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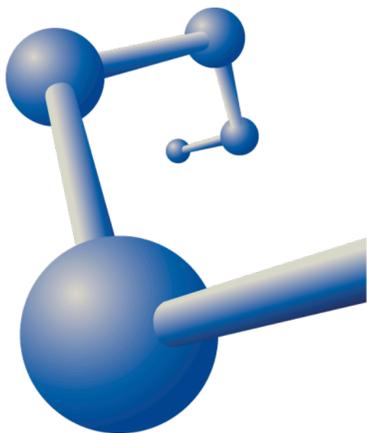


**Charged-particle production as a function  
of  $R_T$  in pp, p-Pb, and Pb-Pb collisions**

based on: [JHEP 01 \(2024\) 56](#)

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## ◆ Introduction

- Collectivity in small systems
- Selection biases
- Underlying event and  $R_T$

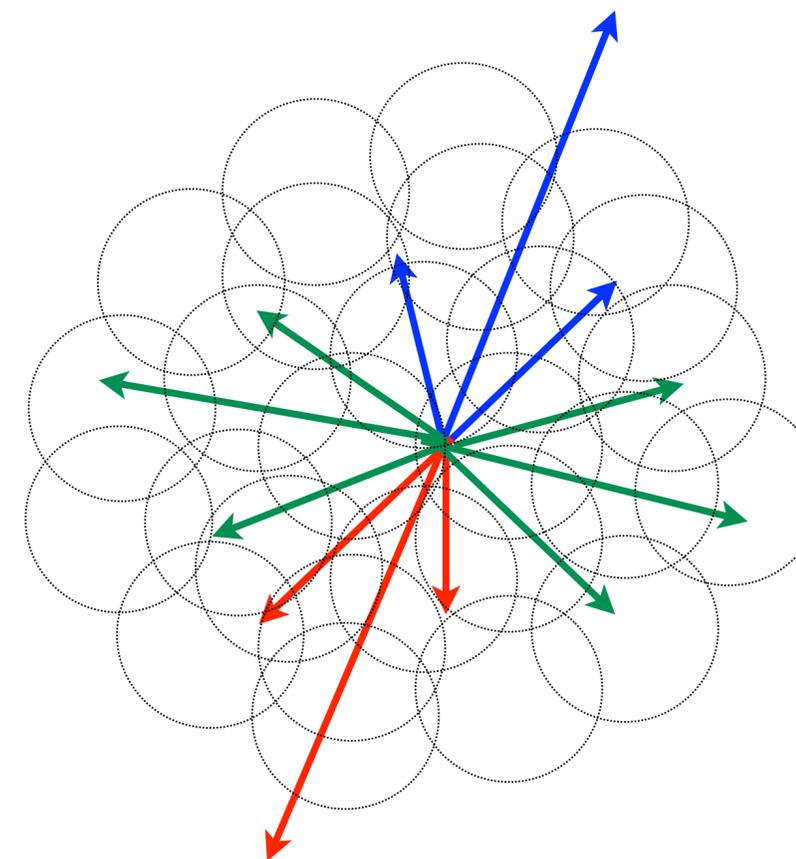
## ◆ Analysis procedure

- The ALICE detector in Run 2
- Analysis details

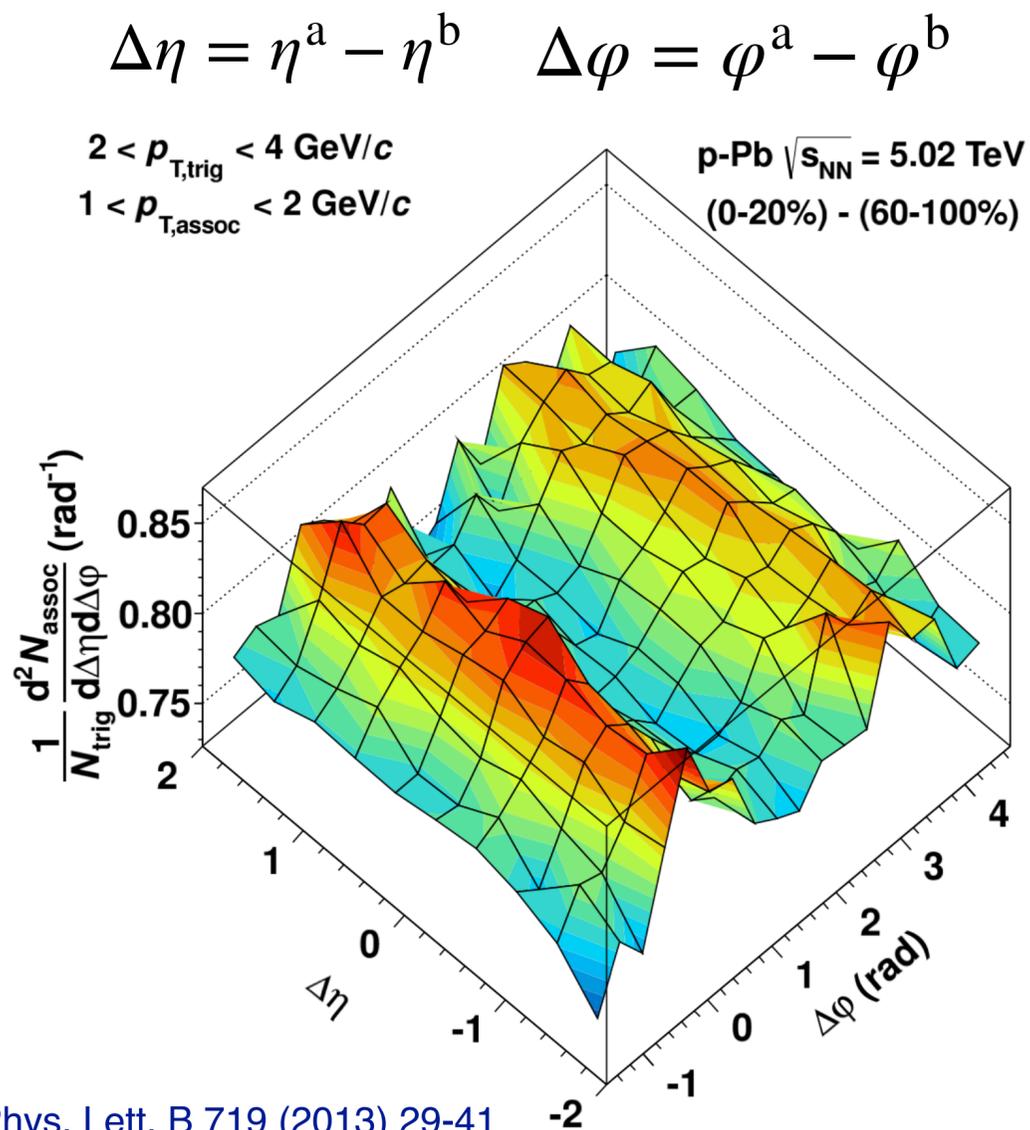
## ◆ Results

- $p_T$ -spectra as a function of  $R_T$
- $\langle p_T \rangle$  as a function of  $R_T$
- Integrated yields as a function of  $R_T$

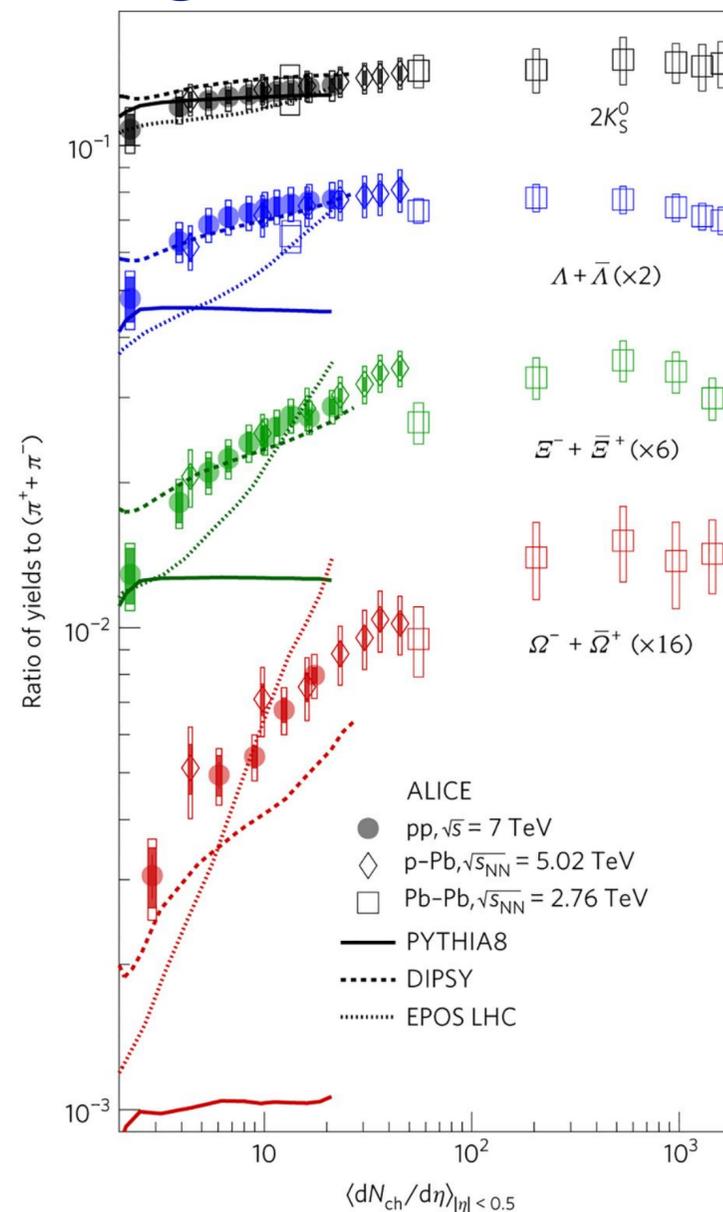
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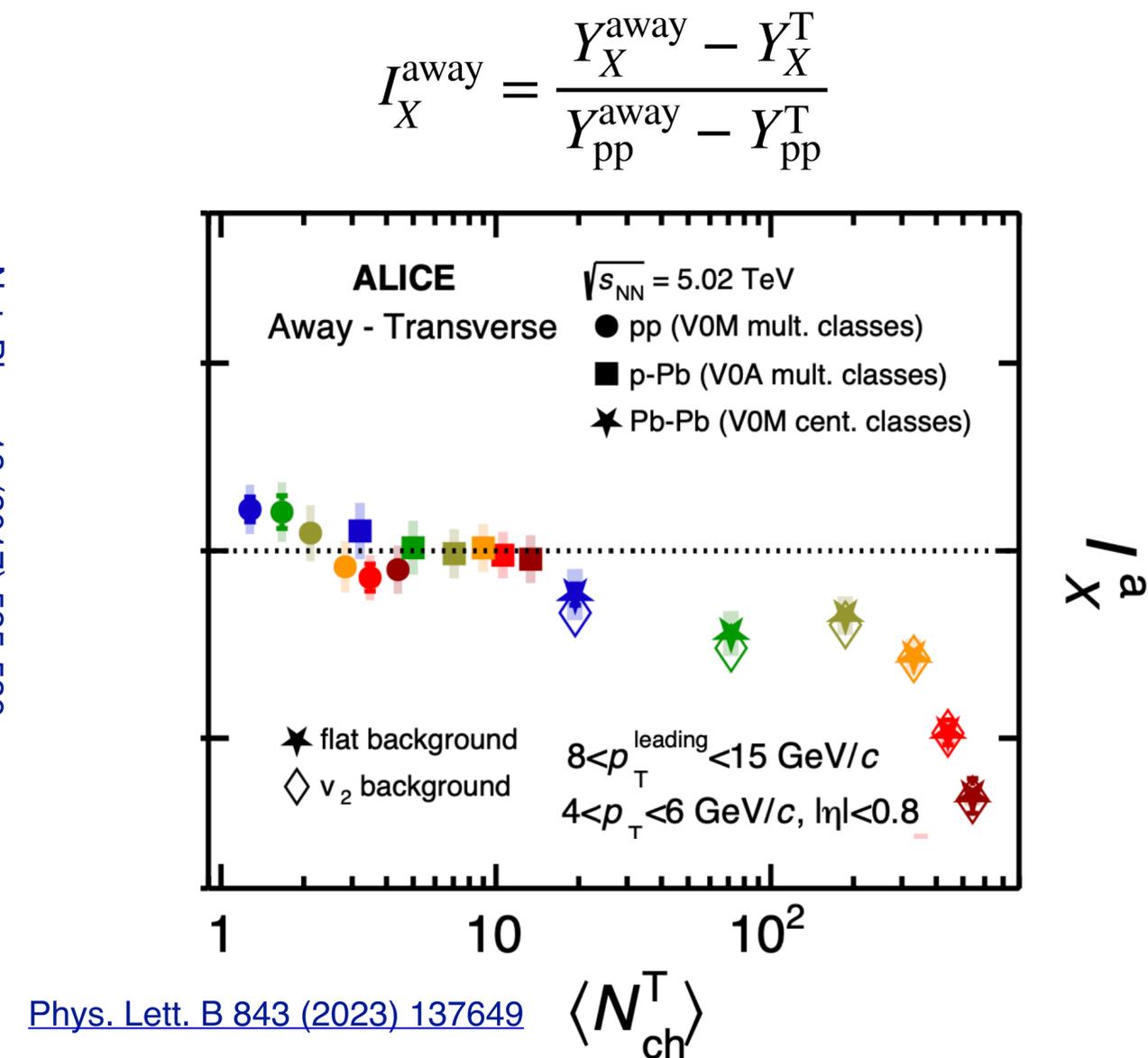
## Double ridge structure



## Strangeness Enhancement



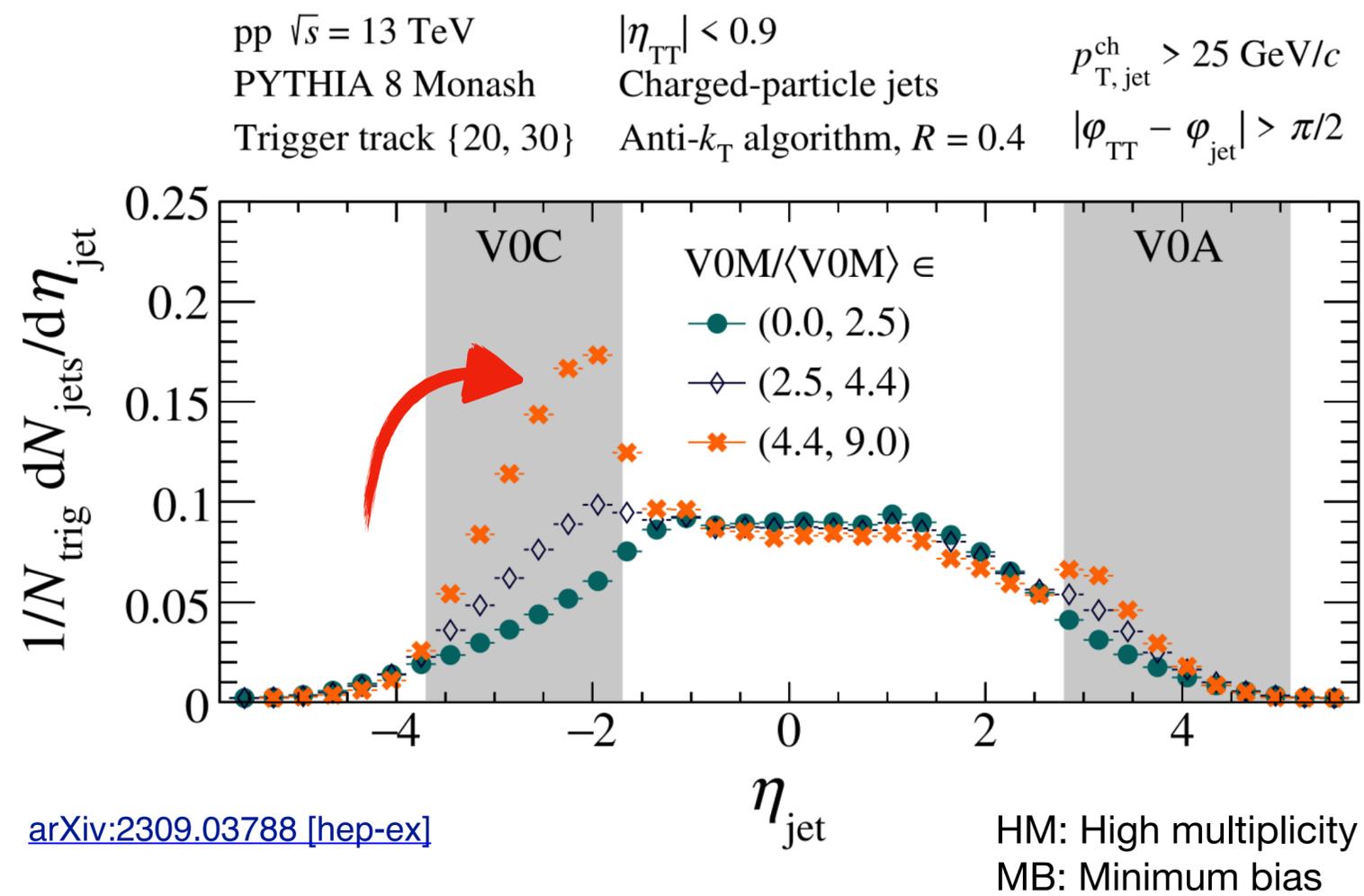
## Jet quenching



Are these effects caused by quark-gluon plasma (QGP), as in heavy-ion collisions, or by other mechanisms like multiparton interactions (MPI)?

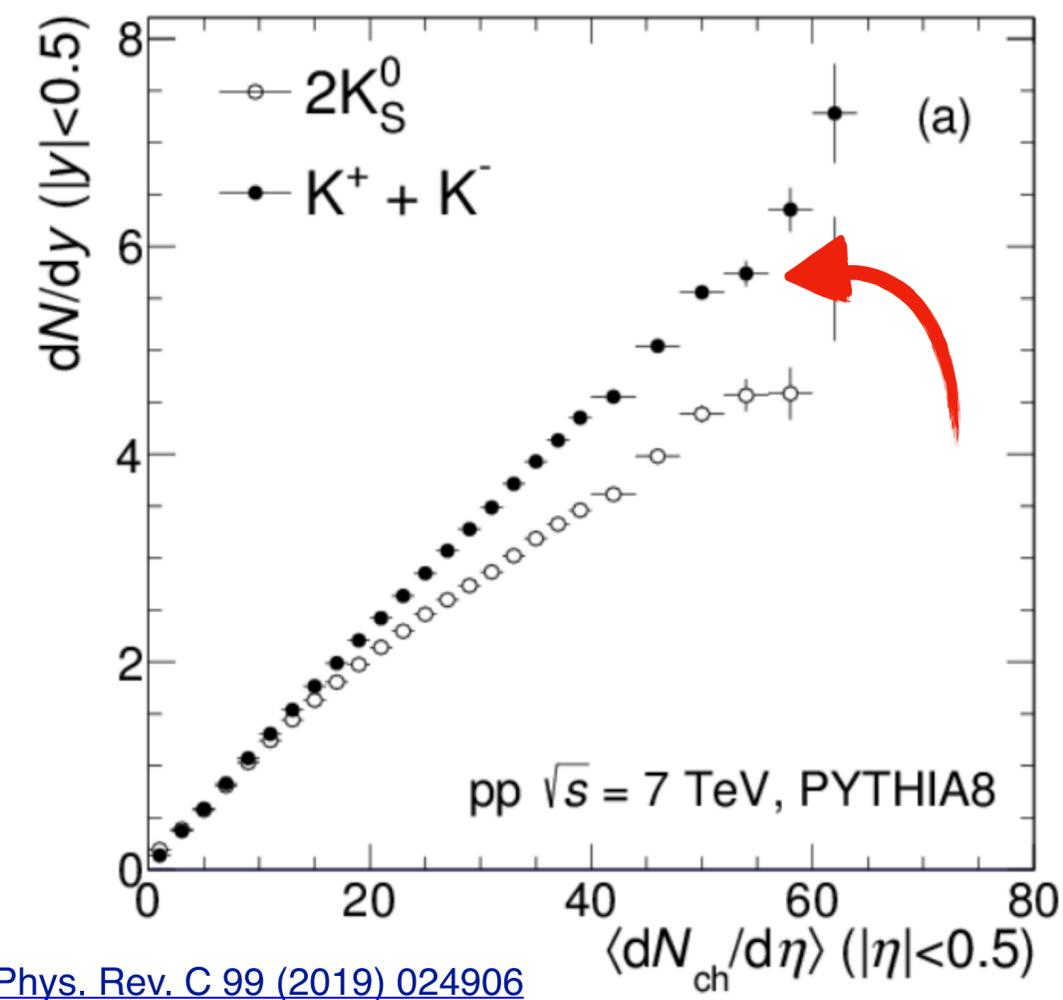
## Hard process

The selection of high-multiplicity events affects the distribution for recoil jets showing a higher rate of hard-recoil jets in HM events compared to MB events



## Charged particles

The neutral-to-charged particle yield is biased by requiring high charge-particle multiplicity



**In pp collisions, the underlying event (UE) refers to everything that does not come from the hard partonic scattering**

The topological regions are defined relative to the direction of the charged particle with the highest transverse momentum ( $p_T^{\text{trig}}$ ) in the event

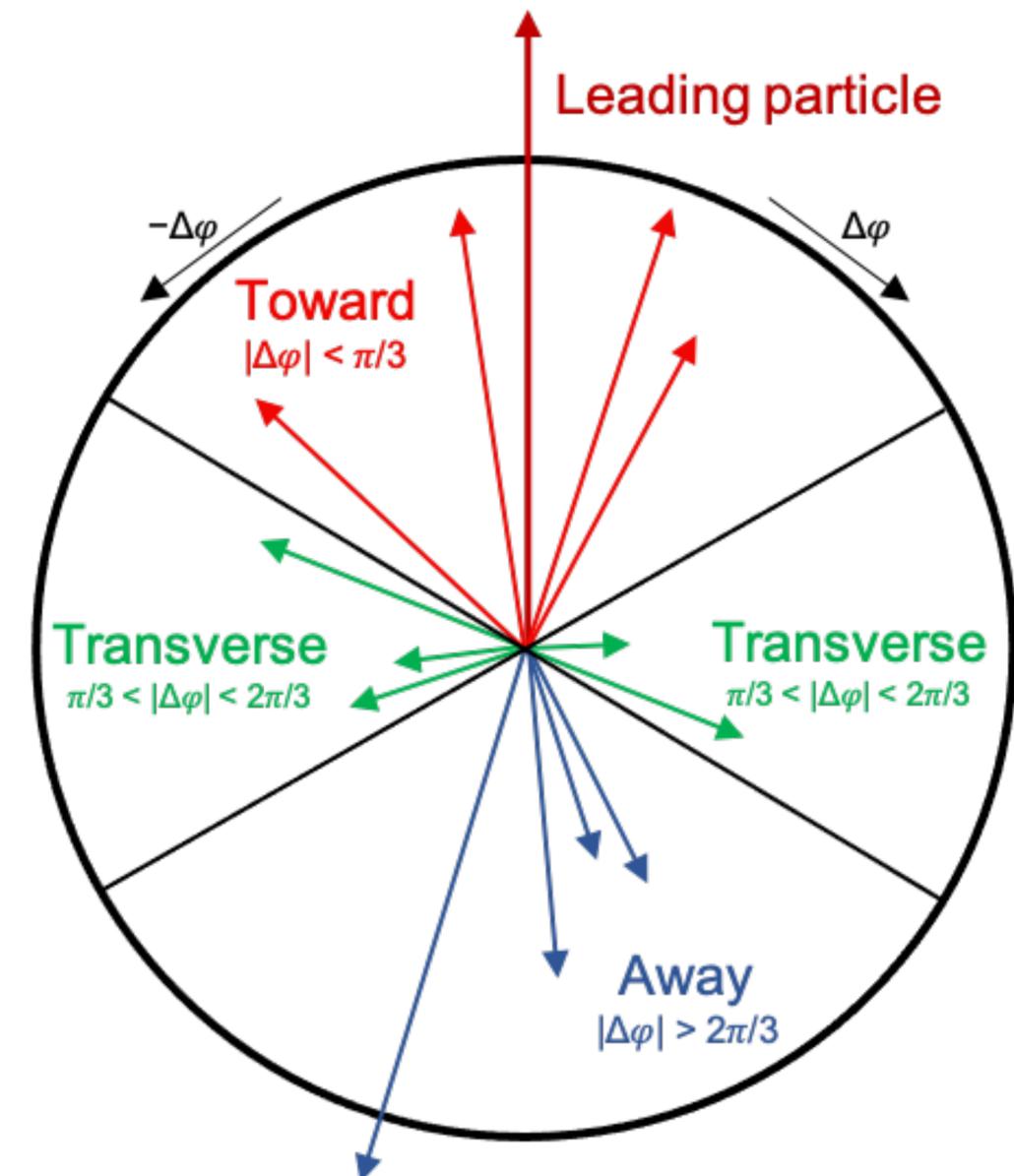
**Relative transverse activity classifier**

$$R_T = \frac{N_{\text{ch}}^T}{\langle N_{\text{ch}}^T \rangle}$$

with  $N_{\text{ch}}^T$ : multiplicity in the transverse region

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- ◆ By definition the multiplicity estimator  $R_T$  excludes the jet fragments
- ◆ The neutral-to-charged particle yield in the toward and away region is not biased at high- $R_T$  values



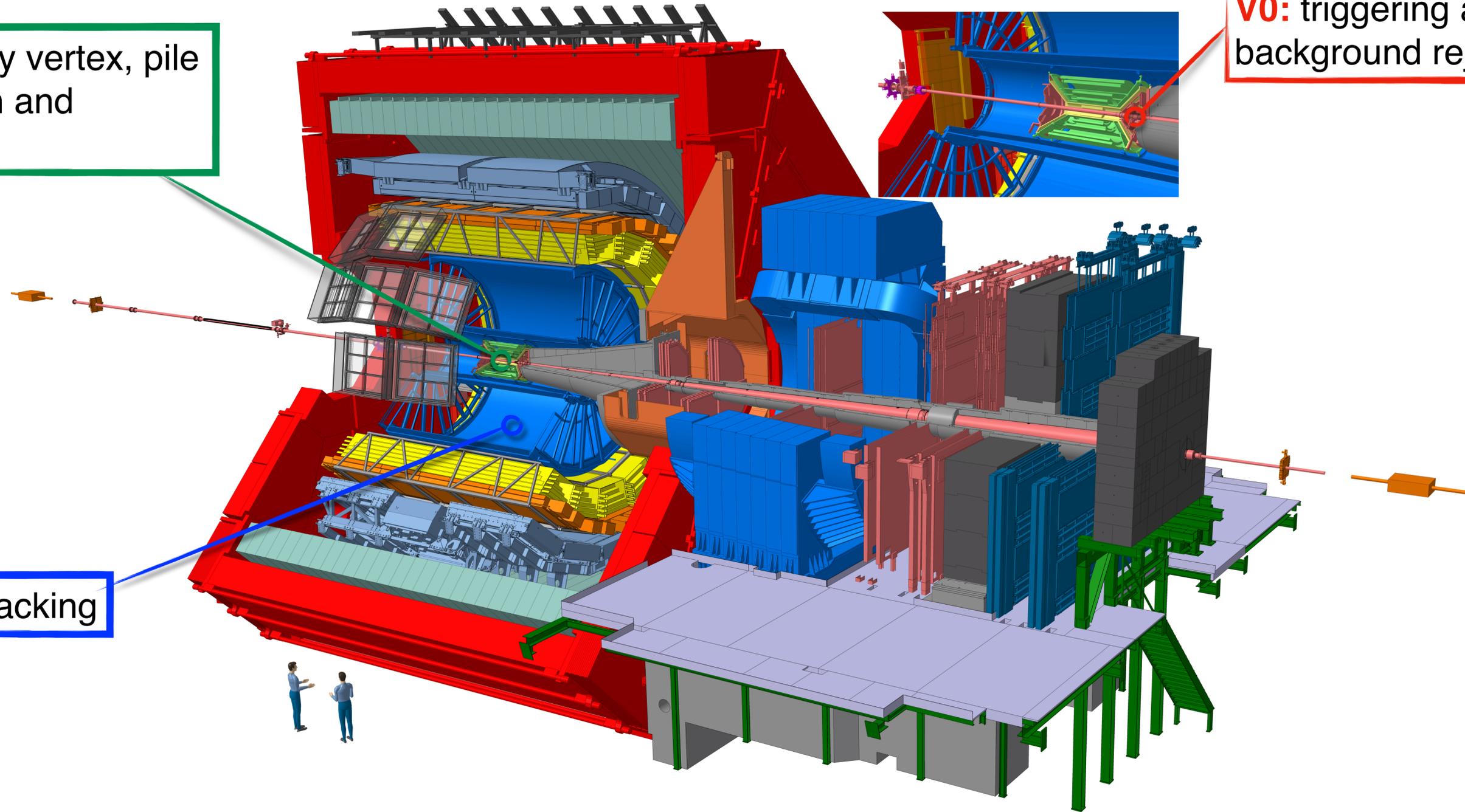
$$|\Delta\phi| = |\varphi^{\text{assoc}} - \varphi^{\text{trig}}|$$

## Main detectors used in this work

**ITS:** primary vertex, pile up rejection and tracking

**V0:** triggering and background rejection

**TPC:** tracking



## Corrections

The uncorrected  $p_T$  distributions as a function of the fully corrected multiplicity are obtained using a Bayesian unfolding

The resulting  $p_T$  distributions were further corrected for:

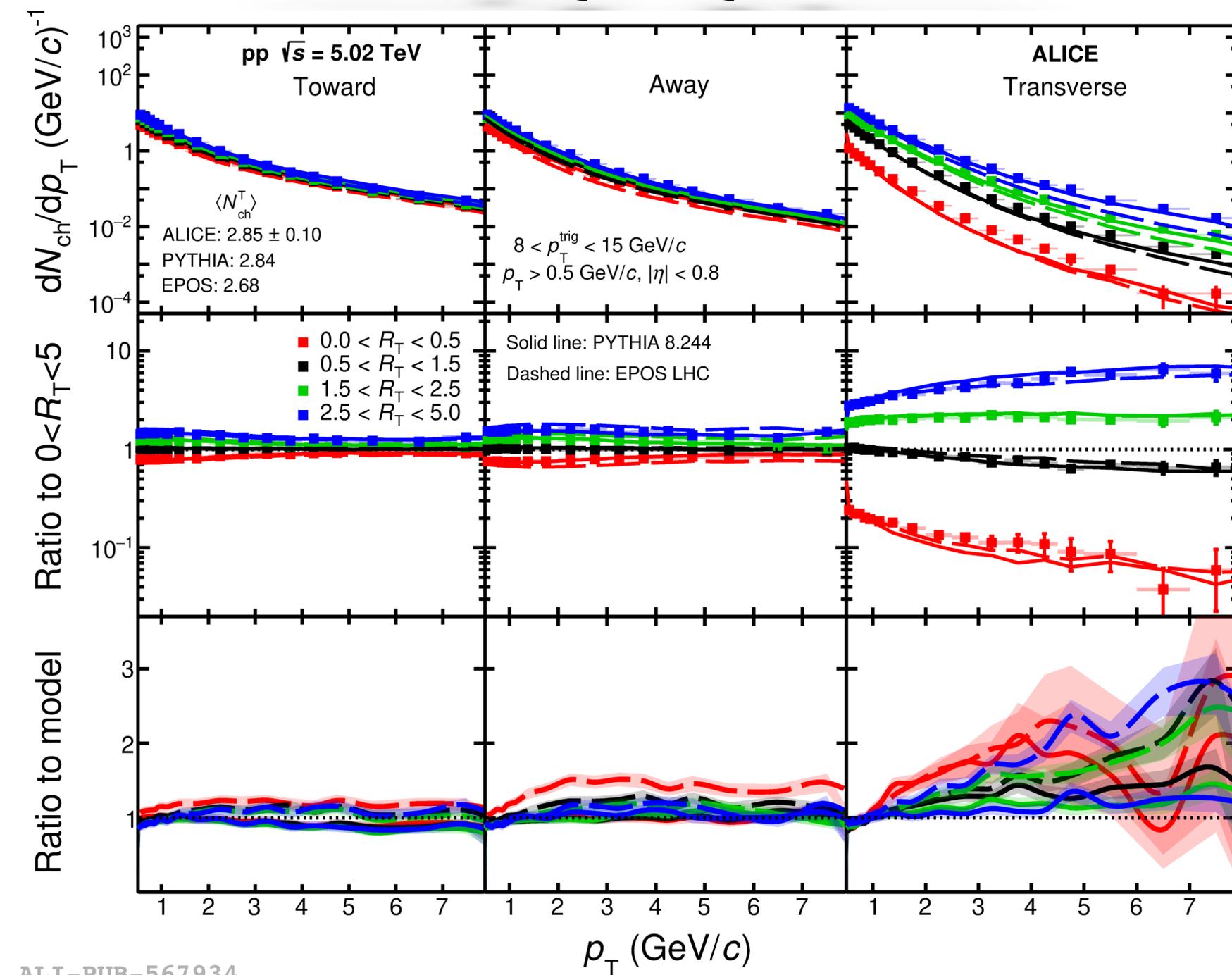
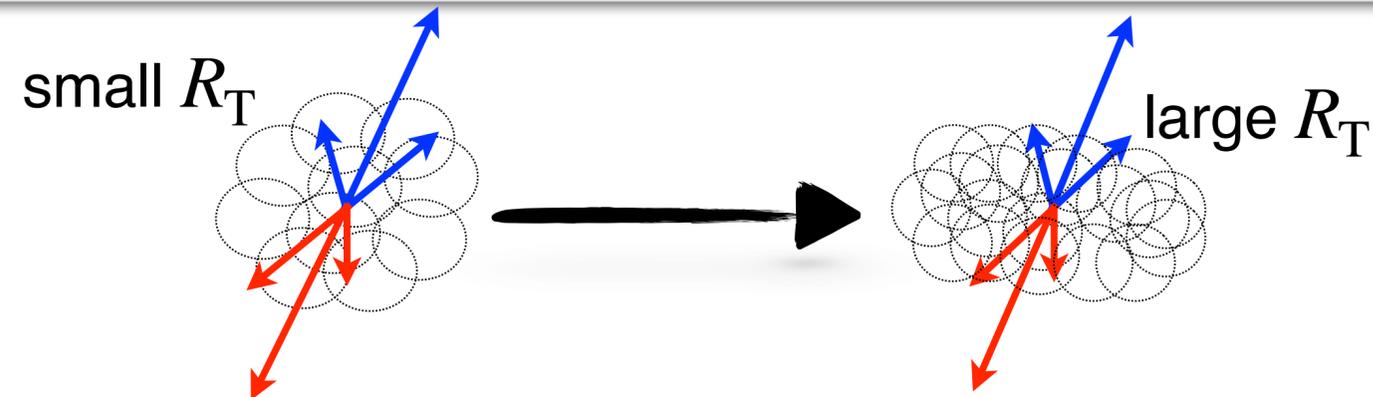
**Efficiency:** A data-driven-tracking efficiency approach, which considers the particle composition measured by ALICE, was used

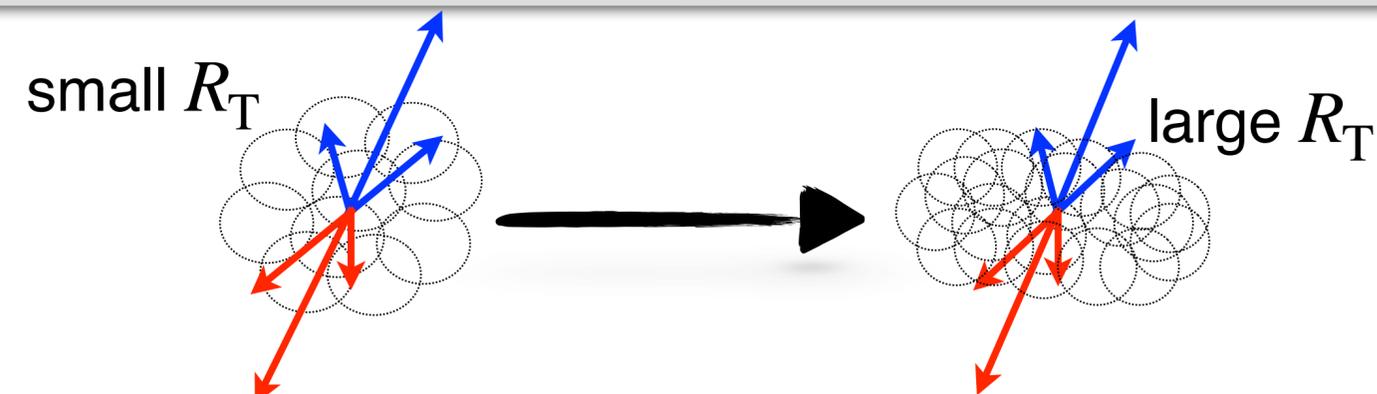
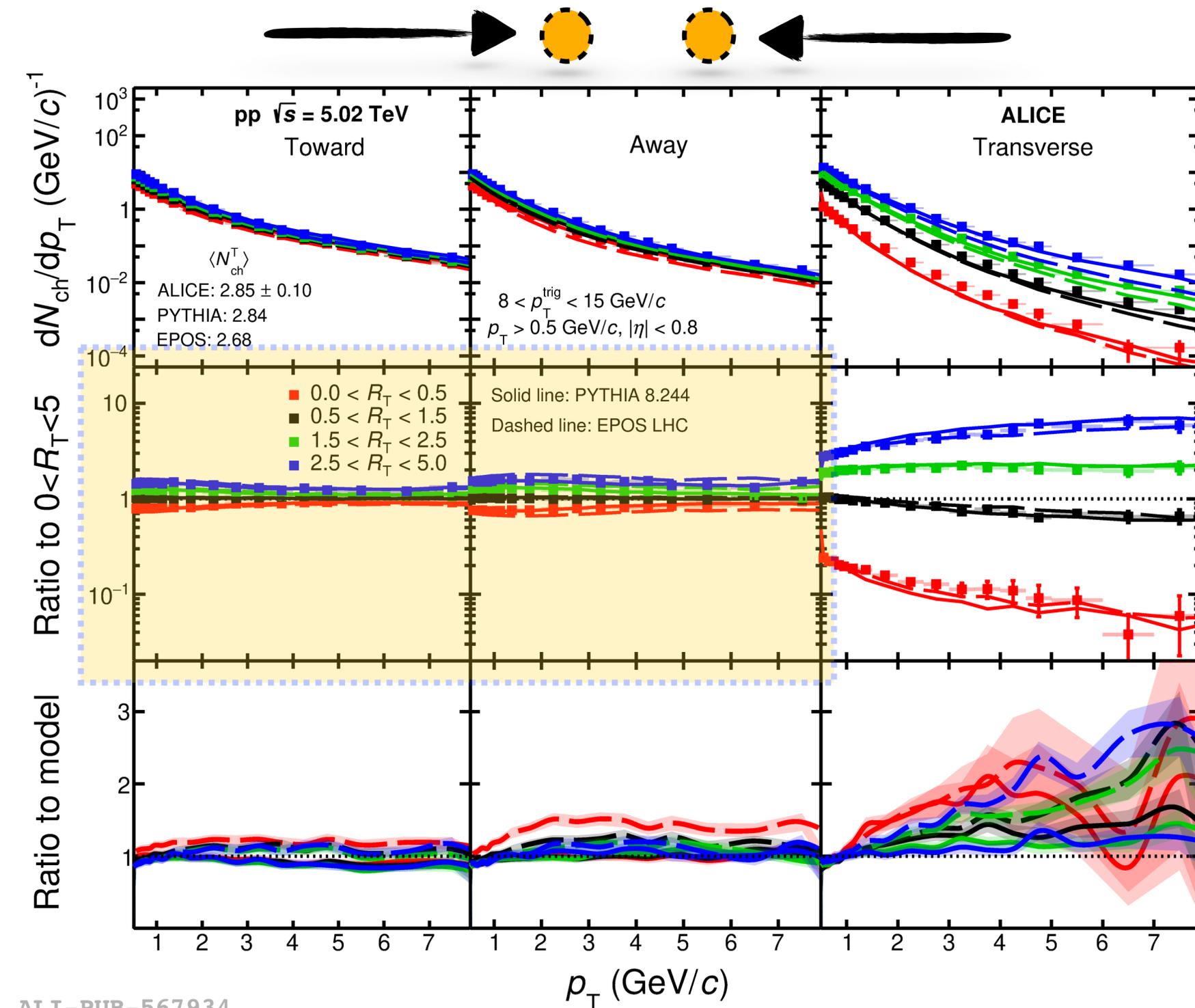
**Feed-down contamination:** from material and decays

## Systematic uncertainties

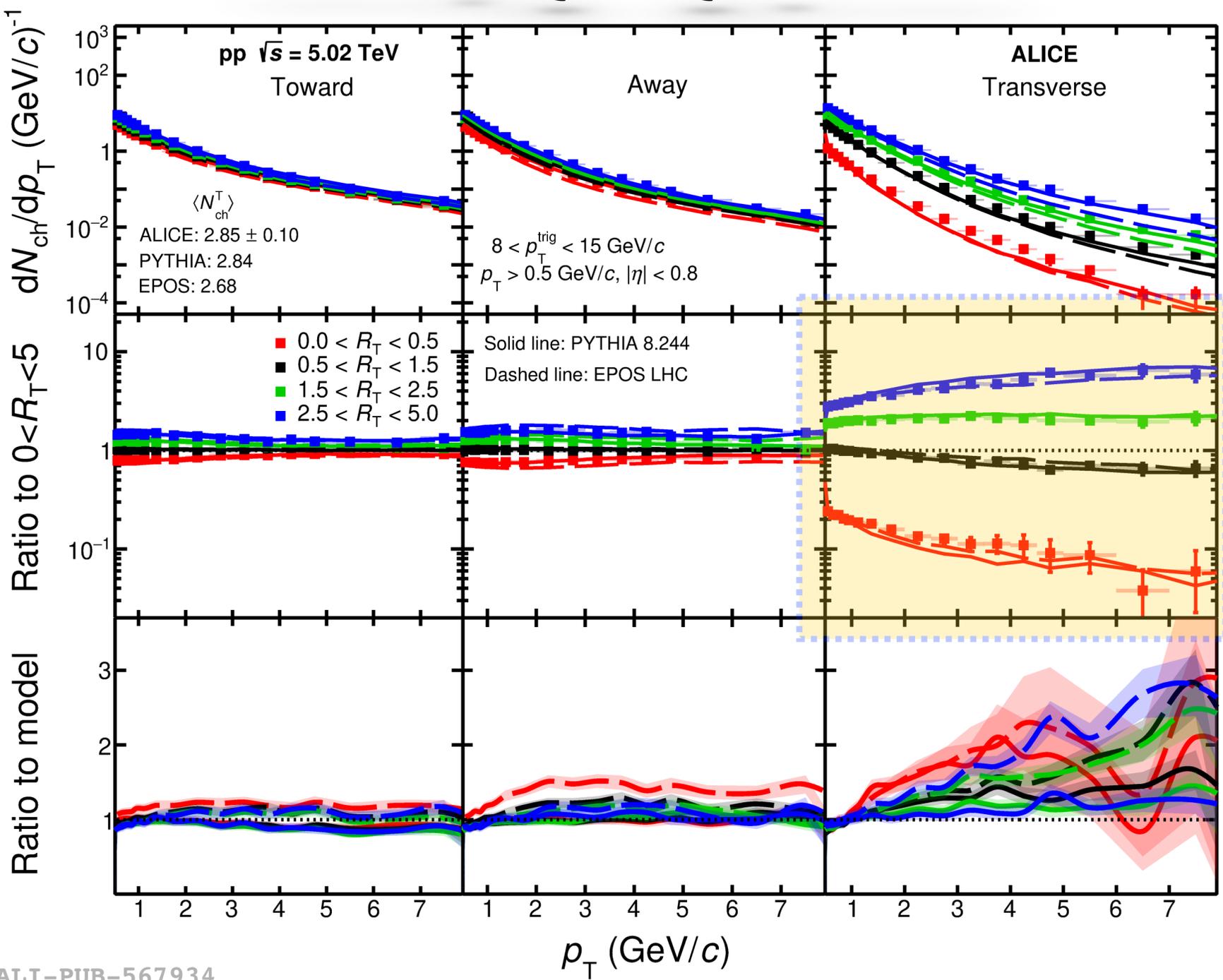
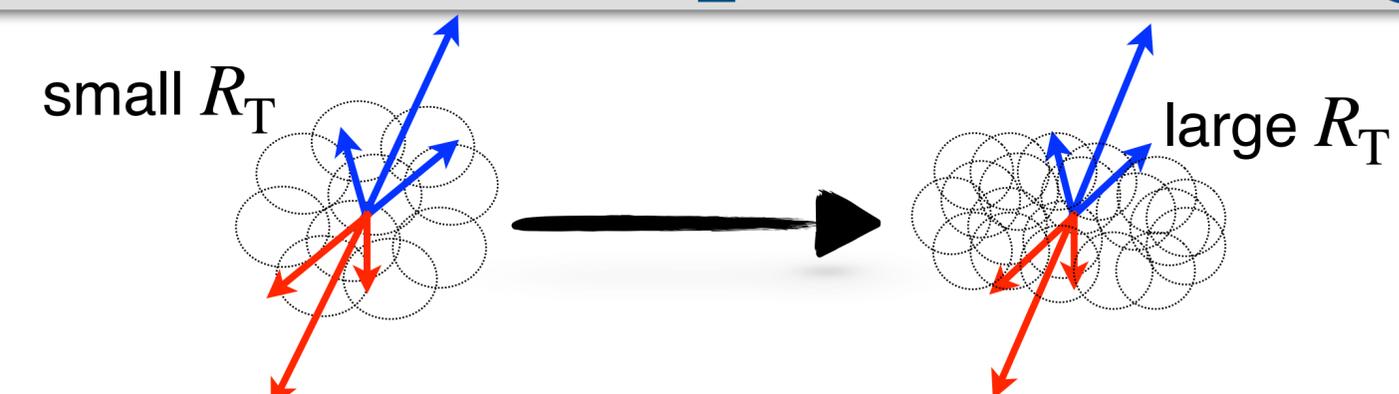
These were divided in  $R_T$ -dependent uncertainties (\*) and  $R_T$ -independent uncertainties

Source	uncertainty (%)					
	pp		p-Pb		Pb-Pb	
	0.5	7.0	0.5	7.0	0.5	7.0
$p_T$ (GeV/c)						
track reconstruction and selection*	1.5	3.5	1.4	1.2	2.5	1.4
mult. dependence of tracking efficiency*	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
MC non-closure*	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
matching efficiency	0.4	0.3	1.1	0.6	0.8	0.9
particle composition	0.3	1.3	0.5	1.2	0.3	0.7
secondary contamination	0.1	negl.	0.3	negl.	negl.	negl.
material budget	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2
Total	4.5	5.7	4.6	4.6	5.0	4.6



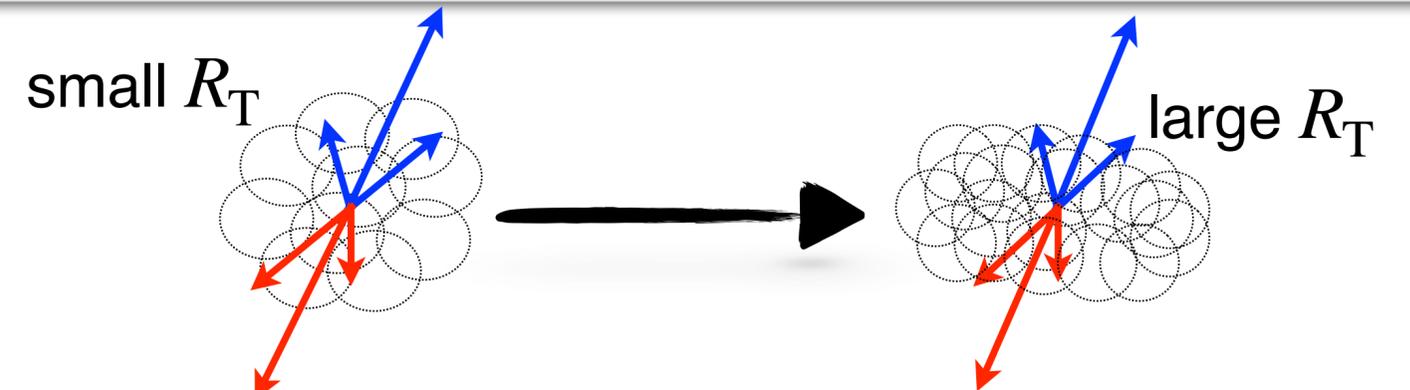
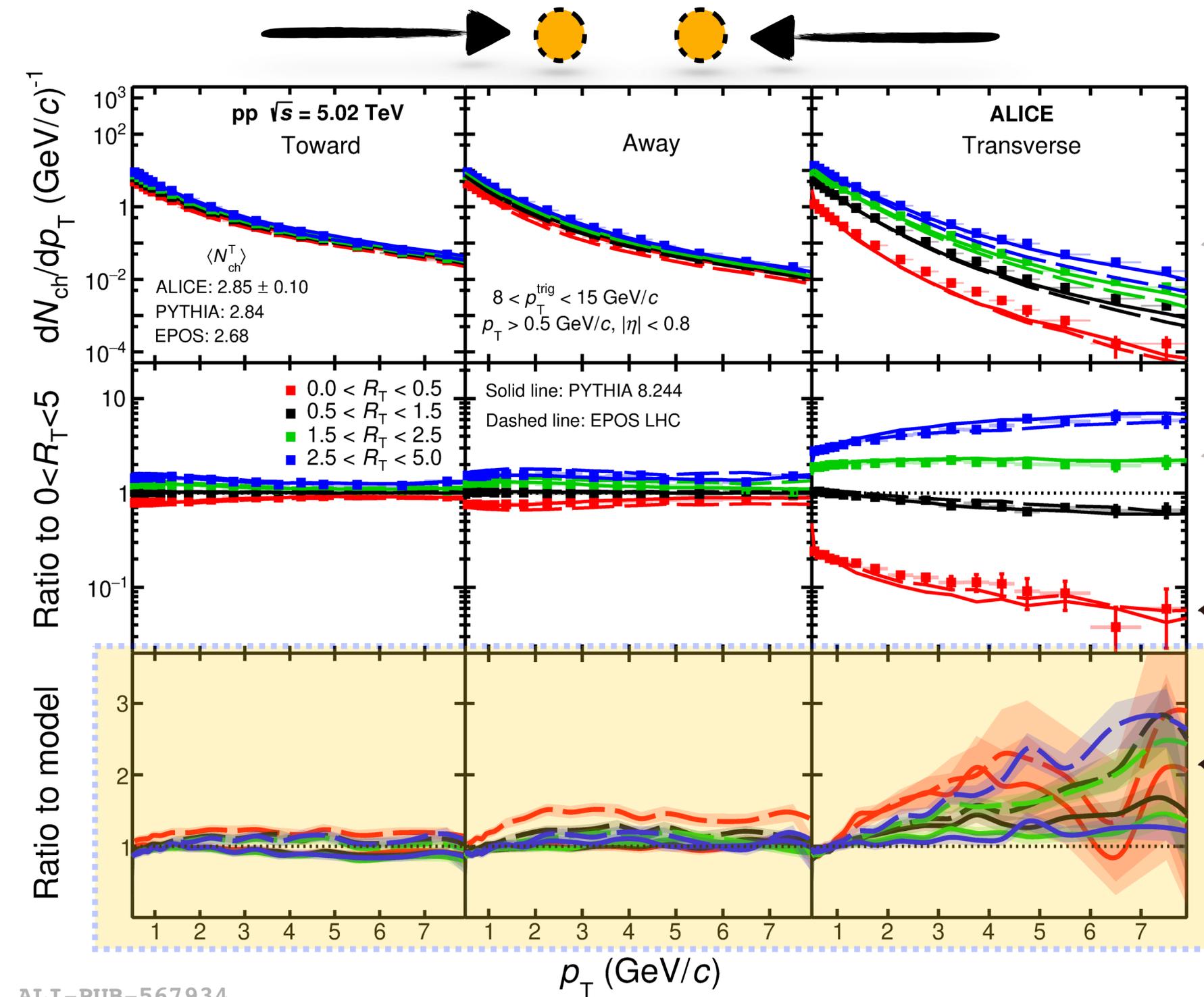


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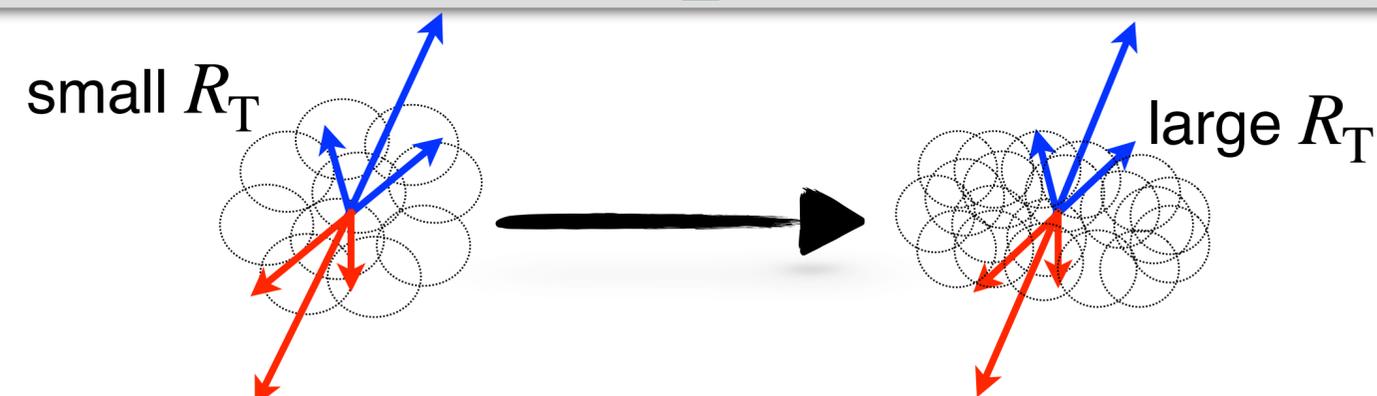
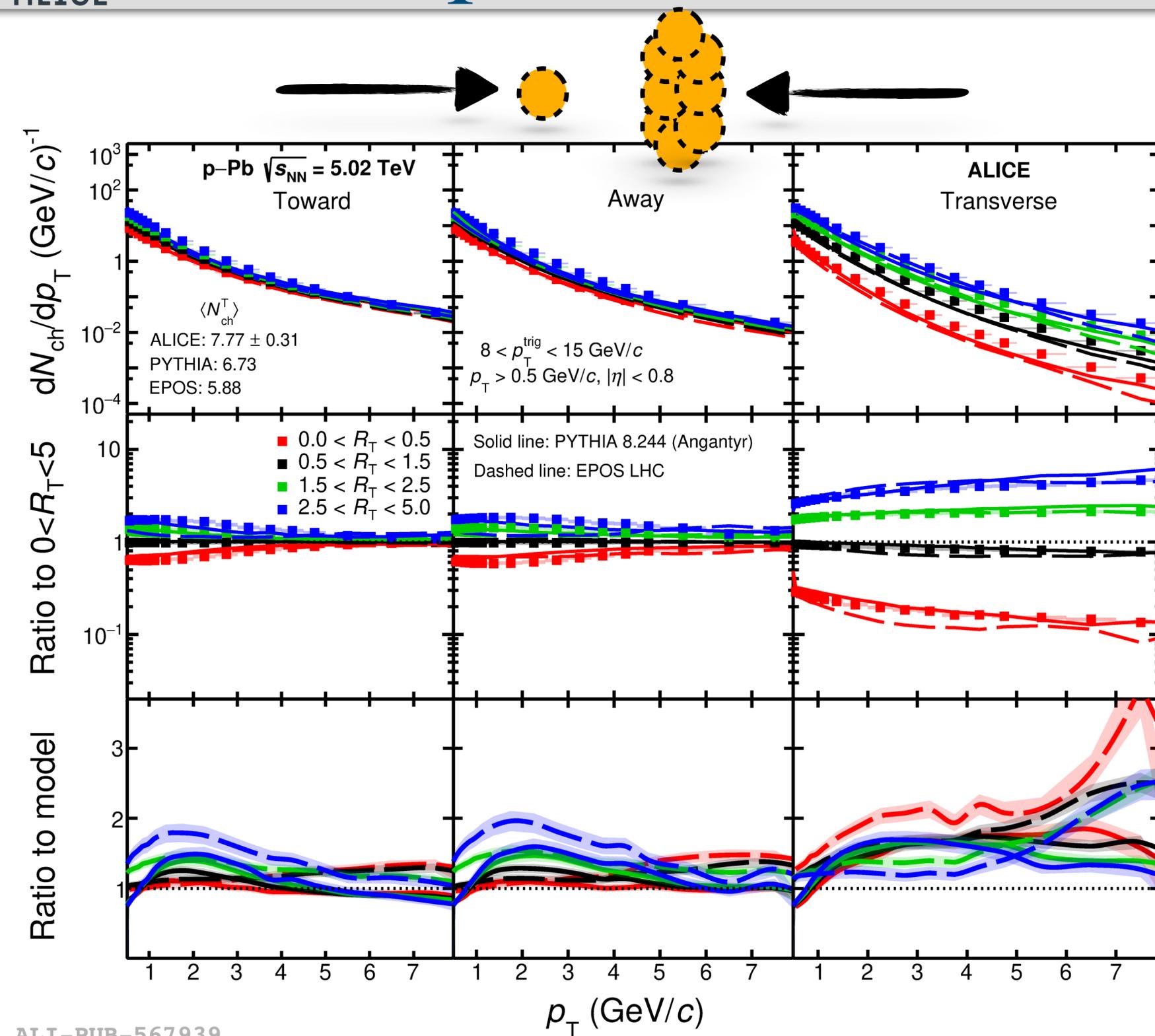


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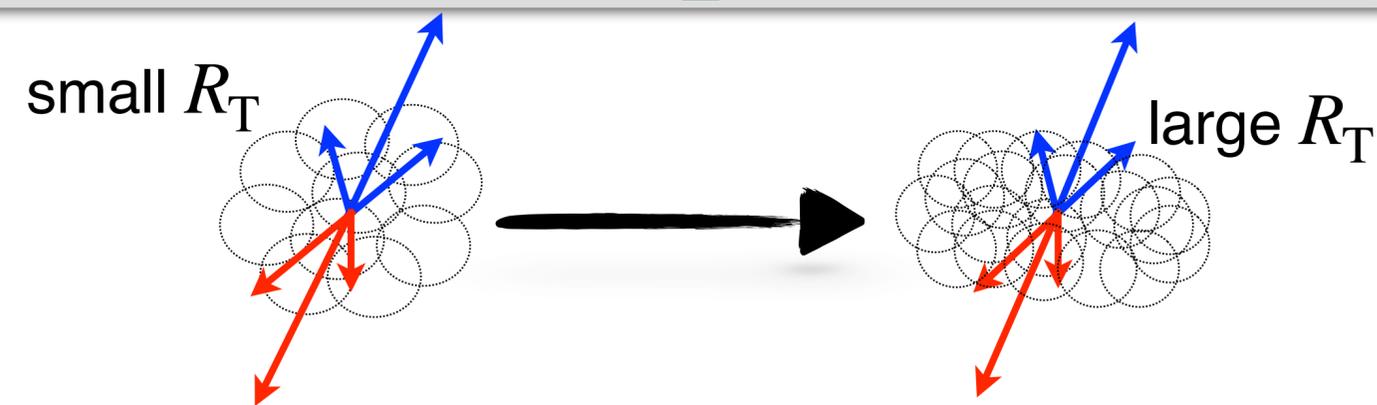
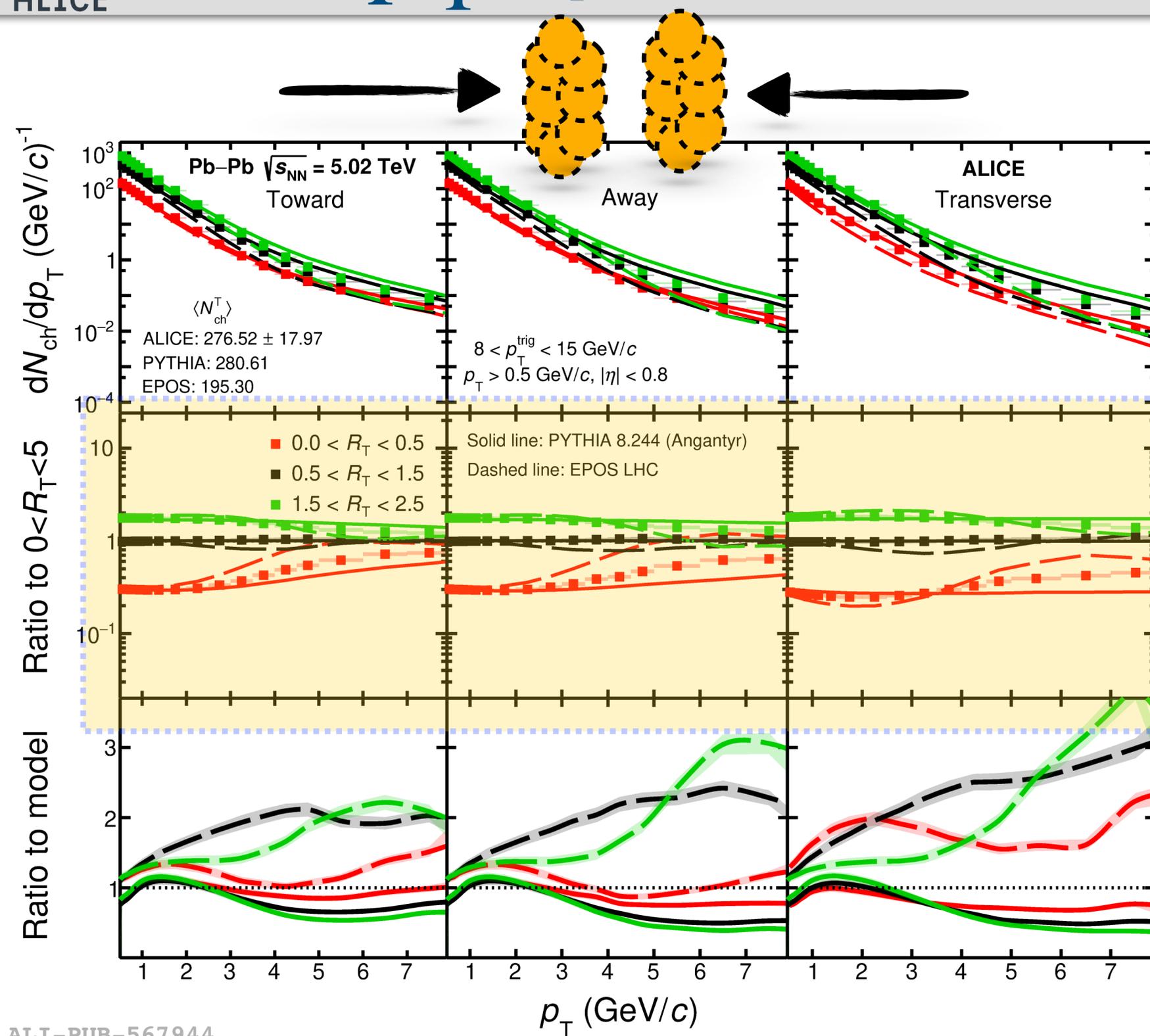


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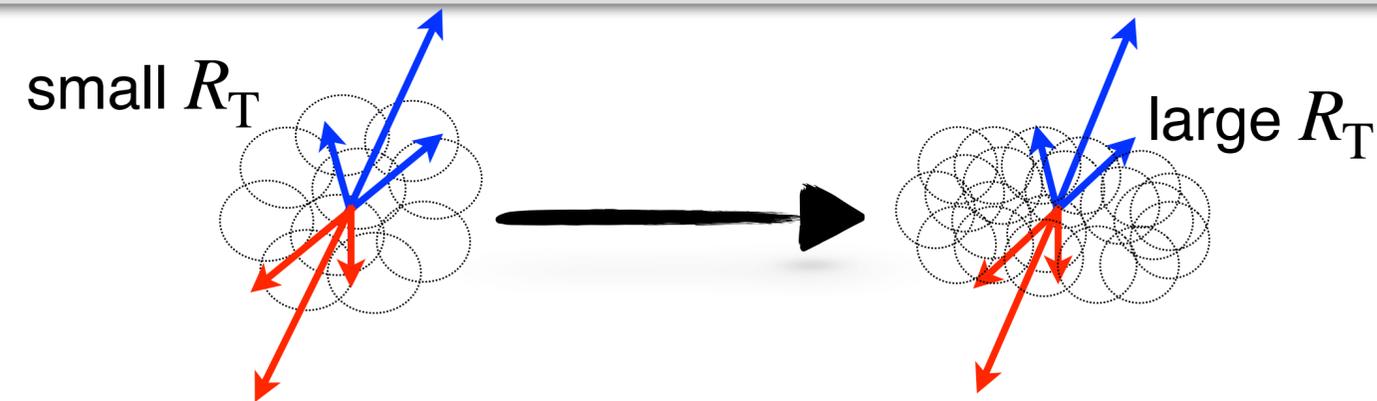
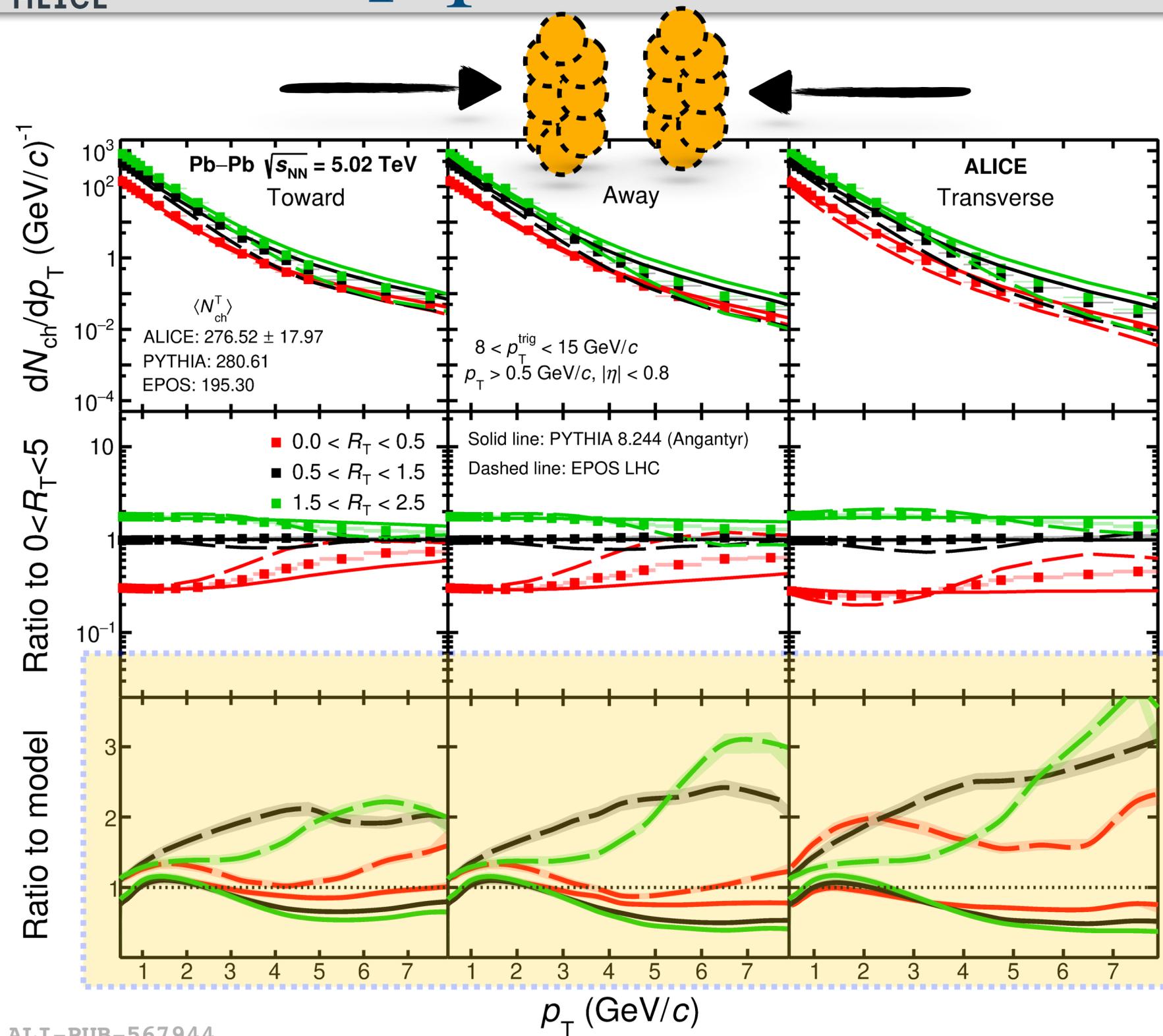


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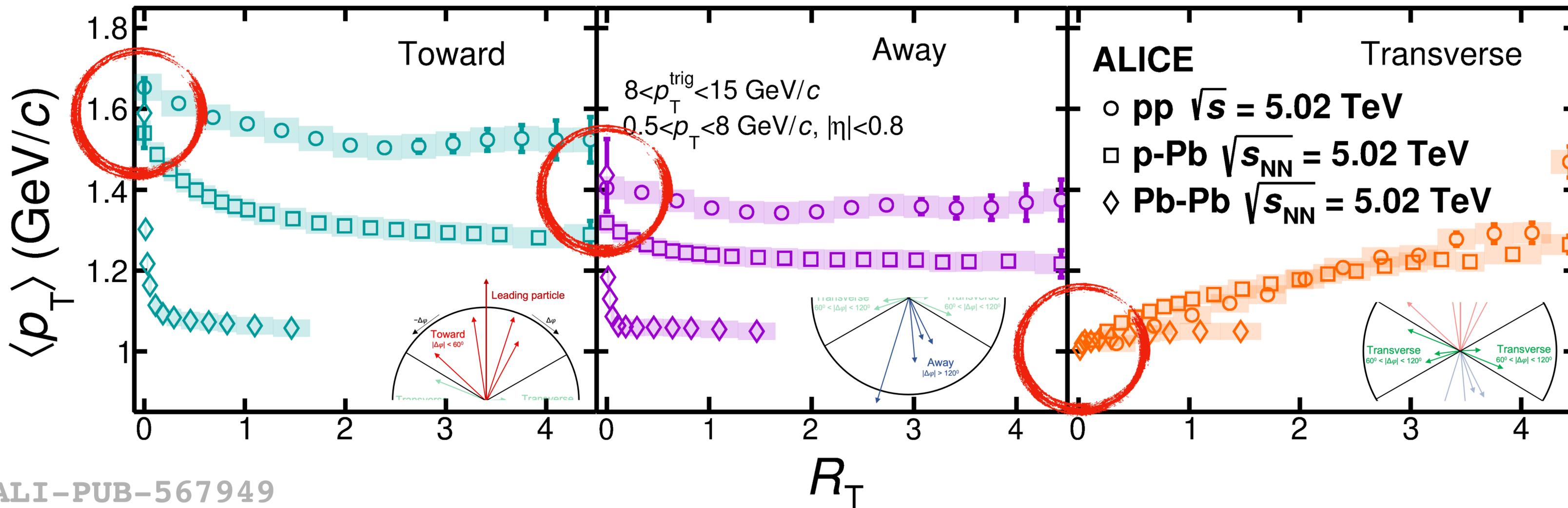
Same features like in pp collisions for all the three topological regions



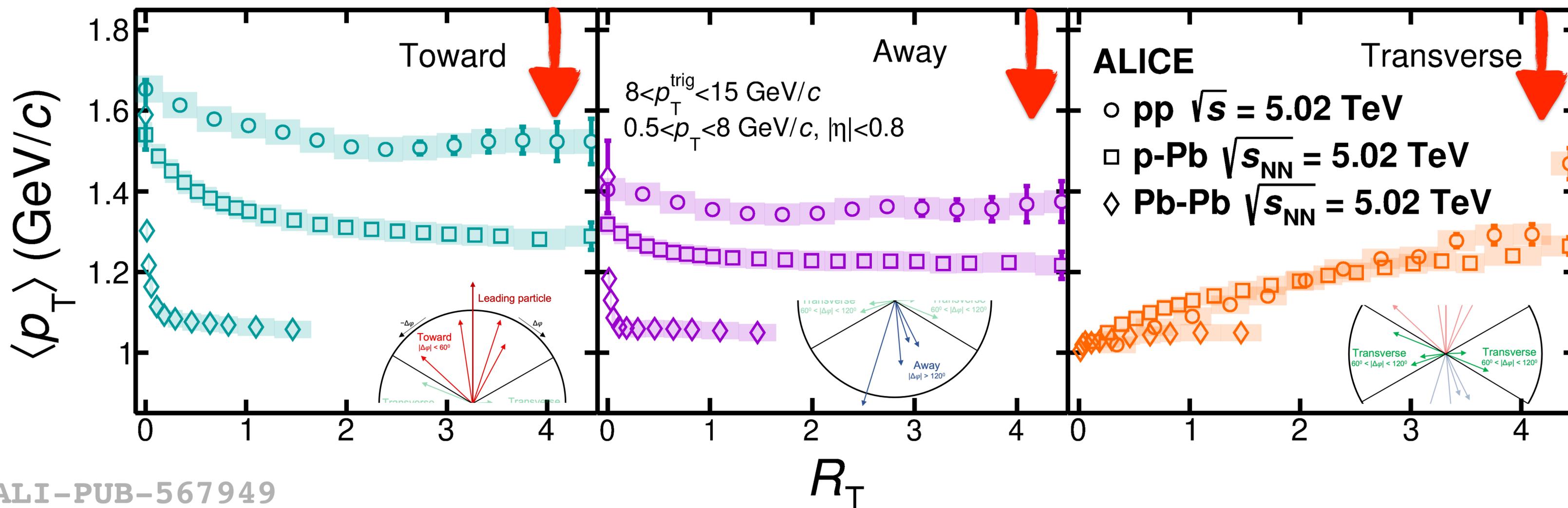
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- In general, PYTHIA8/Argantyr fairly describes the data in the lower  $p_T$  region and overestimates the high  $p_T$  yield ( $p_T > 3$  GeV/c) for all three topological regions while EPOS LHC fails the description up to 10% for higher  $R_T$ -bins.

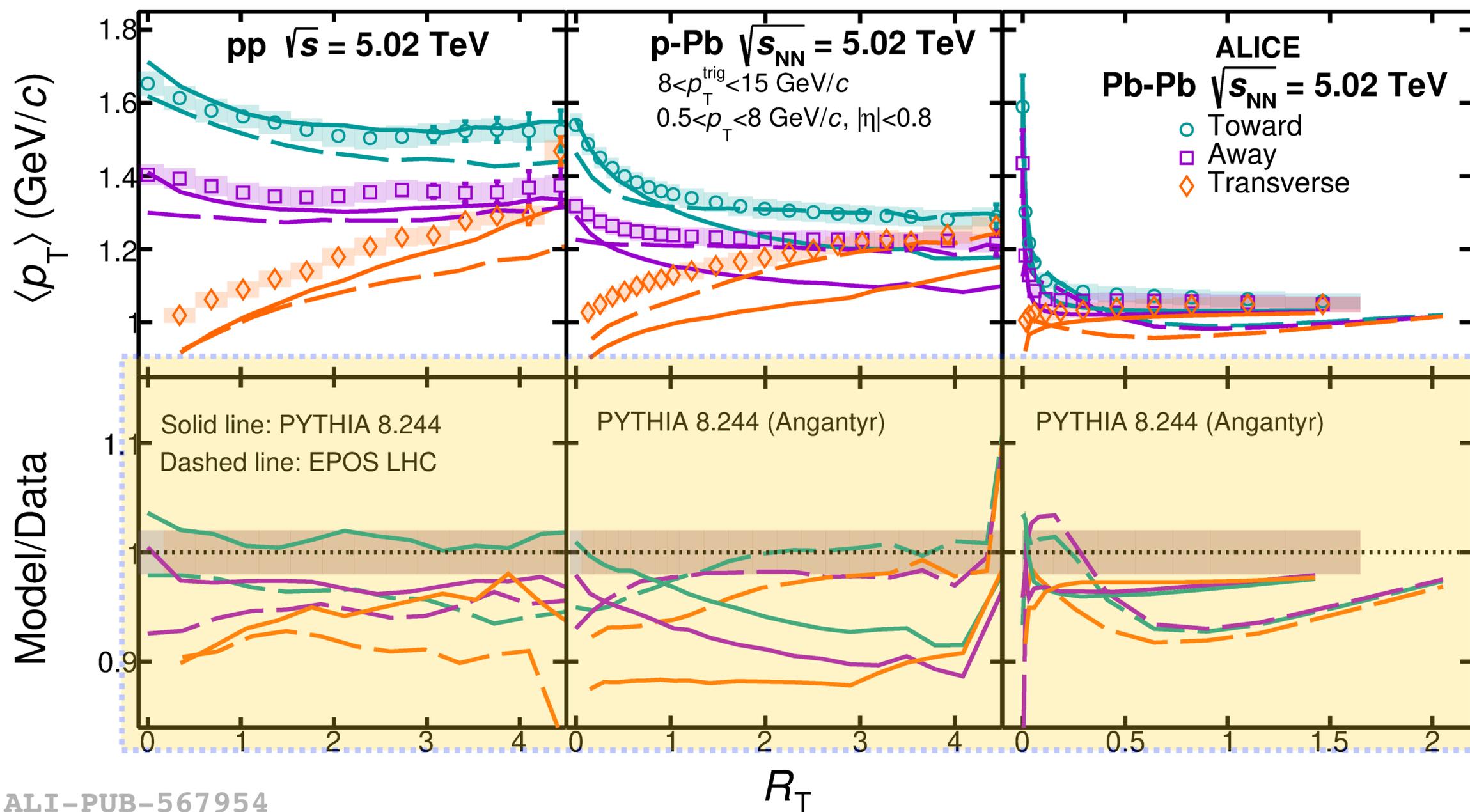


The jet contribution dominates at low  $R_T$ , as expected for  $R_T \rightarrow 0$

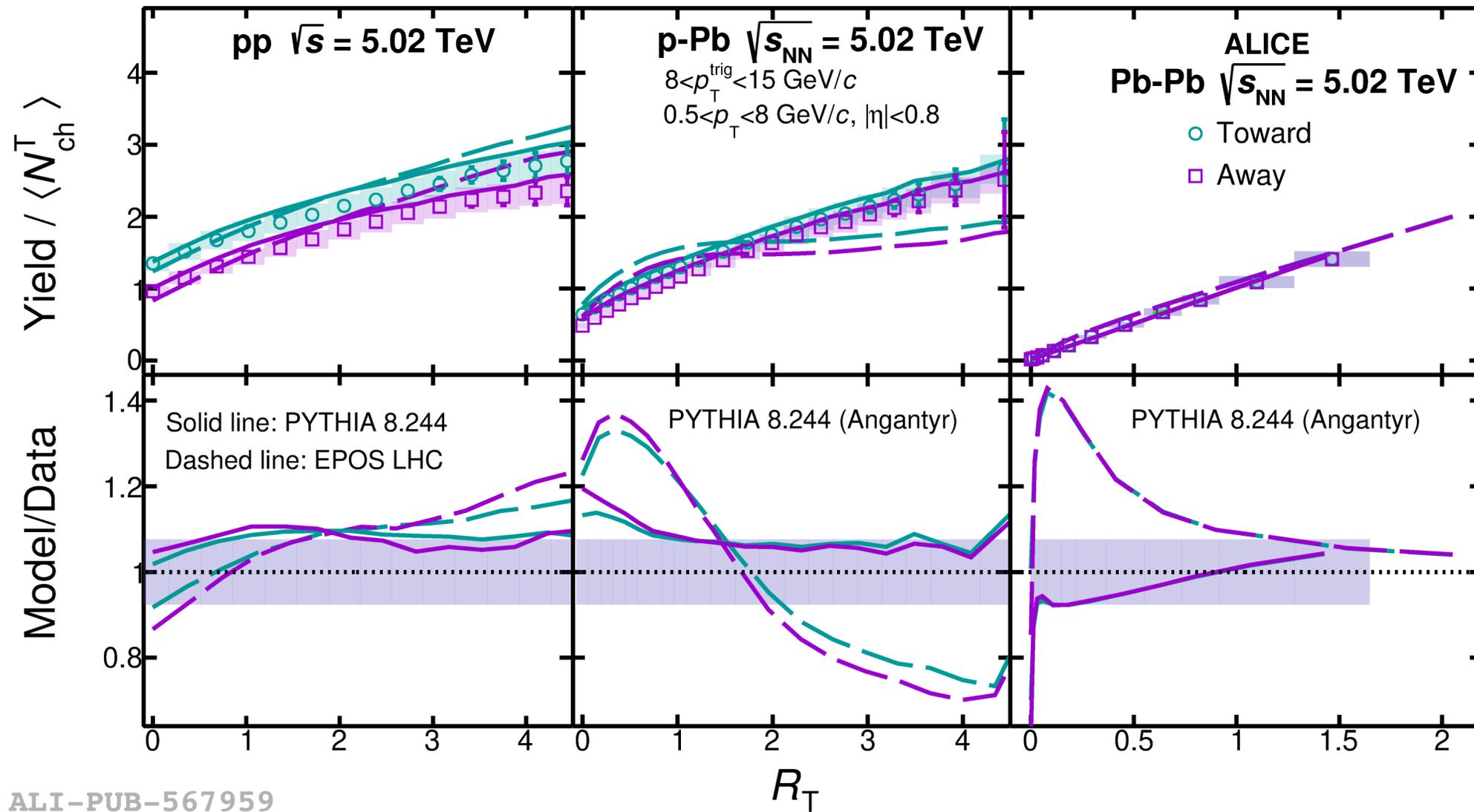


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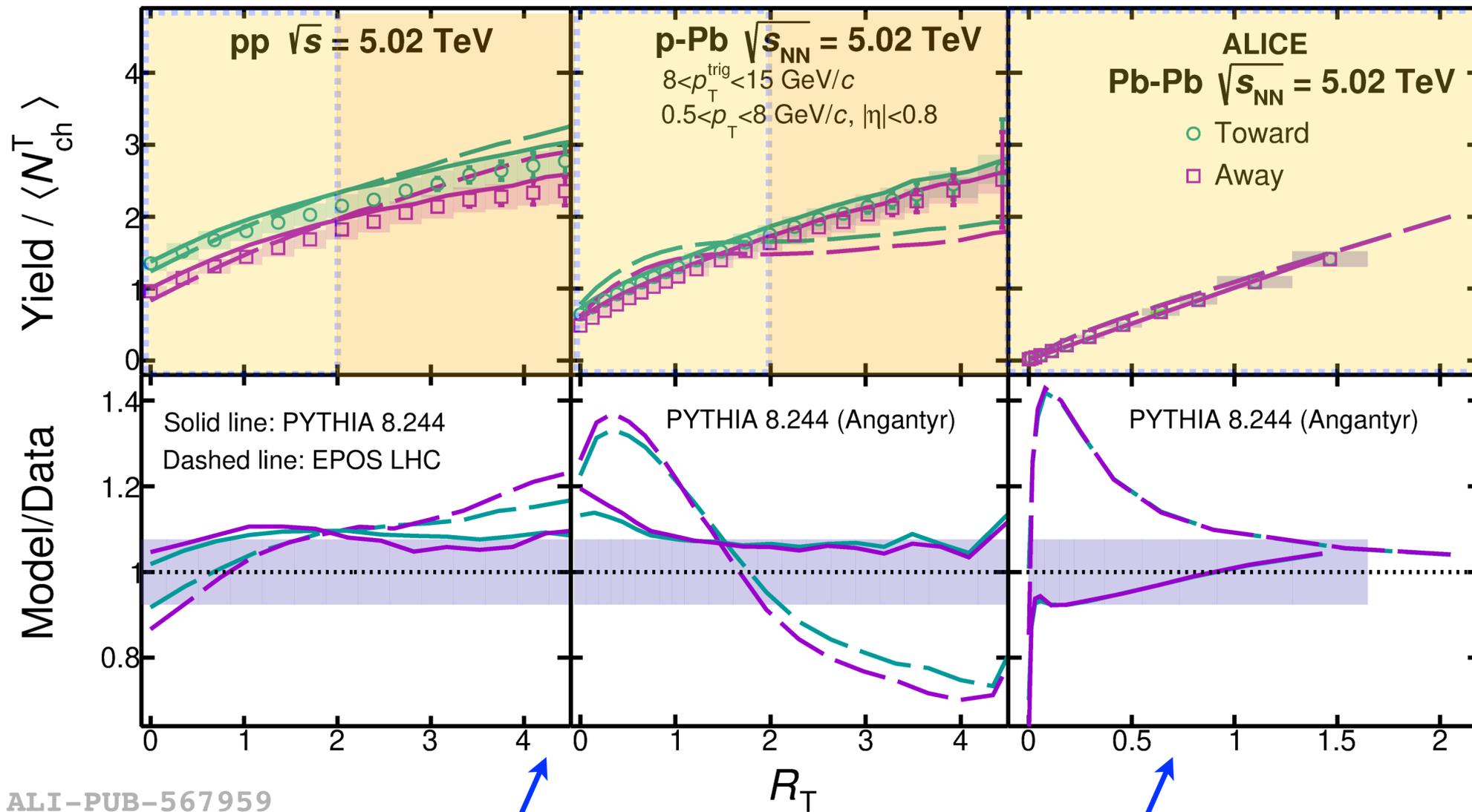
For large  $R_T$ , the  $\langle p_T \rangle$  is dominated by bulk contribution and exhibits an ordering that depends on the system size



- ◆ The models deviate by 10% from data, however, they show a trend with  $R_T$  that is qualitatively similar to the measured one

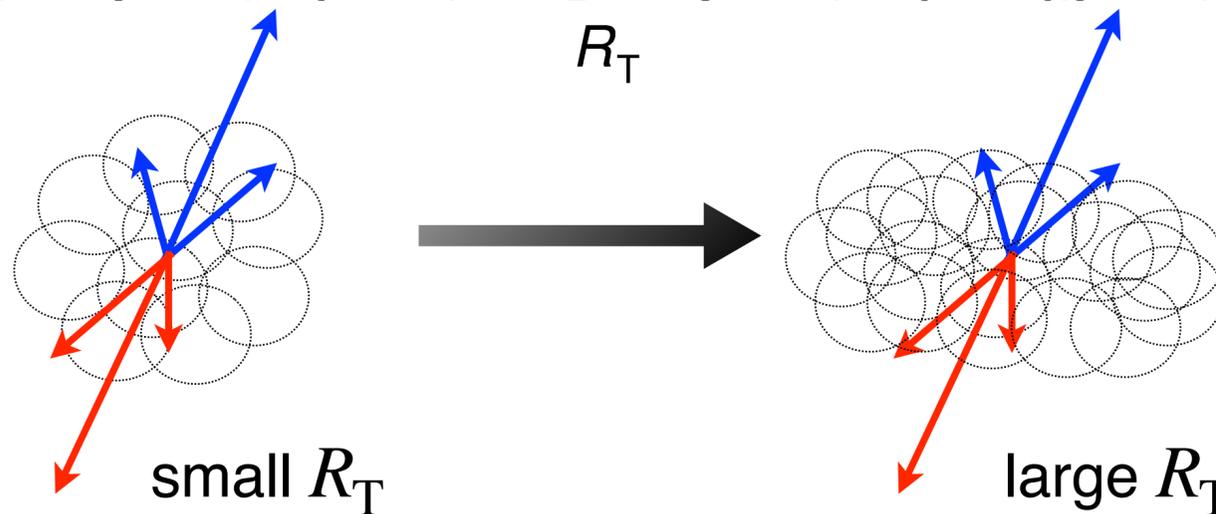


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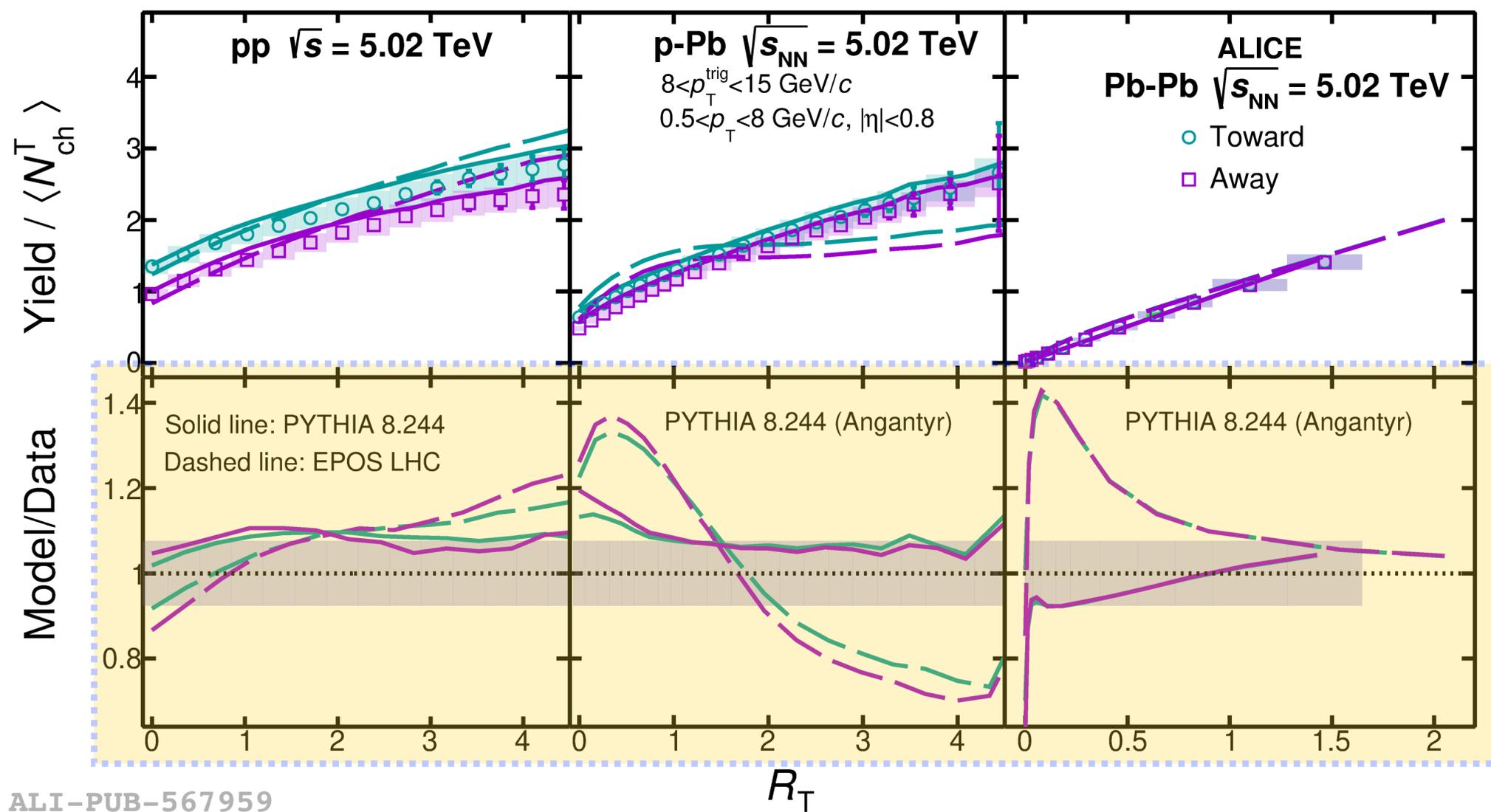


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UE is isotropically distributed



More activity in the transverse region



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**For all three collision system, PYTHIA8/Argantyr describes data better than EPOS LHC**

- ◆ The  $p_T$  spectra as a function of  $R_T$  in pp, p-Pb and Pb-Pb collisions have been presented
  - For  $R_T < 2$ , the activity in the transverse region is a good proxy for UE
  - For  $R_T > 2$ , the activity in the transverse region gets biased towards multi-jet final states (probably from hard Bremsstrahlung radiation)
- ◆ **pp and p-Pb collisions**
  - In the toward and away regions the high- $p_T$  yield ( $p_T > 2 \text{ GeV}/c$ ) is nearly  $R_T$  independent suggesting the absence of high multiplicity effects at high  $R_T$
  - The transverse region is affected by autocorrelations: the  $p_T$  spectra get harder with increasing  $R_T$ . Similar behavior is seen using the track multiplicity instead of  $R_T$
- ◆ **Pb-Pb collisions**
  - Current results are limited to  $R_T < 2.5$  therefore results are dominated by the bulk of particle production
- ◆ For  $R_T$  close to zero, the three collision systems exhibit the same value of  $\langle p_T \rangle$  while for large  $R_T$ , it exhibits an system size ordering
- ◆ Overall, PYTHIA 8 describes better the data (pp, p-Pb and Pb-Pb) than EPOS LHC supporting the MPI picture

# Thanks!

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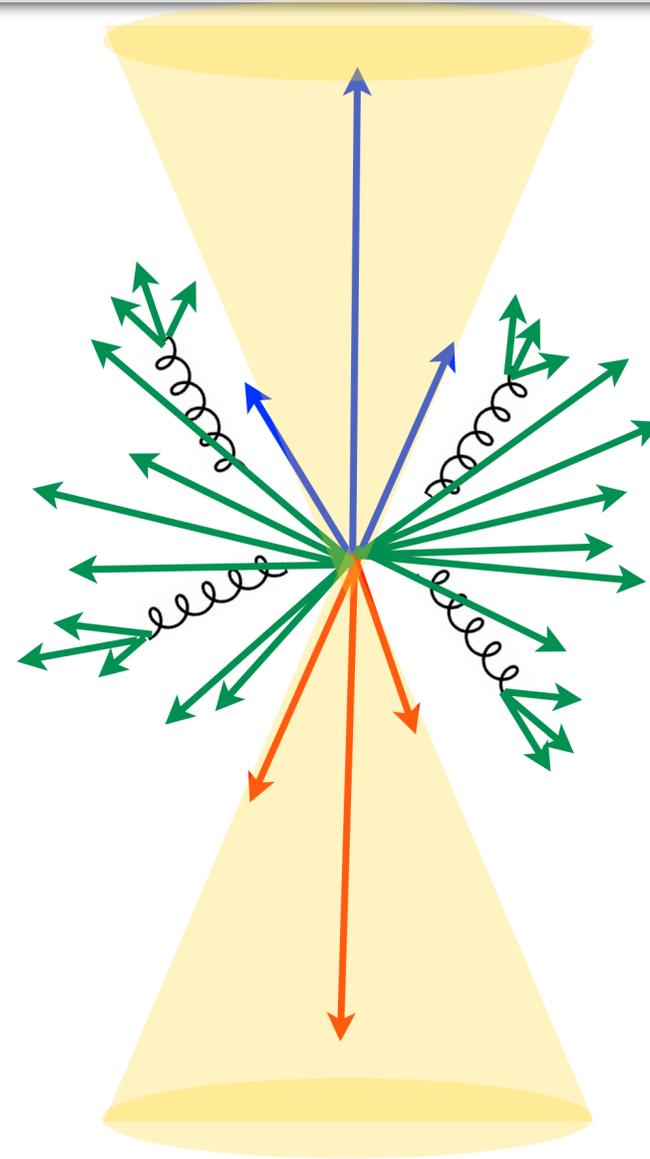
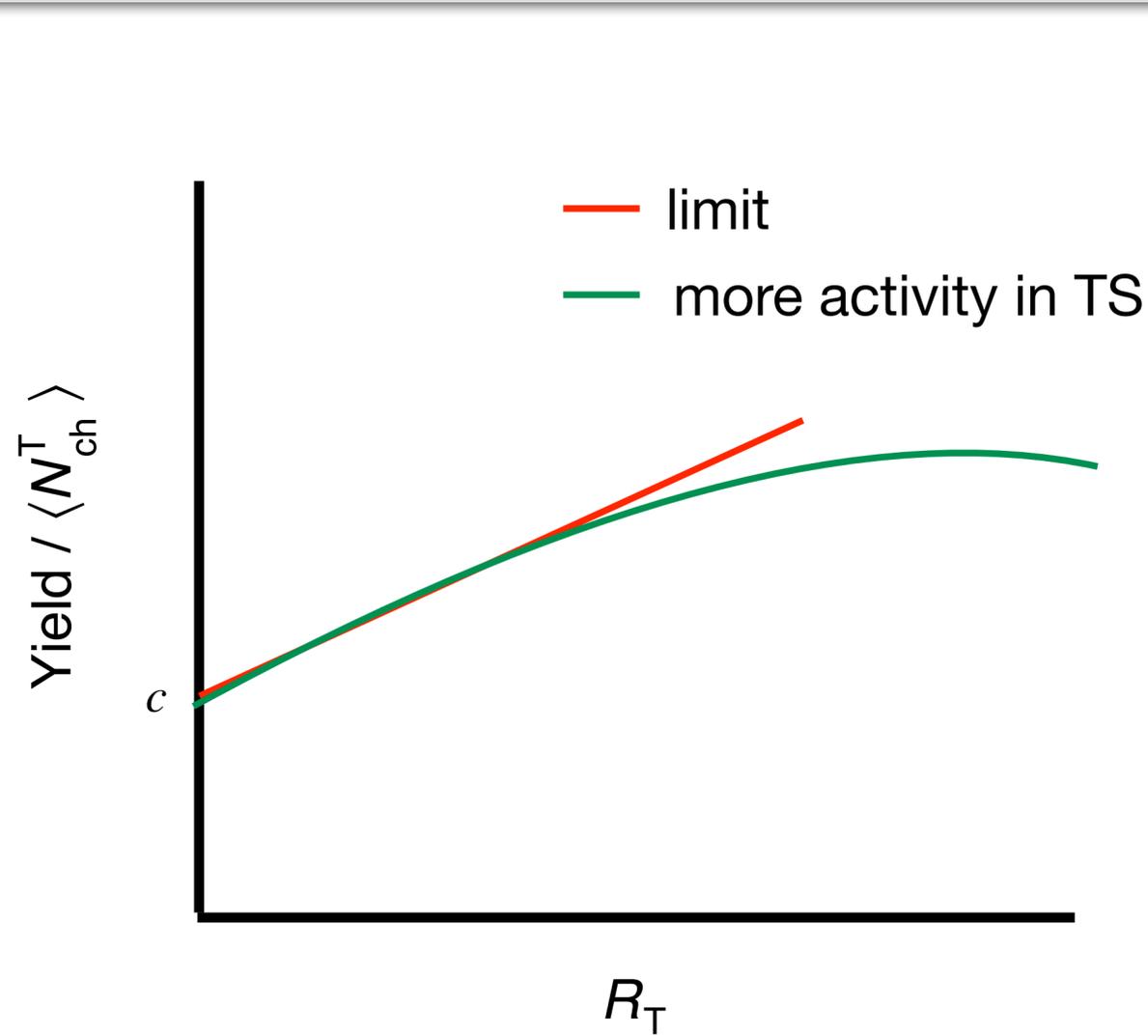
# Flattenicity: a new event classifier to study pp collisions

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Stay tuned, new results as  
a function of flattenicity  
are coming!

# Backup



The gluon radiation produce more activity in TS



higher  $\langle N_{ch}^{TS} \rangle$  value

$$\frac{\text{Yield}^{\text{toward}}}{\langle N_{ch}^{TS} \rangle} = \frac{N_{ch}^{\text{jet}} + N_{ch}^{TS}}{\langle N_{ch}^{TS} \rangle} = \frac{N_{ch}^{\text{jet}}}{\langle N_{ch}^{TS} \rangle} + R_T = c + R_T$$