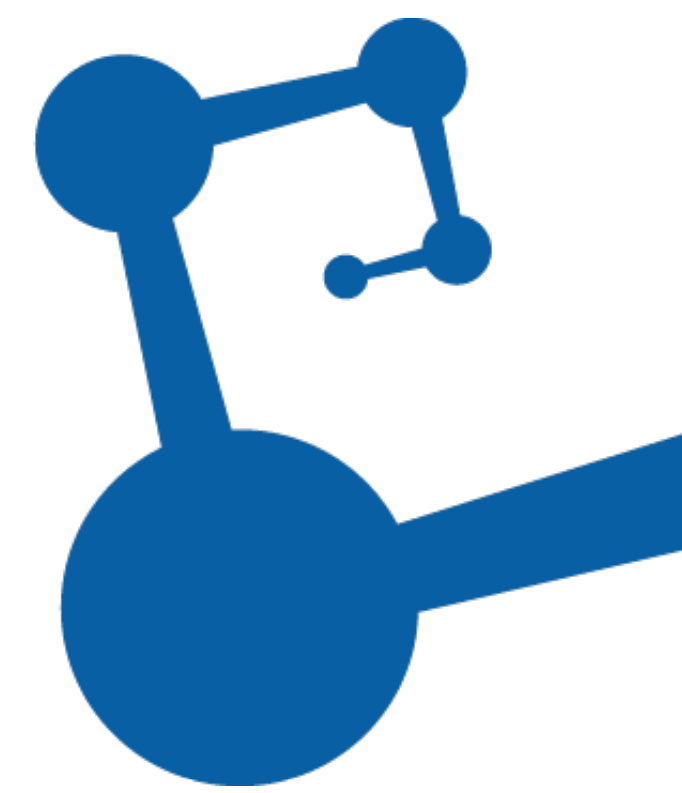
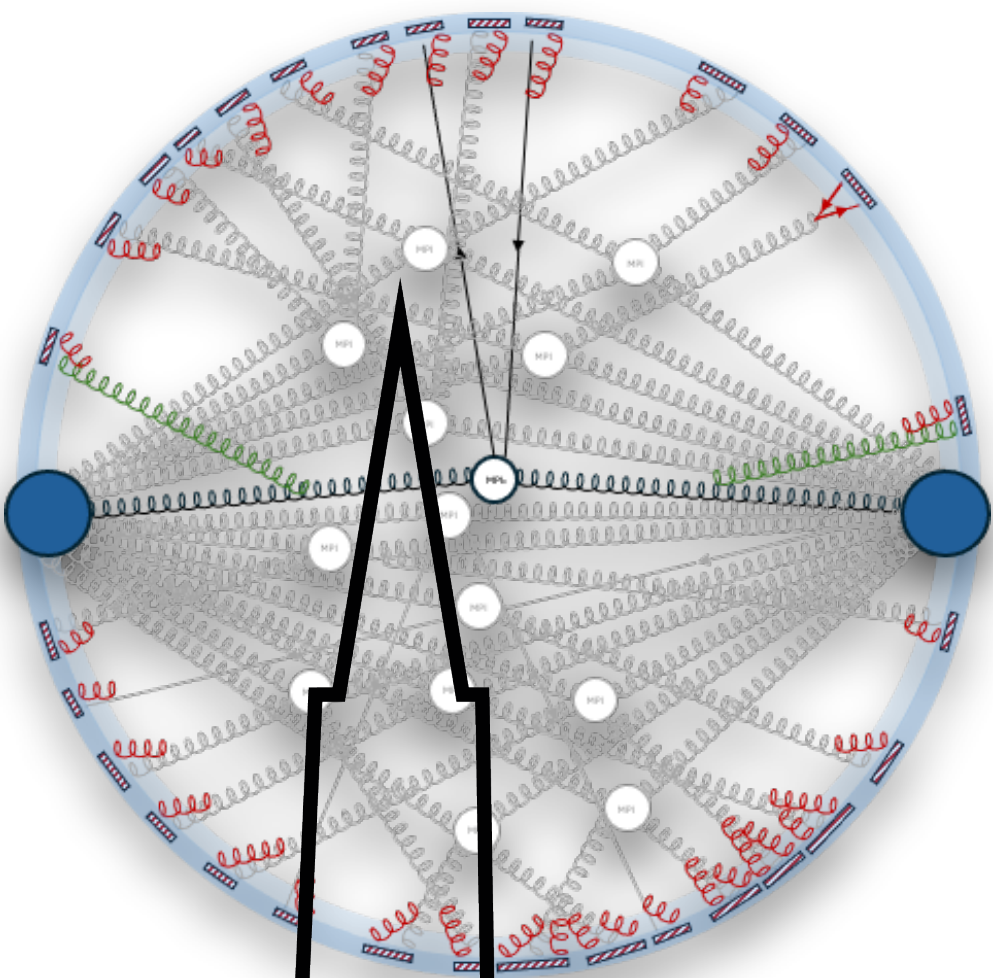


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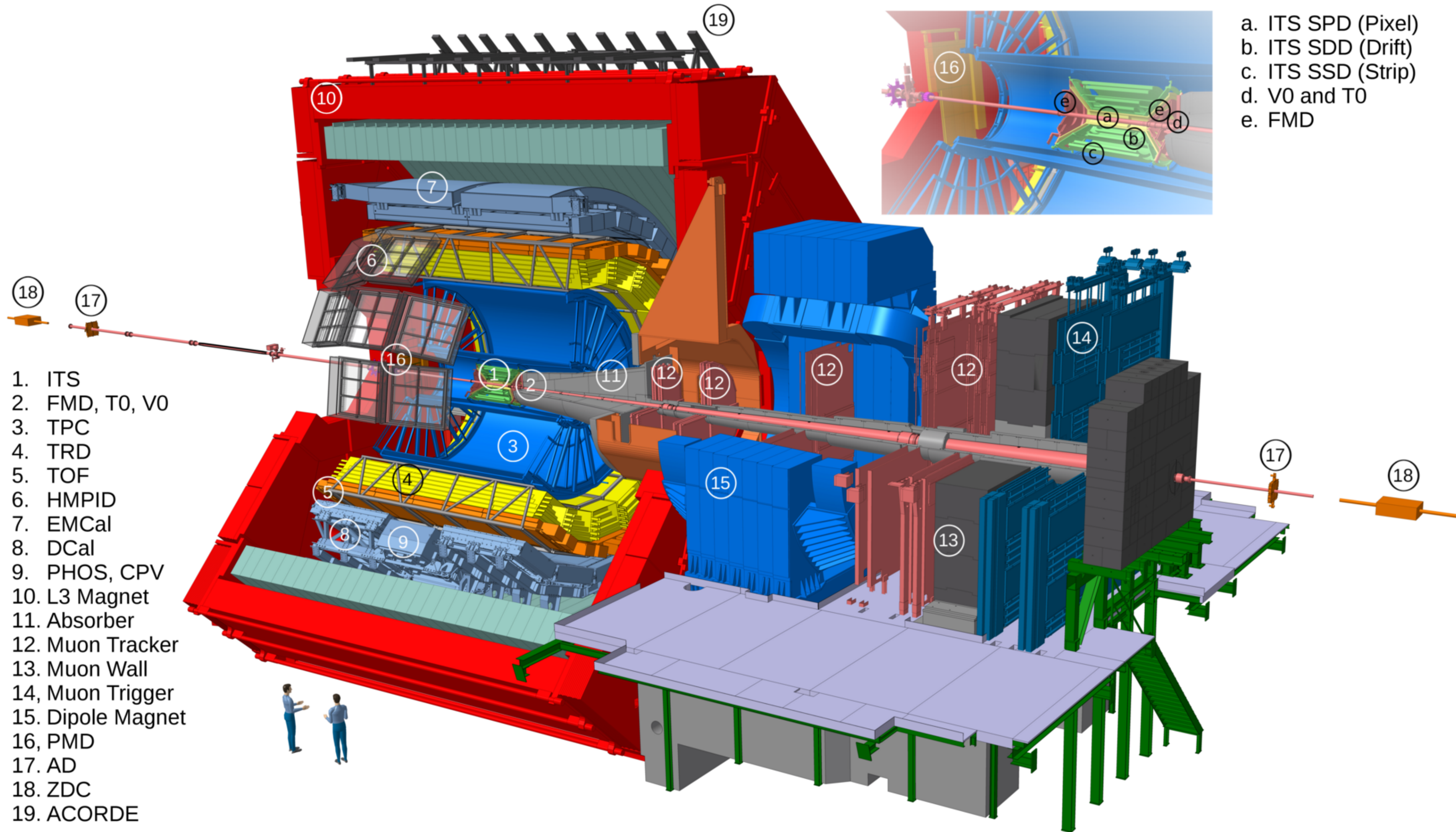


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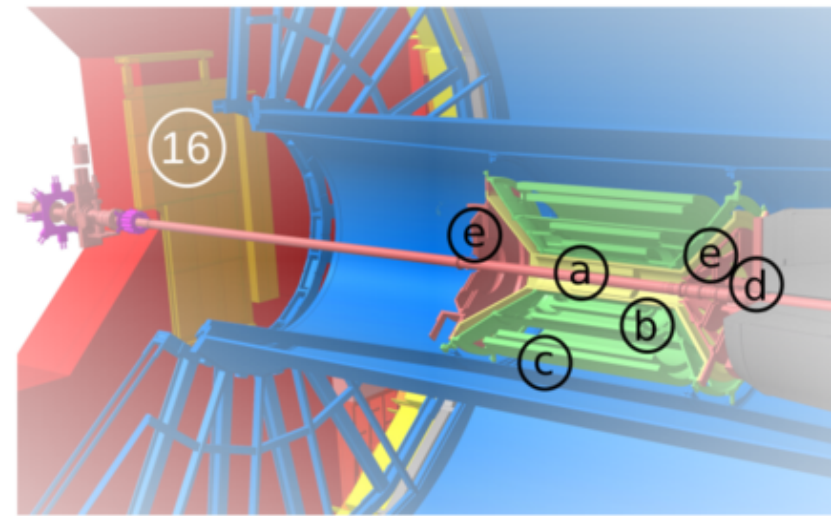
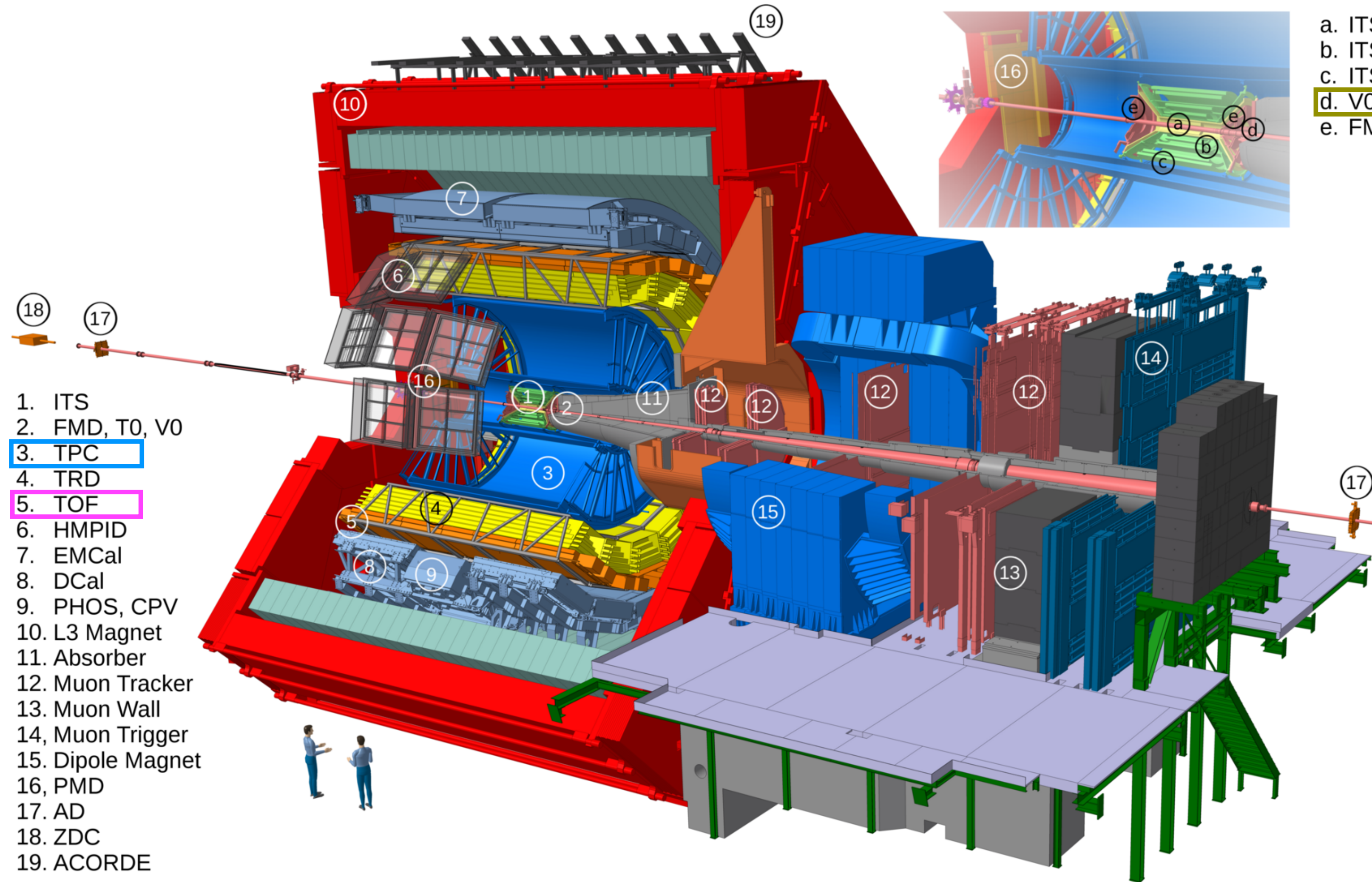
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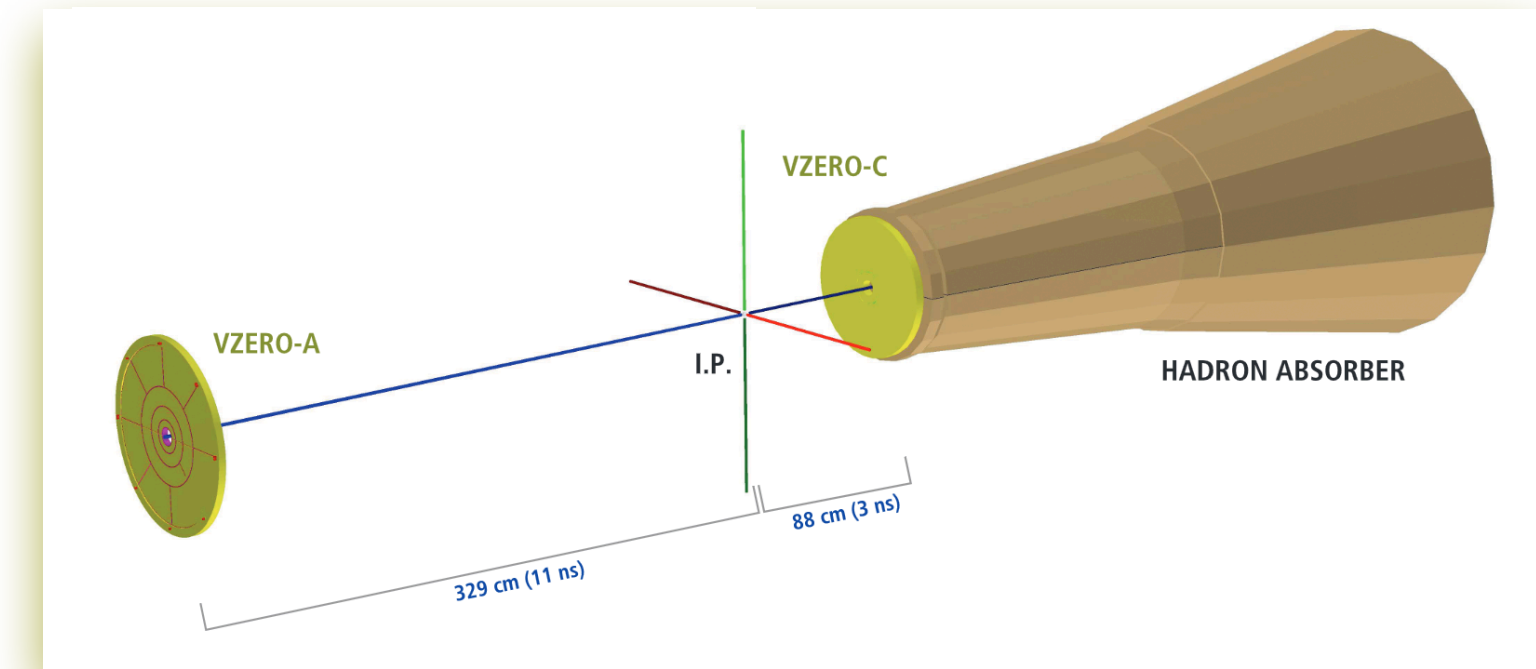
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- a. ITS SPD (Pixel)
- b. ITS SDD (Drift)
- c. ITS SSD (Strip)
- d. V0 and T0
- e. FMD

VOA:  $2.8 < \eta < 5.1$

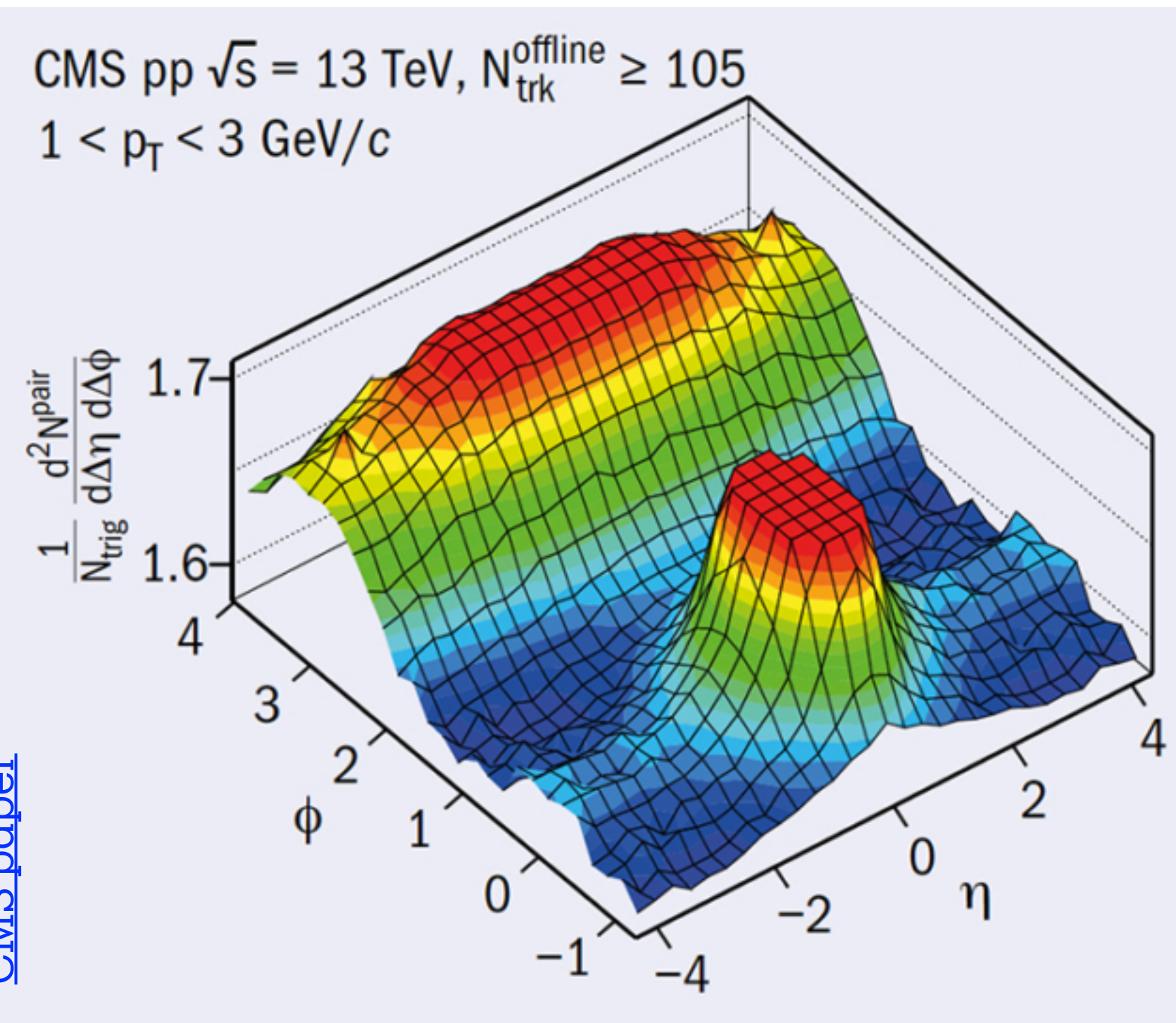
VOC:  $-3.6 < \eta < -1.7$



- o V0 detector:
  - o minimum-bias (MB) trigger, multiplicity (VOM), and flattenicity
  - o Rejection of beam induced background

- o TPC: tracking and particle identification (PID) using  $dE/dx$  in gas
- o TOF: Particle velocity (PID)

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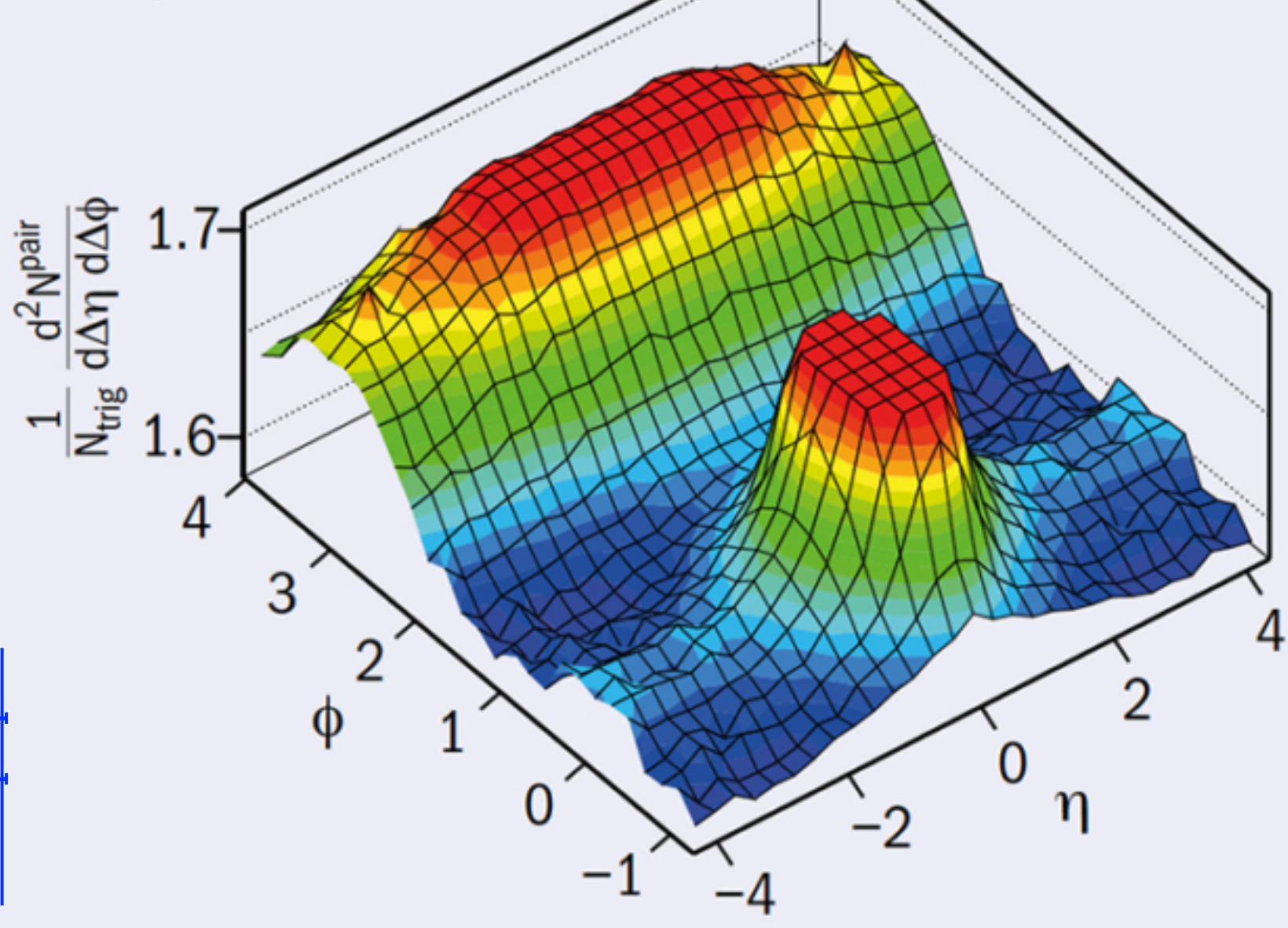


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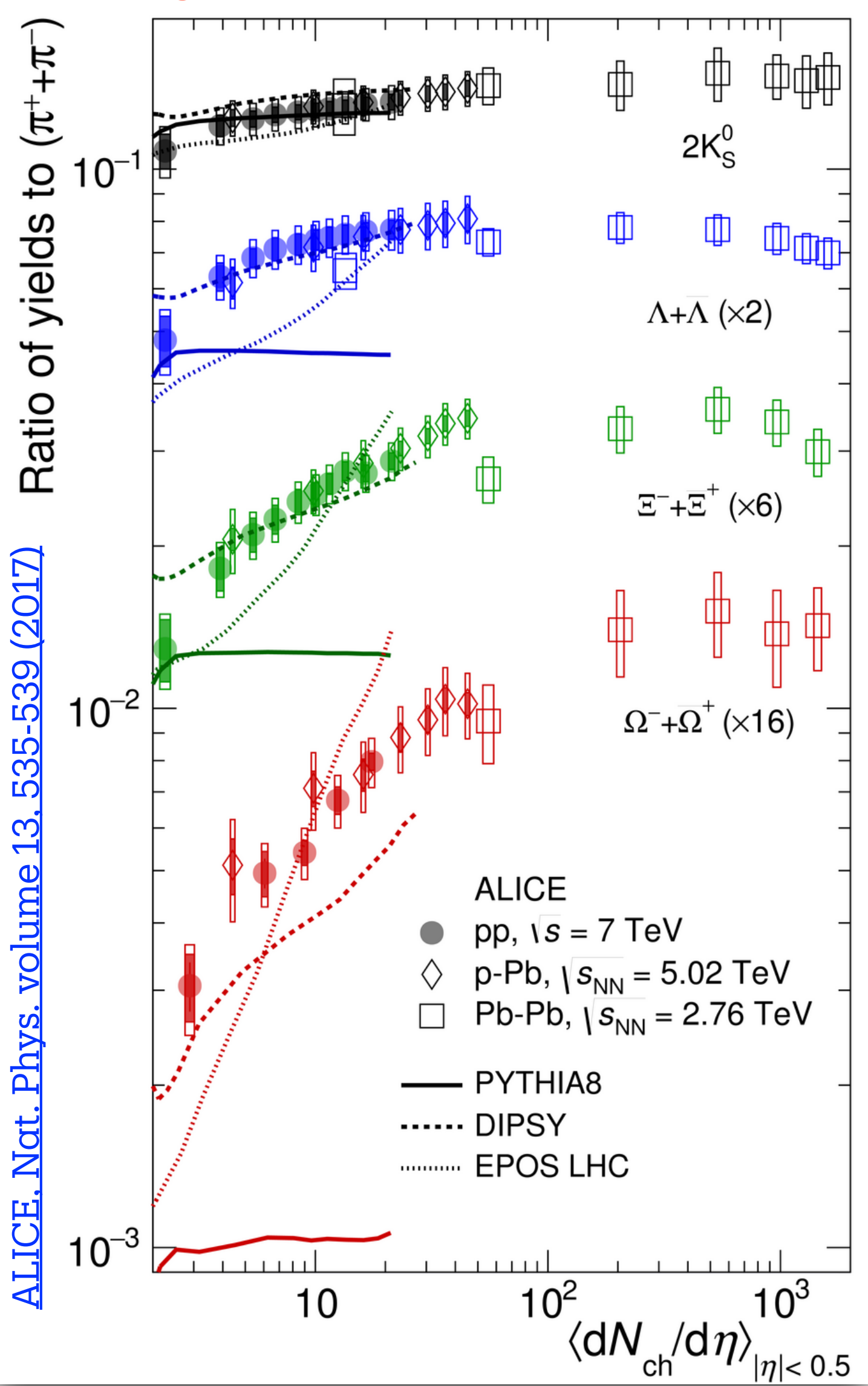
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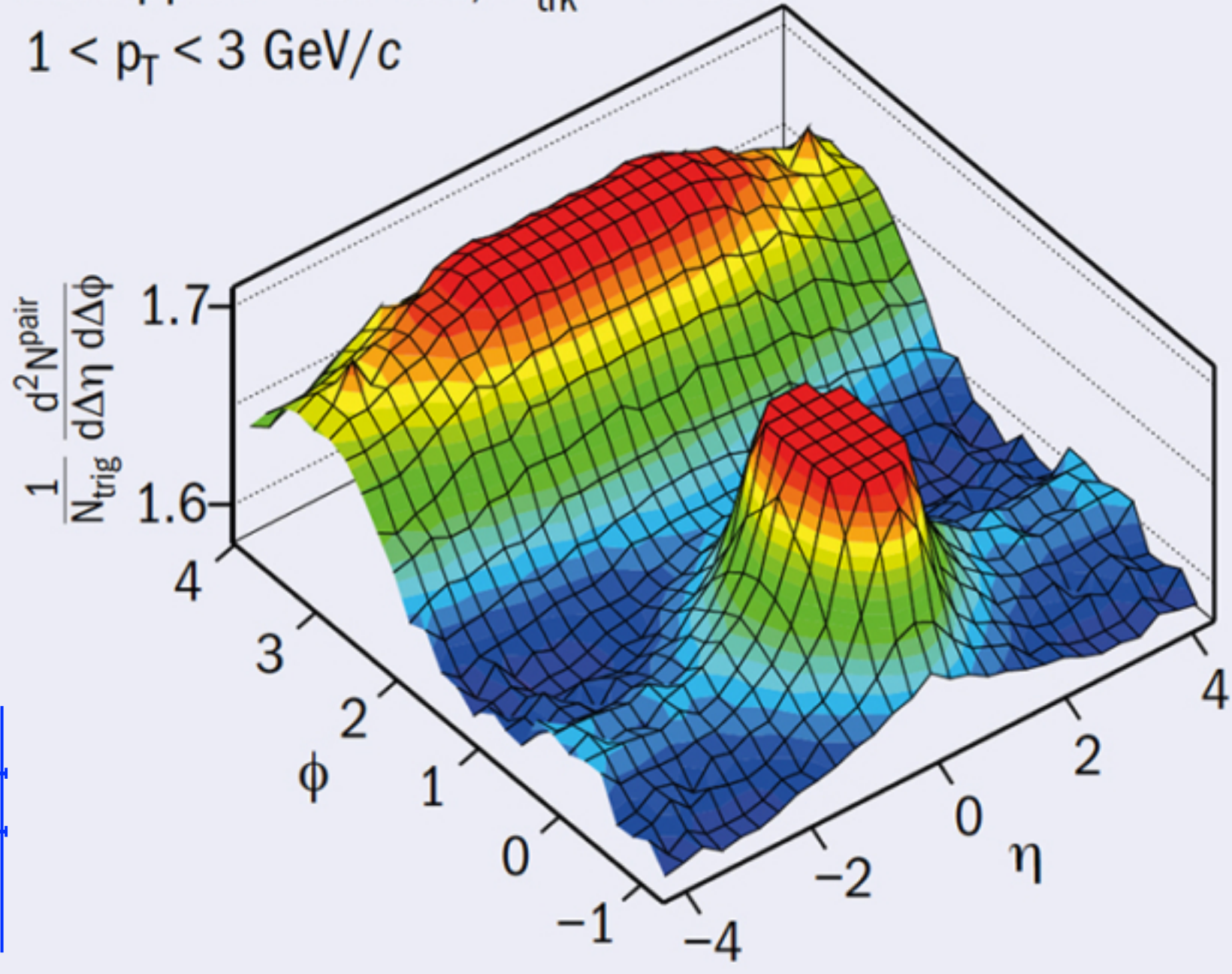


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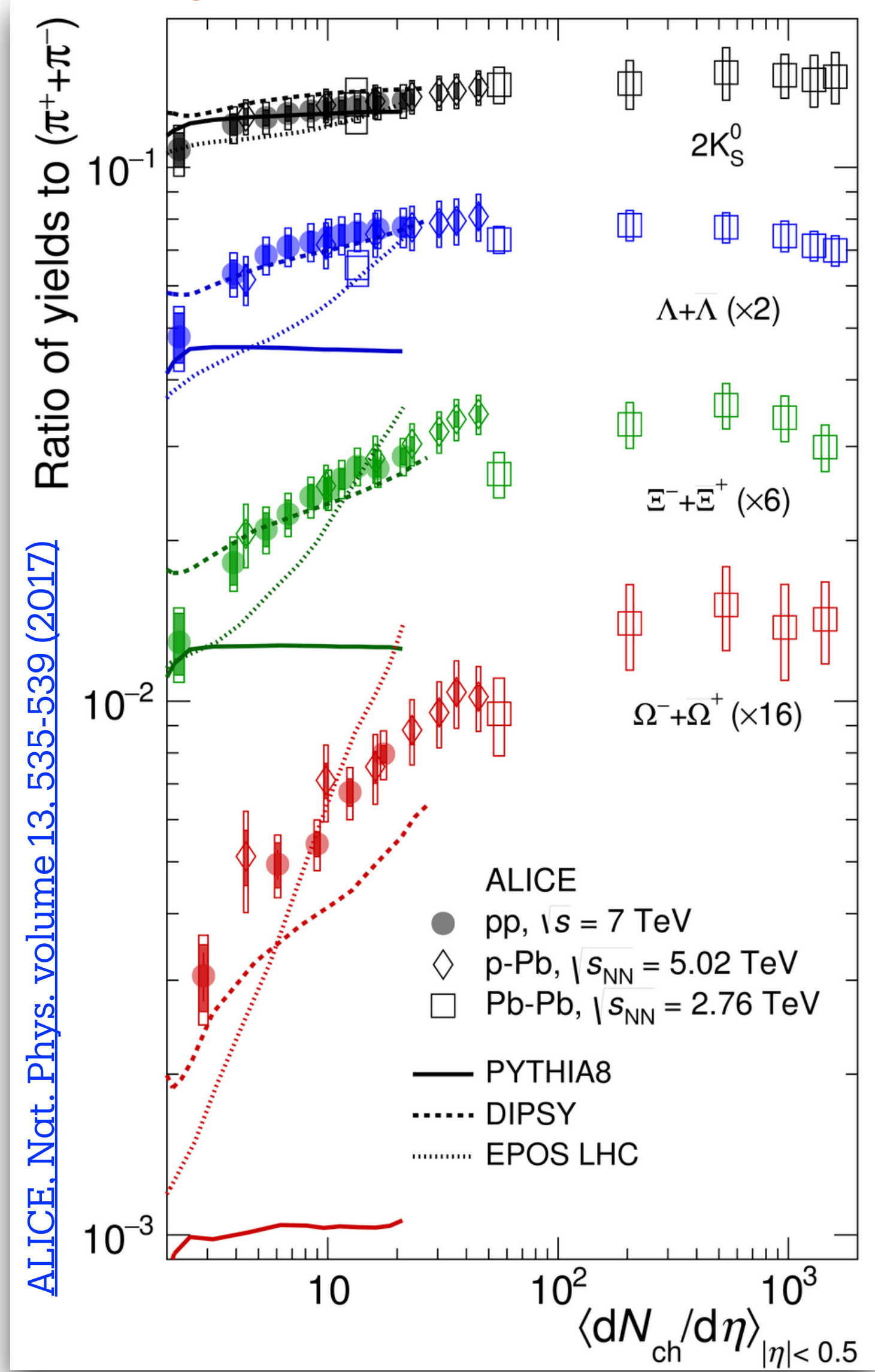
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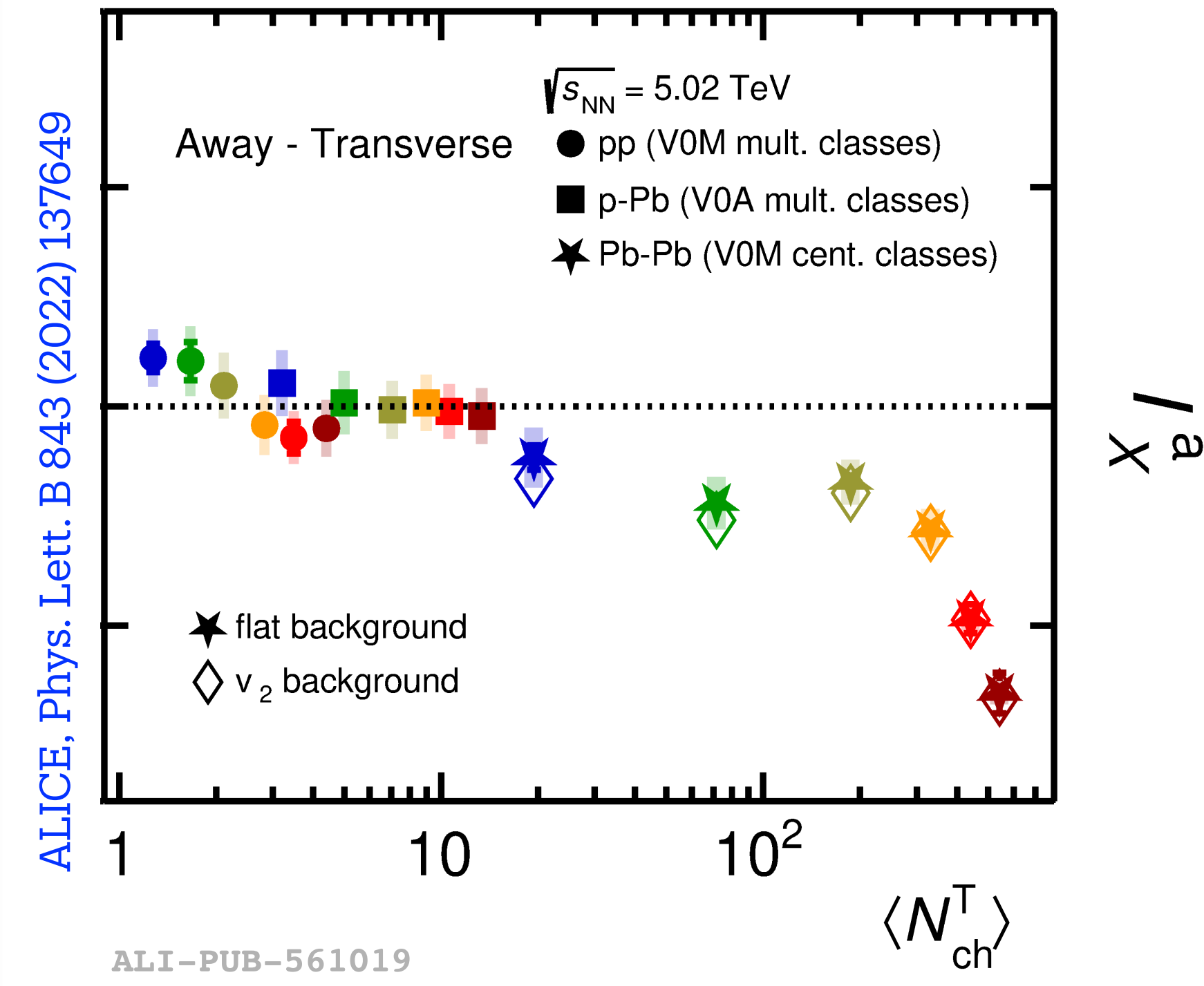
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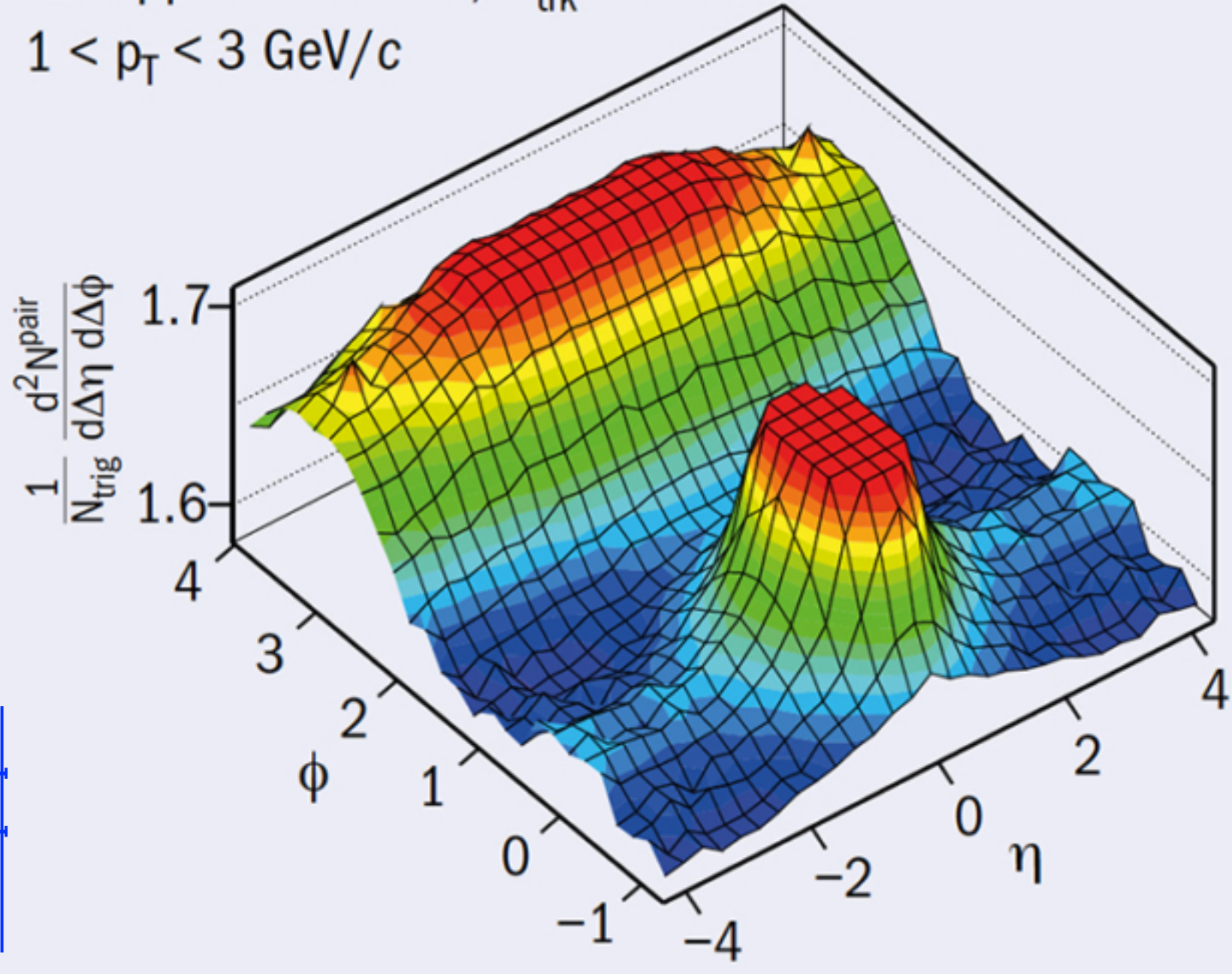


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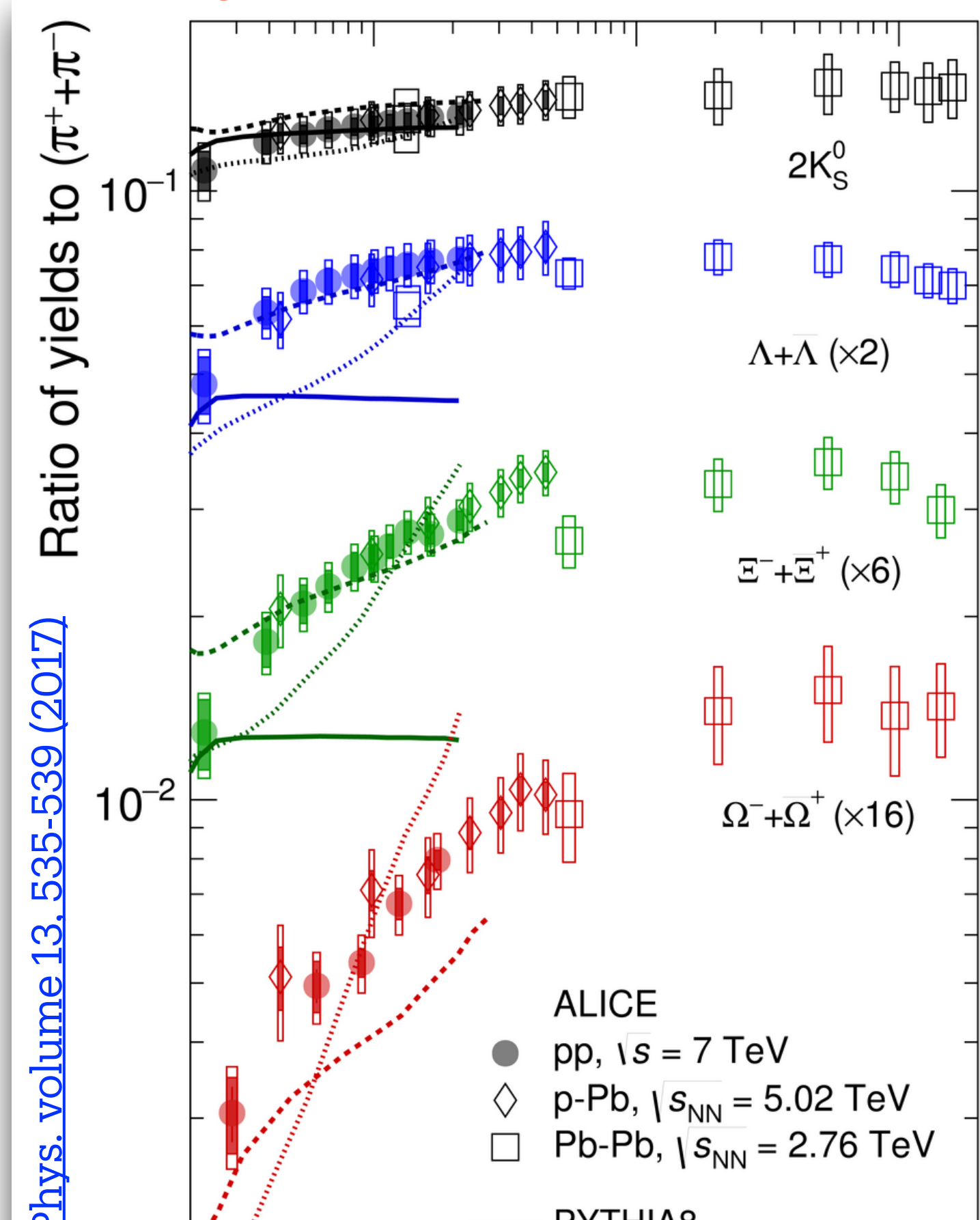
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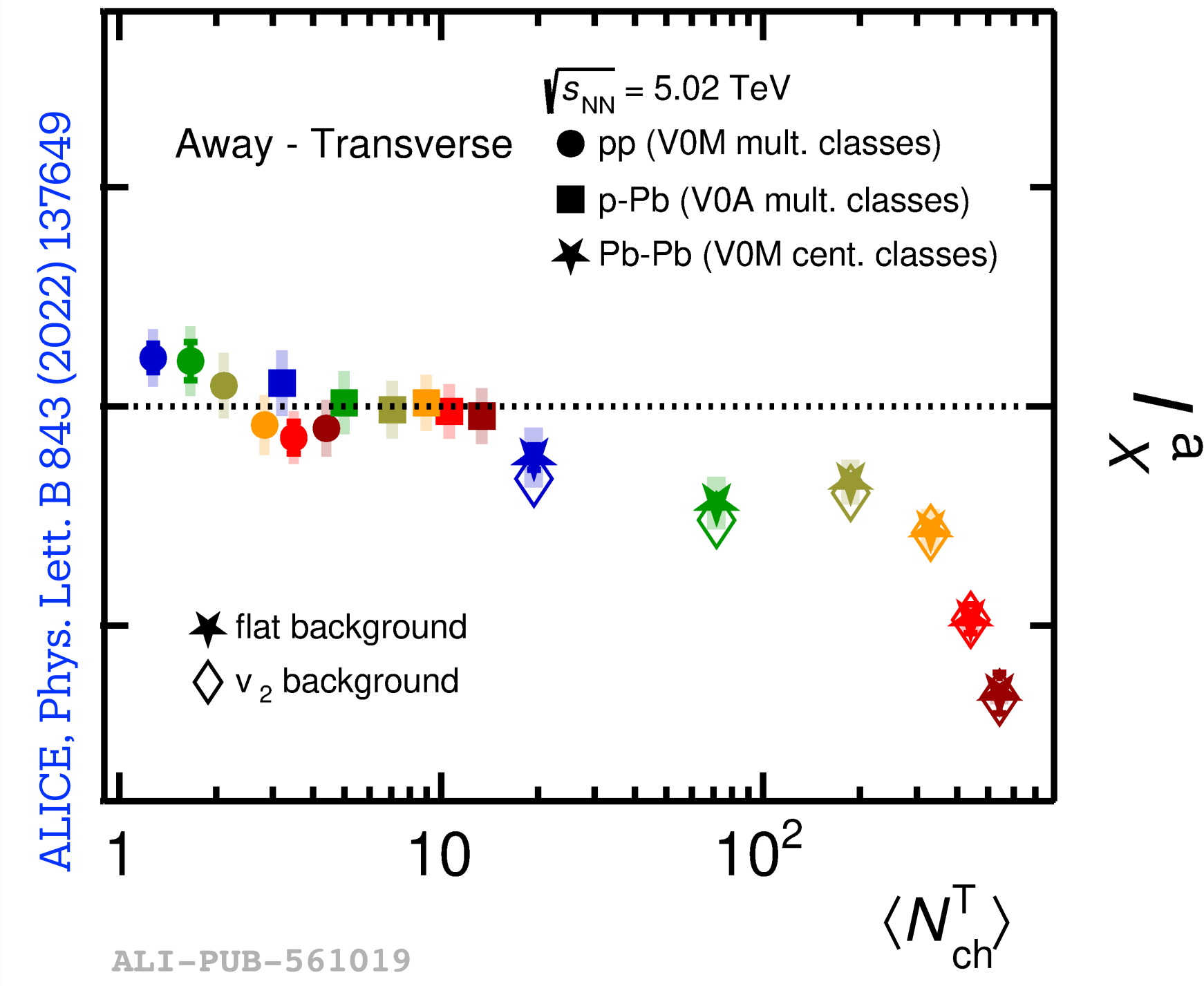
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Collectivity in small systems [Track 6]

Strangeness in small systems [Track 1]

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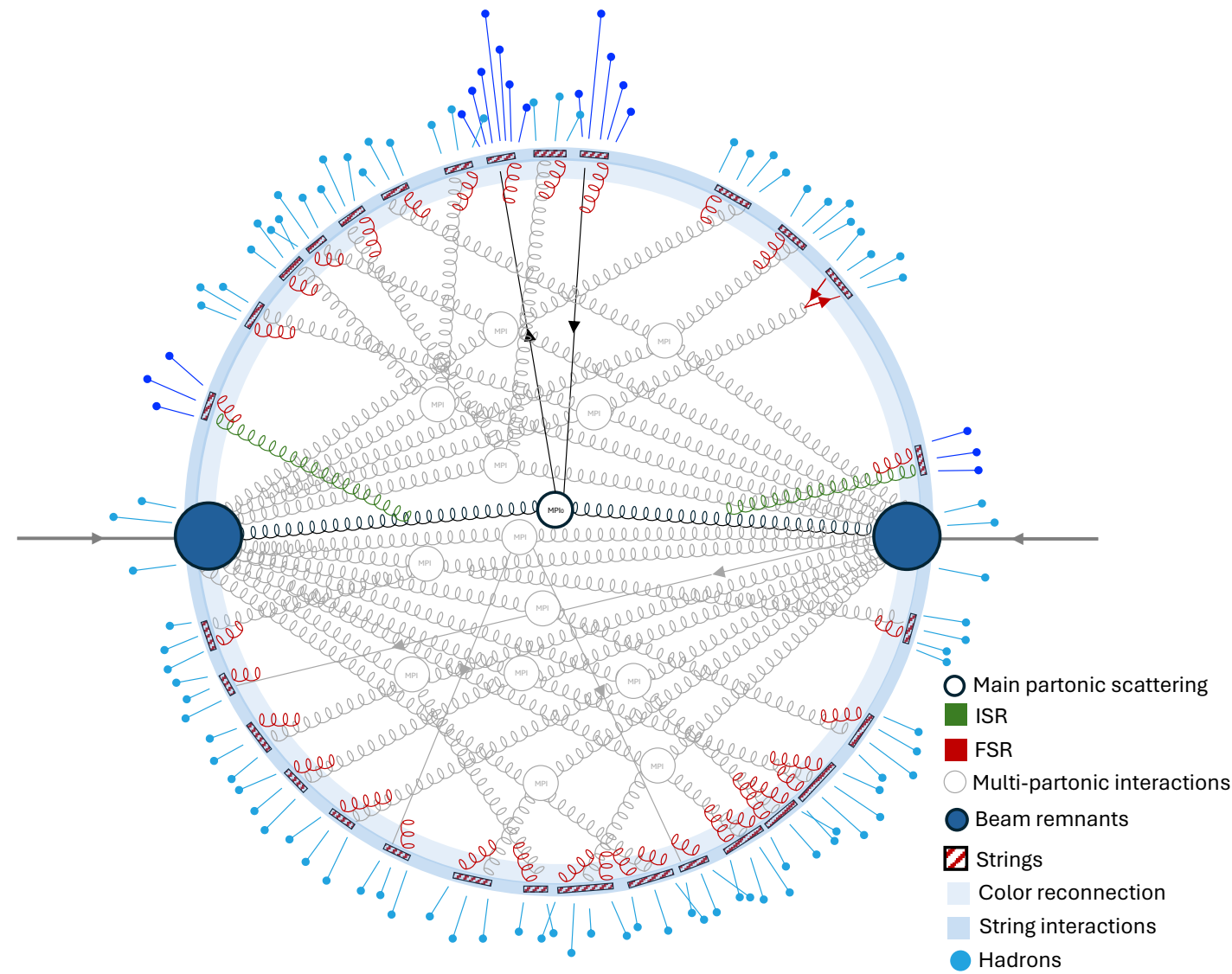
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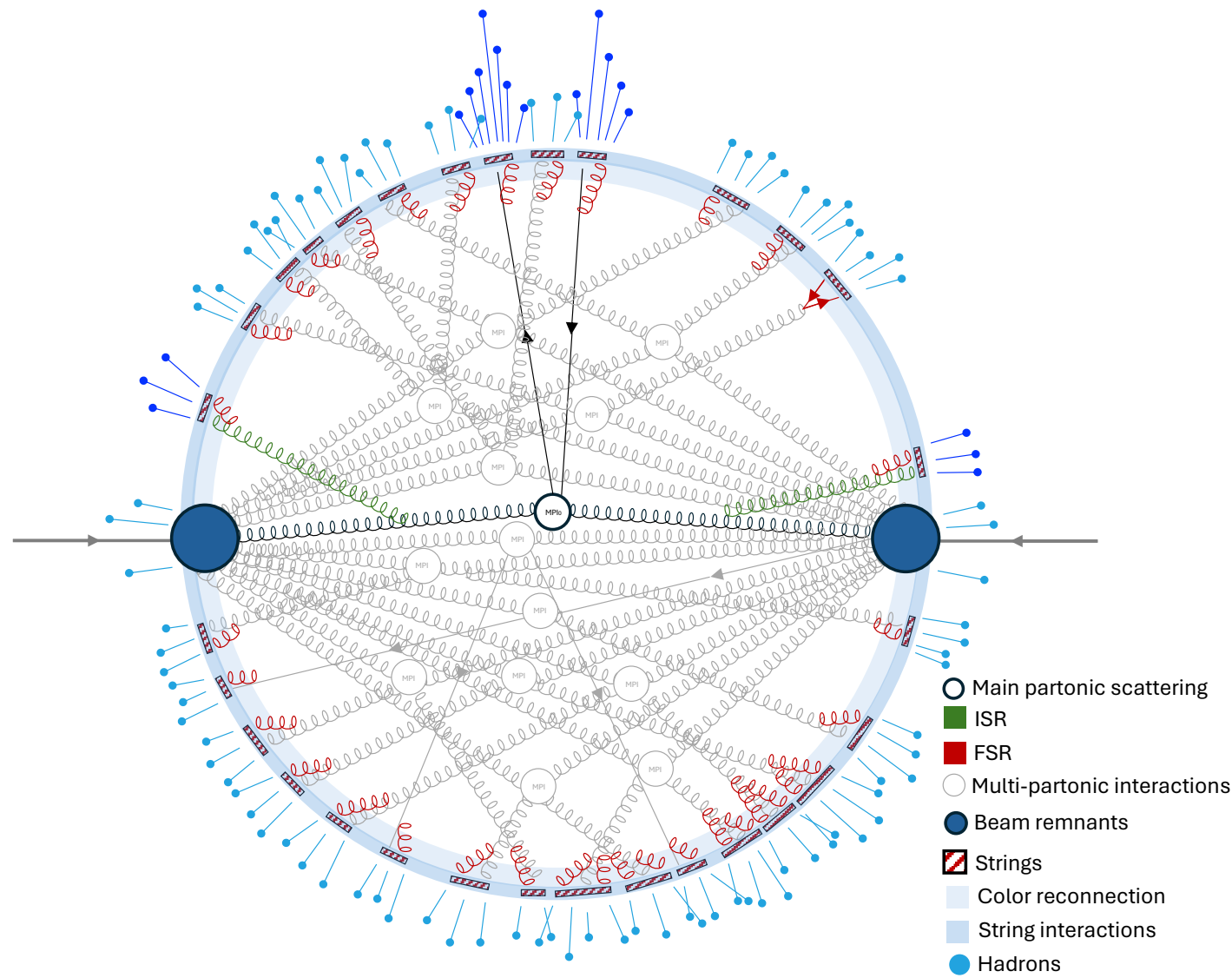
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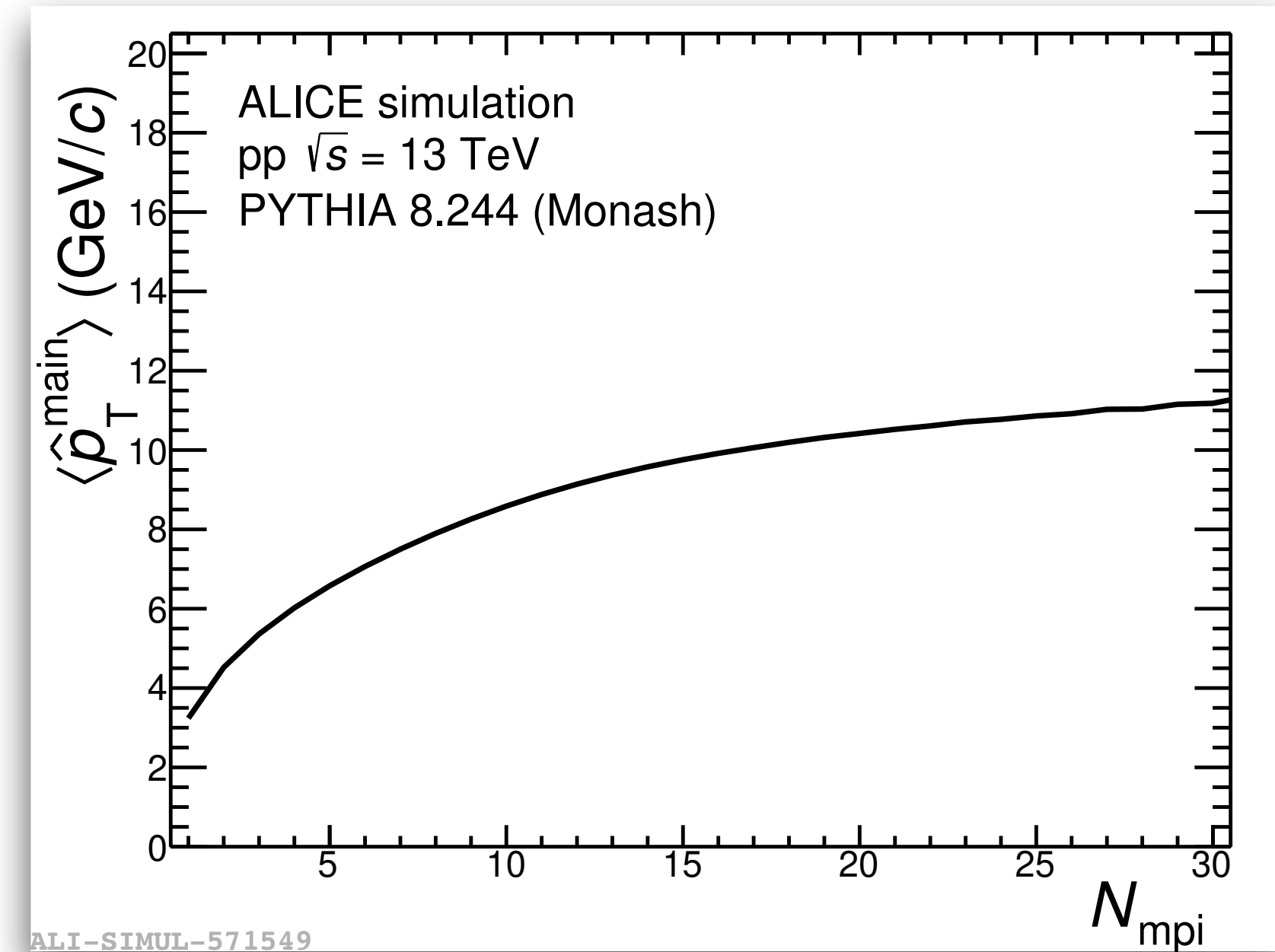


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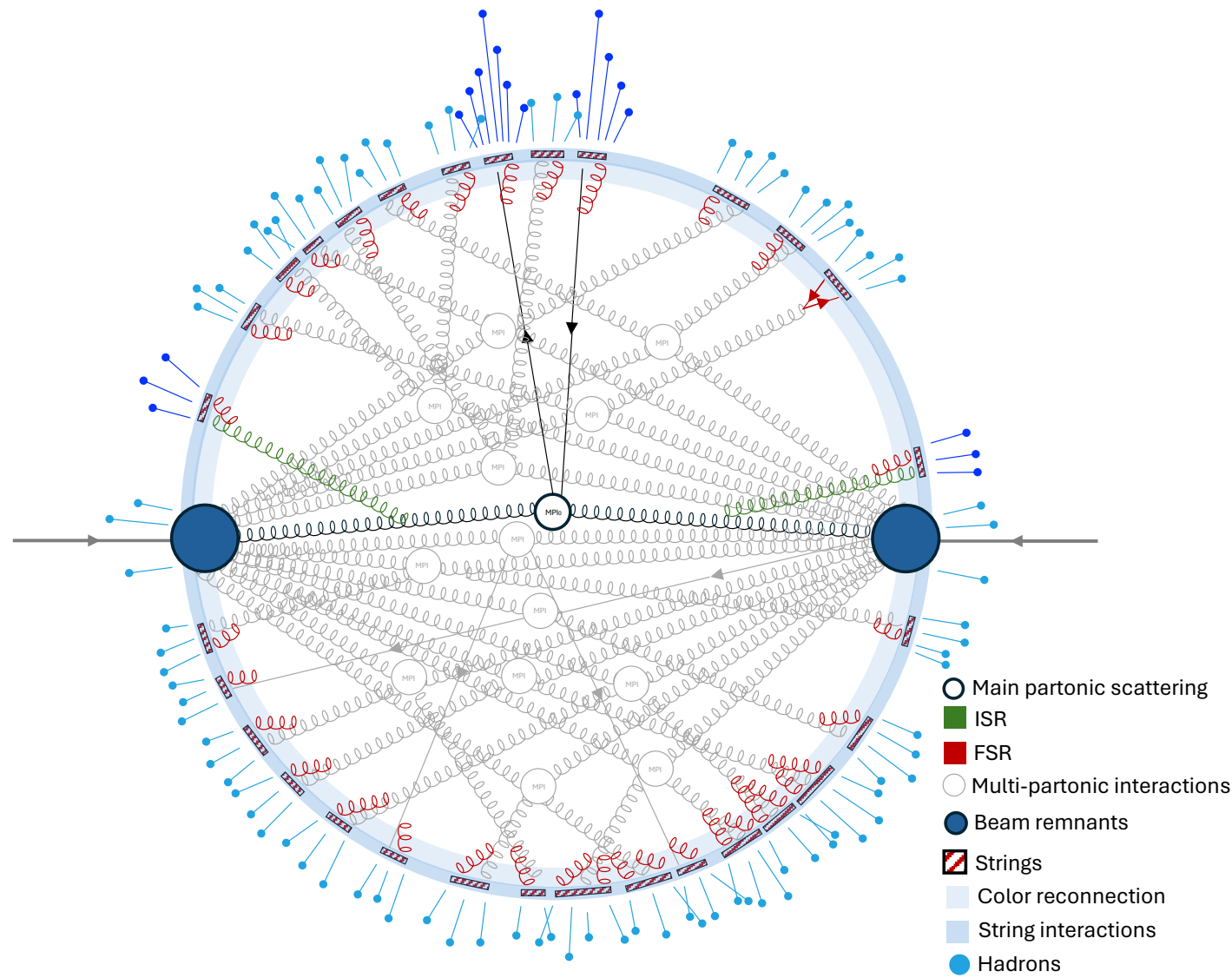
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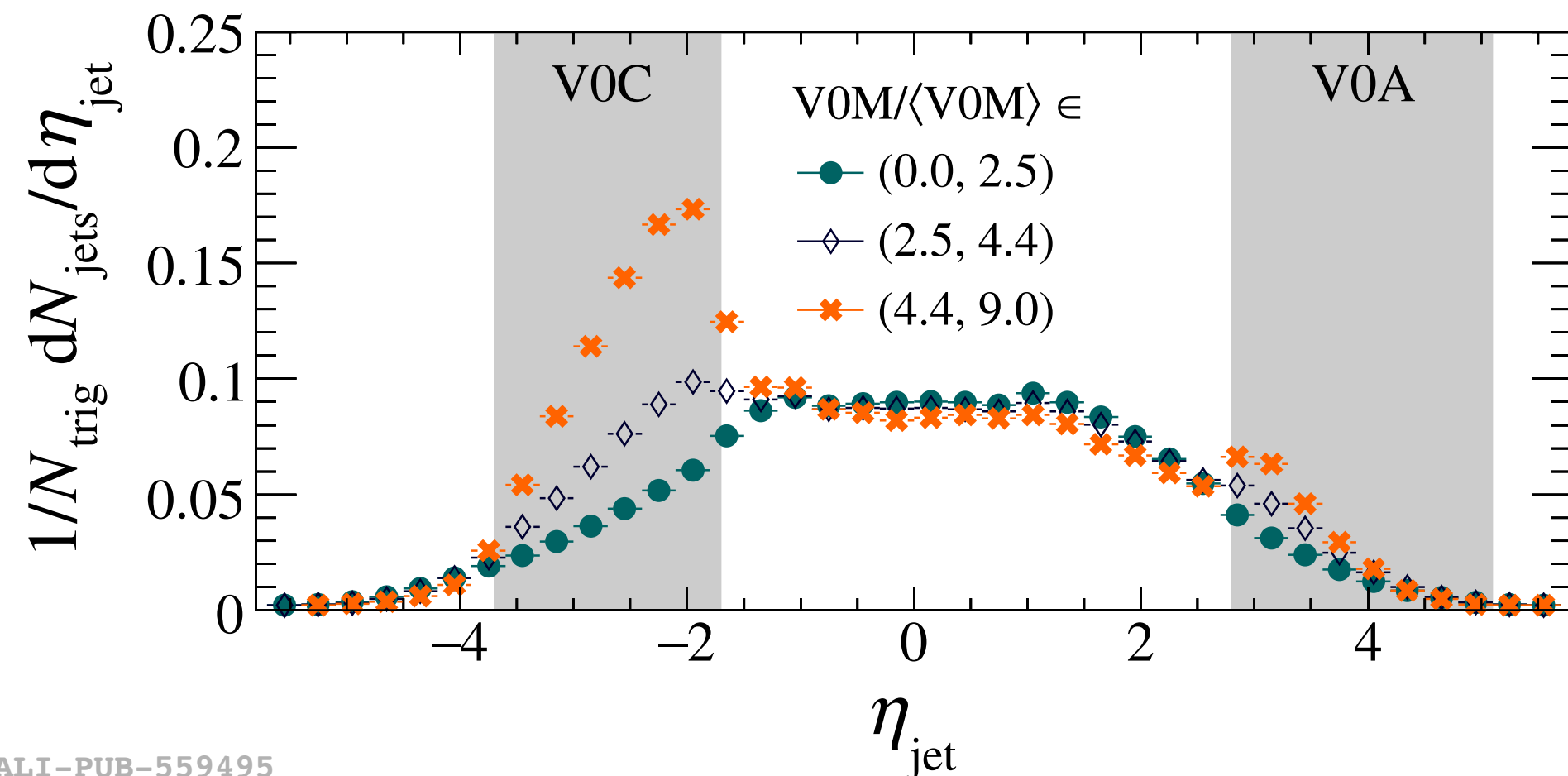
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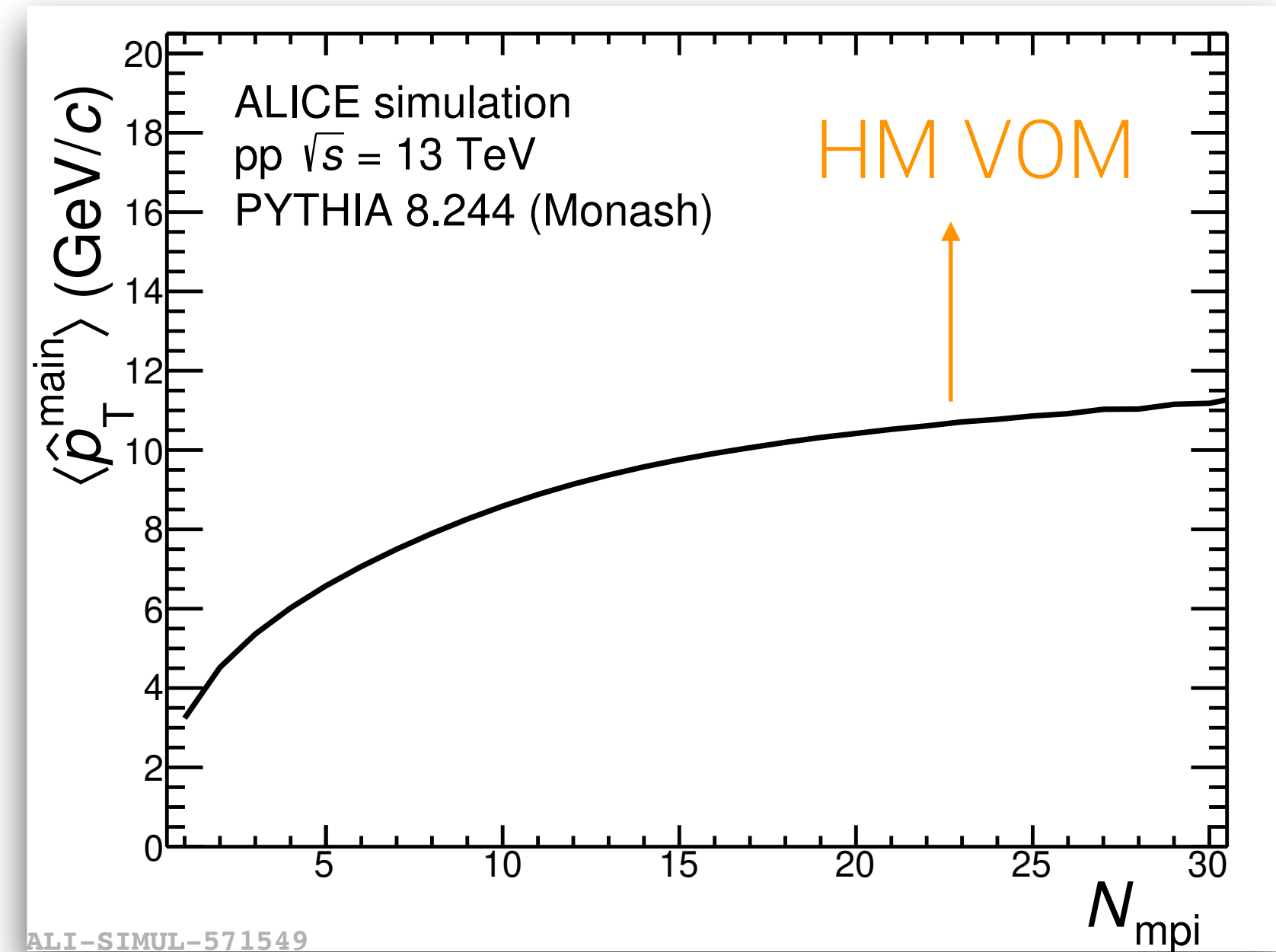
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 Charged-particle jets  
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$p_{T,jet}^{ch} > 25$  GeV/c  
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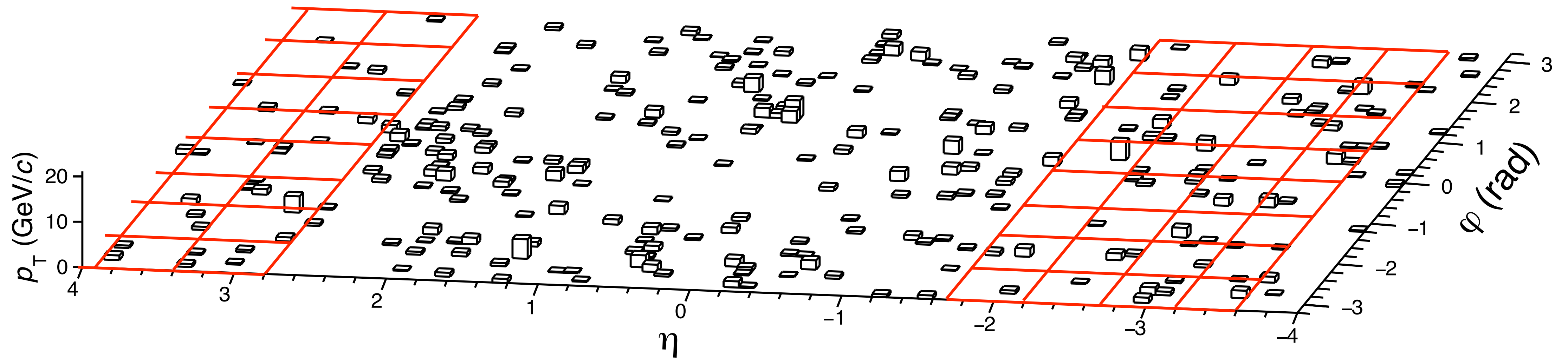
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PYTHIA 8.303 (Monash 2013), pp  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV,  $N_{\text{mpi}}=24$



Small local  $N^{(\text{ch. } i)}$  fluctuations in the V0 acceptance: small flattenicity values

- “isotropic” distribution of particles in the V0 acceptance (large multiplicities)

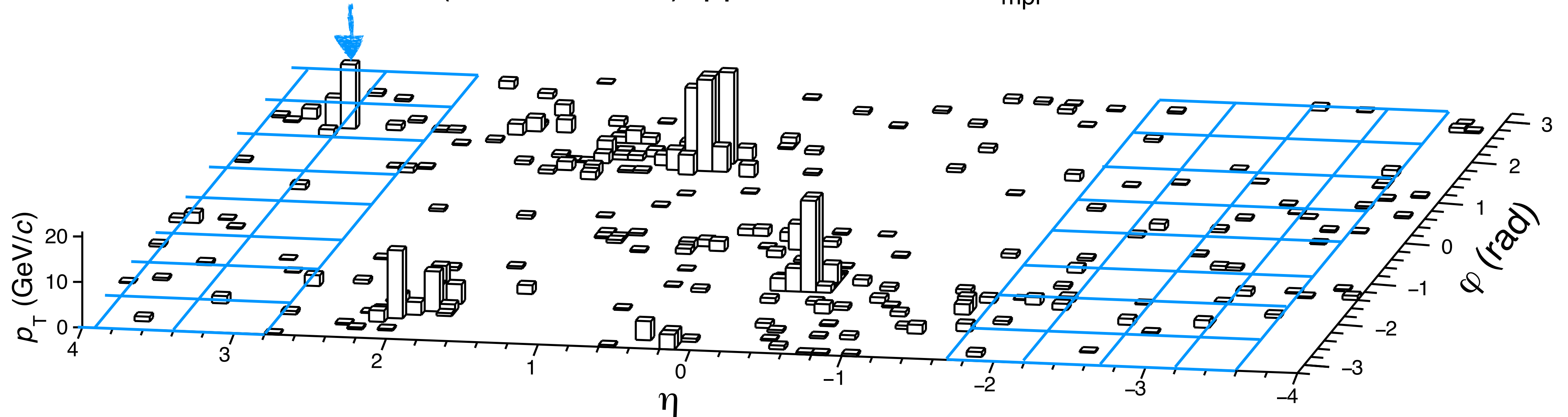
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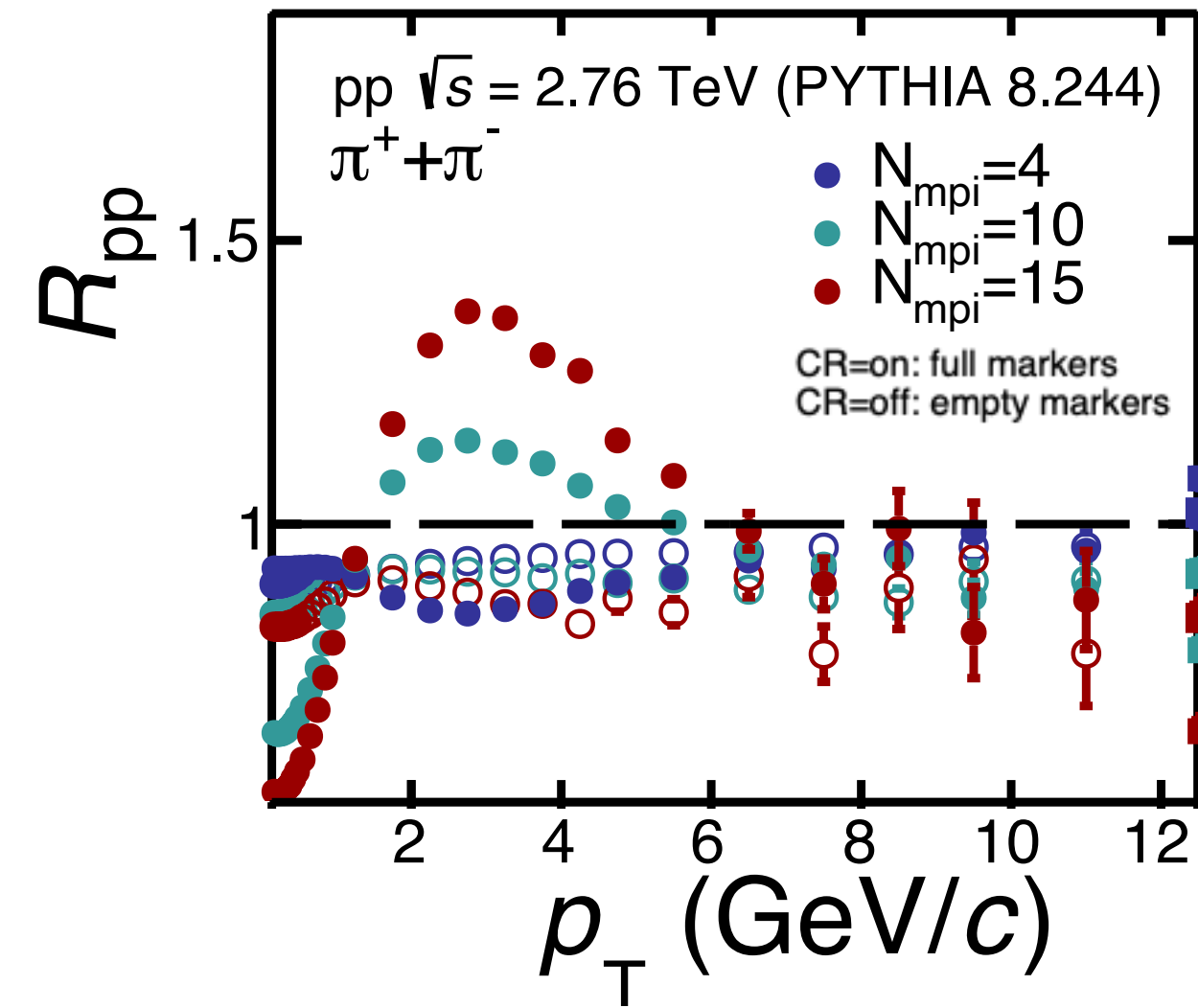


Large local  $N^{(\text{ch. } i)}$  fluctuations in the V0 acceptance: large flattenicity values

- jet structures, small multiplicity

# High- $p_T$ physics: VOM vs flattenicity

[Phys. Rev. D102 \(2020\) 7, 076014](#)

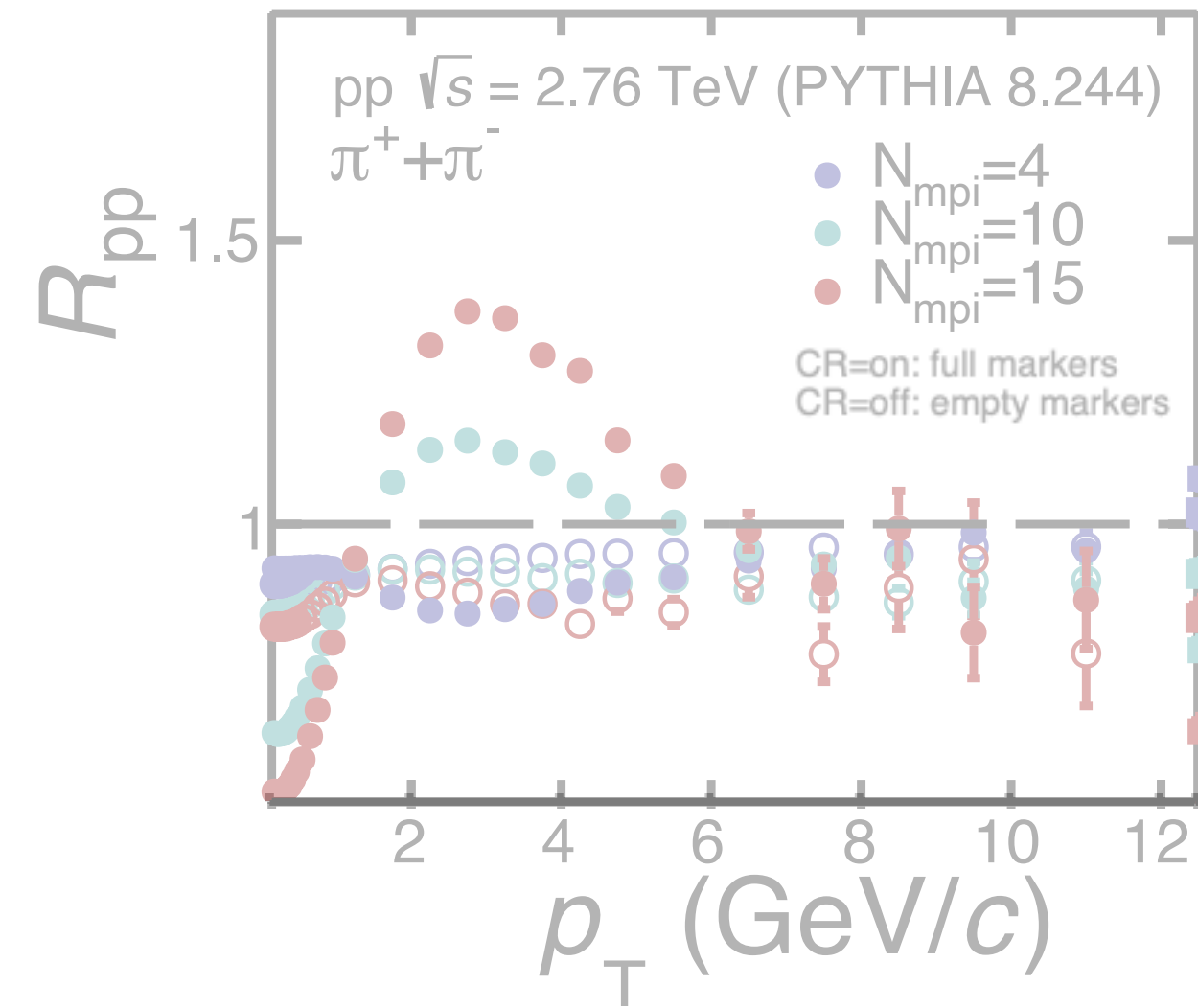


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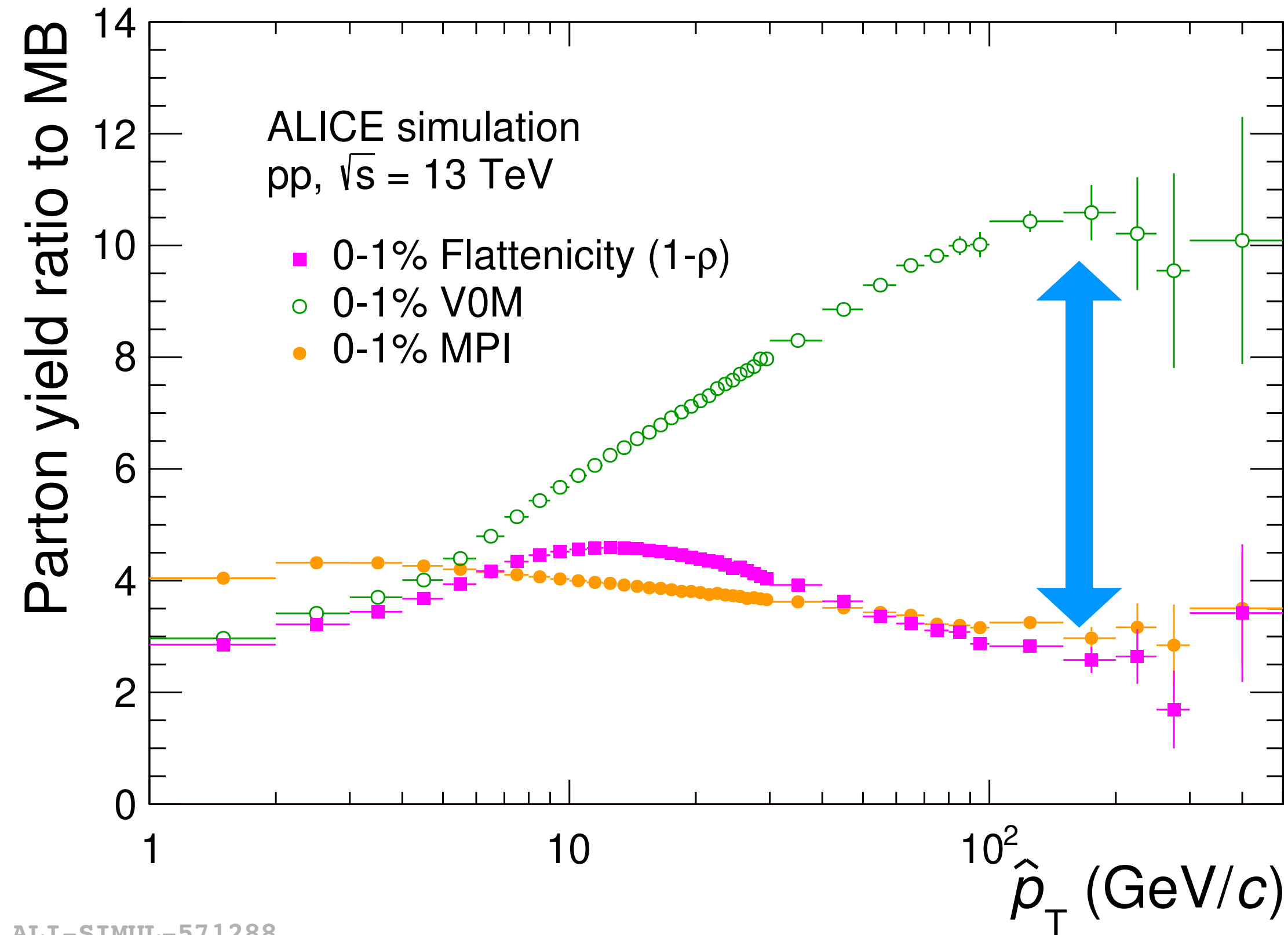
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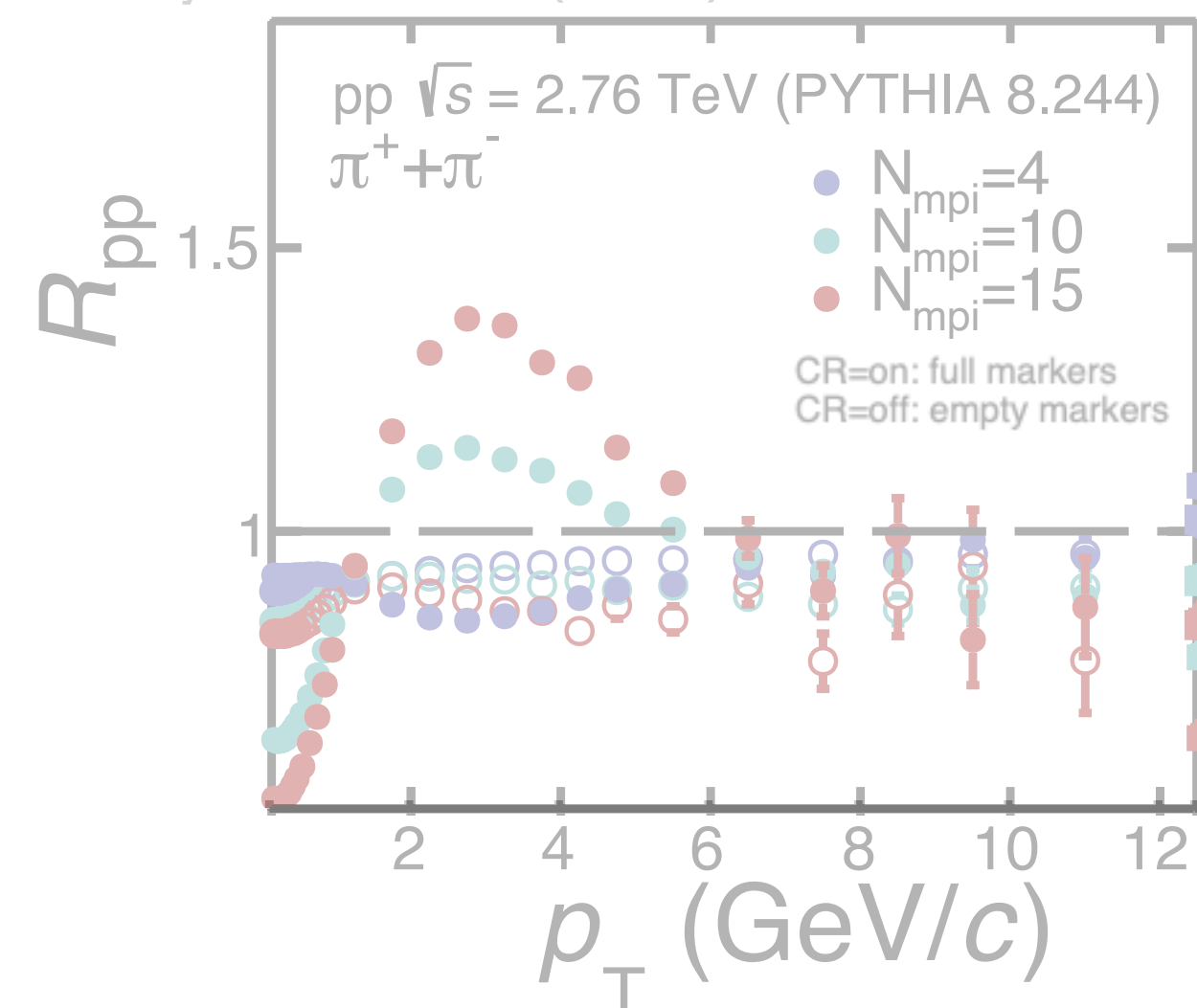
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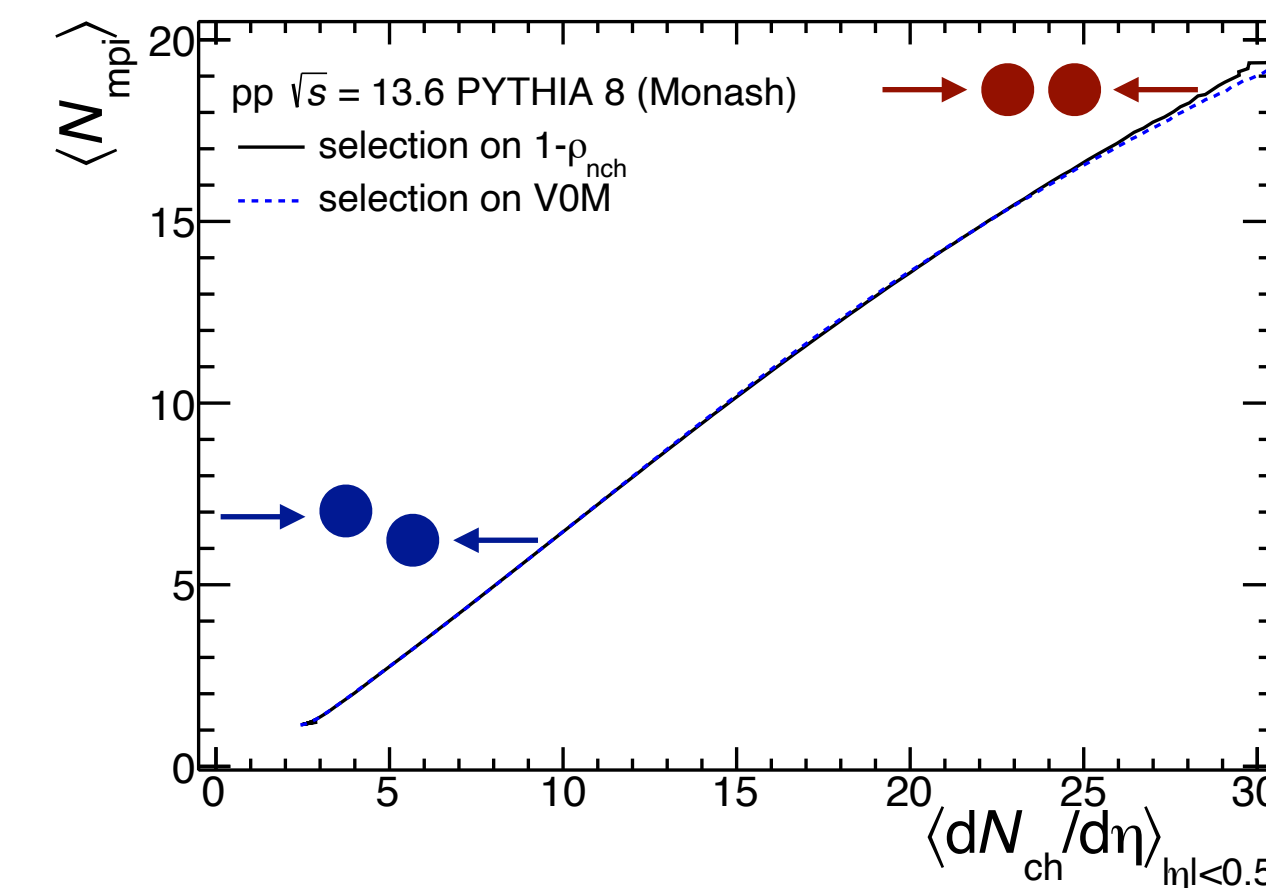
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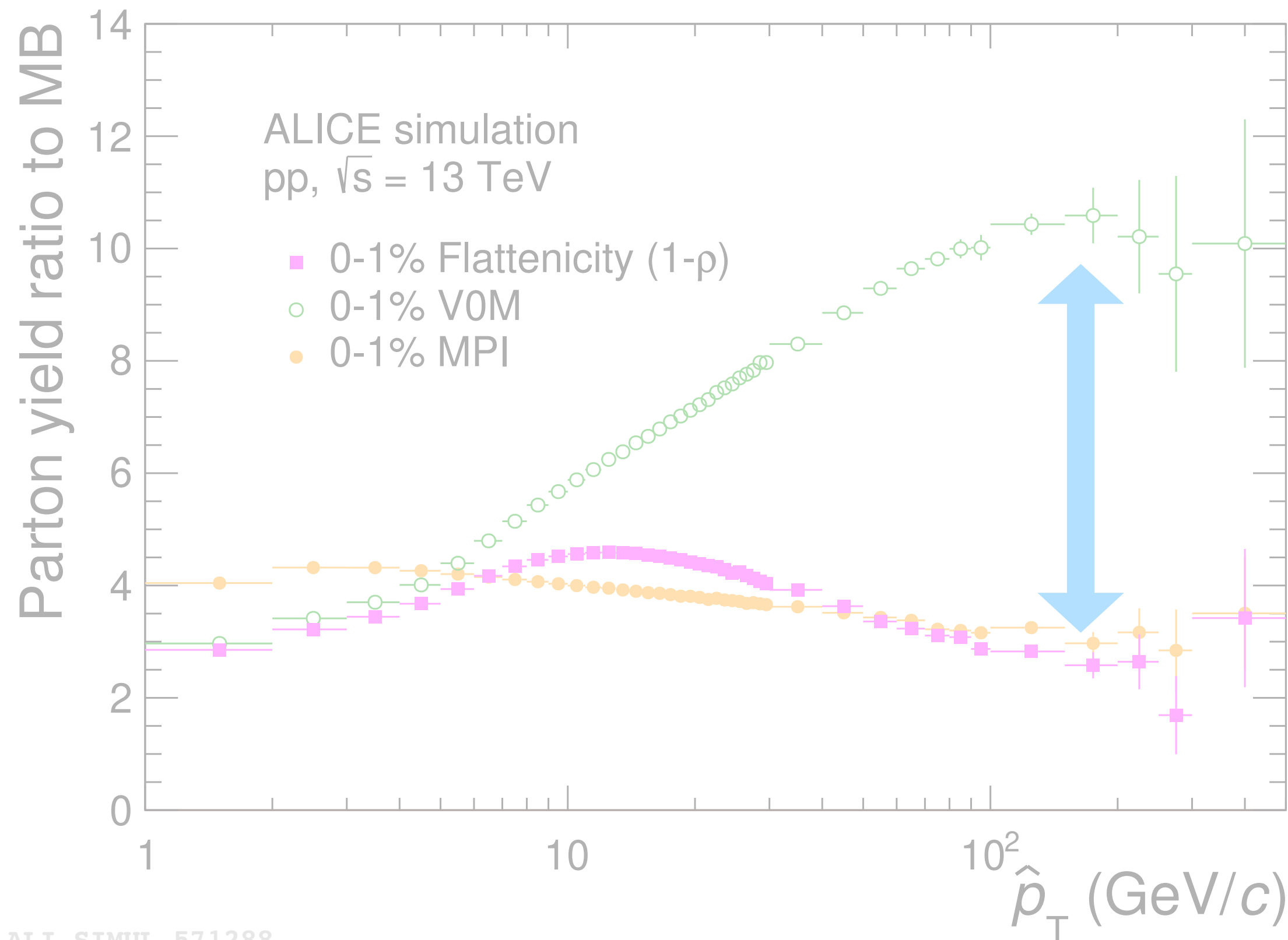


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$$\left\langle \frac{dN_{ch}}{d\eta} \right\rangle \propto \langle N_{mpi} \rangle$$

Experimentally:

$$Q_{pp}(p_T) = \frac{\left. \frac{1}{N_{ev}} \frac{dN_{ch}}{dp_T} \frac{1}{\langle N_{ch} \rangle} \right|_{HM}}{\left. \frac{1}{N_{ev}} \frac{dN_{ch}}{dp_T} \frac{1}{\langle N_{ch} \rangle} \right|_{MB}}$$

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# Data analysis

Integrated luminosity  $\sim 21 \text{ nb}^{-1}$

MB trigger: signals in both V0 detectors

Vertex position within  $|v_z| < 10 \text{ cm}$  (SPD)

Events with multiple primary vertexes are rejected

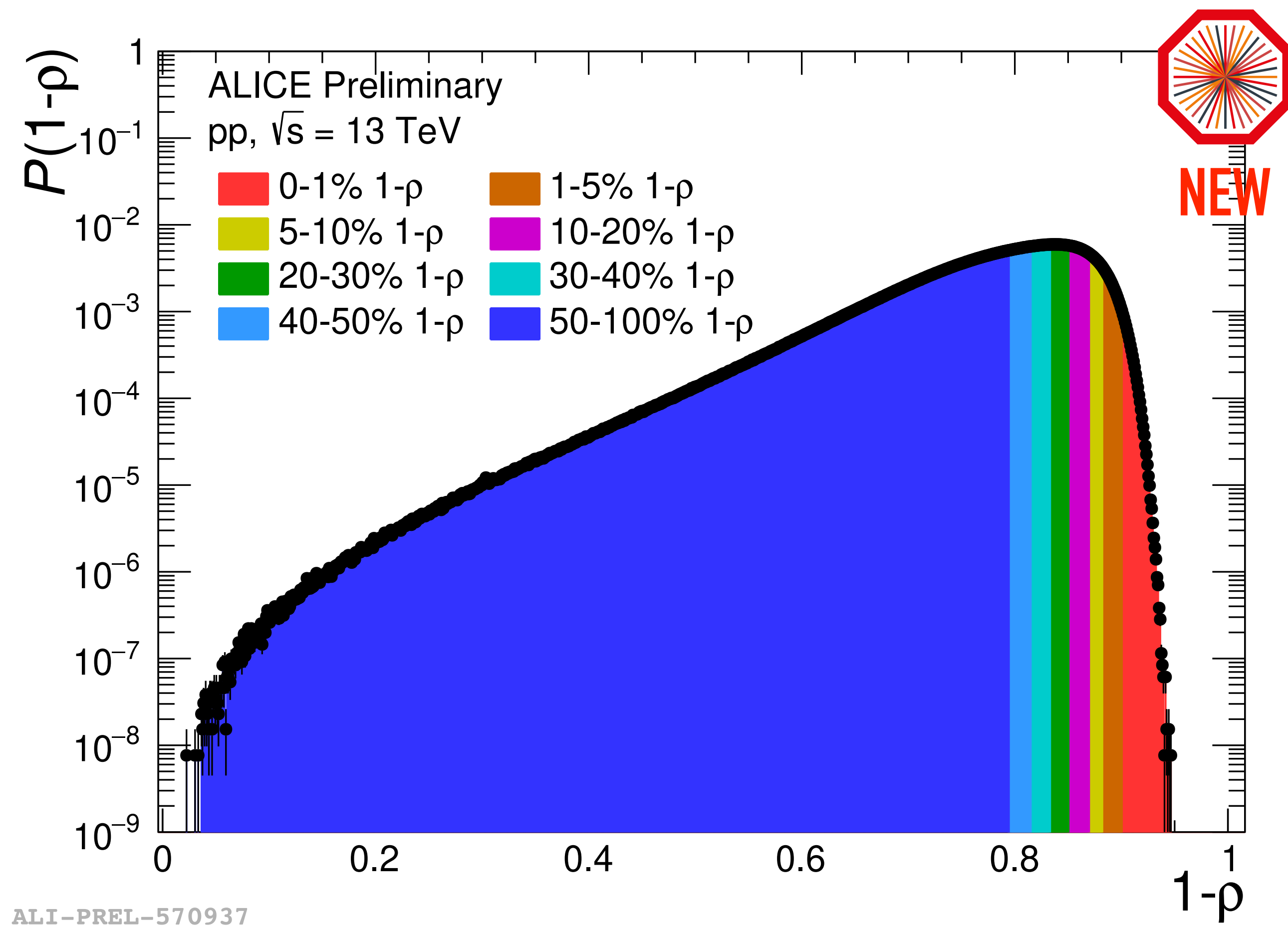
Particle identification with TPC and TOF detectors

Flattenicity is measured with the V0 detector

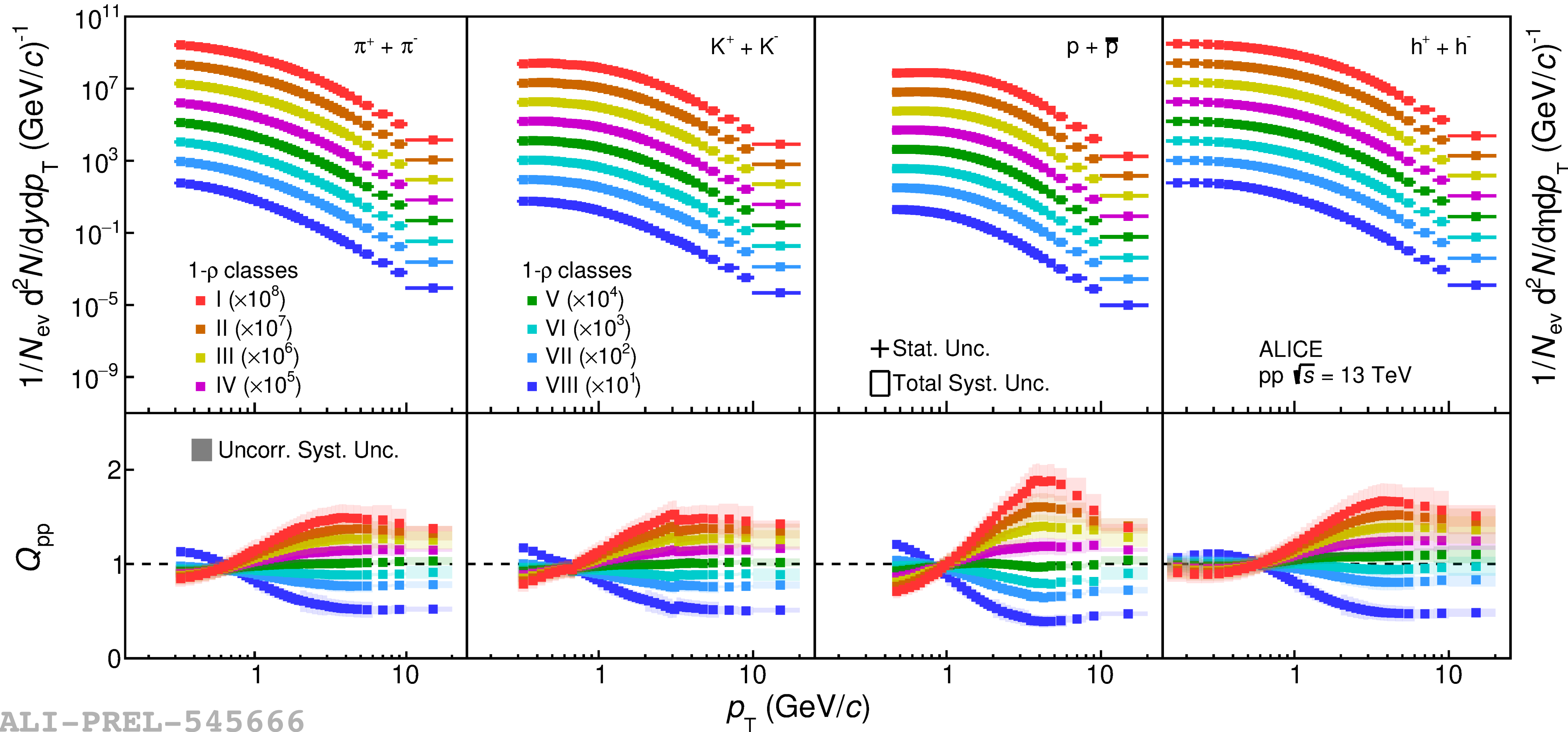
Systematic uncertainties: vertex, track selection, MC non-closure, signal extraction (PID): up to 10%

Low  $N_{\text{mpi}}$

High  $N_{\text{mpi}}$



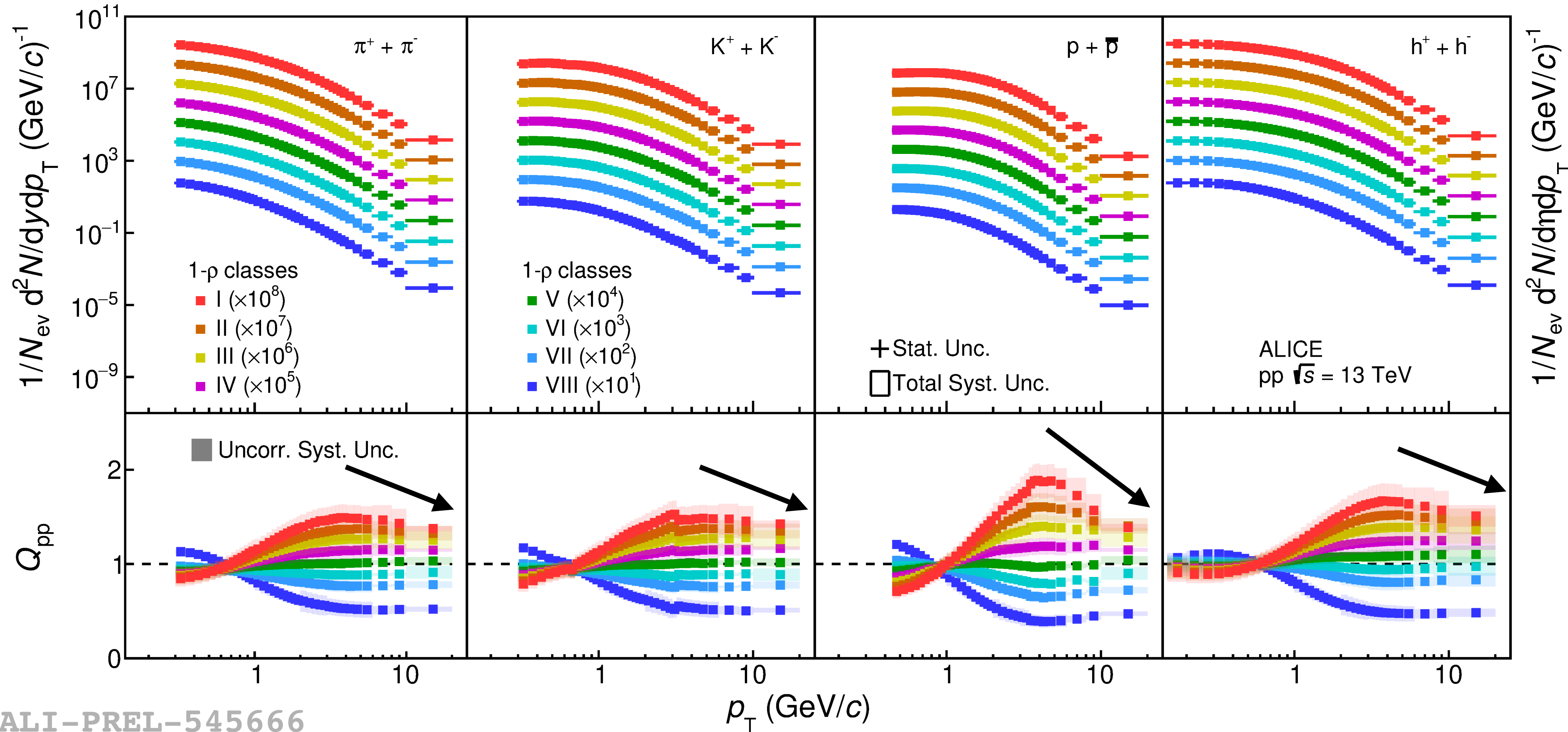
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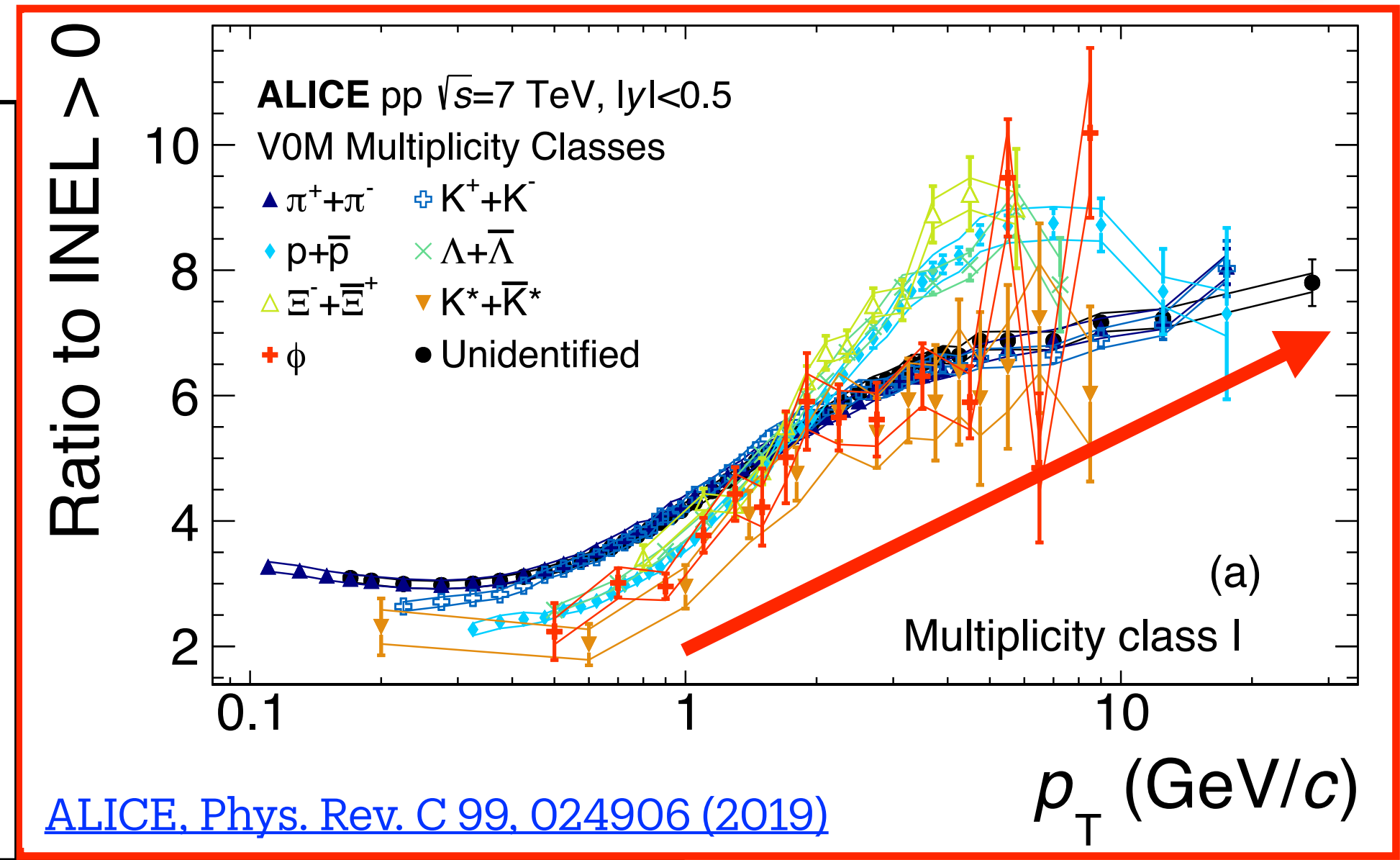
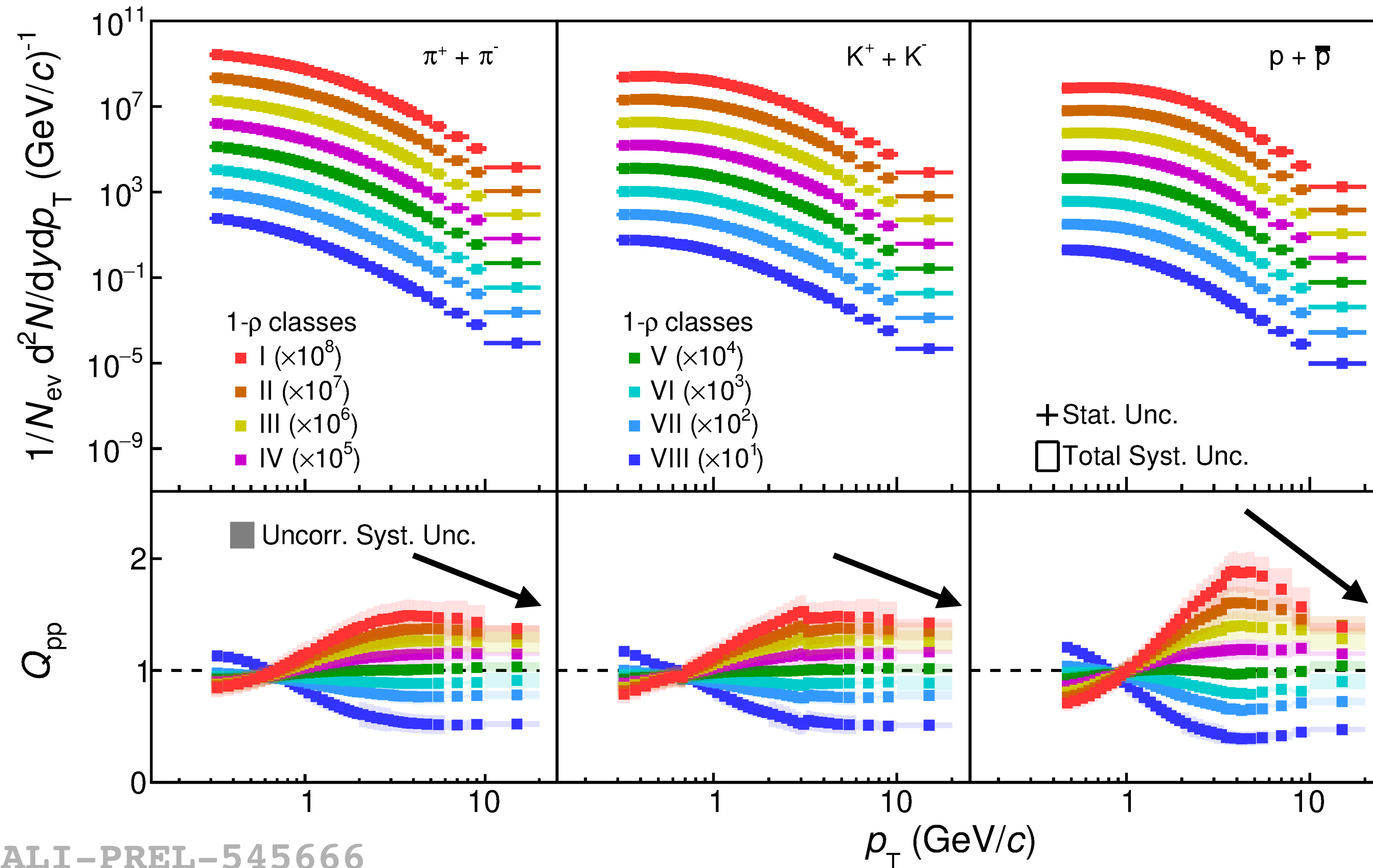
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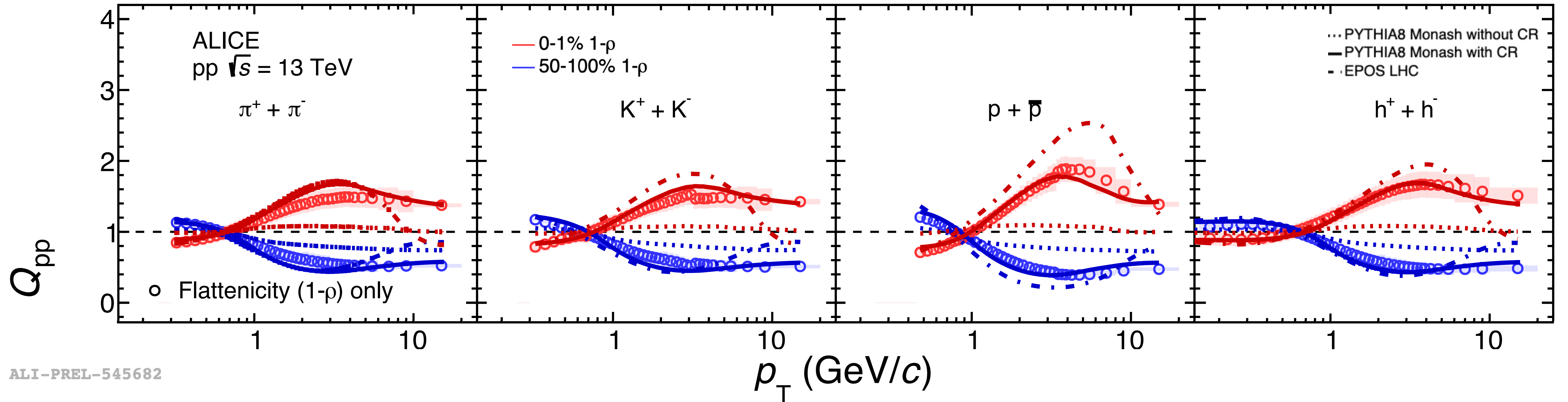


The effect is not seen in the VOM analysis!

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# $Q_{pp}$ : data vs MC models

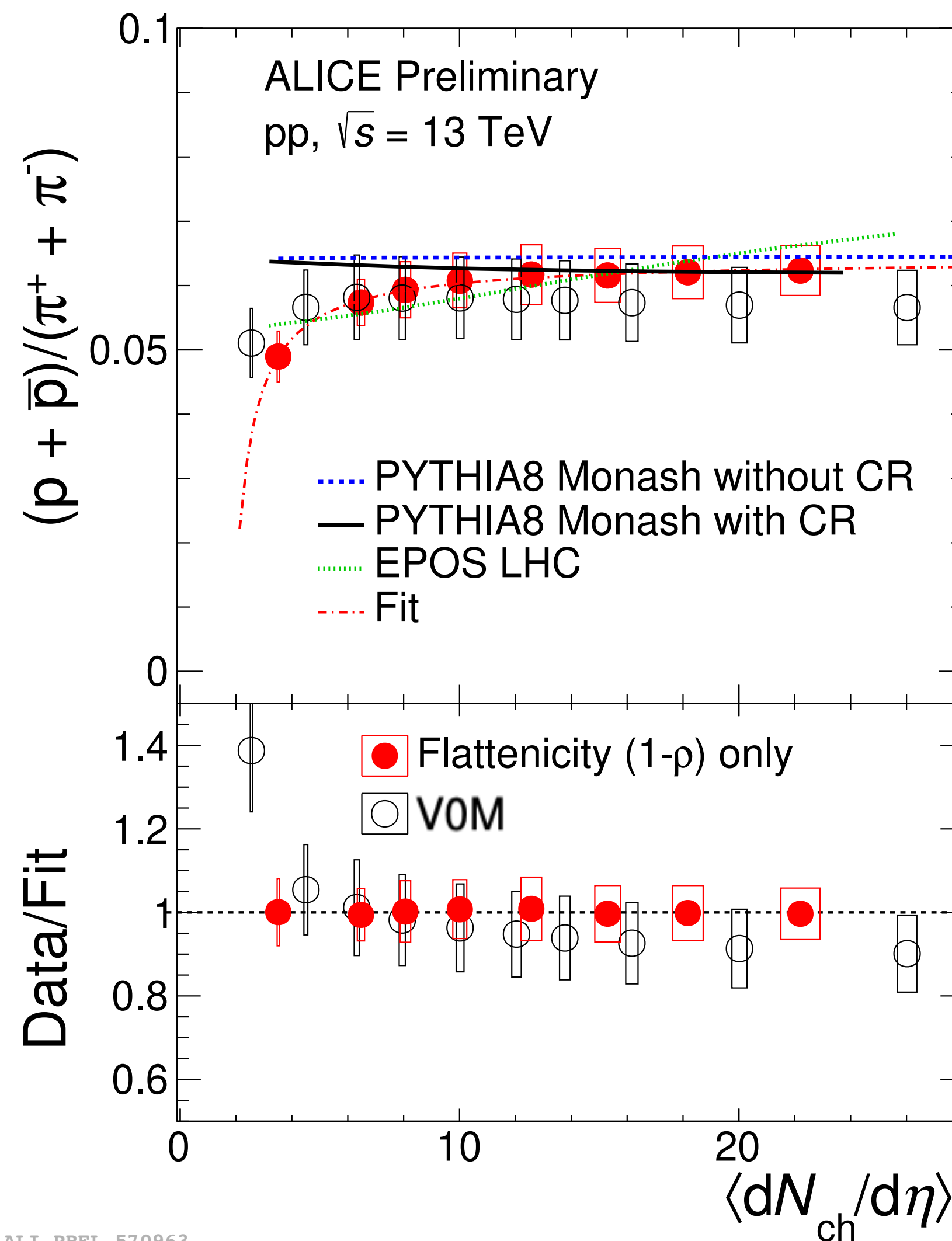
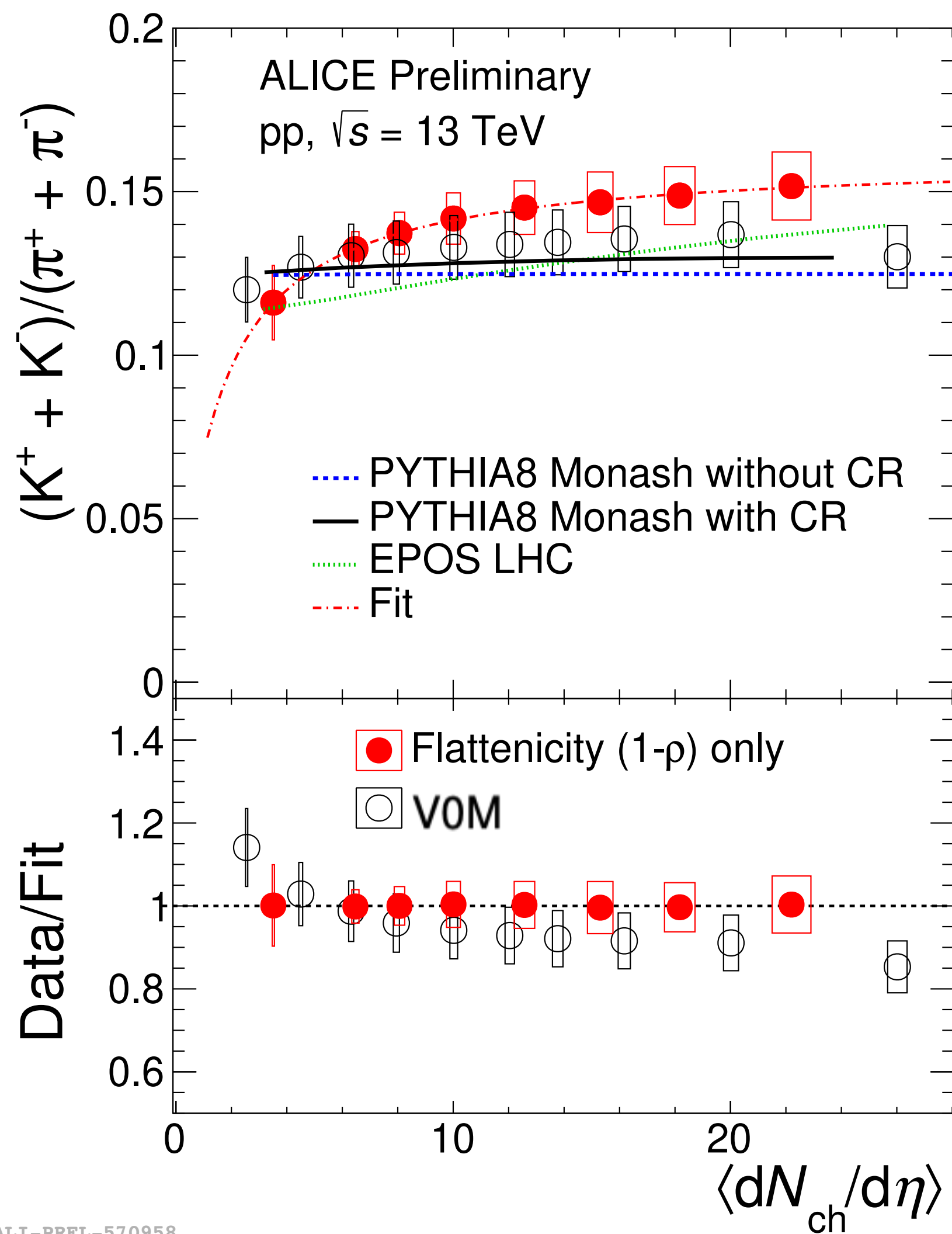


PYTHIA 8 without CR: a nearly flat  $Q_{pp}$  as a function of  $p_T$

Pythia Monash (with CR): overall the best description of data

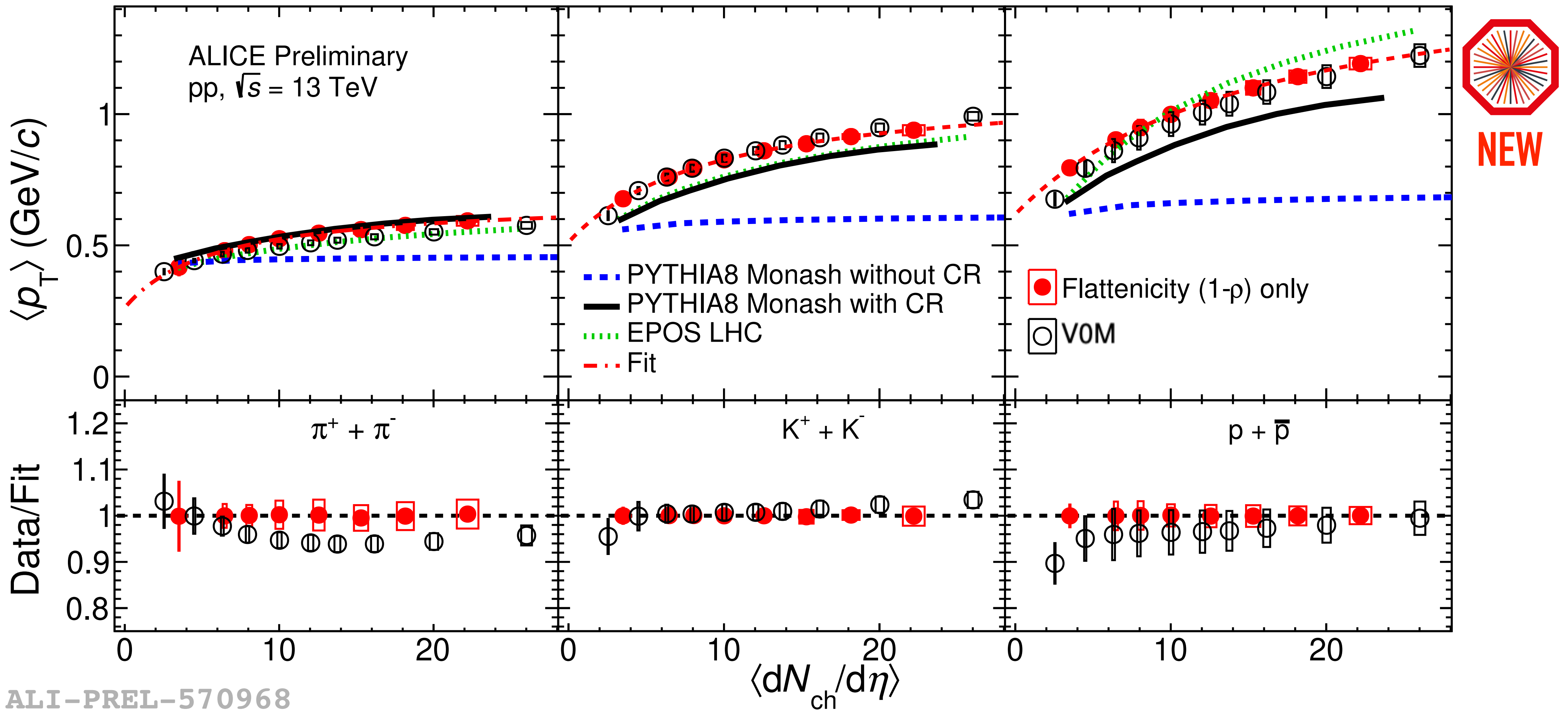
EPOS LHC overestimates and underestimates  $Q_{pp}$  at intermediate and high  $p_T$  values, respectively

# Particle ratios: flattenicity vs VOM



The particle ratios as a function of flattenicity exhibit a steeper increase with **multiplicity** than those as a function of VOM

# Average $p_T$



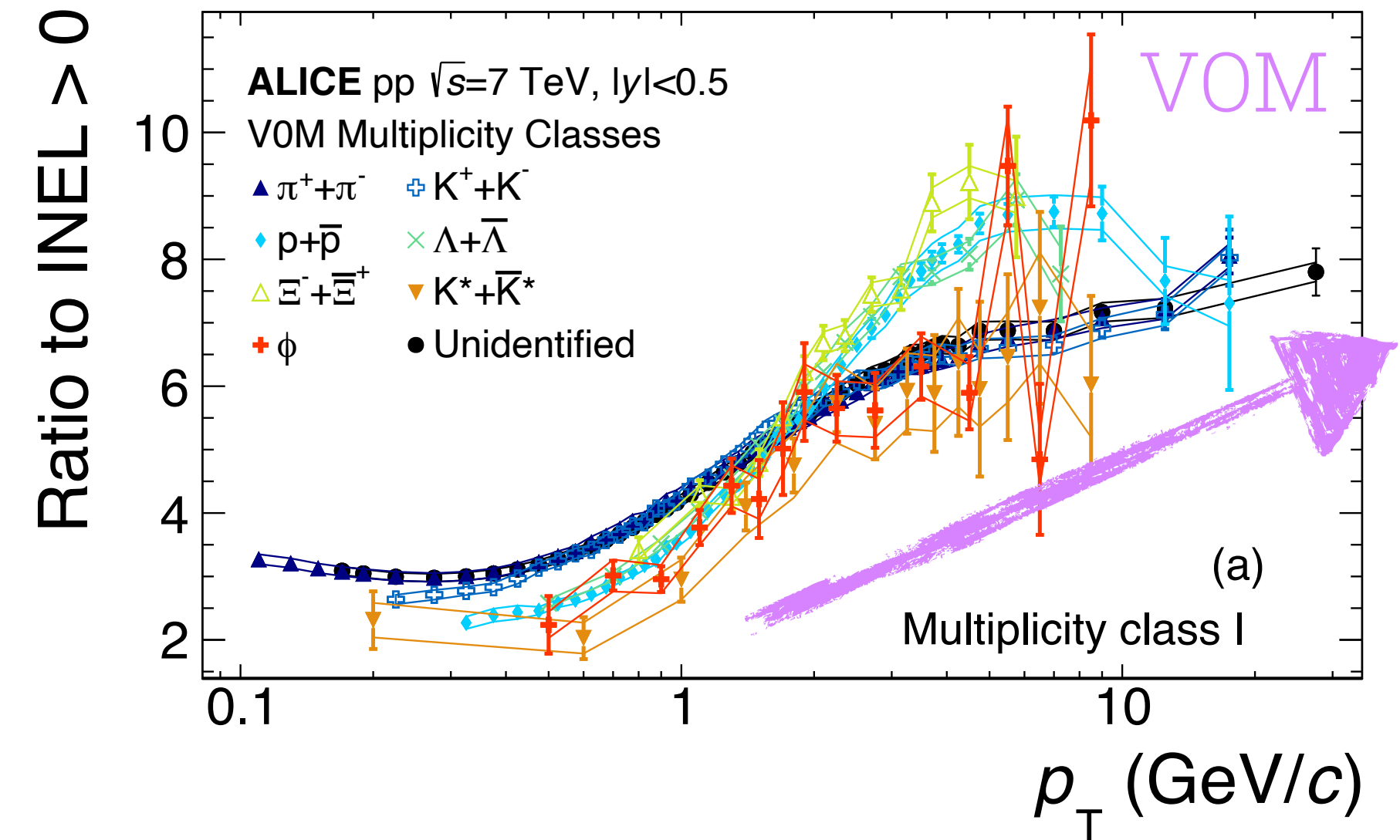
Little or no difference is observed between flattenicity and VOM selections for kaons and protons  
 A slightly larger mean  $p_T$  as a function of multiplicity for flattenicity selection

# Summary

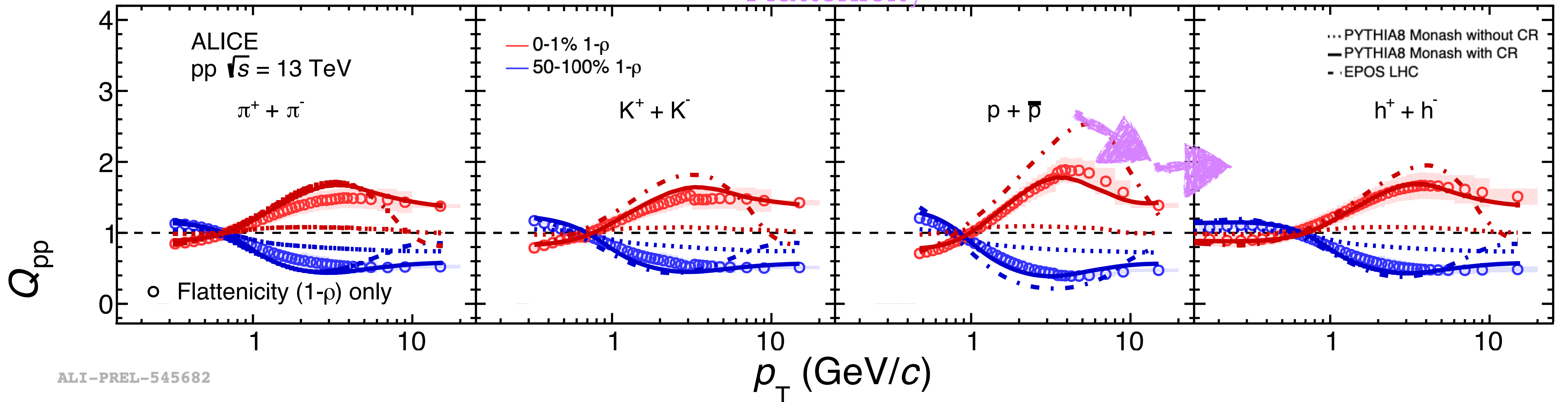
Flattenicity is more sensitive to MPI (and therefore to the impact parameter of the collision) than the VOM multiplicity estimator

An approximately scaling with MPI is seen at large  $p_T$

Promising tool to study QGP observables at both low and high  $p_T$



Flattenicity



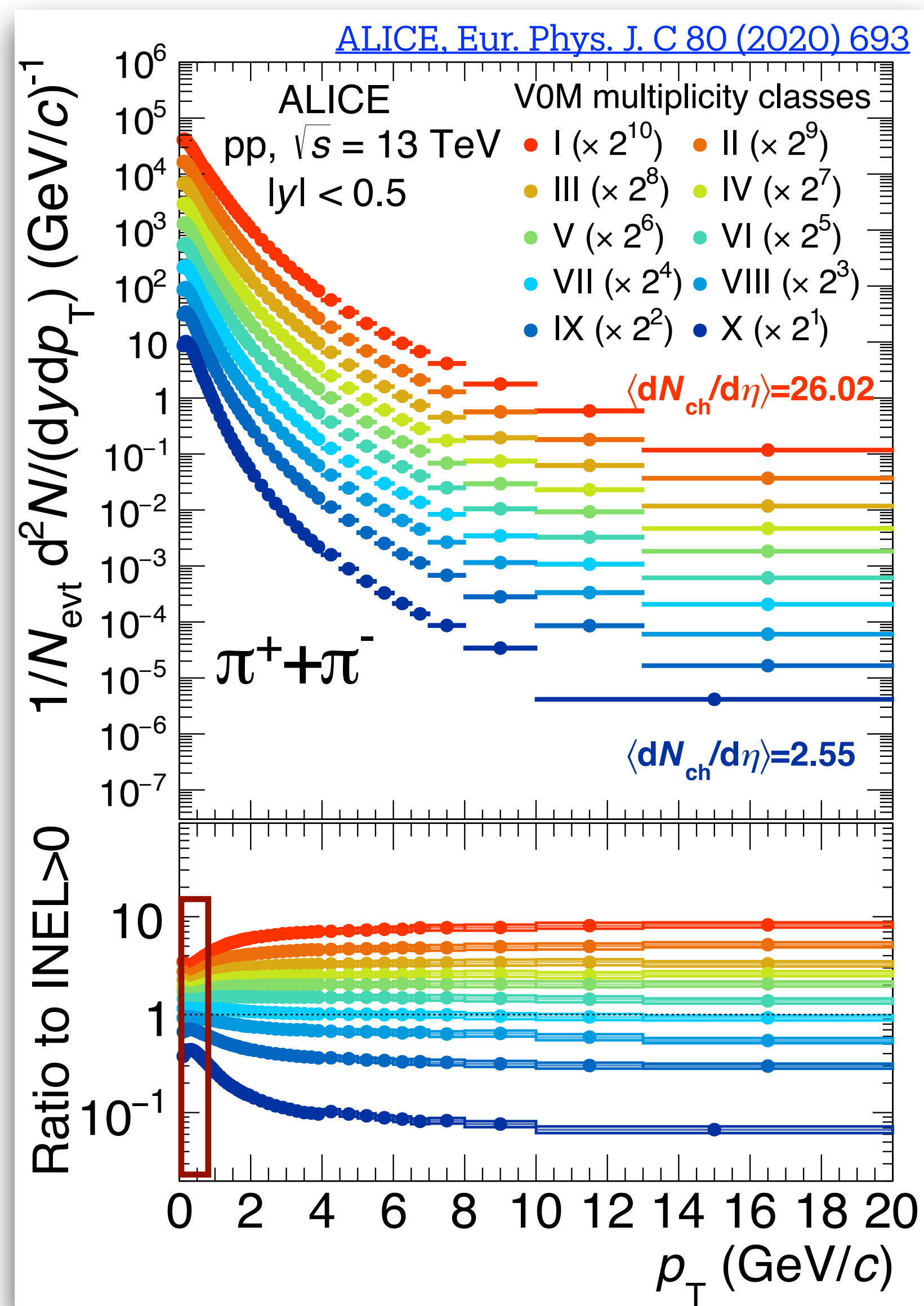
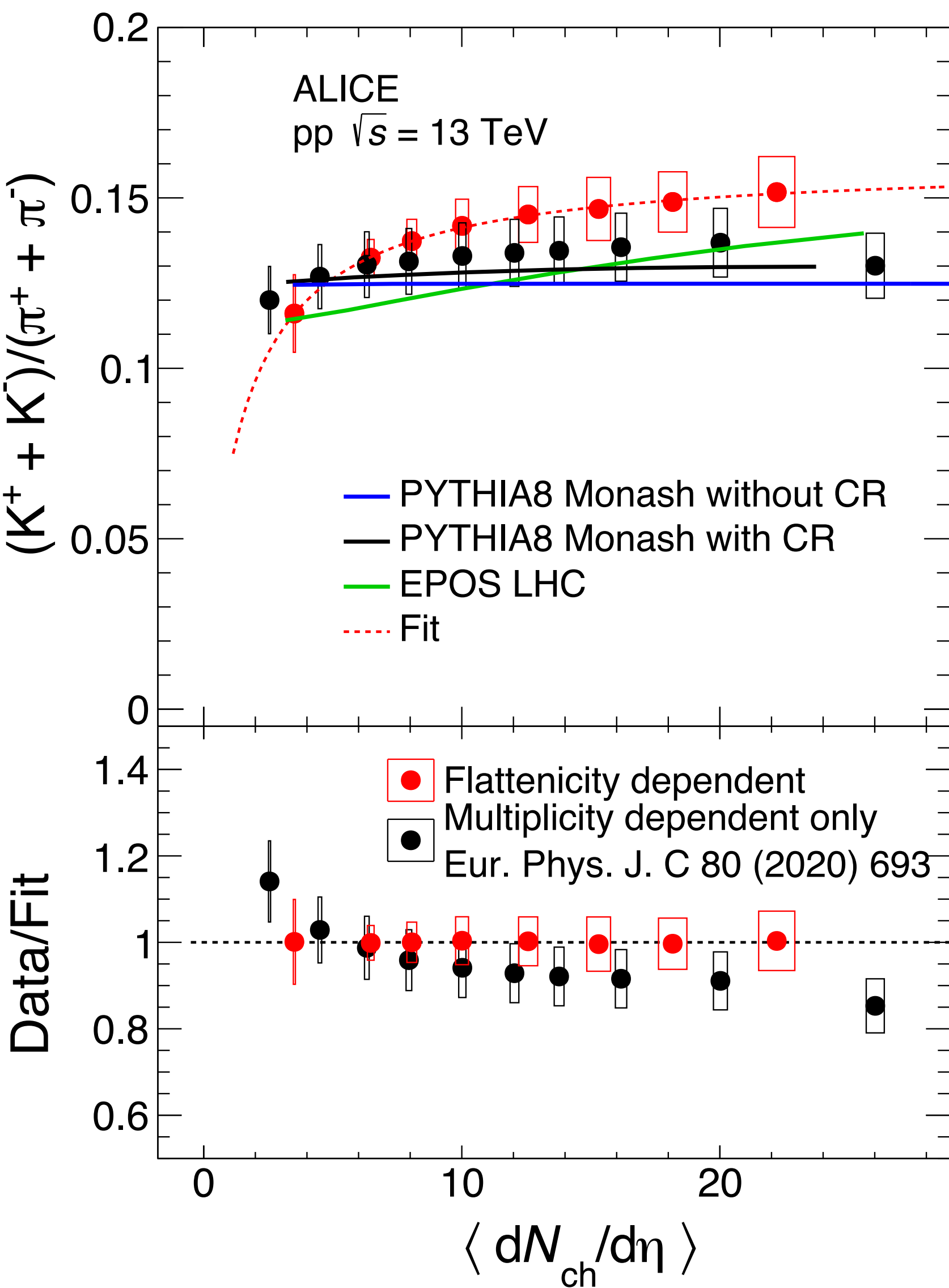
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Thank you!

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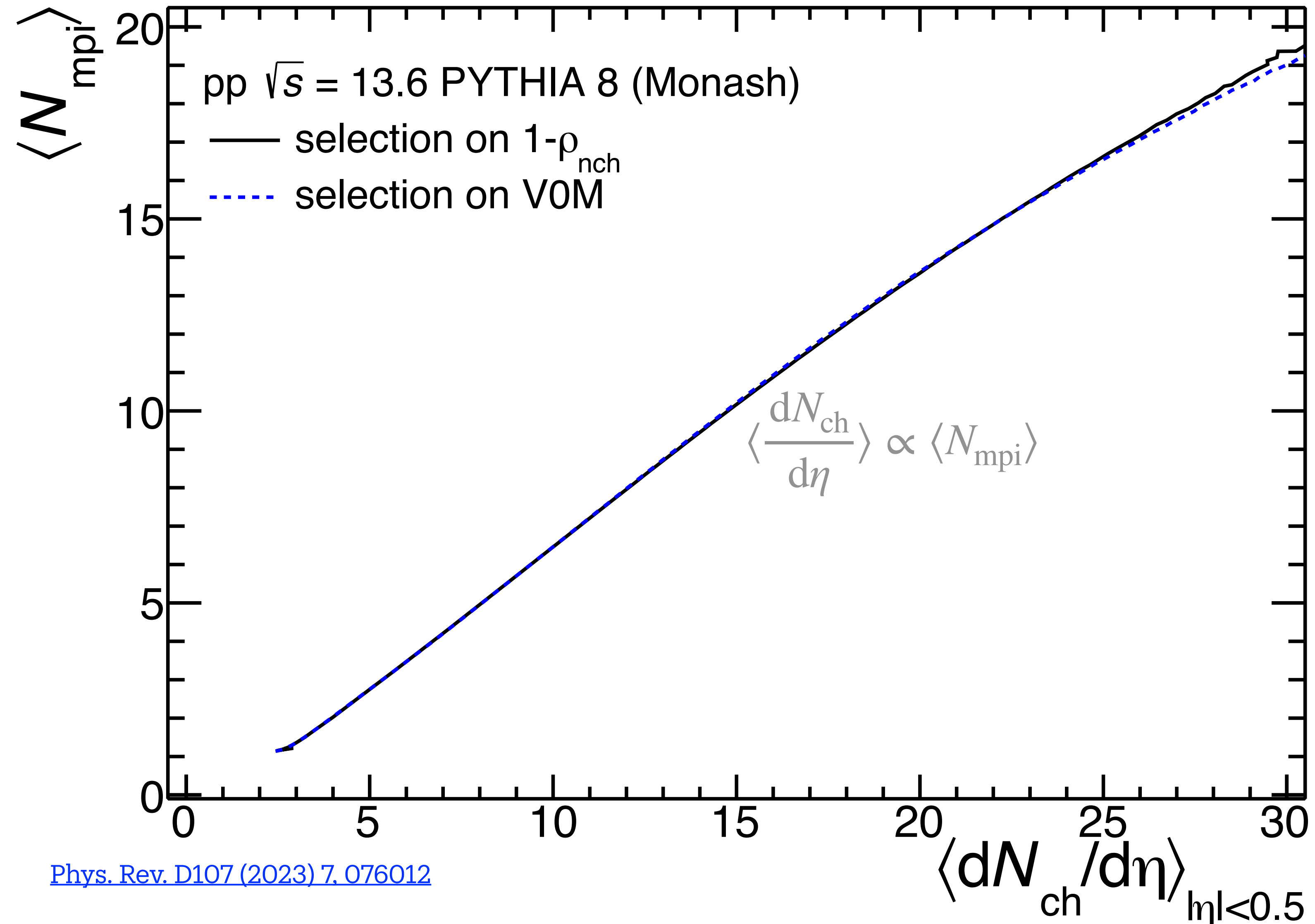
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The particle ratios as a function of flattenicity (red) exhibit a steeper increase with multiplicity than those as a function of VOM (black)

The reason is that VOM multiplicity biases the low  $p_T$  pion yield

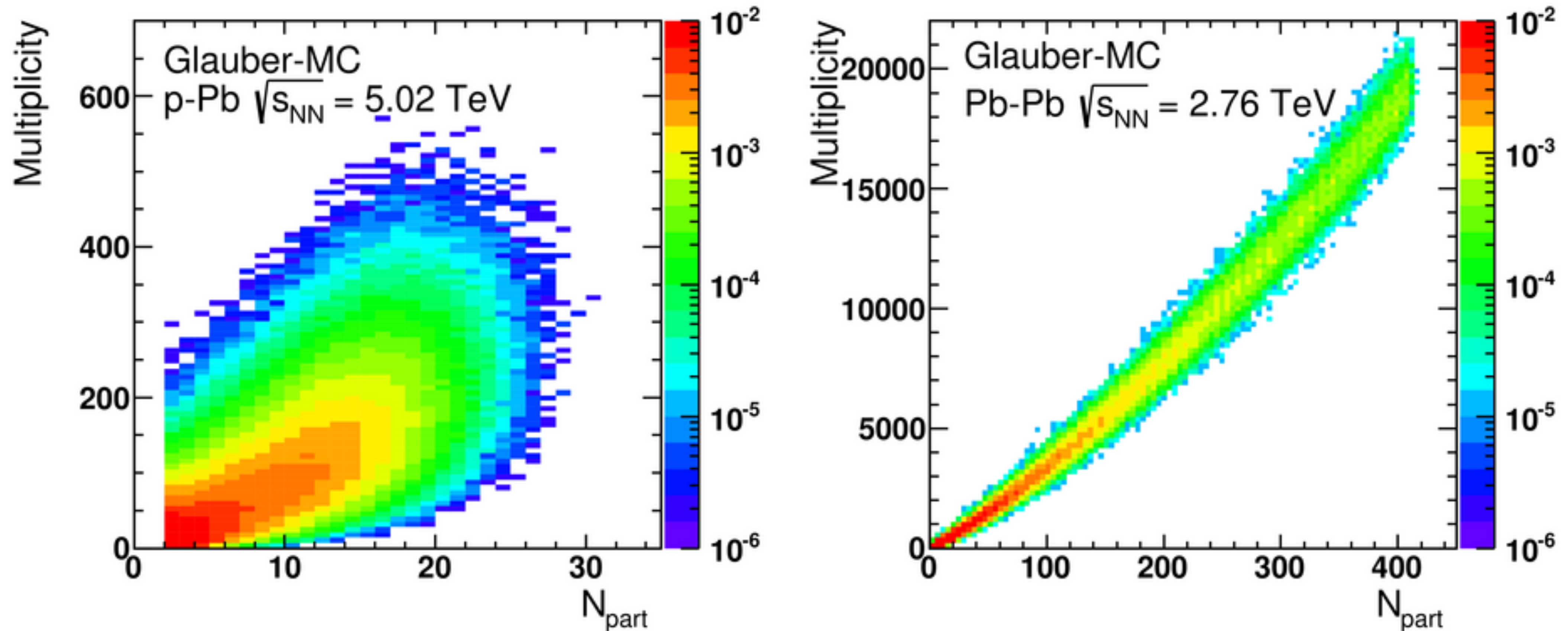
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# Centrality in small systems (p-Pb)

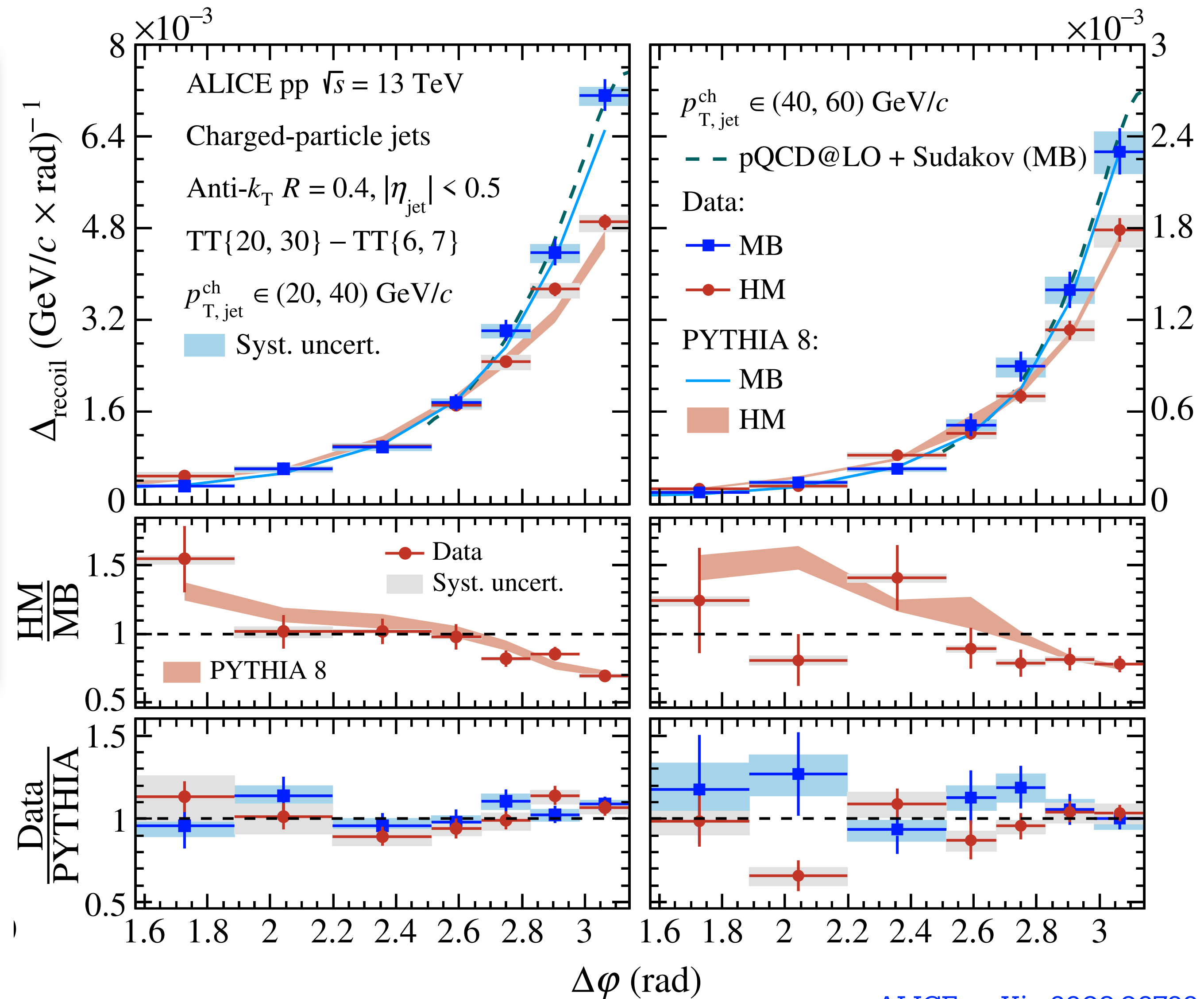
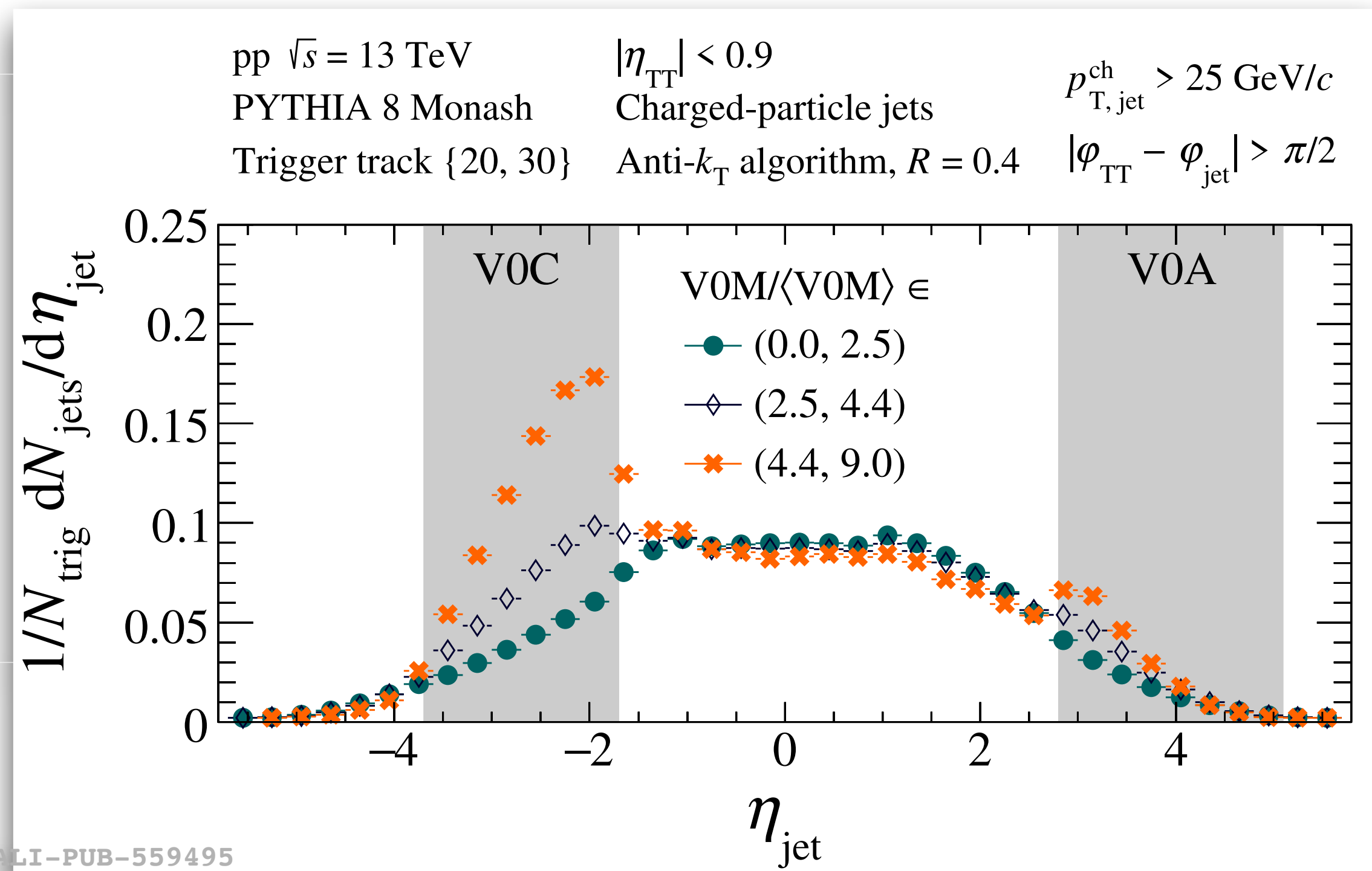
In contrast to Pb-Pb collisions, for p-Pb collisions the multiplicity (VOA) fluctuations are sizeable compared to the width of the  $N_{\text{part}}$  distribution



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Weak correlation between geometry and event activity

# Issues to search for jet quenching



The HM VOM multiplicity class selects pp collisions with jets in the forward detector, consequently biasing the acoplanarity distribution measured in the central region