

# Quarkonia production and elliptic flow in small systems measured with ALICE

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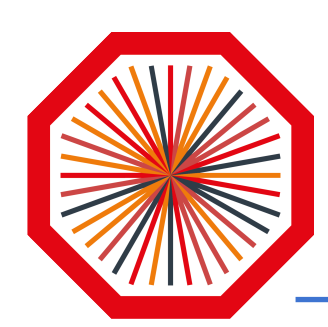
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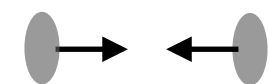
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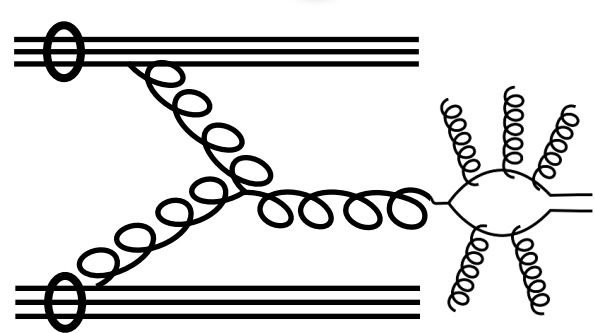
- Quarkonium production
- Multiplicity-dependent quarkonium production
- Elliptic flow
- $J/\psi$  pair production



# Why quarkonia in small systems?

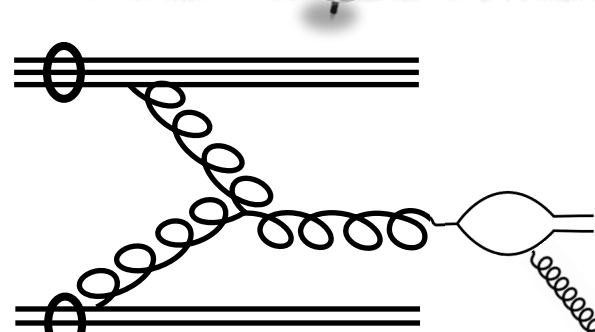


## Constrain theoretical models:



### Color Evaporation Model [1]:

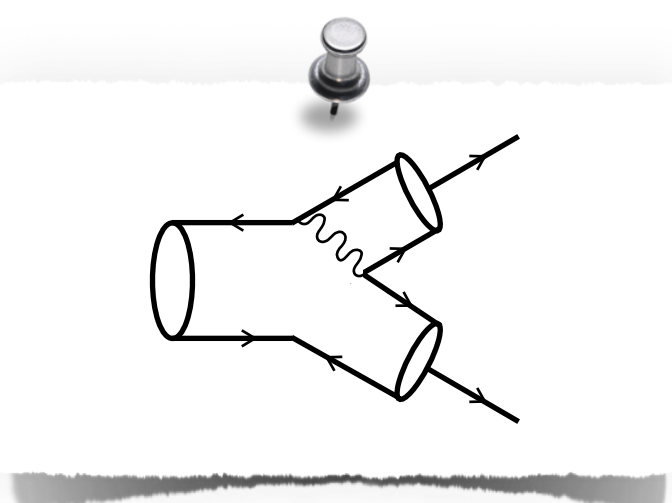
- pQCD Statistical approach
- Describes well quarkonia production
- No distinction between color singlet or octet mechanisms



### NRQCD [2]:

- NRQCD formalism
- Predicts well cross sections

## ○ Beauty production via non-prompt charmonia:



### Fixed Order Next-to-Leading-Logarithm [3]:

- pQCD for heavy quark production
- Used for non-prompt  $J/\psi$  ( $\psi(2S)$ ) production, predicts well data

## Shed light on Multiple Parton Interactions (MPI):

- Multiplicity dependent measurements  
→ Quarkonia correlations with charged-particle multiplicity / flow
- Heavy quarks created in subsequent hard-scattering processes, in early stage of collision

## Investigate collectivity in small systems

- Study of  $J/\psi$  elliptic flow at high collision energy and multiplicity

## Reference for measurements in p—Pb and Pb—Pb collisions

[1]: Phys. Lett. B, 67:217–221, 1977

[2]: Phys. Rev. D51:1125-1171,1995

[3]: JHEP 9805:007,1998





# A Large Ion Collider Experiment

## Time Projection Chamber:

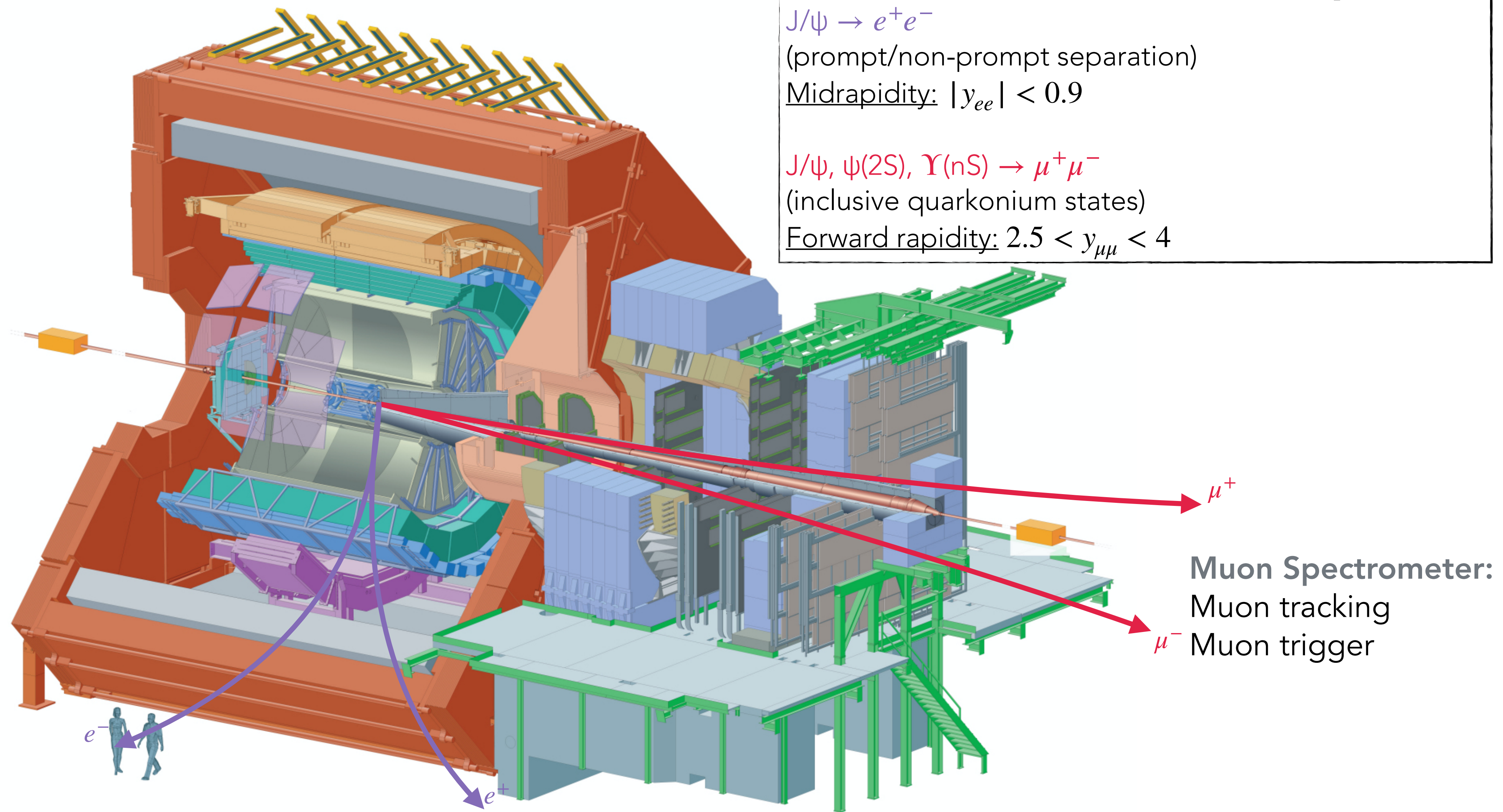
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Particle identification

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Vertex reconstruction

## V0:

Trigger detector  
Event characterization  
Background rejection







# J/ψ production at forward rapidity

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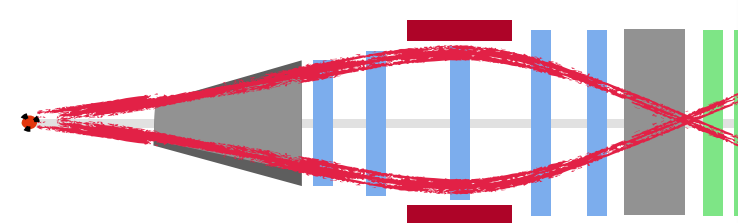
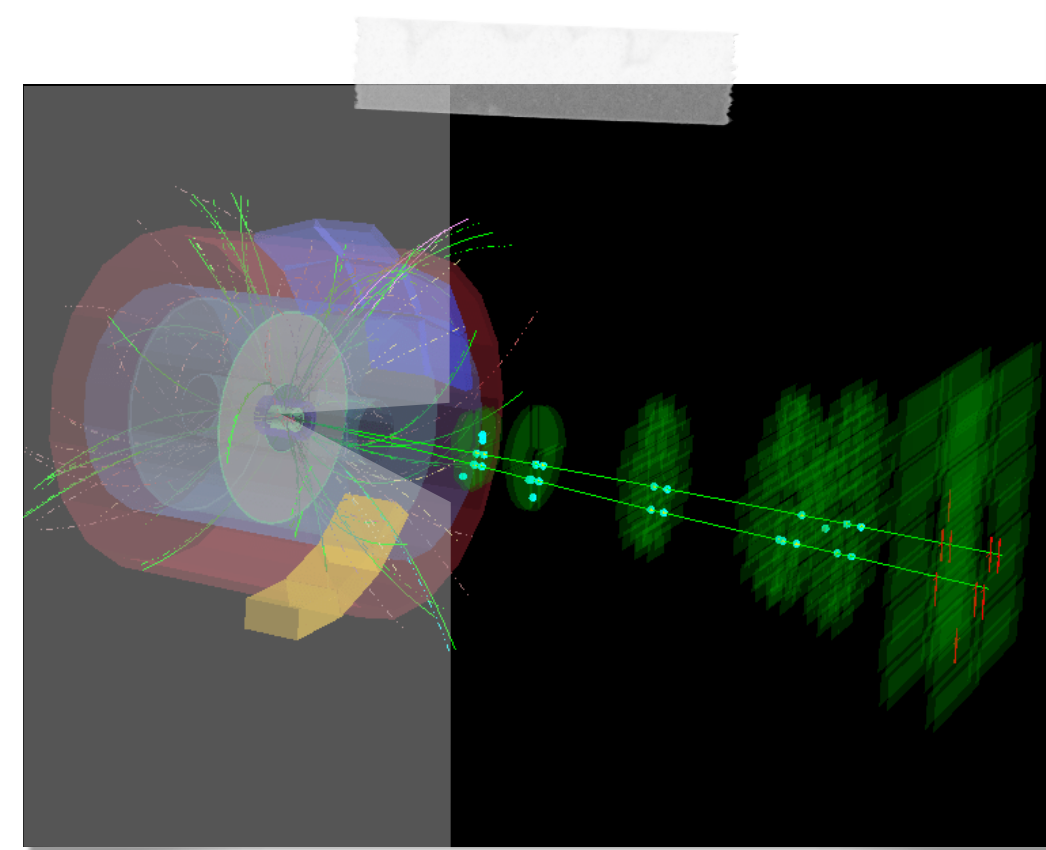
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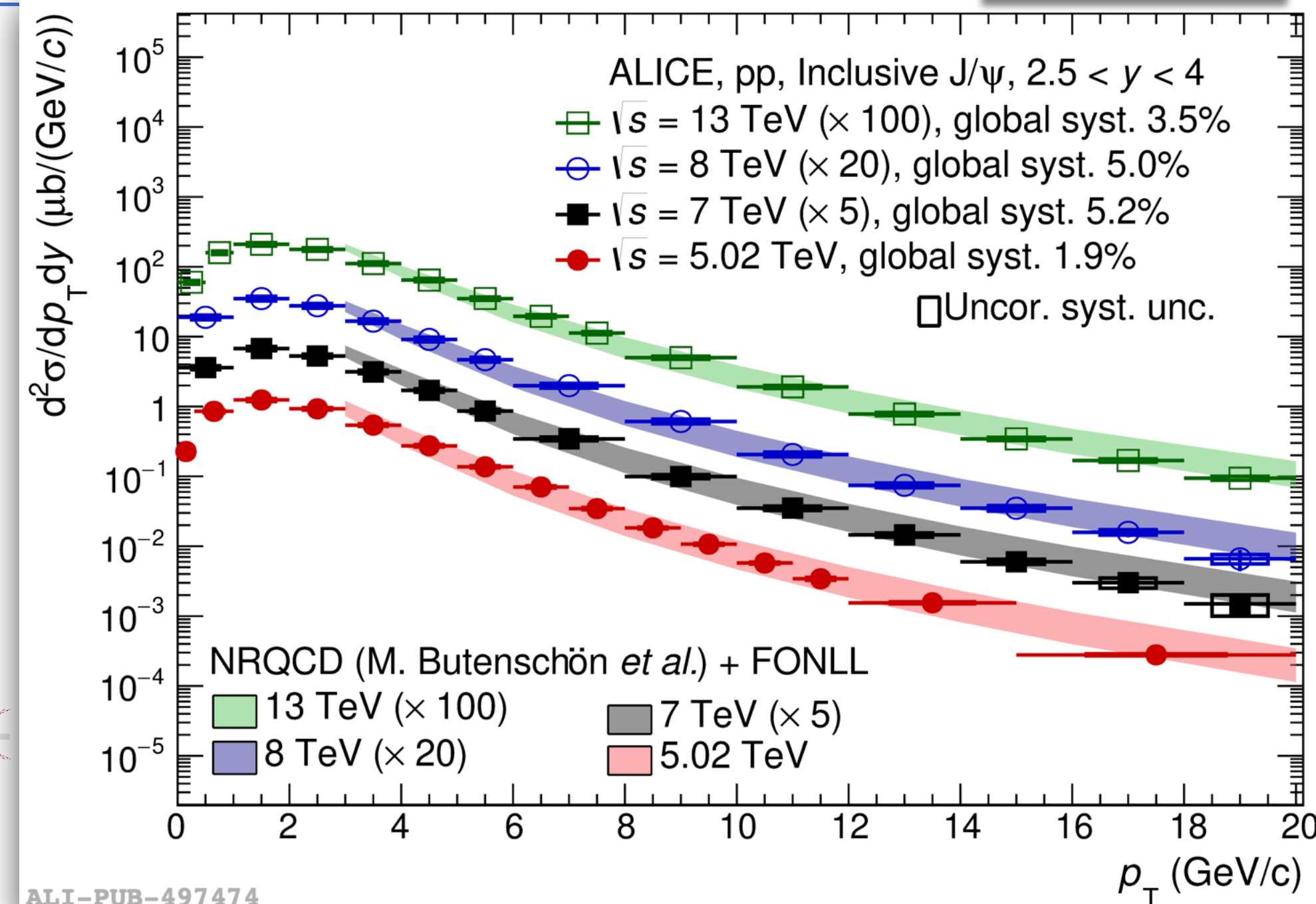
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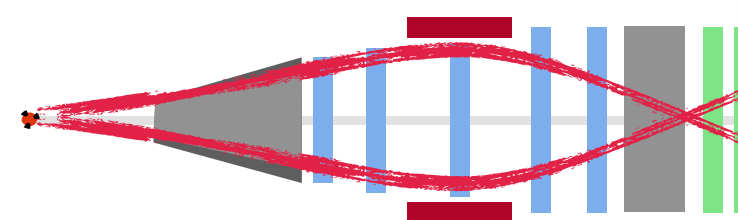
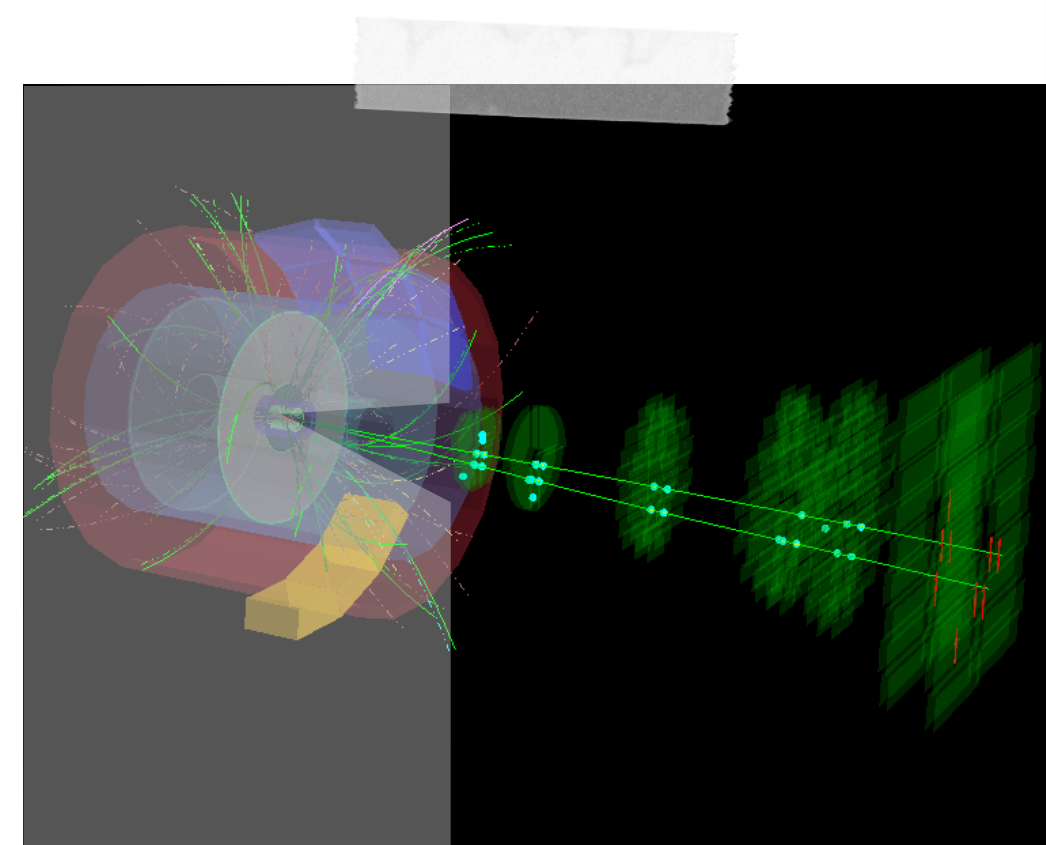
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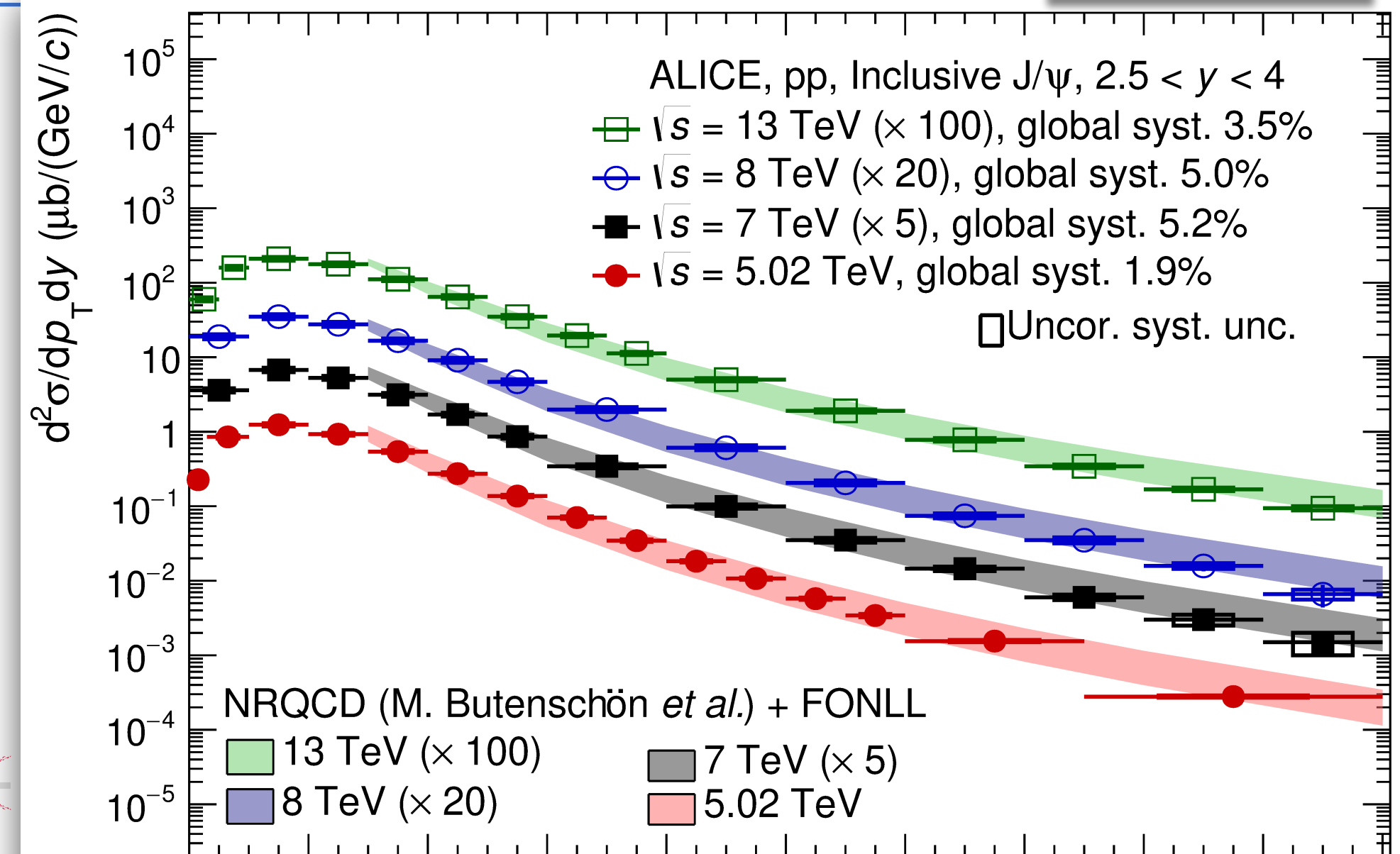
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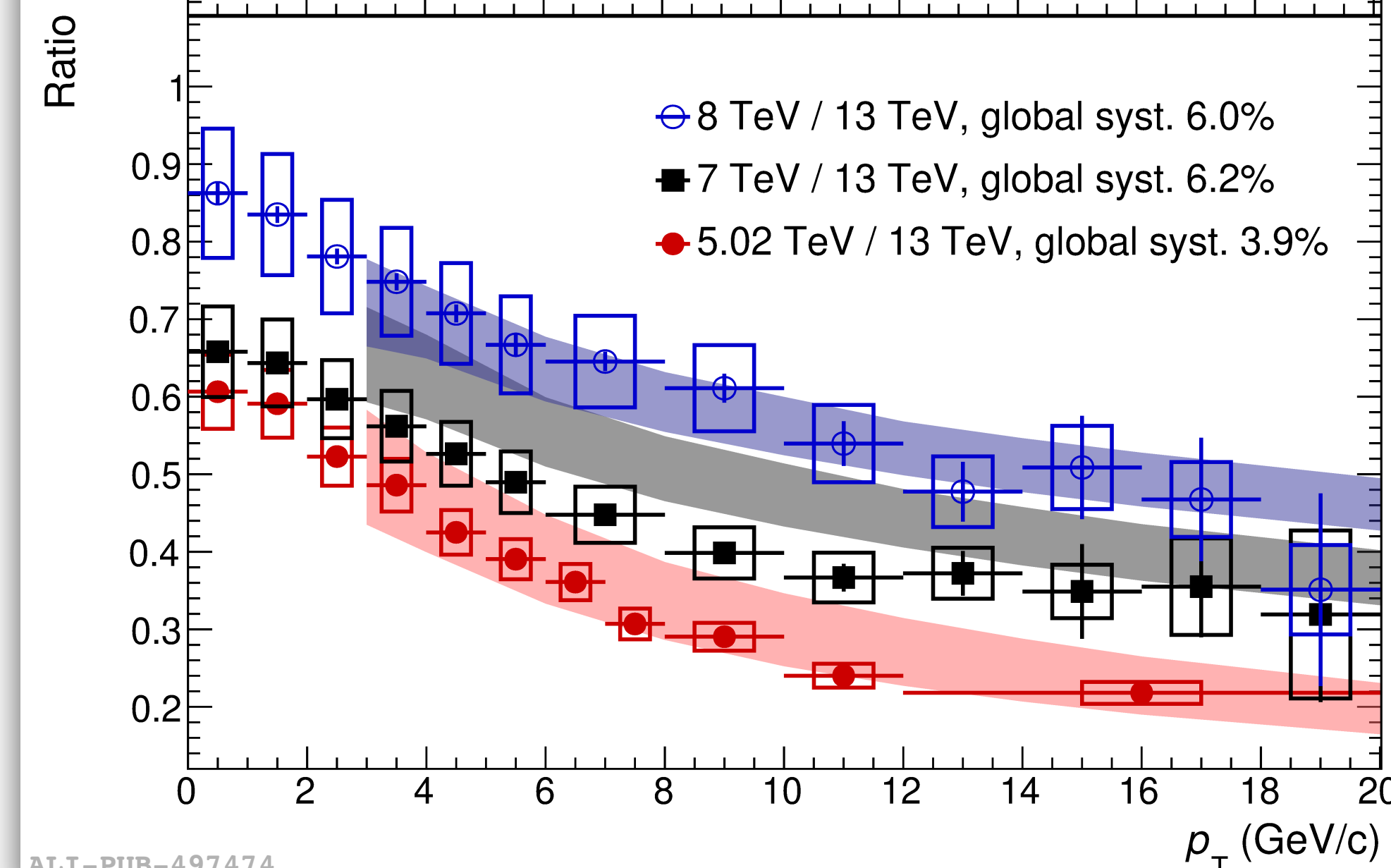
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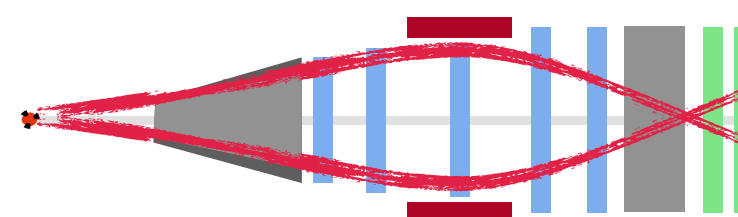
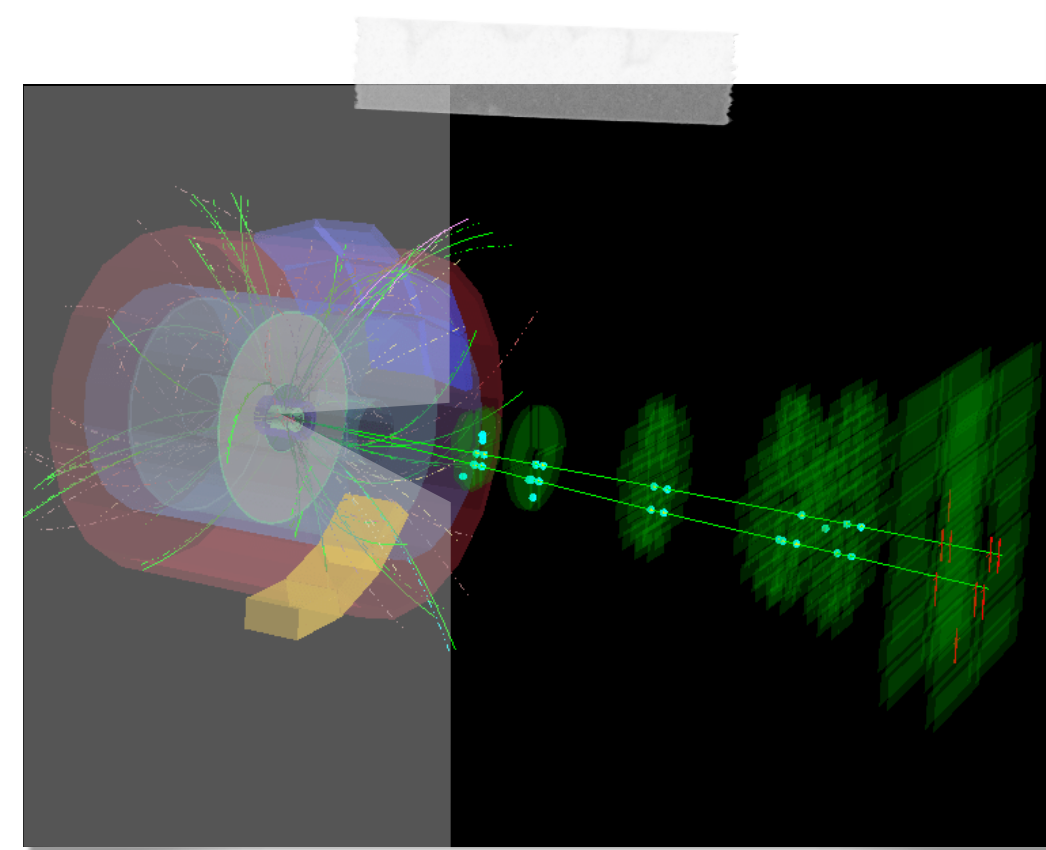
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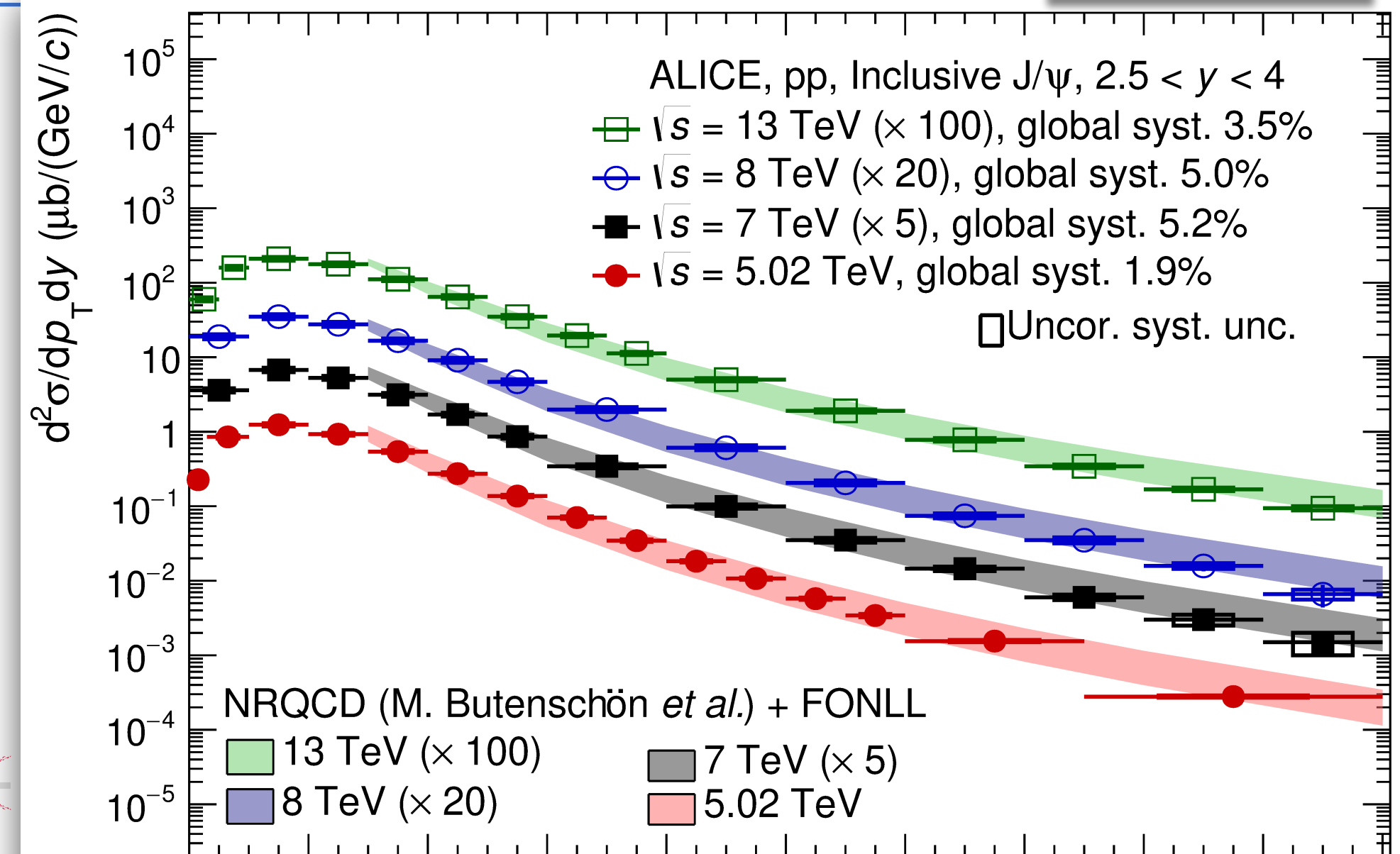
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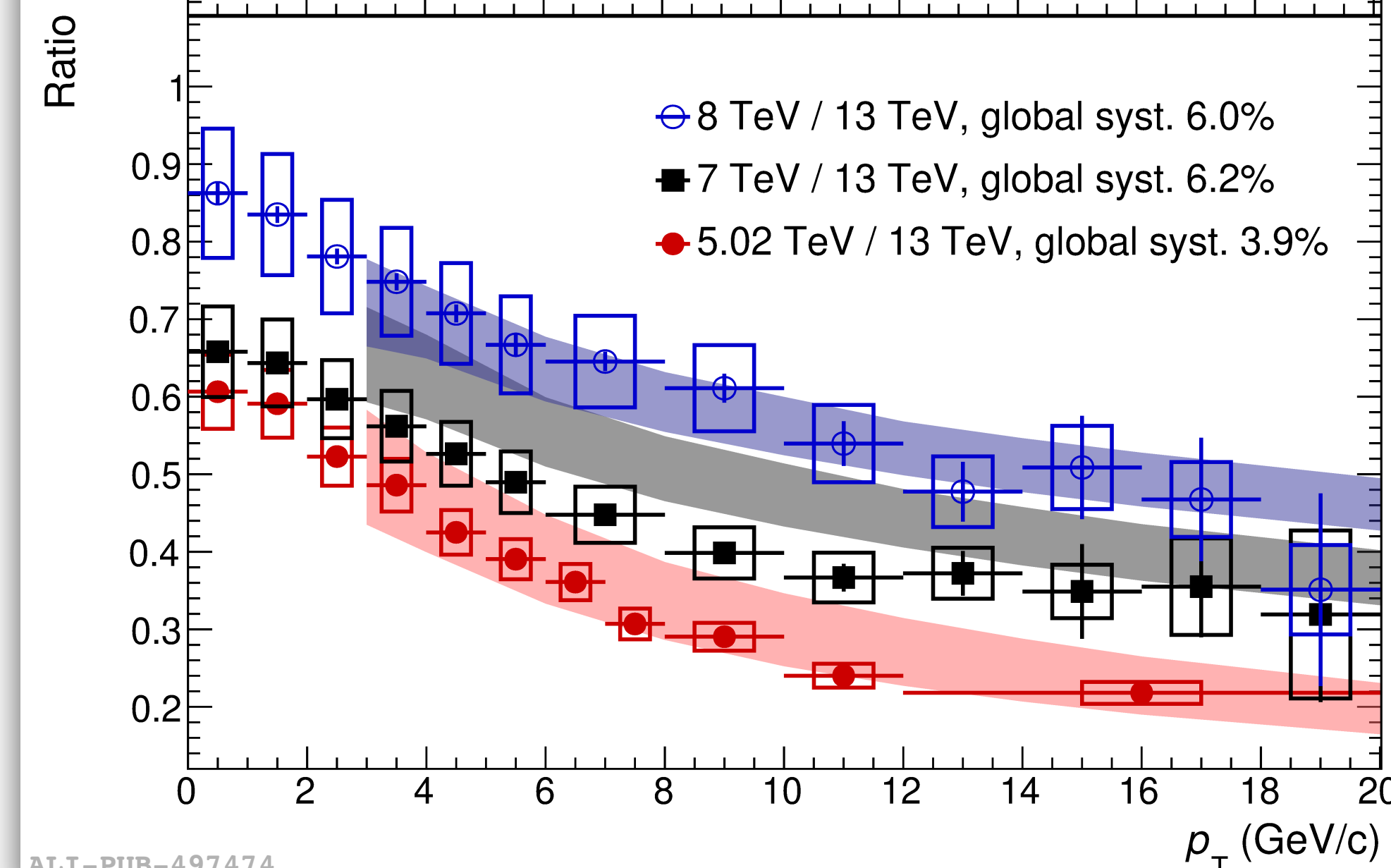
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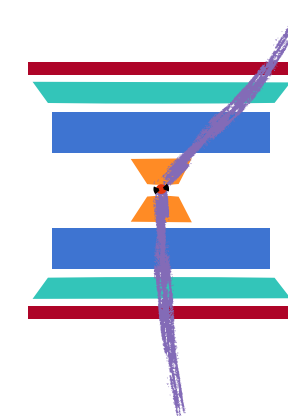
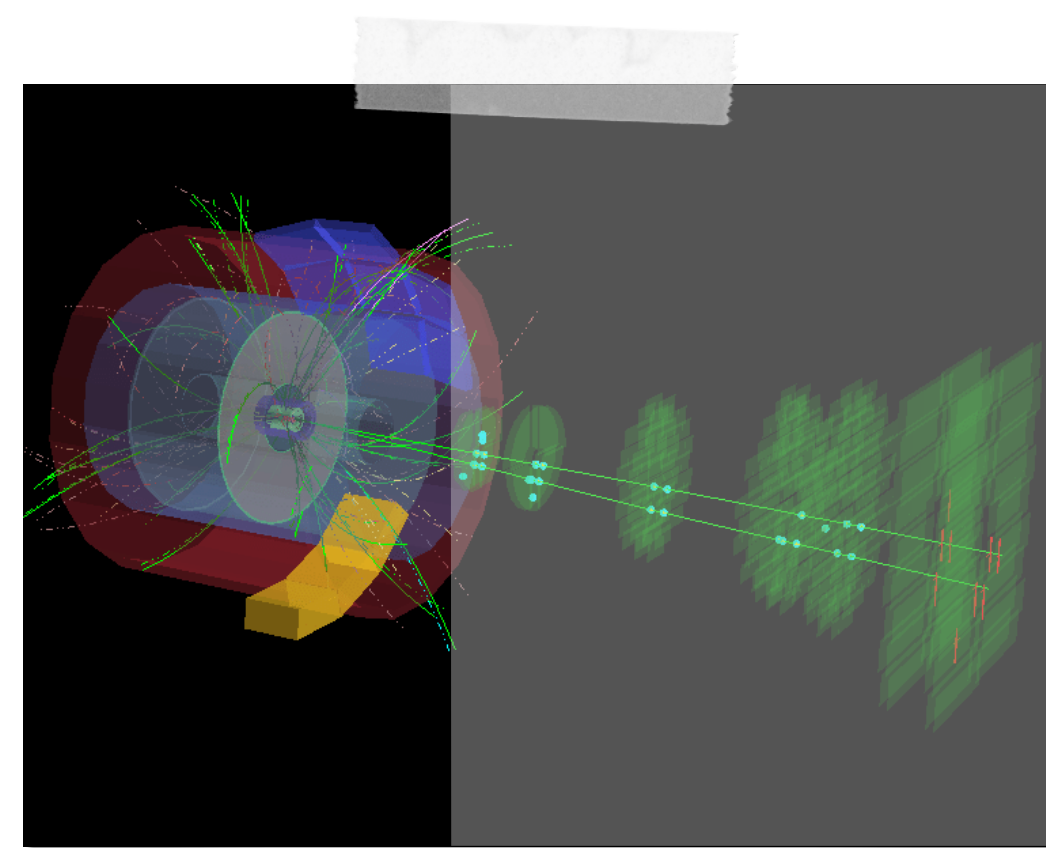
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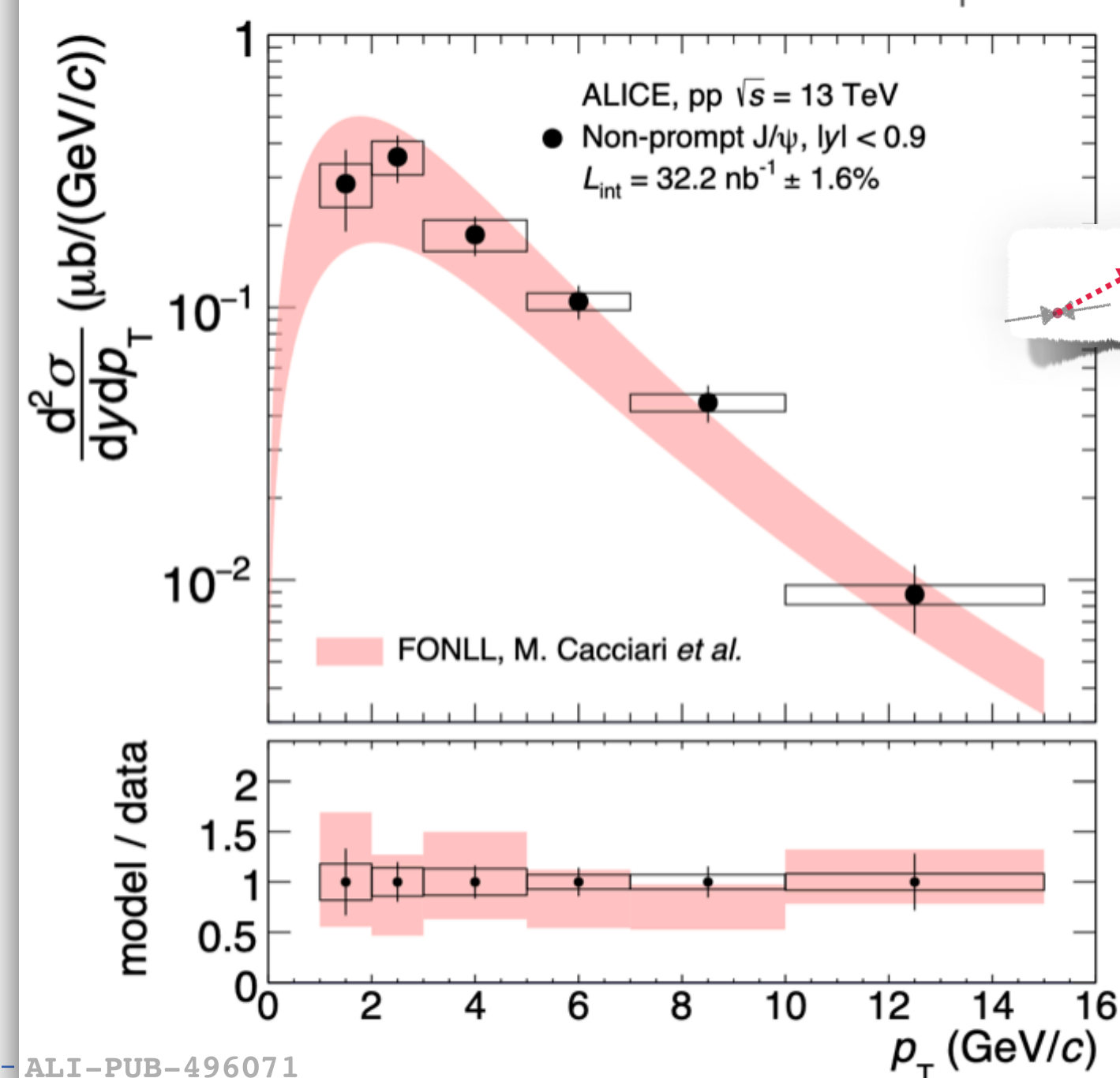
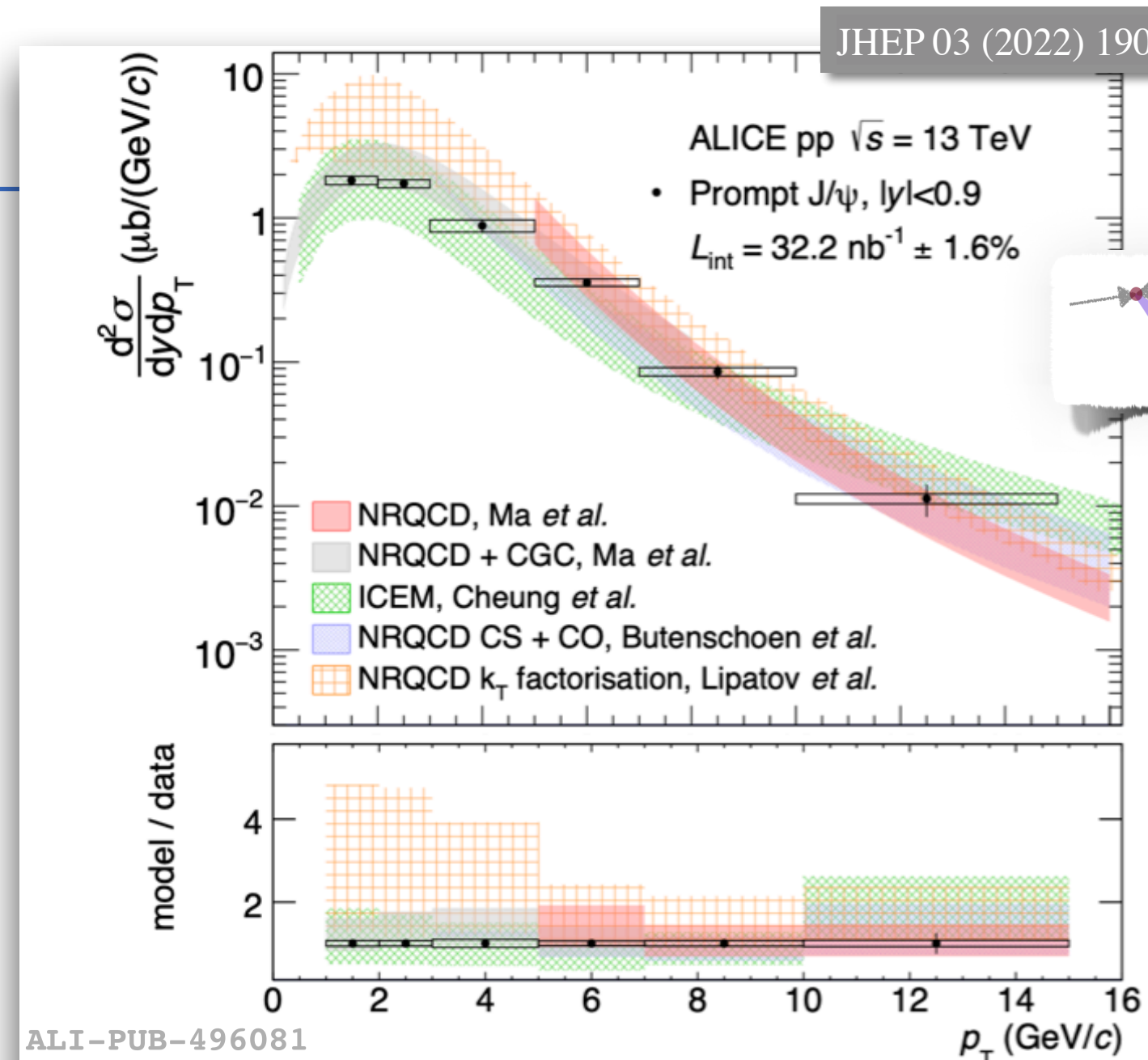
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Fraction of the non-prompt J/ψ:

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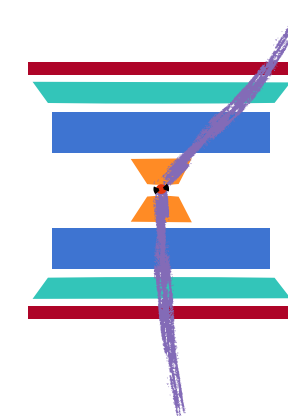
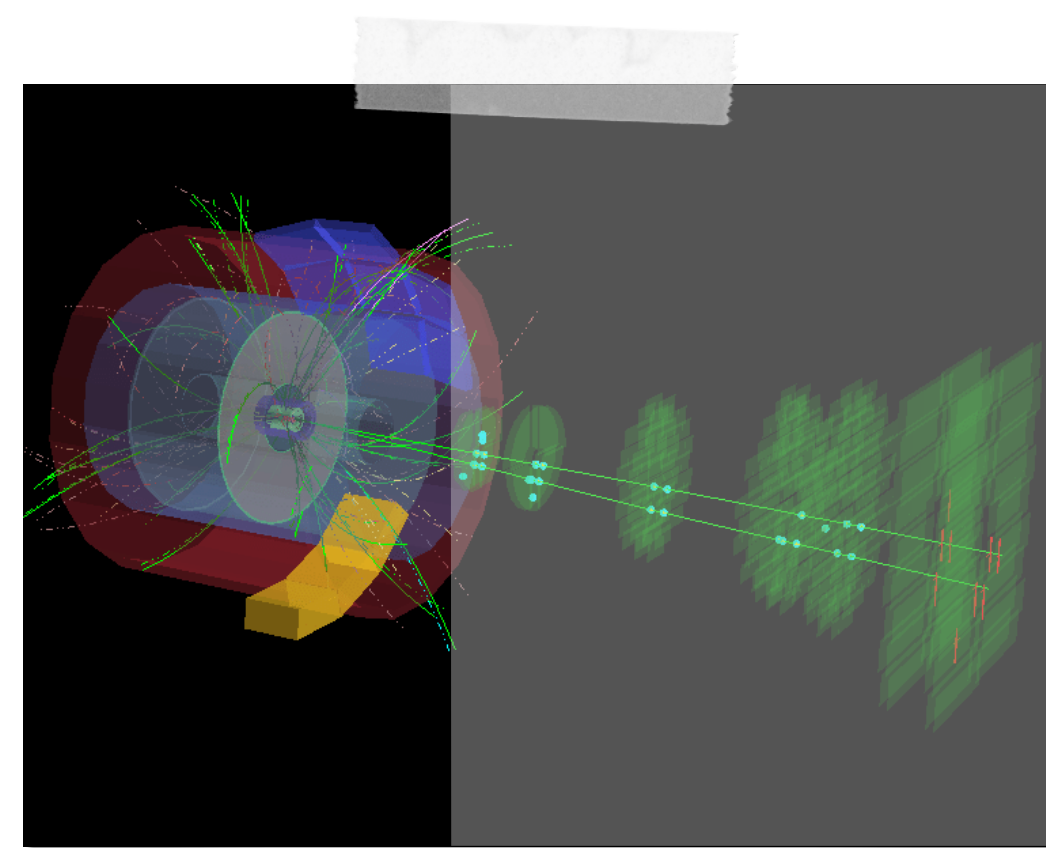
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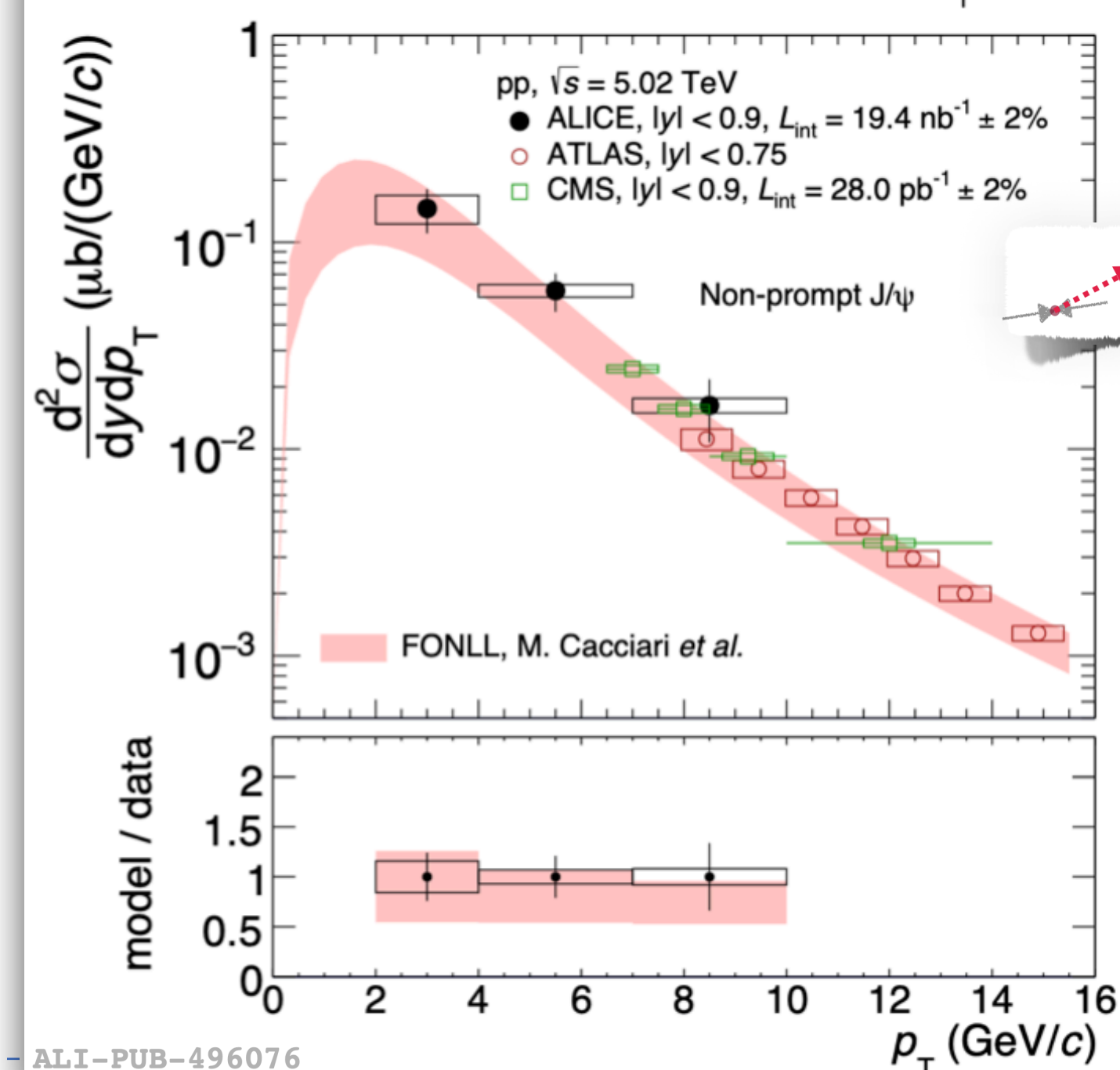
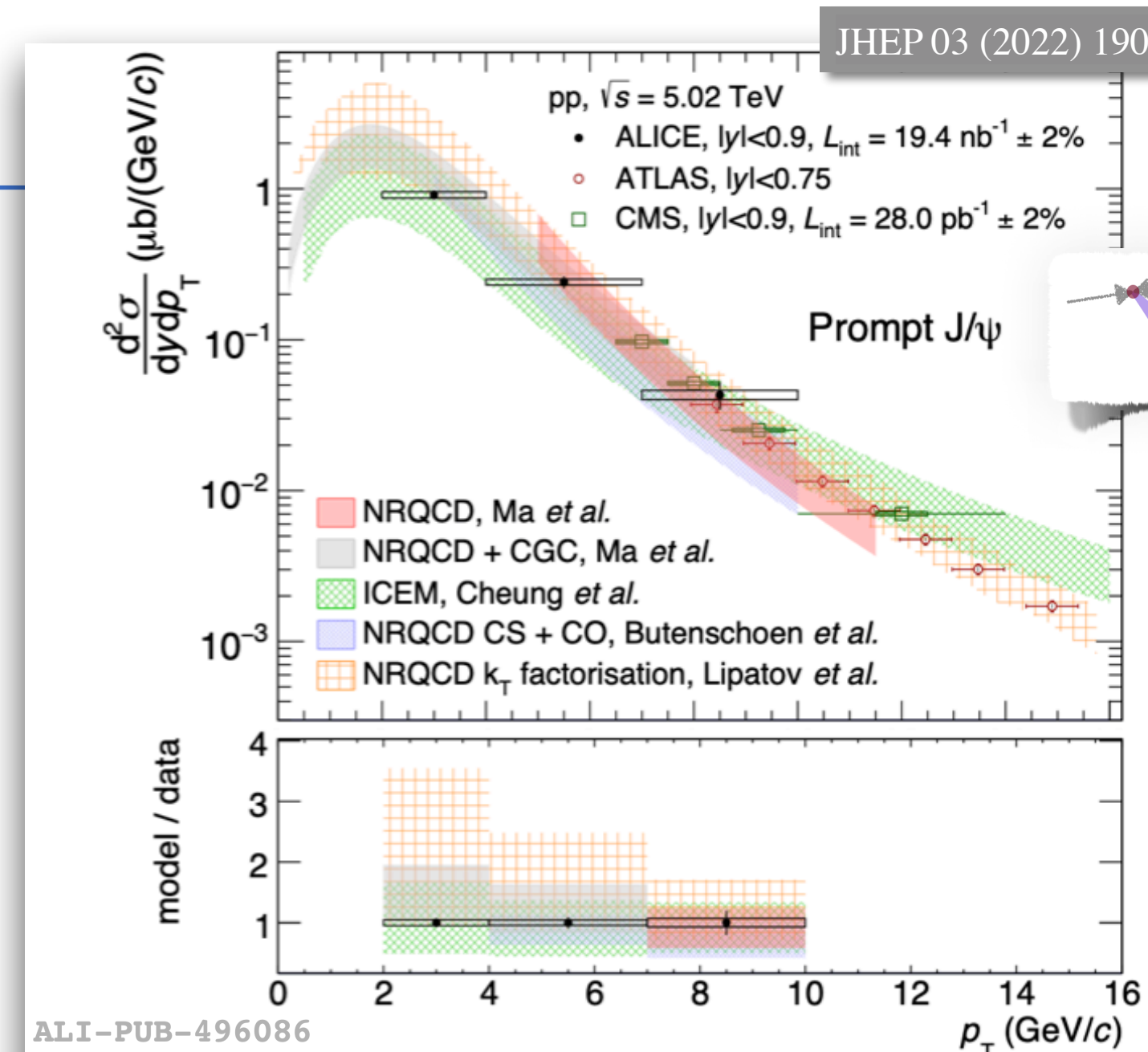
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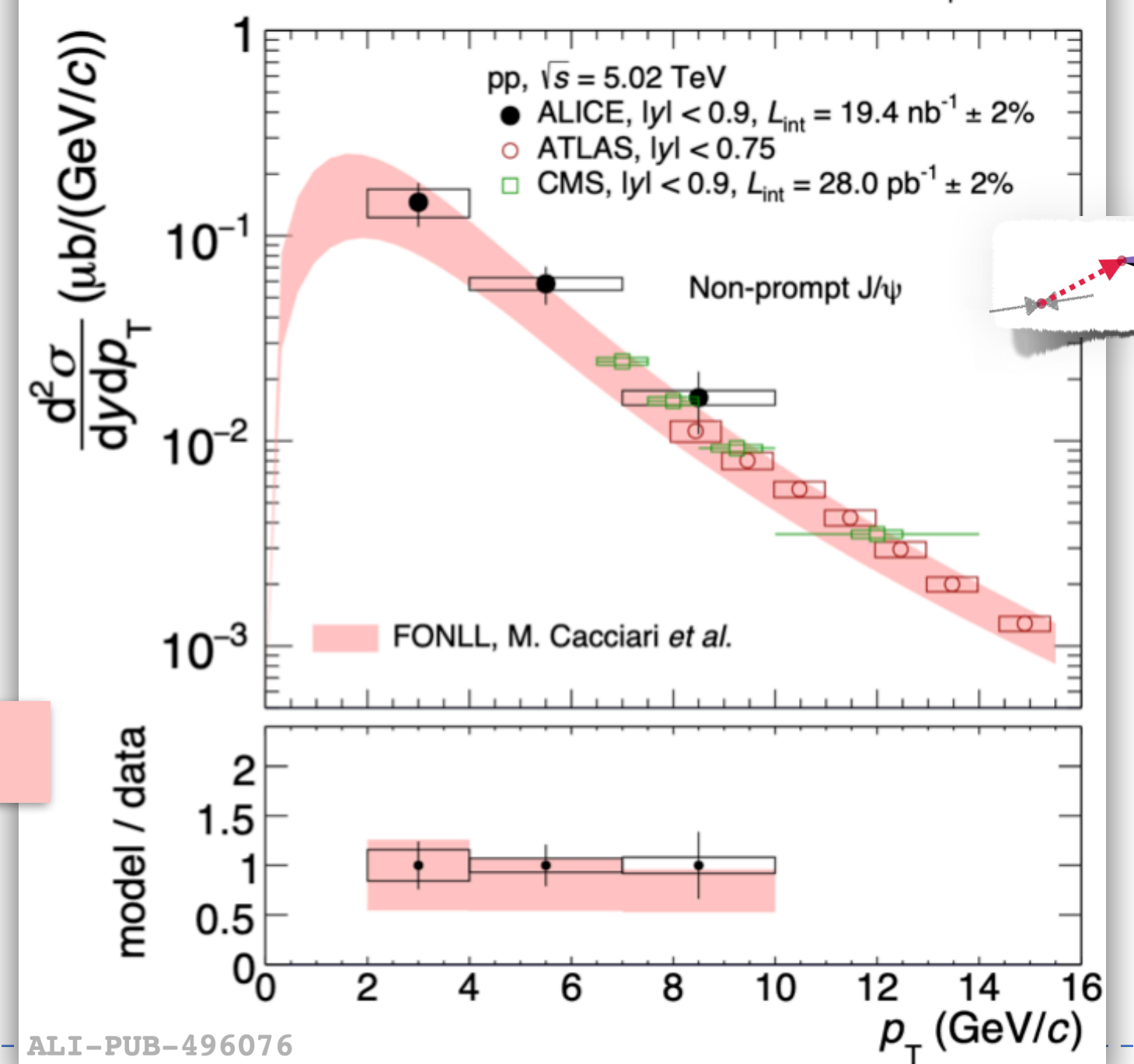
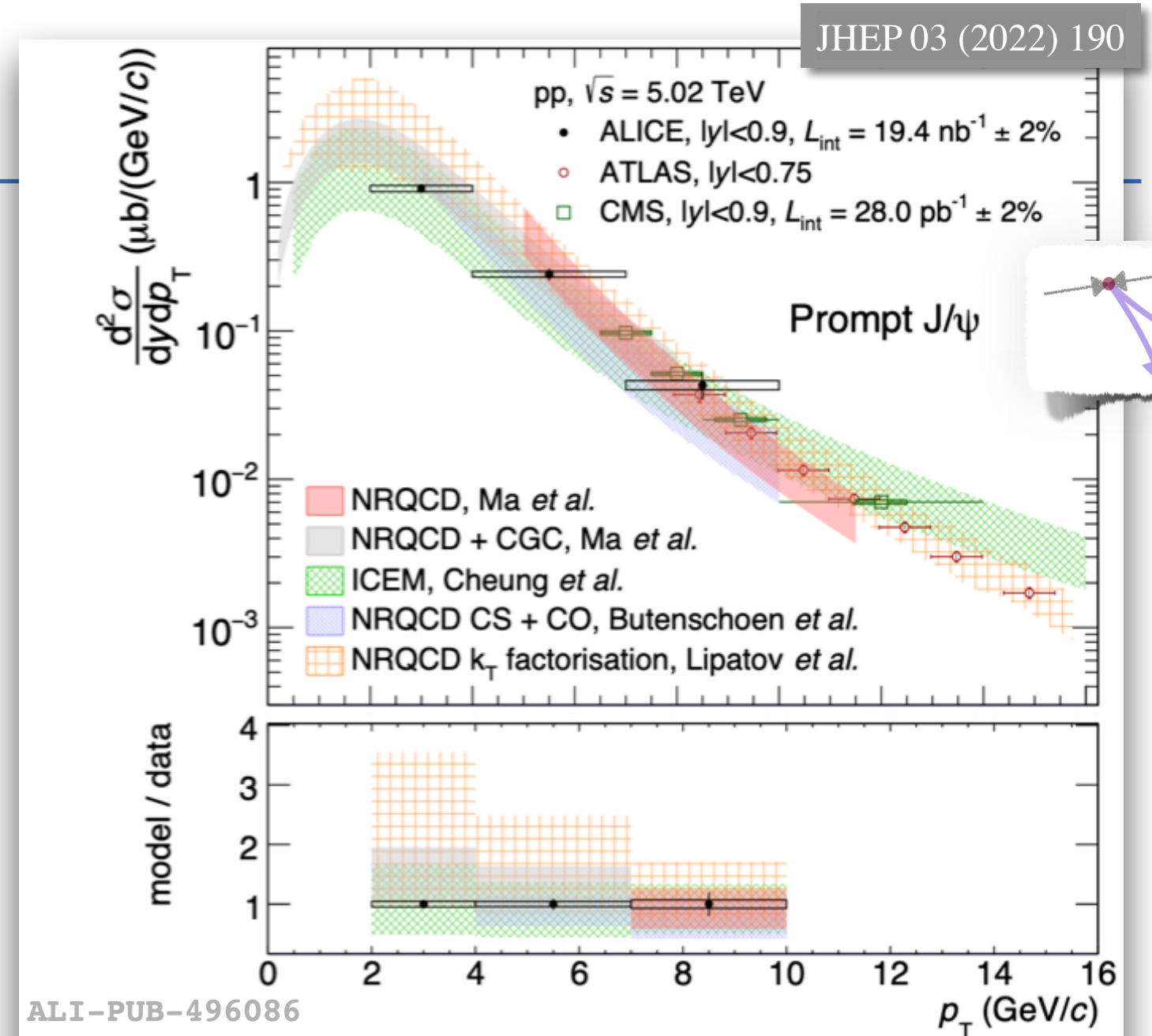
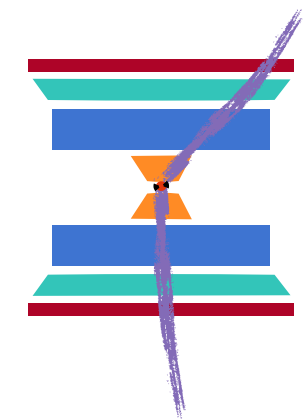
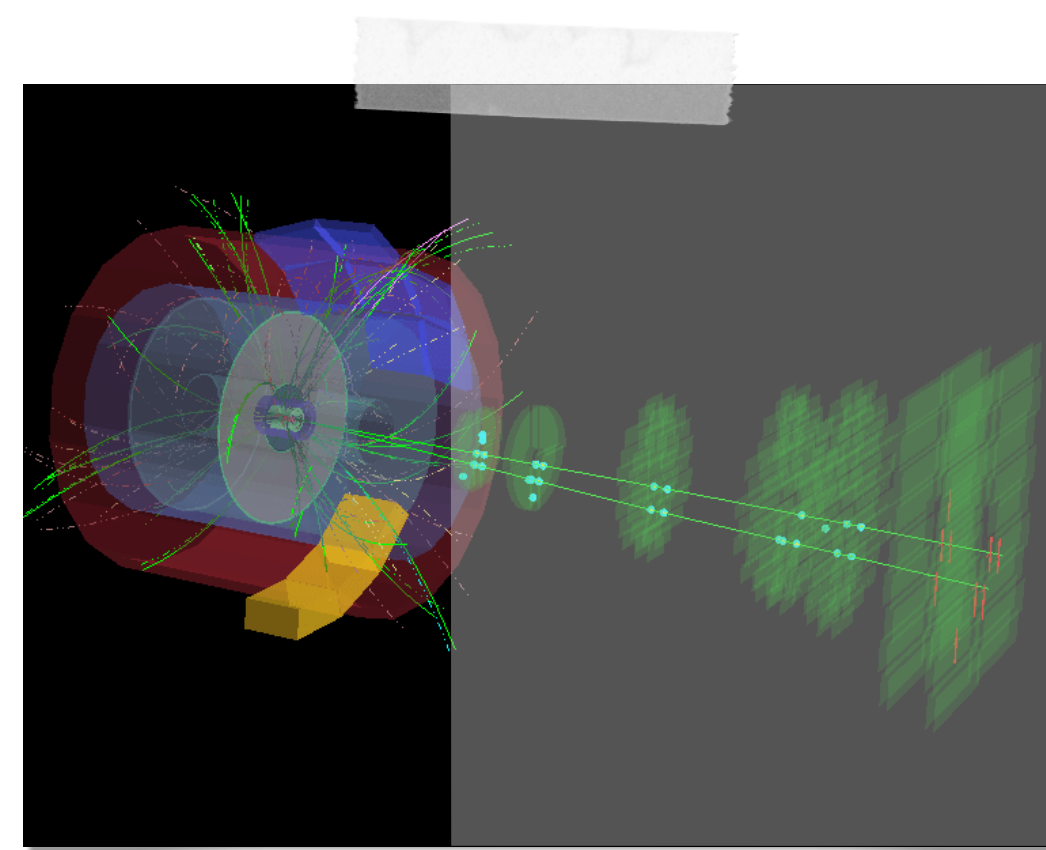
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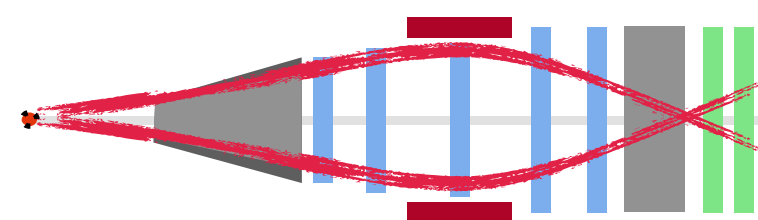
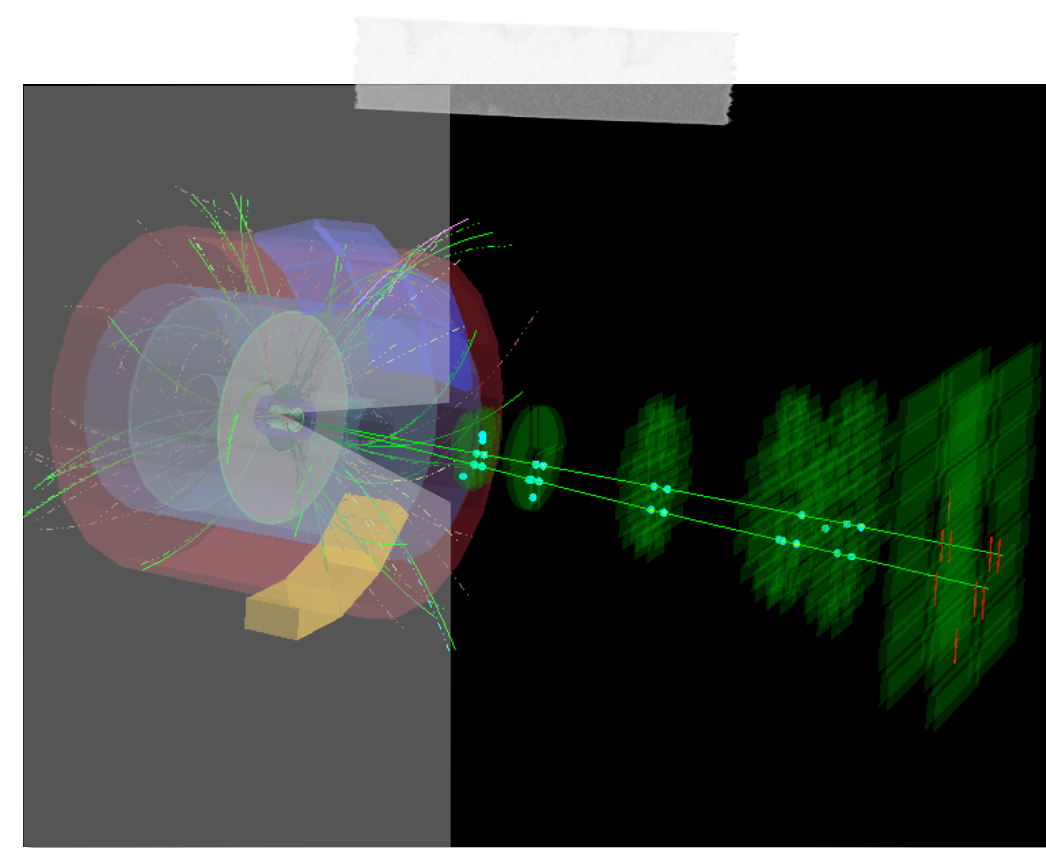
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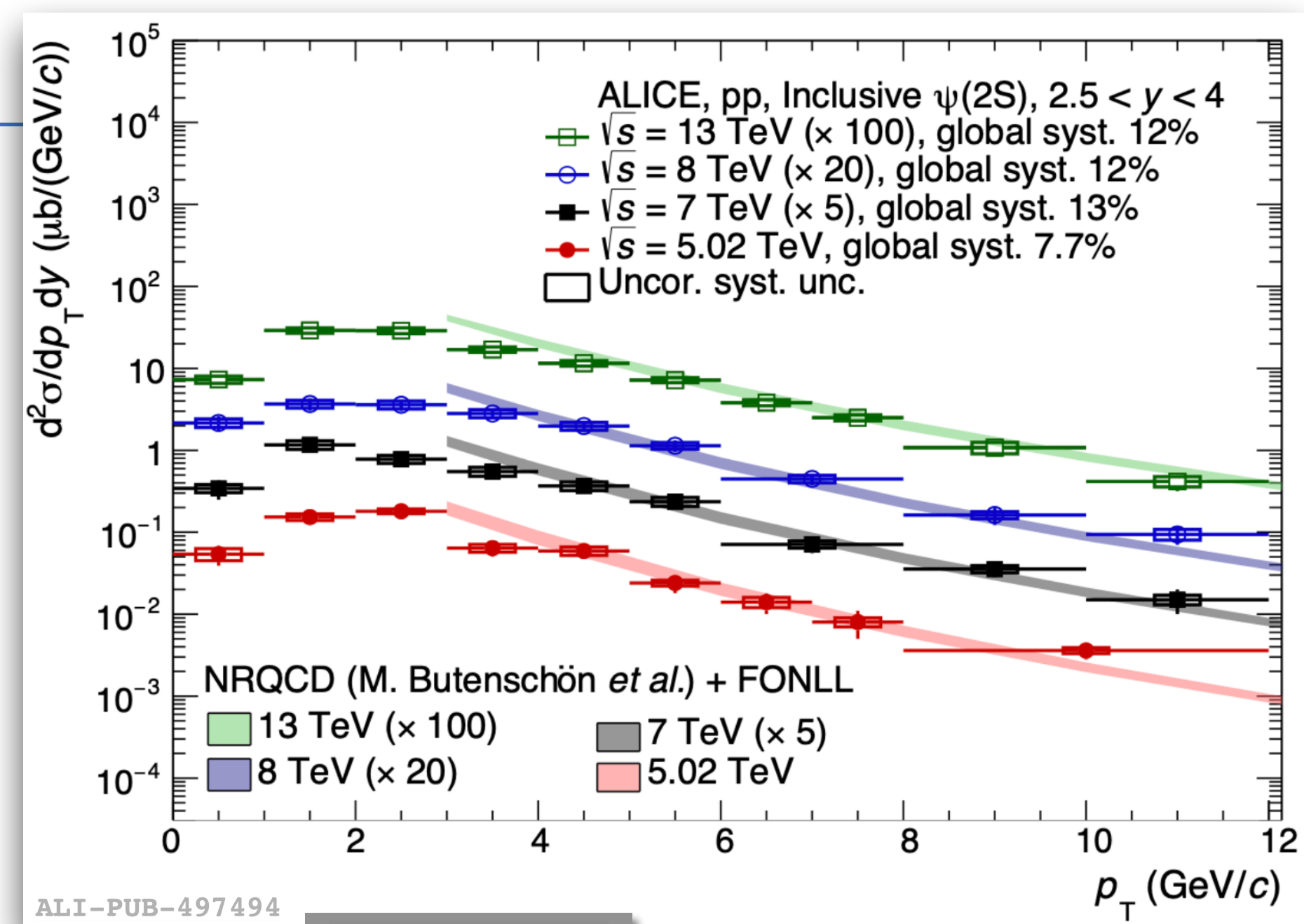
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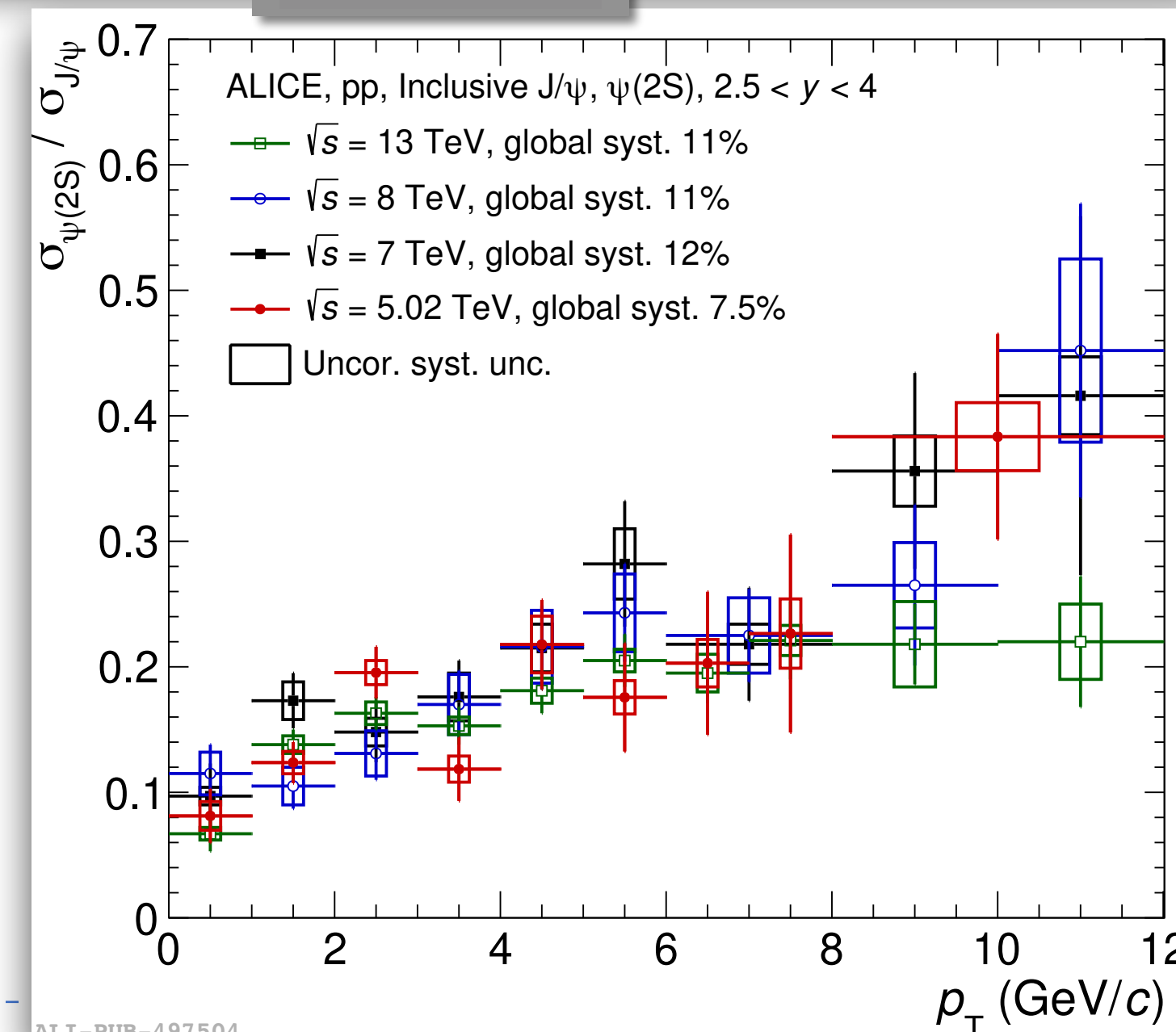
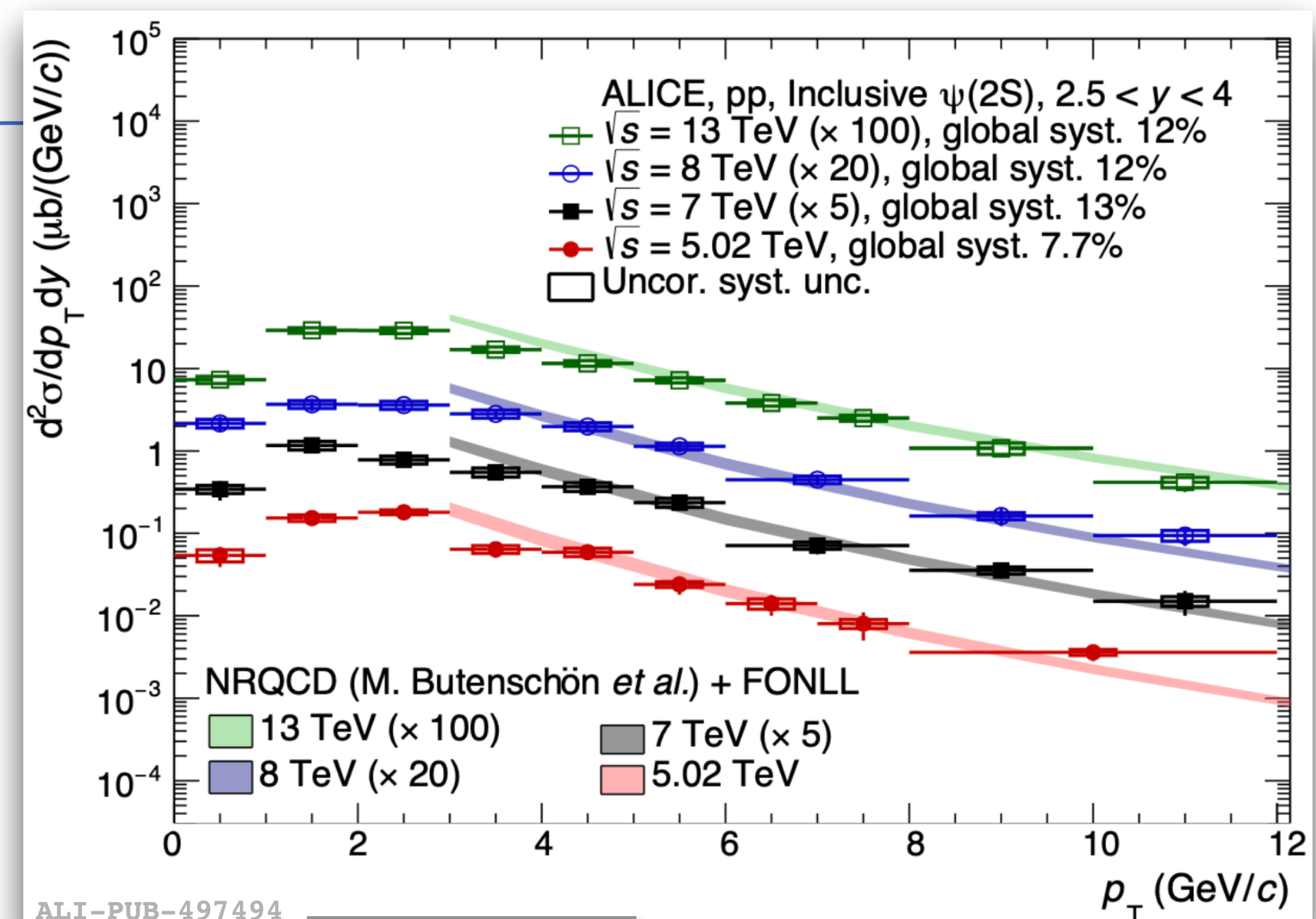
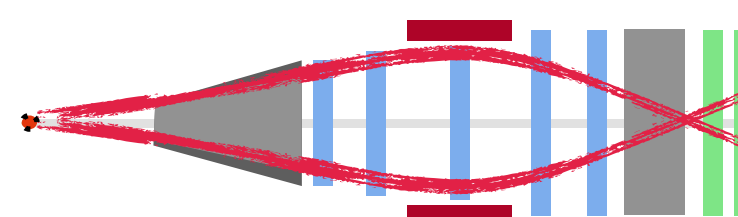
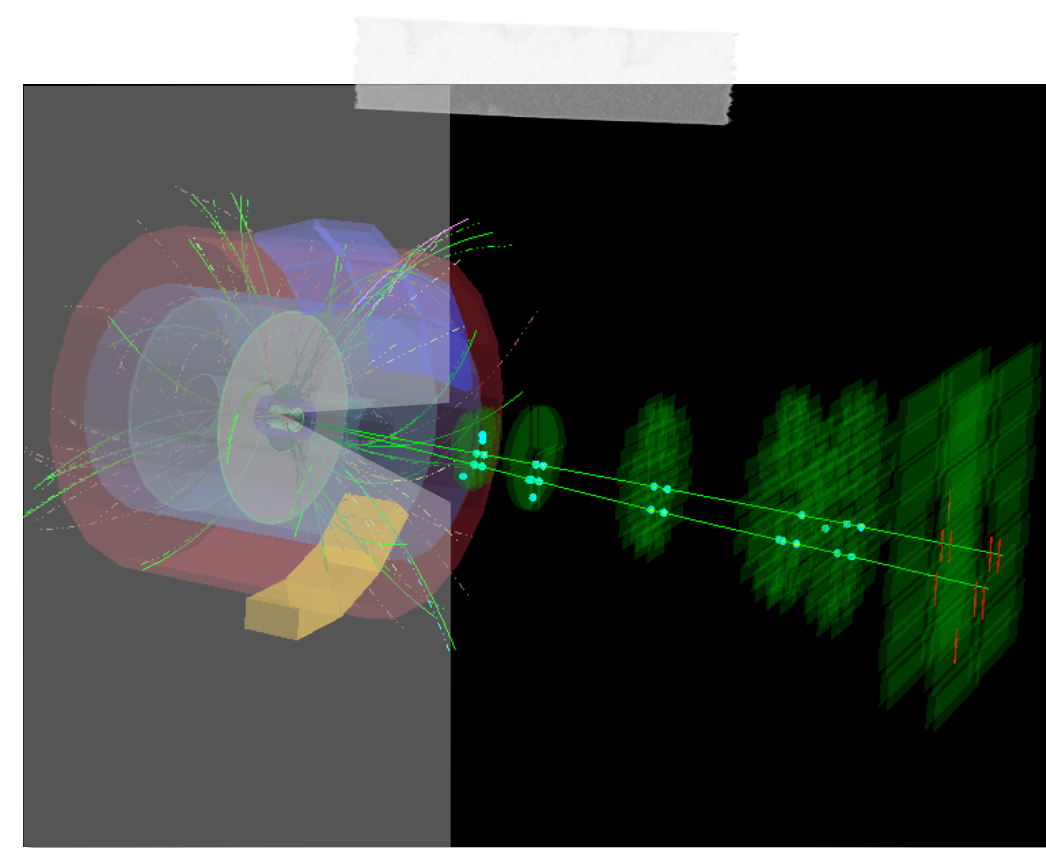
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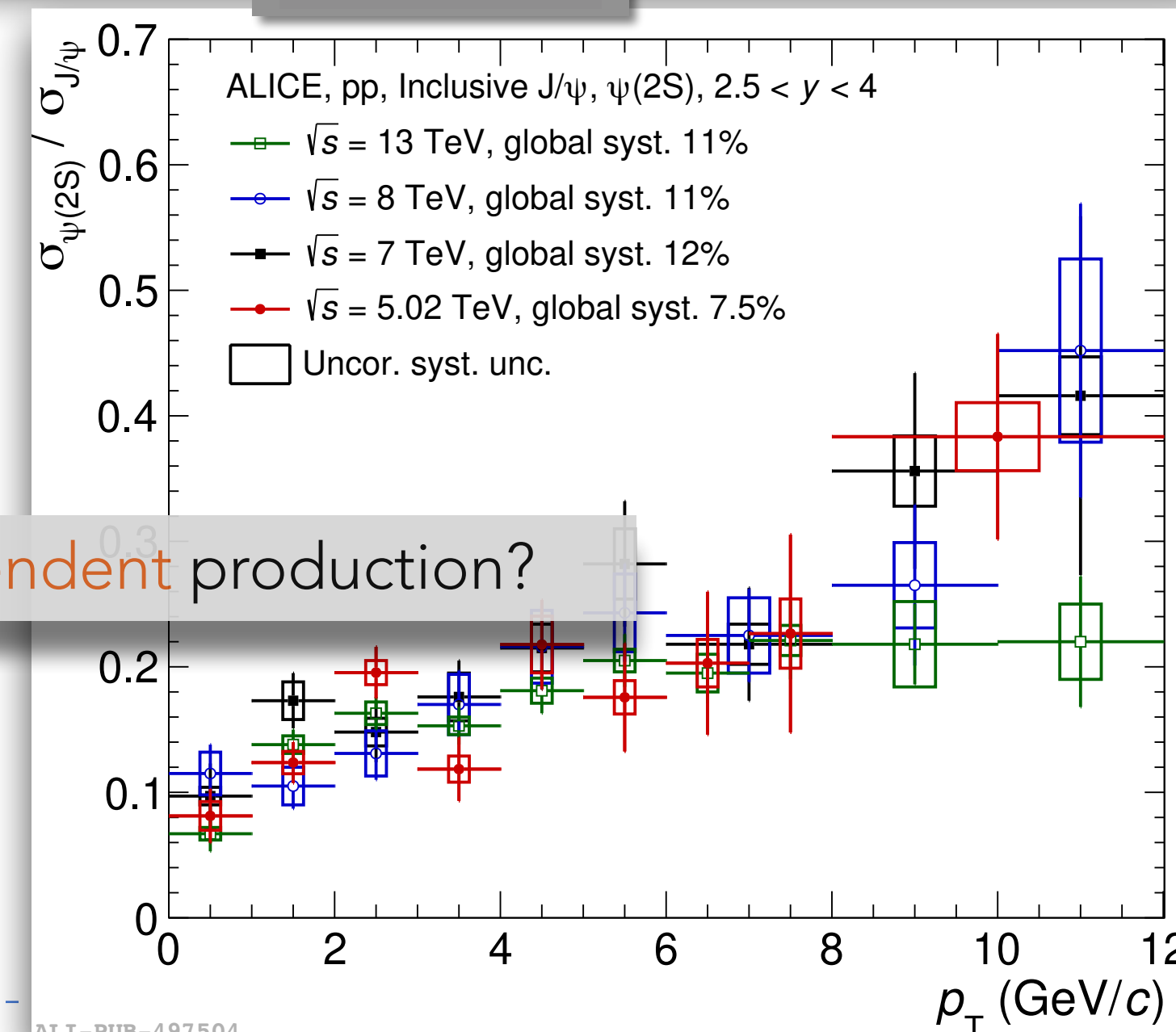
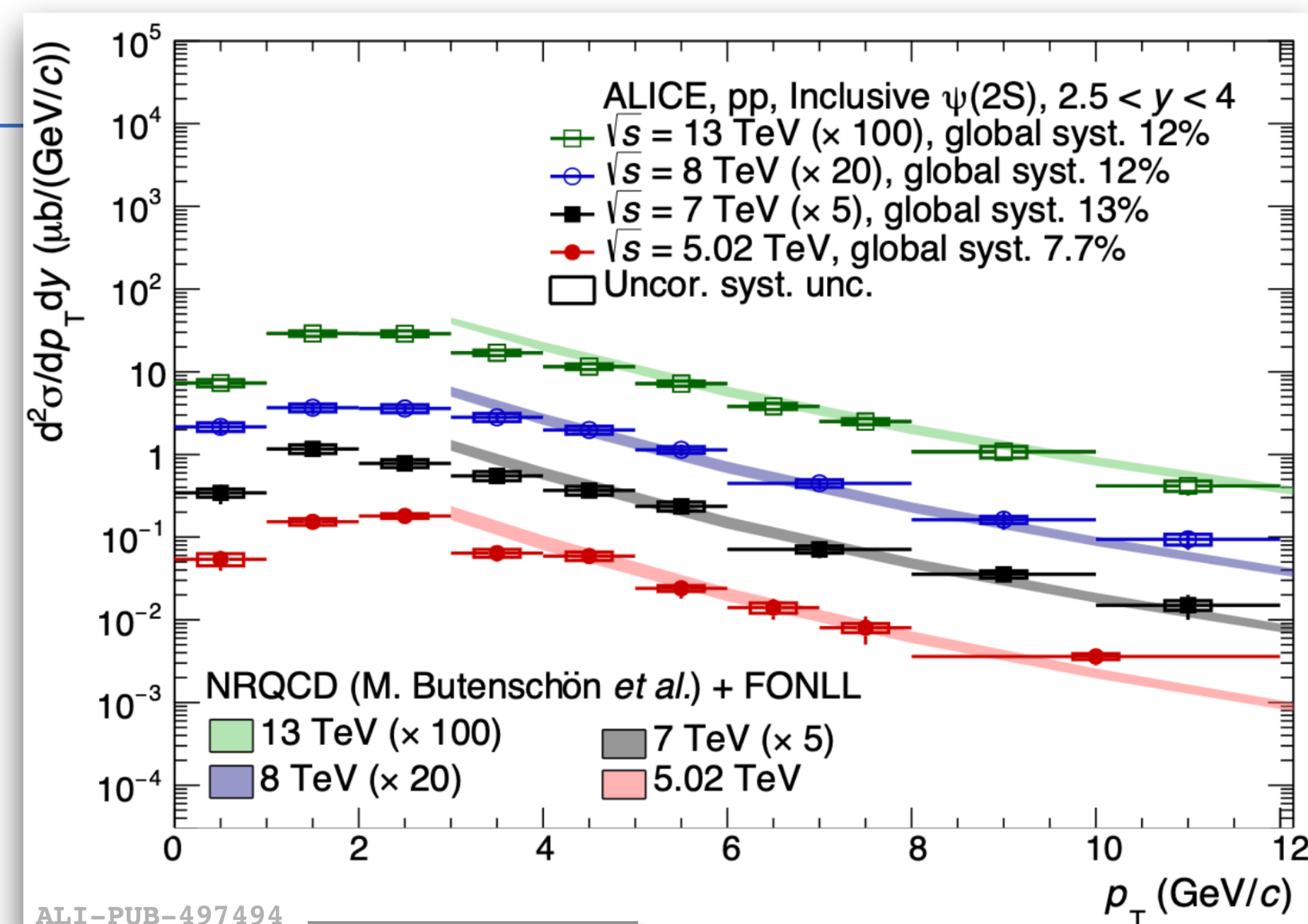
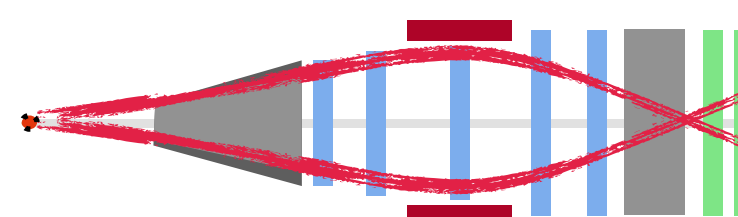
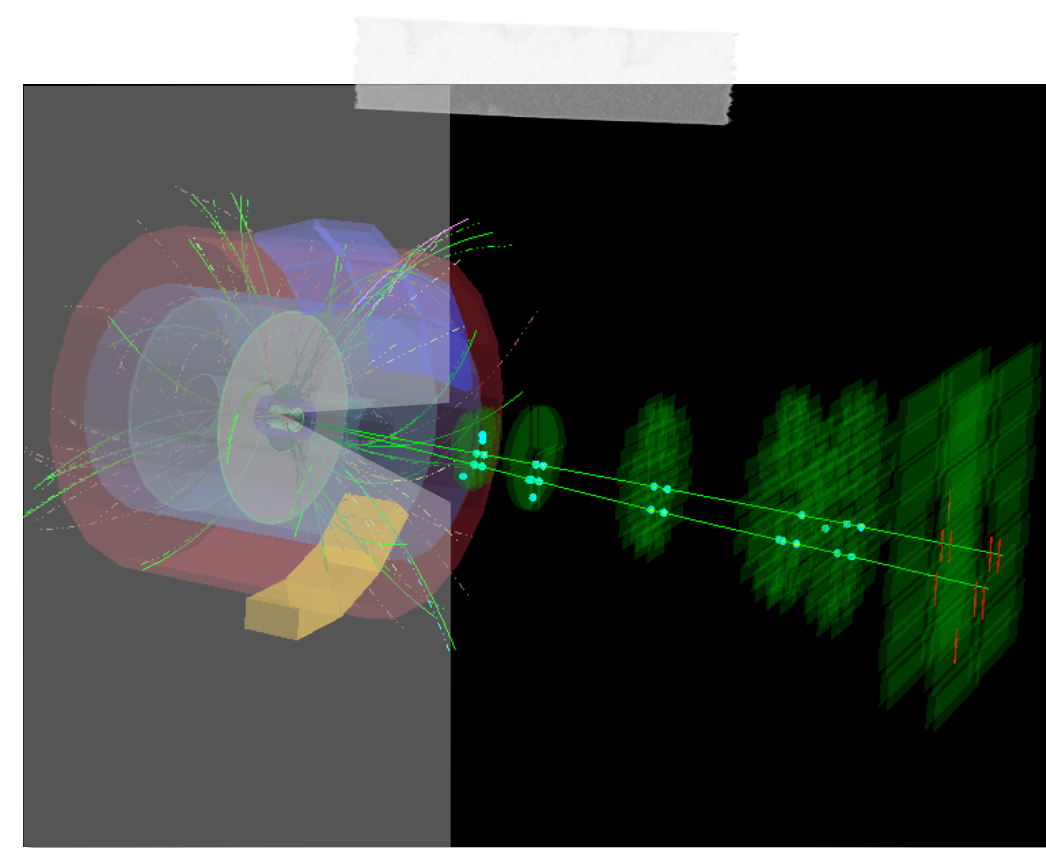
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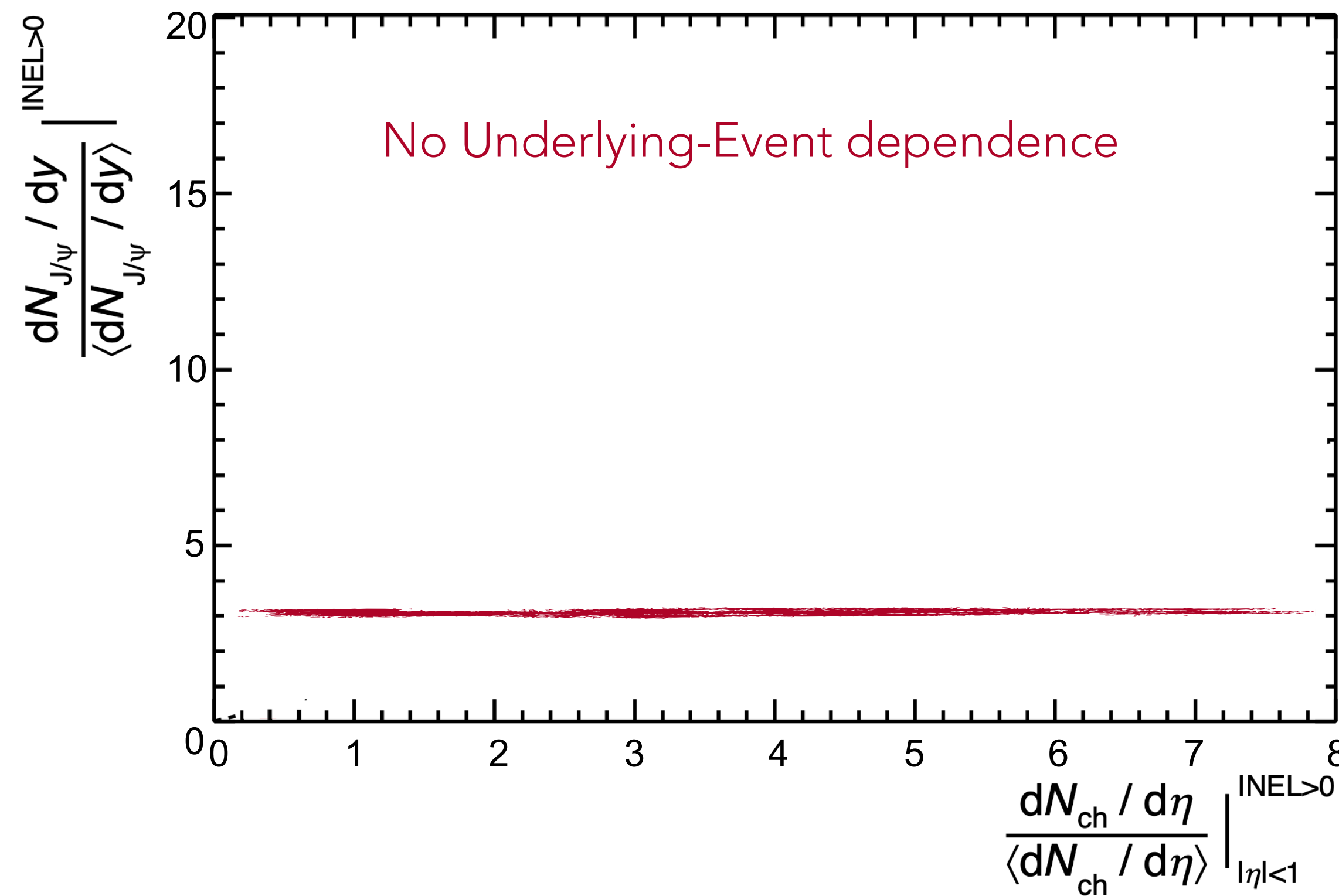
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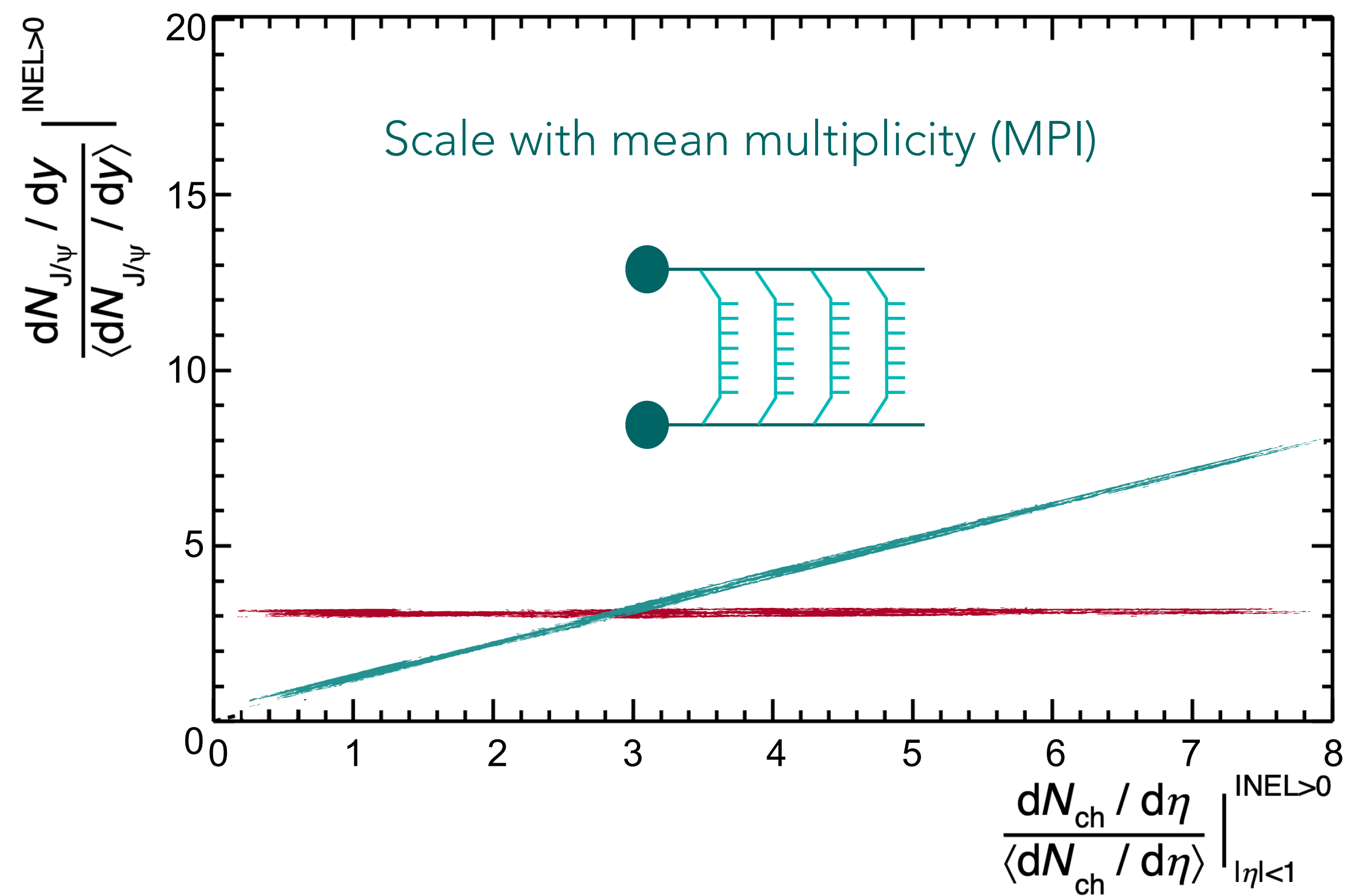


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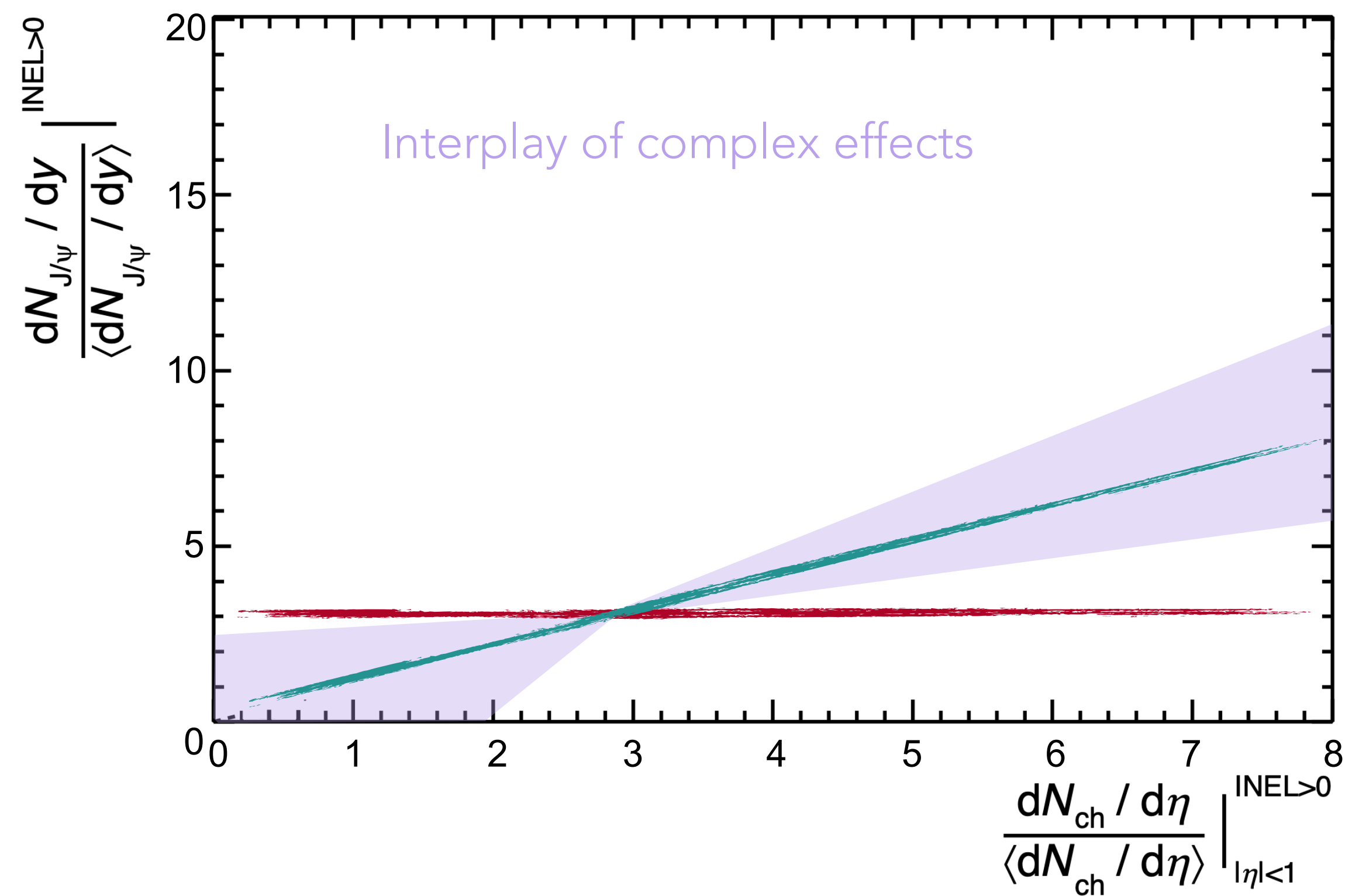
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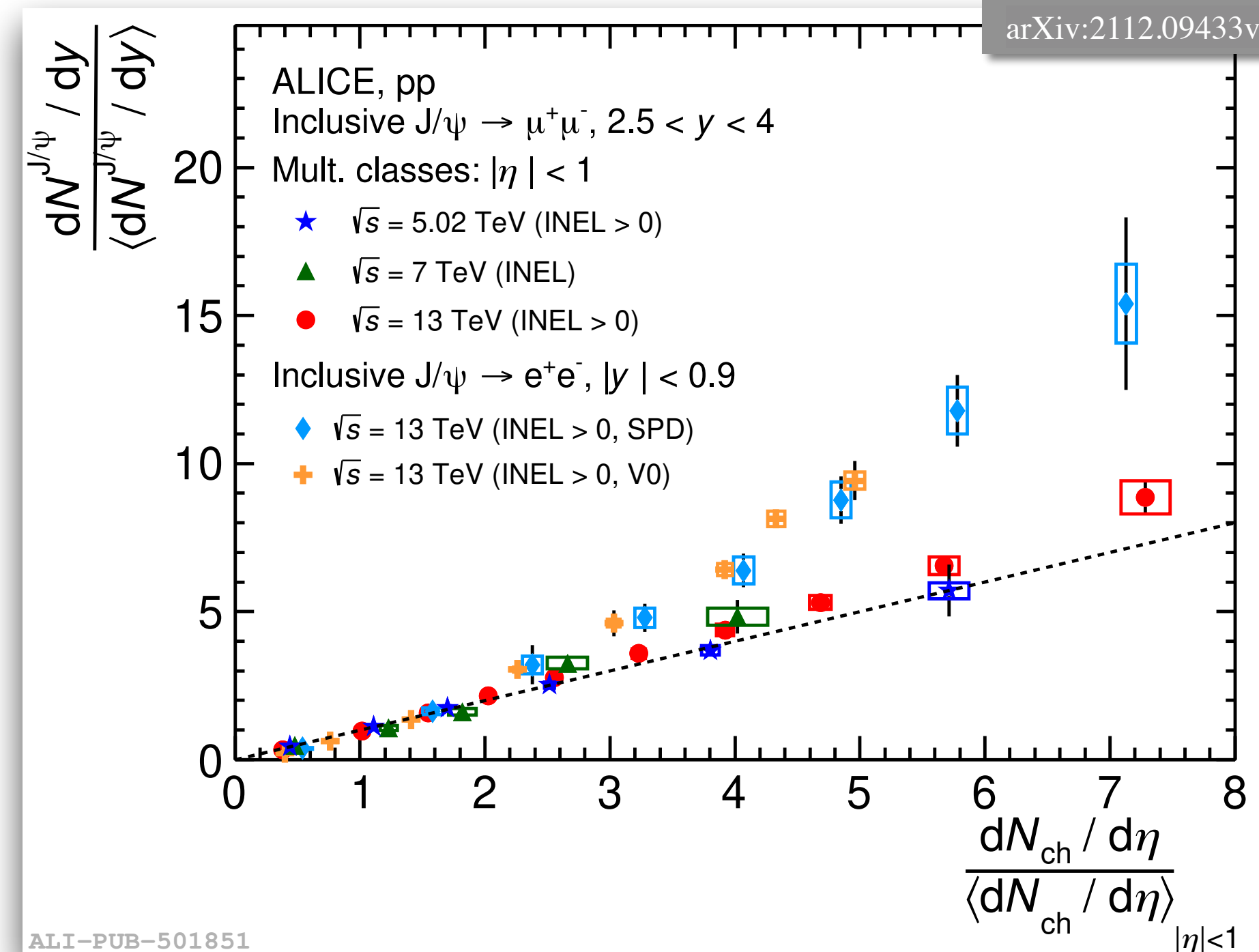
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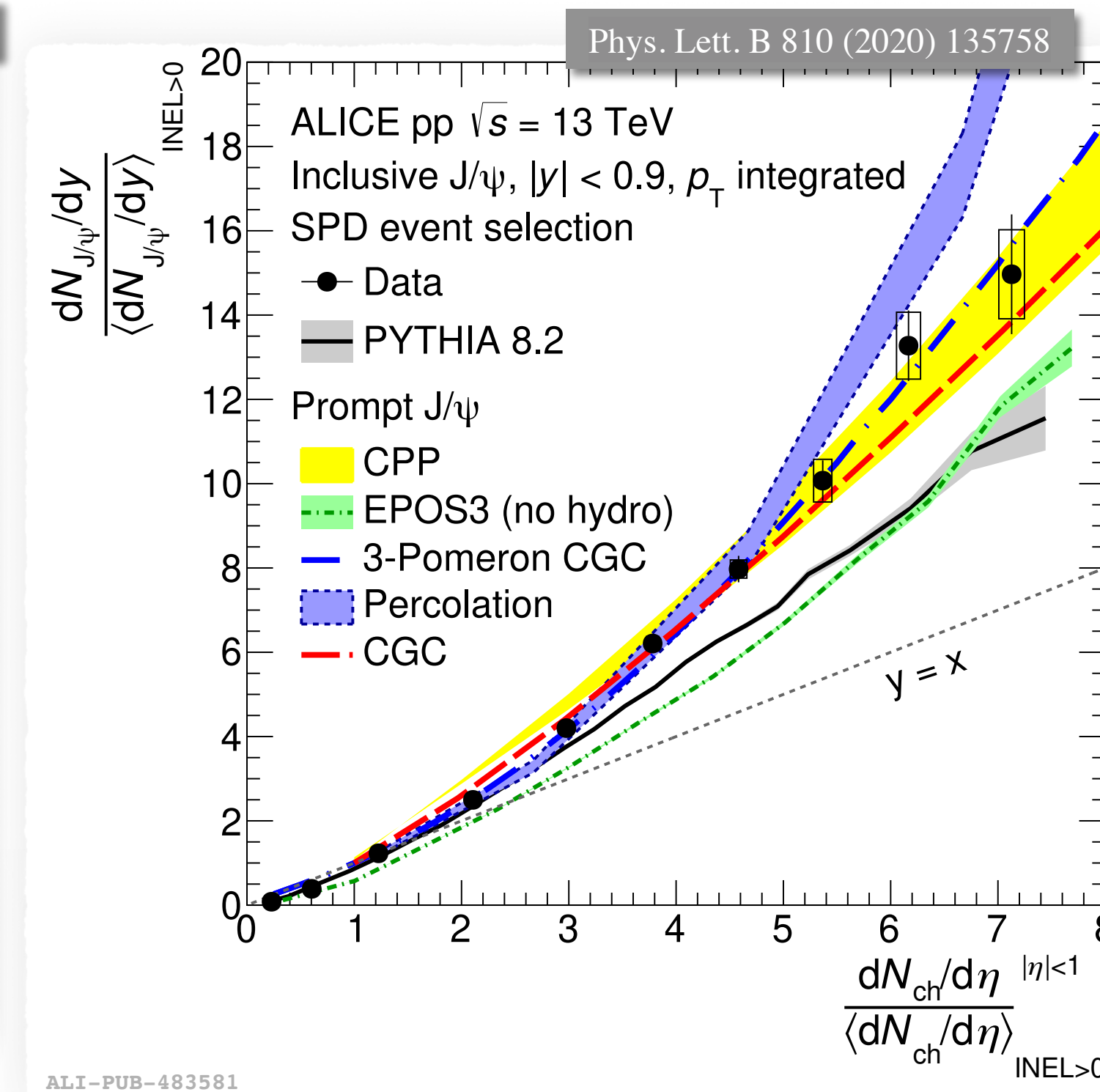
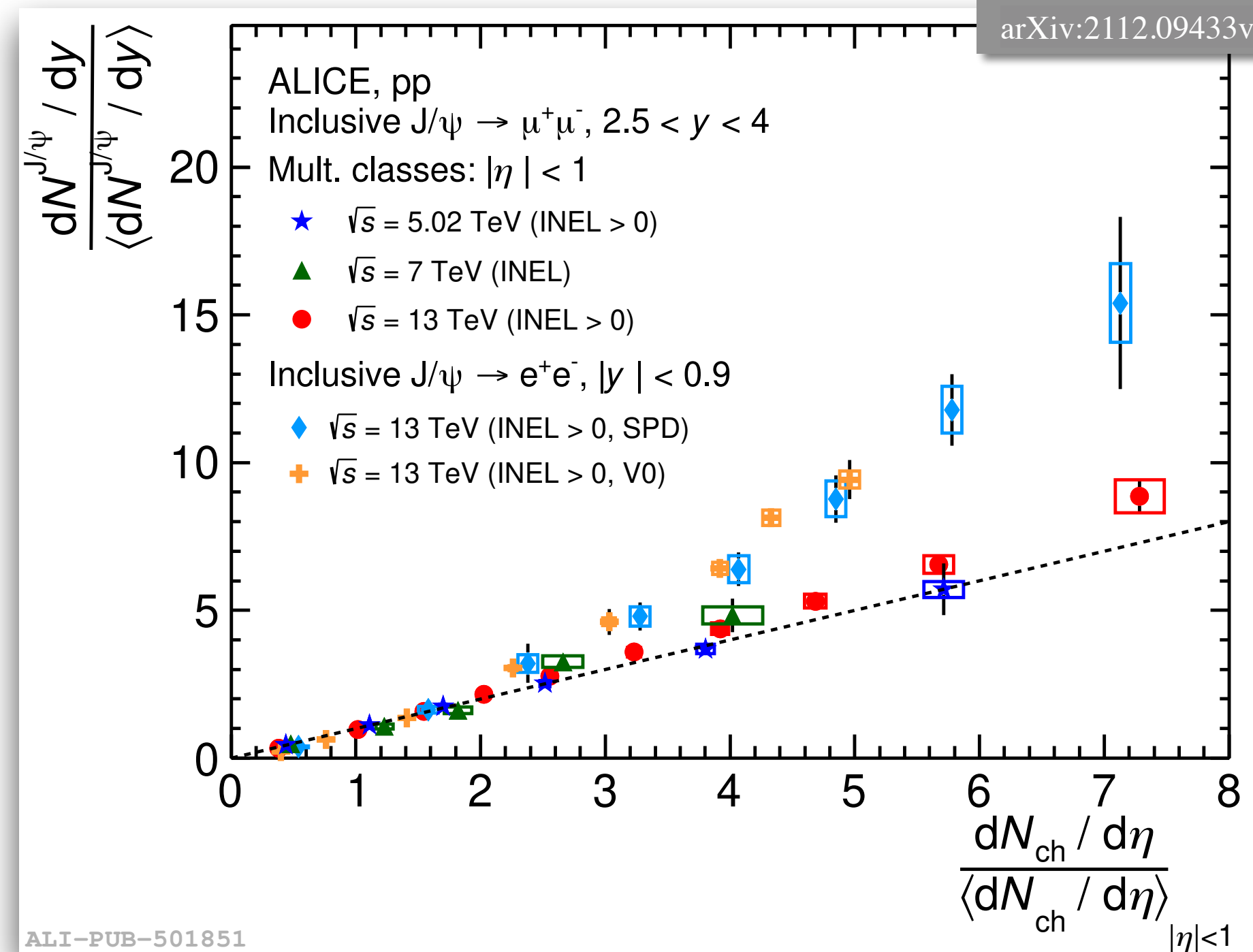
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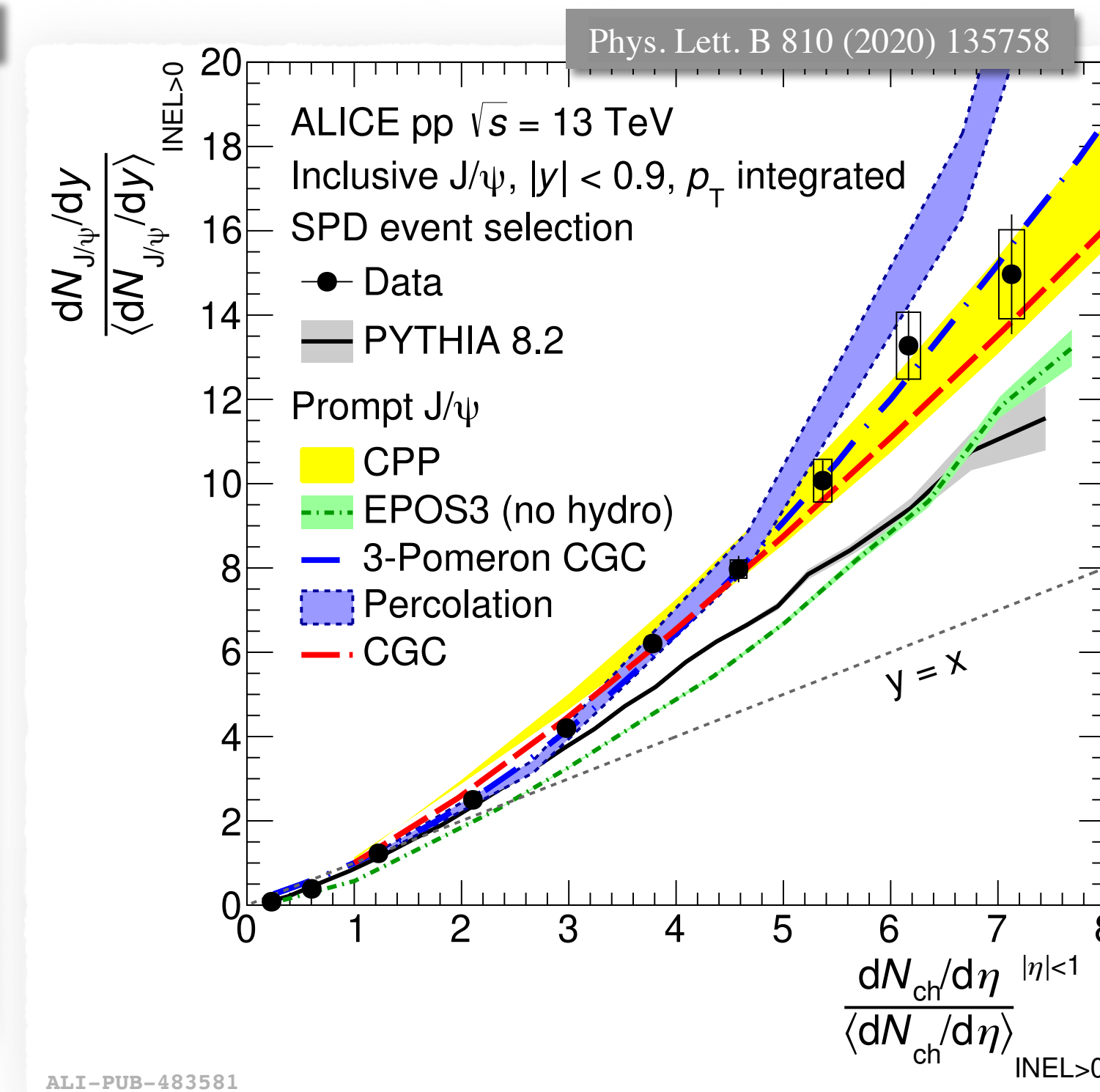
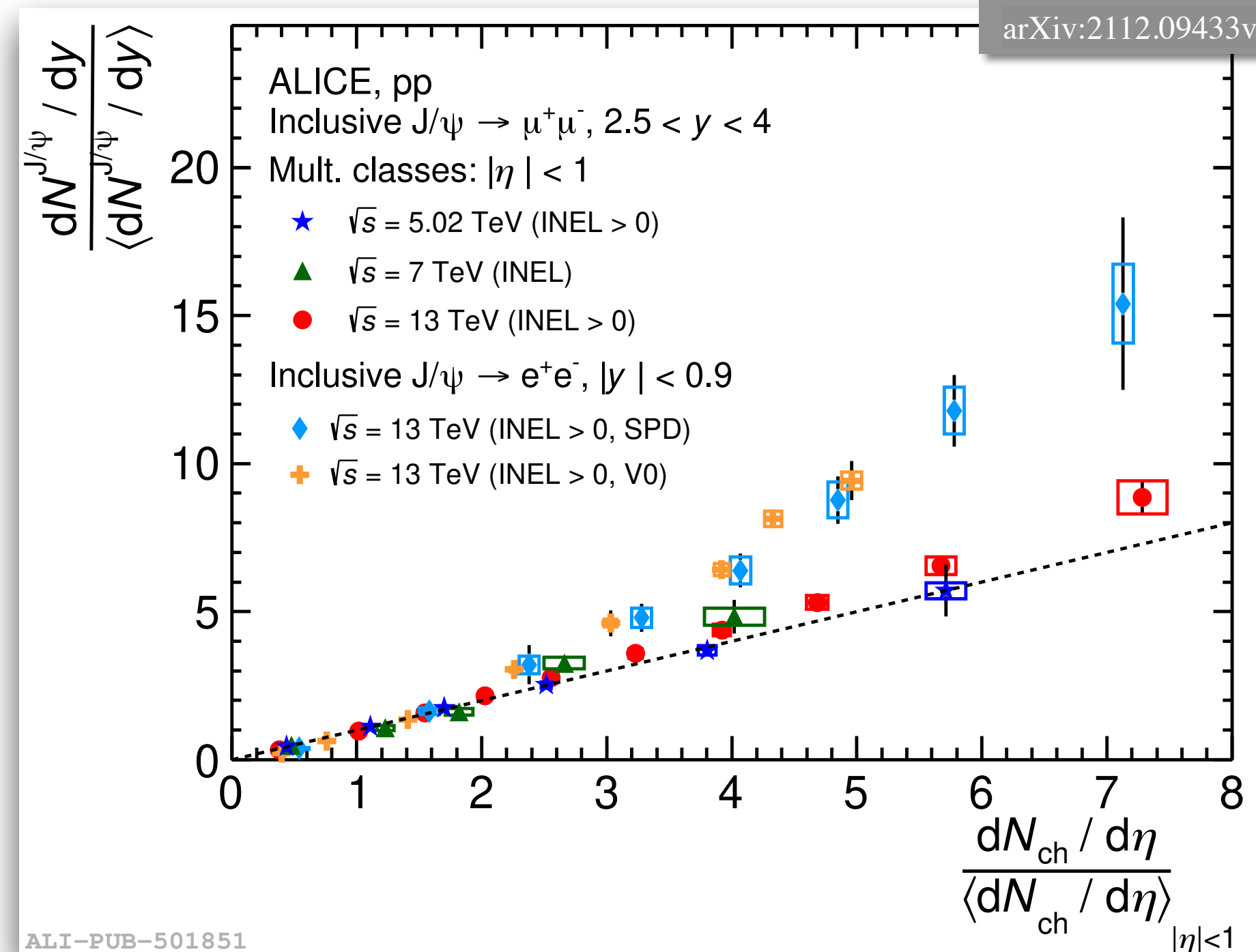
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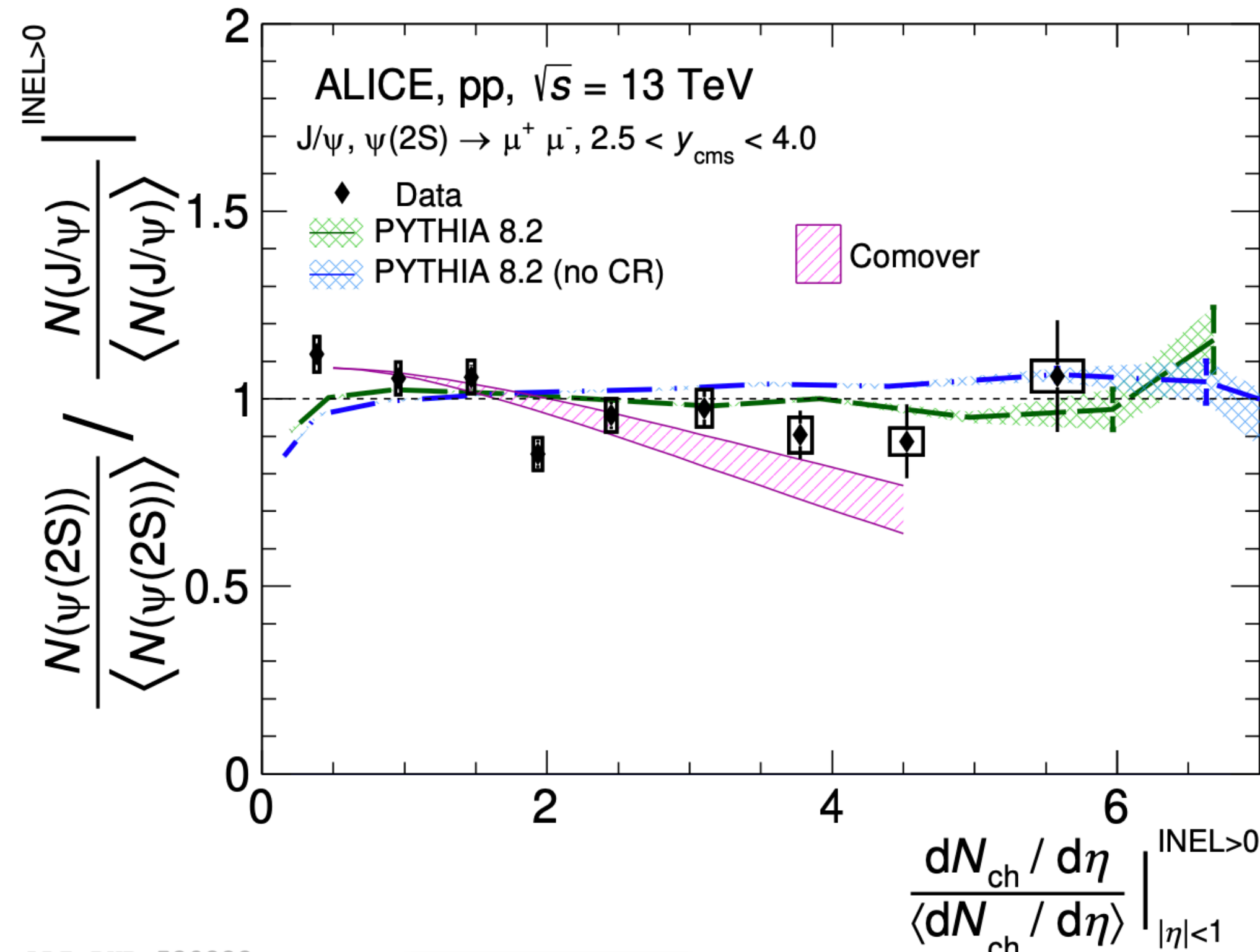
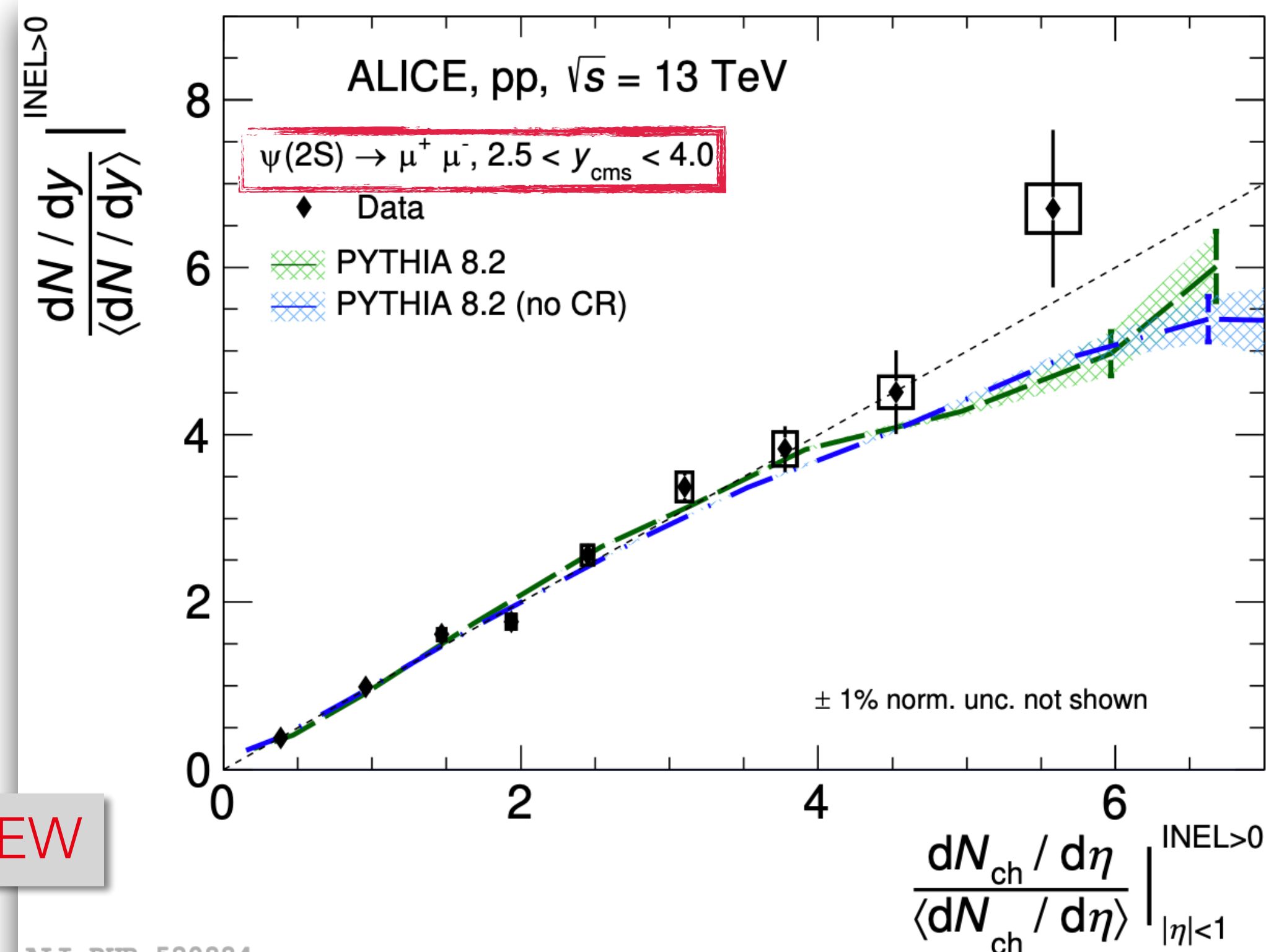
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What about the excited charmonium states?





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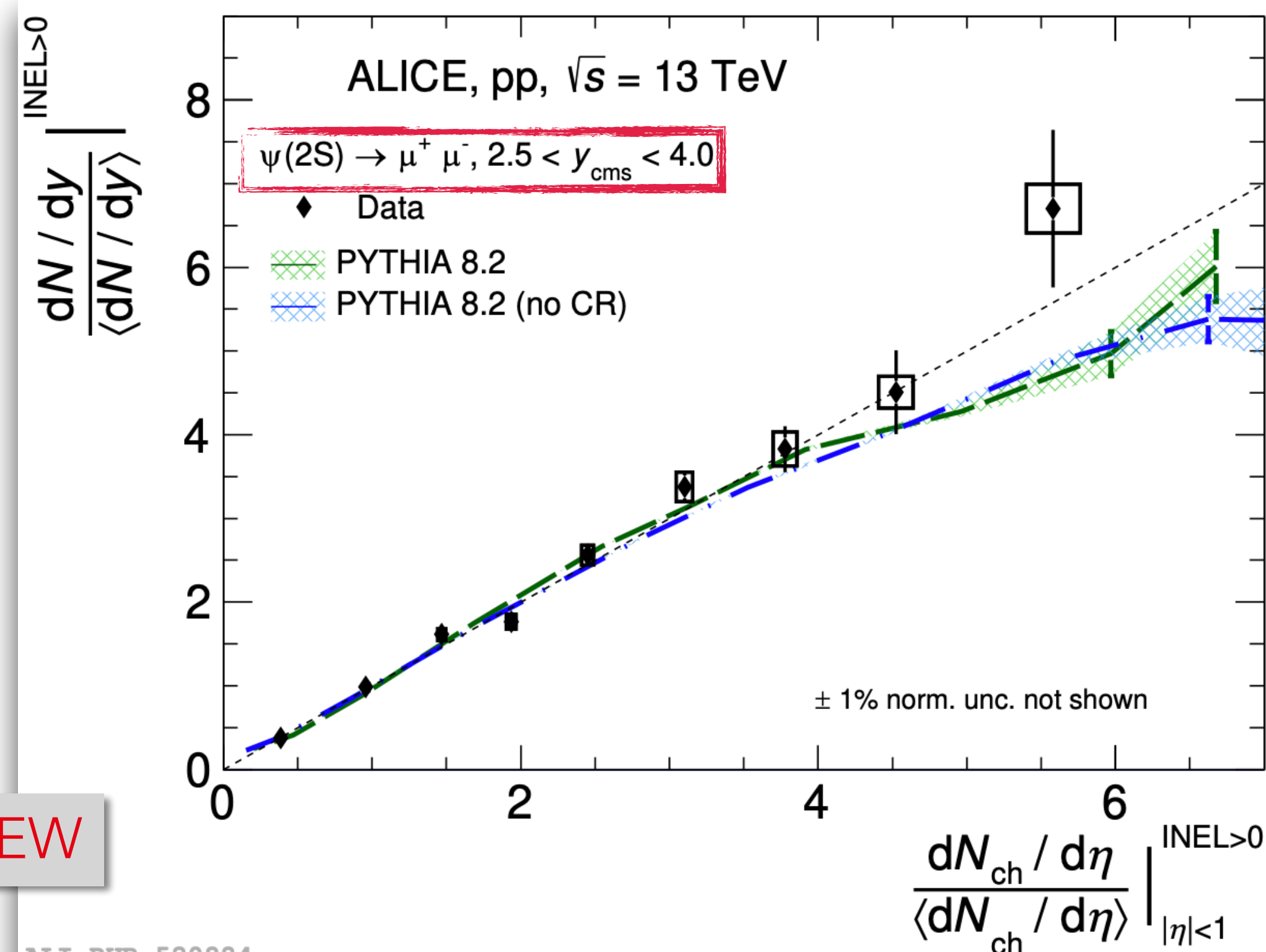
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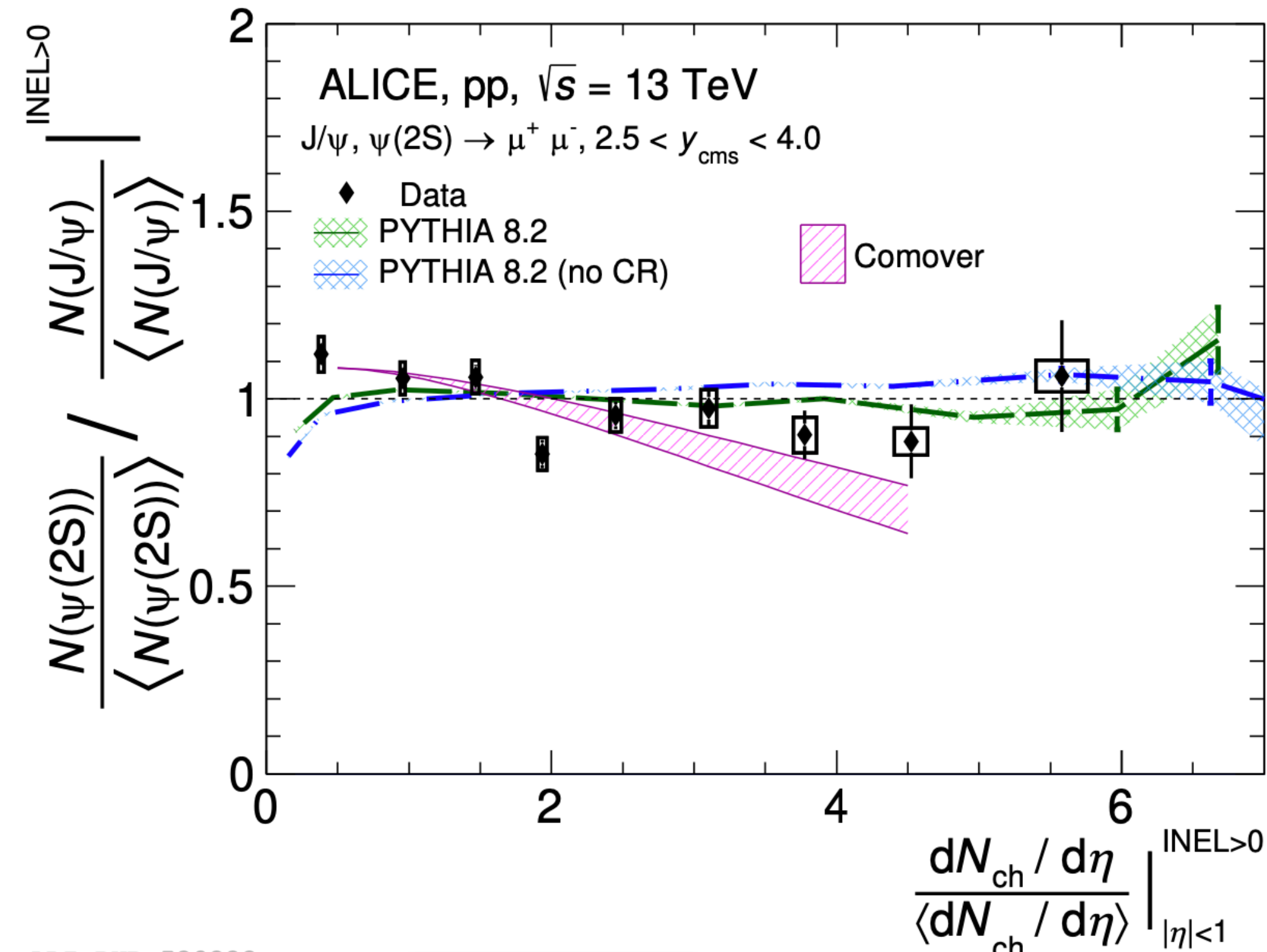


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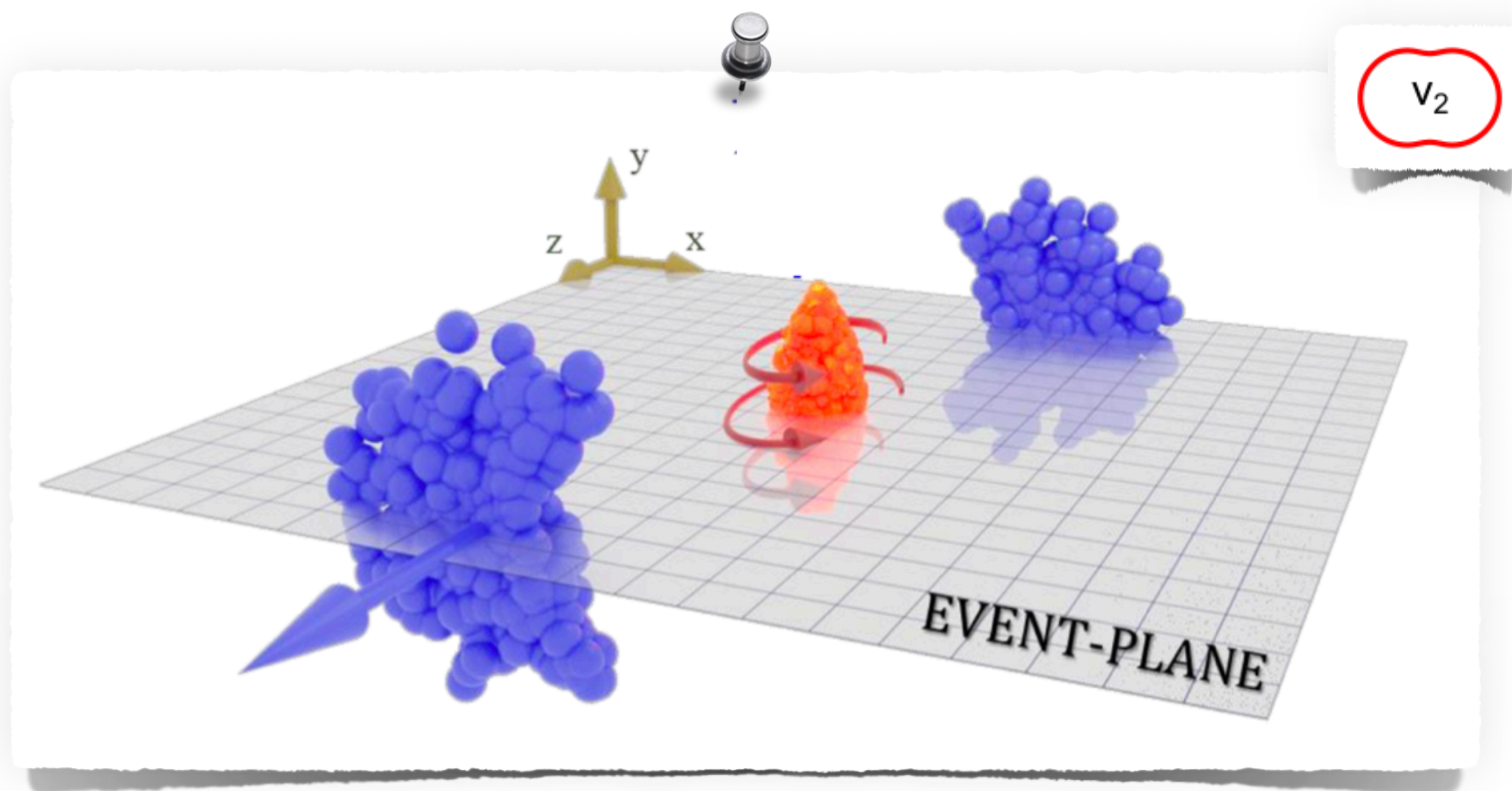
$\psi(2S)$ -to- $J/\psi$  ratio: tension at low multiplicity between data and PYTHIA → different event activity bias to explain the discrepancy?

Collectivity at high multiplicity in small system?





# J/ψ elliptic flow in pp collisions



✓ The elliptic flow coefficient for small system:

$$v_2(p_T, y) = \langle \cos(2\Delta\phi) \rangle$$

**\*J/ψ elliptic flow measurement vs  $p_T$ :**

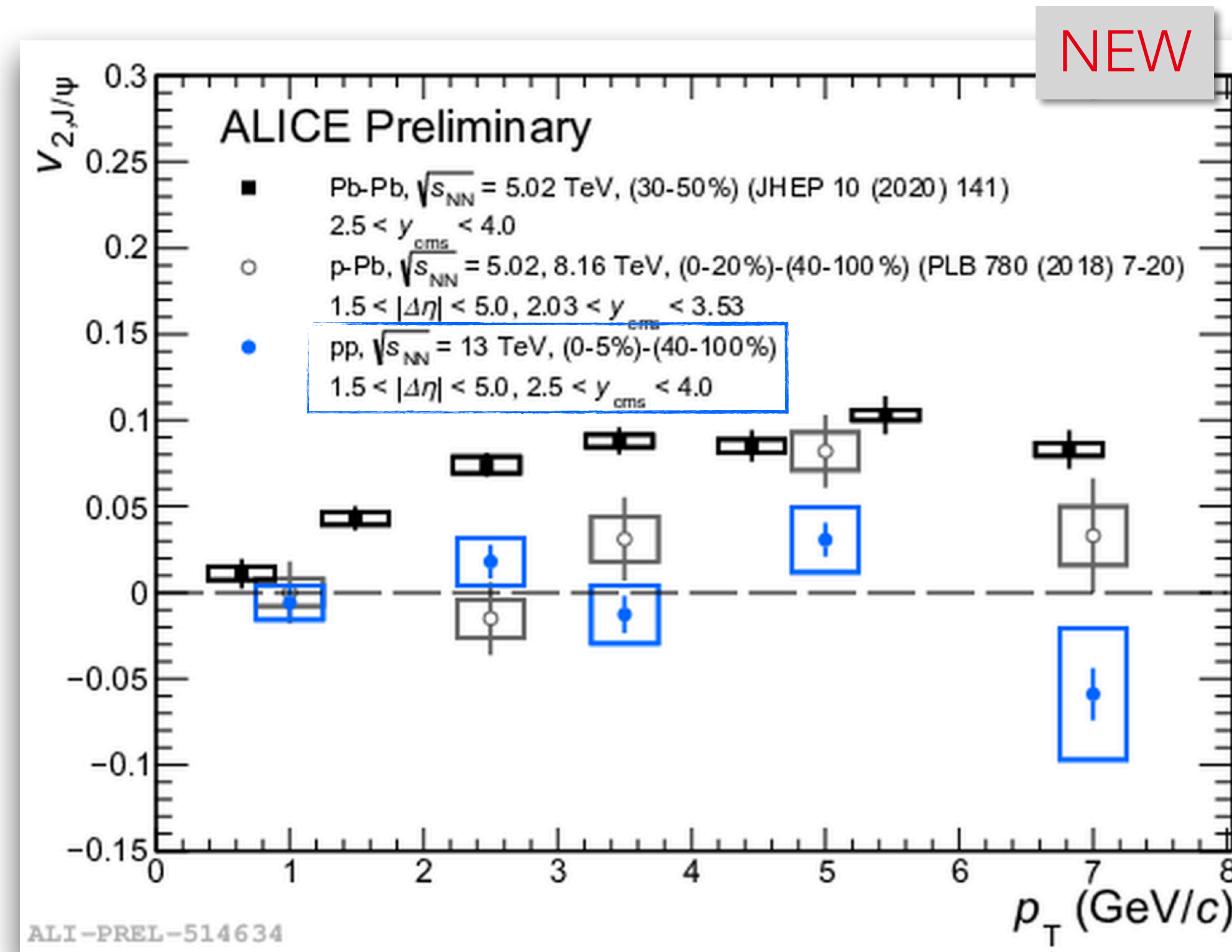
First results in pp down to 0 GeV/c

No significant deviation of J/ψ  $v_2$  from zero

→ No collective behavior observed in pp collisions at high multiplicity for the J/ψ

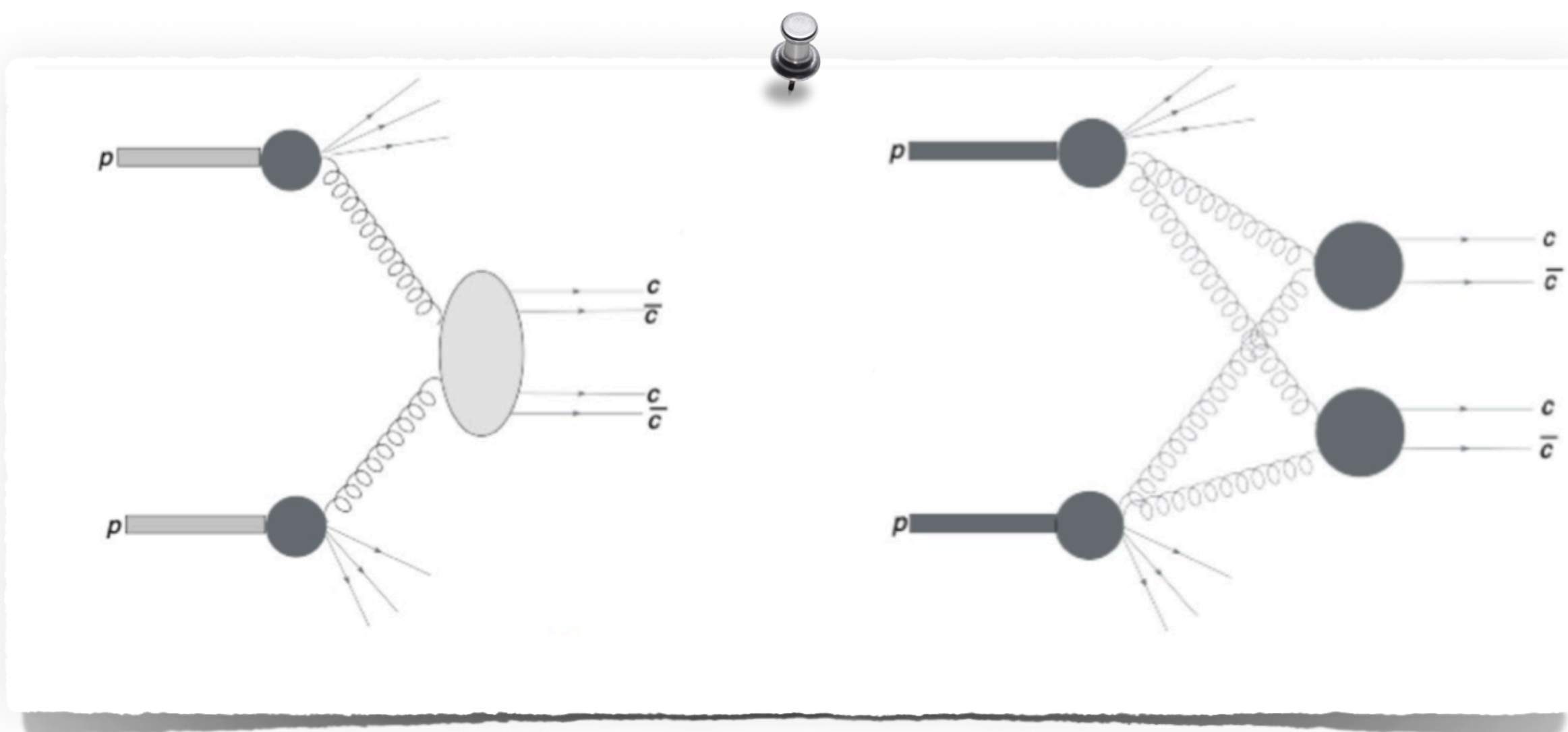
Comparison between pp, p—Pb, and Pb—Pb collisions: for the latter, presence of collective behavior, with a clear difference w.r.t pp data ( $v_{2,J/\psi}^{pp} < v_{2,J/\psi}^{pPb} < v_{2,J/\psi}^{PbPb}$ )

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# J/ψ pair production

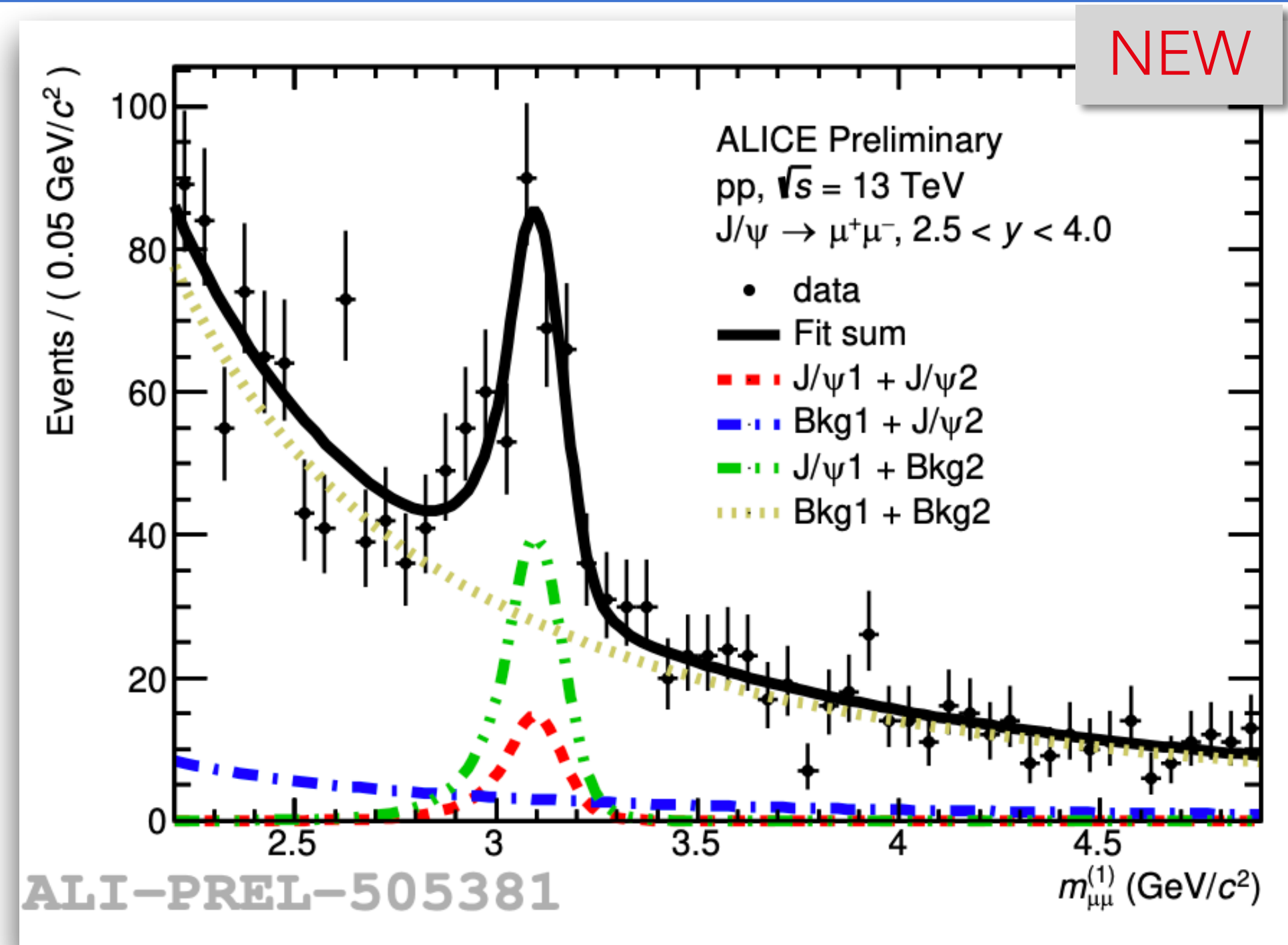


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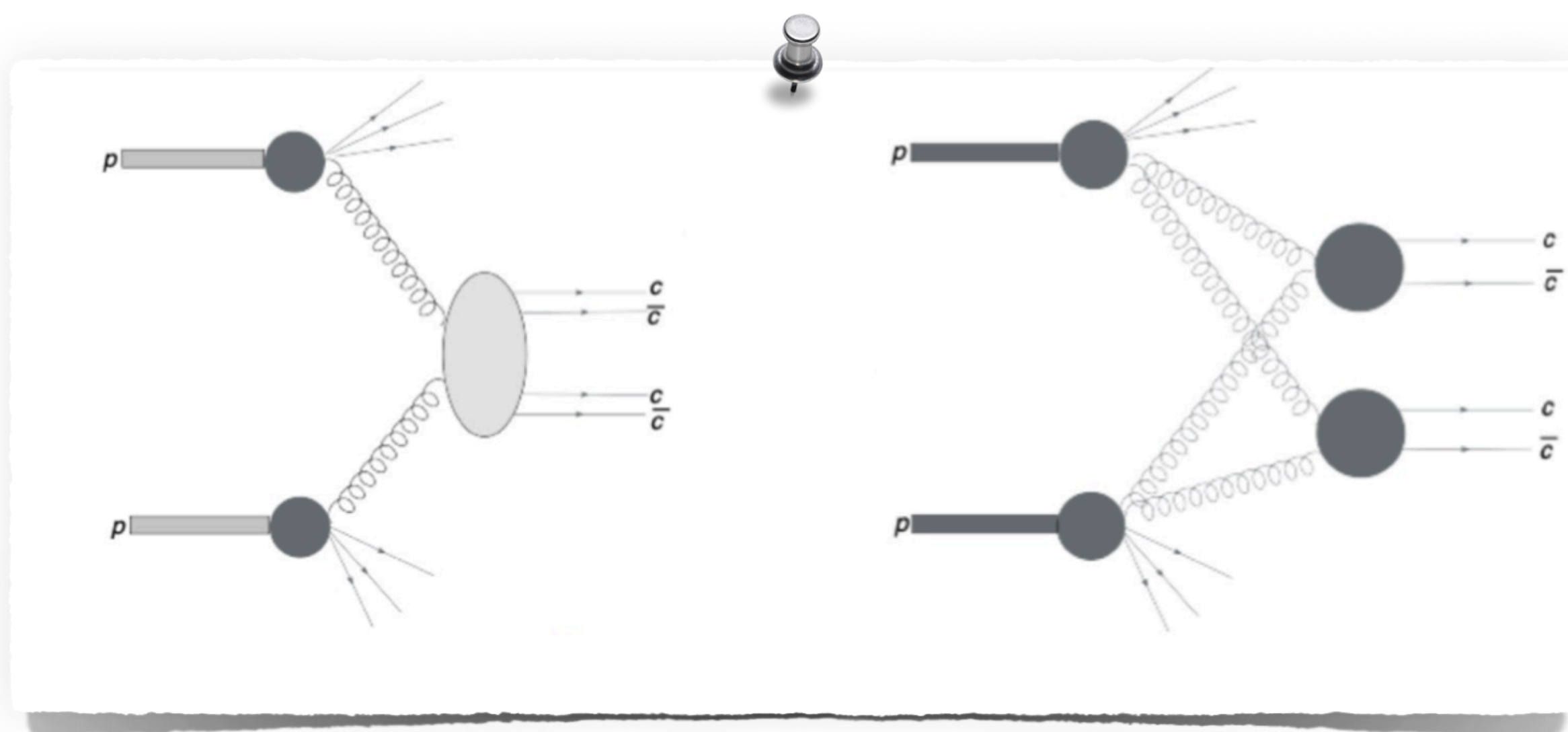
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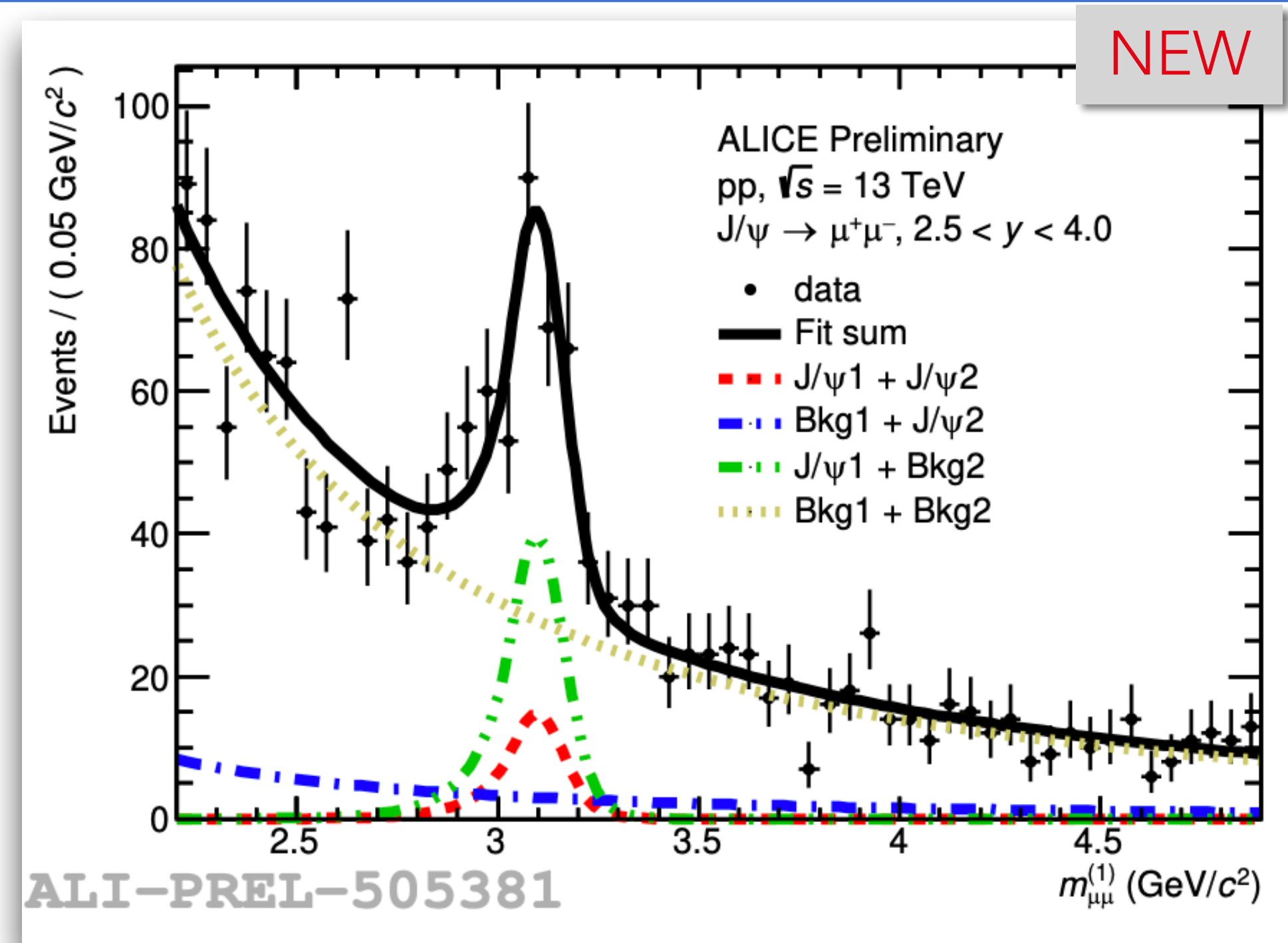
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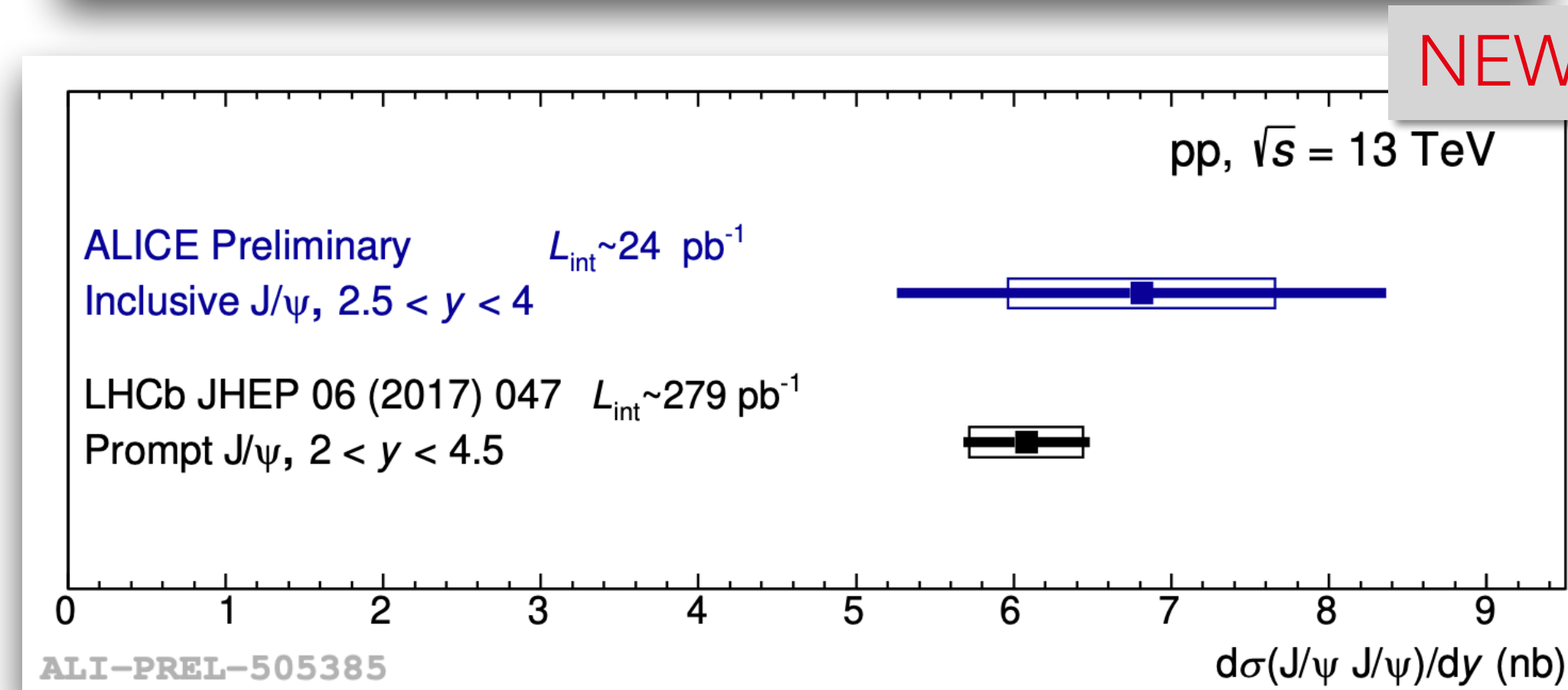
## \*di-J/ψ production cross section:

Consistency with LHCb cross section measurement observed

- (!) Prompt J/ψ measured in LHCb, inclusive J/ψ in ALICE
- (!) Slightly different rapidity ranges



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**\* Quarkonium production in pp collisions:**

Well described by models

J/ $\psi$  and  $\psi(2S)$  cross section increases with energy

$\psi(2S)$ -to-J/ $\psi$  ratio: increases with increasing  $p_T$  + independent of energy

**\* Measurements of multiplicity dependent charmonium production in pp collisions:**

Different behavior versus charged particle multiplicity for the J/ $\psi$  produced at mid and forward rapidity

Same trend versus multiplicity for the J/ $\psi$  and  $\psi(2S)$  at forward rapidity

**\* First elliptic flow measurements for J/ $\psi$  in pp collisions at 13 TeV:**

No evidence for positive J/ $\psi$  elliptic flow in high multiplicity events

**\* First J/ $\psi$  pair production measurements in pp collisions:**

First results of double J/ $\psi$  cross section: in agreement with LHCb



**Perspective for Run 3:**

Larger multiplicity can be achieved with increased statistics

Better S/B for quarkonium measurements

Separation of the prompt and non-prompt J/ $\psi$  at forward rapidity thanks to the Muon Forward Tracker

Improved spatial resolution at midrapidity thanks to the upgraded ITS

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Thank you for your attention!