

From short to long-distance QCD with archived ALEPH e^+e^- at LEP



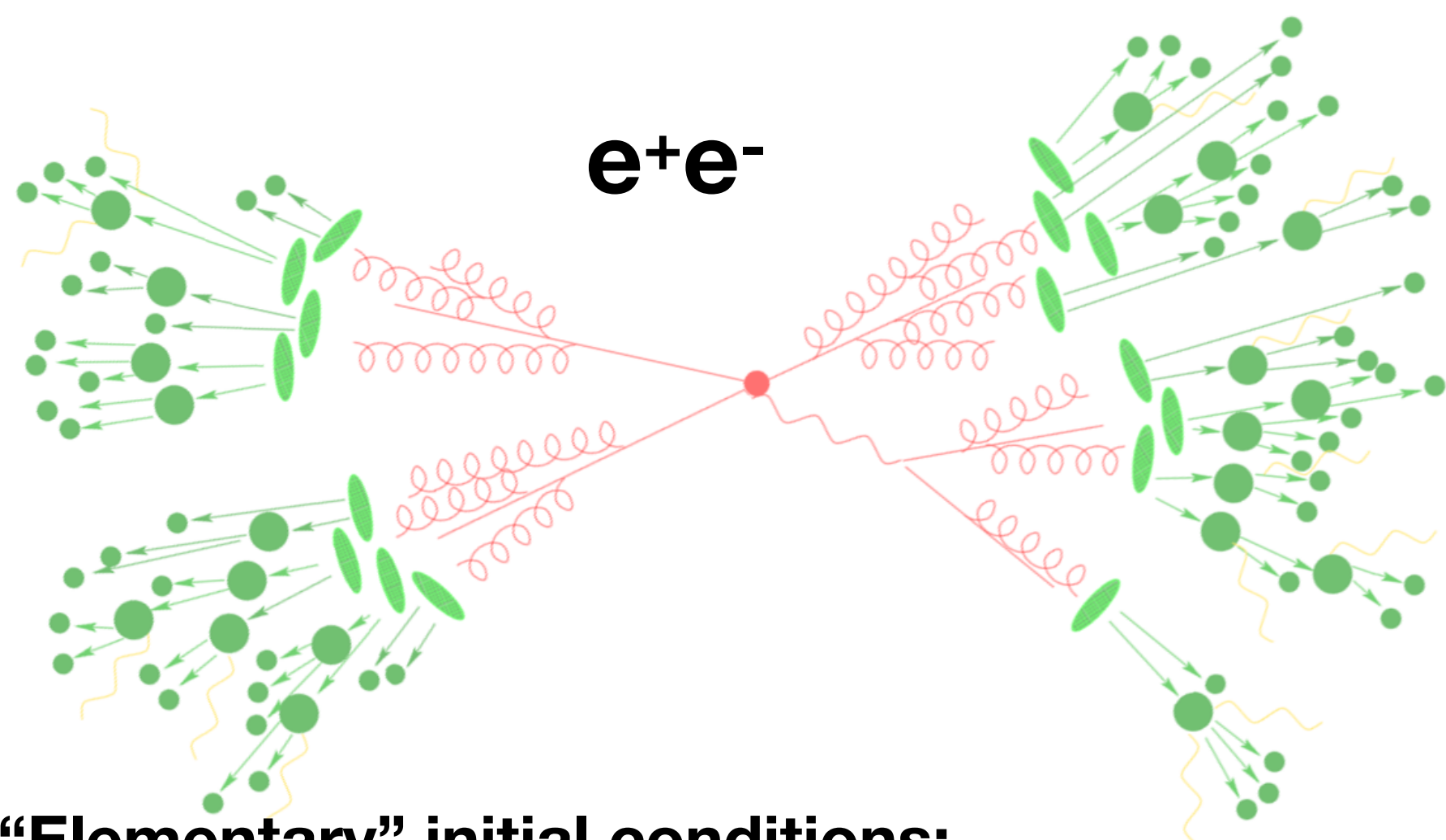
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e^+e^- collisions as a QCD laboratory

→ e^+e^- optimal conditions for
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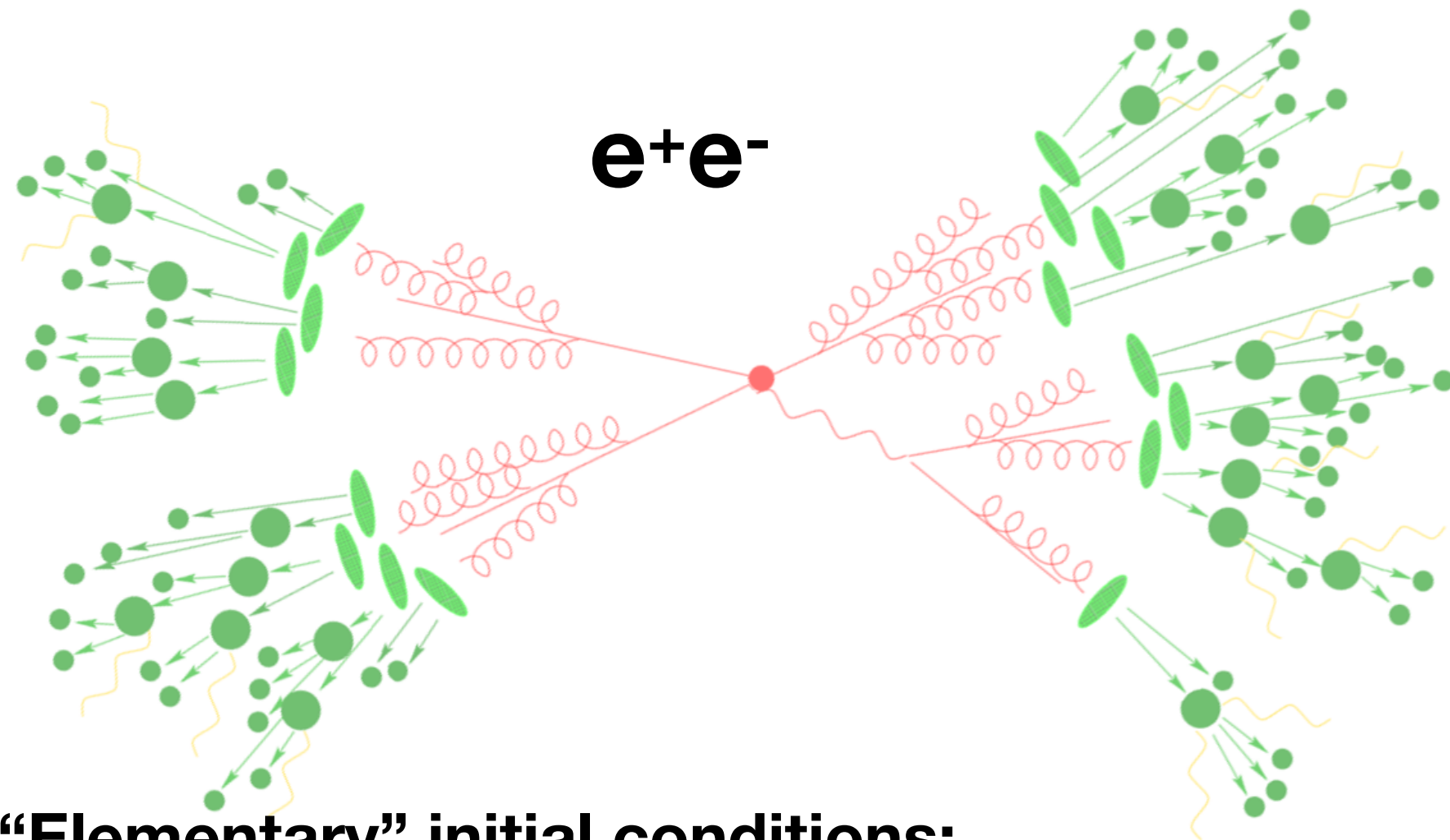
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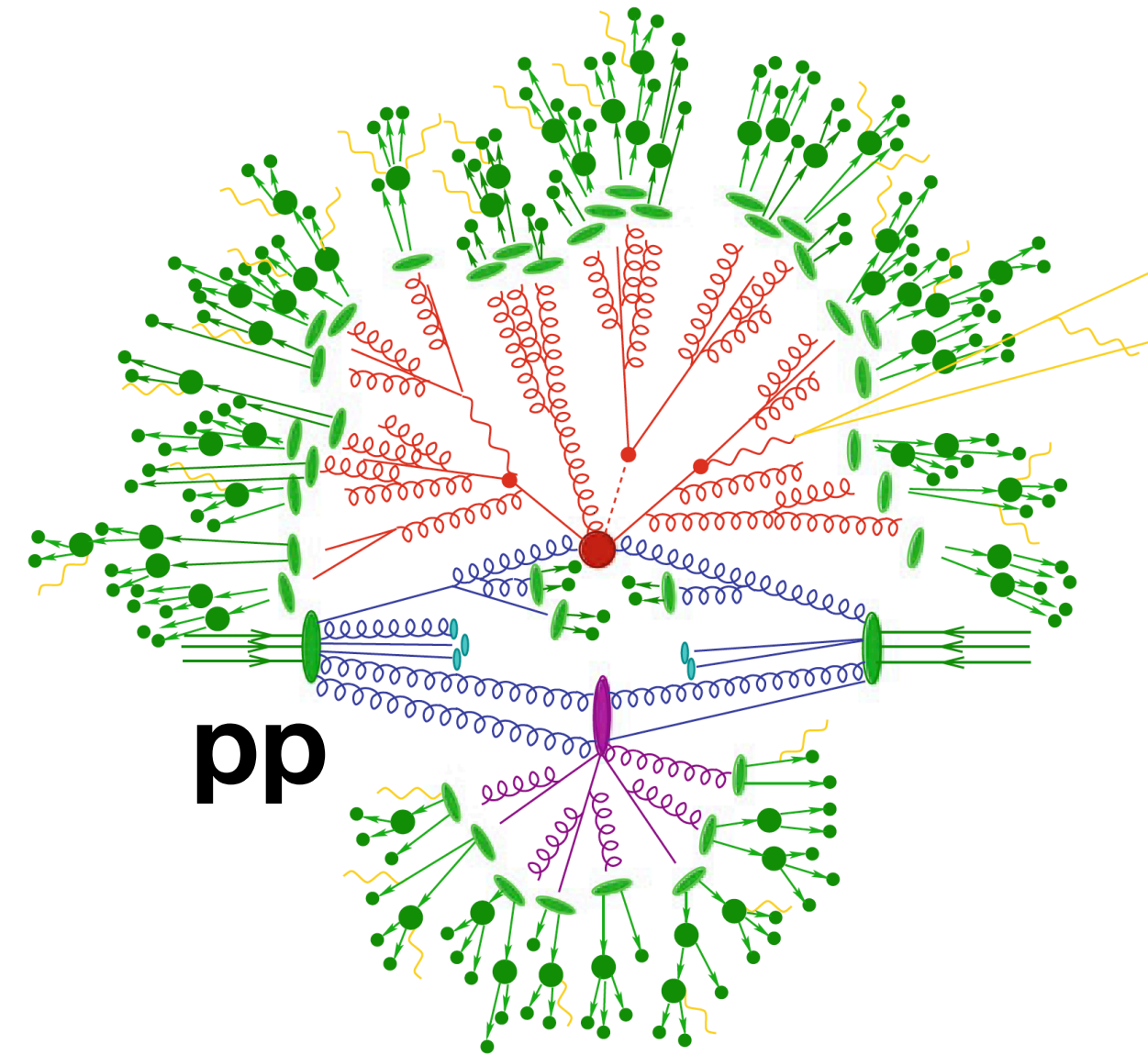
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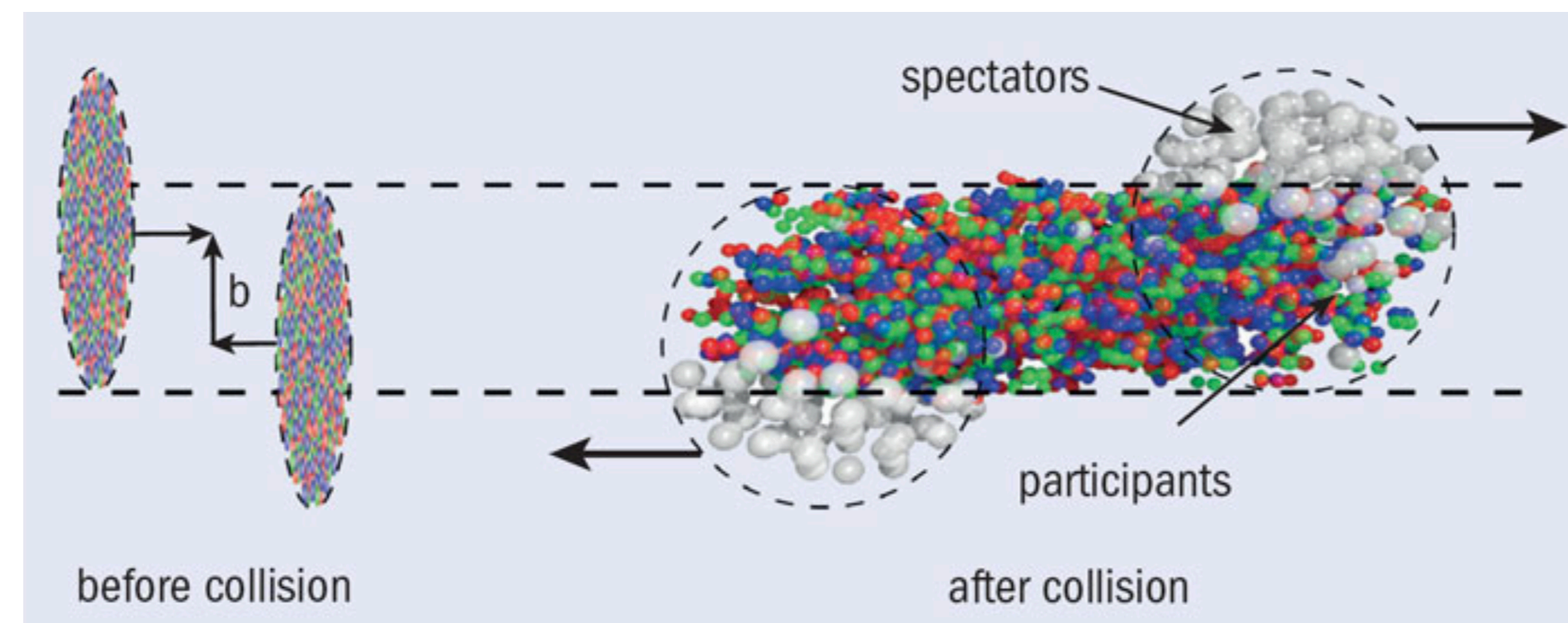
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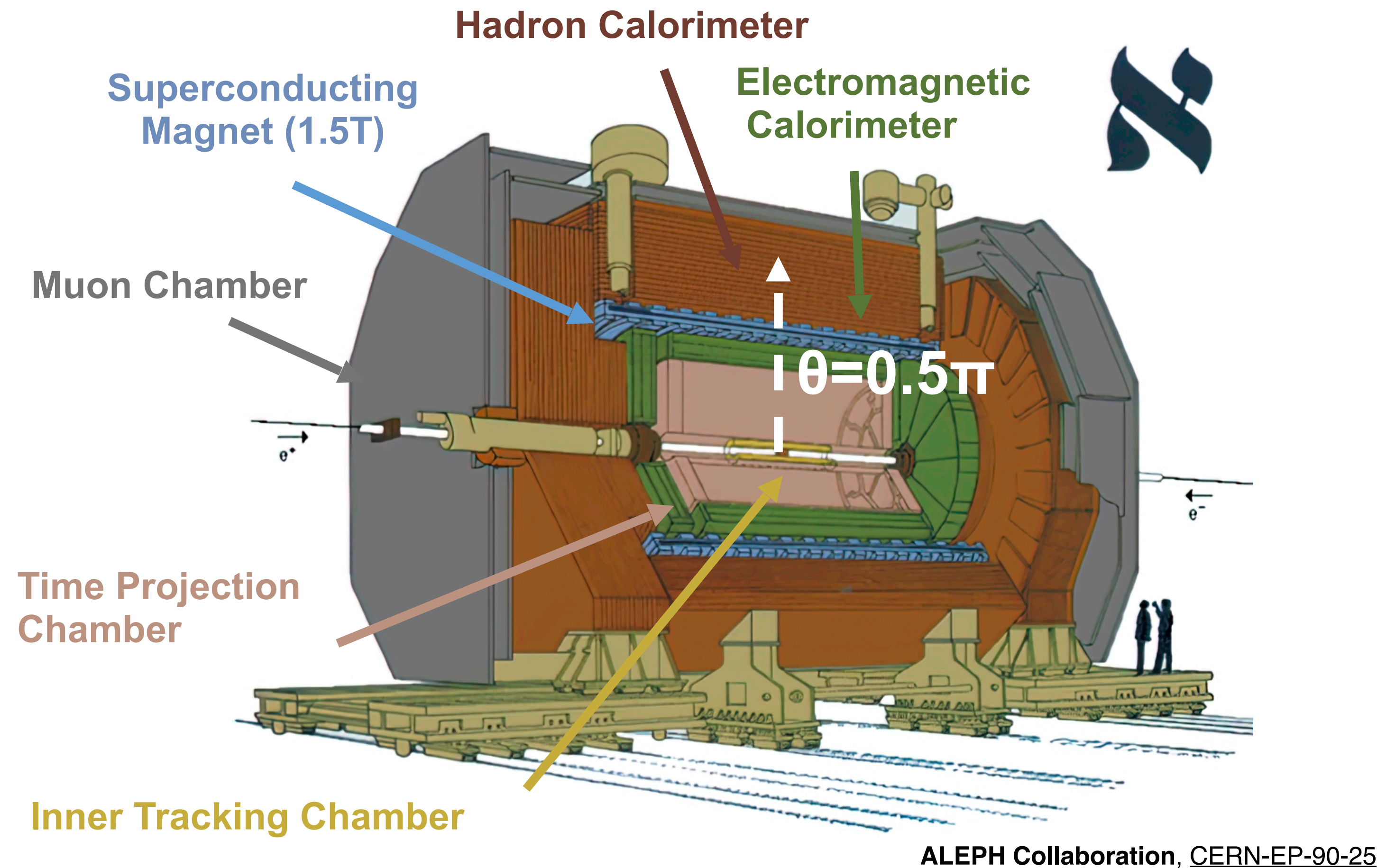
Best “in-vacuum” reference for pp , p -nucleus (pA), and nucleus-nucleus (AA)

- strong color fields
- large underlying event background
- dependence on PDFs and nPDFs
- initial-state anisotropy
- final-state interactions
- ...

nucleus-nucleus



Revisiting QCD phenomenology with ALEPH e^+e^- open data



ALEPH data

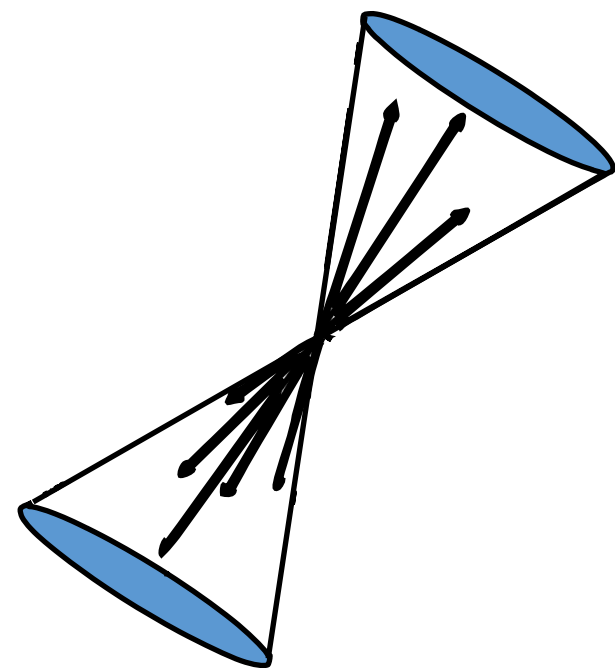
- Re-analyzed an MIT Open Data format
- Fully-simulated ALEPH archived Pythia6 MC (for corrections and the comparison baseline)

- LEP1 e^+e^- data at Z pole (91 GeV) taken between 1992-1995
- **LEP2 e^+e^- data above Z pole up 209 GeV**

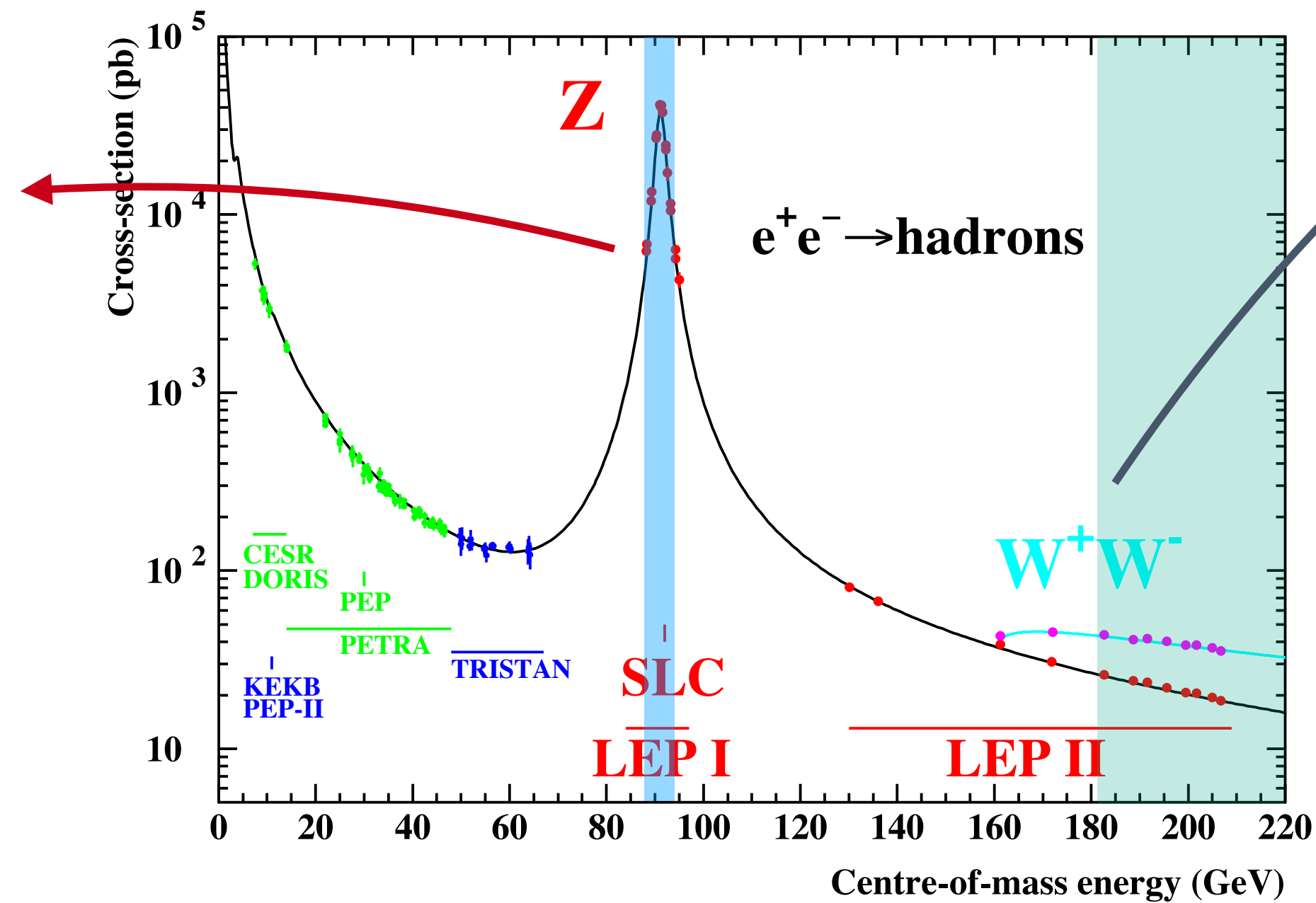
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LEP1 (1992-1995) & LEP2 (1996-2000) datasets

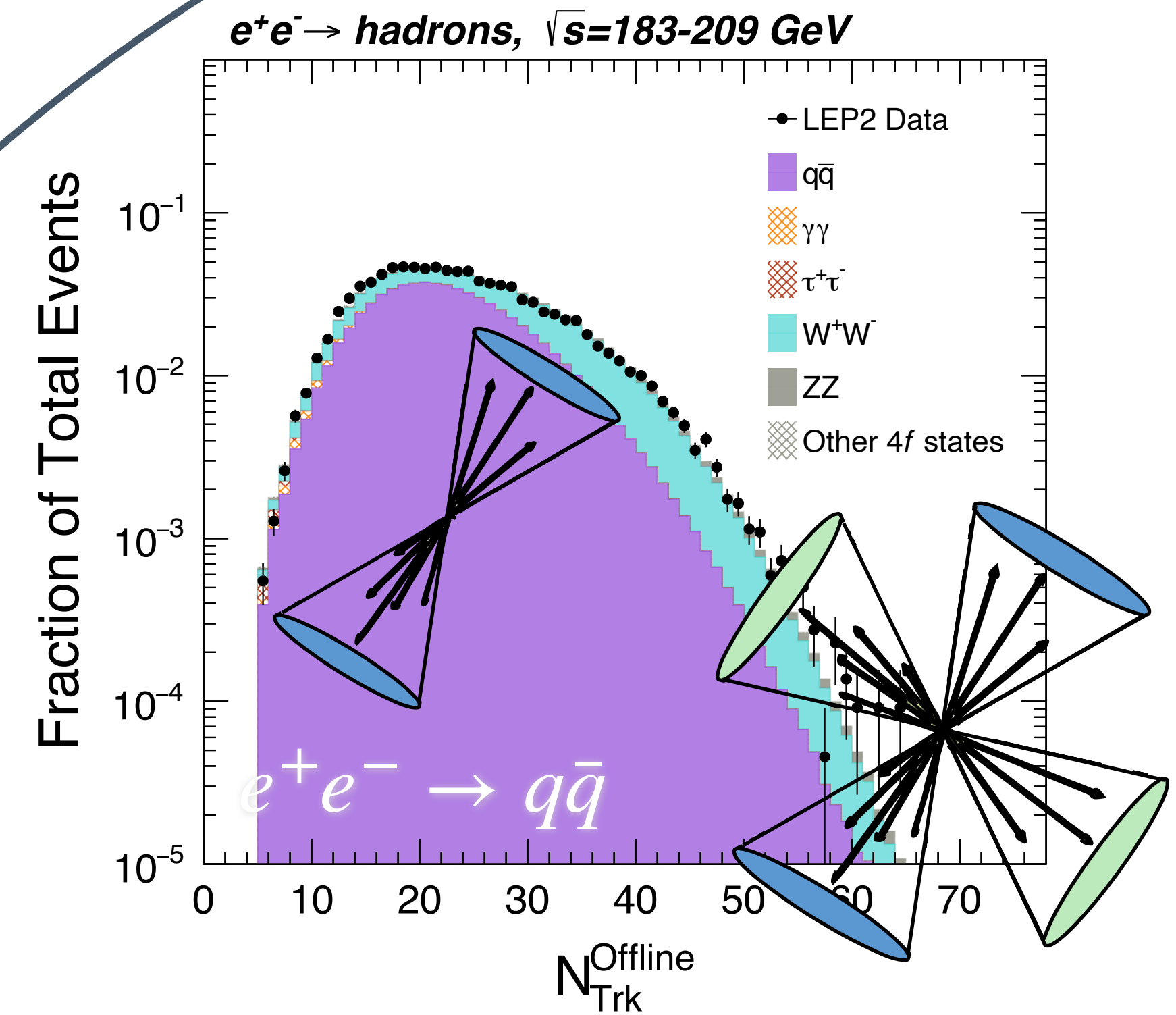
LEP 1 at Z pole (91 GeV):
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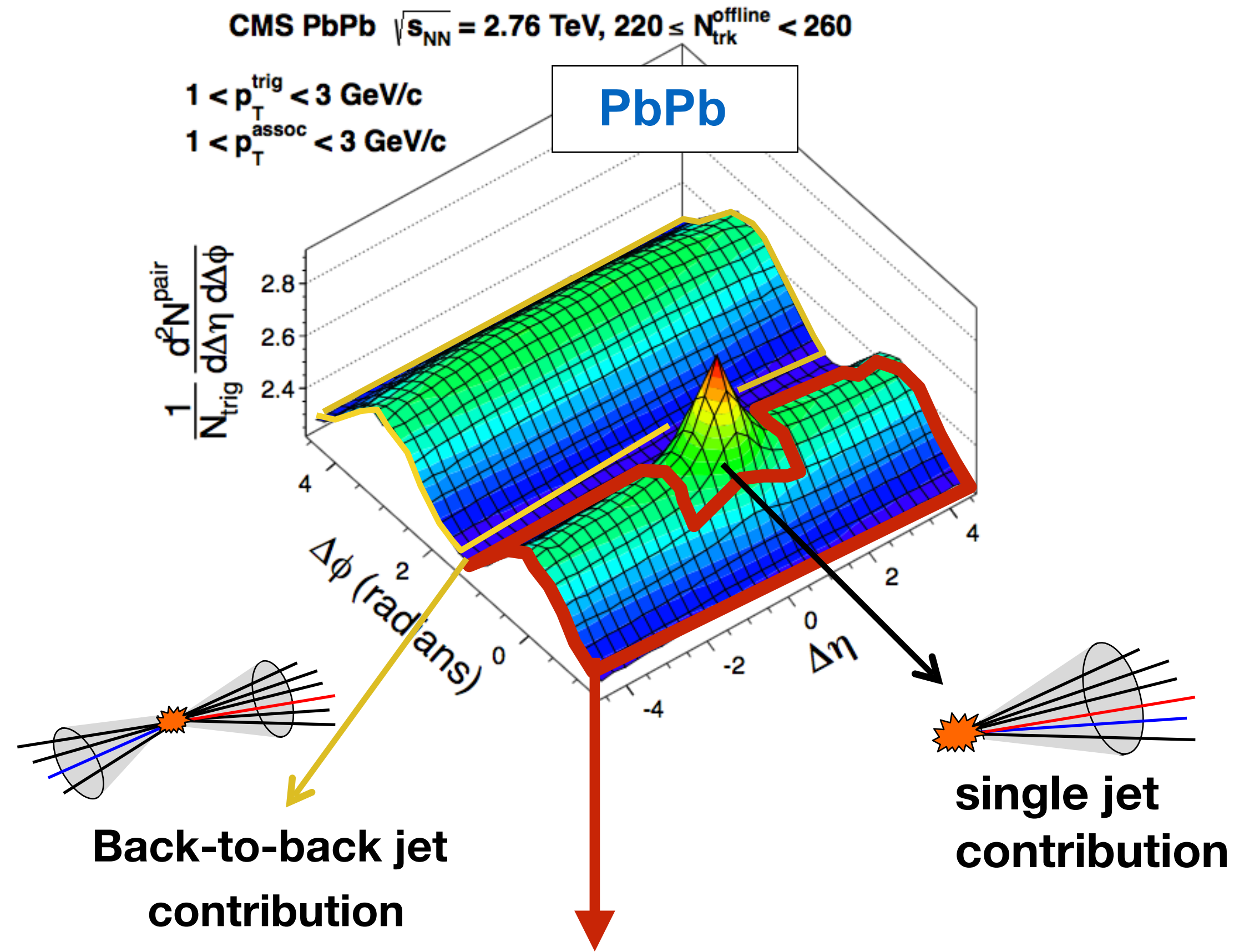


LEP 2 data above the WW threshold (183-209 GeV):



hadronic data at high-multiplicity
dominated by $e^+e^- \rightarrow W^+W^- \rightarrow 4f$

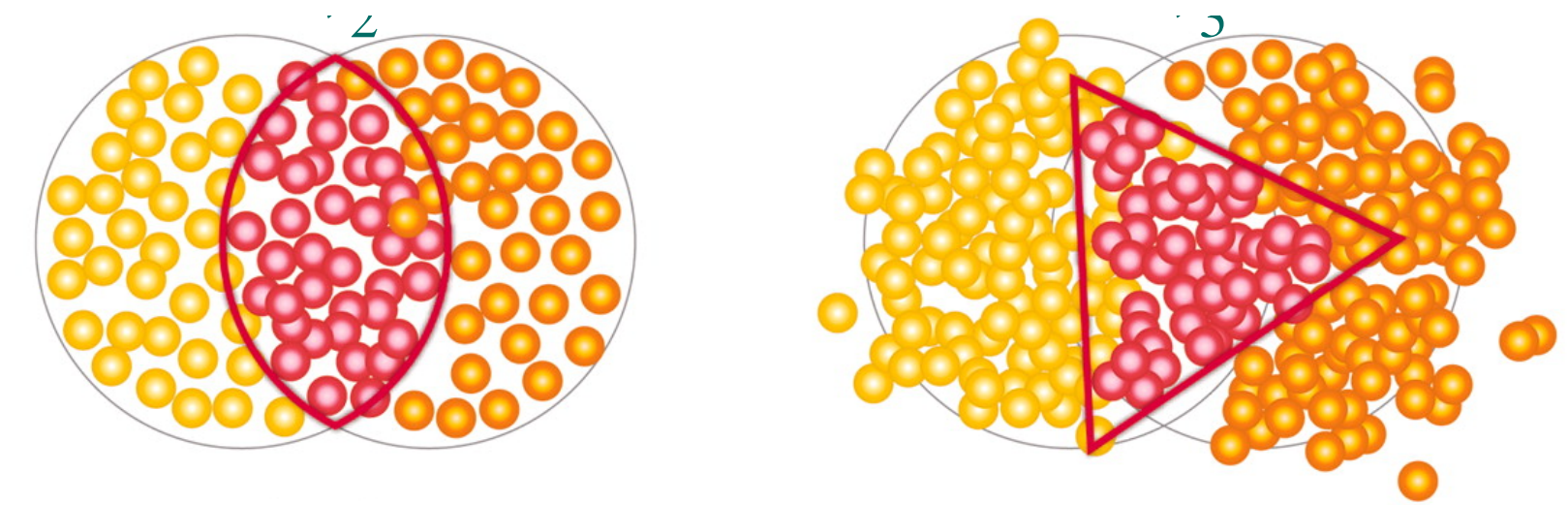
Ridge in AA: signature for a strongly-interacting medium



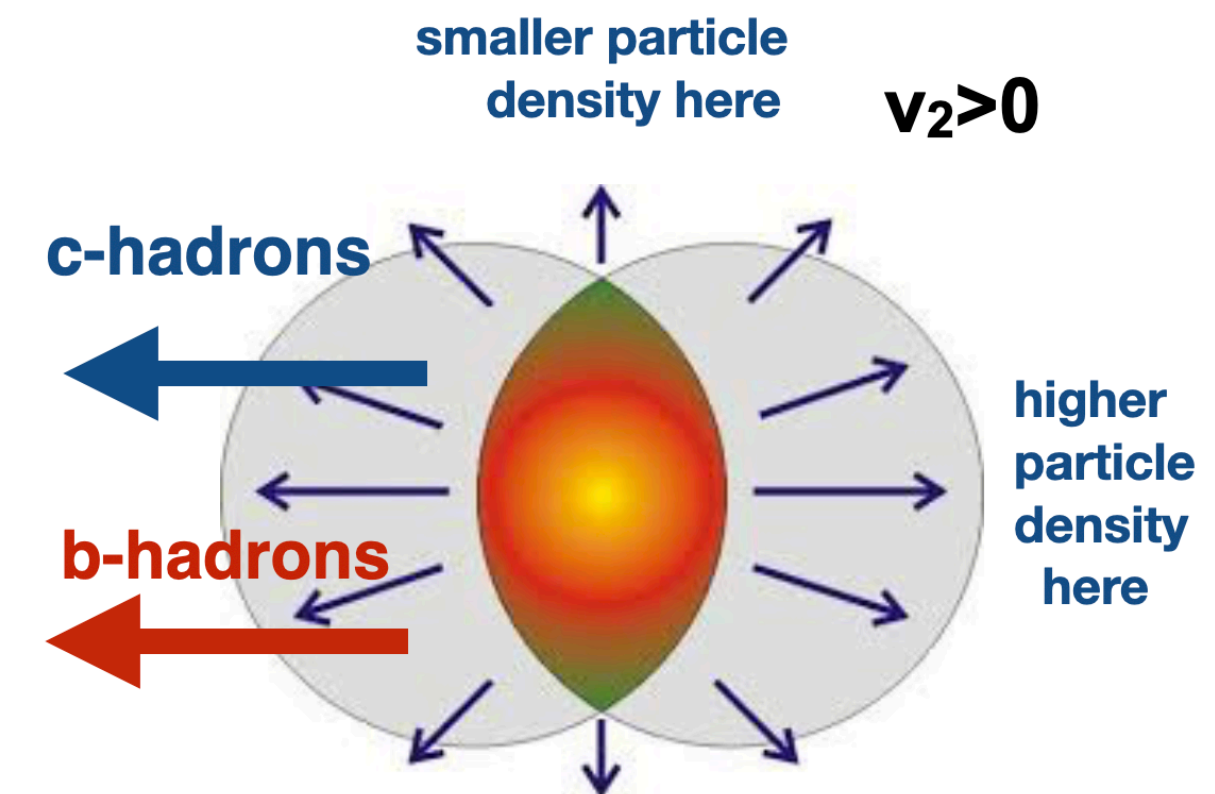
Near-side long-range (large $\Delta\eta$) correlation (“ridge”):
 → collective effect in a **strongly-interacting “liquid” medium**

“Ridge” interpretation for nucleus-nucleus collisions

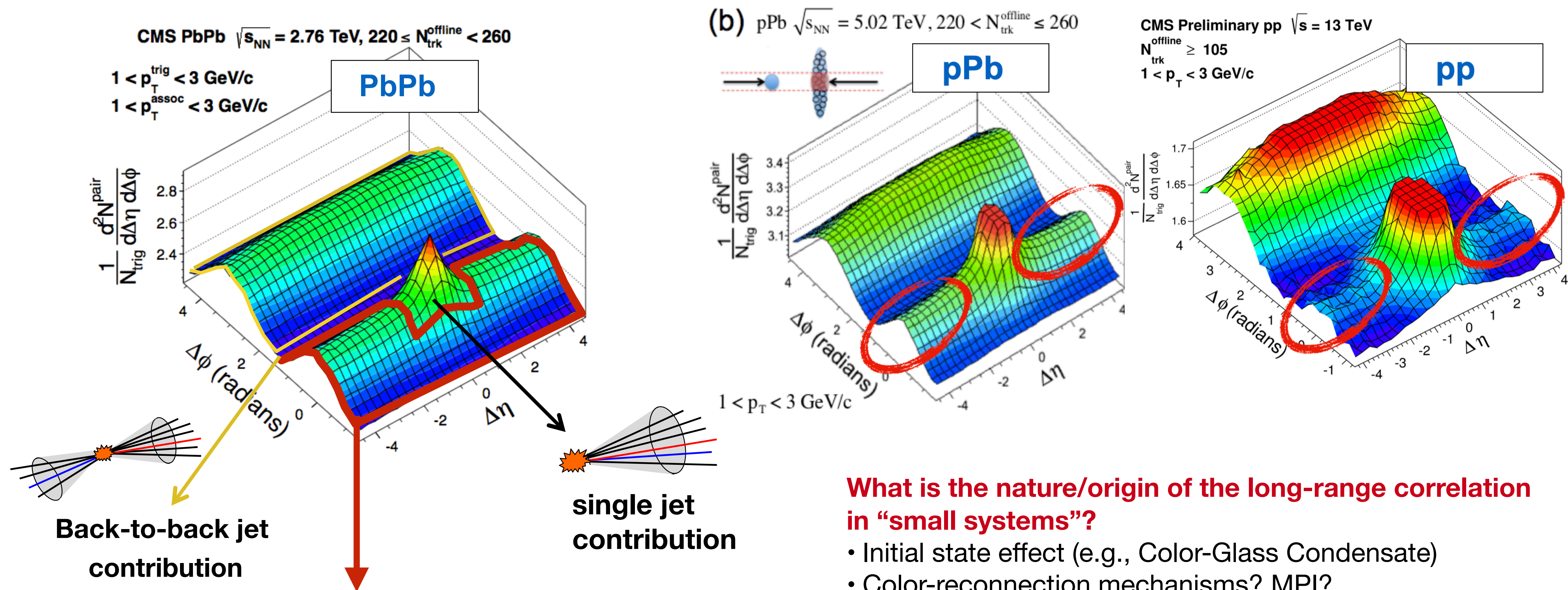
Initial-state anisotropy in non-central PbPb collisions



converted into hadron correlations by the medium



Emergence of the ridge in small collisions systems (pp, pA)



What is the nature/origin of the long-range correlation in “small systems”?

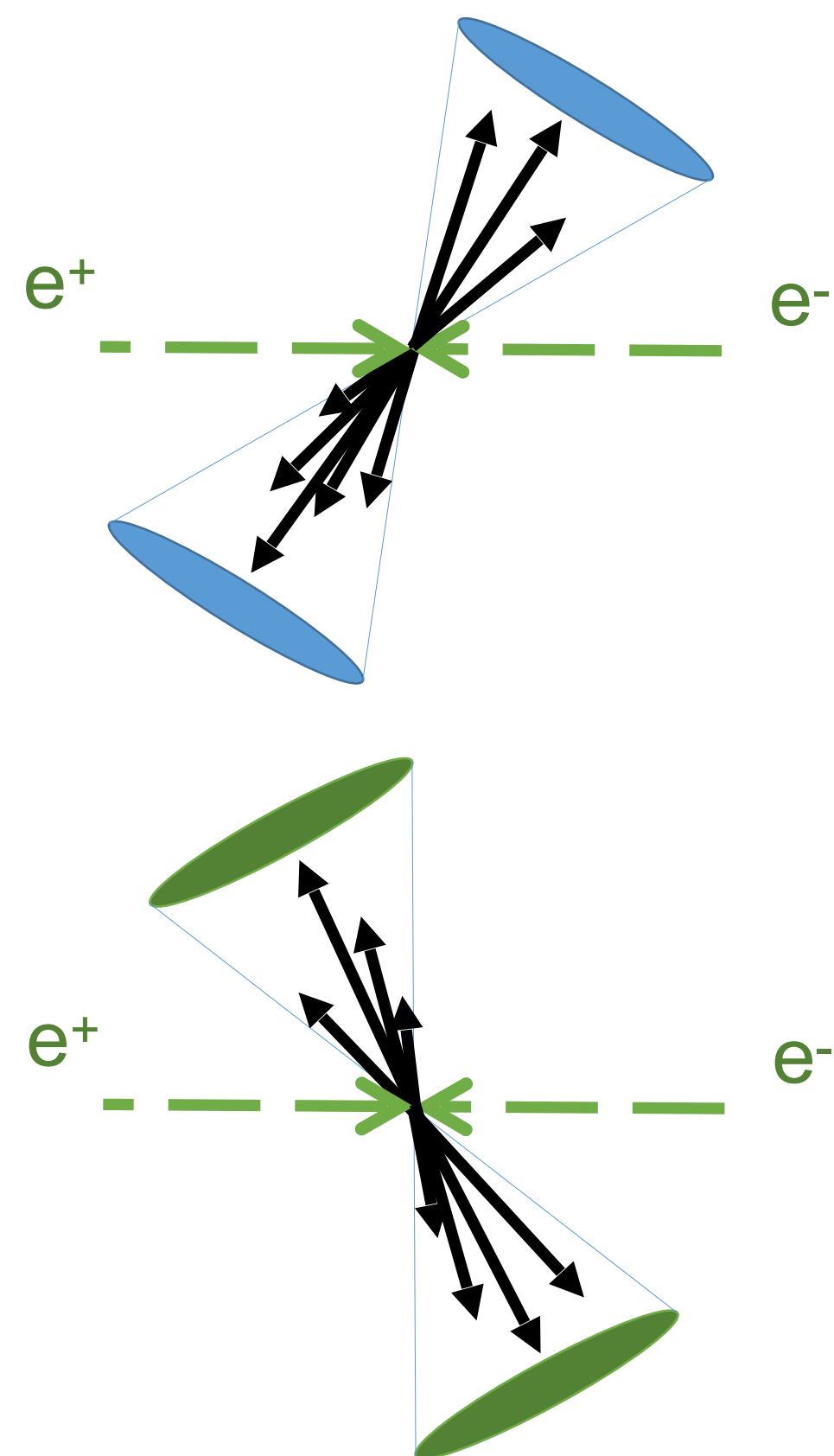
- Initial state effect (e.g., Color-Glass Condensate)
- Color-reconnection mechanisms? MPI?
- Final state effect due to mini-QGP?

Can we obtain some insights from the “simplest” collision system?

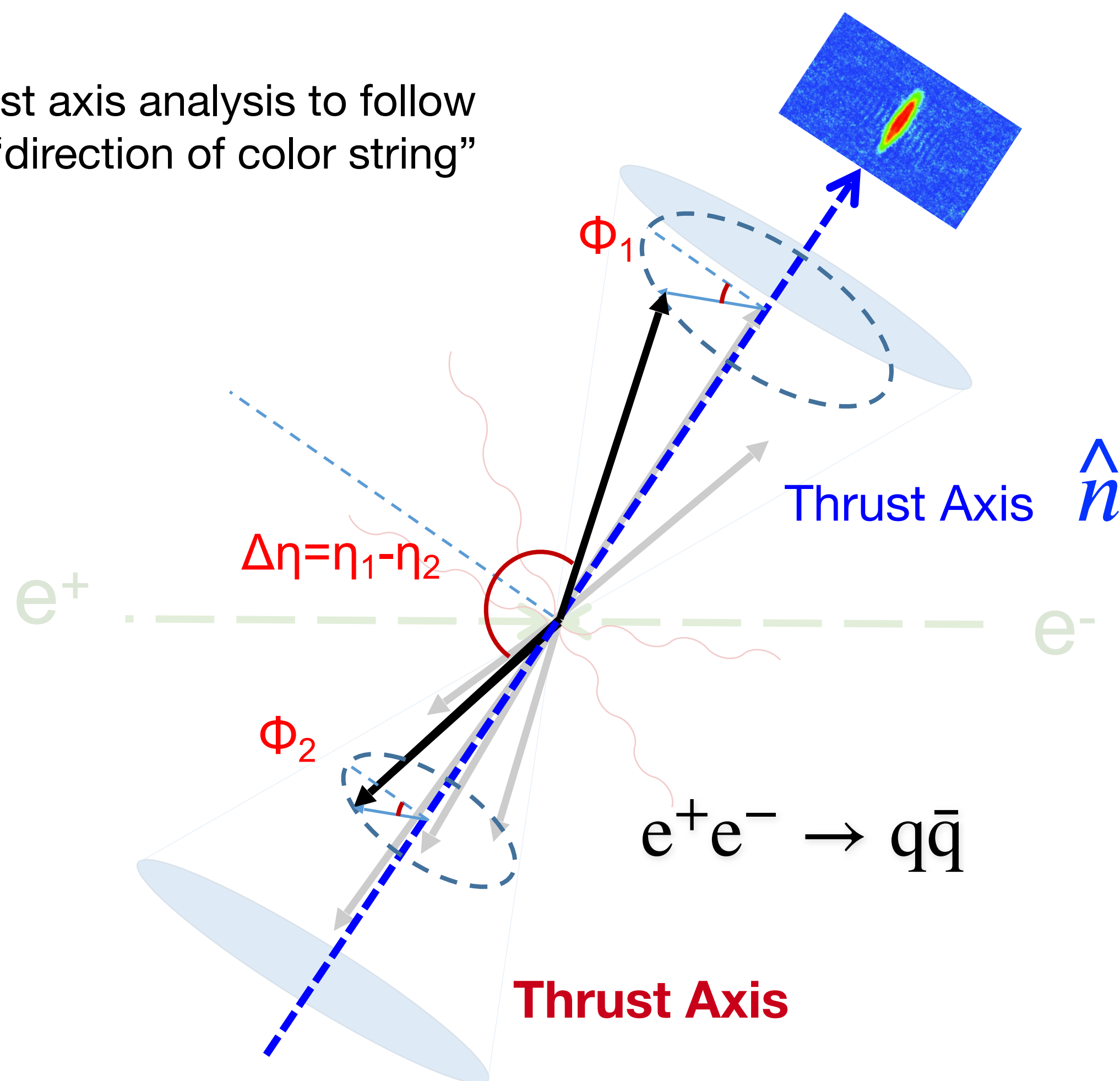
→ Lets look at e⁺e⁻ data!

Two-particle correlation in e^+e^- : reference axis?

Random orientation of the system



Thrust axis analysis to follow the “direction of color string”



- **Thrust reference axis:** sensitive to medium expanding perpendicular to the **outgoing final-state axis**
- In the thrust-axis reference frame particle production distribution ($dN/d\eta$) is analogous to pp, AA collisions

Two-particle correlation with ALEPH LEP1 data

ALEPH $e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$, $\sqrt{s} = 91 \text{ GeV}$

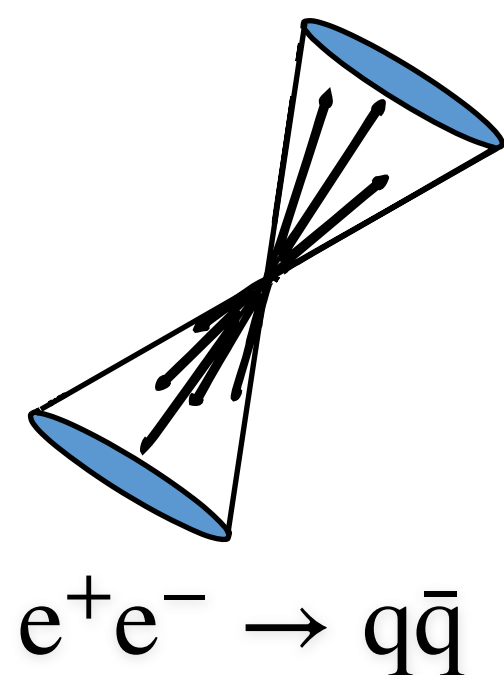
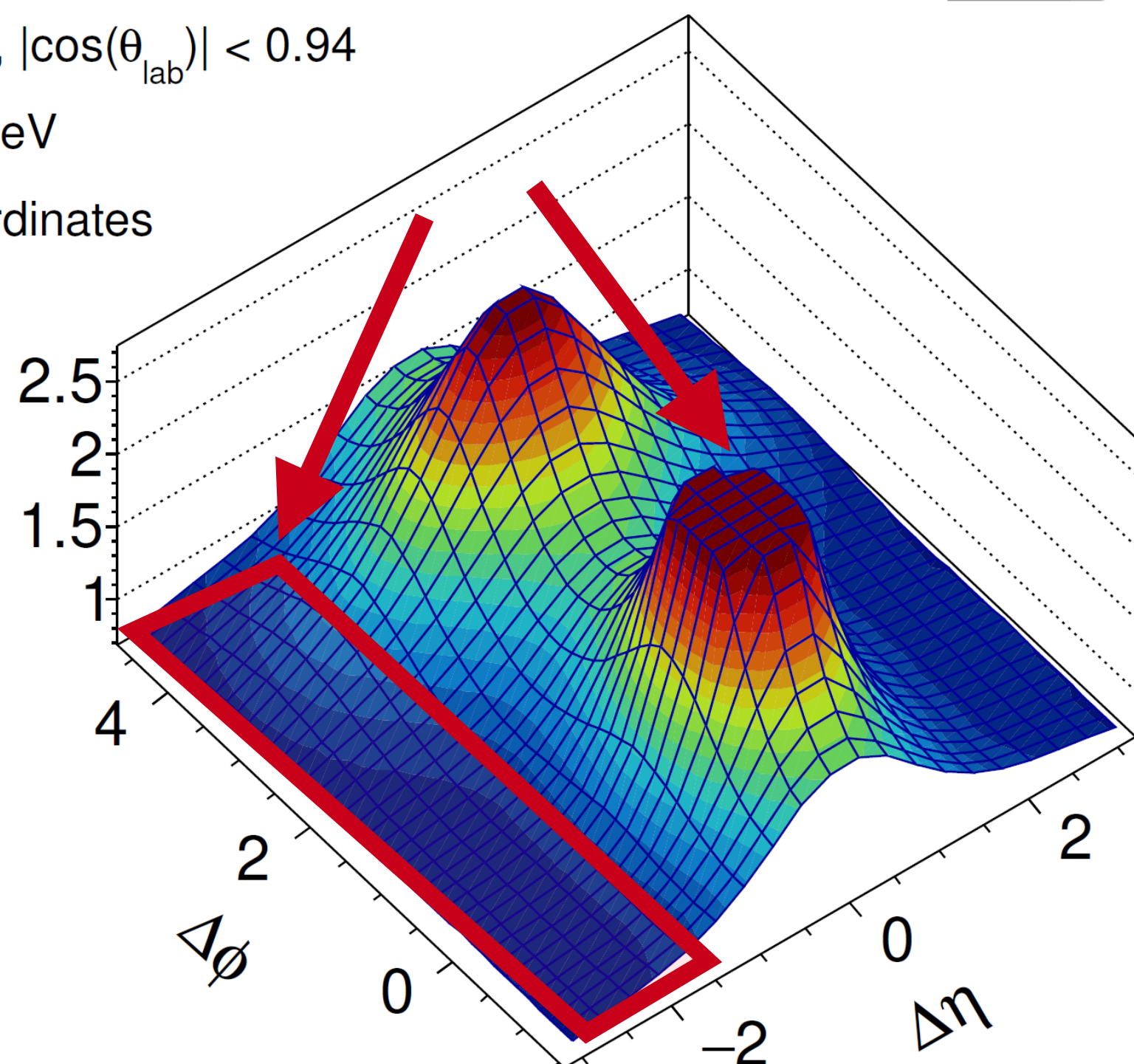
$N_{\text{Trk}}^{\text{Offline}} \geq 30$, $|\cos(\theta_{\text{lab}})| < 0.94$

$p_{\text{T}}^{\text{lab}} > 0.2 \text{ GeV}$

Thrust coordinates

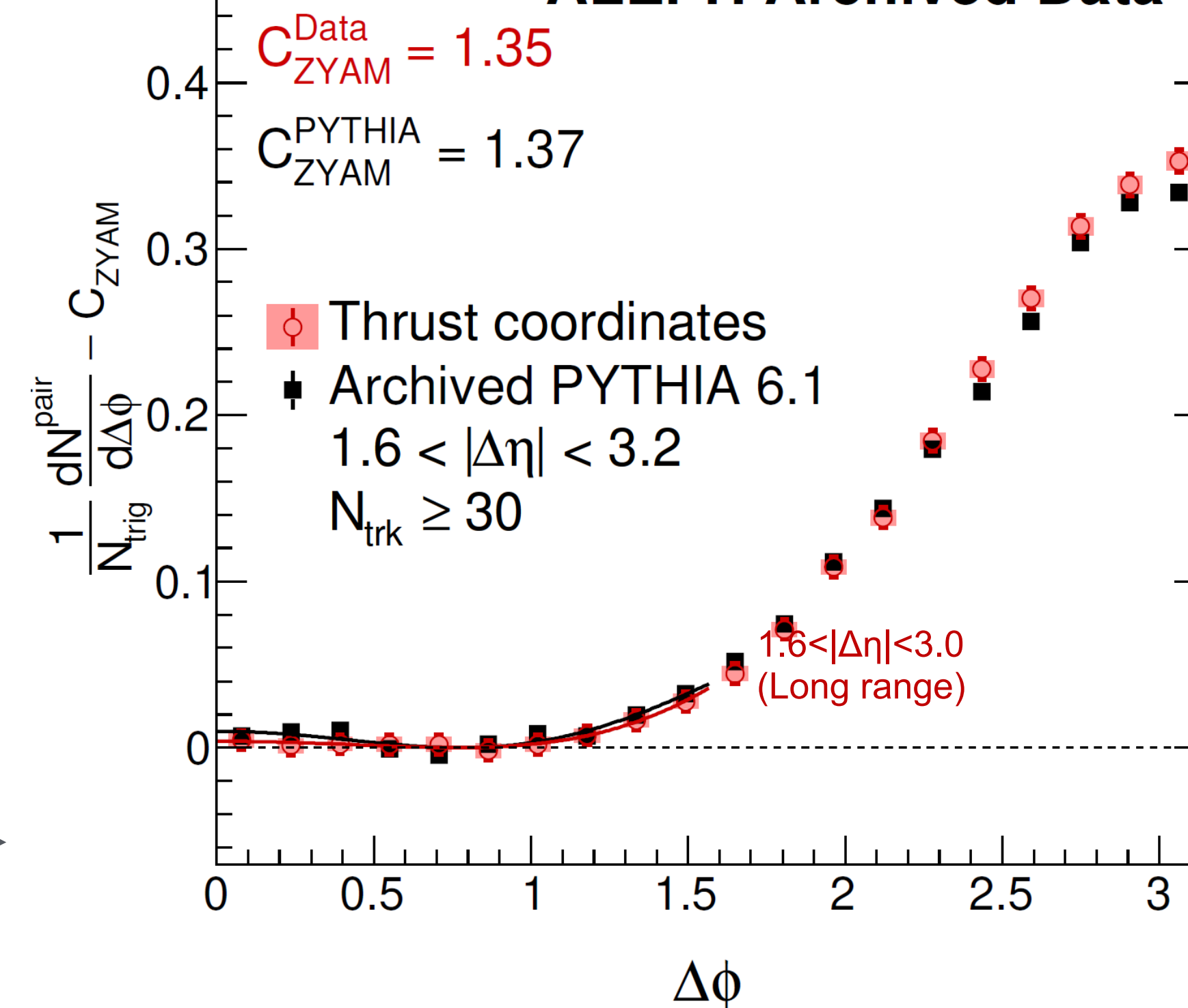
MOD

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



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ALEPH Archived Data



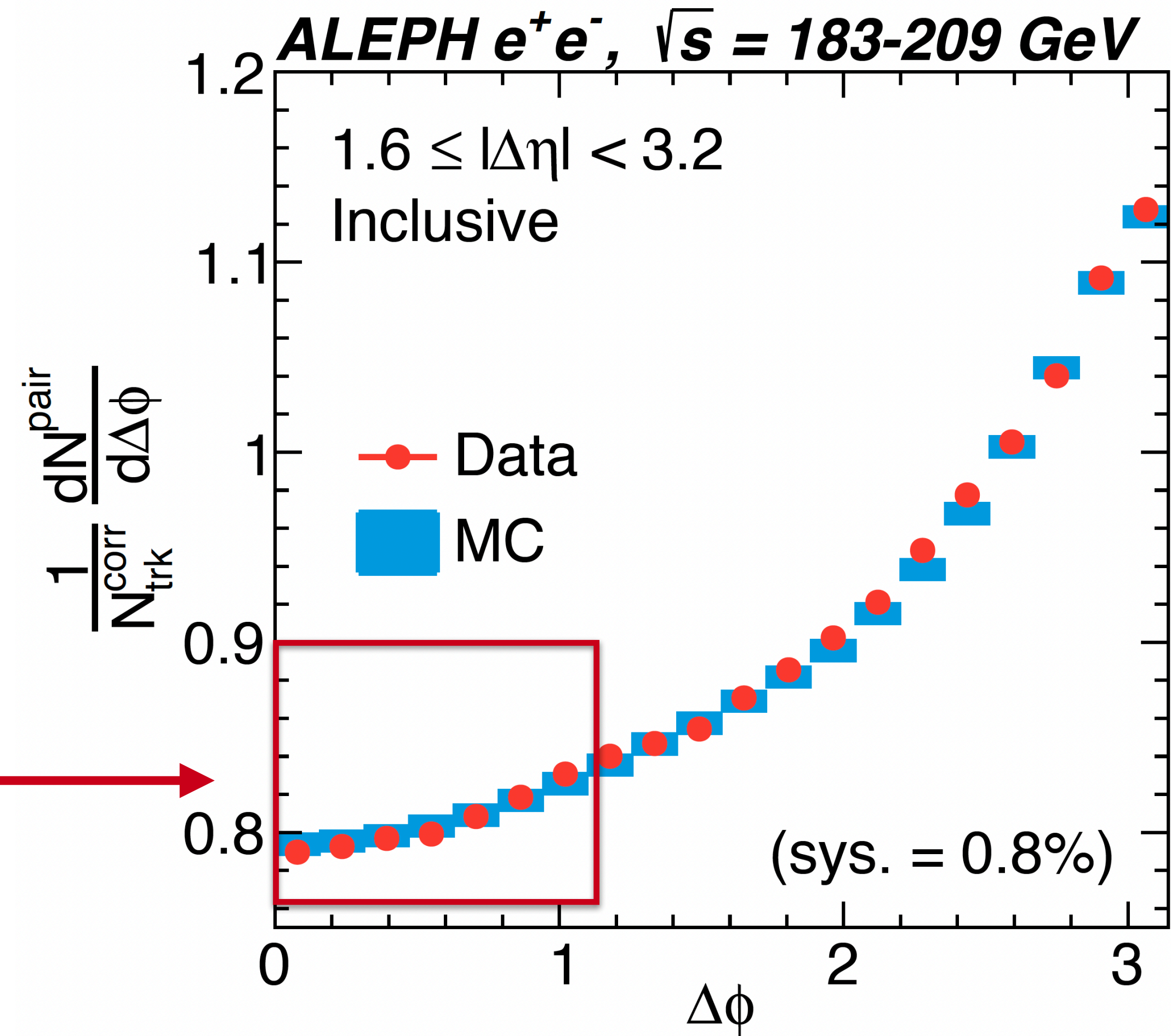
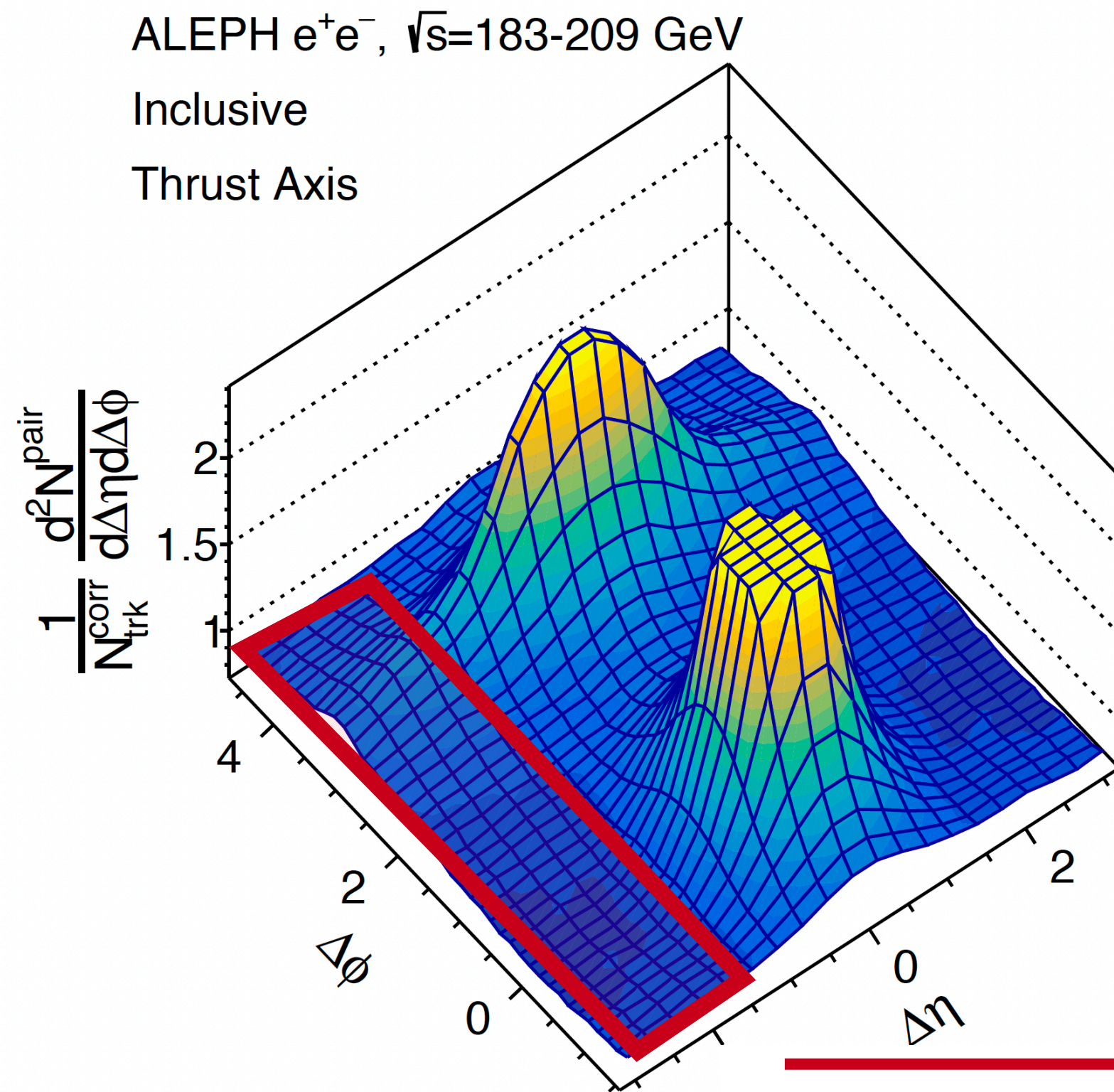
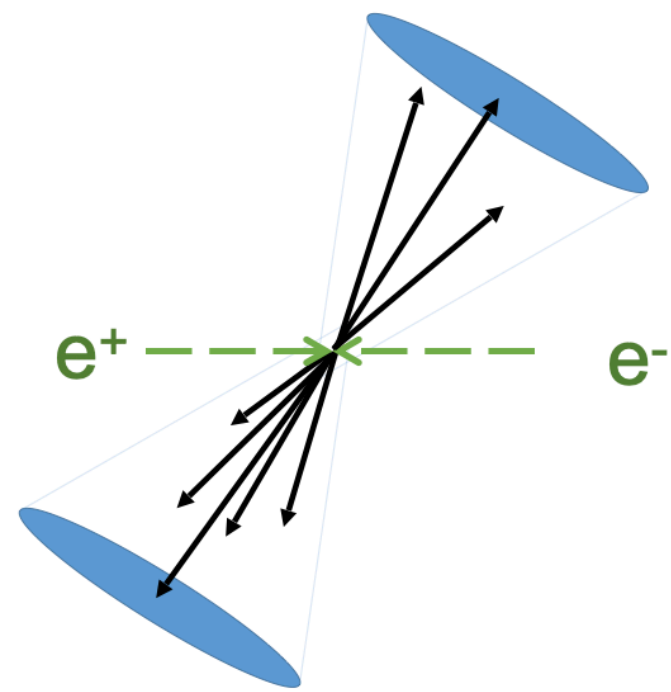
No significant near-side ridge at LEP1 energies and multiplicities

- Consistent with PYTHIA6 without additional final-state effects

What will happen at higher energies and higher multiplicities → LEP2 data

Two-particle correlation in LEP2: multiplicity-integrated result

→ hadronic data dominated by $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ events also at LEP2 energies



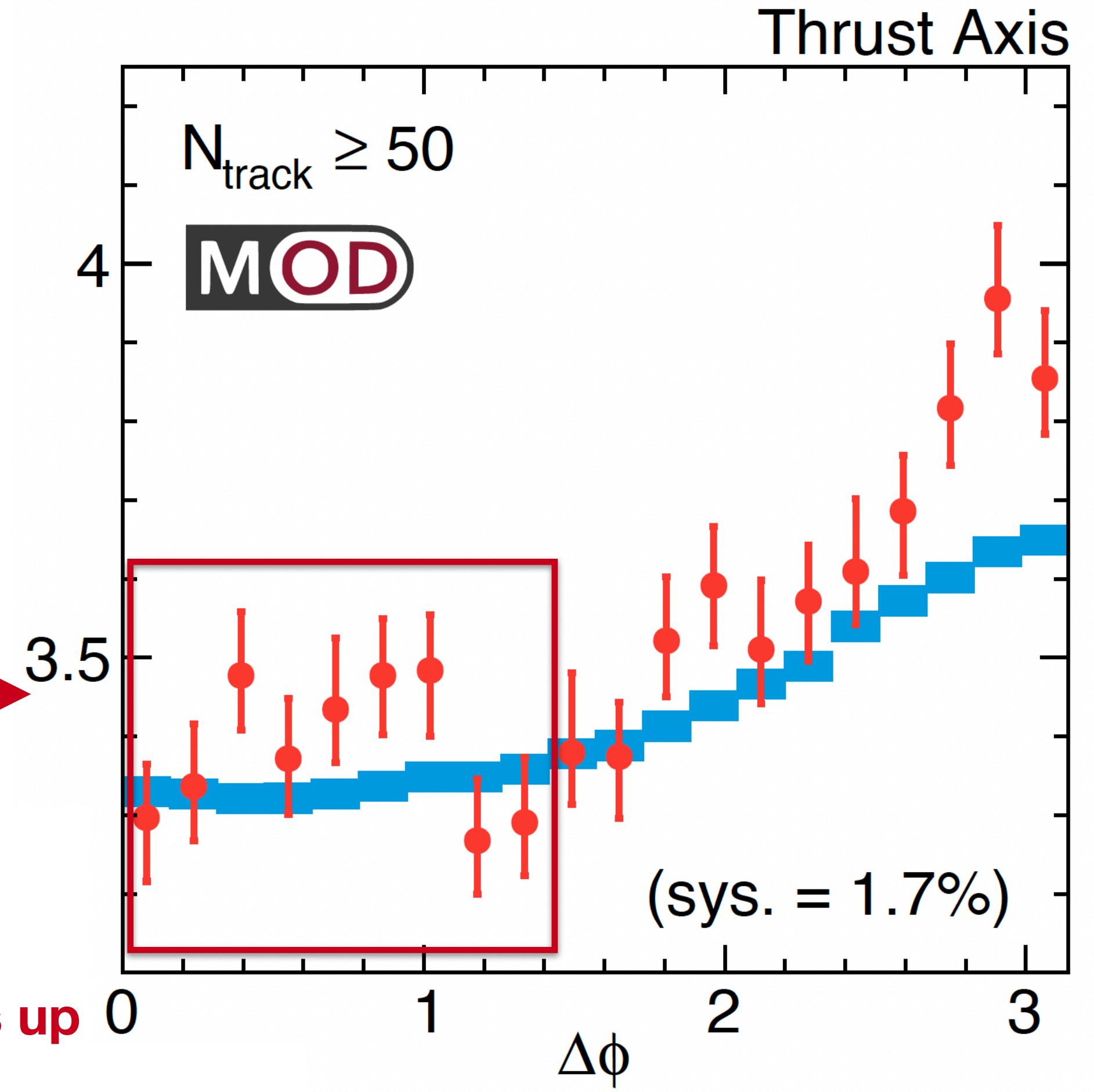
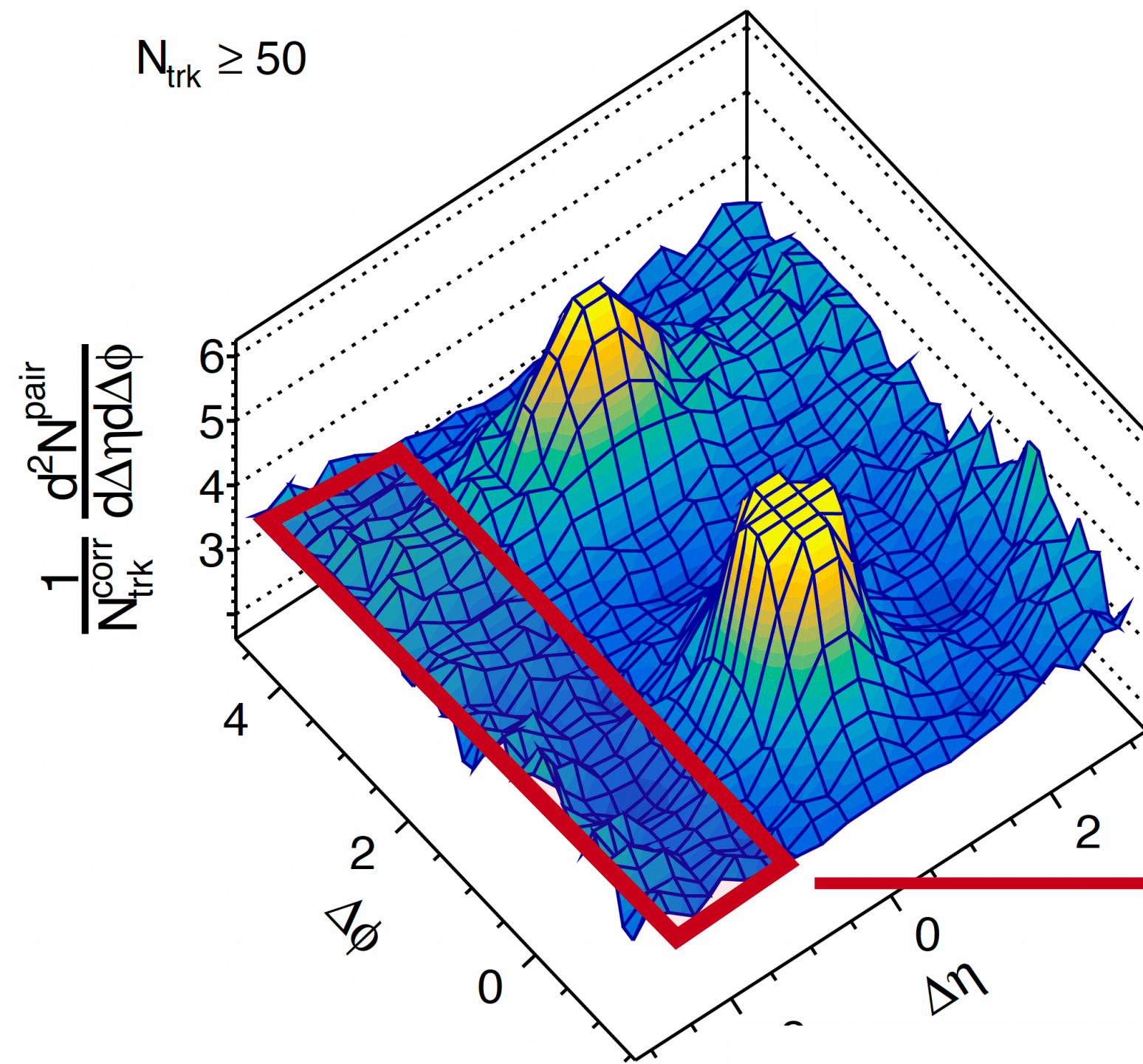
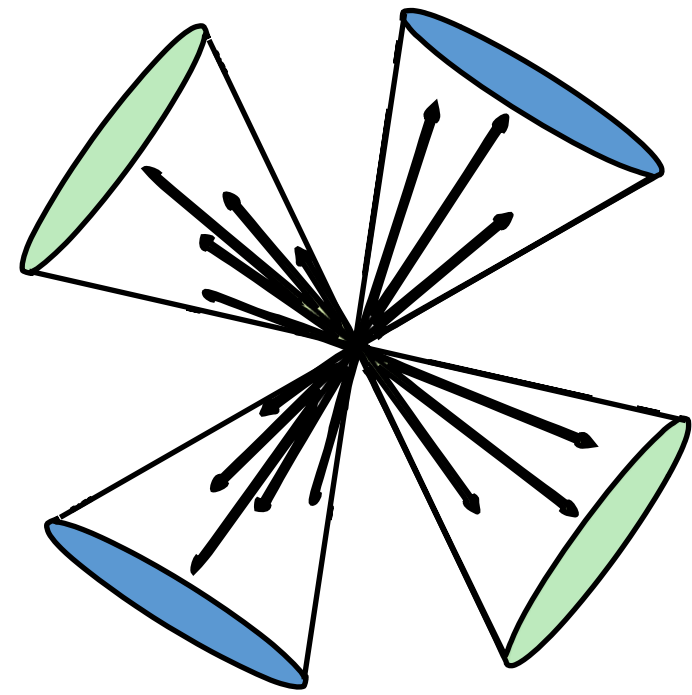
In the multiplicity-integrated analysis:

→ **no evidence for long-range near-side correlations**

→ trend well described by MC calculations

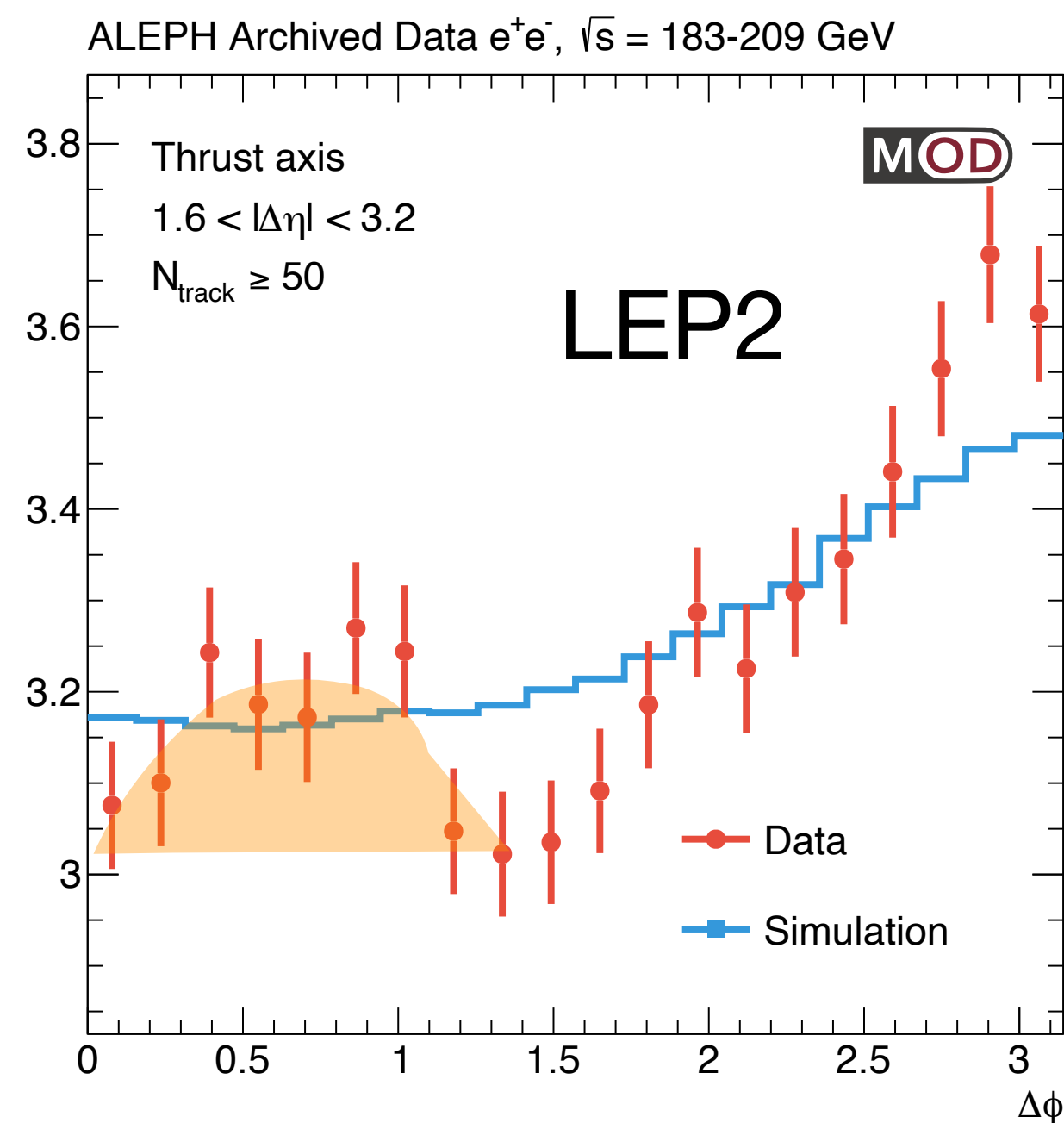
Two-particle correlation in LEP2: $N_{ch} > 50$

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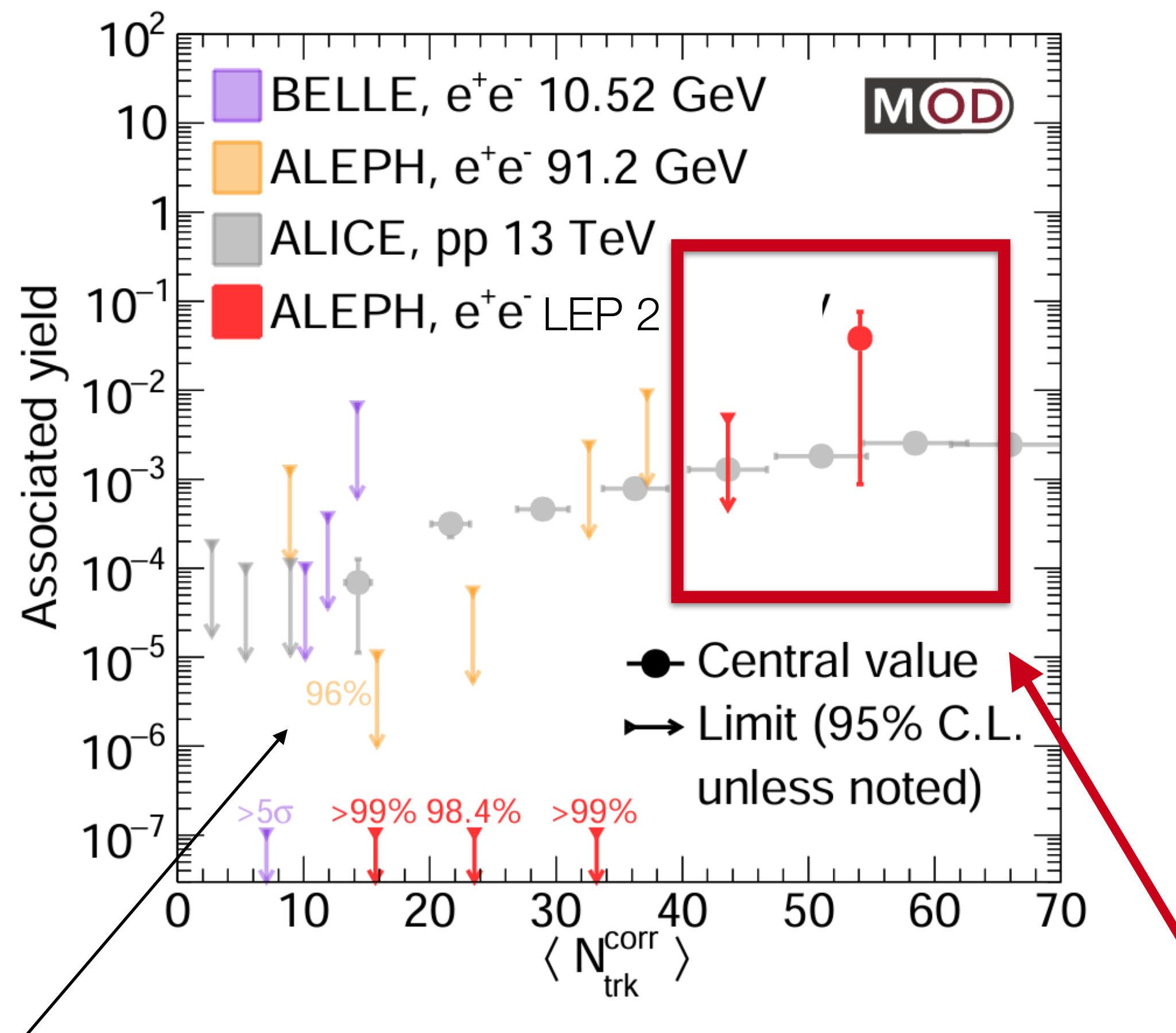
- **At high multiplicity, a long-range near-side “structure” shows up**
- **Data also feature a narrower away-side spectrum at $\Delta\phi \sim \pi$**
→ qualitatively the same type of signal that we have measured in pp, pPb, PbPb

Associated yield vs N_{ch} to quantify the ridge magnitude



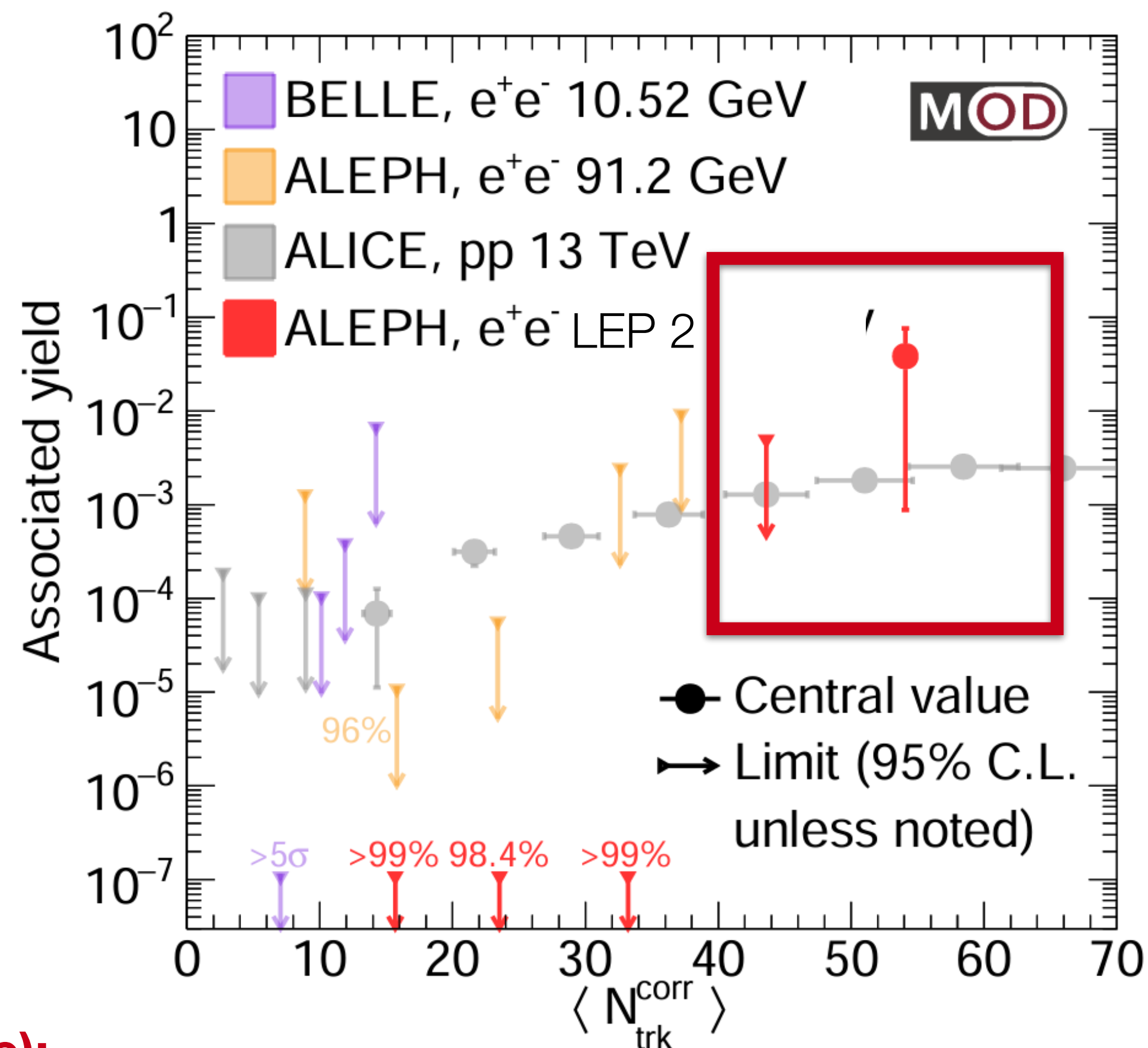
Associate yield:
integral of the near-side
long-range structure

At low multiplicity (<40), Belle, LEP1 and LEP2
show less associated yields than **ALICE** proton-
proton results



At high multiplicity, LEP2 data shows a non-zero yield
(very large uncertainties)

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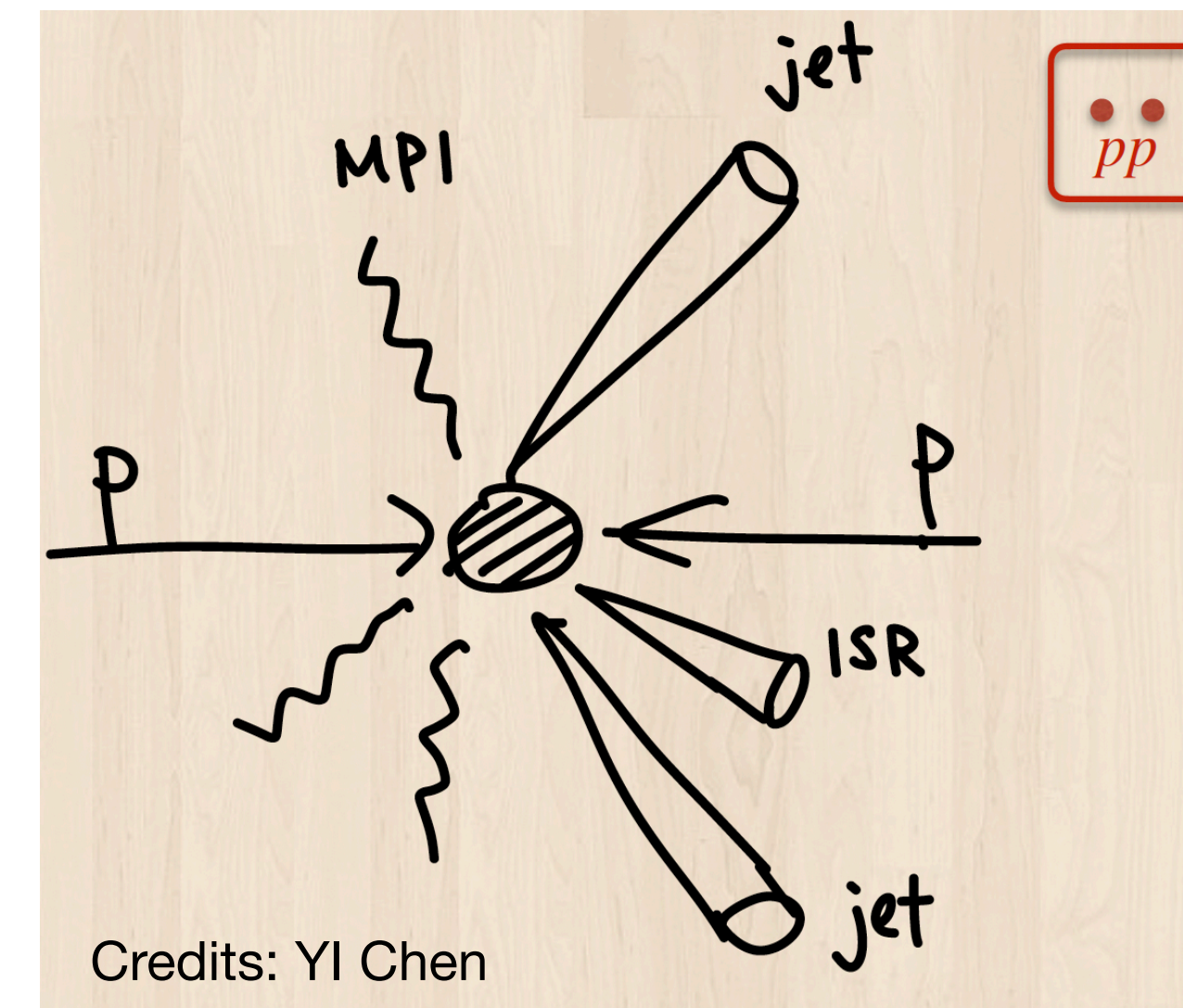
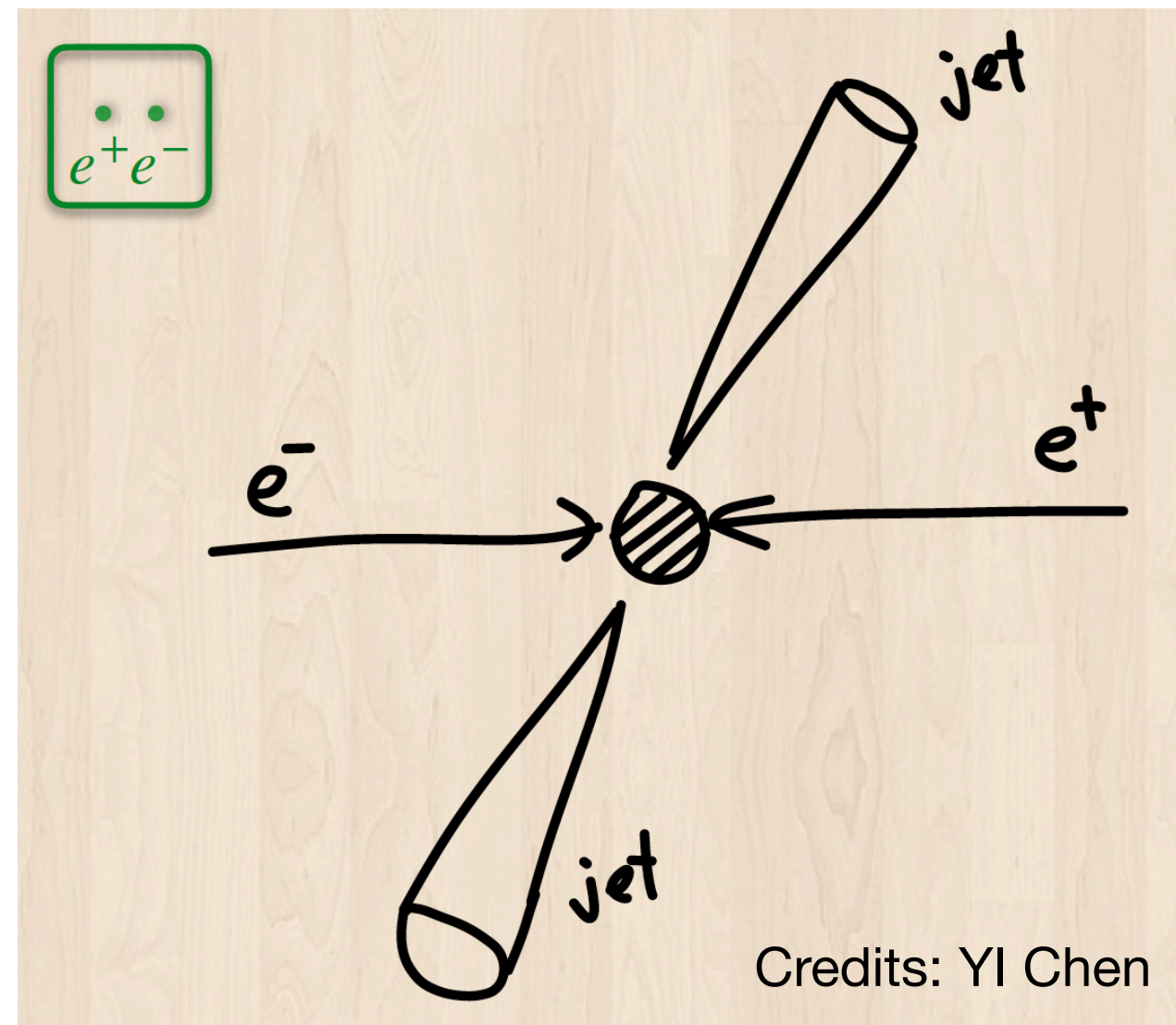
Possible interpretations (not yet conclusive):

- ridge formed without initial-state anisotropies due to the presence of more complex color string configurations?
- non-negligible final-state interactions in e^+e^- ?

→ push for more accurate measurements (e.g. in UPCs or eA collisions at the EIC) and further theory development!

More jet measurements in e^+e^- collisions?

→ significant progress has been made on jet definitions and jet clustering algorithms since LEP time!



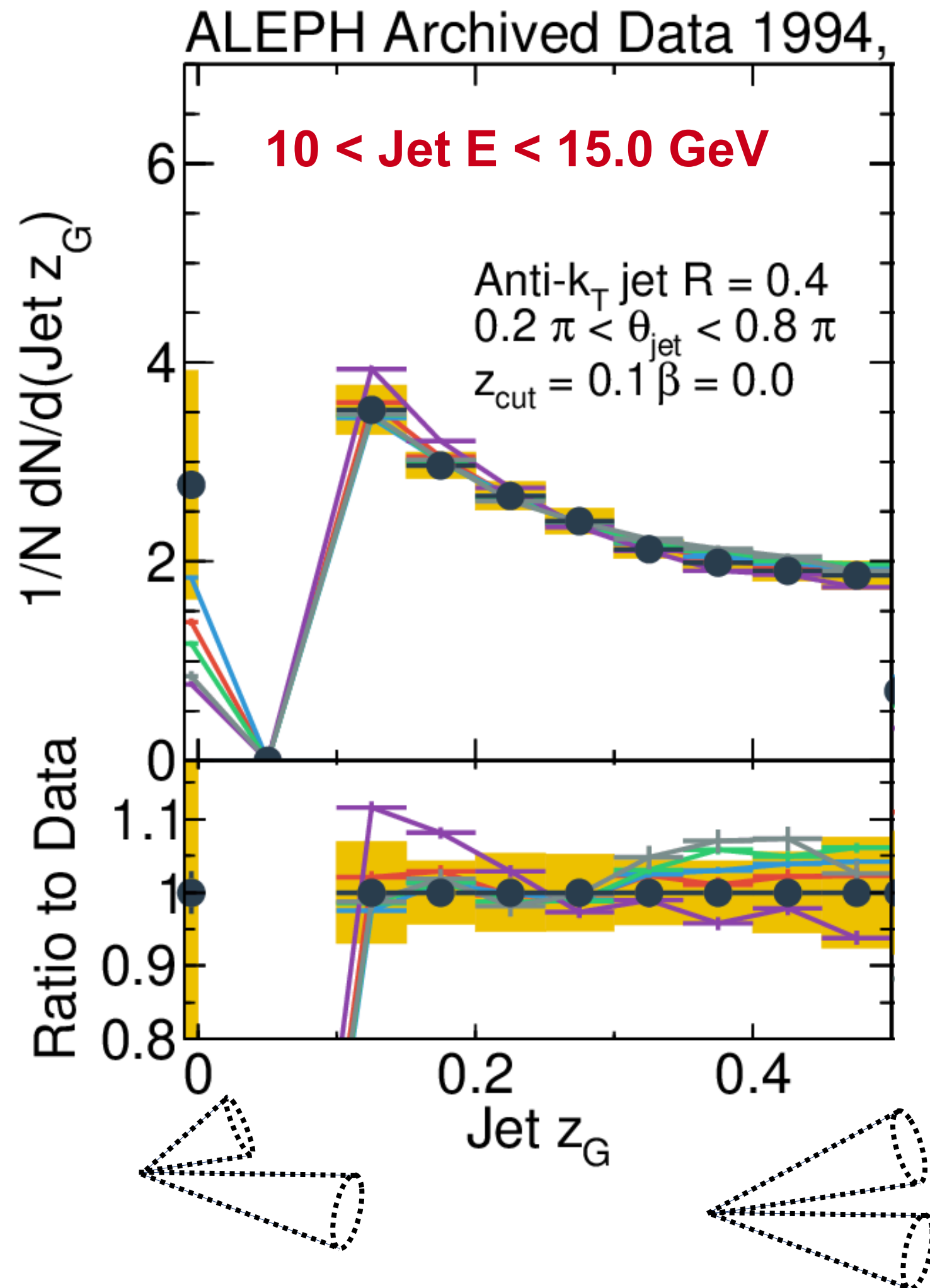
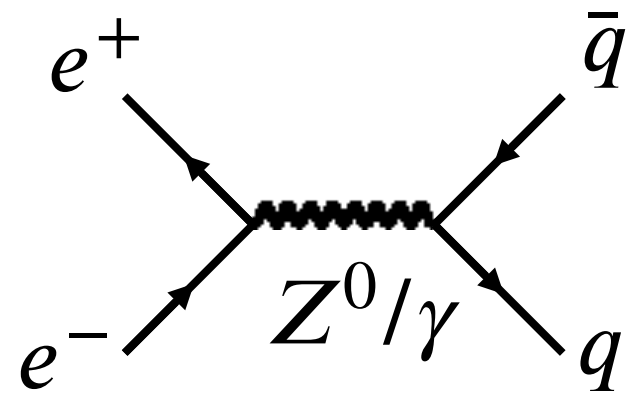
Physics interest for measuring modern observables in e^+e^- data :

- validate the predictions of modern generators in the ultra-clear e^+e^- environment
- “cure” some of the discrepancies observed at the LHC in the simple in e^+e^- environment
- opportunity to design new techniques that profit from the favorable theoretical/experimental conditions of e^+e^-

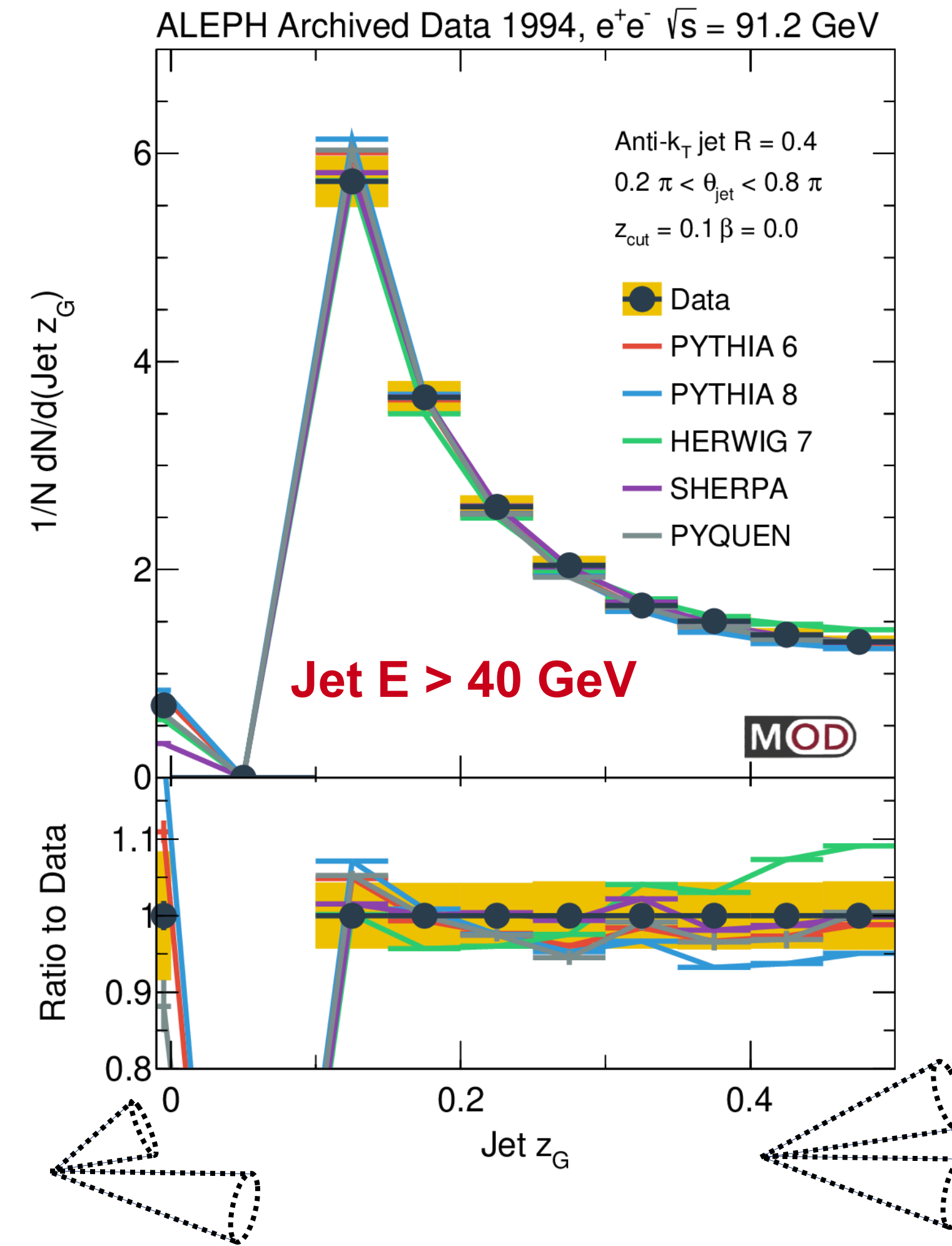
Highlight: energy sharing z_G in e^+e^- from LEP 1

LEP 1 dataset:

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At low E: good agreement with MCs



At high E: evidence for some MC-data discrepancies

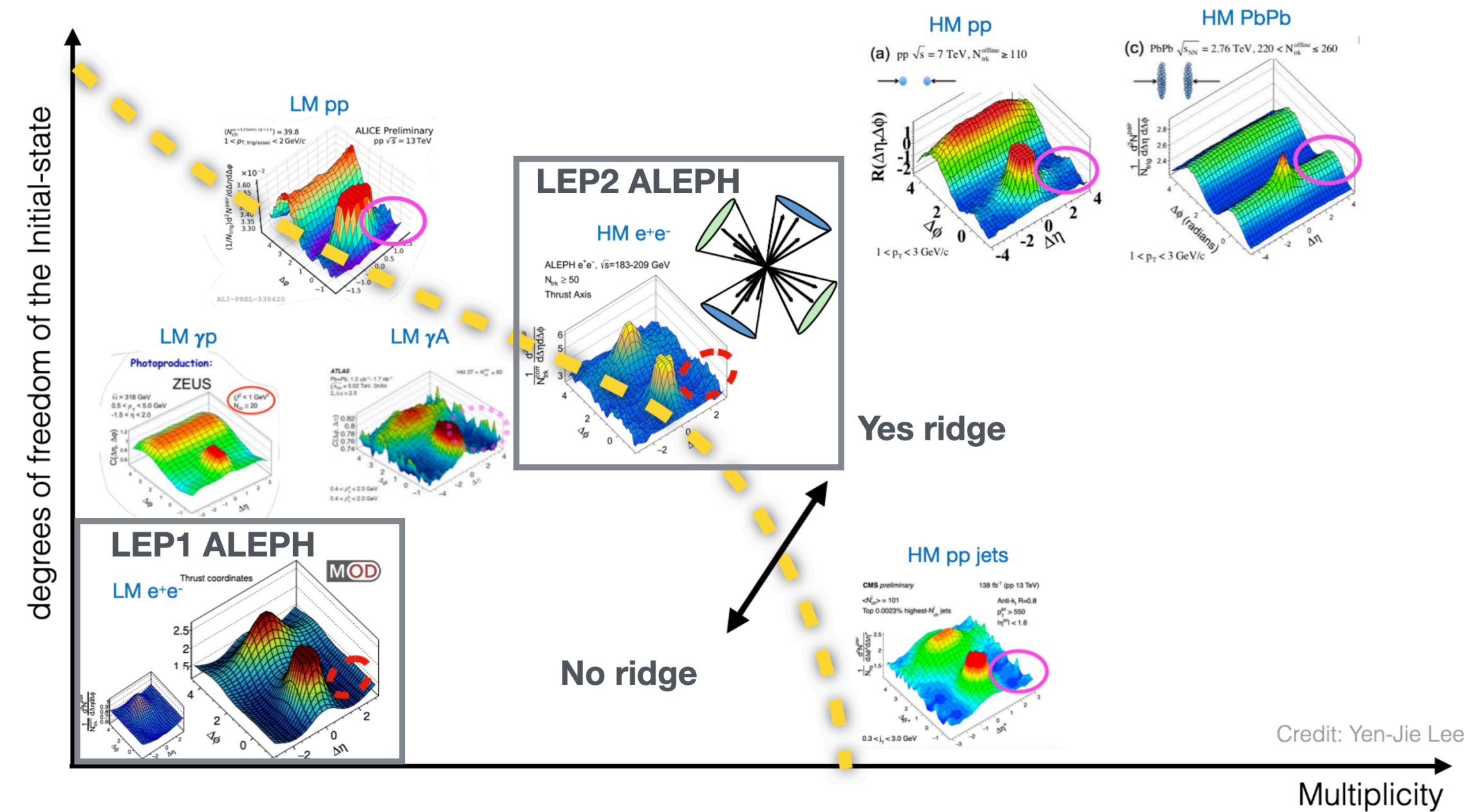
→ **qualitatively similar to the discrepancies observed in data-MC comparisons for pp**

$$z_G = \frac{p_{T,2}}{p_{T,1} + p_{T,2}}$$

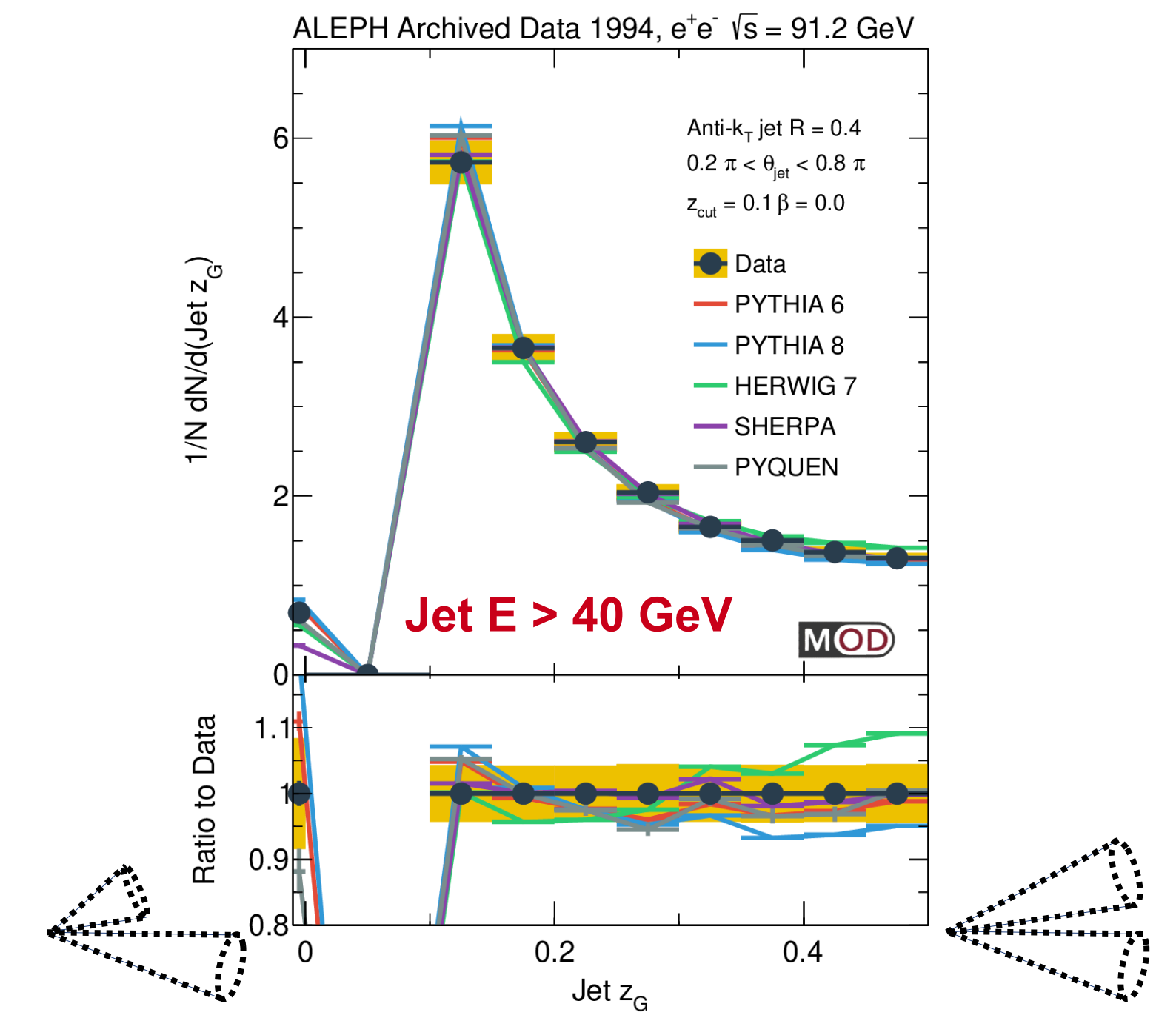
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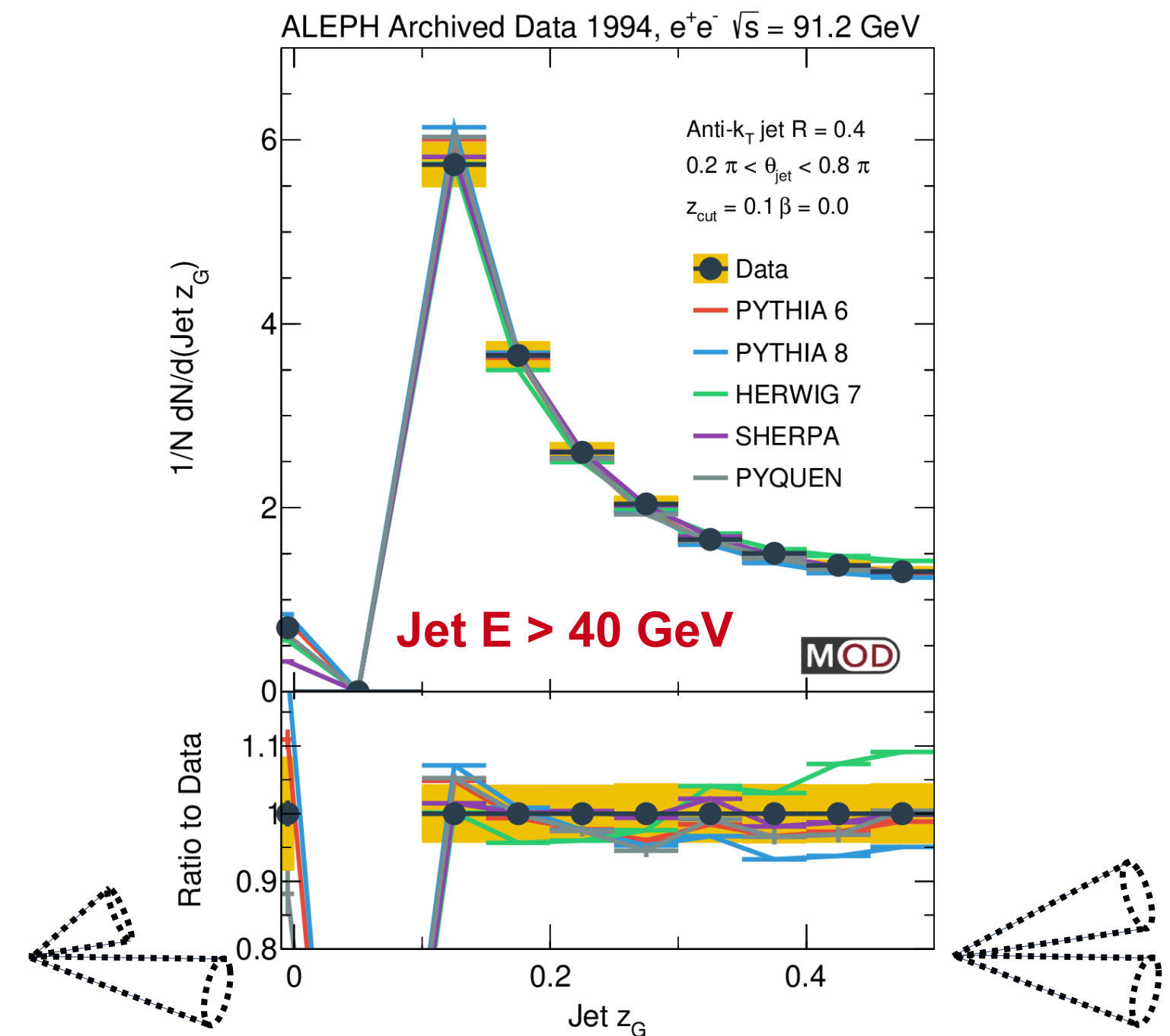
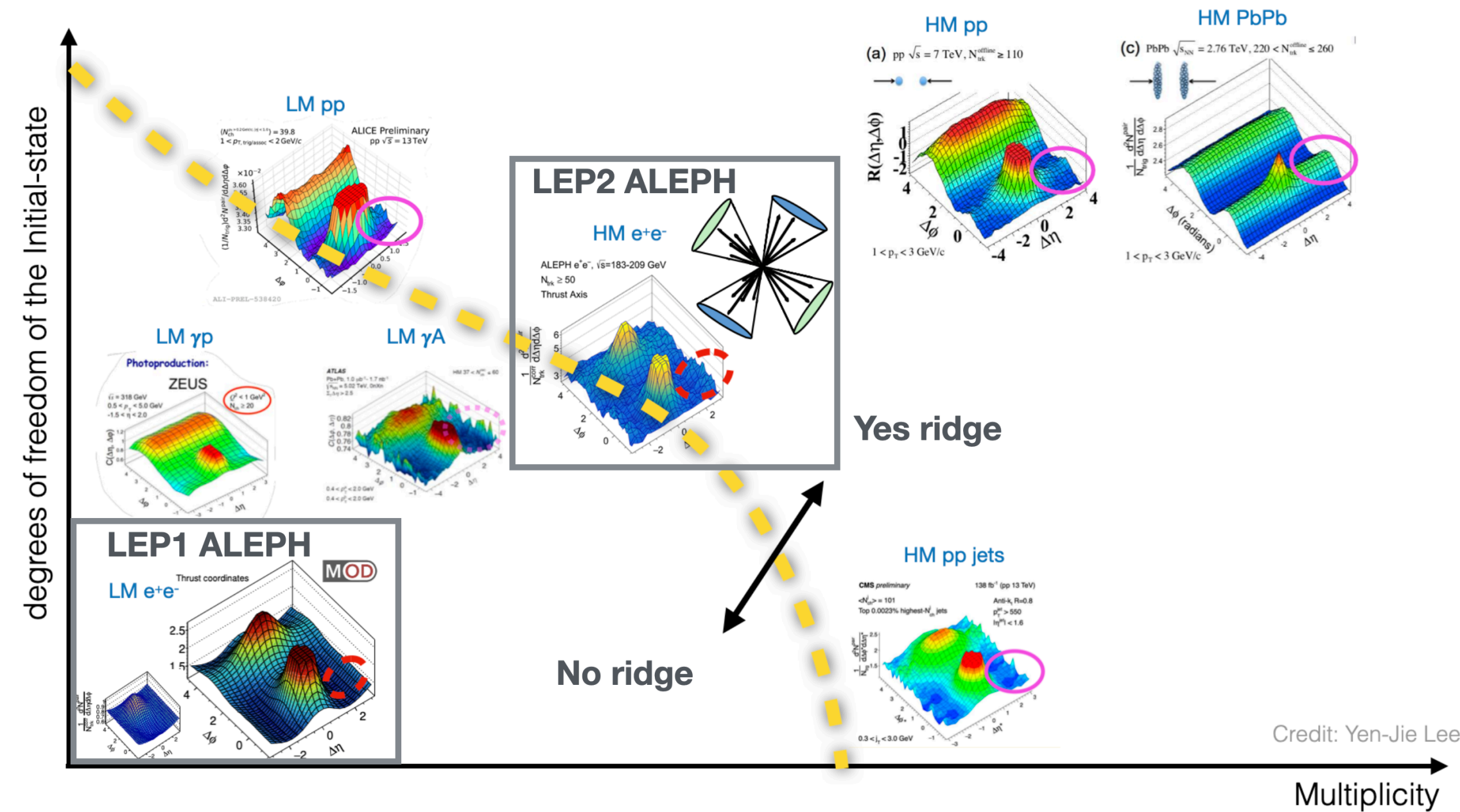
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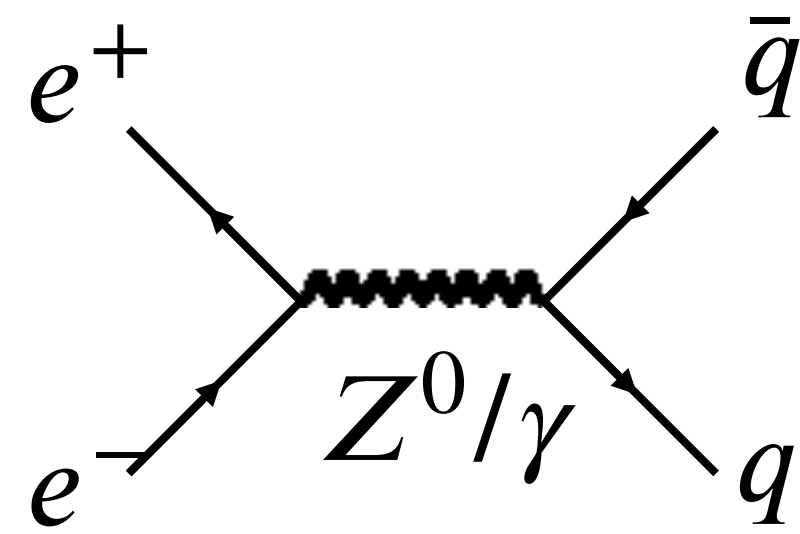
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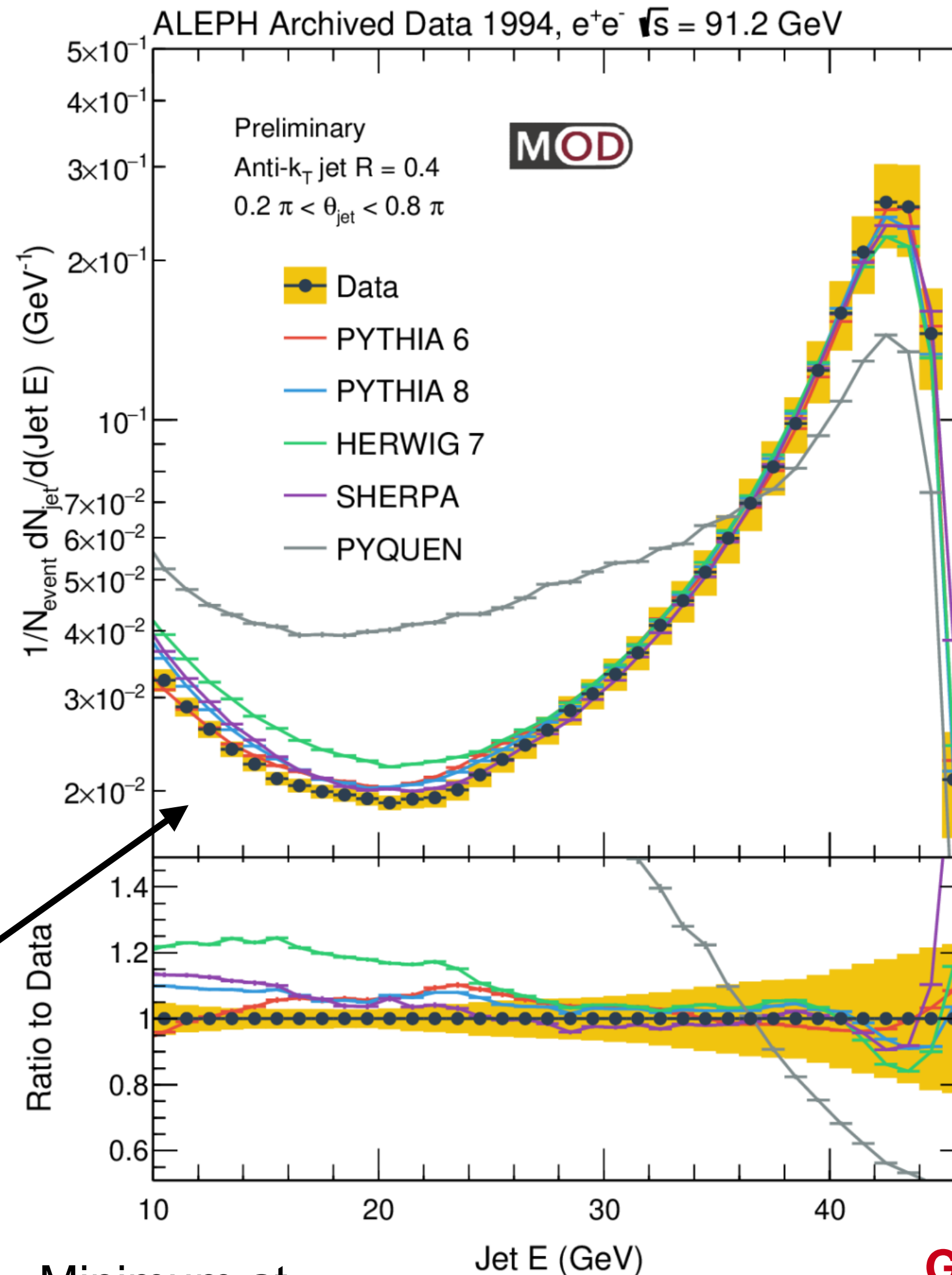
BACKUP SLIDES

Highlight: e^+e^- LEP1 data and modern event generators



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At low E : increase due to a large number of jets from soft emissions or combinatorial

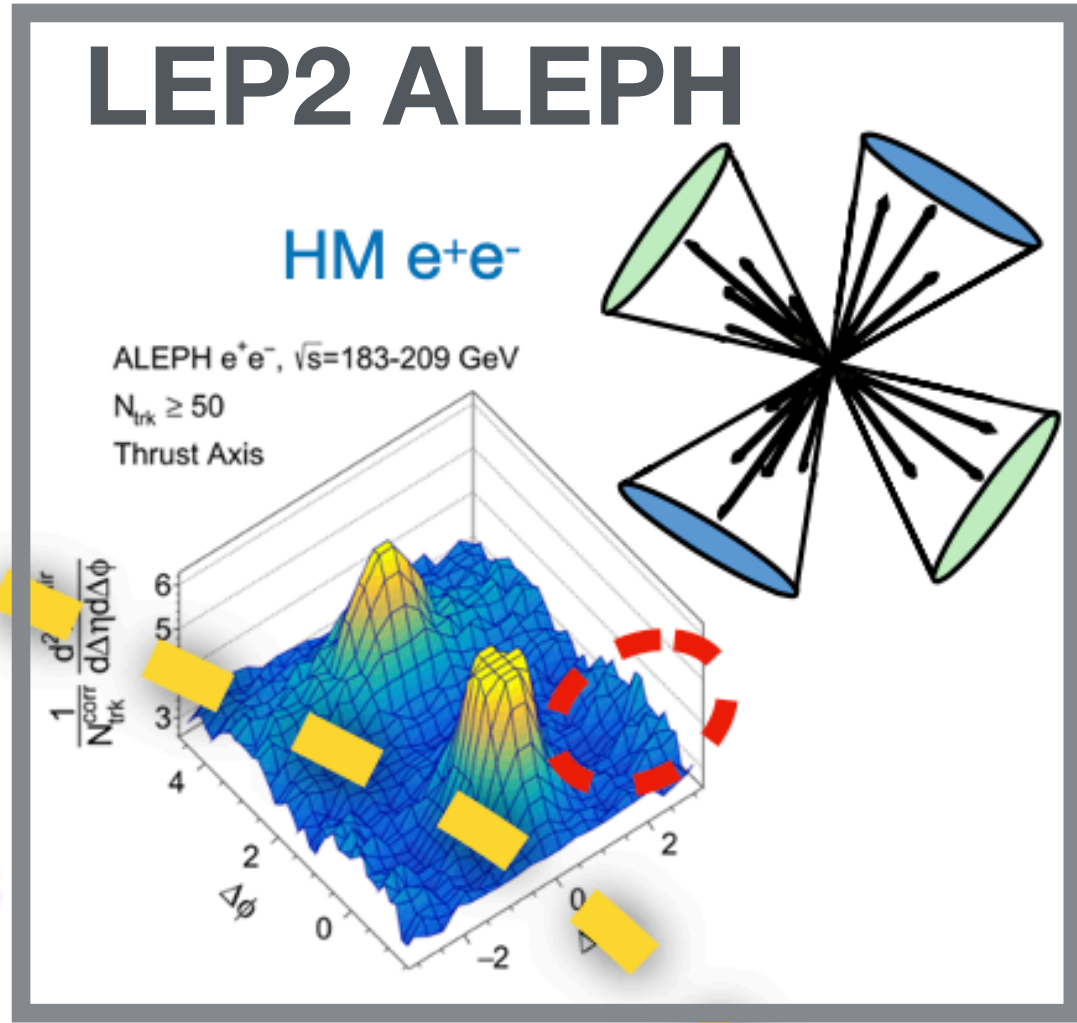
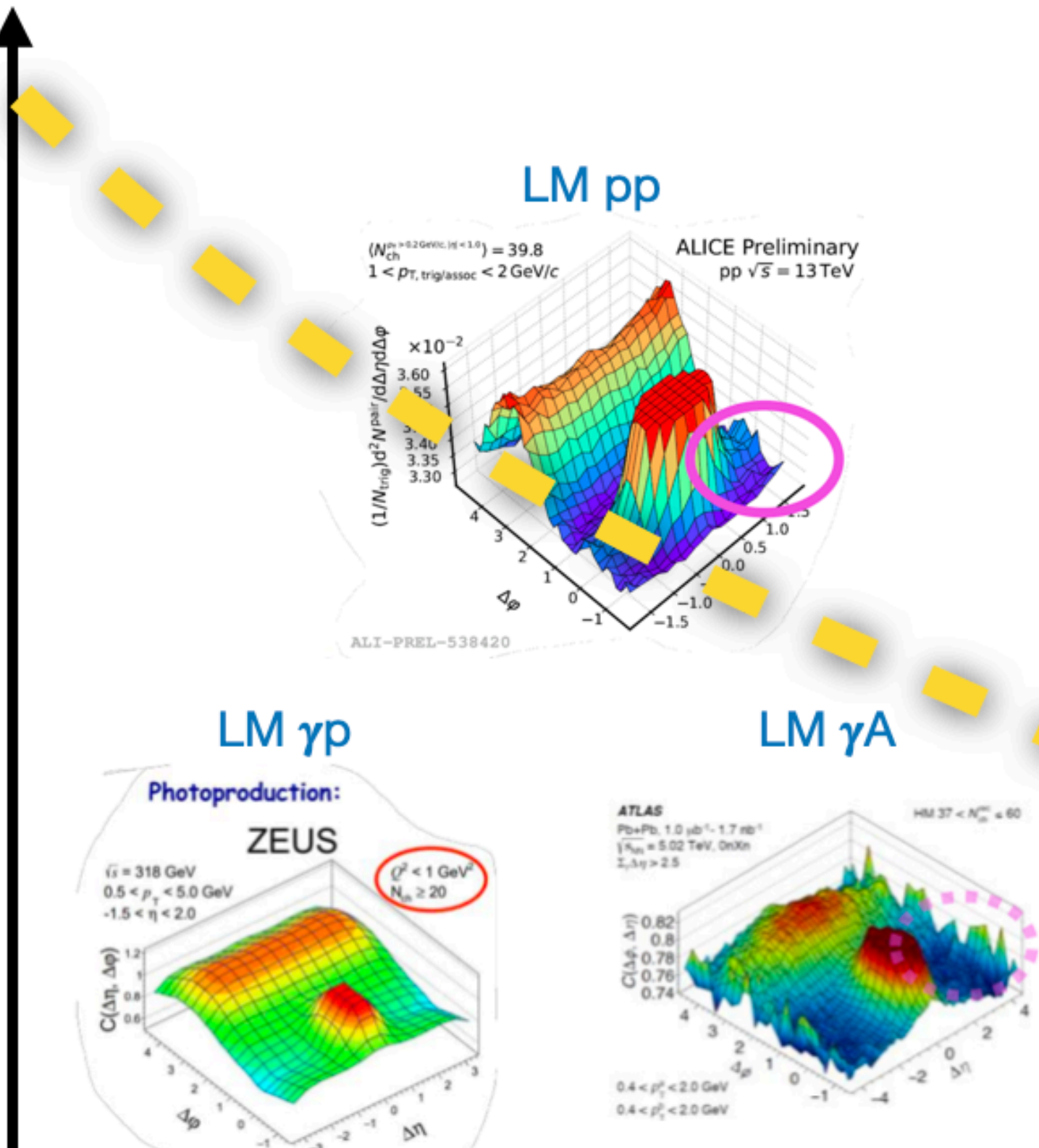
Minimum at around 20 GeV

Jet energy: closest observable to the jet spectra analyses in pp collisions

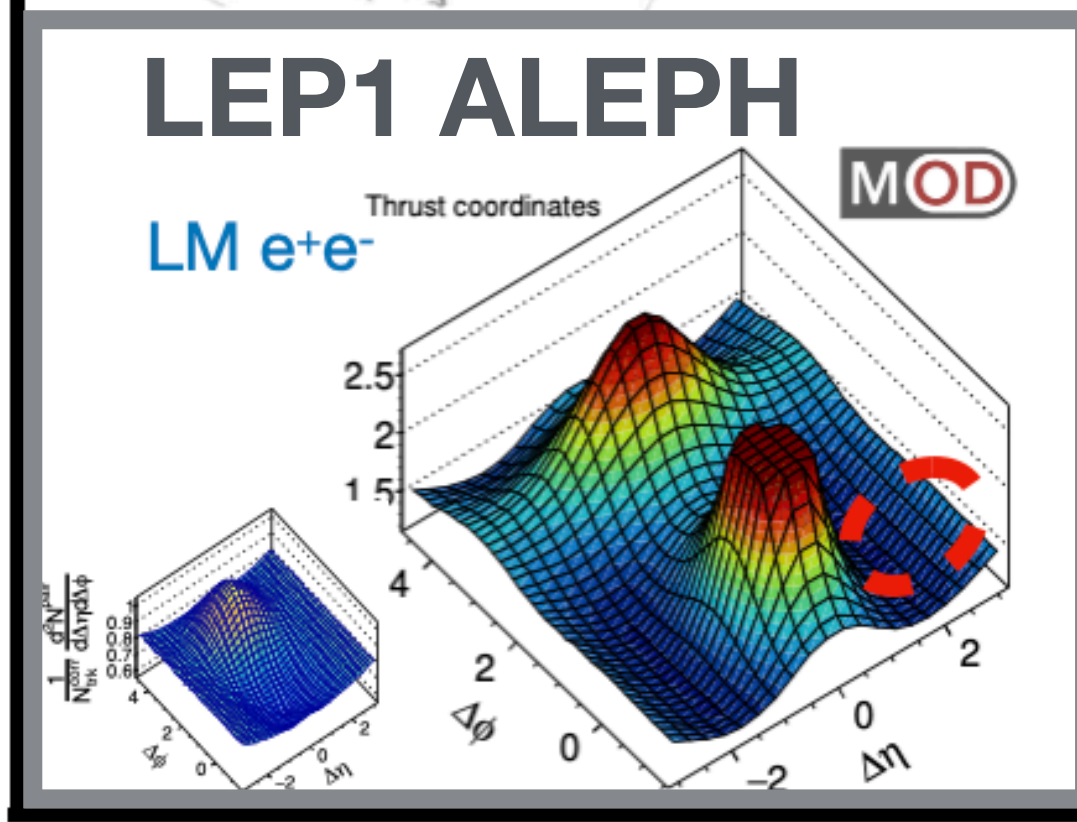
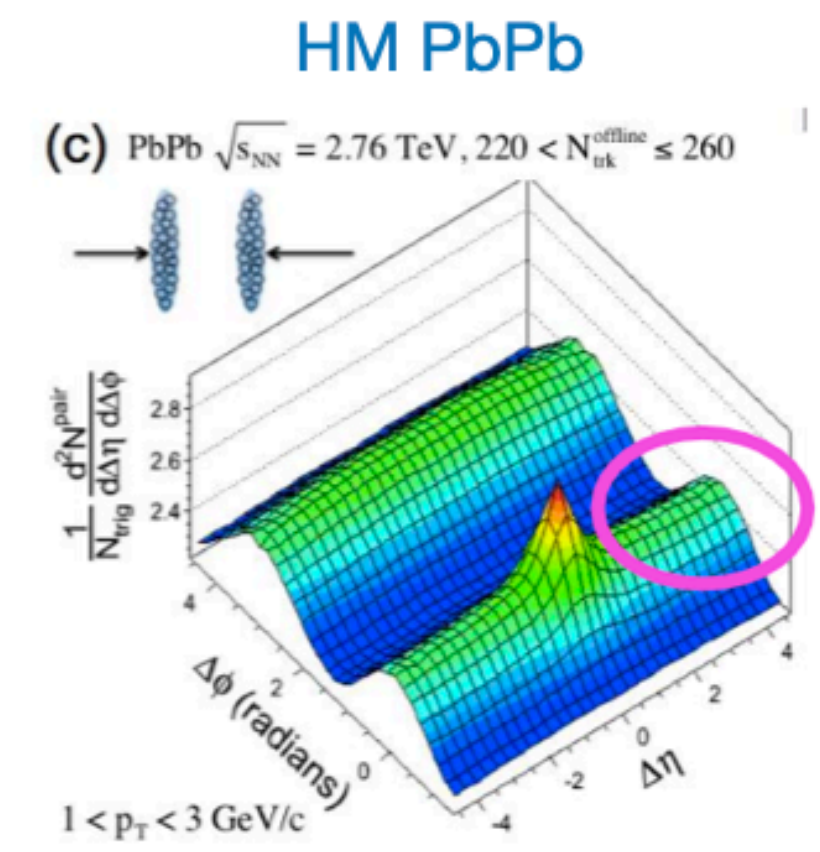
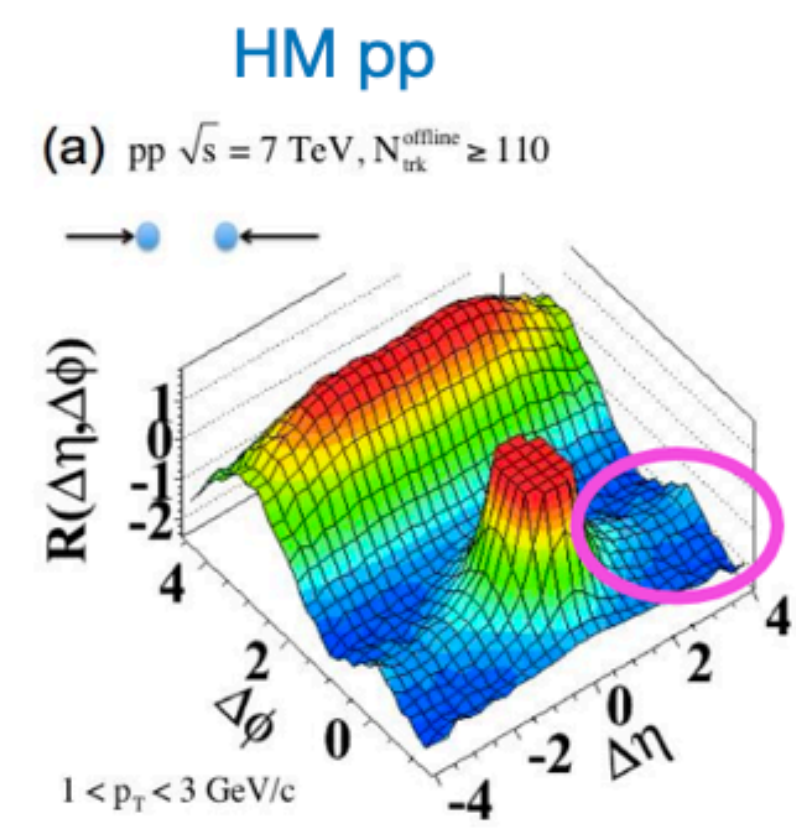
The shape of the peak around 43 GeV ($Z \rightarrow q\bar{q}$) well described by the anti- k_T algorithm with $R=0.4$

Generators capture the general features of the distributions but overpredict the spectra at low jet E

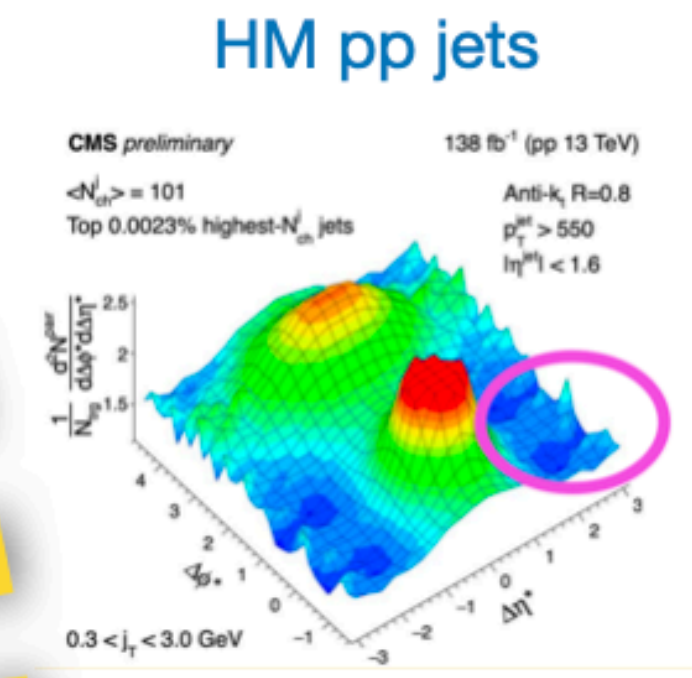
degrees of freedom of the Initial-state



Yes ridge



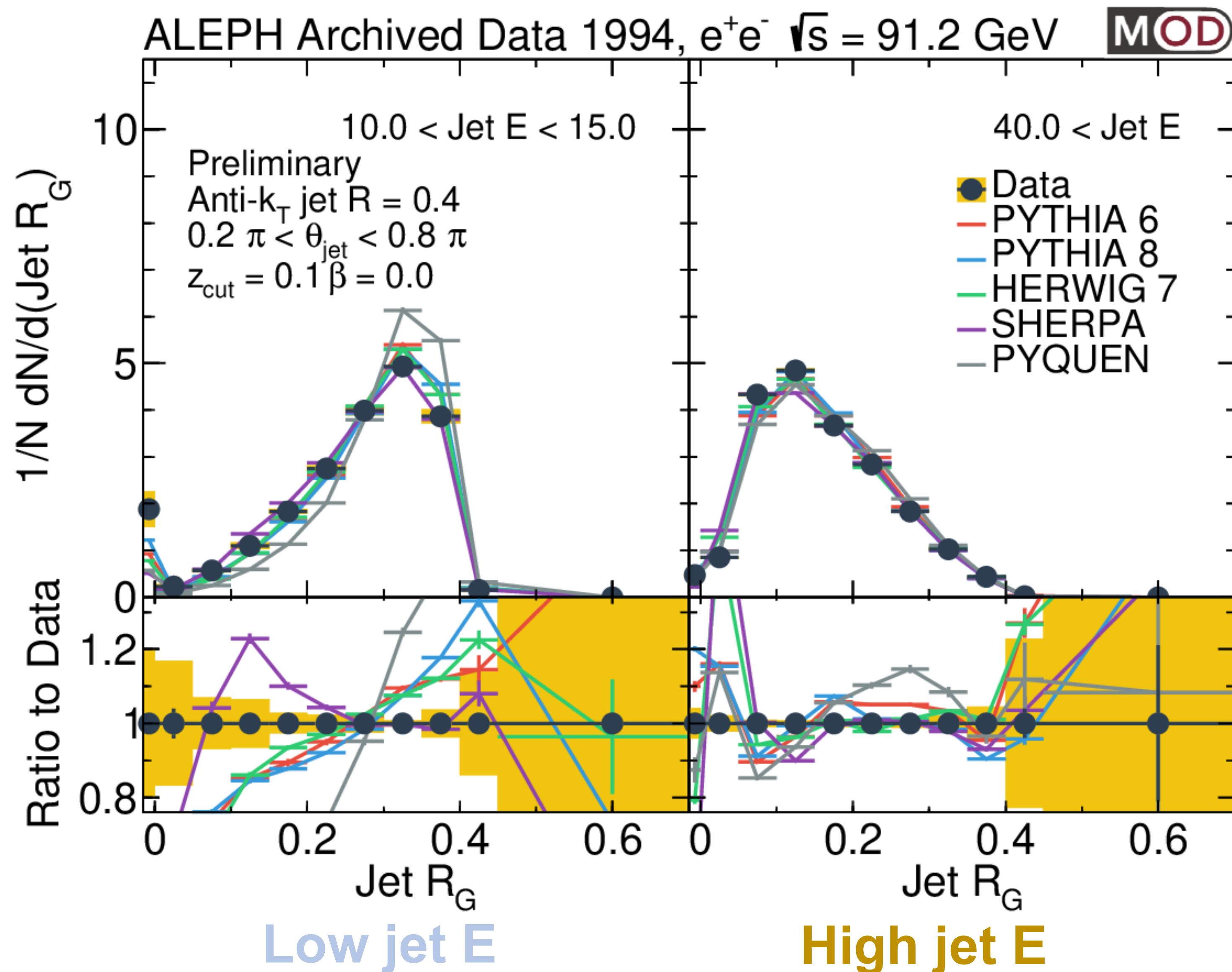
No ridge



Credit: Yen-Jie Lee

Multiplicity

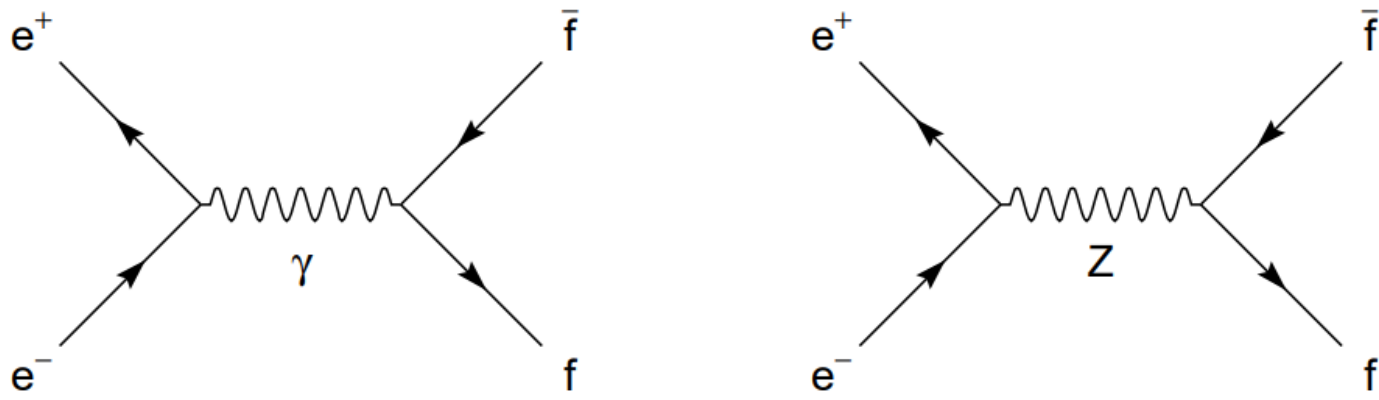
Groomed Jet Radius R_G vs. Event Generators



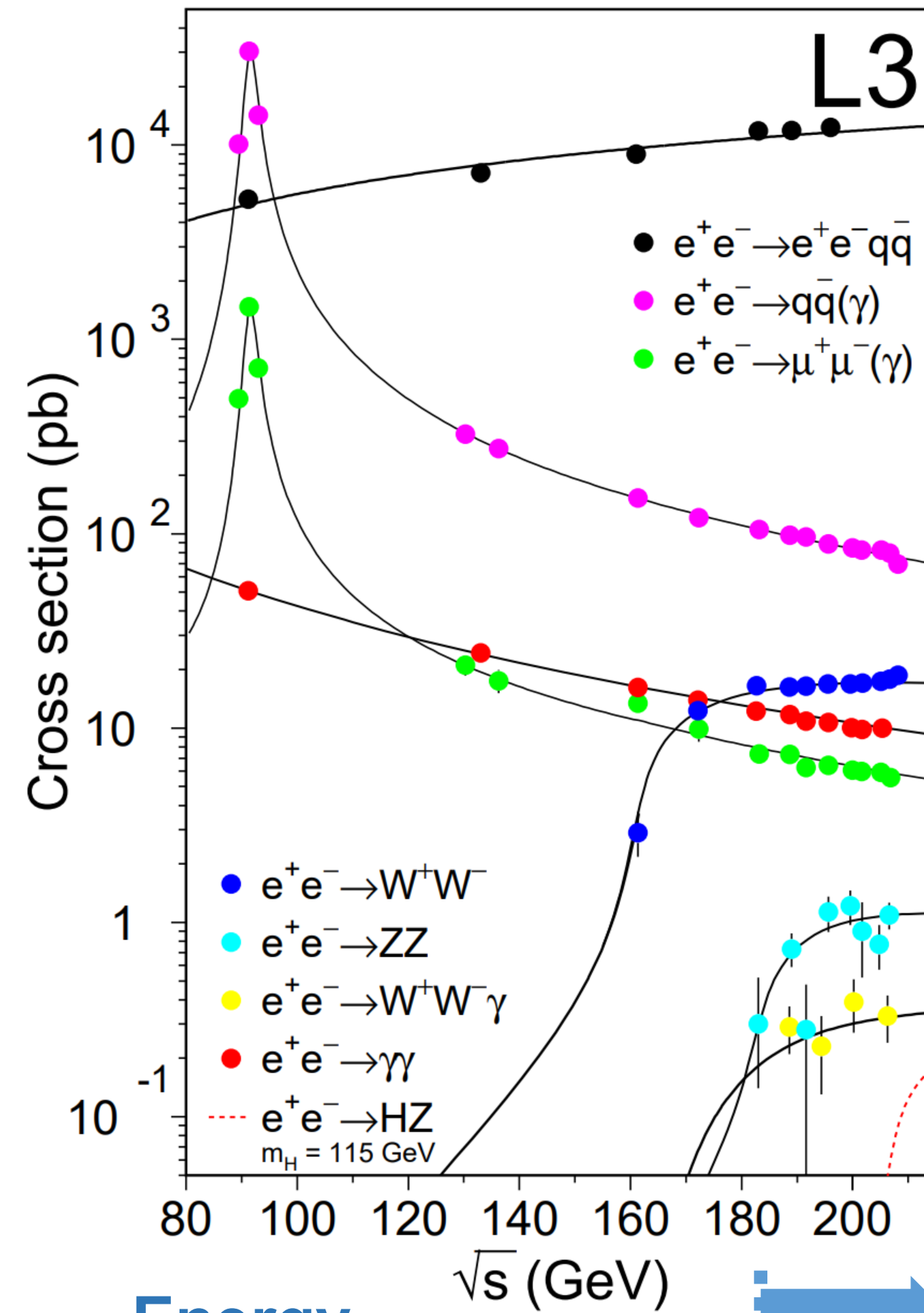
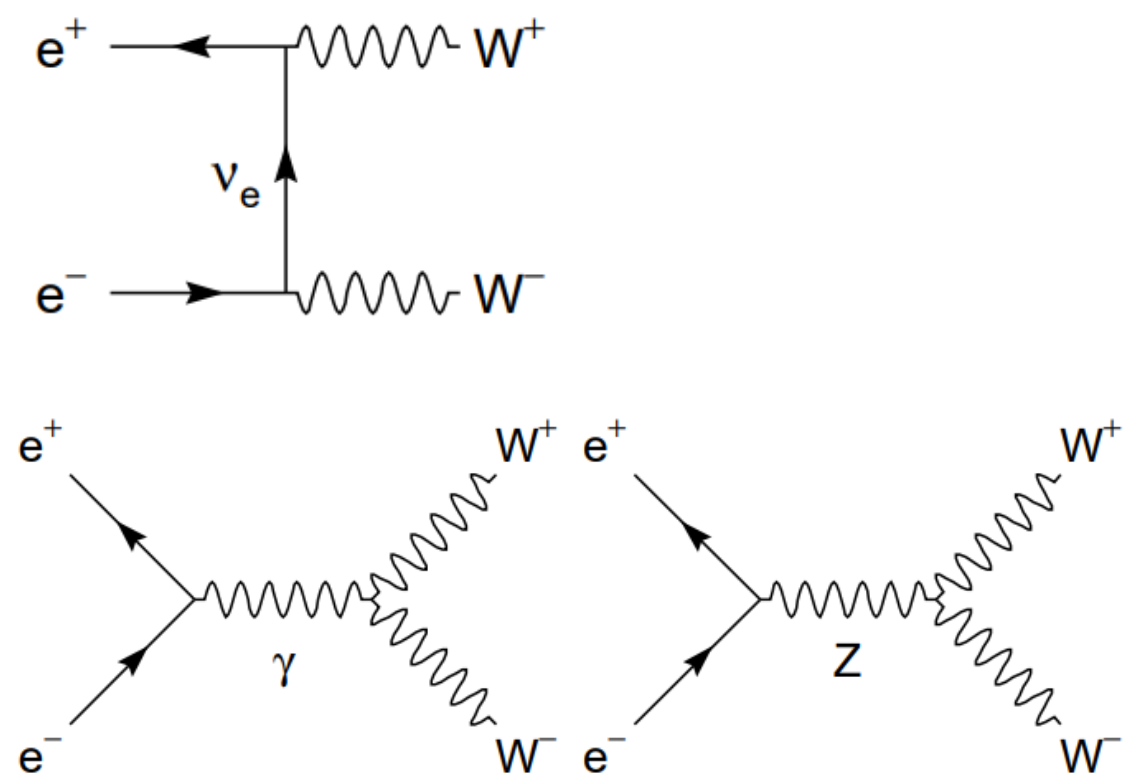
- **High jet E** (mainly quark jets):
 - Peak at smaller R_G value
 - Generators give a better description of the data
- **Low jet E** (mainly from soft emissions and combinatorial):
 - Peak at larger R_G value as one would expect
 - **SHERPA** gives a better description of the data
 - **PYTHIA 6**, **PYTHIA 8**, **HERWIG**, and **PYQUEN** overpredict the R_G

Charged Particle Multiplicity Distributions in LEP2 Data

● $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}(\gamma)$



● $e^+e^- \rightarrow W^+W^-$



Energy

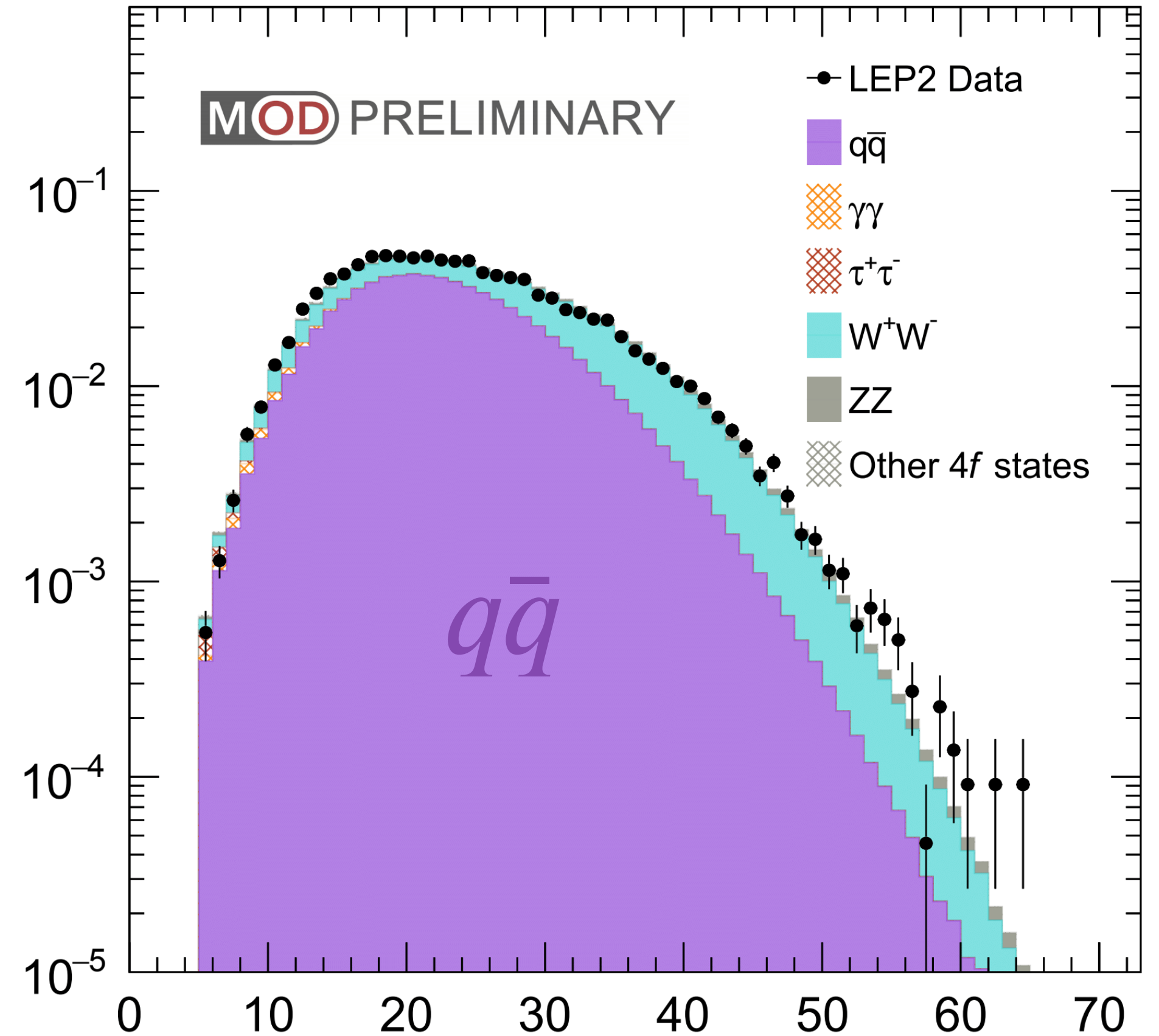
\sqrt{s} (GeV)



Reported range

$e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}, \sqrt{s}=183-209 \text{ GeV}$

Fraction of Total Events



*MC contributions are stacked

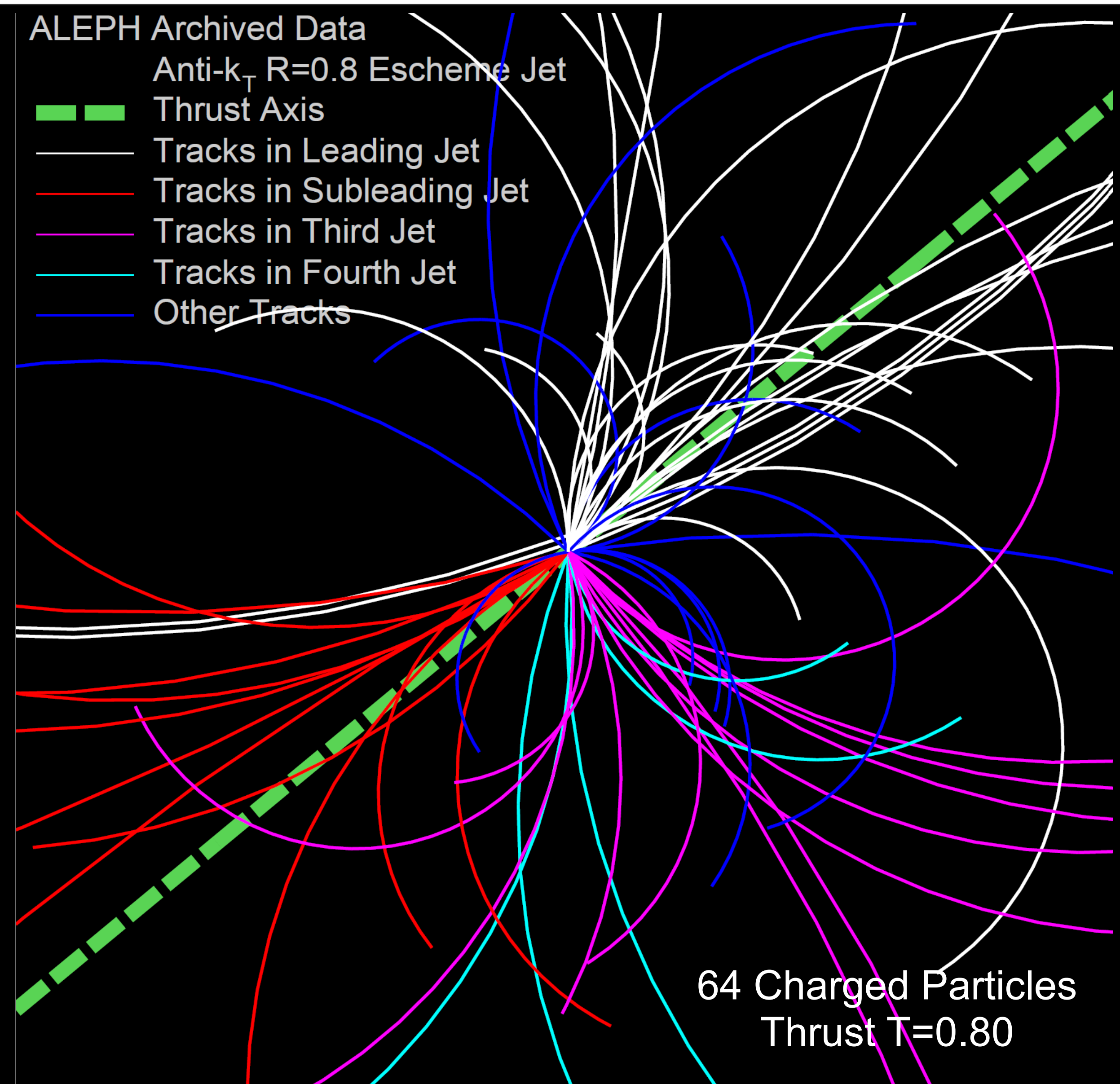
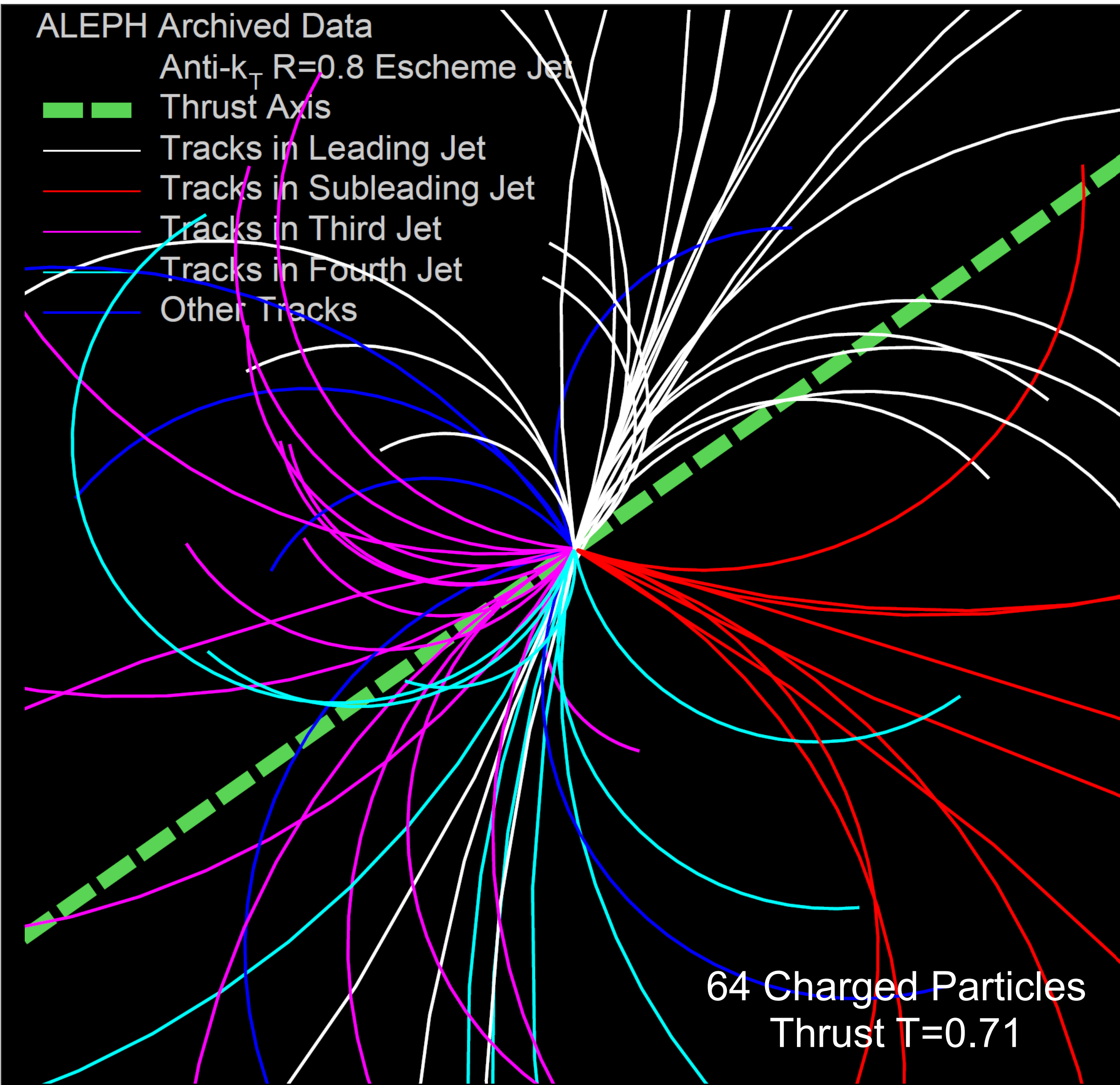
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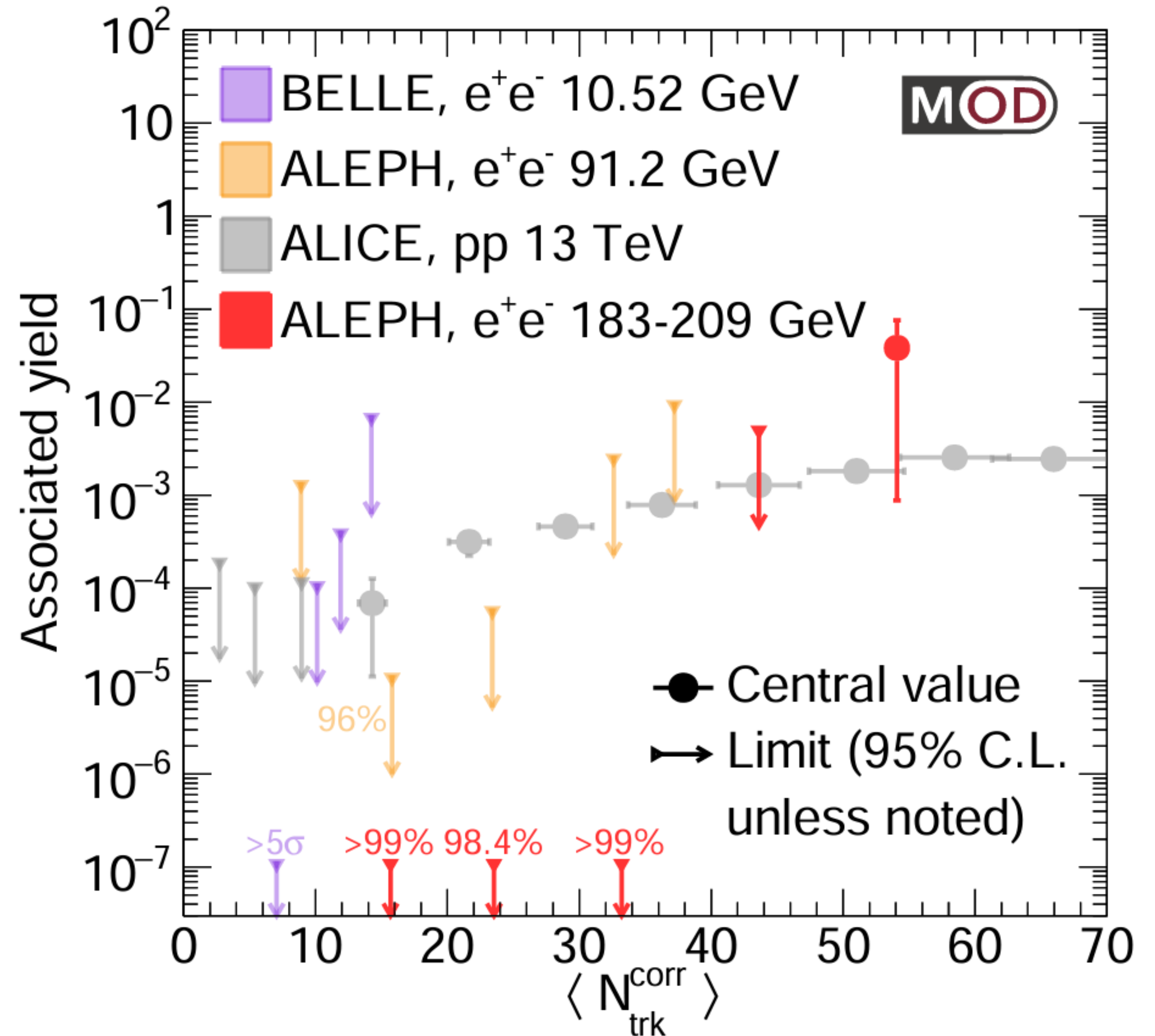
- **LEP2 energies** give access to also different physics processes
- At high multiplicity, **W^+W^- contribution** becomes significant

The Highest Multiplicity Events in Archived LEP2 Data



Associated Yield as a Function of Multiplicity

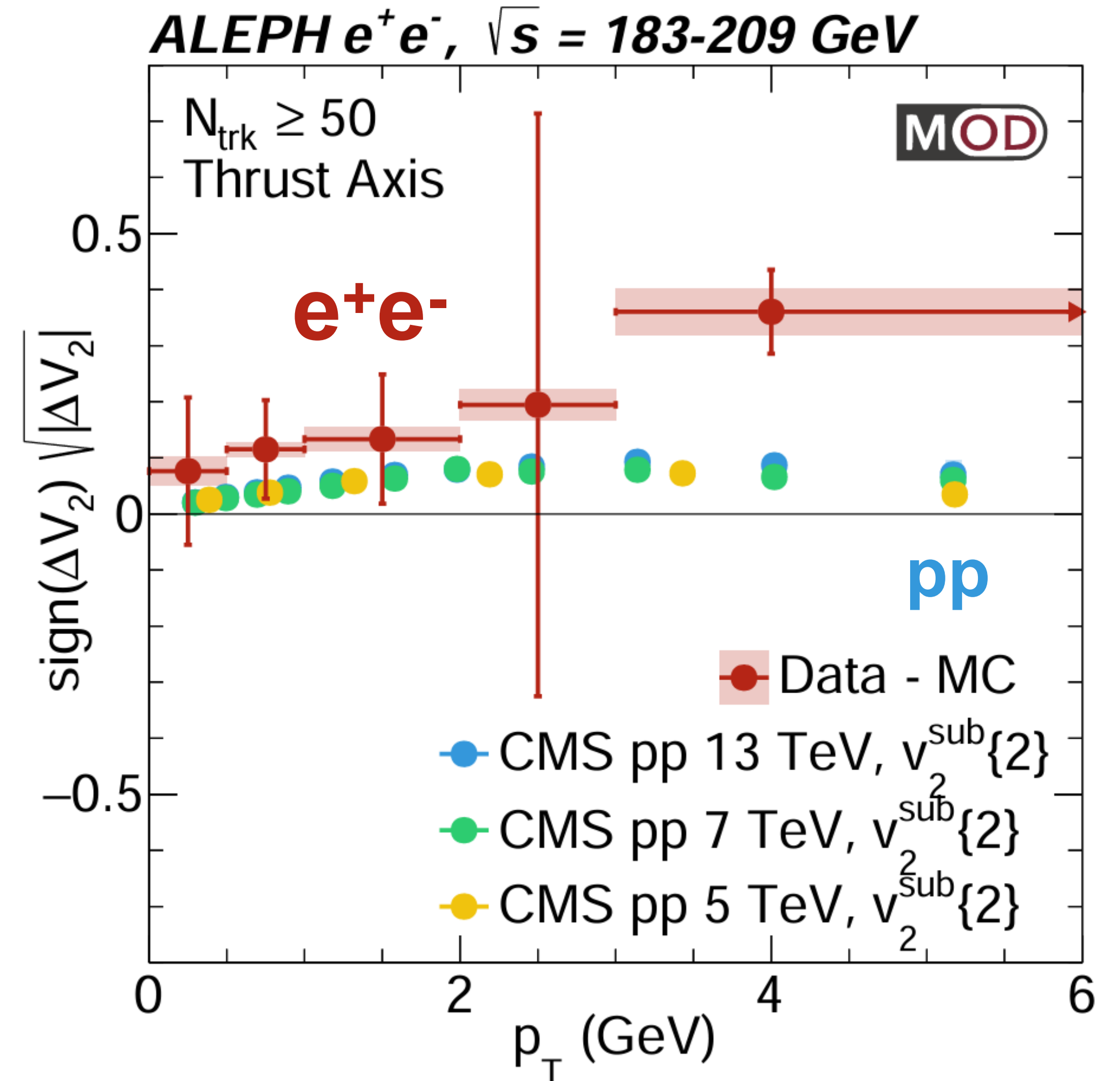
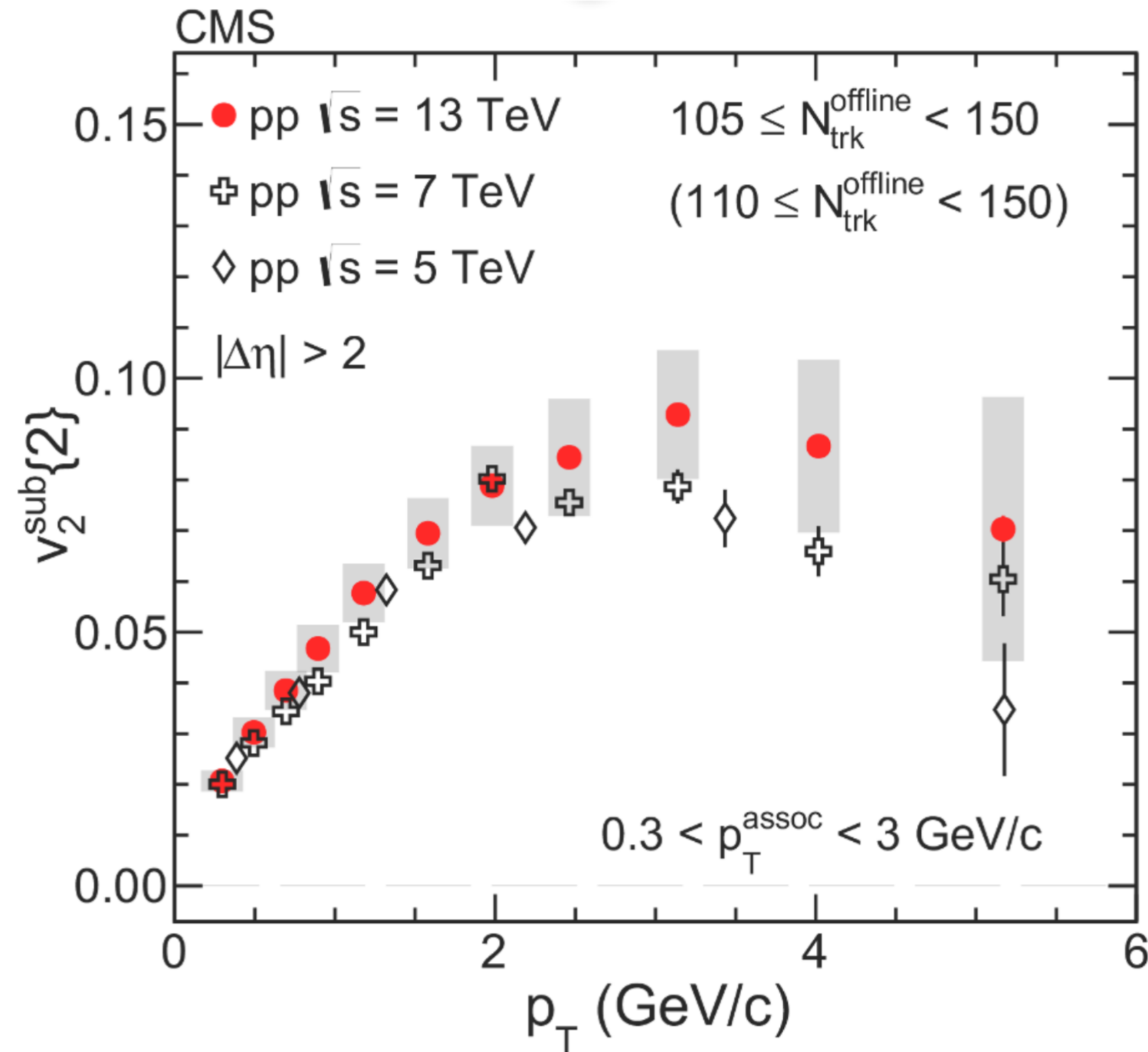
- Very tight upper limit set with **Belle**, **LEP1** and **LEP2** data set at low multiplicity (<40), lower than **ALICE** pp results
- Indication of an increasing trend at high multiplicity in LEP2 data
- Non-zero central value reported at the highest multiplicity bin with large statistical uncertainty



arXiv:2312.05084

Analysis note: MITHIG-MOD-NOTE-23-011 (arXiv:2309.09874)

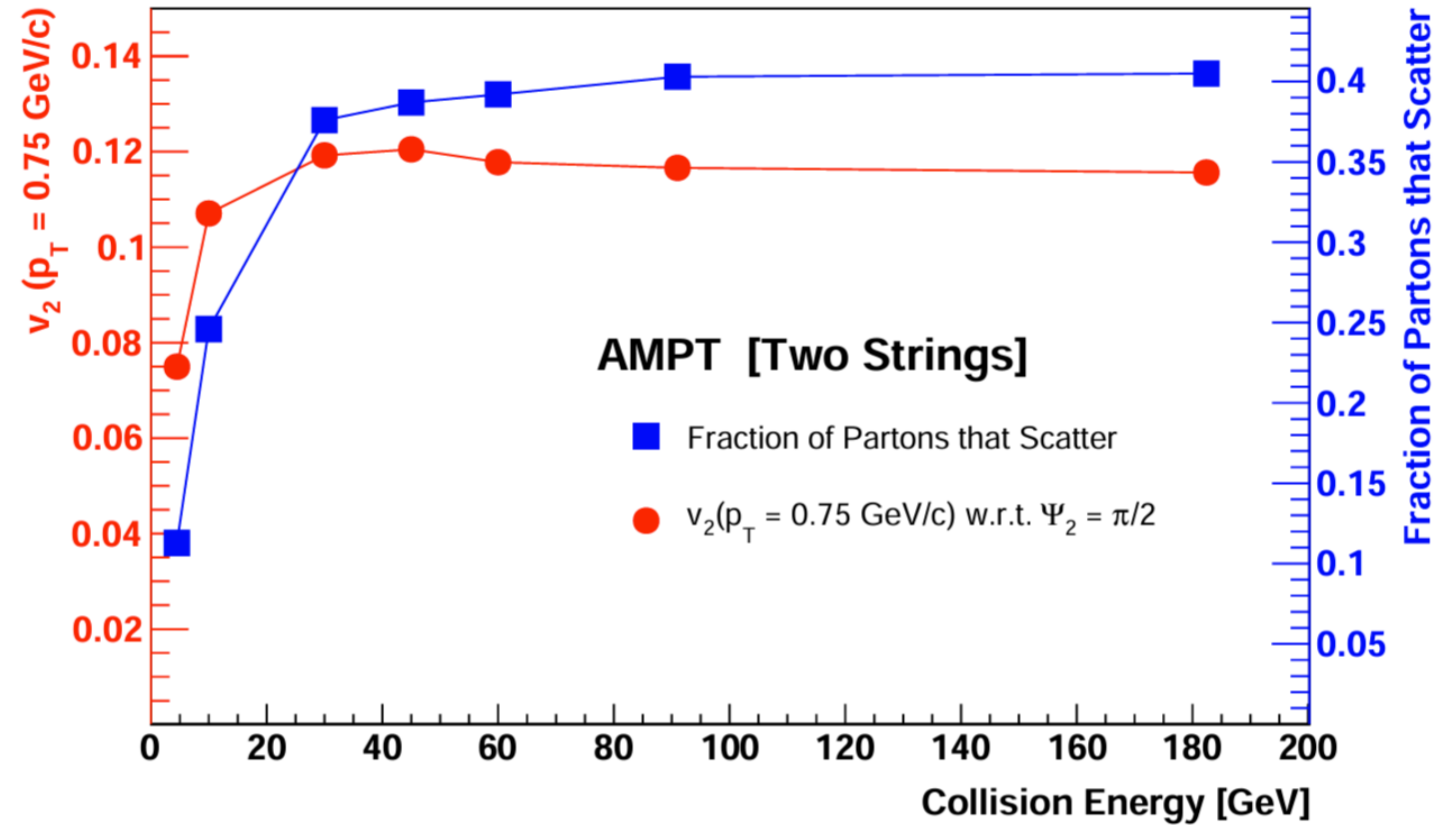
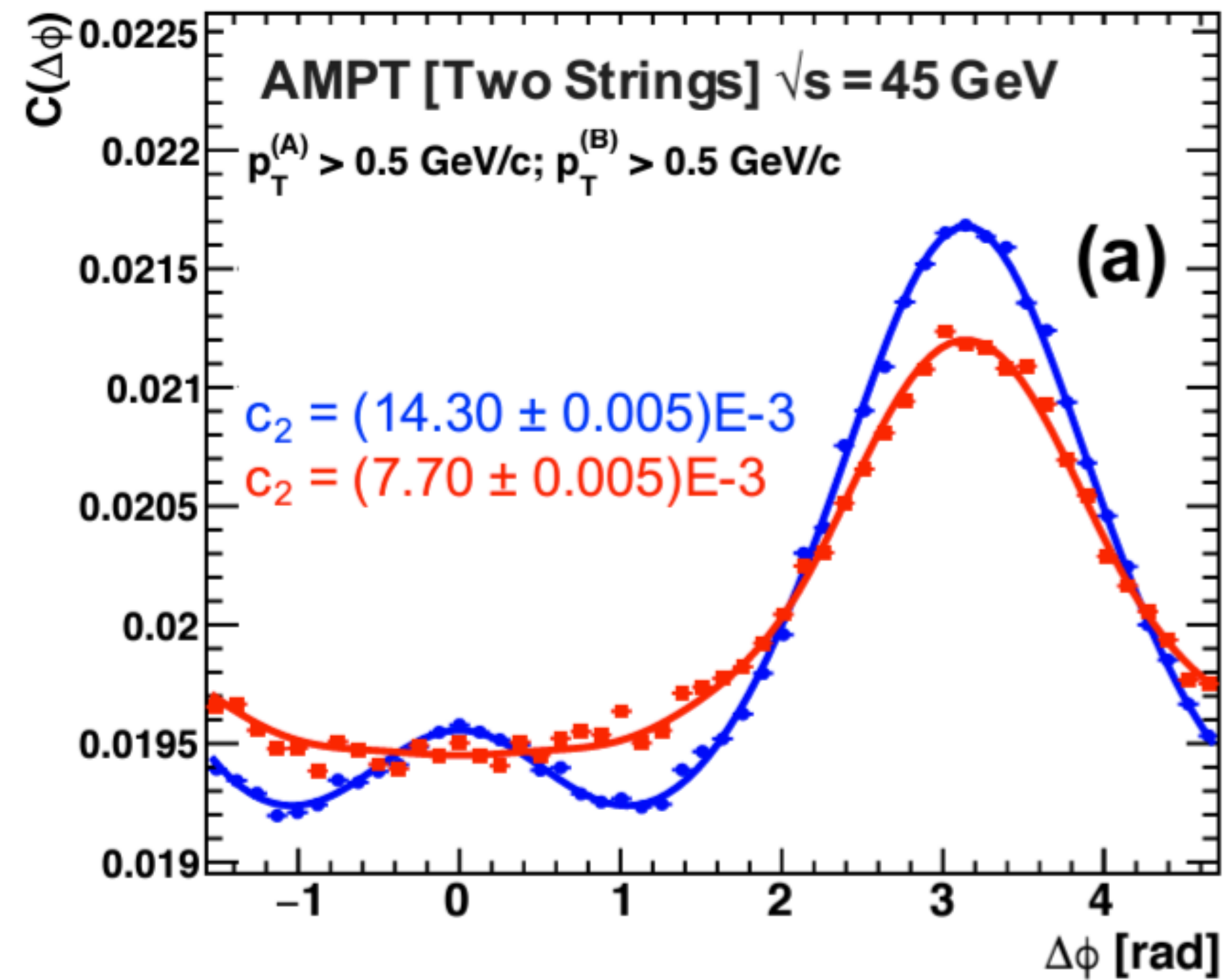
Δv_2 in e^+e^- compared to v_2^{sub} in pp Collisions



- MC based “Non-flow subtraction”: $\Delta v_2 = v_2^{\text{Data}} - v_2^{\text{MC}}$
- Similar increasing trend in e^+e^- and pp data as a function of p_{T}

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Two-String Configuration Study with AMPT



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Hadronic Event Selection

- **Track Selection:**
 - Particle Flow Candidate 0, 1, 2
 - Number of TPC hits for a charged tracks ≥ 4
 - $|d_0| < 2$ cm
 - $|z_0| < 10$ cm
 - $|\cos\theta| < 0.94$
 - $p_T > 0.2$ GeV (transverse momentum with respect to beam axis)
 - $N_{\text{TPC}} \geq 4$
 - $\chi^2/\text{ndf} < 1000$.
- **Neutral Hadron Selection:**
 - Particle Flow Candidate 4, 5 (ECAL / HCAL object)
 - $E > 0.4$ GeV
 - $|\cos\theta| < 0.98$
- **Event Selection:**
 - Number of good charged particles ≥ 5 (including charged hadrons and leptons)
 - Number of good ch+neu. Particles ≥ 13
 - $E_{\text{charged}} > 15$ GeV
 - $|\cos(\theta_{\text{sphericity}})| < 0.82$

- **Jet reconstruction (anti k_T with $R=0.4$)**

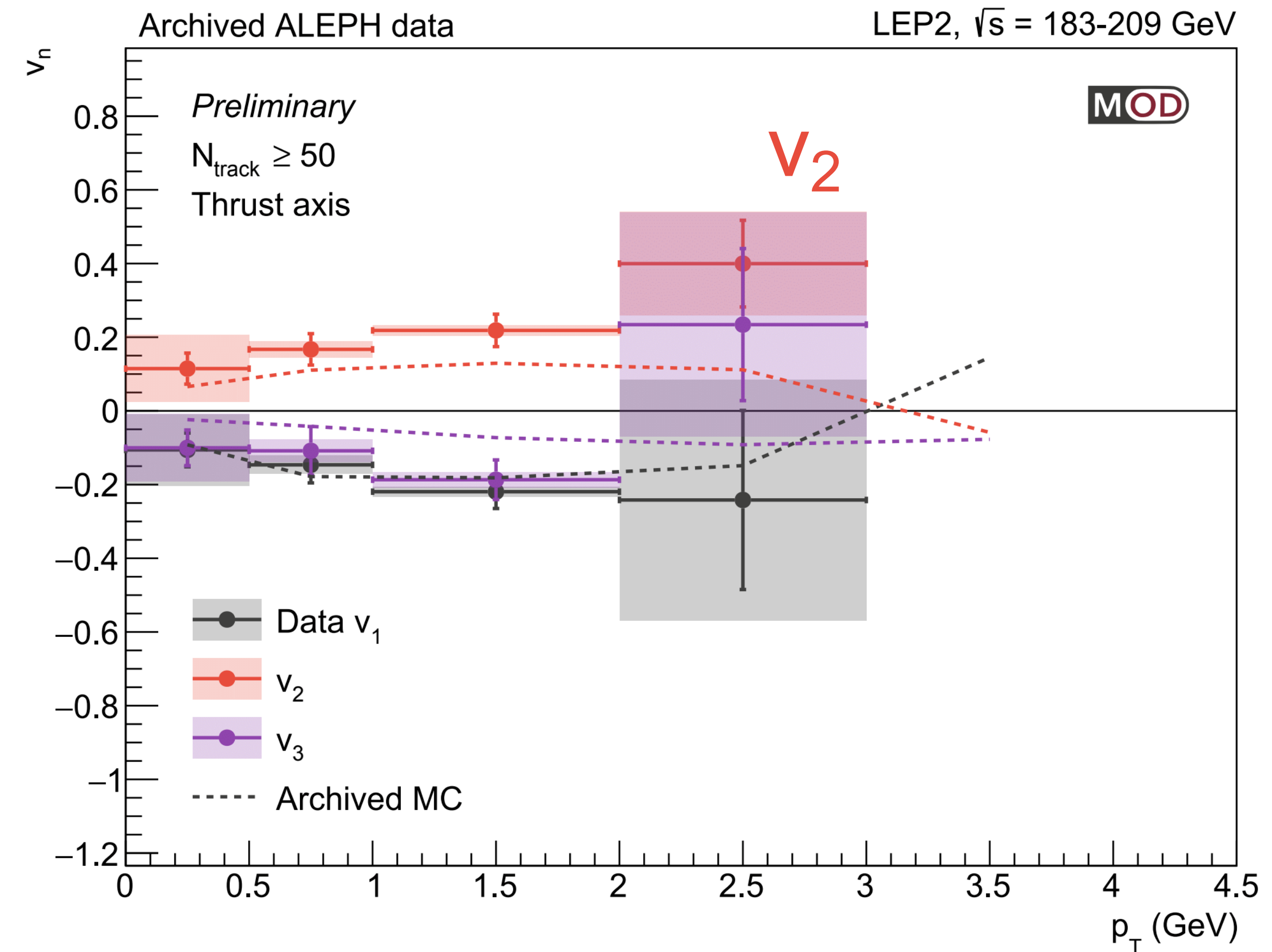
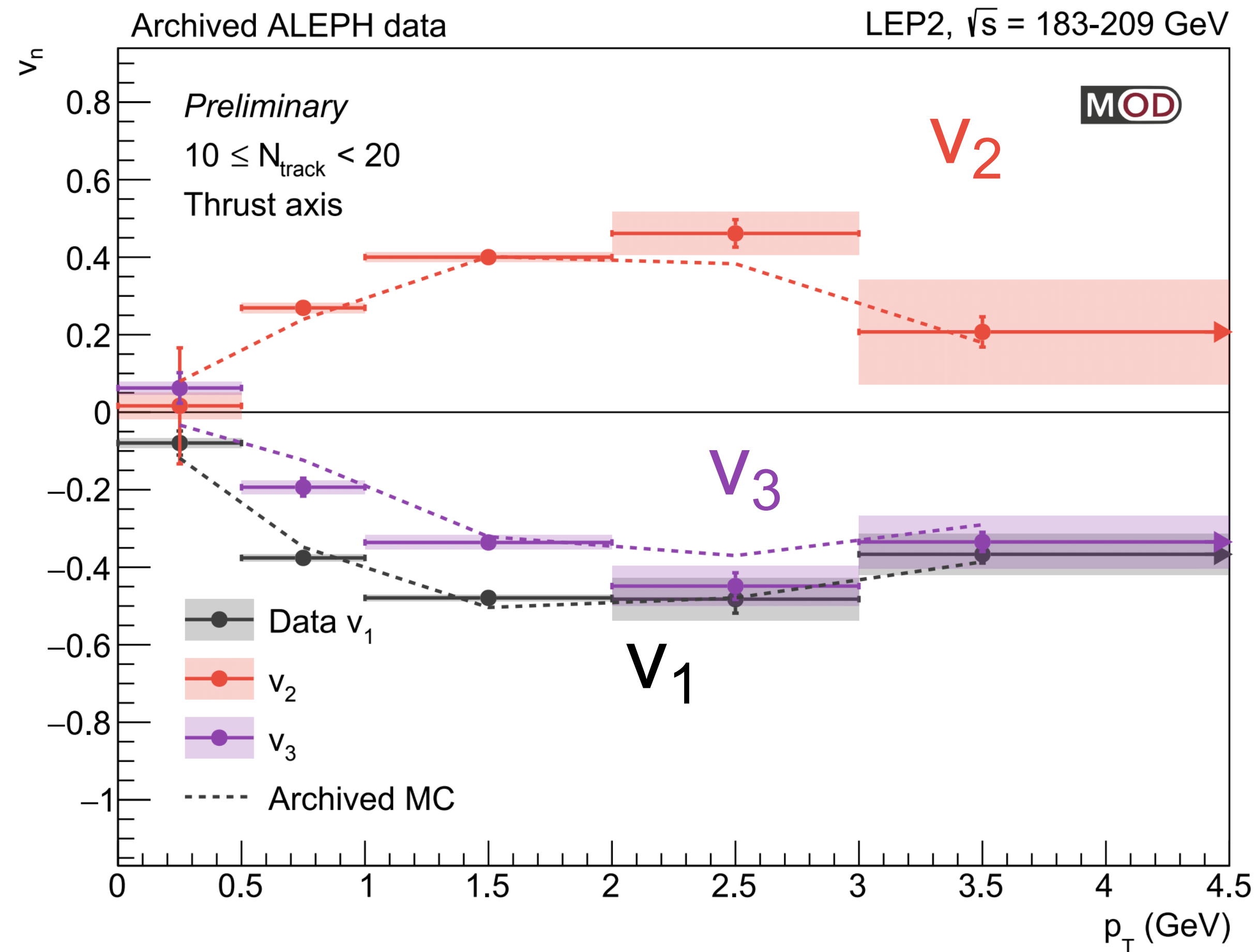
$$d_{ij} = \min(E_i^{-2}, E_j^{-2}) \frac{1 - \cos \theta_{ij}}{1 - \cos R}$$

$$d_{iB} = E_i^{-2},$$

Extracted v_n vs. Charged Particle p_T

Low multiplicity $10 \leq N_{\text{track}} < 20$

High multiplicity $N_{\text{track}} \geq 50$



Good agreement between data and MC

Larger v_2 and v_3 magnitudes than MC

Extracted v_n vs. Charged Particle p_T

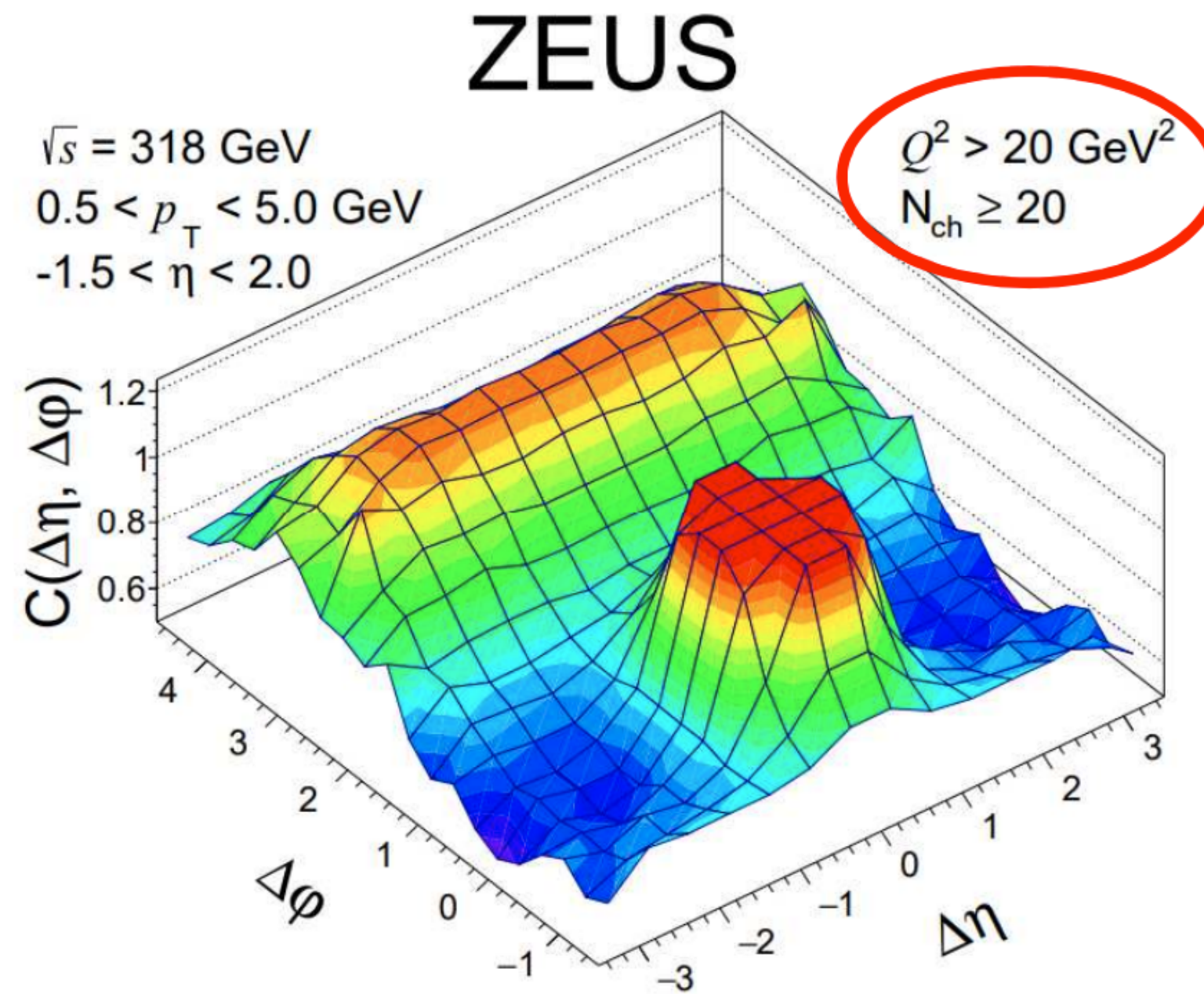
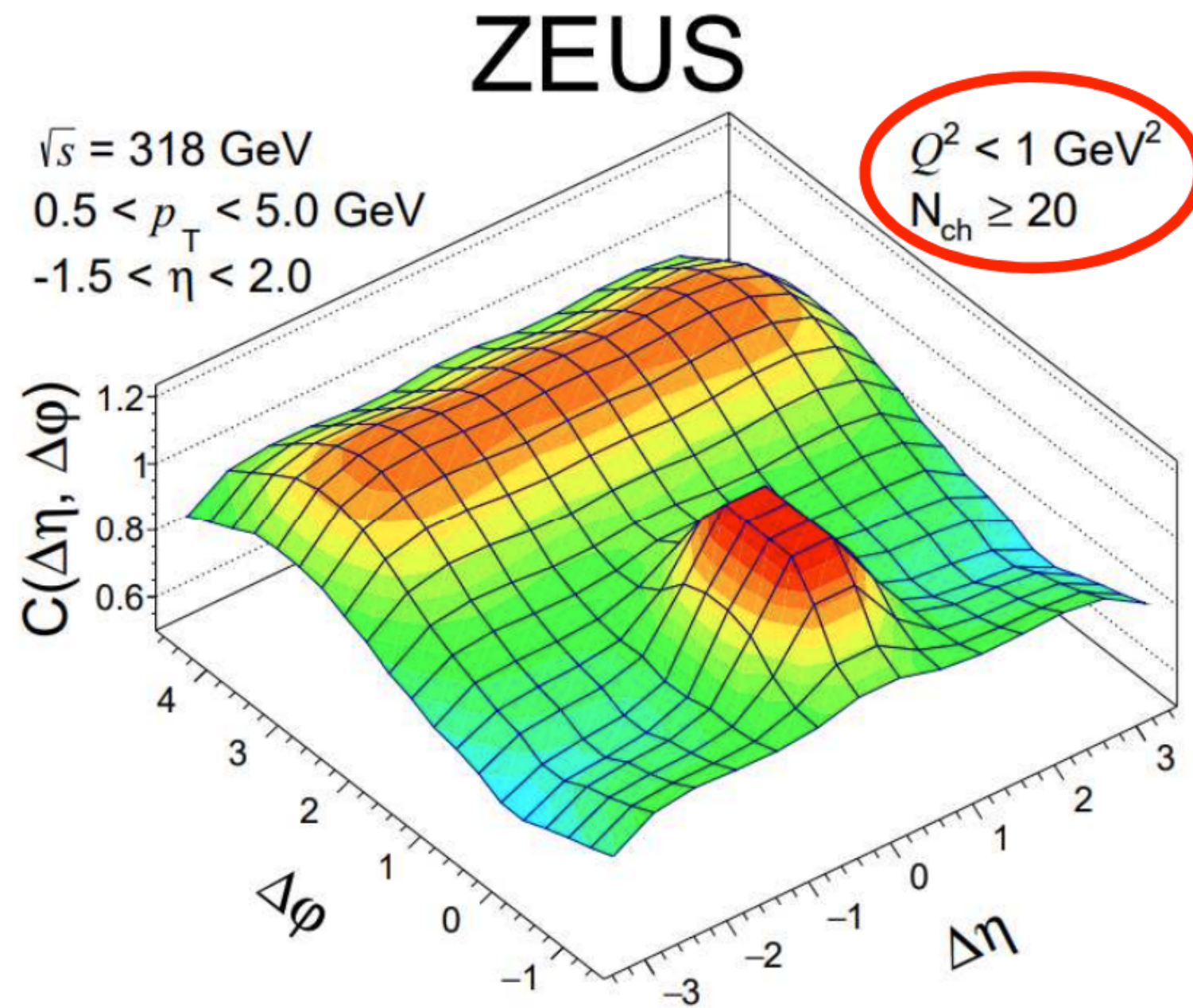
Photoproduction

DIS

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$1/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \sim 1 \text{ fm}$

$1/Q < 0.2 \text{ fm}$

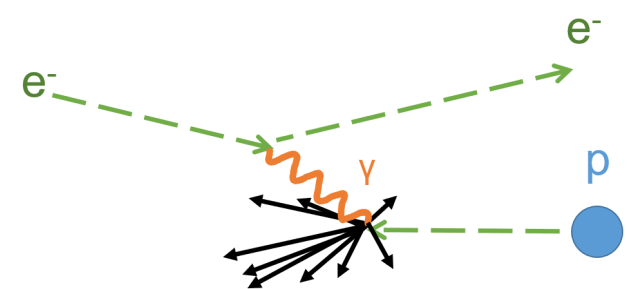
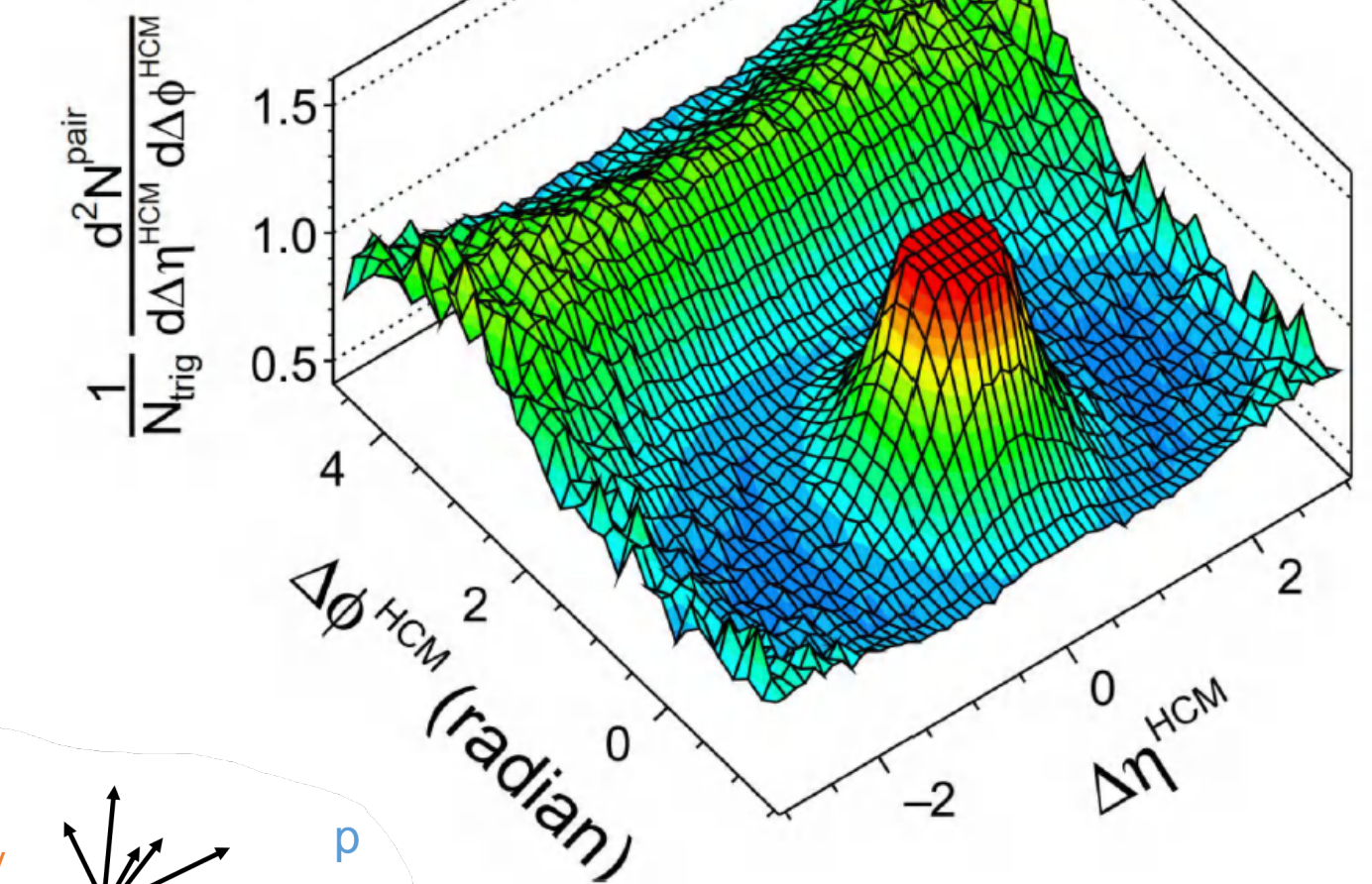


H1 Preliminary

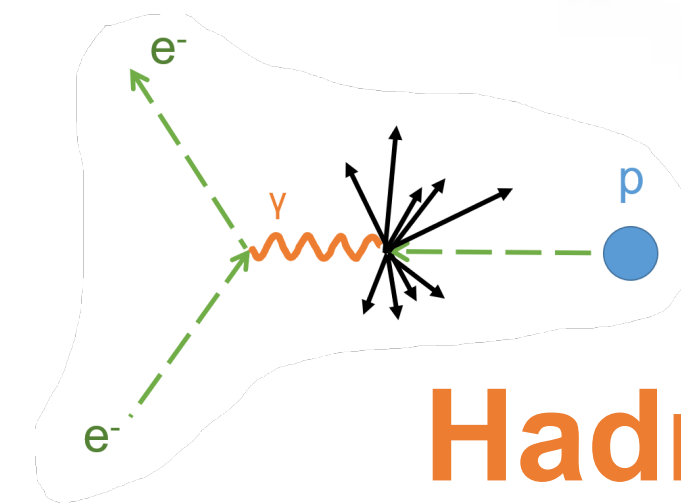
ep $\sqrt{s} = 319 \text{ GeV}$
 $5 < Q^2 < 100 \text{ GeV}^2$
 $15 \leq N_{\text{trk}}^{\text{obs}} < 20$
 $0.3 < p_T^{\text{HCM}} < 3.0 \text{ GeV}$

high multiplicity

H1



Lab Frame



Hadronic CM Frame

- ZEUS search in lab frame: No significant ridge-like signal in both photoproduction and DIS data with $N_{\text{ch}} > 20$

- No significant ridge-like signal in H1 search in Hadronic CM Frame (Up to $N_{\text{ch}} = 20$)

ZEUS DIS JHEP 04 (2020) 070
 ZEUS Photoproduction JHEP 12 (2021) 102

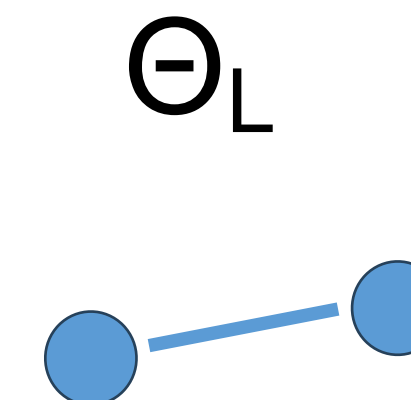
Definition of EEC in e^+e^-

- No Jet reconstruction, Full event

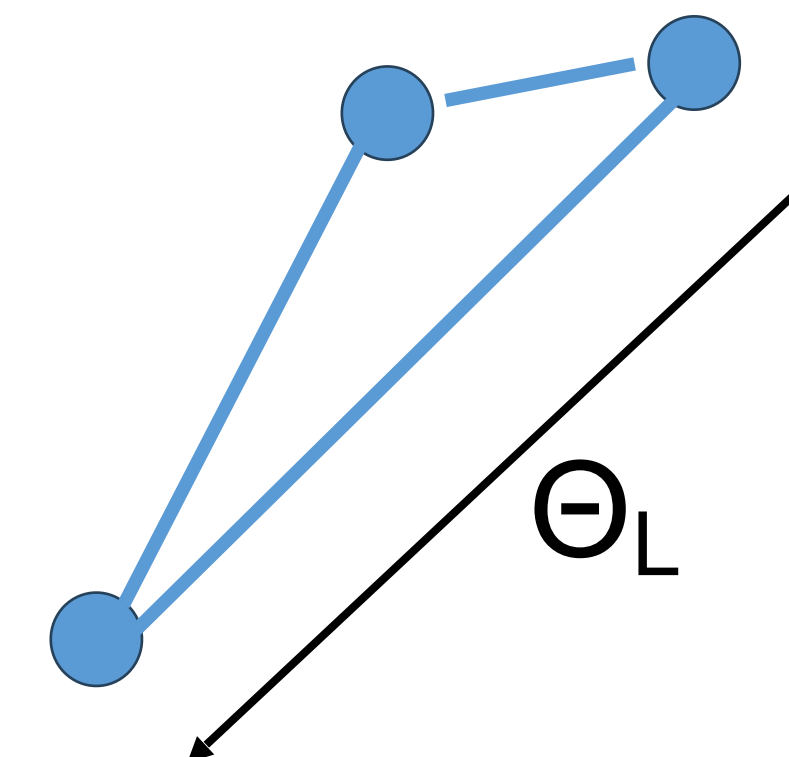
$$\frac{1}{N_{event}} \frac{d(\sum E_i E_j / E^2)}{d\theta_L}$$

- Sum over pairs of charged particles in the event
 - Normalize by total energy E in the event (**91.2 GeV by definition in LEP1**)
 - Θ_L is the opening angle (in rad.) as opposed to the R_L or x_L which is eta-phi
 - Average over all events considered
- Similar for 3-particle or higher correlators
 - For N-particle correlators, Θ_L is defined as the largest angle of the pairs

E2C

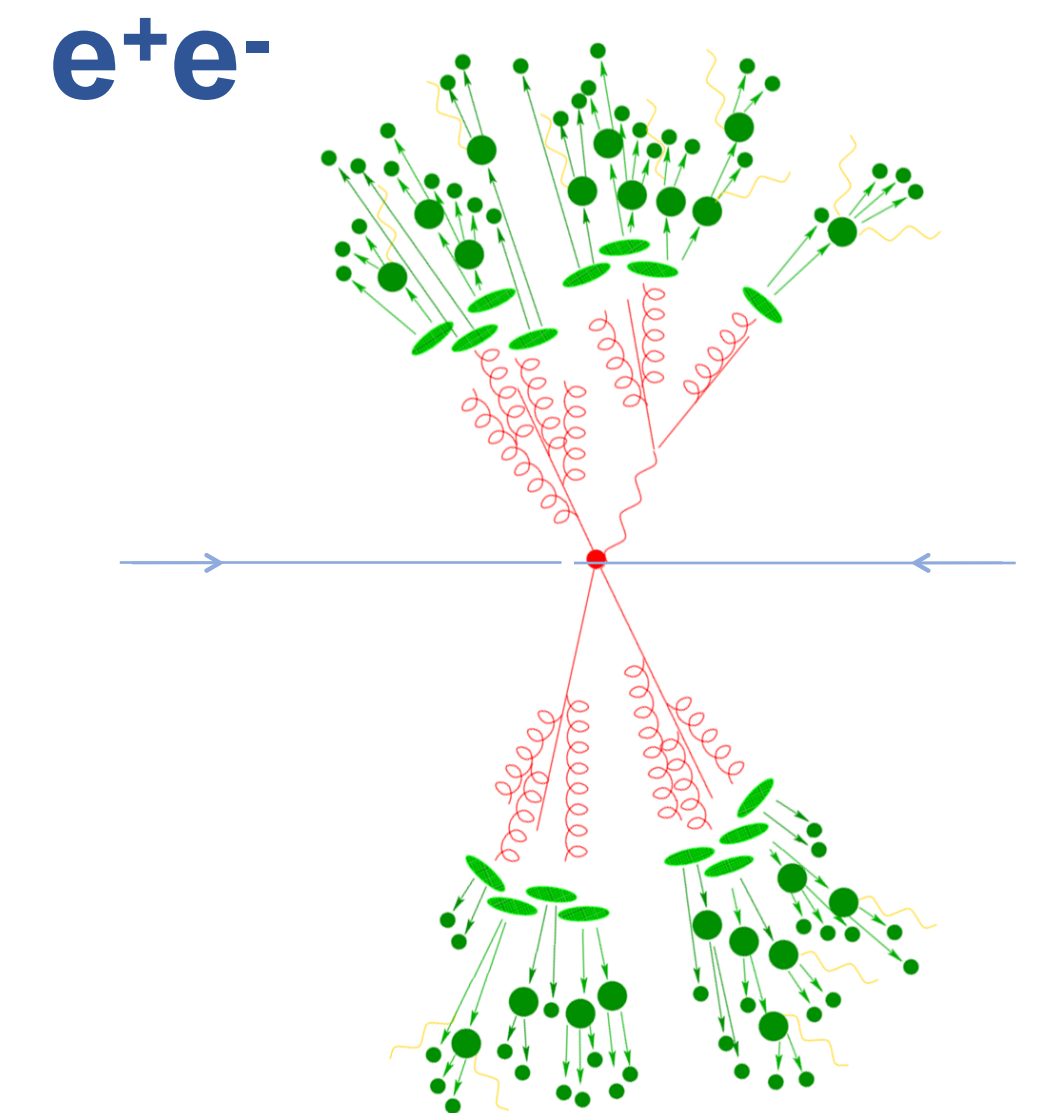
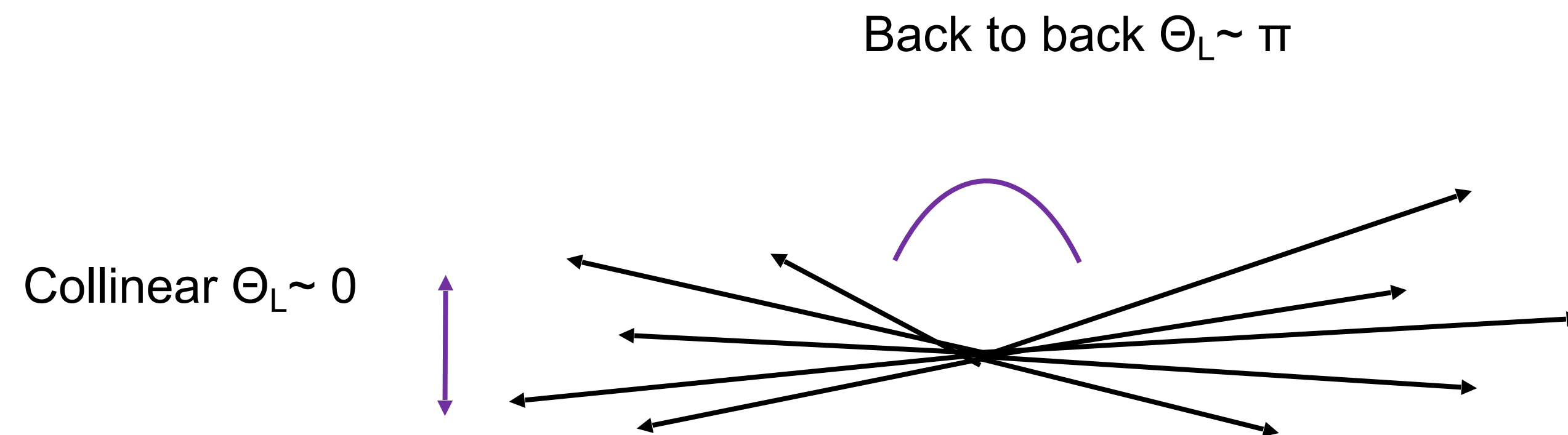


E3C



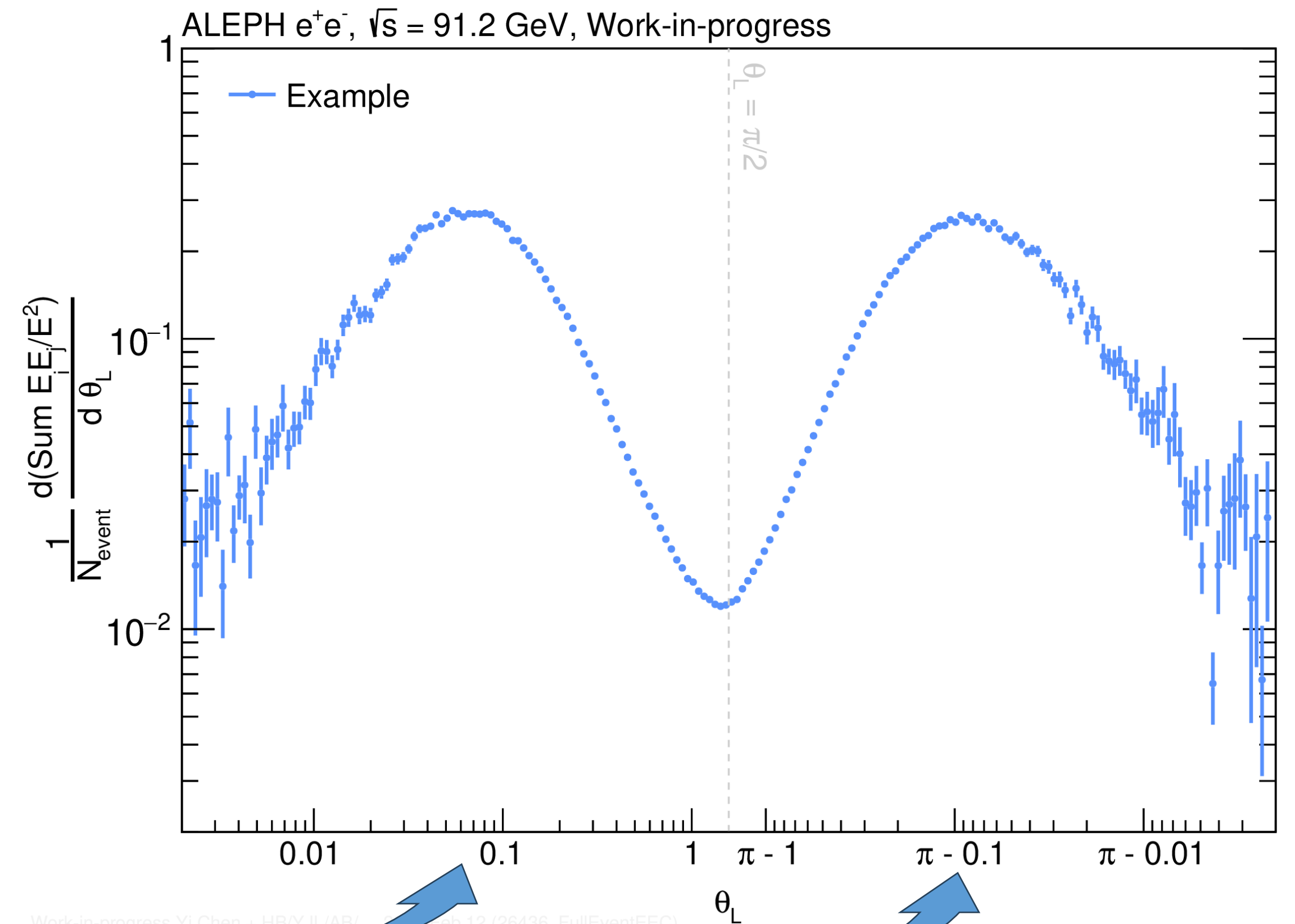
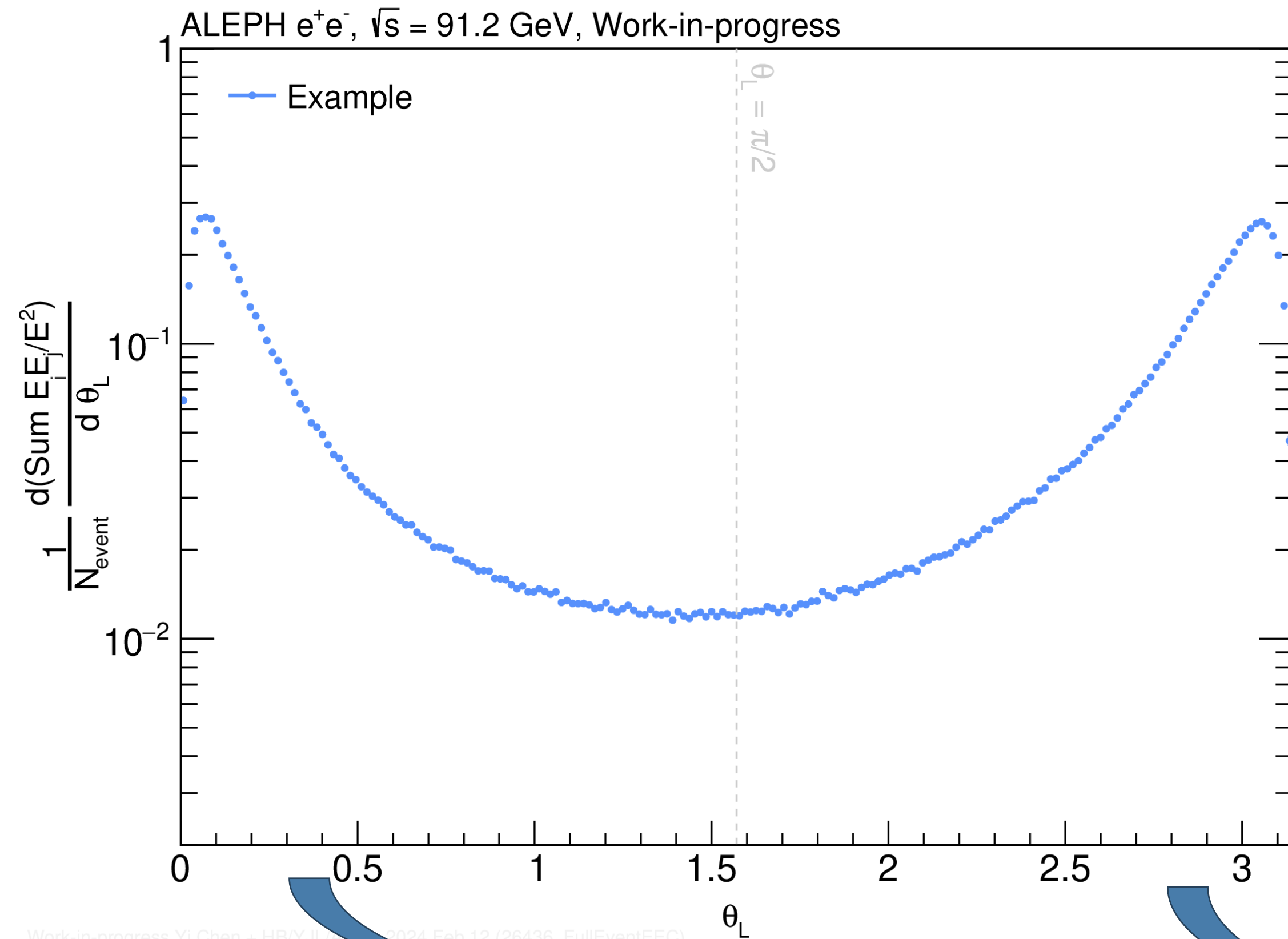
EEC in e^+e^- : Extending to back-to-back region

- **Back-to-back (Sudakov Limit)**
 - At $\Theta \sim \pi$
 - Study correlations of the full set of particles, not just those within jets
- **This variable cannot be explored with jet-substructure techniques**
 - Presents a unique opportunity in e^+e^- !
- Important ingredient into theory calculations to control non-perturbative effect
- Similar to the collinear limit, this can also be used to study confinement transition and strong coupling constant



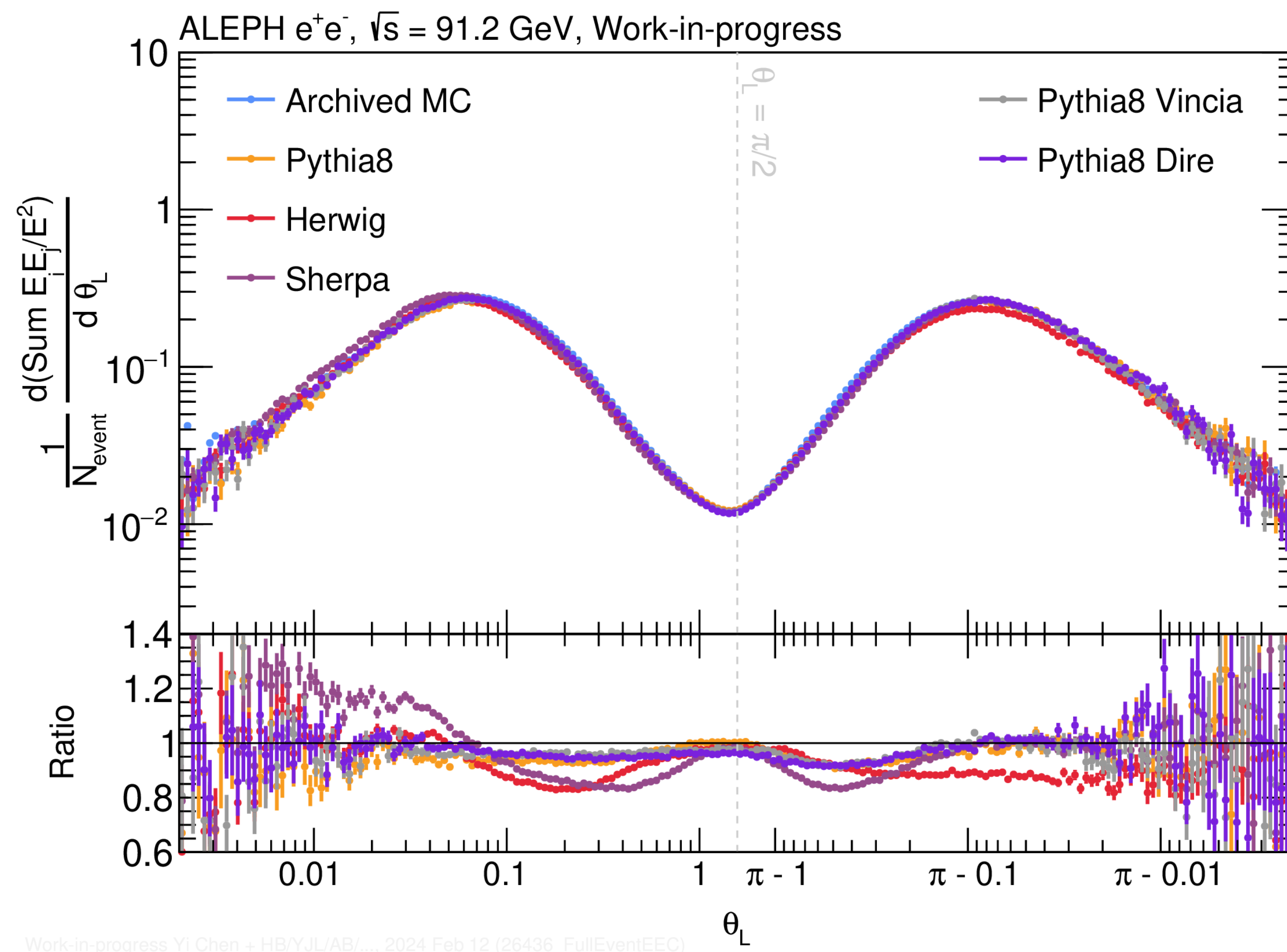
Two-particle EEC (E2C) from archived MC

- Presented in double-log-x scale to focus on the tail region



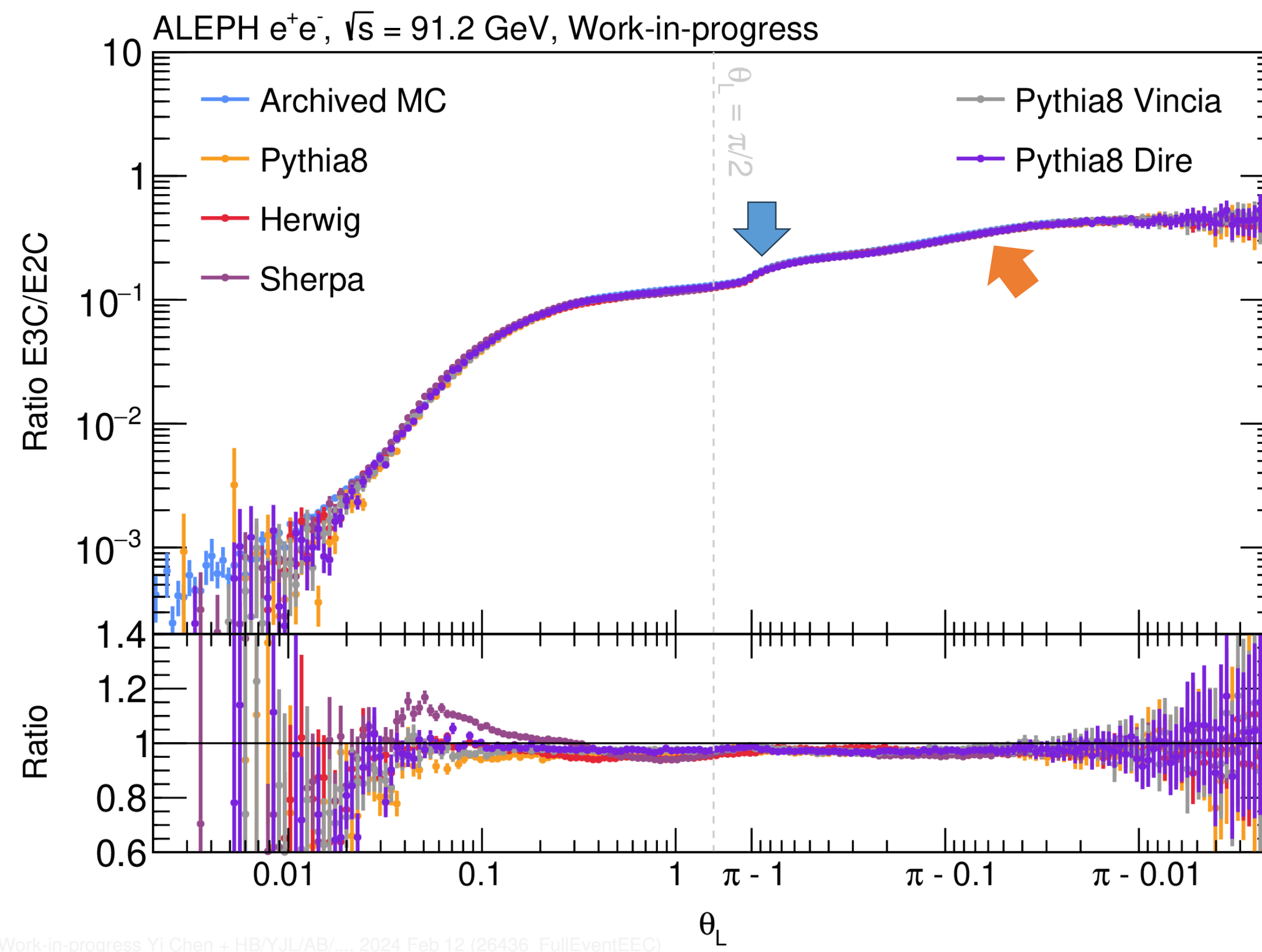
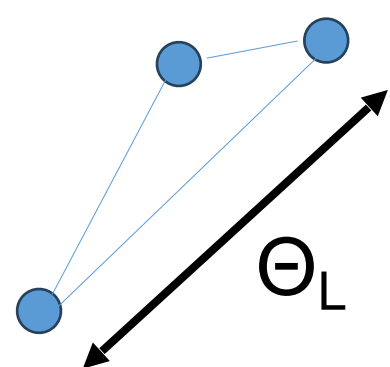
E2C from MC Generators

- **Dominant structures**
 - Dijet back to back
 - Left peak is what people are familiar with
 - No reason to be symmetric a priori
- **Left peak (collinear)**
 - Parton shower region
 - Different shower, different slope
 - Hadronization region
 - MCs roughly parallel to each other
 - Peak location
 - Correspond to 45 GeV scale
 - Different MC are a bit different
- **Right peak (back-to-back)**
 - Also, a peak and transition between Sudakov limit and parton shower



3-particle EEC (E3C) from MC in e^+e^-

- Observe non-trivial slope in the hadronization region
 - Away-side ($\Theta_L > \pi/2$) region: roughly flat
 - A small structure around $2\pi/3$:
 - Reject **3-jet** event removes this particular structure
 - Further increase beyond $2\pi/3$: **di-jet**
- MCs agree with each other within 5-10%
 - Except for the small angle region of **SHERPA**



Detector Effects based on Archived ALEPH MC

- Will we be able to measure the correlators? **Yes!**
- Generator- and detector-level results are similar over a large phase space

