

QGP searches in small systems

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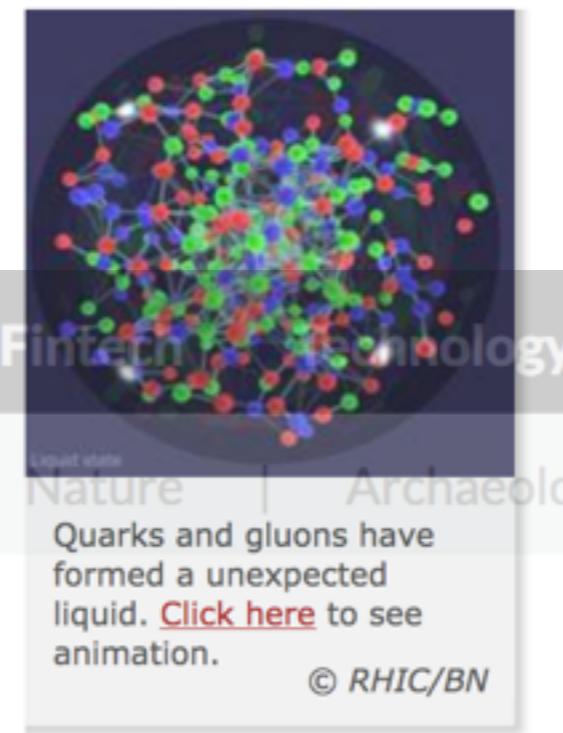
Early Universe was a liquid

Quark-gluon blob surprises particle physicists.

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The Universe consisted of a perfect liquid in its first moments, according to results from an atom-smashing experiment.

Scientists at the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC) at Brookhaven National Laboratory on Long Island, New York, have spent five years searching for the quark-gluon plasma that is thought to have filled our Universe in the first microseconds of its existence. Most of them are now convinced they have found it. But, strangely, it seems to be a liquid rather than the expected hot



Quarks and gluons have formed a unexpected liquid. [Click here](#) to see animation.

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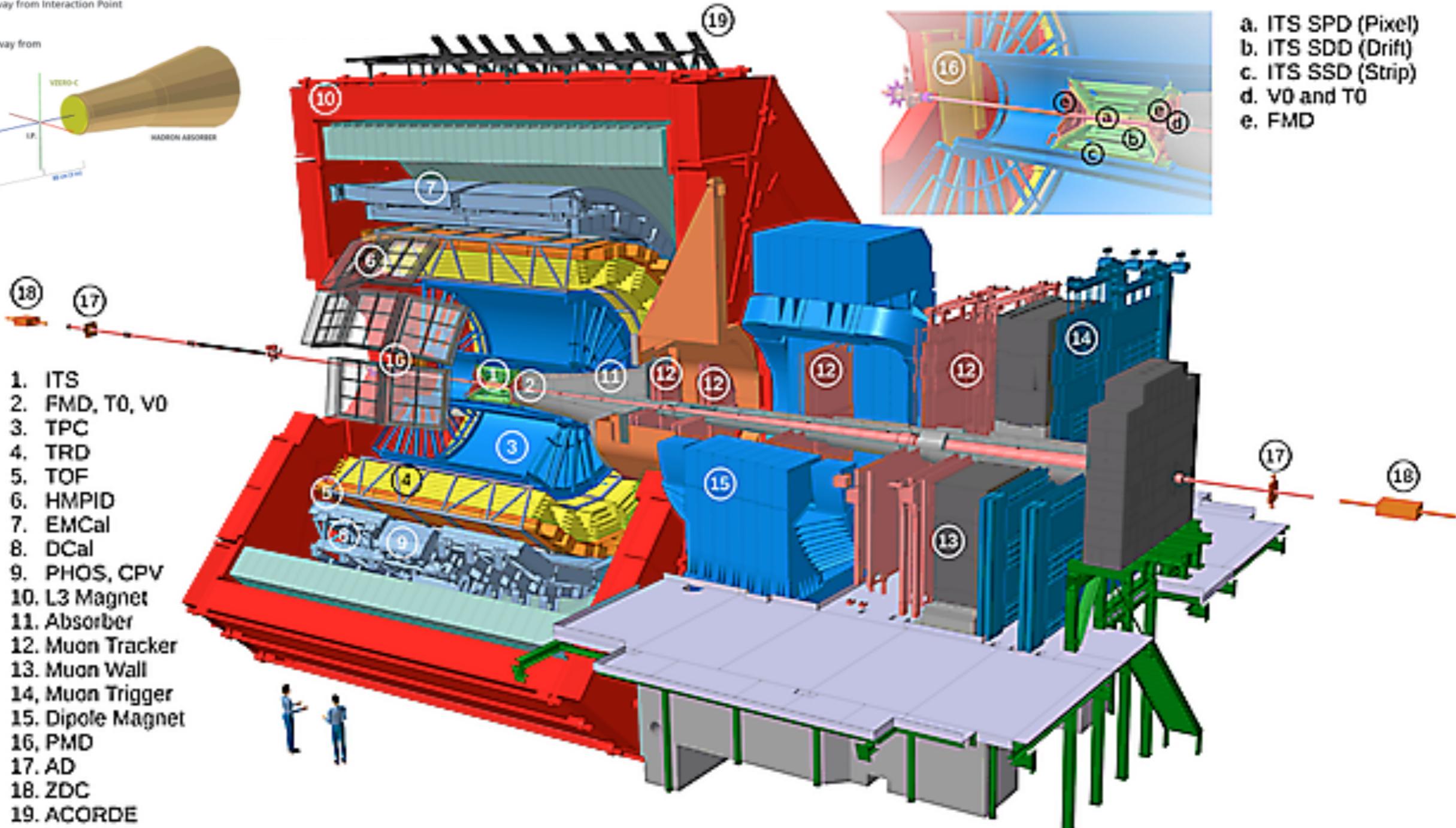
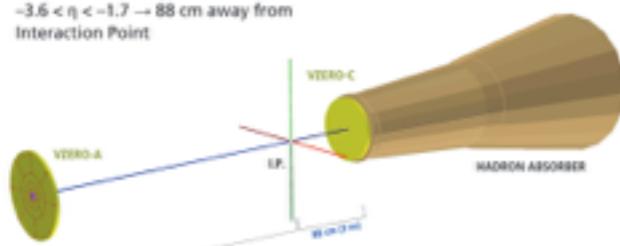
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The ALICE detector



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 $2.8 < \eta < 5.1 \rightarrow 329$ cm away from Interaction Point

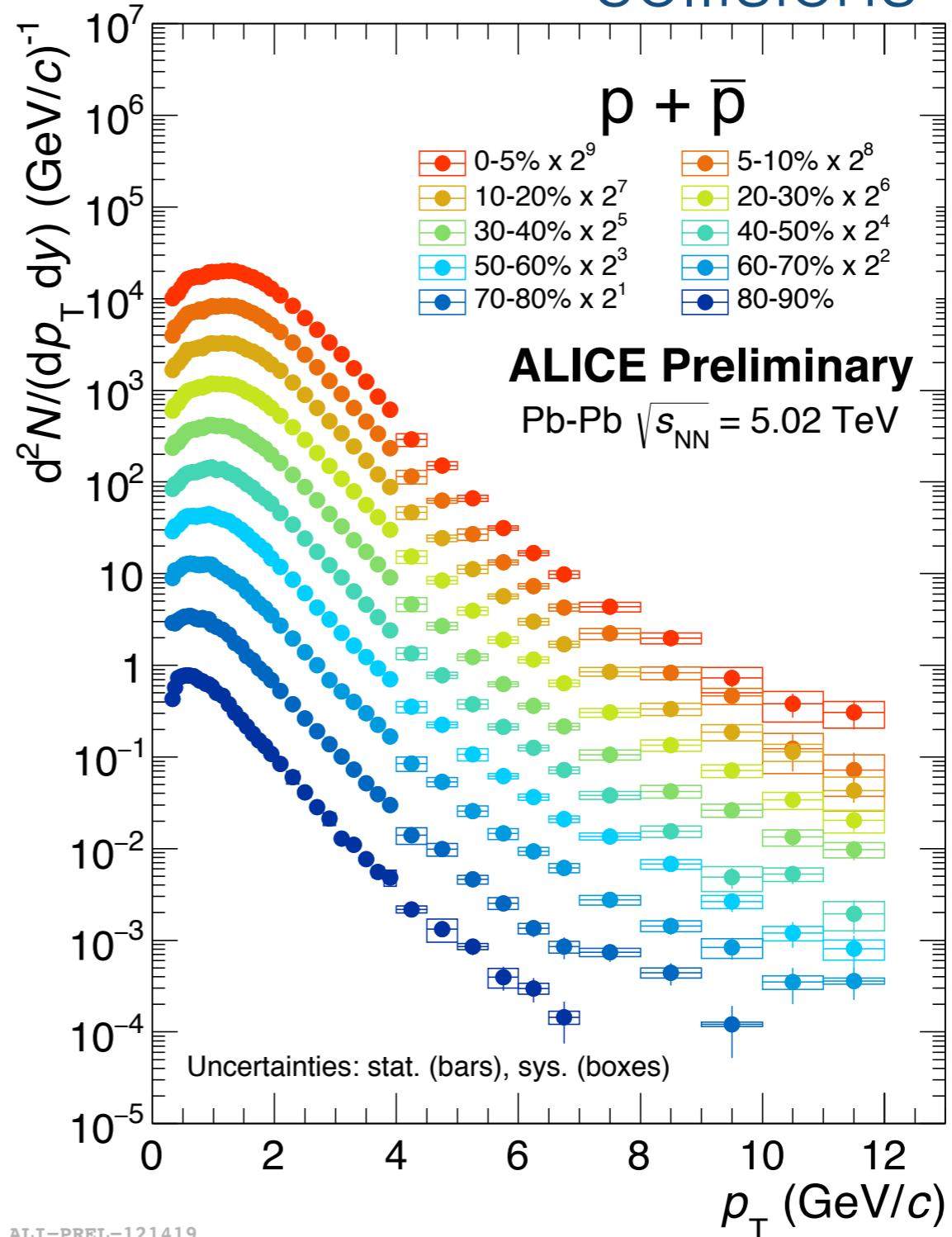
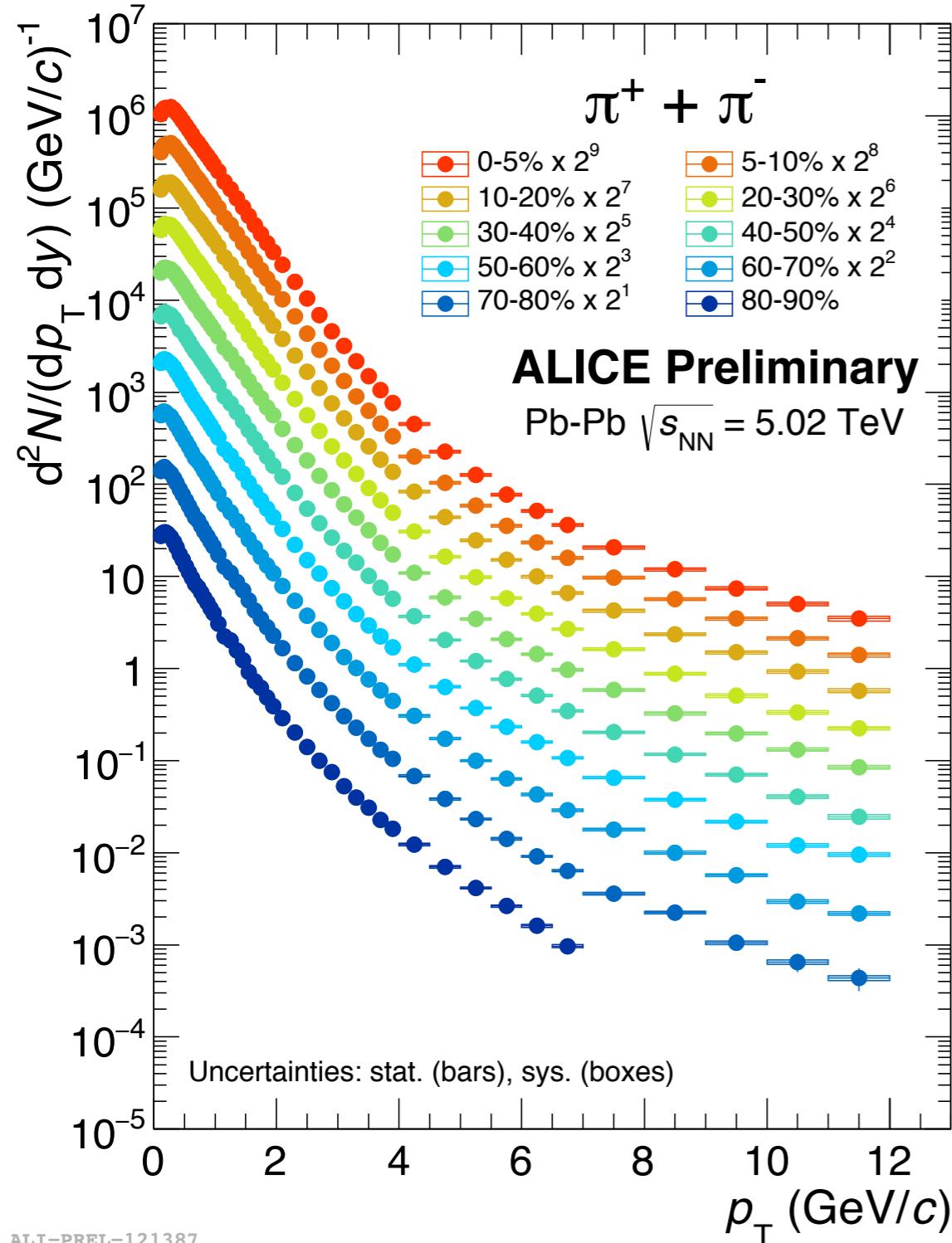
• VZERO-C (IPN de Lyon):
 $-3.6 < \eta < -1.7 \rightarrow 88$ cm away from
Interaction Point



Similarities among pp, p-Pb and Pb-Pb collisions

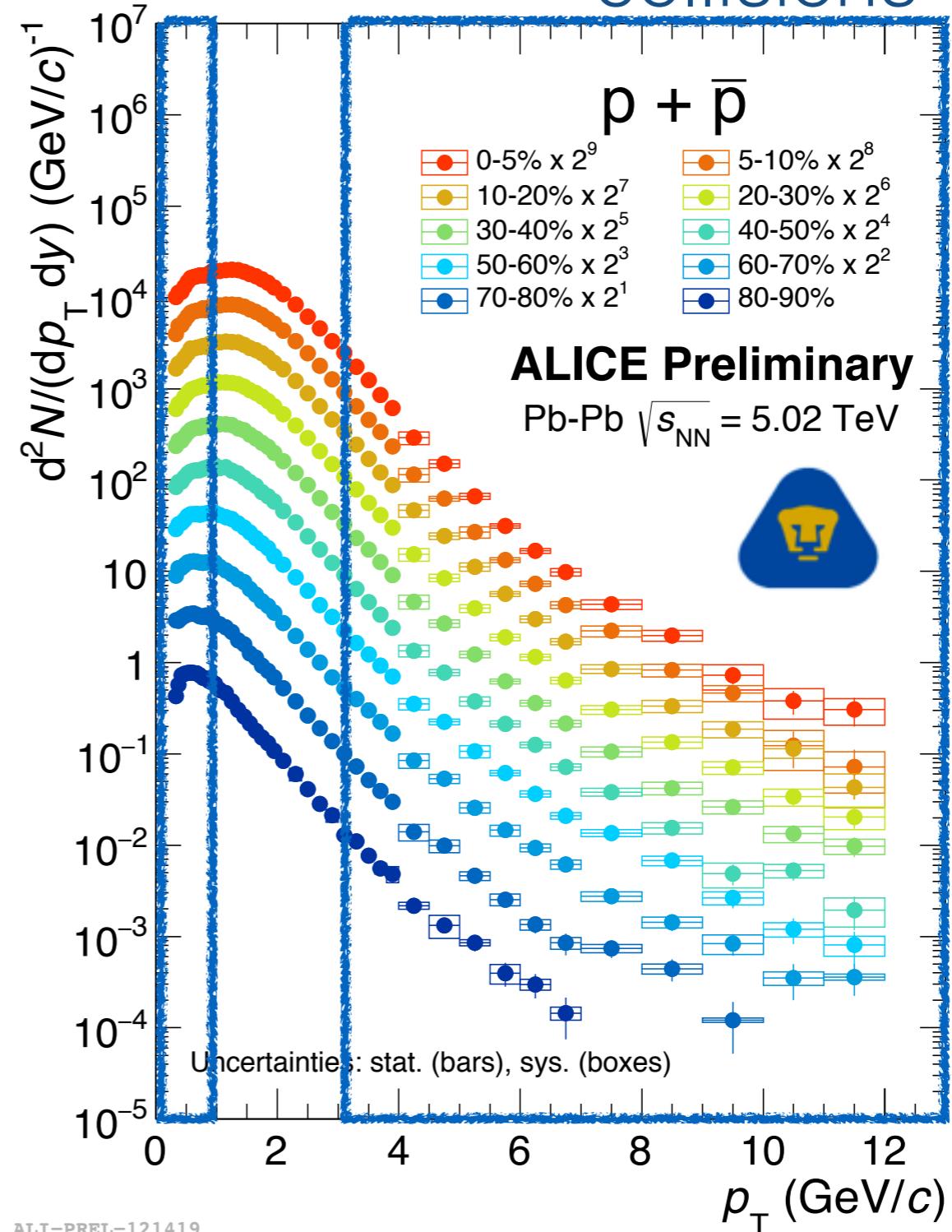
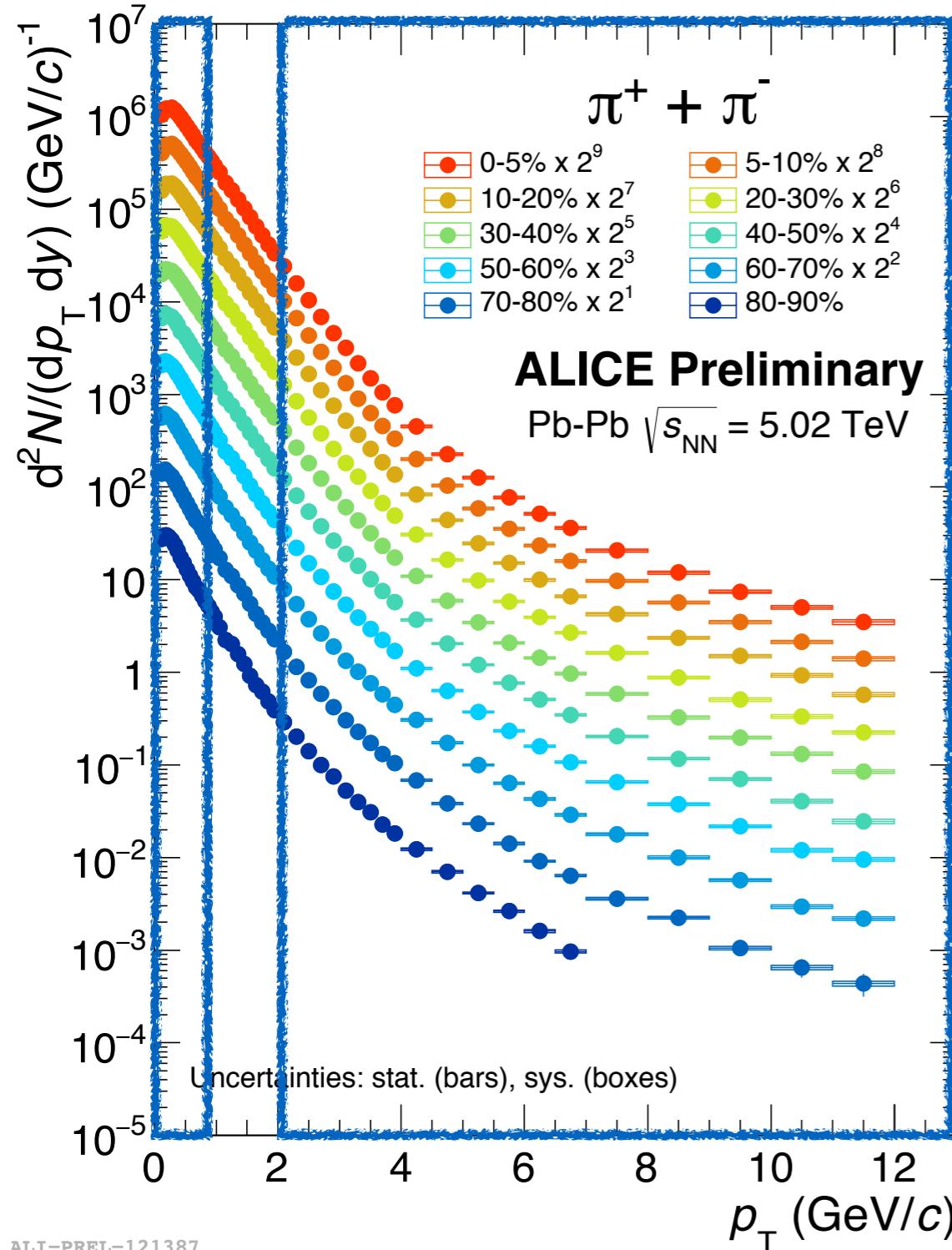
Hereafter, pp and p-Pb collisions are referred as
small collisions systems

p_T spectra in Pb-Pb collisions



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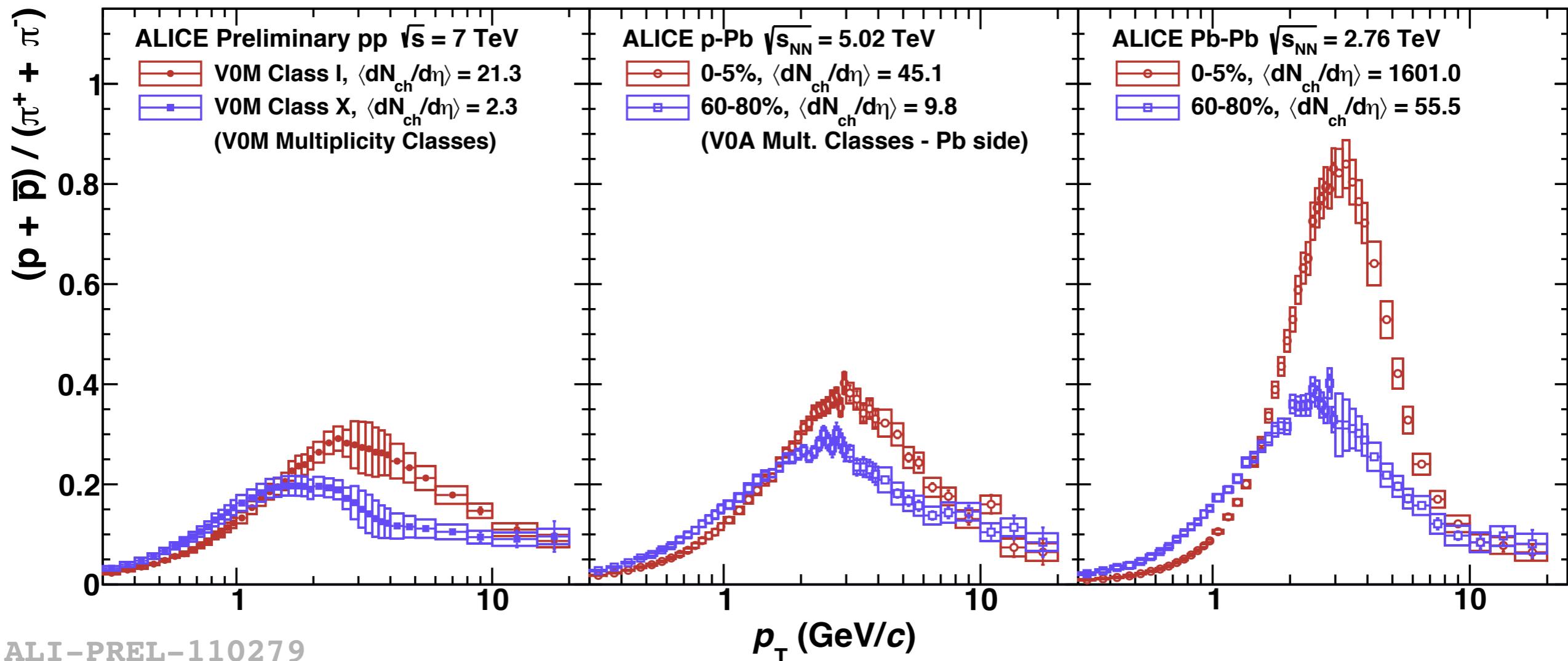
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Particle production

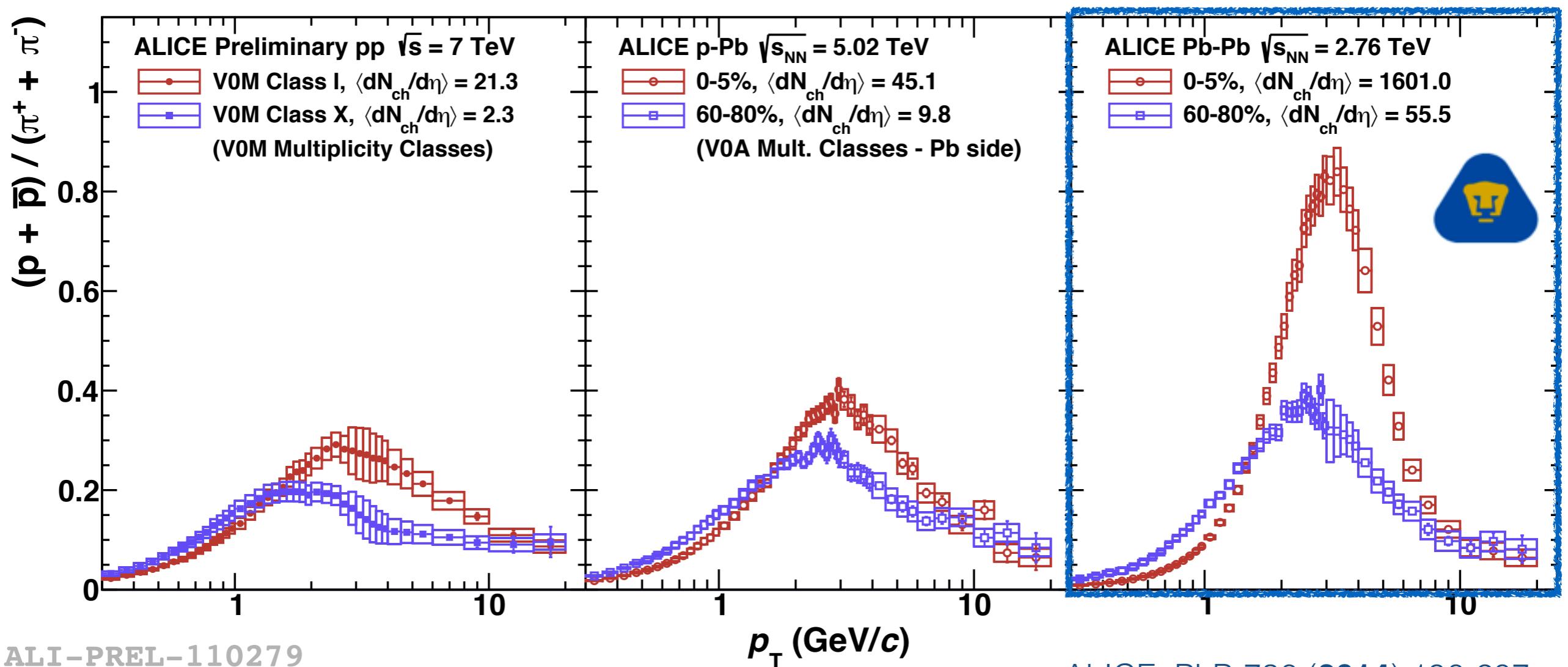
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Mass dependent modification of the p_T spectral shapes going from **low** to **high** multiplicities

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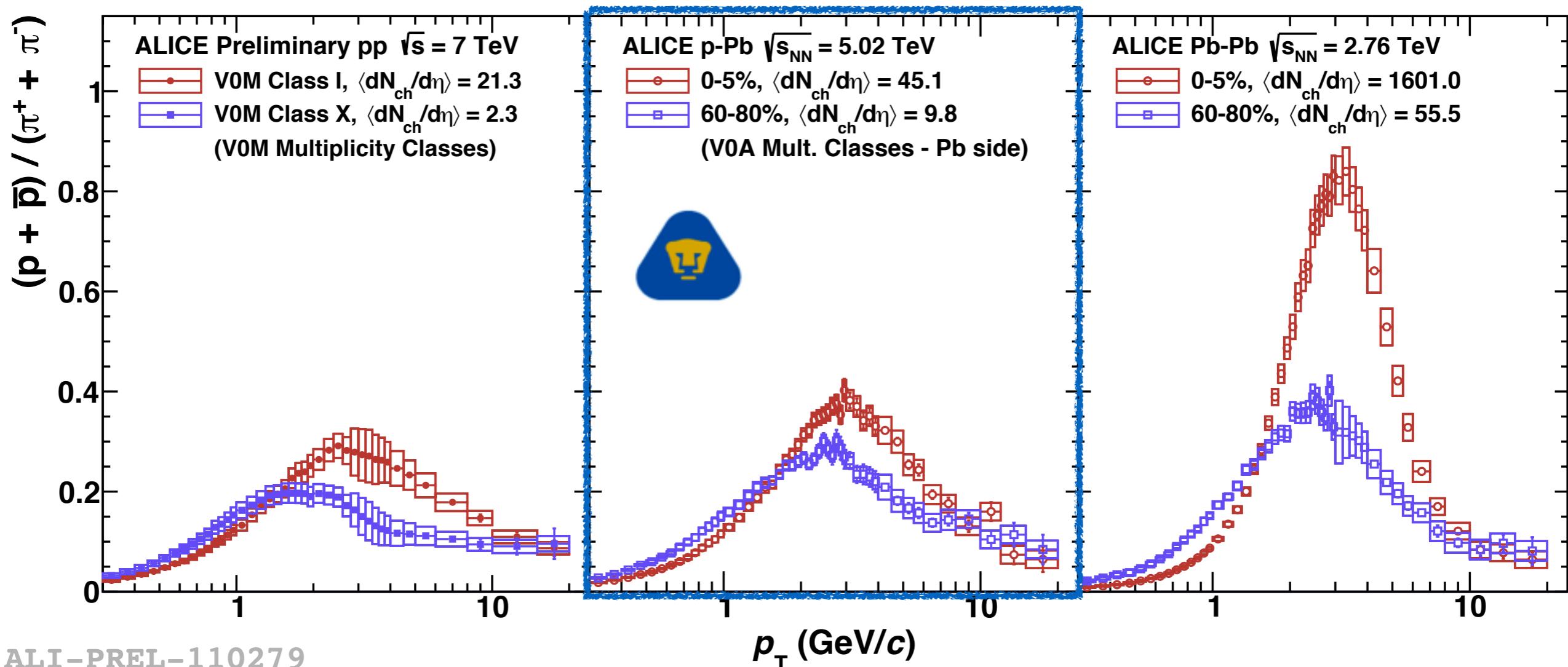
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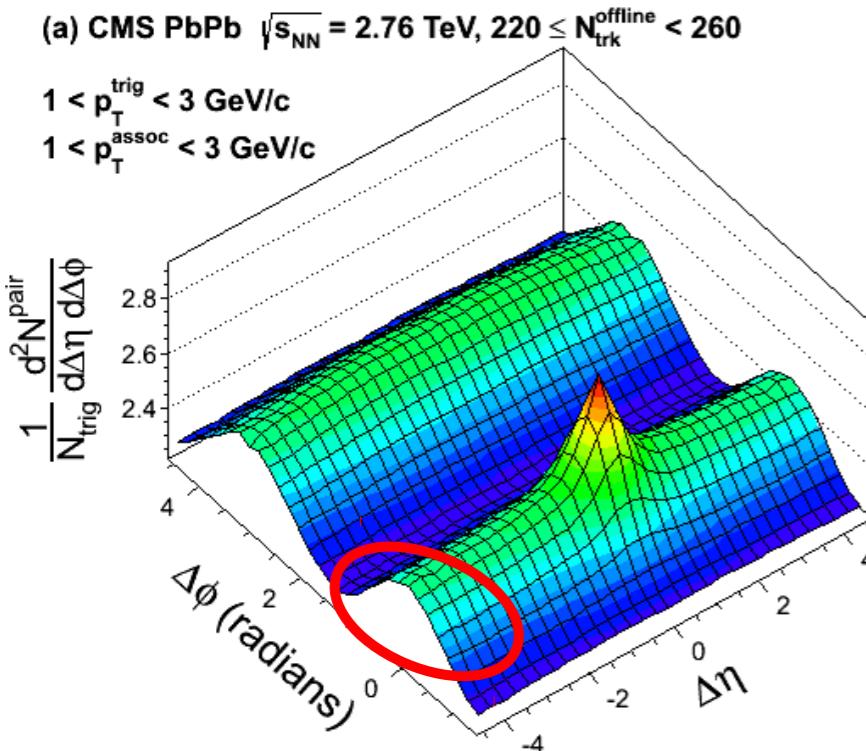


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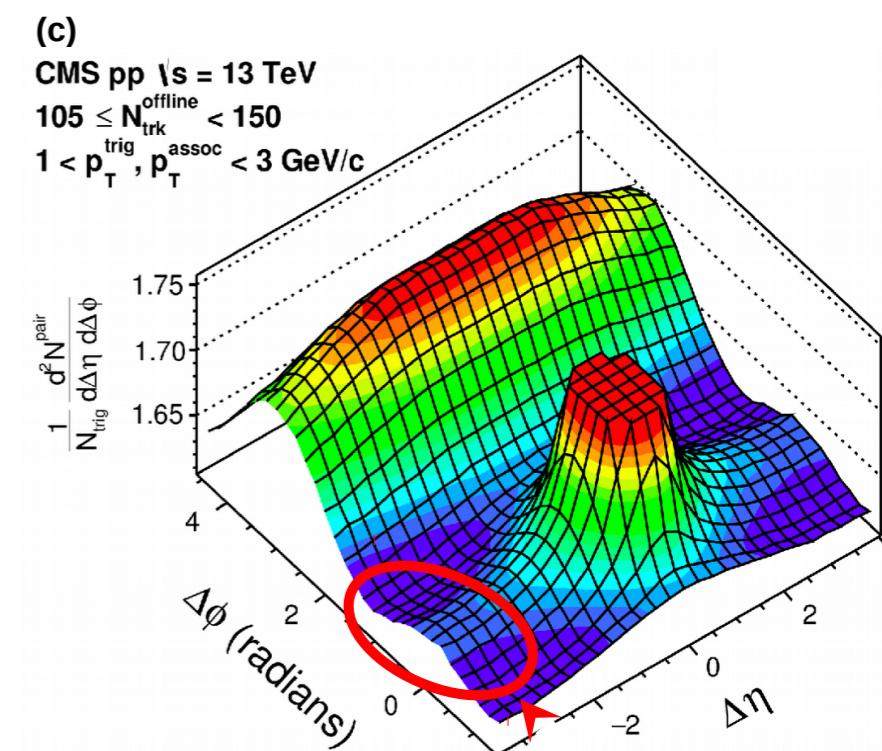
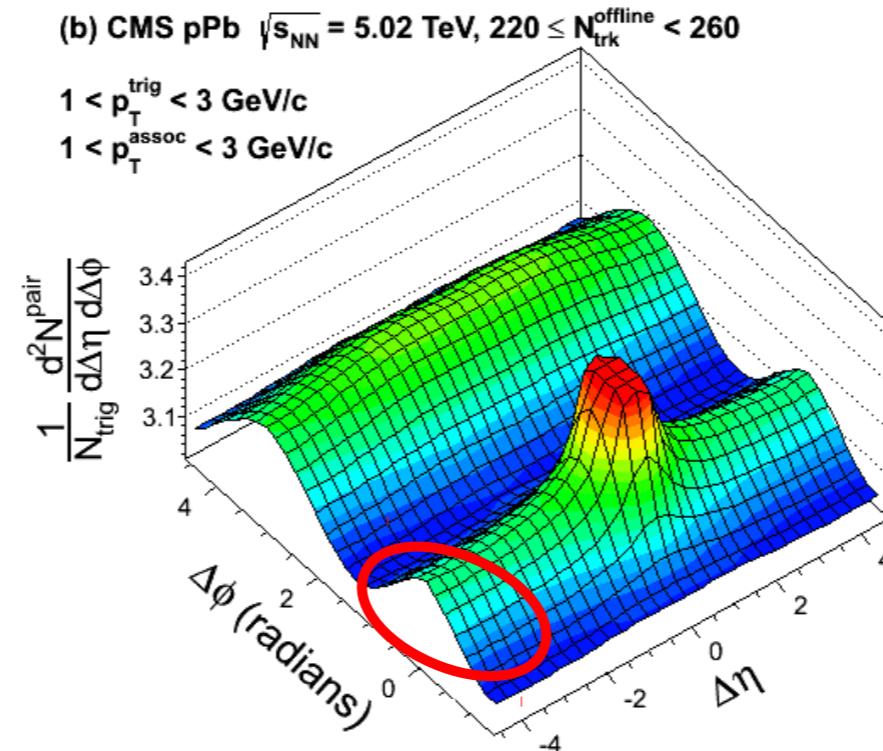
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Long-range correlations

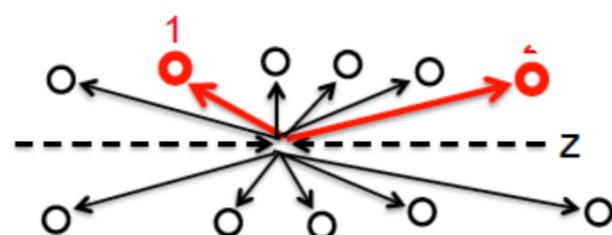
Two-particle correlations with inclusive charged particles



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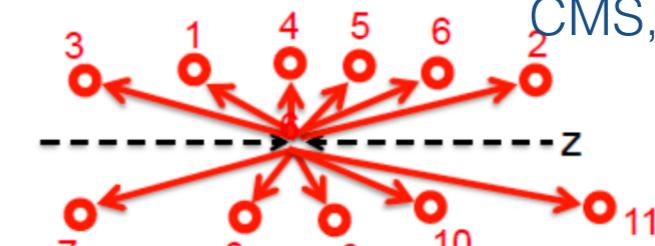
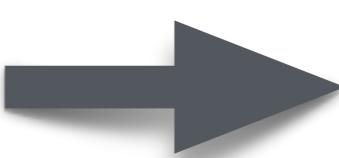
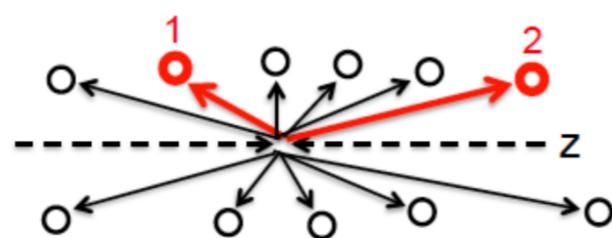
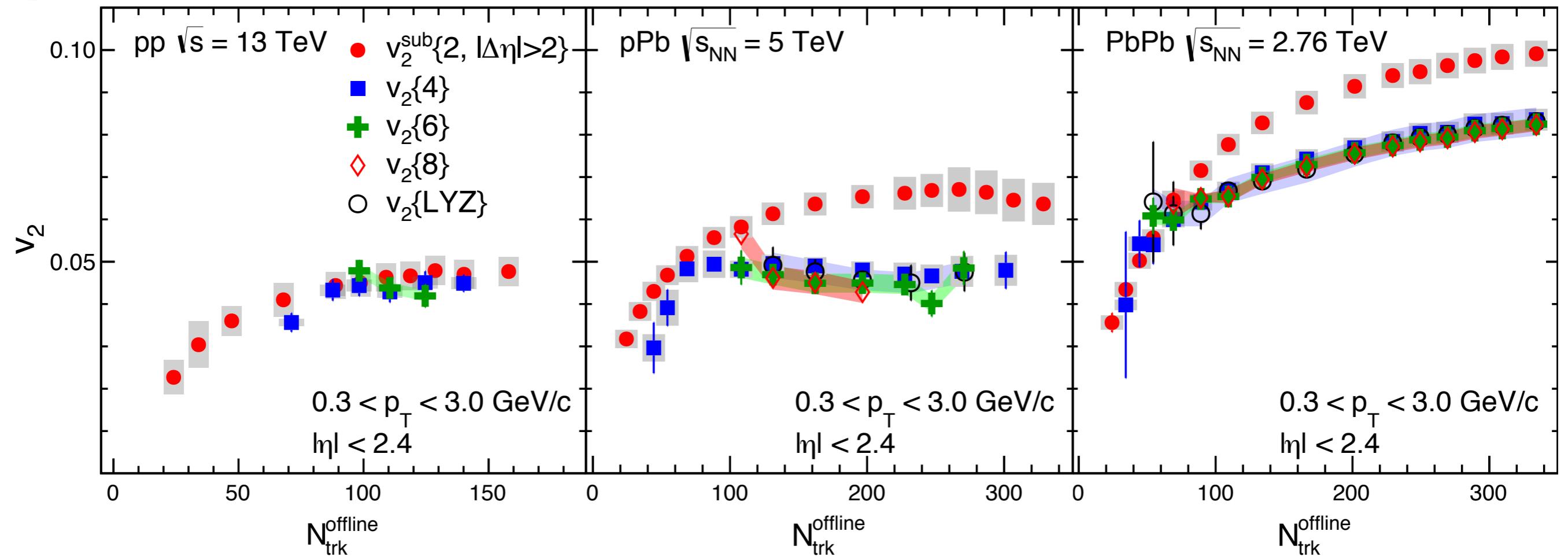


What is the nature of long-range correlations observed in small systems?

Collectivity in small systems?

v_2 from four- and six-particle correlations in pp at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV:

- comparable magnitude to those from two-particle correlations
- similar to those seen in p-Pb and Pb-Pb collisions

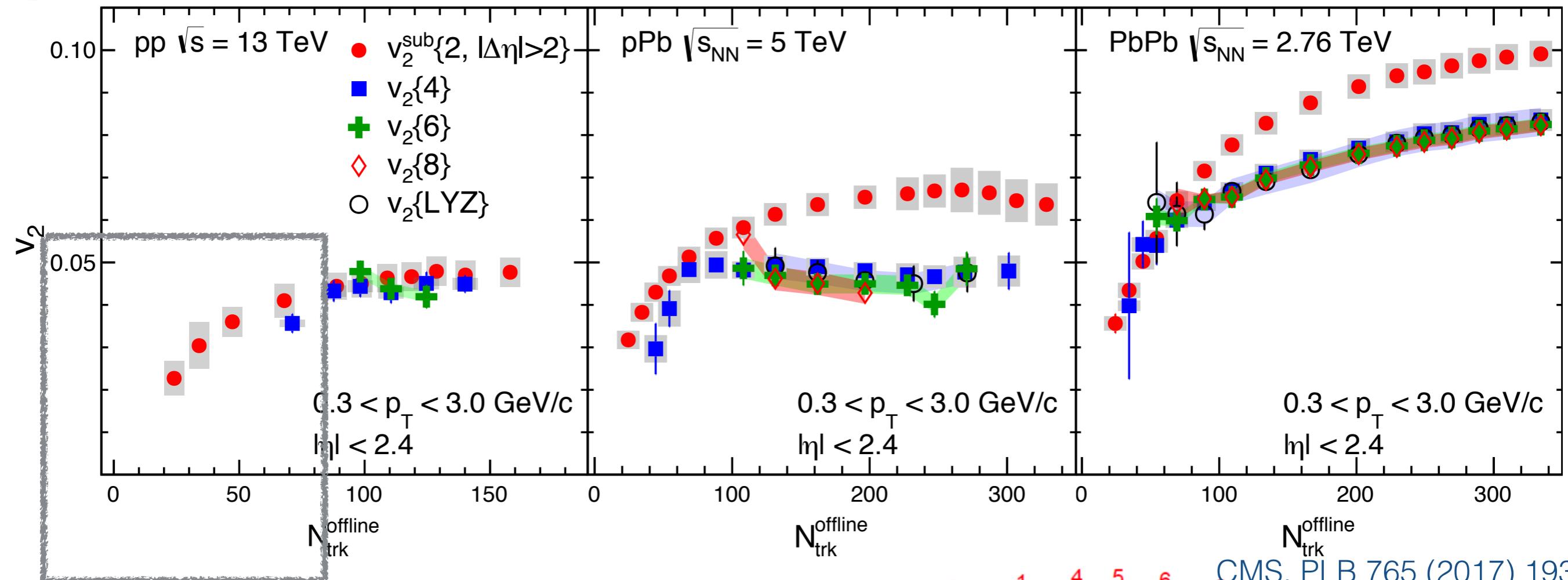


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Less sensitive to non-flow effects

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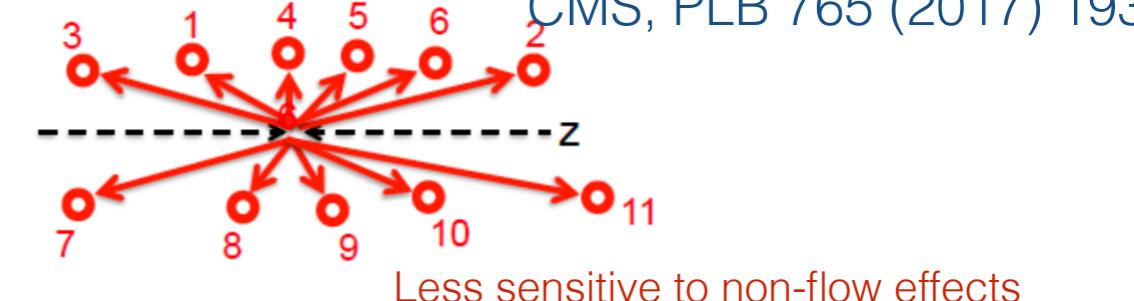
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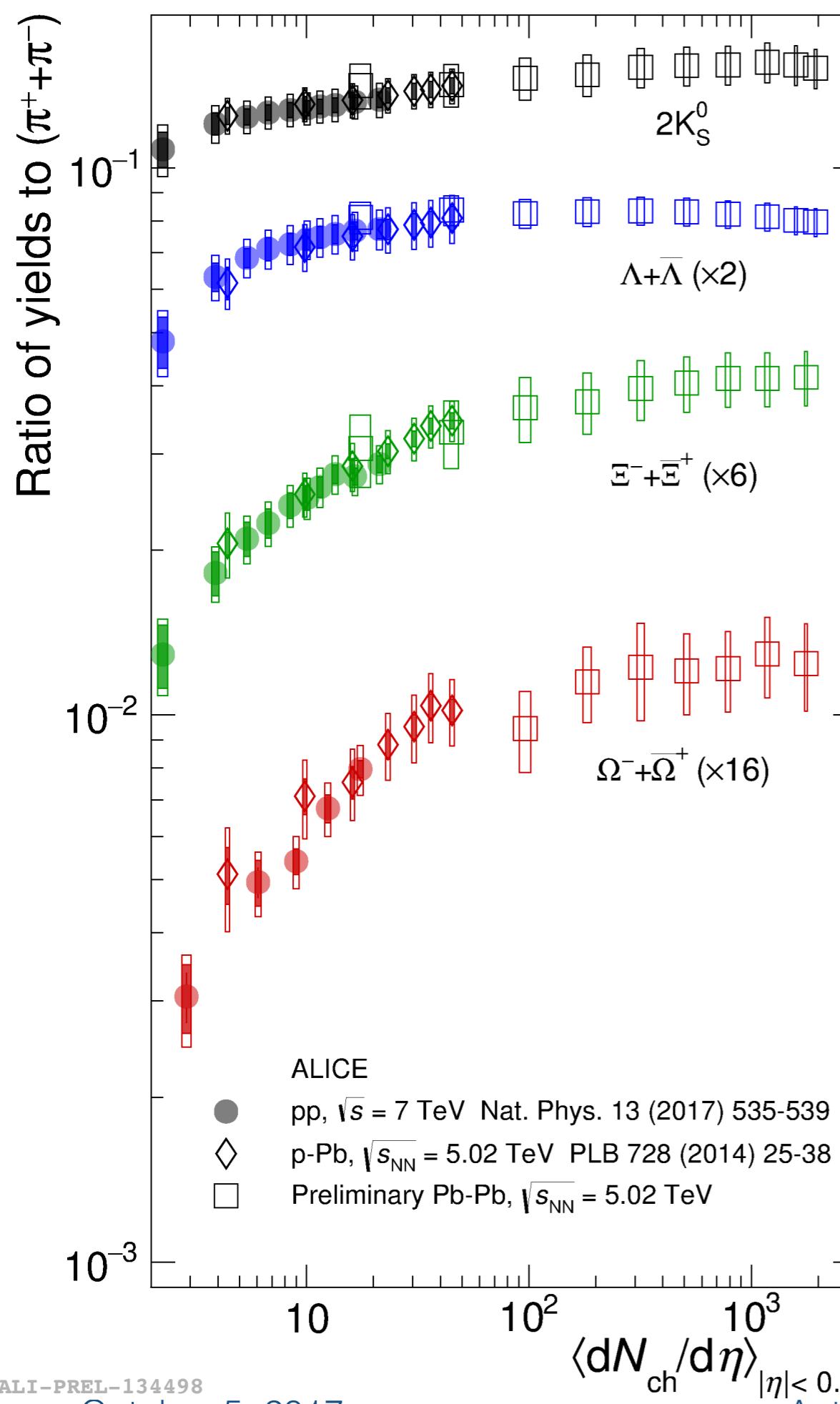


Discrepancy with ATLAS results, new methods needed for low multiplicity events

Medium effects in low multiplicity events?



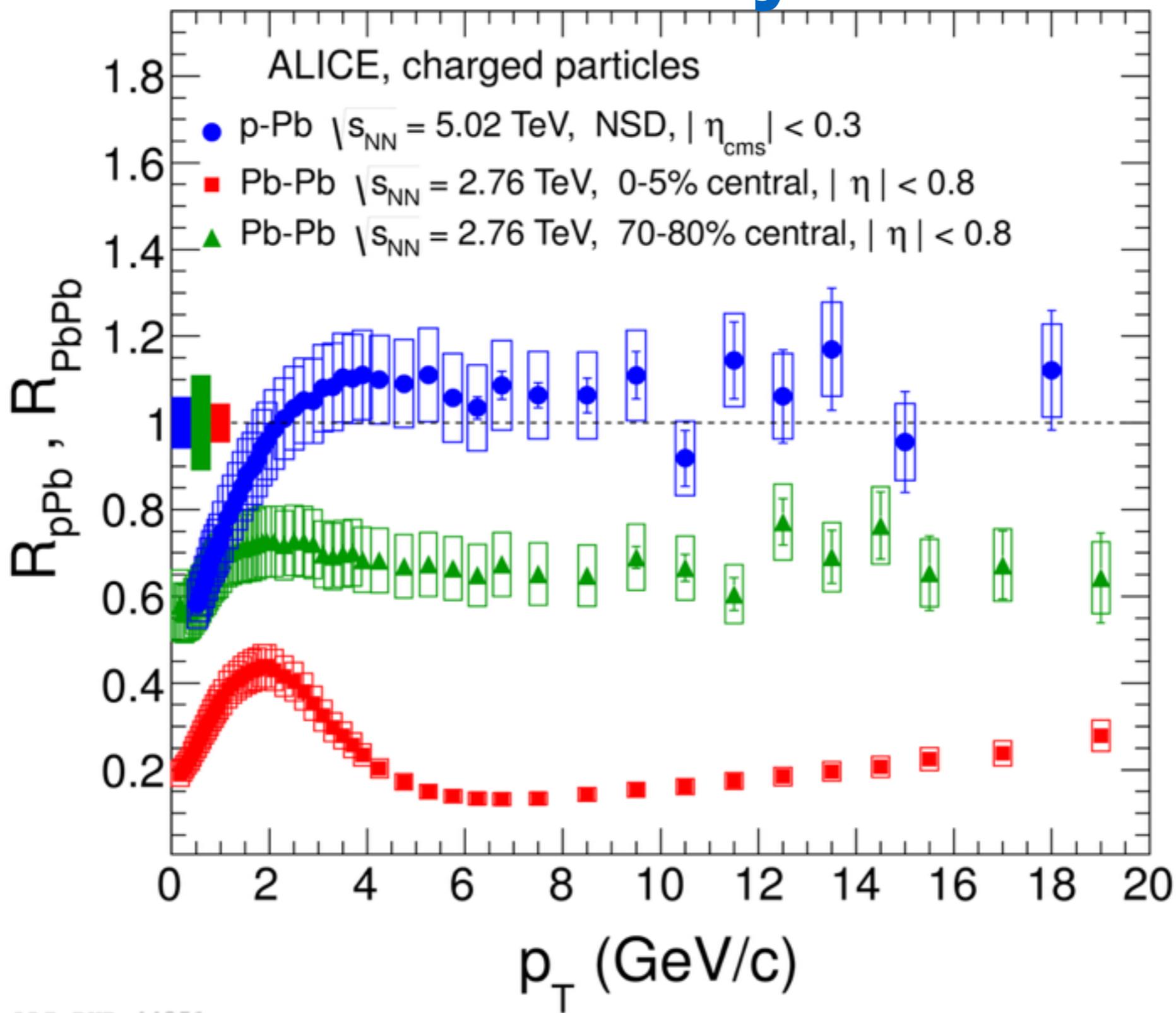
Strangeness



First observation of a multiplicity dependent strangeness enhancement in high-multiplicity pp collisions

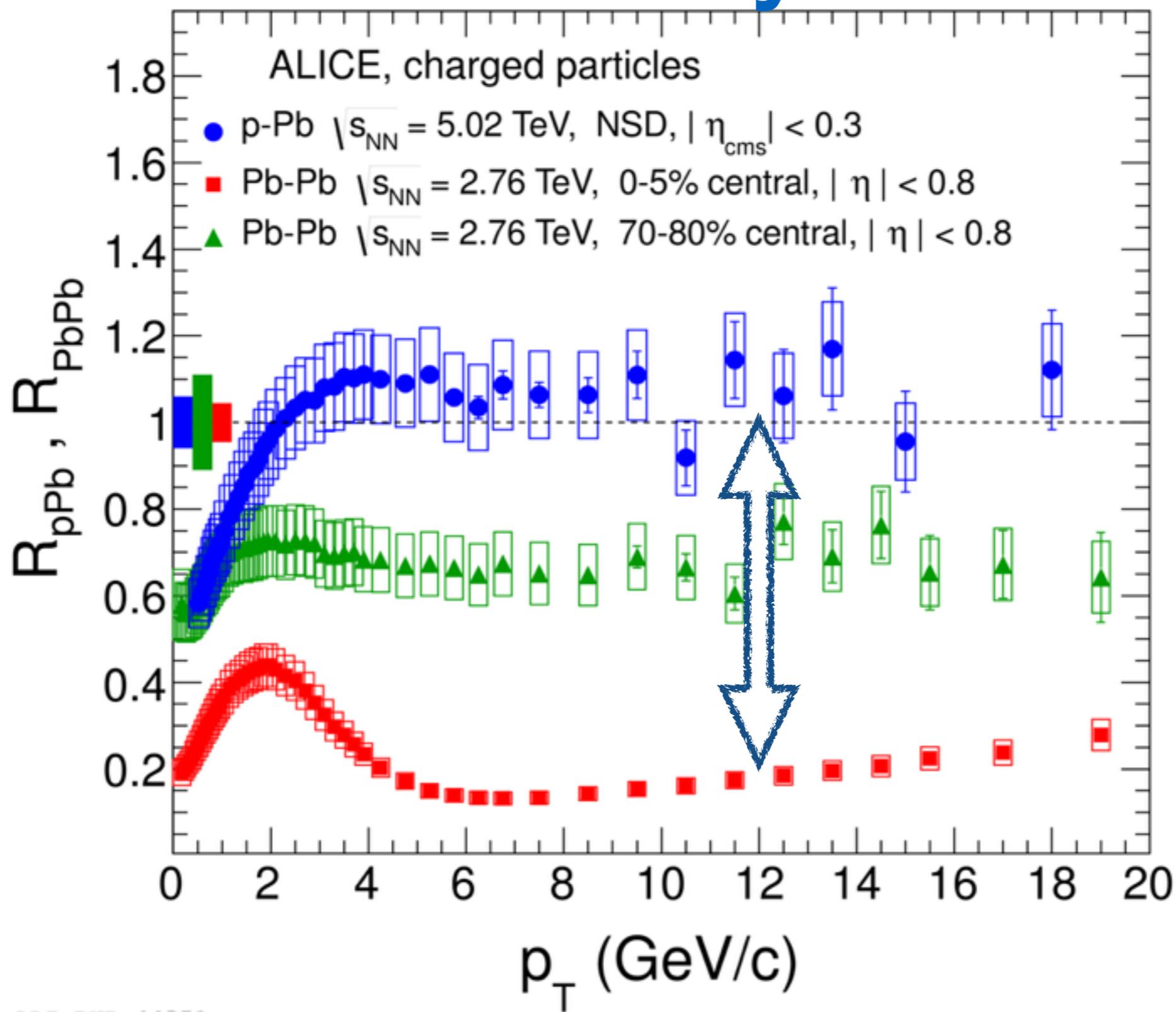
- Enhancement is due to strangeness content and not due to mass
- Multiplicity dependence of the enhancement is strikingly similar in pp and p-Pb, and approaches values similar to those measured in central Pb-Pb
- QCD inspired MC generators fail to describe these observations

No jet quenching signatures in small systems



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$$R_{AA,\text{pA}} = \frac{\langle d^2N_{AA,\text{pA}} / dy dp_T \rangle}{\langle N_{\text{coll}} \rangle d^2N_{\text{pp}} / dy dp_T}$$

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Small systems

Open questions

Thoughts and opportunities in the soft-QCD sector from high-energy nuclear collisions

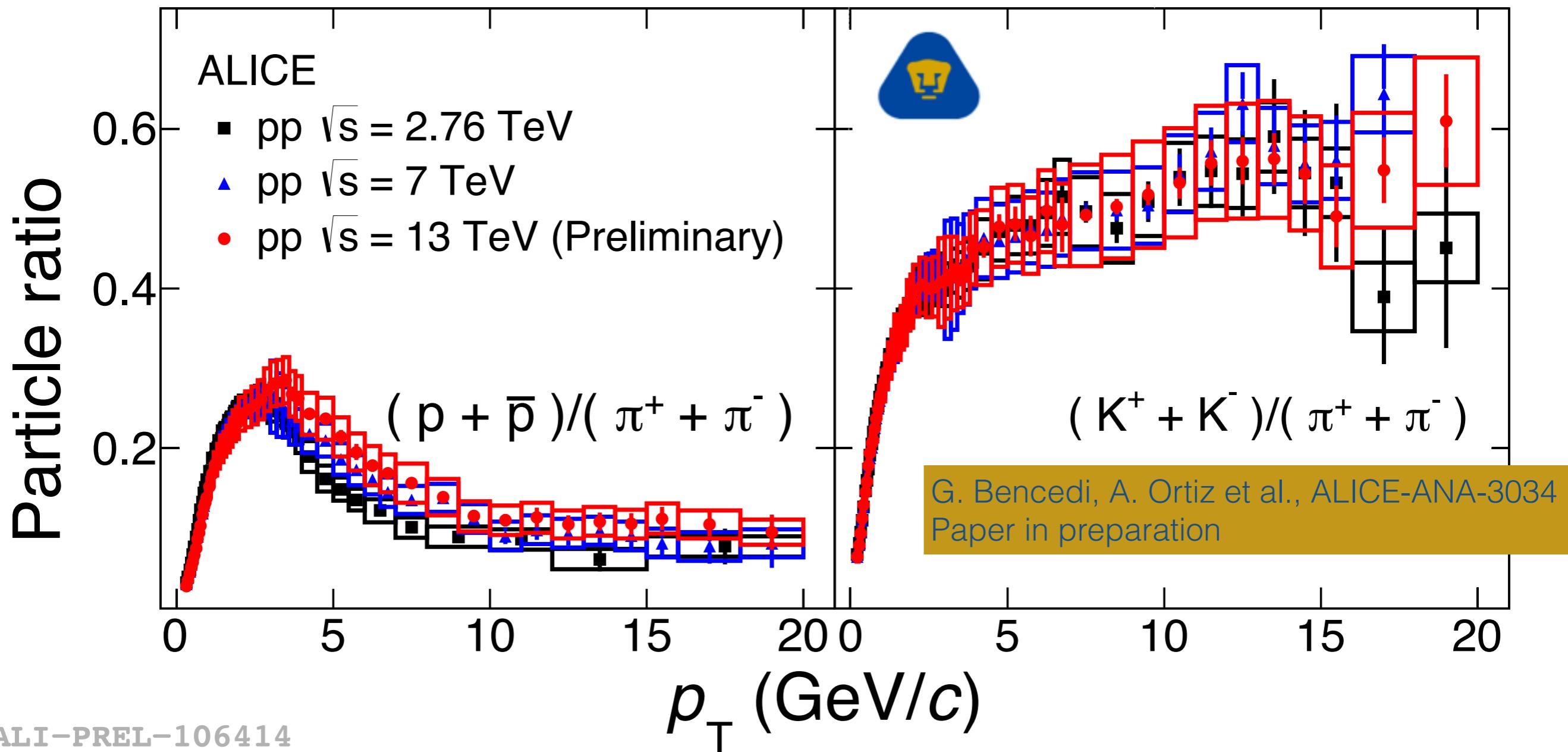
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Flow-like phenomena in small systems

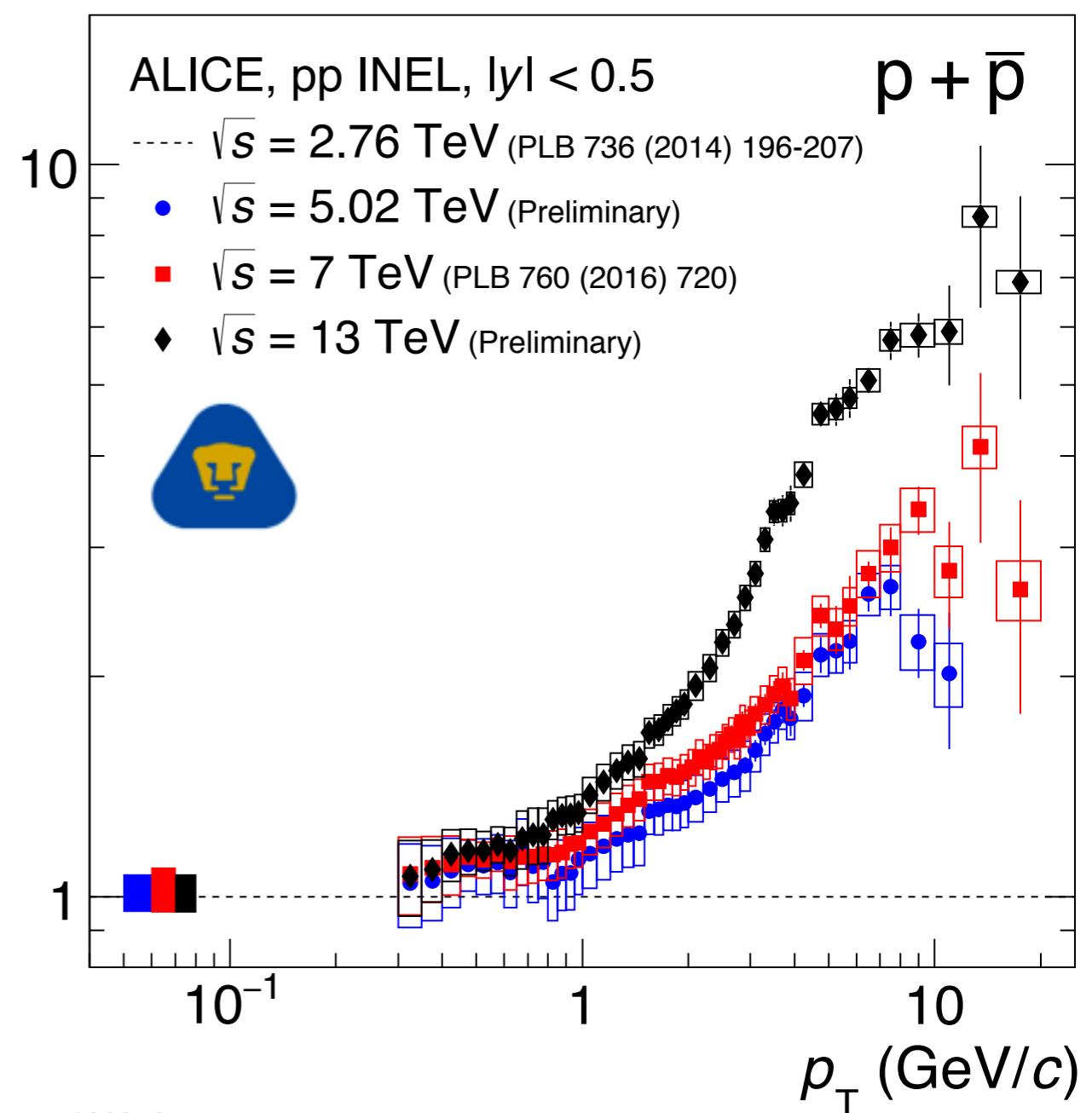
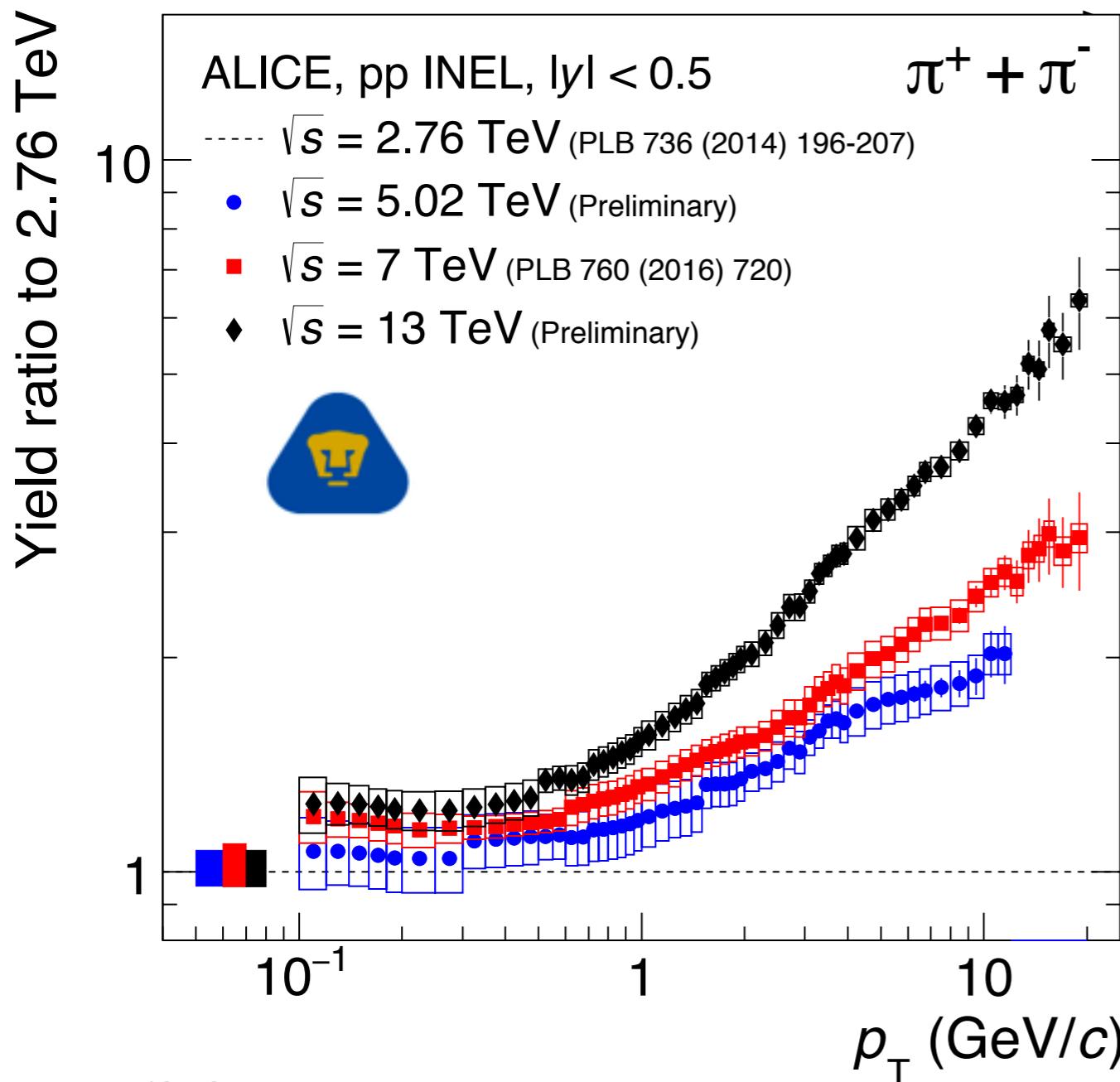
- Is there a minimum size for the onset of collective behavior?
- Do the systematic variations across beam energies, collision centralities, system size and transverse and longitudinal momentum support a fluid dynamical interpretation?

\sqrt{s} dependence of $\pi/K/p$ in pp collisions



The evolution of the “particle ratios” with \sqrt{s} is consistent with the expected behaviour driven by the change in $\langle N_{ch} \rangle$

Hardening of the p_T spectra with increasing \sqrt{s}



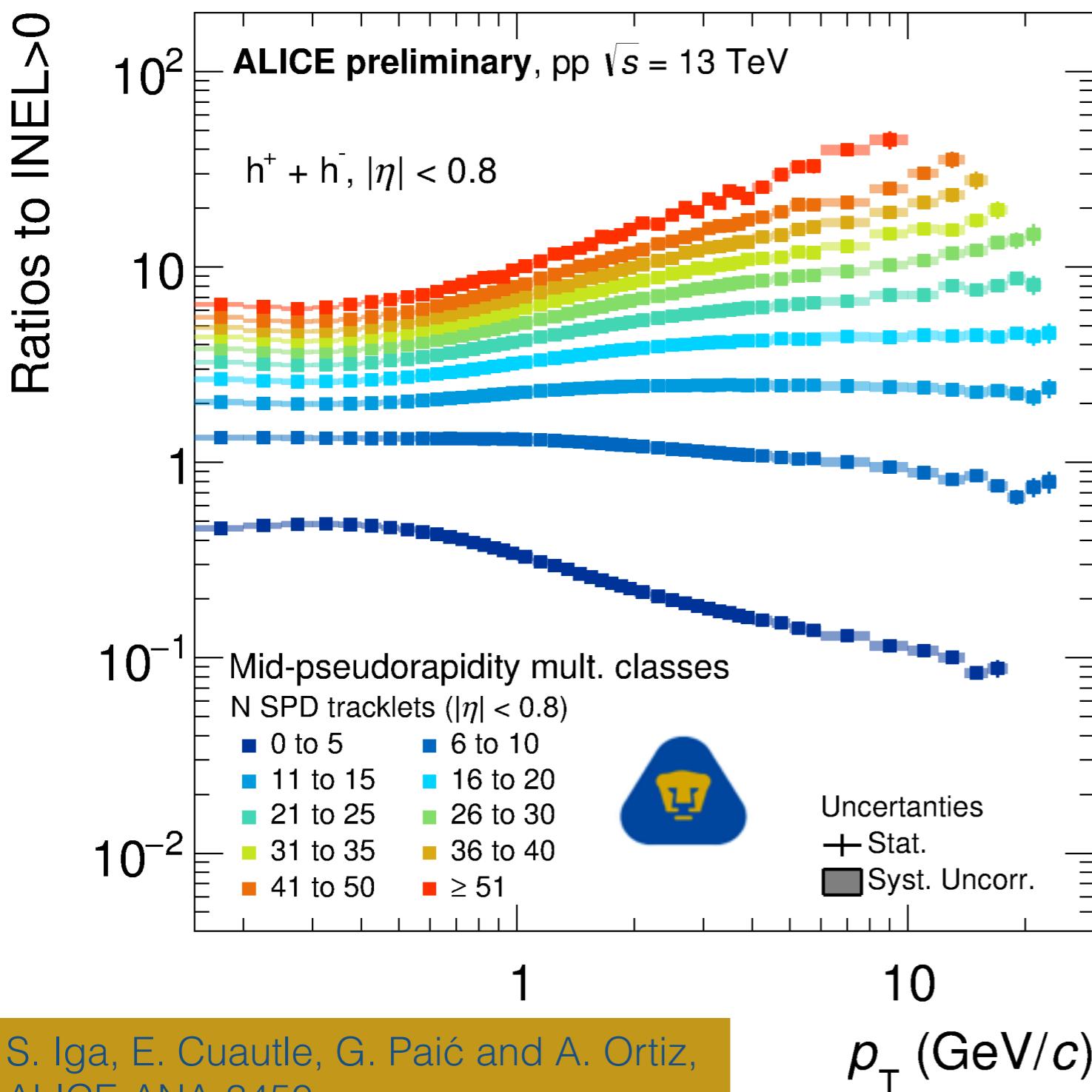
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Inclusive charged p_T

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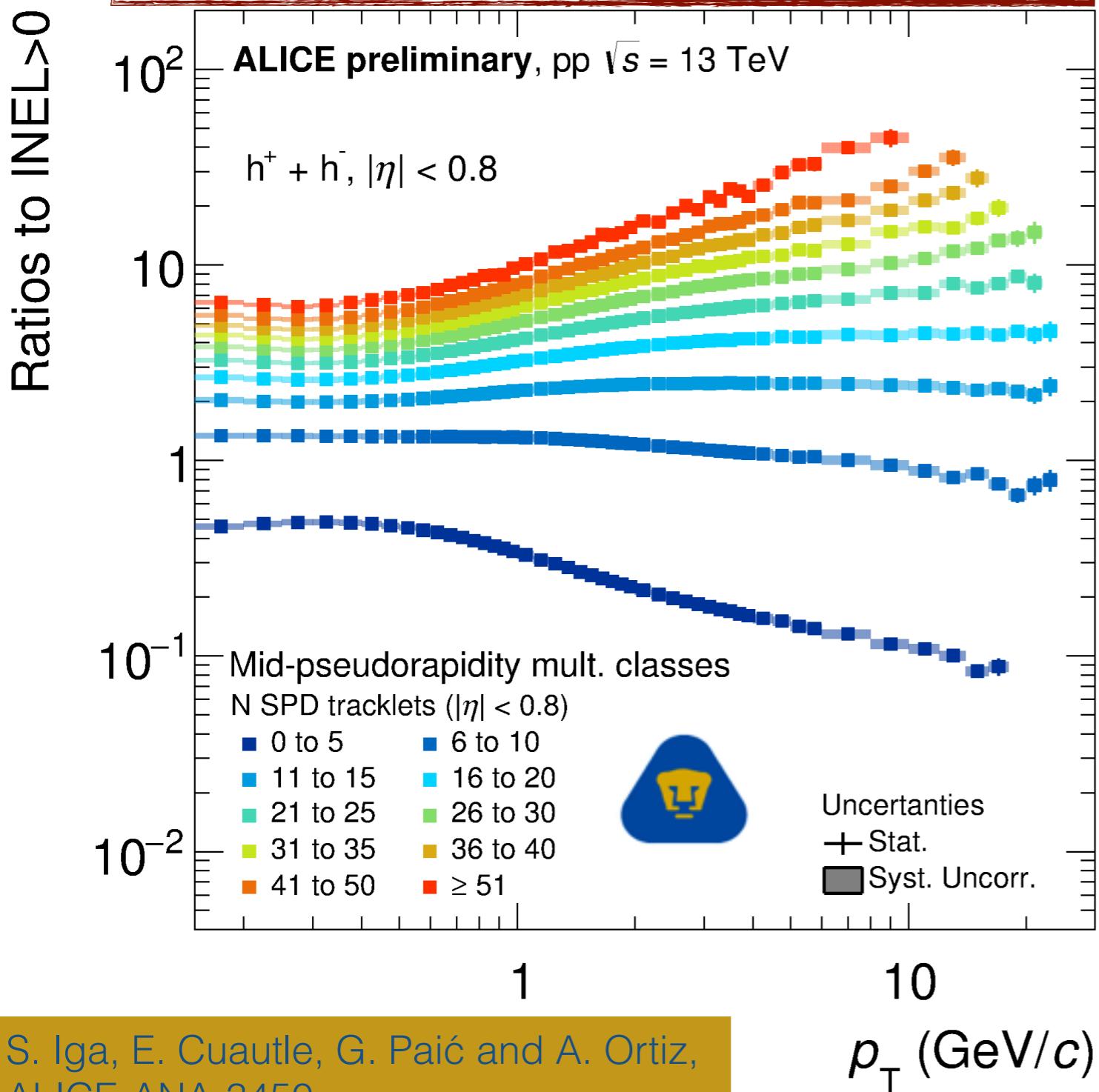


Ratios to MB exhibit two common features

- Little or no p_T dependence is observed for $p_T < 1 \text{ GeV/c}$
- Strong p_T dependence for larger transverse momenta
- The trends are well described by PYTHIA 8.212 tune Monash 2013

Inclusive charged p_T

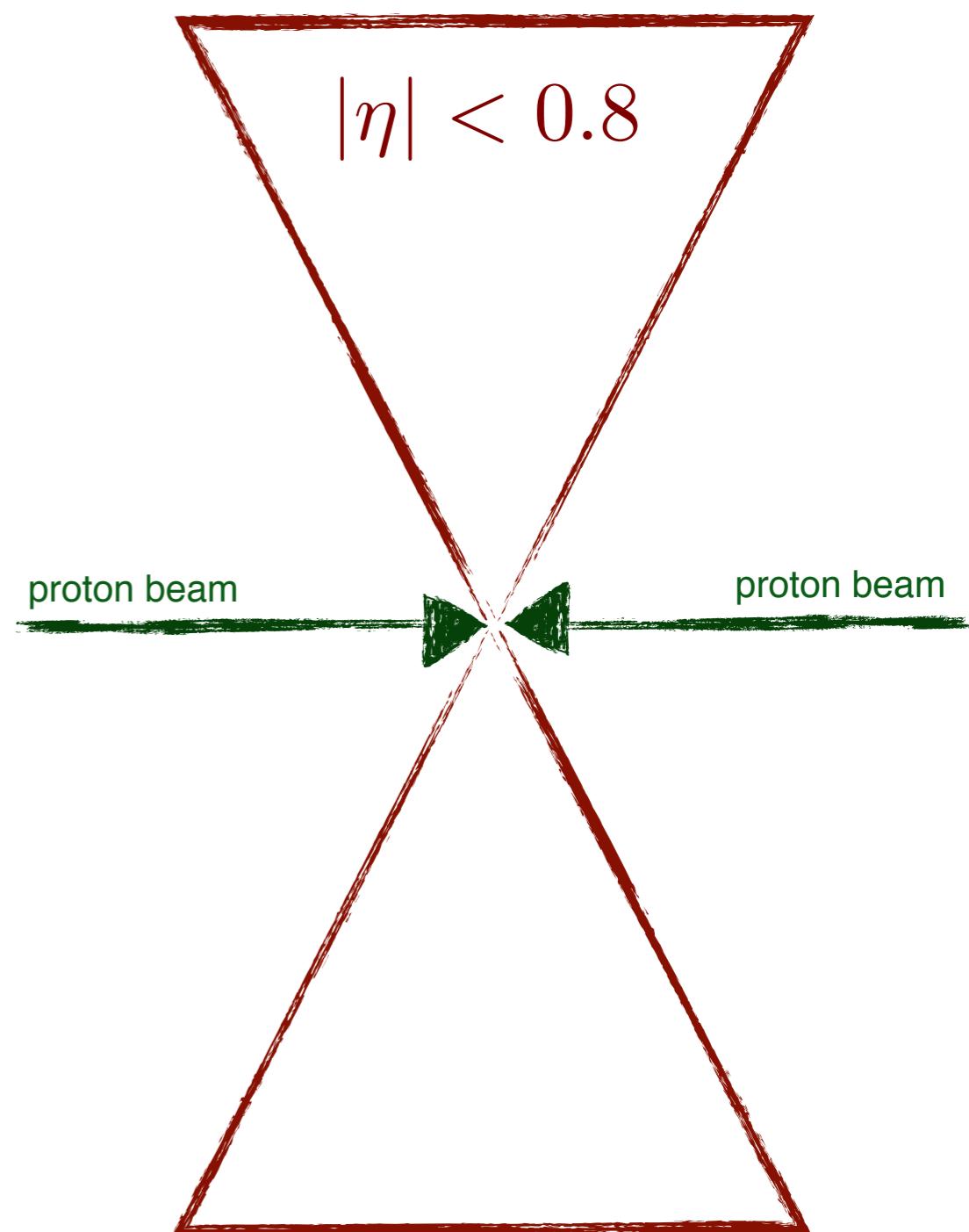
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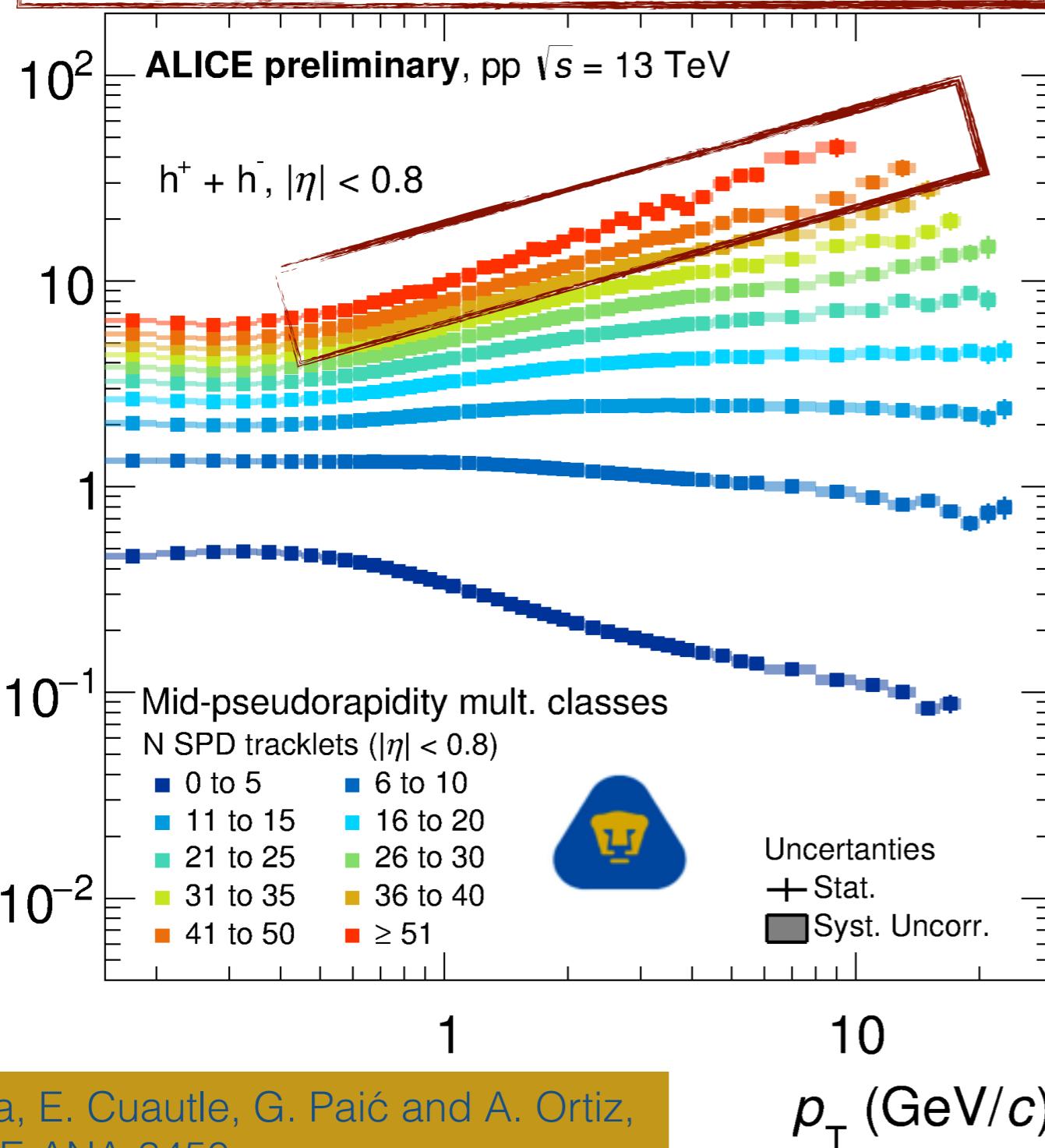
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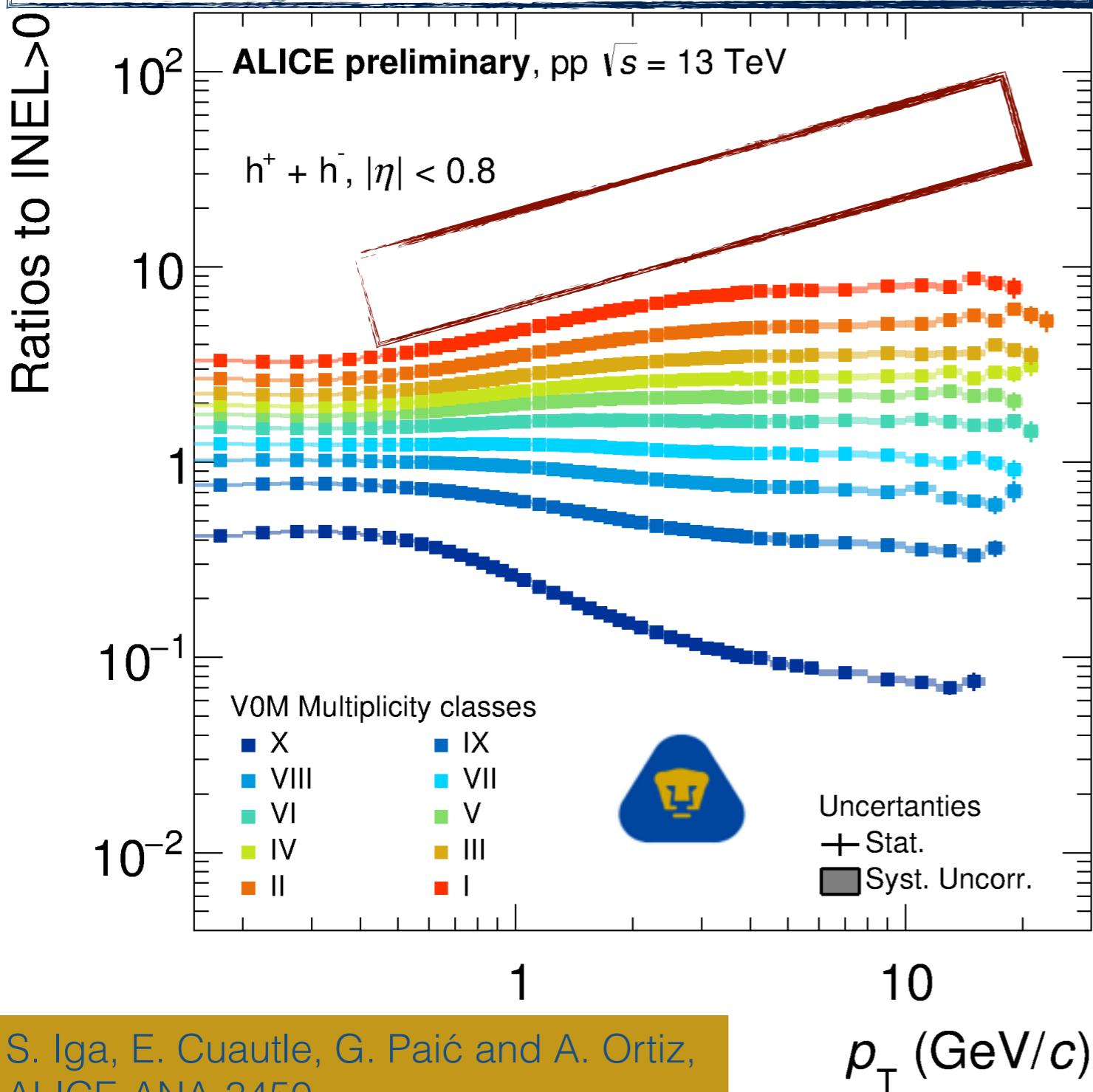
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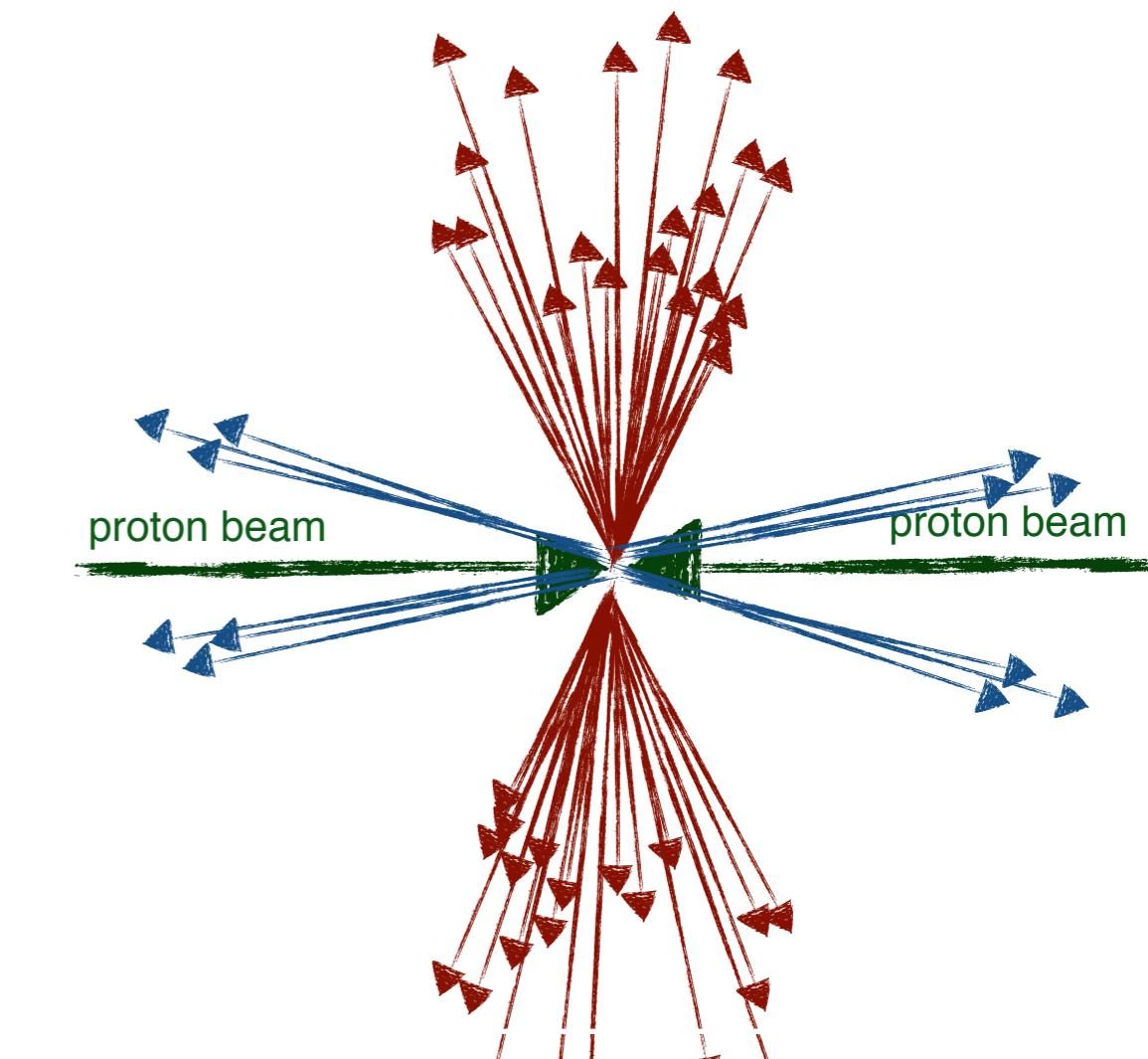
To study the effect we also performed an analysis using a multiplicity selector based on VZERO



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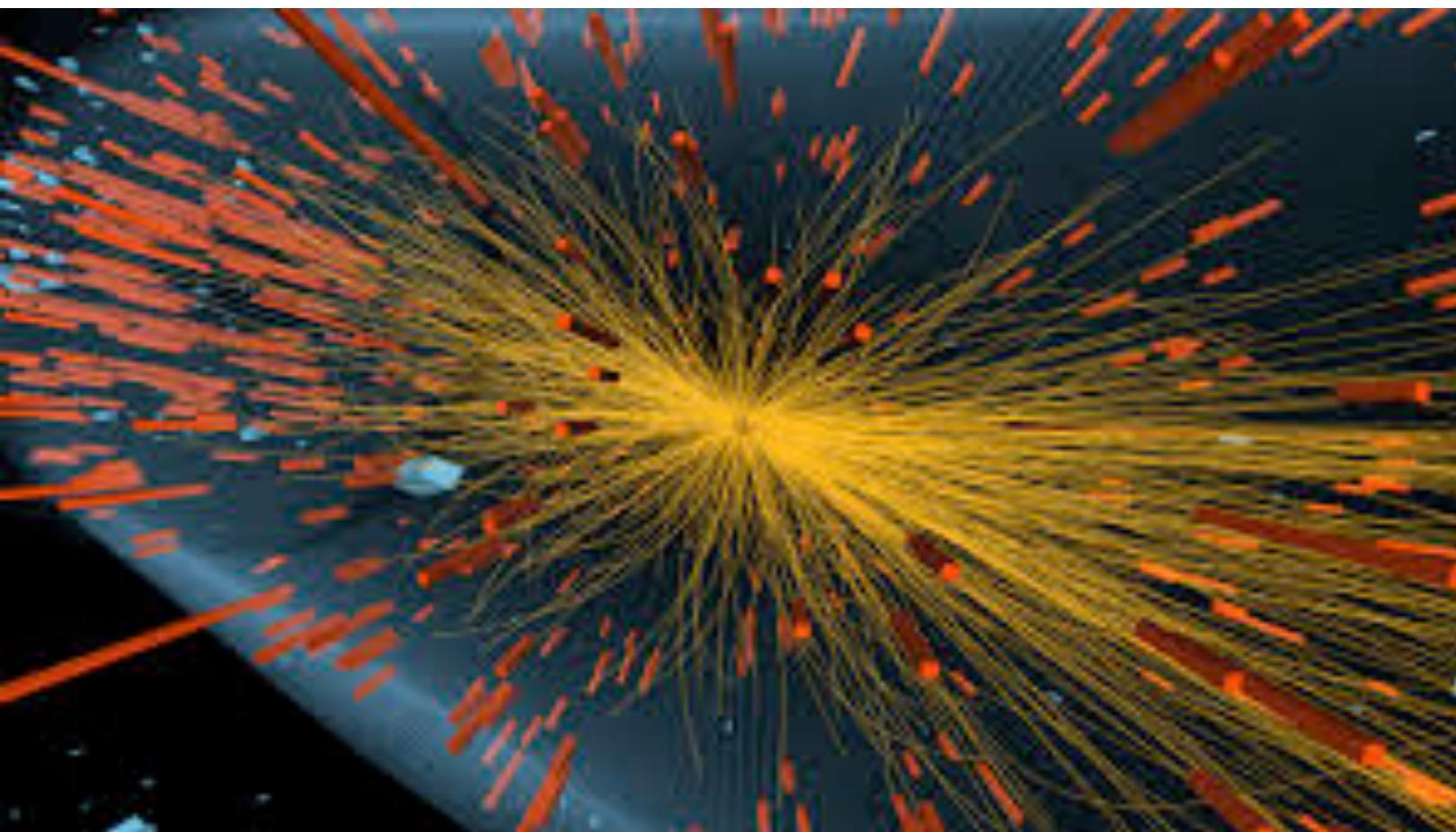
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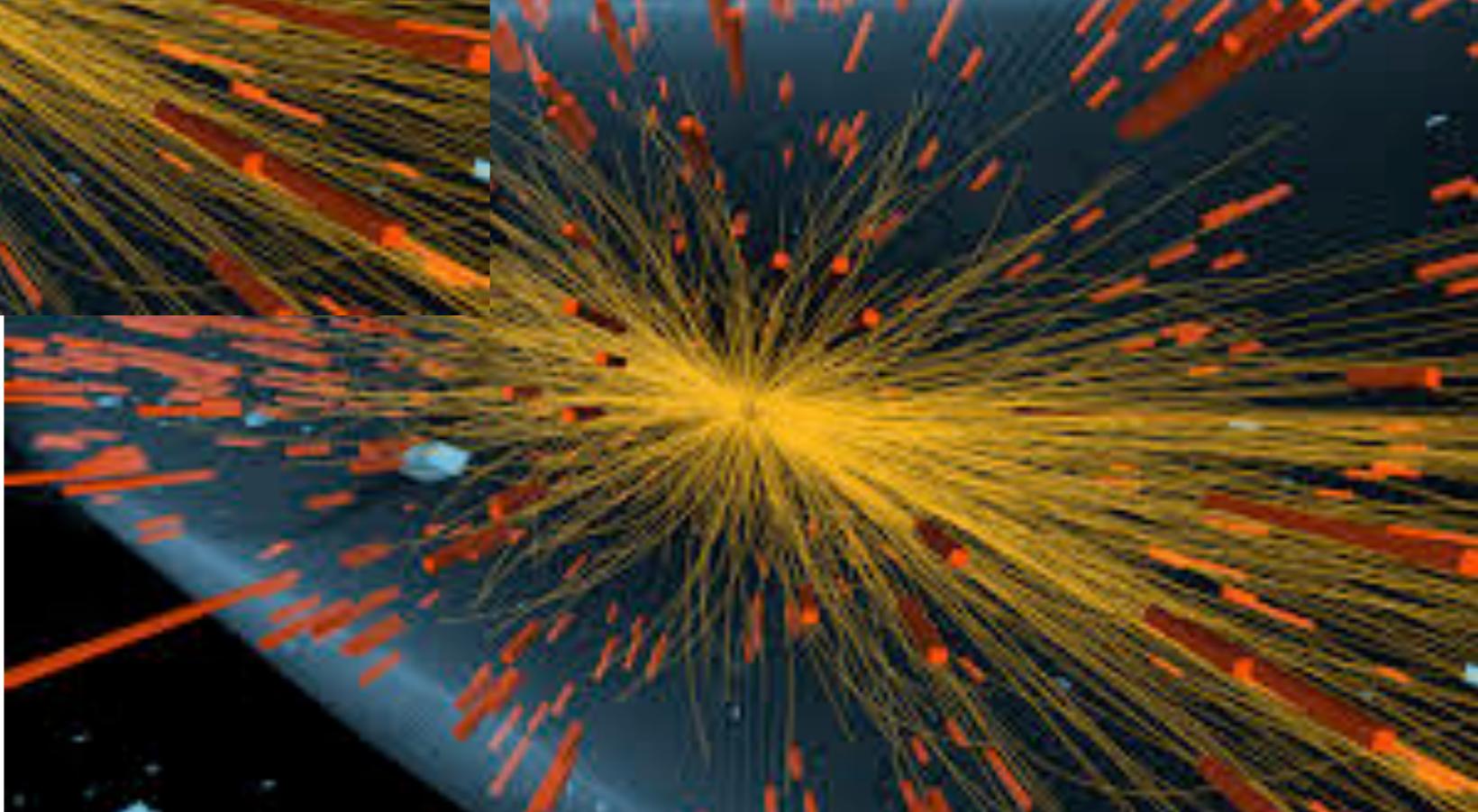
Issues: very broad mid-rapidity multiplicity distributions, and limited average mid-rapidity multiplicity

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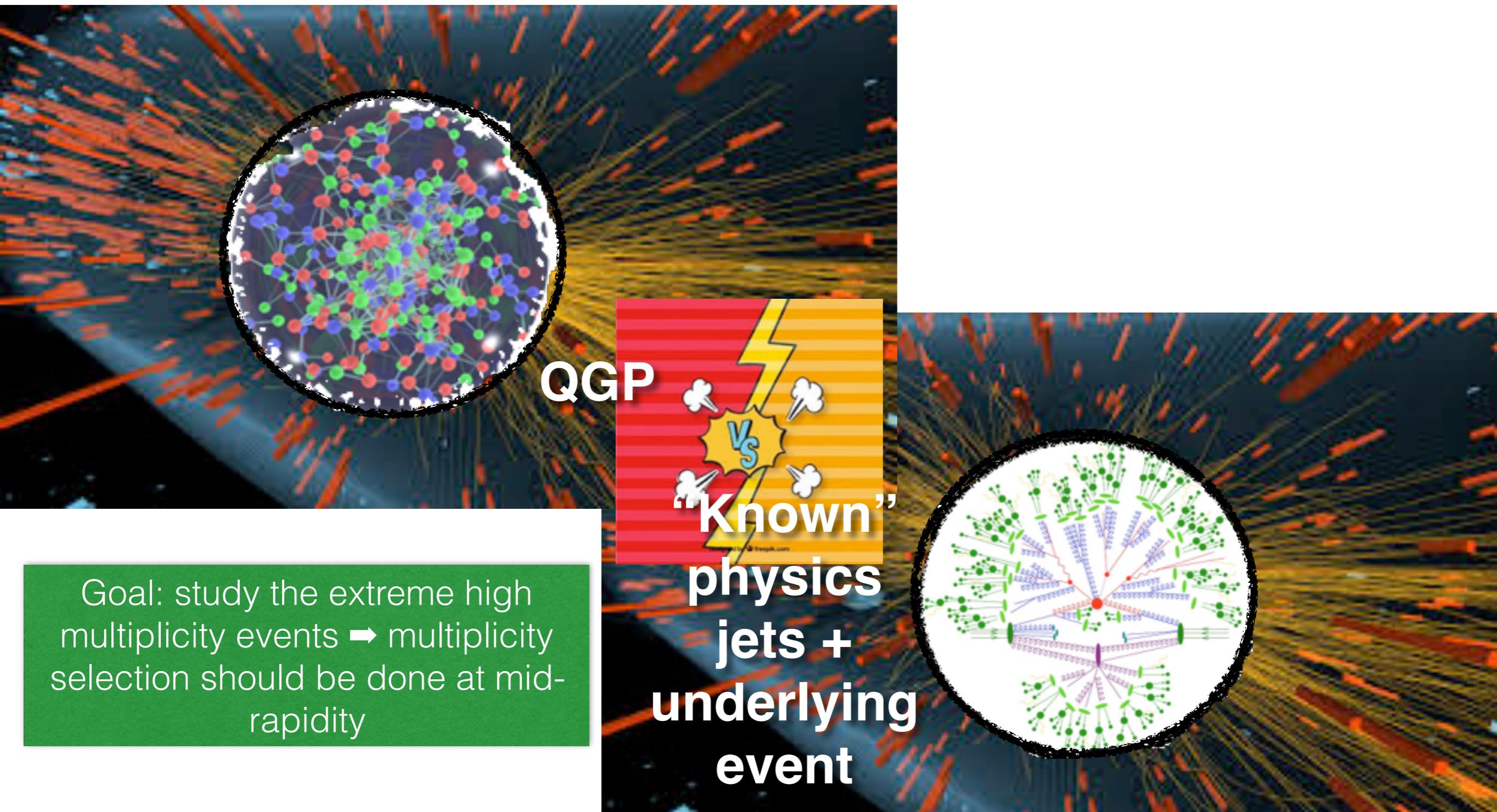


High multiplicity pp collisions



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How can we isolate the new physics?



A. N_{ch} and Jet

Idea: implement a double-differential analysis, i.e., make a selection based on the multiplicity and leading jet transverse momentum ($p_{\text{T}}^{\text{leading}}$) both determined at mid-rapidity

A. Ortiz, G. Bencedi and H. Bello, JPG 44 (2017) no.6, 065001

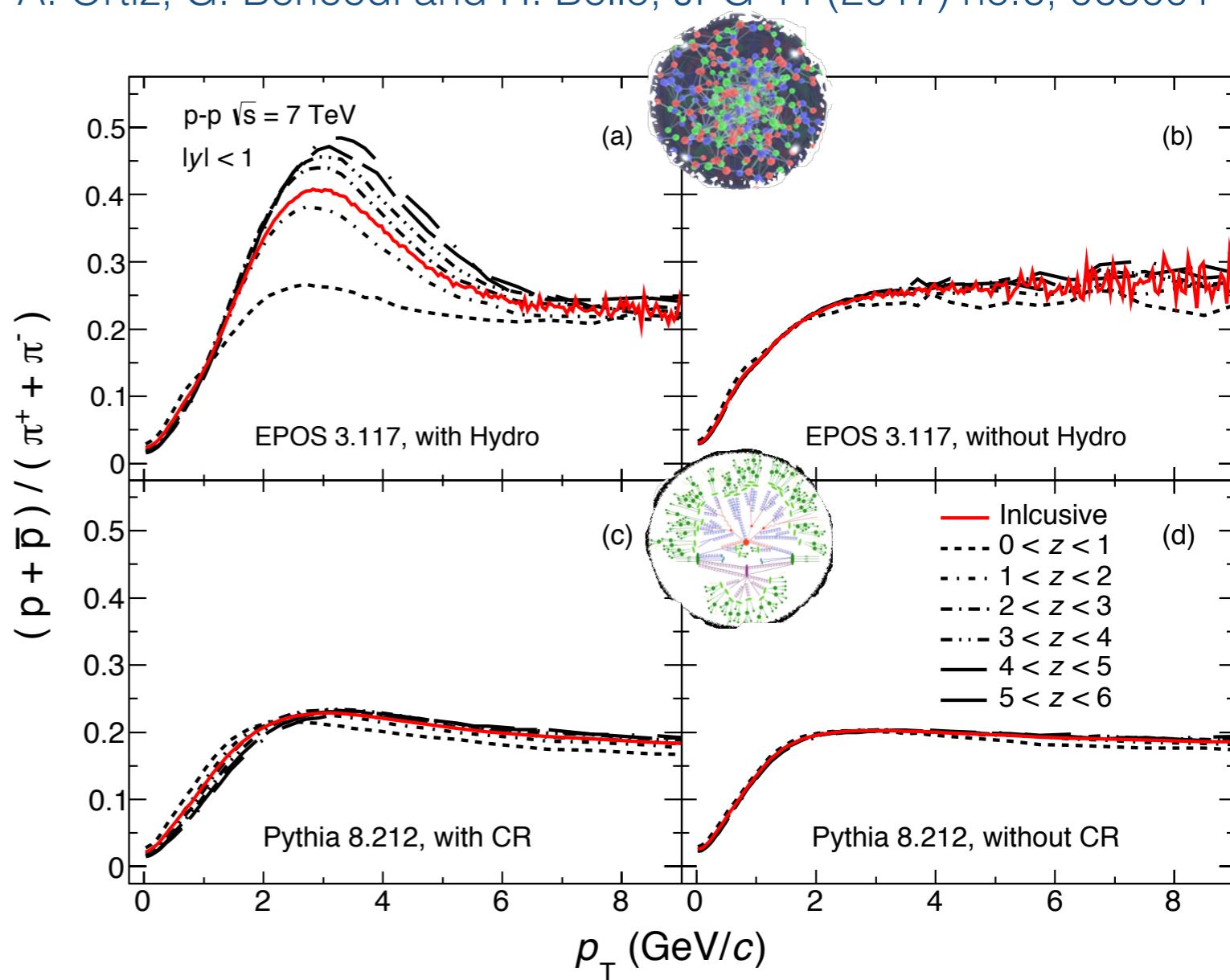
EPOS 3.117

corona: string segments with high p_{T} escape

core: lower p_{T} string segments used for initial conditions for hydro

PYTHIA 8.212

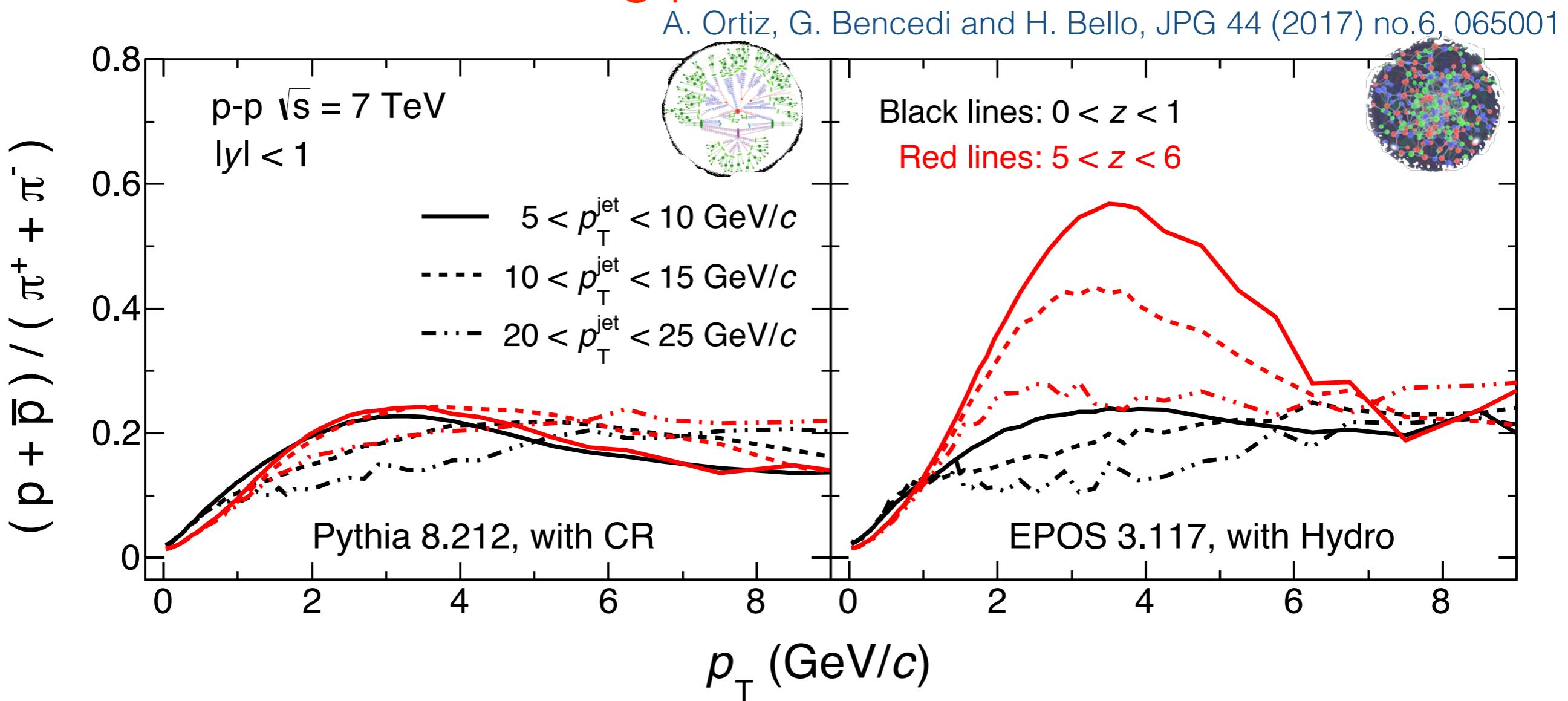
jets + underlying event (UE = MPI color reconnected with beam remnants, ISR, FSR)



Testing the idea (p/π)

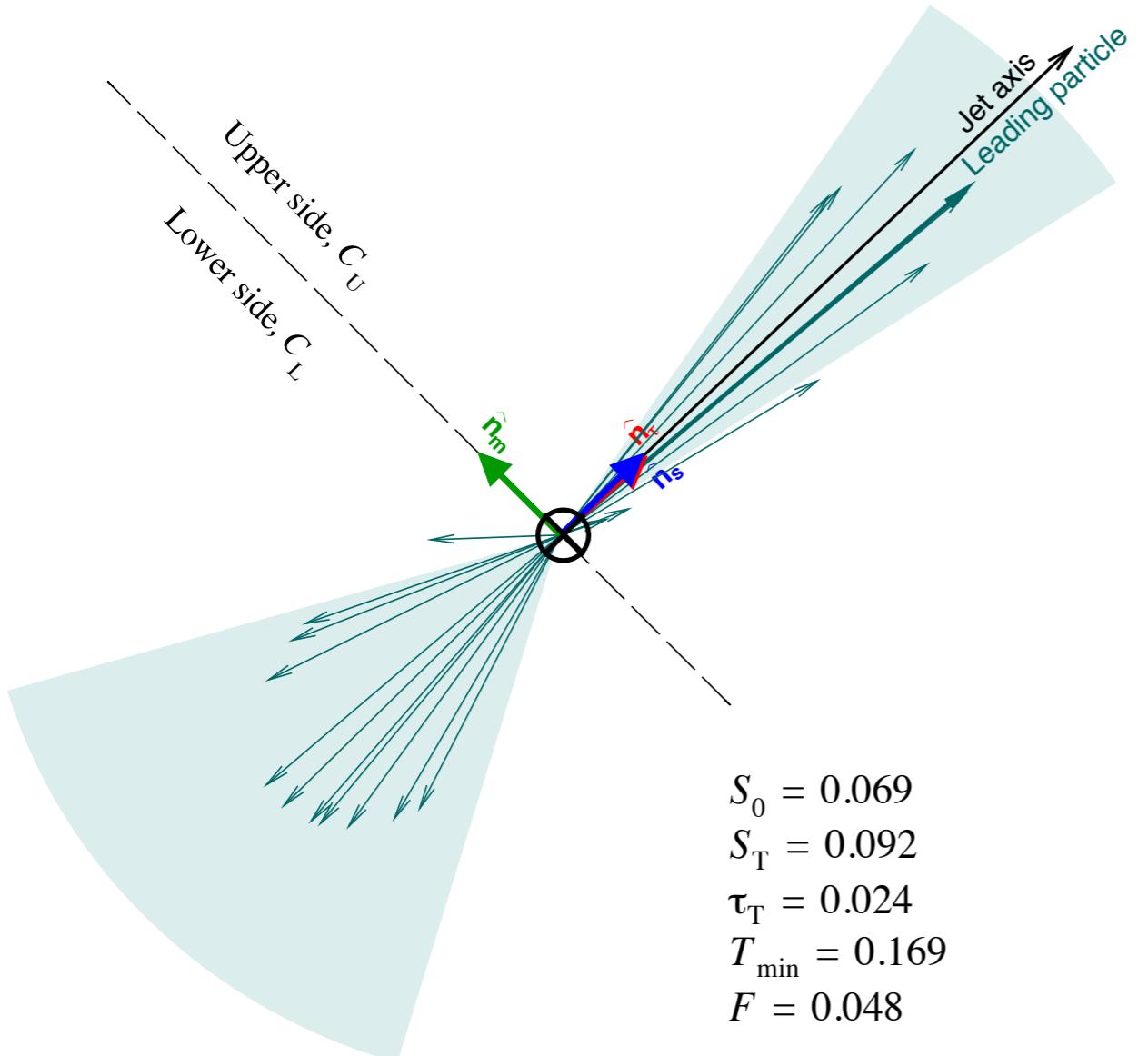
Low N_{ch} behave very similar in EPOS and PYTHIA

High N_{ch} : PYTHIA gives little or no dependence on p_T^{leading} . Whereas EPOS 3 gives a remarkable increase of the ratio with decreasing p_T^{leading}



B. N_{ch} and spherocity

Event shapes measure the geometrical properties of the energy flow in QCD events and, notably, its deviation from that expected based on pure lowest order partonic predictions



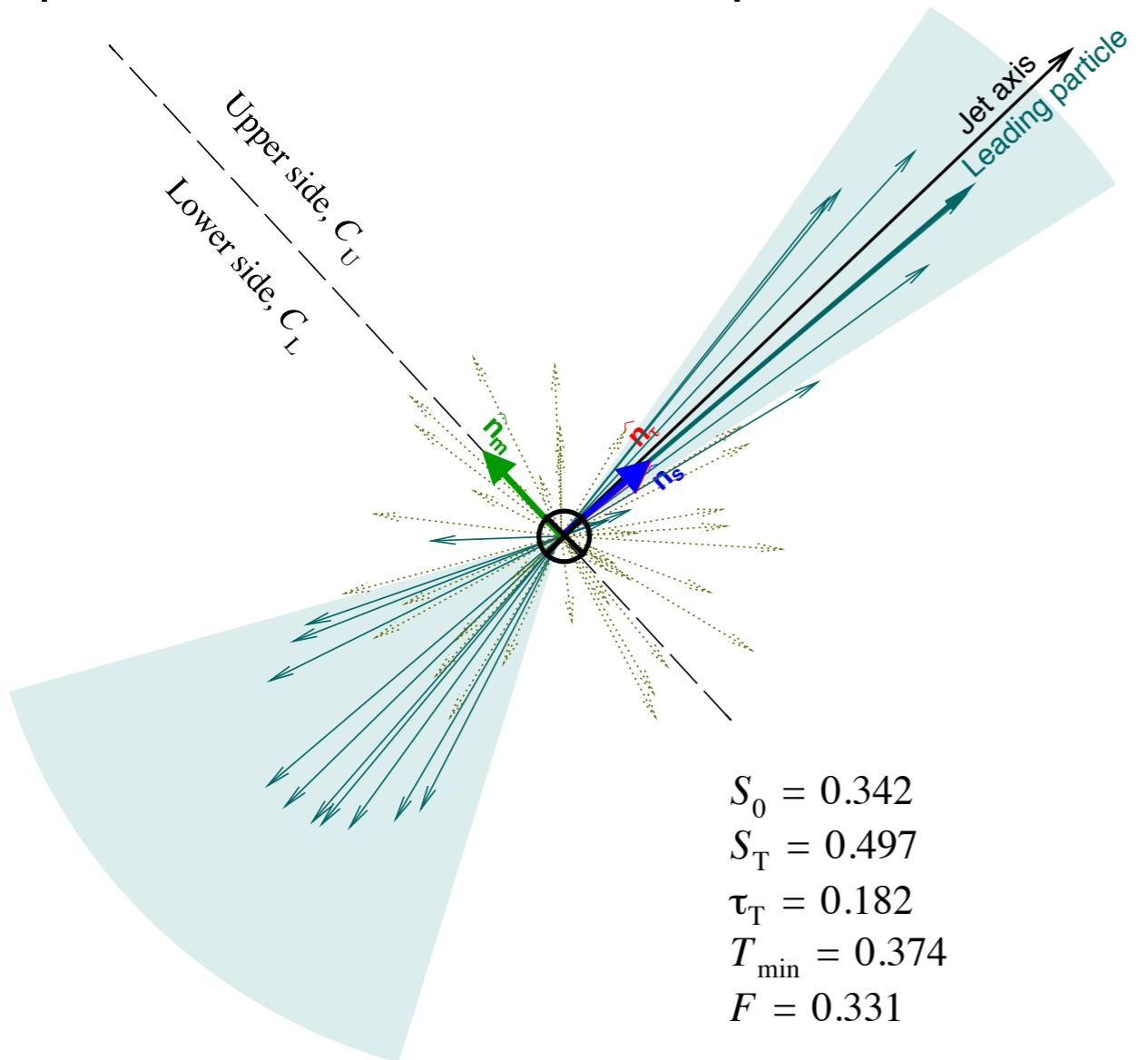
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→ The radiation perpendicular to the plane defined by the event shape axis and the beam one should be sensitive to soft physics

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Definition

Transverse spherocity is an event shape which measures the radiation perpendicular to the plane formed by the beam axis and that of the main partonic scattering (~spherocity axis, **ns**)

$$S_0 \equiv \frac{\pi^2}{4} \left(\frac{\sum_i^{N_{\text{ch}}} |\vec{p}_{T,i} \times \hat{\mathbf{n}}_s|}{\sum_i^{N_{\text{ch}}} p_{T,i}} \right)^2$$

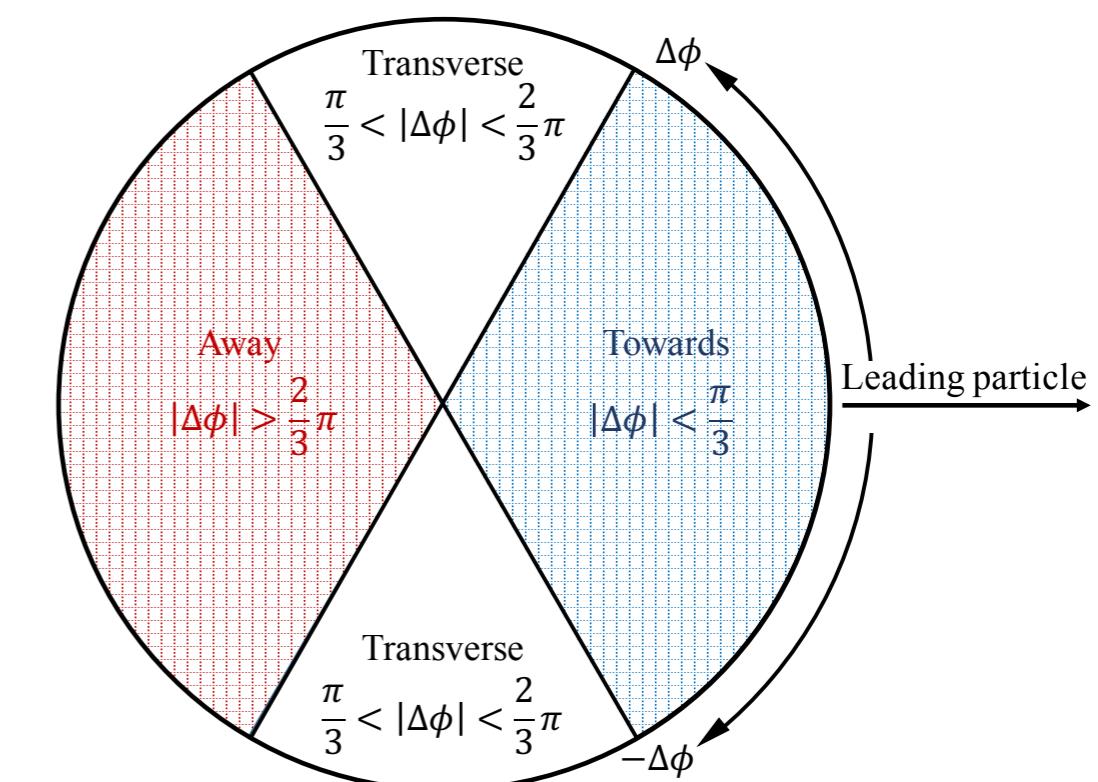
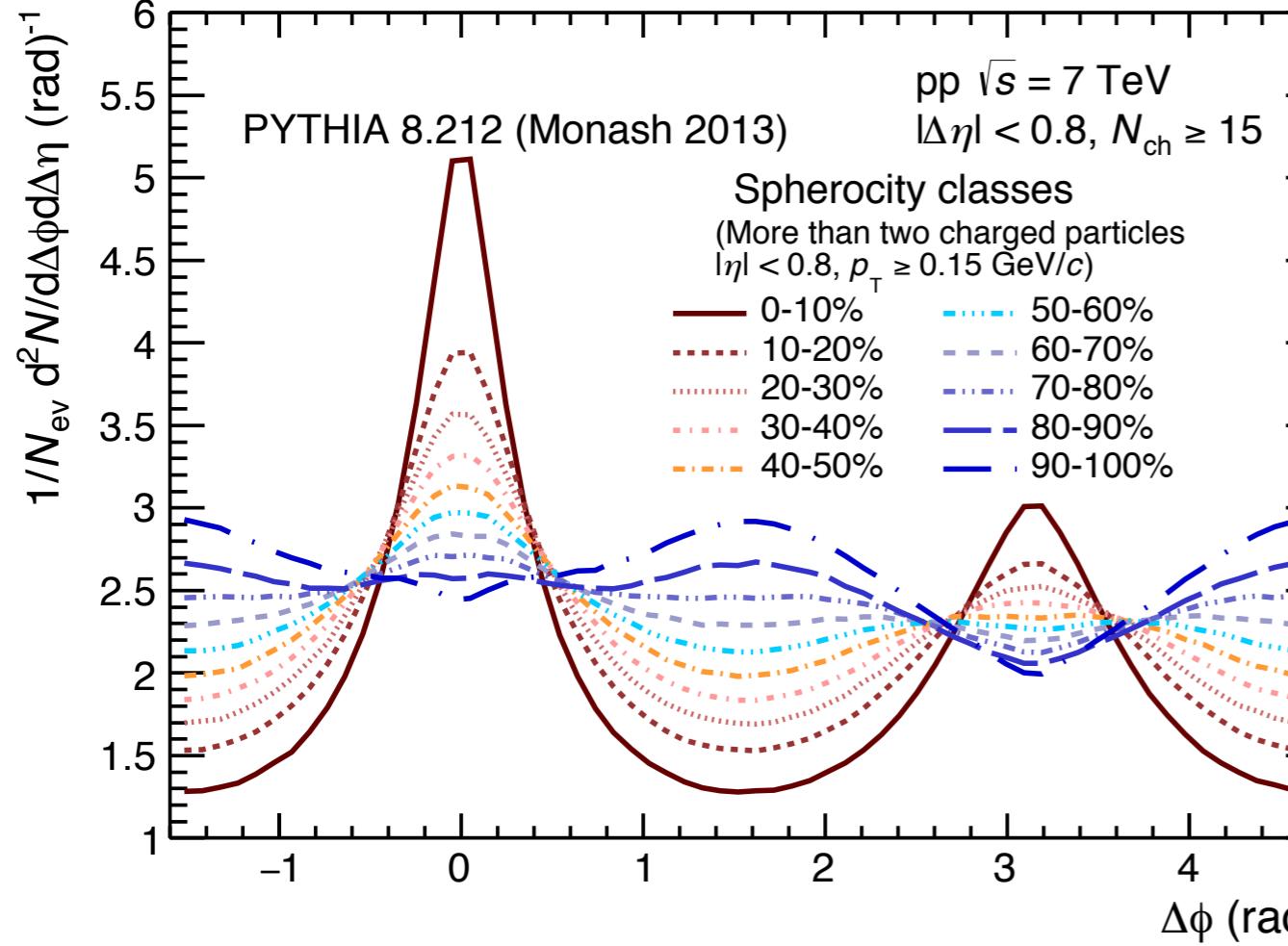
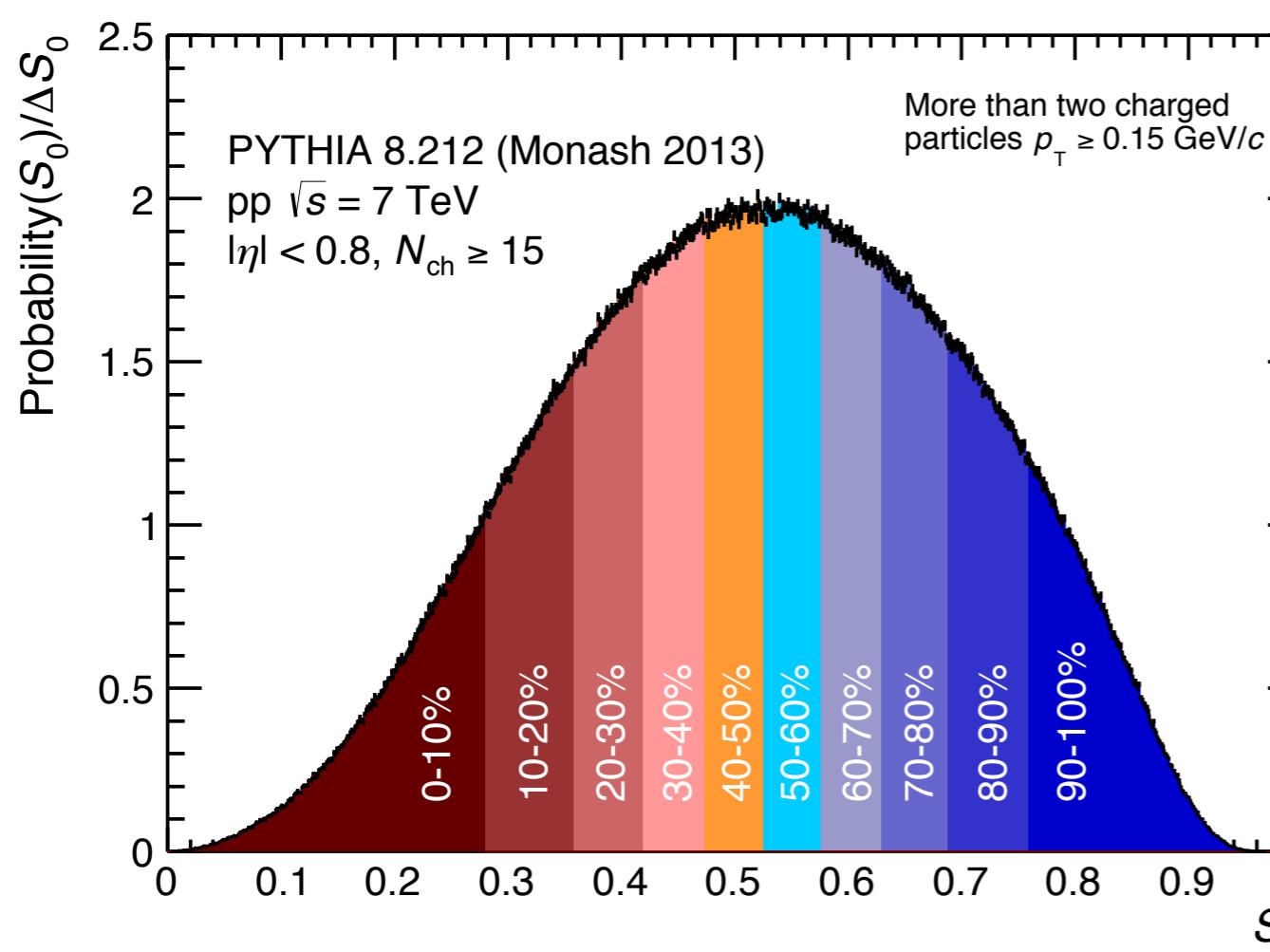
- Spherocity axis (**ns**) is that which minimises the ratio above
- For the calculation of spherocity we consider primary charged particles, $p_T > 0.15 \text{ GeV}/c$, $|\eta| < 0.8$
- We proposed for the first time the use of event shapes for soft physics studies



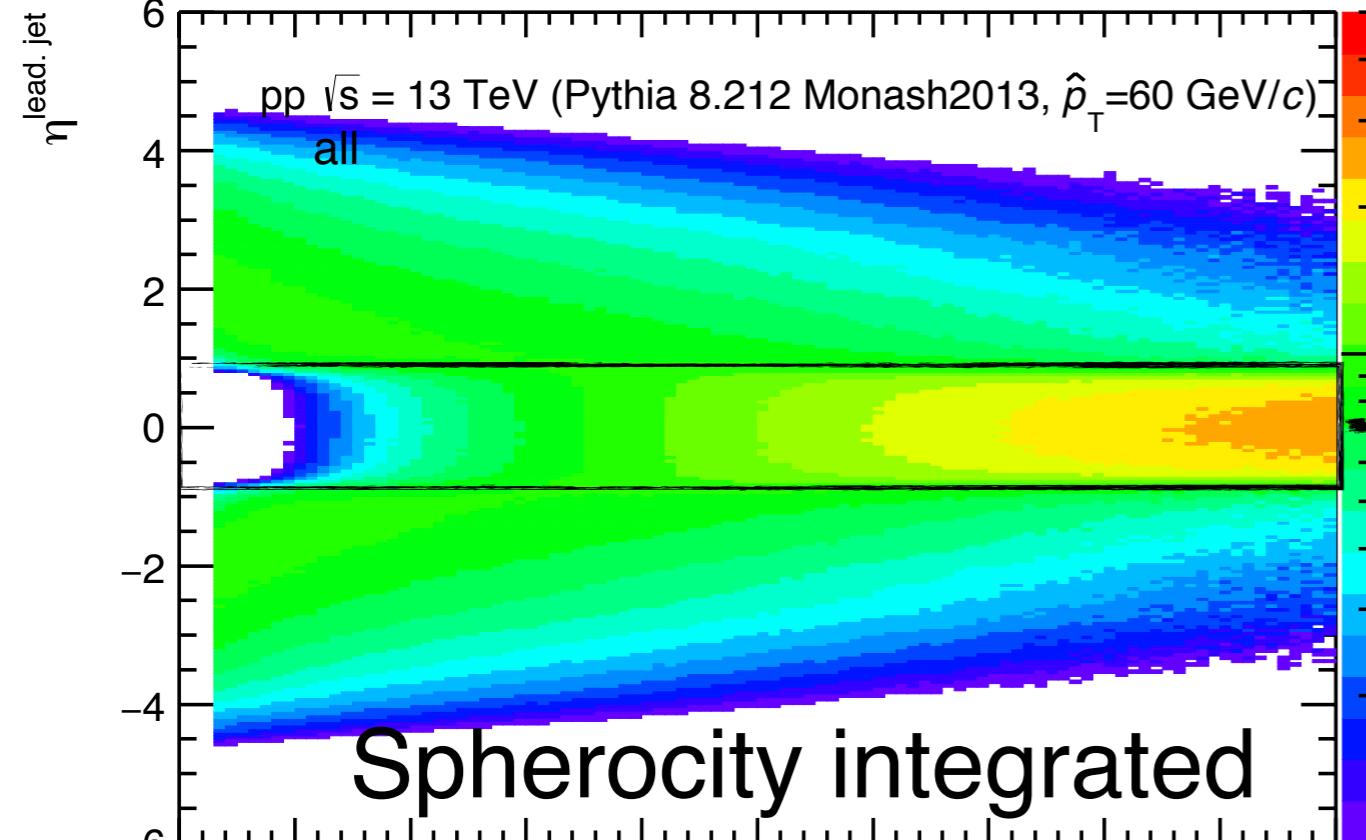
PYTHIA

Event classification based
on spherocity percentiles
→ now adopted by ALICE

Characteristics of the events
selected using spherocity

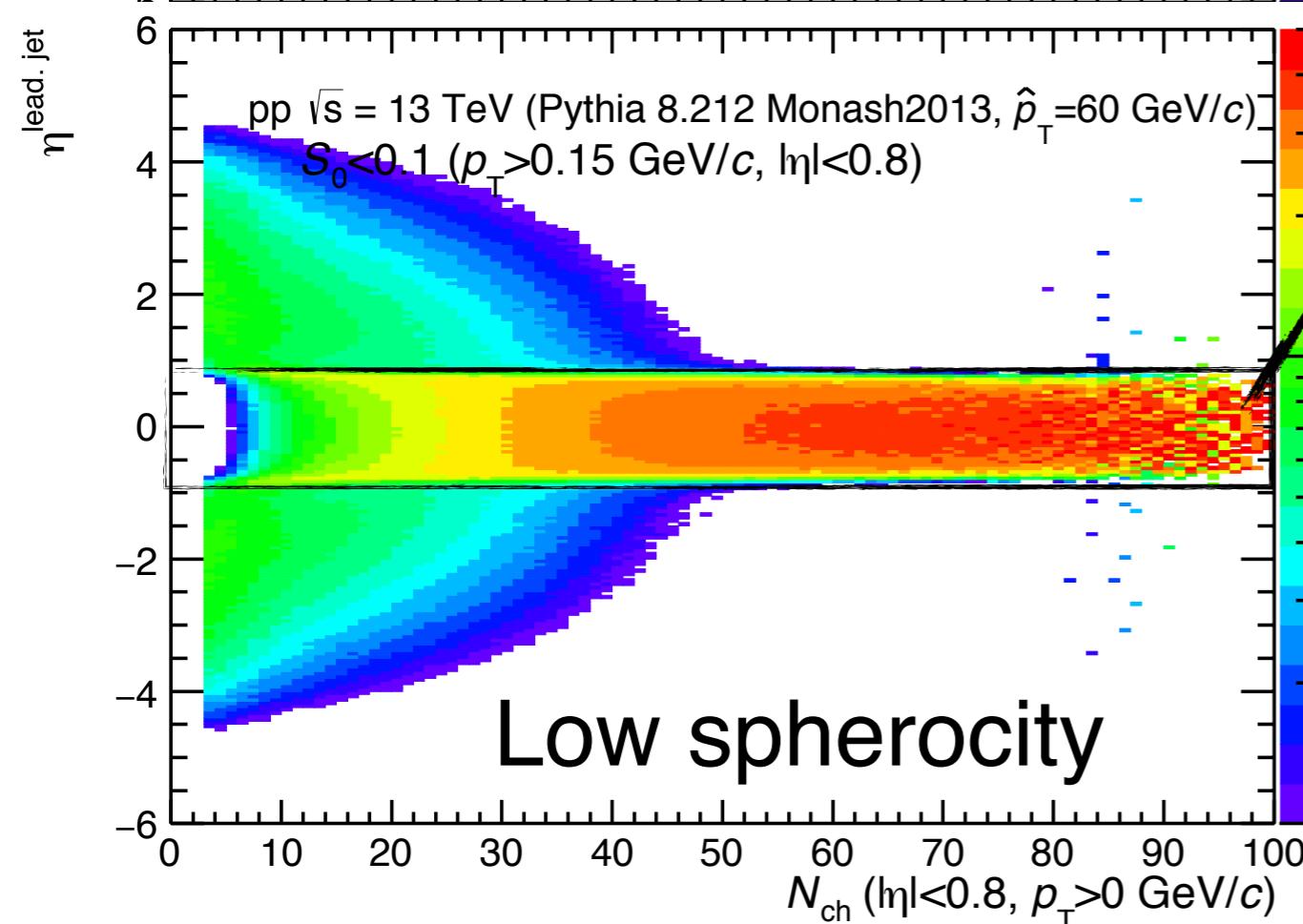


PYTHIA + jets (60 GeV/c)

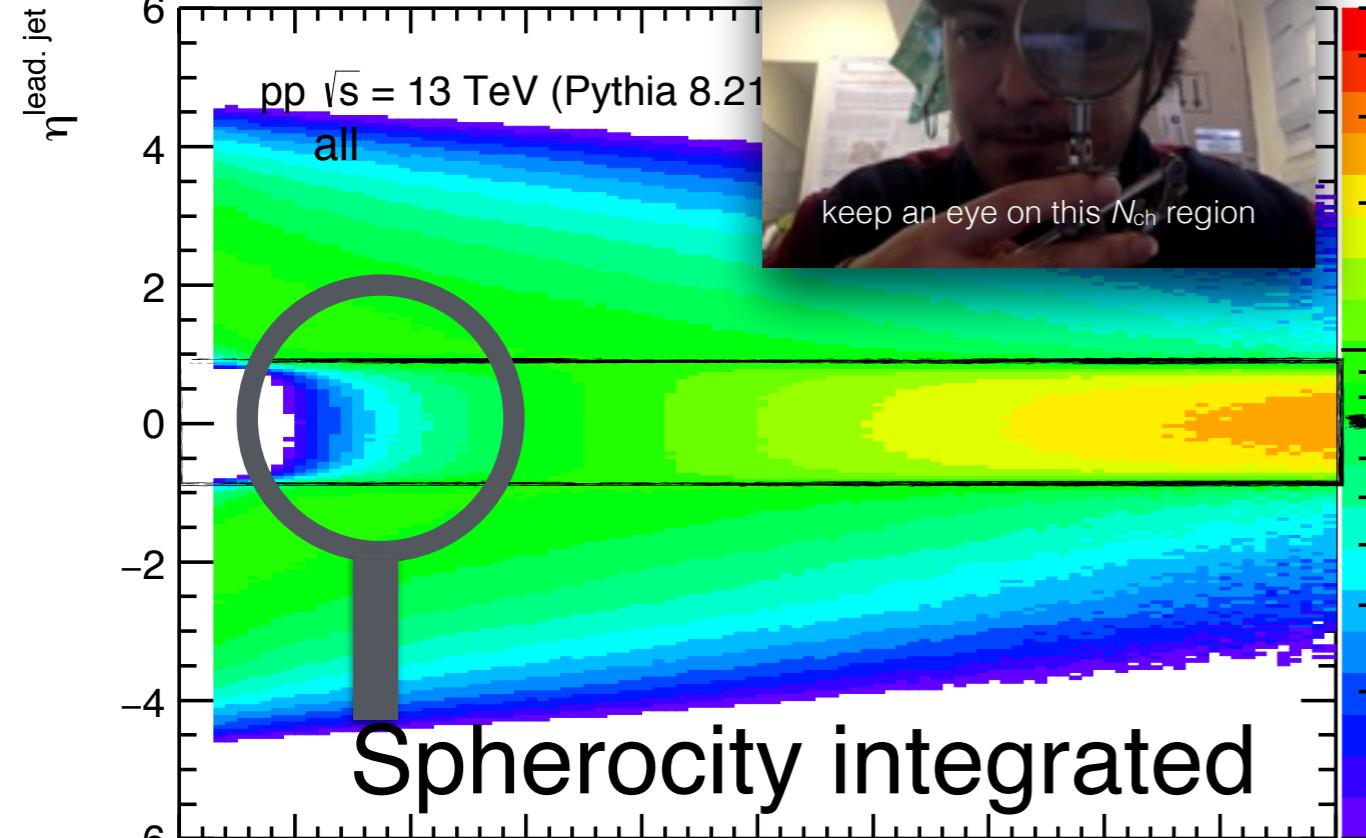


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Multiplicity and spherocity are both calculated here $|\eta| < 0.8$

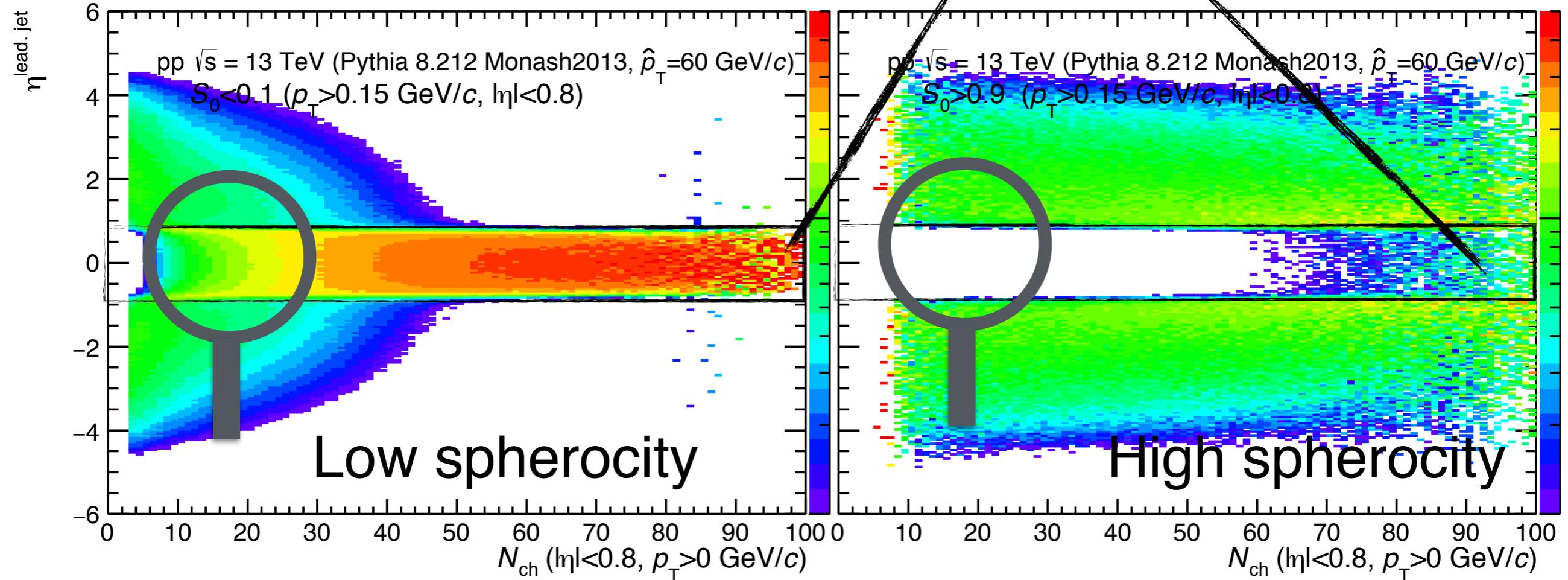


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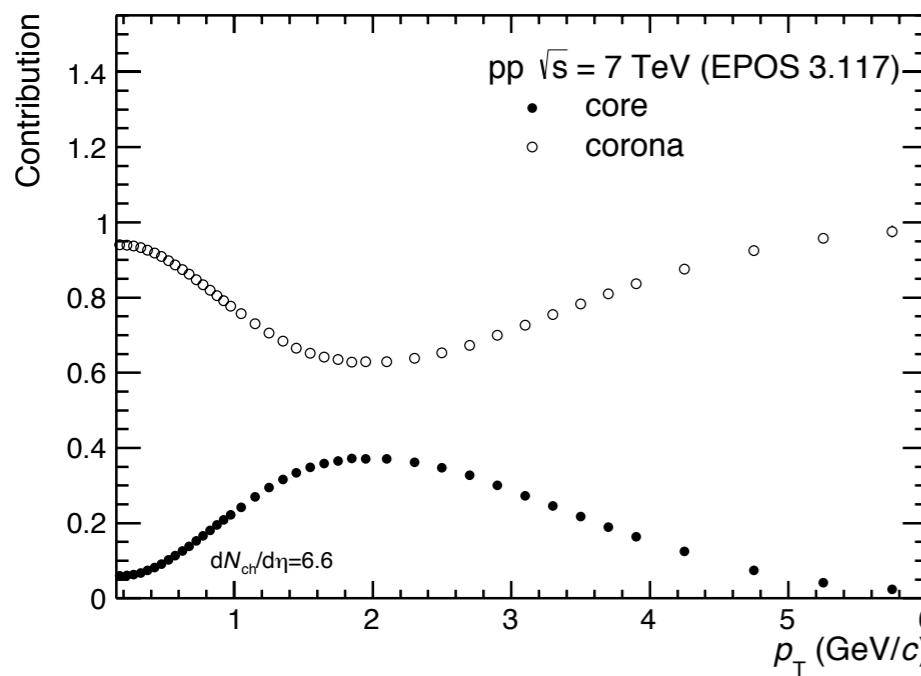
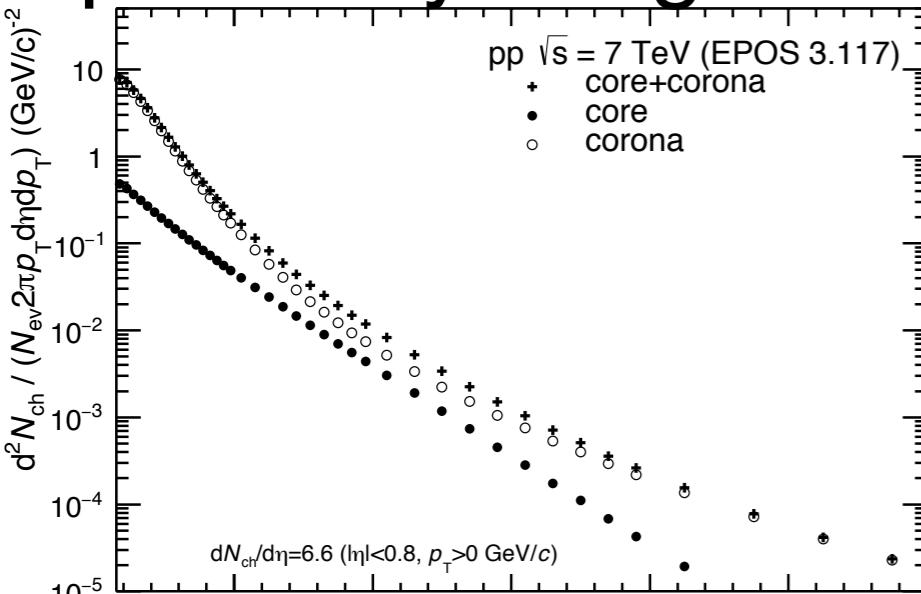
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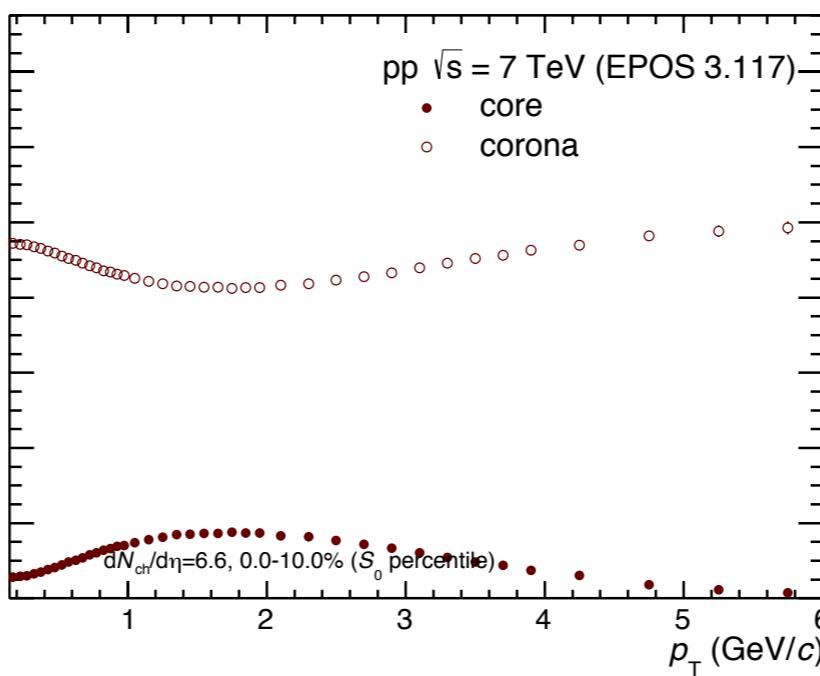
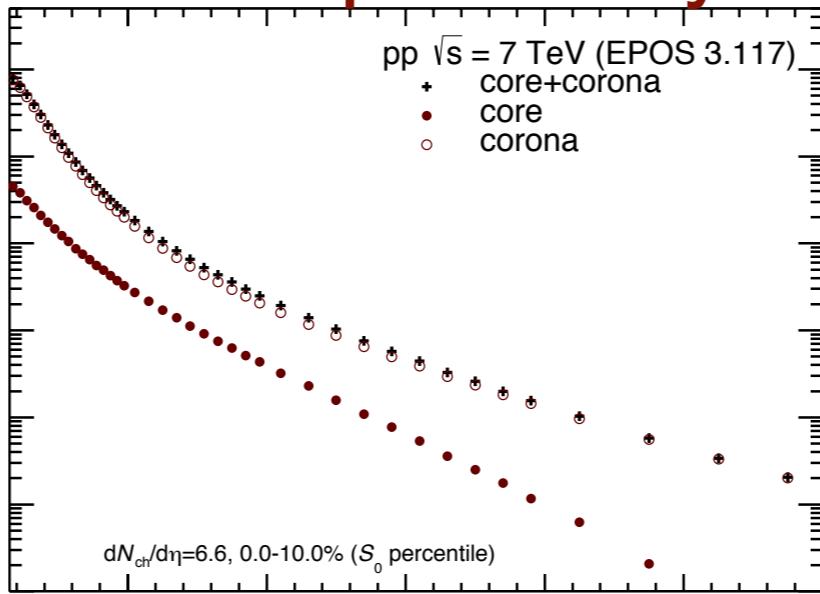
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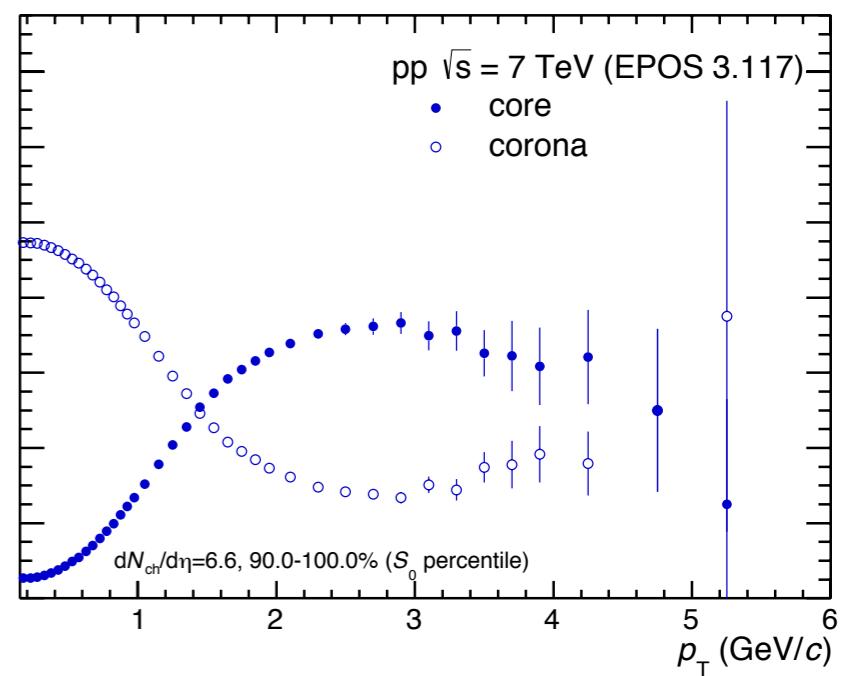
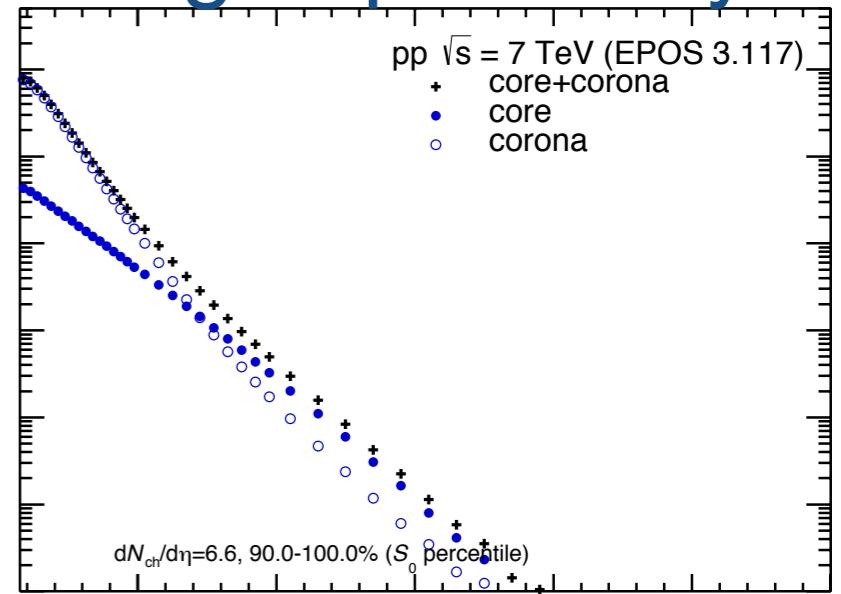
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Low spherocity



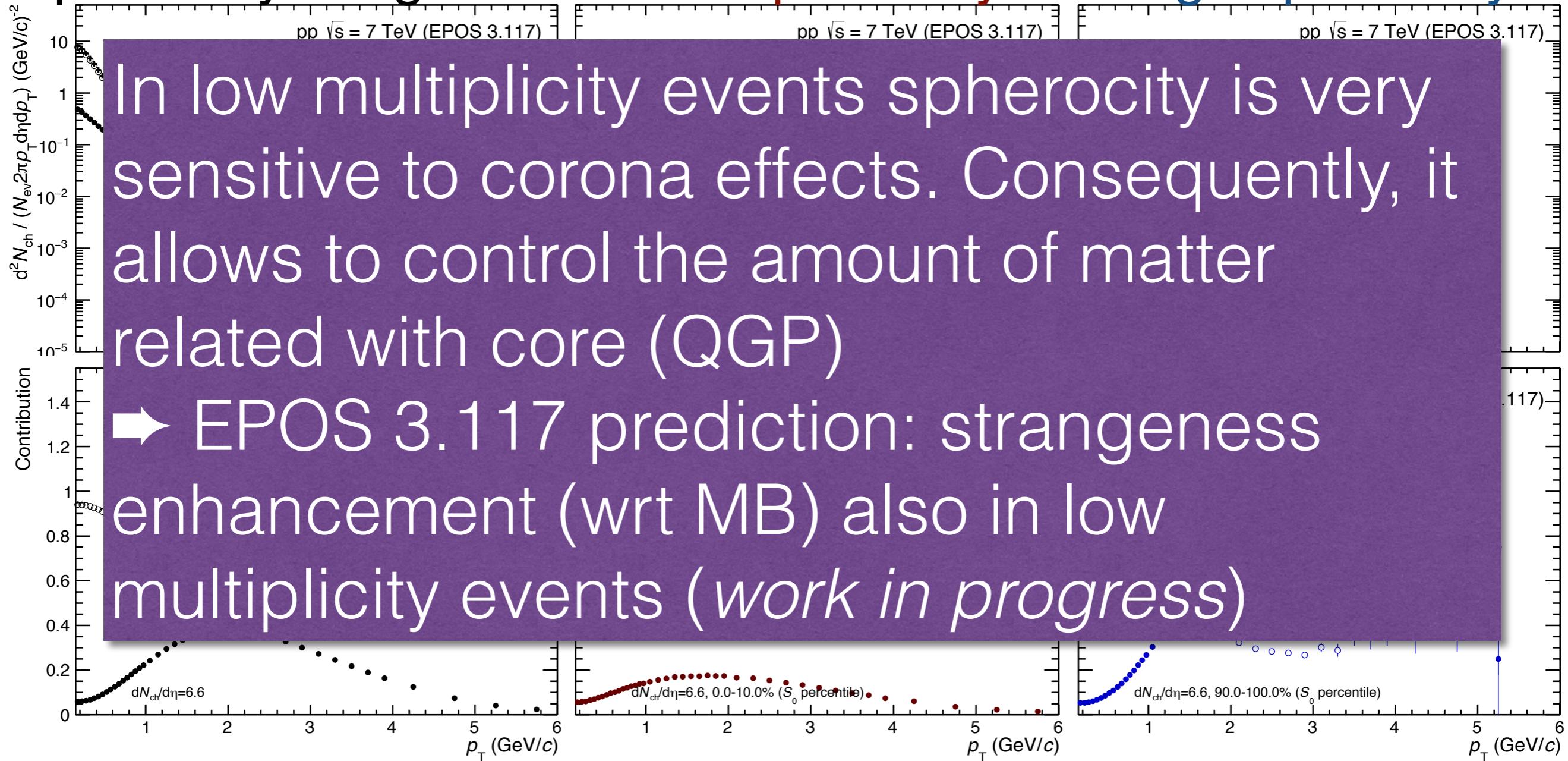
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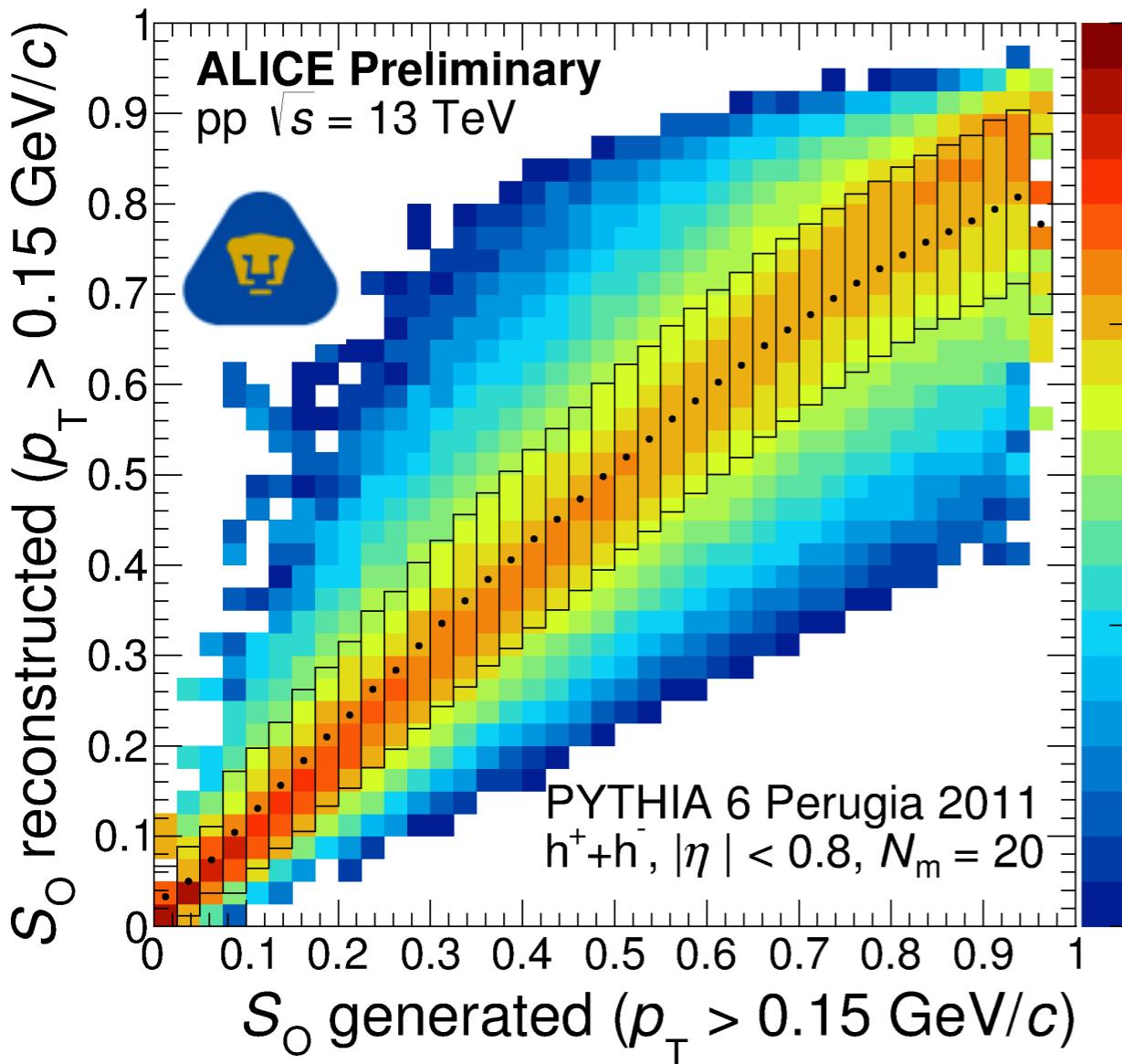
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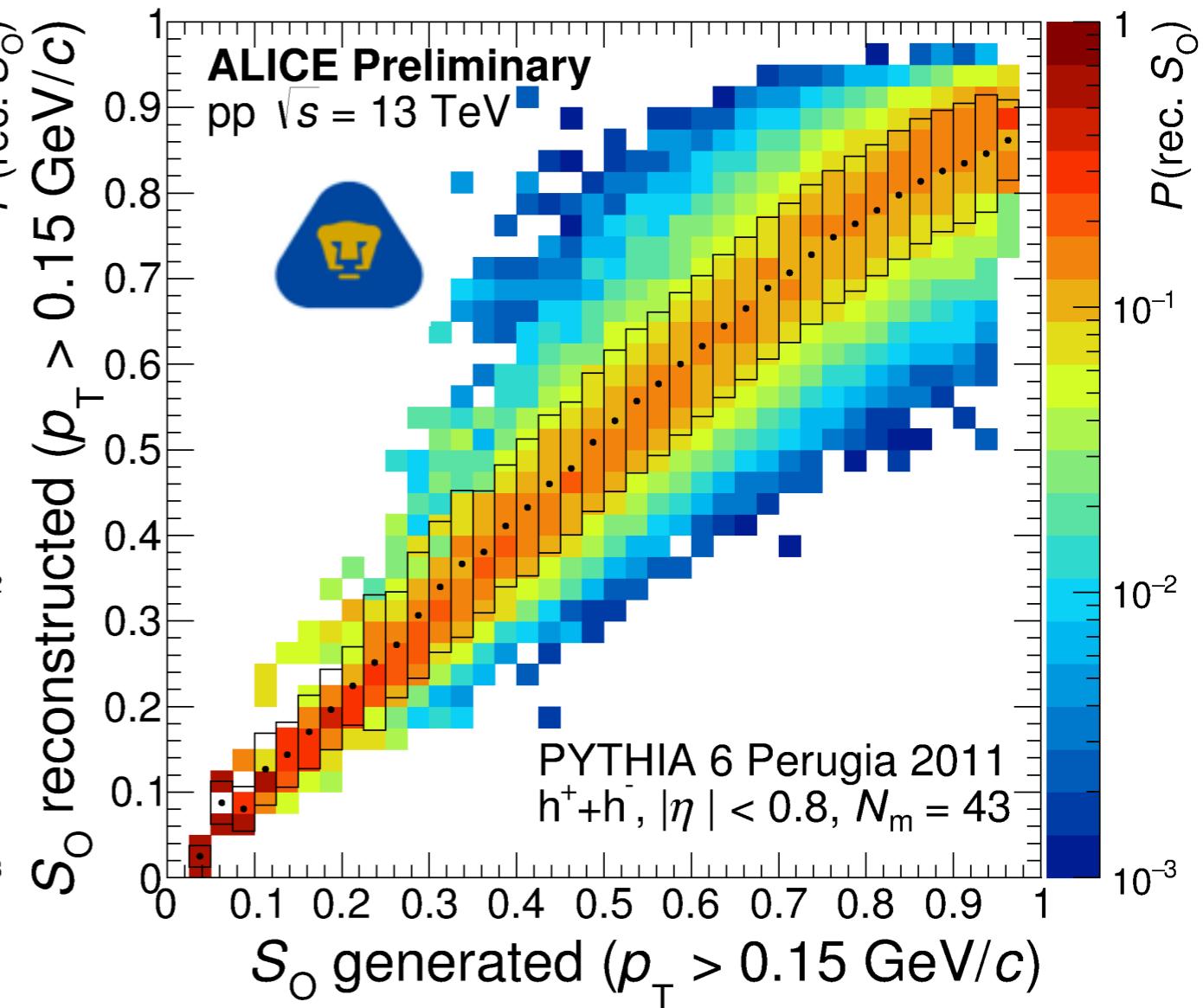
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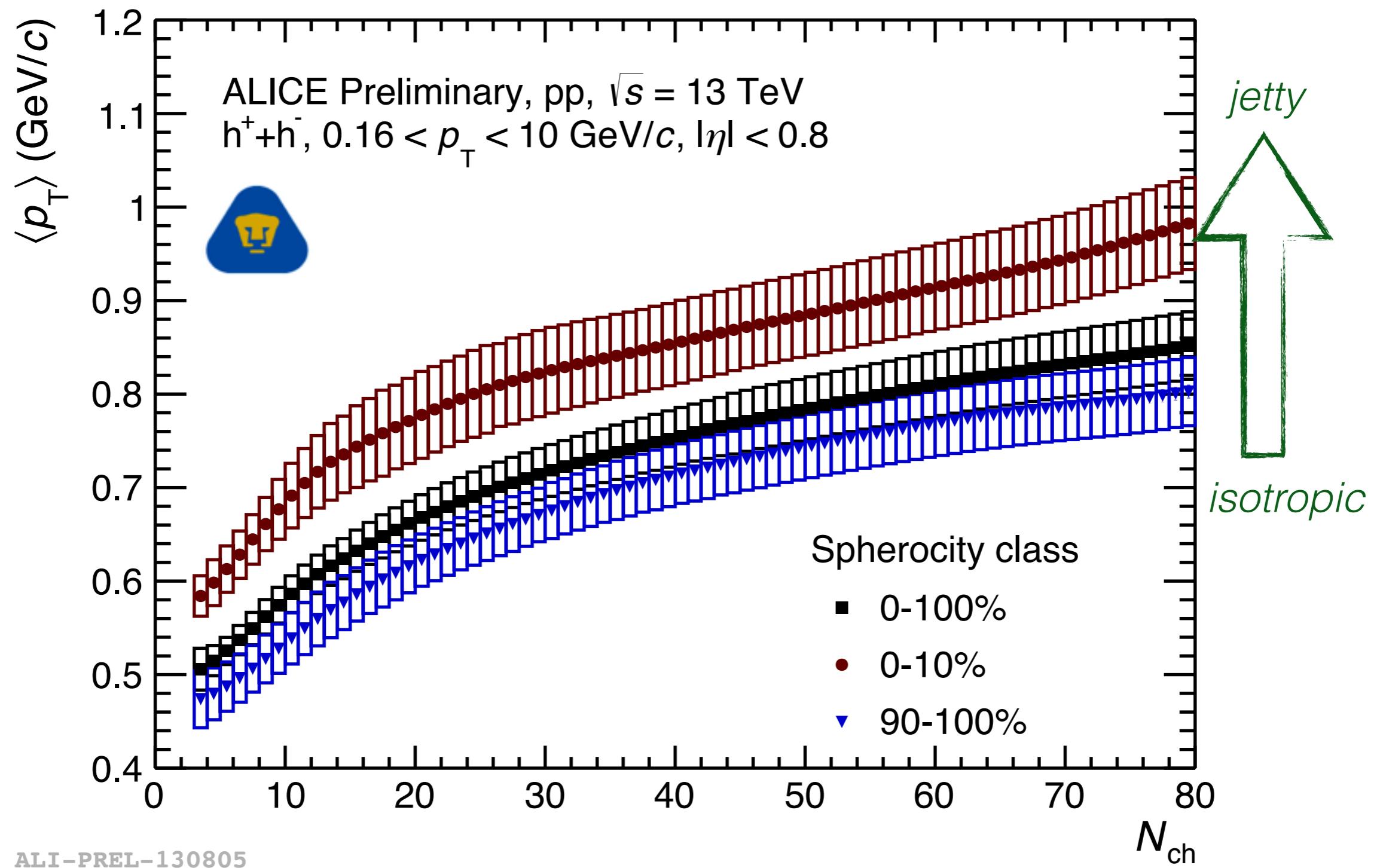
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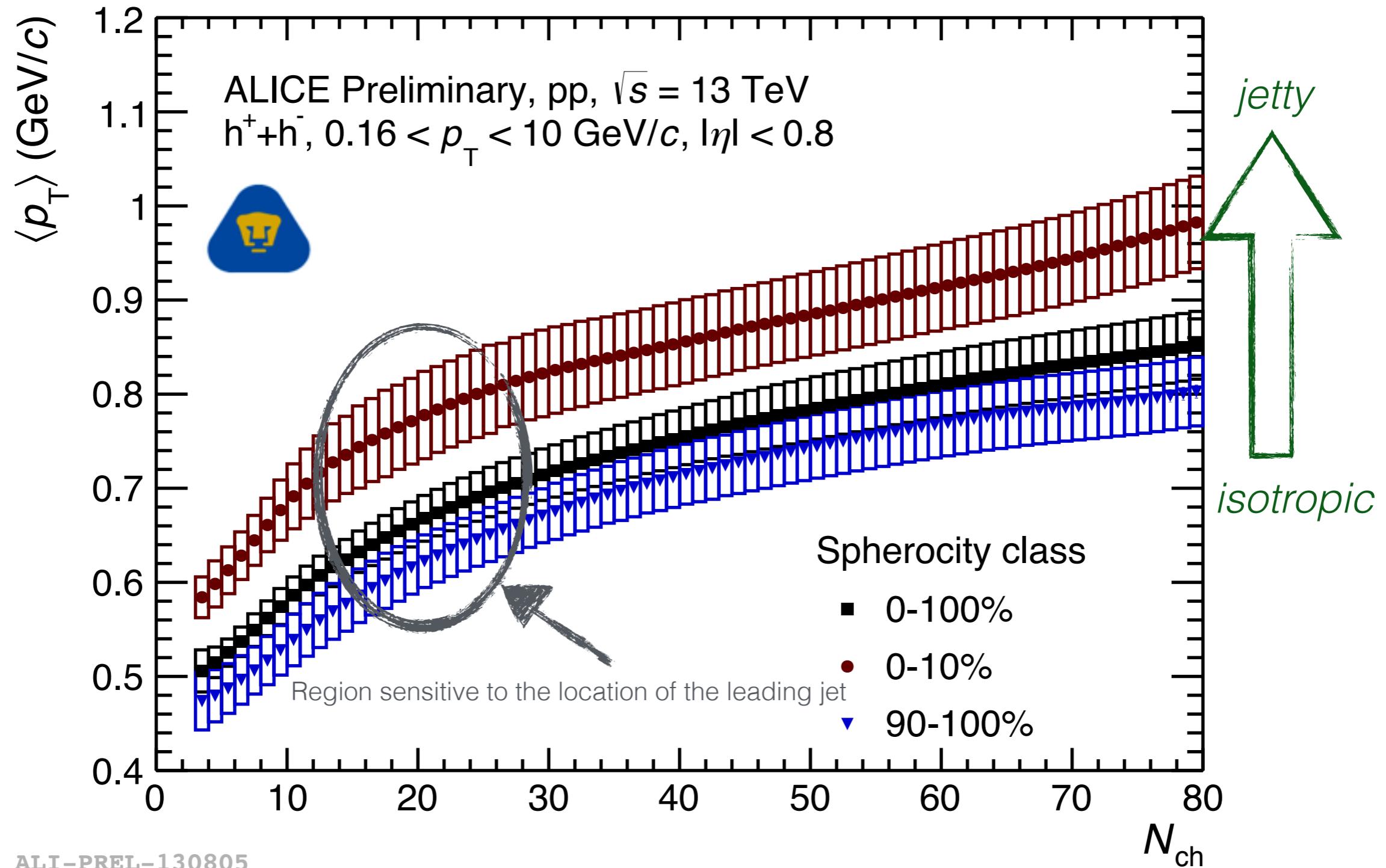
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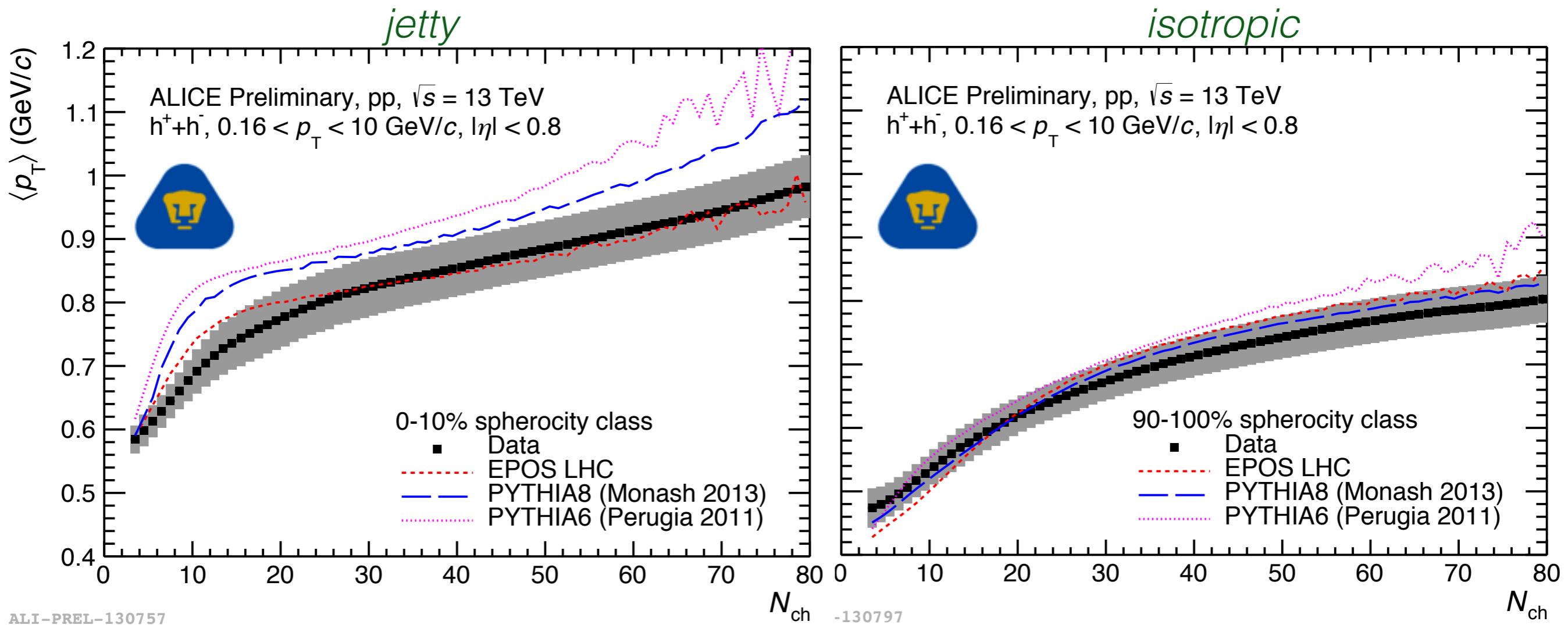


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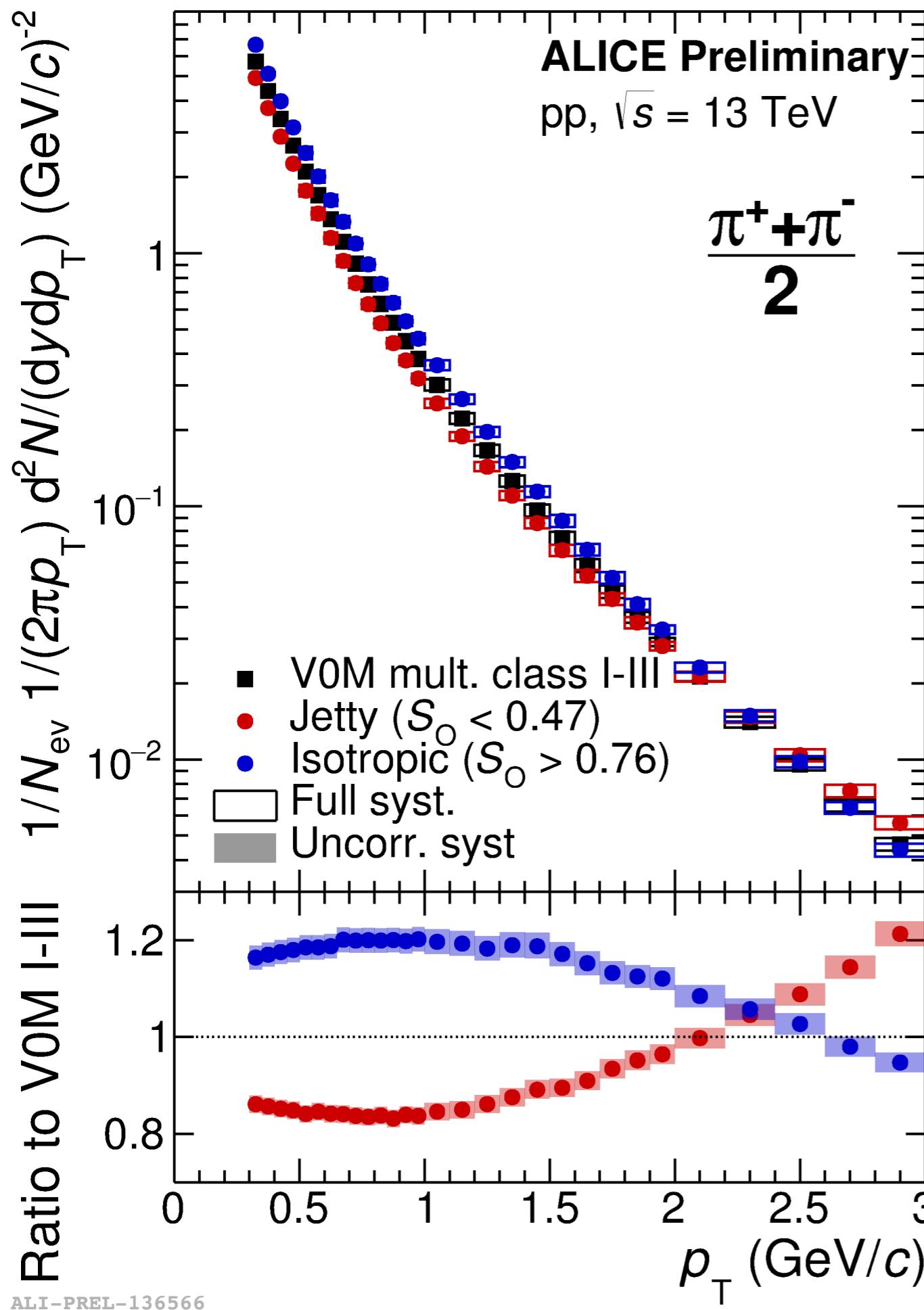
($\langle p_T \rangle$ vs N_{ch}) vs S_0

The average p_T is calculated considering low p_T particles, in that regime, most of MC generators describe well the data. However, for jetty events we observe some discrepancies



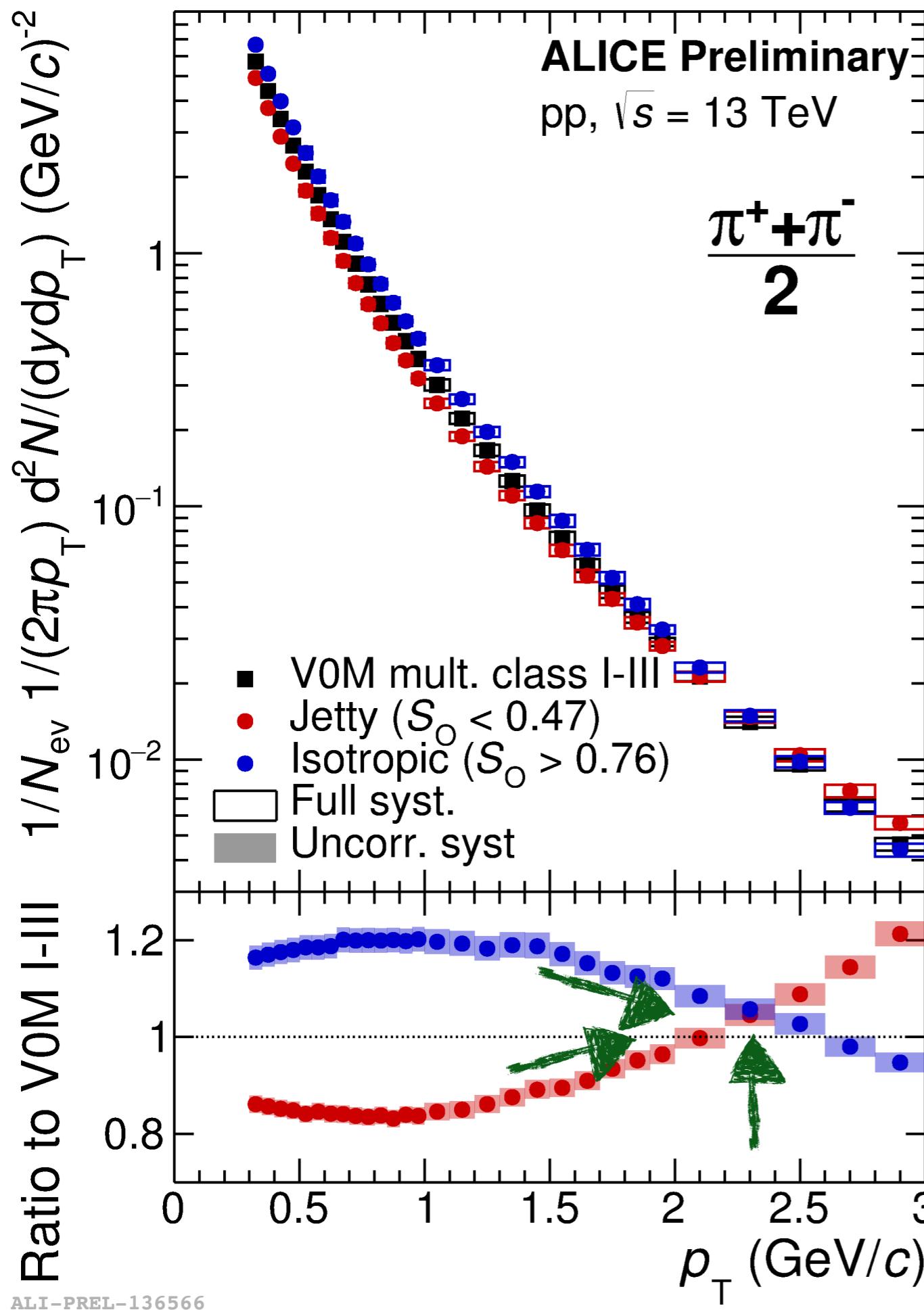
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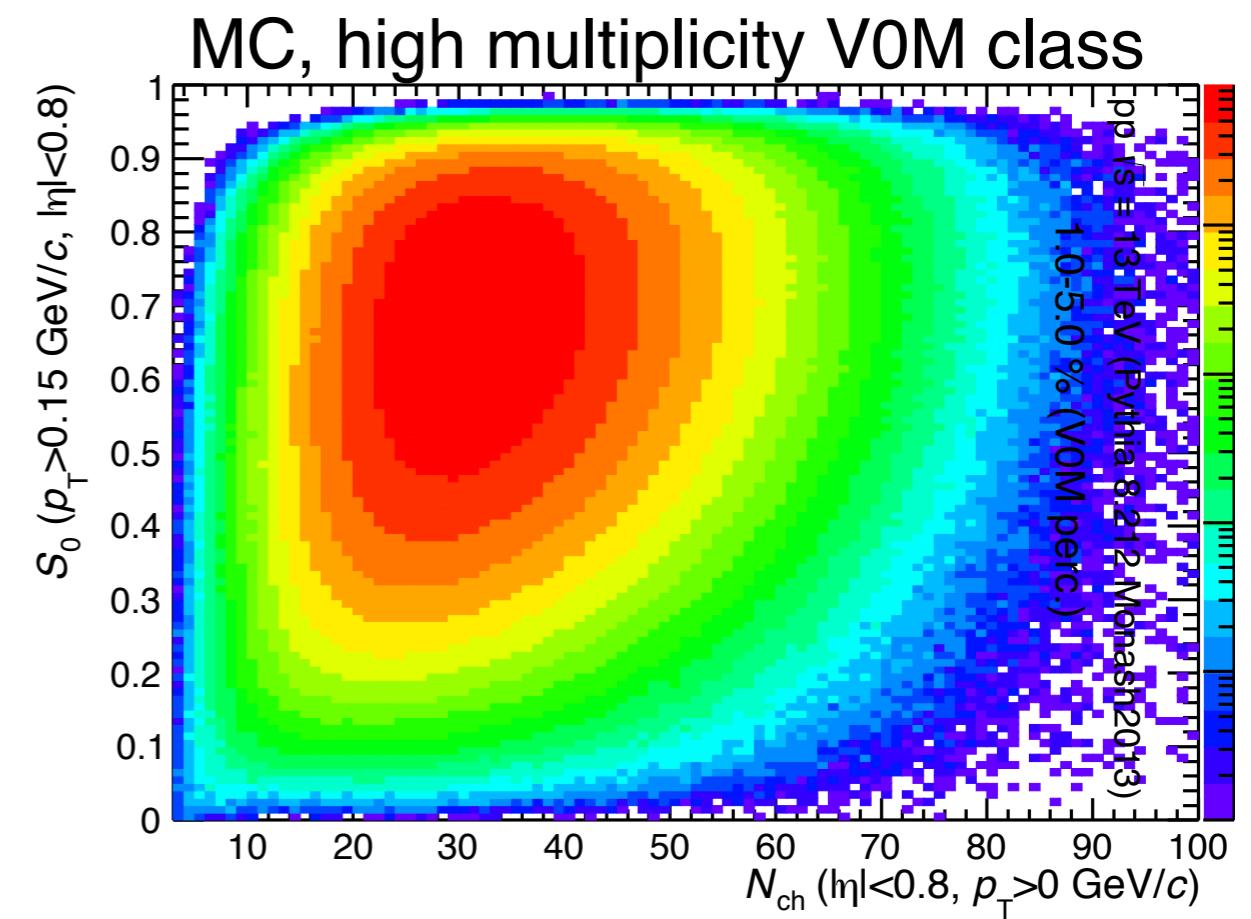
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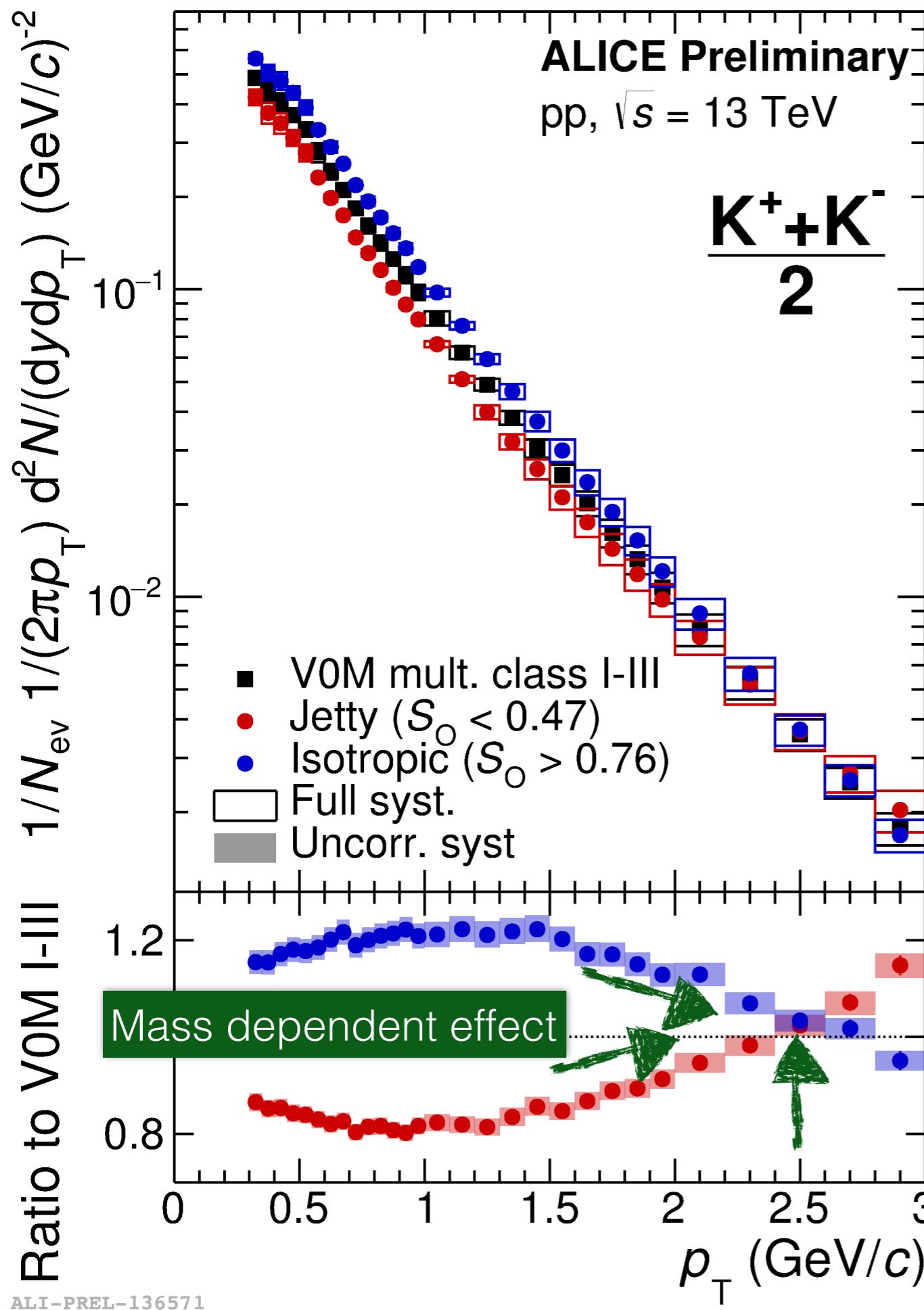
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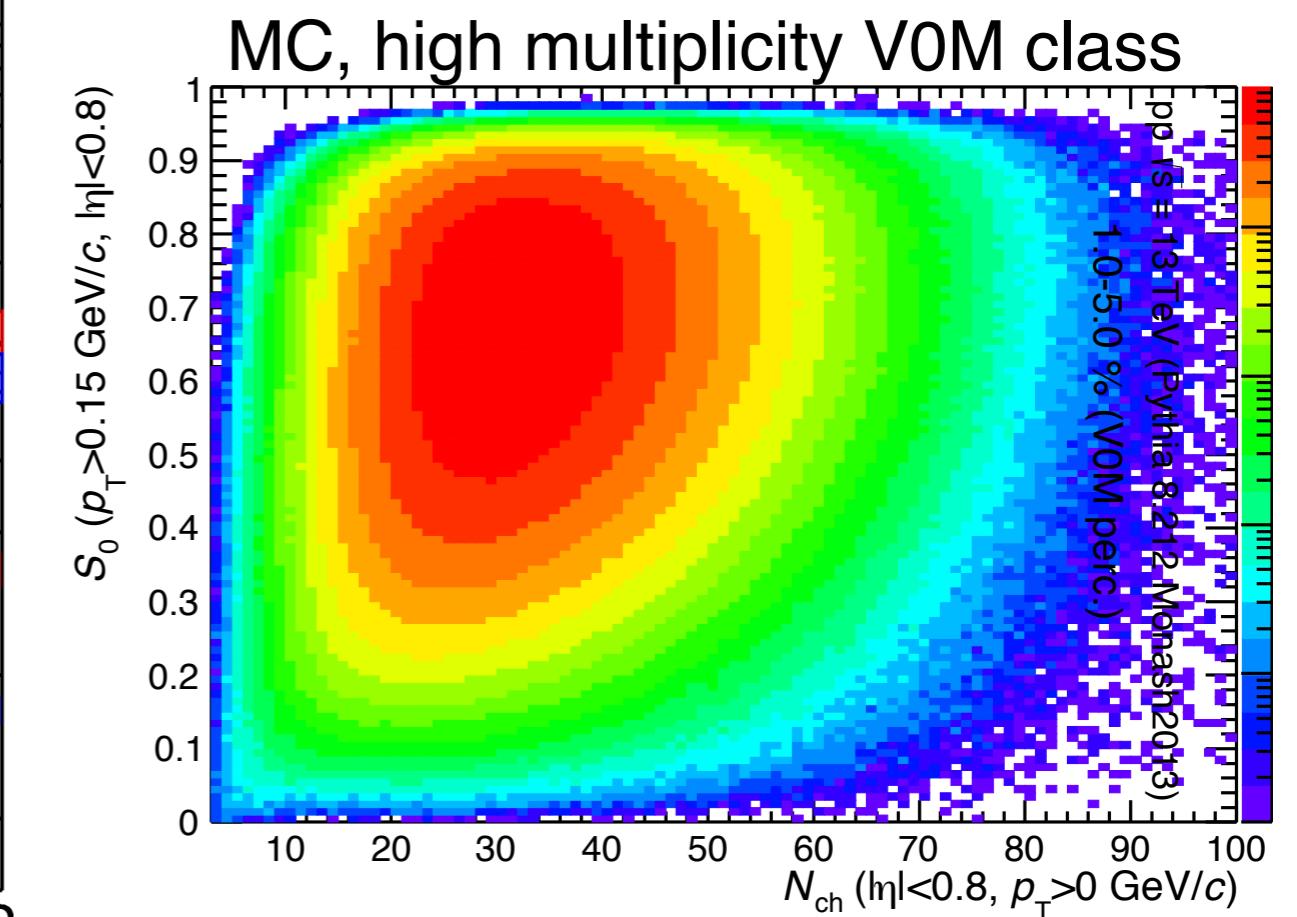
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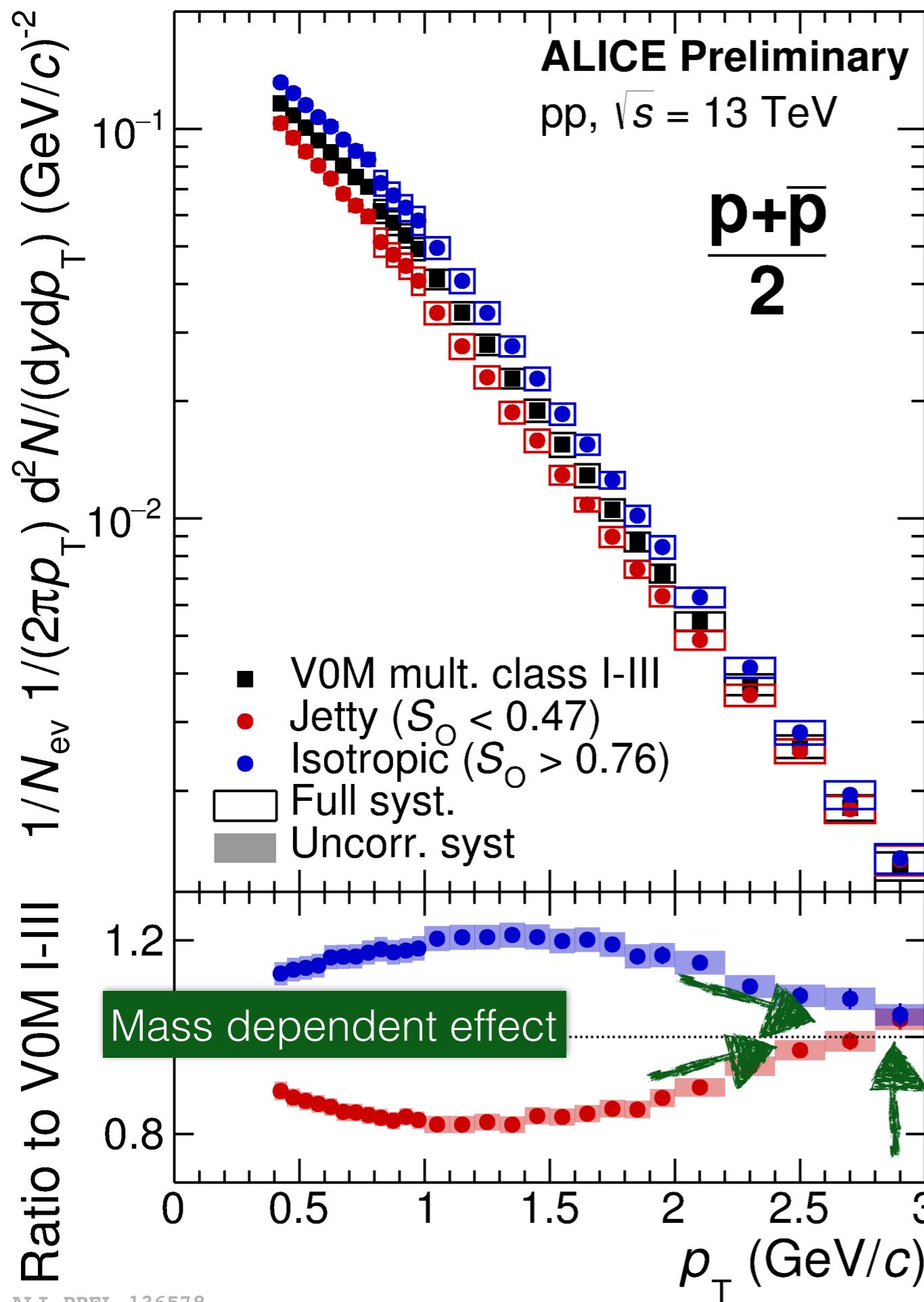




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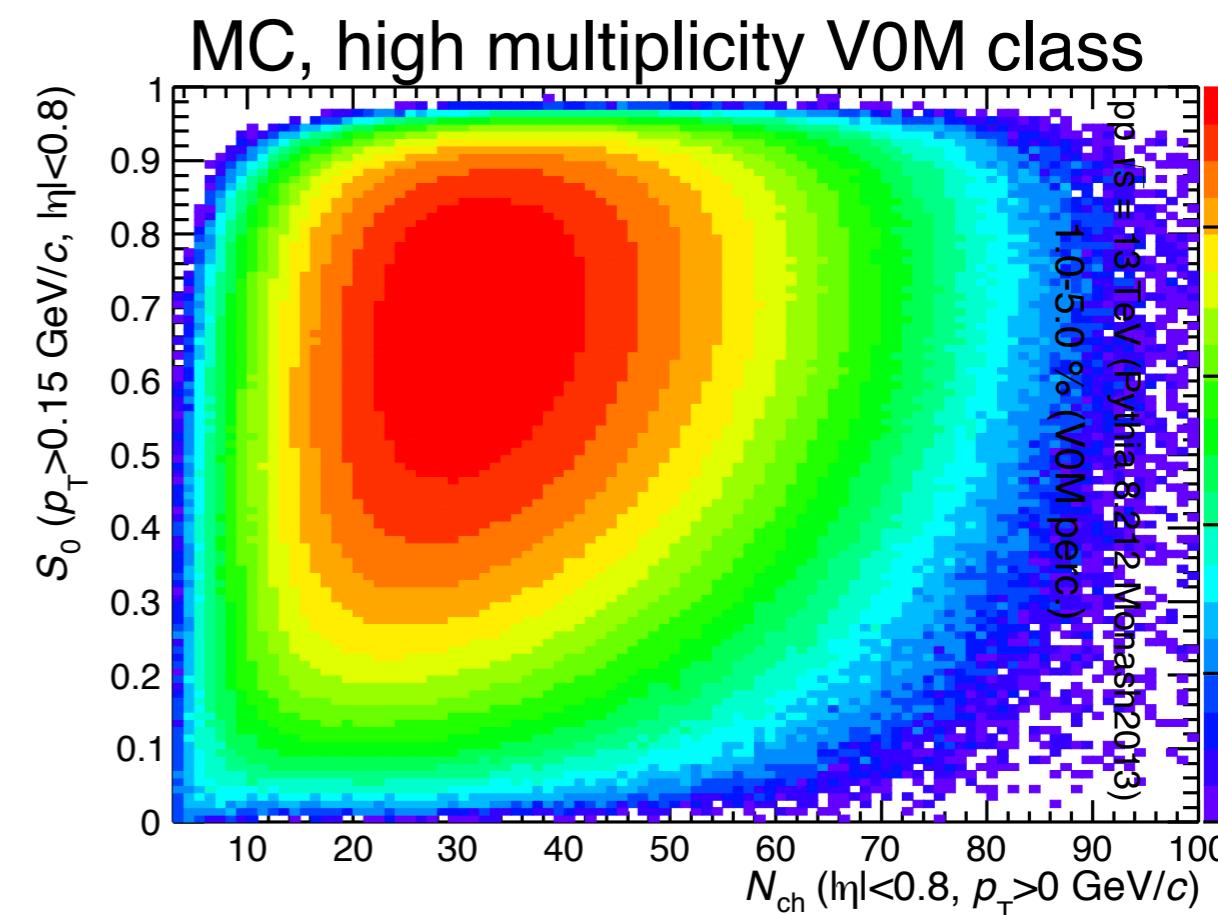
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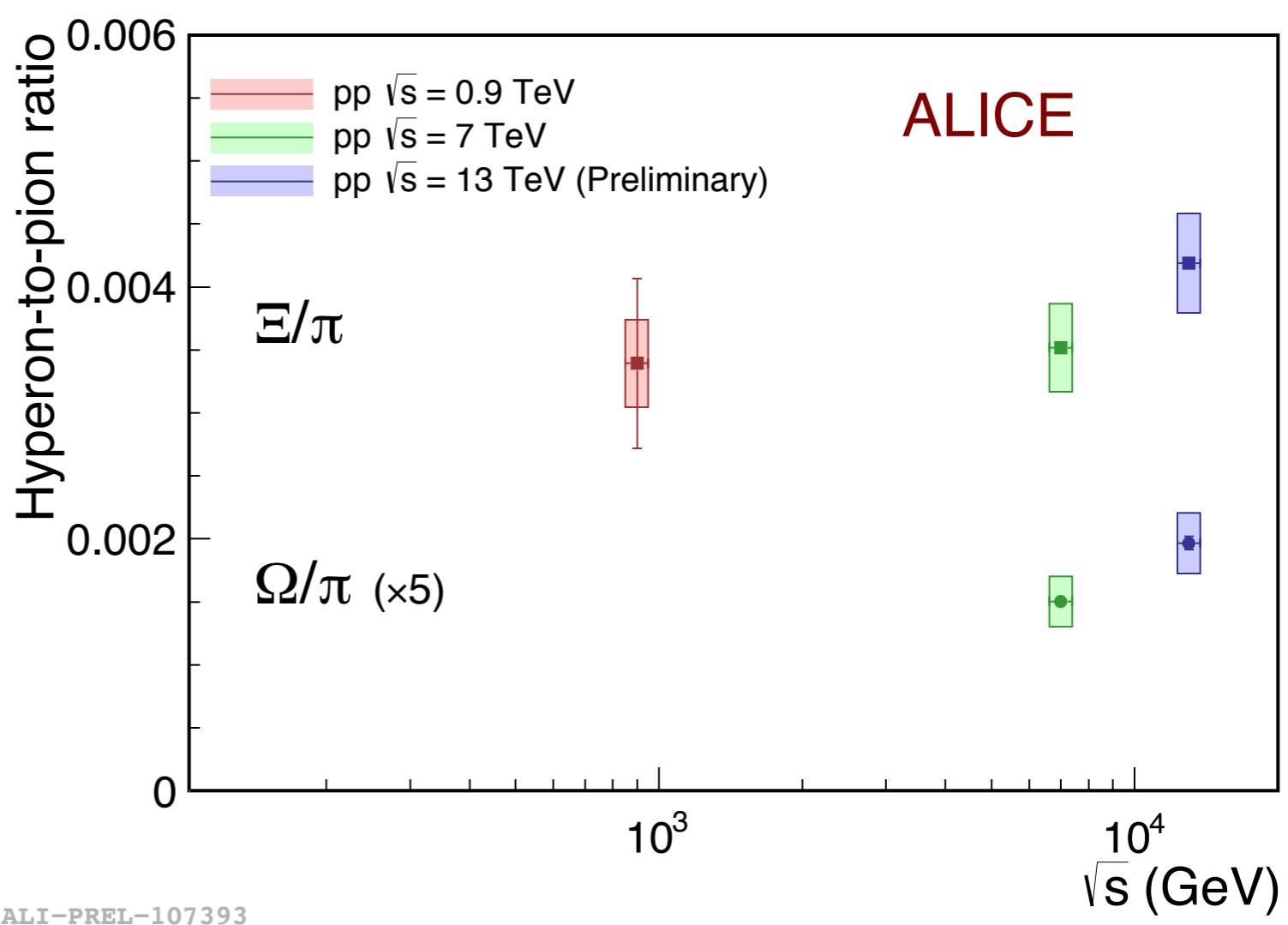
More about small systems

Some comments

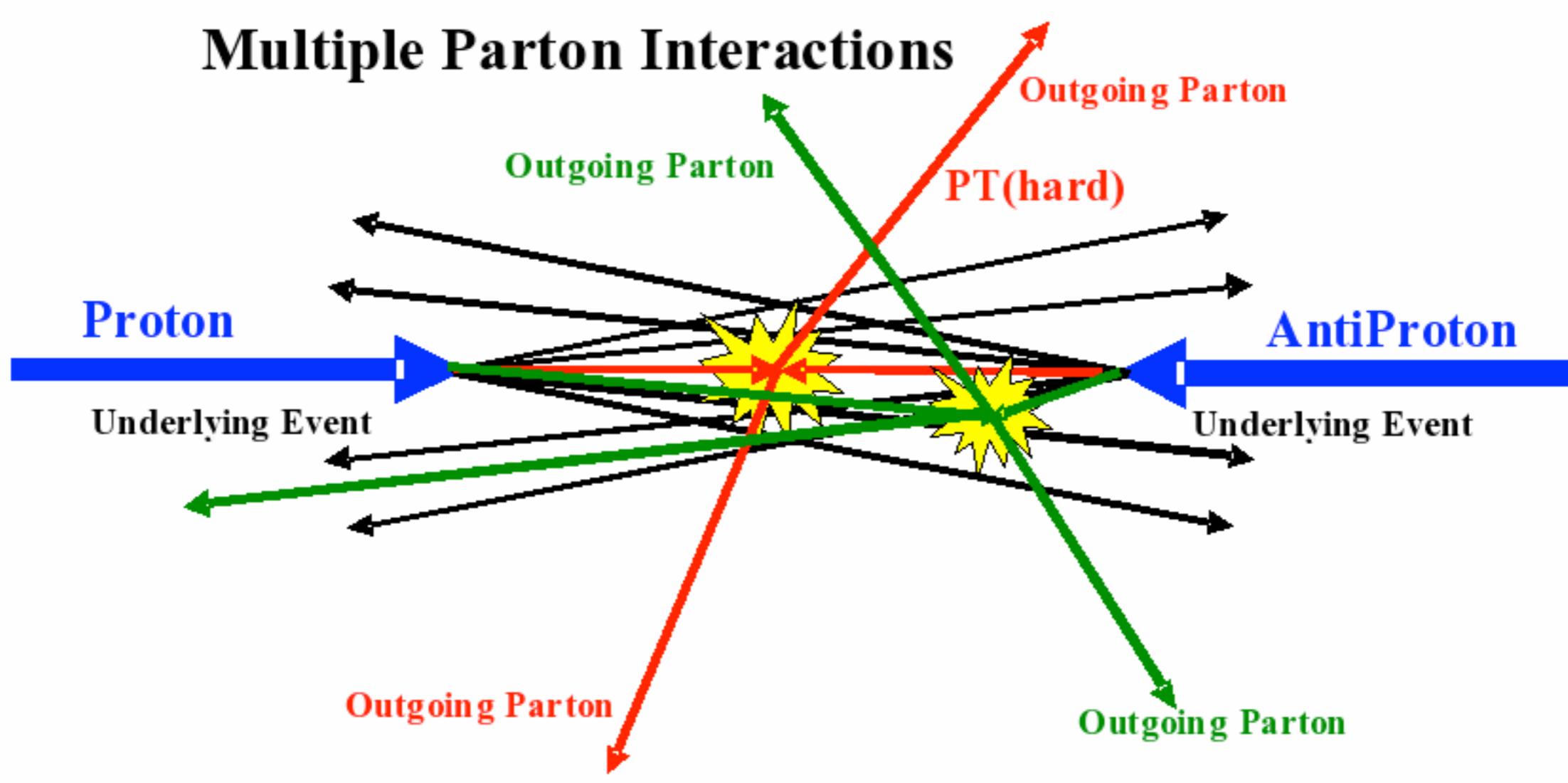
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- One needs to check the consistency with results for different \sqrt{s} . We know that the increase of \sqrt{s} is accompanied by an increase of $\langle N_{\text{ch}} \rangle$. One consequence is, for example, the increase of the strangeness with \sqrt{s}

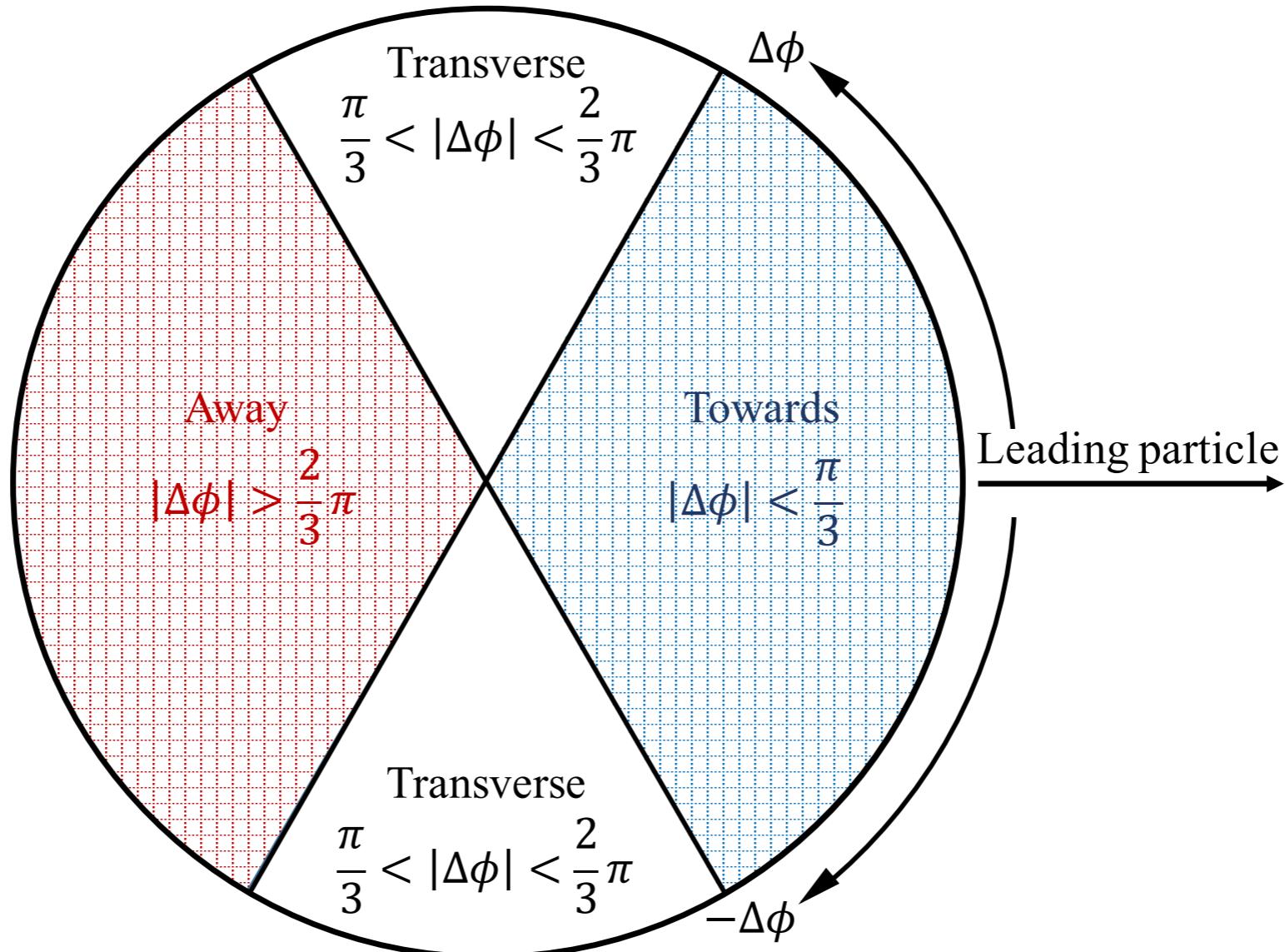


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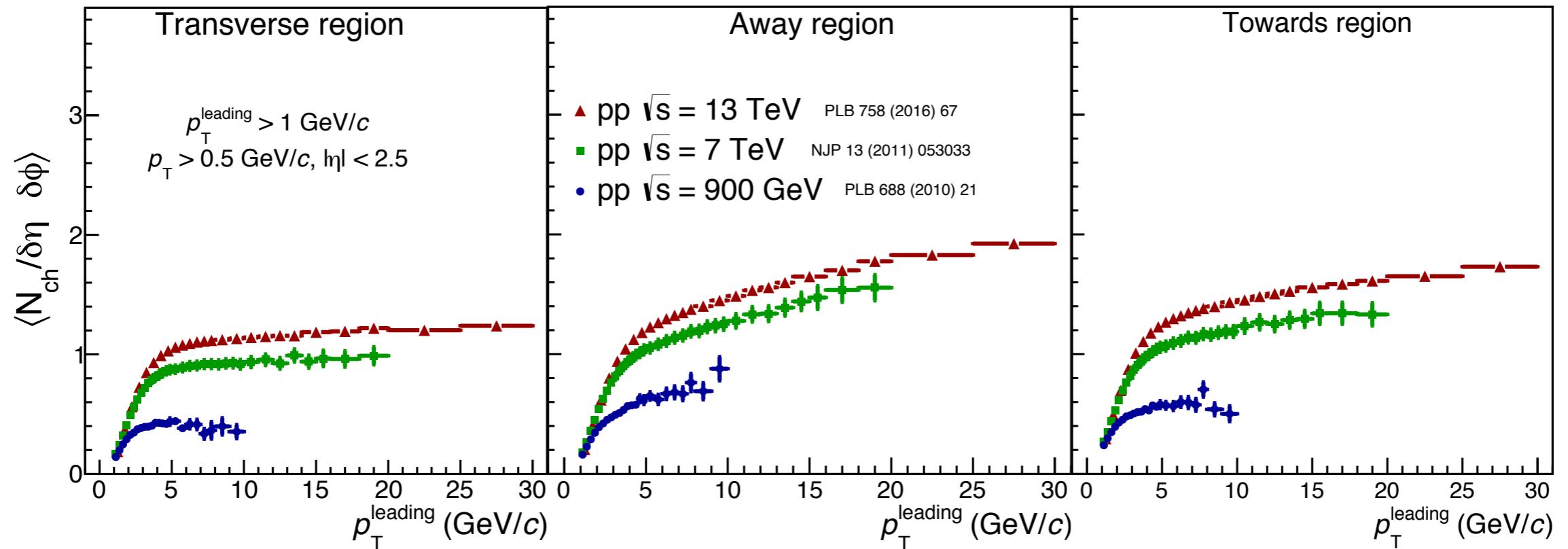
In the context of event simulation the Underlying Event (UE) refers to everything that does not originate from the hard scatter outgoing partons

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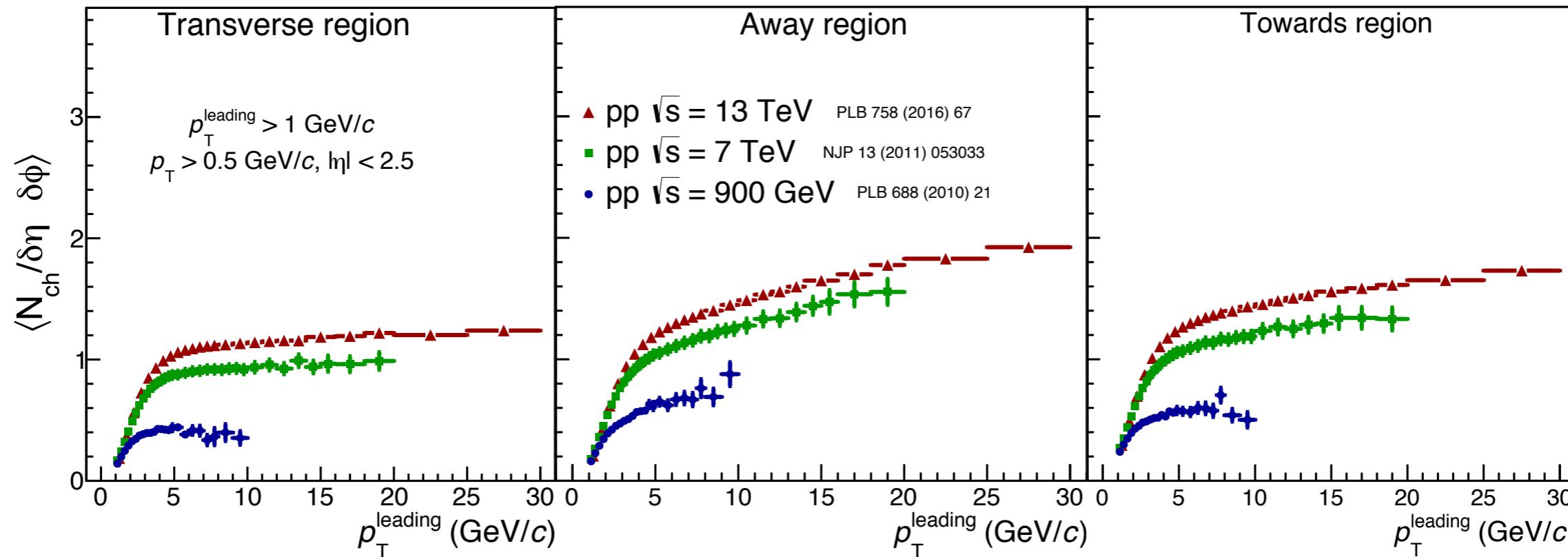
Experimentally we measure quantities which are sensitive to UE, however, it is difficult to isolate this component (e.g. interaction among coloured objects before the hadronization)

ATLAS results



Multiplicity density of primary charged-particles (number density) as a function of the largest transverse momentum (leading charged particle) of the event

ATLAS results



$\langle dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta \rangle$ 1.306

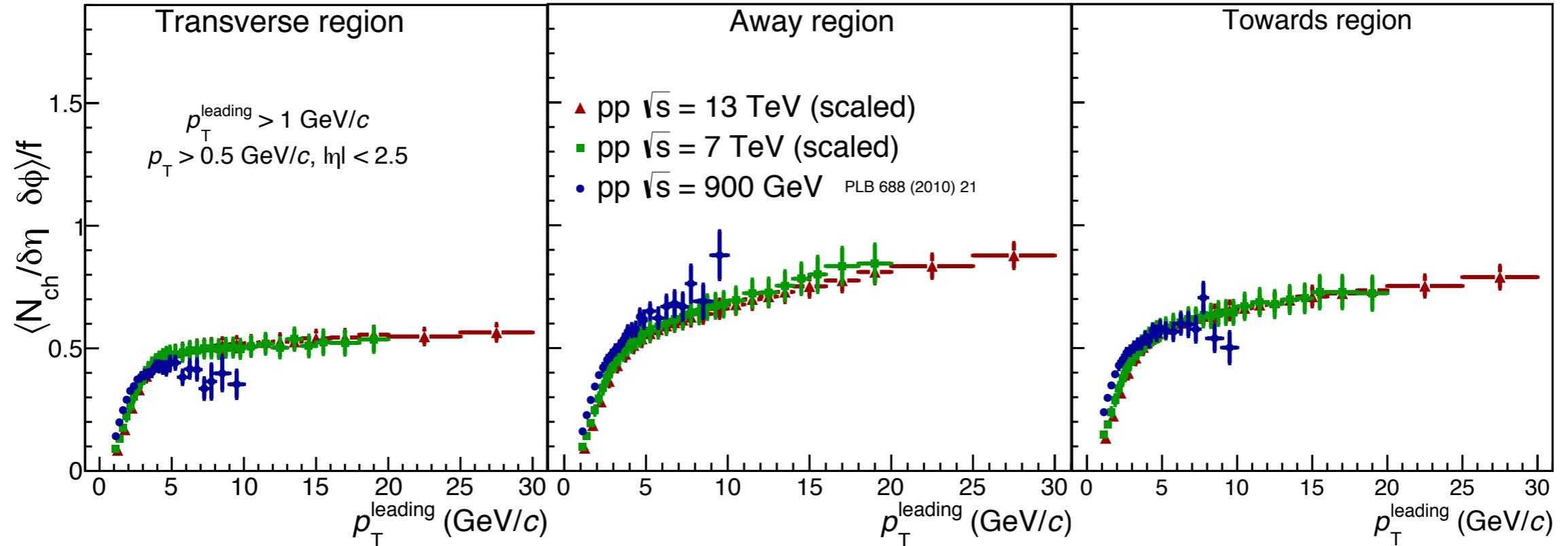
$p_T > 0.5 \text{ GeV}/c$
 $|\eta| < 2.5$

2.405

2.862

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ATLAS results (scaled)

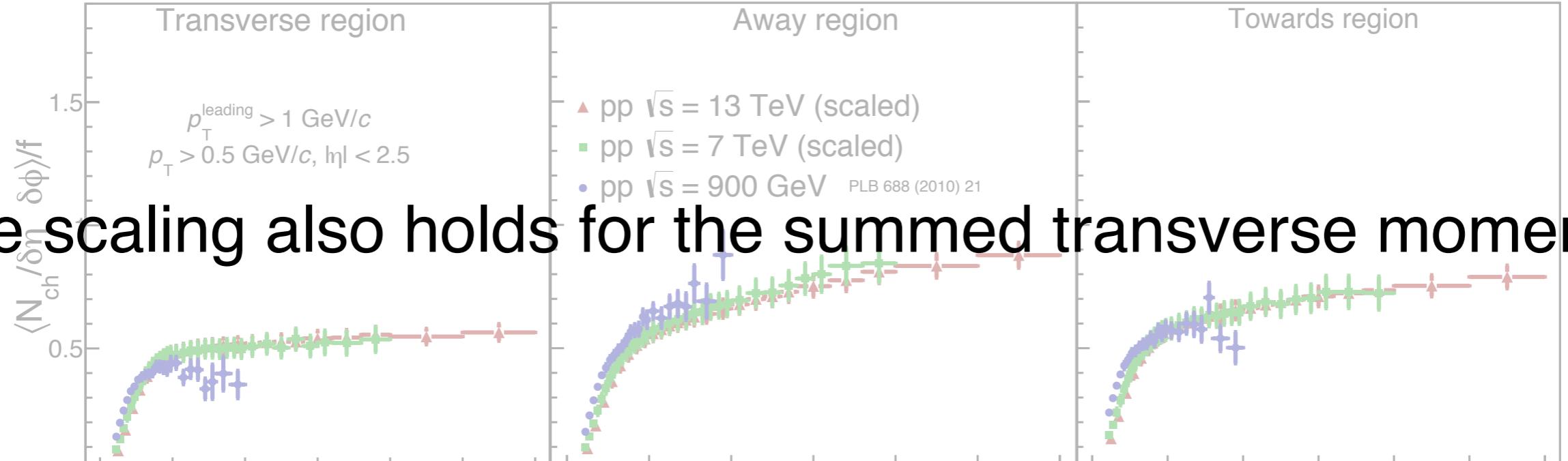


- Interesting scaling of the number density as a function of the leading p_T . The effect is unveiled once the number density is scaled according with the change variation of multiplicity wrt pp at $\sqrt{s} = 0.9 \text{ TeV}$
- Same factor for regions sensitive to different physics

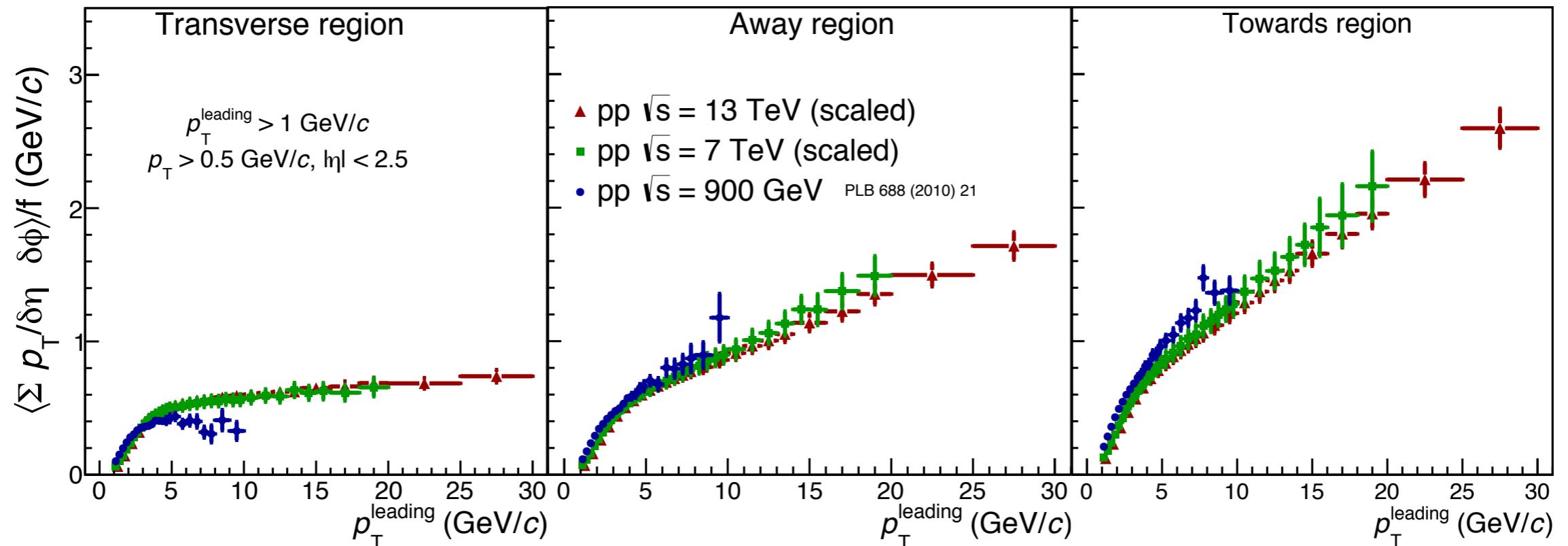
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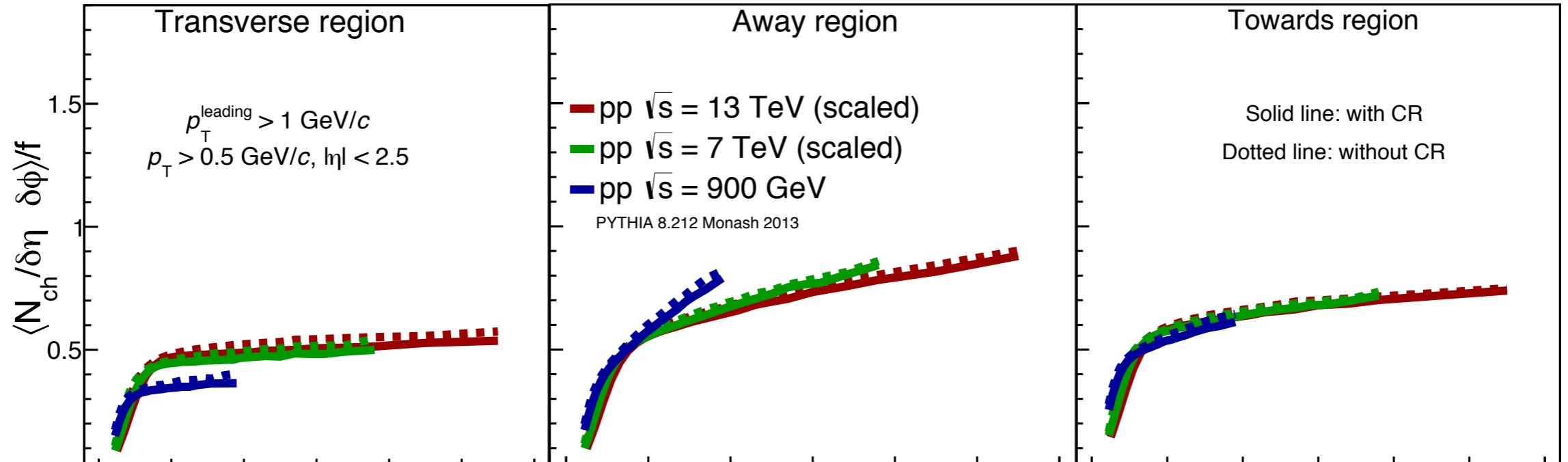


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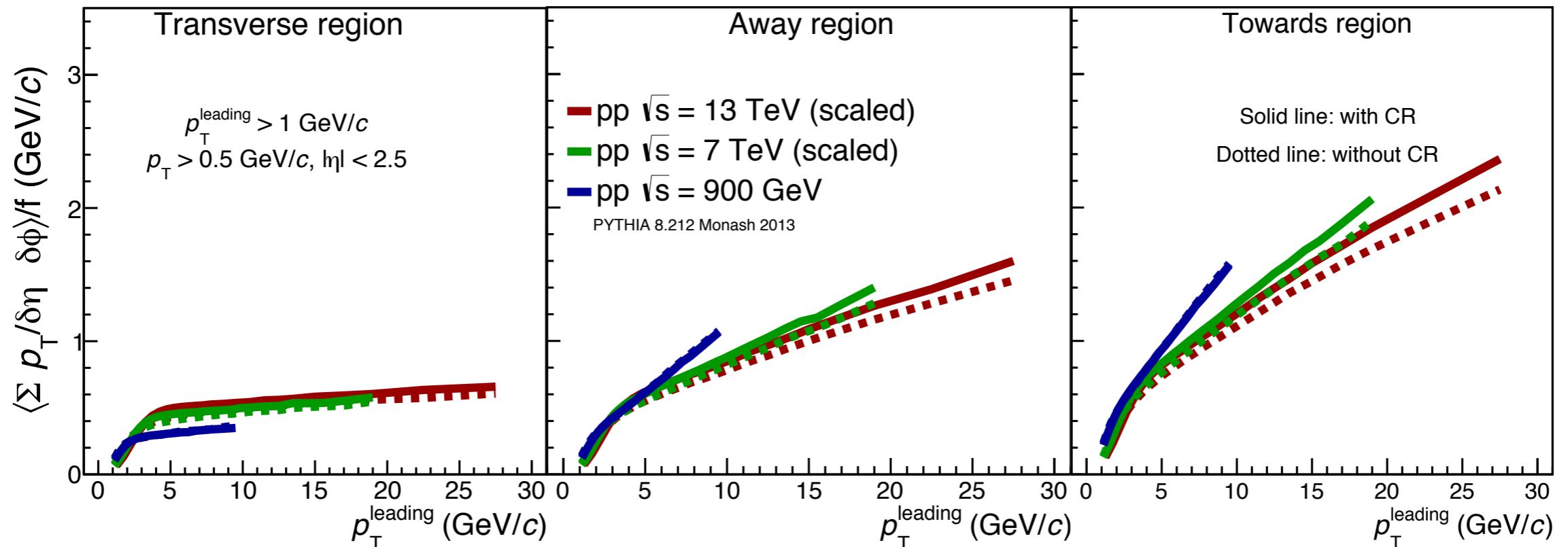




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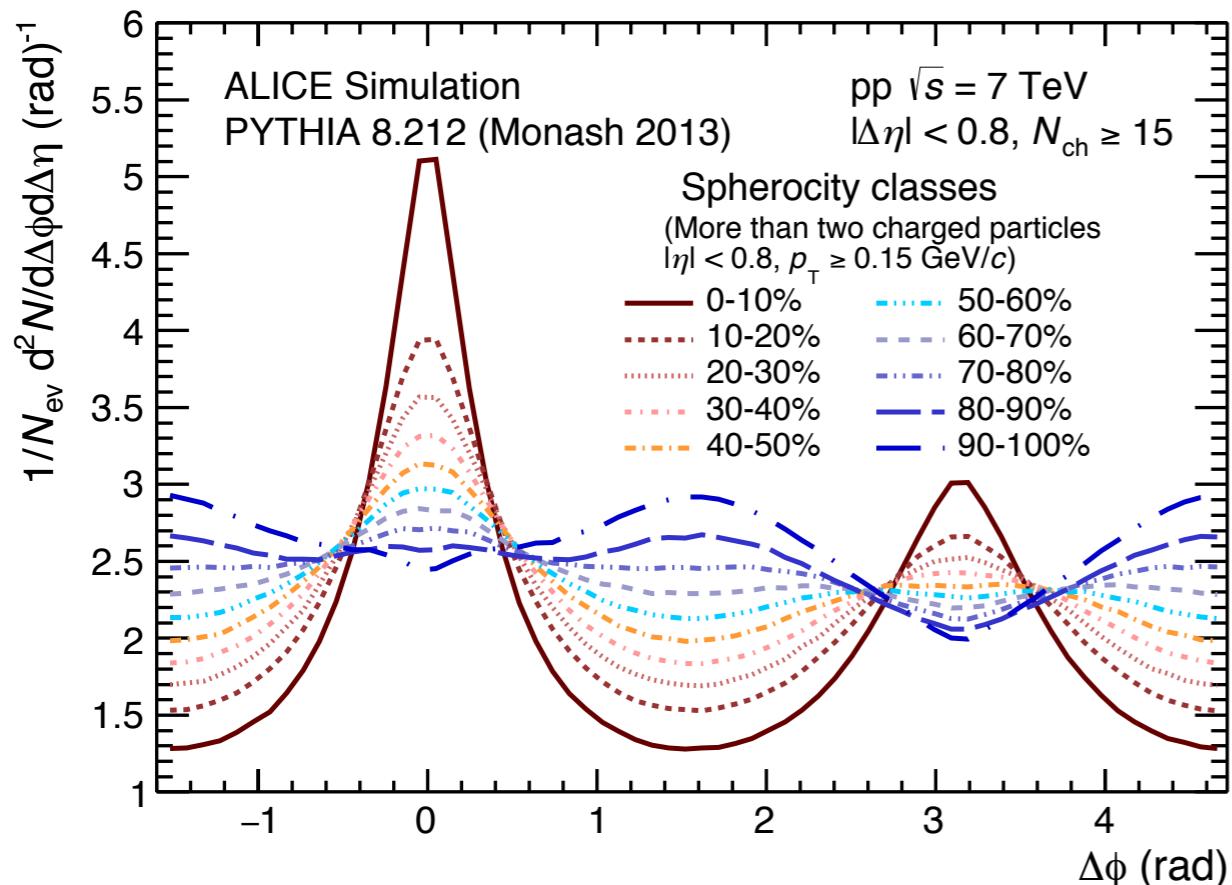


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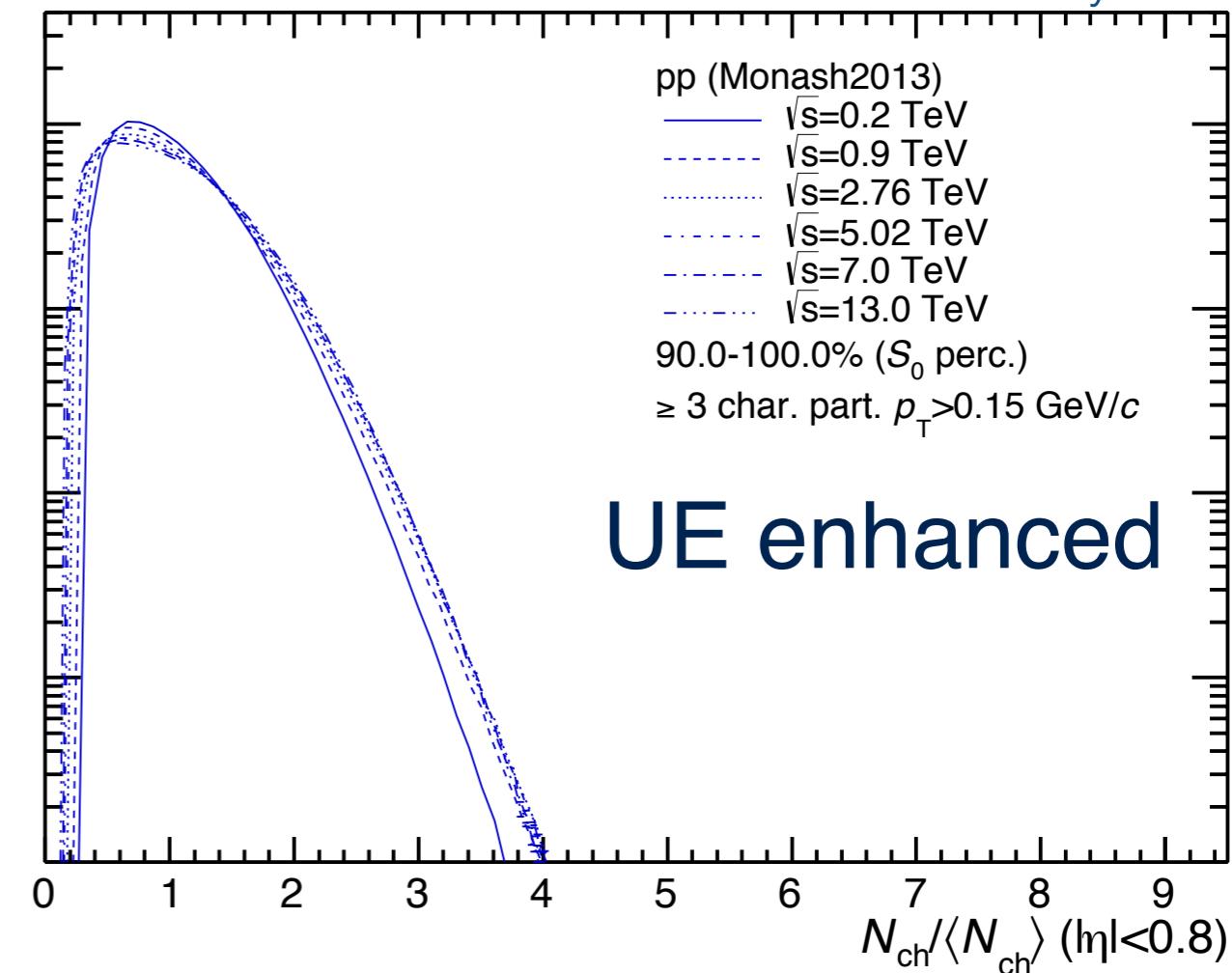
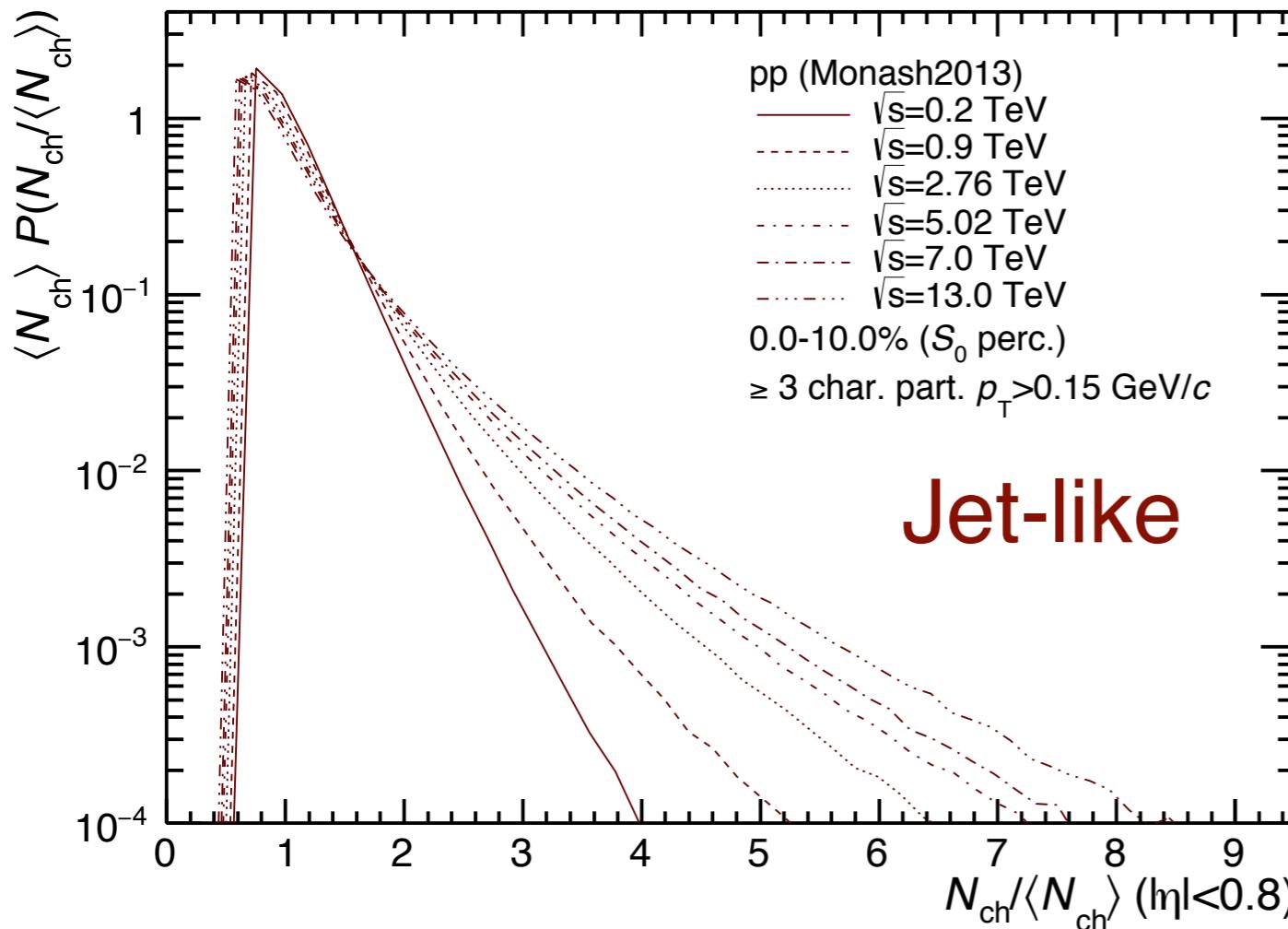
Some comments

- The observed scaling is achieved by considering the change in the inclusive average multiplicity. Since we consider low p_T charged particles ($p_T > 0.5 \text{ GeV}/c$) to calculate the scaling factor, we are dominated by soft physics
- Within 15%, the scaling is well reproduced by PYTHIA
→ We can test the scaling properties of UE by running an event shape analysis



Going from pp at $\sqrt{s} = 0.2$ to 13 TeV the UE-enhanced samples give essentially the same $N_{\text{ch}}/\langle N_{\text{ch}} \rangle$ distributions

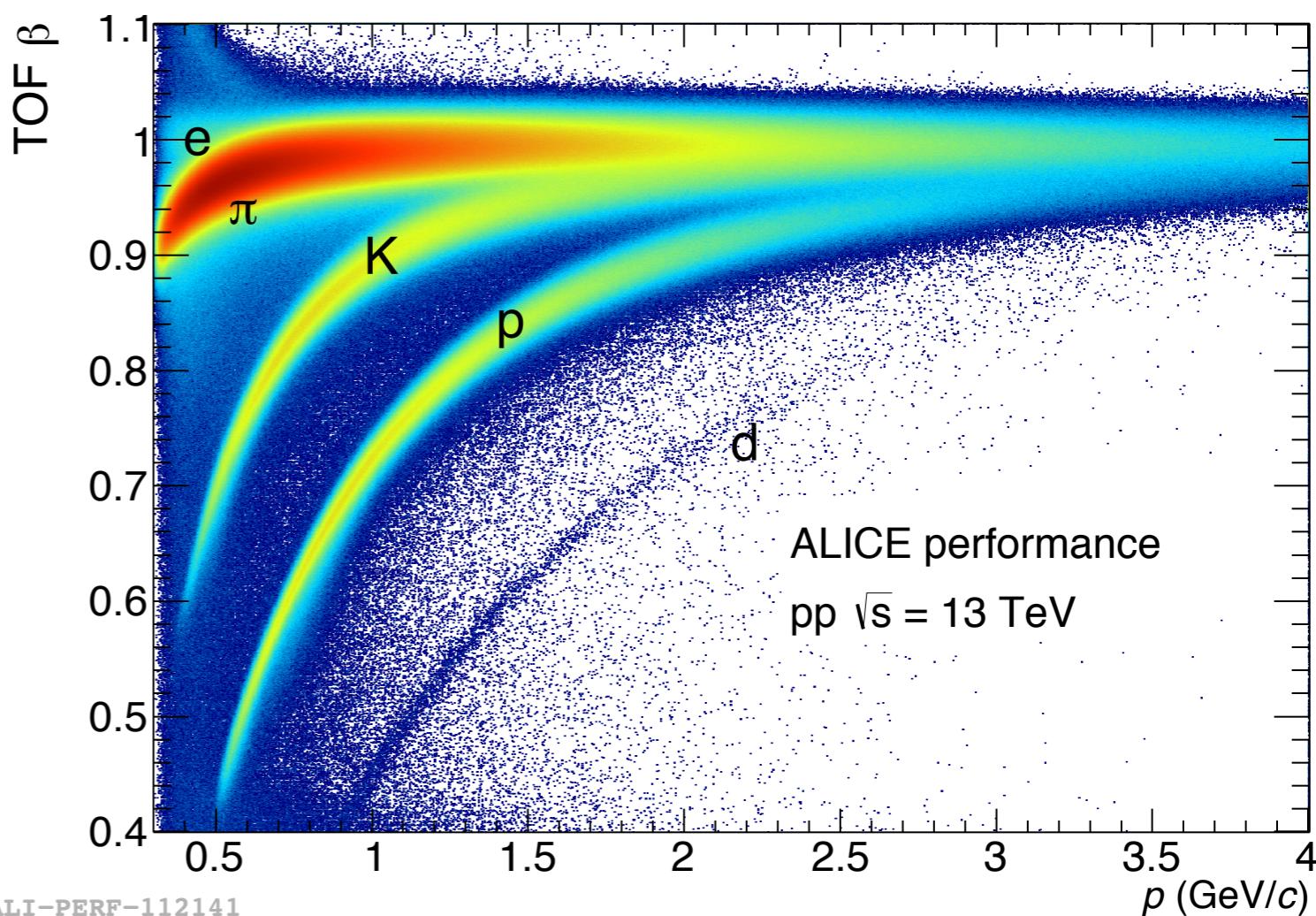
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About the importance of PID

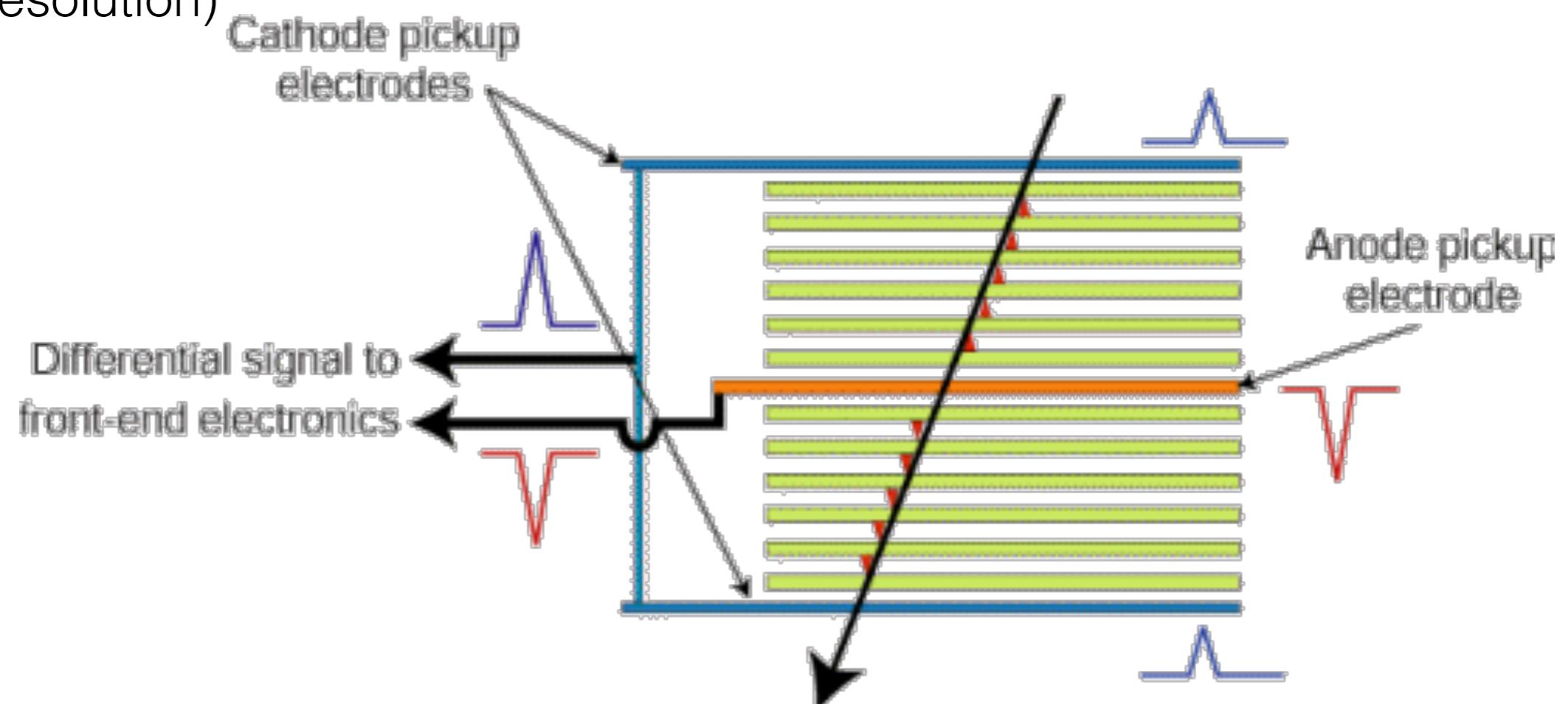
Charged particles in the intermediate momentum range are identified in ALICE by the Time Of Flight (TOF) detector. The time measurement with the TOF, in conjunction with the momentum and track length measured by the tracking detectors is used to calculate the particle mass

- Each TOF module contains a total of 1638 detector elements (MRPC strips), covering an area of 160 m² with 157248 readout channels (pads)

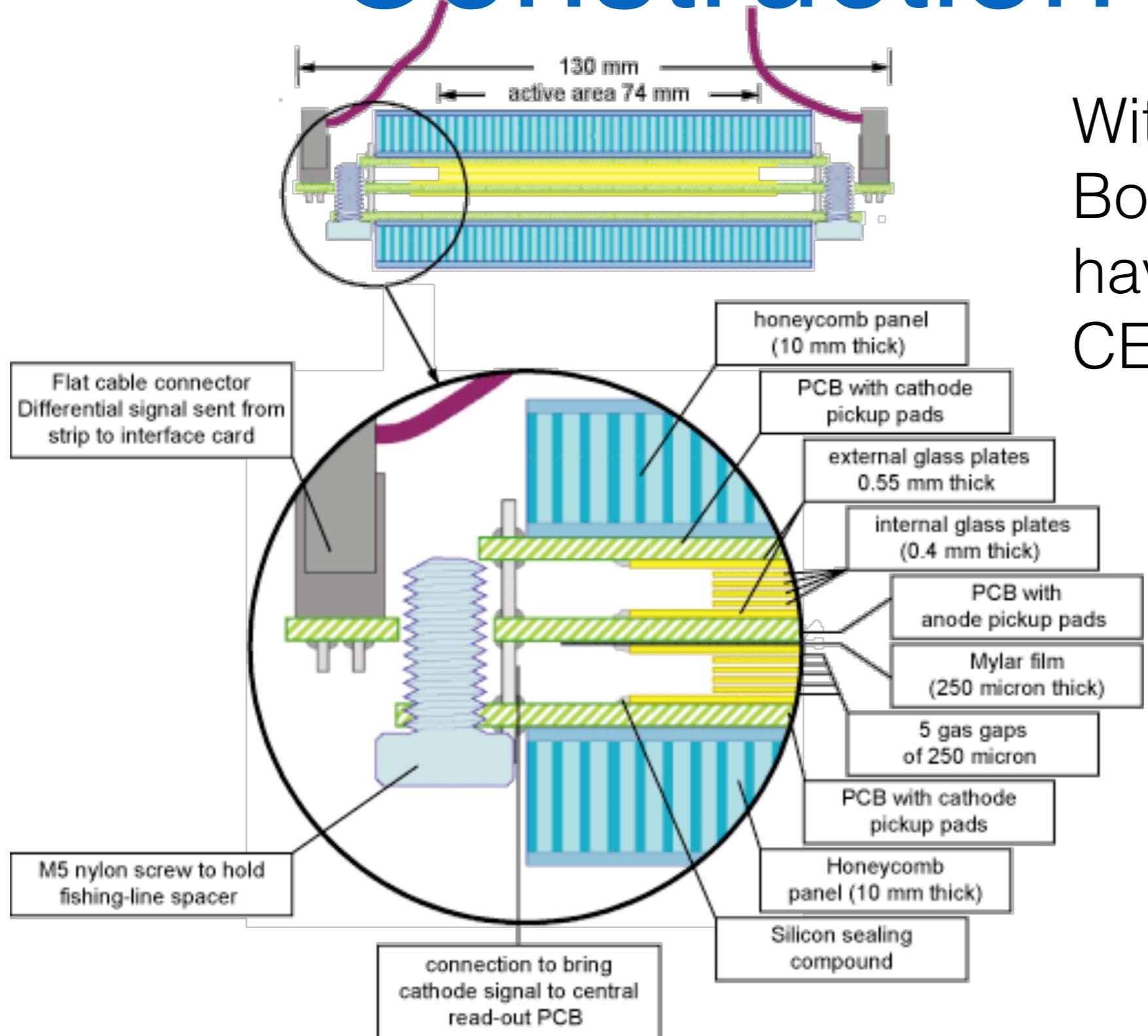


MRPC

The MRPC is a stack of resistive glass plates. A high voltage is applied to the external surfaces of the stack. Further out there are pickup electrodes. A charged particle ionises the gas and the high electric field amplifies this ionization by an electron avalanche. The resistive plates stop the avalanche development in each gap; they are however transparent to the fast signal induced on the pickup electrodes by the movement of the electrons. So the total signal is the sum of the signals from all gaps (the reason for many gaps is to achieve high efficiency), whereas the time jitter of the signal depends on the individual gap width (the reason for narrow gaps is to achieve good time resolution)



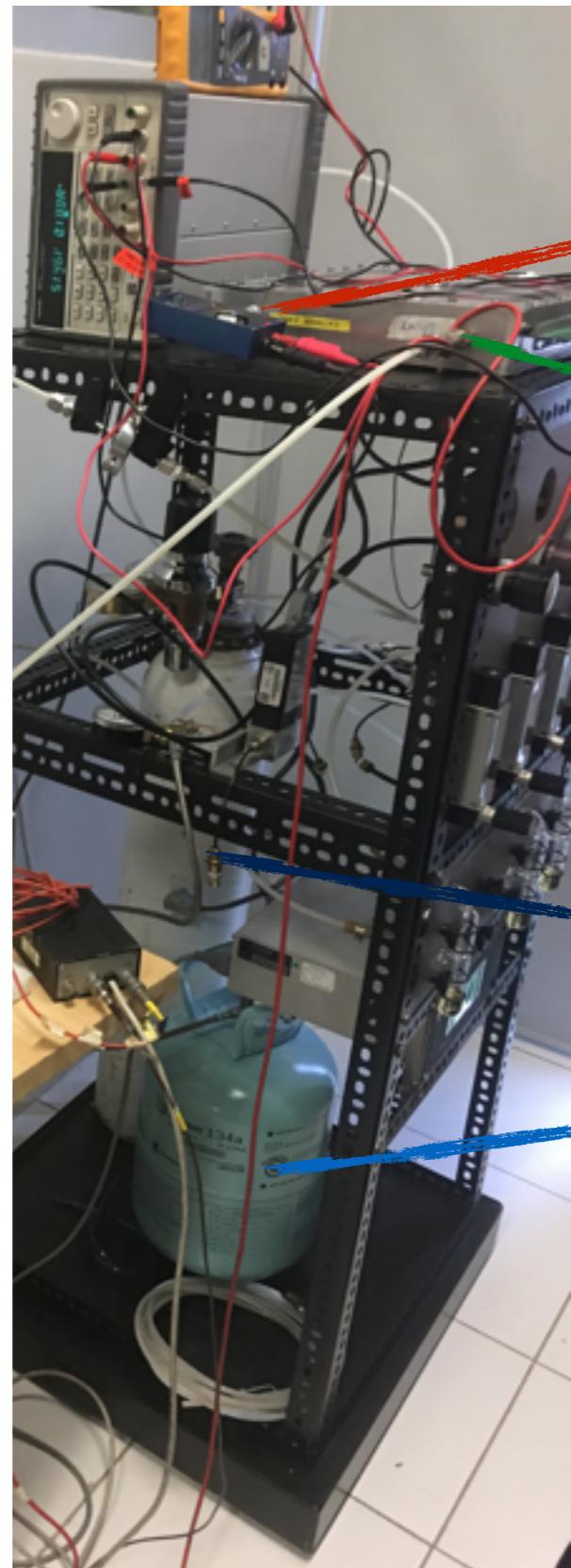
Construction



With the help of Bologna's group we have built a chamber at CERN



Installation



DC-to-DC converter

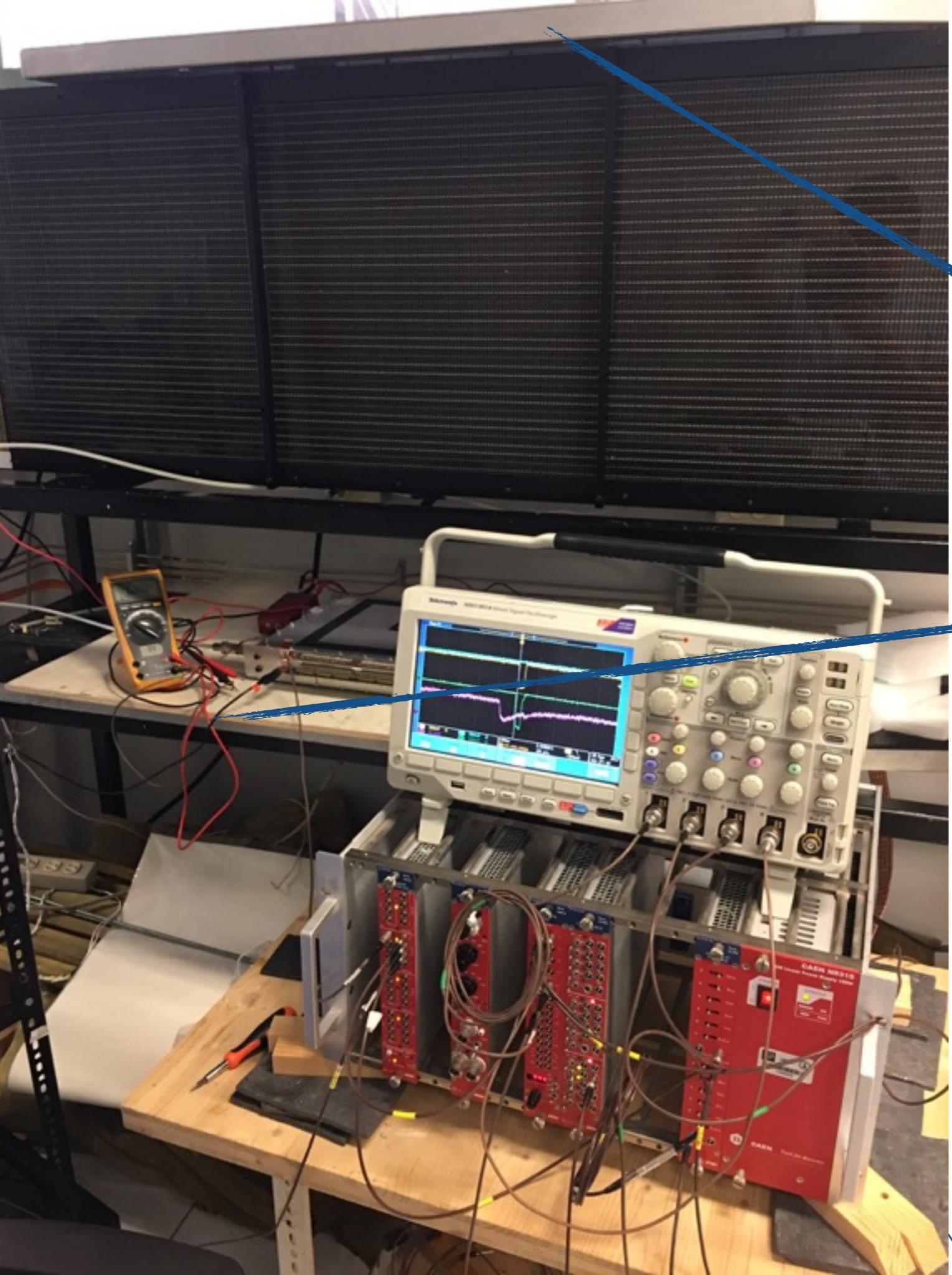
MRPC

SF6 (~2%)

Freon (~98%)

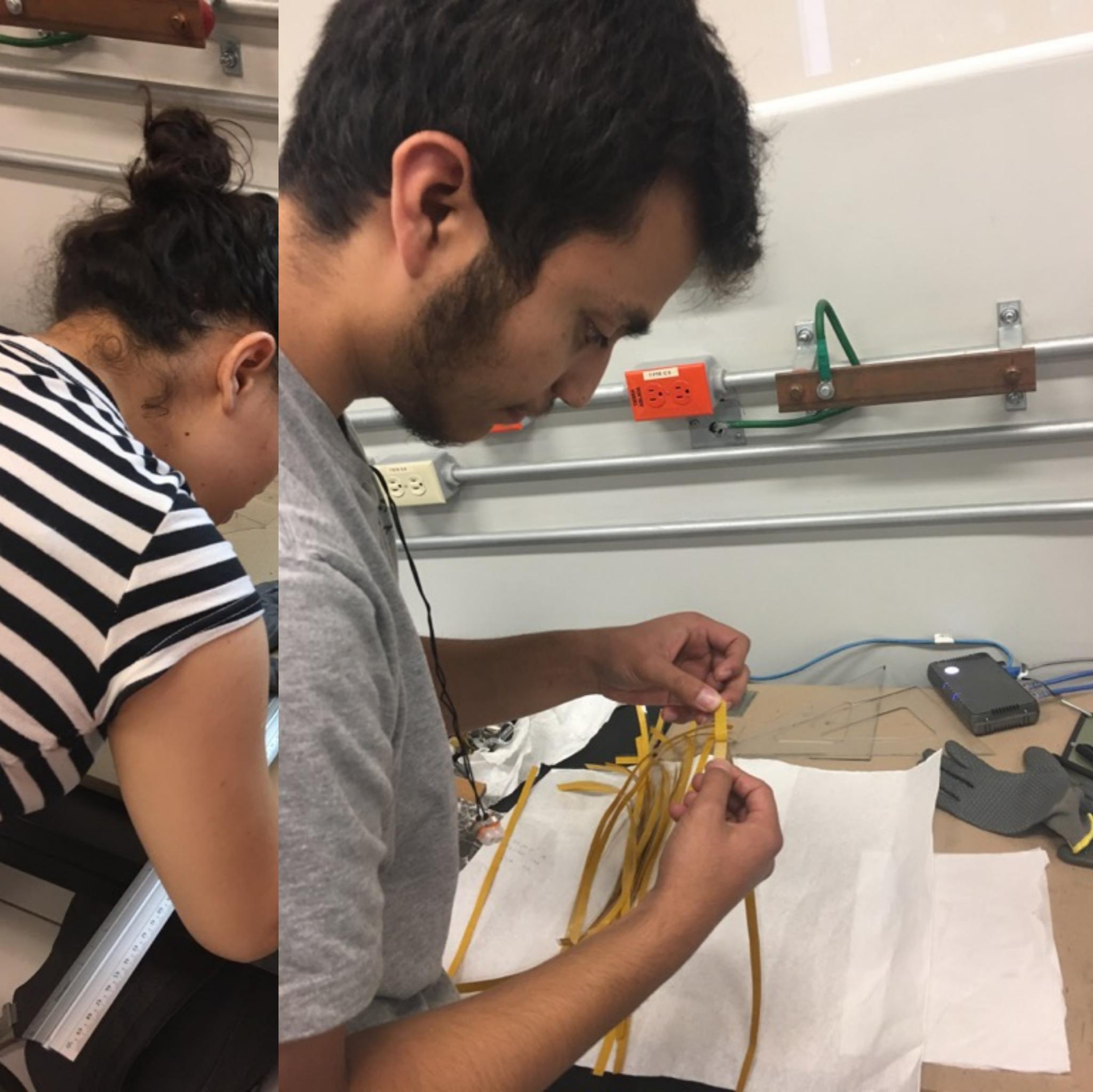
Coincidences with scintillation counters

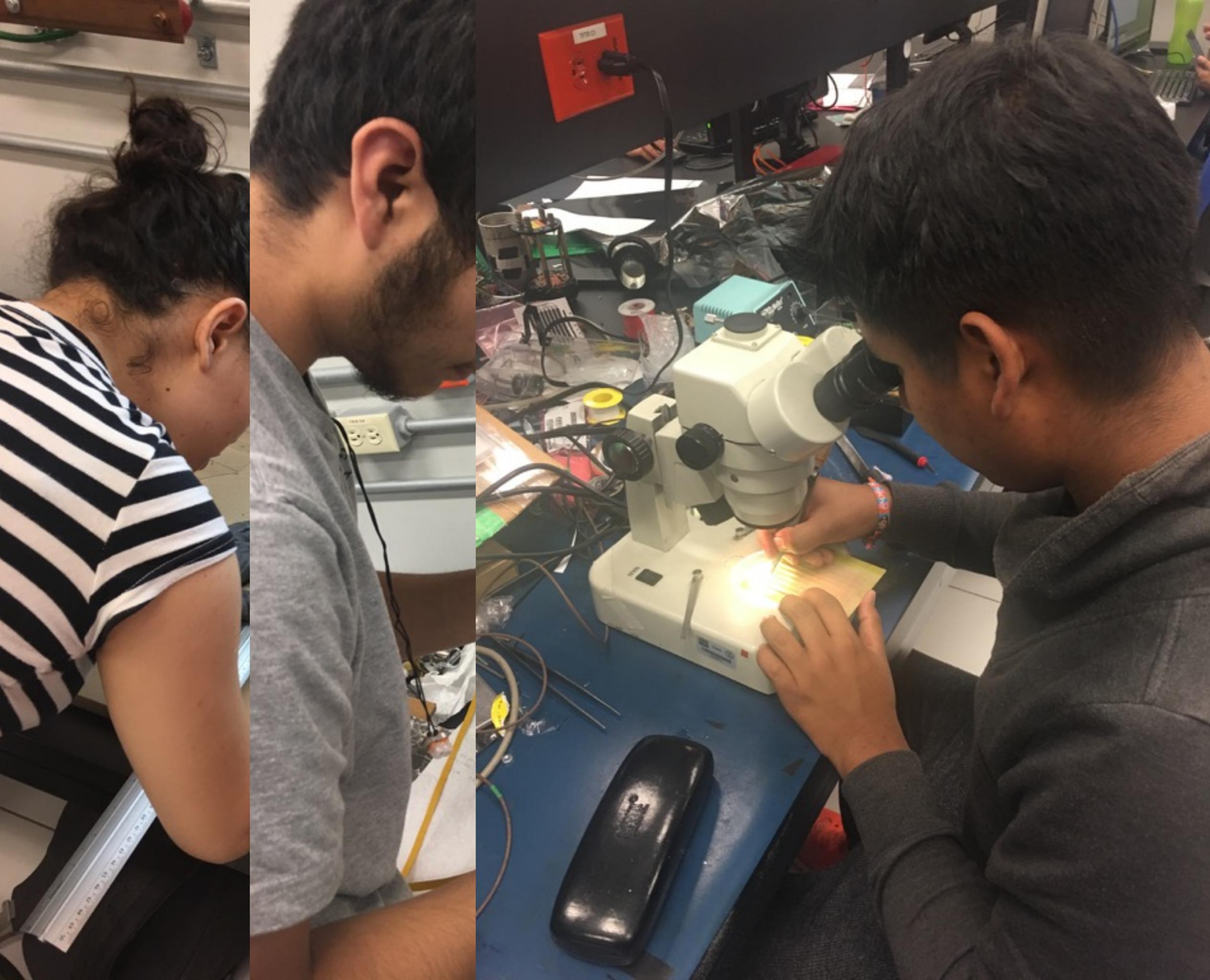
The characterisation of the chamber is in progress





In parallel we are building our own chambers at ICN
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Summary and outlook

- Results from small systems show similarity to those in Pb-Pb collisions
- Still under debate if the hot QGP matter has been produced in small systems
- Precise characterization of pp and p-Pb collisions is ongoing
- New tools have been proposed in order to understand the new phenomena
- New measurements are coming!

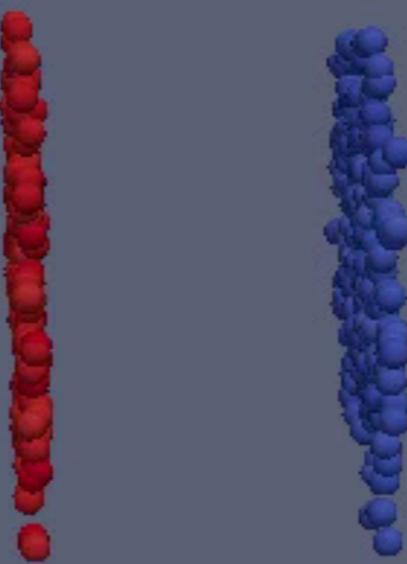
Backup

Multiplicity classes, pp $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV

Table 1: Event multiplicity classes used in the analysis, their corresponding fraction of the INEL>0 cross-section ($\sigma/\sigma_{\text{INEL}>0}$) and their corresponding $\langle dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta \rangle$ in $|\eta| < 0.5$. The value of $\langle dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta \rangle$ in the inclusive INEL>0 class is 5.96 ± 0.23 . The uncertainties are the quadratic sum of statistical and systematic contributions.

Class name	I	II	III	IV	V
$\sigma/\sigma_{\text{INEL}>0}$	0-0.95%	0.95-4.7%	4.7-9.5%	9.5-14%	14-19%
$\langle dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta \rangle$	21.3 ± 0.6	16.5 ± 0.5	13.5 ± 0.4	11.5 ± 0.3	10.1 ± 0.3
Class name	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X
$\sigma/\sigma_{\text{INEL}>0}$	19-28%	28-38%	38-48%	48-68%	68-100%
$\langle dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta \rangle$	8.45 ± 0.25	6.72 ± 0.21	5.40 ± 0.17	3.90 ± 0.14	2.26 ± 0.12

Time:0.08



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Radial and elliptic flow

Change from pp to Pb-Pb:

- Increase in mean p_T
- Larger effect for larger mass

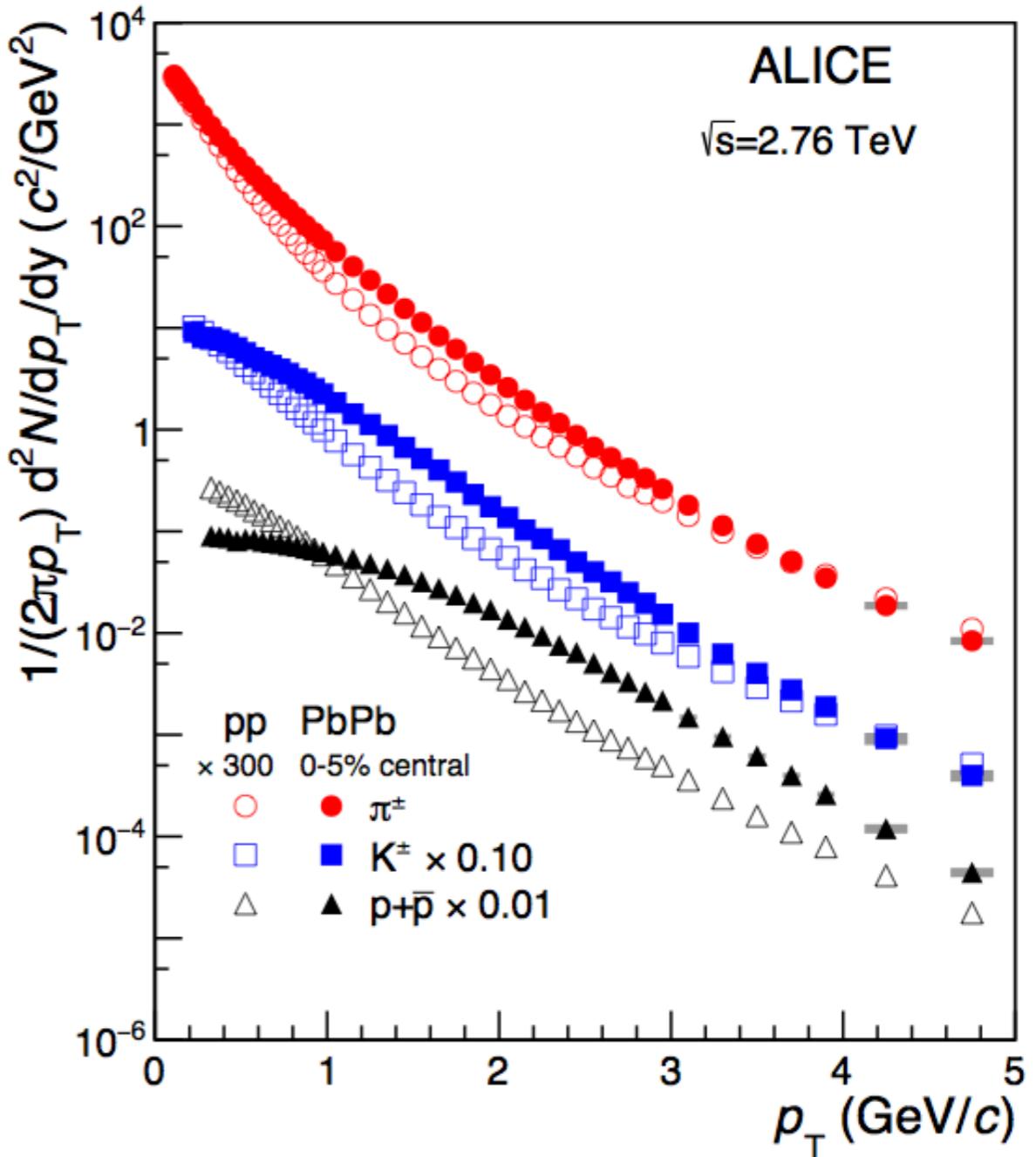
First indication of collective behaviour

Pressure leads to radial flow

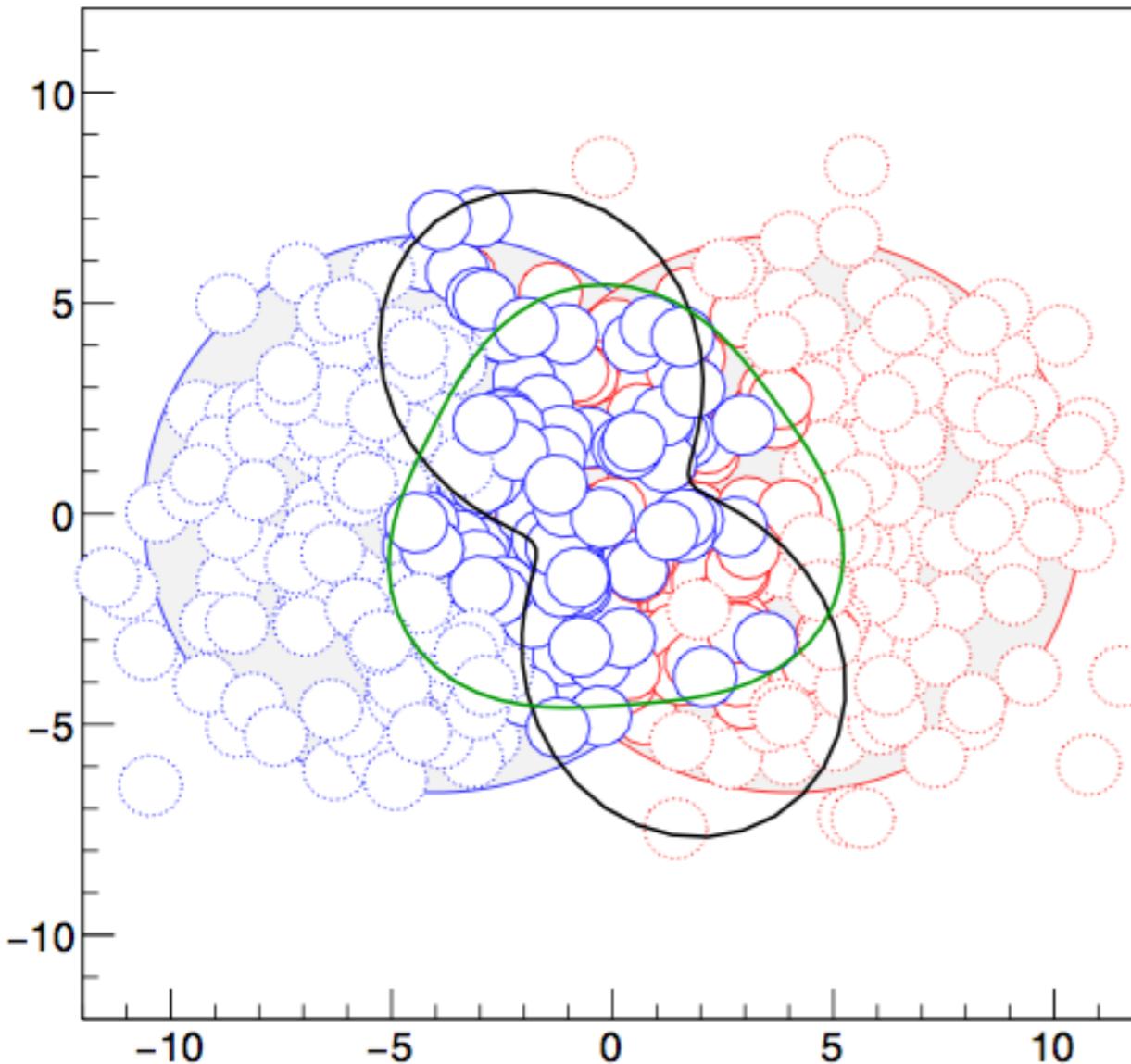
Same Lorentz boost (β) gives larger momentum for heavier particles

$$(m_p < m_K < m_\pi)$$

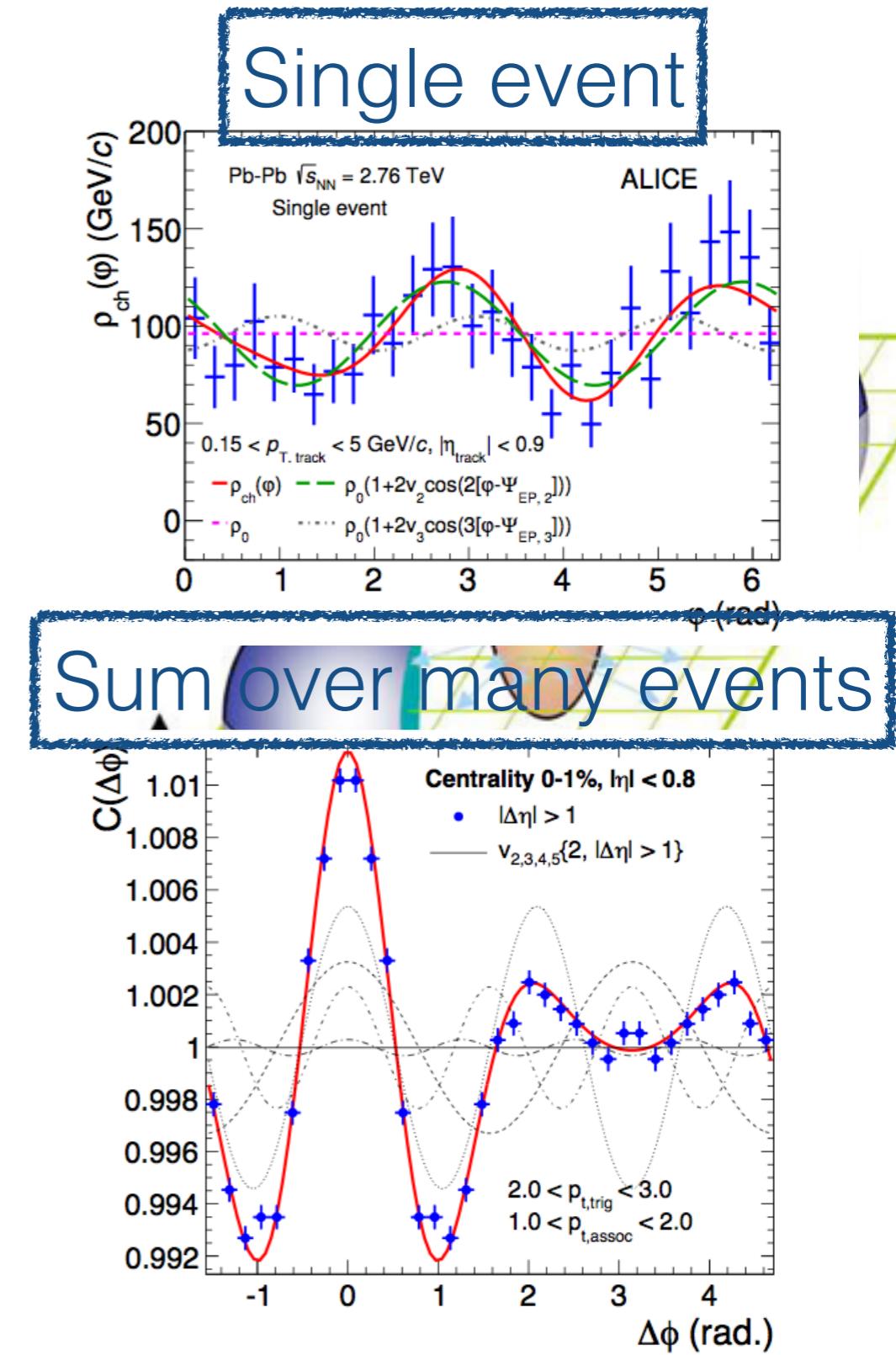
Transverse momentum distribution
ALICE, PLB 736, 196



Azimuthal anisotropy

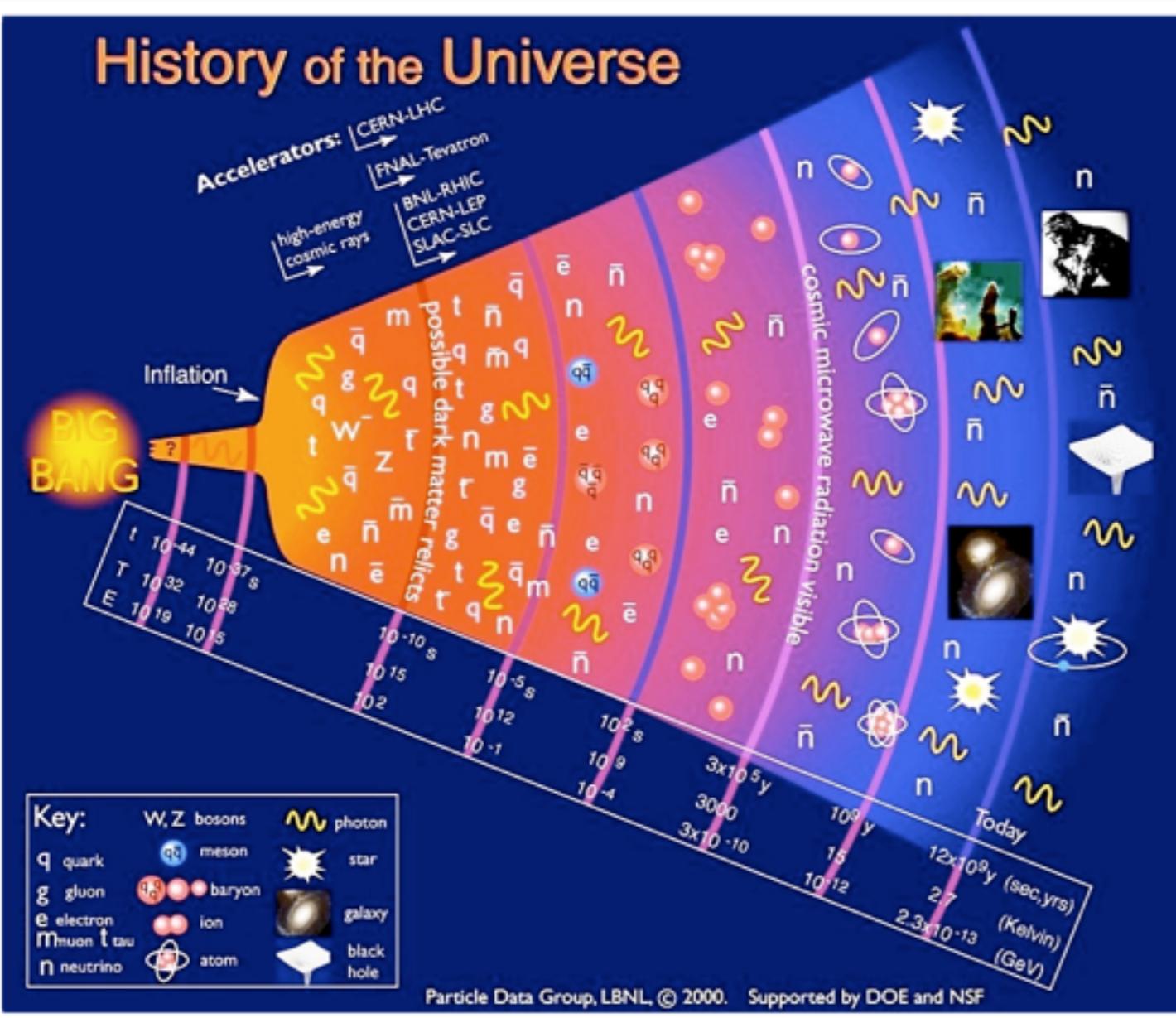


Initial state spatial anisotropies ε_n
are transferred into final state
momentum anisotropies v_n by
pressure gradients, flow of the QGP



The heavy-ion physics program

Heavy-ion collisions



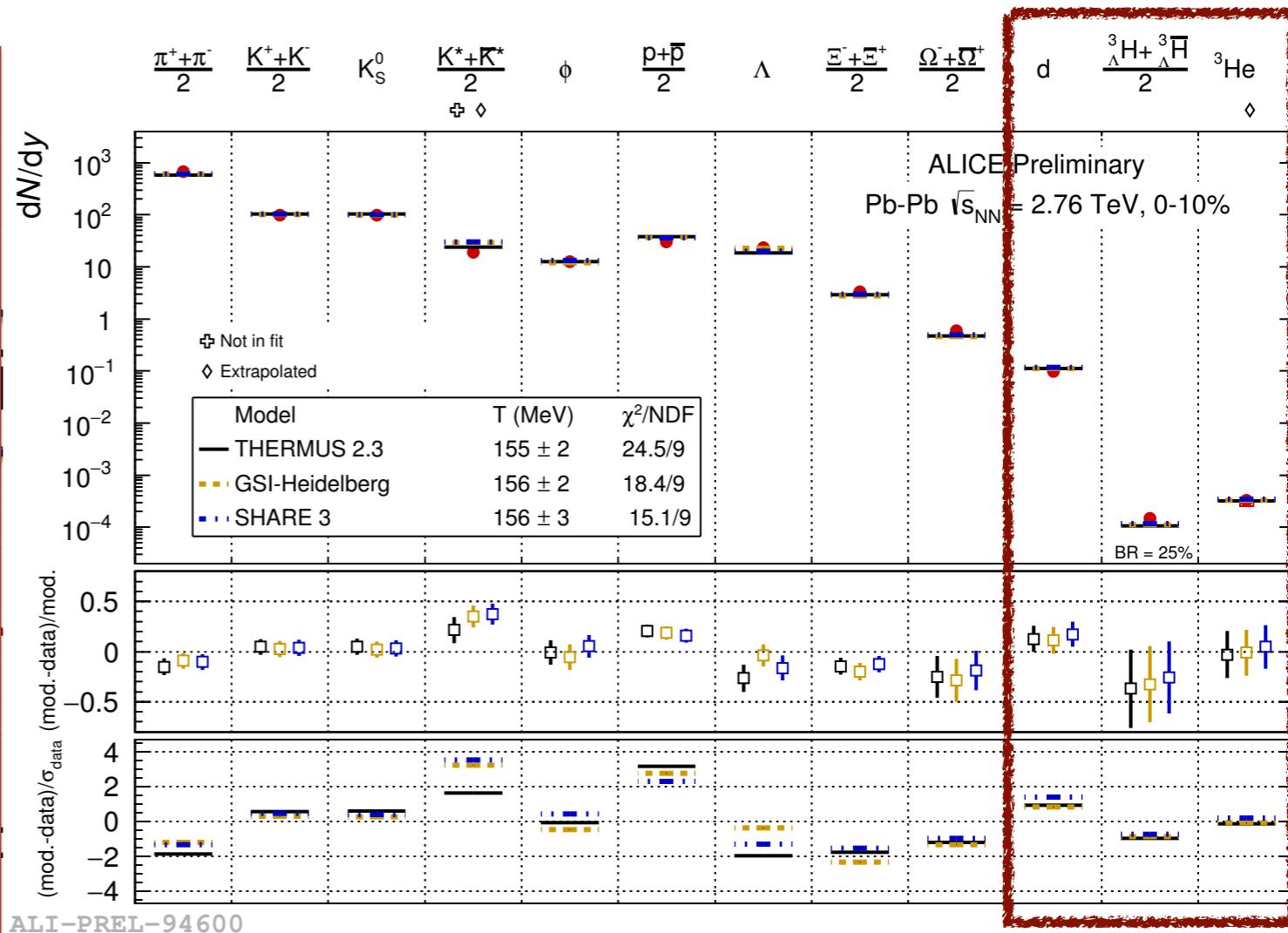
10^{-5} seconds: protons are formed
3 minutes: light nuclei
 3×10^5 years: atoms

The main argument to convince Herwig Shopper (Director General of CERN, 1981-1988) to bring the heavy-ion program to CERN was the following:
 "...find the theoretically predicted **Quark-Gluon Plasma (QGP)** which played an important role in the development of the Universe..."

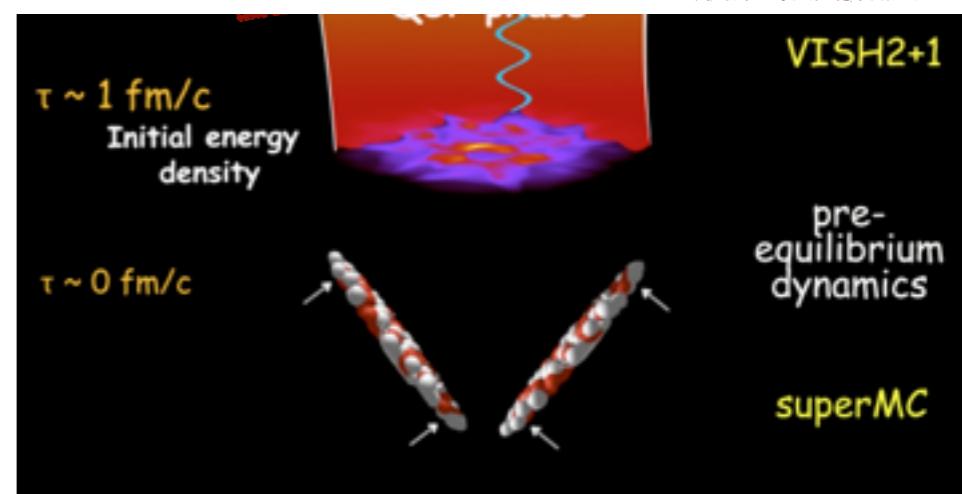
The LHC era

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- ⌚ Little Bang Nucleosynthesis?
- ⌚ Collective expansion of the system (radial and anisotropic flow)
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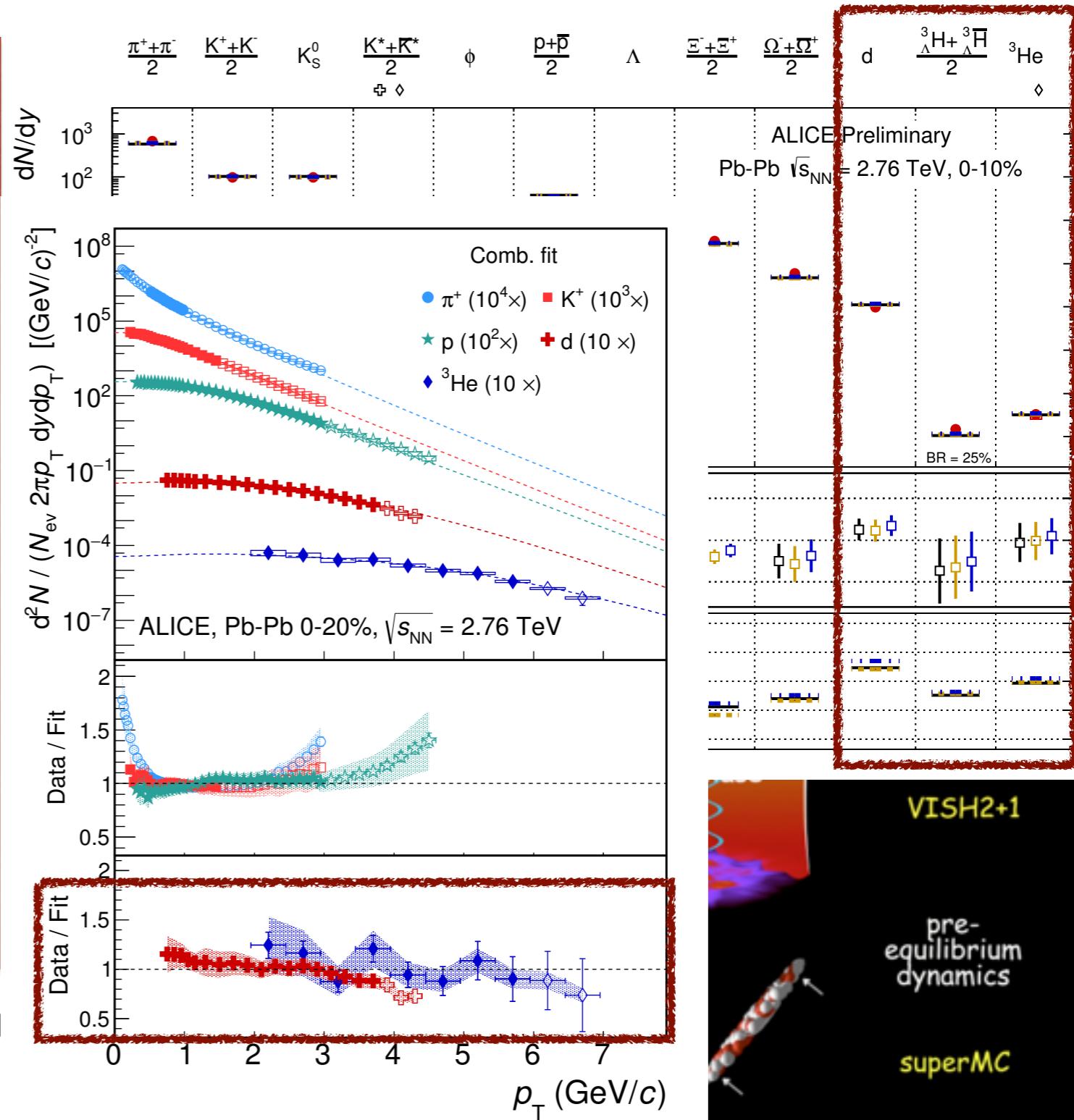


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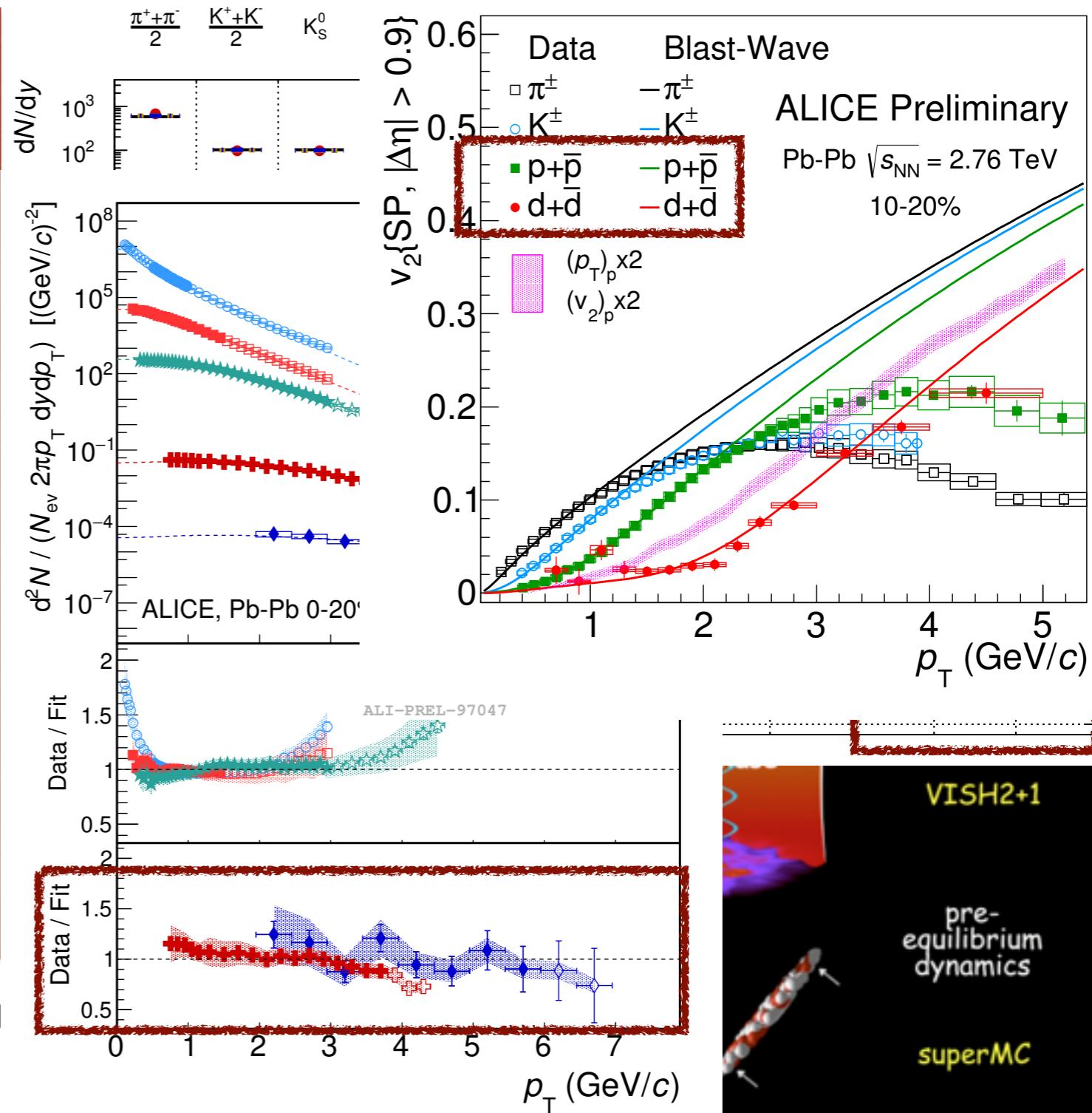
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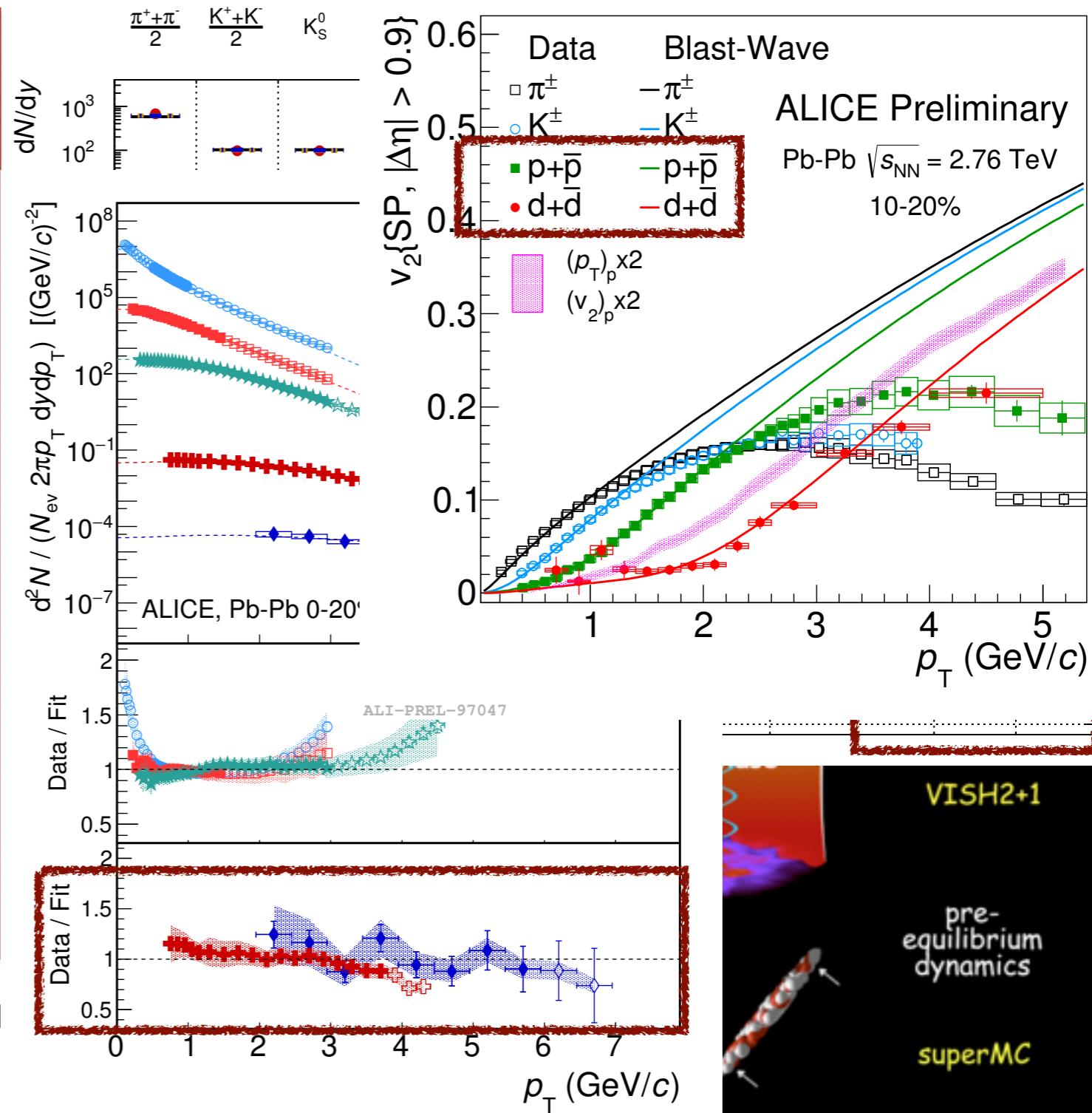
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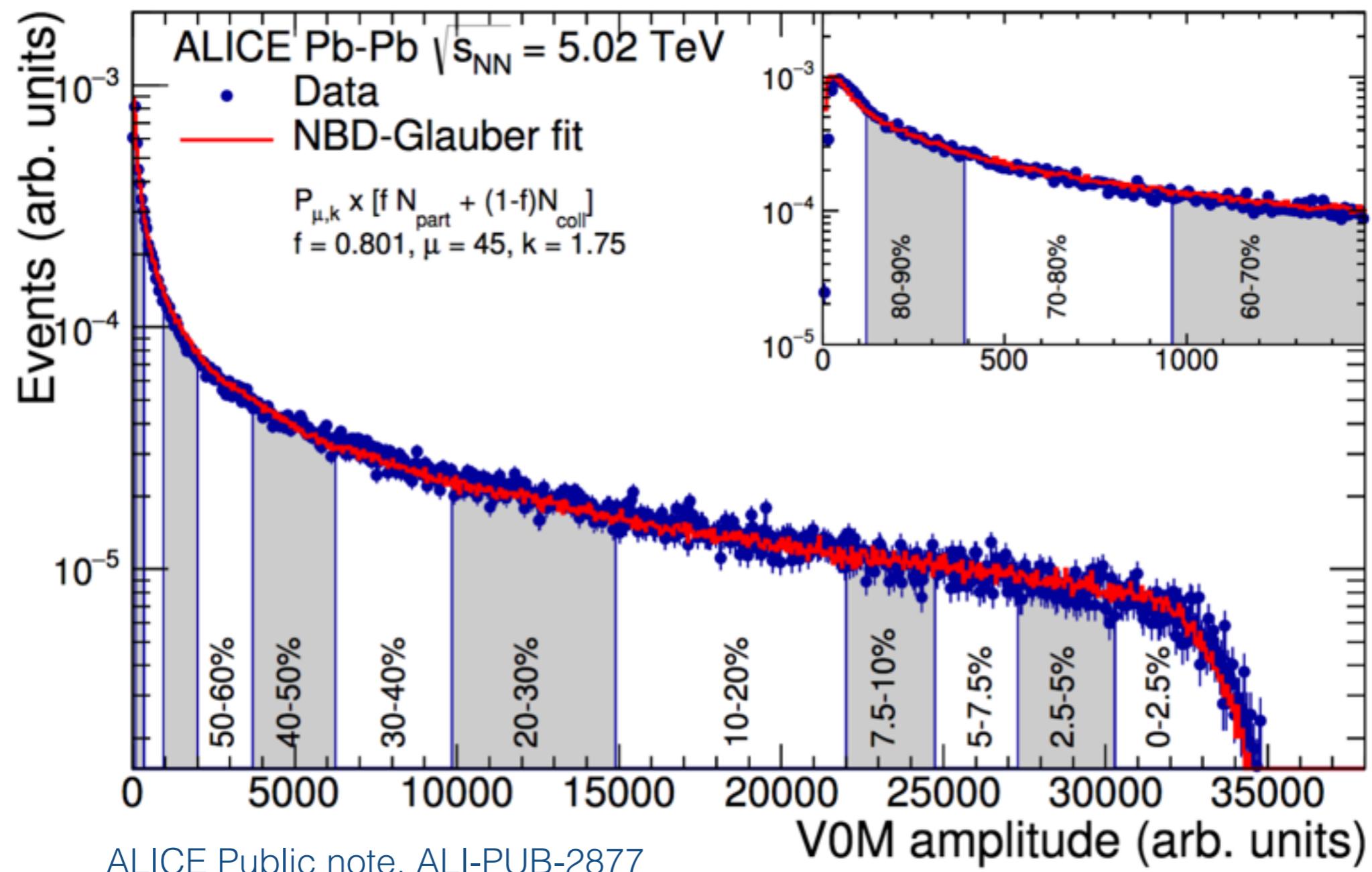
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Event characterisation

Geometrical quantities are calculated using a Glauber Monte Carlo, the different event classes are classified according to their impact parameter



Kinetic freeze-out

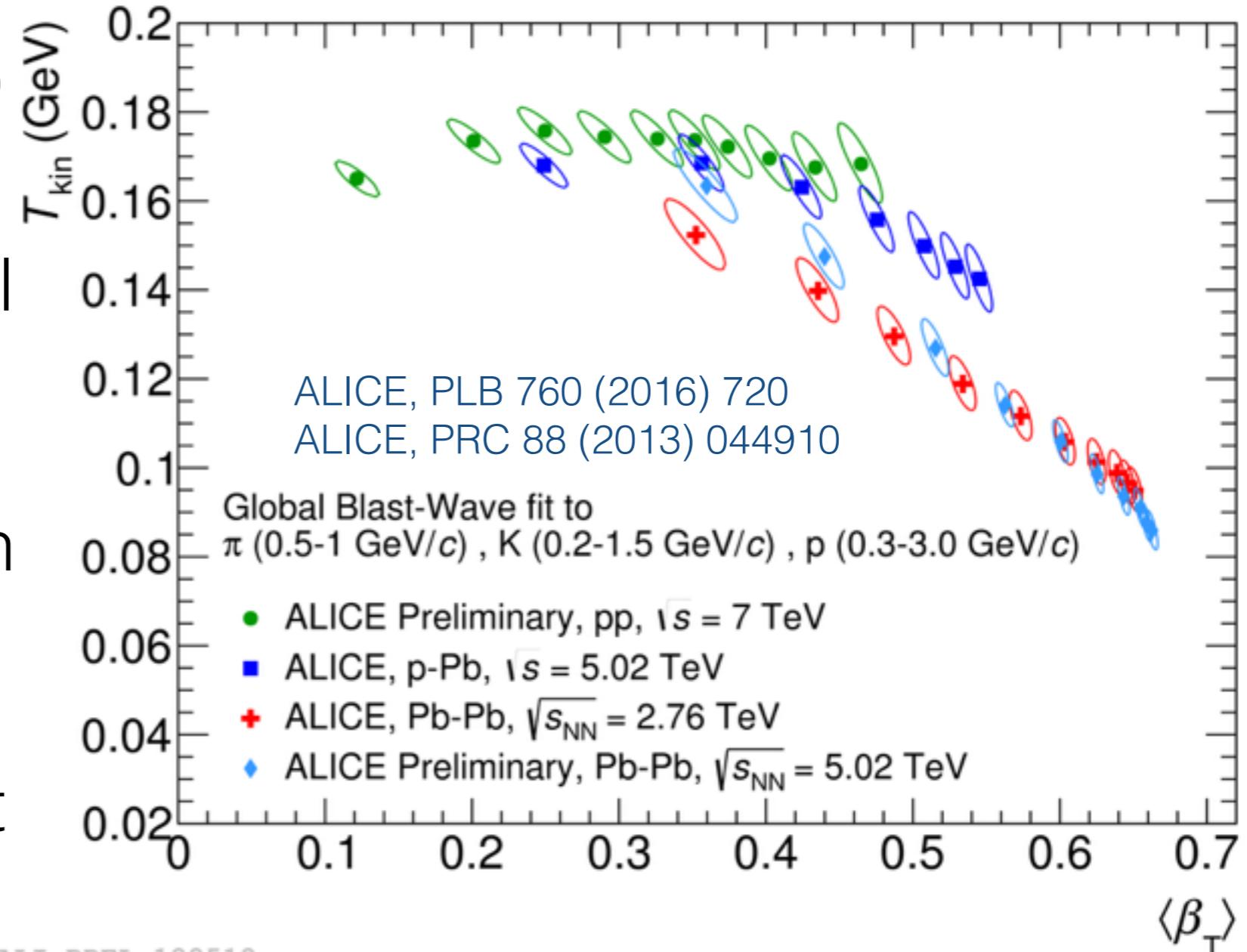
Simultaneous fit to π ,
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E. Schnedermann et al., PRC 48 (1993)
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Simplified
hydrodynamics model
with only three
parameters:

- β_T : radial expansion velocity
- T_{kin} : temperature at the kinetic freeze-out
- n : velocity profile

$T_{\text{kin}} < T_{\text{ch}}$: consistent with the existence of the hadronic phase. Results depend on the fit range. However, we always observe an increase of β_T with increasing multiplicity



Kinetic freeze-out

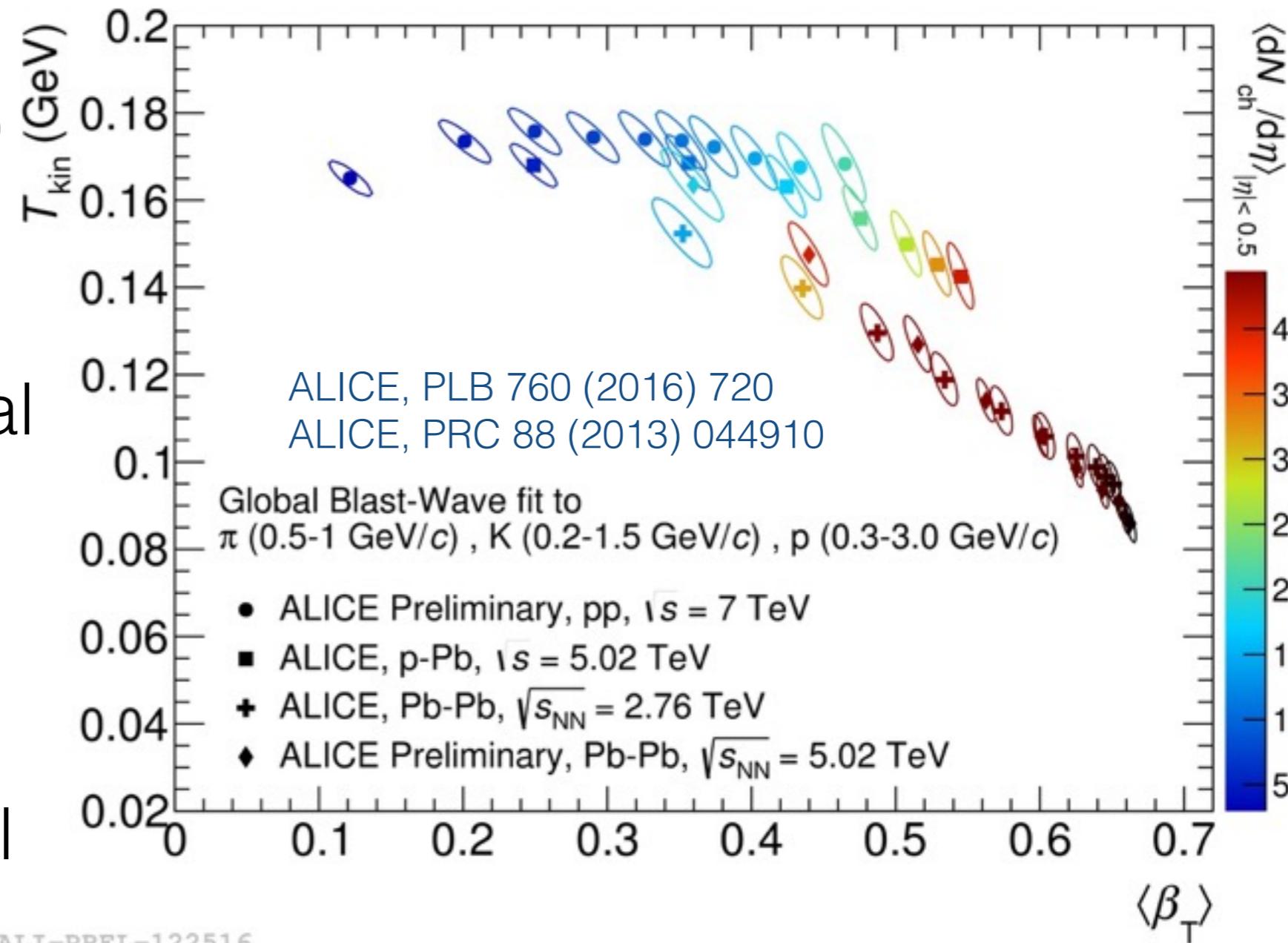
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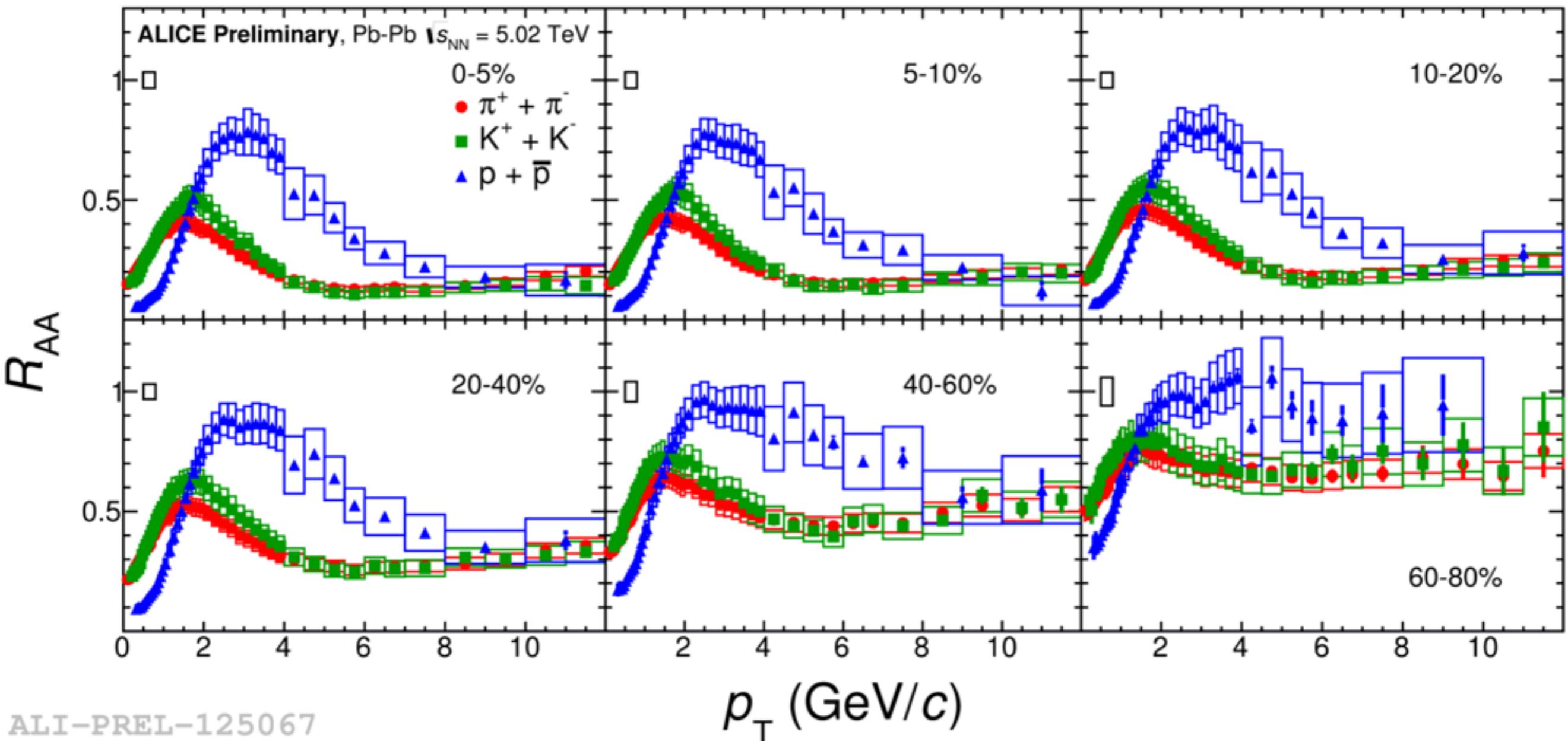
Same color indicates
~same multiplicities:

- Slightly higher radial flow in run II heavy-ion data
- Small systems also compatible with hydrodynamic model

Discussion about small collision systems (pp and p-Pb collisions) will be done at the end of the presentation



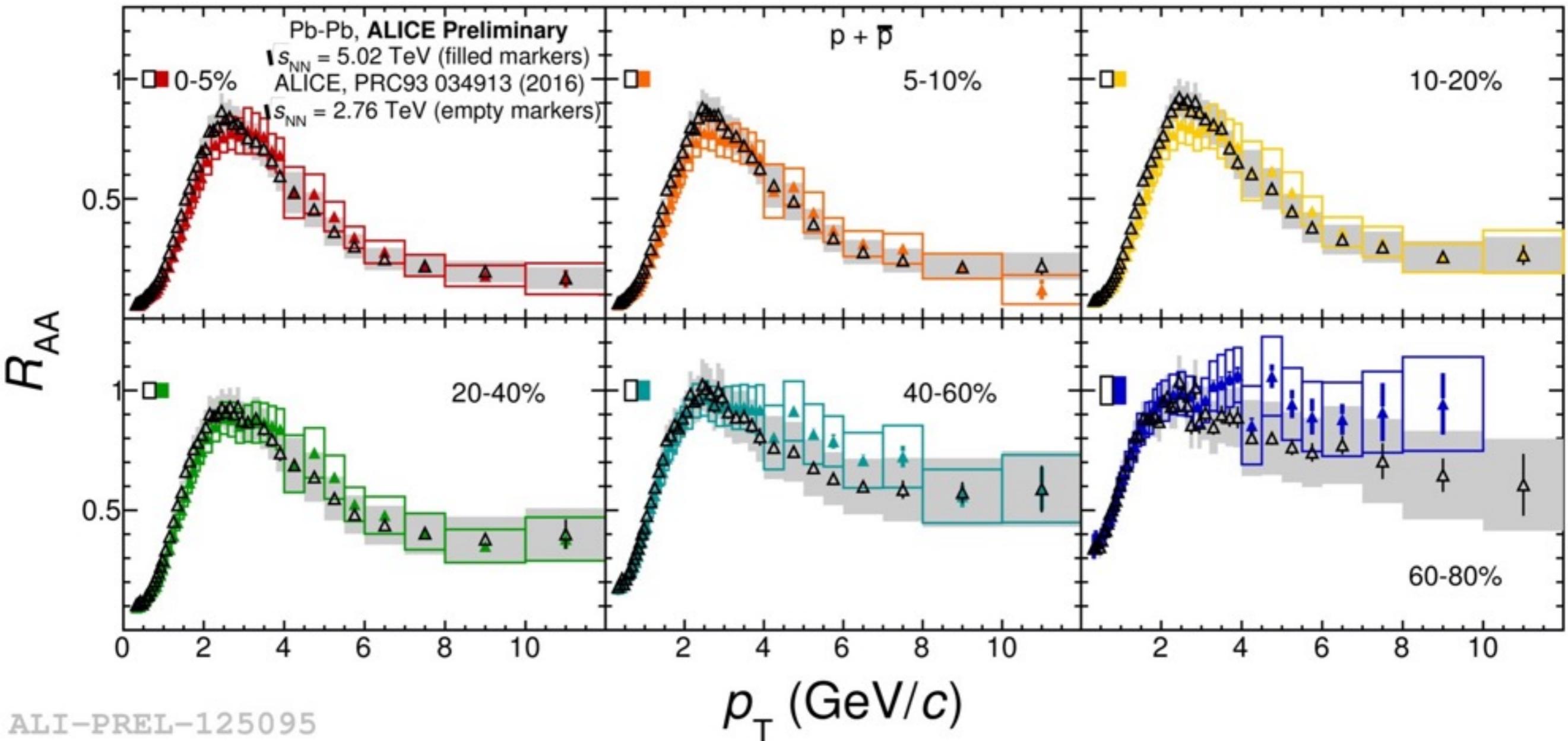
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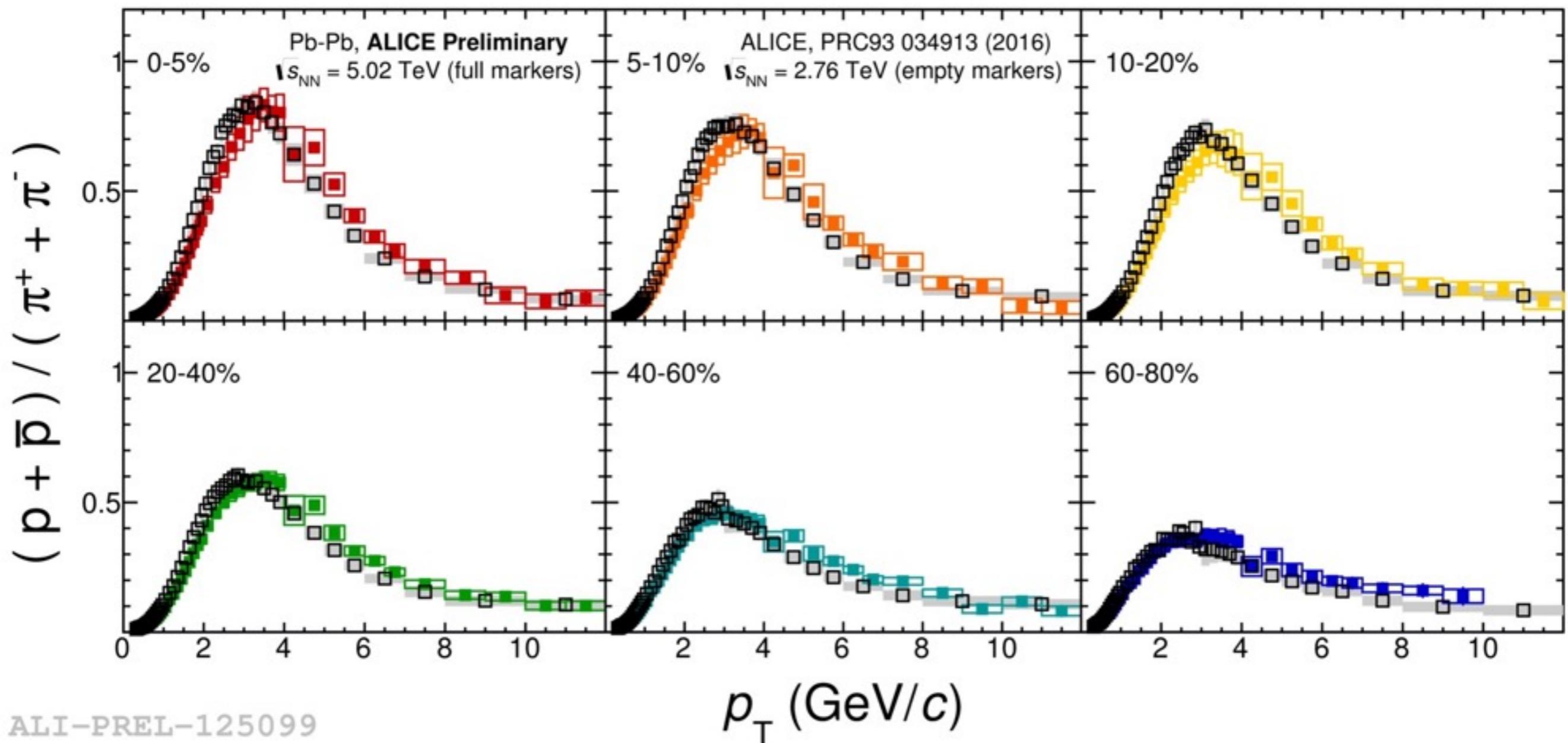
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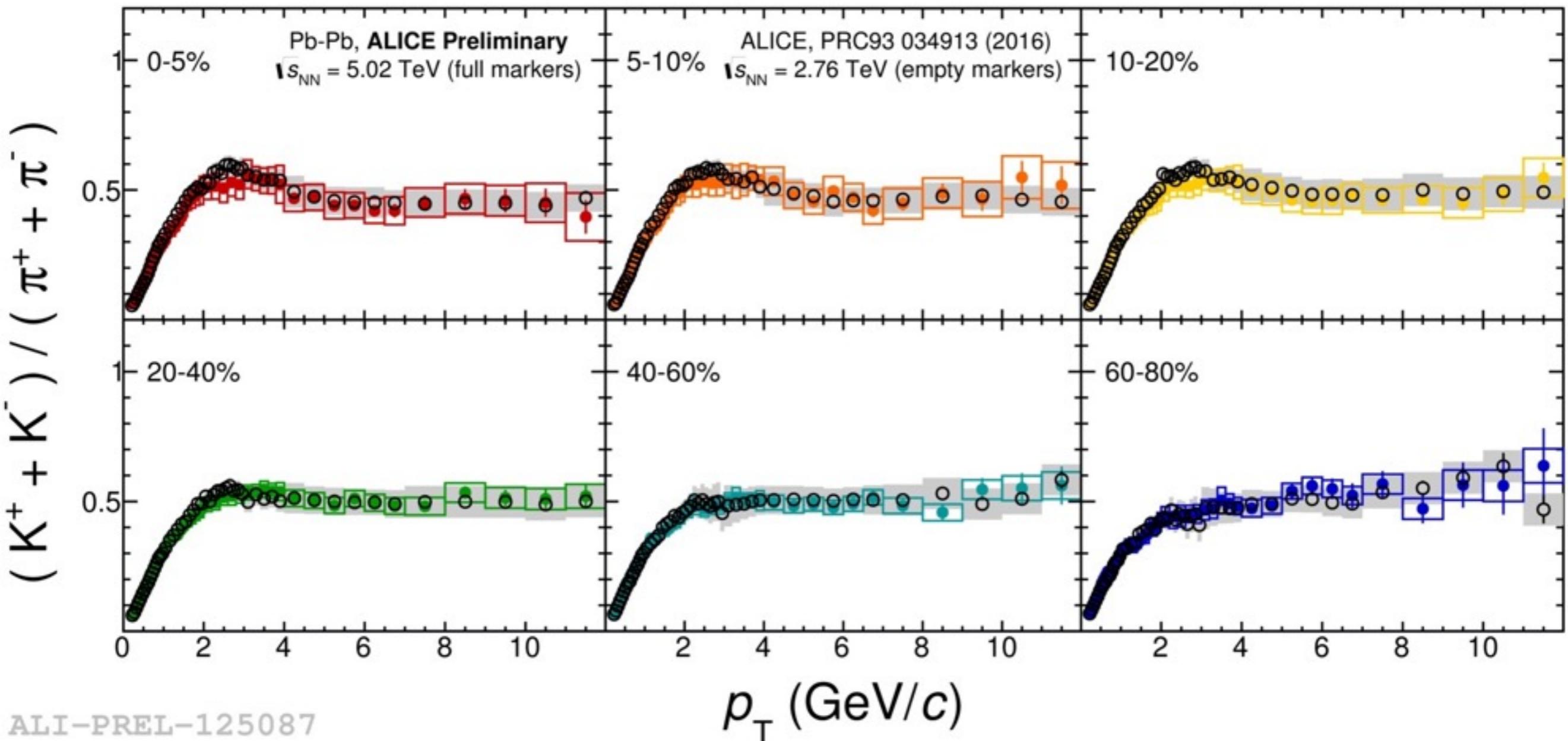
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- Similar results obtained in run I, albeit a small energy dependence is observed at low p_T (ALICE, PRC 93 (2016) 034913)

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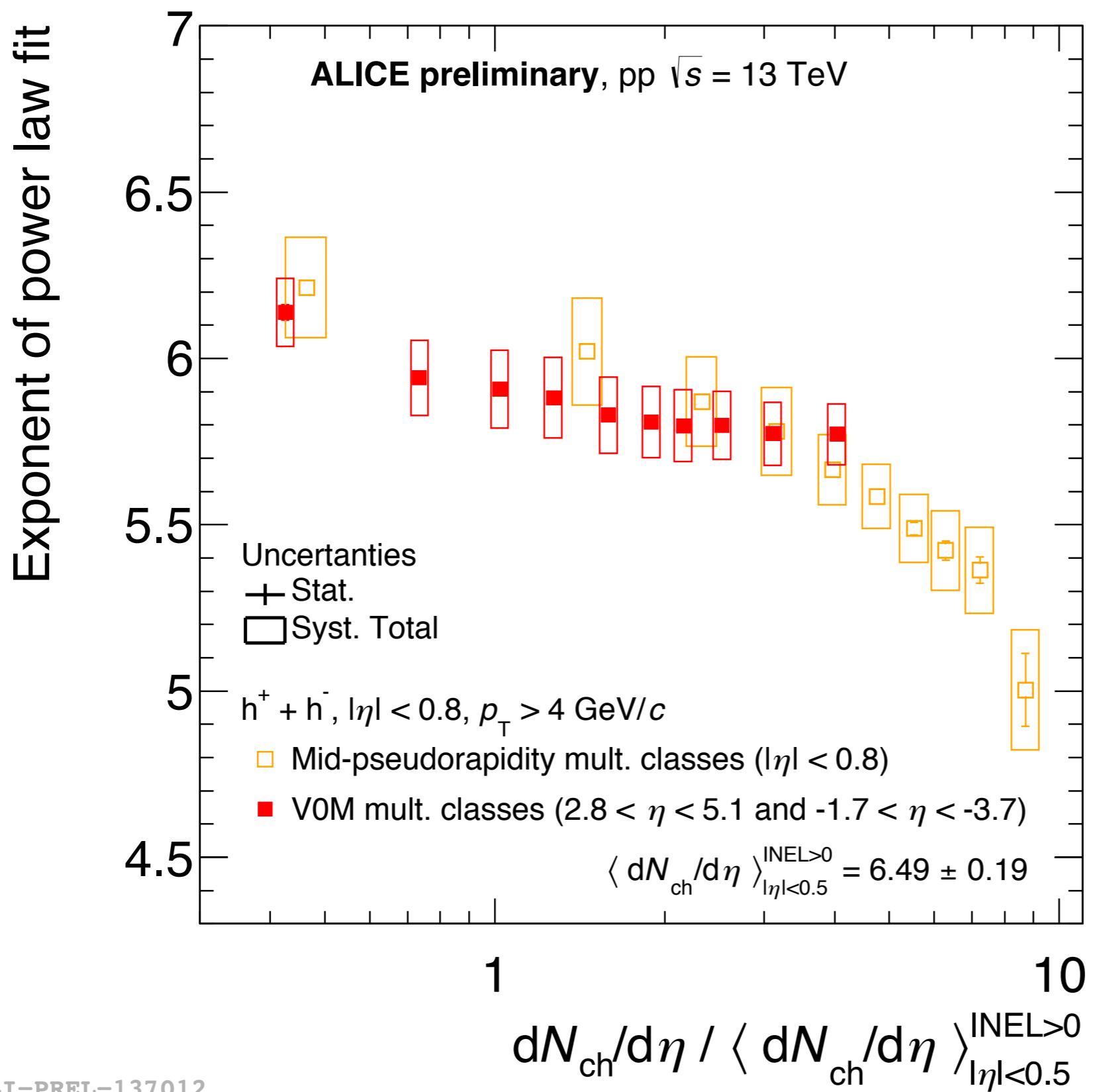


- Shift to the maximum of p/π to higher p_T with respect to lower energies (ALICE, PRC 93 (2016) 034913)

Particle ratios (II)



- No significant change between the two energies
(ALICE, PRC 93 (2016) 034913)

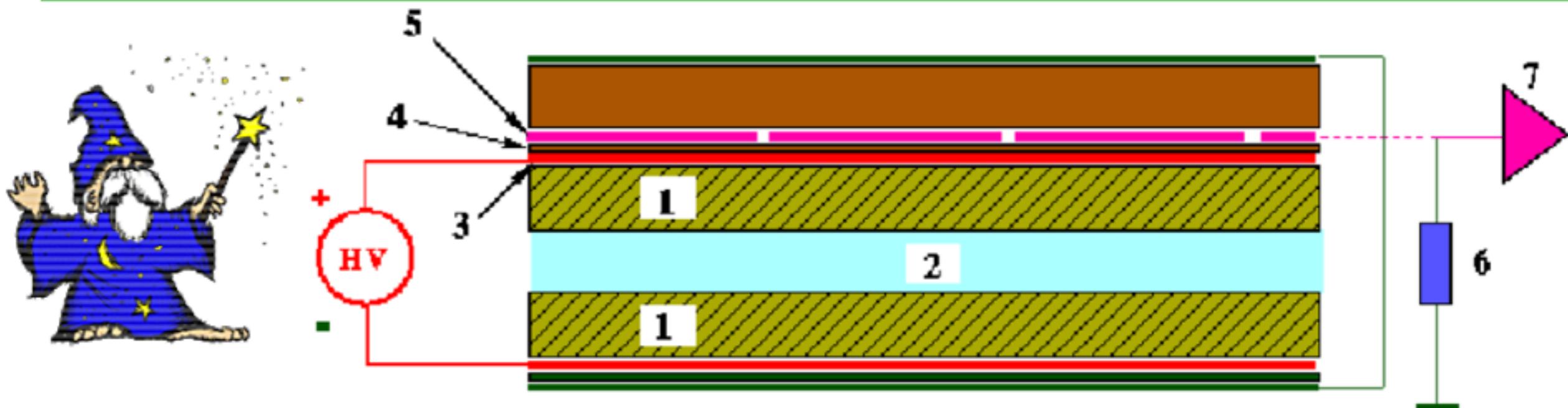


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The RPC detector

Resistive Plate Counters → resistive parallel plate gaseous detector

Developed around 1980 in Italy by R. Santonico et al. NIM 187 (1981) 377-380



- 1. Electrodes: HPL made with melamine/phenol resins; Glass; Ceramic
- Resistive electrodes: 10^{10} - $10^{12} \Omega\text{cm}$
- Internal electrode surface covered with a thin linseed oil layer ($\sim \mu\text{m}$)
- 2. Gap width: 2 mm
- 3. High Voltage contacts: graphite paint ($\sim 100 \mu\text{m}$)
- Operating pressure: atmospheric pressure
- Gas mixture: Ar, $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2\text{F}_4$, i C_4H_{10} , SF_6
- Gas flow: 0.2 vol/h
- Dimensions: Surface: $\sim \text{m}^2$, thickness: 1 cm
- Read-out strip: Al/Cu, ~cm