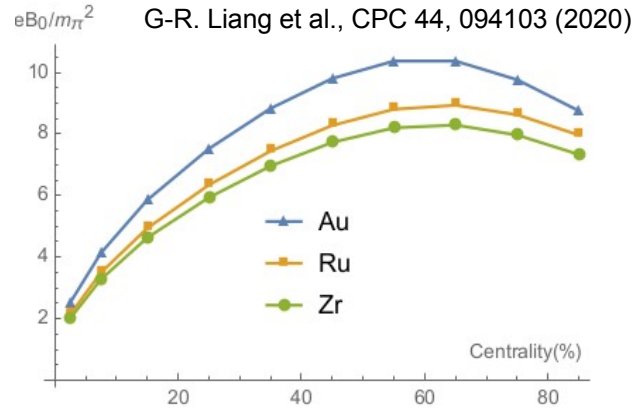


Searches for the Chiral Magnetic Effect with ALICE

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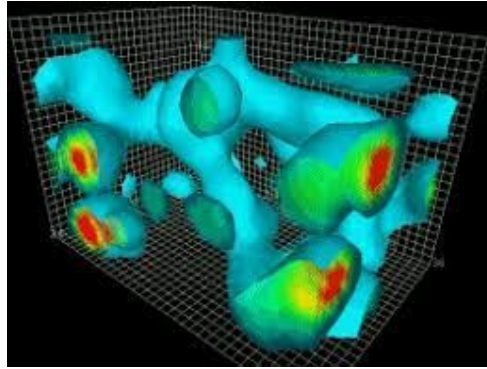


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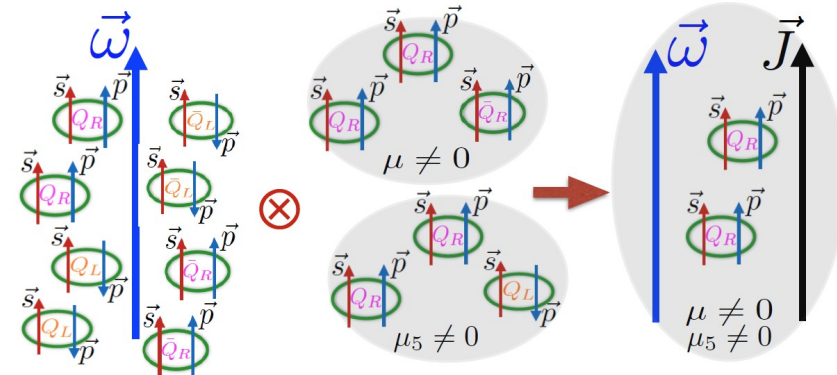


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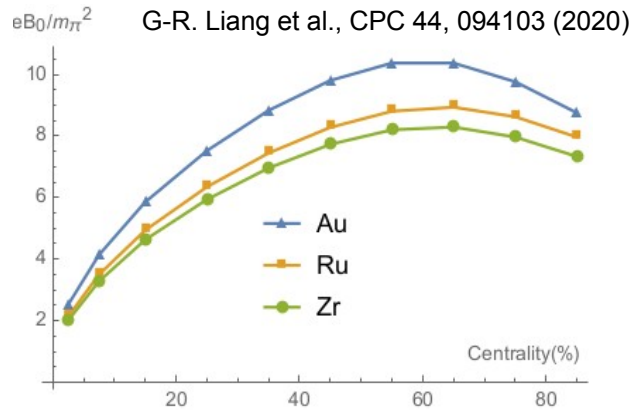
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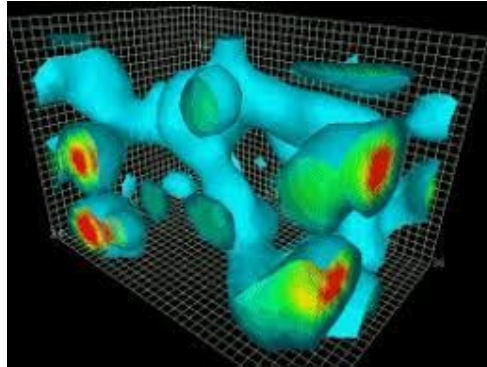
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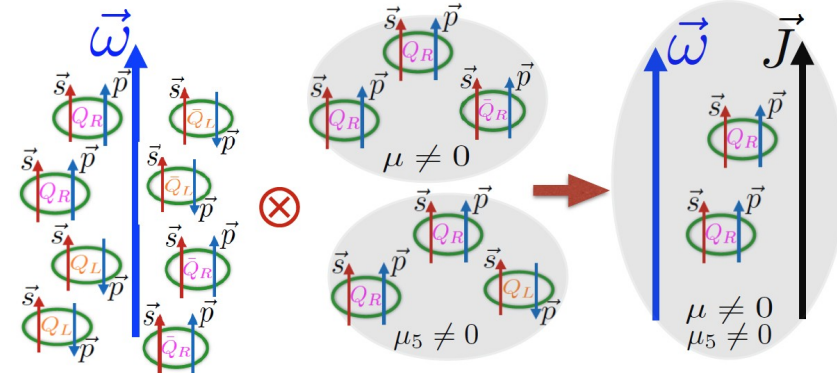


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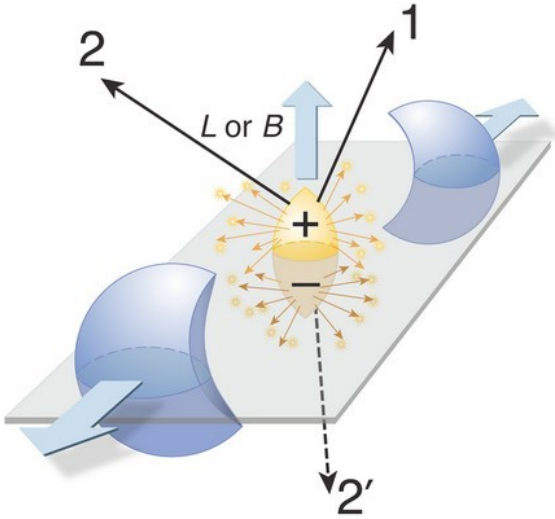
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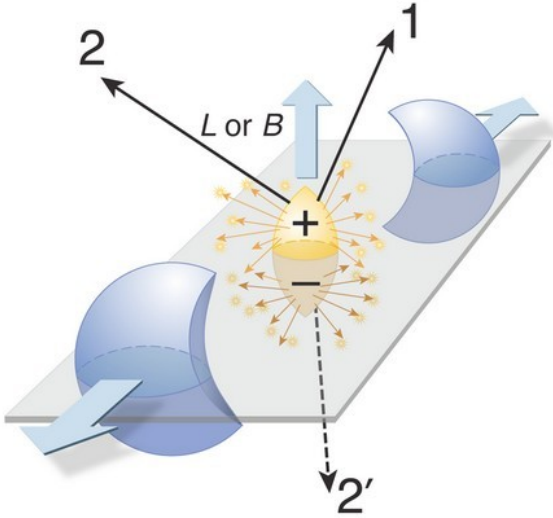
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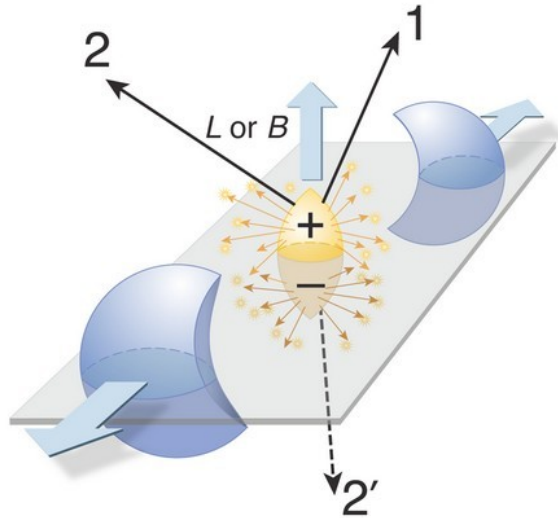
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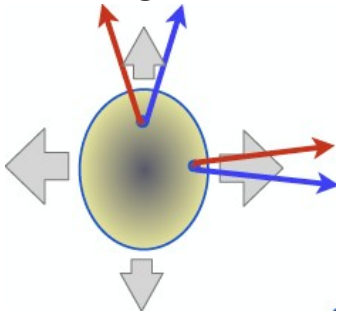
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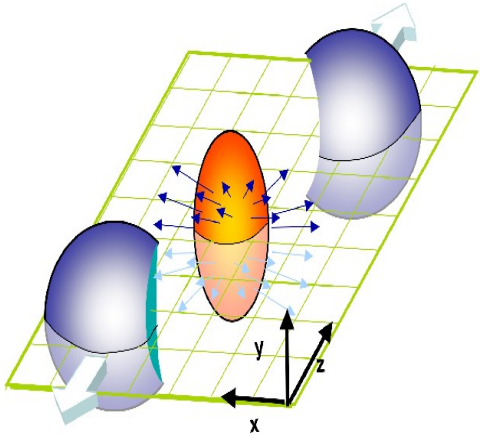
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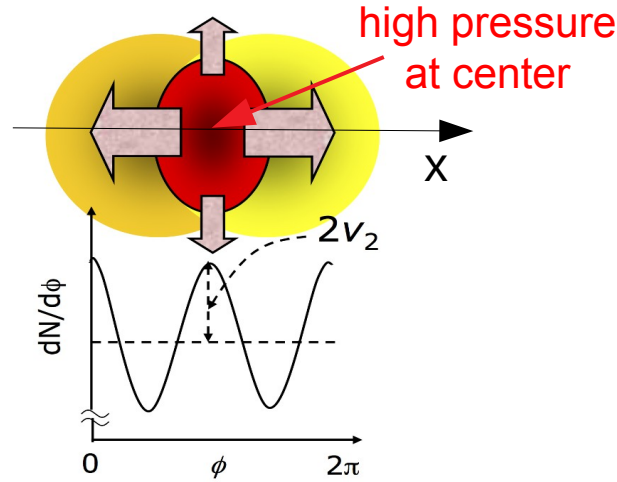
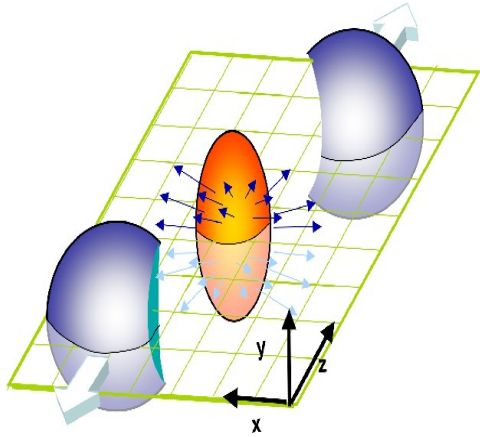
“Flowing clusters”



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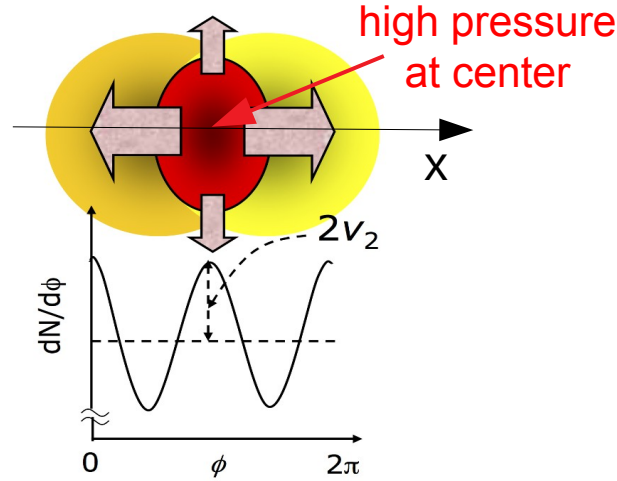
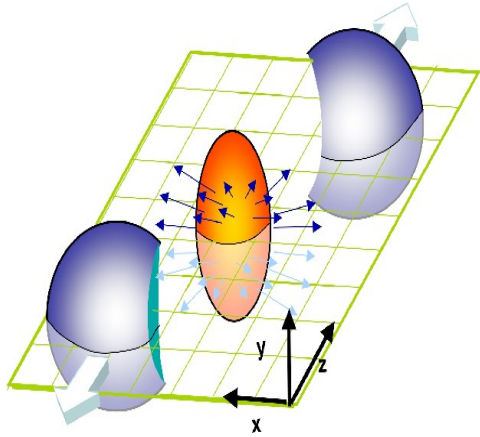
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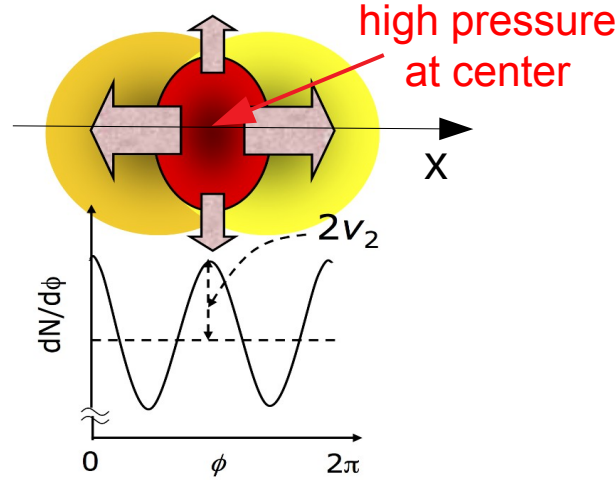
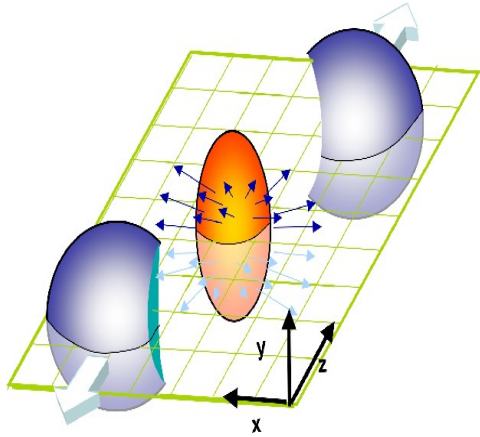
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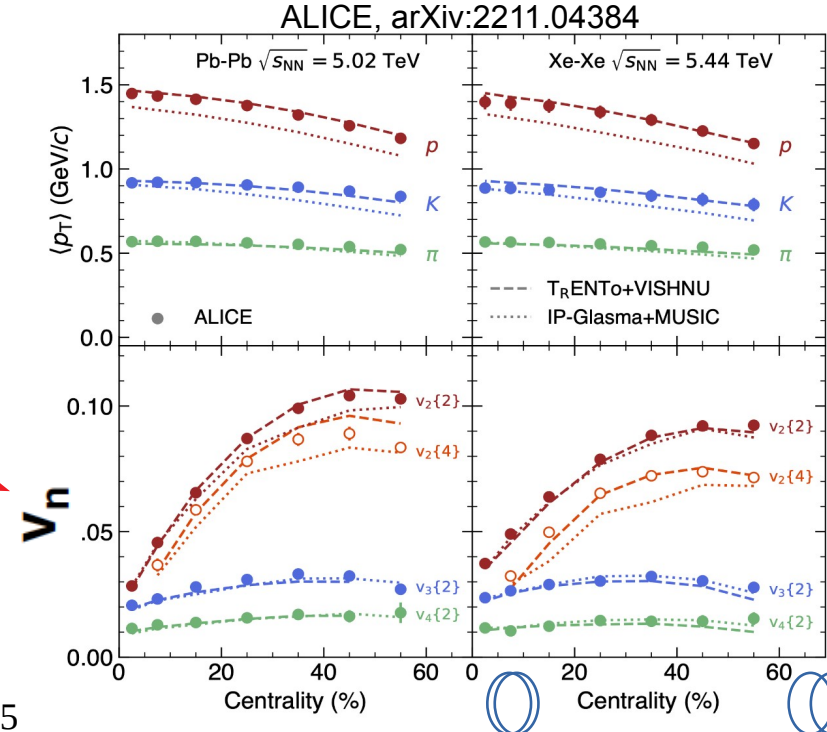


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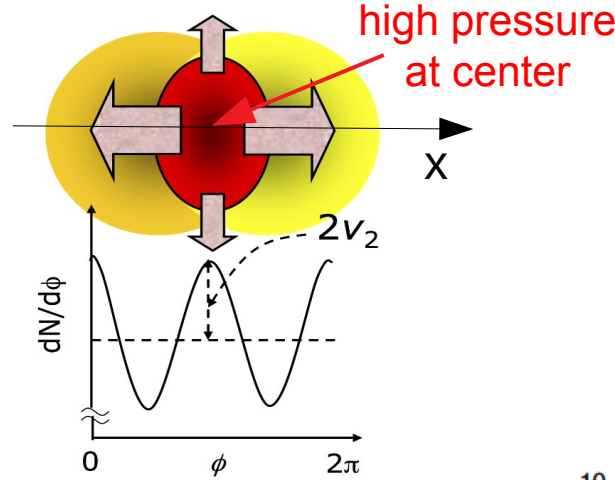
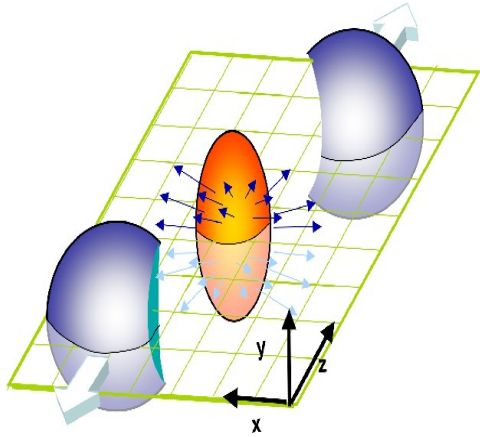
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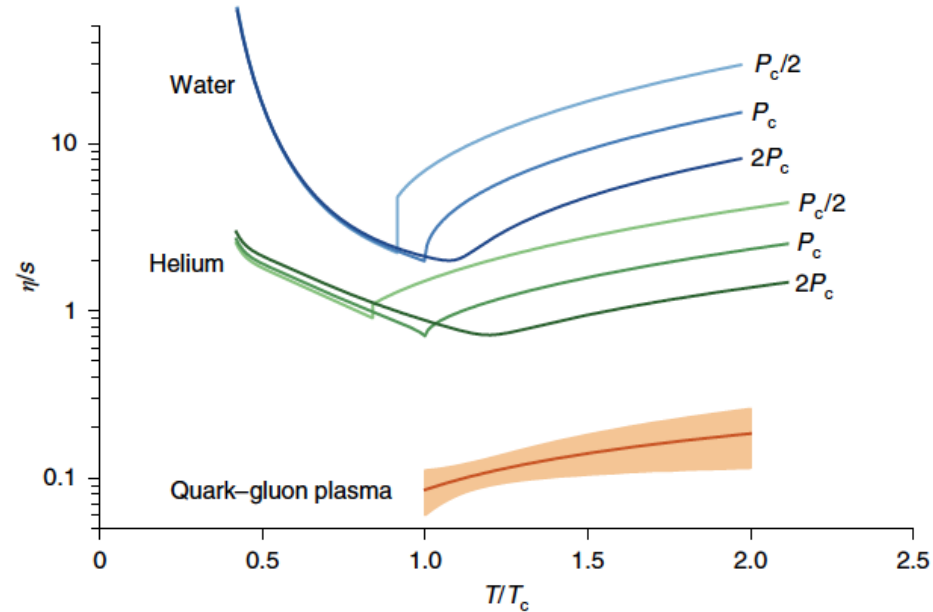
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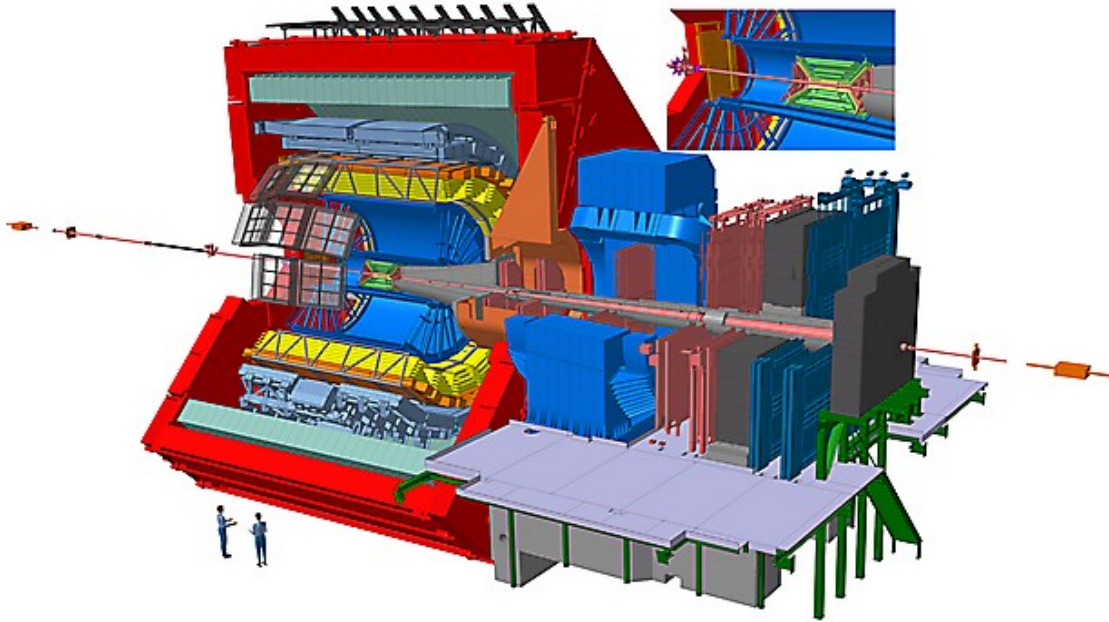
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- Characterize key QGP properties like viscosity
 - Nearly perfect fluid: $1/4\pi < \eta/s < 3/4\pi$

J. Bernhard et al., NP 19 (2019) 1113



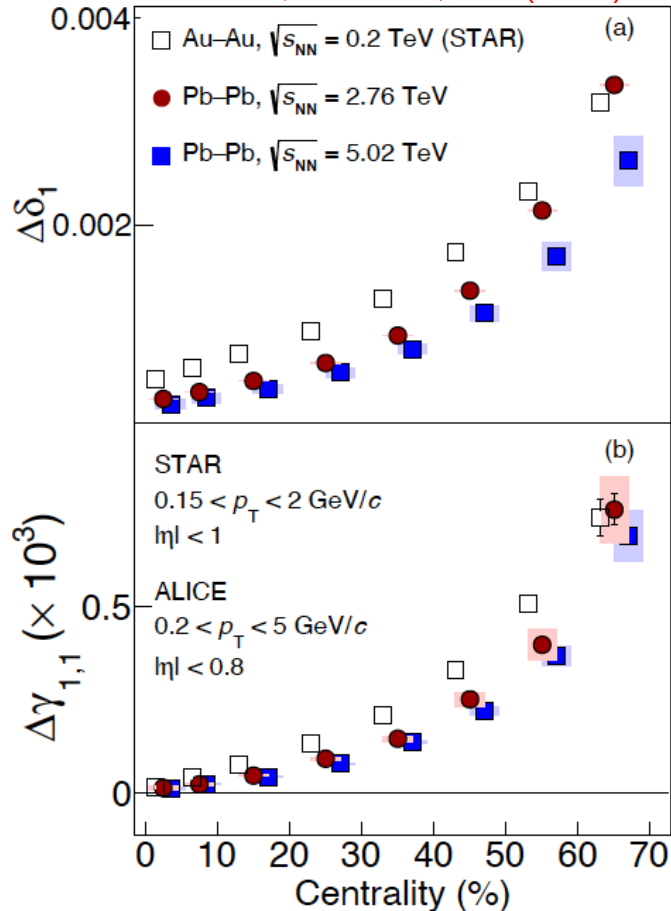
A Large Ion Collider Experiment



- Inner Tracking System (ITS)
 - Tracking, vertexing
- Time Projection Chamber (TPC)
 - Tracking, vertexing, particle identification based on specific energy loss, ψ_n
- Time-of-Flight (TOF)
 - Particle identification based on flight time
- V0 detector
 - Triggering, centrality, ψ_n
- Track selection
 - $0.2 < p_T < 5 \text{ GeV}/c$, $|\eta| < 0.8$

- Pb-Pb at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02 \text{ TeV}$
 - ~235M events
- Xe-Xe at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.44 \text{ TeV}$
 - ~1M events



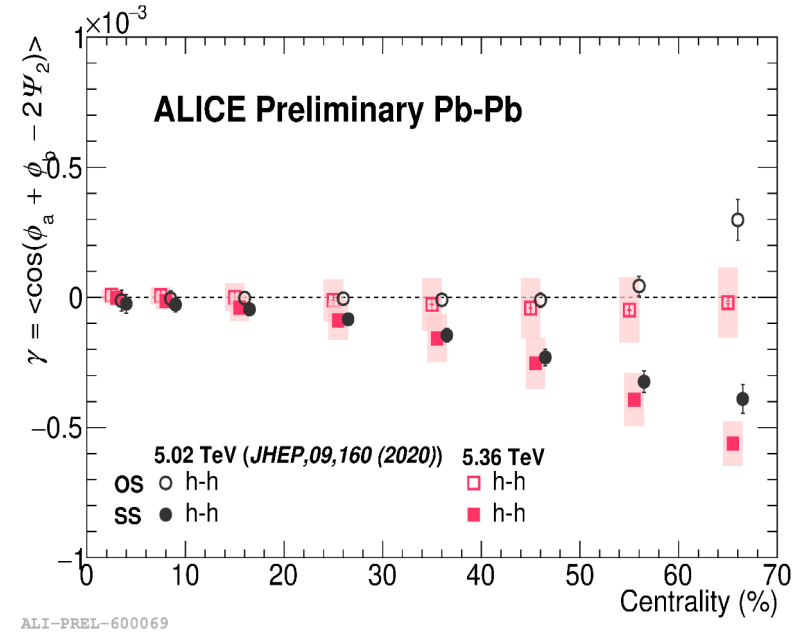
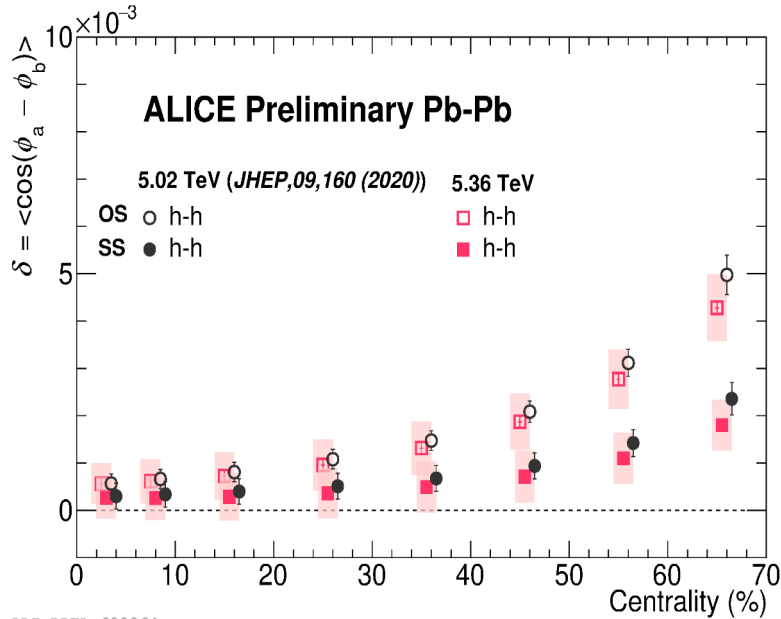


CME @ LHC

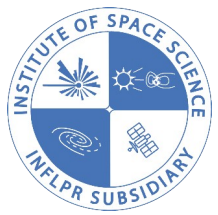
- Strong centrality dependence consistent with naive expectations from CME
- Similar magnitude between RHIC and LHC
 - Different dilution effects (3x larger $dN_{ch}/d\eta$ at LHC than at RHIC)
 - Different magnitude of the magnetic field
- Large contribution from background → local charge conservation (LCC) coupled with anisotropic flow
 - Various approaches used to disentangle signal from background
 - Vary the background (v_2) → event shape engineering
 - “Killing” the signal (B) → higher harmonics
 - Vary the signal (B) → different collision systems

S. Schlichting and S. Pratt, PRC 83, 014913 (2011)

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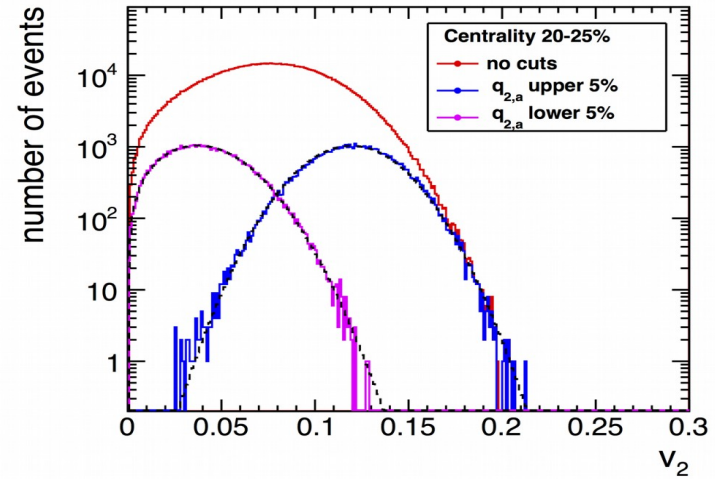
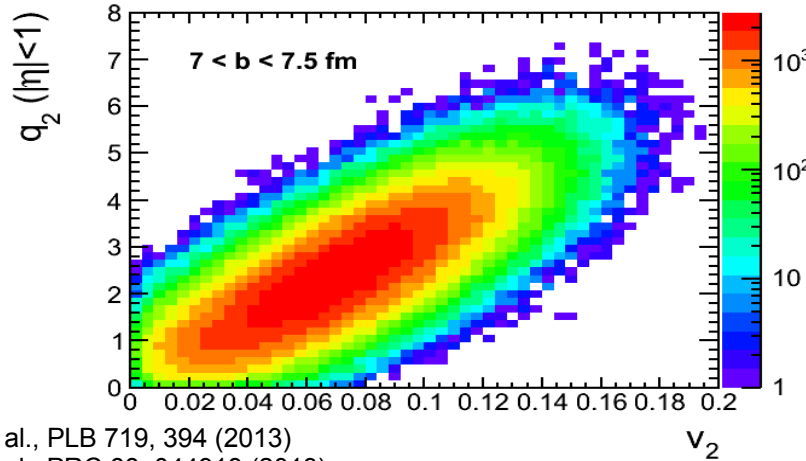


- (Almost) no dependence on collision energy
 - Non-flow contributions affect measurements in peripheral collisions



Varying the background using event shape engineering

Event Shape Engineering (ESE)

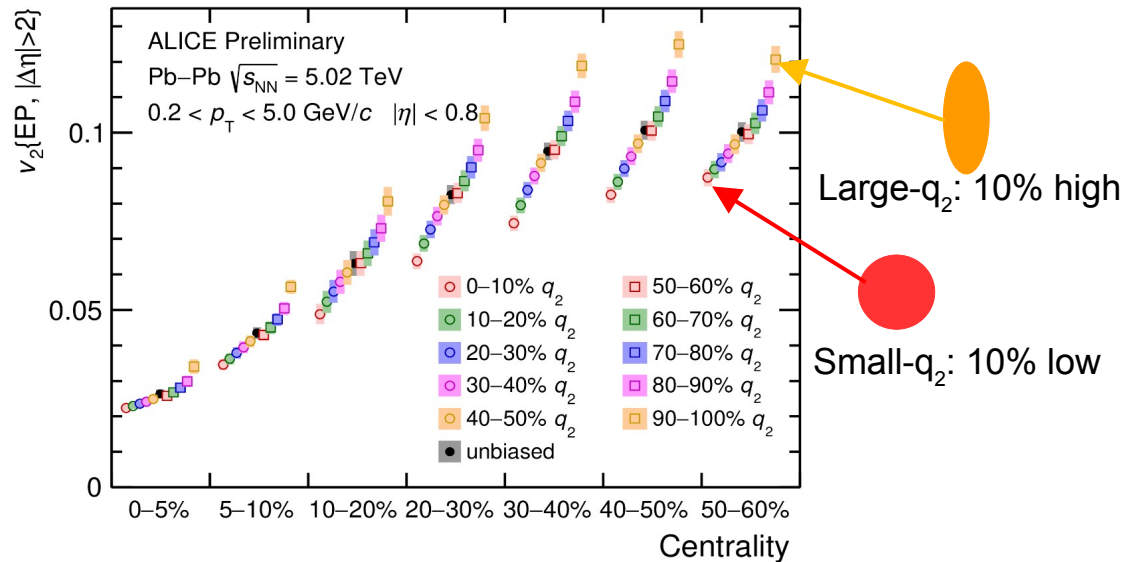


J. Schukraft et al., PLB 719, 394 (2013)
H. Petersen et al., PRC 88, 044918 (2013)
P. Huo et al., PRC 90, 024910 (2014)

- Select events with similar centralities and different shapes based on the event-by-event flow/eccentricity fluctuations

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\text{Flow vector} \\
 &Q_{n,x} = \sum_i \cos(n\varphi_i) \\
 &Q_{n,y} = \sum_i \sin(n\varphi_i) \\
 &\quad \longrightarrow \quad q_n \text{ distribution} \\
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 &q_n = |Q_n|/\sqrt{M}
 \end{aligned}$$

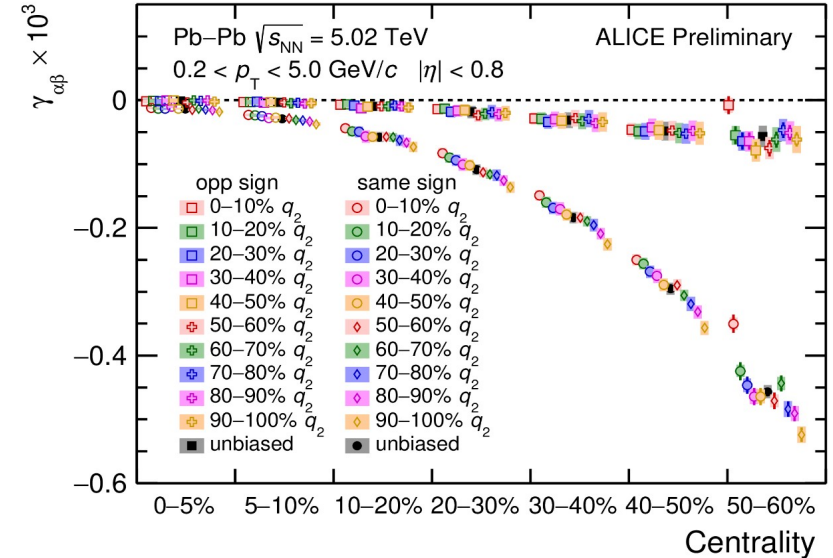
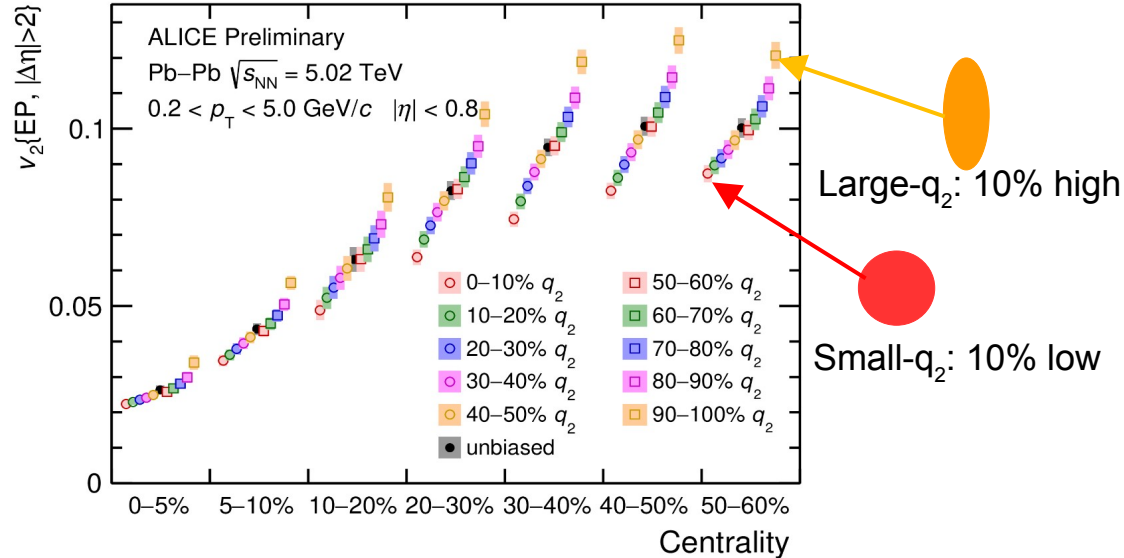
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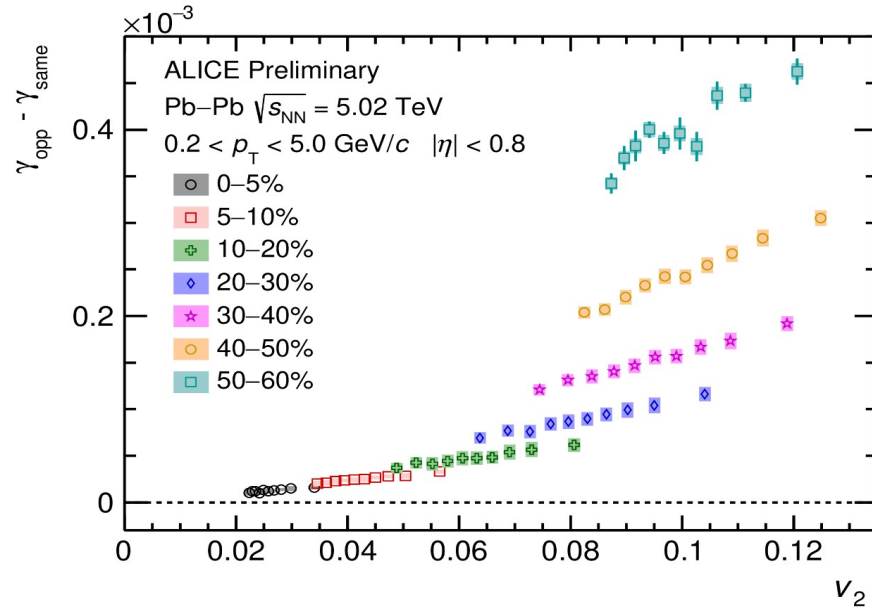


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- q_2^{VOC} used to select events with 30% larger or 25% smaller v_2 than the average
- $\gamma_{\alpha\beta}$ contains potential CME signal as well as background effects
 - Background contributions are suppressed at the level of v_2
- $\gamma_{\alpha\beta}$ depends on the event shape selection in a given centrality bin

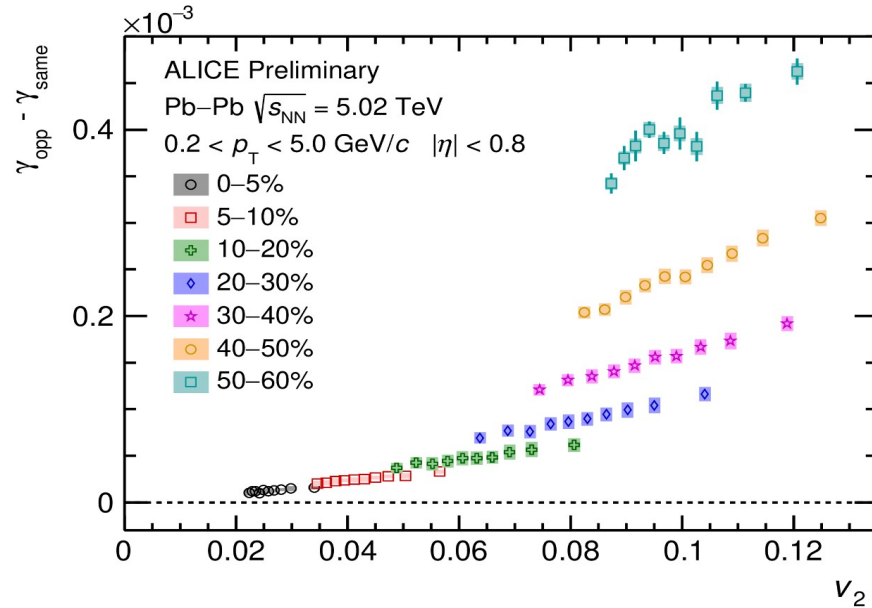
CME with ESE (II)



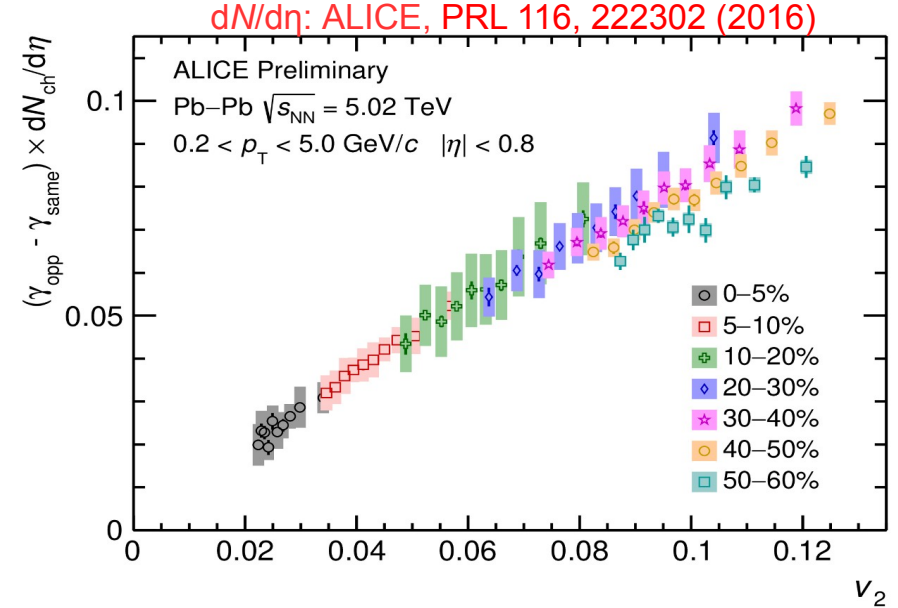
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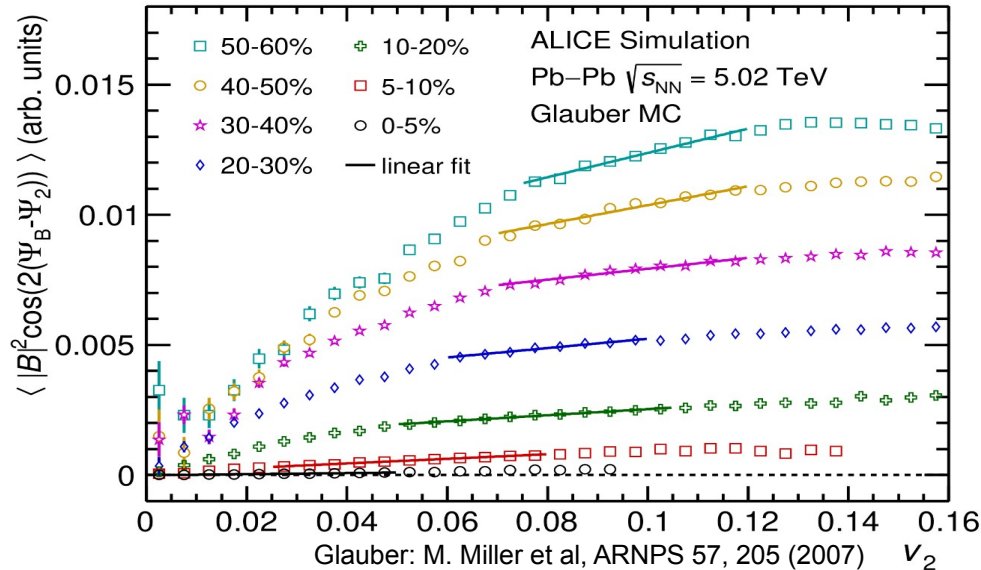
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ALI-PREL-550481

- γ_{ab} (opp-same) can be used to study the CME
 - Difference is positive for all centrality classes and decreases with centrality and v_2 (in a given centrality bin)
 - Difference approximately scales with v_2 and multiplicity $\rightarrow$ mostly background contribution

Does magnetic field depend on v_2 in initial state models?



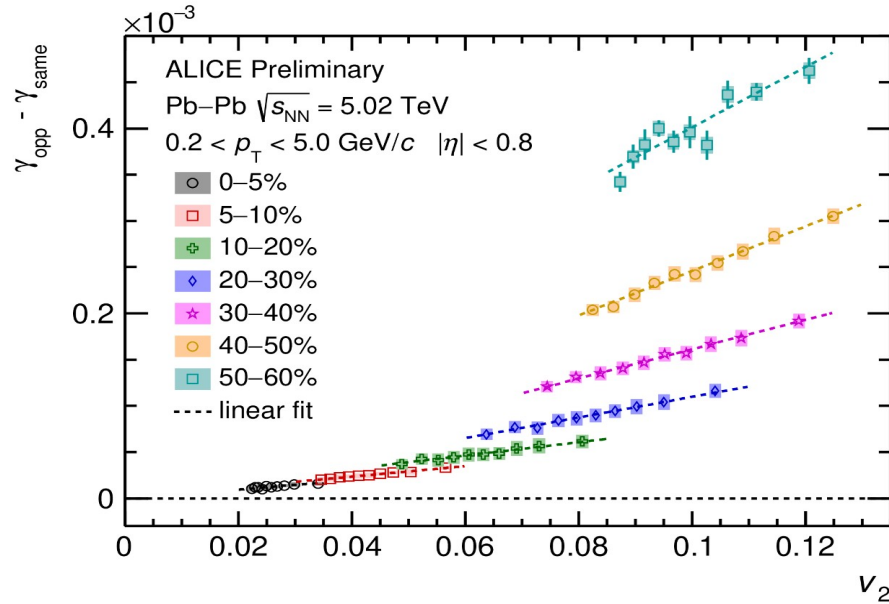
$$eB_s^\pm(\tau, \eta, \mathbf{x}_\perp) = \pm Z \alpha_{EM} \sinh(Y_0 \mp \eta) \int d^2 \mathbf{x}'_\perp \rho_\pm(\mathbf{x}'_\perp) [1 - \theta_\mp(\mathbf{x}'_\perp)]$$

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

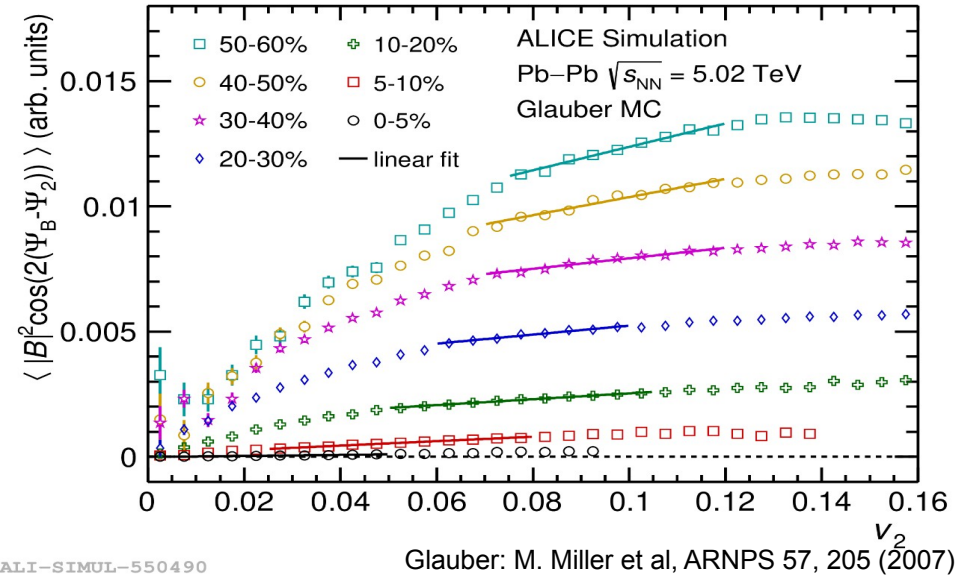
D. Kharzeev et al., NPA 803, 227 (2008)

- Perform a MC Glauber simulation to evaluate the dependence of the CME signal on v_2
 - Parameters are tuned to ALICE results
 - Calculate magnetic field at the origin using spectators with the proper time $\tau=0.1$ fm
 - $\langle |B|^2 \cos(2(\Psi_B - \Psi_2)) \rangle$, the expected contribution of the CME to γ_{ab} , shows a strong dependence on v_2

Relating data and models



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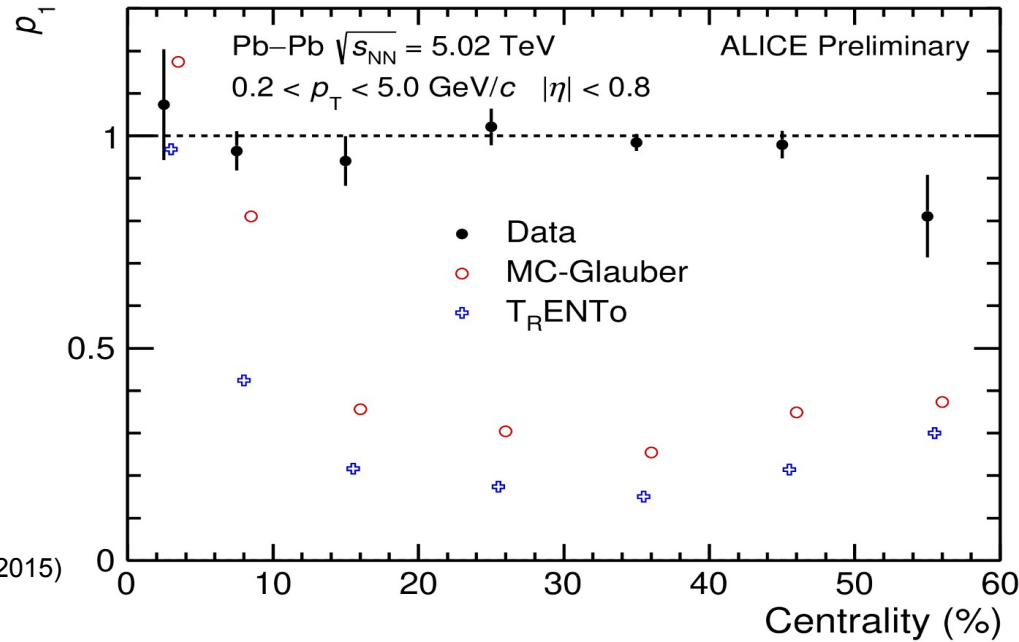


Glauber: M. Miller et al, ARNPS 57, 205 (2007)

- Fit γ_{ab} (opp-same) and $\langle |B|^2 \cos(2(\Psi_B - \Psi_2)) \rangle$ with a linear function to disentangle the potential CME signal from background

$$P_1(v_2) = p_0(1 + p_1(v_2 - \langle v_2 \rangle) / \langle v_2 \rangle)$$

Slopes of data and model fits



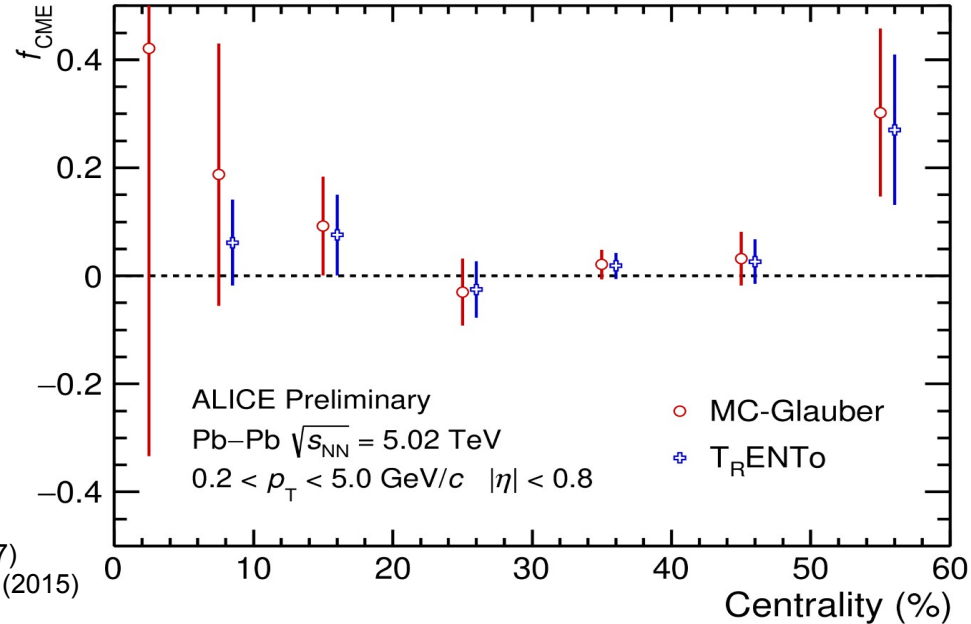
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- Extract the CME fraction, f_{CME} relating the slopes of data and model fits according to

$$f_{\text{CME}} * p_{1,MC} + (1 - f_{\text{CME}}) * 1 = p_{1,data}$$

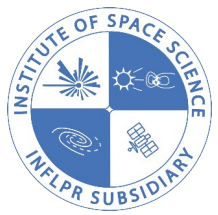
- Assumption: background contribution scales linearly with v_2 and the corresponding slope is unity

CME fraction



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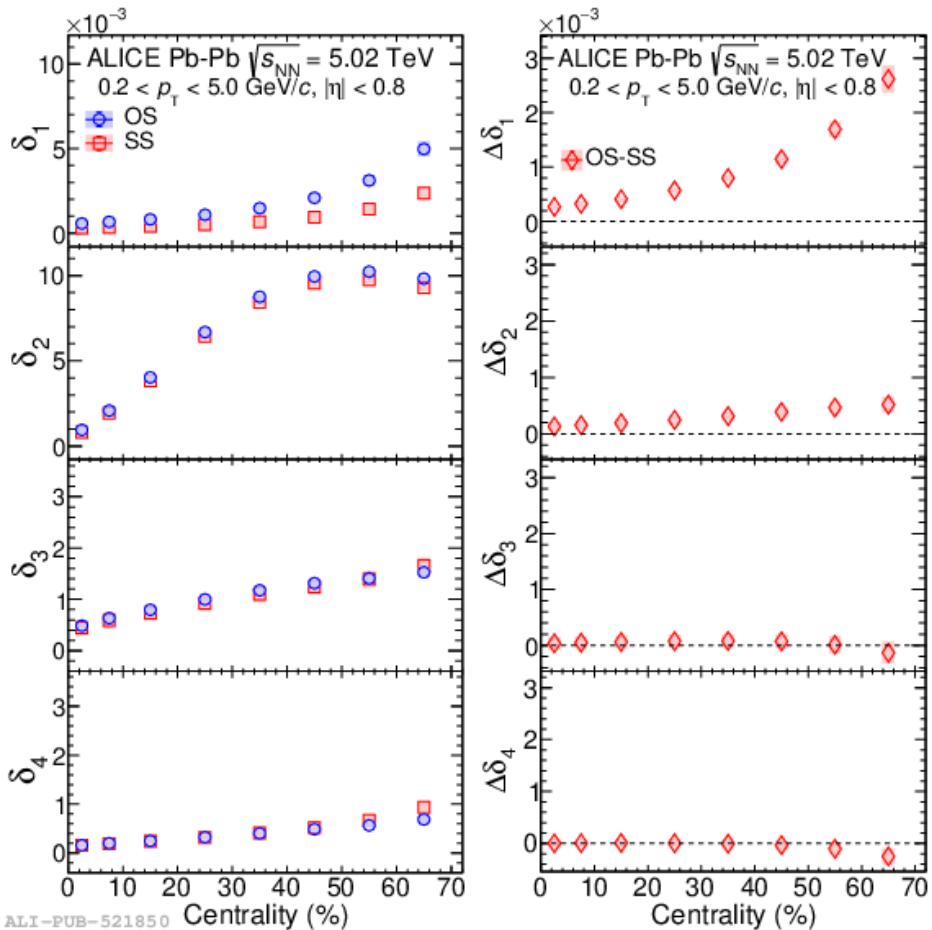
- CME fraction in 0–5% is currently statistically limited
- Combining the points from 5–60% gives
 - $f_{\text{CME}} (\text{Glauber}) = 0.028 \pm 0.021 \rightarrow 7\% \text{ at } 95\% \text{ C.L.}$
 - $f_{\text{CME}} (\text{T}_{\text{R}}\text{ENTo}) = 0.025 \pm 0.018 \rightarrow 6\% \text{ at } 95\% \text{ C.L.}$



“Killing” the signal using higher harmonics

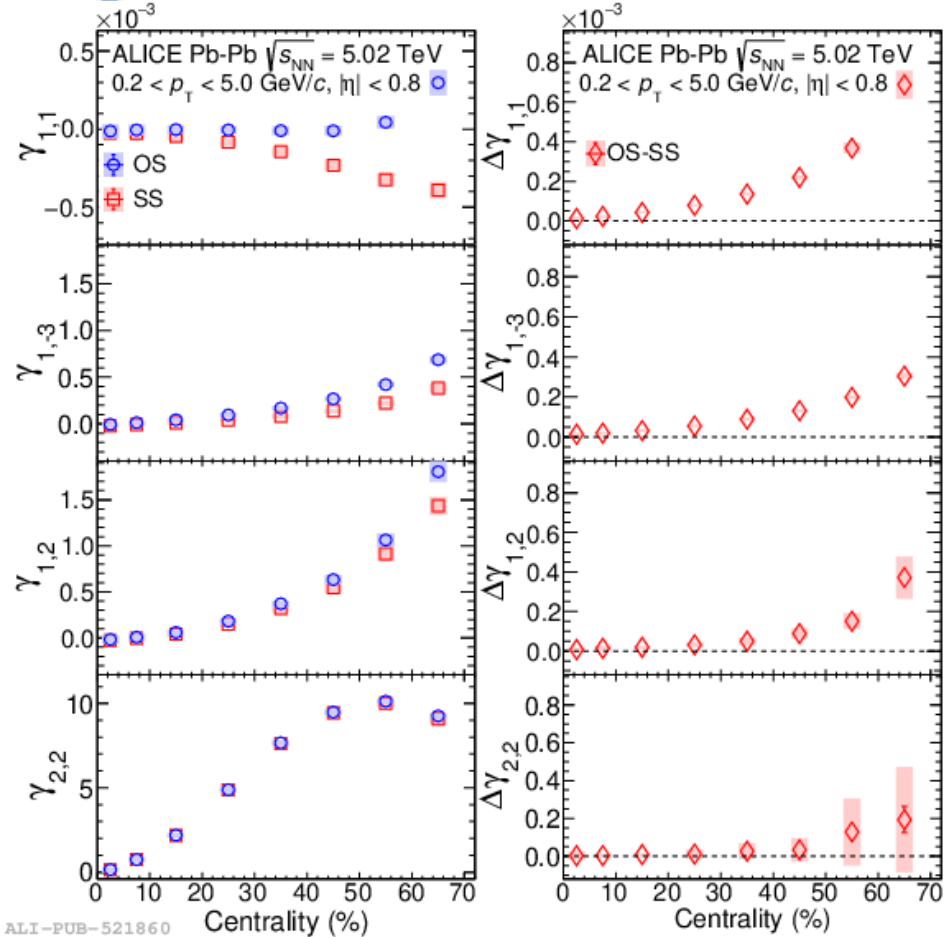
ALICE, JHEP 09, 160 (2020)

2-particle correlators



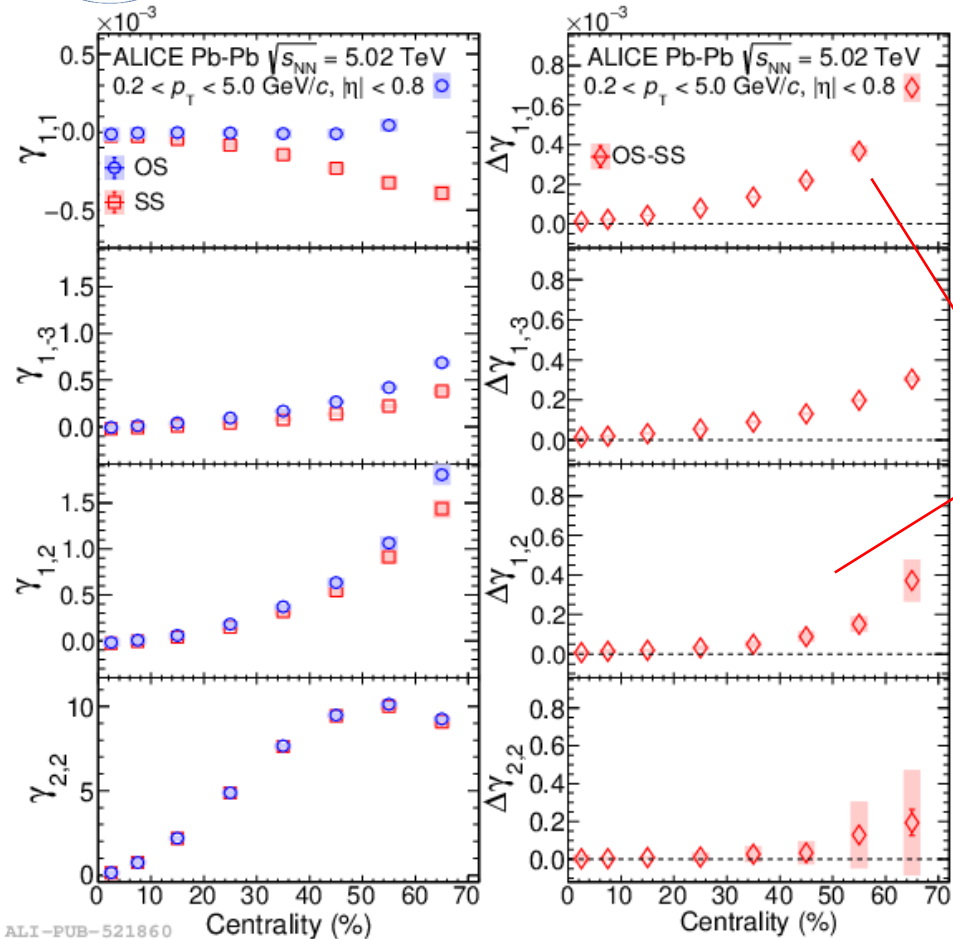
- Weak charge dependence, except δ_1
 - Dominated by background effects $\rightarrow$ constrain background in $\gamma_{1,1}$

3-particle correlators



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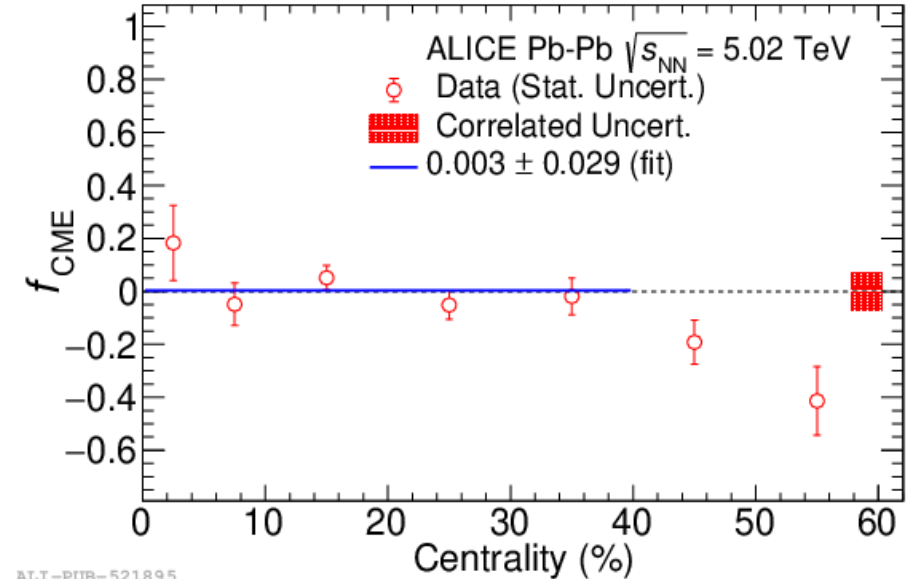
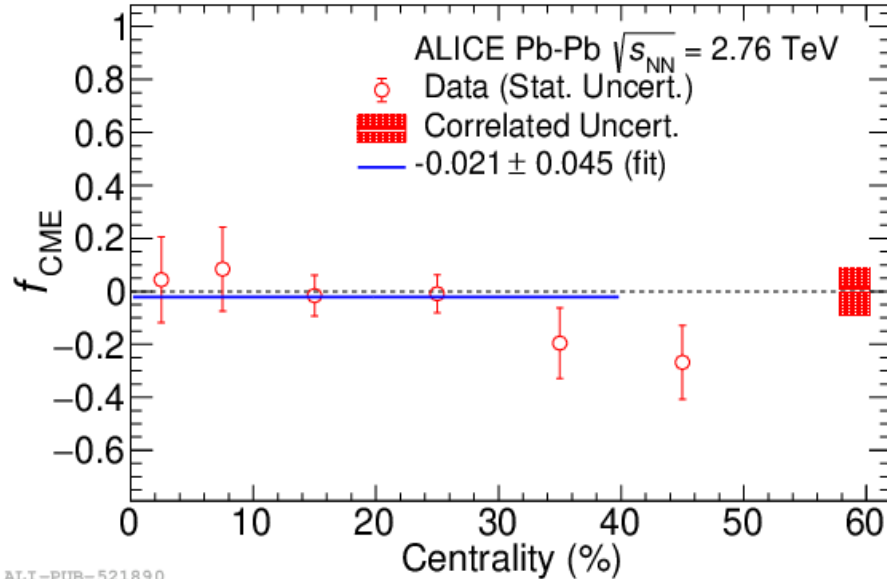
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$$\Delta\gamma_{1,2} \approx \kappa_3 v_3 \Delta\delta_1 \longrightarrow \Delta\gamma_{1,1}^{\text{Bkg}} \approx \Delta\gamma_{1,2} \times \frac{v_2}{v_3} \frac{\kappa_2}{\kappa_3}$$

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CME fraction



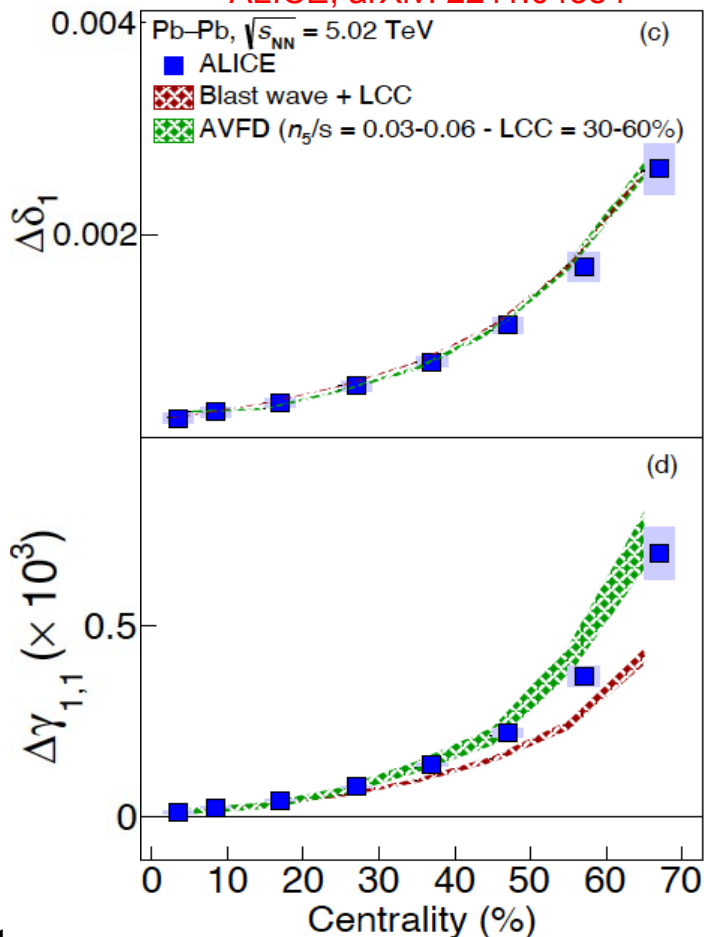
- Consistent with 0 for 0–40% and then becomes negative
- Combining the points from 0–40%
 - $f_{CME}^{2.76 \text{ TeV}} = -0.021 \pm 0.045 \rightarrow 18\% \text{ at } 95\% \text{ C.L.}$
 - $f_{CME}^{5.02 \text{ TeV}} = 0.003 \pm 0.029 \rightarrow 15\% \text{ at } 95\% \text{ C.L.}$

$$f_{CME} = 1 - \frac{\Delta\gamma_{1,1}^{Bkg}}{\Delta\gamma_{1,1}}$$

Assumption: $\kappa_2 \approx \kappa_3$

Model comparisons

ALICE, arXiv: 2211.04384



- Blast-Wave + Local Charge Conservation (LCC)

- Tune the parameters in each centrality class to reproduce v_2 and p_T spectra of π , K, p
- Tune the number of sources emitting balancing pairs
- Underestimates $\Delta\gamma_{1,1}$ by up to $\approx 40\%$
 - Disagreement increases from central to peripheral collisions

- Anomalous Viscous Fluid Dynamics (AVFD)

- EbyE IC + E/M fields (field lifetime as input)
- Tune the parameters in each centrality class to reproduce v_2 and multiplicity

P. Christakoglou et al., EPJC 81, 717 (2021)
- Good agreement with data points
 - Non-zero values for signal

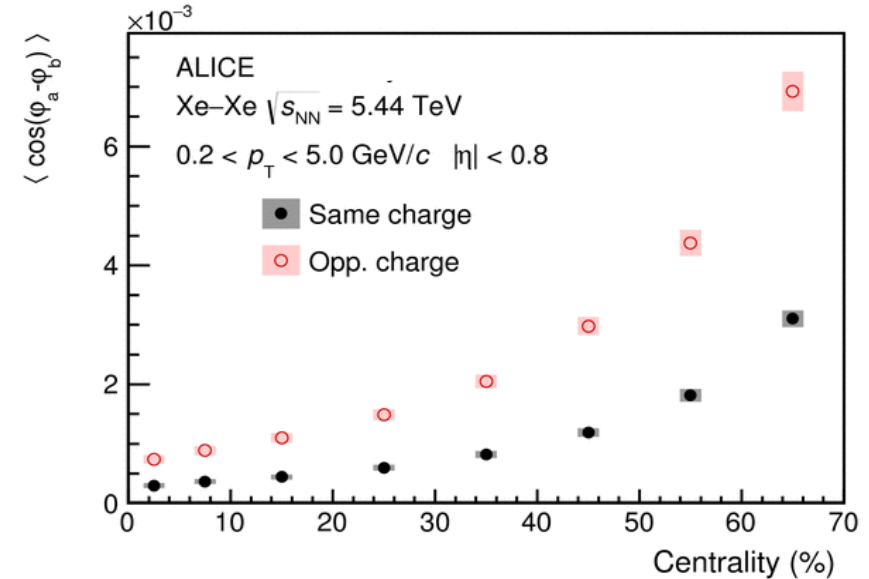
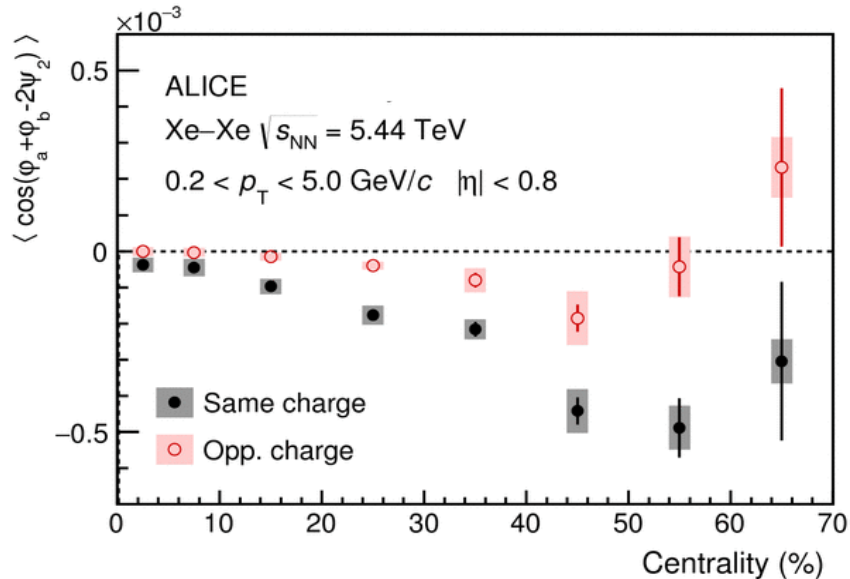
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Varying the signal using different collision systems: Xe–Xe vs Pb–Pb collisions

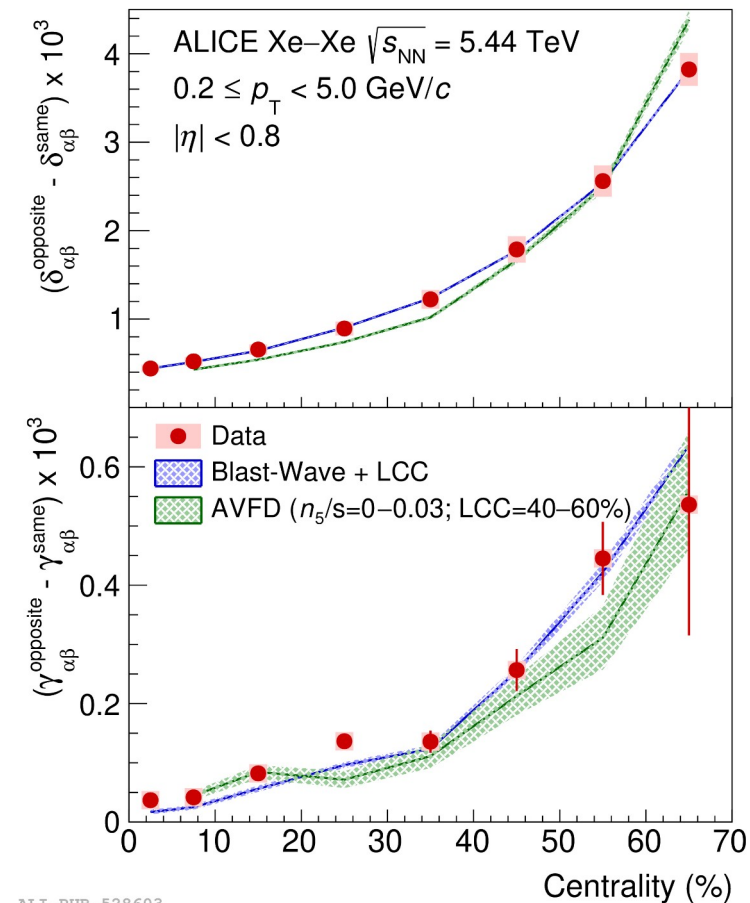
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CME in Xe–Xe collisions



- γ_{ab} : consistent with charge separation
- δ_{ab} : background dominates

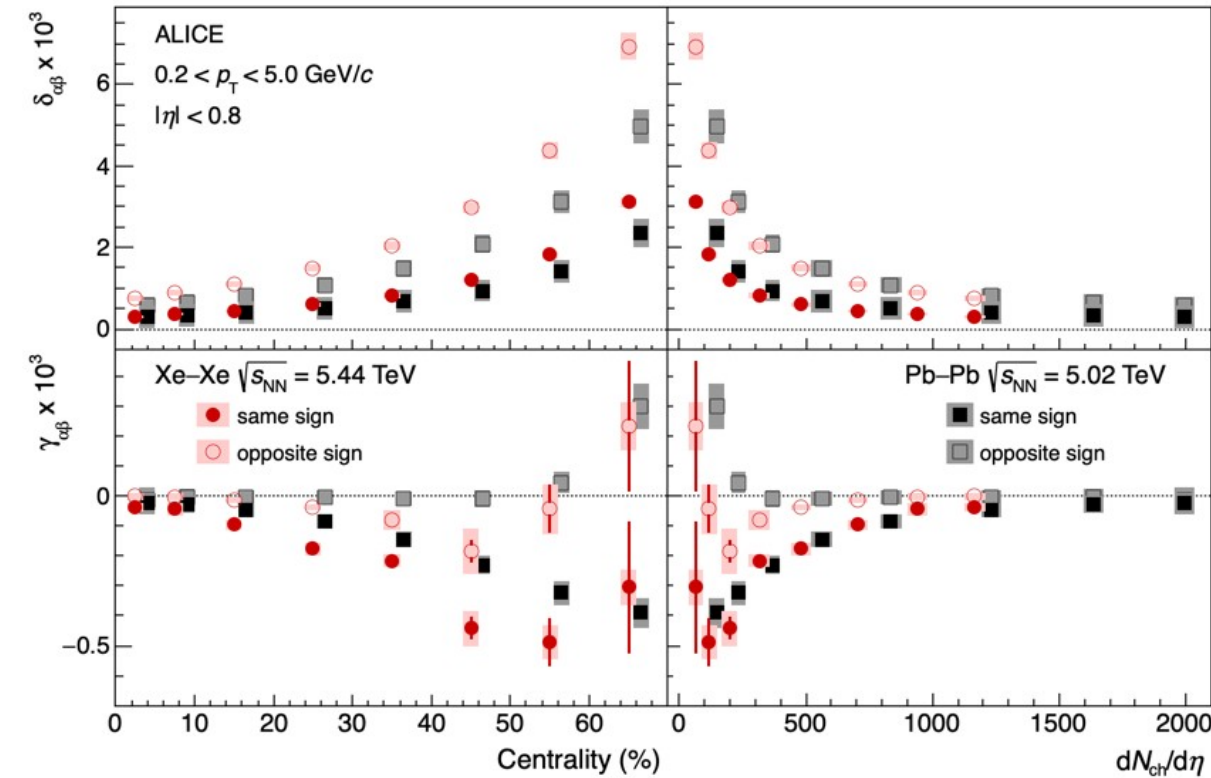
Model comparisons



- Blast-Wave + Local Charge Conservation (LCC)
 - Tune the parameters in each centrality class to reproduce v_2 and p_T spectra of π , K, p
 - Tune the number of sources emitting balancing pairs
 - Describes fairly well the measured data points
 - Background dominates measurements
 - Not observed in Pb-Pb collisions
- Anomalous Viscous Fluid Dynamics (AVFD)
 - EbyE IC + E/M fields (field lifetime as input)
 - Tune the parameters in each centrality class to reproduce v_2 and multiplicity P. Christakoglou et al., EPJC 81, 717 (2021)
 - Good agreement with data points
 - Signal consistent with zero

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CME in Xe–Xe and Pb–Pb collisions

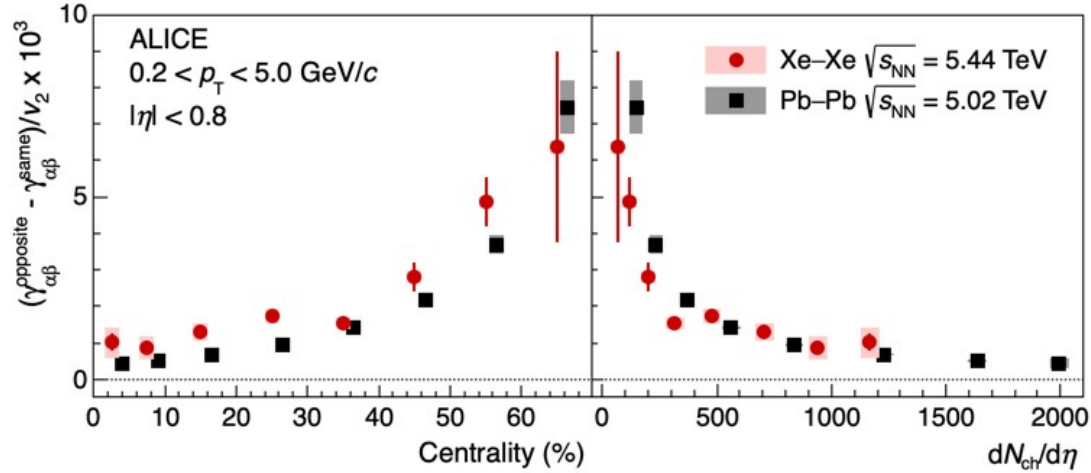


- Strong dependence on the charge
- Qualitatively similar centrality dependence
 - Larger magnitude in Xe–Xe than in Pb–Pb collisions
 - Dilution effects arising from different number of particles (CME $\sim 1/M$)
- Similar values in Xe–Xe and Pb–Pb collisions within uncertainties (vs $dN_{ch}/d\eta$)

ALICE, JHEP 09, 160 (2020)

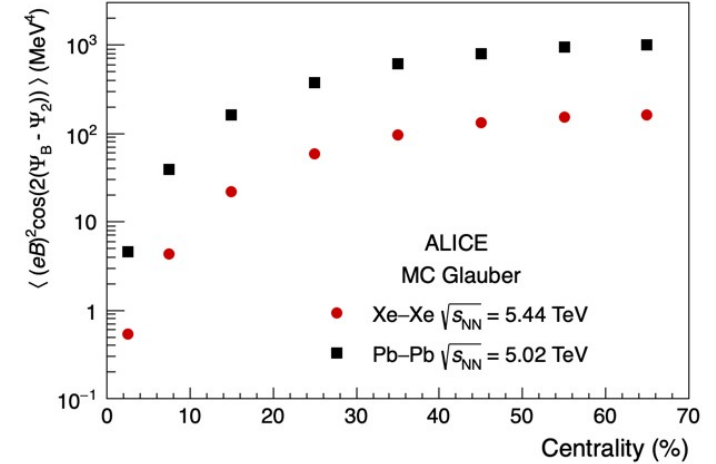
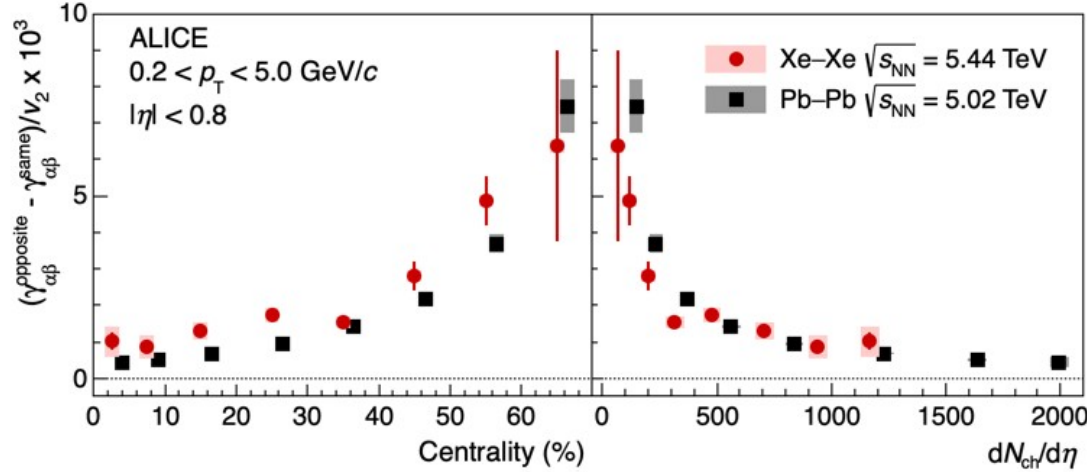
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CME fraction in Xe–Xe and Pb–Pb collisions



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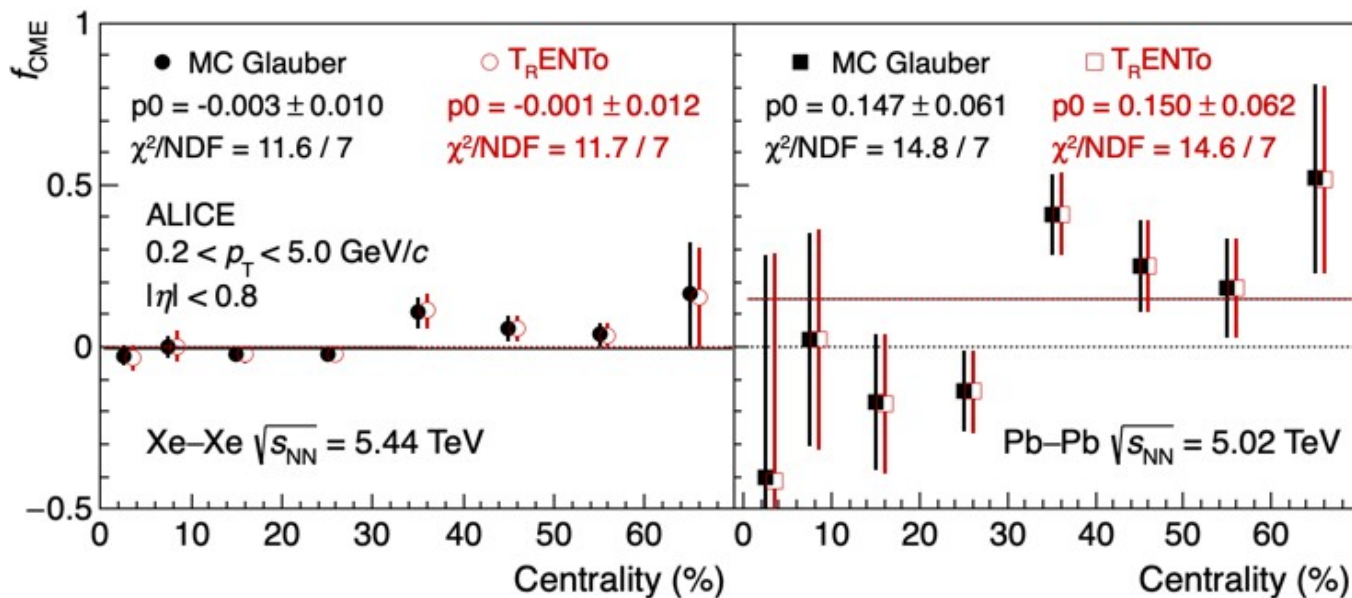
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 - $dN_{ch}/d\eta$ used to compensate for dilution
 - $\langle |B|^2 \cos(2(\Psi_B - \Psi_2)) \rangle$ from MC simulations

$$\left(\frac{dN_{ch}}{d\eta} \right)^{Xe} \Delta \gamma_{ab}^{Xe} = s B^{Xe} + b v_2^{Xe}$$

$$\left(\frac{dN_{ch}}{d\eta} \right)^{Pb} \Delta \gamma_{ab}^{Pb} = s B^{Pb} + b v_2^{Pb}$$

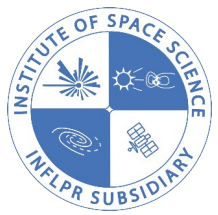
$$f_{CME} = \frac{s B}{s B + b v_2}$$

CME fraction in Xe–Xe and Pb–Pb collisions



- Consistent with 0 for 0–30% and then becomes positive
- Combining the points from 0–70%
 - $f_{\text{CME}}^{\text{Xe}} = -0.003 \pm 0.010 \rightarrow 2\%$ at 95% C.L.
 - $f_{\text{CME}}^{\text{Pb}} = 0.147 \pm 0.061 \rightarrow 25\%$ at 95% C.L.

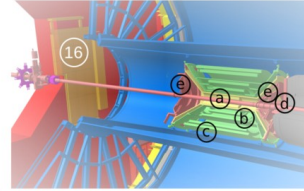
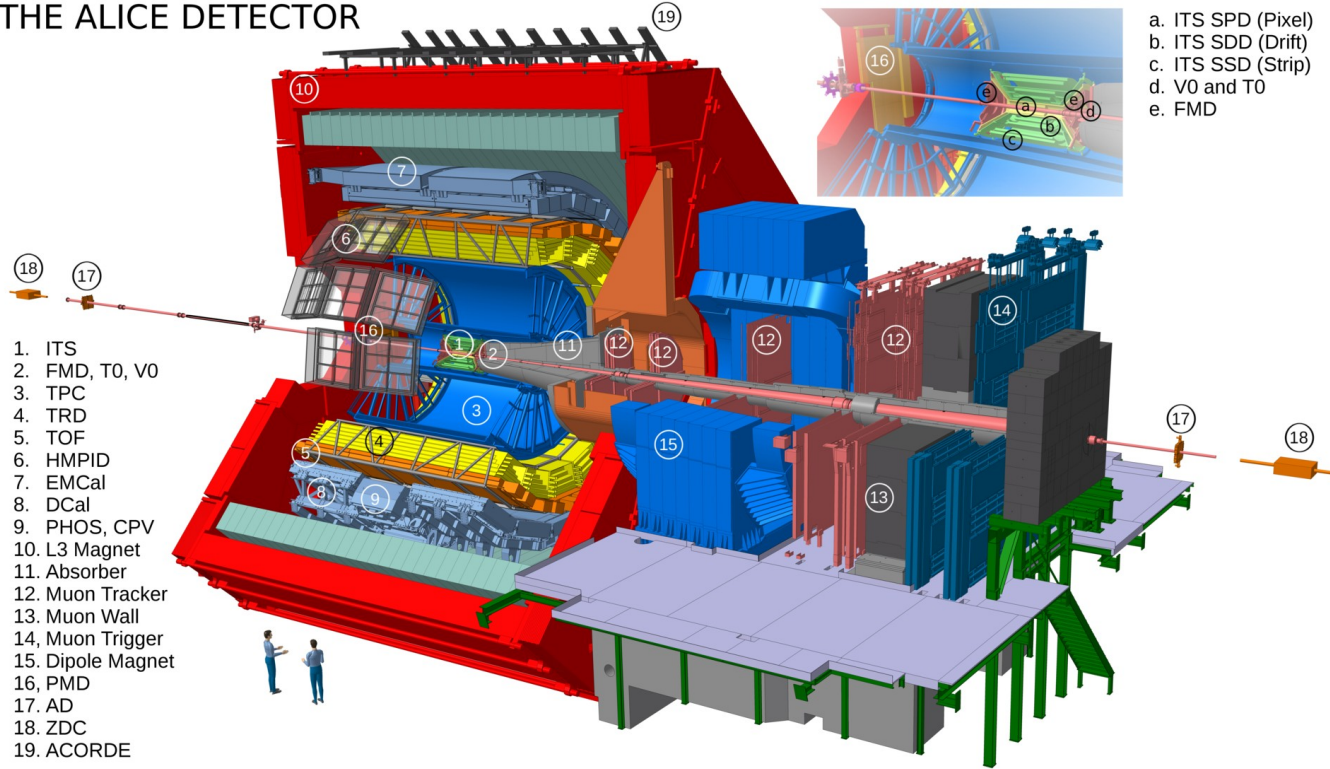
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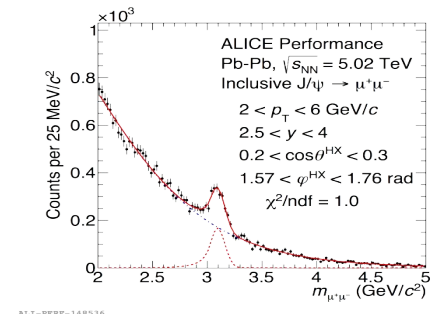
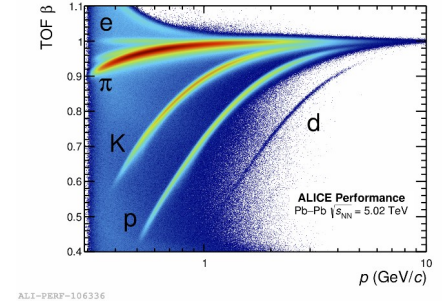
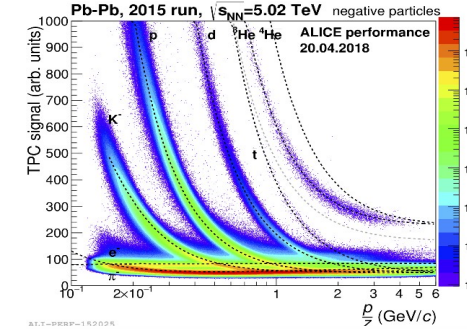
Particle identification

Particle identification (PID) in ALICE

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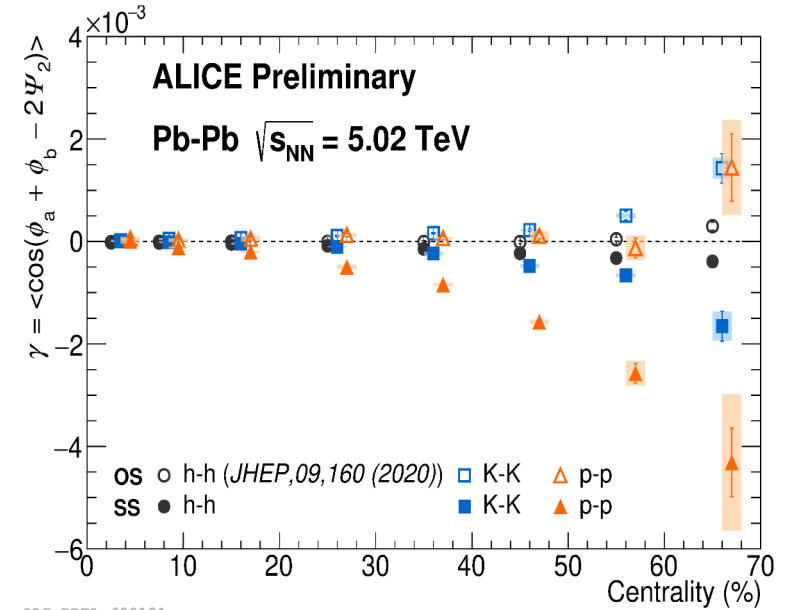
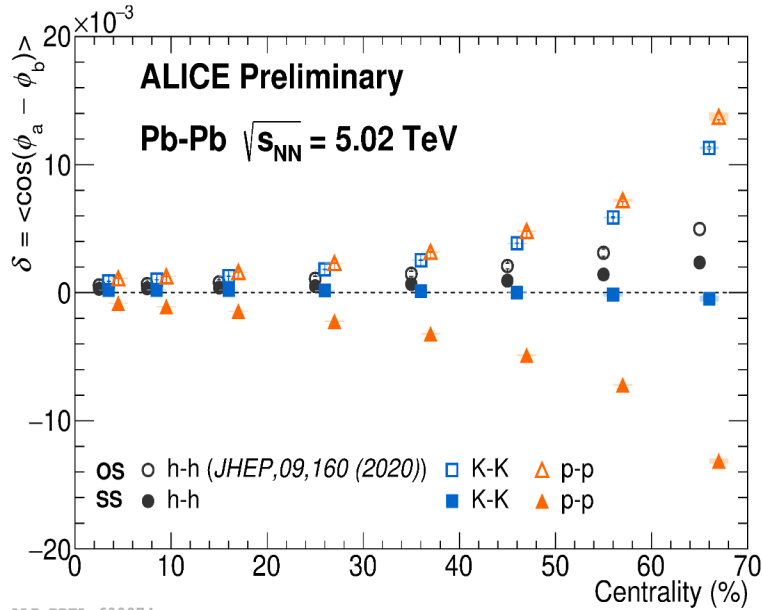


- a. ITS SPD (Pixel)
- b. ITS SDD (Drift)
- c. ITS SSD (Strip)
- d. V0 and T0
- e. FMD

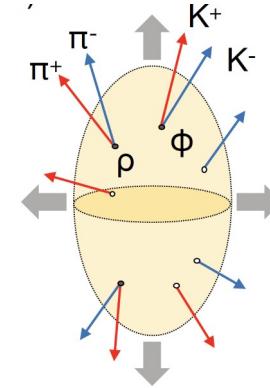


- $\pi^\pm, K^\pm, p$ identified using TPC and TOF
- Topological reconstruction for $K_s^0, \Lambda, J/\Psi$ and D-mesons

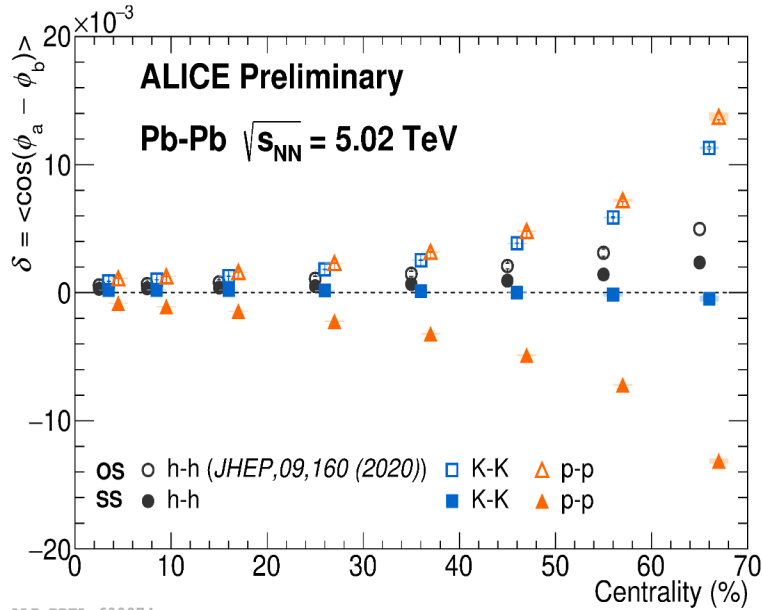
CME for h-h, K-K, p-p



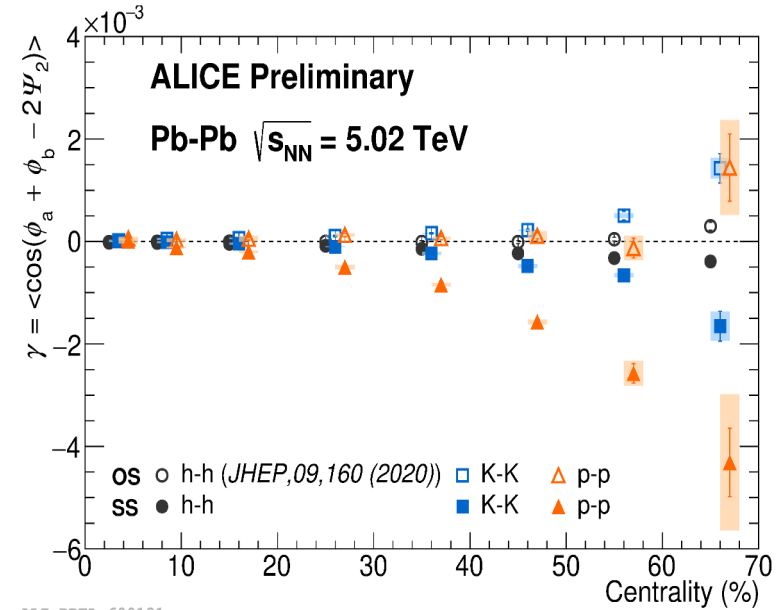
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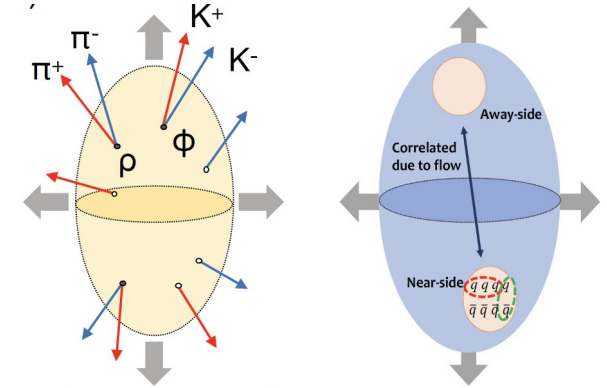


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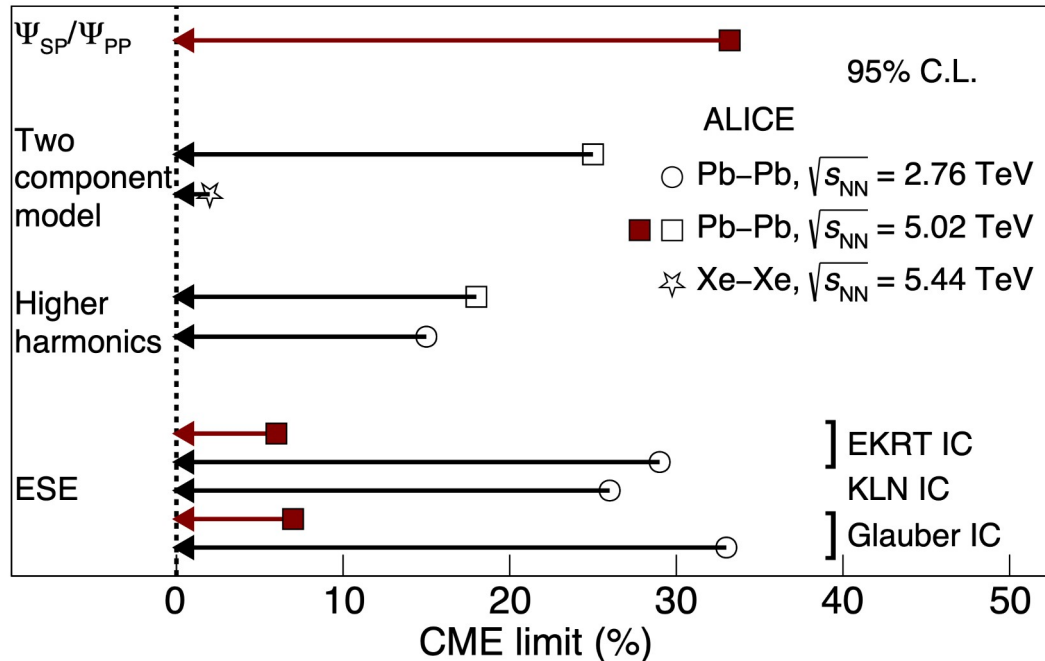
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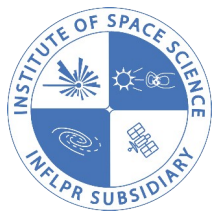
- δ_{ab} and γ_{ab} : strong particle-type dependence ($p > K > h$)
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Summary

- Anomalous chiral searches performed in different collision systems
 - Background dominates the measurements
 - Different approaches used to separate the signal from the background



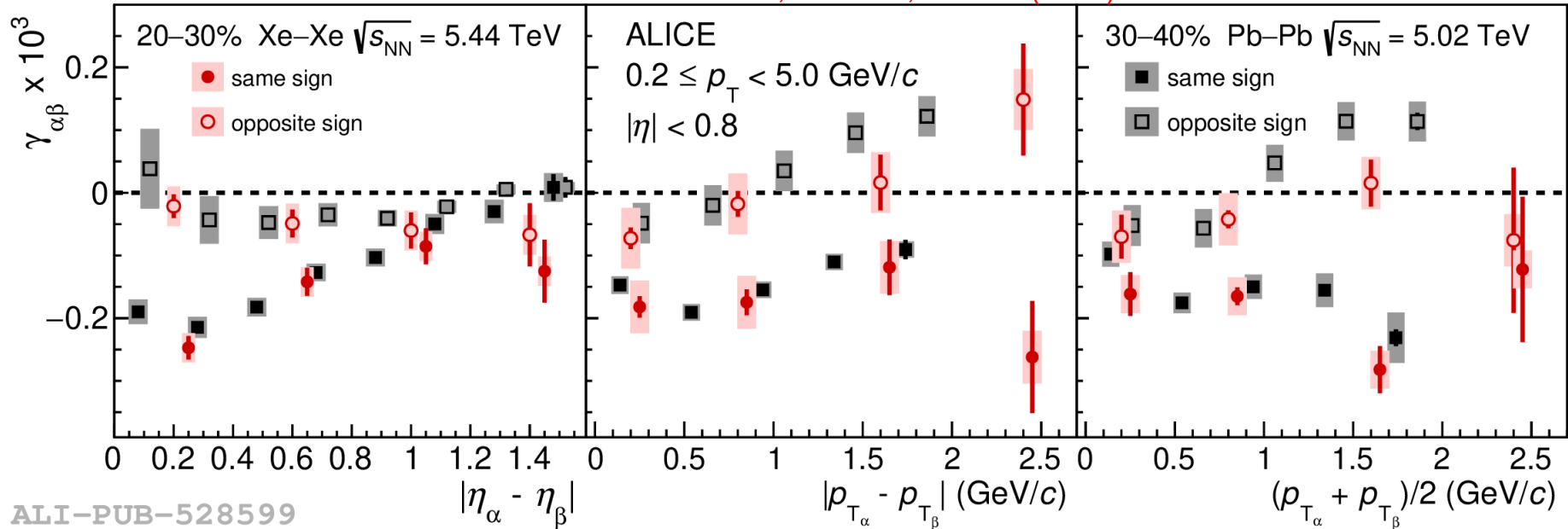


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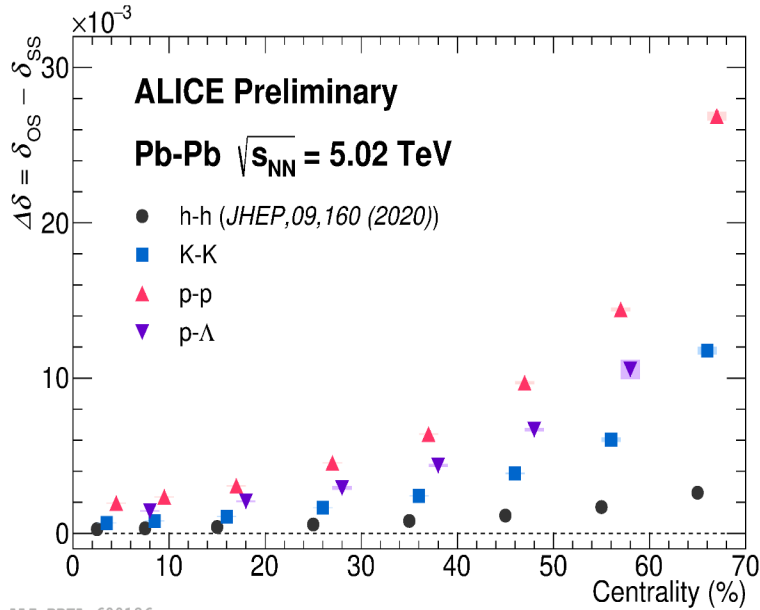
3-particle correlator: differential results in Xe–Xe and Pb–Pb collisions

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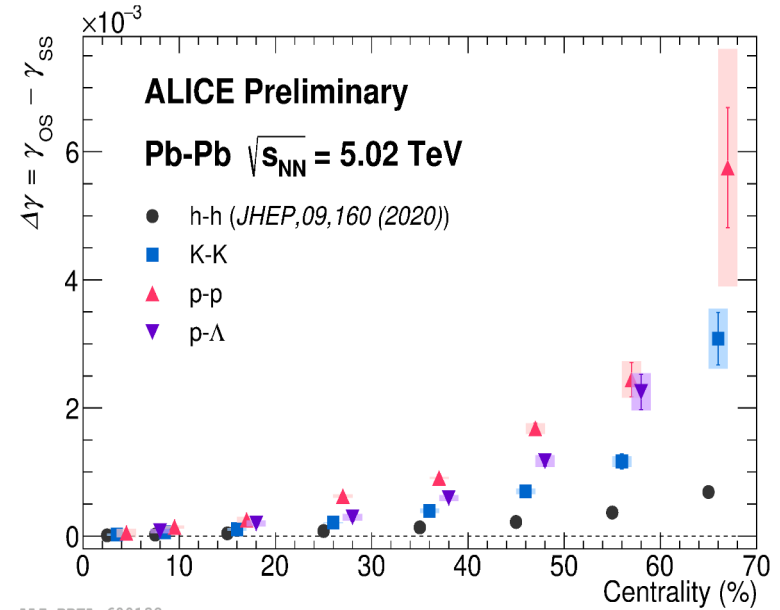


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CME for h-h, K-K, p-p, p- Λ

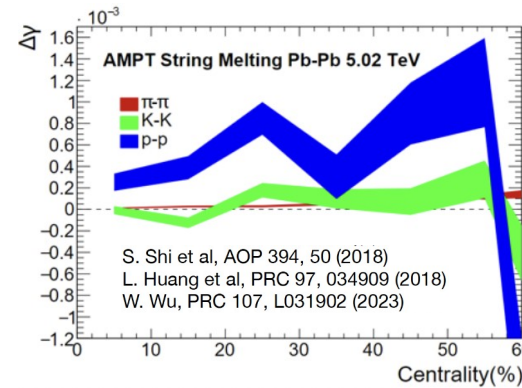


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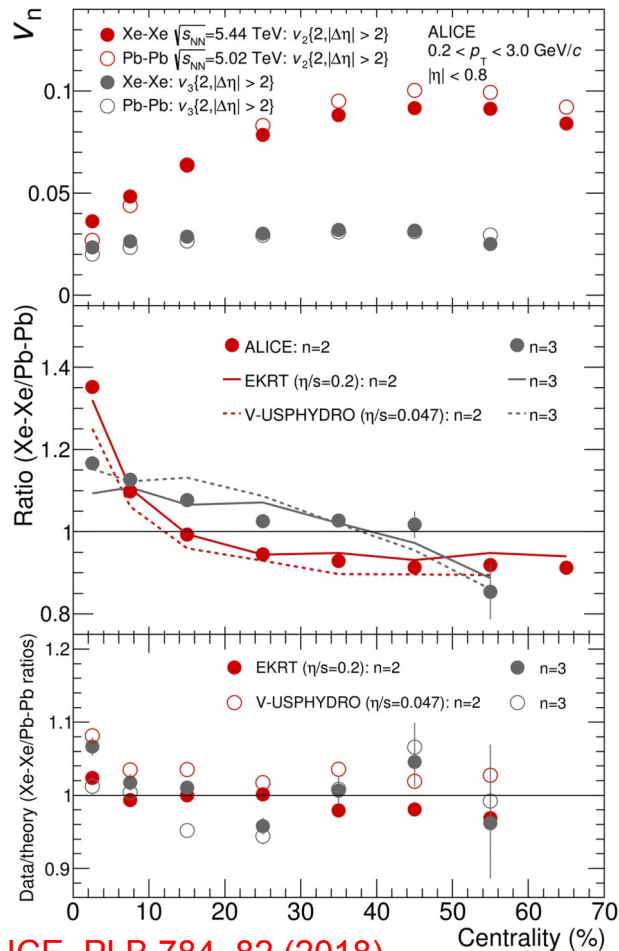


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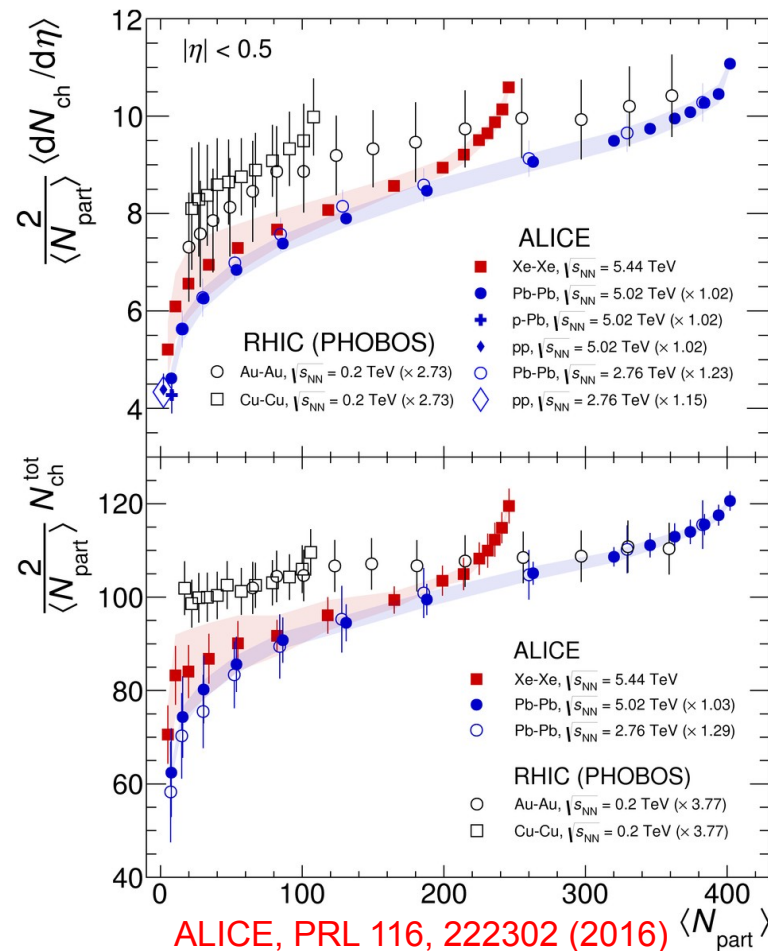
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v_2 and $dN_{ch}/d\eta$ in Xe–Xe and Pb–Pb collisions



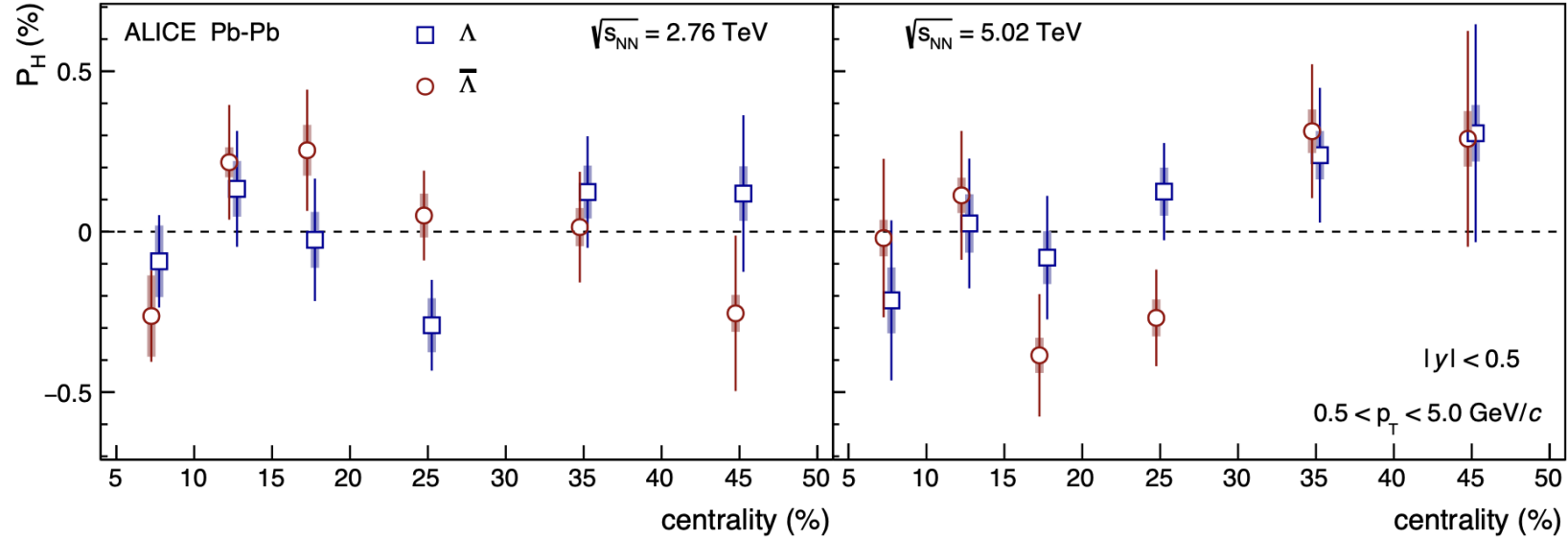
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Global polarization of Λ hyperons

ALICE, PRC 101, 044611 (2020); ALICE, PRC 105, 029902 (2022)



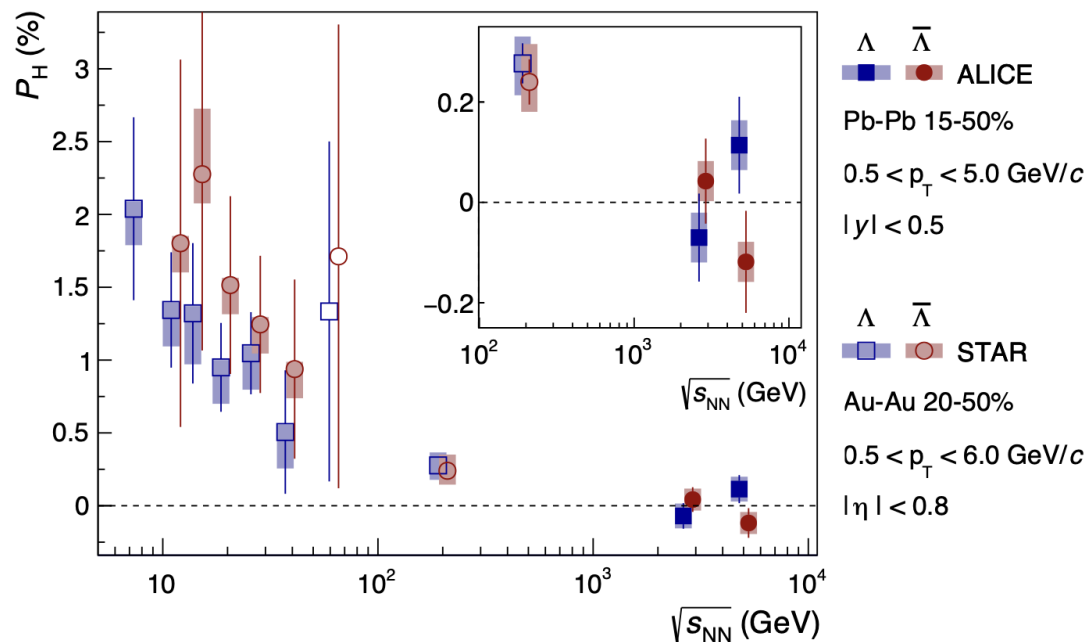
- P_H consistent with zero

$$P_{\Lambda, \bar{\Lambda}} = \pm \frac{8}{\pi \alpha_{\Lambda, \bar{\Lambda}}} \times \frac{\langle \sin(\phi_p^* - \Psi_{RP}) \rangle}{R_{RP}}$$

$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$	centrality	P_{Λ} (%)	$P_{\bar{\Lambda}}$ (%)
2.76 TeV	5–15%	-0.01 ± 0.12 (stat.) ± 0.04 (syst.)	-0.08 ± 0.12 (stat.) ± 0.07 (syst.)
	15–50%	-0.07 ± 0.09 (stat.) ± 0.04 (syst.)	0.05 ± 0.09 (stat.) ± 0.03 (syst.)
5.02 TeV	5–15%	-0.07 ± 0.16 (stat.) ± 0.07 (syst.)	0.06 ± 0.16 (stat.) ± 0.03 (syst.)
	15–50%	0.12 ± 0.10 (stat.) ± 0.04 (syst.)	-0.13 ± 0.11 (stat.) ± 0.03 (syst.)
average	15–50%	$\langle P_H \rangle (\%) \approx -0.01 \pm 0.05$ (stat.) ± 0.03 (syst.)	

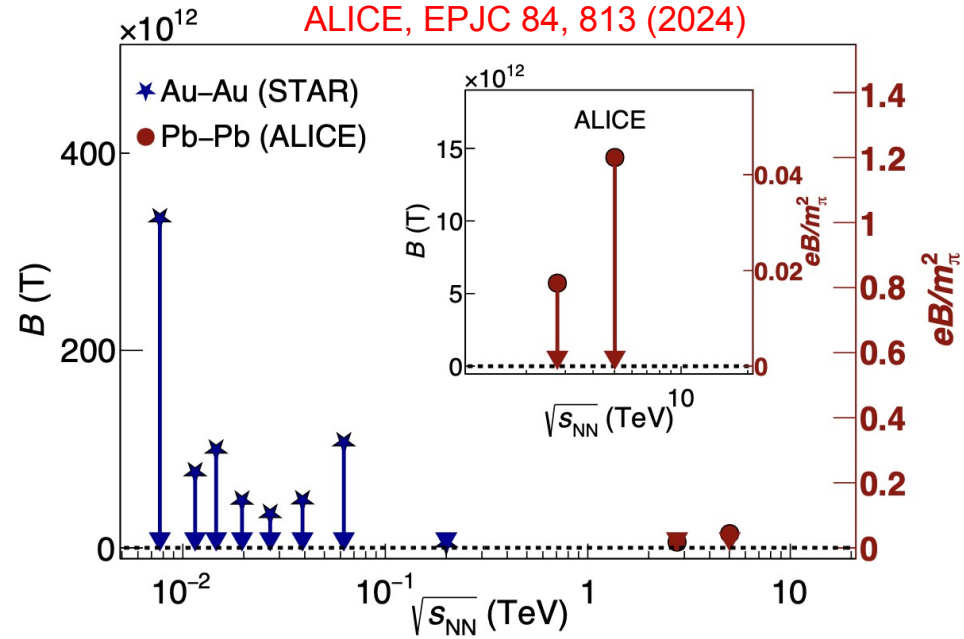
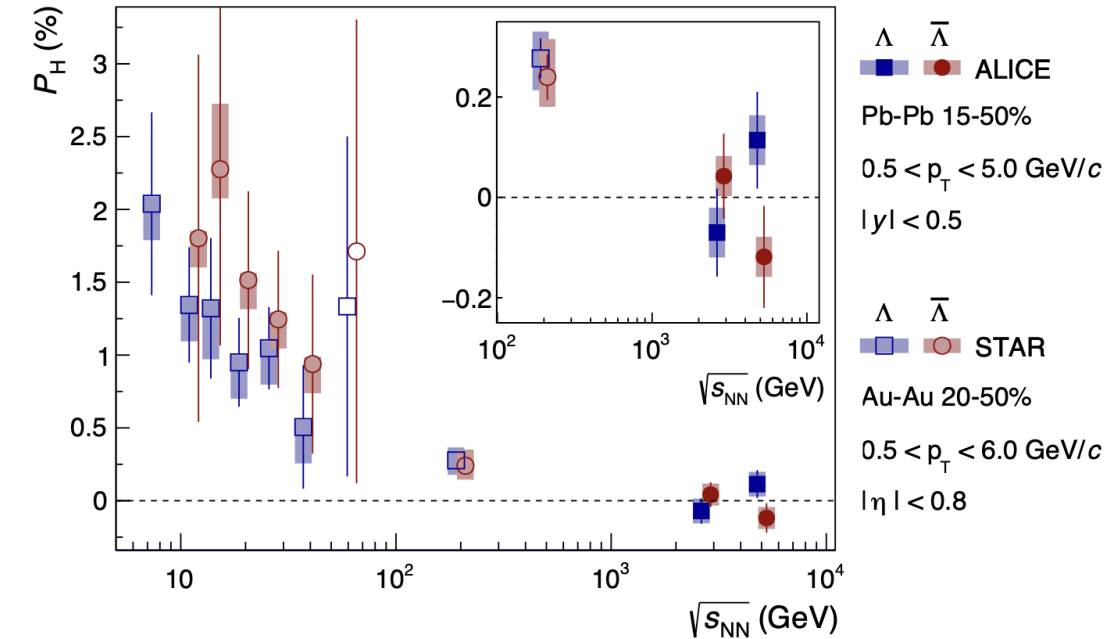
Global polarization of Λ hyperons: magnetic field estimation

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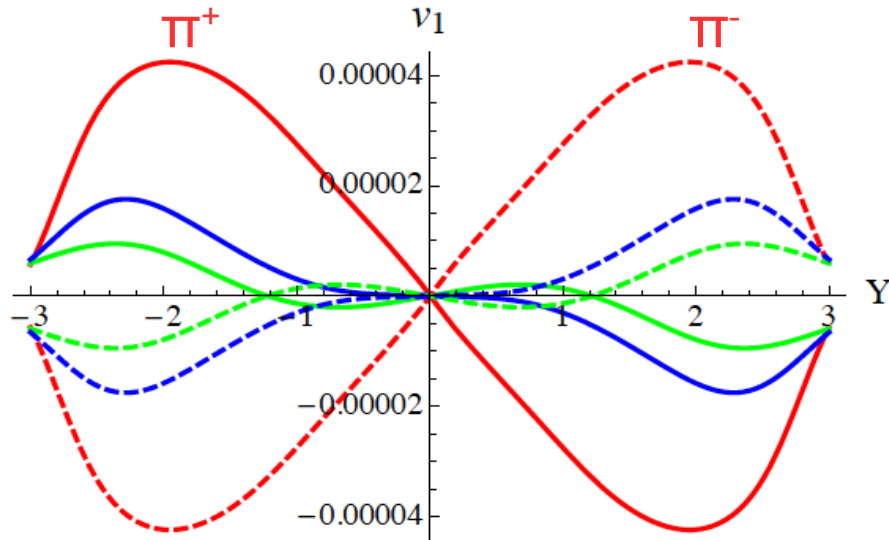


$$P_{\Lambda} \approx 0.5\omega/T + |\mu_{\Lambda}|B/T$$

$$P_{\bar{\Lambda}} \approx 0.5\omega/T - |\mu_{\Lambda}|B/T$$

Magnetic field evidence

- Search for magnetic-induced charge currents using charge-dependent v_1
 - Faraday and Hall effects (competing effects)



Pb-Pb $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$ TeV, $p_T = 0.25, 0.5, 1$ GeV/c

U. Gursoy et al., PRC 89, 054905 (2014)

- Rapidity slope of $\Delta v_1 = v_1^+ - v_1^-$ expected to vary with p_T

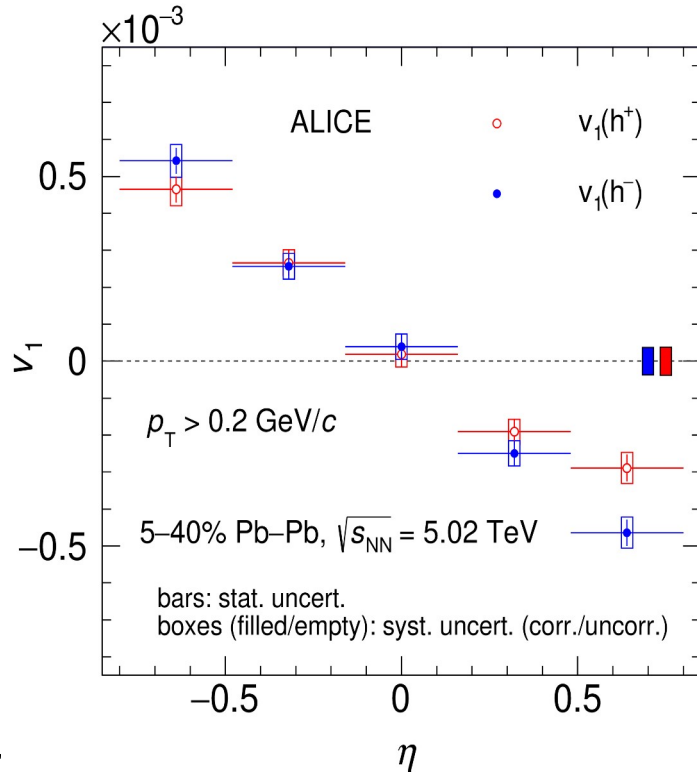
$$v_1^{t,p} = \frac{\langle \mathbf{u} \mathbf{Q}^{t,p} \rangle}{\sqrt{|\langle \mathbf{Q}^t \mathbf{Q}^p \rangle|}} = \frac{\langle u_x Q_x^{t,p} + u_y Q_y^{t,p} \rangle}{\sqrt{|\langle Q_x^t Q_x^p + Q_y^t Q_y^p \rangle|}}$$

$$\mathbf{Q}^{t,p} \equiv (Q_x^{t,p}, Q_y^{t,p}) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^4 \mathbf{n}_i E_i^{t,p}}{\sum_{i=1}^4 E_i^{t,p}}$$

$$\mathbf{u} = (\cos \varphi, \sin \varphi)$$

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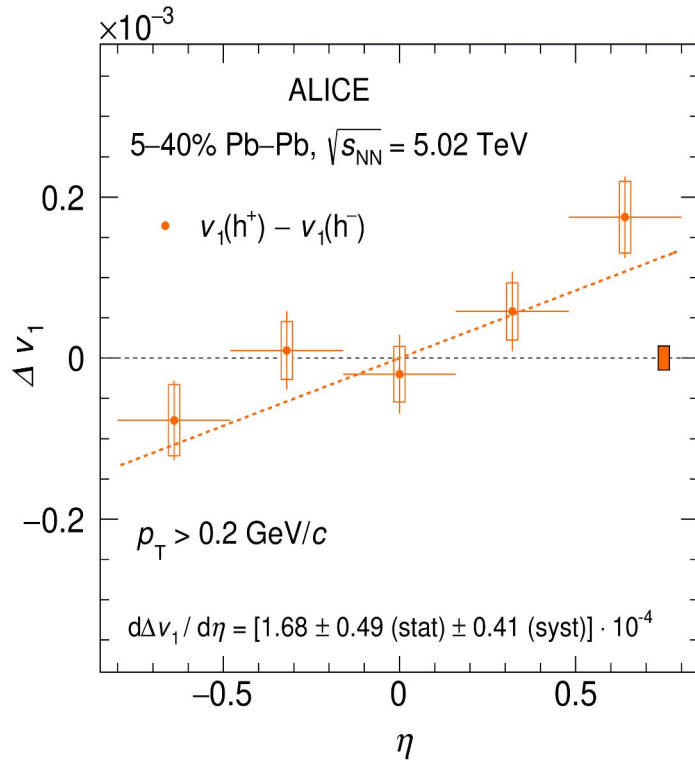
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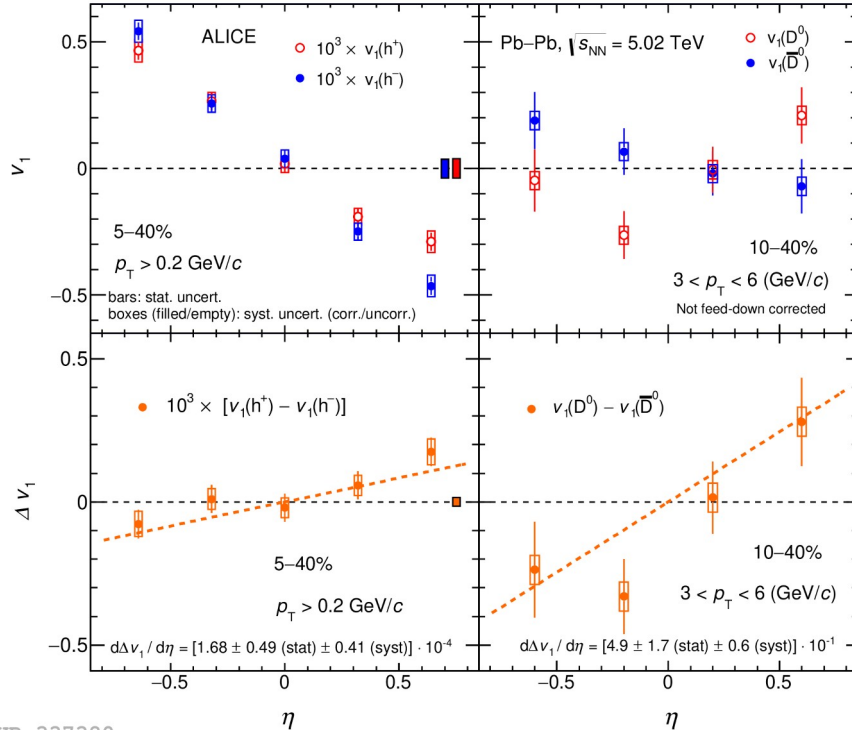
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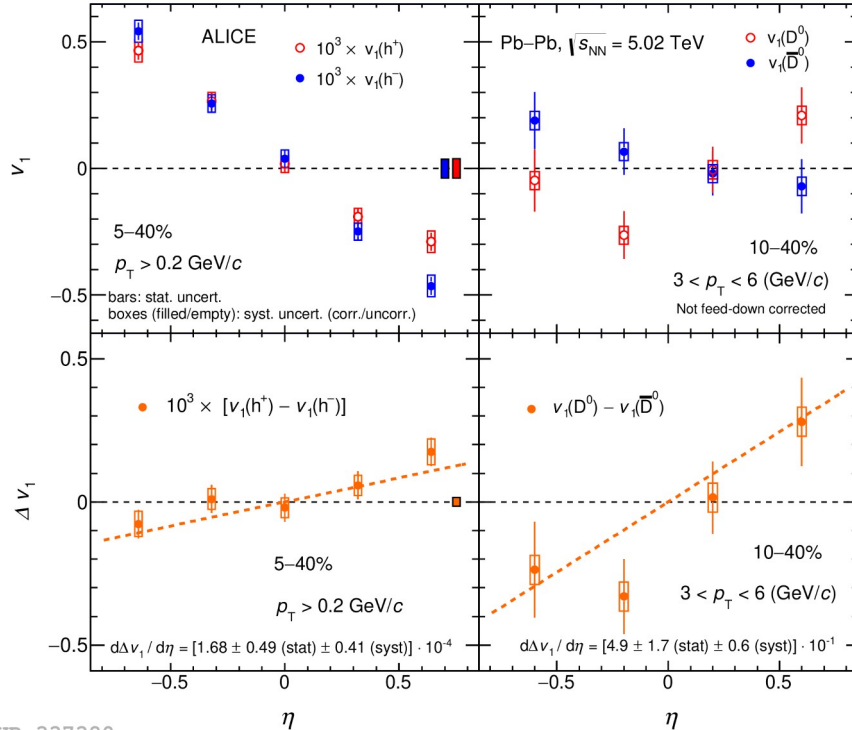
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- 1-2 orders of magnitude bigger and opposite sign (mostly Hall effect?)
- Important baseline for searches of the CME