



# Multiple Parton Interactions in ALICE

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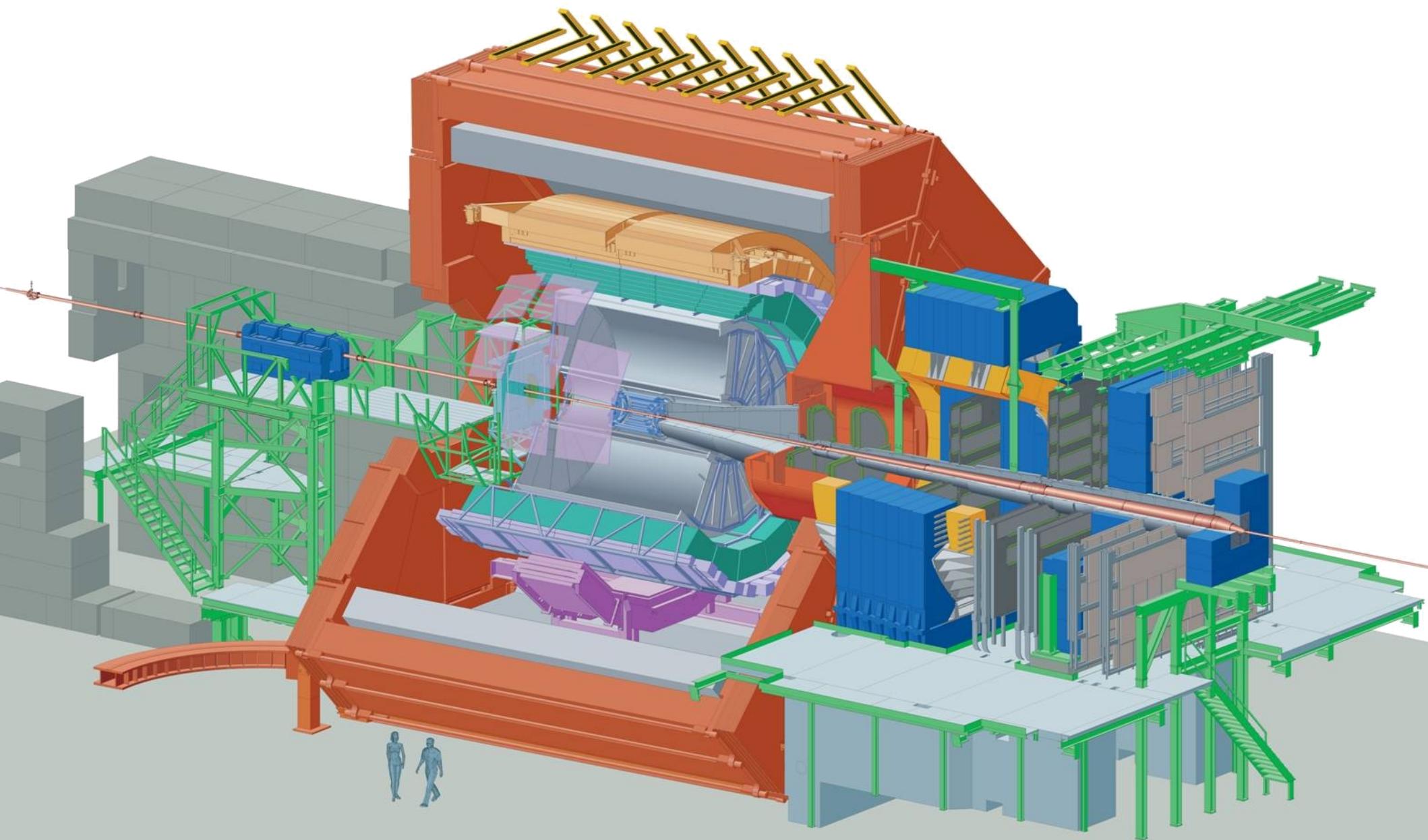
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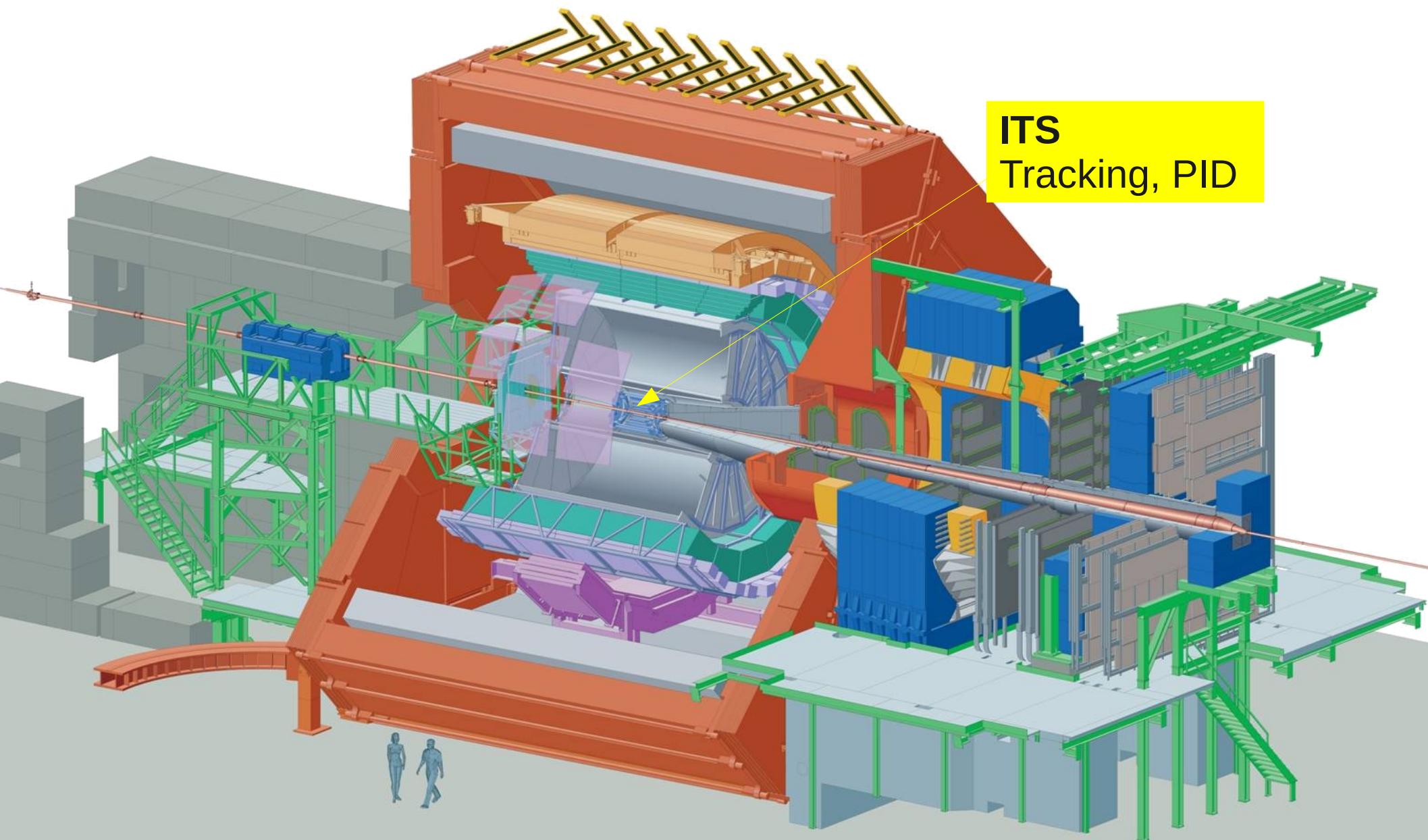
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- ALICE has been optimized for heavy-ion (Pb-Pb) collisions, but it also studies proton-proton (pp) collisions
  - Several signals in heavy-ion collisions are measured relative to pp
  - ALICE also has a rich pp program
- ALICE special features for pp minimum bias physics
  - Low momentum sensitivity due to low material budget and low magnetic field
  - Excellent primary and secondary vertex resolution
  - Excellent particle identification (PID) capability
- ALICE can give important input to pp studies
  - Rare signals need good description of soft underlying event
  - Tuning of MC generators in low- $p_T$  region
  - Study of high-multiplicity collisions

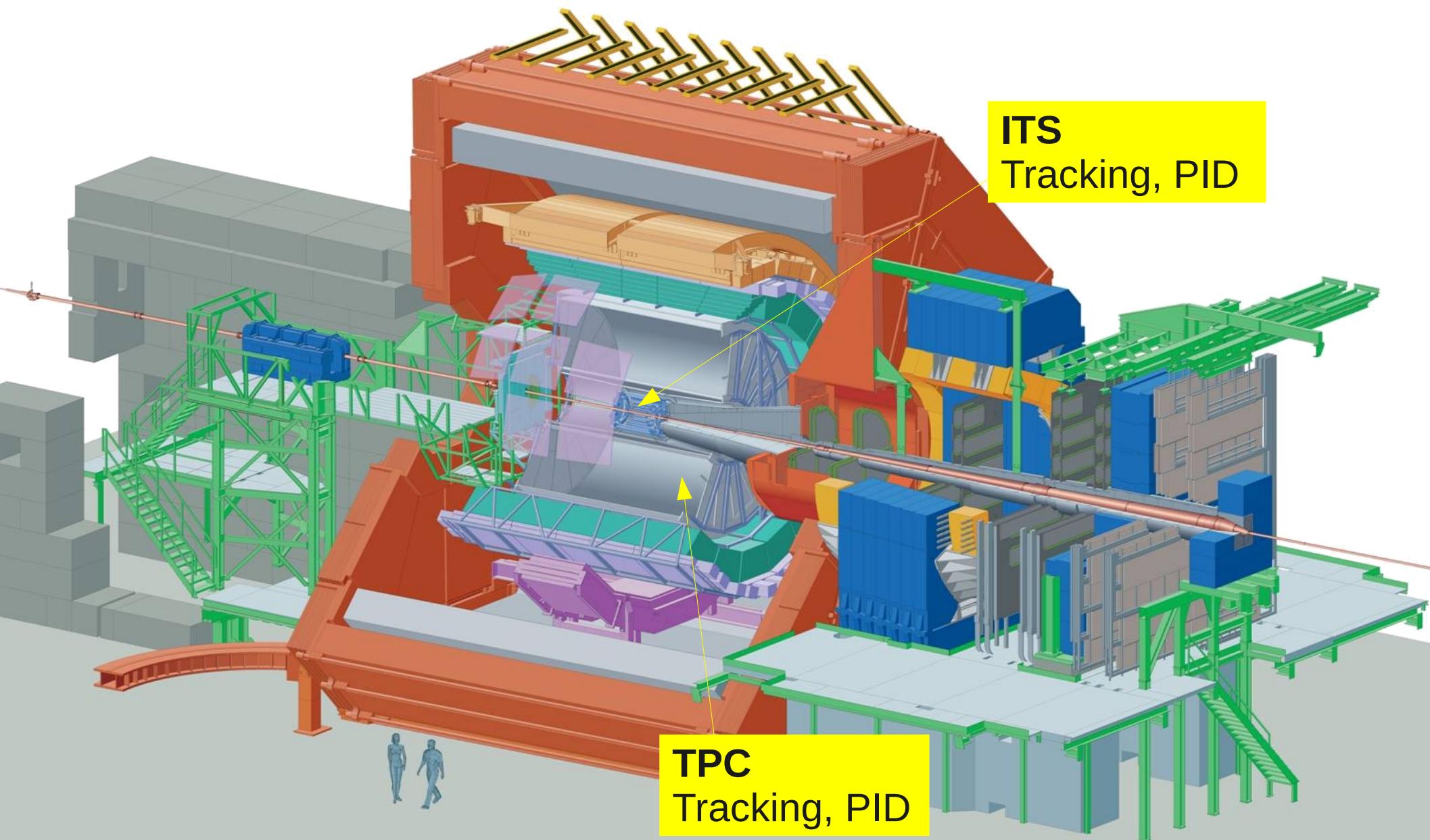
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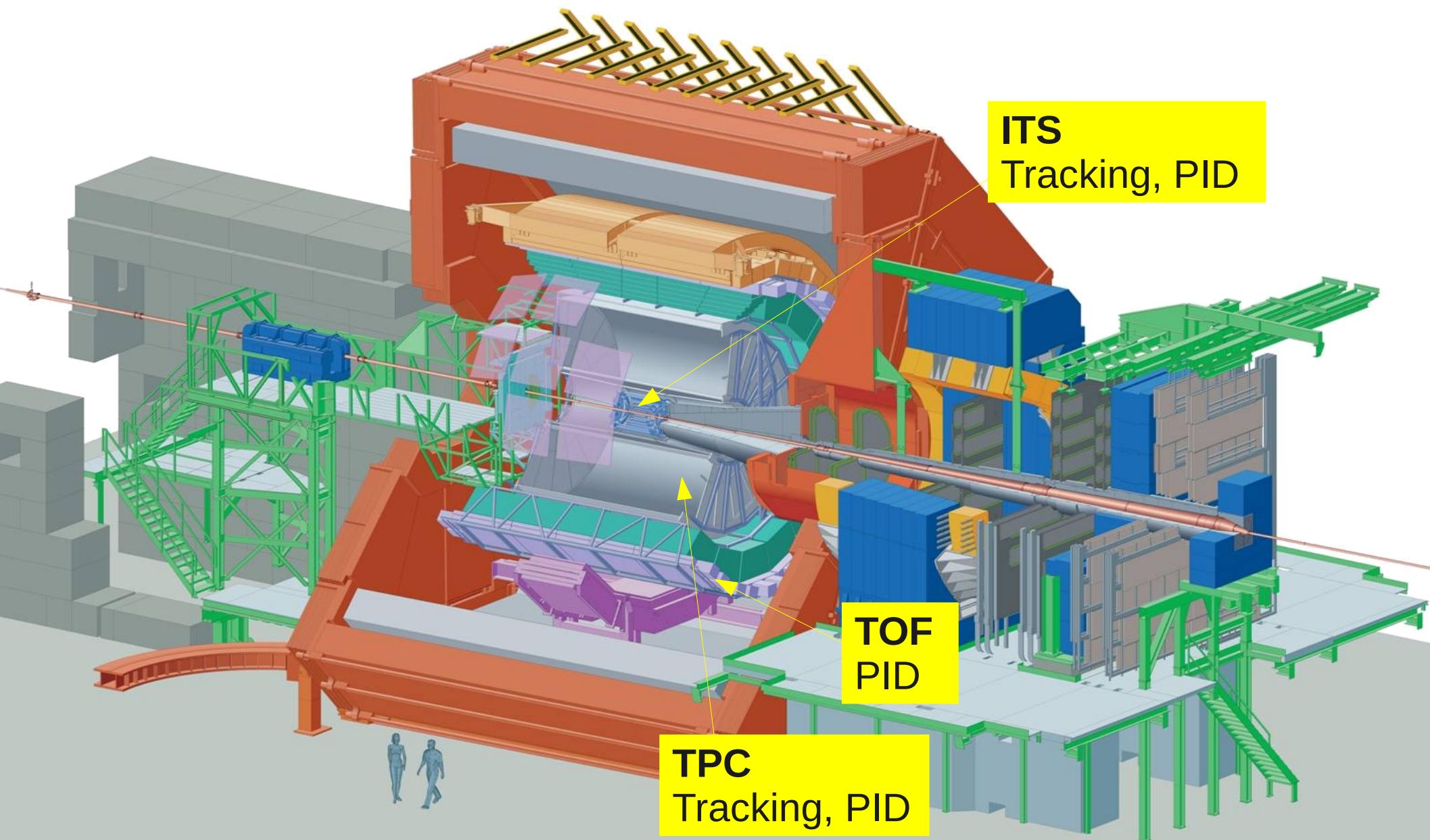
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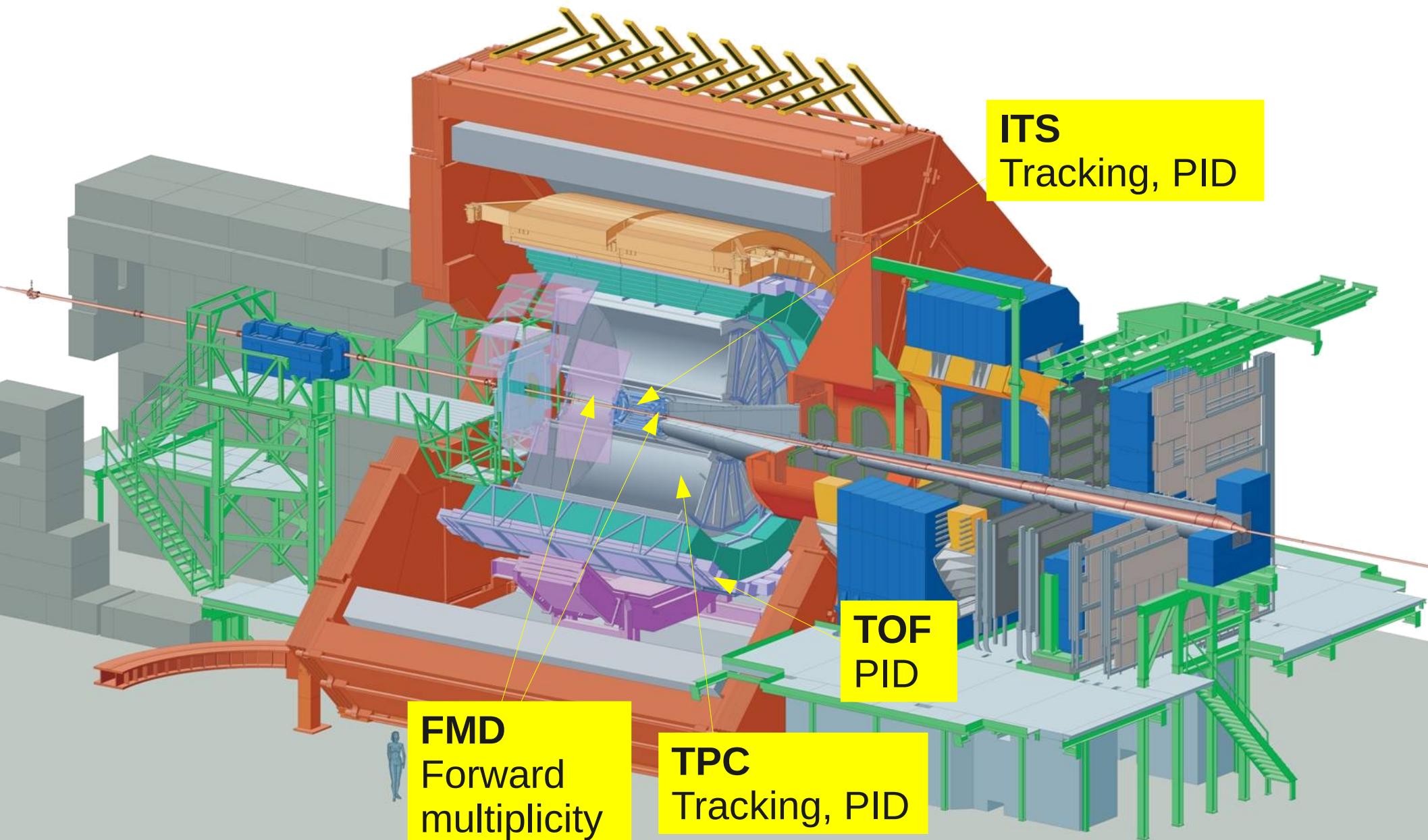
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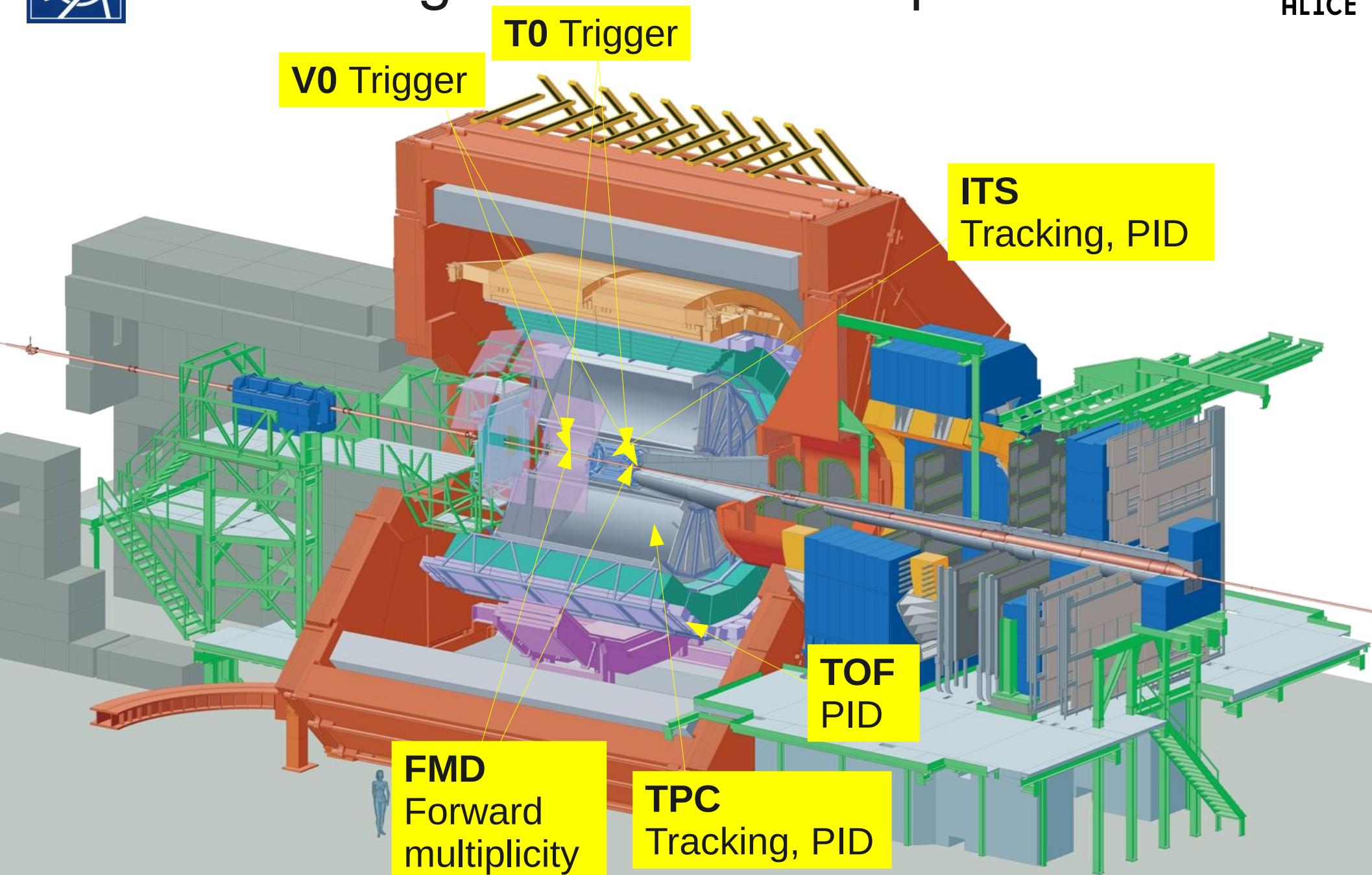
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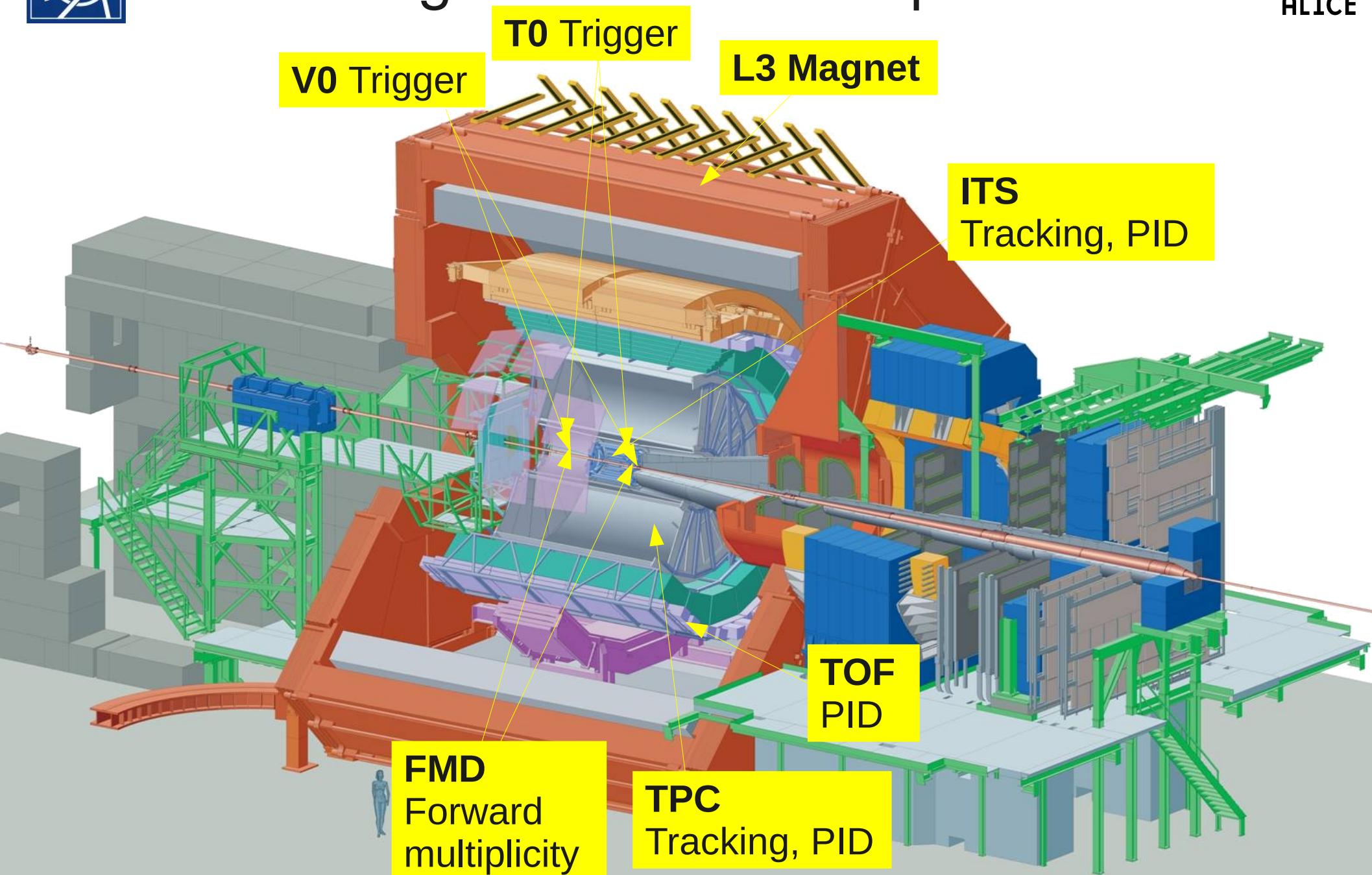
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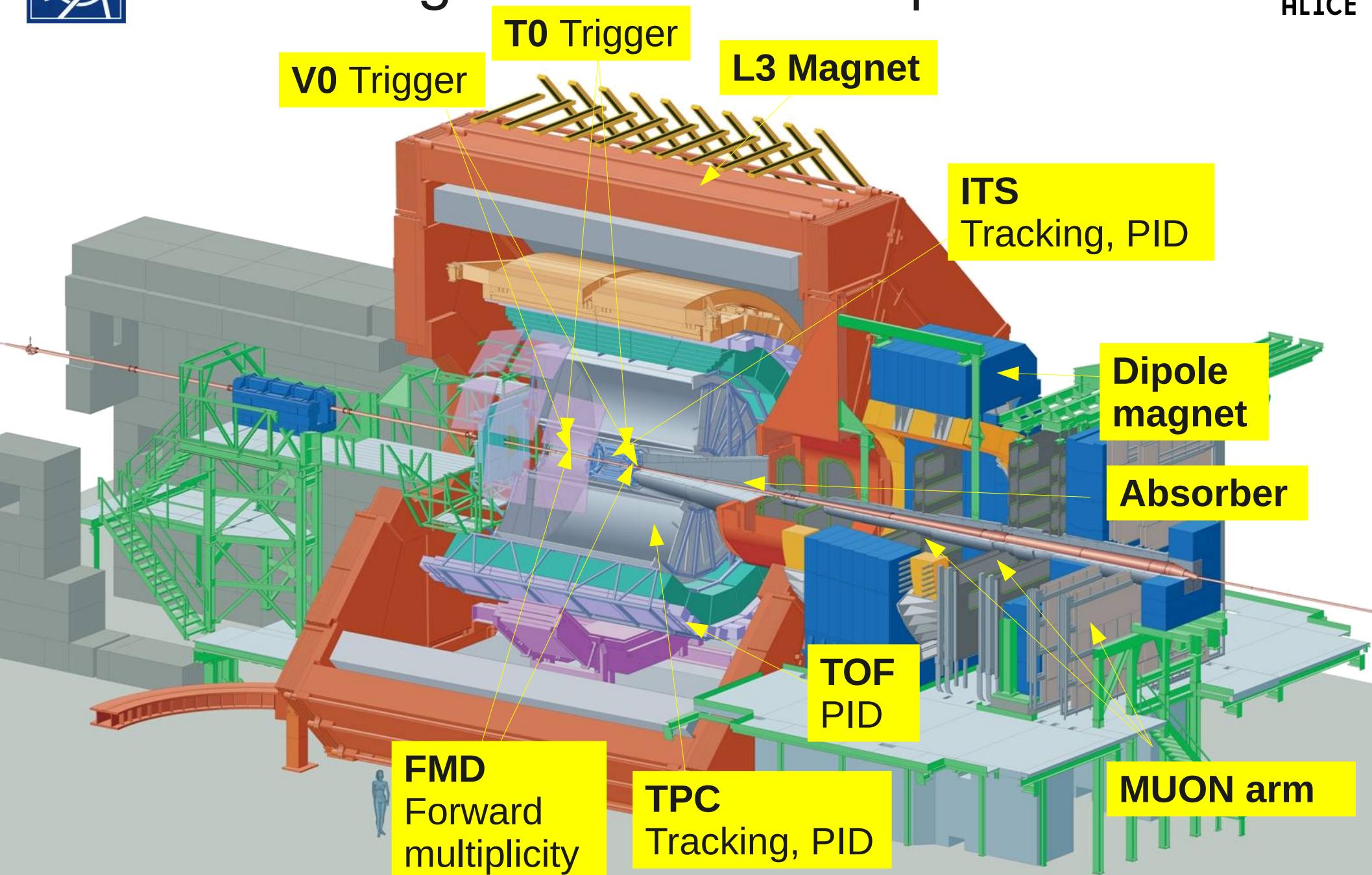
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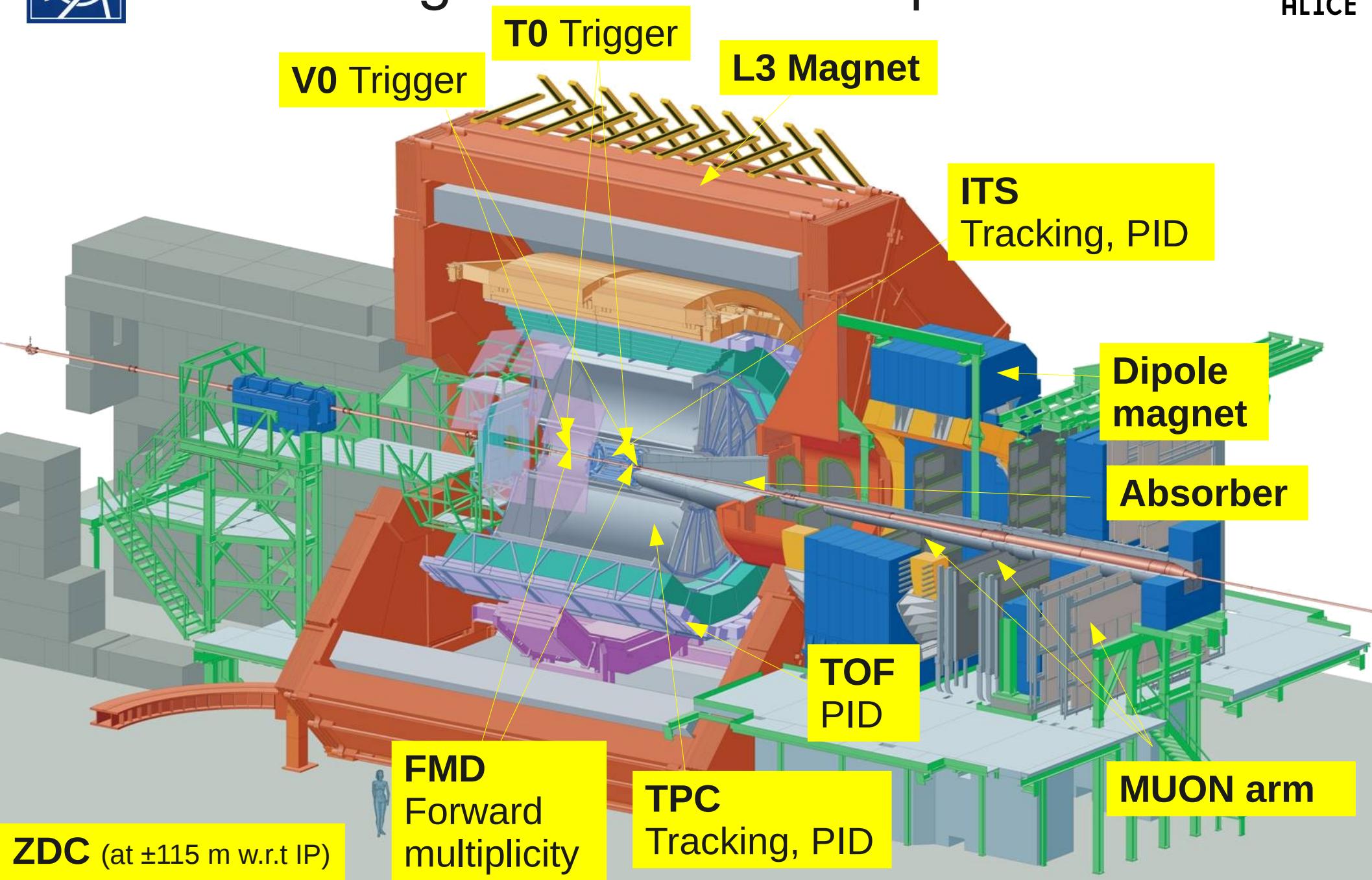
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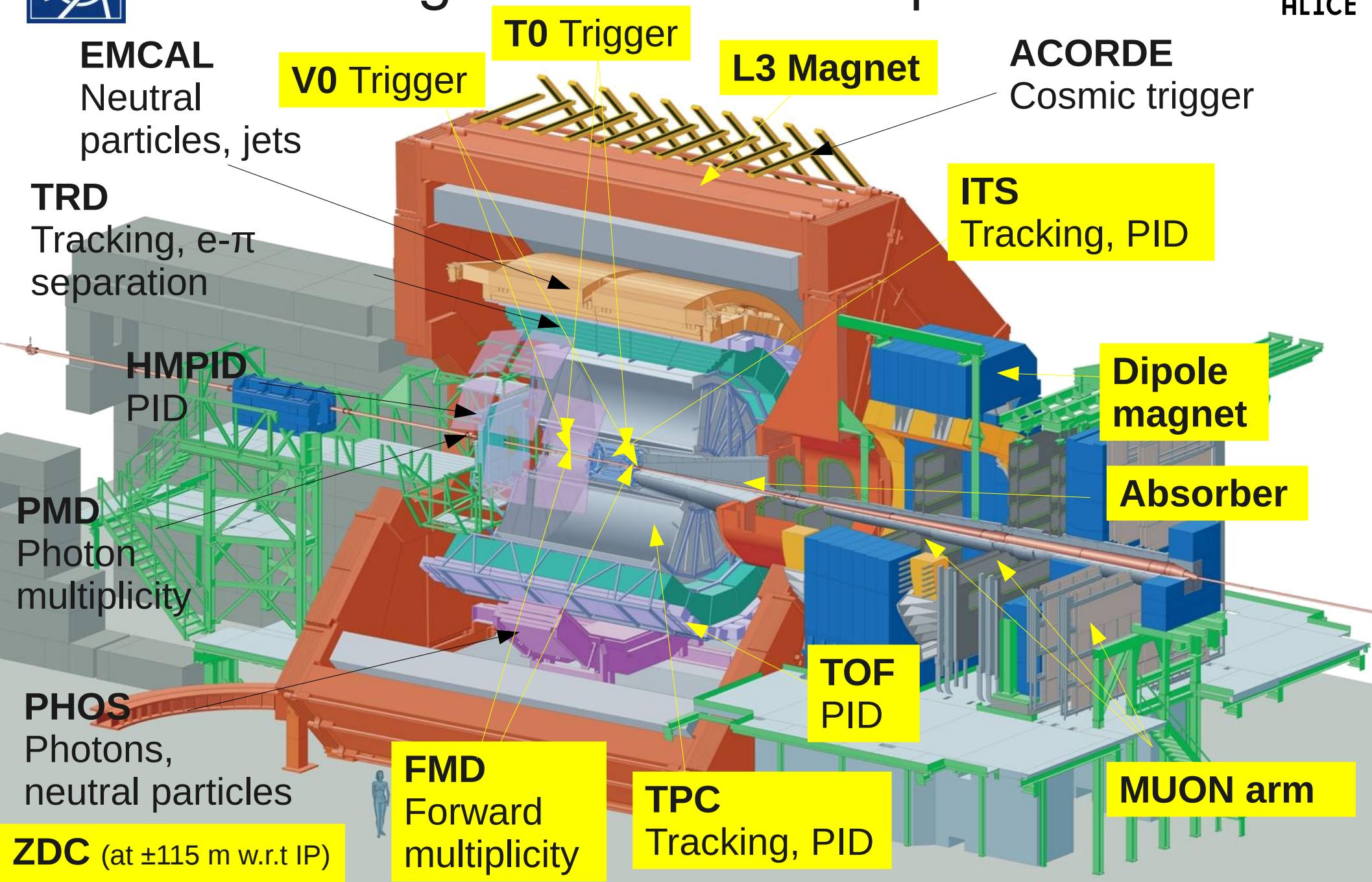
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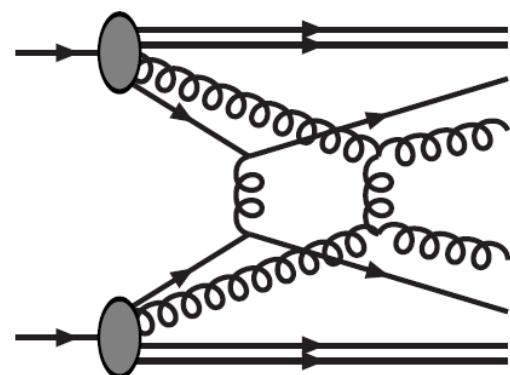
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# Motivation

- High-energy proton-proton collisions can be interpreted as collisions of two “bunches of partons”
- Multiple distinct pairs of partons can collide with each other

→ **Multiple parton interactions (MPI)**



- At LHC energies, the cross section for parton-parton scattering exceeds the proton-proton inelastic cross section  
→ many parton scatterings per event

$$\langle N_{\text{MPI}}(p_{T, \text{min}}) \rangle = \frac{\sigma_{\text{interaction}}(p_{T, \text{min}})}{\sigma_{\text{non-diffractive}}}$$

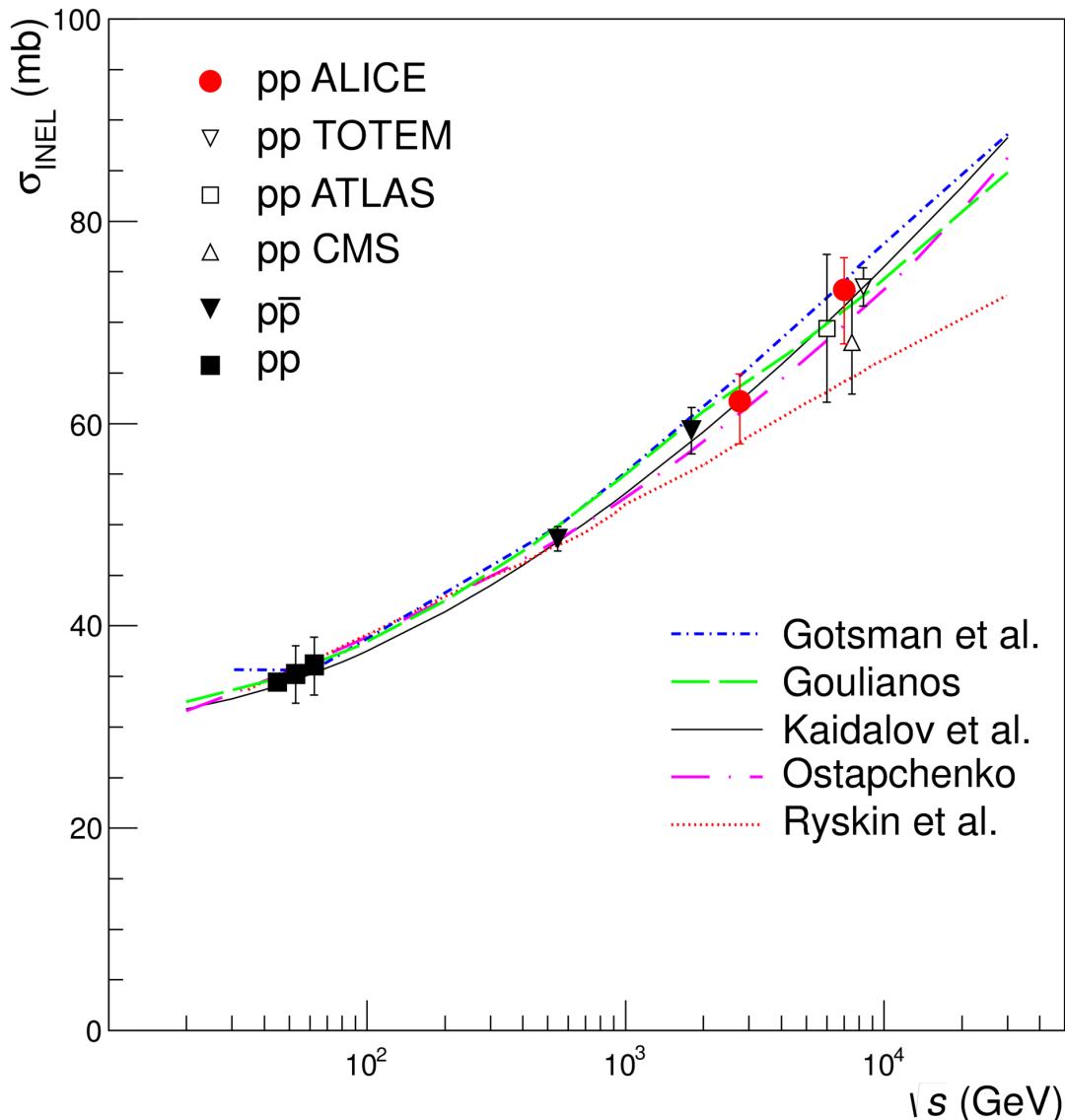


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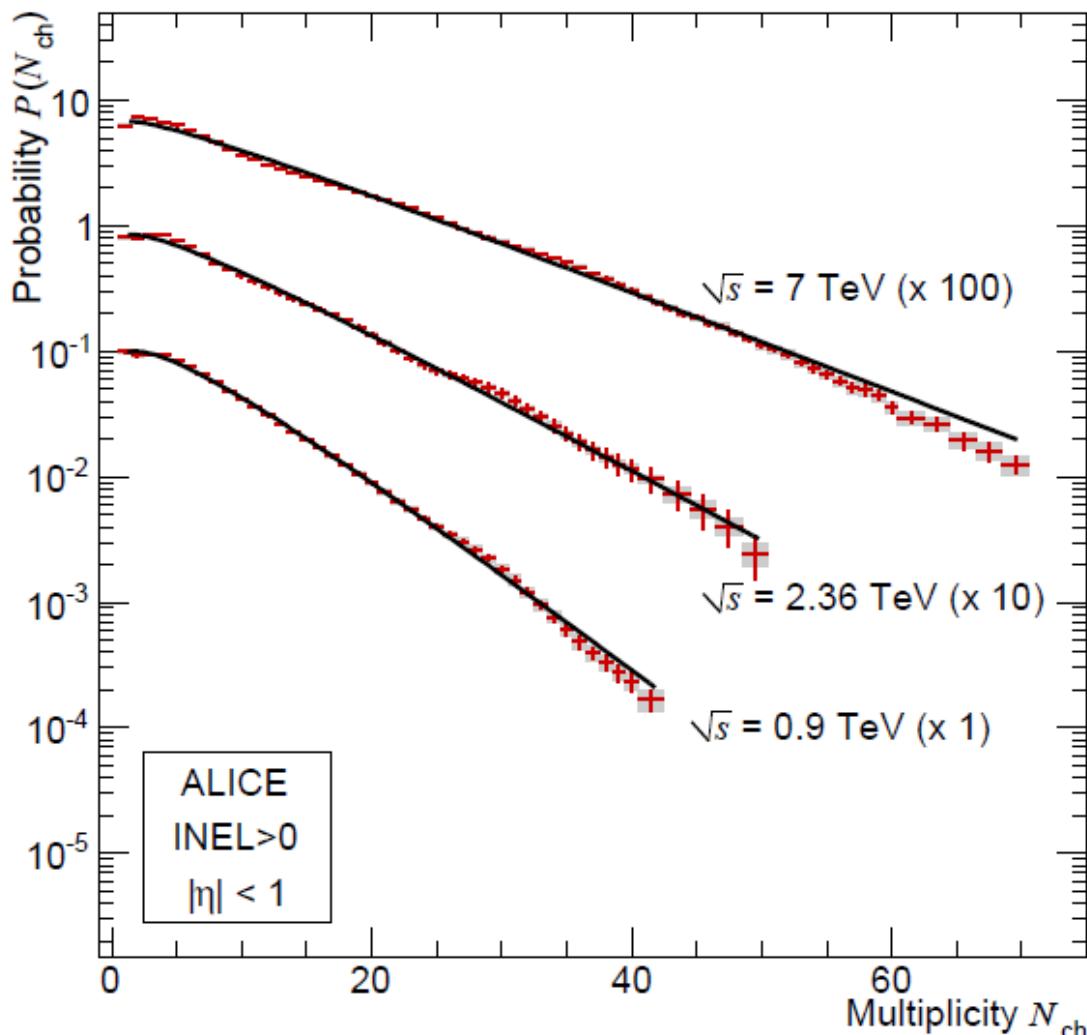
# Inelastic Proton-Proton Cross Section



- For center-of-mass energies above  $\sqrt{s} = 100$  GeV, the hadronic cross section increases
- Origin of this increase is not yet fully understood
- Can be interpreted as due to the increase of partonic fluctuations

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# Charged Particle Multiplicity Distribution



- Charged particle multiplicity distributions in comparison to negative binomial distribution (NBD) fits
- NBD → clan model
- NBD is a compound Poissonian distribution
- Physical interpretation of NBD
  - mean of Poissonian = number of particle sources (clans)
  - Associated particles per clan distributed according to log-series
- Can be validated by particle correlation studies

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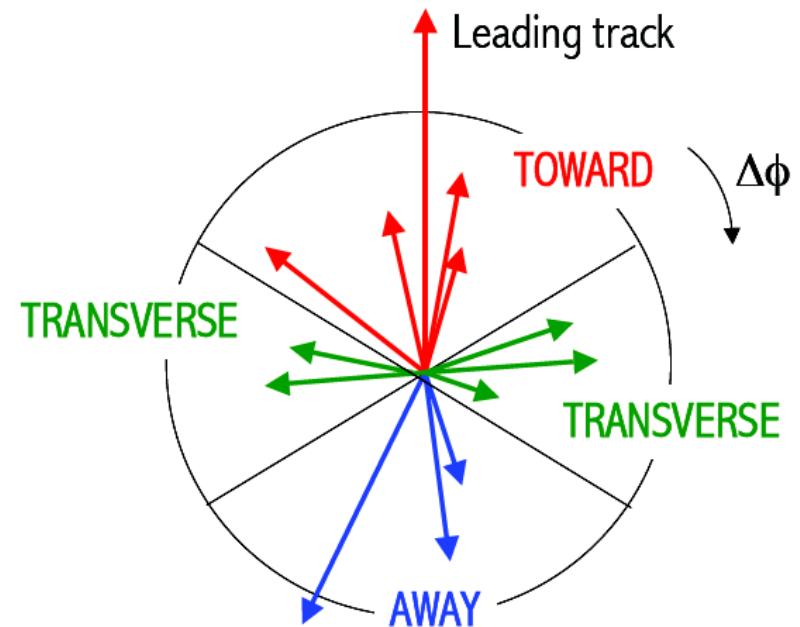
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# Underlying Event (UE)

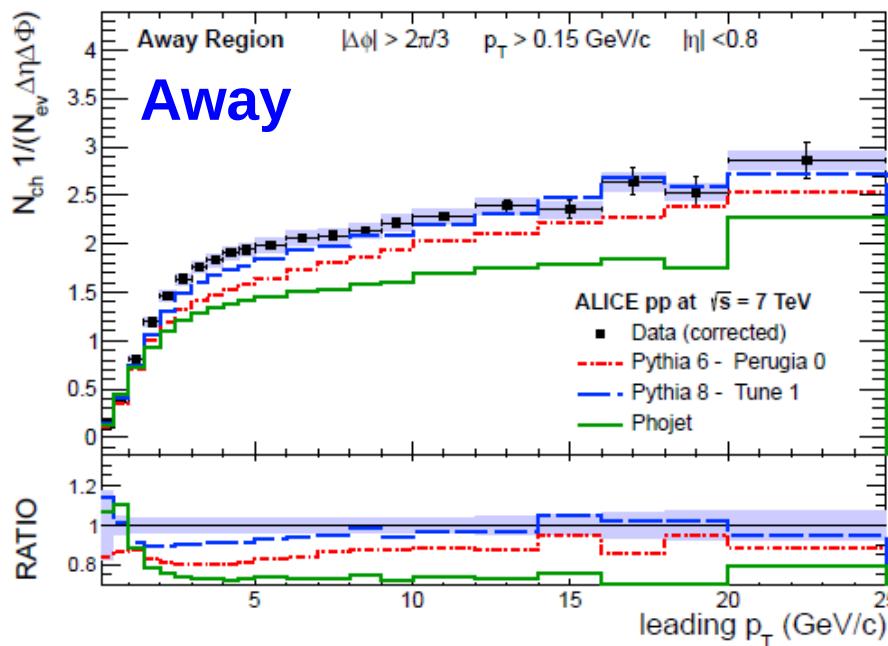
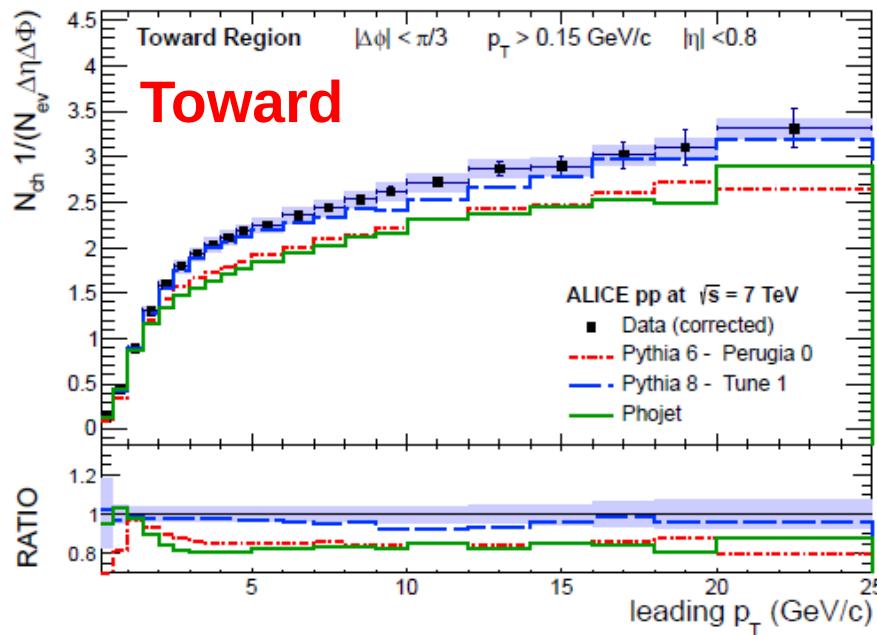
- UE is the sum of all processes that build up the final hadronic state in a collision excluding the hardest partonic interaction
  - Fragmentation of beam remnants
  - ISR and FSR
  - Multiple parton interactions
- Experimental approximation of the hardest partonic interaction
  - Leading jet or leading track in detector acceptance



- Analysis of particle production w.r.t. the leading particle
  - **Toward**:  $|\Delta\Phi| < 1/3\pi$
  - **Away**:  $|\Delta\Phi| > 2/3\pi$
  - **Transverse**:  $1/3\pi < |\Delta\Phi| < 2/3\pi$

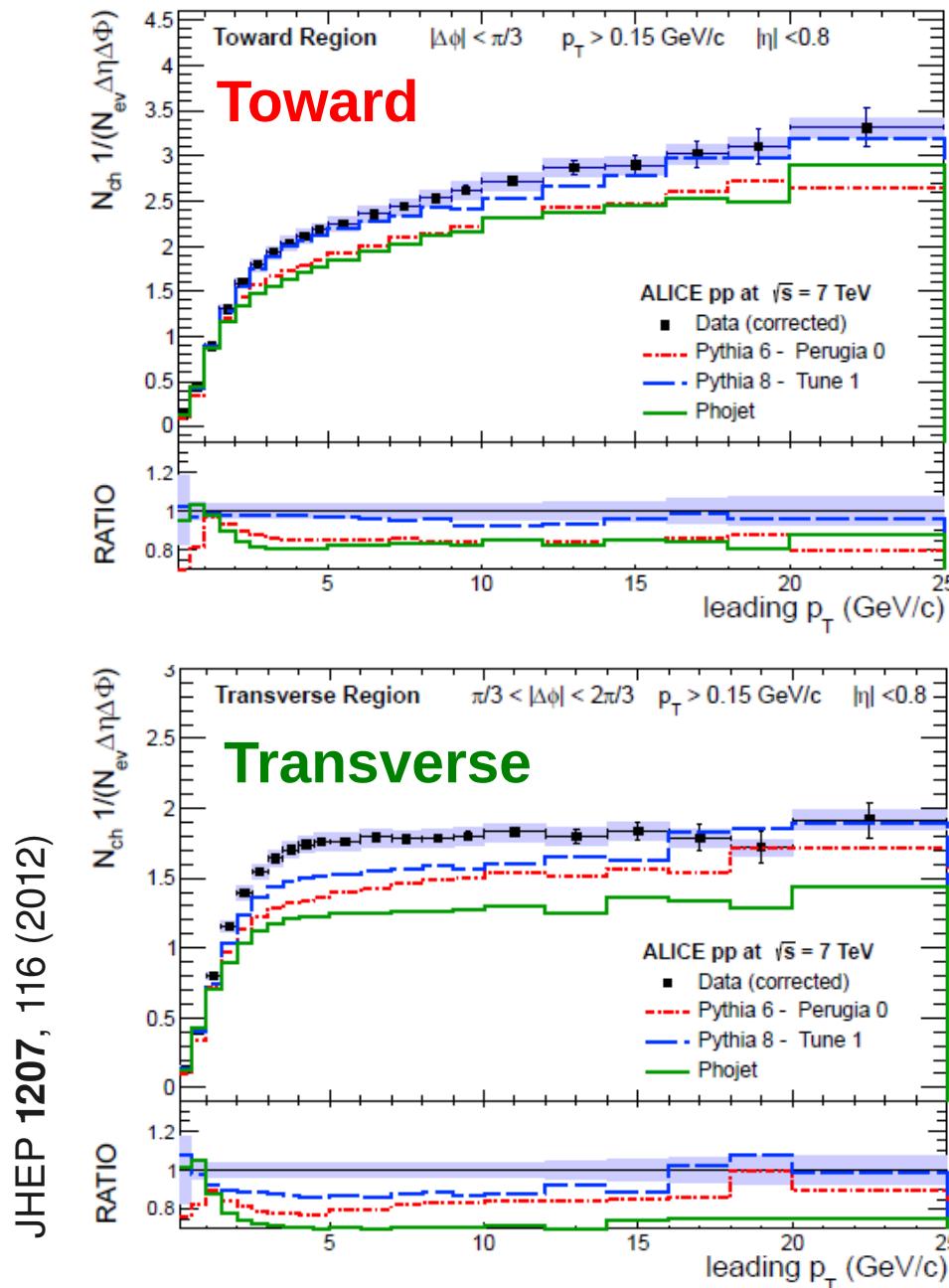
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- Charged particle density versus  $p_T$  of leading particle in detector acceptance of  $|\eta| < 0.8$
- **Toward** and **Away** region
  - Fragmentation products of the two back-to-back outgoing partons
  - Increases with  $p_T$  of leading particle

# UE: Charged Particle Density



## Transverse region

- Sensitive to underlying event
- Rise up to  $p_{\text{T,leading}} = 5 \text{ GeV}/c$ 
  - $p_{\text{T,leading}}$  increases if  $N_{\text{ch}}$  increases
- Plateau from  $p_{\text{T,leading}} > 5 \text{ GeV}/c$ 
  - Hard and soft decouples
  - High  $p_{\text{T,leading}}$  also at low  $N_{\text{ch}} \rightarrow$  jets
- Height of plateau sensitive to multiple parton interactions
  - Independent uncorrelated scatterings



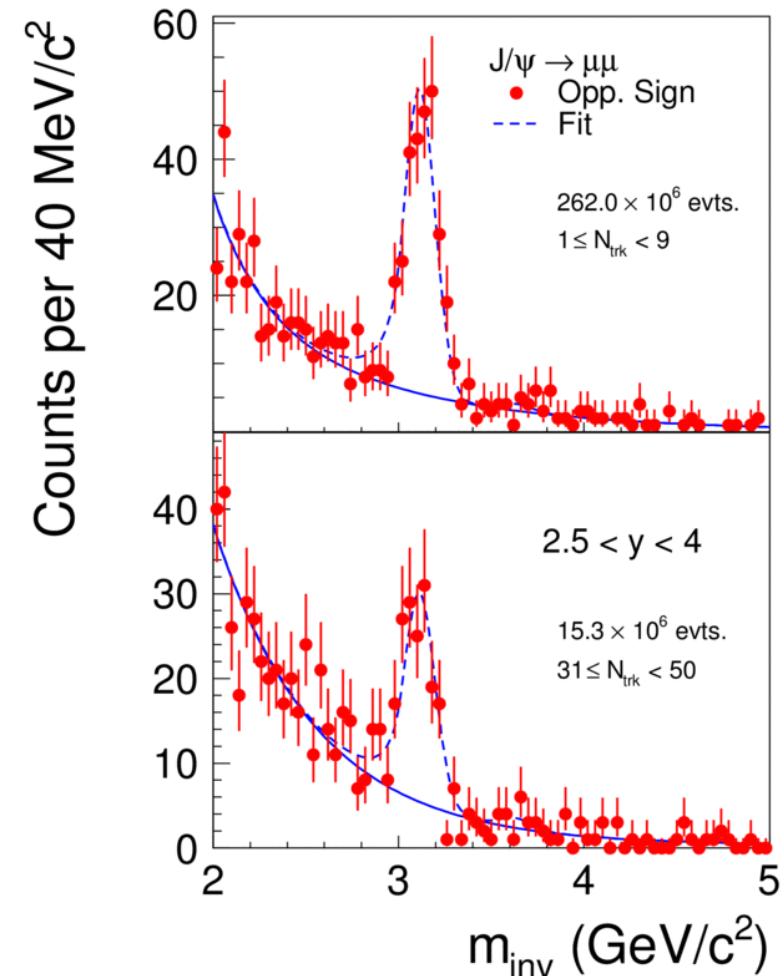
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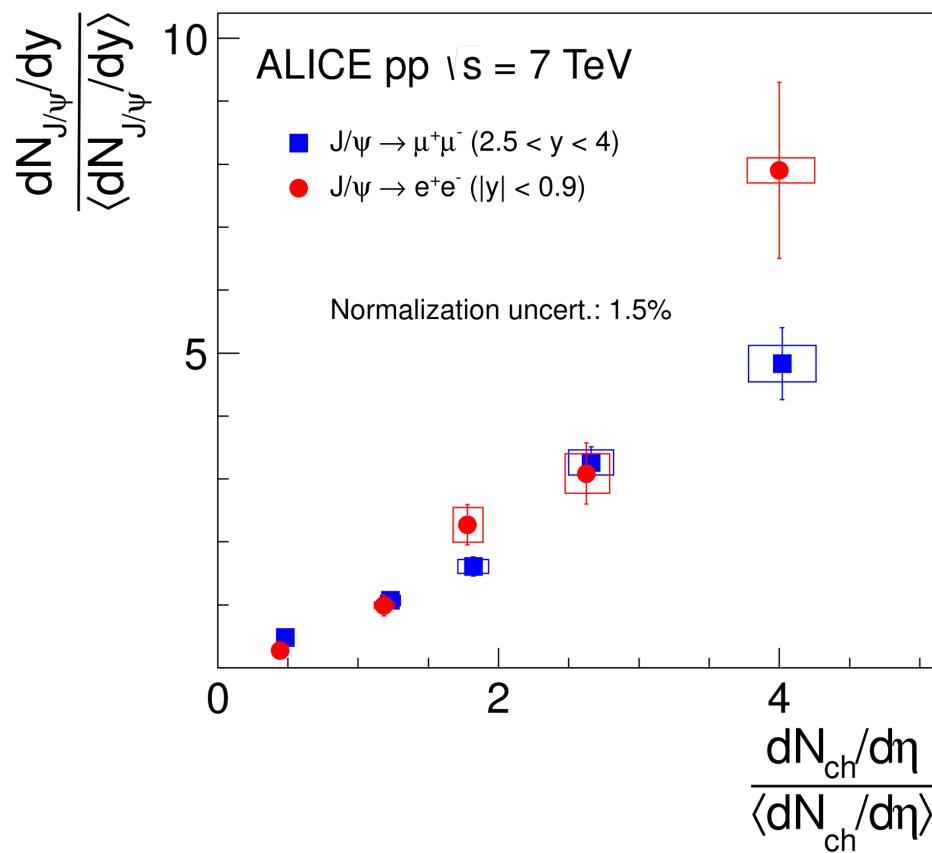
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# $J/\psi$ and $D$ -Meson Yields

- Measurement of  $J/\psi$  yield with  $p_T > 0$  GeV/c from
  - $J/\psi \rightarrow e^+e^-$  in  $|y| < 0.9$
  - $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  in  $2.5 < y < 4$
- Measurement of  $D$ -meson yield in  $|y| < 0.5$  from
  - $D^0 \rightarrow K\pi$
  - $D^+ \rightarrow K\pi\pi$
  - $D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0\pi$
- Measurement as function of the charged particle density  $dN_{ch}/dy$
- Example:  $J/\psi$  reconstruction from  $\mu^+\mu^-$

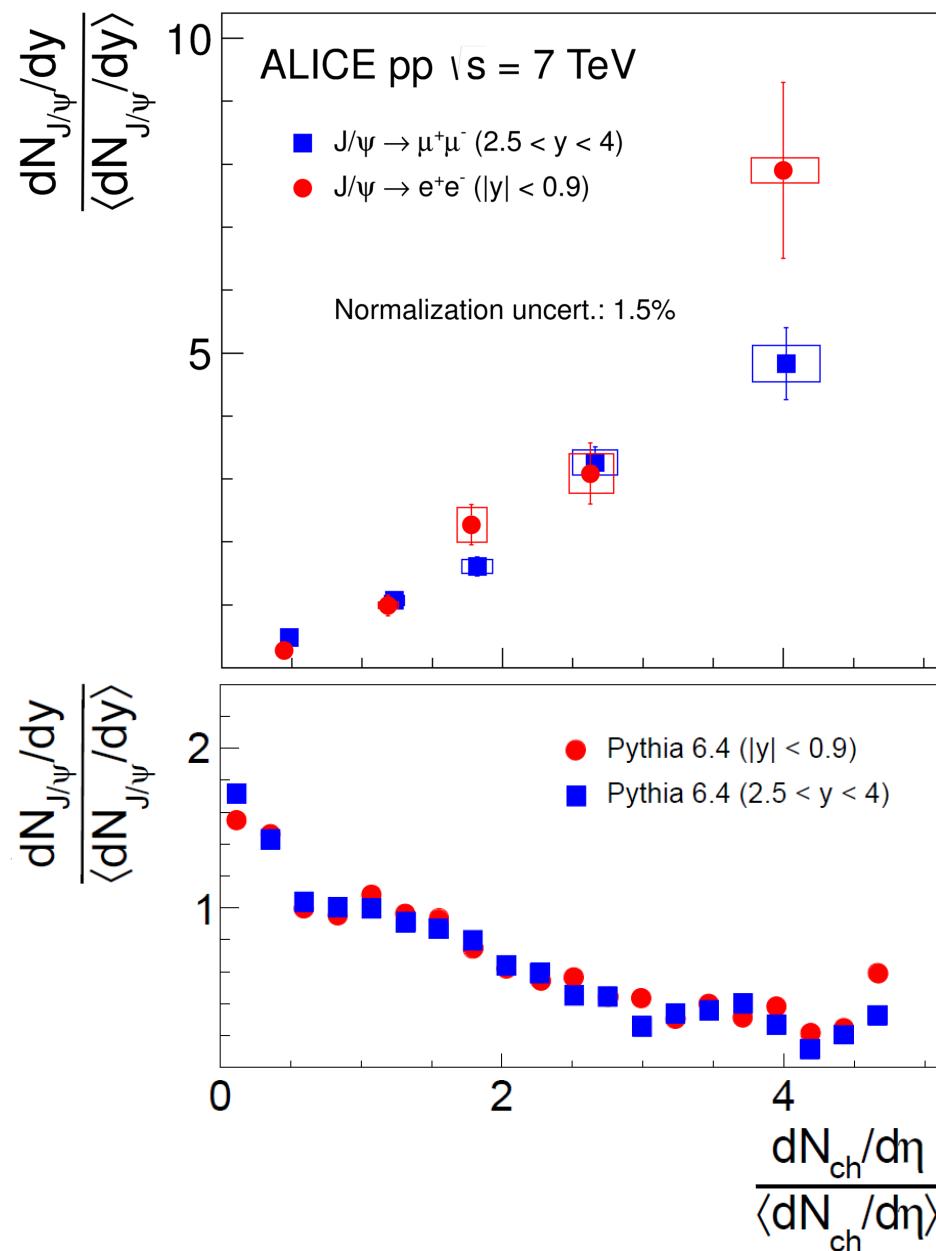


# $J/\psi$ Yield versus $dN_{\text{ch}}/dy$



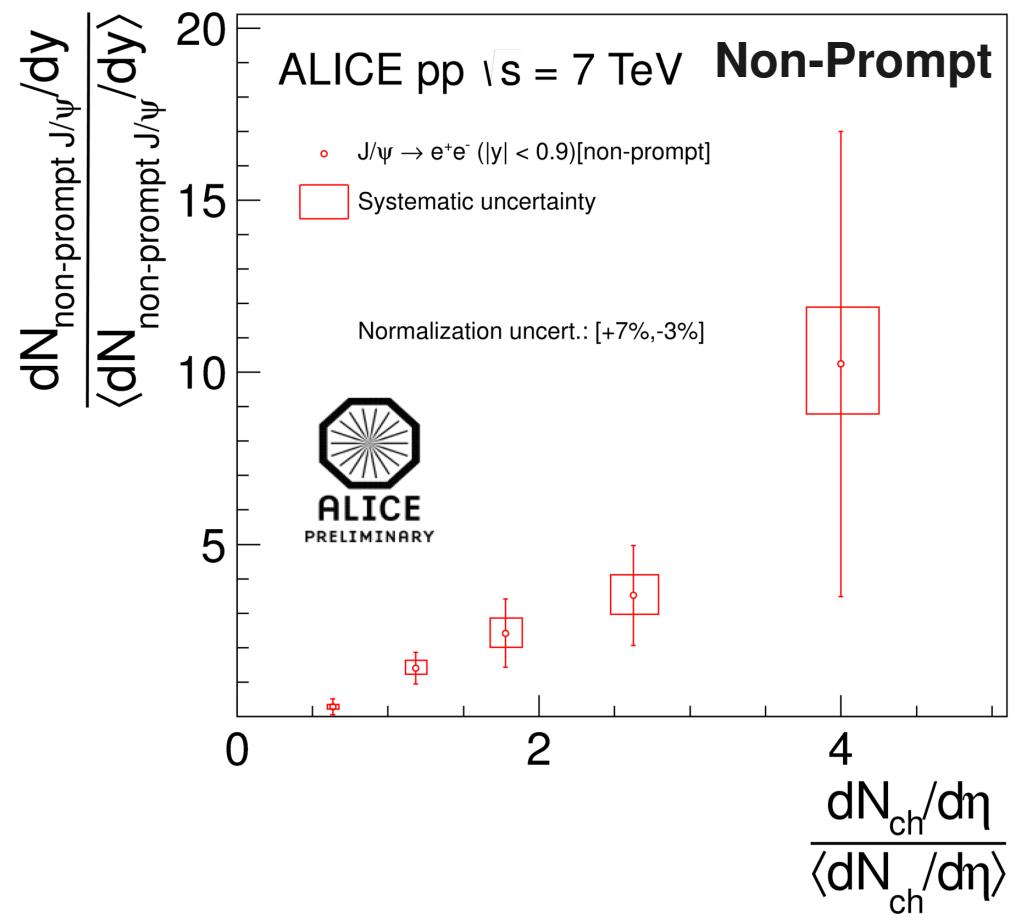
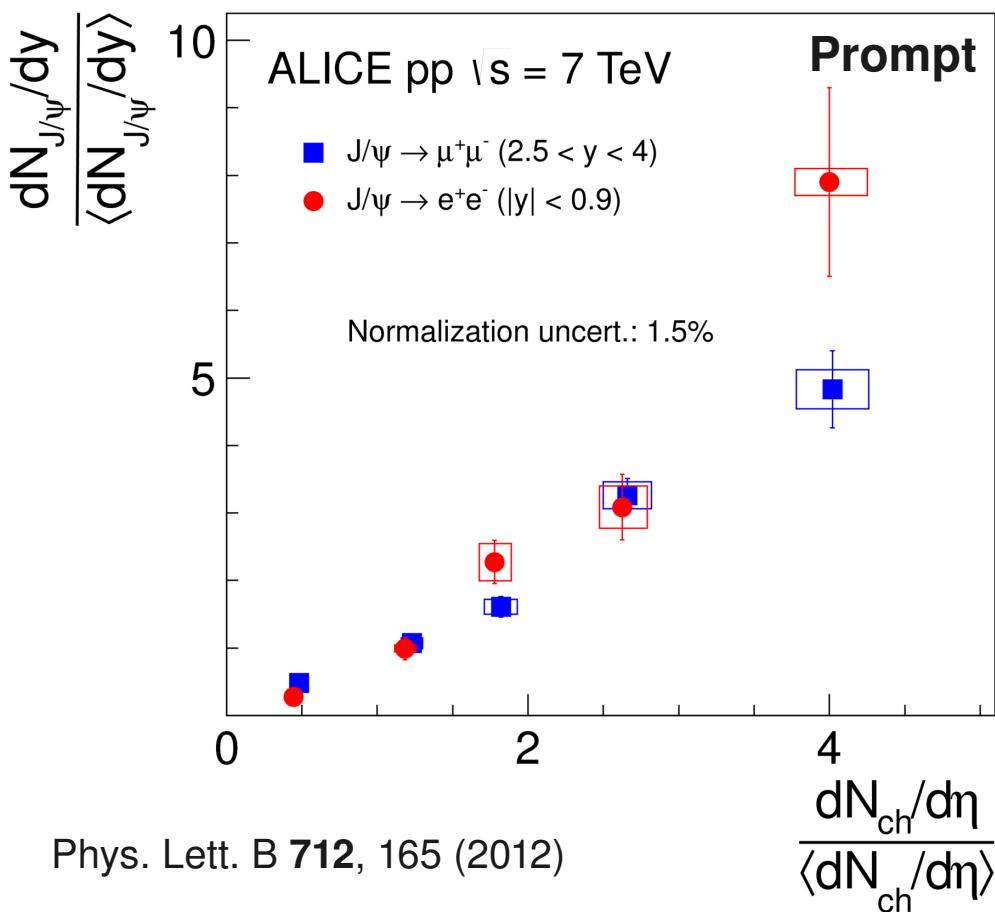
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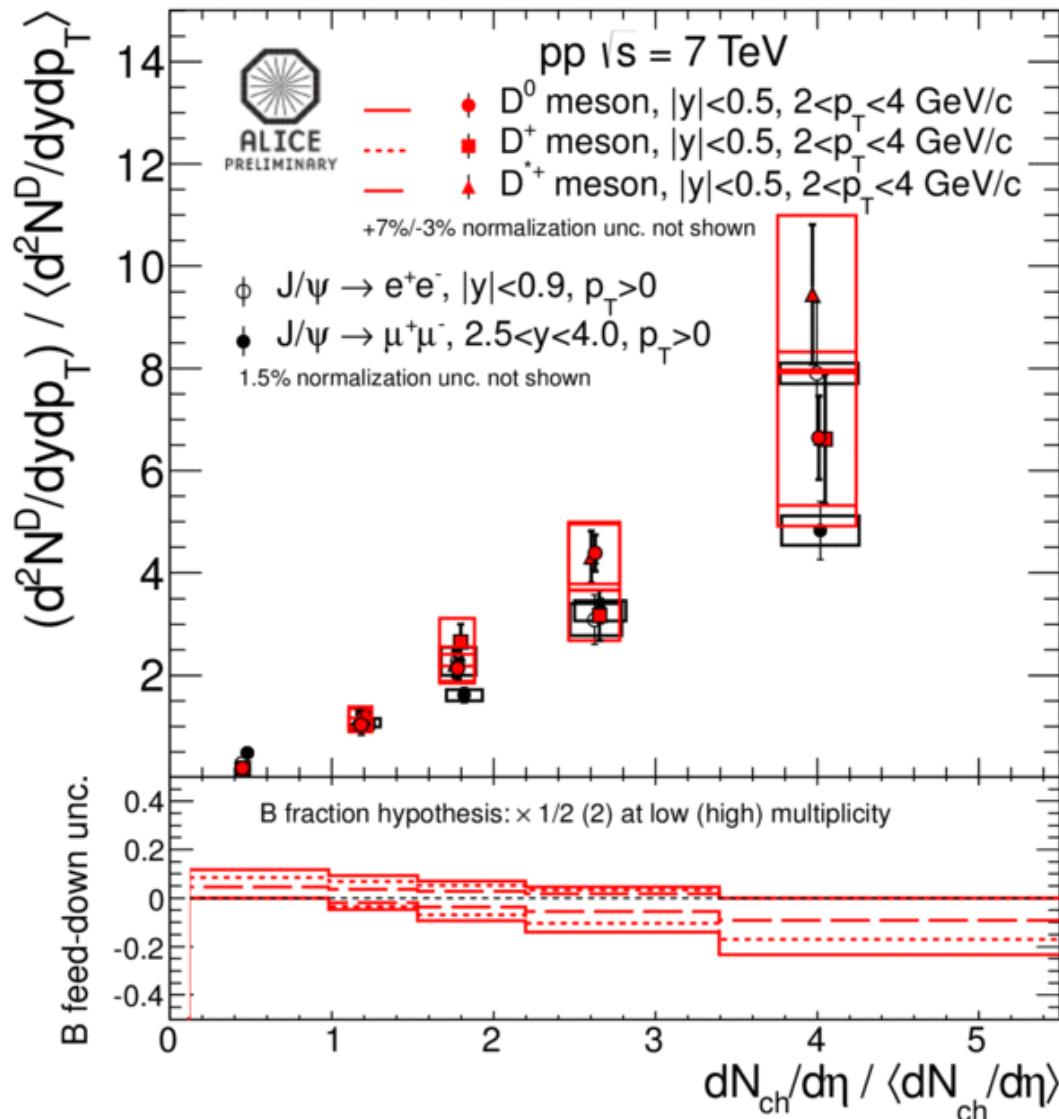
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- Correlation is not reproduced by Pythia6.4 Perugia-2011

# $J/\psi$ Yield versus $dN_{\text{ch}}/dy$



- Linear dependence between  $J/\psi$  yield with charged particle density also for non-prompt  $J/\psi$  ( $|y| < 0.9$ ,  $p_T > 0 \text{ GeV}/c$ )
- Non-prompt  $J/\psi$  are measurement for  $b$ -hadron yield

# D-Meson Yield versus $dN_{\text{ch}}/\text{dy}$



- Approximately linear increase also for prompt  $D$ -meson yield as function of charged particle density similar to  $J/\psi$
- Linear dependence given for several bins in transverse momentum, e.g.
  - From  $1 < p_T < 2 \text{ GeV}/c$  up to  $8 < p_T < 12 \text{ GeV}/c$
- Consistent results for  $D^0$ ,  $D^+$ ,  $D^{*+}$
- Behavior reproduced by Pythia8.157, SoftQCD tune



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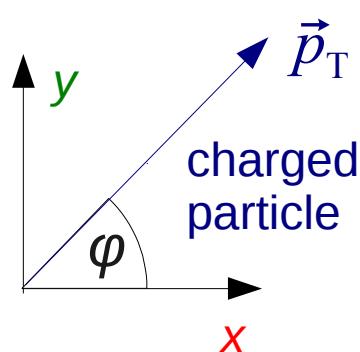
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# Event Shape Analysis: Sphericity

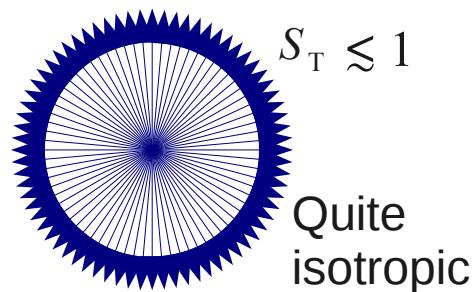
- Transverse sphericity  $S_T$  is defined in terms of the eigenvalues  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  of the linearized transverse momentum matrix  $S_{x,y}^L$

$$S_{x,y}^L = \frac{1}{\sum_i p_{T,i}} \sum_i \frac{1}{p_{T,i}} \begin{pmatrix} p_{x,i}^2 & p_{x,i} p_{y,i} \\ p_{x,i} p_{y,i} & p_{y,i}^2 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow S_T = \frac{2\lambda_2}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}$$

- $S_T$  is infrared safe and co-linear safe
- Characterize transverse event shape in proton-proton collisions with  $S_T$
- Examples:

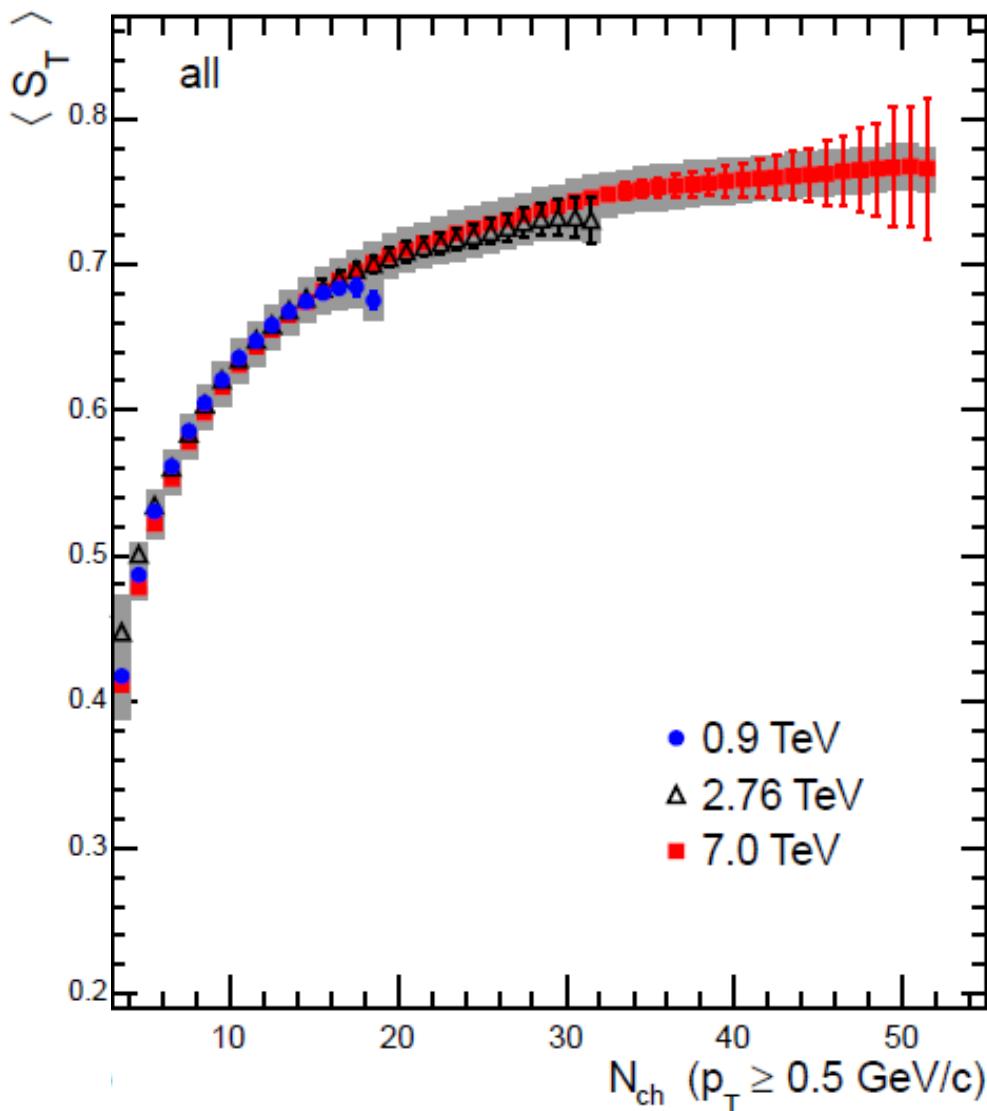


$S_T = 0$   
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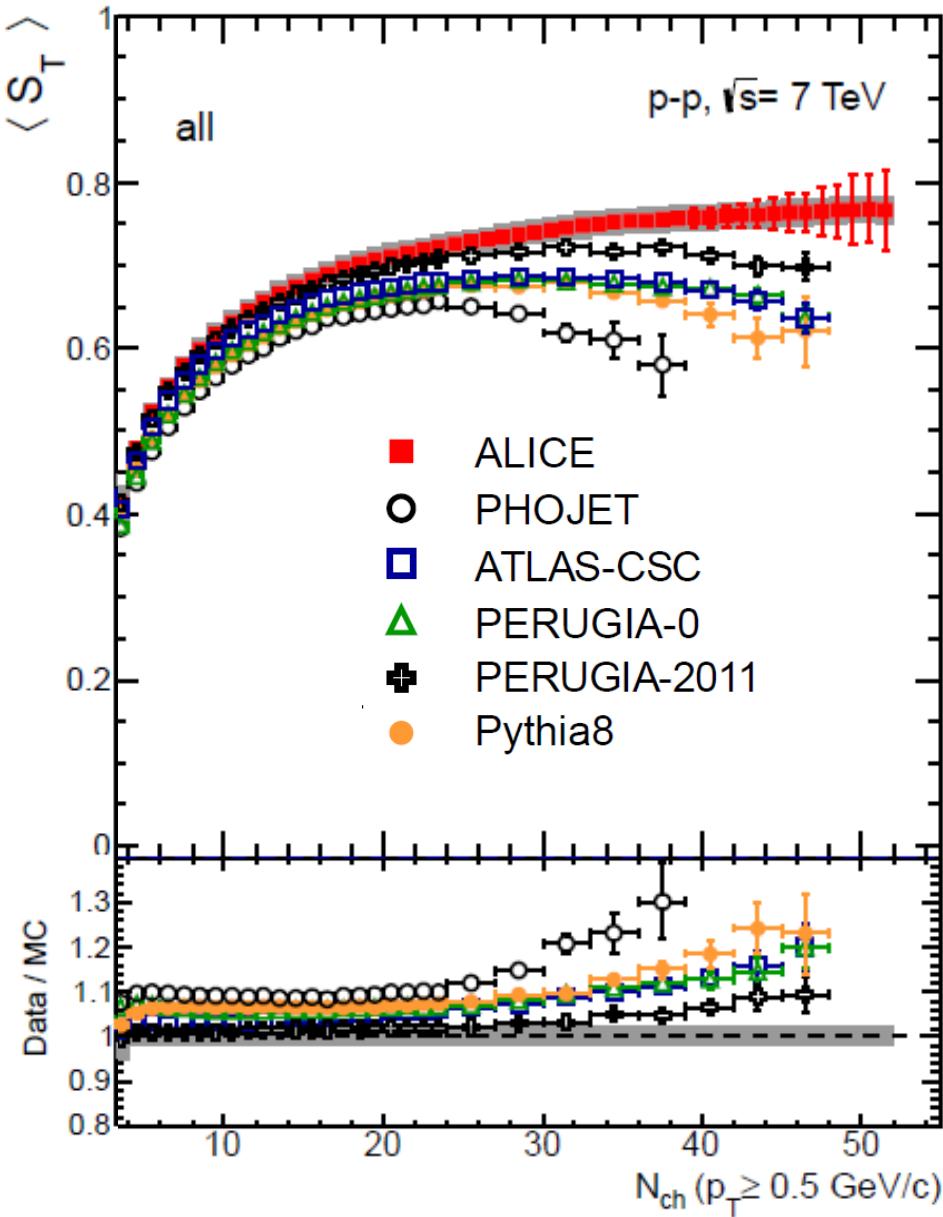
# Mean Transverse Sphericity



- Transverse sphericity grows as function of the charged particle multiplicity
- Possible interpretation:
  - High multiplicity events comprise particles from several independent sources of particle production  
→ particle production independent in the azimuthal angle  $\varphi$
- For same  $N_{ch}$ , almost no center-of-mass energy dependence

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# Mean Transverse Sphericity



- Data prefers model with softer fragmentation than in pre-LHC tunes
  - Best agreement for Pythia6.4 Perugia-2011
  - Larger underlying event and slightly softer fragmentation than in pre-LHC tunes



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# Multiple Parton Interactions and Jets

- One parton-parton interaction can produce one di-jet
- Multi-jet events with pair-wise  $p_T$ -balanced jets can be produced in multi parton interactions

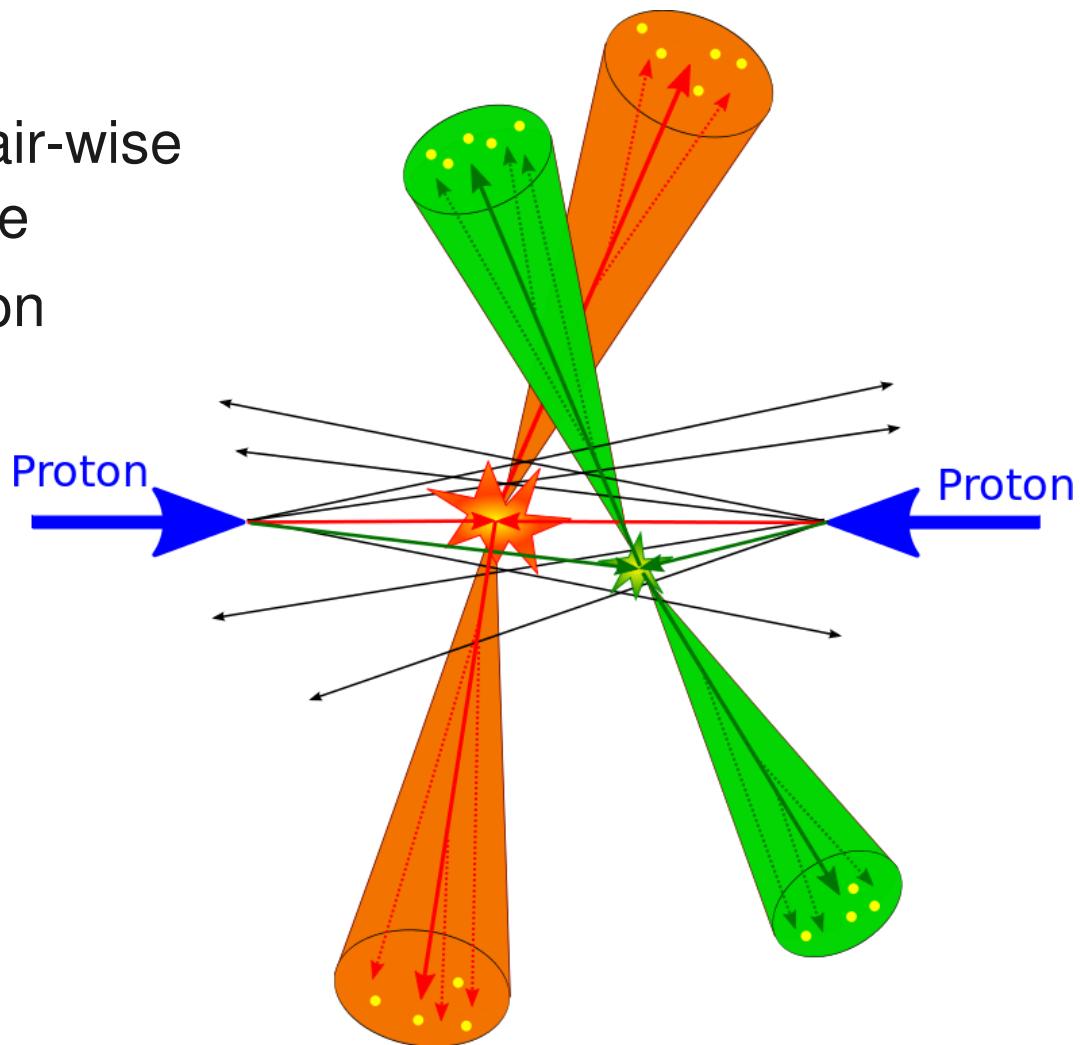
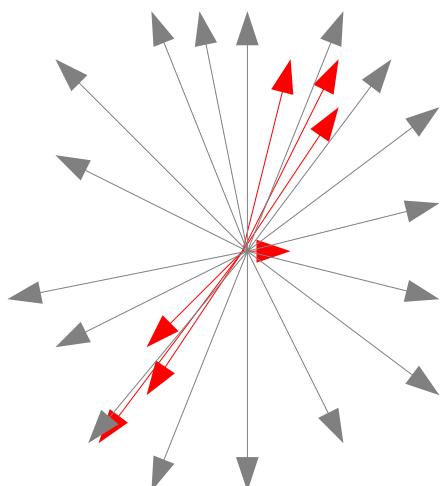


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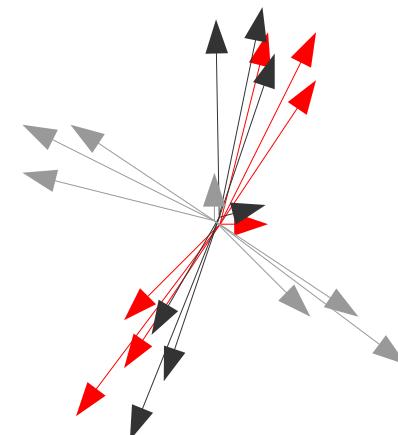
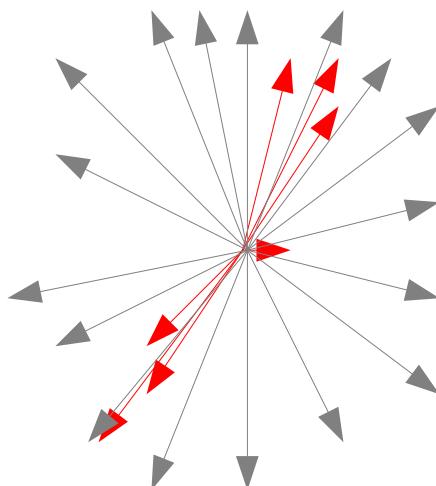
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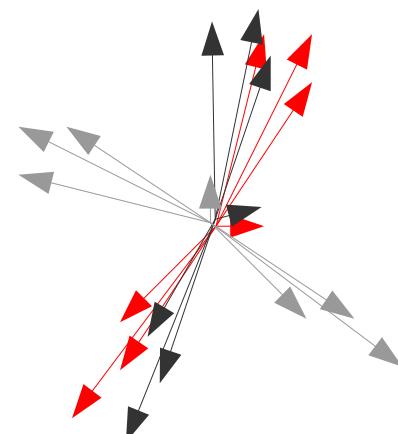
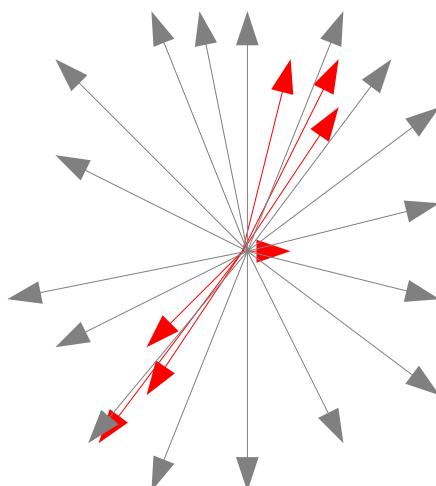
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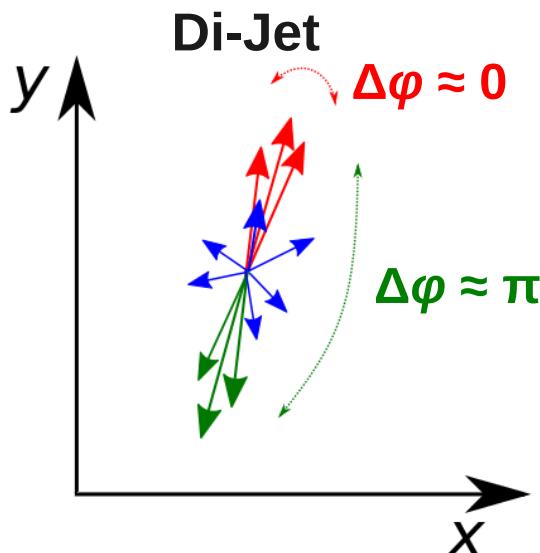
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- Event-by-event jet reconstruction in these cases not possible
- Solution: Statistical analysis (= correlation averaged over many events) of the jet properties

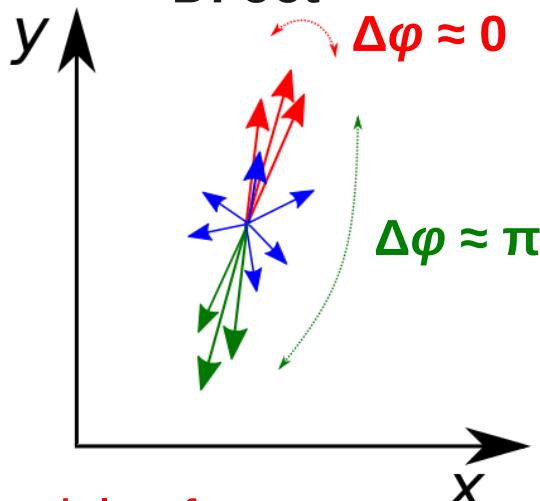
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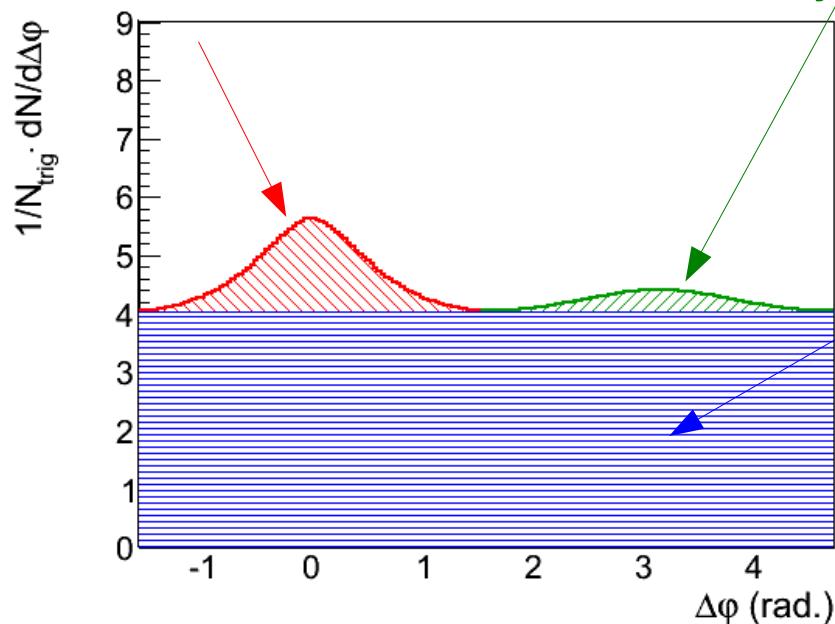
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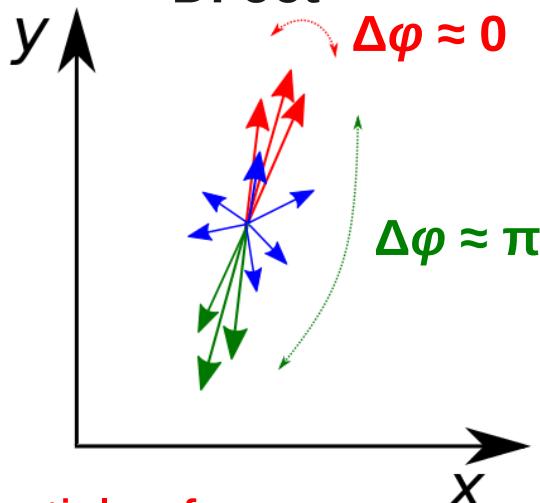
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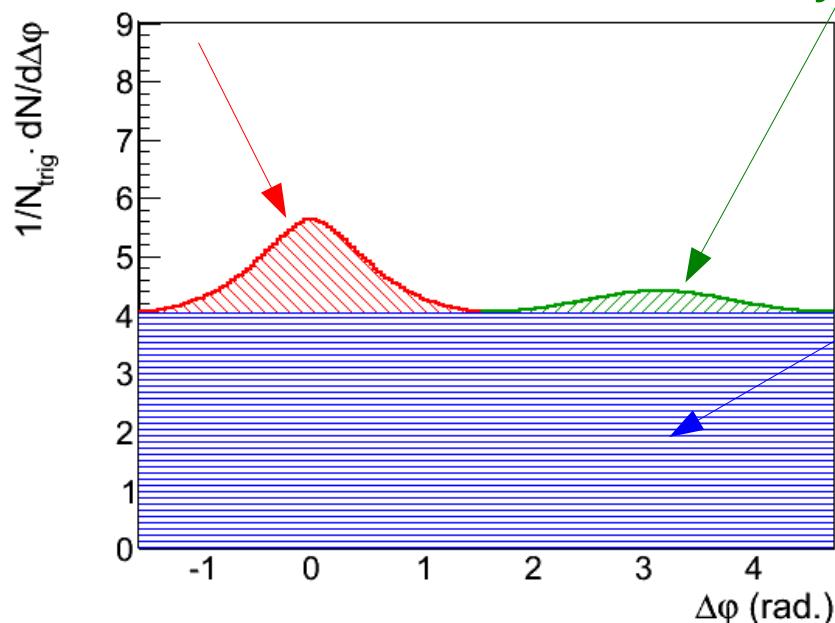
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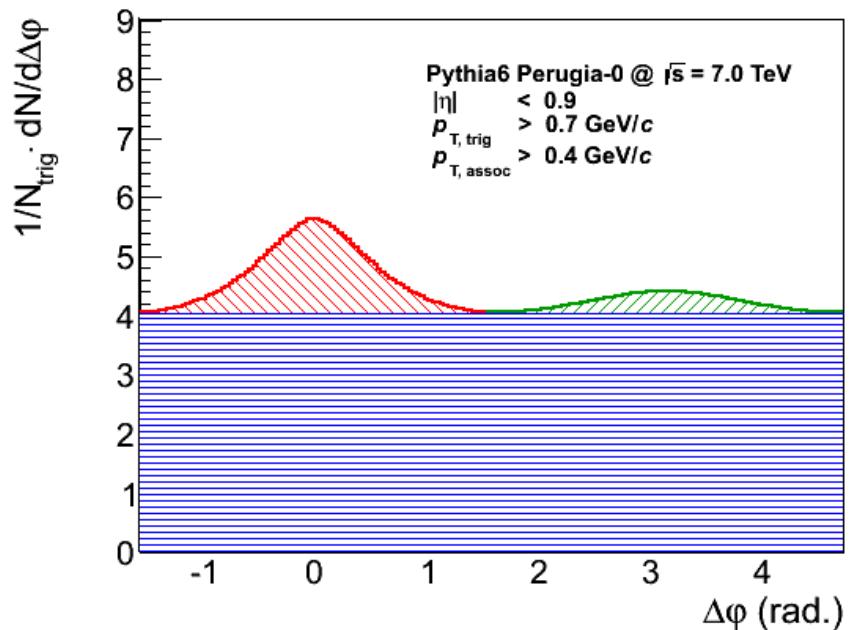
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- Further possible contributions can be neglected when choosing  $p_{T,\text{trig}}^{\text{max}} > 0.7 \text{ GeV}/c$ 
  - Particle decay
  - Photon conversion
  - Hanbury Brown and Twiss effect (HBT)

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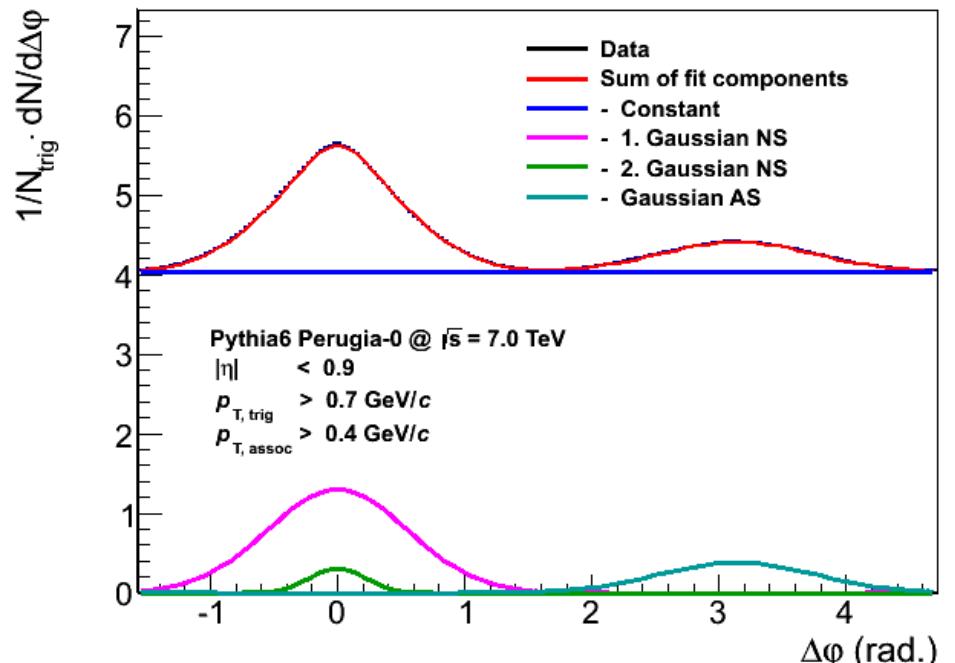


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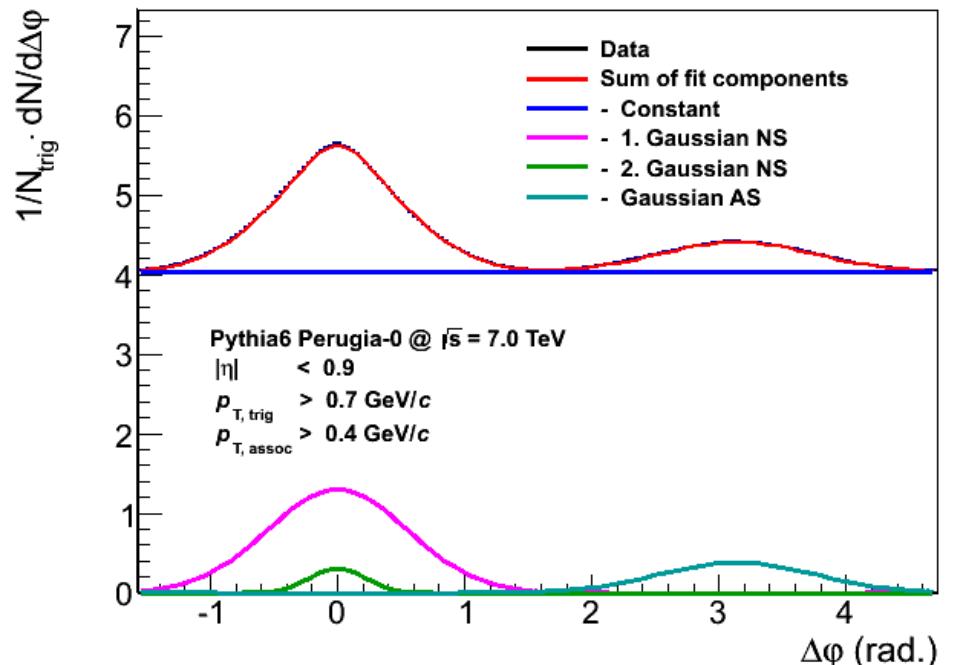


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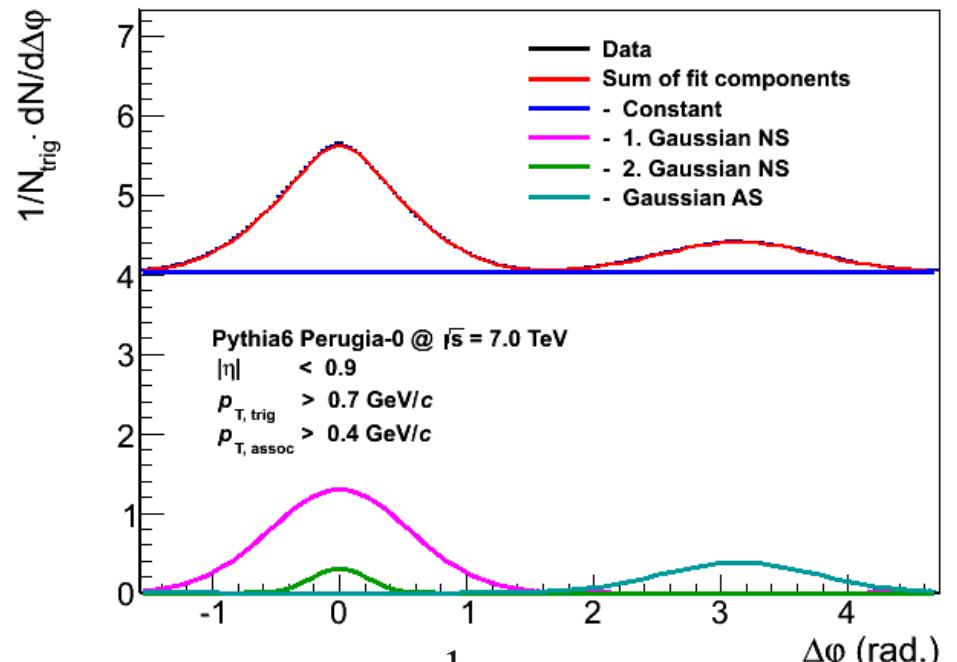
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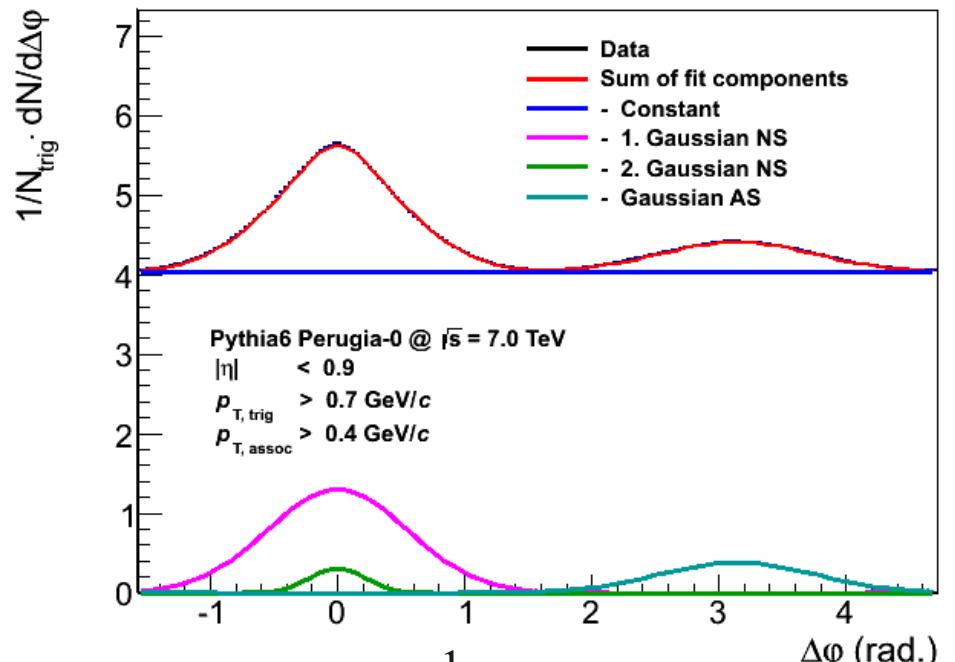
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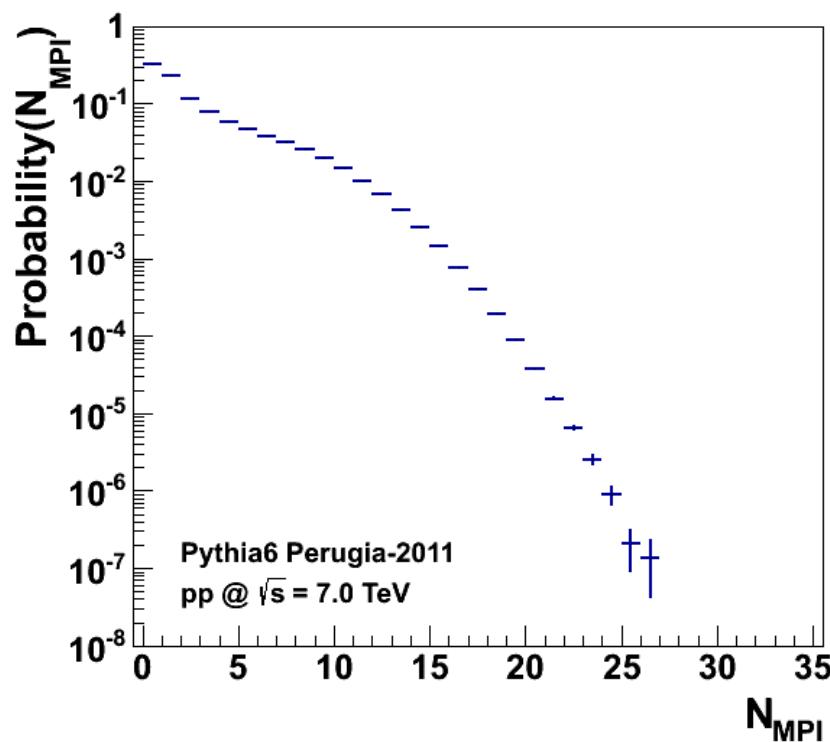
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$$\langle N_{\text{uncorrelated seeds}} \rangle = \frac{\langle N_{\text{trigger}} \rangle}{\langle 1 + N_{\text{assoc, near + away}} (p_T > p_{T, \text{trig}}) \rangle}$$

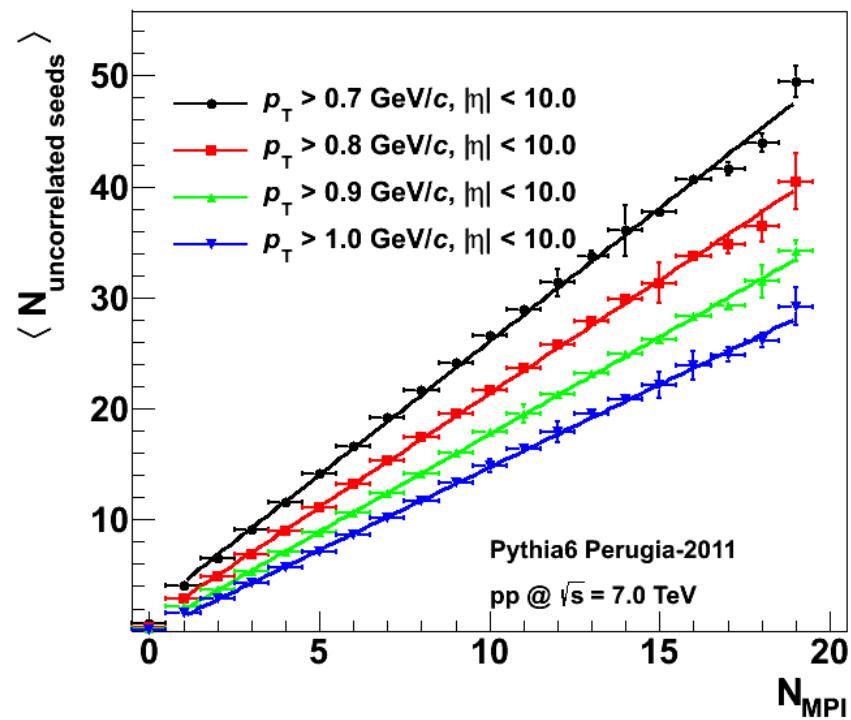
# Number of Multiple Parton Interactions

- Pythia has a phenomenological model of multiple parton interactions (MPI)

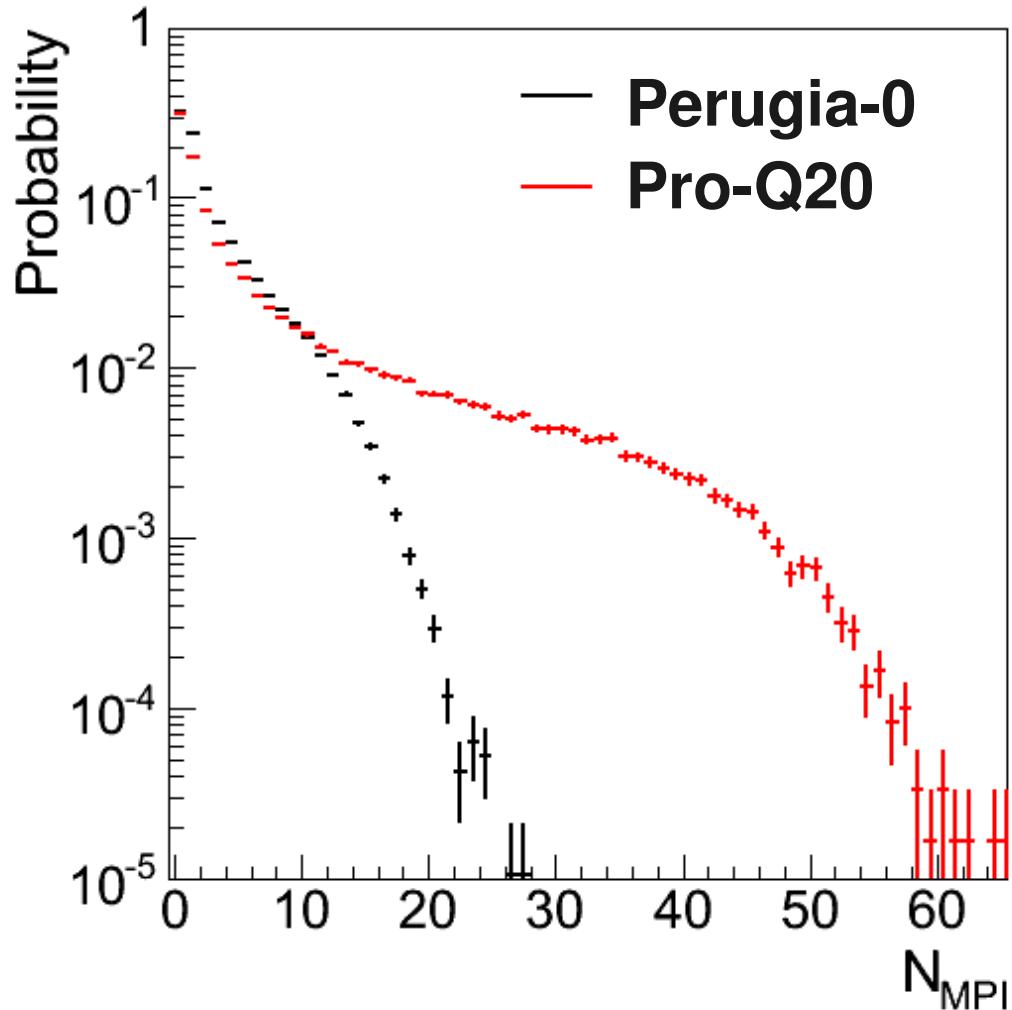
$$\langle N_{\text{MPI}}(p_{T, \text{min}}) \rangle = \frac{\sigma_{\text{interaction}}(p_{T, \text{min}})}{\sigma_{\text{non-diffractive}}}$$



- Within the Pythia model,  $N_{\text{MPI}}$  is proportional to the number of uncorrelated seeds  $N_{\text{uncorrelated seeds}}$
- Possibility to access  $N_{\text{MPI}}$  using presented analysis method



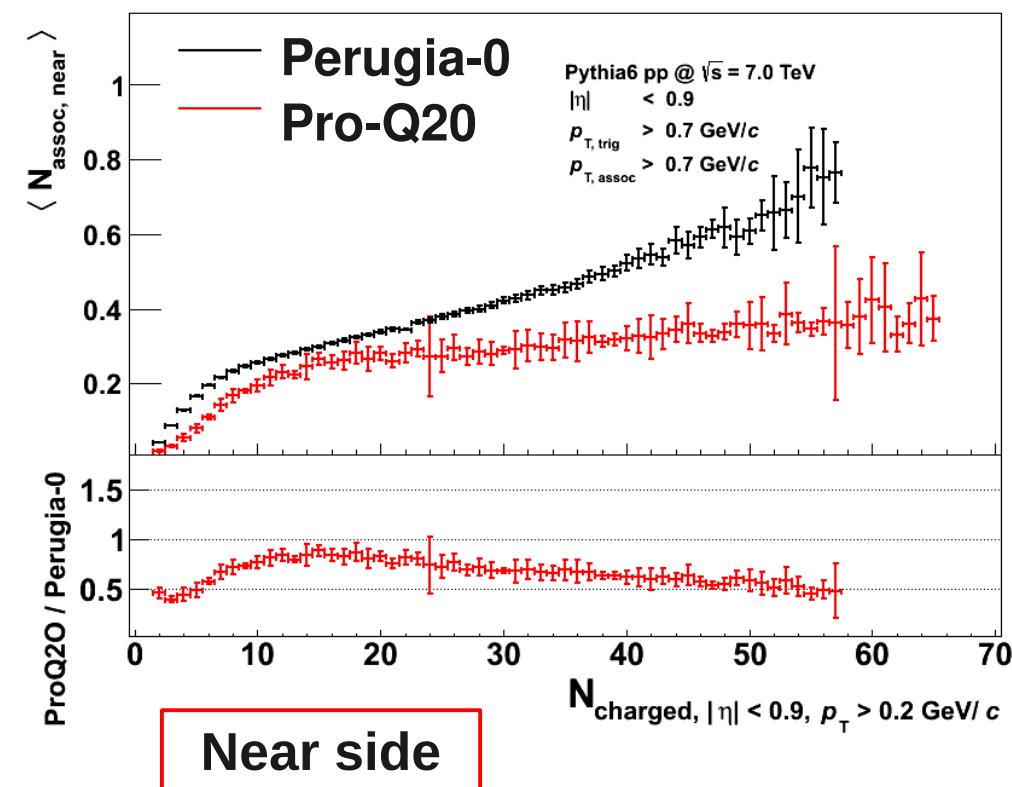
# MPI in Pythia6



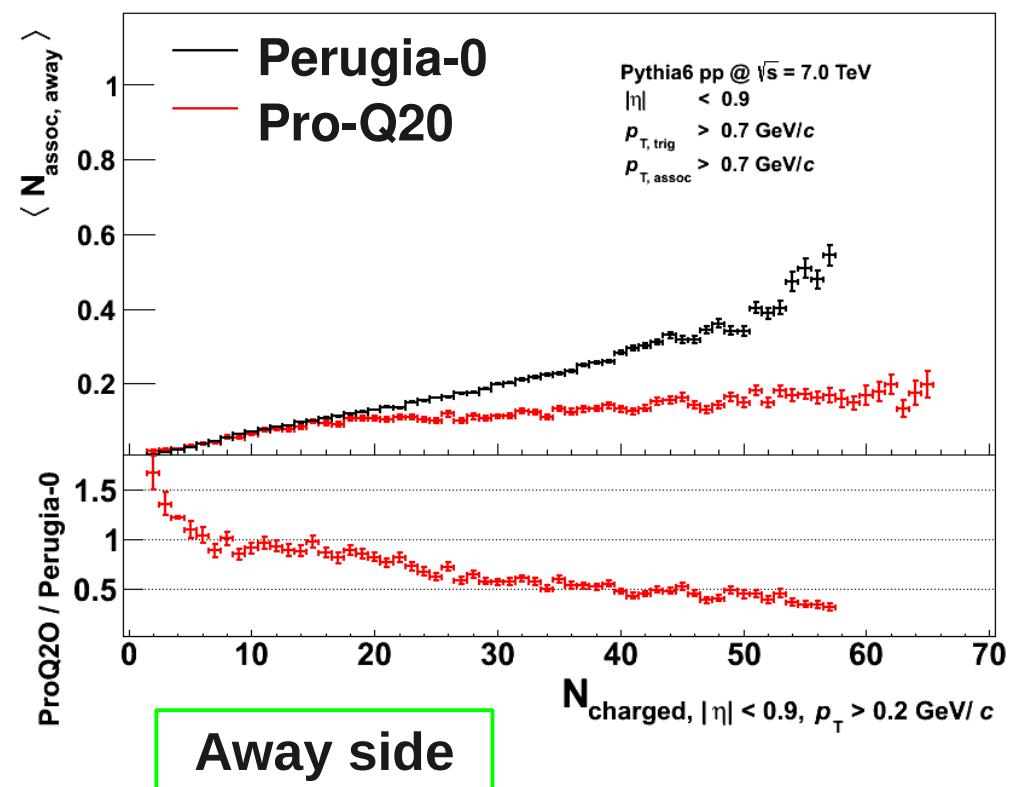
$$N_{\text{MPI}} = \text{MSTI}(31)_{\text{Pythia}}$$

- The Pythia tunes **Perugia-0** and **Pro-Q20** use very different number of MPI while giving similar charged particle multiplicity distributions
  - **Perugia-0** has comparably low number of MPI
  - **Pro-Q20** has higher number of MPI
- Is this visible in the correlation analysis?

# Pythia6: Near/Away Side Pair Yield

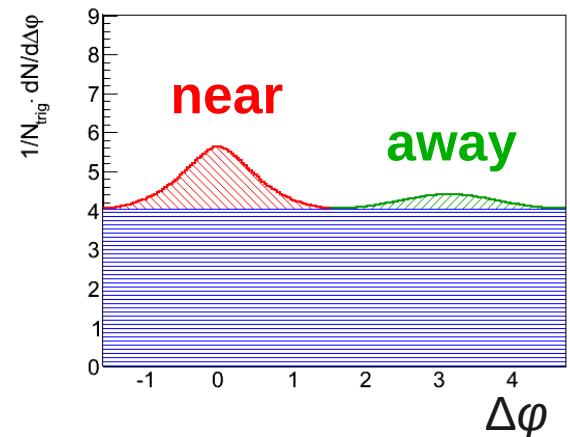


Near side

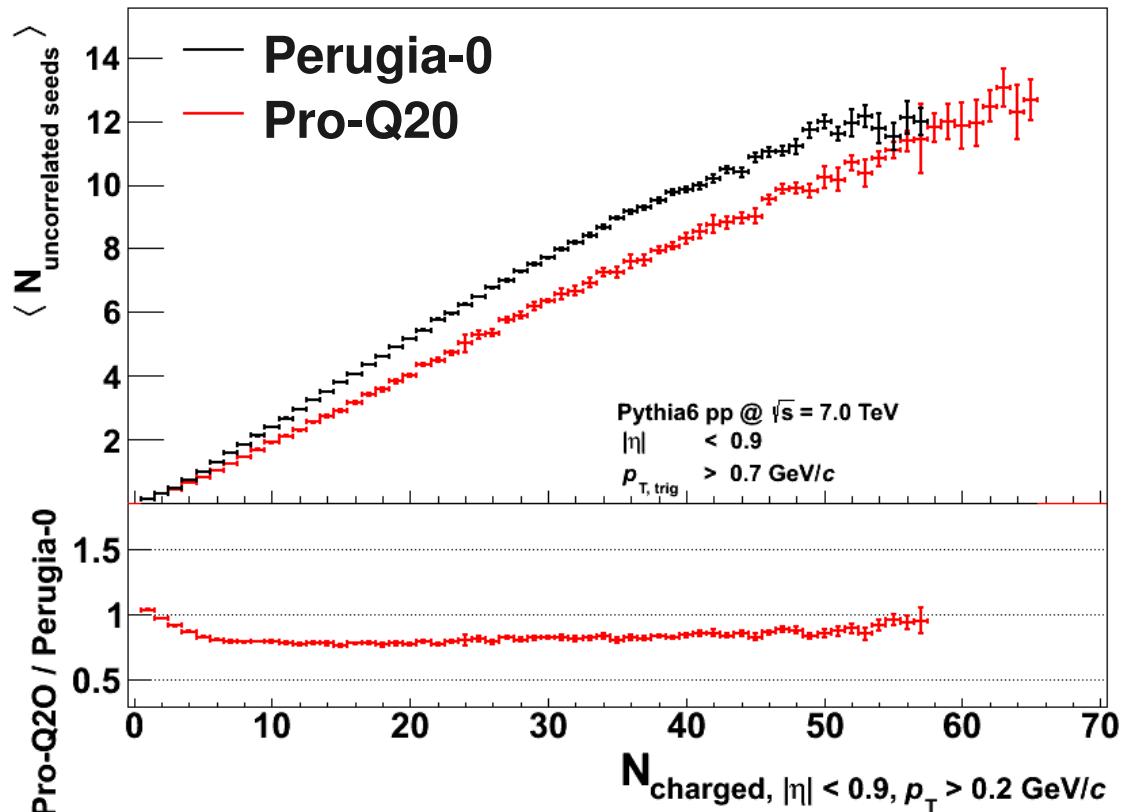


Away side

- High  $N_{\text{ch}}$  can only be reached in **Perugia-0** by increasing near and away side yield  
→ fragmentation bias towards high  $N_{\text{ch}}$
- Near and away side yield stays almost constant in **Pro-Q20** as function of  $N_{\text{ch}}$



# Pythia6: Number of Uncorrelated Seeds

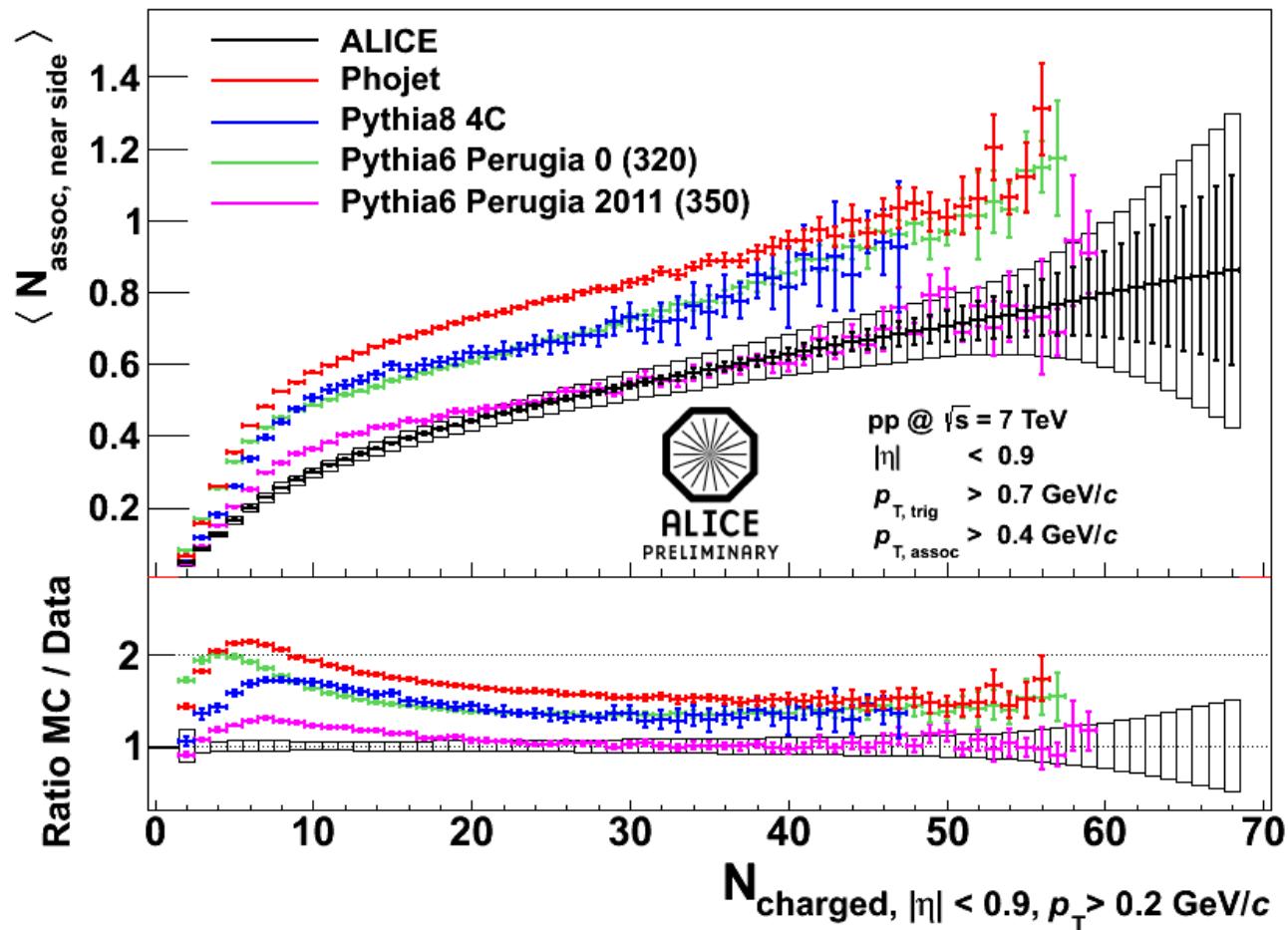


$$\langle N_{\text{uncorrelated seeds}} \rangle = \frac{\langle N_{\text{trigger}} \rangle}{\langle 1 + N_{\text{assoc, near + away}}(p_T > p_{T,\text{trig}}) \rangle}$$

- Number of uncorrelated seeds scales linearly with the number of multiple parton interactions in Pythia6
- Number of uncorrelated seeds in **Perugia-0** reaches limit at highest charged particle multiplicities
- Uncorrelated seeds in **Pro-Q20** continues rising at same multiplicities

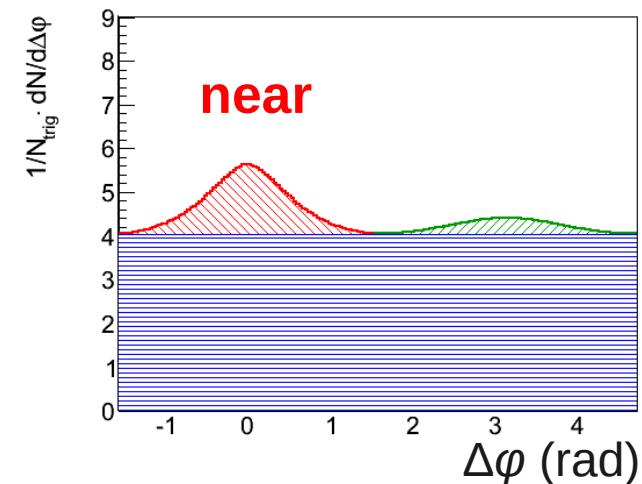
# Results

# Per-Trigger Near Side Pair Yield

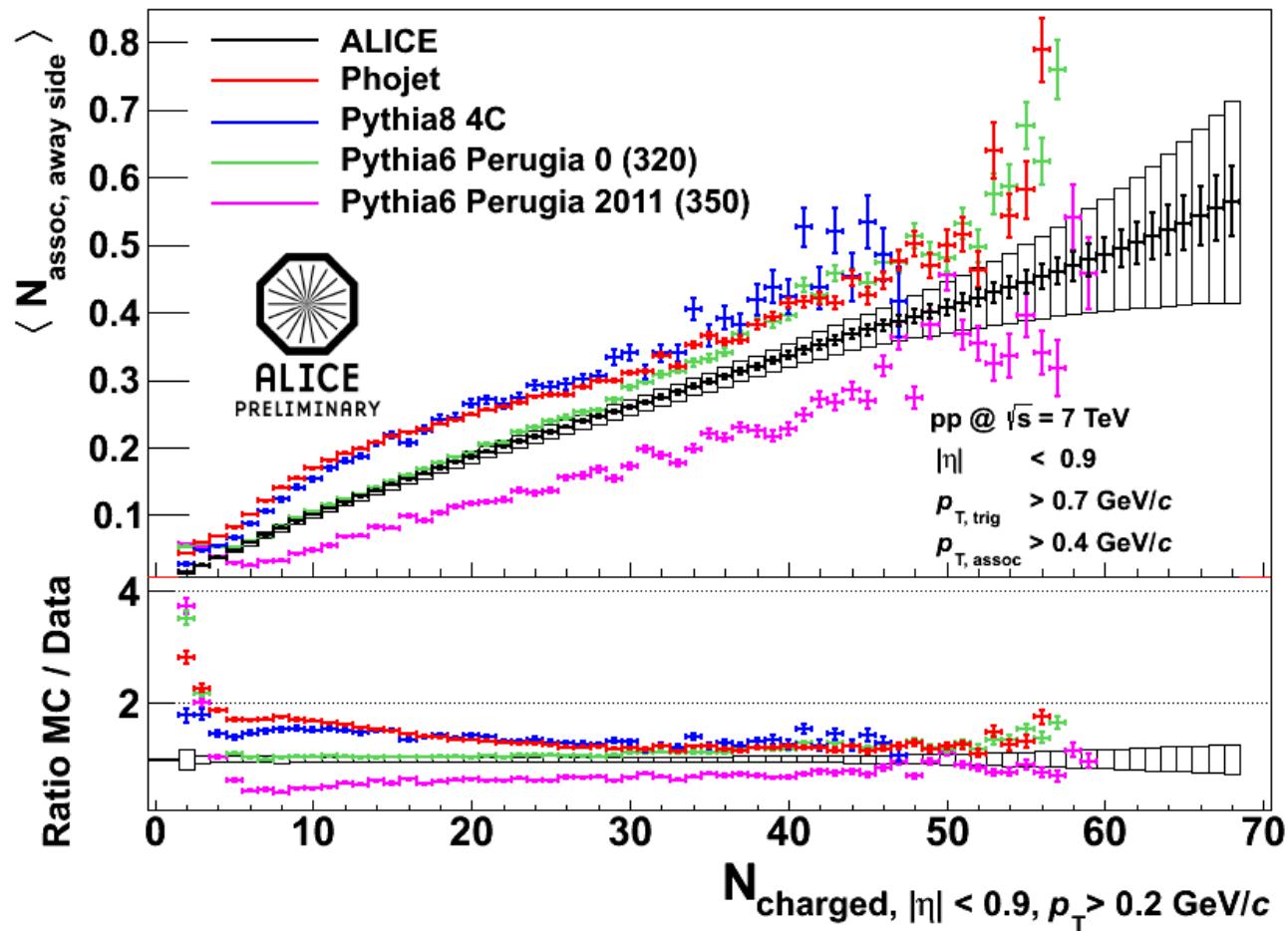


- Per-trigger near side pair yield grows with  $N_{\text{ch}}$
- Near side is overestimated by Phojet, Pythia8, and Pythia6 Perugia-0 by up to 100%, Pythia6 Perugia-2011 gives best agreement with only small deviations

- Particle production in near side peak is dominated by jet fragmentation

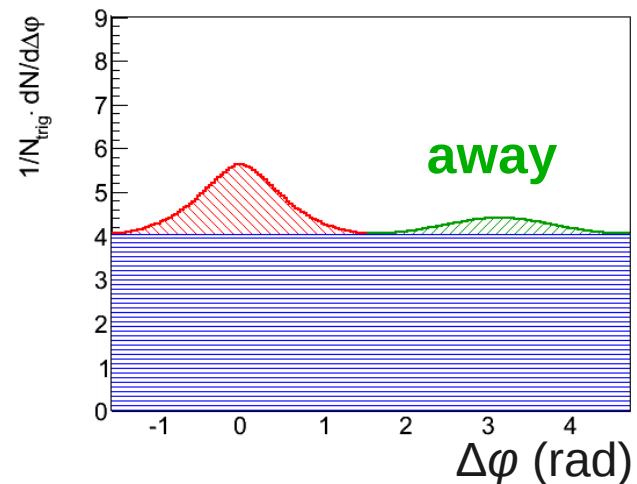


# Per-Trigger Away Side Pair Yield

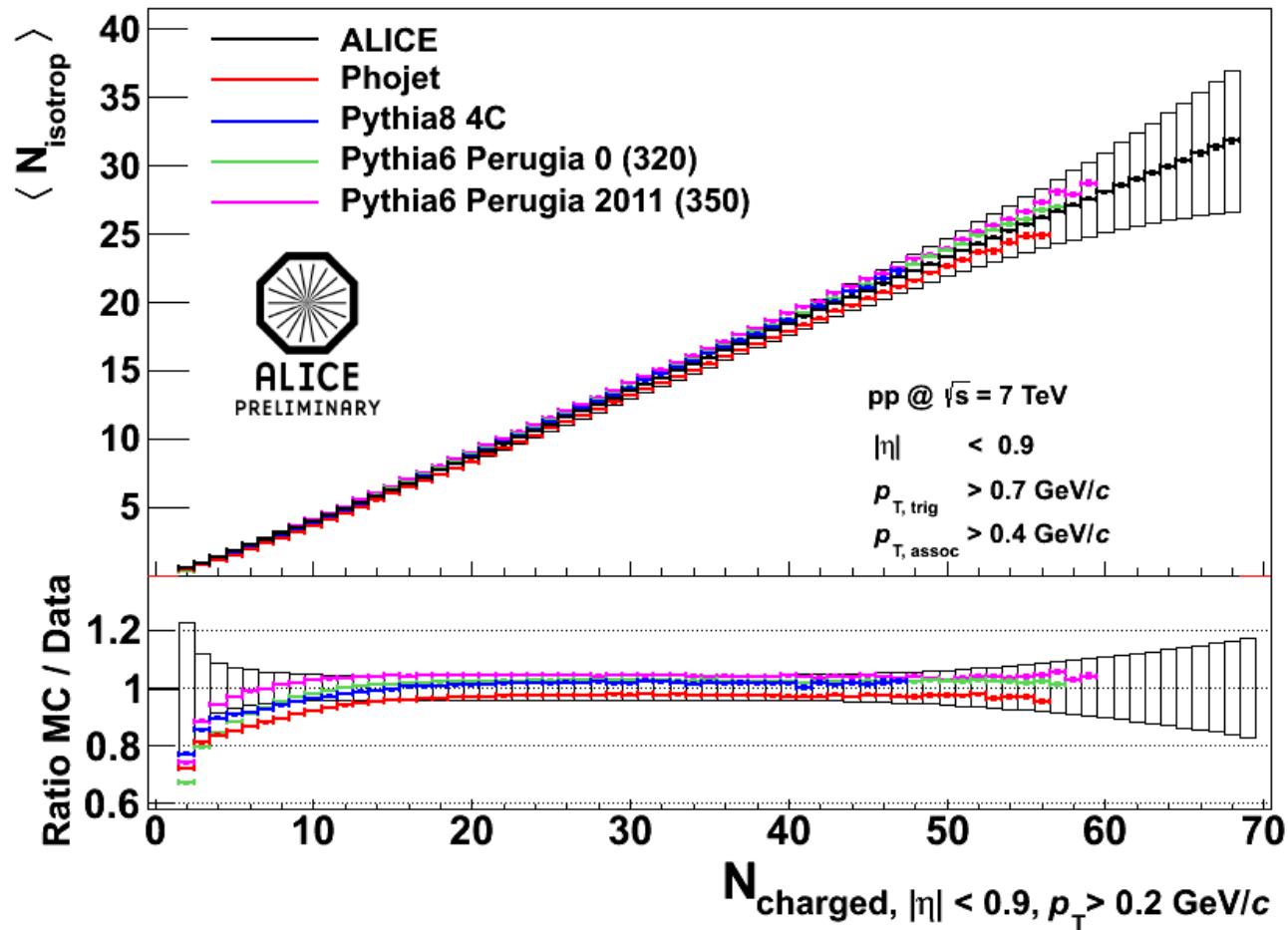


- Per-trigger away side pair yield grows with  $N_{\text{ch}}$
- Pythia6-Perugia-0 gives best agreement with ALICE results

- Particles in away side peak are produced in recoiling jets

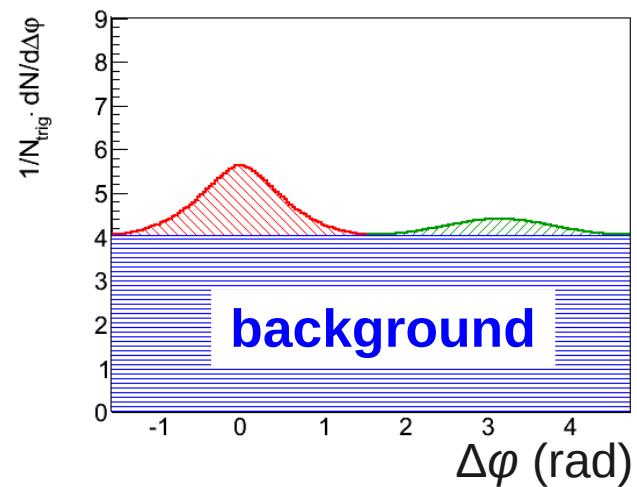


# Pair Yield in Combinatorial Background

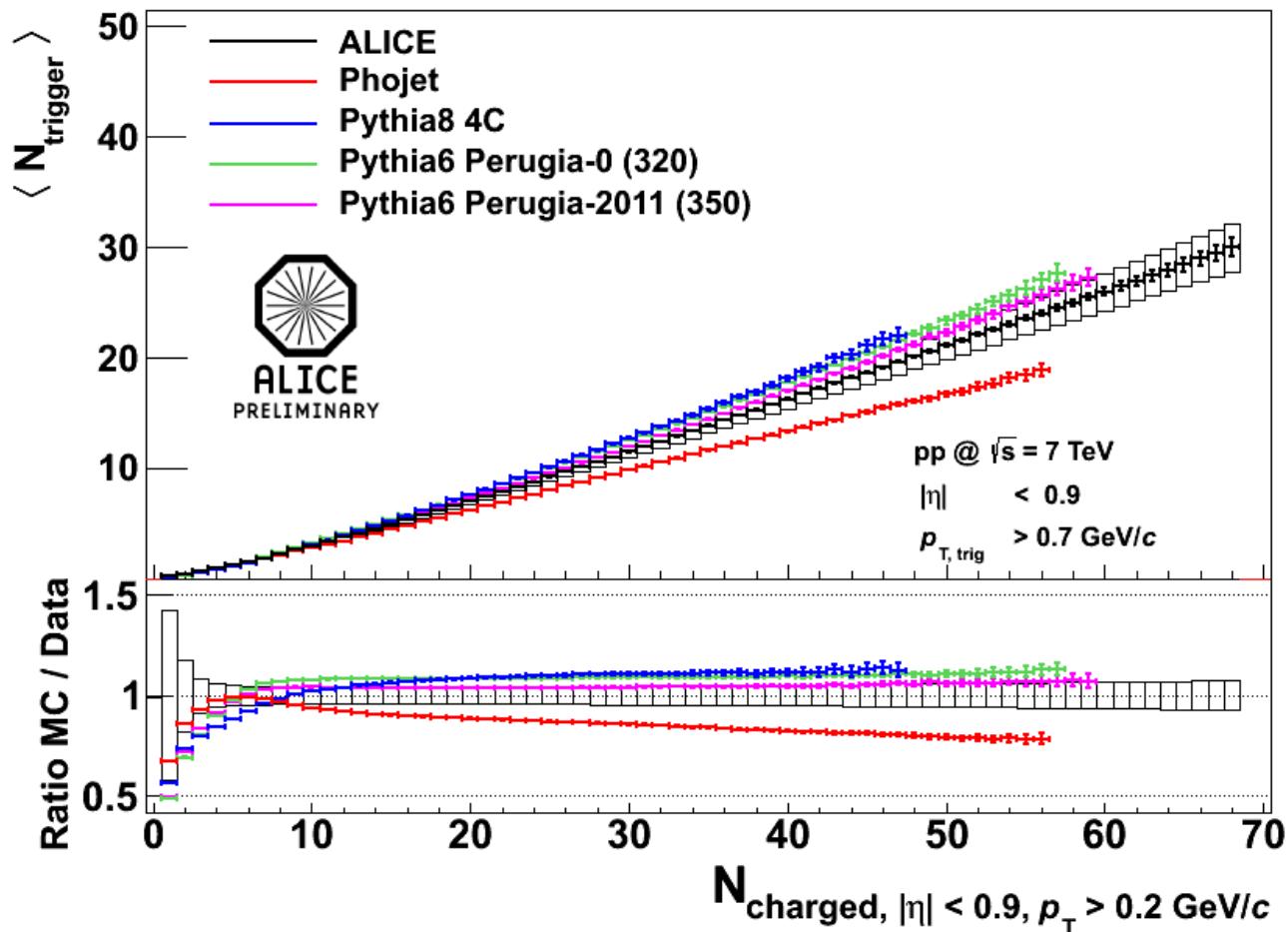


- Particles from processes which are uncorrelated to production process of trigger particle

- Pair yield in uncorrelated background is well reproduced by all models within the systematic uncertainties



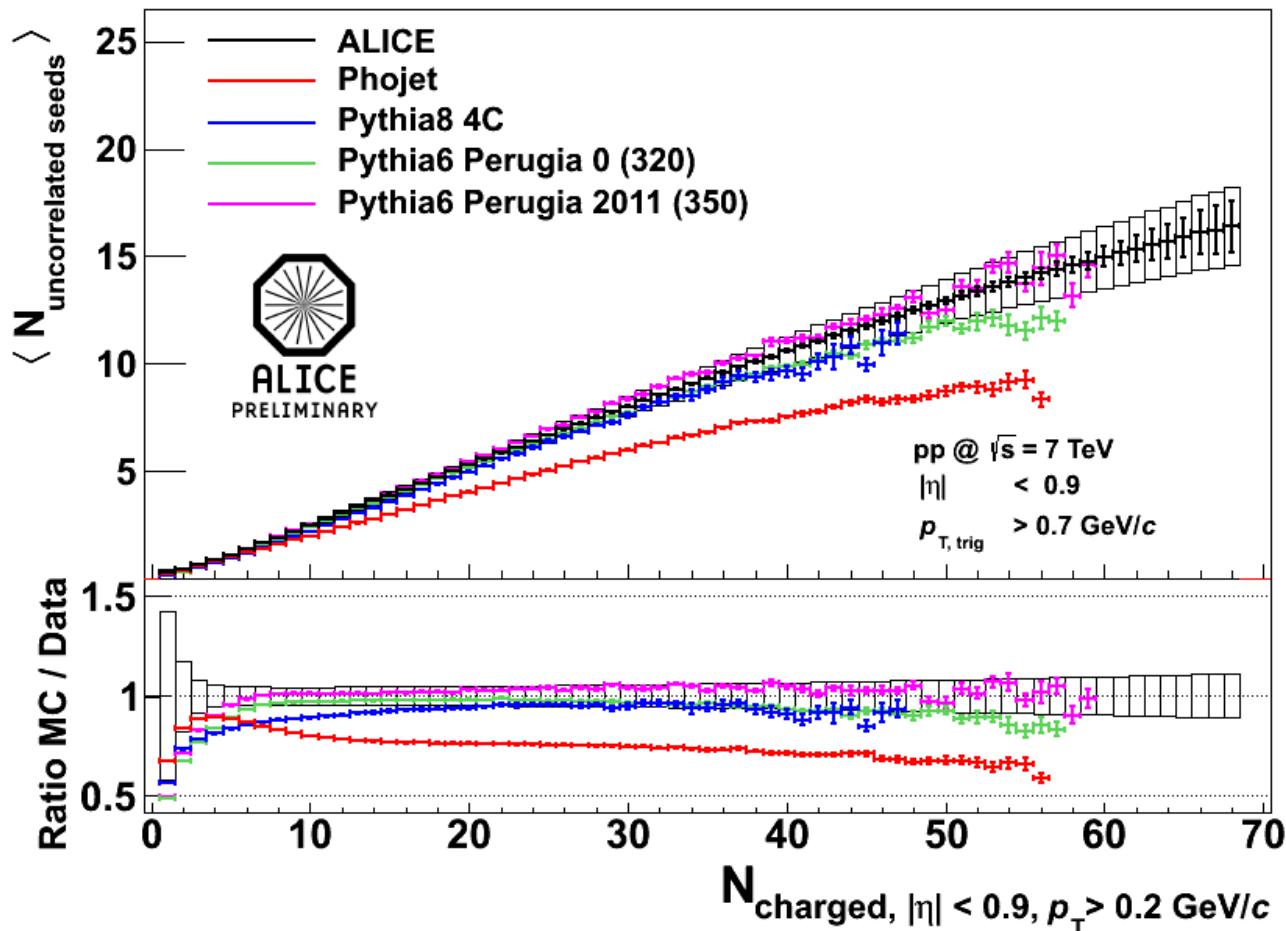
# Average Number of Trigger Particles



- Average number of trigger particle contains information about MPI and fragmentation
- $N_{\text{trigger}}$  grows slightly faster than linear, growth of mean- $p_T$  with  $N_{\text{ch}}$

- All Pythia tunes slightly overestimate the ALICE results
- Phojet underestimated the ALICE results

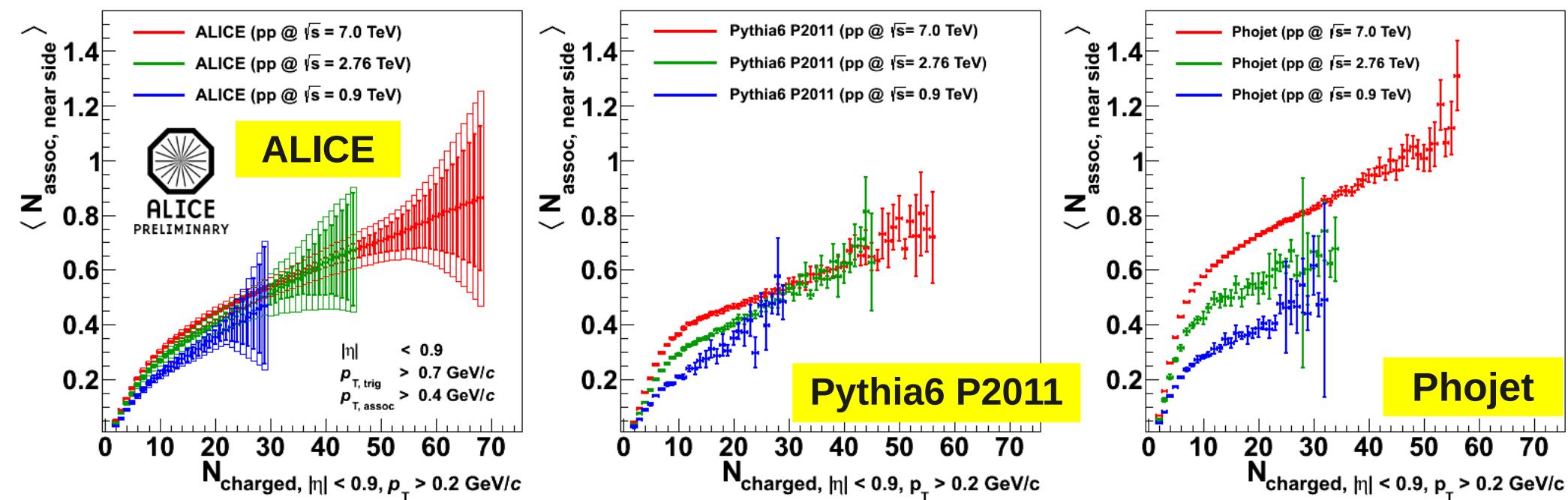
# Number of Uncorrelated Seeds



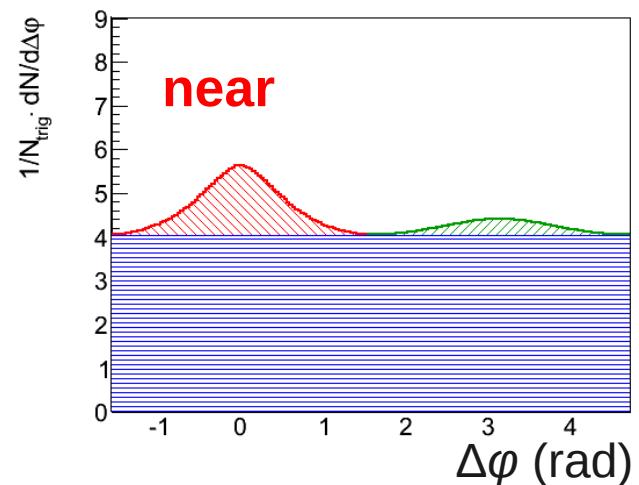
- The number of uncorrelated seeds contains information about MPI: In Pythia  $N_{\text{MPI}}$  and  $N_{\text{uncorrelated seeds}}$  are proportional
- All Pythia tunes reproduced the ALICE results fairly well
- Phojet underestimates the ALICE results

$$\langle N_{\text{uncorrelated seeds}} \rangle = \frac{\langle N_{\text{trigger}} \rangle}{\langle 1 + N_{\text{assoc, near + away}}(p_T > p_{T,\text{trig}}) \rangle}$$

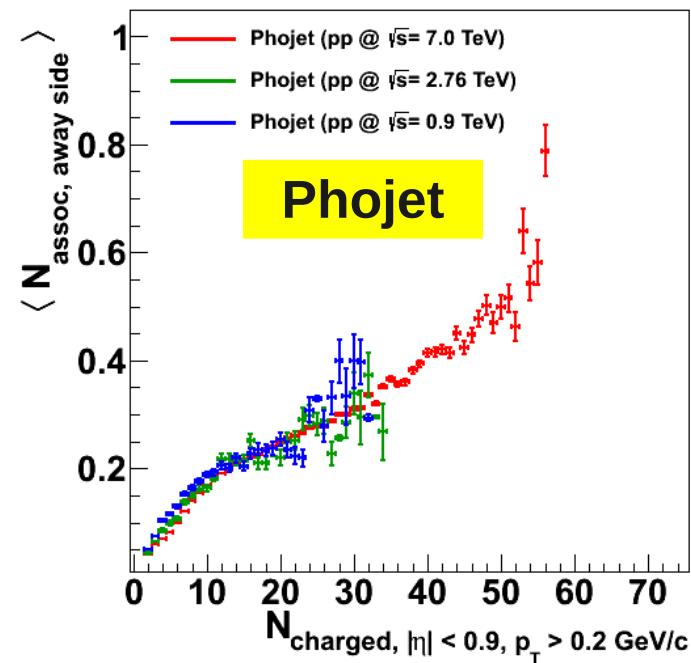
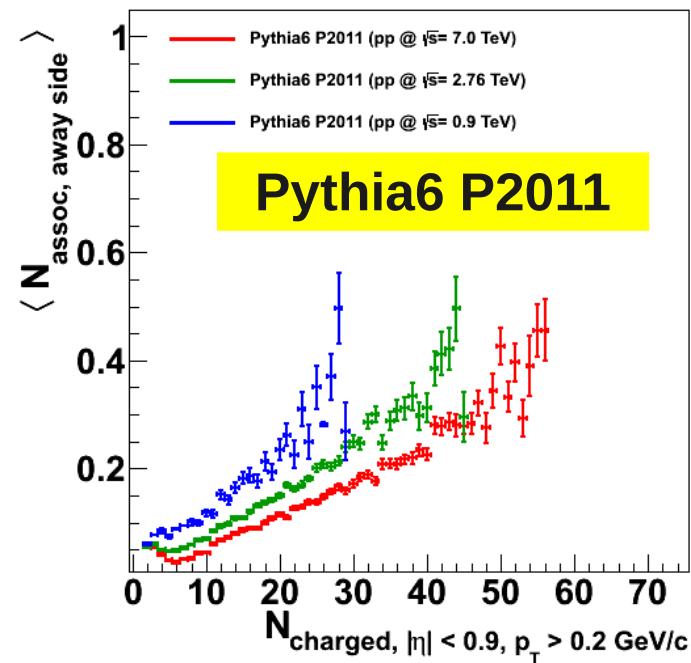
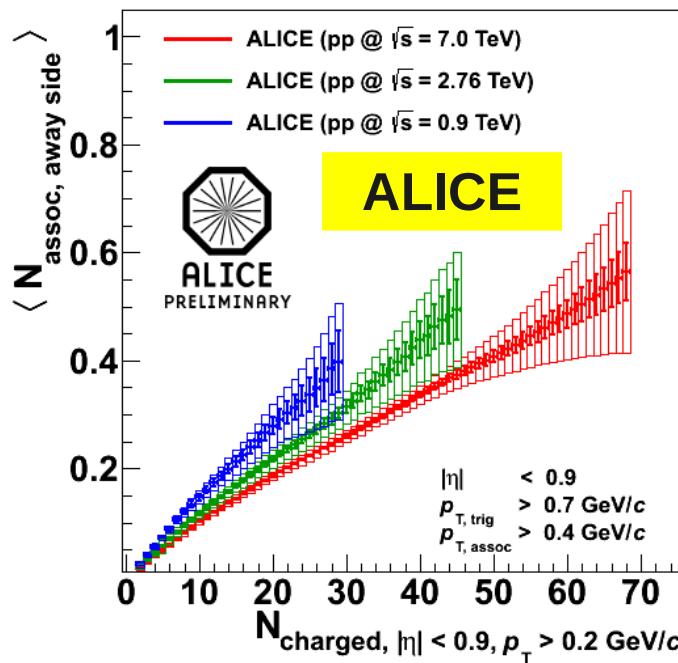
# Per-Trigger Near Side Pair Yield



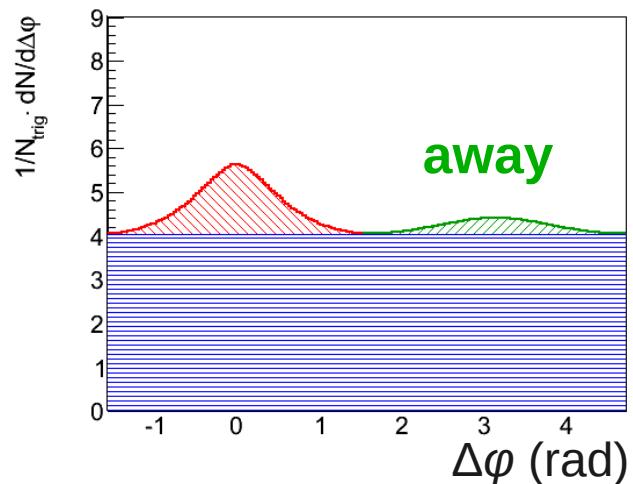
- Center-of-mass energy  $\sqrt{s} = 0.9, 2.76, 7.0 \text{ TeV}$
- Near side pair yield at same multiplicity bin grows with increasing center-of-mass energy
- Splitting between slopes for different  $\sqrt{s}$  is largest for Phojet



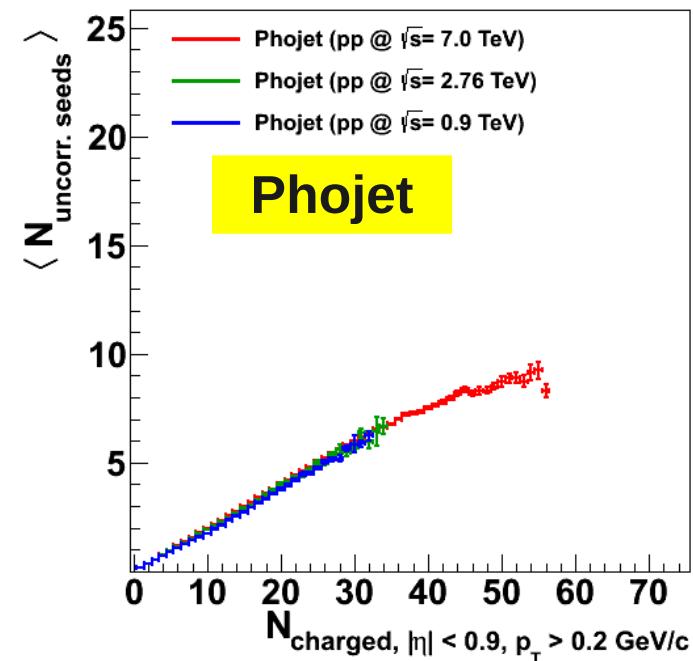
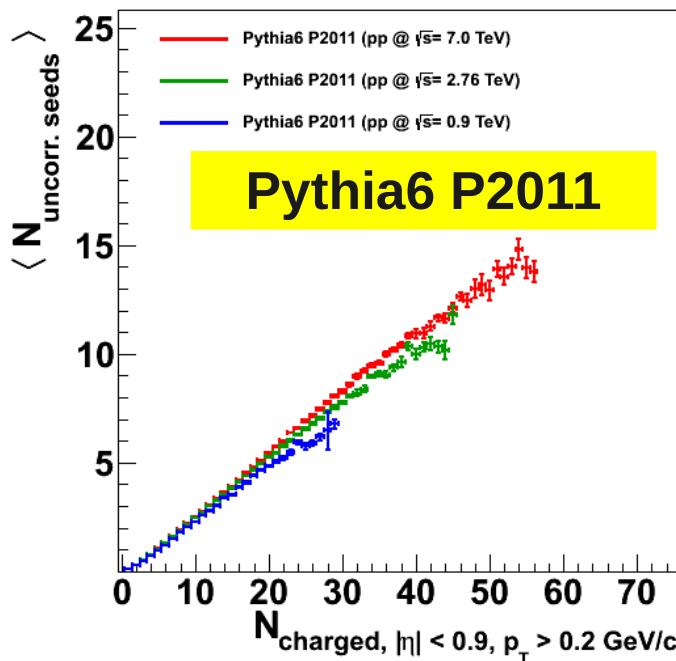
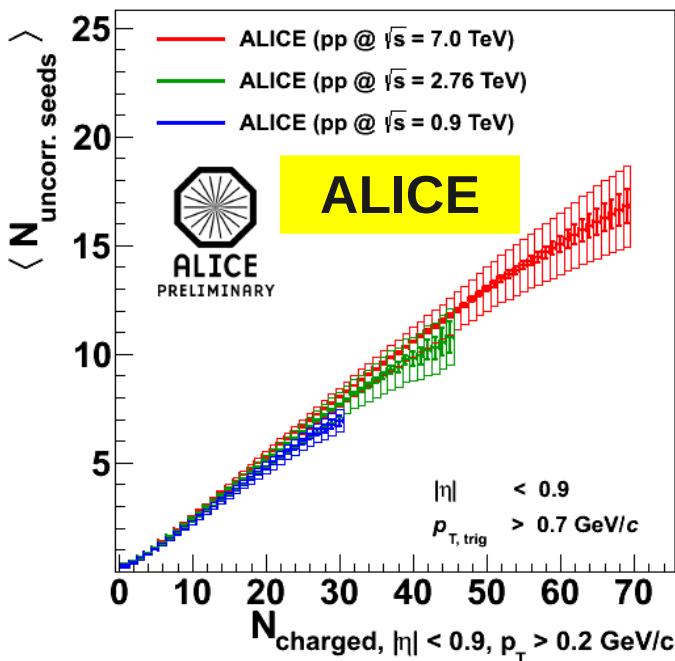
# Per-Trigger Away Side Pair Yield



- Away side yield at same multiplicity bin shrinks with increasing  $\sqrt{s}$
- Pythia6 Perugia-2011 underestimates ALICE data
- Phojet shows almost no  $\sqrt{s}$  dependence



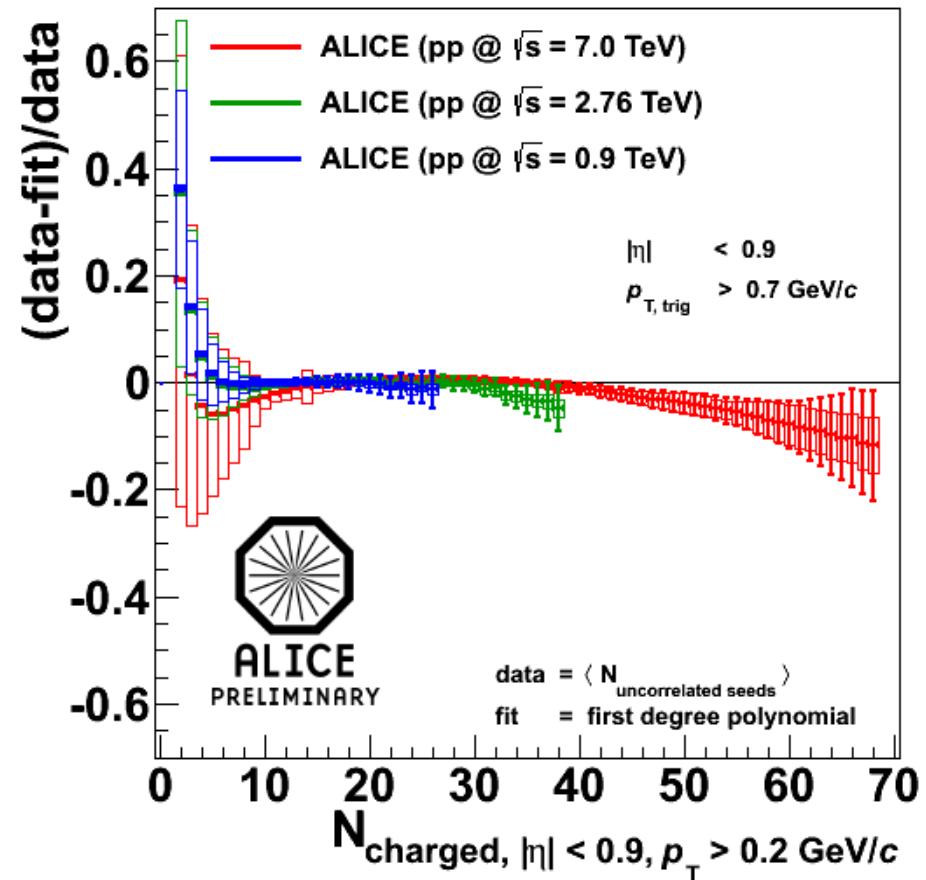
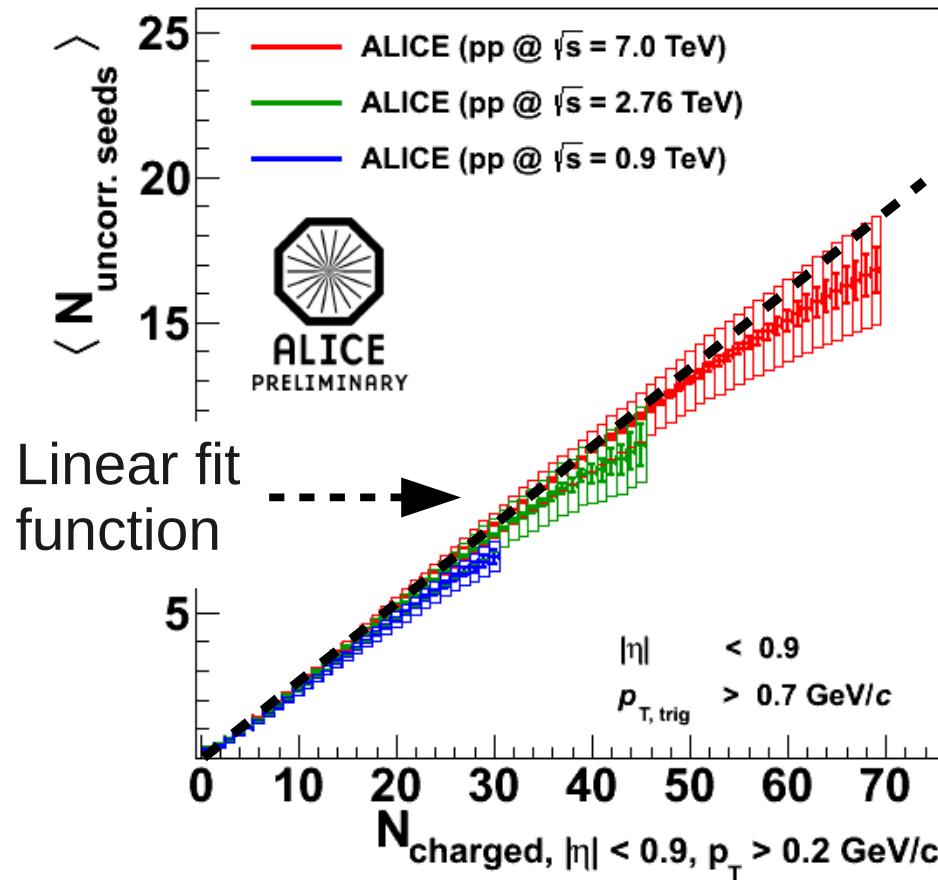
# Average Number of Uncorrelated Seeds



$$\langle N_{\text{uncorrelated seeds}} \rangle = \frac{\langle N_{\text{trigger}} \rangle}{\langle 1 + N_{\text{assoc, near + away}} (p_T > p_{T,\text{trig}}) \rangle}$$

- Only small  $\sqrt{s}$  dependence
- In low and intermediate multiplicity region:  $N_{\text{uncorrelated seeds}}$  grows linearly with  $N_{\text{ch}}$
- At high multiplicities, the number of  $N_{\text{uncorrelated seeds}}$  stagnates → Multiplicity increases only by selecting events with highly populated jets, limit in  $N_{\text{MPI}}$

# $\langle N_{\text{uncorrelated seeds}} \rangle$ and Linear Fit



- Compare distribution with linear fit in intermediate  $N_{\text{ch}}$  range
- At high multiplicities, hint of deviation from linear dependence – this would indicate a limit in MPI



# Summary: MPI in ALICE

- Study of observables which can give insight into the physics of multiple parton interactions
  - Inelastic proton-proton cross section
  - Charged particle multiplicity distribution
  - Underlying event
  - Correlation between soft particle production and
    - $J/\psi$  and  $D$ -meson yield
    - Transverse sphericity
    - Jets: Per-trigger pair-yields

# Summary Jet Analysis

- Study of the per-trigger pair yield at the near side and the away side as well as the number of uncorrelated seeds using a two-particle correlation analysis
- Pythia studies show that the analysis approach can probe number of multi parton interactions (MPI)
  - Information about jet fragmentation and MPI
- At high multiplicities, the number of uncorrelated seeds shows a hint of a deviation from a linear dependence with multiplicity – this would indicate a limit in MPI
- Pythia Perugia-2011 gives best description of ALICE results
- Phojet, Pythia6-Perugia-0, and Pythia8 show large discrepancies to ALICE results



# Backup





# Assumption: $N_{\text{uncorrelated seeds}} \rightarrow N_{\text{MPI}}$

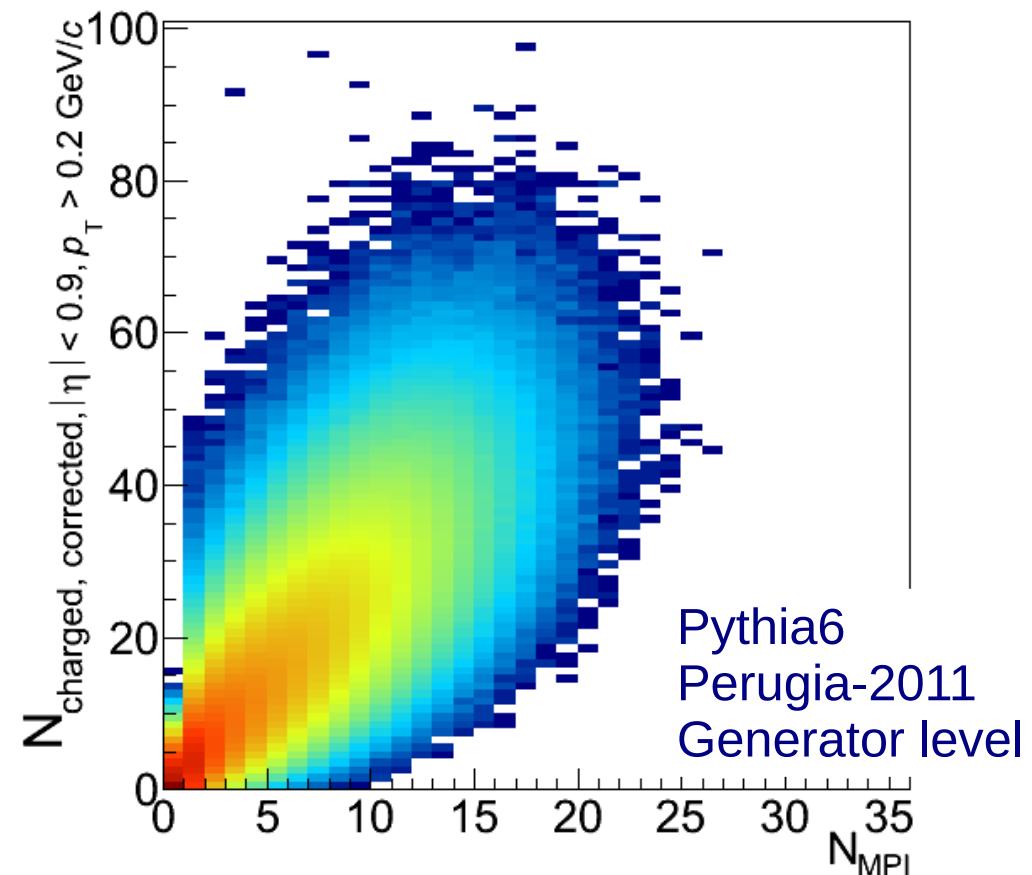
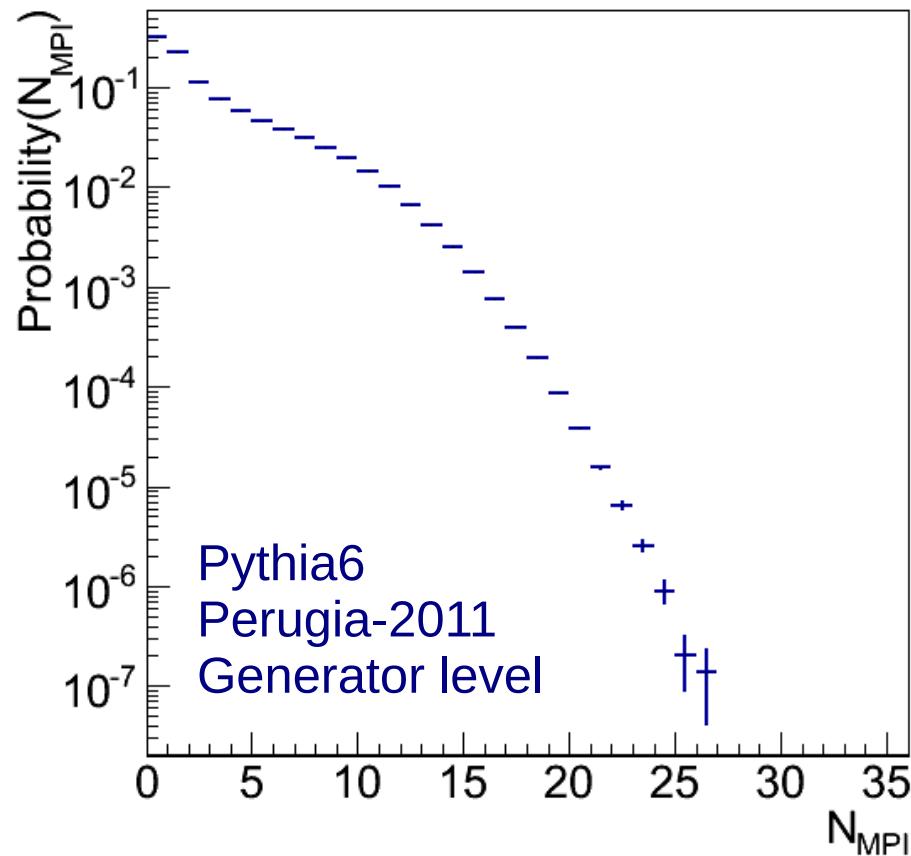


- We measure  $N_{\text{uncorrelated seeds}}$

$$\langle N_{\text{uncorrelated seeds}} \rangle = \frac{\langle N_{\text{trigger}} \rangle}{\langle 1 + N_{\text{assoc, near, } p_T > p_{T,\text{trig}}} + N_{\text{assoc, away, } p_T > p_{T,\text{trig}}} \rangle}$$

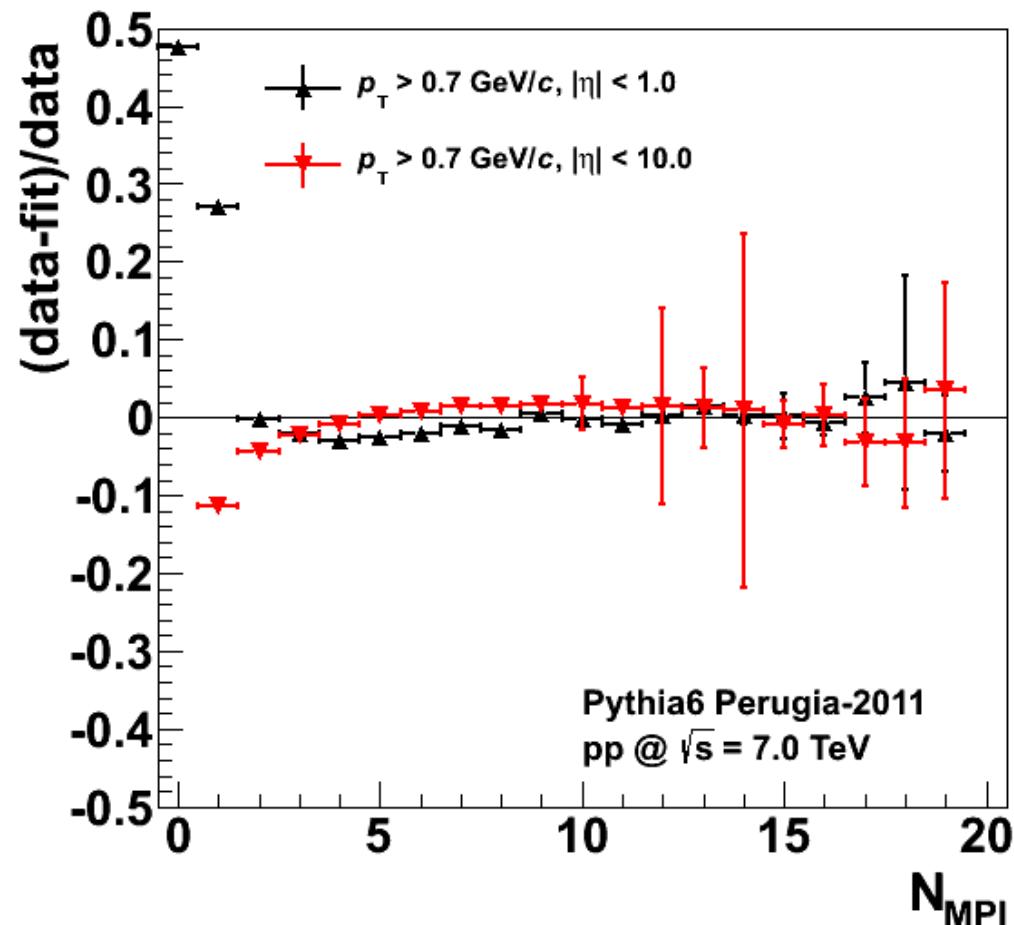
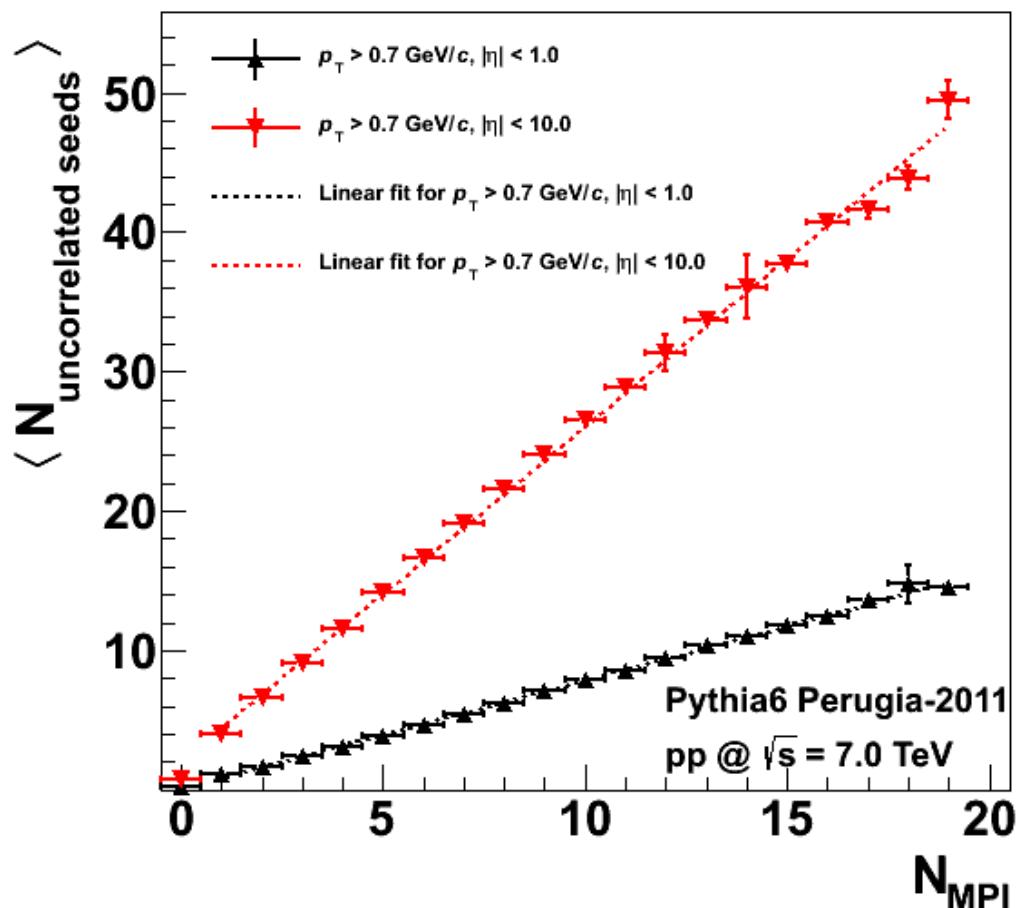
- We assume that  $N_{\text{uncorrelated seeds}}$  scales with the number of multiple parton interactions
- Can we demonstrate a direct dependence in Pythia simulations
  - Perform two-particle correlation analysis of Pythia6 simulations as function of  $N_{\text{MPI}}$  = number of multiple parton interactions
  - $N_{\text{MPI}}$  (Pythia definition) = number of hard or semi-hard scatterings that occurred in the current event in the multiple interaction scenario; is 0 for a low- $p_T$  event

# MPI in Pythia6 Perugia2011

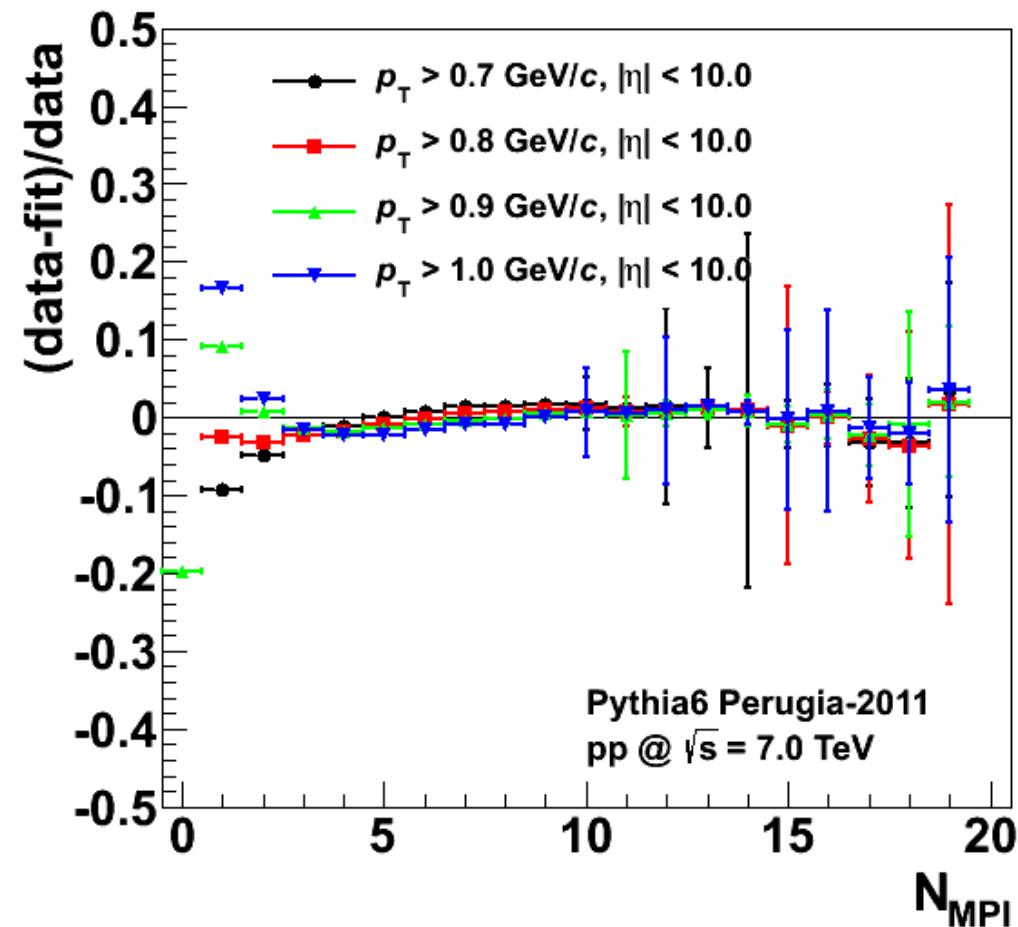
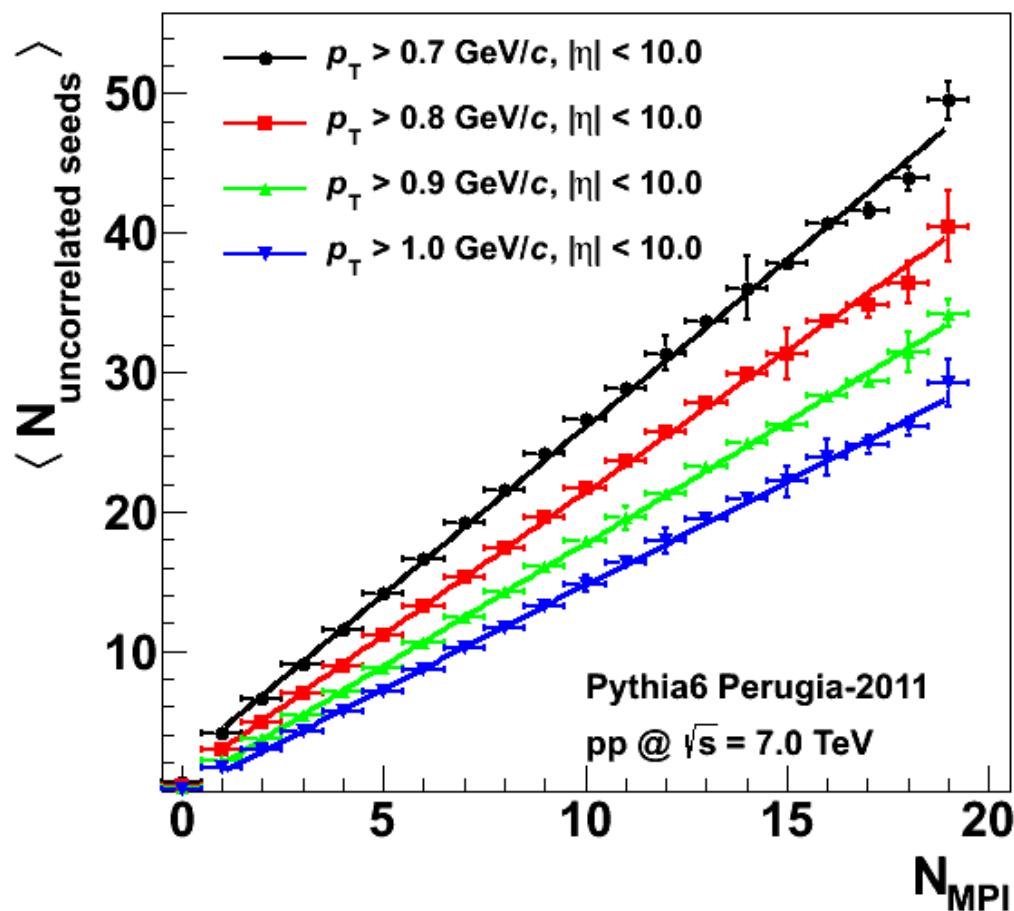


- Spectrum of multiple parton interactions in Pythia6 Perugia-2011
- Correlation of measured multiplicity to number of multiple parton interactions

$N_{\text{uncorrelated seeds}} \sim N_{\text{MPI}}$



- Agreement with linear fit is better when accepting tracks at full  $\eta$  acceptance and not only the tracks in the ALICE acceptance

$N_{\text{uncorrelated seeds}} \sim N_{\text{MPI}}$ 


- Linear dependence is given for several  $p_T$  thresholds



# Estimation of Combinatorics in Auto Correlations

For an a priori unknown multiplicity distribution  $P(n)$  of the mini-jet, we measure

$$\frac{\langle n(n-1) \rangle}{2\langle n \rangle} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\langle n^2 \rangle}{\langle n \rangle} - 1 \right)$$

For steadily falling  $P(n)$  and small  $\langle n \rangle$  this is in good approximation:

$$\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\langle n^2 \rangle}{\langle n \rangle} - 1 \right) \rightarrow \frac{\langle n \rangle}{1 - P(0)} - 1 \quad (= \langle n \rangle \text{ with trigger condition} - 1)$$

Which is the mean number of associated particles.

Example 1 (geom. row):

$$P(n) = (1-q)q^n$$

$$\langle n \rangle = \frac{q}{1-q}$$

$$\langle n^2 \rangle = 2\langle n \rangle^2$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\langle n^2 \rangle}{\langle n \rangle} - 1 \right) = \langle n \rangle$$

$$\frac{\langle n \rangle}{1 - P(0)} - 1 = \langle n \rangle$$

Relation is exact !

Example 2 (Poisson):

$$P(n) = \frac{\mu^n e^{-\mu}}{n!}$$

$$\langle n \rangle = \mu$$

$$\langle n^2 \rangle = \mu^2 + \mu$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\langle n^2 \rangle}{\langle n \rangle} - 1 \right) = \frac{\mu}{2}$$

$$\frac{\langle n \rangle}{1 - P(0)} - 1 = \frac{\mu}{1 - e^{-\mu}} - 1 = \frac{\mu}{2} + \frac{\mu^2}{12} + \dots$$

Example 3 (Log Series):

$$P(n) = \frac{-1}{\ln(1-p)} \frac{p^n}{n}$$

$$\langle n \rangle = \frac{-1}{\ln(1-p)} \frac{p}{1-p}$$

$$\langle n^2 \rangle = \frac{\langle n \rangle}{(1-p)}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\langle n^2 \rangle}{\langle n \rangle} - 1 \right) = \frac{p}{2(1-p)}$$

$$\frac{\langle n \rangle}{1 - P(0)} - 1 = \frac{p}{2(1-p)} + \frac{p^2}{12(1-p)} + p^3 \dots$$

Expect  $P(n)$  to be steadily falling, choose  $p_{T,\text{trig}}$  such that  $\langle n \rangle$  is low

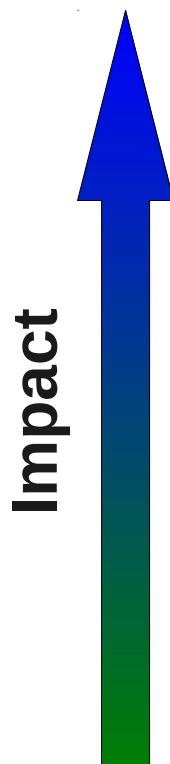


# Analysis Details



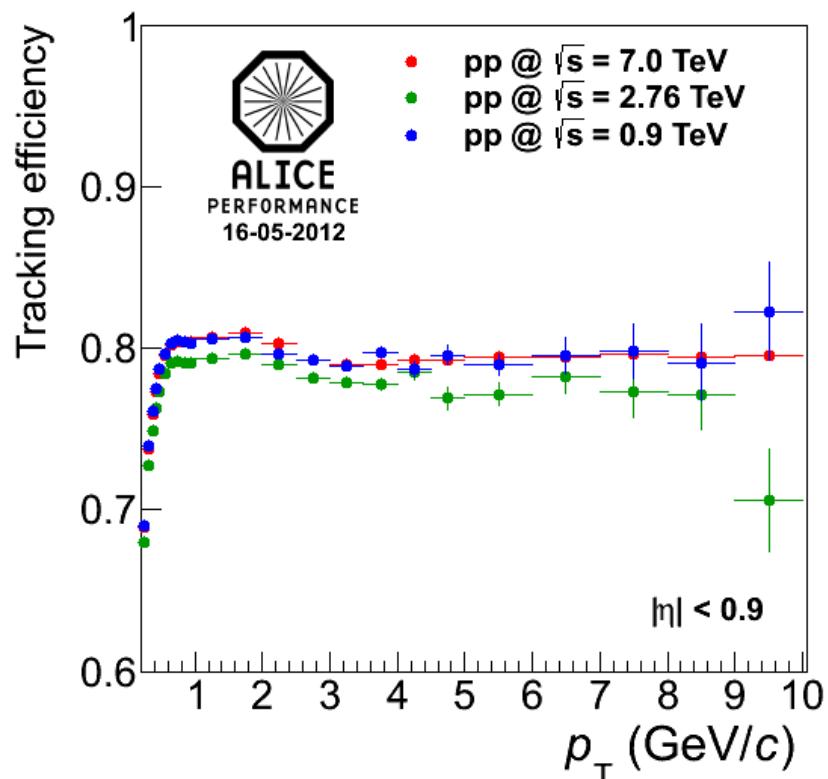
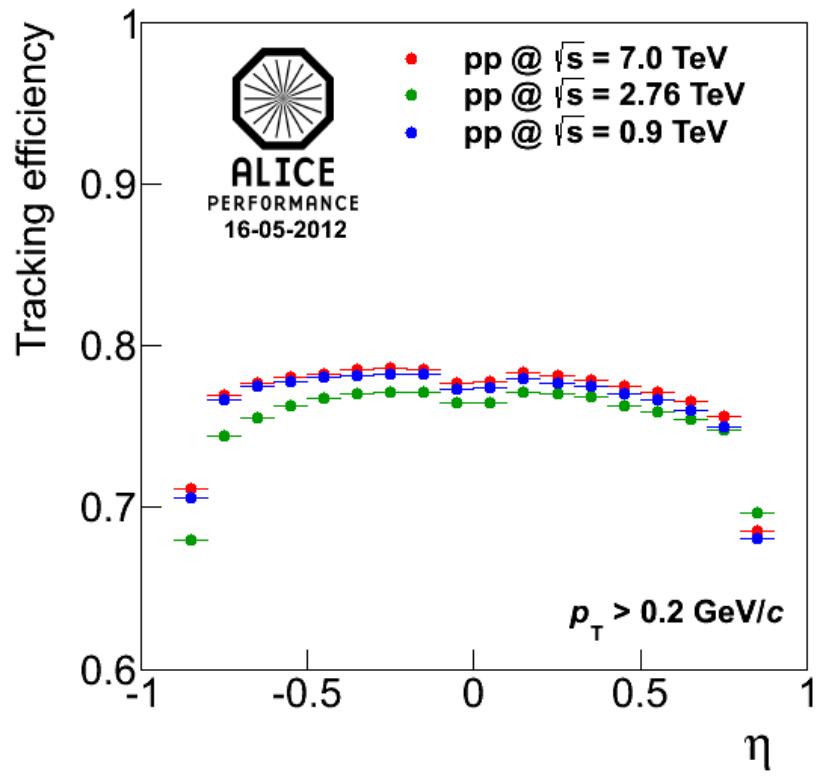
- Data (including ITS and TPC)
  - pp @  $\sqrt{s} = 0.9$  TeV:
    - 7 million events
  - pp @  $\sqrt{s} = 2.76$  TeV:
    - 27 million events
  - pp @  $\sqrt{s} = 7.0$  TeV:
    - 204 million events
- Event cuts
  - Minimum bias trigger: hit in V0 or SPD
  - One distinct reconstructed vertex within  $|z_{\text{vertex}}| < 10$  cm of good quality
  - At least one track in ITS-TPC acceptance ( $p_T > 0.2$  GeV/c,  $|\eta| < 0.9$ )
- Track cuts
  - Full refit procedure during the tracking in ITS and TPC
  - At least 1 hit per track in one of the first 3 ITS layers (first 3 out of 6)
  - At least 70 clusters per track in the TPC drift volume (out of 159)
  - $\chi^2/\text{TPC cluster} < 4$
  - Reject tracks with kink topology
  - $p_T$ -dependent DCA<sub>xy</sub> cut corresponding to  $7\sigma$  of track distribution (DCA<sub>xy,max</sub> = 0.3 cm)
  - DCA<sub>z</sub> < 2 cm

# Corrections and Systematic Uncertainties



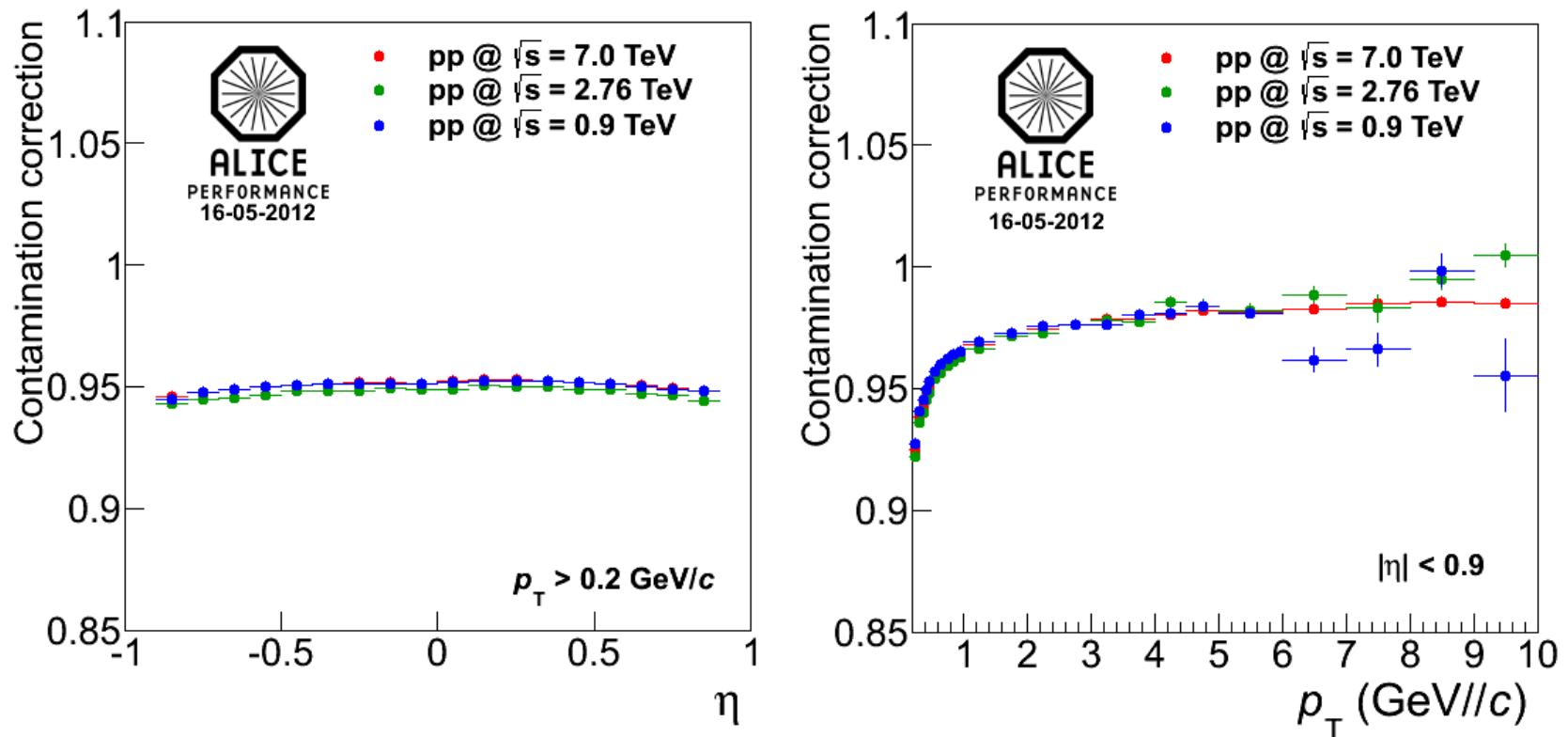
- Correction chain
  - Reconstruction efficiency
  - Contamination with tracks from secondary particles
  - Two-track and detector effects
  - Multiplicity correction
  - Contamination from strange particles
  - Vertex reconstruction efficiency
  - Trigger efficiency
- Sources of systematic uncertainties
  - Uncertainty of ITS-TPC efficiency
  - Particle composition in MC
  - Track cut dependence
  - Correction procedure
  - Event generator dependence
  - Transport MC dependence
  - Signal extraction
  - Vertex quality cut dependence
  - Pileup events
  - Influence of resonances
  - Material budget
  - Strangeness correction

# Correction: Reconstruction Efficiency



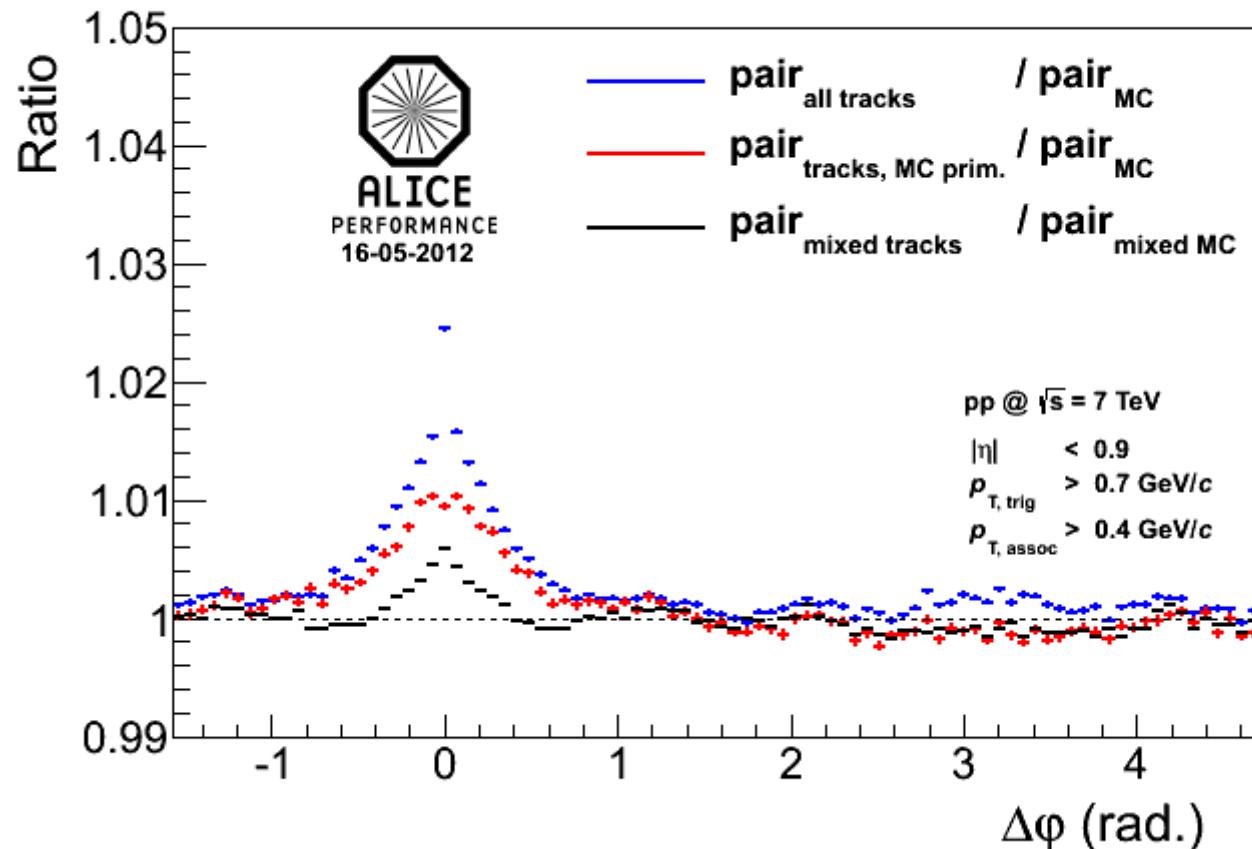
- *Reconstruction efficiency*: Ratio of the number reconstructed and accepted particles tracks of primary particles to number of primary particles
- 78% of all primary particles (at  $p_T > 0.2 \text{ GeV}/c$ ,  $|\eta| < 0.9$ ) are found in the reconstruction → **Loss of 22%**

# Correction: Contamination



- *Contamination*: Ratio of number of all reconstructed tracks to number of reconstructed tracks of primary particles →  
Contamination from decay produces of strange particles, photon conversion, hadronic interaction with the detector material
- **Contamination of 6%** (at  $p_T > 0.2 \text{ GeV}/c$ ,  $|\eta| < 0.9$ )

# Correction: Two Track and Detector Effects



- A fraction of the near side peak after single track correction is due to detector effects (black) → limited flatness in  $\varphi$  distribution give rise to structures in  $\Delta\varphi$
- Remaining peak comes from split tracks, resonances, gamma conversion
- Correction on total yield is very small

# Multiplicity Correction

- Multiplicity correction via normalized and extended correlation matrix

- Normalization:

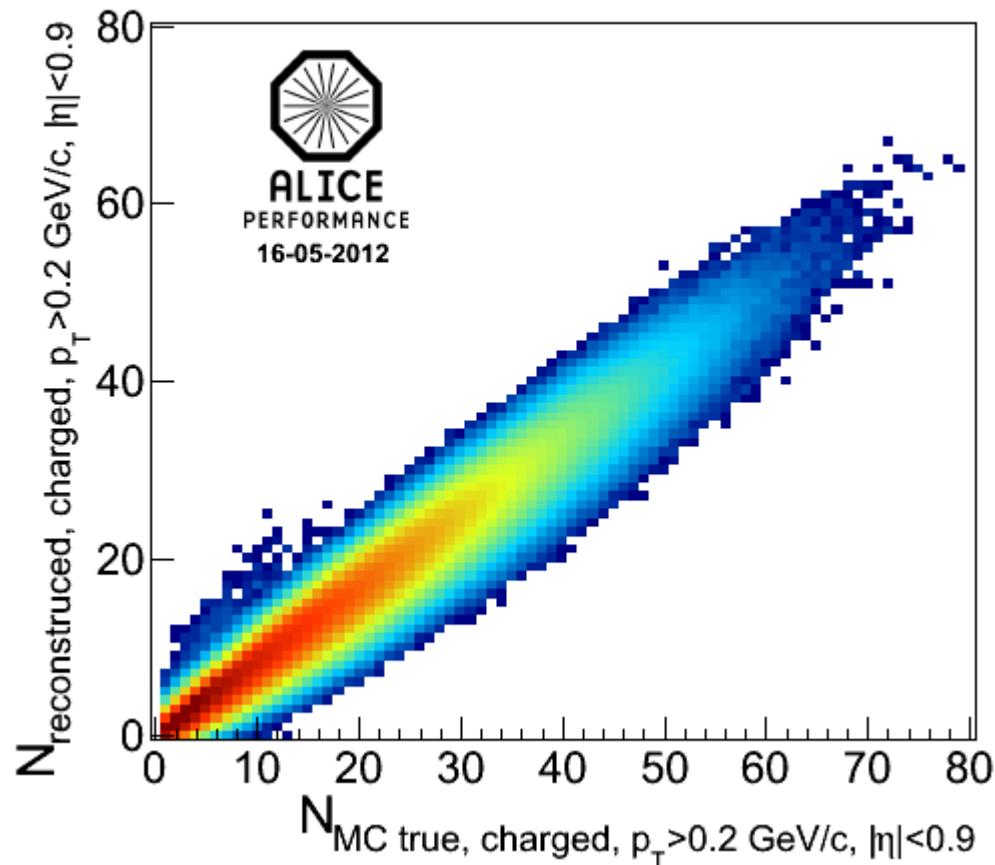
- $$\sum_{N_{\text{rec}}} R(N_{\text{mc}}, N_{\text{rec}}) = 1$$

- Extension:

- Fit slice of correlation matrix with Gaussian function and extract sigma and mean
- Used extrapolated sigma and mean for extended correlation matrix

- Correction:

$$\text{Observable}(N_{\text{mc}}) = \sum_{N_{\text{rec}}} \text{Observable}(N_{\text{rec}}) \cdot R_{1,\text{extended}}(N_{\text{mc}}, N_{\text{rec}})$$



# Cross Section

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