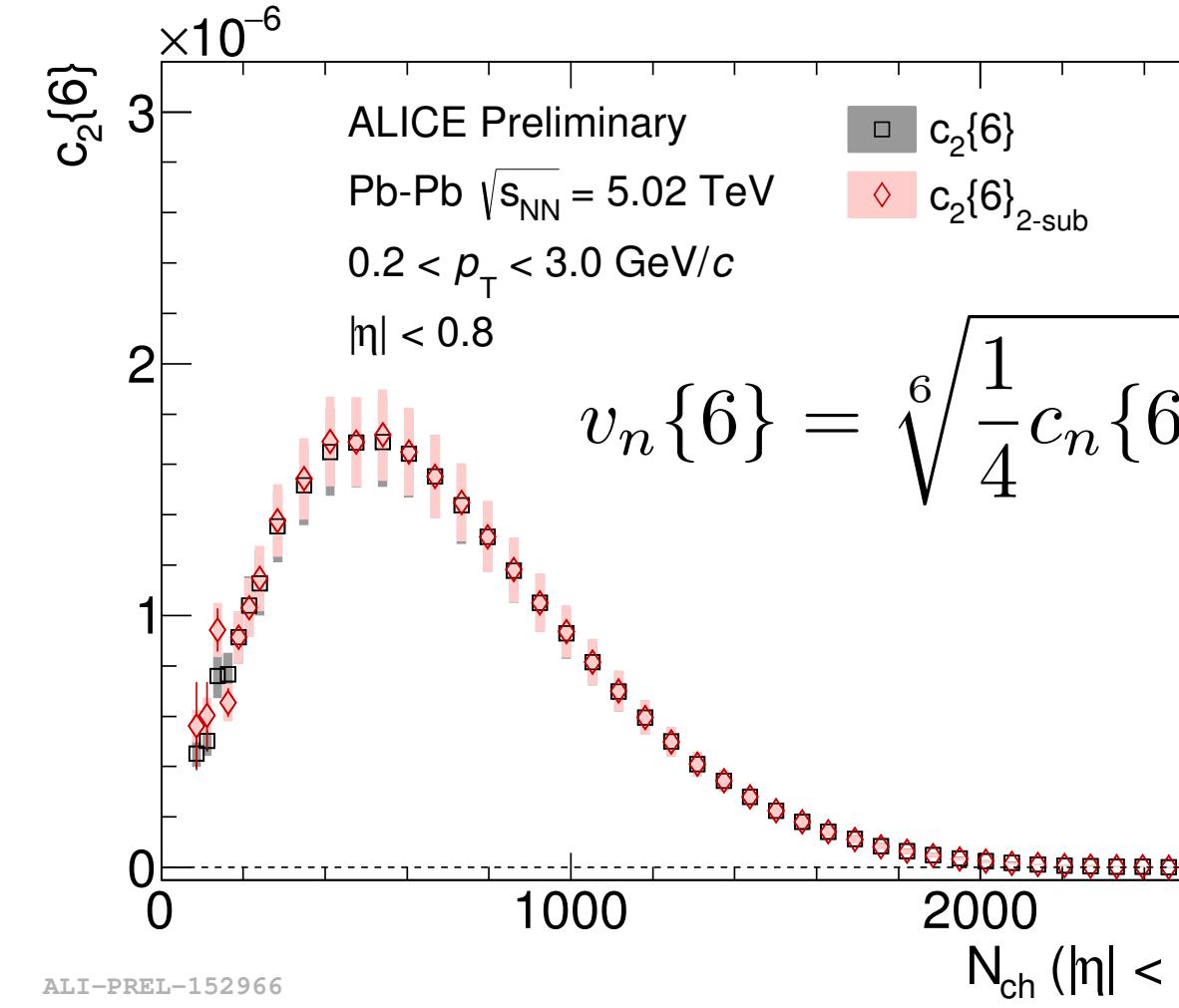
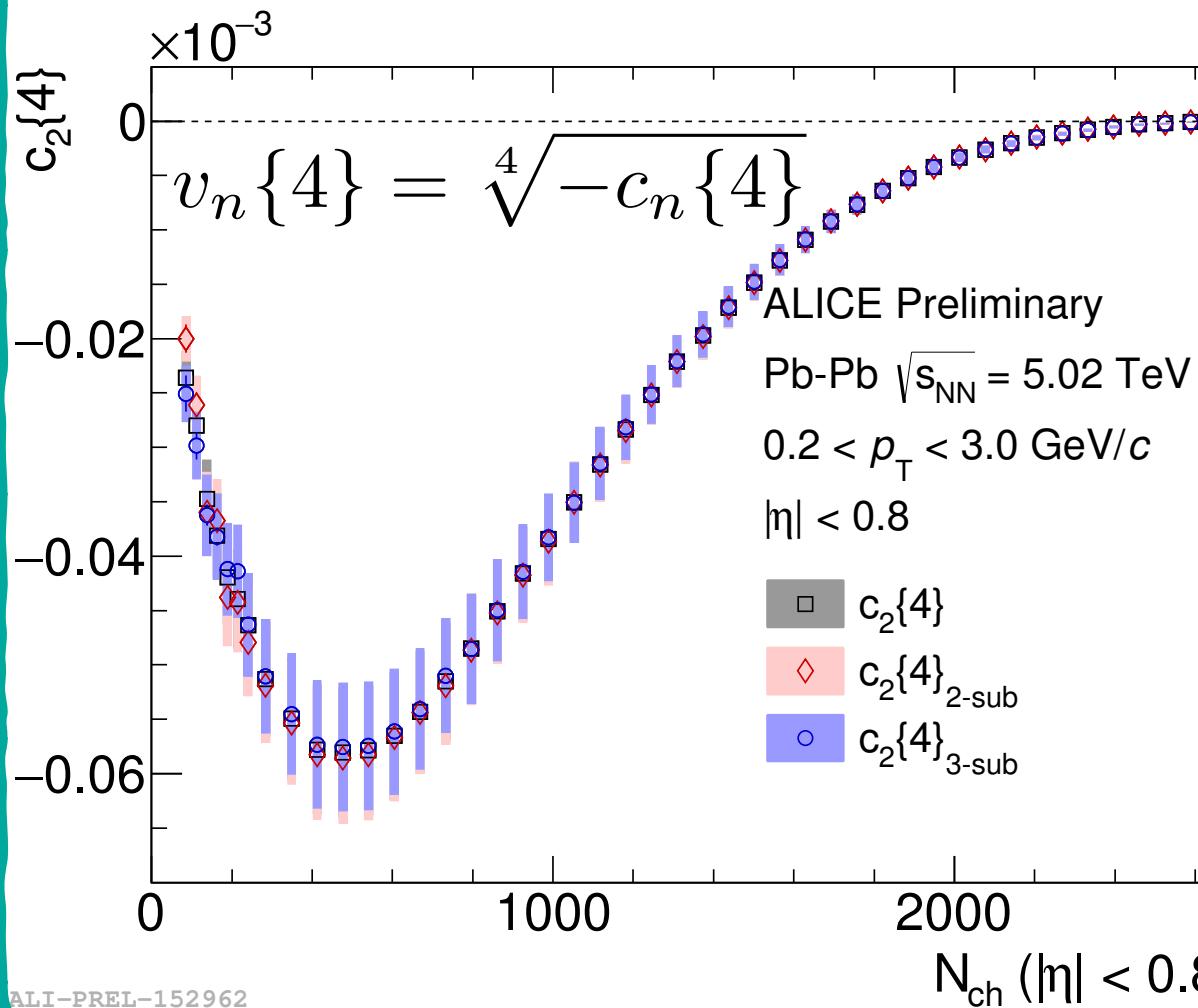
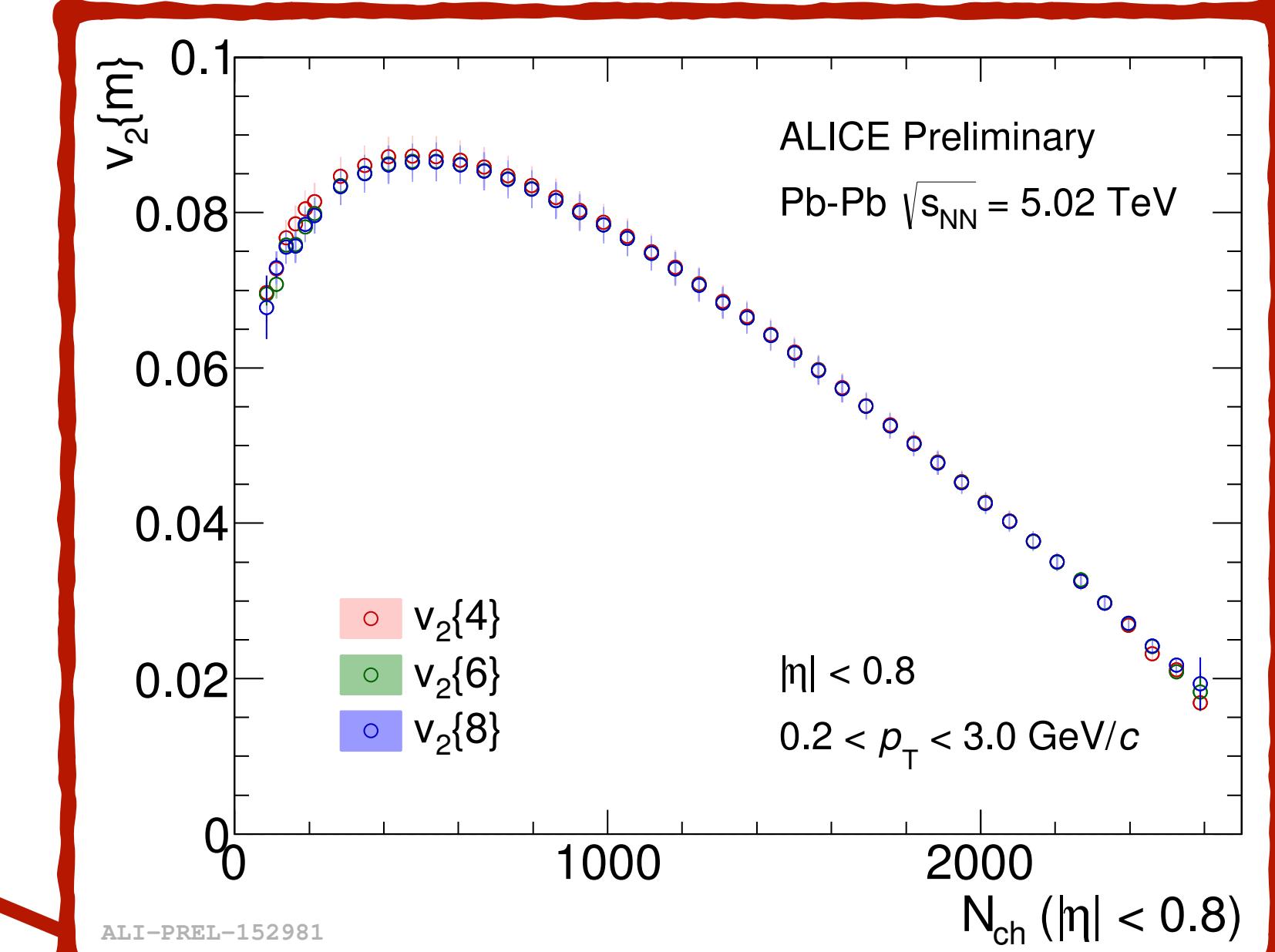
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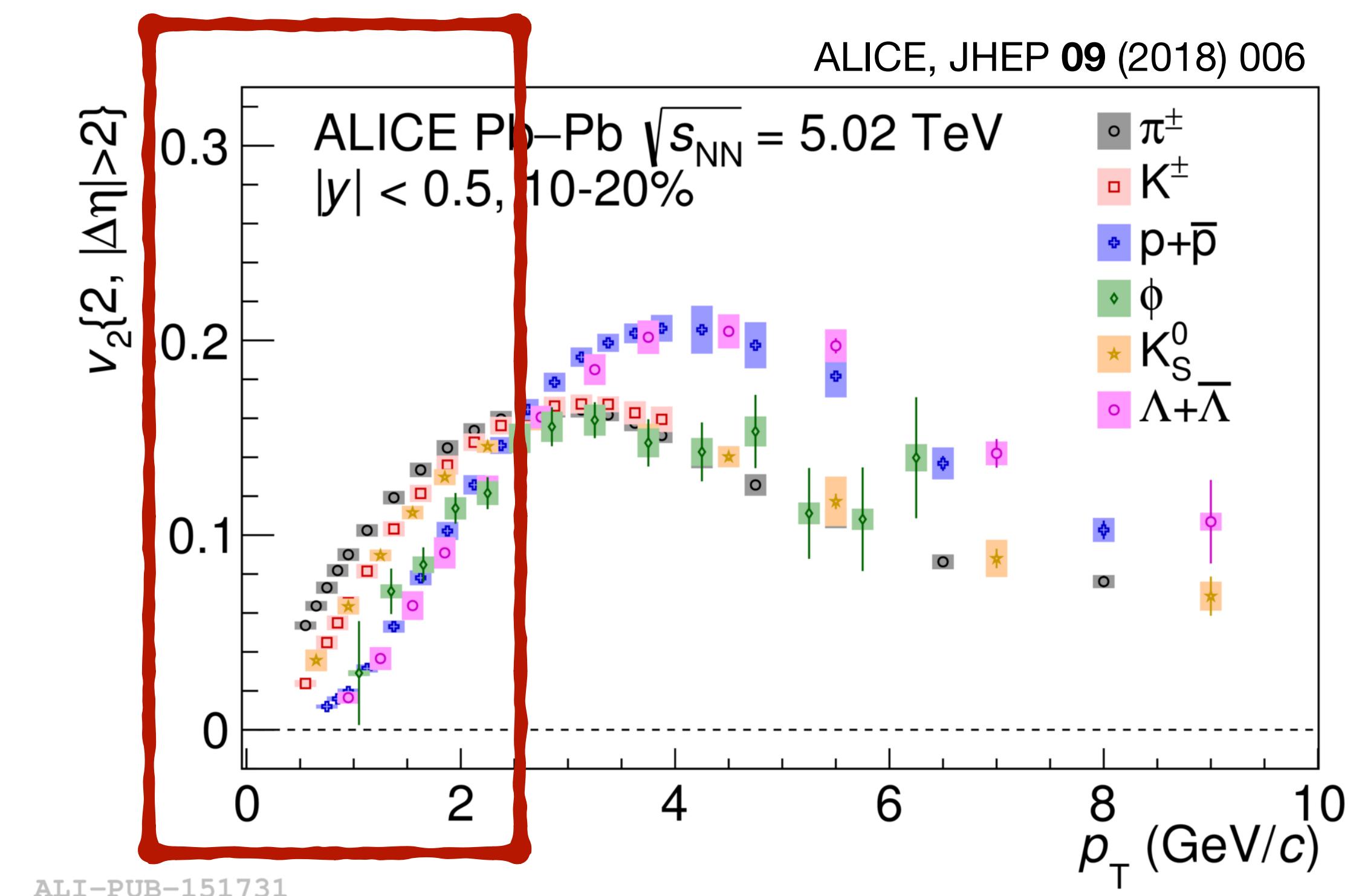
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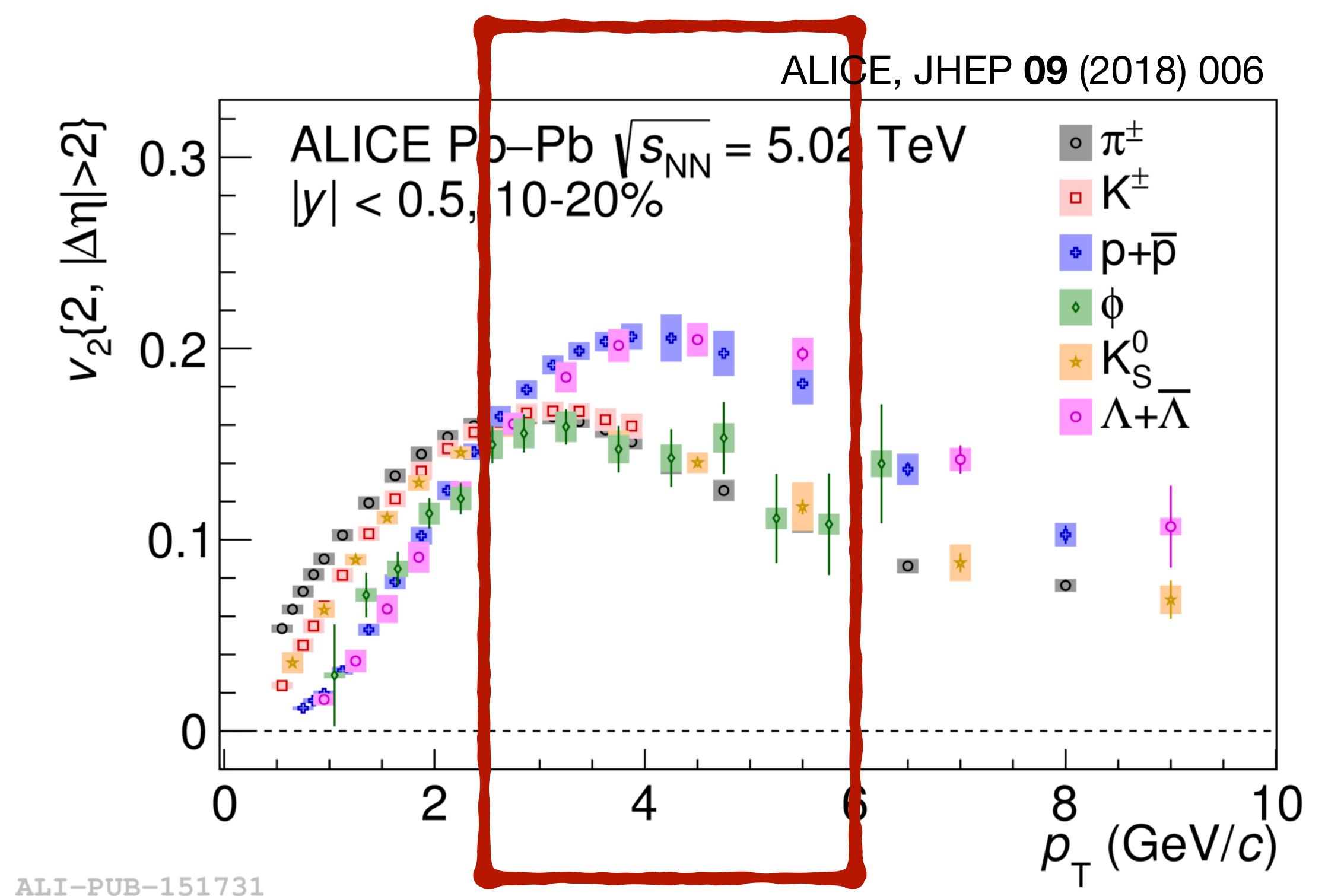
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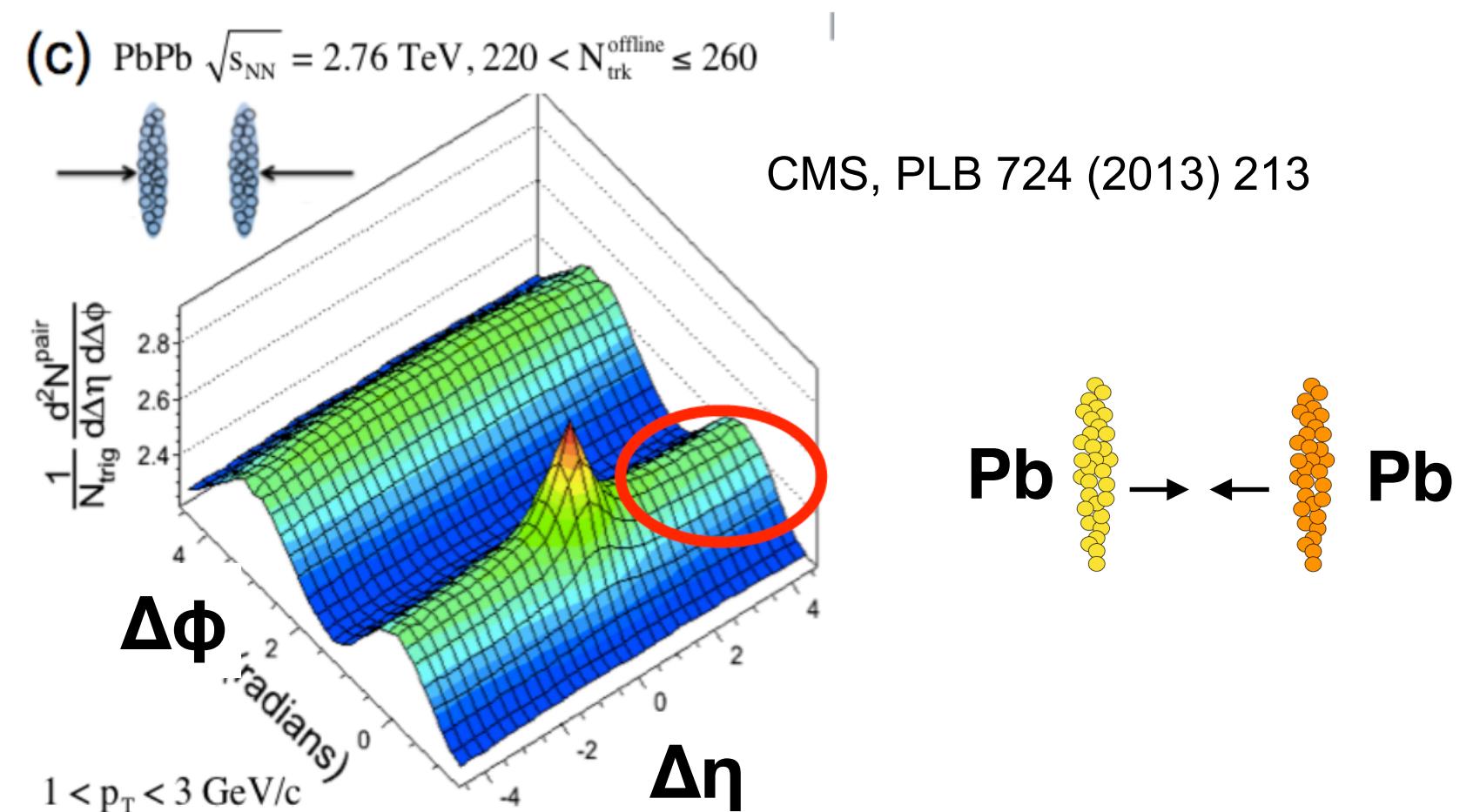
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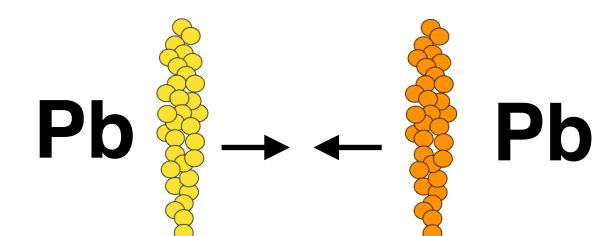


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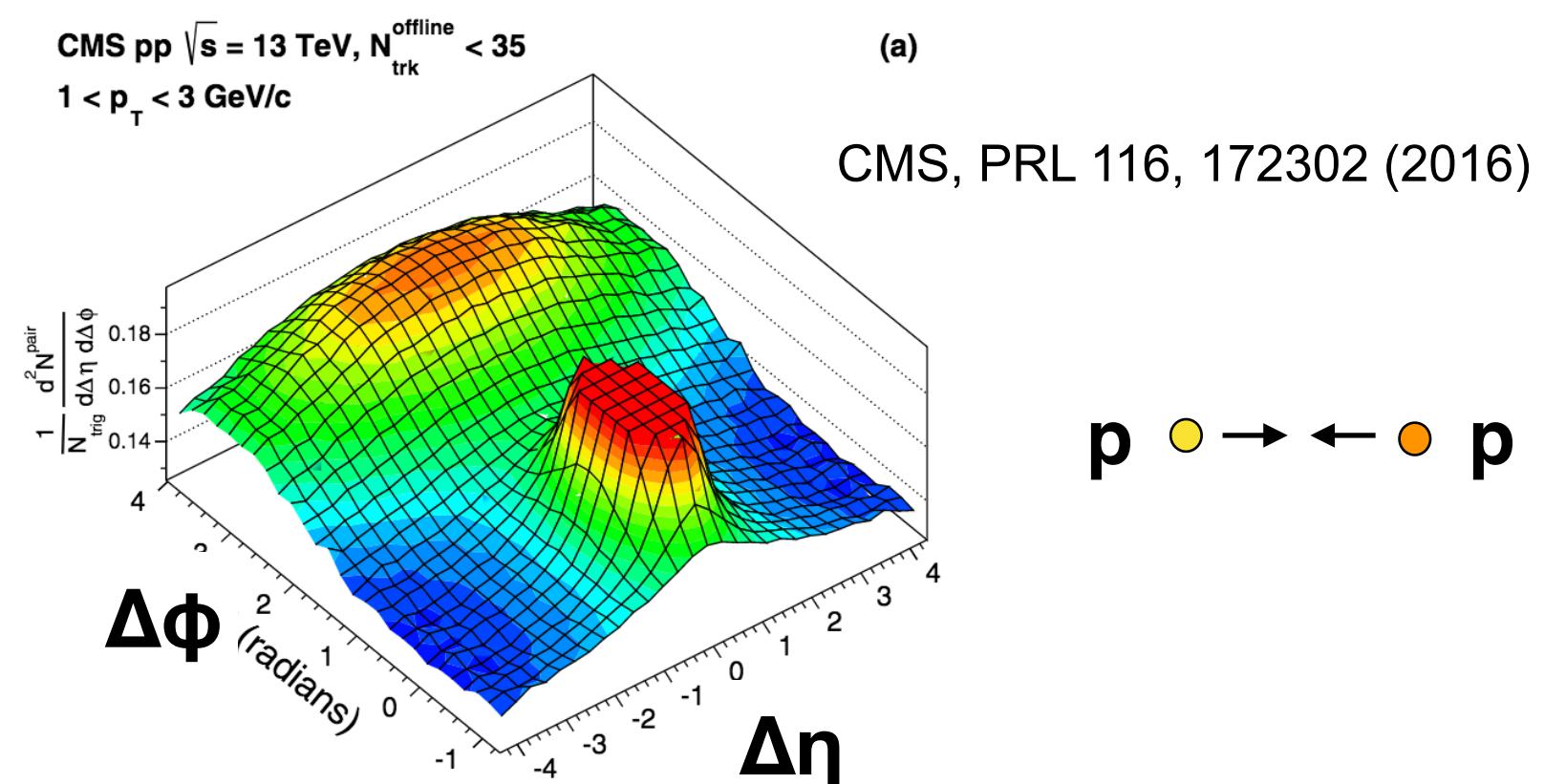
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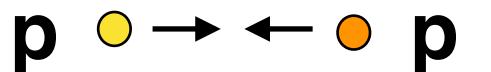
Flow:



- Small collision systems -> no QGP -> baseline & Cold Nuclear Matter (CNM)

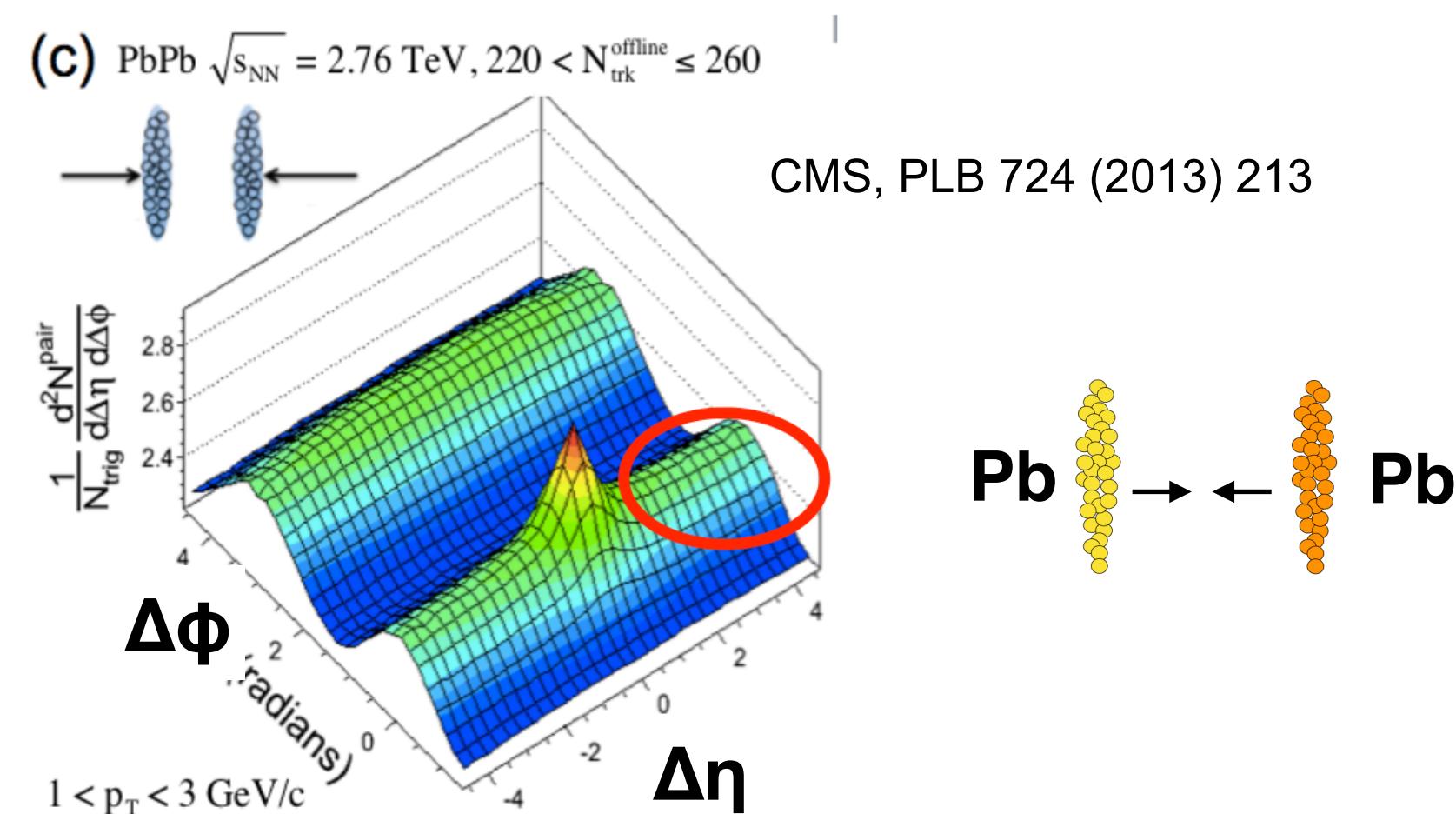


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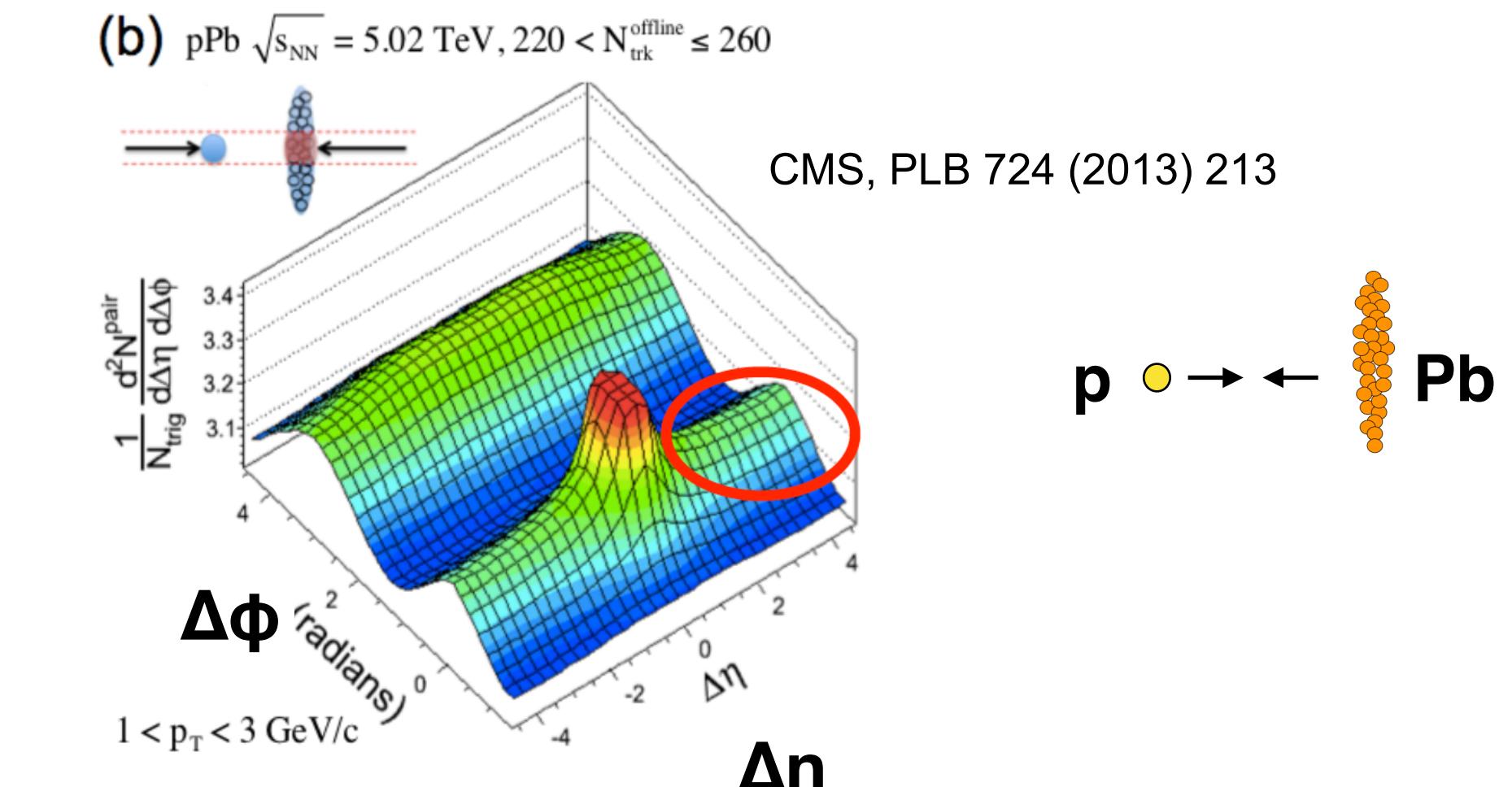


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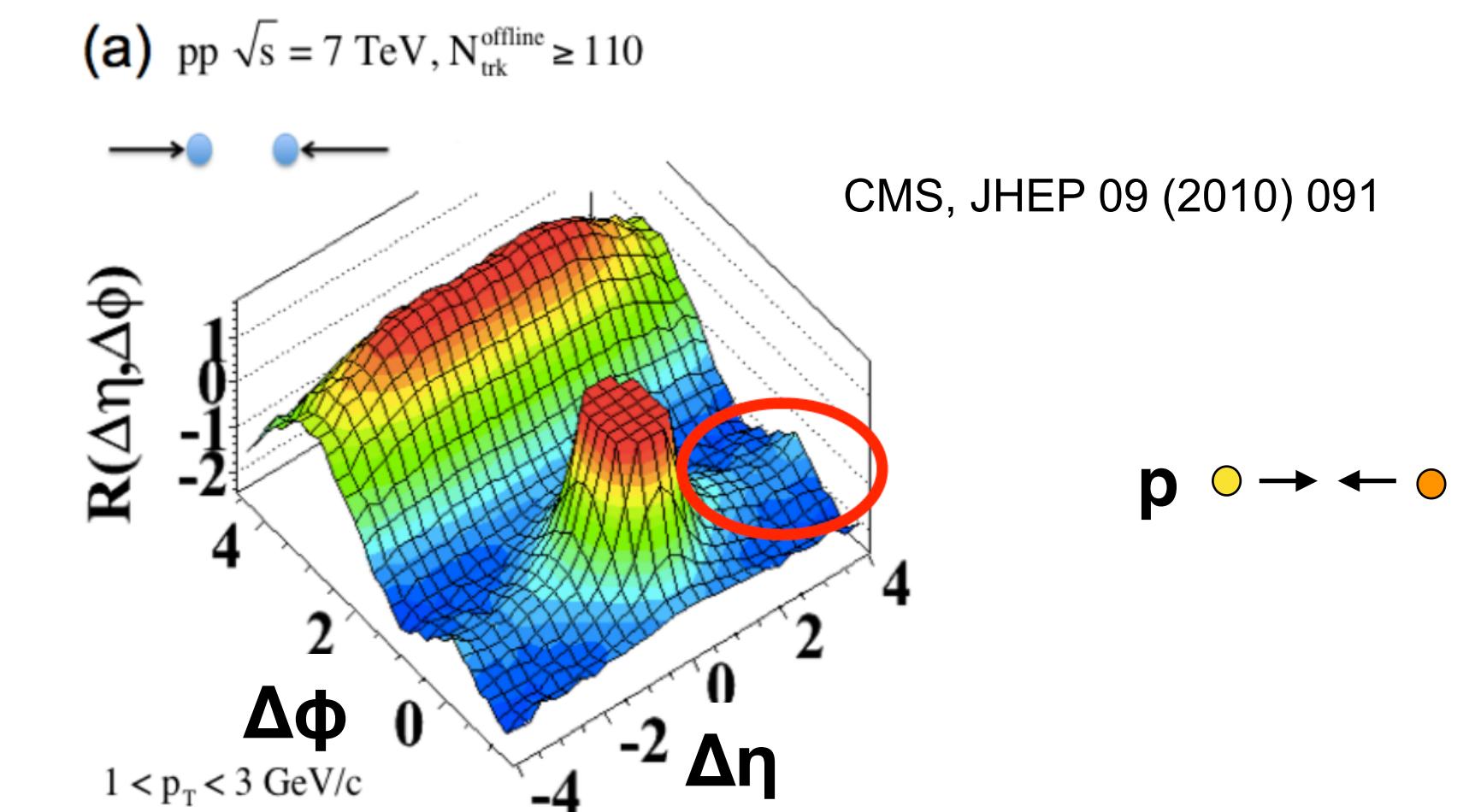
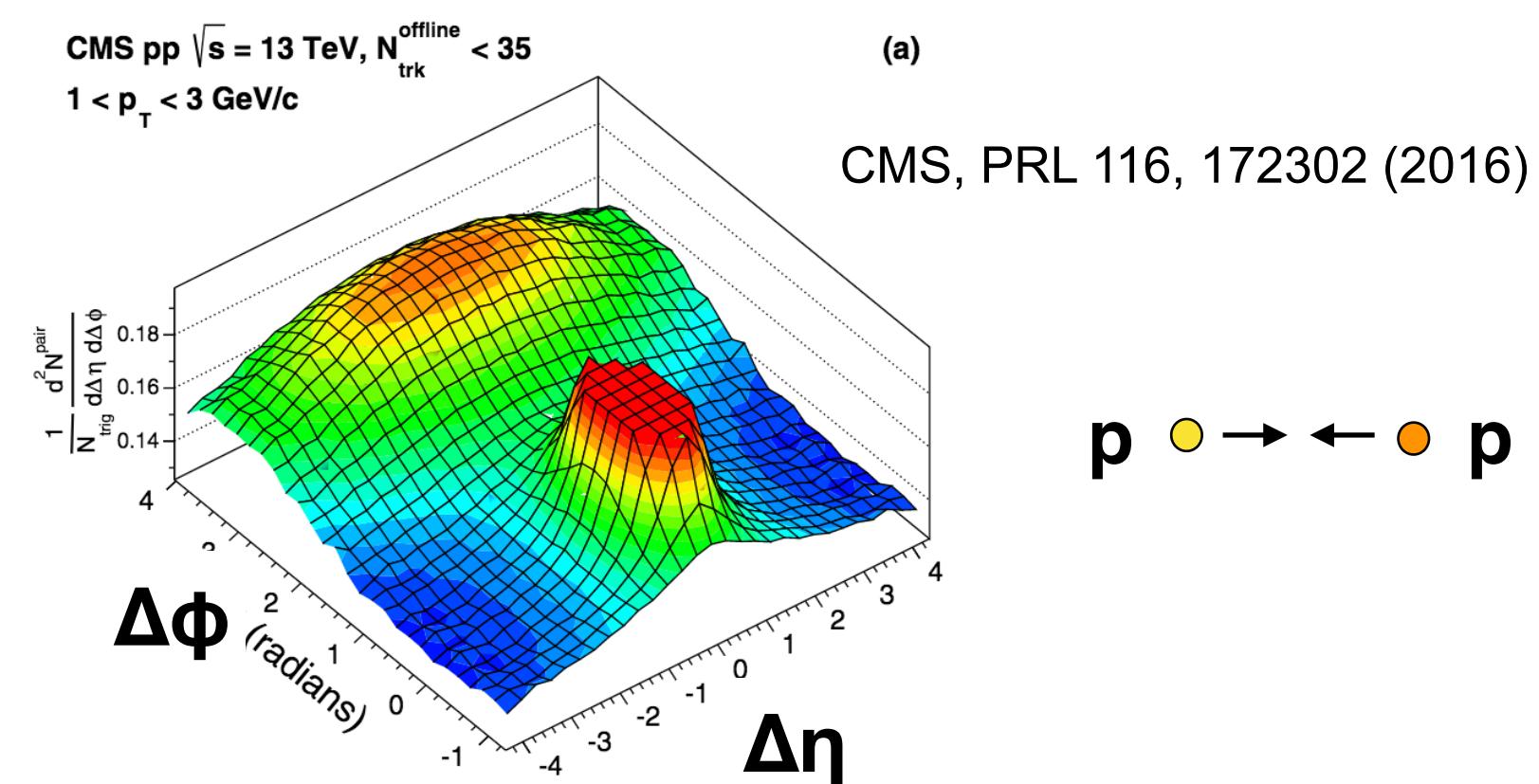
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- Need for new understanding:
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- Small collision systems at **high multiplicity** -> ?

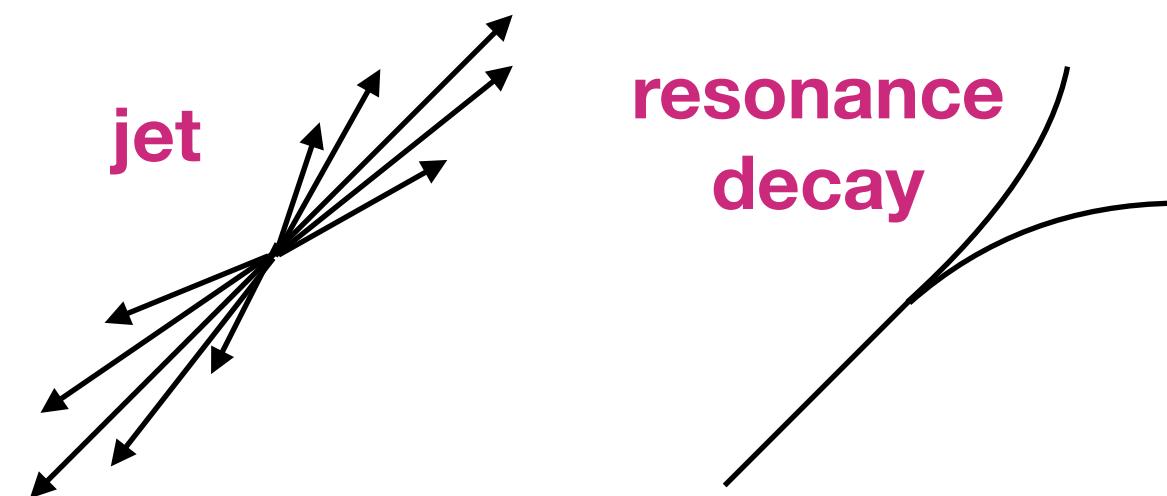


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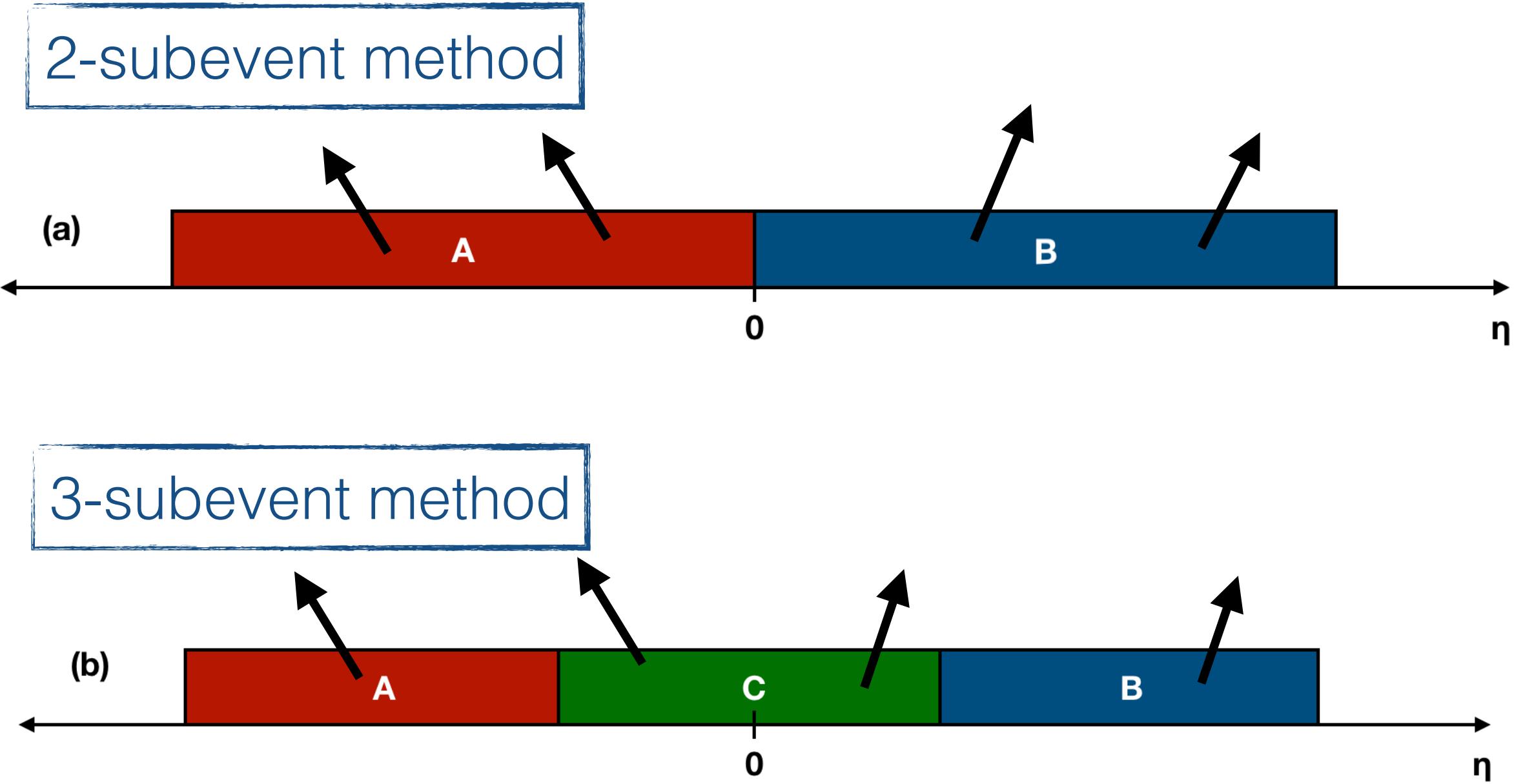
# Non-flow effects - challenge in small collision systems

- **Non-flow:** correlations not associated with the common symmetry plane
  - Jets, resonance decays, ...

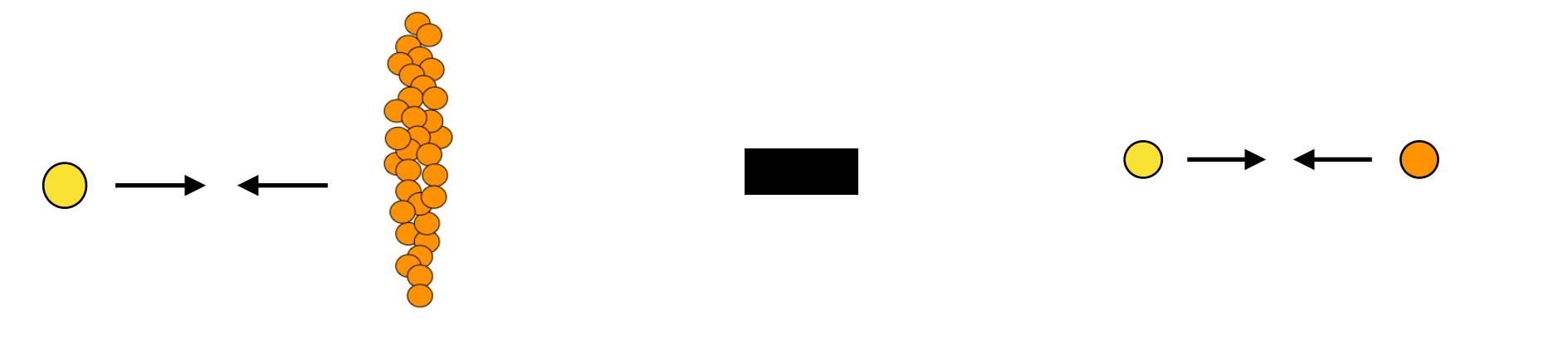


- **Subevent method:** suppresses non-flow effects in  $m$ -particle correlations
- Tested with PYTHIA calculations

J. Jia *et al.* PRC 96, 034906 (2017), P. Huo *et al.* PLB 777 (2018) 201



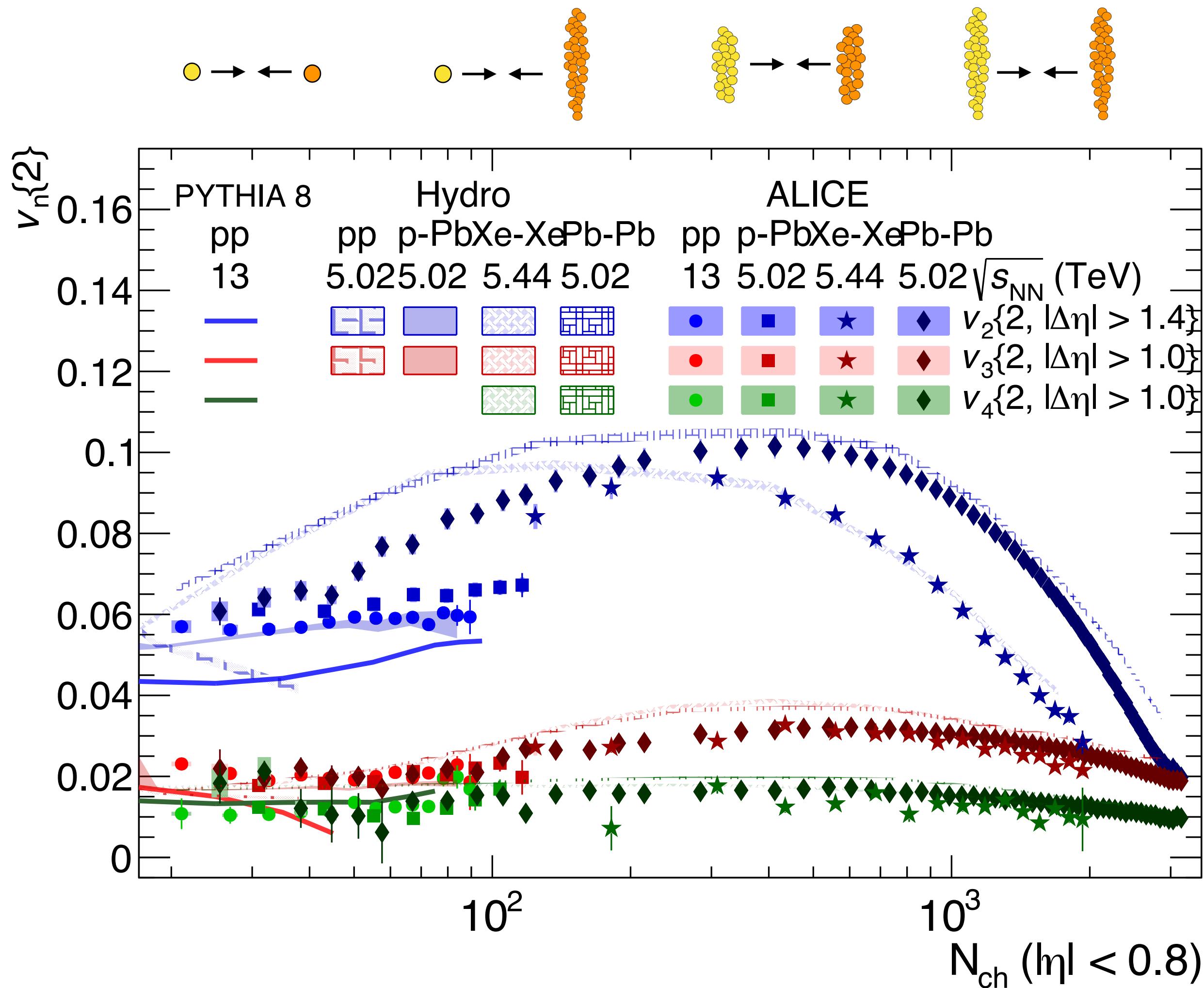
- **Subtraction method:** subtracts minimum-bias pp collisions (which are expected to be dominated by non-flow effects)



p-Pb high-multiplicity

pp minimum bias

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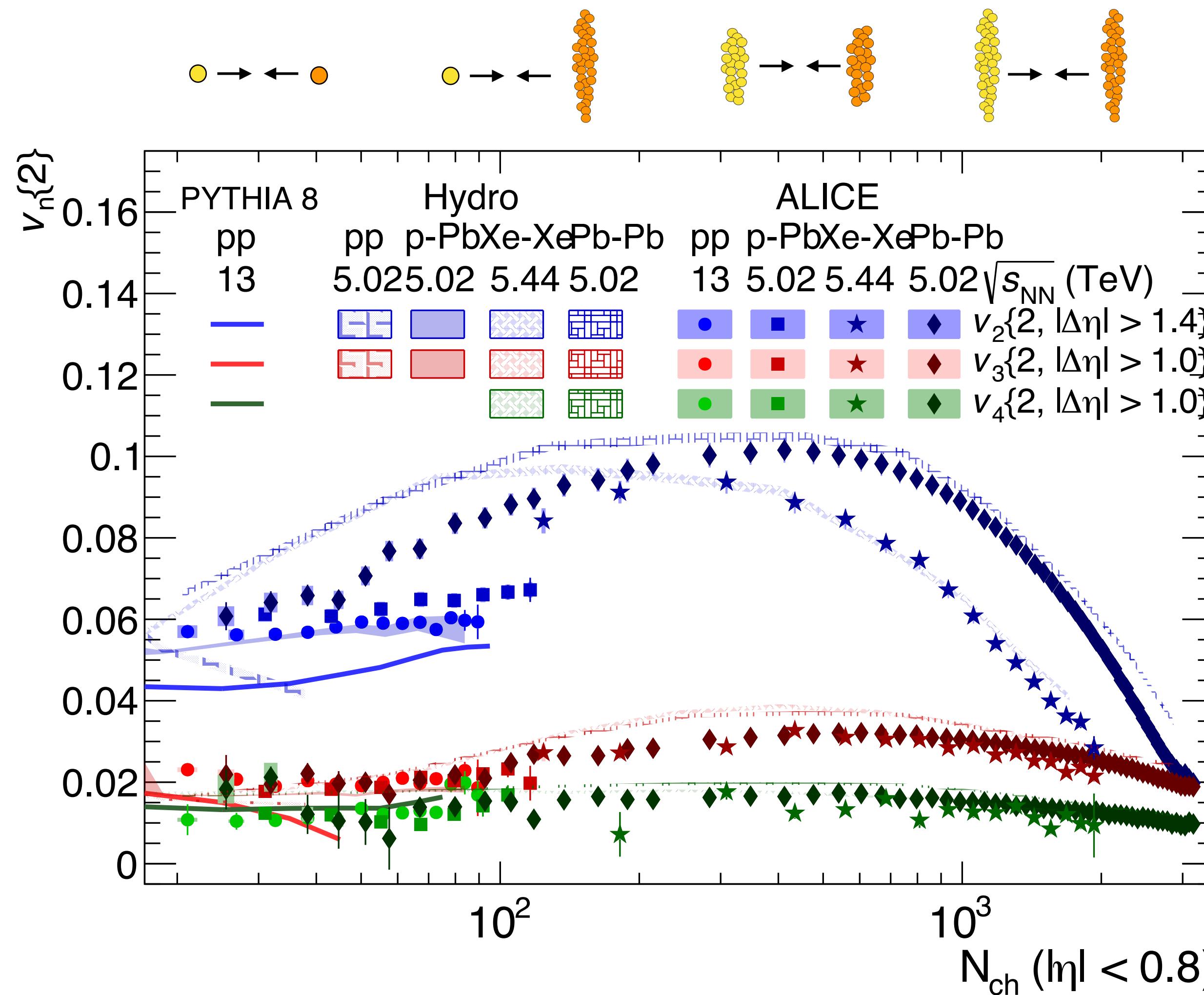


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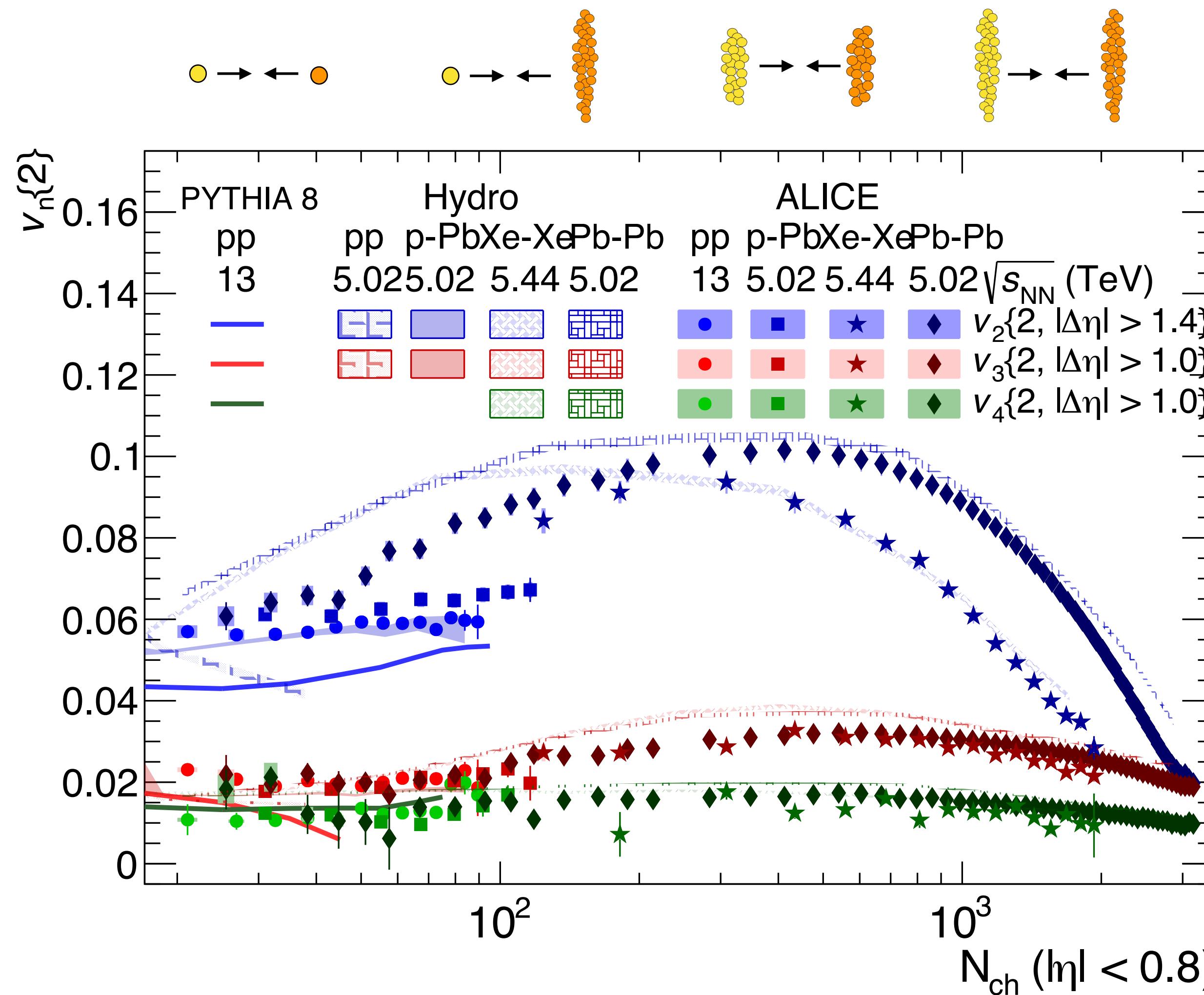
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- At low  $N_{ch}$   $v_n$  are compatible with large collision systems
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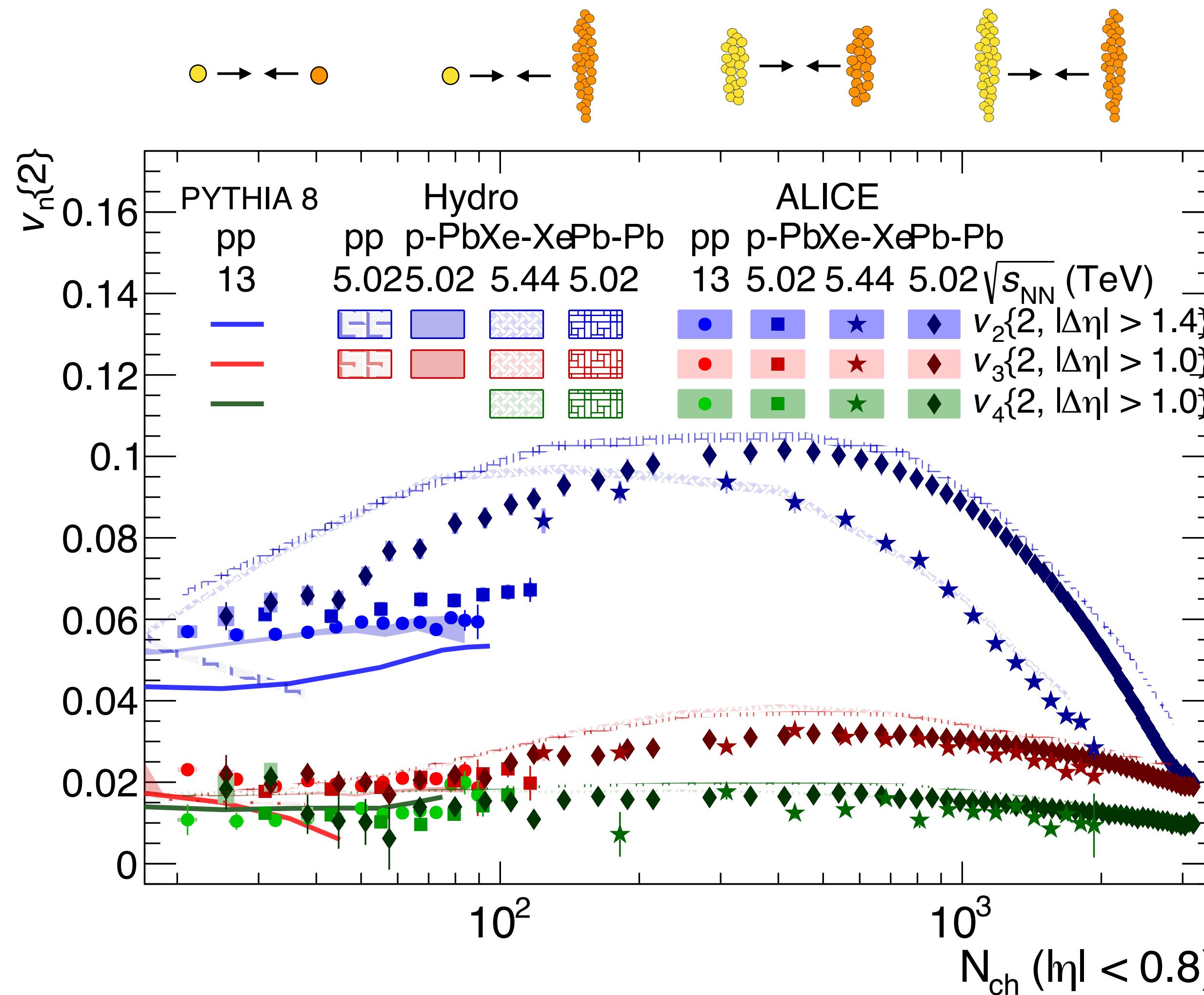
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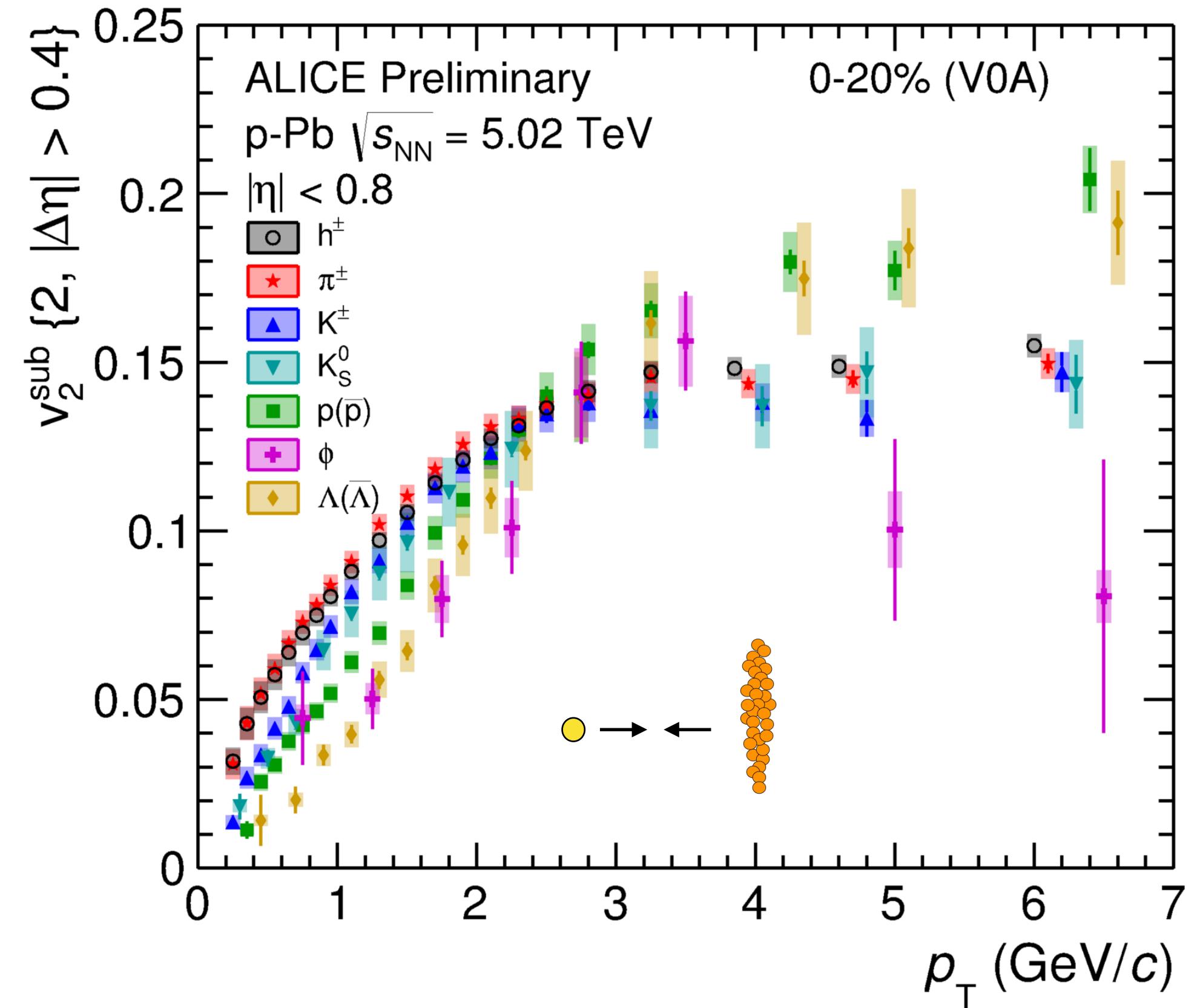
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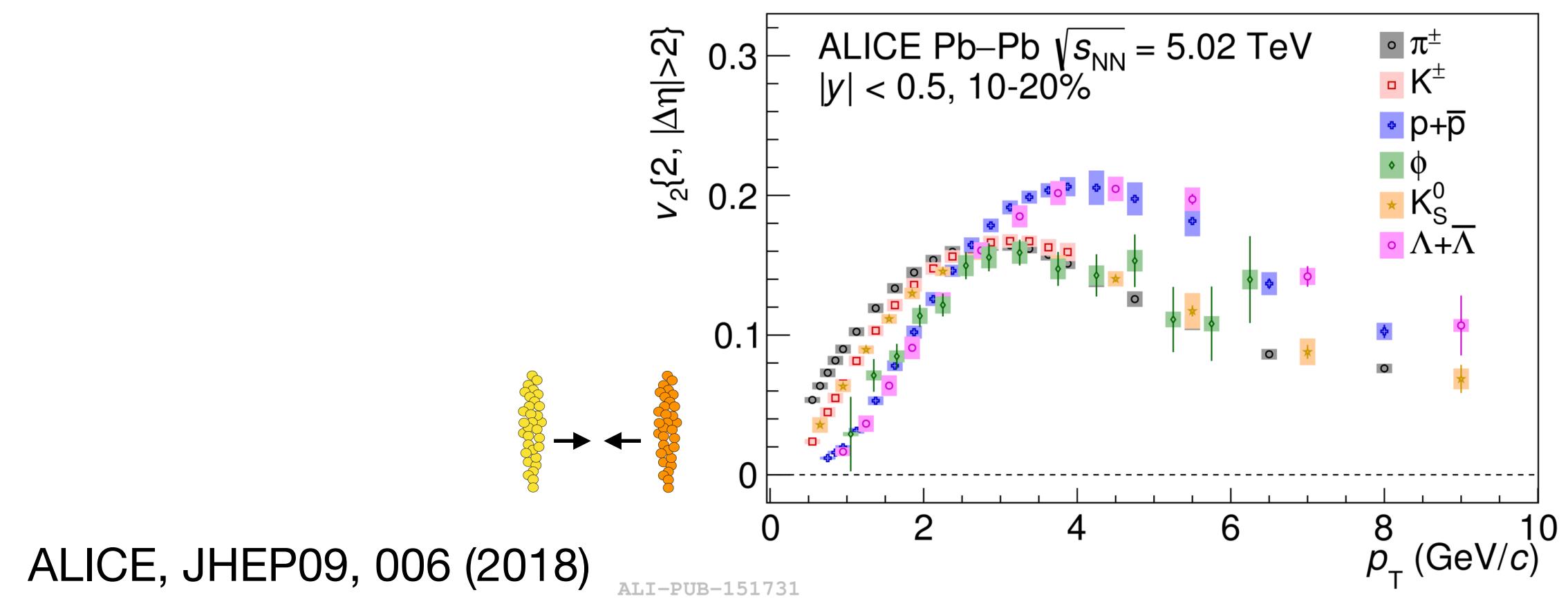
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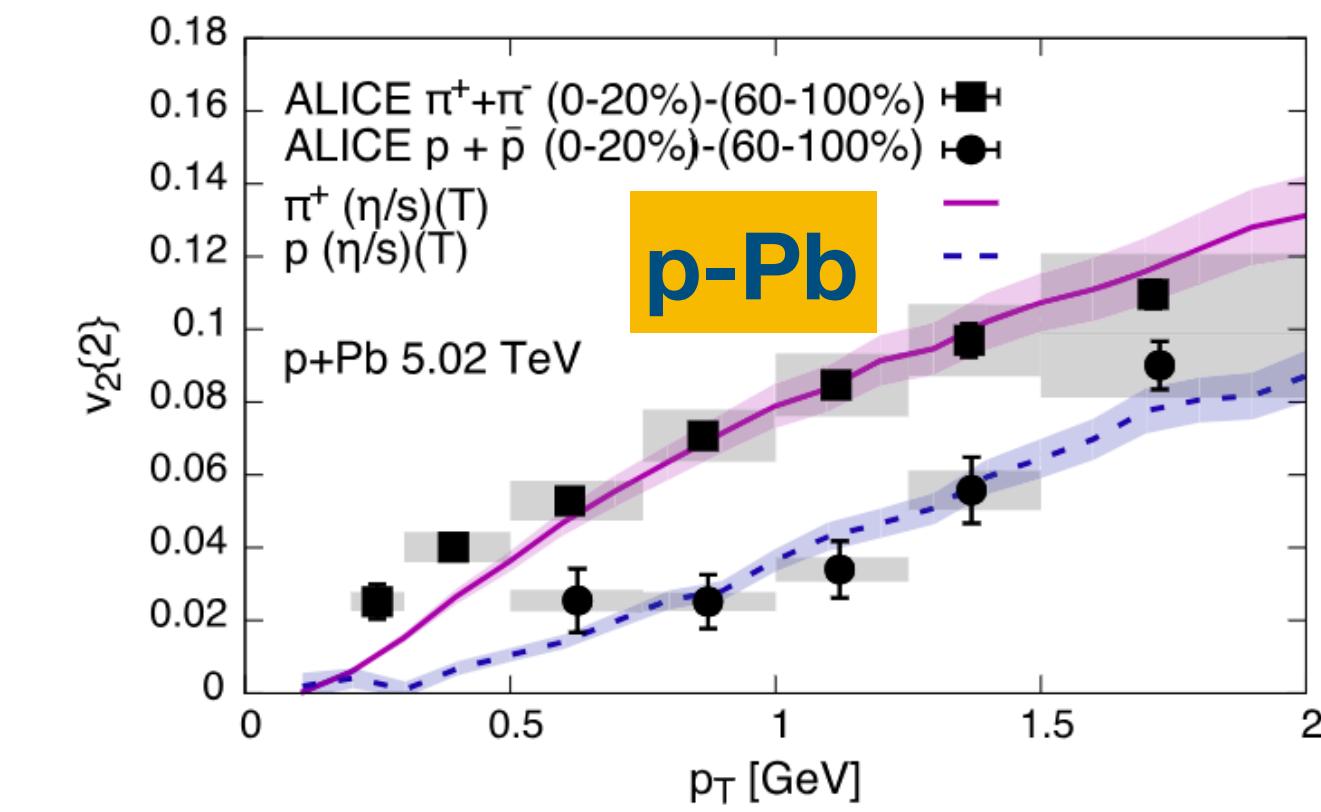
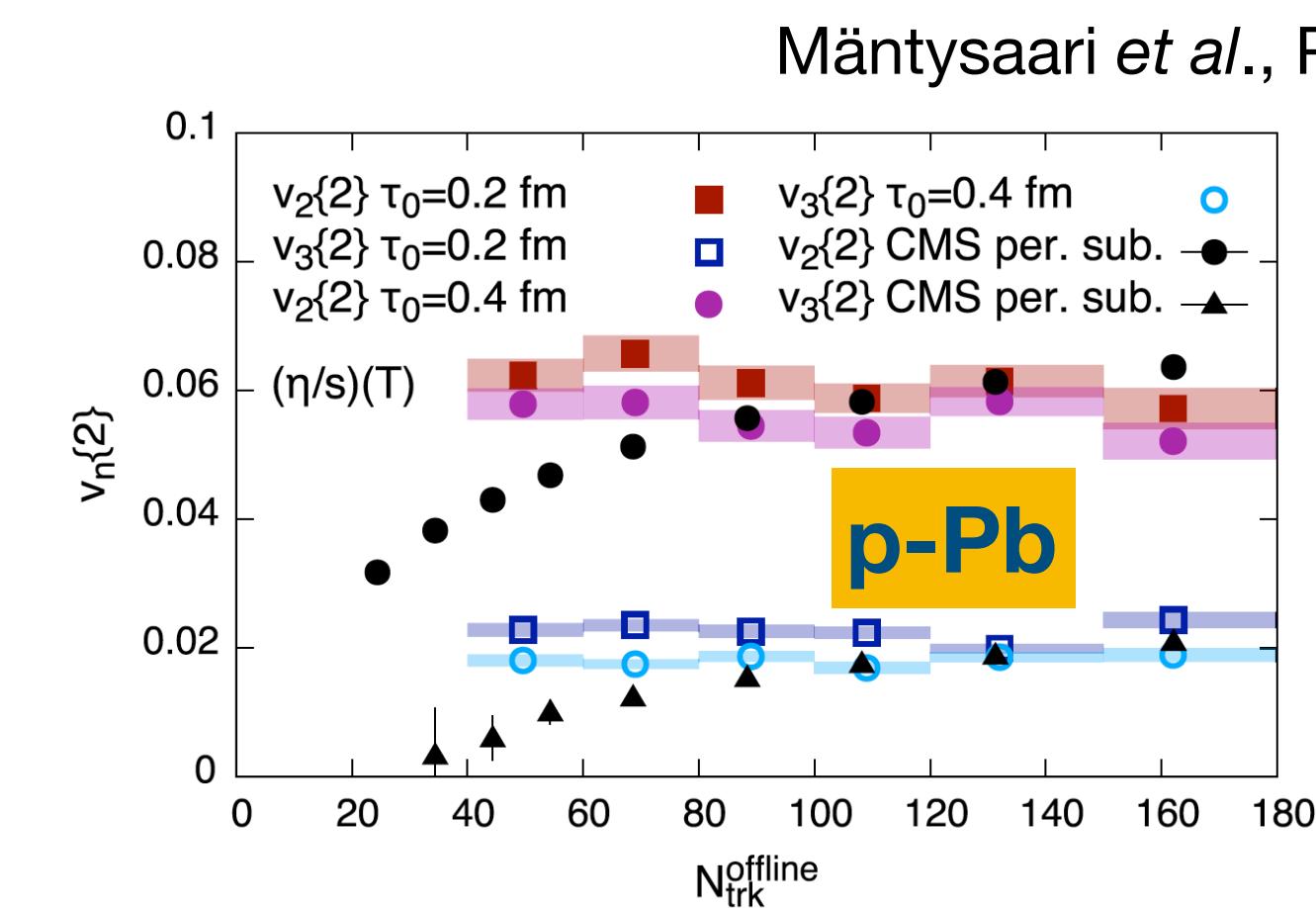
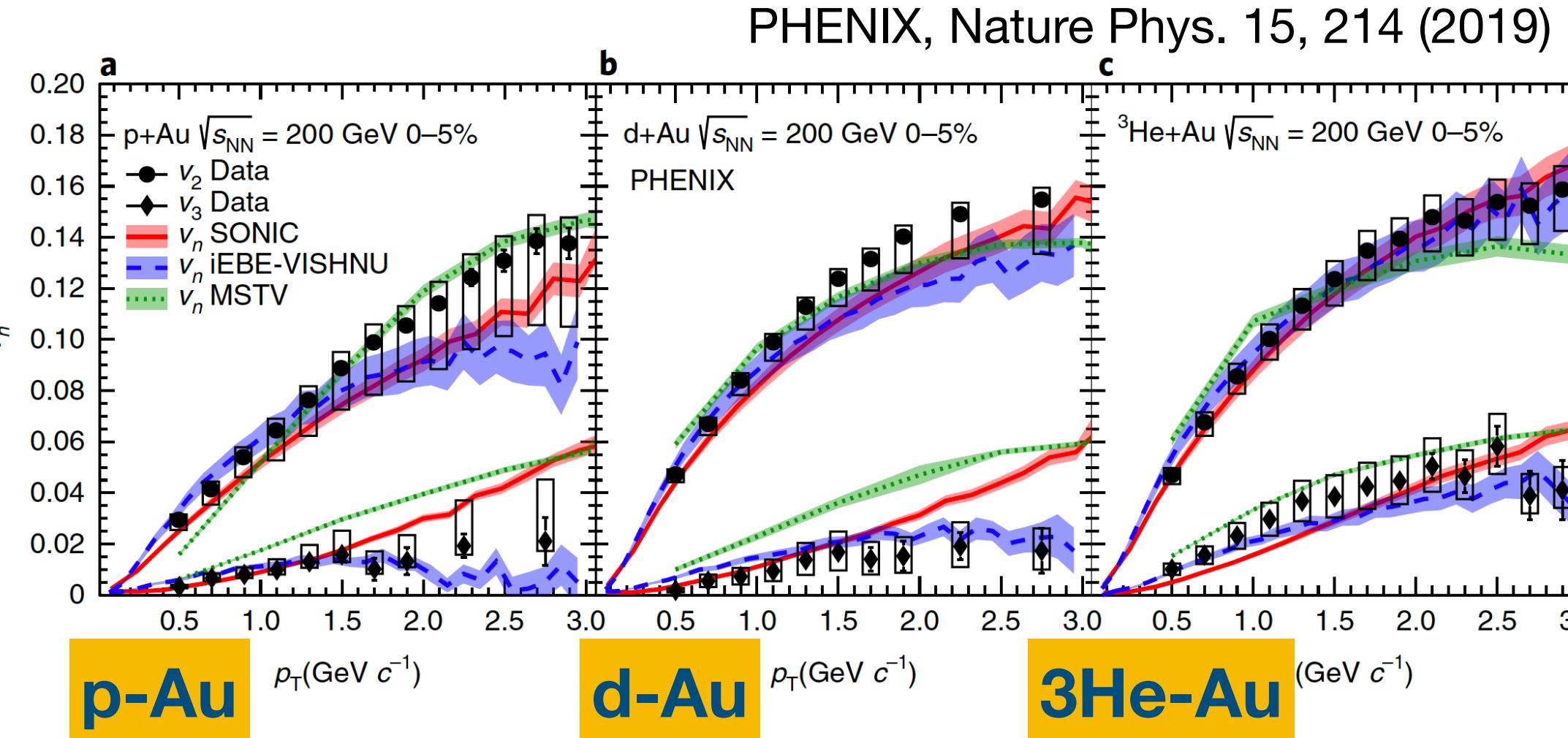
IP-Glasma+MUSIC+UrQMD: Schenke *et al.* PRC**89**, 024901 (2014), Mäntysaari *et al.* PLB**772**, 681 (2017)

Flow coefficients  $v_n\{2\}$ 

- Similar observations as in Pb-Pb measurements
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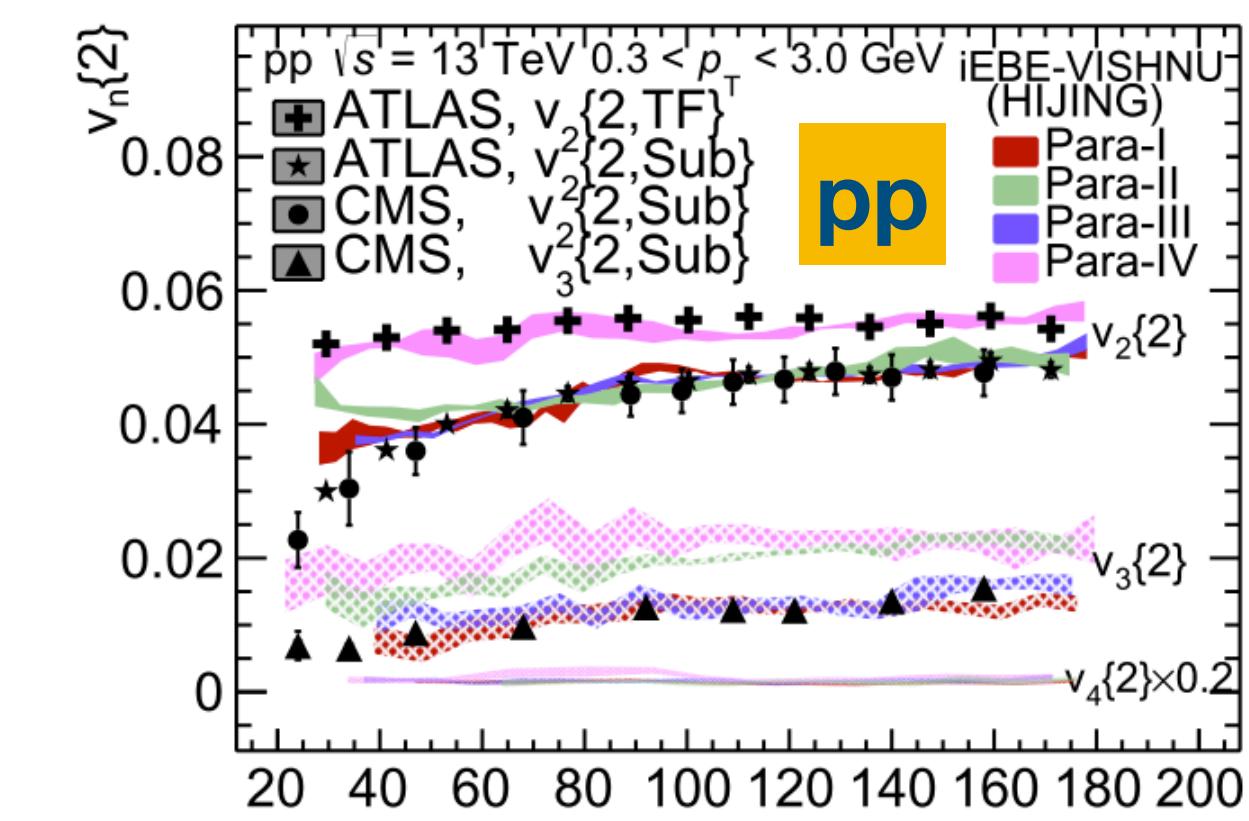
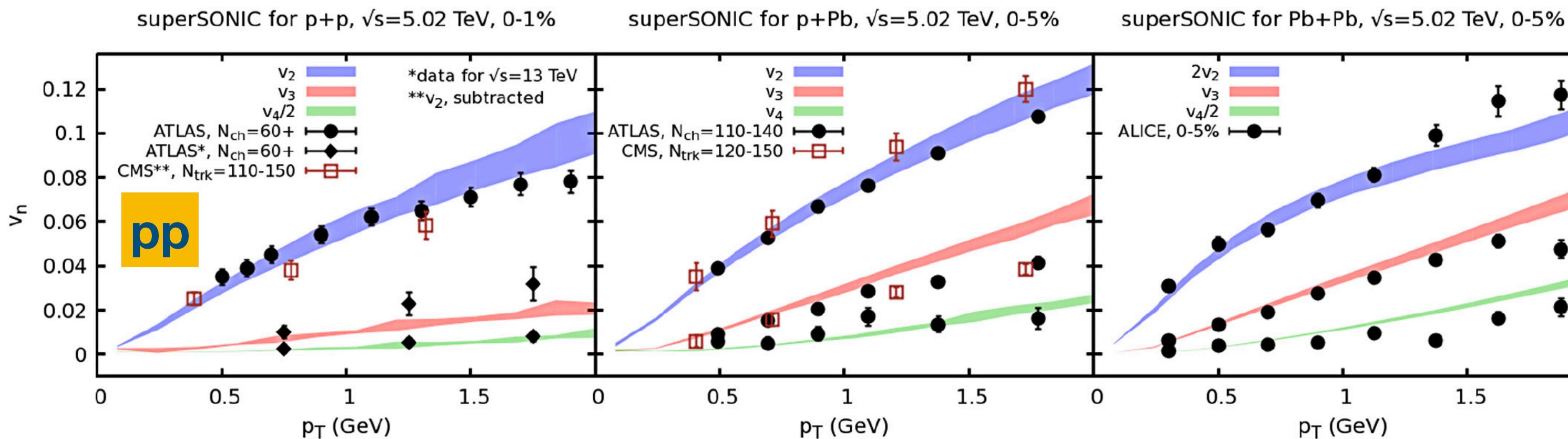


# Description by (some) other models two-particle correlations



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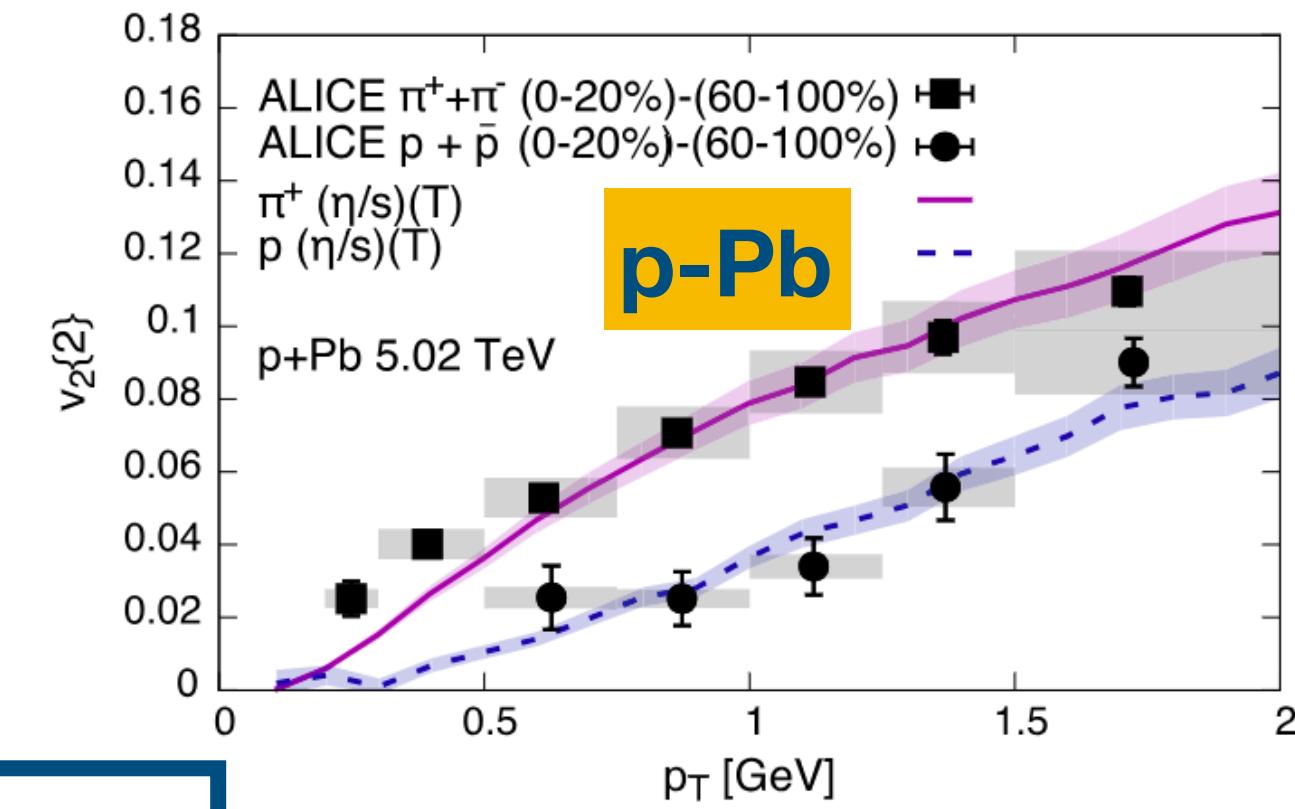
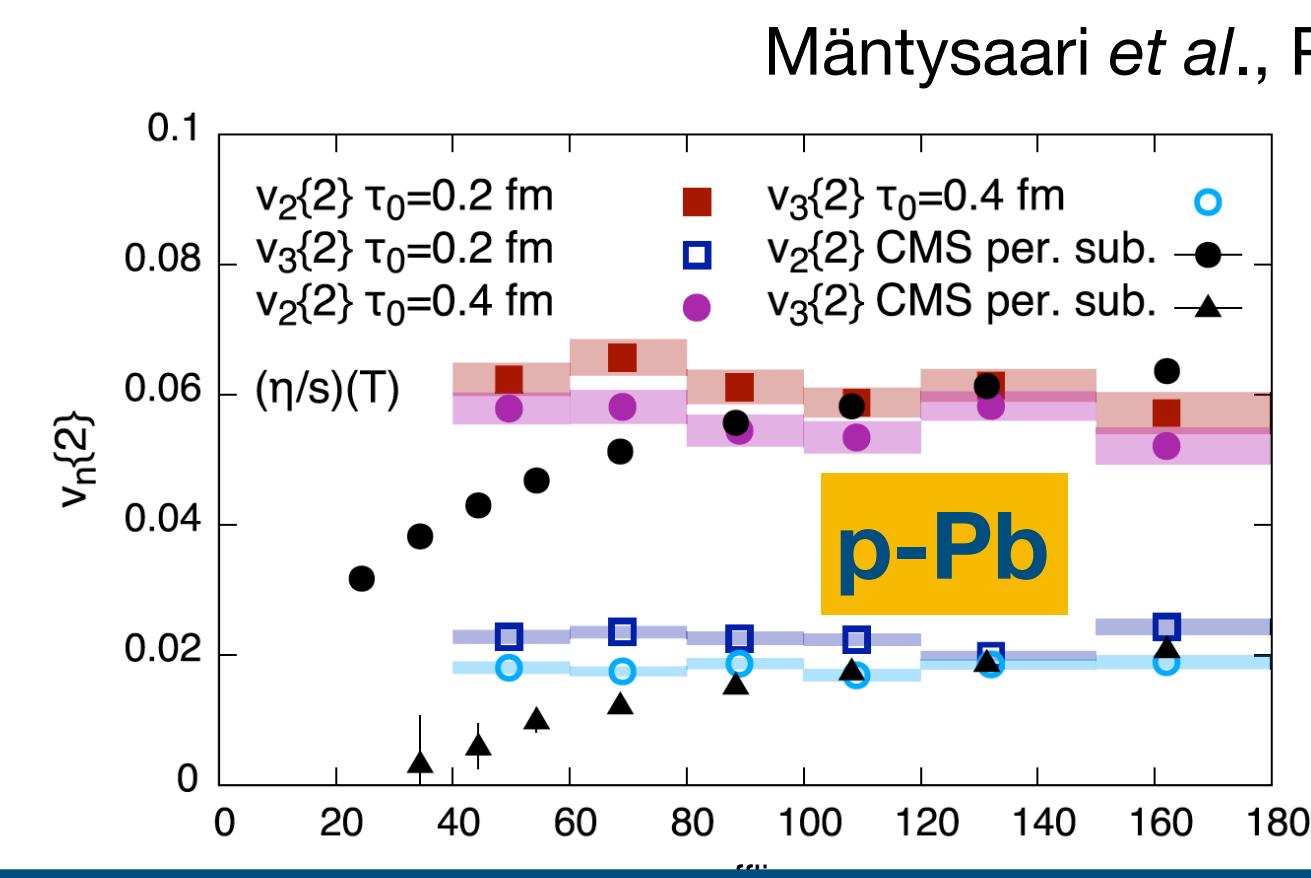
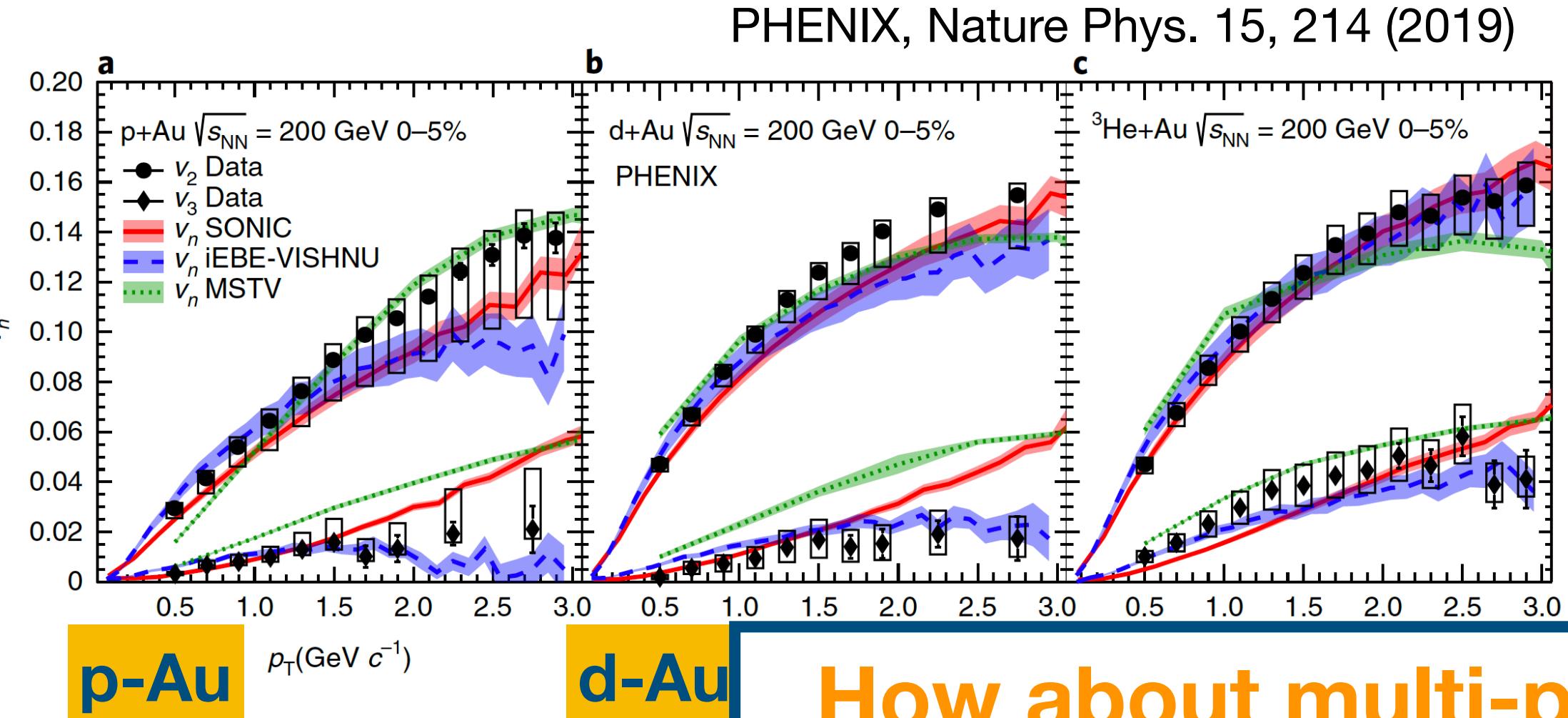
- Some hydrodynamic models describe even measurements in pp collisions



Weller, Romatschke, PLB 774, 351 (2017)

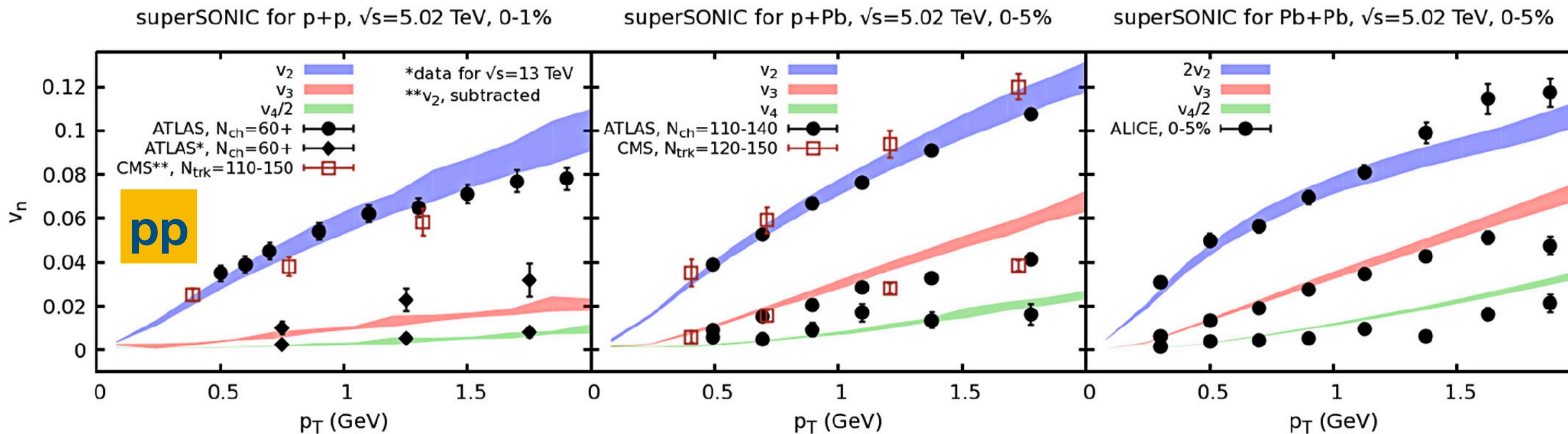
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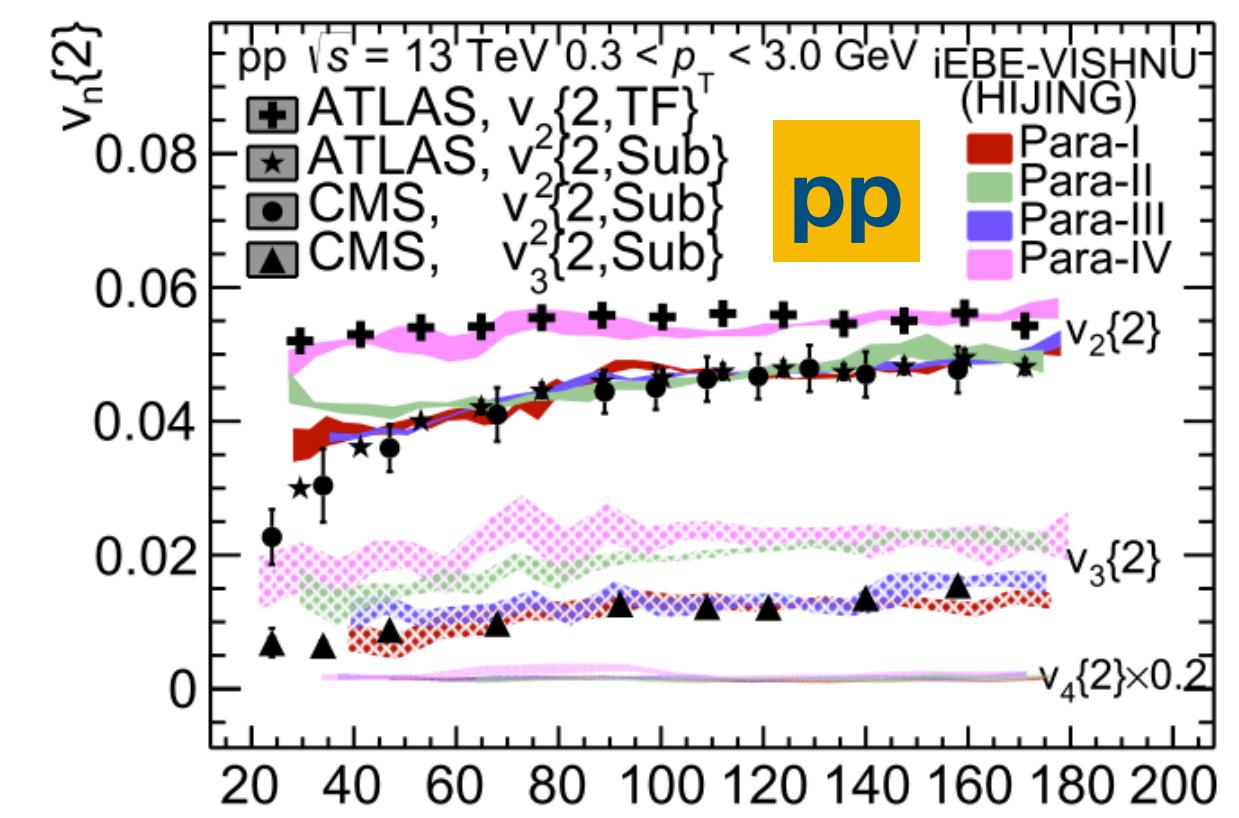


**How about multi-particle correlations ( $m > 2$ ) ?**

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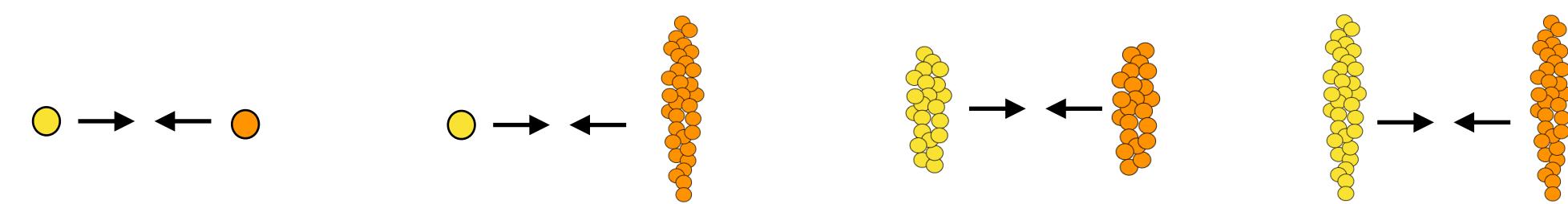


Weller, Romatschke, PLB 774, 351 (2017)

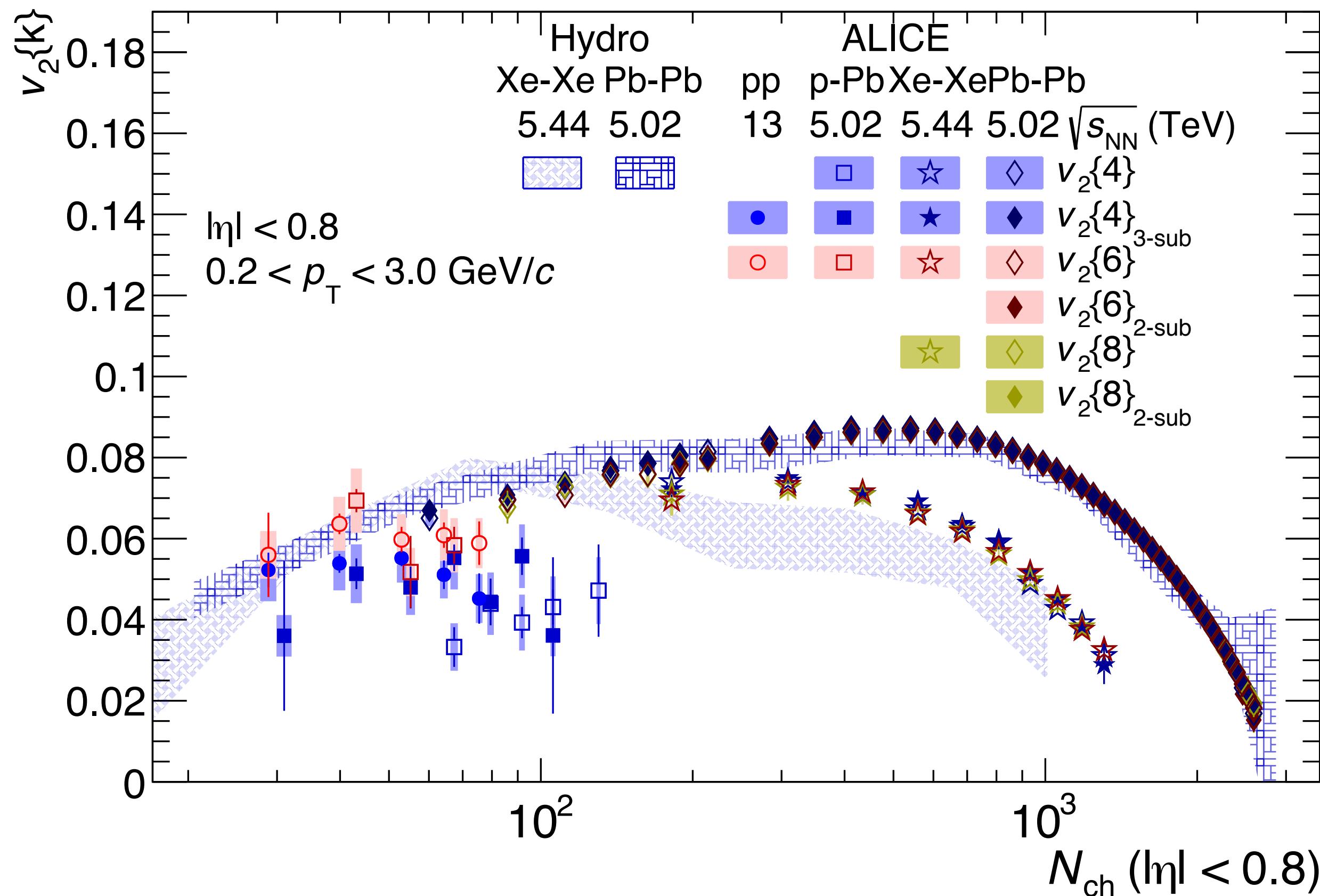


Zhao et al., PLB 780, 495 (2018)  $N_{\text{ch}}$

# Flow coefficients $v_n\{m\}$



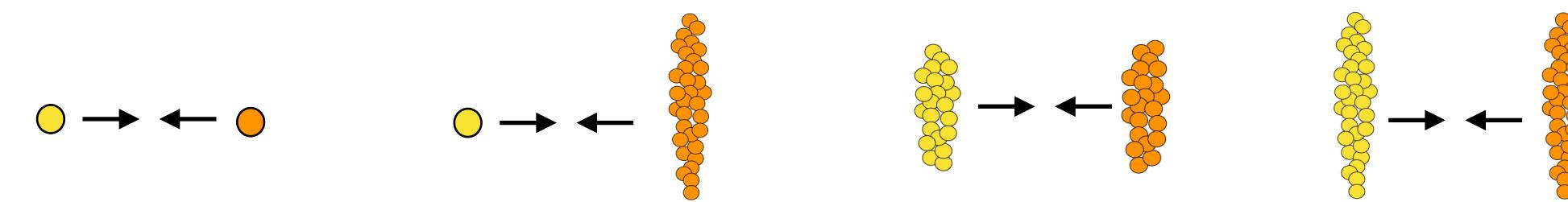
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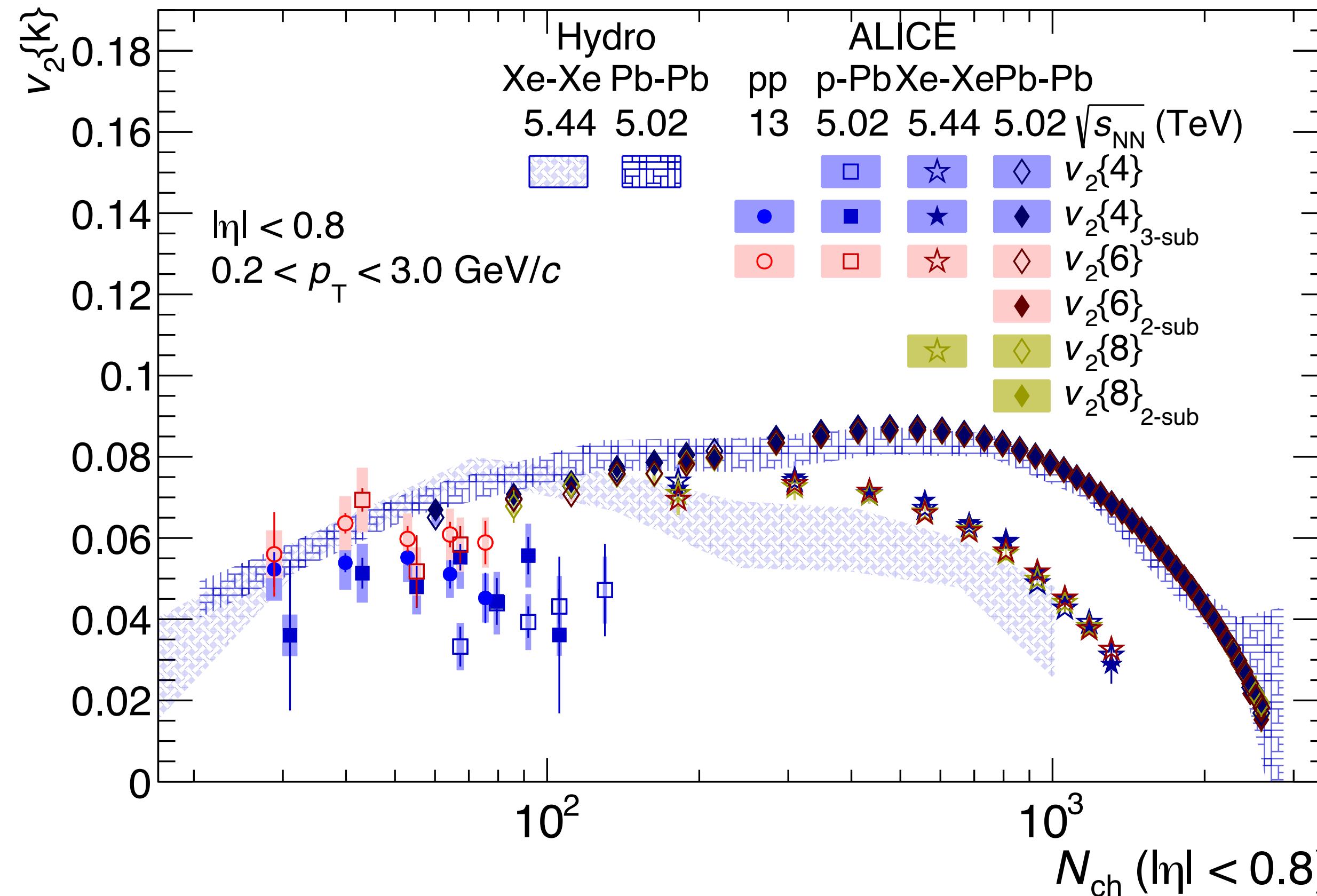
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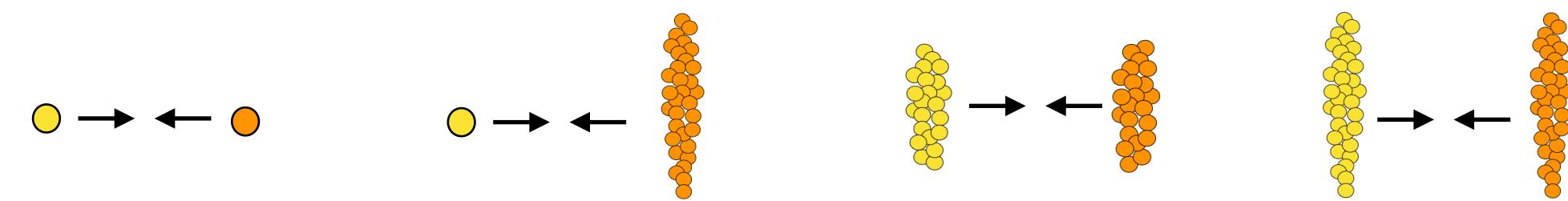
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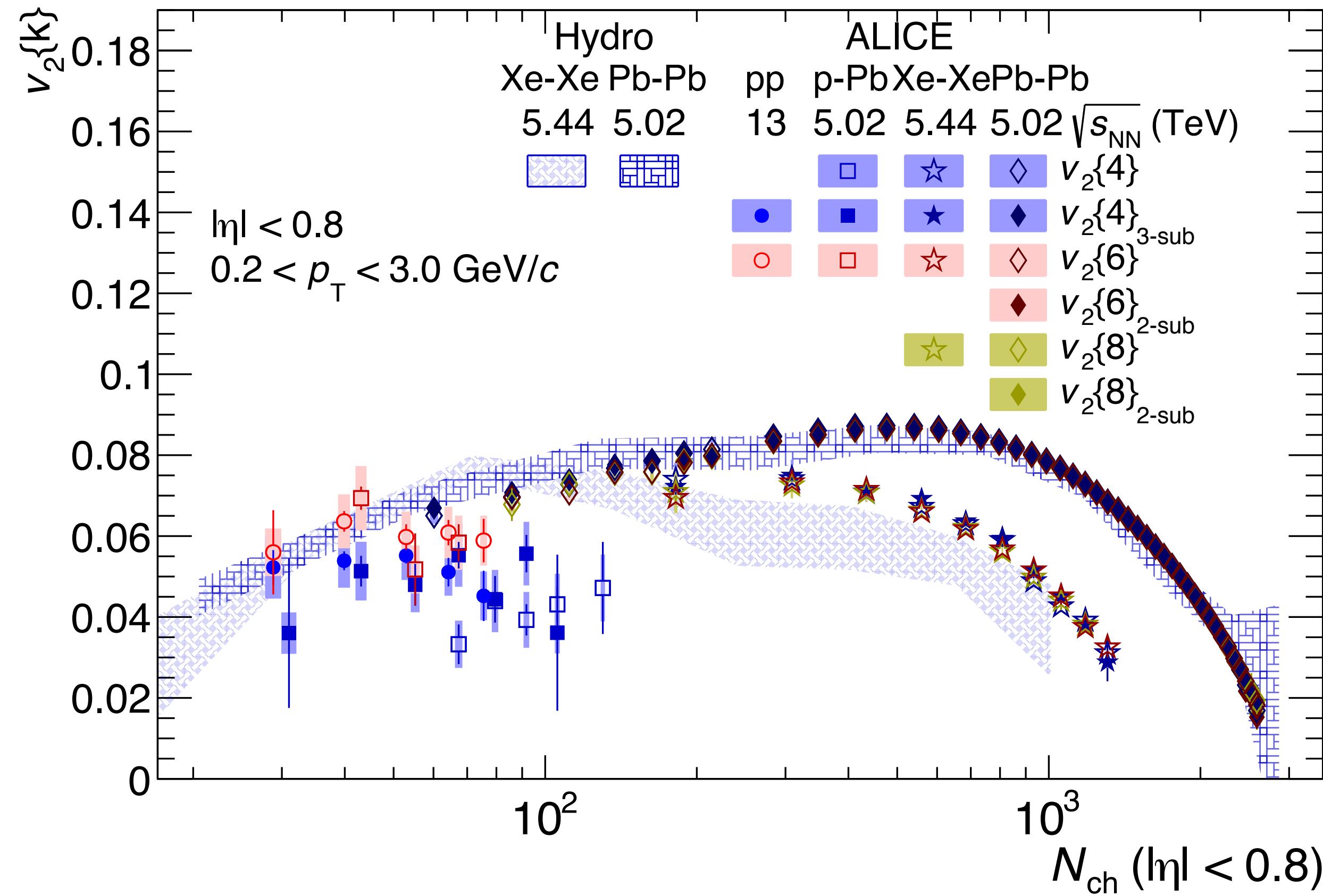
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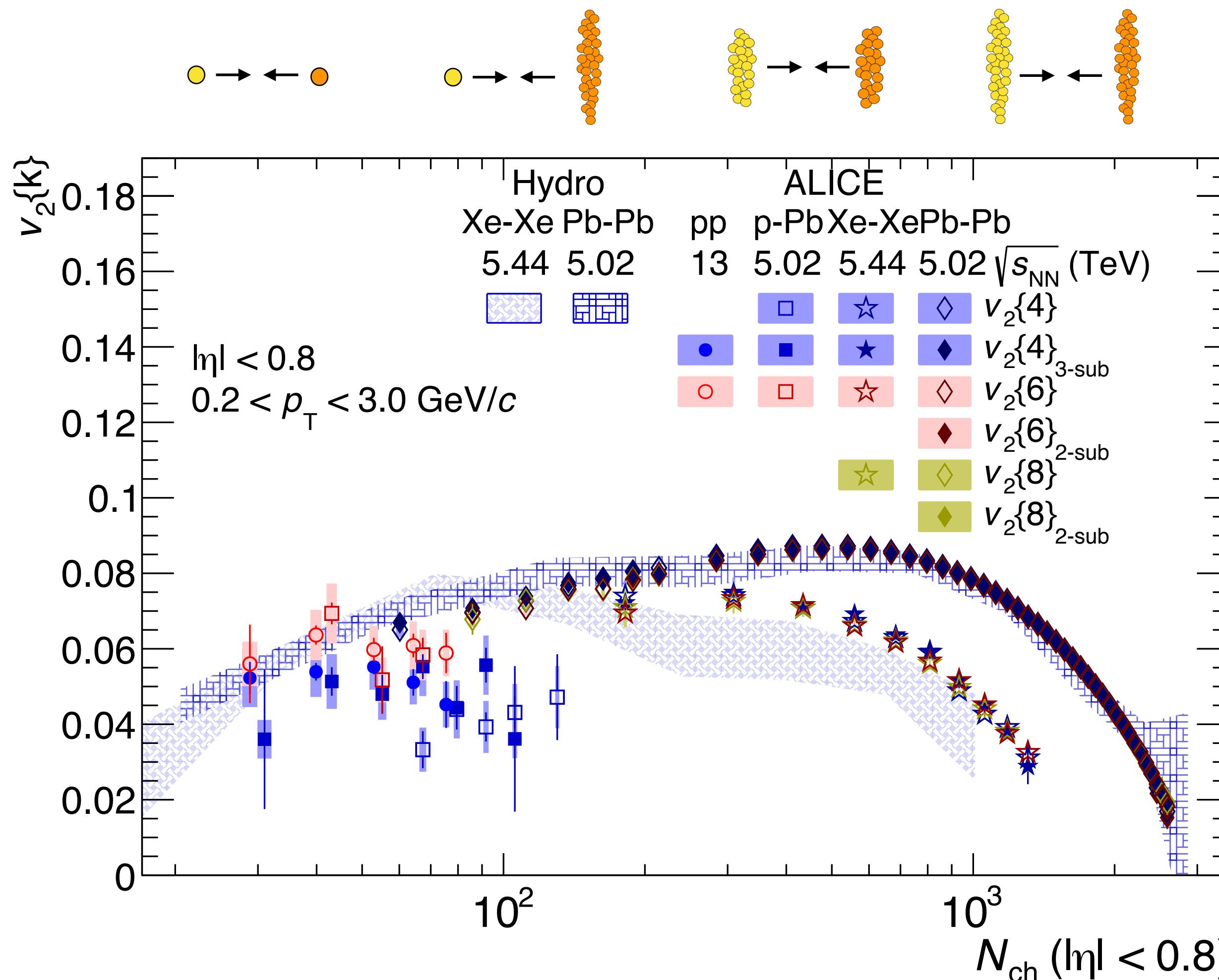
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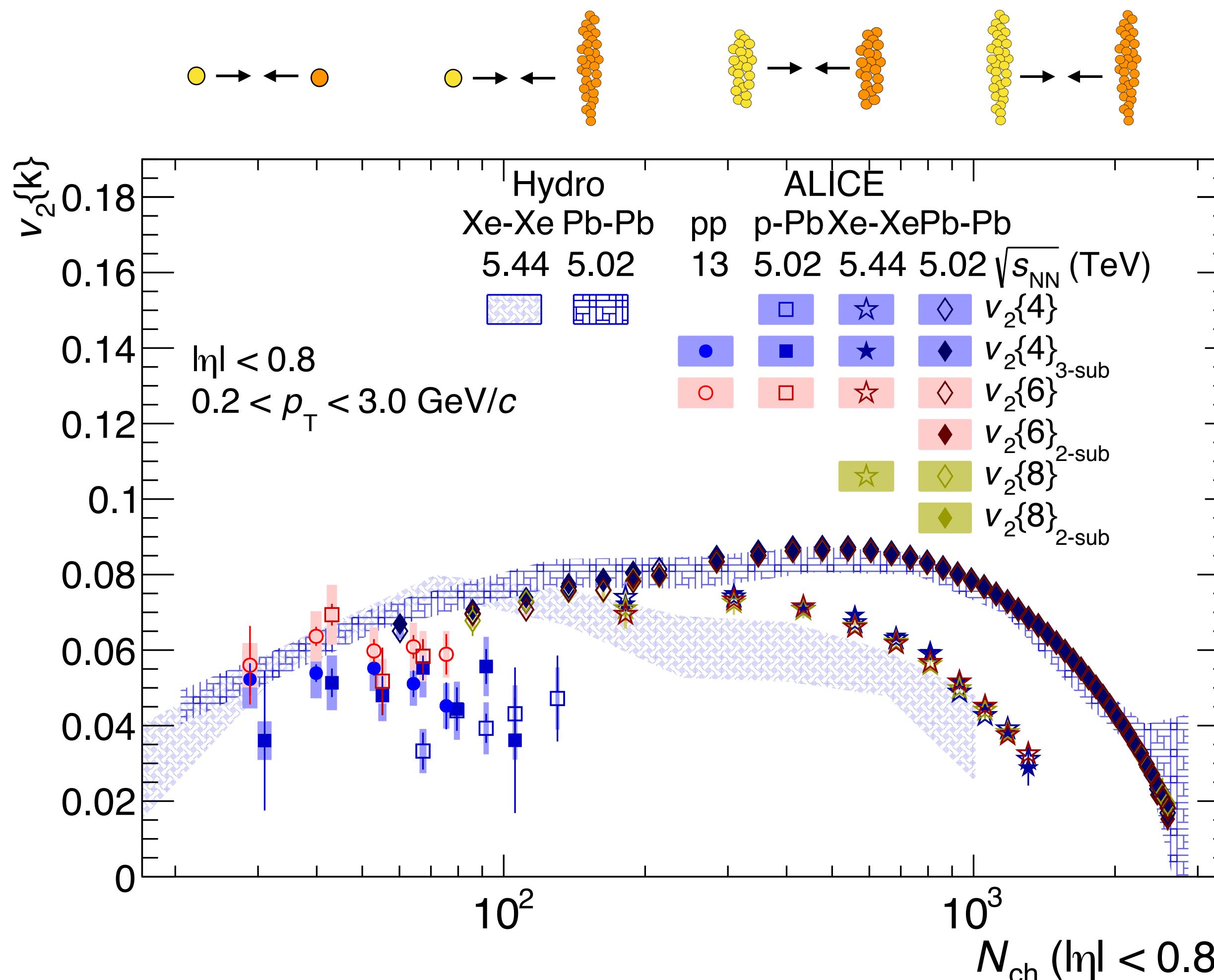
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**Long-range multi-particle correlations  
observed in small collision systems!**

# Flow coefficients $v_n\{m\}$



ALICE, arXiv:1903.01790 [nucl-ex] (2019)

- Quantitative agreement with Pb-Pb data over the entire multiplicity range!
- Note:  $v_2\{2\}$  was overestimated by the model at low  $N_{ch}$
- Underestimation of Xe-Xe data
  - Model is not tuned to different coll. system yet
- No hydrodynamic curves for small collision systems...

IP-Glasma+MUSIC+UrQMD:

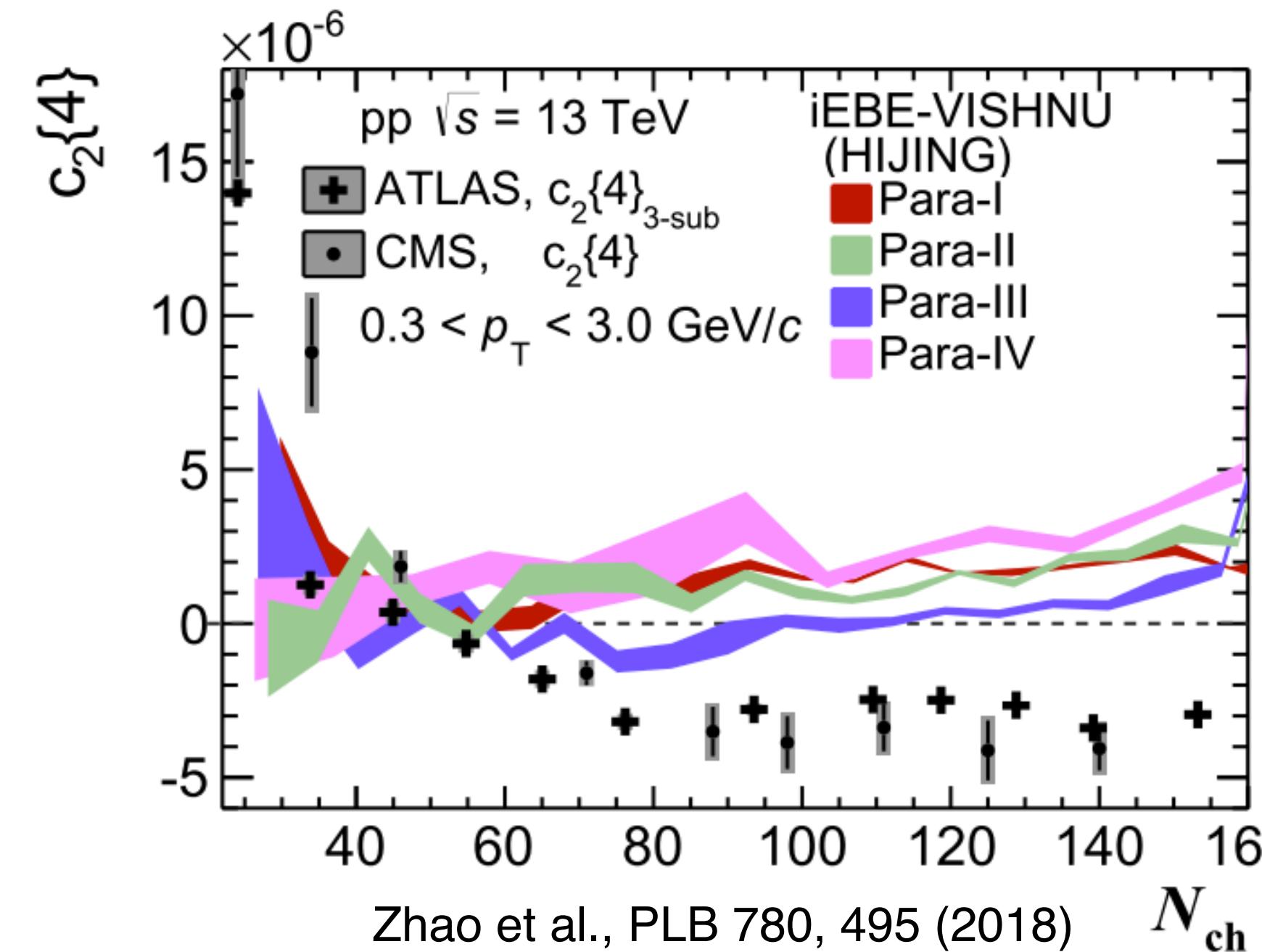
Schenke *et al.* PRC89, 024901 (2014), Mäntysaari *et al.* PLB772, 681 (2017)

# ...hydro does not show negative $c_2\{4\}$ in pp (yet?)

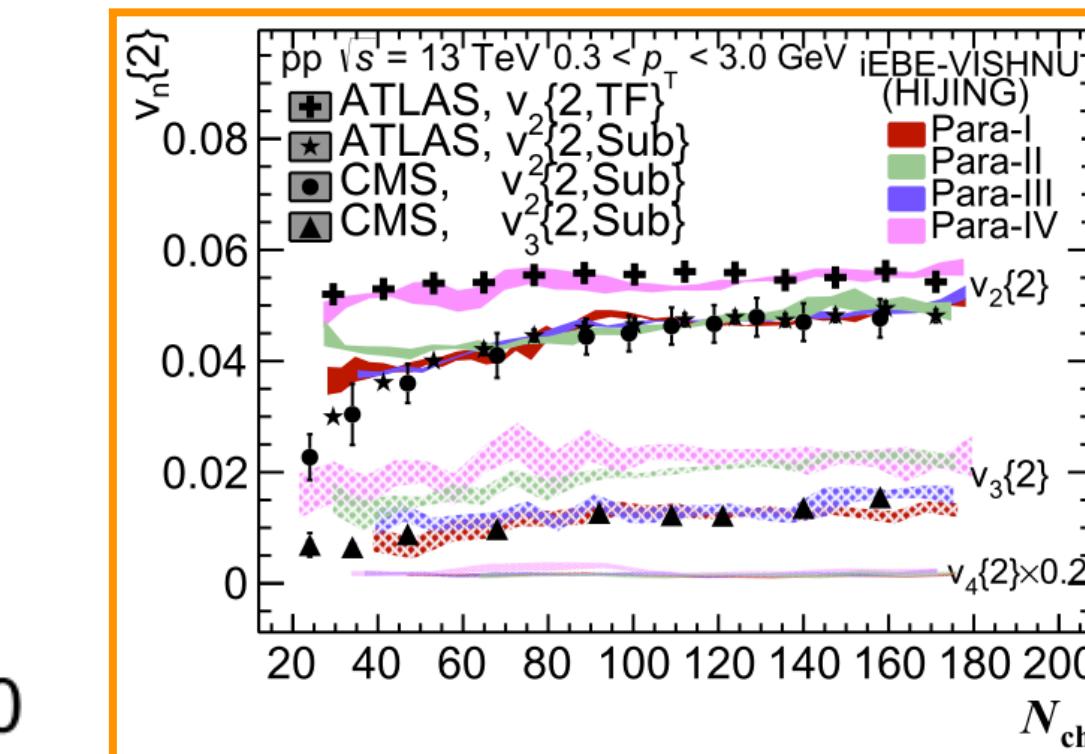
## Charged particles

- There are not many model calculations of multi-particle cumulants on the market

- The  $c_2\{4\}$  is not described by iEBE-VISHNU
- **Further investigation of initial conditions is necessary**

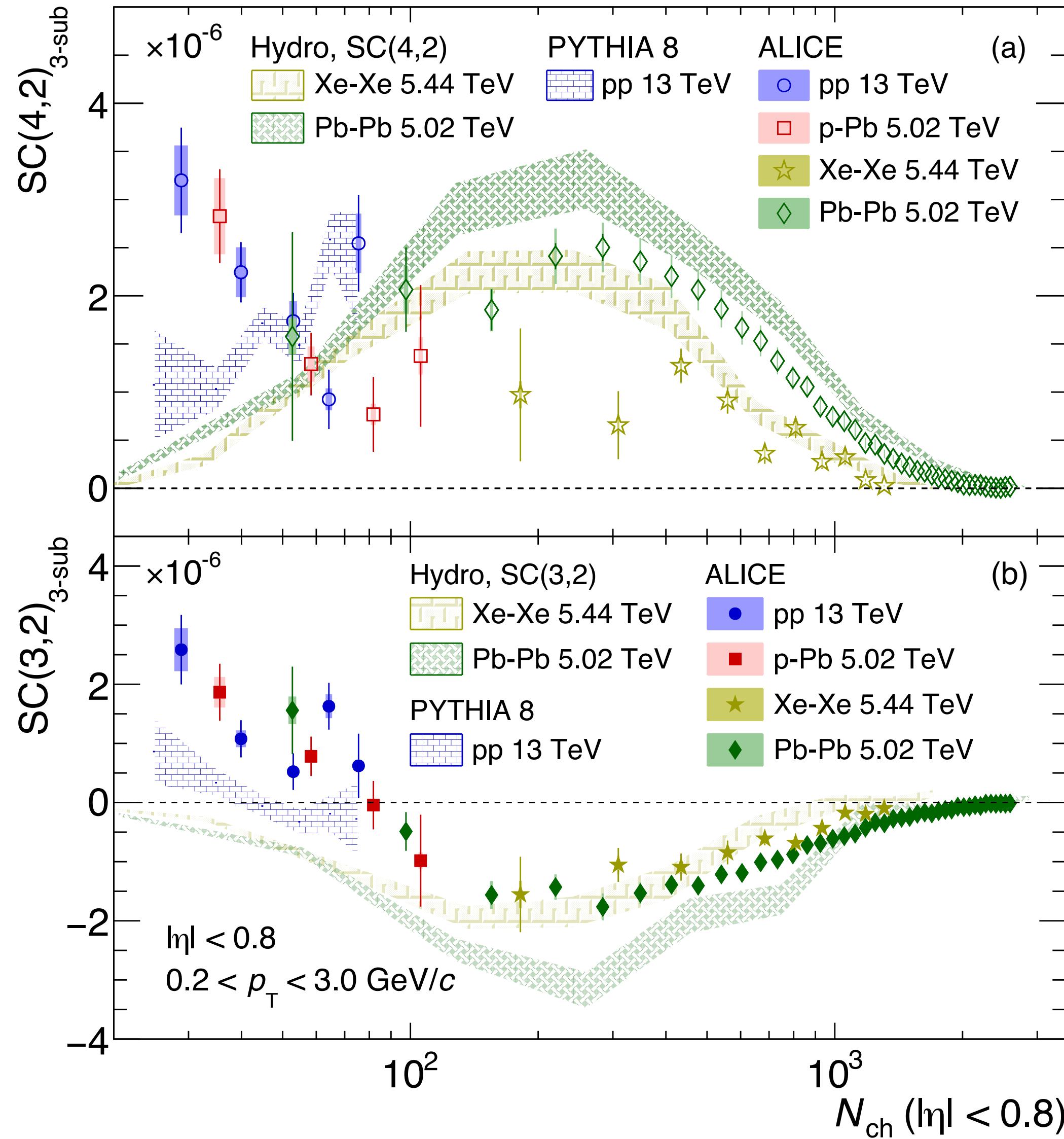


pp collisions



# Symmetric cumulants

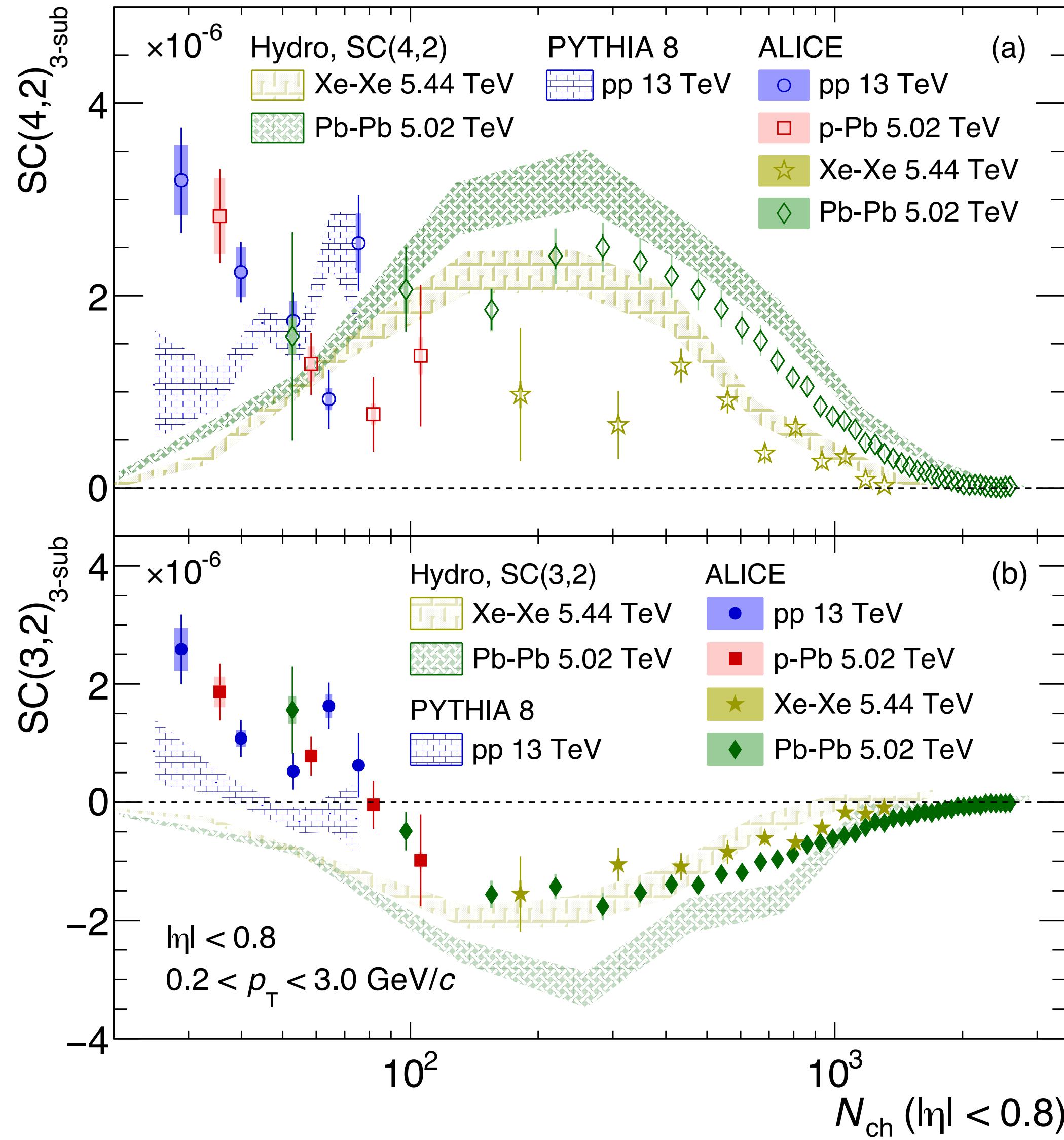
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- **Positive  $SC(4,2)_{3\text{-sub}}$**  observed in all collision systems
- **Negative  $SC(3,2)_{3\text{-sub}}$**  in Pb-Pb and Xe-Xe collisions at large multiplicities
- **Crossing** to a positive correlation in Pb-Pb collisions
  - Followed by small collision systems, too
  - Indication of a similar origin of the collectivity, or remaining non-flow ?

# Symmetric cumulants

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- **PYTHIA**

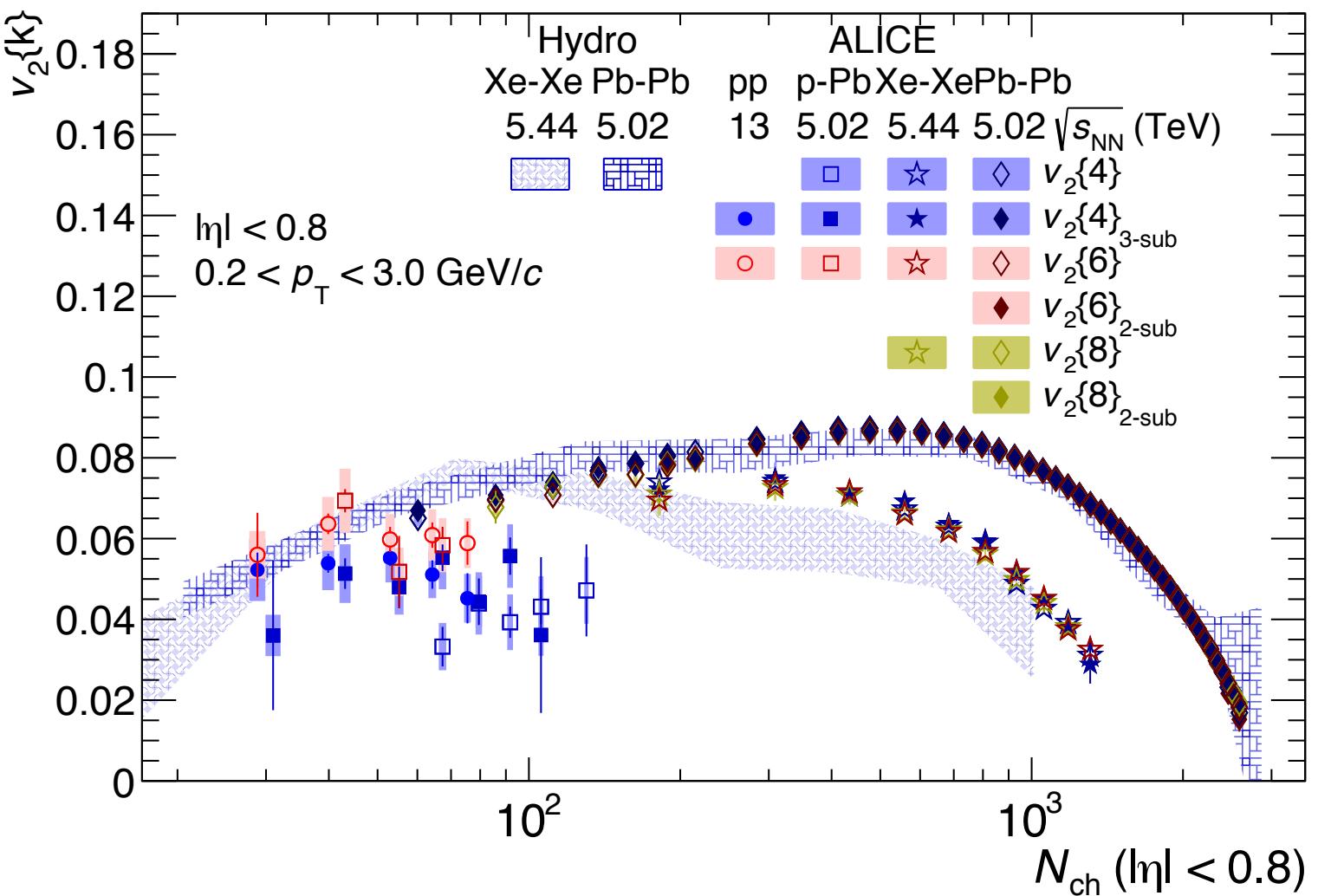
- Does not reproduce the pp data, although the  $SC(3,2)_{3\text{-sub}}$  reveals similar trend

- **IP-Glasma+MUSIC+UrQMD**

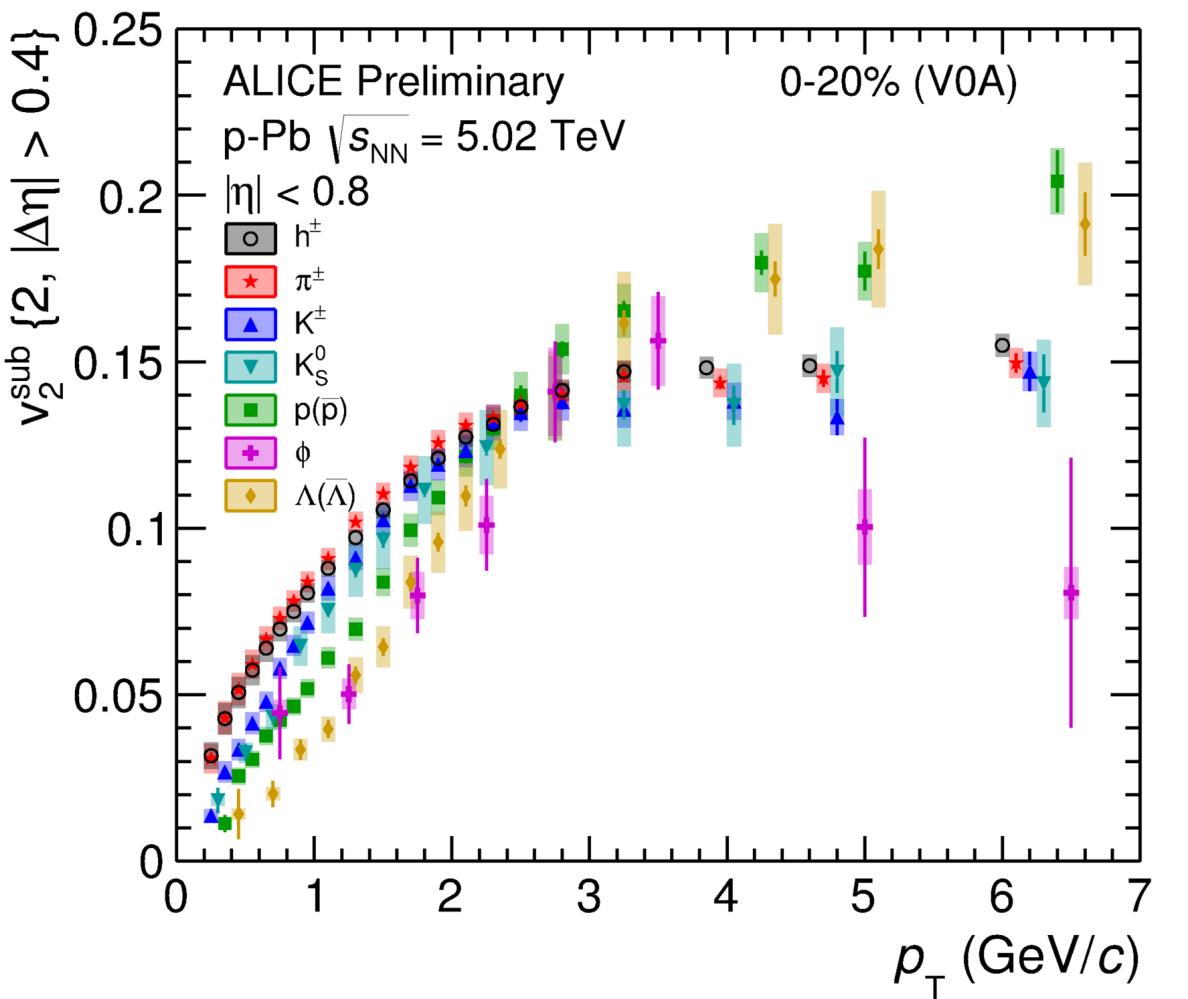
- Qualitatively describes both Pb-Pb and Xe-Xe collisions, although the  $SC(3,2)_{3\text{-sub}}$  remains negative at low  $N_{\text{ch}}$

# Summary

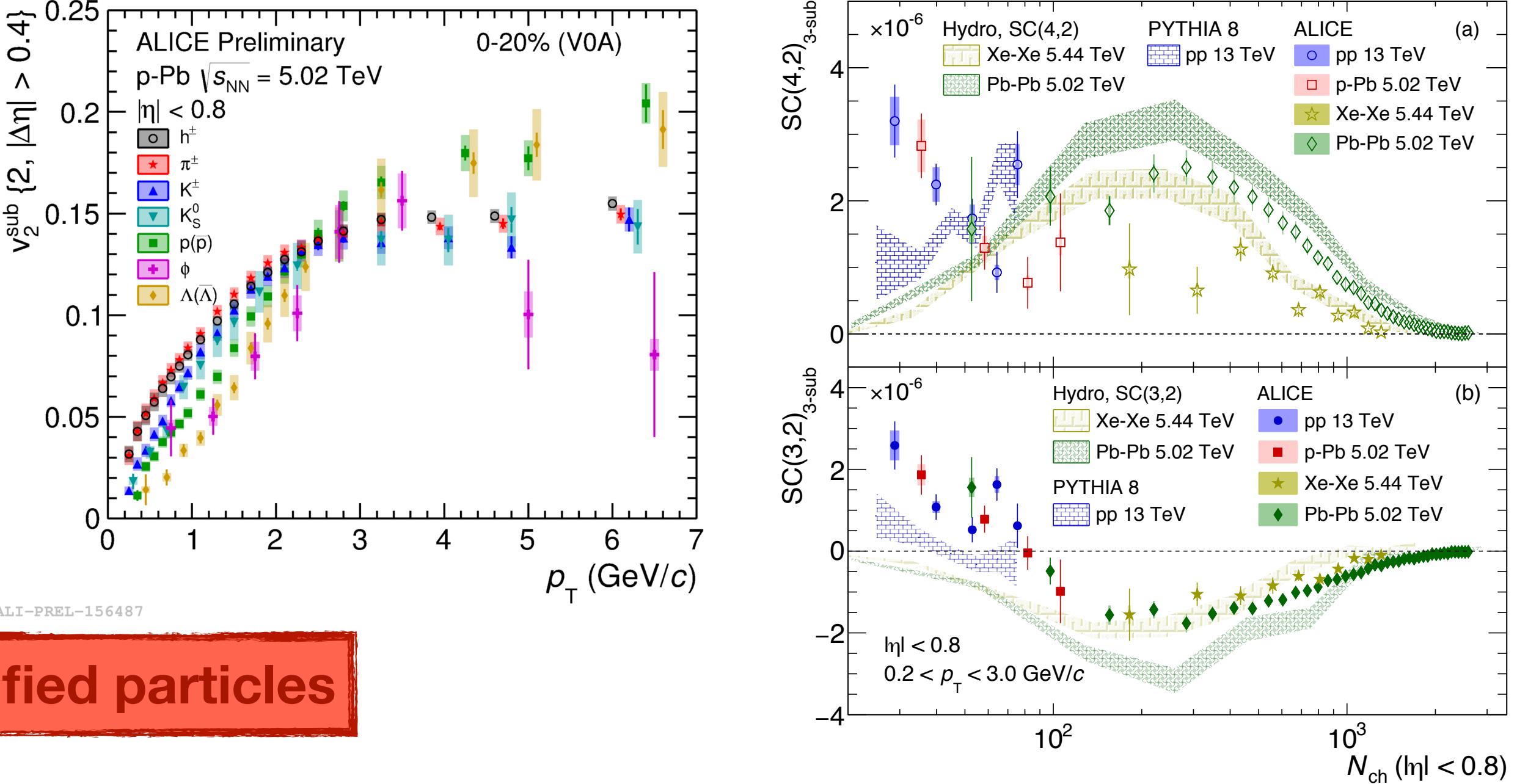
- **Collective phenomena observed** even in the smallest collision system
  - $v_n\{m\}$ : long-range multi-particle correlations
  - $v_2\{2\}(p_T)$ : mass ordering & baryon/meson grouping in p-Pb collisions
- **The origin of the collectivity** in small systems is yet to be understood
  - Initial state / final state / both initial and final state effects ?
  - **SC(m,n)**: the new ALICE data provide further constraints for model comparison



**Charged particles**

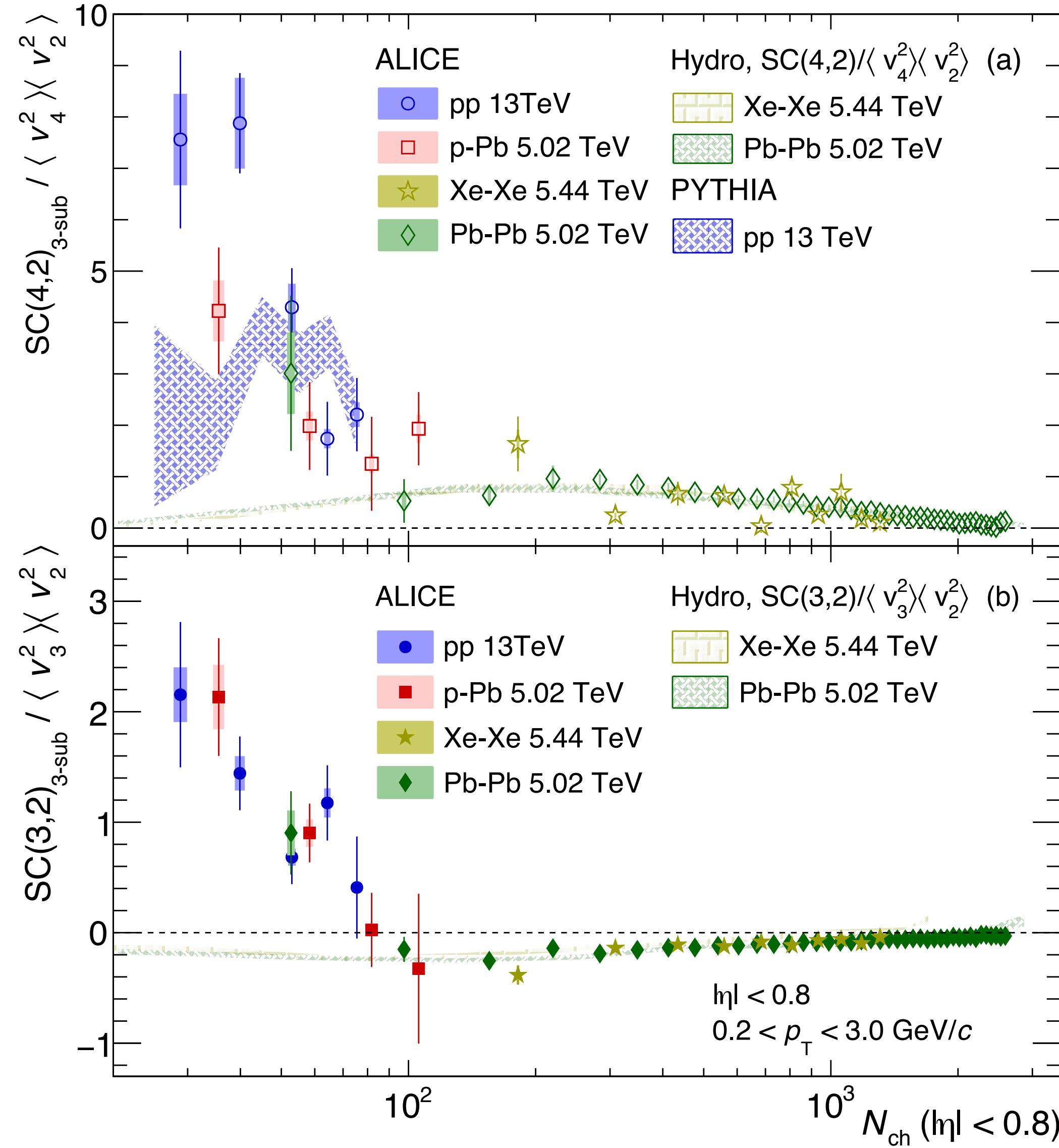


**Identified particles**



# **Backup**

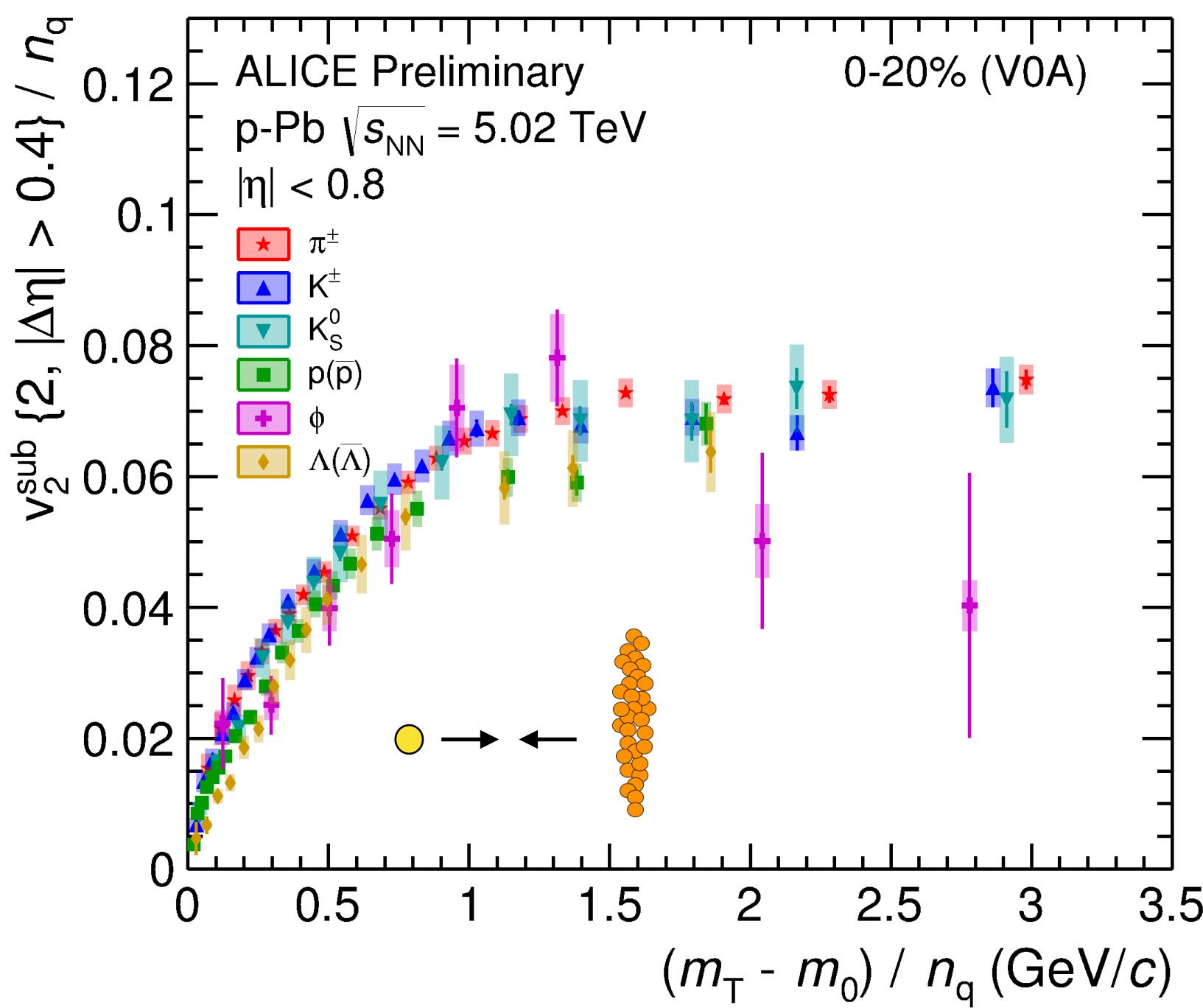
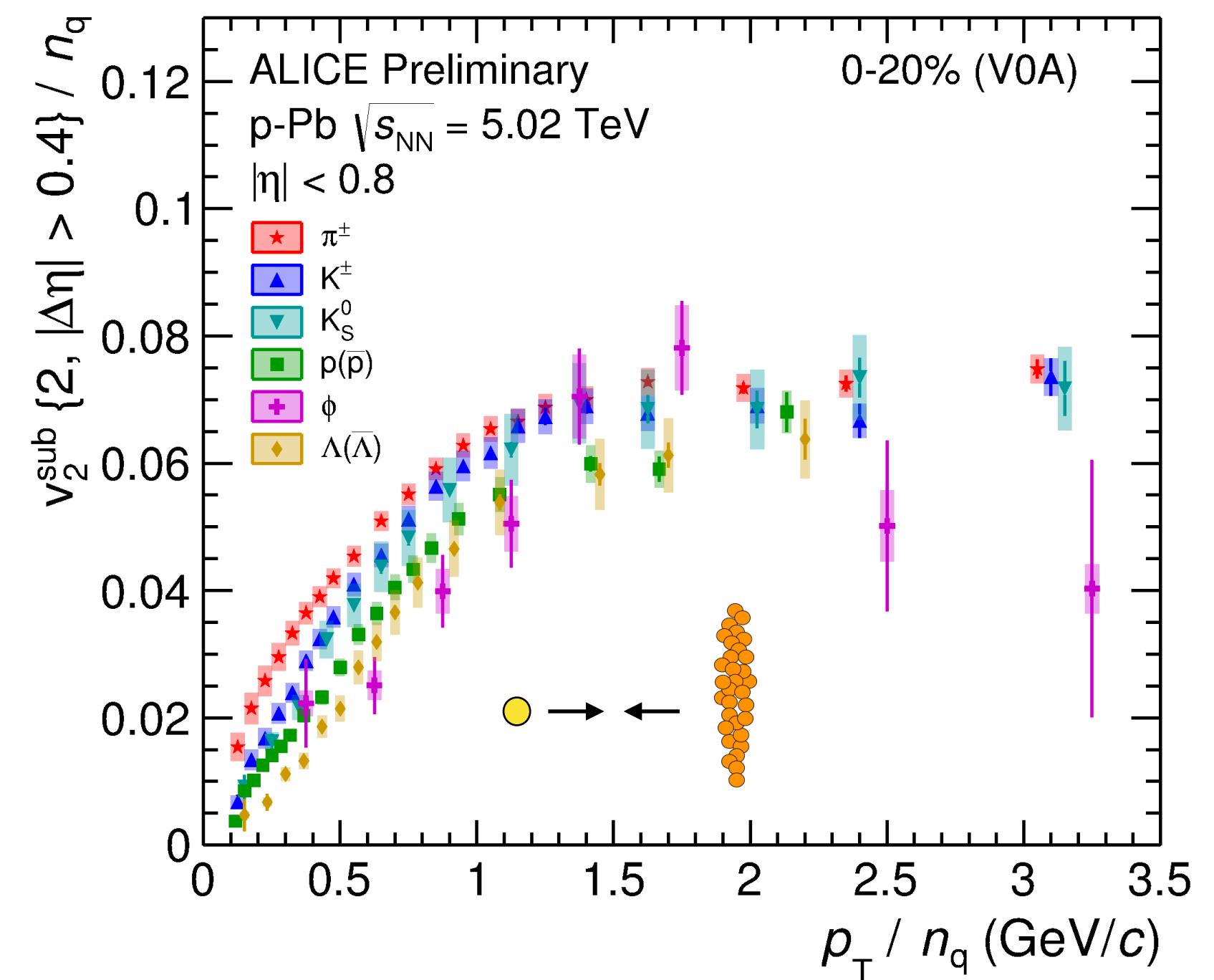
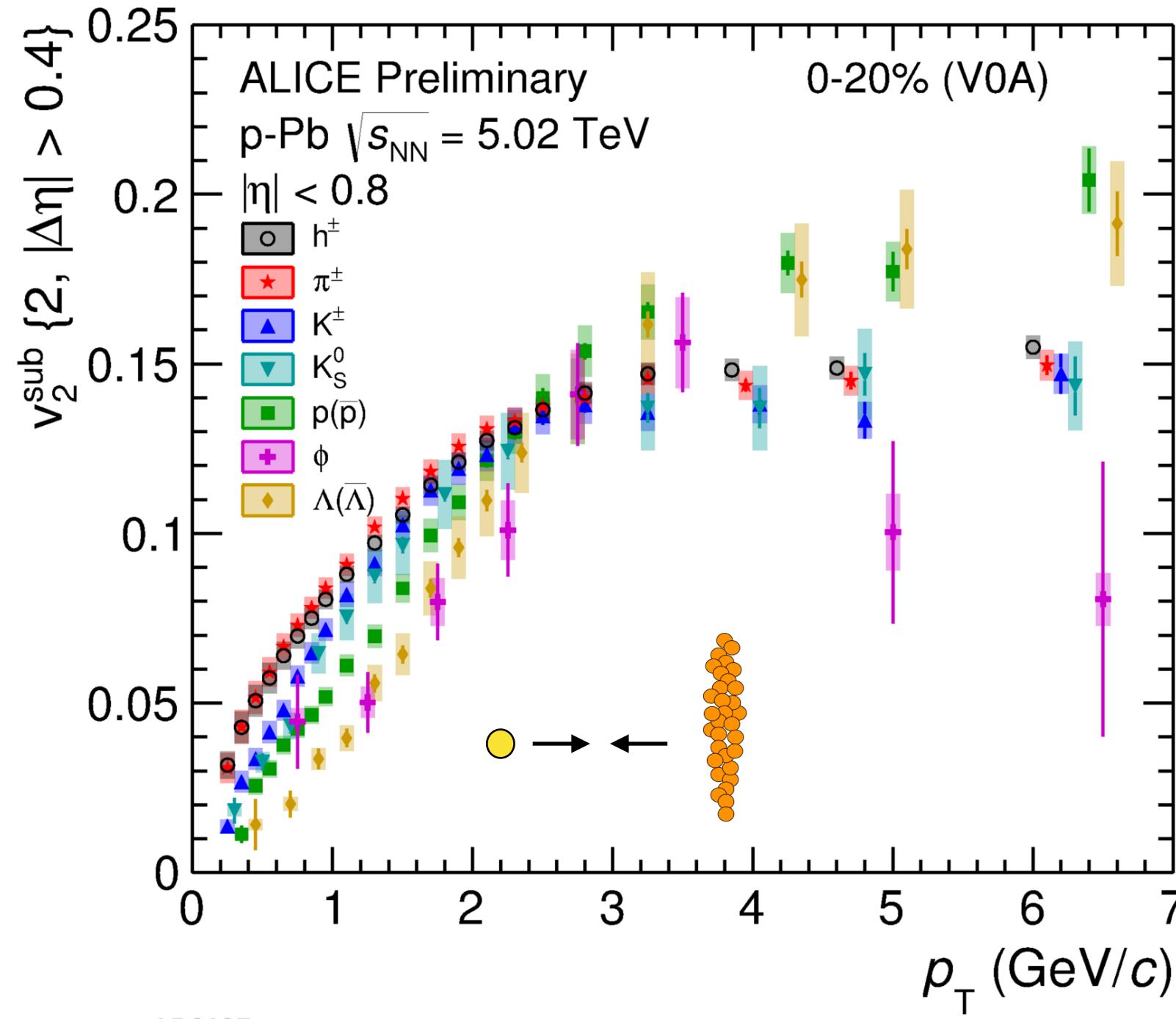
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$$\frac{SC(m, n)_{3-\text{sub}}}{\langle v_n^2 \rangle \langle v_m^2 \rangle}$$

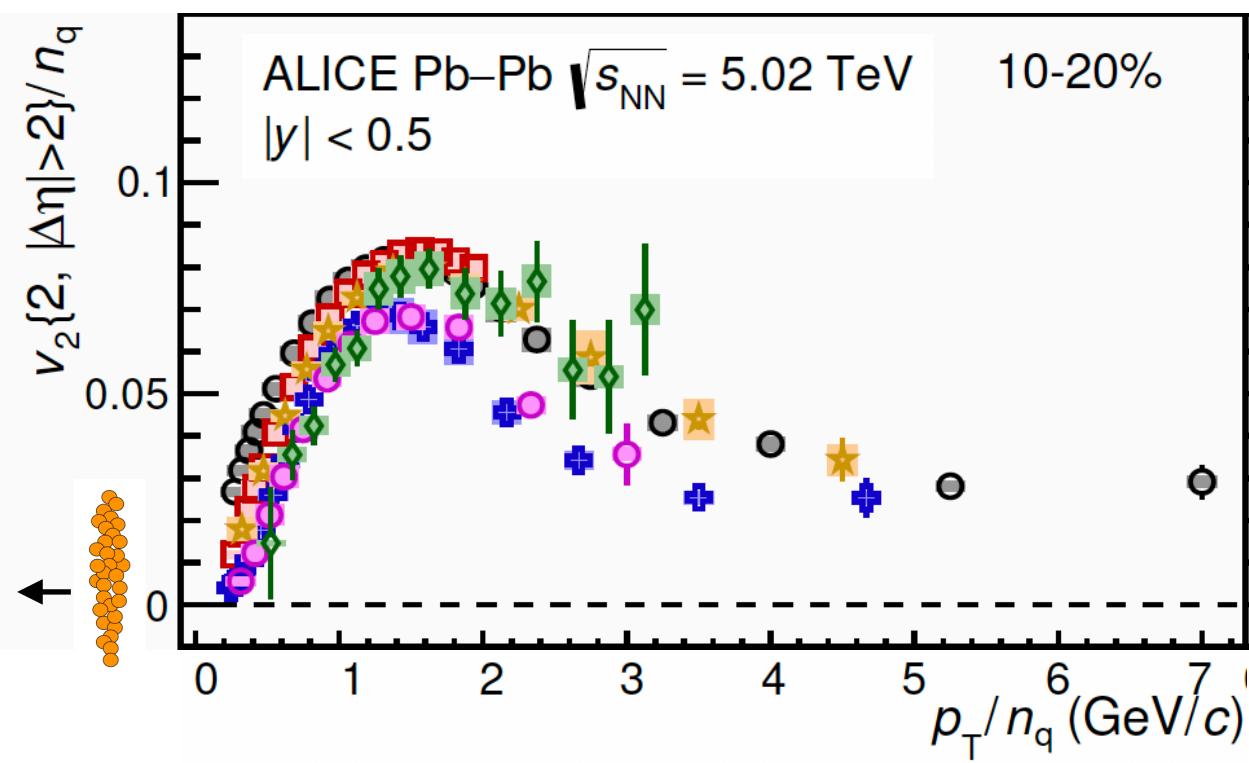
- The  $v_n$  and  $v_m$  are taken from  $v_n\{2, |\Delta\eta|\}$
- In the absence of non-flow, the ratio directly reflects correlations between flow coefficients
- Indication of similar correlation between different collision systems at the same  $N_{ch}$
- Large increase of magnitude at  $N_{ch} < 100$
- IP-Glasma+MUSIC+UrQMD quantitatively describes large collision systems (except for low  $N_{ch}$ )

# Flow coefficients $v_n\{2\}$

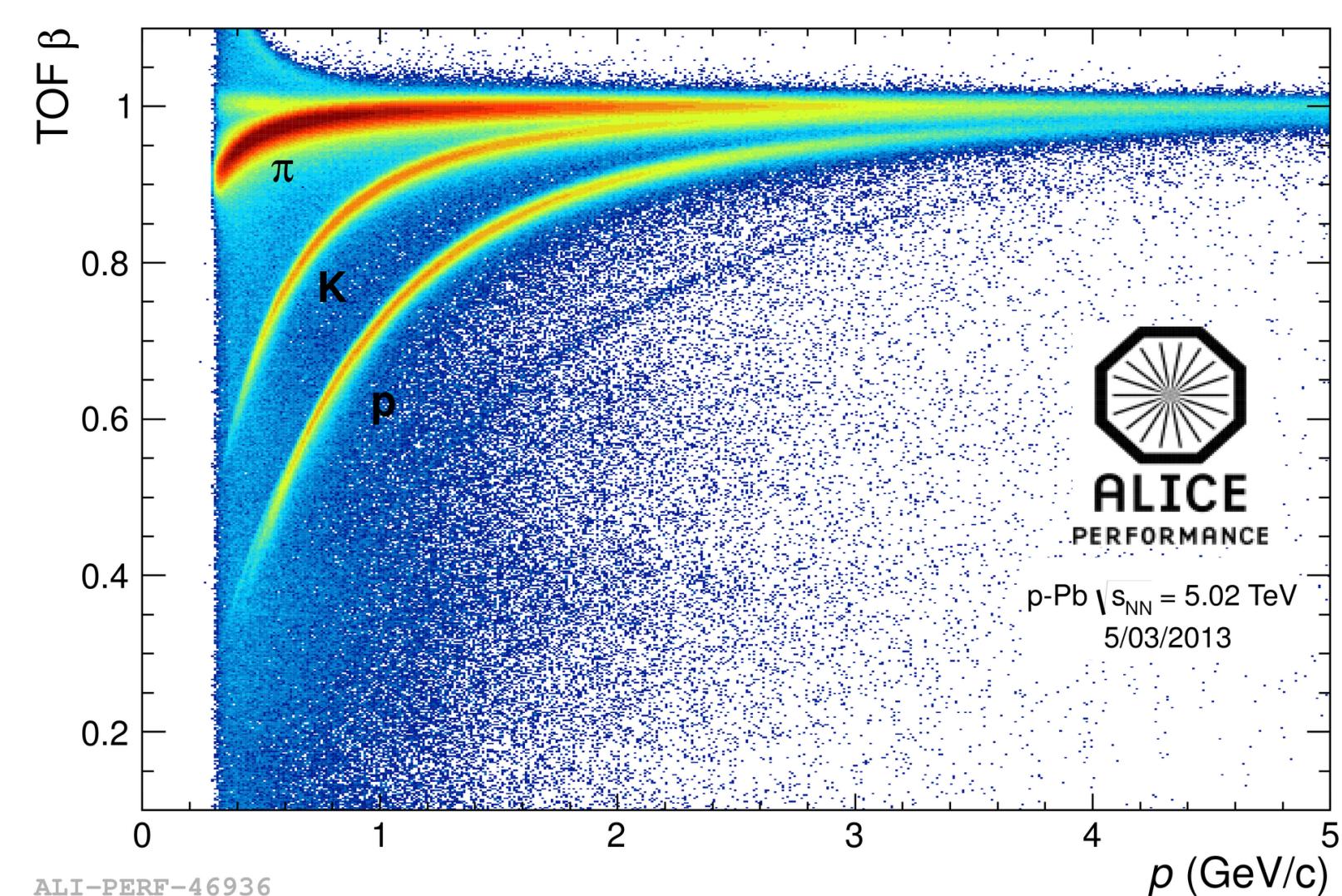
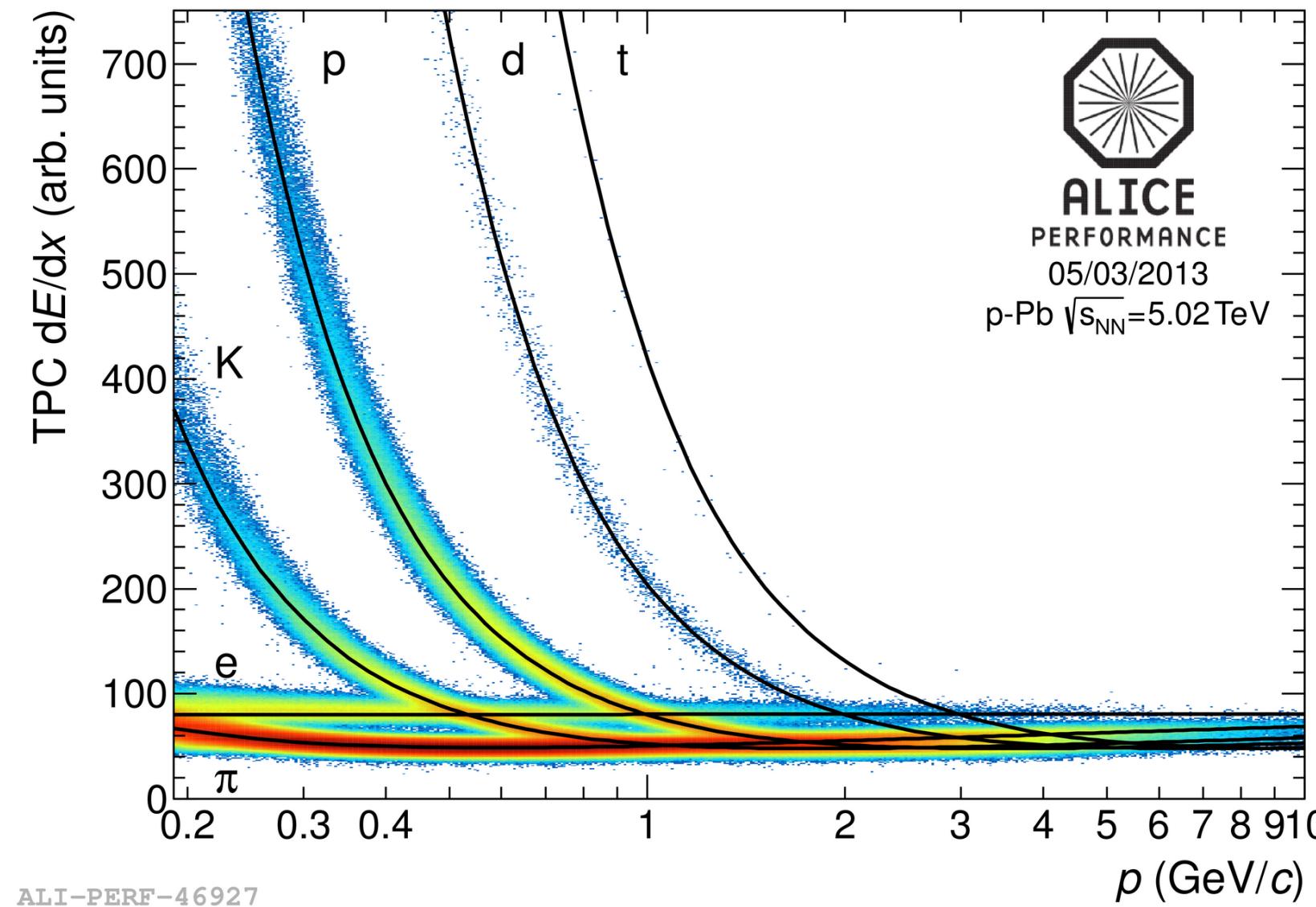


- Similar observations as in Pb-Pb measurements
  - Clear **mass ordering** at low  $p_T$
  - Indication of **baryon/meson grouping** at intermediate  $p_T$
  - Approximate NCQ/KE<sub>T</sub> scaling: indication of partonic collectivity

ALICE, JHEP09, 006 (2018)



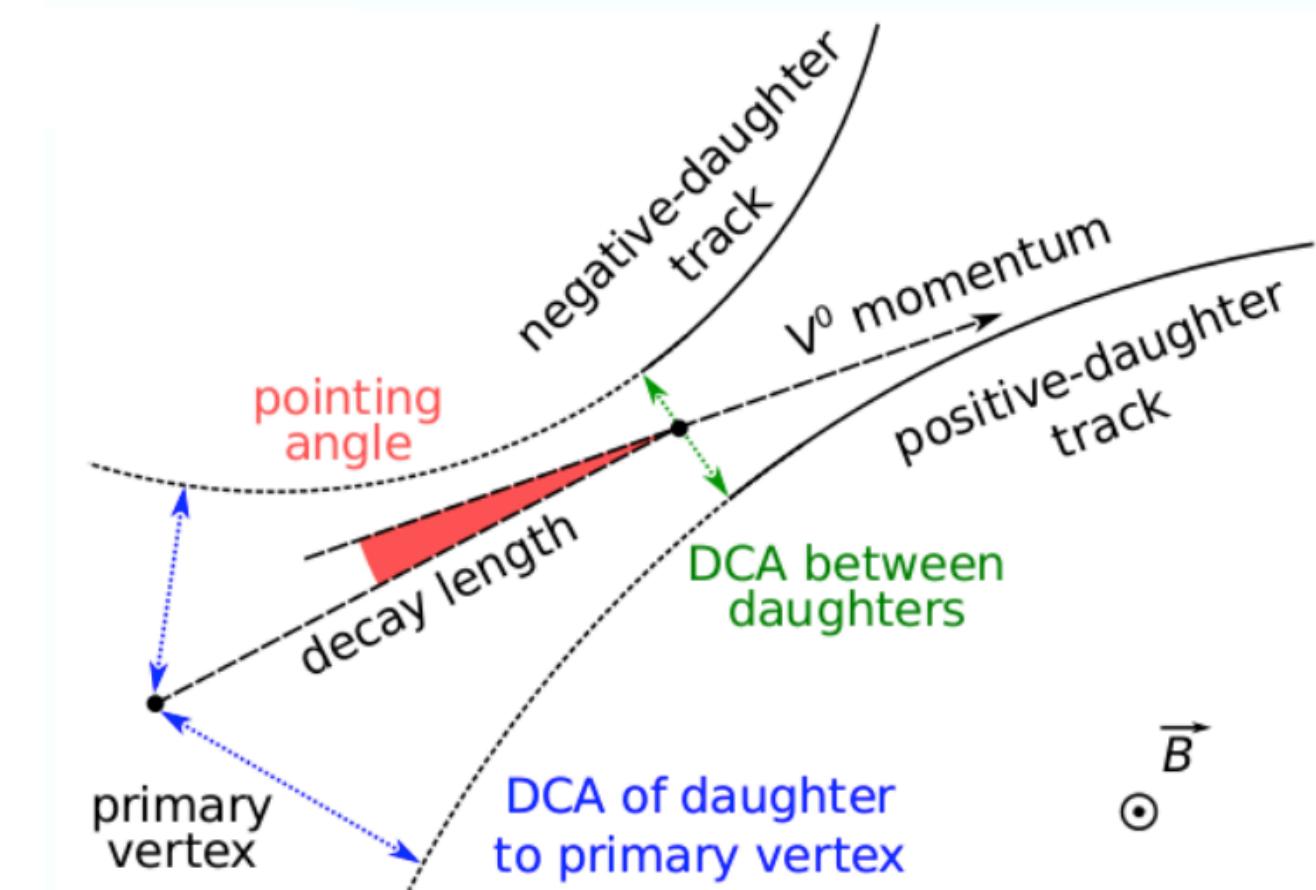
# Particle identification & reconstruction



- Identification of  $\pi$ ,  $K$ ,  $p$ 
  - Identification via energy loss  $dE/dx$  in TPC and time of flight in TOF
- Reconstruction of  $\phi$ ,  $K^0_S$ ,  $\Lambda$ 
  - Short-lived and no charge  $\rightarrow$  cannot be measured directly
  - Reconstruction via their decay products (which are identified via particle identification)

## Hadronic decays

$$\begin{aligned}\phi &\rightarrow K^+ + K^- \\ K^0_S &\rightarrow \pi^+ + \pi^- \\ \Lambda &\rightarrow p + \pi^- \\ \bar{\Lambda} &\rightarrow \bar{p} + \pi^+\end{aligned}$$

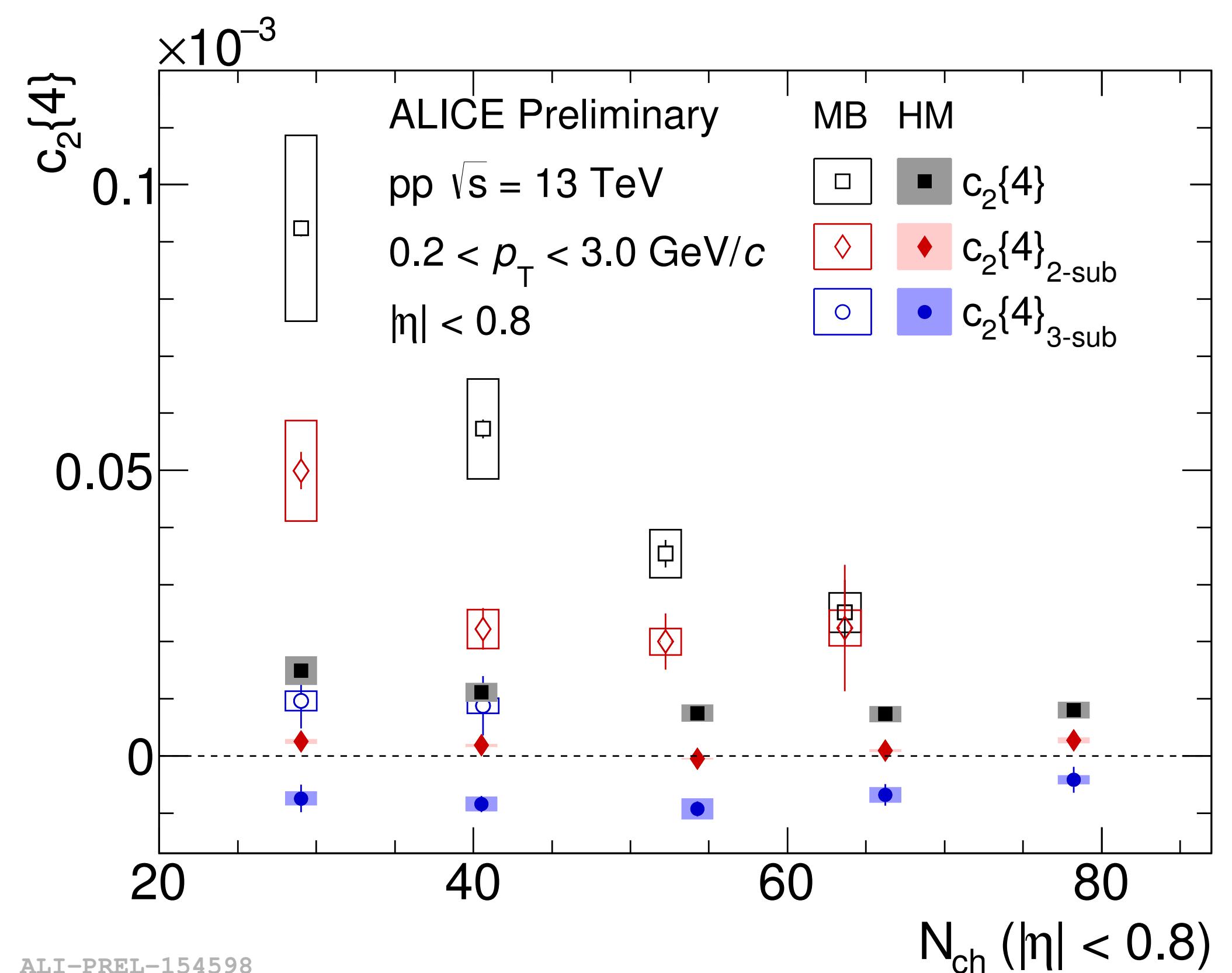


# Trigger selection

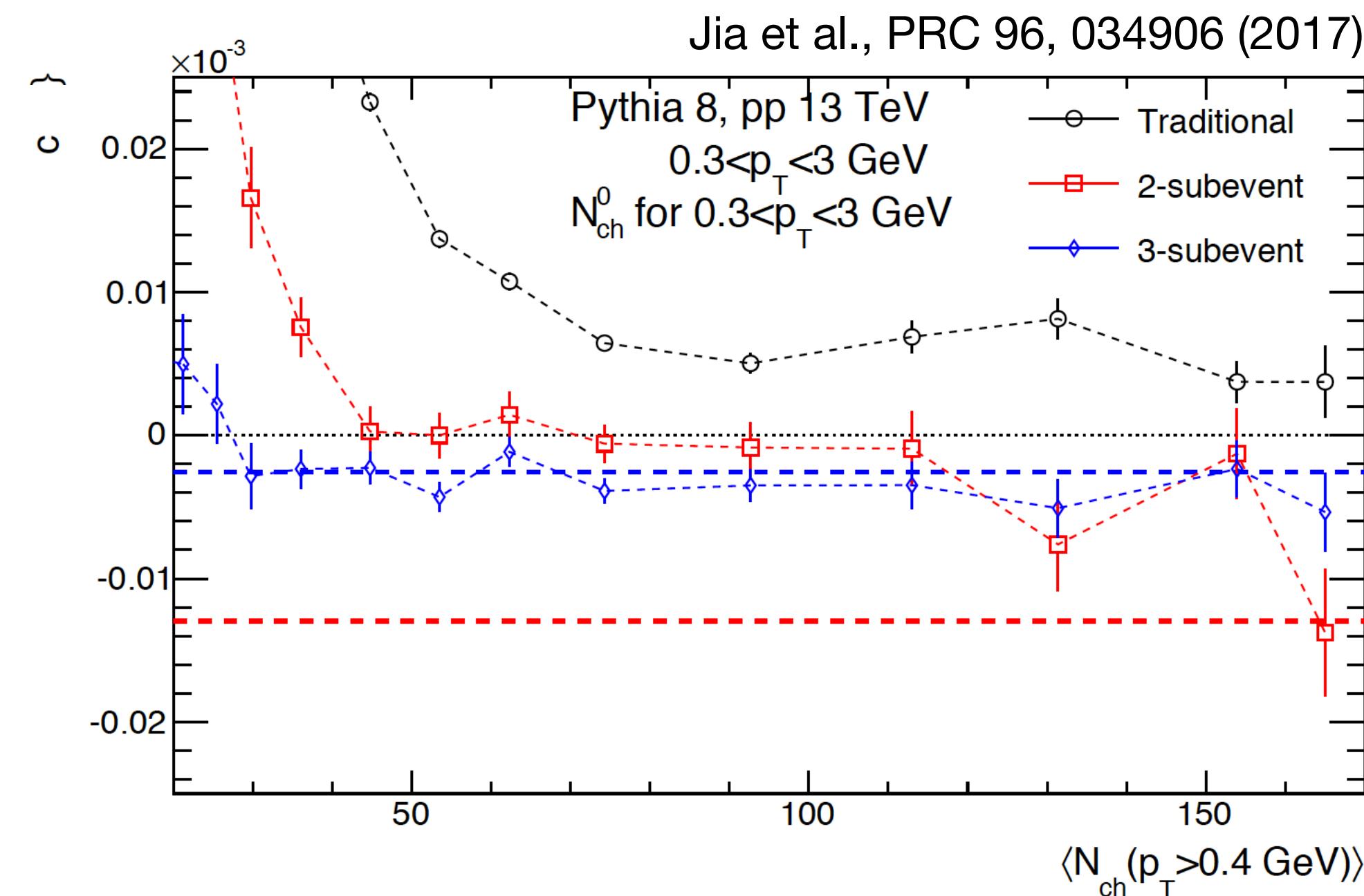
- Minimum-bias trigger:
  - Suppression of non-flow with subevent method
  - The sign of  $c_2\{4\}$  remains positive
- High multiplicity trigger selection:

$$\frac{V0M}{\langle V0M \rangle} > 4$$

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

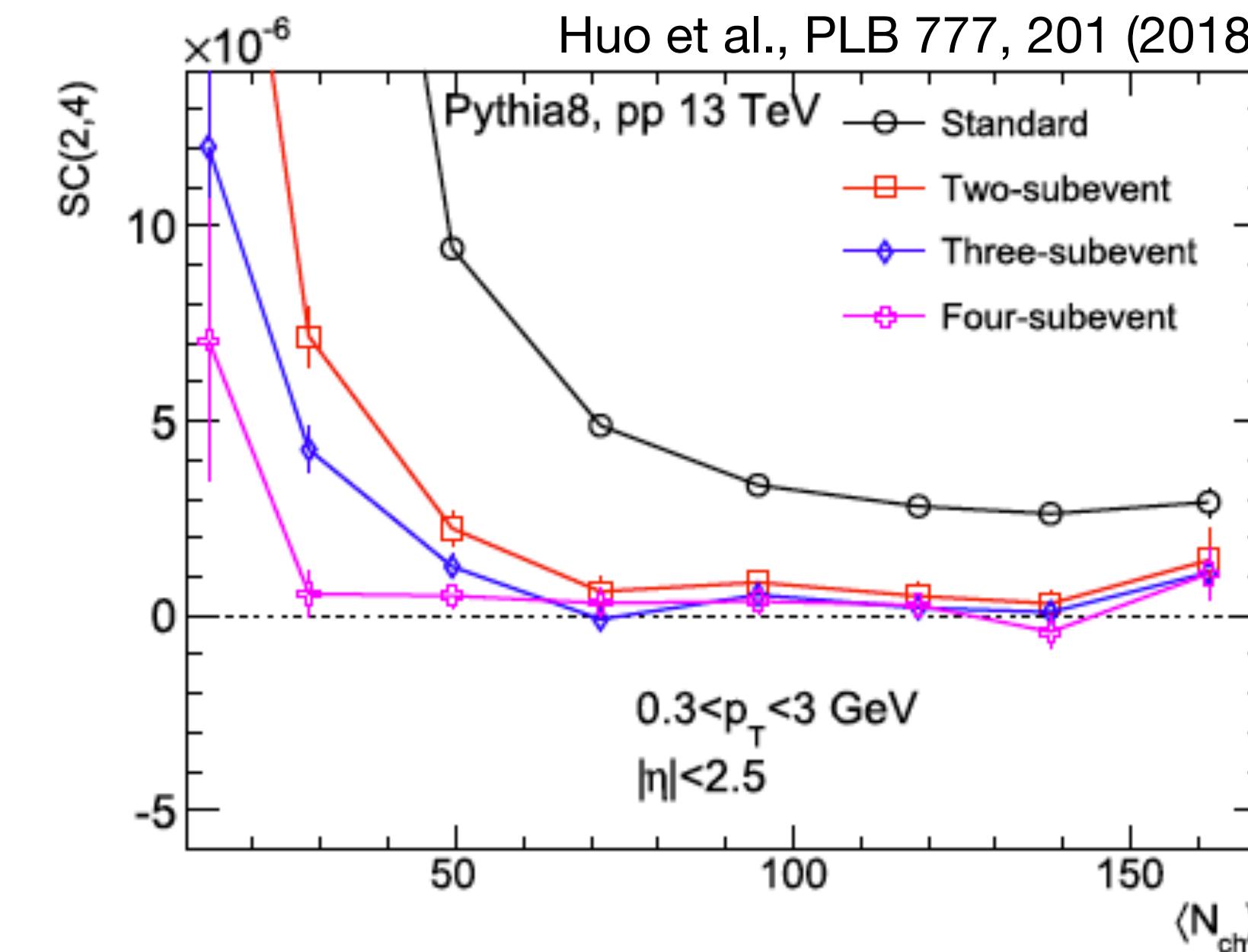
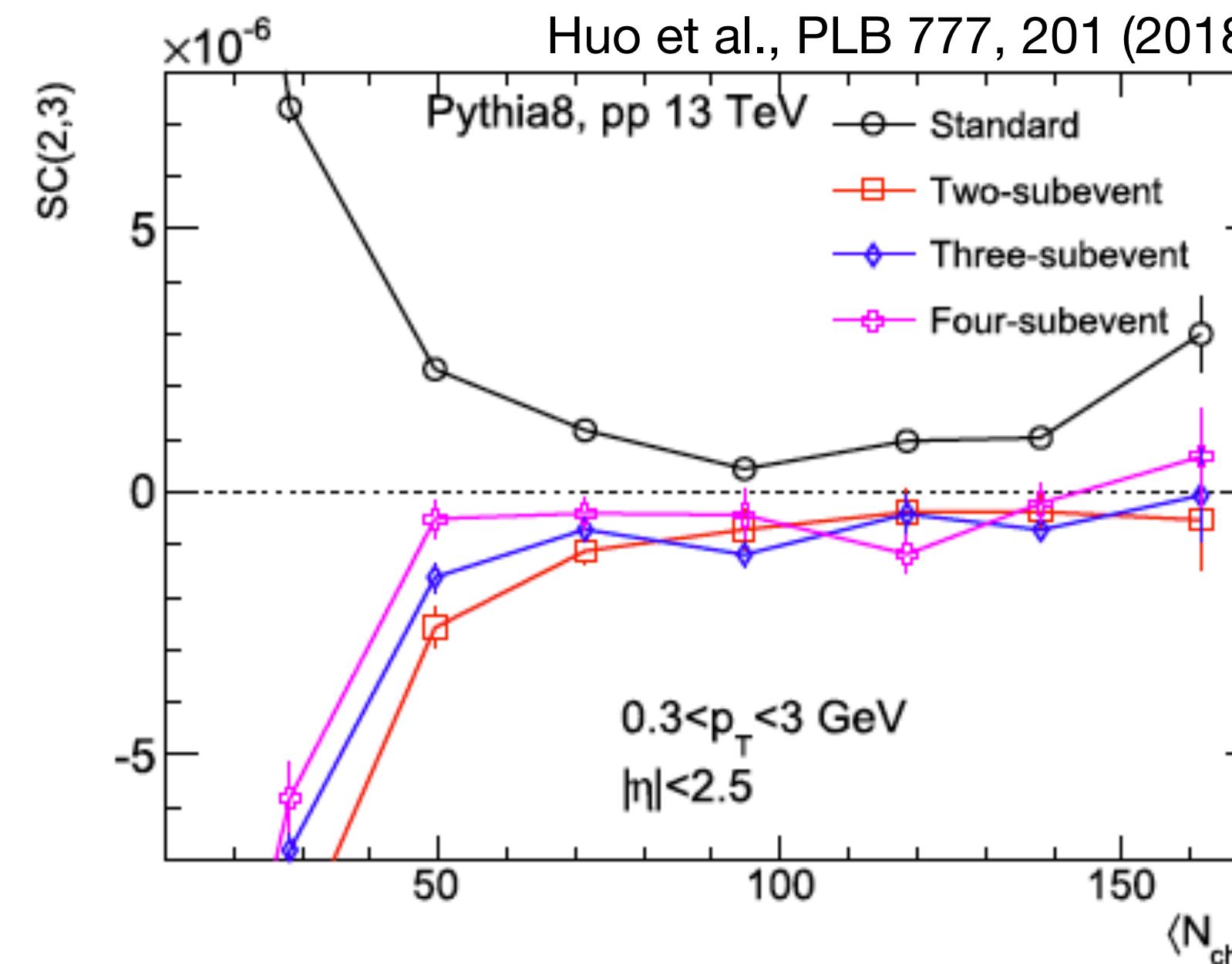


# Testing the subevent method



- Clear decrease of the signal with the subevent method
  - PYTHIA = without flow  $\rightarrow c_2\{4\}$  remains positive
  - After injecting  $v_2 = 0.04$
  - Only the 3-subevent method could reliably reproduce the signal

# Subevent method in SC



- Subevent method tested in PYTHIA 8 (pp collisions) and HIJING (p-Pb collisions)
- Significant effect on the  $SC(m,n)$  measurements