



# New studies of CME using chargedependent azimuthal correlations at the LHC

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Fluctuations of topological charge in QCD vacuum  $\rightarrow$  P and CP odd domains



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If CME is observed, evidence for chiral symmetry restoration!



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Why is pPb and PbPb so similar? Background dominated

The fact that γ(pPb) ≈ γ(PbPb) not only challenges the CME but also the background mechanism (e.g., ~v2/N)

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- ii. BKG is hard to control, need an independent handle on v<sub>2</sub> without changing the B field

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i.e., local charge conservation + v2

# New experimental strategy is needed!

## Analysis strategy

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2: Event Shape Engineering (ESE) <u>arXiv:1608.03205v2</u>

## To directly observe the relation between $\gamma$ and $v_2$ (Is it consistent with a $v_2$ -linear BKG-only scenario?)

## Measurement with CMS detectors



Large gap between particle α,β and c, to reduce short range correlation. Valid for factorization.







 $N_{tracks}^{|\eta| < 2.4}$ 





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This can explain  $\gamma$ (pPb)  $\approx \gamma$ (PbPb), if  $\gamma = \kappa \cdot v_2 \cdot \delta$  21

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Correlation is still short-range and charge-dependent.
 Can this be compatible with the suspected BKG?



Suspected BKG should also describe other differential variables

# Results: Test BKG $(\Delta = OS-SS)$ To test this background only<br/>scenario, we compare $\kappa_2$ and $\kappa_3$ $\Delta \gamma_{112} = \begin{pmatrix} \kappa_2 \\ \kappa_2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \nu_2 \cdot \Delta \delta$ <br/> $\Delta \gamma_{123} = \begin{pmatrix} \kappa_2 \\ \kappa_3 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \nu_3 \cdot \Delta \delta$

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Now, can we observe the linear dependence on v2 and see if there is any room for CME?



# ESE with CMS detectors



- The ESE uses q<sub>2</sub>, magnitude of q vector, in one side of the HF (3-5 units) to select events with very different v2
- In pPb collision, q<sub>2</sub> is calculated from the Pb-going side. Particle c from both p- and Pb-going side are studied.

• Particle c in  $\gamma_{112}$  is from the other side of the q<sub>2</sub> region in PbPb.

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- q<sub>2</sub> is monotonically correlated with v2, expected from the initial-state geometry;
- \*  $\gamma_{112}$  can be studied as a function of v2 within a single multiplicity or centrality class.



- Nontrivial to interpret the data, due to mixture of charge-(in)dependent correlations.
- How about the difference OS-SS?



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 $\delta$ -correlator? Is  $\delta$  independent of v2?



- Indeed, the Δδ is not flat vs v2, esp at low multiplicity.
- Two effects:
  - 1. Multiplicity dilution, multiplicity bias from q<sub>2</sub> selection
  - 2. Nonflow, η-gap is not optimal.

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Background + signal scenario:
  $\Delta \gamma_{112} = \kappa_2 \cdot v_2 \cdot \Delta \delta - b$ 

 $\Delta \gamma_{112} / \Delta \delta = \kappa_2 \cdot \nu_2 - b / \Delta \delta$  $\rightarrow \text{Finite intercept!}$ 









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Normalized intercept vs multiplicity:



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 $f_{norm} = b_{norm} / (\Delta \gamma_{112} / \Delta \delta) \approx b / \Delta \gamma_{112}$ 

#### (v2-indep-comp)

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## Upper limit @ 95% Confidence level 6.6% and 3.8% for pPb and PbPb, if combined all multiplicities



## Summary and outlook

Experimental achievements:

- First time measurement of  $\gamma_{123}$ , and δ in pA collisions
- ✓ First time Event-Shape-Engineering in pA collisions

Major conclusions and implications:

- ✓ γ dominated by background, i.e.,  $γ = κ ⋅ v_n ⋅ δ$
- Possible CME signal (at LHC energies) is less than 6.6% for pPb and 3.8% for PbPb collisions @95% CL.

✓ Significant improvement on constraining the CME signal.

## Provide more insights for lower energy CME search

# Thank you!



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Figure 19: The average multiplicity  $N_{\text{trk}}^{\text{offline}}$  as a function of  $v_2$  evaluated in each  $q_2$  class, for different multiplicity ranges in PPb collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{_{NN}}} = 8.16$  TeV (upper), and for different centrality classes in PbPb collisions at 5.02 TeV (lower). Statistical uncertainties are invisible on the current scale.

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PbPb 5.02 TeV

 $250 \le N_{trk}^{offline} < 300$ 

PbPb 5.02 TeV

 $150 \leq N_{trk}^{offline} < 185$ 



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- ★ First time measurement of  $\gamma_{123}$ as function of  $|\Delta p_T| \equiv |p_{T,\alpha} - p_{T,\beta}|$
- Similar trend and magnitude observed between pPb and PbPb
- Not only in |Δη|, the similarity extends to |Δp<sub>T</sub>|
- Observation: δ and γ<sub>123</sub> are different between pPb and PbPb collisions.



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★ First time measurement of  $\gamma_{123}$ as function of  $\bar{p}_T \equiv (p_{T,\alpha} + p_{T,\beta})/2$ 

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- δ correlator shows more positive value towards high p<sub>T</sub>, indicating jet-like correlation starts to be dominant.







FIG. 6: (Color online) The centrality dependence of eight two-plane correlators,  $\langle \cos(\Sigma\Phi) \rangle$  with  $\Sigma\Phi = jk(\Phi_n - \Phi_m)$  obtained via the SP method (solid symbols) and the EP method (open symbols). The middle two panels in the top row have j = 2 and j = 3, respectively, while all other panels have j = 1. The error bars and shaded bands indicate the statistical uncertainties and total systematic uncertainties, respectively. The expected correlations among participant-plane angles  $\Phi_n^*$  from a Glauber model are indicated by the solid curves for weighted case (Eq. (11)) and dashed lines for the unweighted case.