

Energy Dependence of Underlying-Event Observables Measured with ALICE at the LHC

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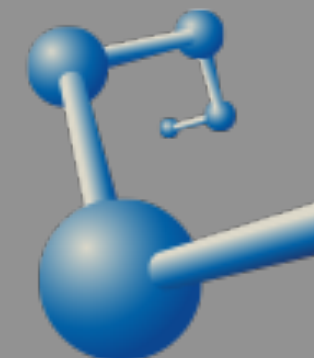
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Introduction and motivation

- The study of pp collisions has become important because of the discovery of heavy-ion-like effects in high-multiplicity pp collisions.
- In MC event generators like PYTHIA 8, multiparton interactions (MPI) and color reconnection (CR) can mimic collective effects, therefore, it is pertinent to study observables sensitive to MPI.
- The activity in the transverse region of the di-hadron correlations is the most sensitive to the underlying event, which compromises particles from MPI and beam-beam remnants, but it also has contributions from initial- and final-state radiation (ISR-FSR). In order to better understand the particle production in the transverse region, this region can be further divided into trans-max and trans-min regions which are sensitive to ISR-FSR and UE, respectively.
- In this work, a study of the multiplicity distributions for pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 2.76, 5.02, 7$ and 13 TeV with ALICE is reported for transverse, trans-max and trans-min regions.

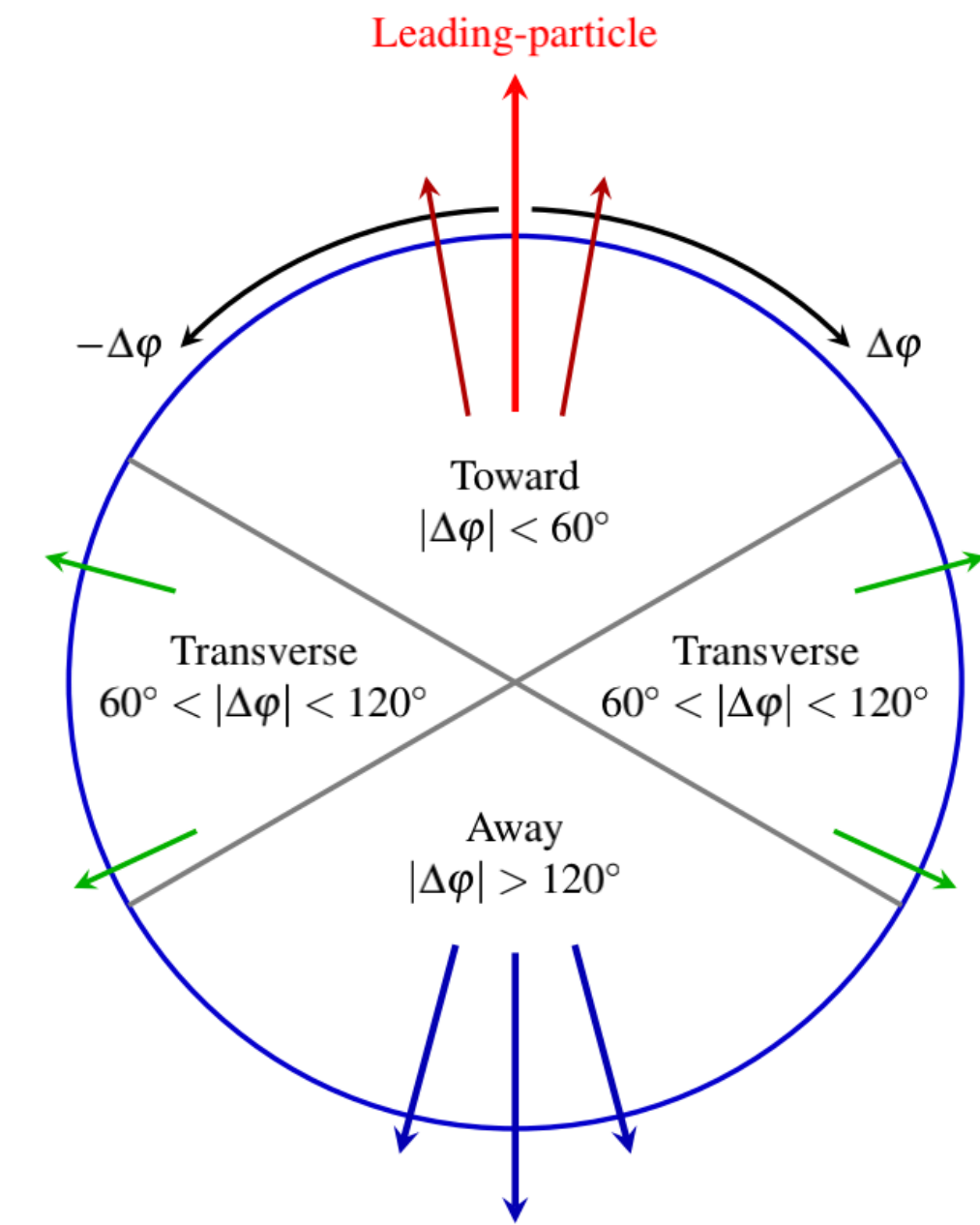


figure from [JHEP 04, 192 \(2020\)](#)

transverse I : $\pi/3 < \Delta\phi < 2\pi/3$

transverse II: $\pi/3 < -\Delta\phi < 2\pi/3$

trans-max (trans-min) refers to the transverse region (I or II) with the largest (smallest) number of charged particles.

Analysis Details

Data sample, event and track selection

● Data sample

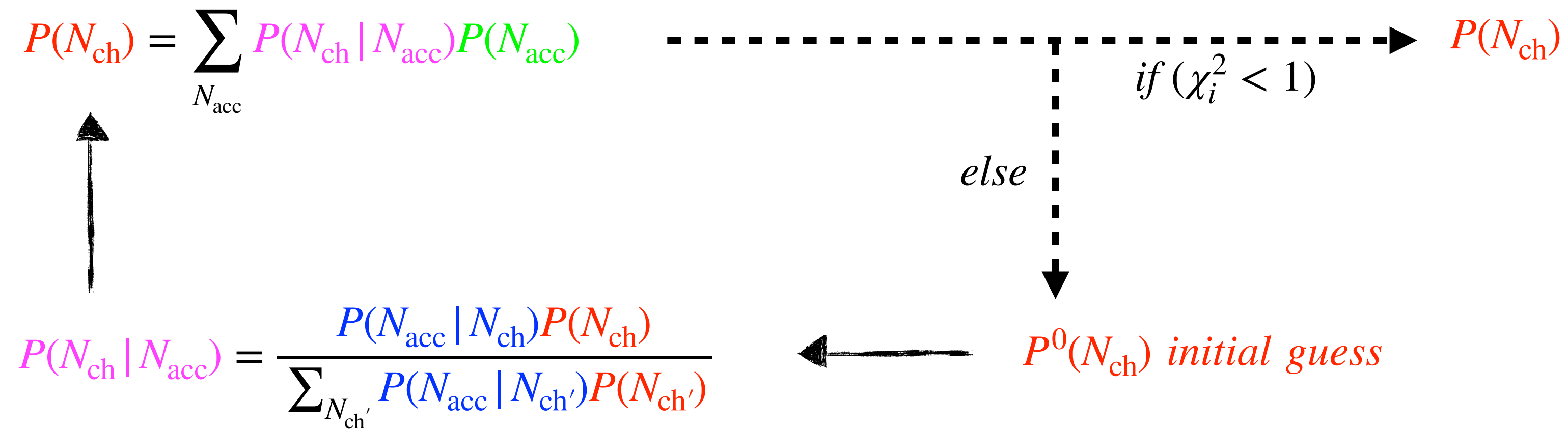
pp, 2.76 TeV	Data: LHC11a_pass4_with_SDD MC: LHC12f1a_wSDD
pp, 5.02 TeV	Data: LHC15n_pass4 MC: LHC17e2
pp, 7 TeV	Data: LHC10d_pass4 MC: LHC14j4d
pp, 13 TeV	Data: LHC16l_pass2 MC: LHC18d8_extra (PYTHIA8, Monash 2013 tune) LHC17d20b2 (EPOS LHC) evaluating the systematic uncertainty due to MC model dependence

● Event and track selection

event selection	track selection $ \eta < 0.8, p_T \geq 0.5 \text{ GeV}/c$
<p>Standard Physics Selection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum Bias trigger: kINT7(run 2 data) or kMB(run 1 data) $V_z < 10 \text{ cm}$ $5 \leq p_T^{\text{trig}} \leq 40 \text{ GeV}/c, \eta < 0.8$ rejection of pile-up events and DAQ incomplete events vertex (SPD/track vertex) reconstruction, vertex quality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leading track <code>GetStandardITSTPCTrckCuts2015PbPb()</code> <code>SetMaxFractionSharedTPCClusters(0.4)</code> <code>SetCutGeoNcrNcl(3.0, 130.0, 1.5, 0.85, 0.7)</code> <code>SetMaxDCAToVertexXYPtDep("0.0182+0.0350/pt^1.01")</code> N_{ch} in transverse, trans-max and trans-min regions <code>GetStandardTPCOnlyTrackCuts()</code> ITS & TPC refit

Analysis strategy — 1D Bayesian unfolding

The goal is to get back the true multiplicity distribution (N_{ch}) from the measured one (N_{acc})



This strategy has been implemented in several works
[ANA-1193](#) (Omar, Peter, et. al.)
[ANA-1031](#) (Sushanta, Antonio)
[ANA-896](#) (Mario Kruger)

N_{ch} : number of charged particles produced in a event

N_{acc} : number of tracks detected in the device

$P(N_{ch})$: probability of finding events with true multiplicity N_{ch}

$P(N_{acc})$: probability of finding events with measured multiplicity N_{acc}

$P(N_{acc} | N_{ch})$: **response matrix** given by MC including the detector response

$P(N_{ch} | N_{acc})$: **un-smearing matrix** calculated by **Bayes' Theorem**

$$P(N_{ch} | N_{acc}) = \frac{P(N_{acc} | N_{ch}) P(N_{ch})}{P(N_{acc})}$$

- $P(N_{ch})$ is gotten by iteratively applying Bayes' theorem.

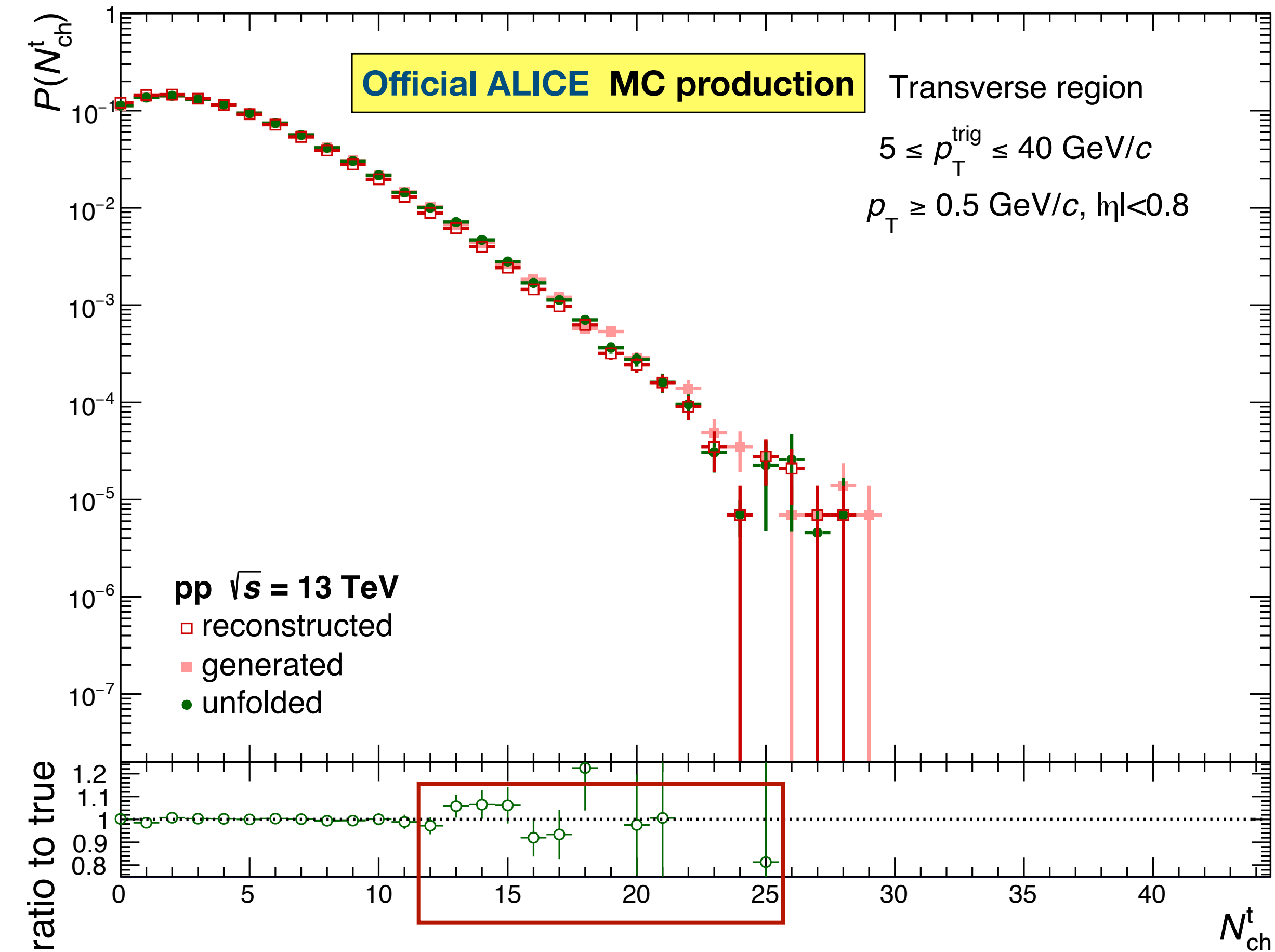
- χ_i^2 is calculated by the formula,

$$\chi_i^2 = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{j=1}^N \left(\frac{n_i^j - n_{i-1}^j}{\sigma_i^j} \right)^2 \quad (i \geq 1)$$

where n_i^j is the entry and σ_i^j is the statistic error in the 'j' bin of $P(N_{ch})$ histogram in the 'i' iteration, and 'N' is number of points in that histogram.

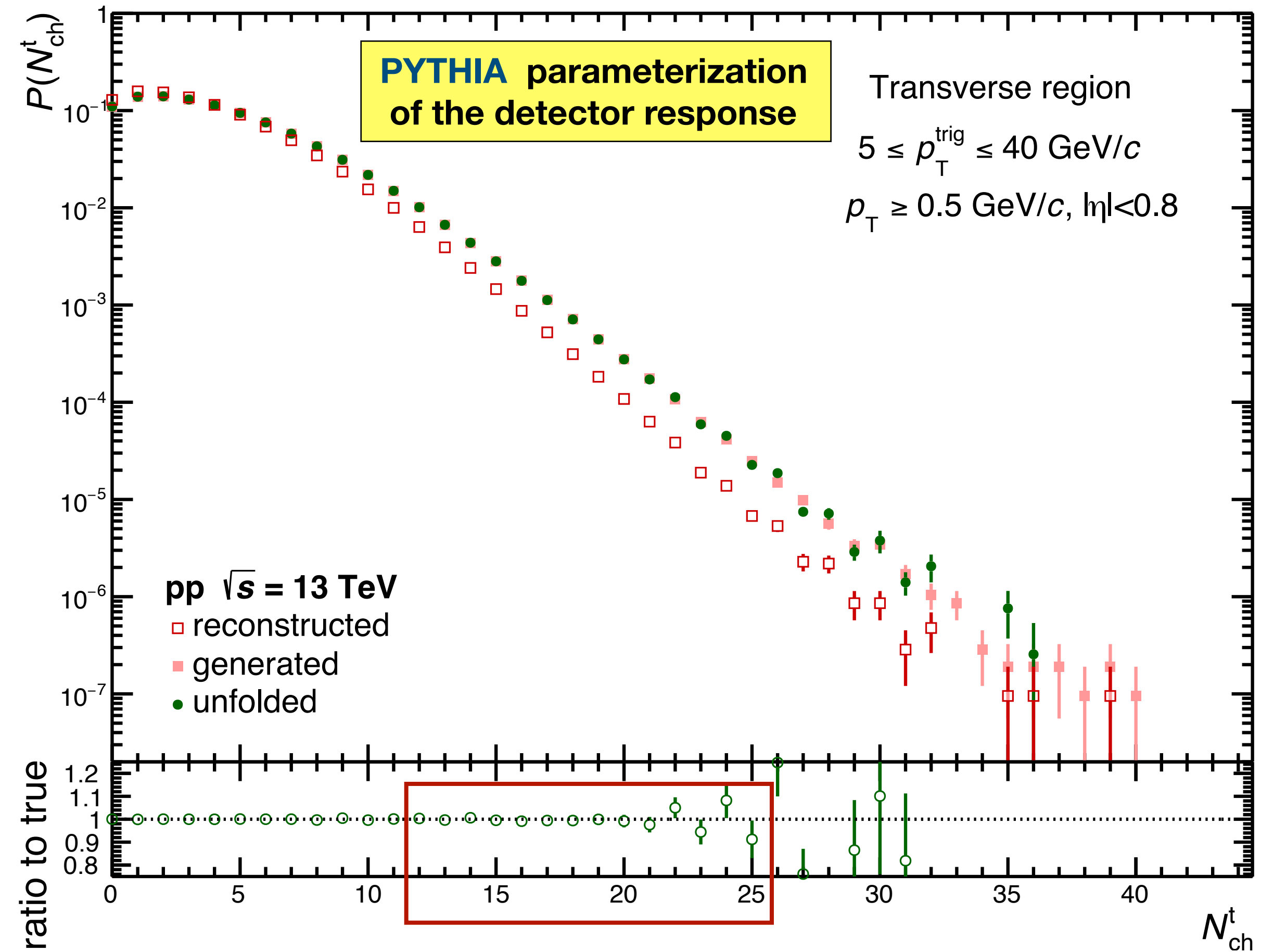
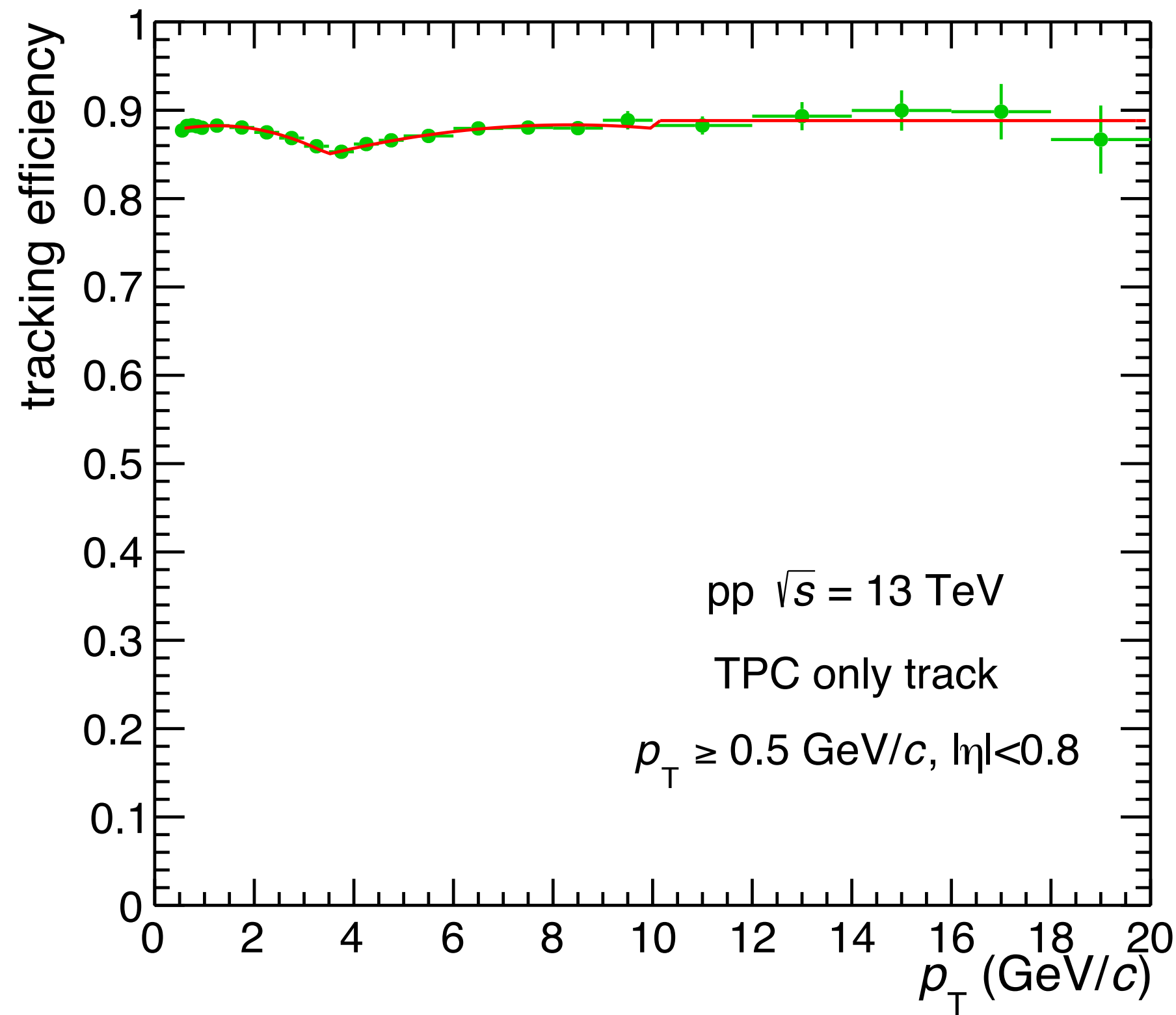
Check of Unfolding Procedure

MC closure test



- MC closure was checked using the official MC production (LHC18d8_extra, PYTHIA 8 Monash)
- To test the unfolding technique at very high multiplicities, PYTHIA 8 (Monash) standalone simulations were used

MC closure test at high multiplicity

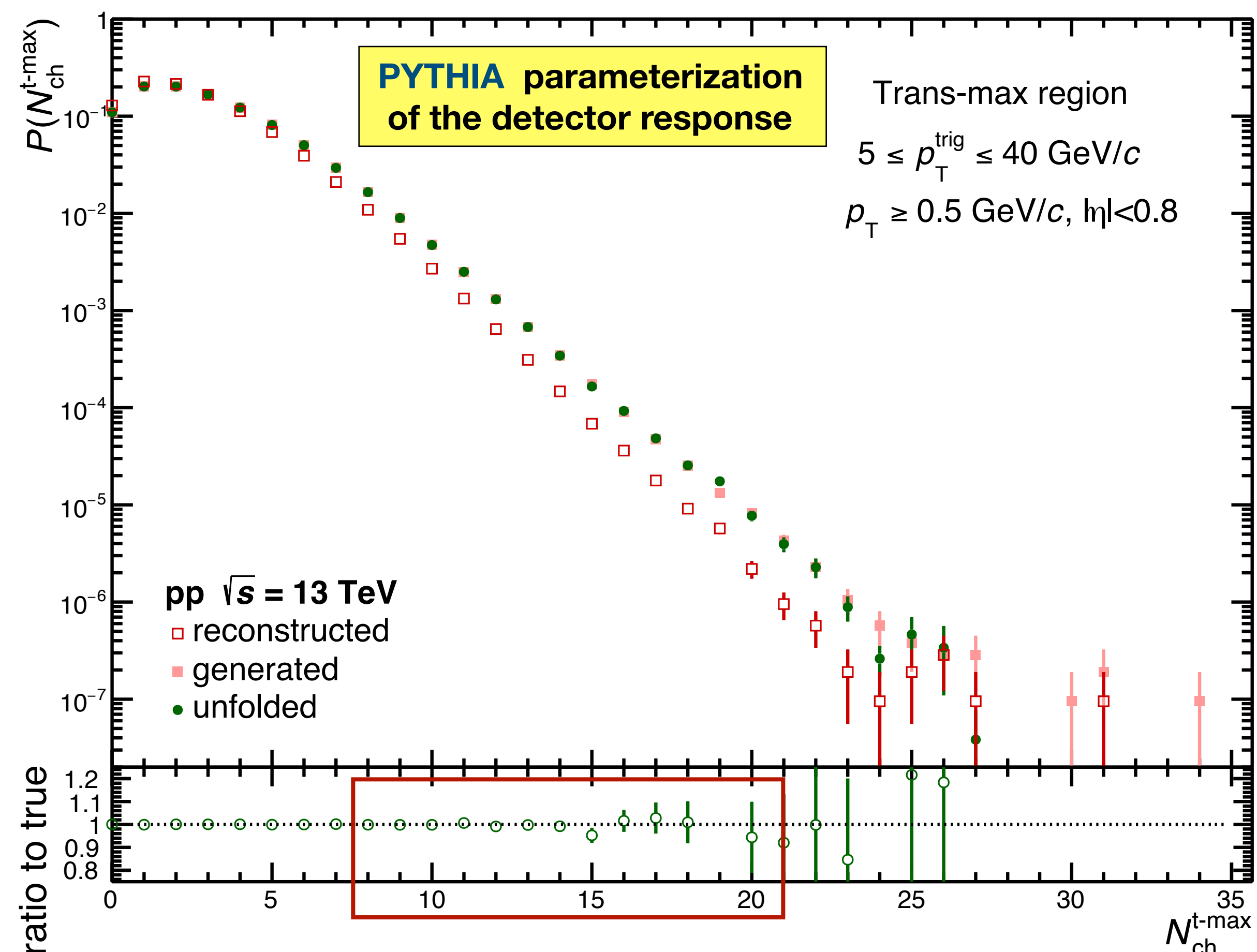
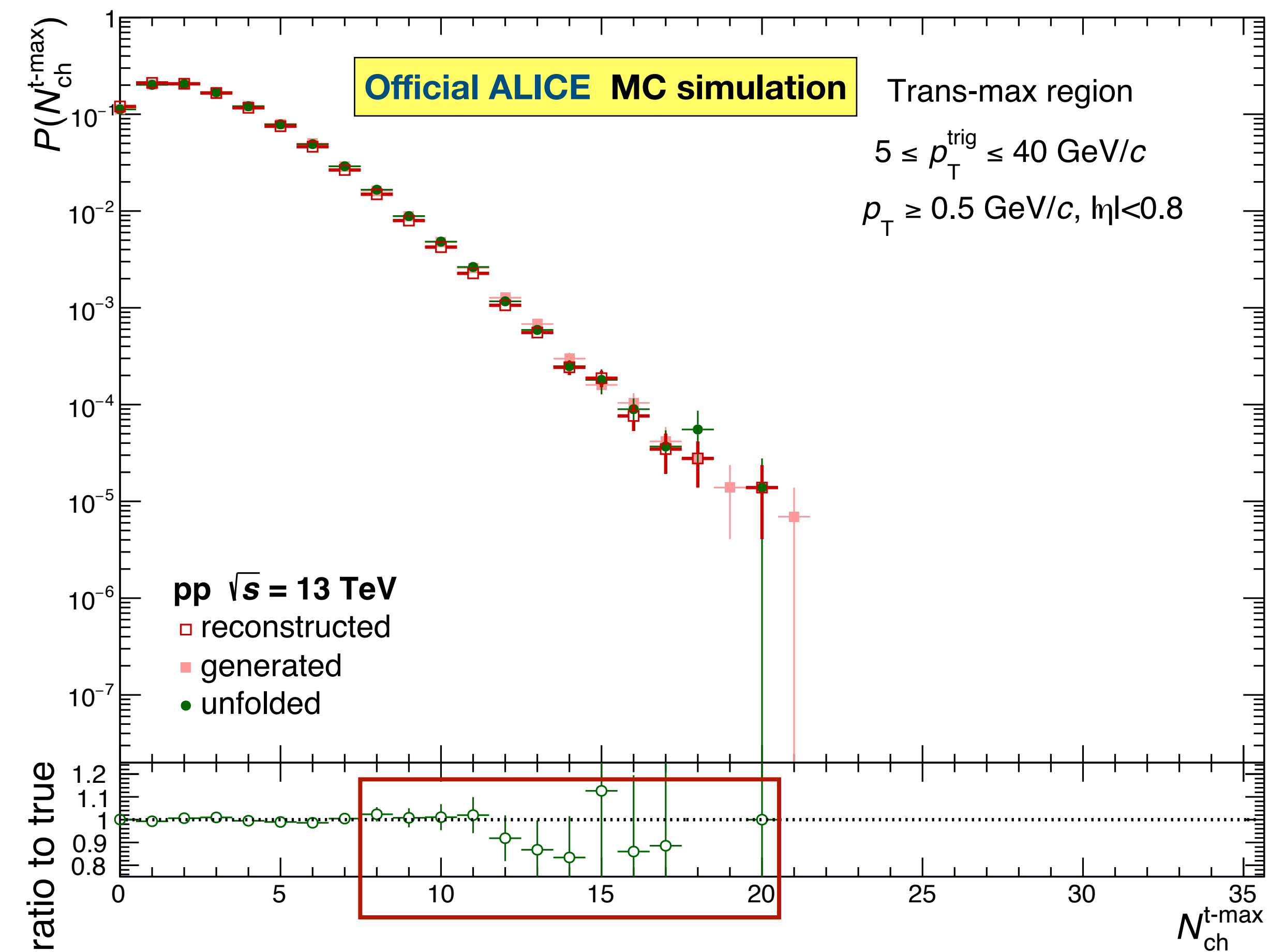


Using Pythia standalone simulations

- ⊙ “Reconstructed events” were simulated, the tracking efficiency was applied to primary charged particles
 - ➔ 600 M events were used to get the “correction factors”
 - ➔ 600 M events were used to test the unfolding technique
- (A similar study was suggested by ARC)

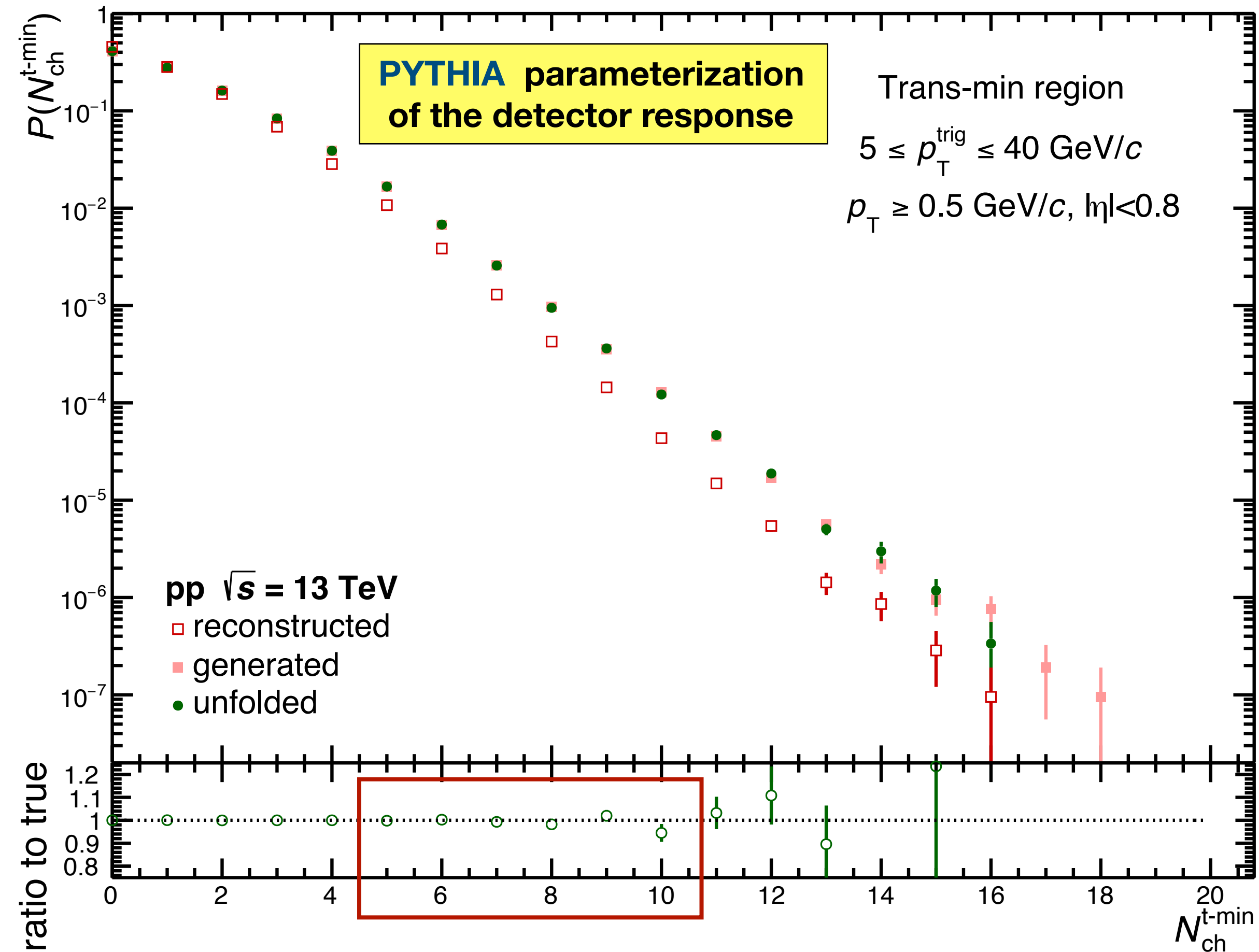
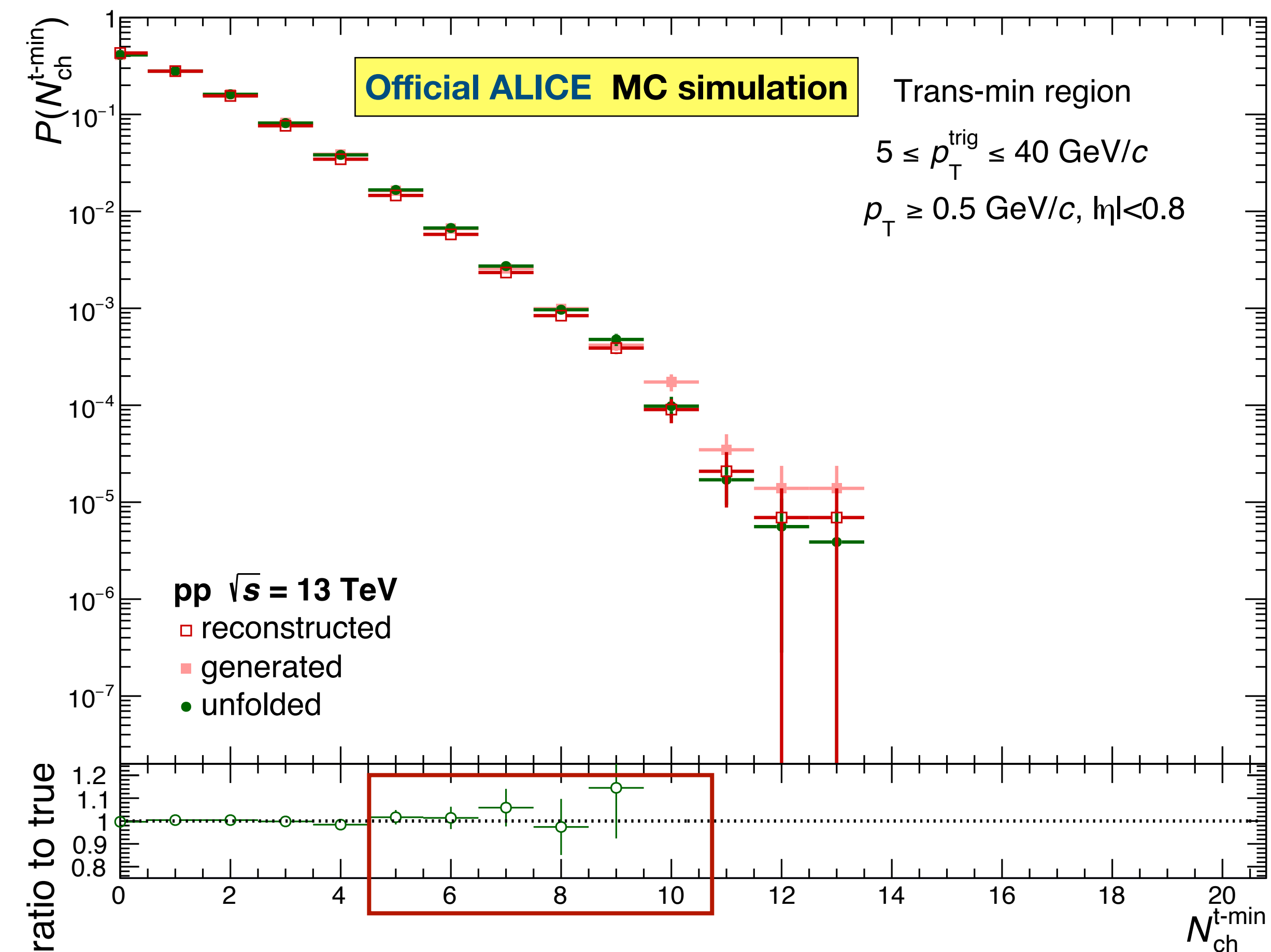
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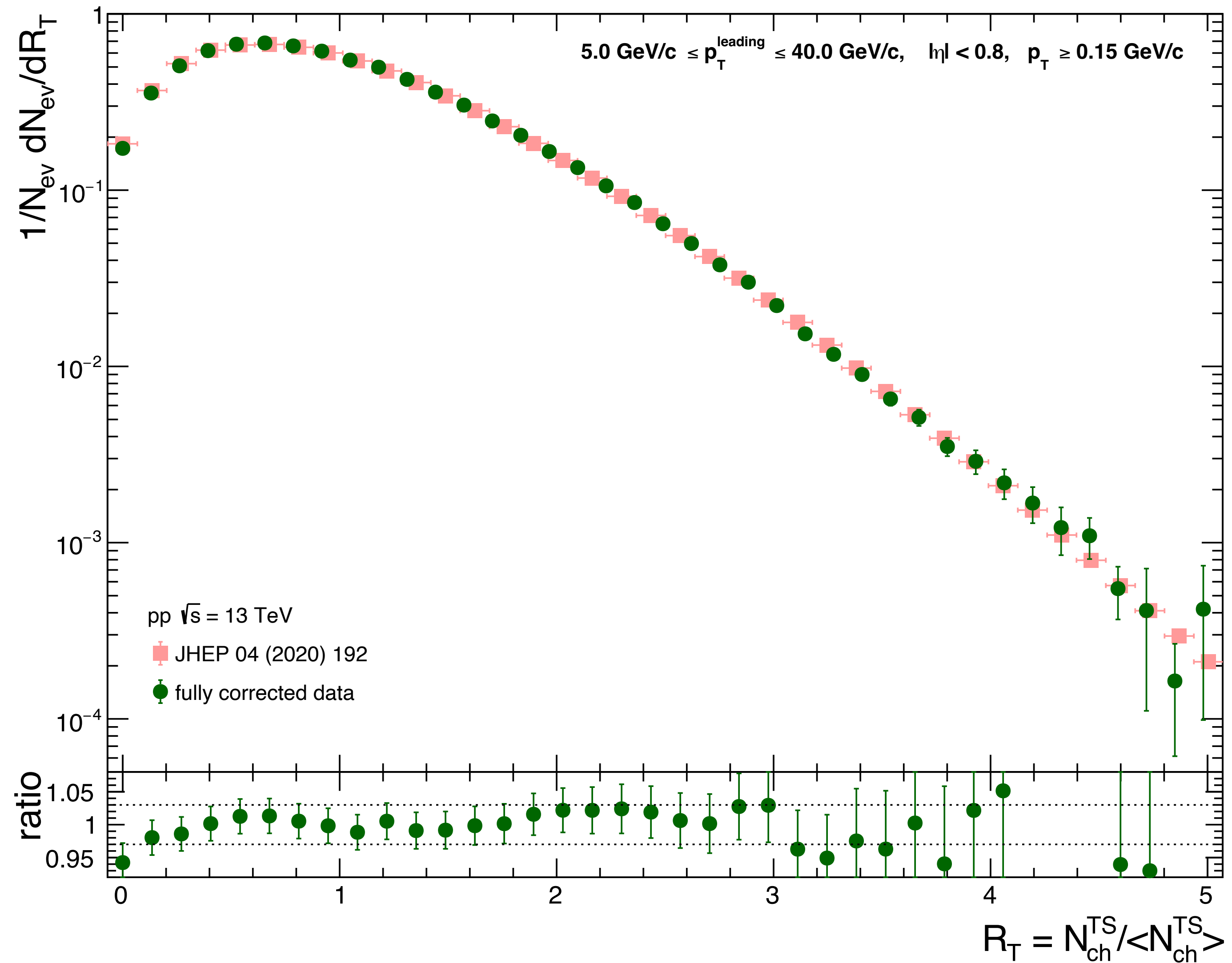
MC closure test at high multiplicity (trans min)



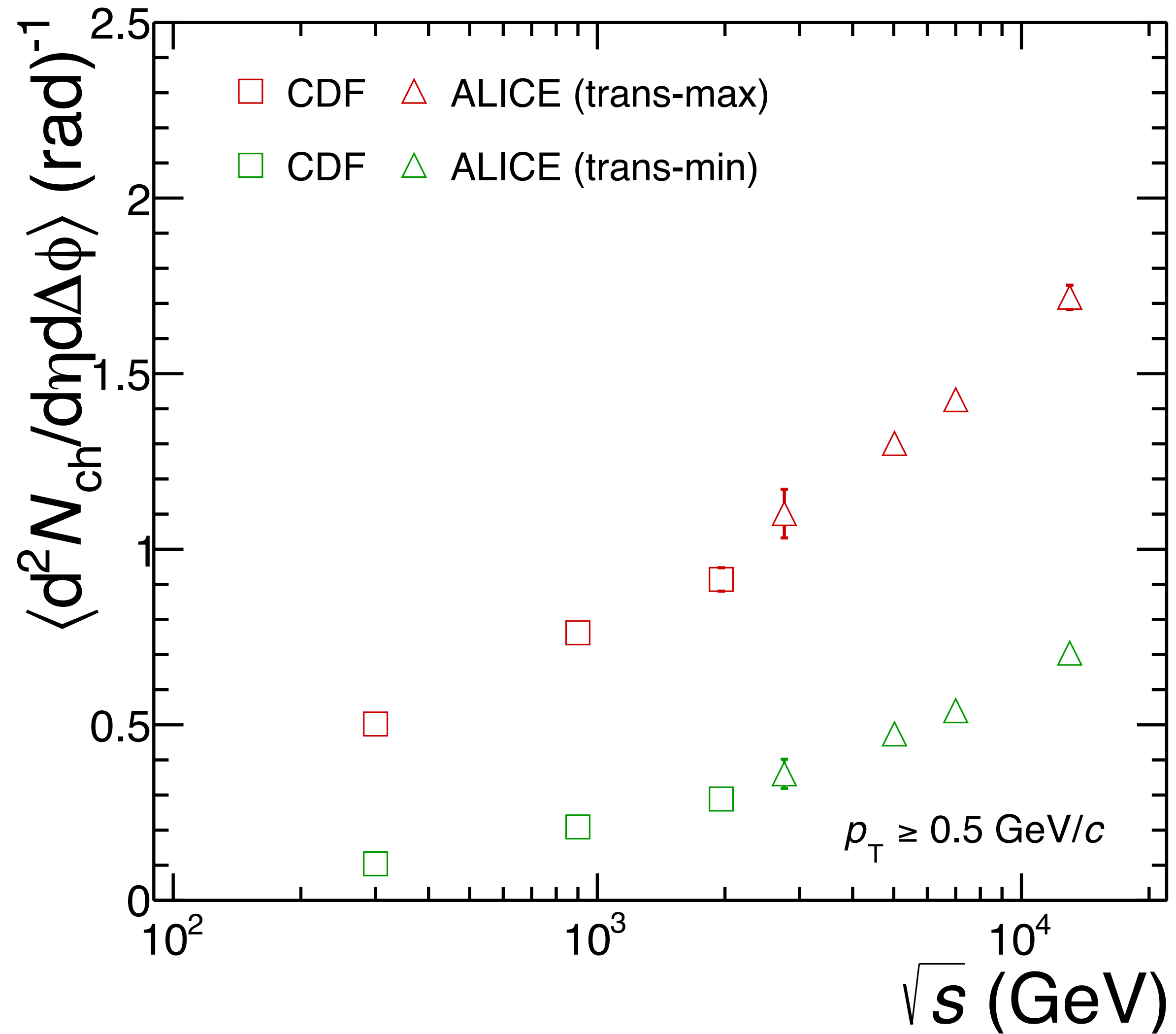
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Sanity Check

Consistency with R_T



- We use a smaller sample than that used in the publication, different unfolding method
- Within 4%, our data is consistent with the published result in pp collisions at 13 TeV.



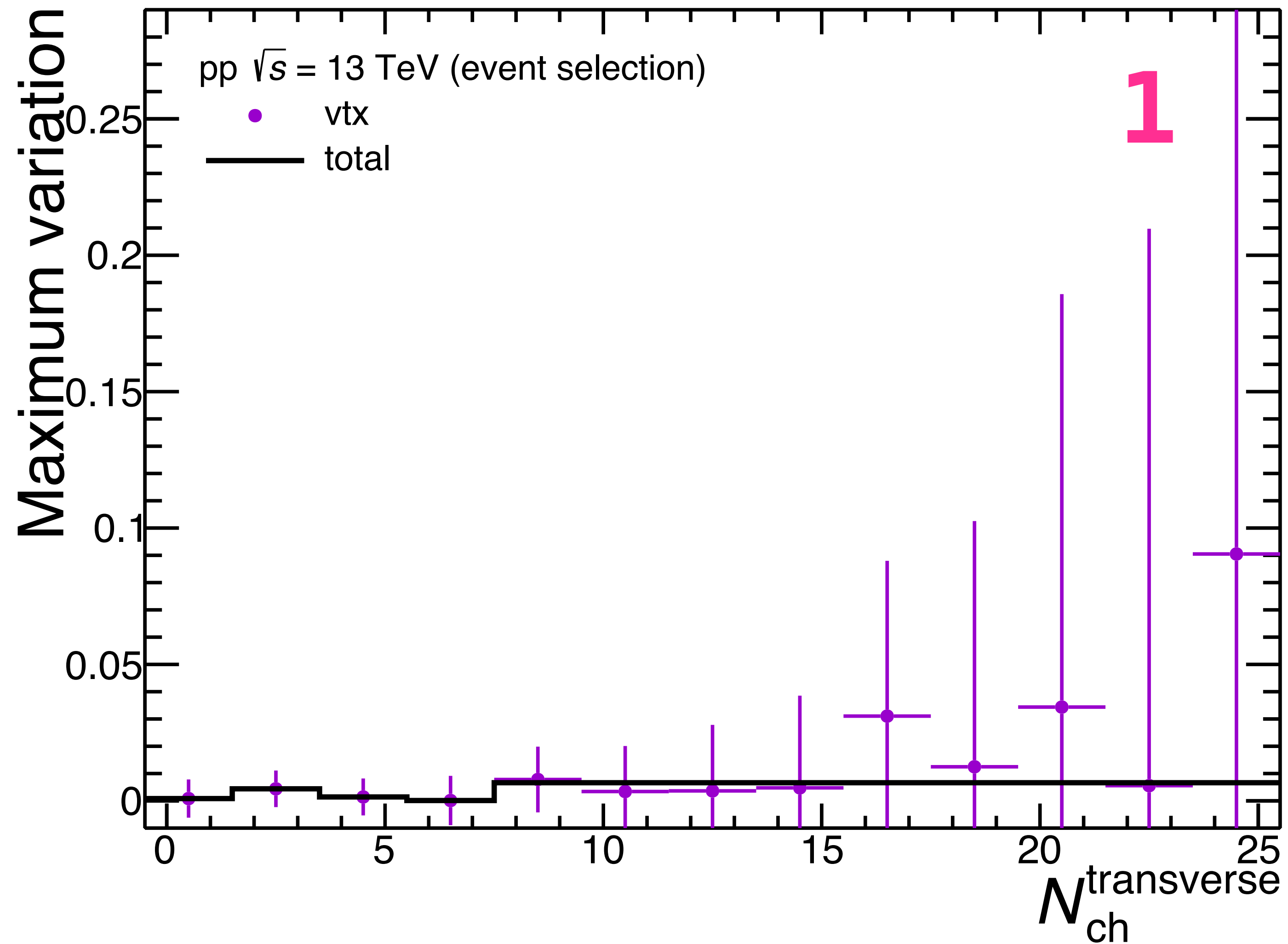
Our results are consistent with the trend of existing results from CDF in the trans-max and trans-min regions.

Average multiplicity

	$\langle N_{\text{ch}}^{\text{trans-min}} \rangle$	$\langle N_{\text{ch}}^{\text{trans-max}} \rangle$	Sum	$\langle N_{\text{ch}}^{\text{transverse}} \rangle$
pp $\sqrt{s} = 2.76$ TeV	0.603657	1.84547	2.449127	2.44242
pp $\sqrt{s} = 5.02$ TeV	0.794141	2.17986	2.974001	2.97027
pp $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV	0.904969	2.38866	3.293629	3.29331
pp $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV	1.17942	2.87749	4.05691	4.05631

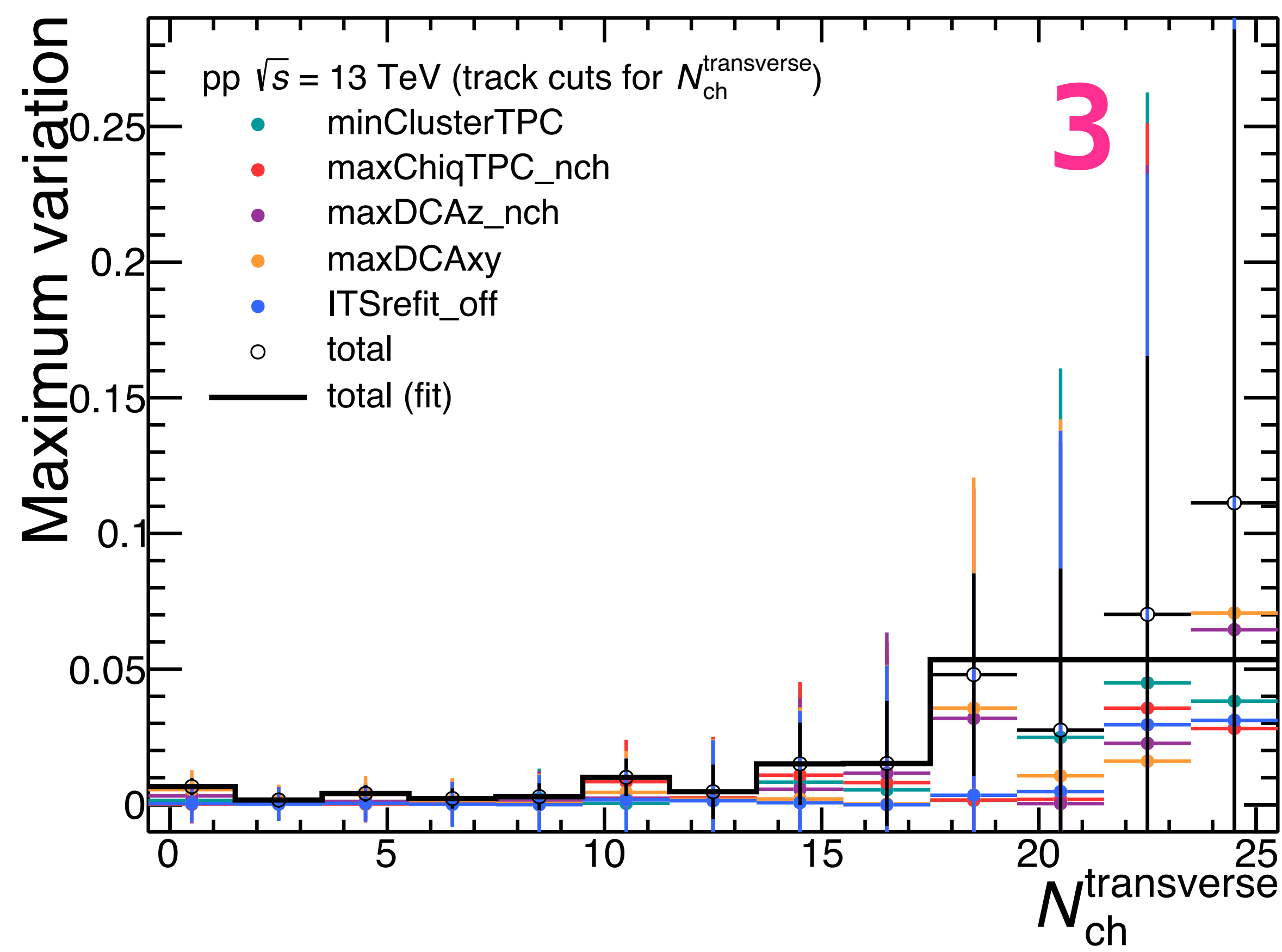
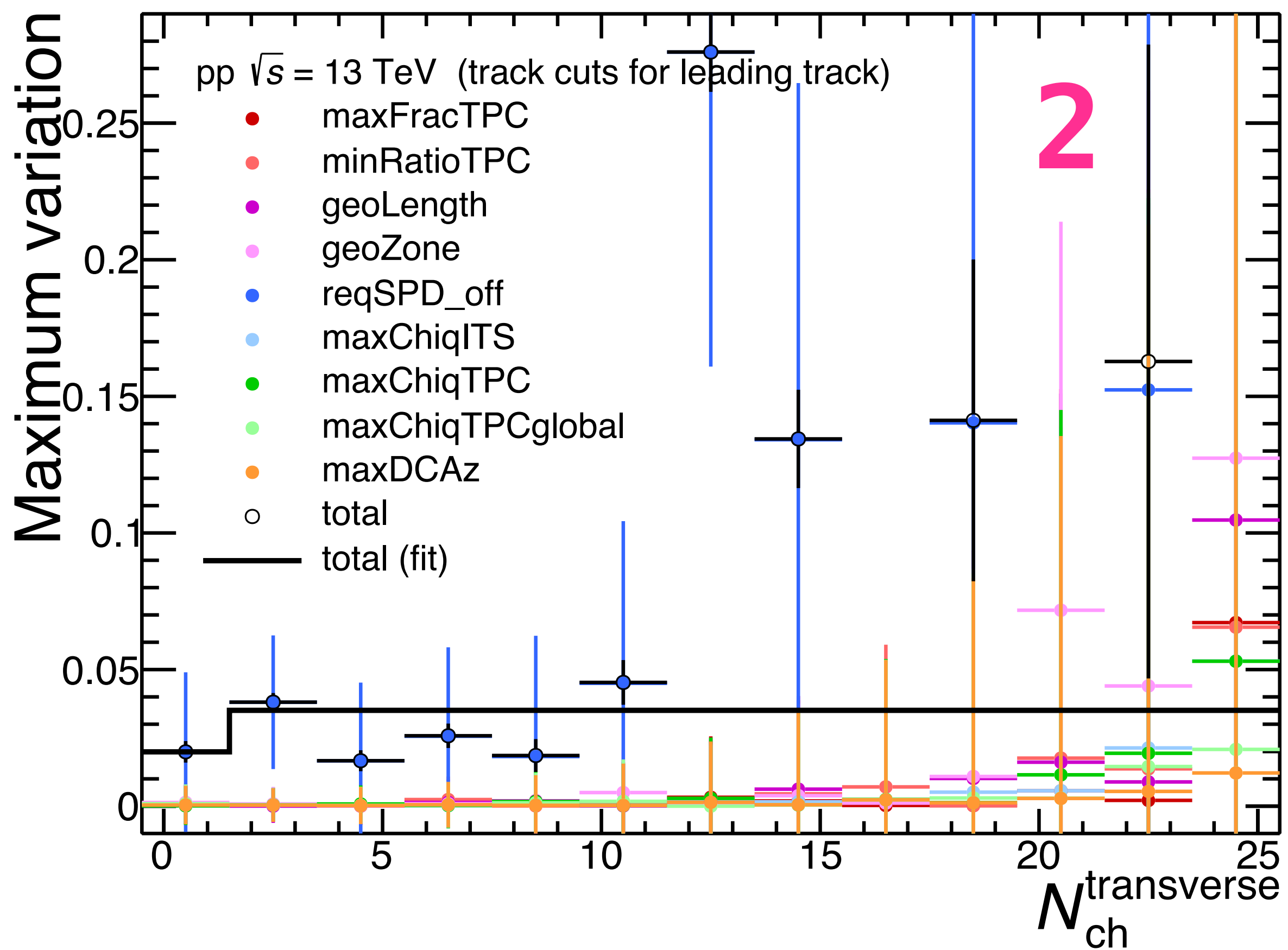
Systematic Uncertainties (Multiplicity Distributions)

Event selection



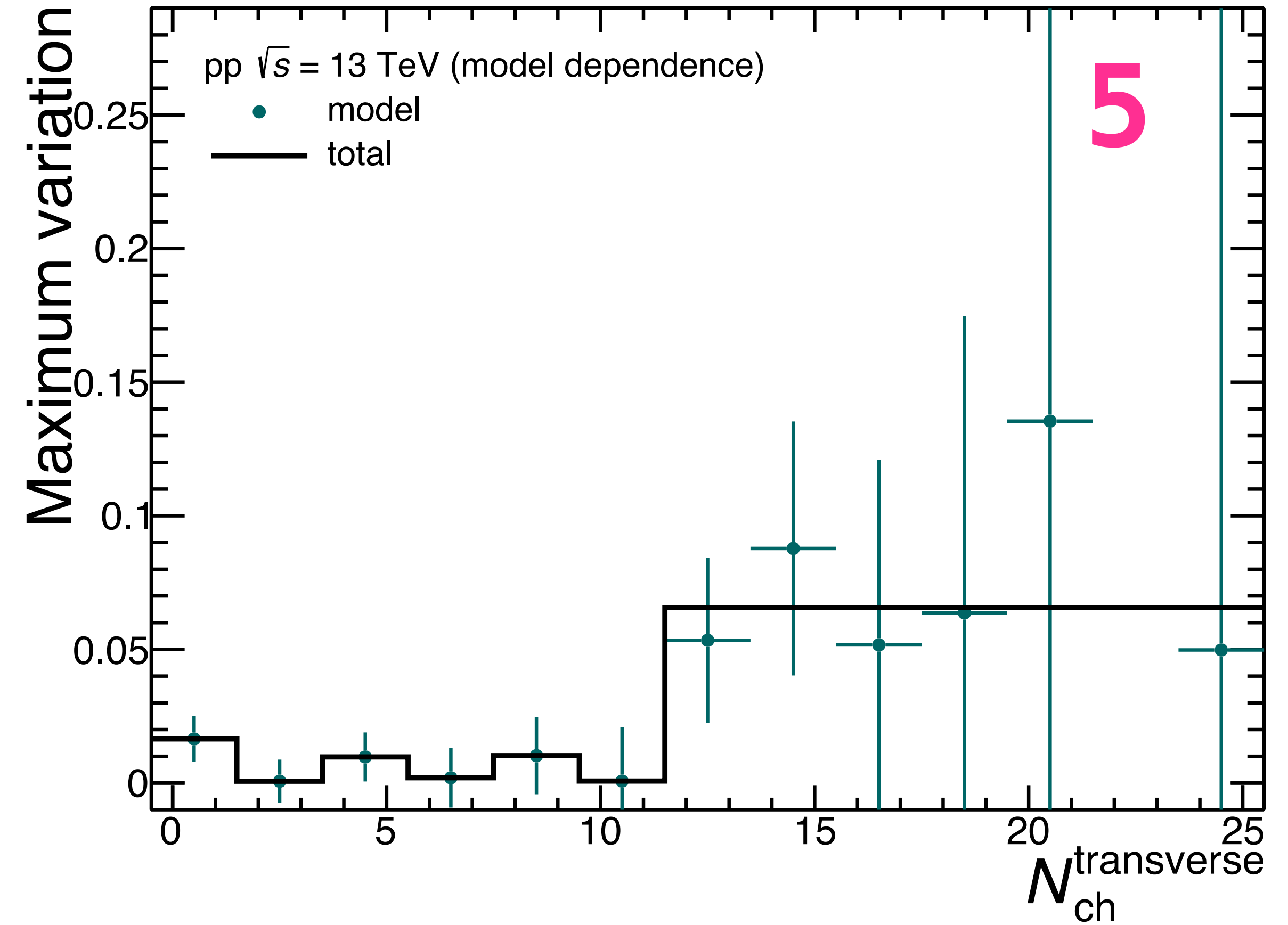
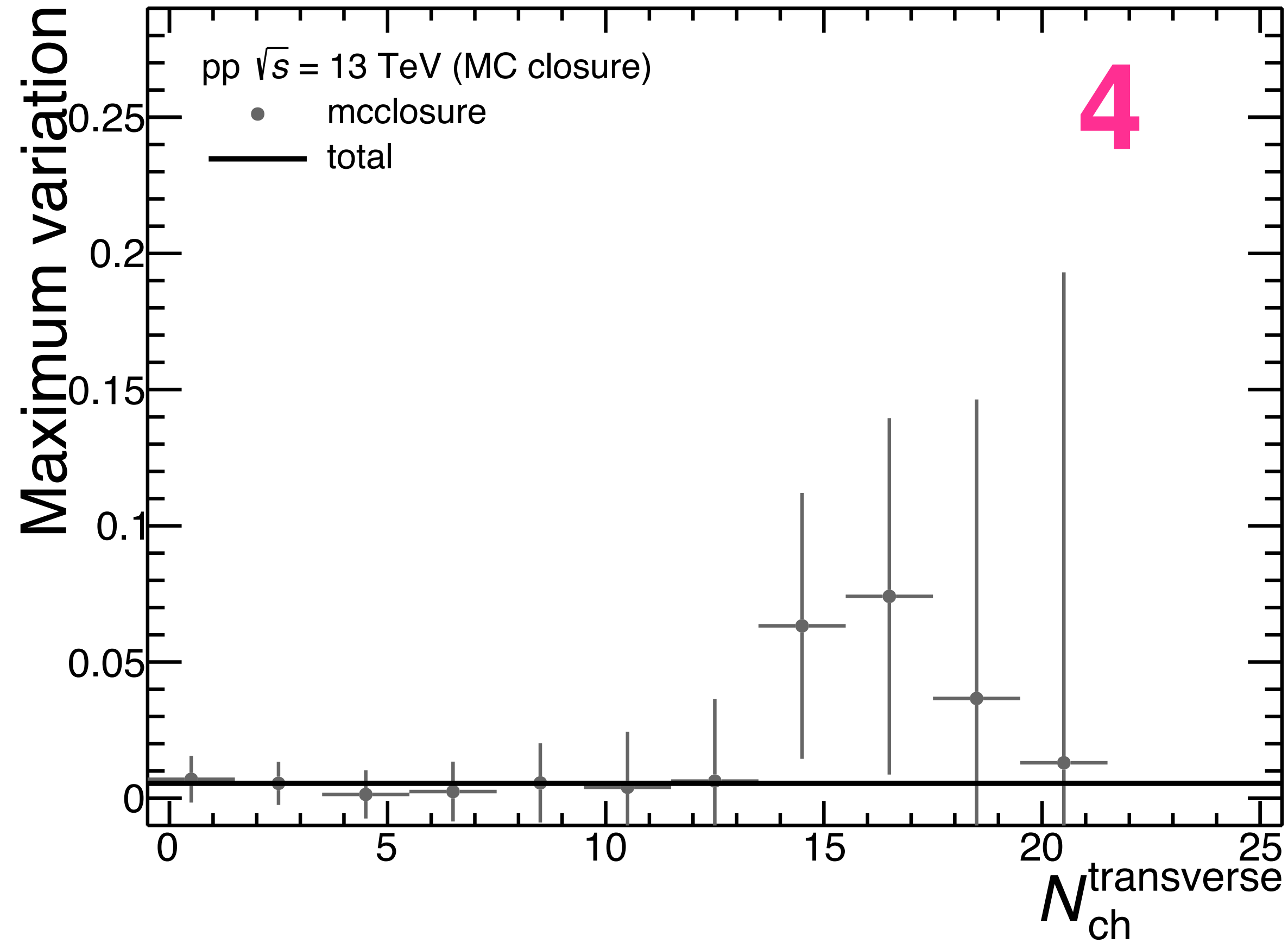
- $|Vz| < 5$ cm (15 cm), the nominal value is 10 cm.
- A constant fit to data is used to estimate the systematic uncertainty at high multiplicity, this allows to reduce the effects of statistical fluctuations.

Track selection



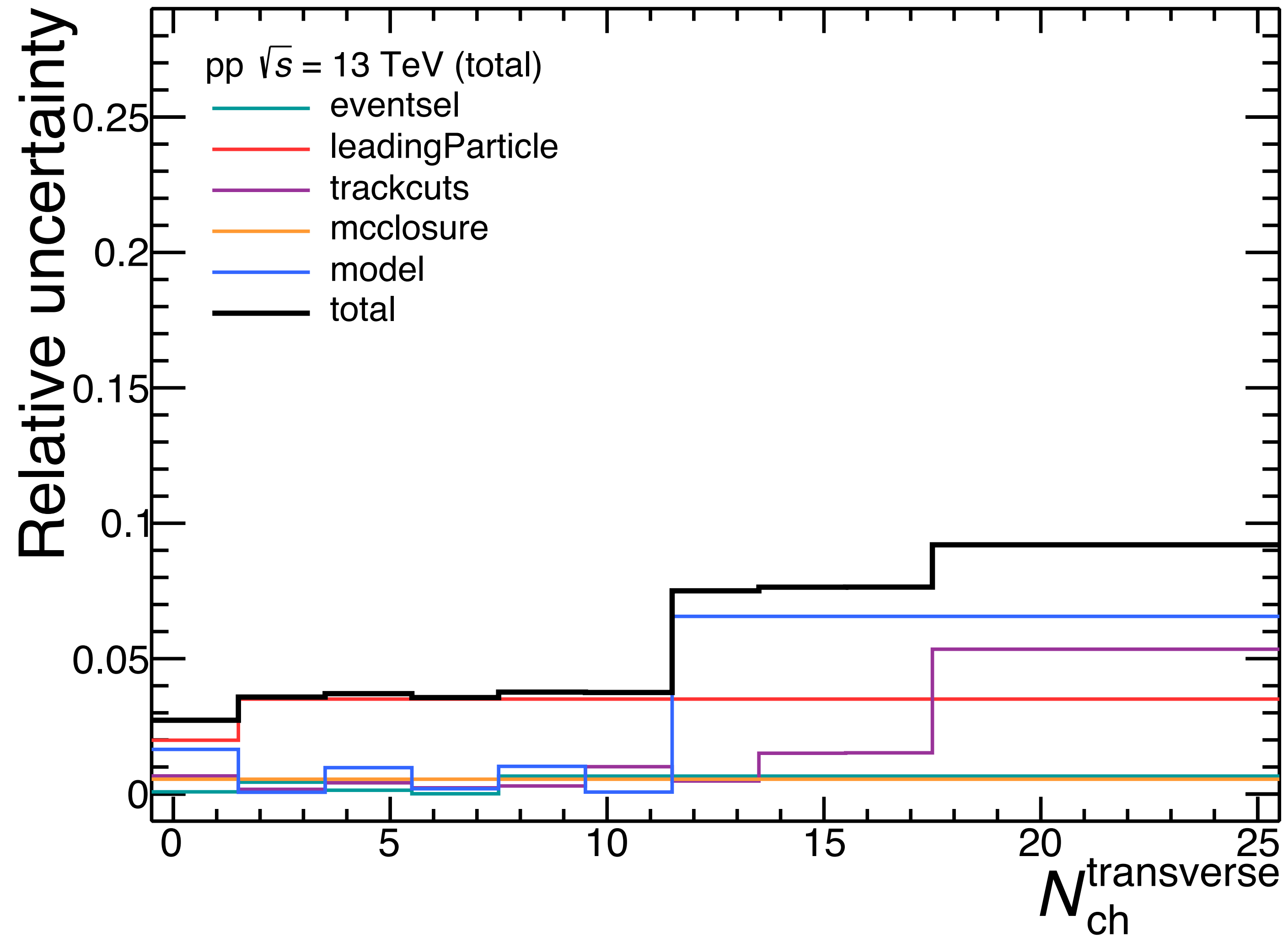
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MC closure test & model dependence



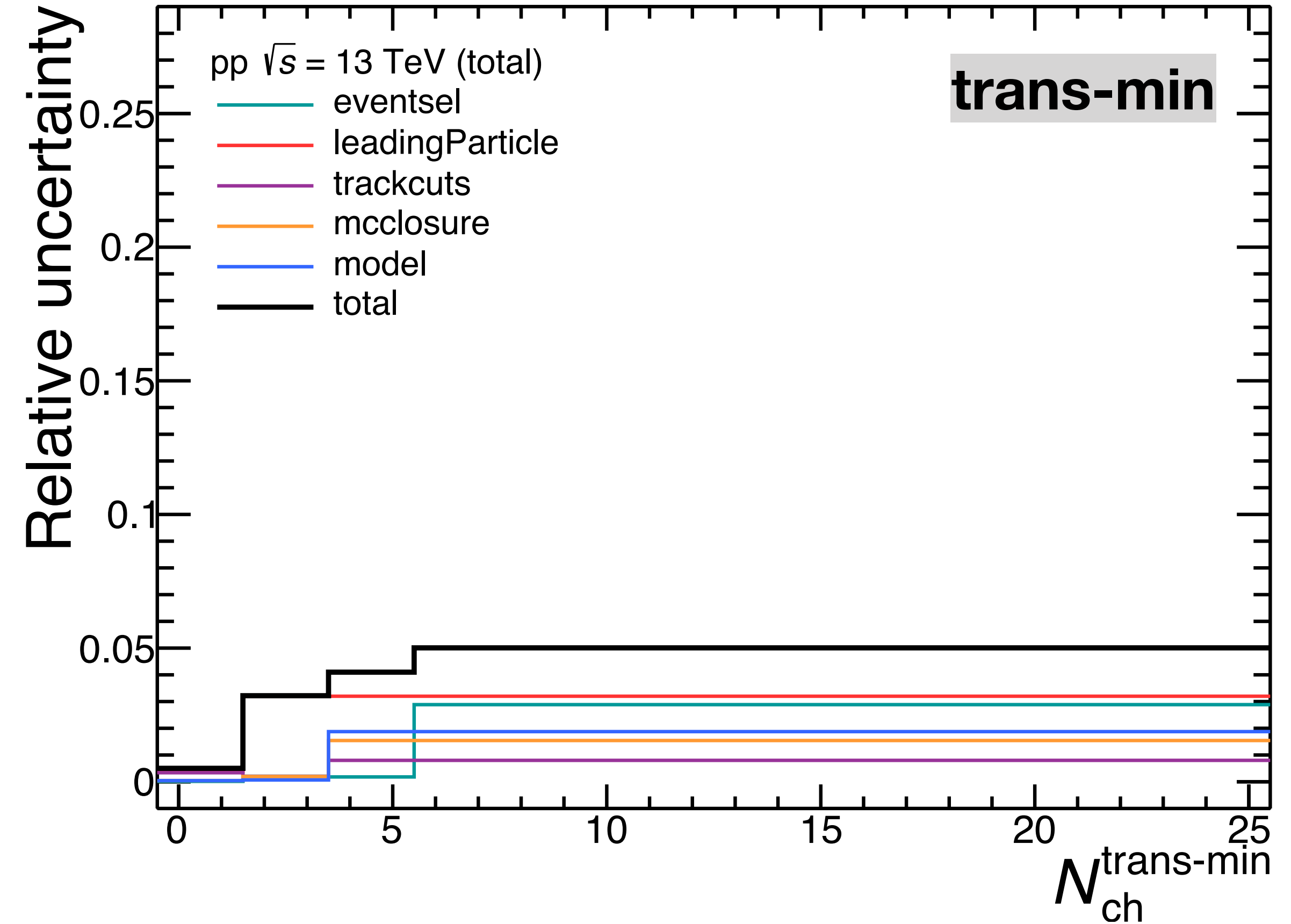
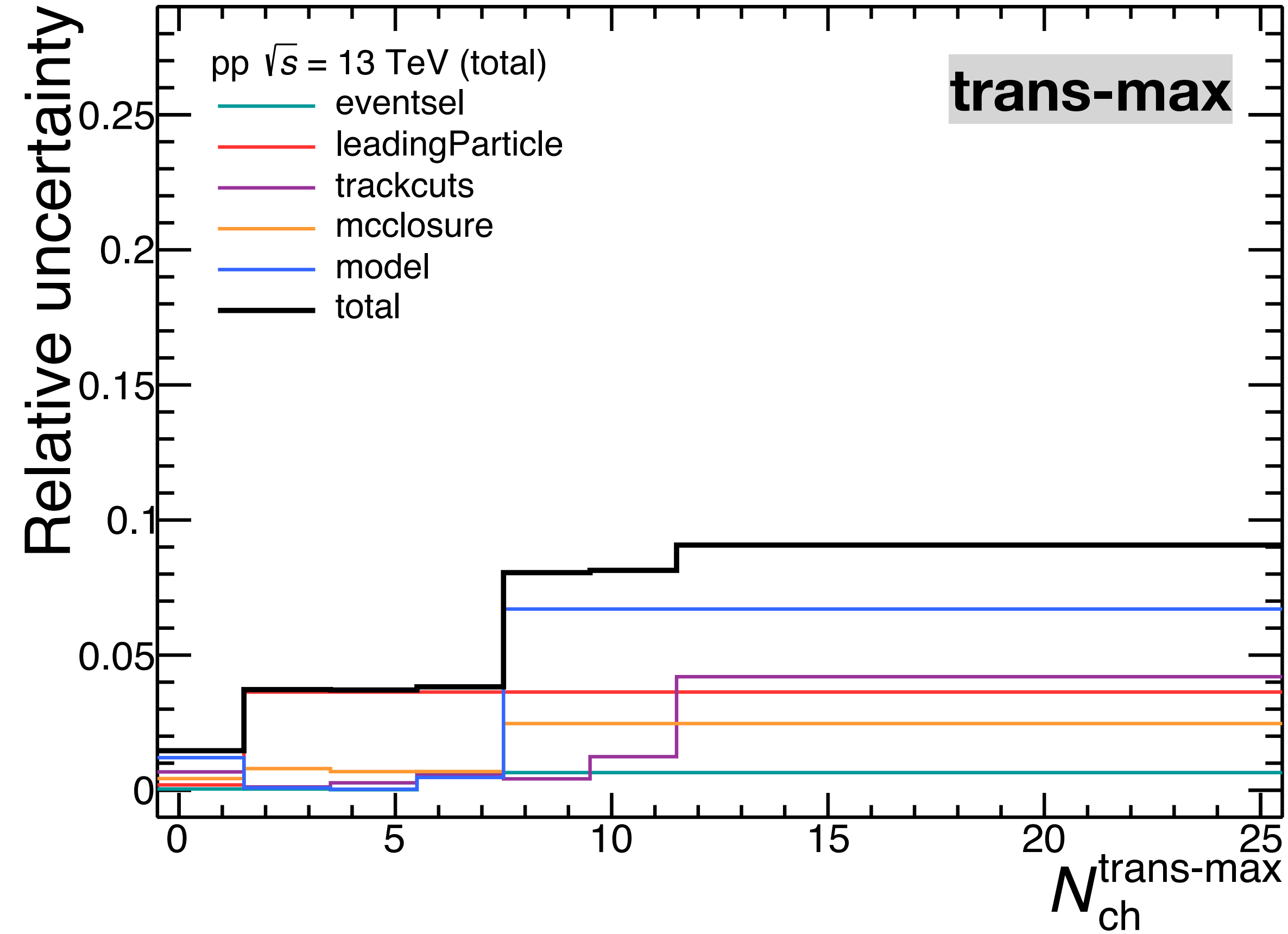
⦿ The model dependence was only tested for 13 TeV and we assume the same uncertainty for lower energies.

Systematic uncertainties



⦿ The total systematic uncertainties are obtained by the quadrature sum of the five sources of systematic uncertainty.

Systematic uncertainties



⊙ The total systematic uncertainties in trans-max and trans-min regions have a similar behavior to the transverse region.

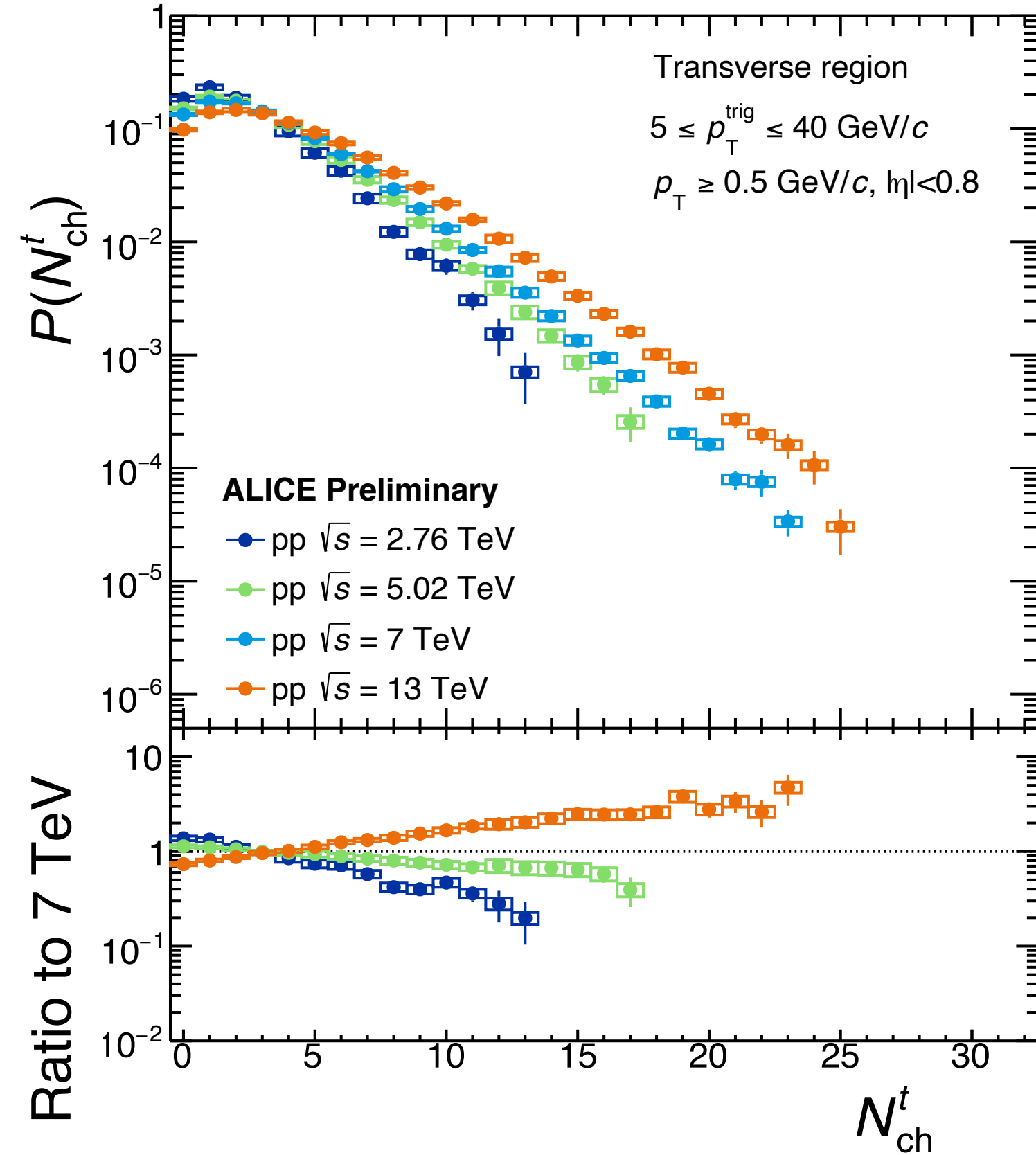
Systematic Uncertainties (Average Multiplicity)

Systematic uncertainties

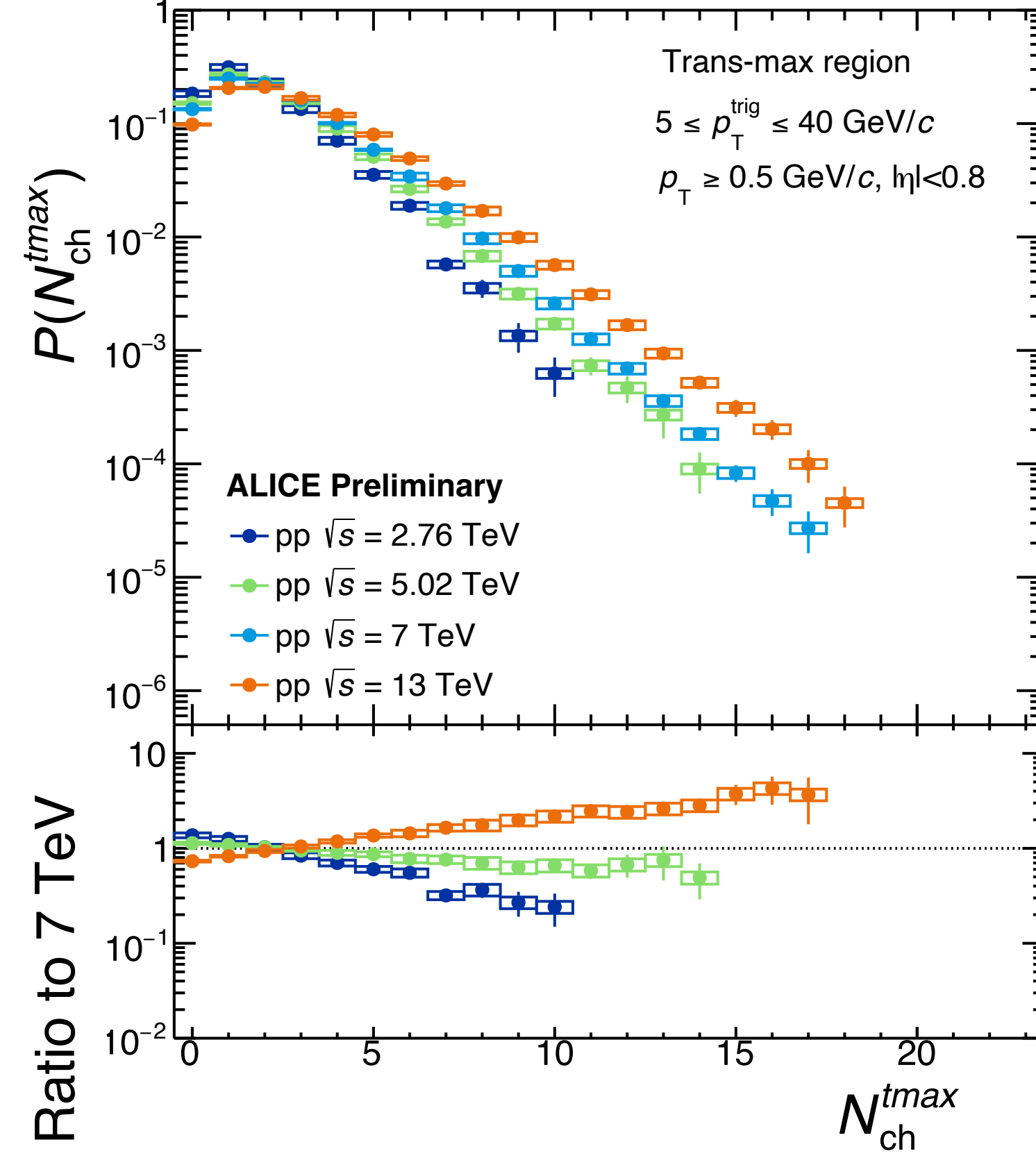
source	pp $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV		
	$\langle N_{\text{ch}}^{\text{transverse}} \rangle$	$\langle N_{\text{ch}}^{\text{trans-max}} \rangle$	$\langle N_{\text{ch}}^{\text{trans-min}} \rangle$
event selection	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%
track selection for leading track	1.7%	1.7%	1.8%
track selection for N_{ch}	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%
MC closure test	negl.	0.1%	0.1%
MC model dependence	0.8%	1.1%	0.1%
total	1.9%	2.0%	1.9%

Results

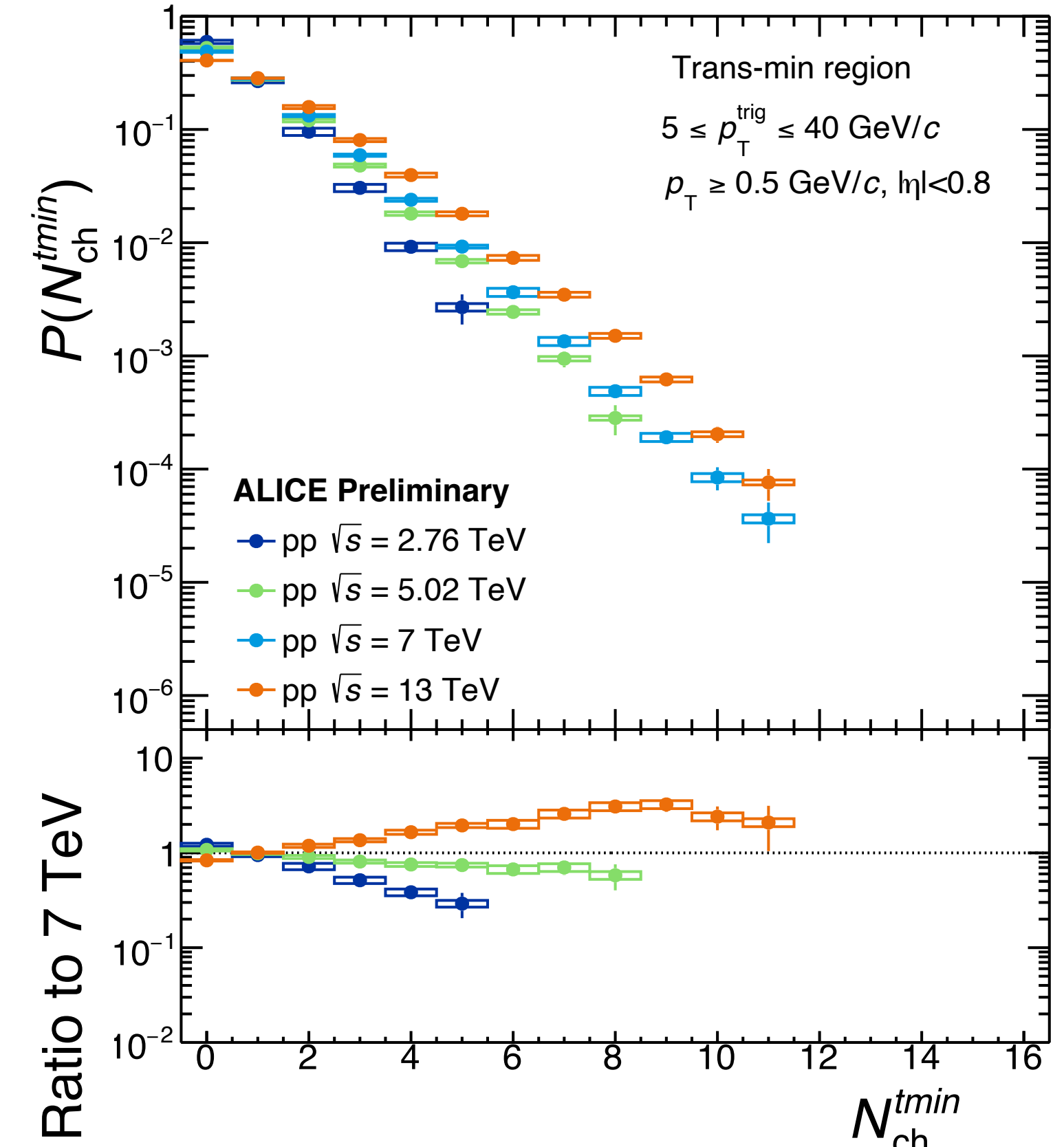
Candidate for preliminary (N_{ch} distributions)



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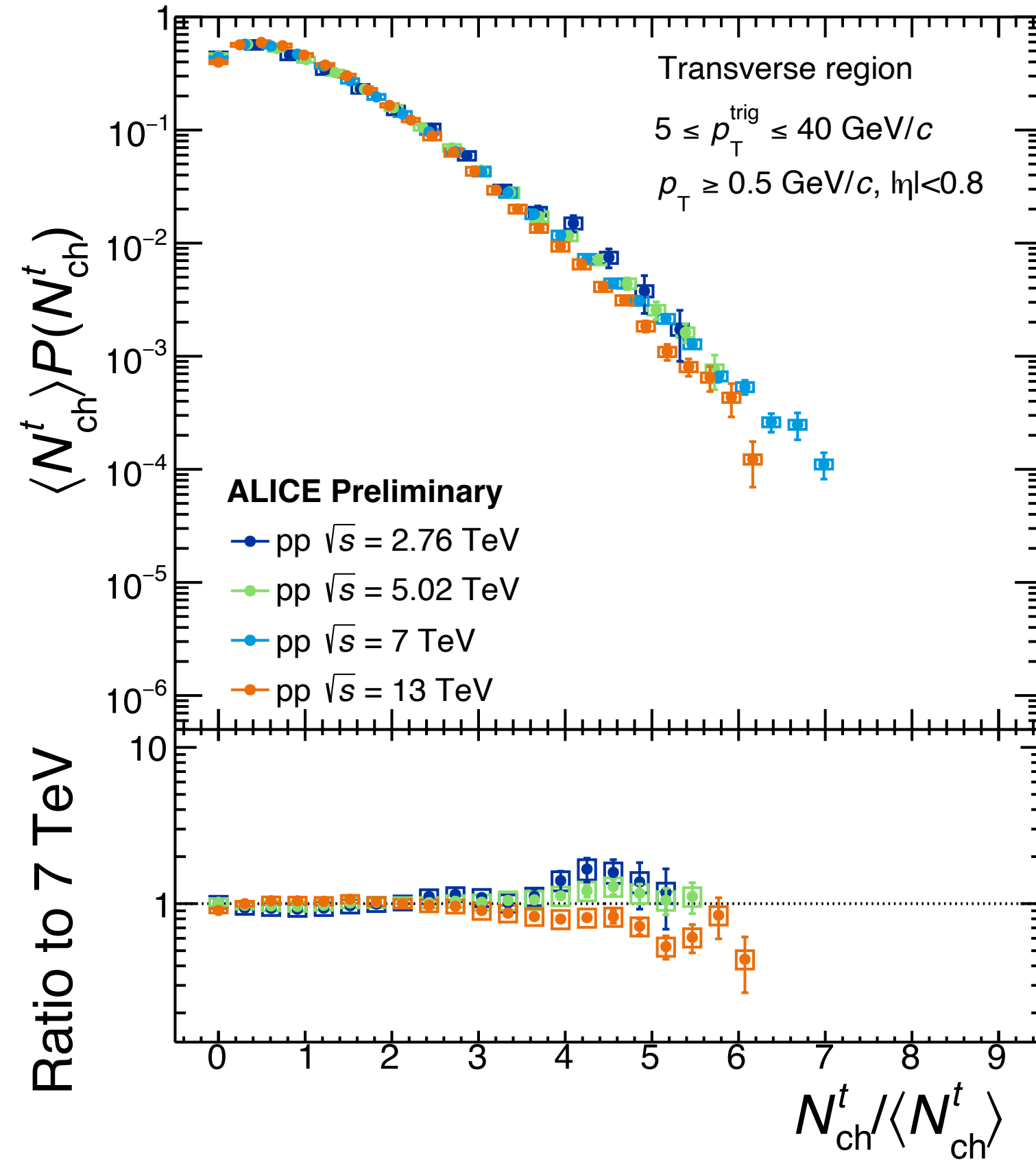
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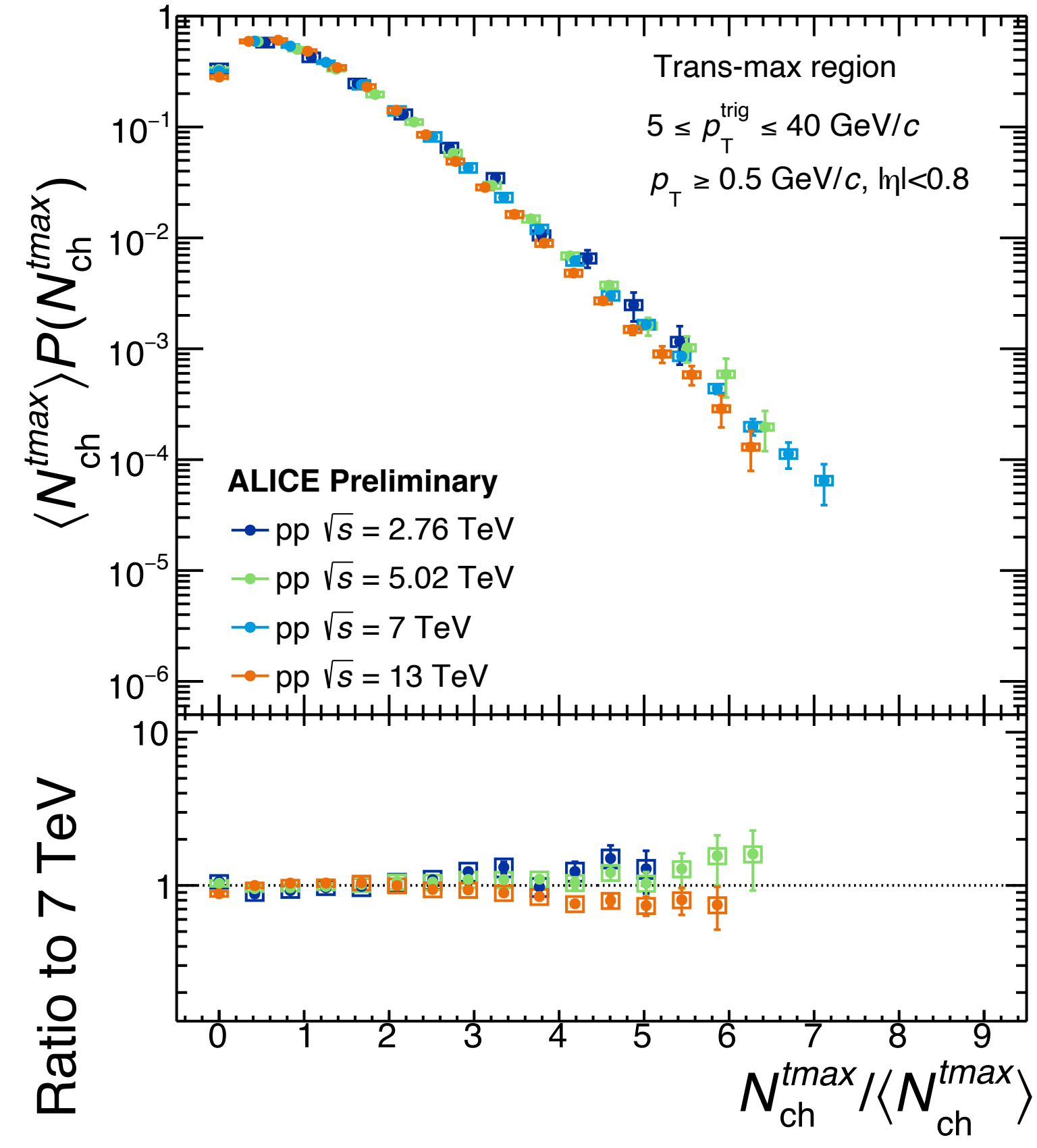
trans-min

- The charged particle multiplicity distributions are energy dependent in three topological regions.
- Similar behavior is seen in minimum-bias pp collisions

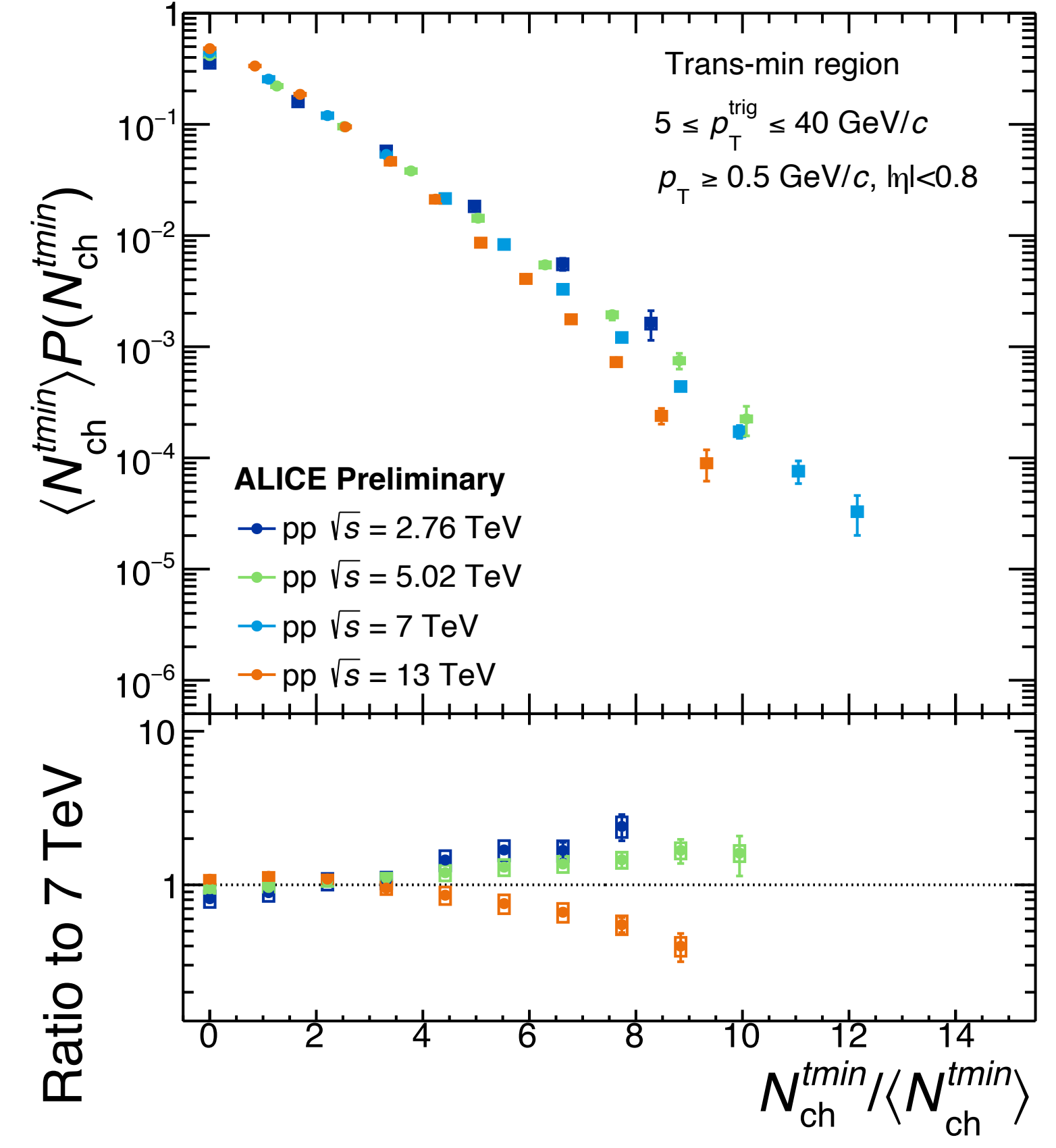
Candidate for preliminary (KNO variables)



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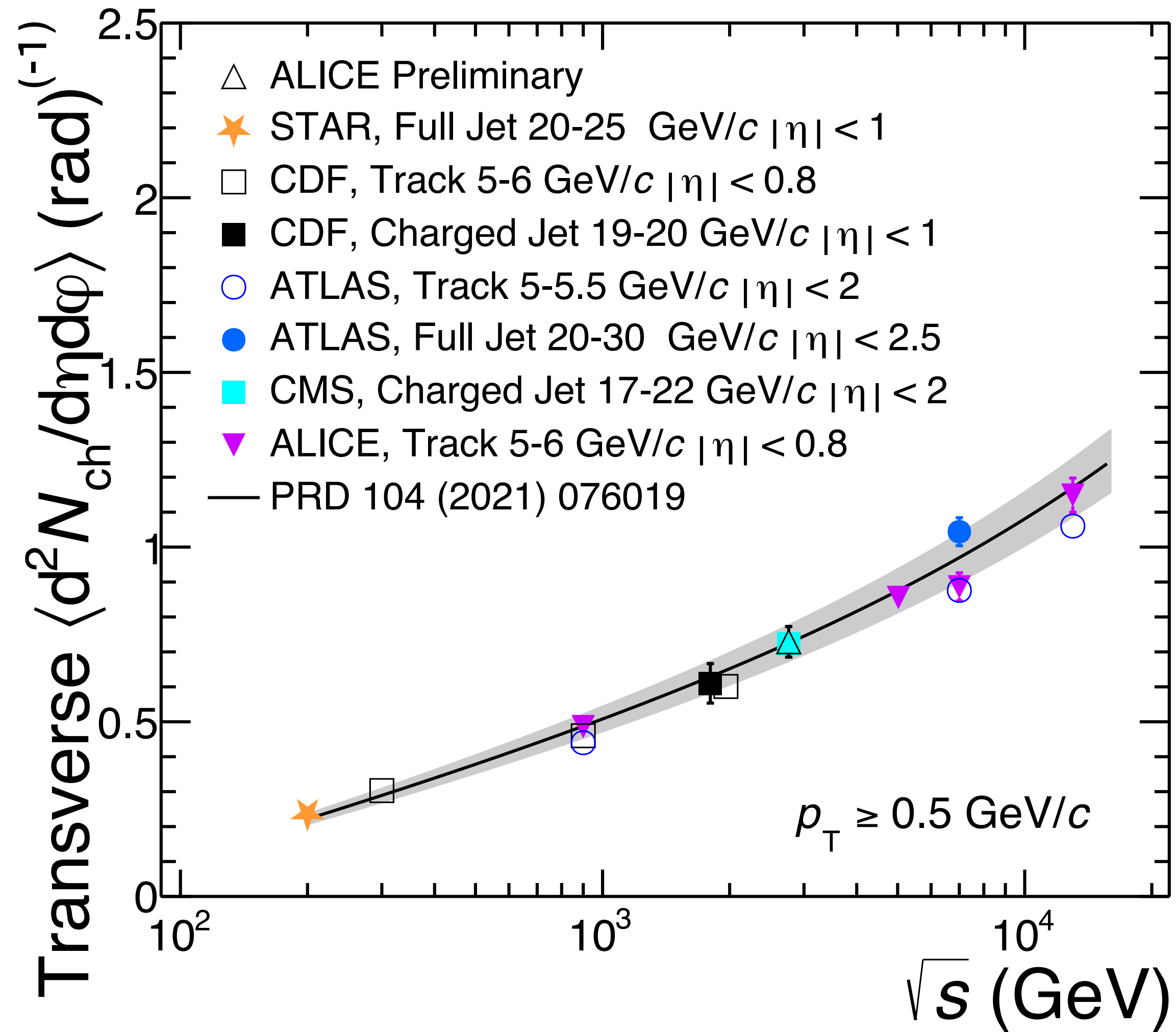
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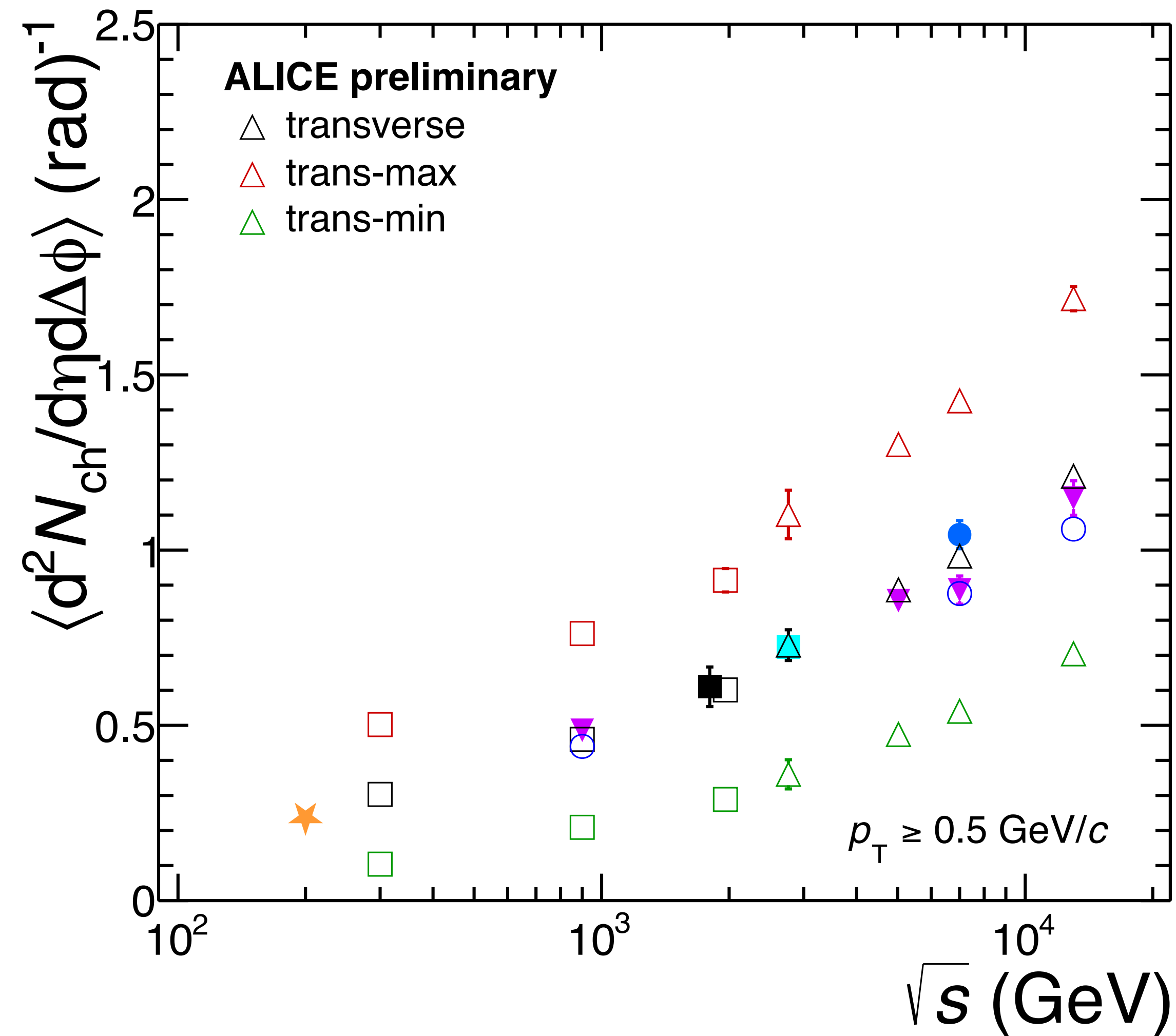
- ⊙ In three topological regions the KNO-like scaling holds for $0 < z (= N_{ch} / \langle N_{ch} \rangle) < 3.5$
 - ➔ This scaling suggests that a single pp collision results from the superposition of a given number of elementary partonic collisions emitting independently. Therefore, MPI can produce such an effect.
- ⊙ At higher multiplicities the scaling is broken in particular for trans min, high multiplicity mini jets?

Candidate for preliminary (\sqrt{s} dependence of UE)



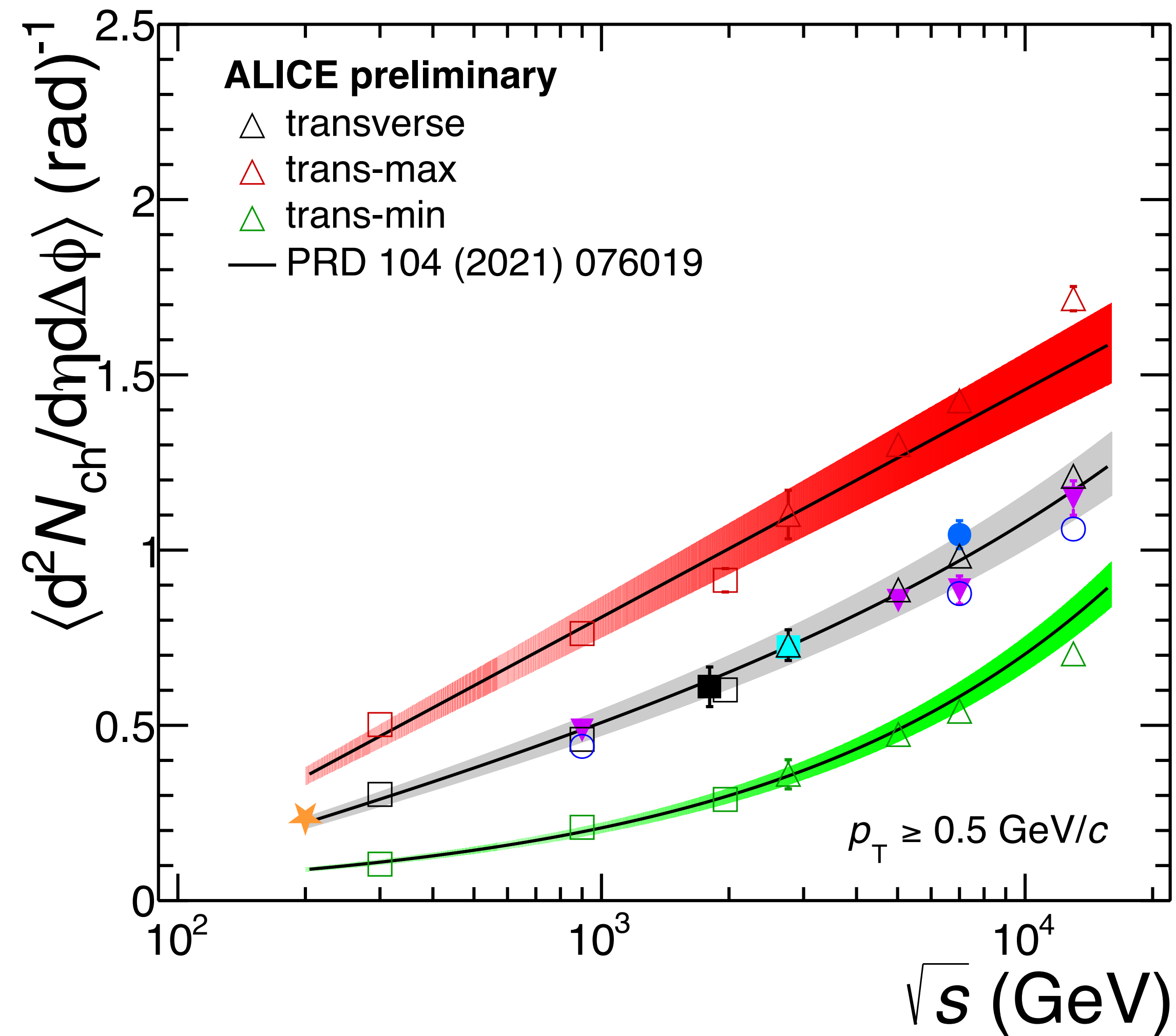
● Our data is consistent with the trend of existing results

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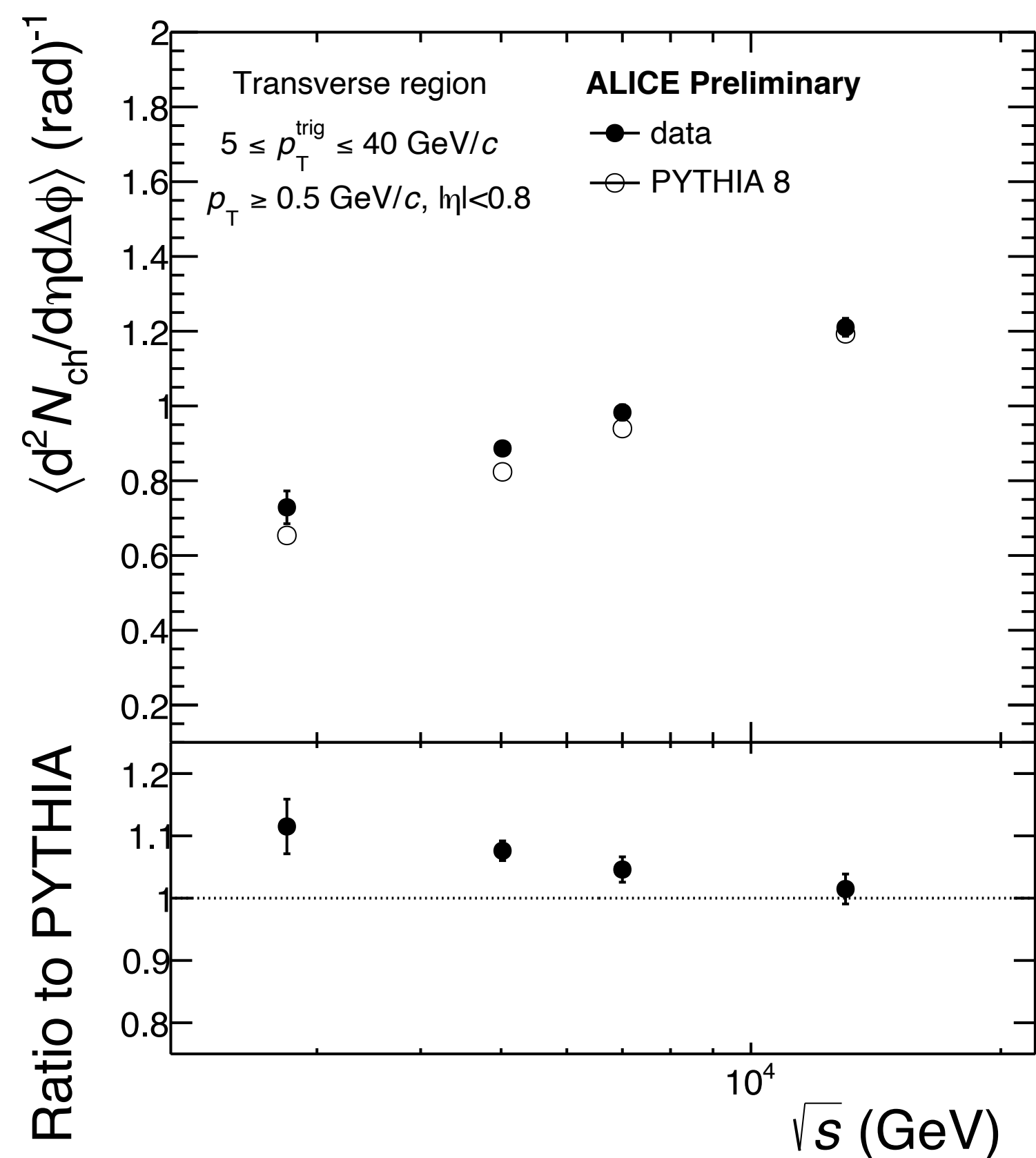
○ Our results are consistent with the trend of existing results from CDF in trans-max and trans-min regions.

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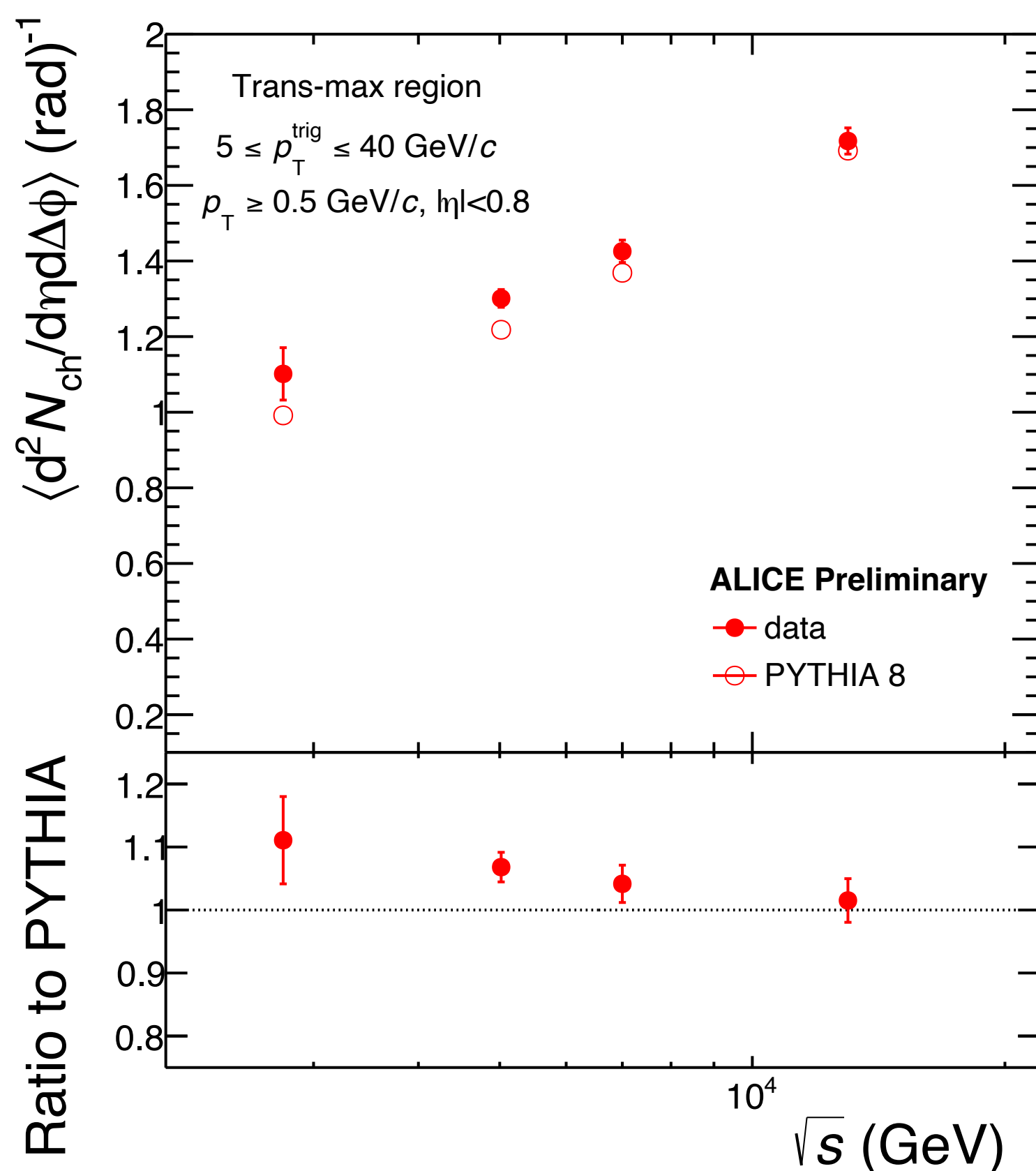


- ⊙ The UE component is found to increase like a power of the center-of-mass energy, while the ISR-FSR component increases logarithmically. The power-law behavior of the UE contribution is similar to the energy dependence of the parameter that regulates Multiparton Interactions in PYTHIA 8.

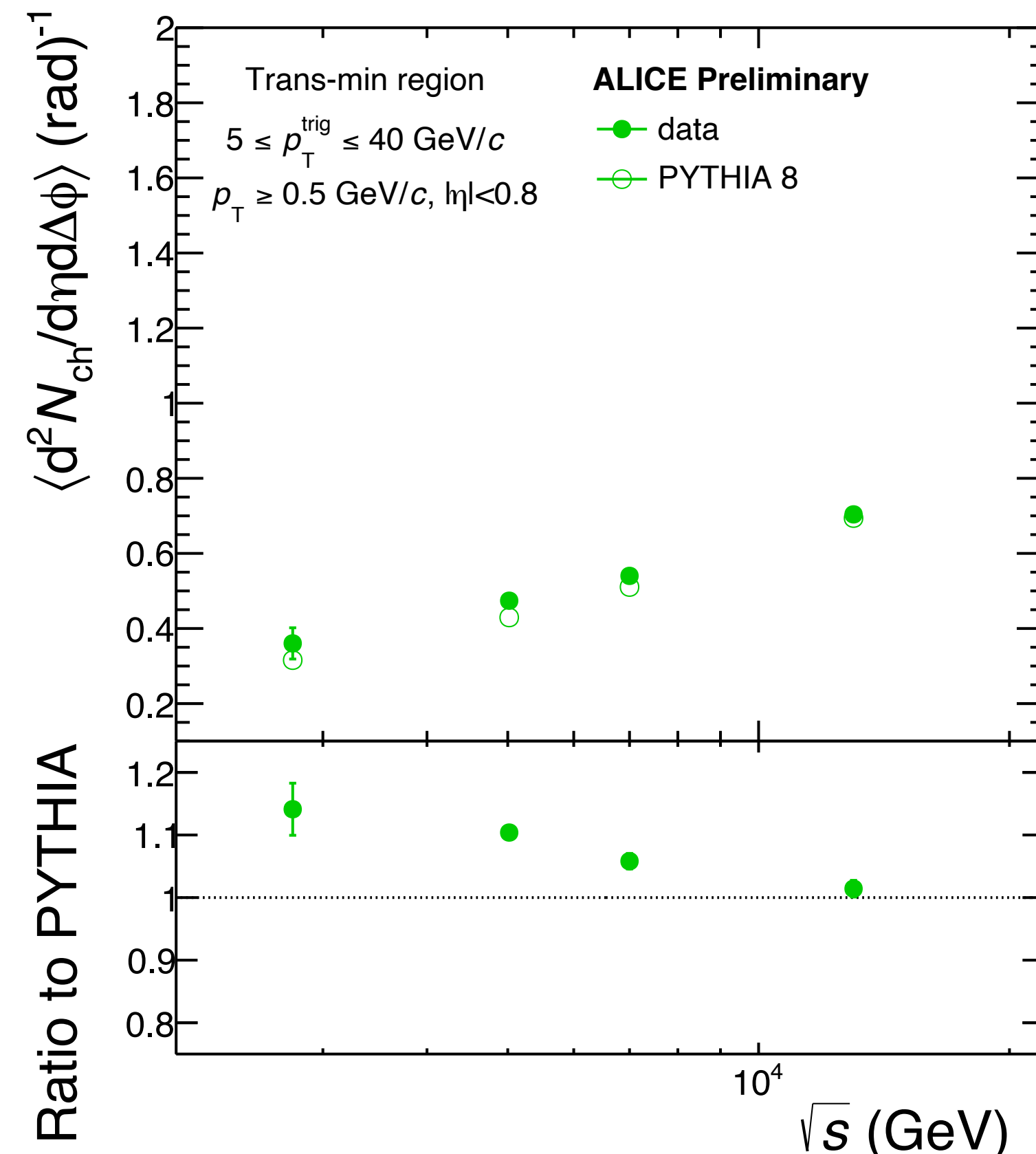
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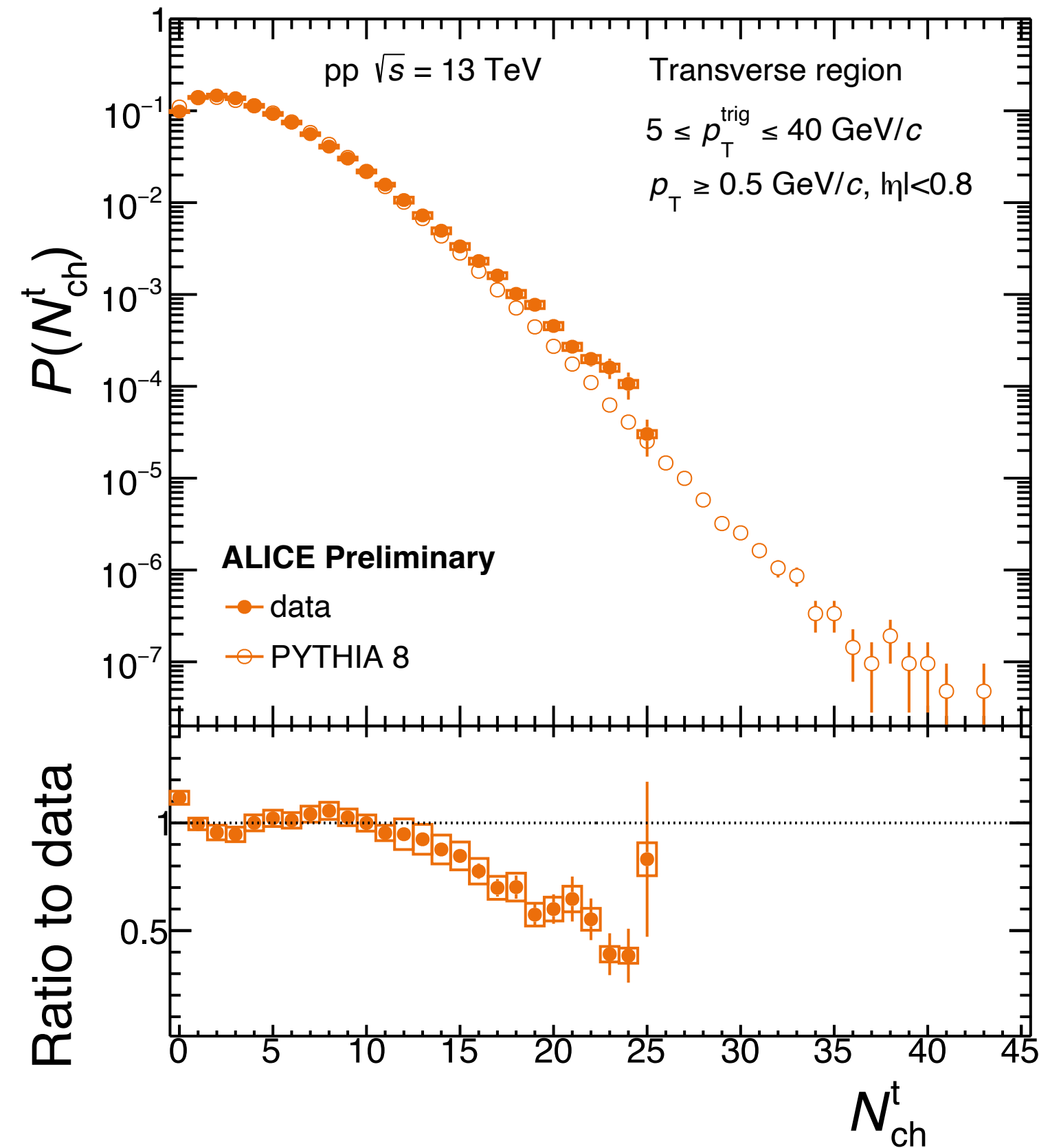
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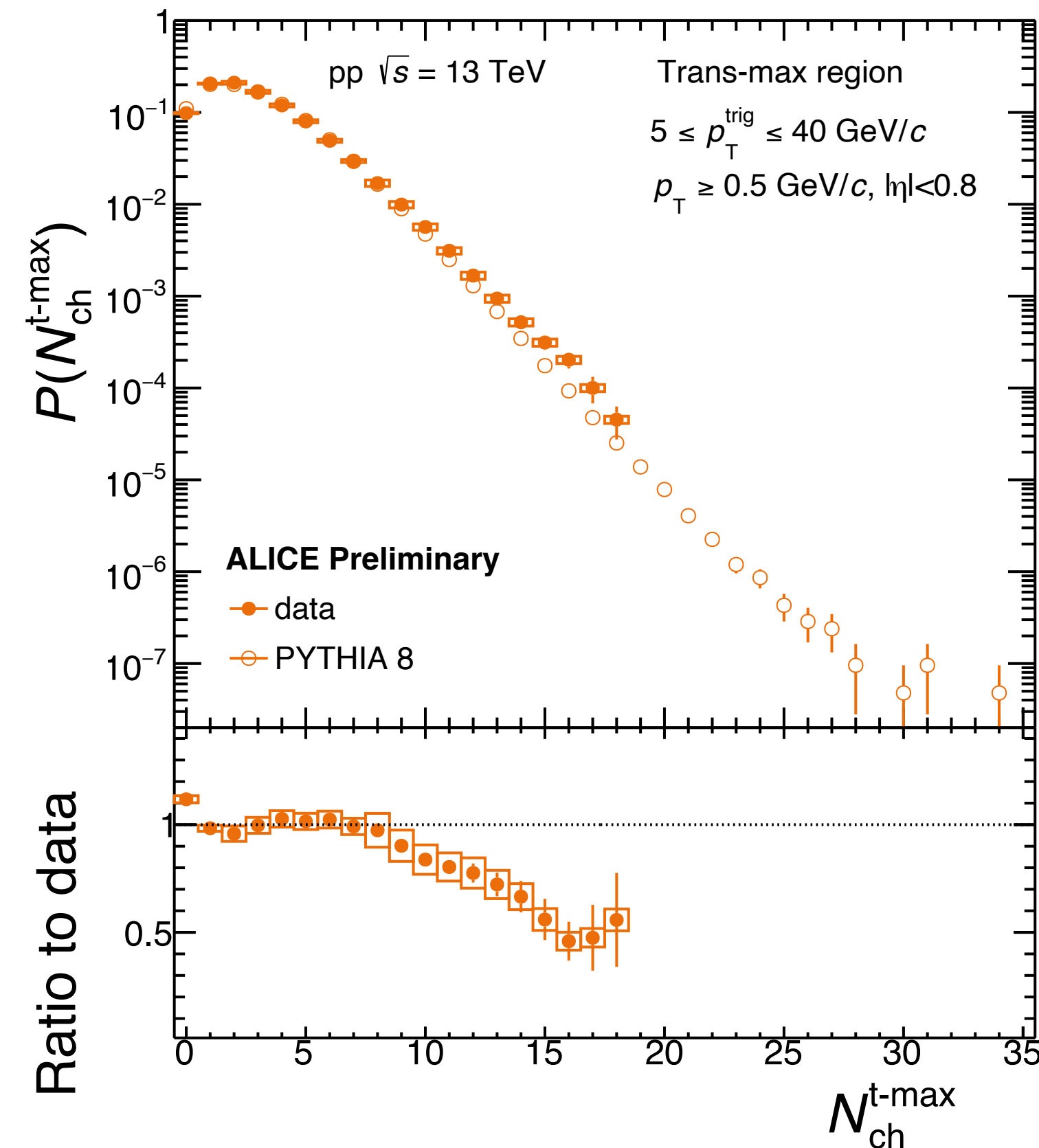
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⊙ Within around 10%, PYTHIA 8 is consistent with data and a better agreement is reached at higher energies.

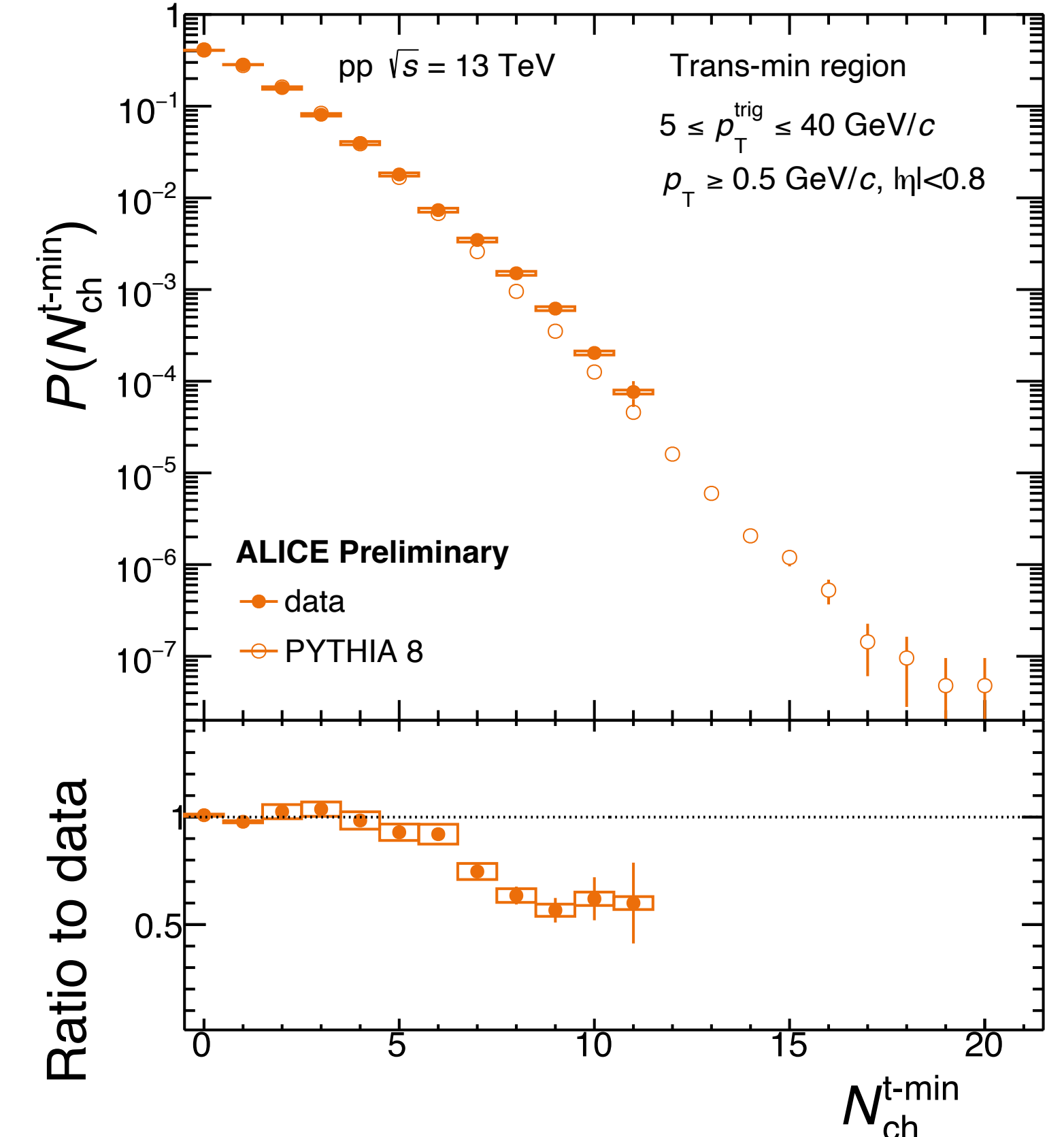
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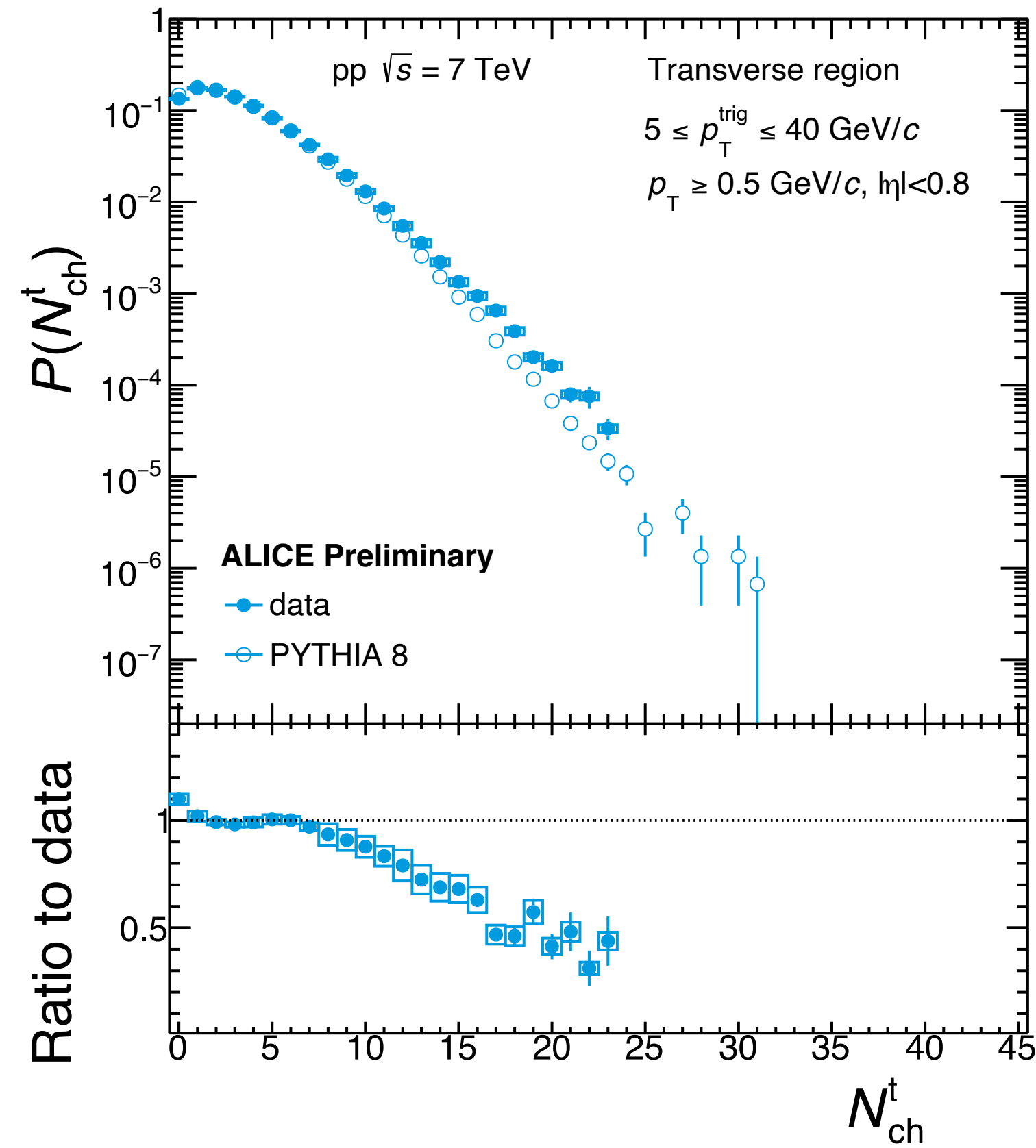
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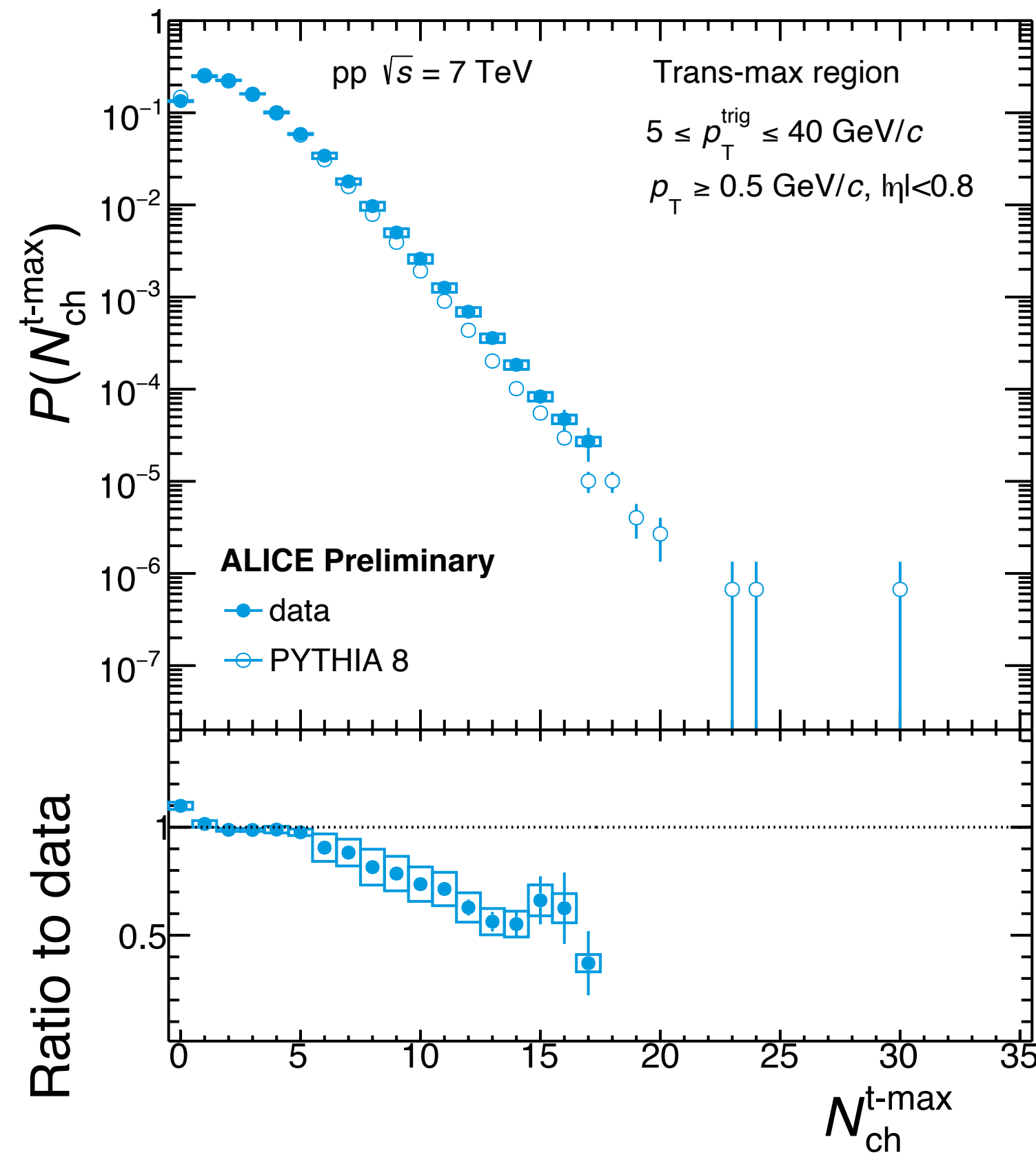
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- At low multiplicities, within 10% PYTHIA 8 is consistent with data
- At high multiplicities, PYTHIA 8 underestimates the data. A similar behavior was reported in the ALICE paper on UE observables in pp collisions at 13 TeV

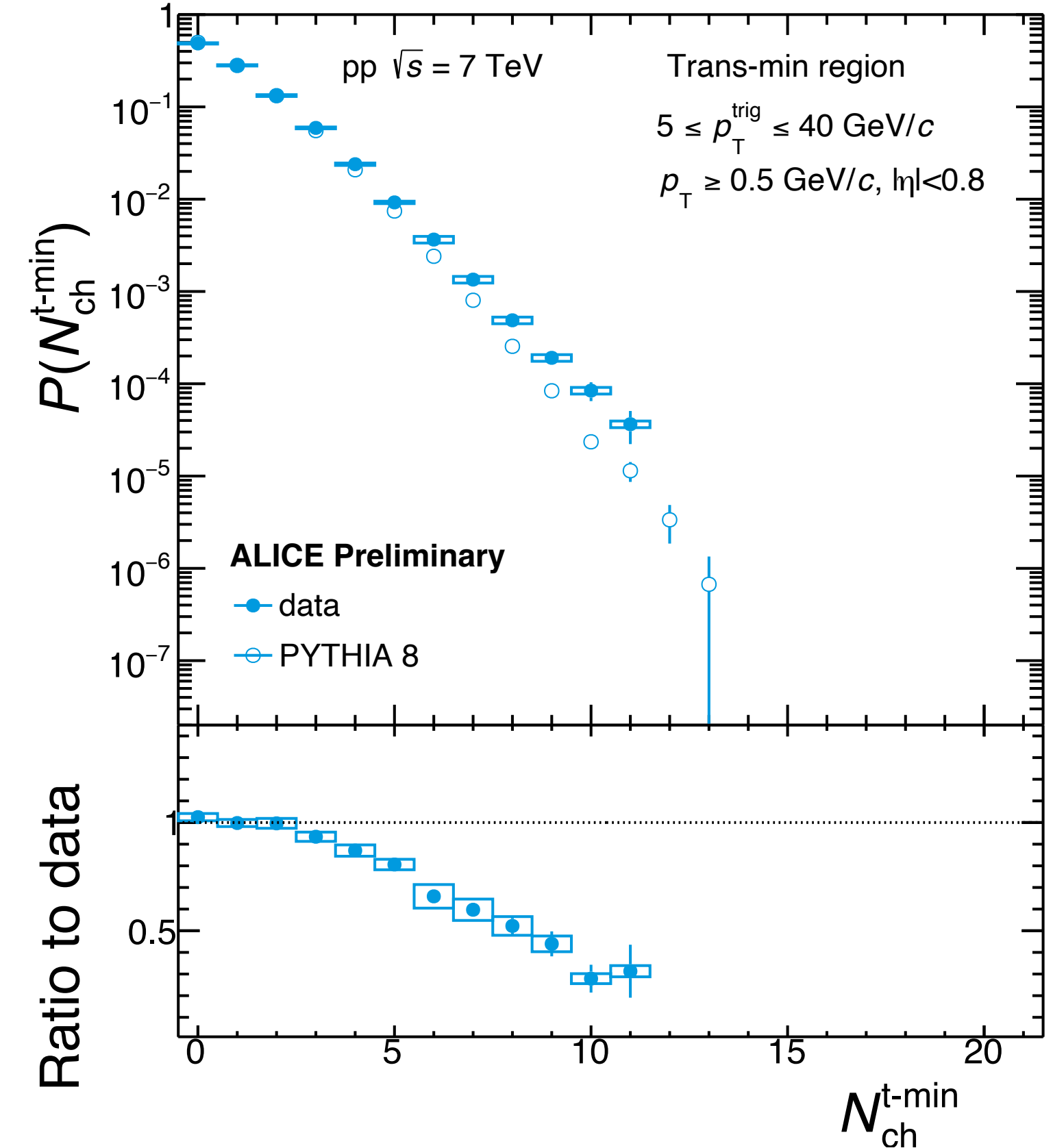
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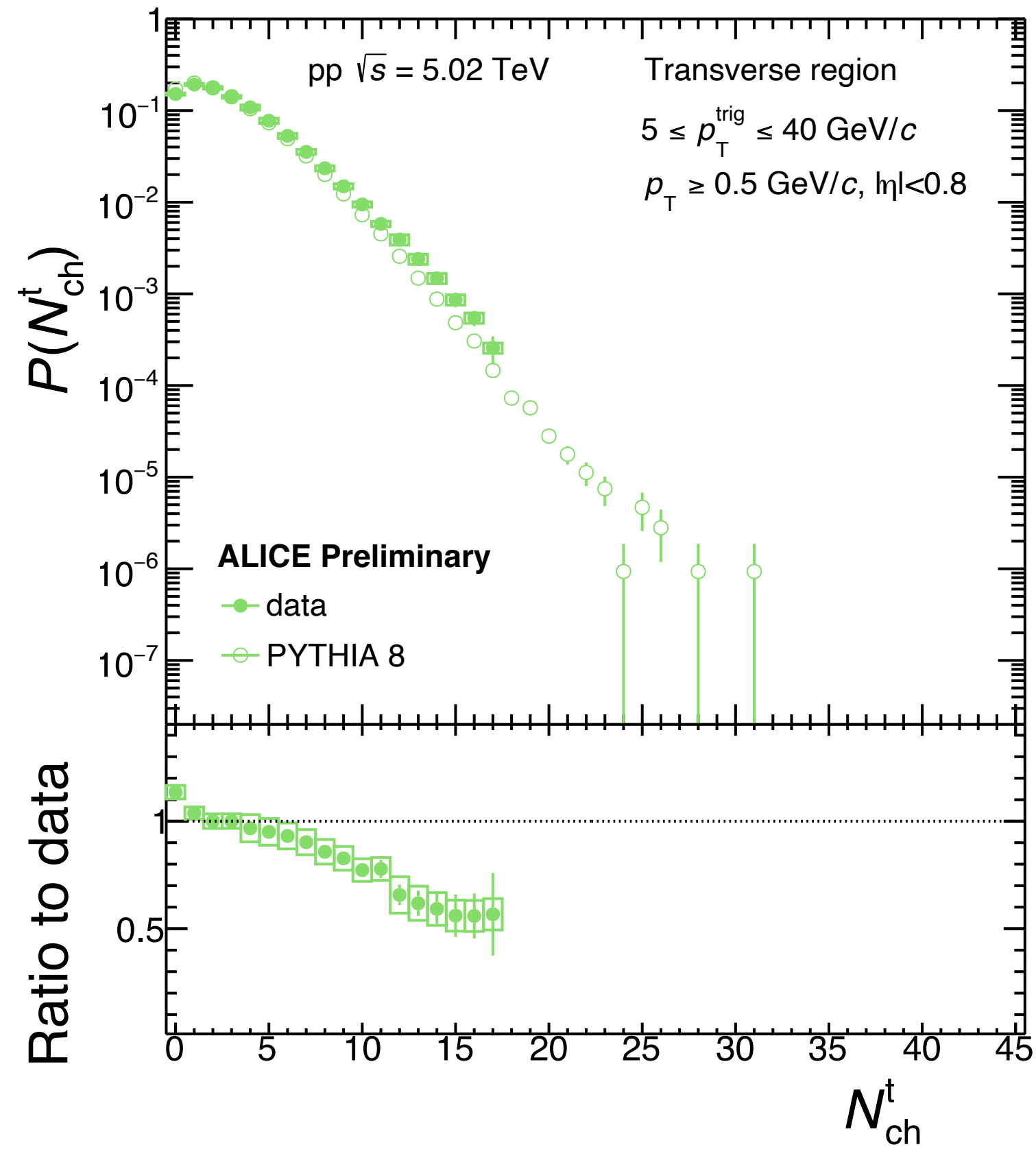


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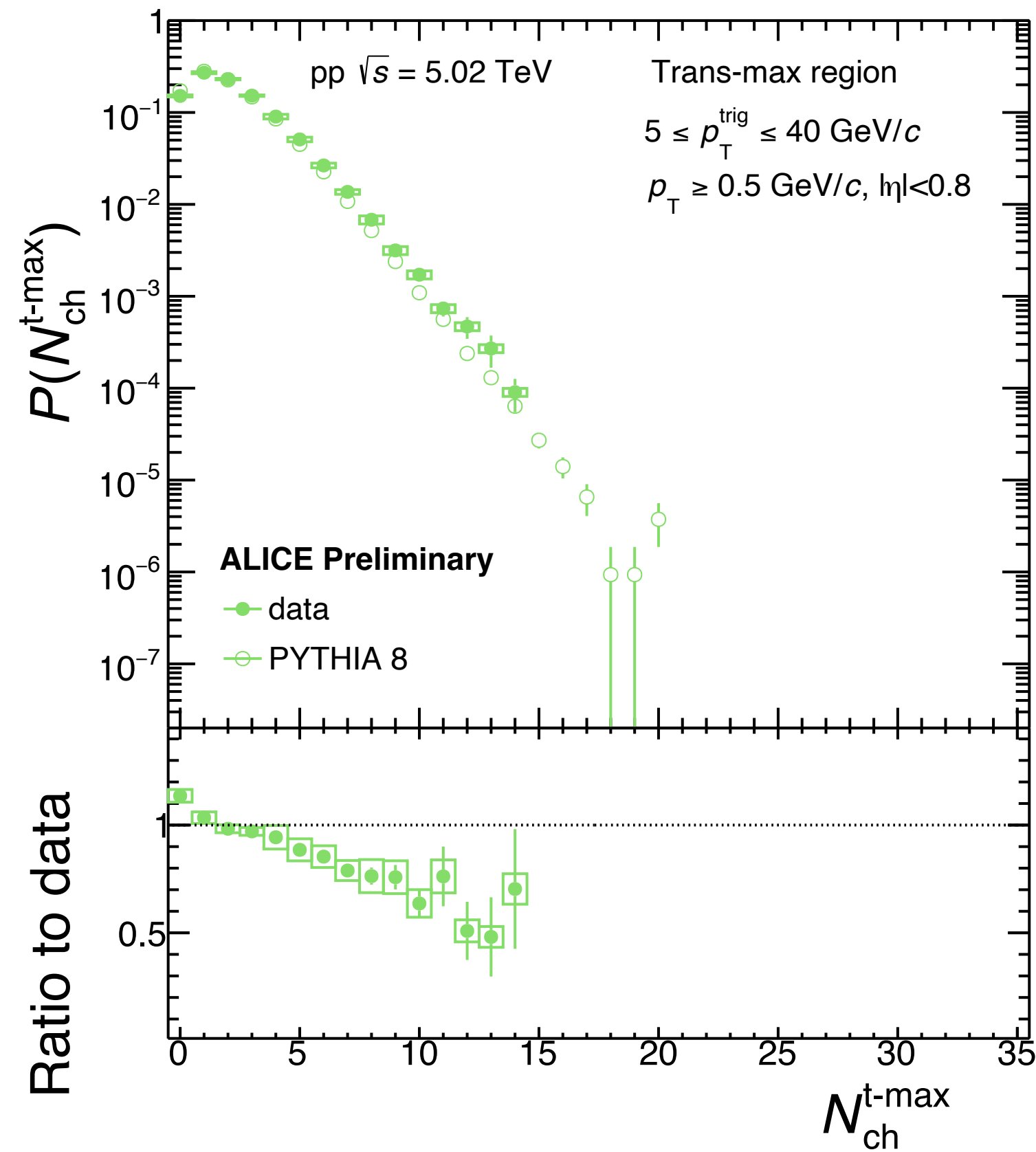


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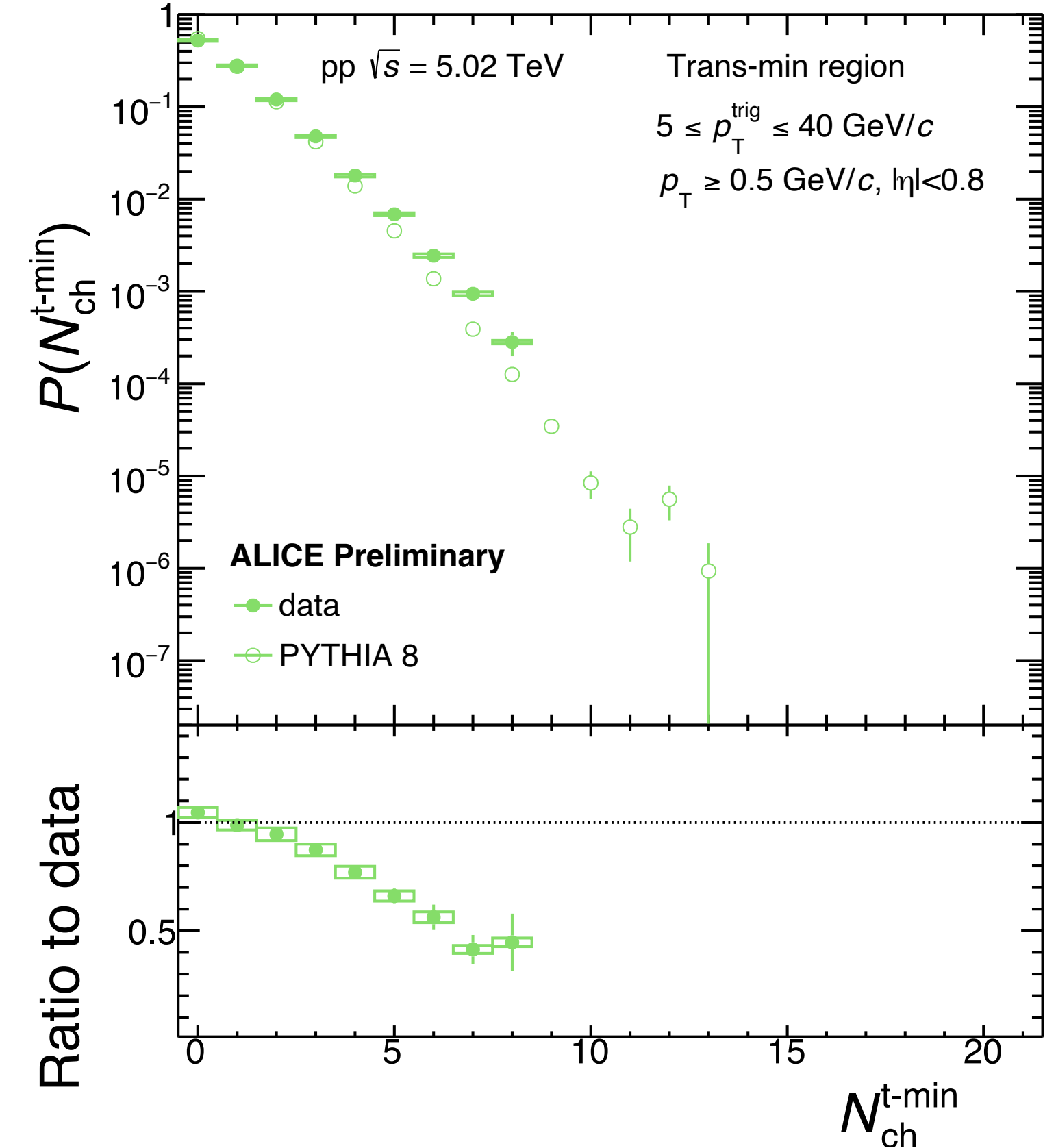
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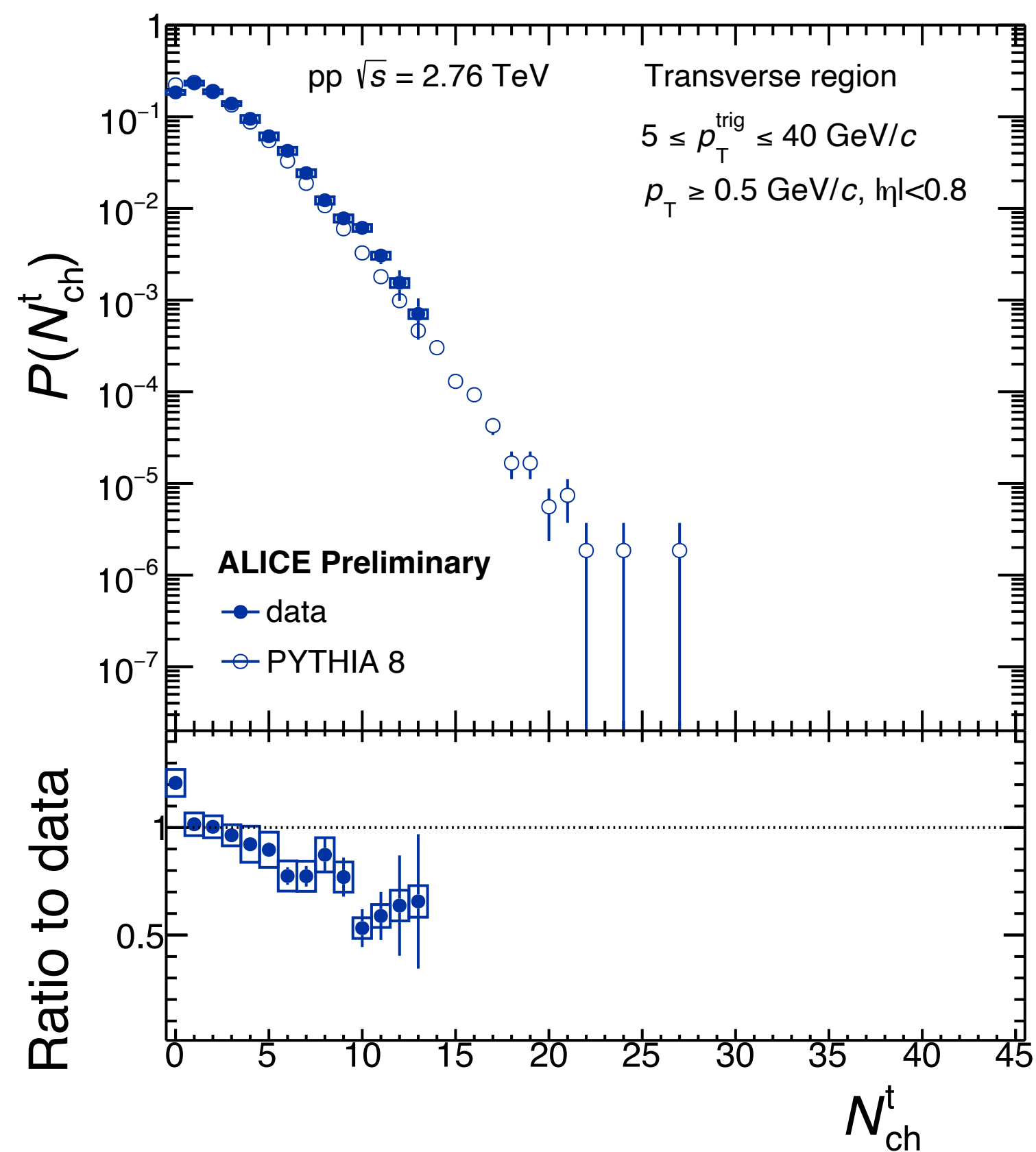


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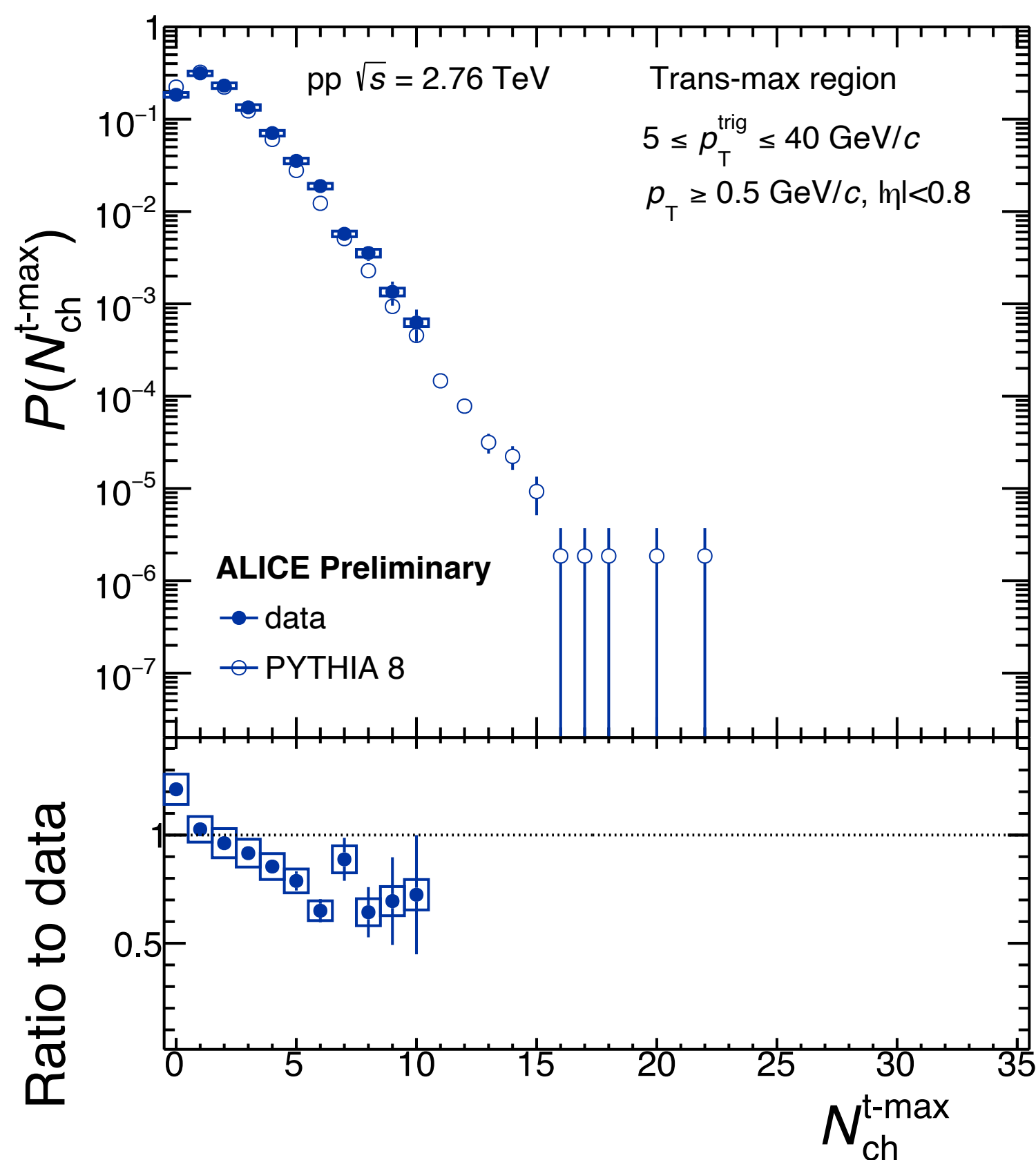


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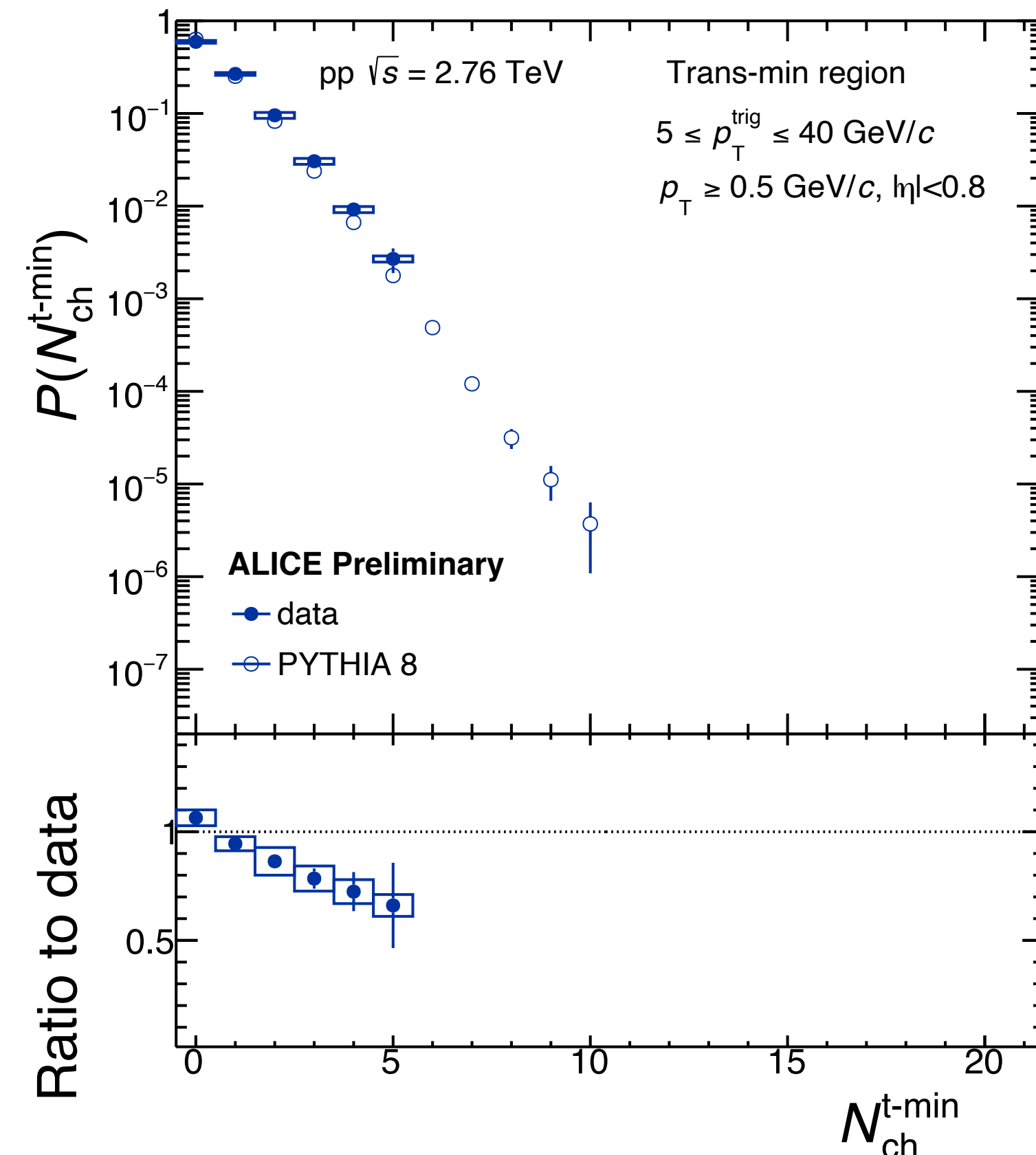
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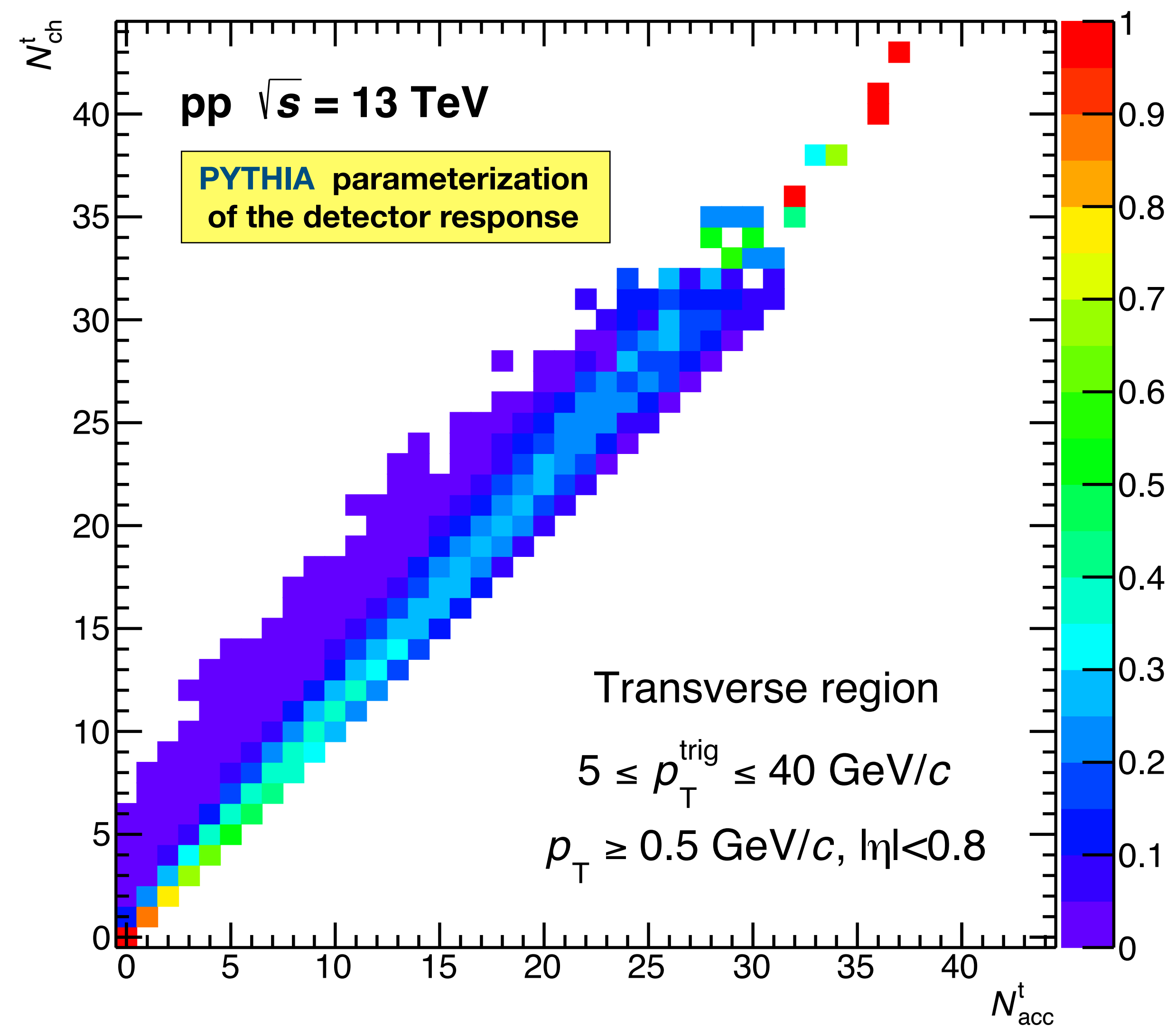
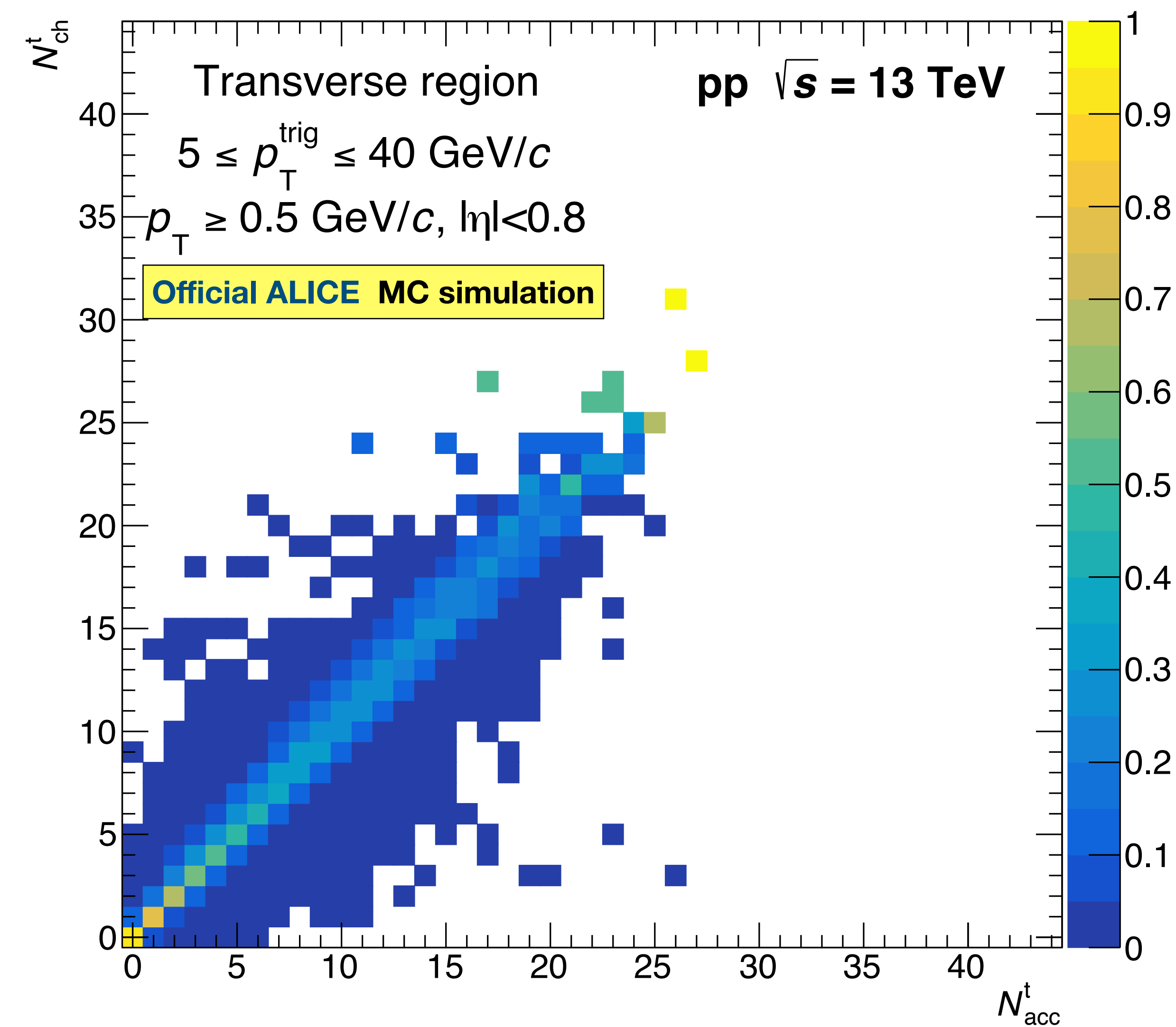
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○ Comparison between data and PYTHIA 8 for KNO variables will be added.

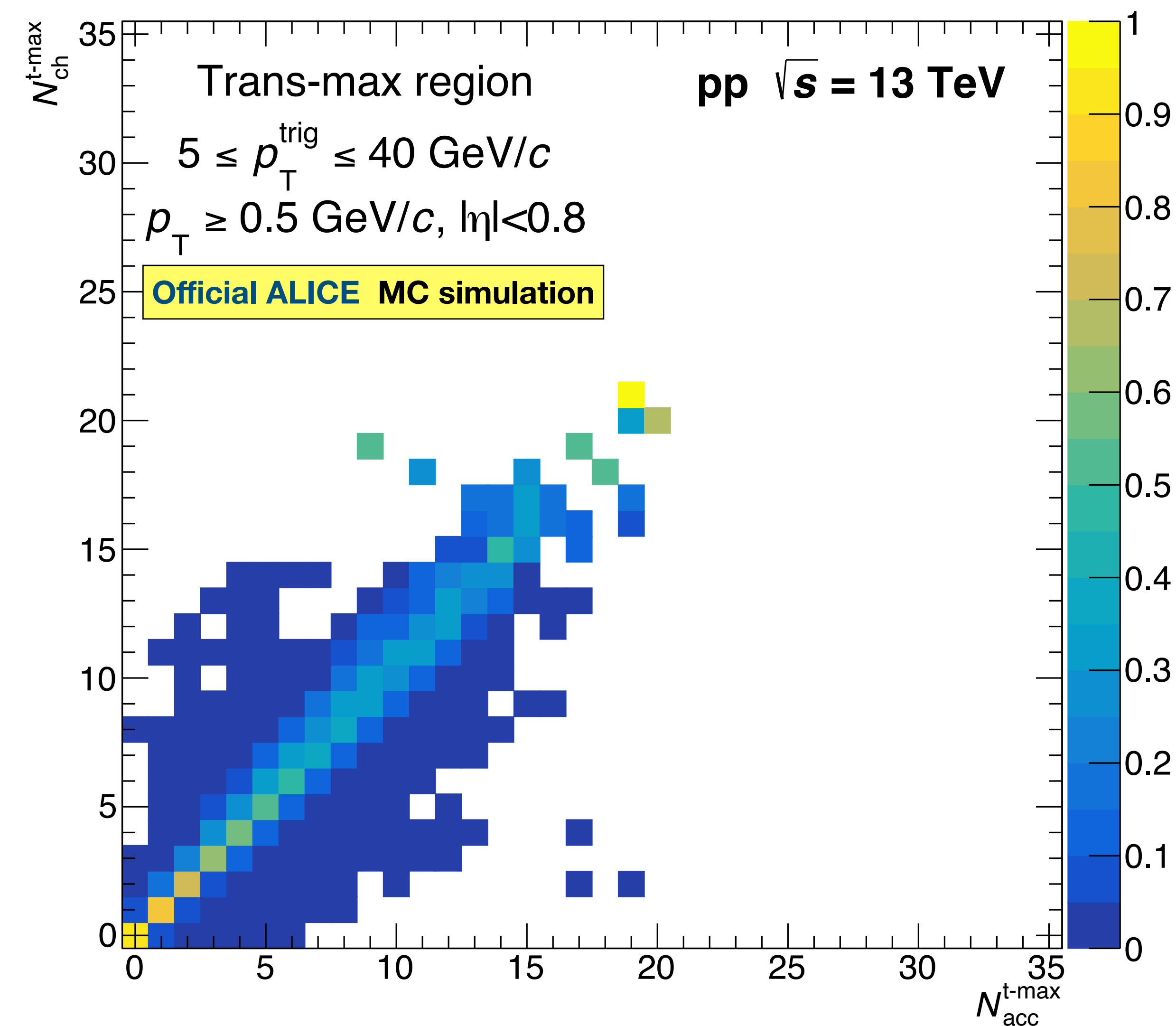
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- ⊙ The charged particle multiplicity is energy dependent in three topological regions. Higher multiplicities are reached for higher energies, a similar behavior is observed in minimum bias pp collisions.
 - ➔ Within around 10%, PYTHIA 8 reproduces the low multiplicity part of the distribution, and for higher multiplicities it underestimates the data.
- ⊙ The KNO-like scaling holds for $0 < z (= N_{\text{ch}} / \langle N_{\text{ch}} \rangle) < 3.5$ and it is broken above 3.5. Especially, in the trans-min region, there is a bigger violation.

BACKUP

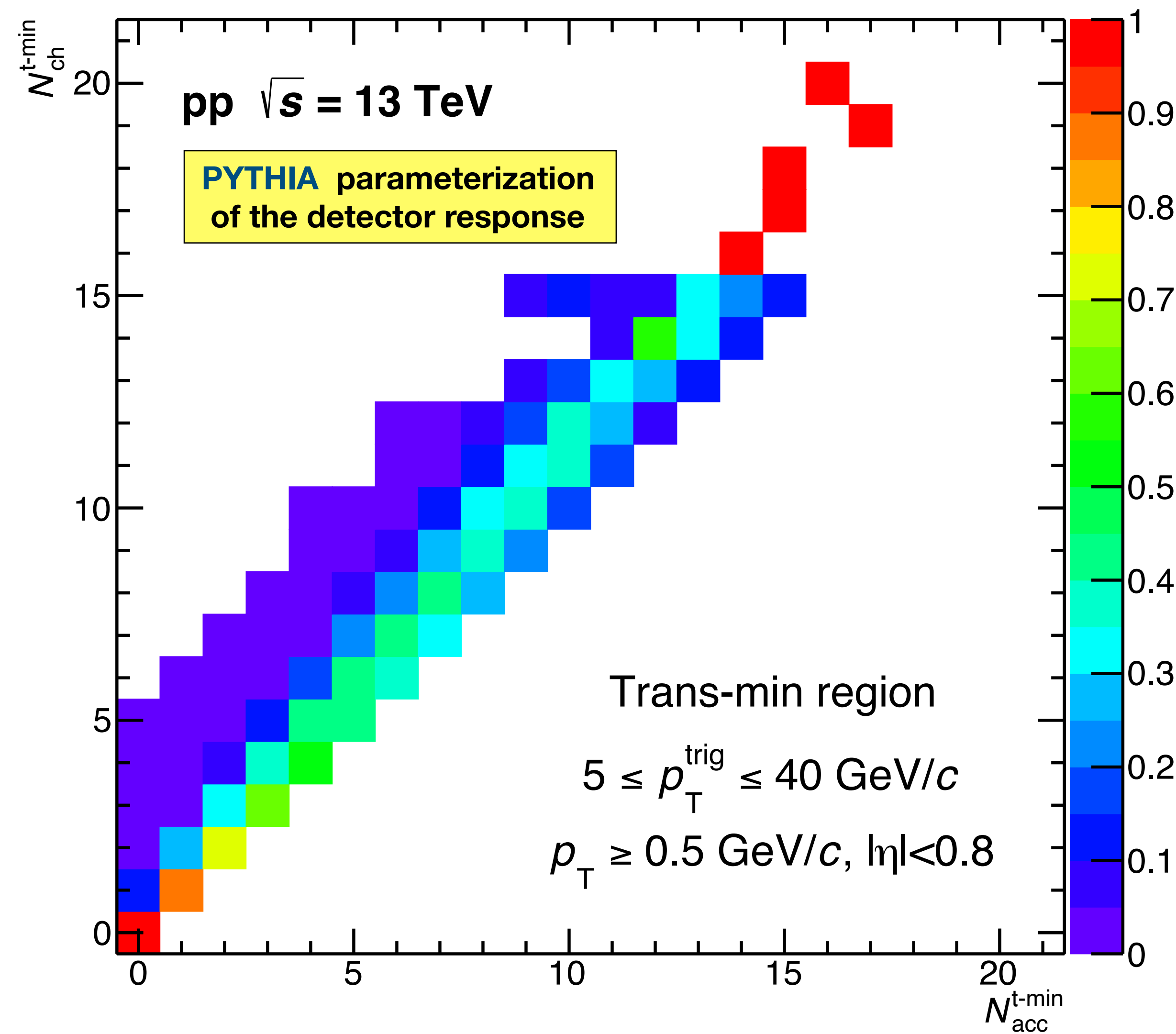
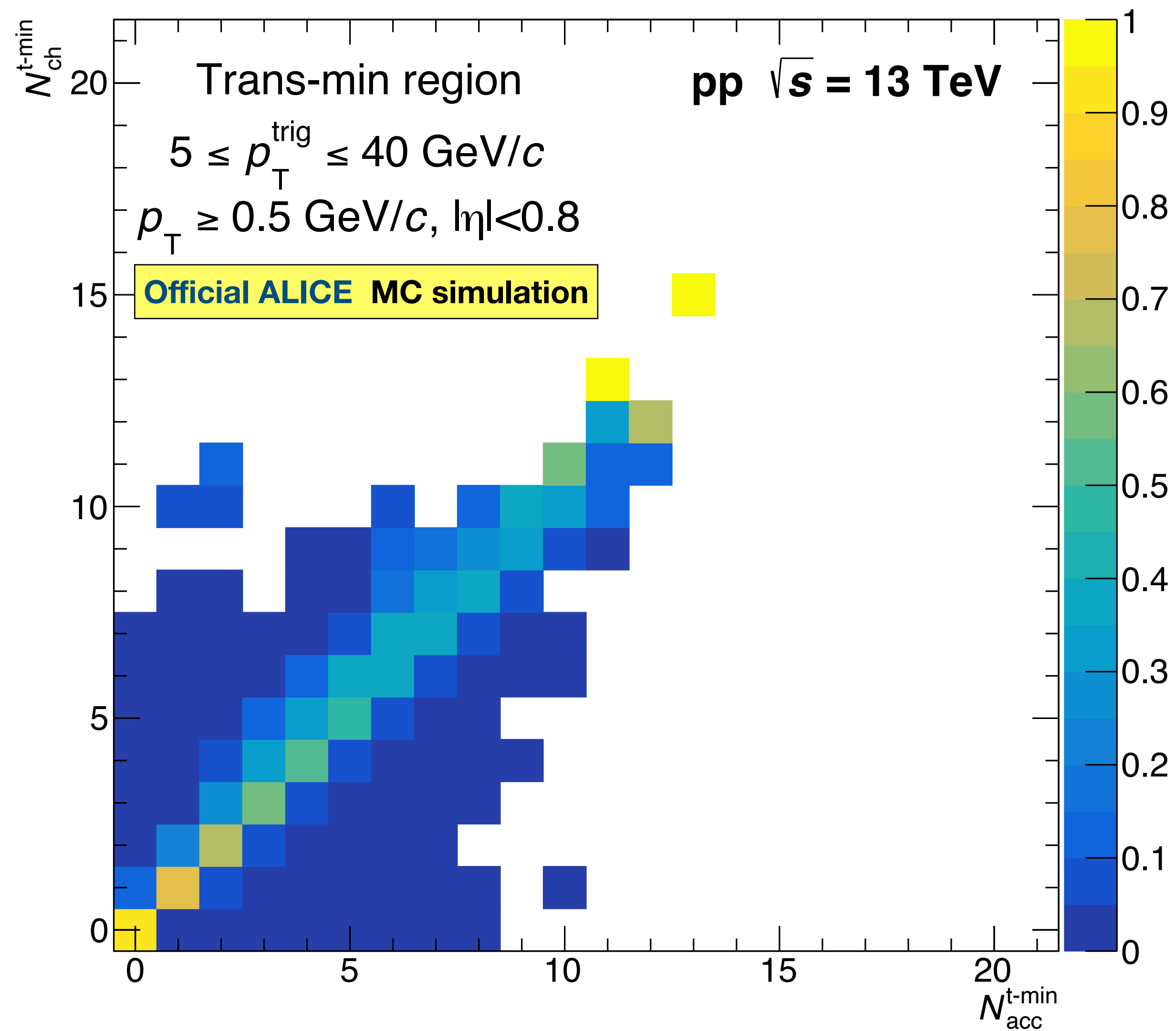
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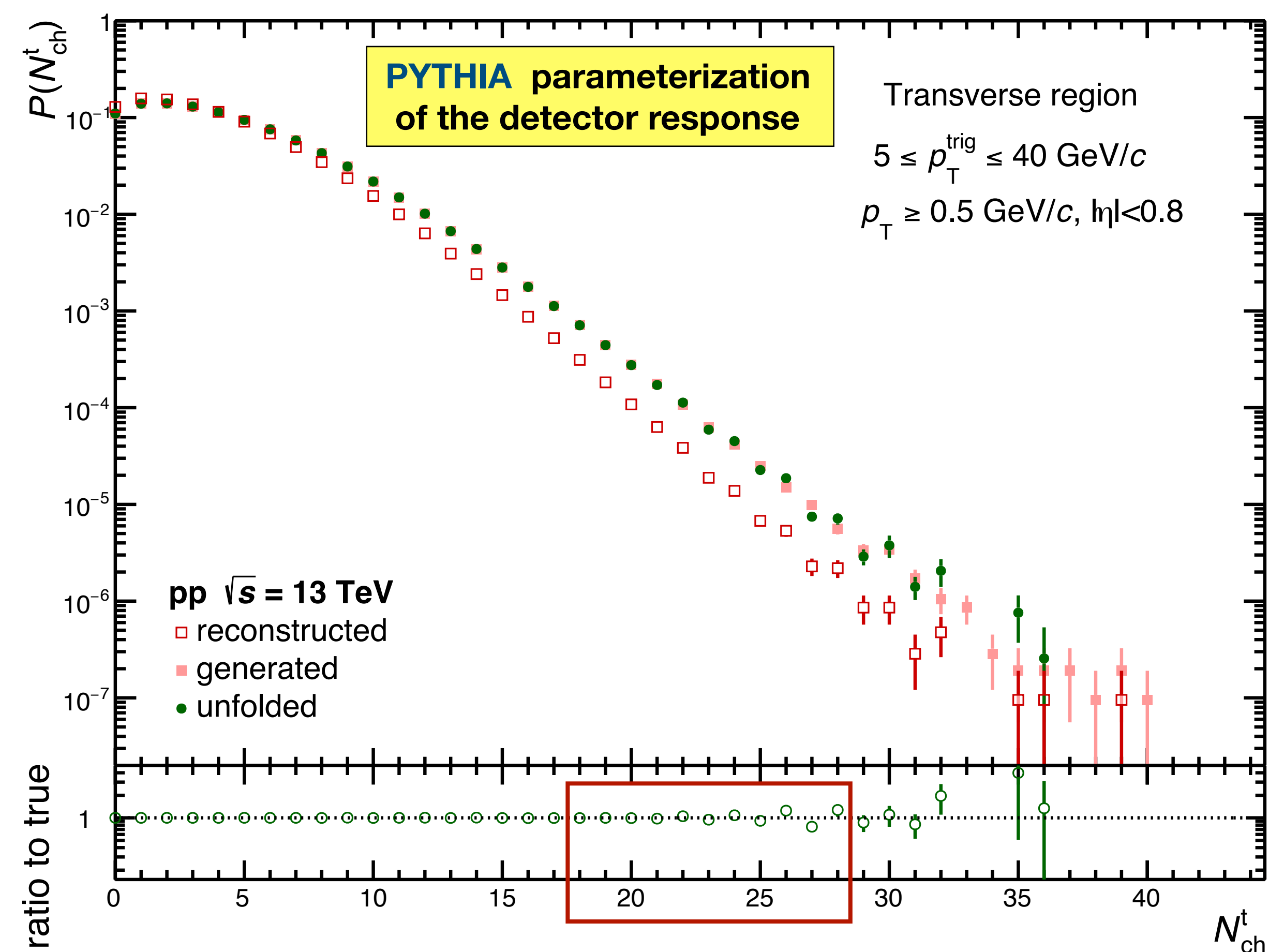
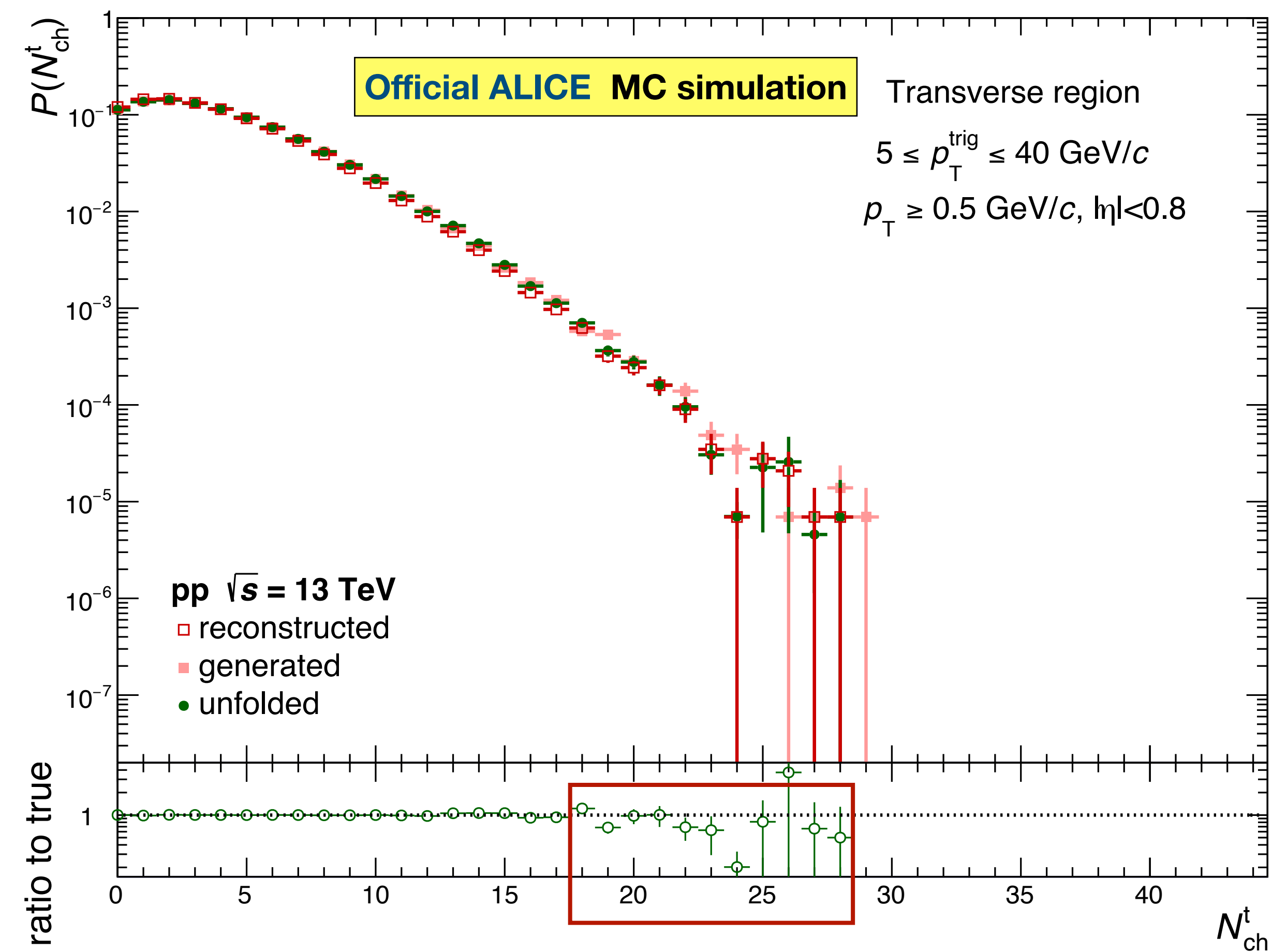
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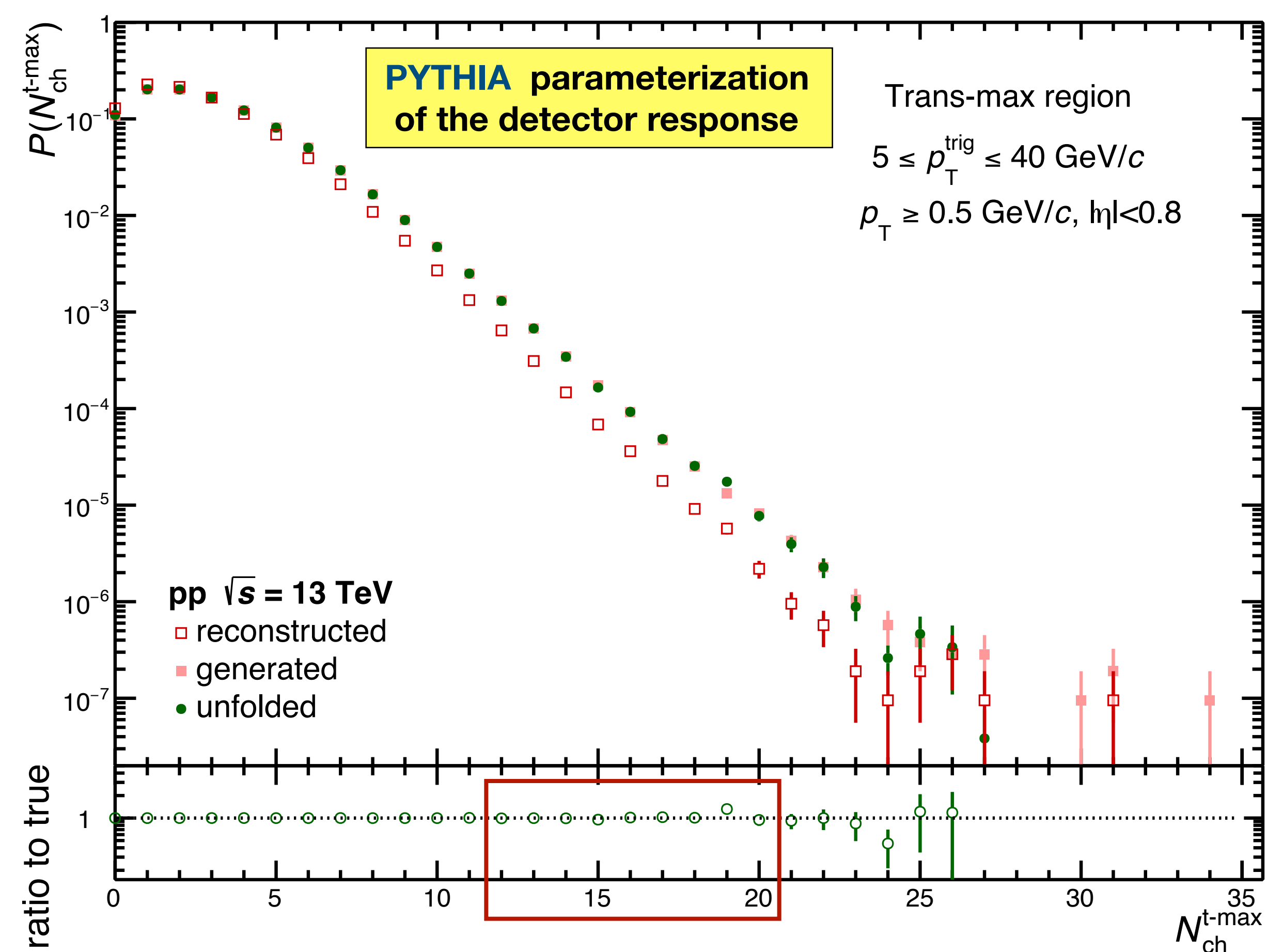
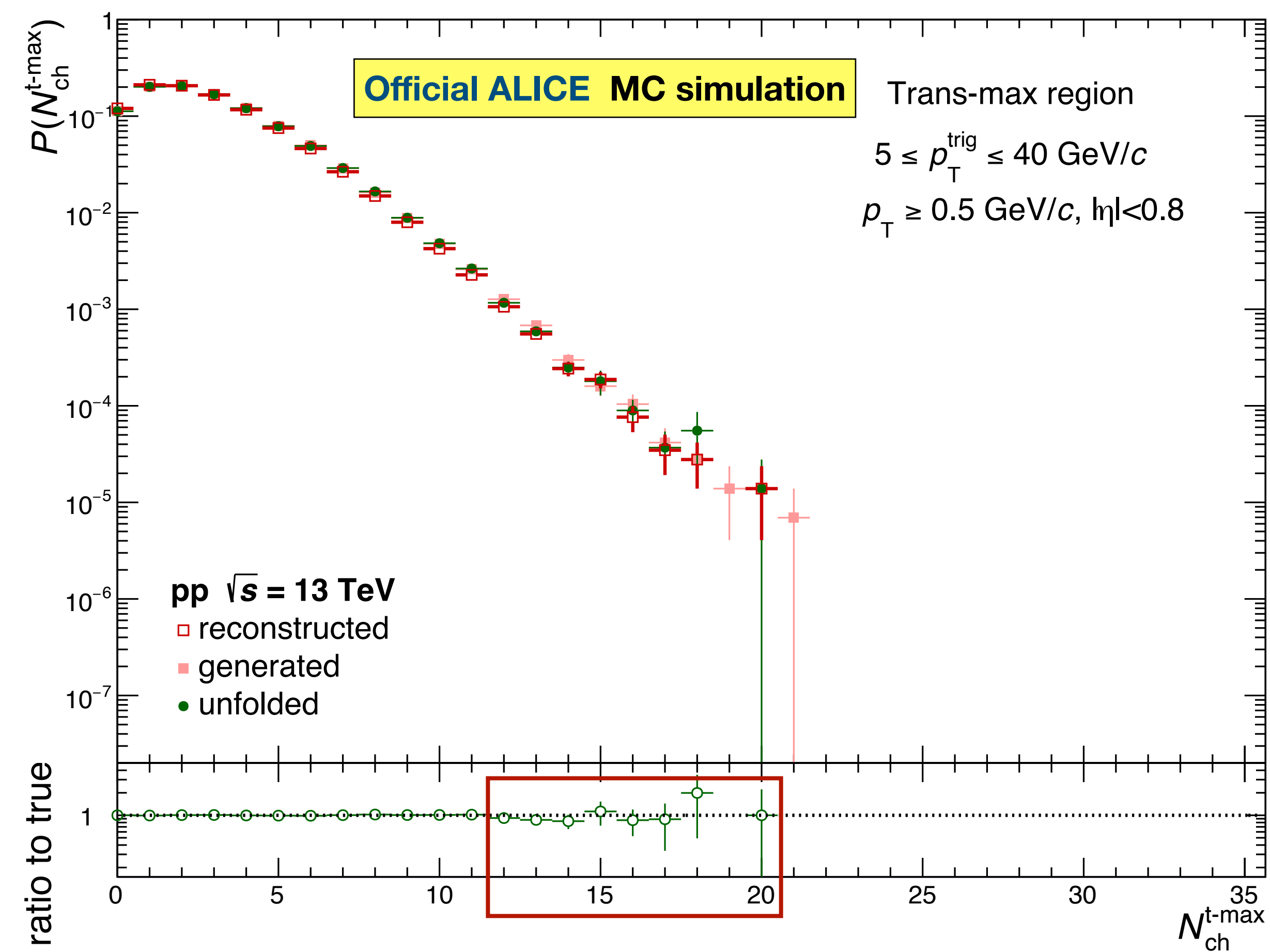
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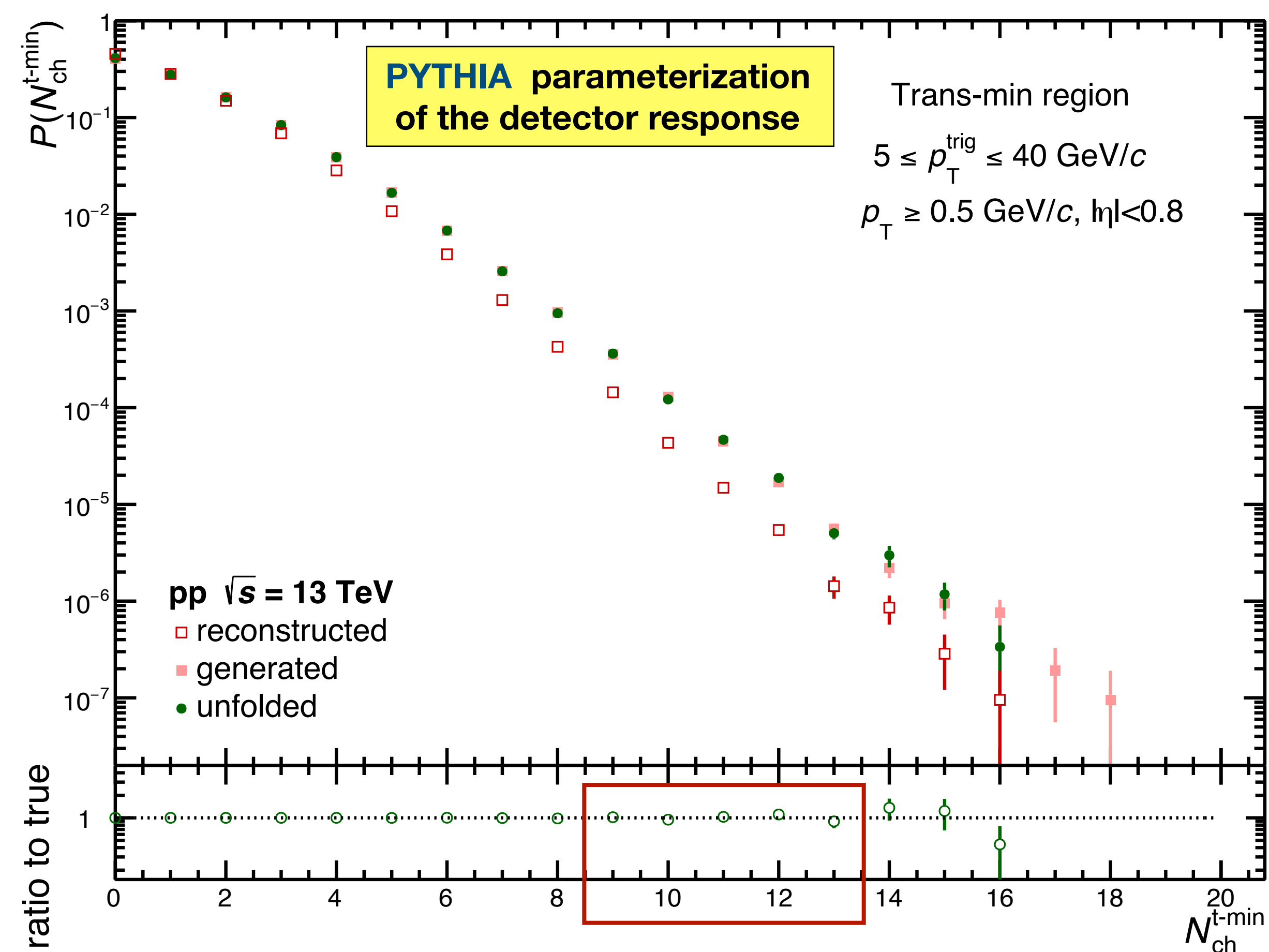
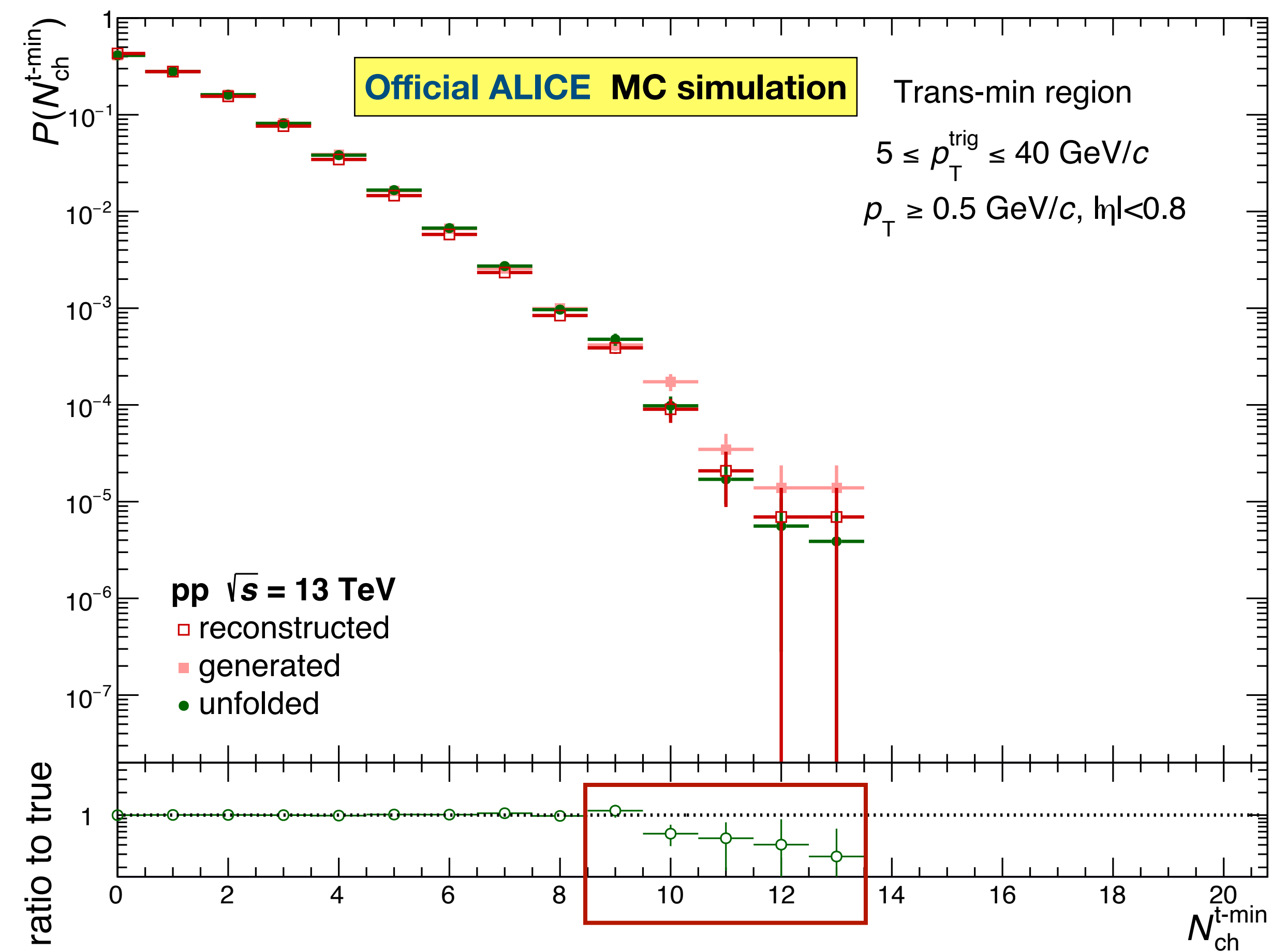
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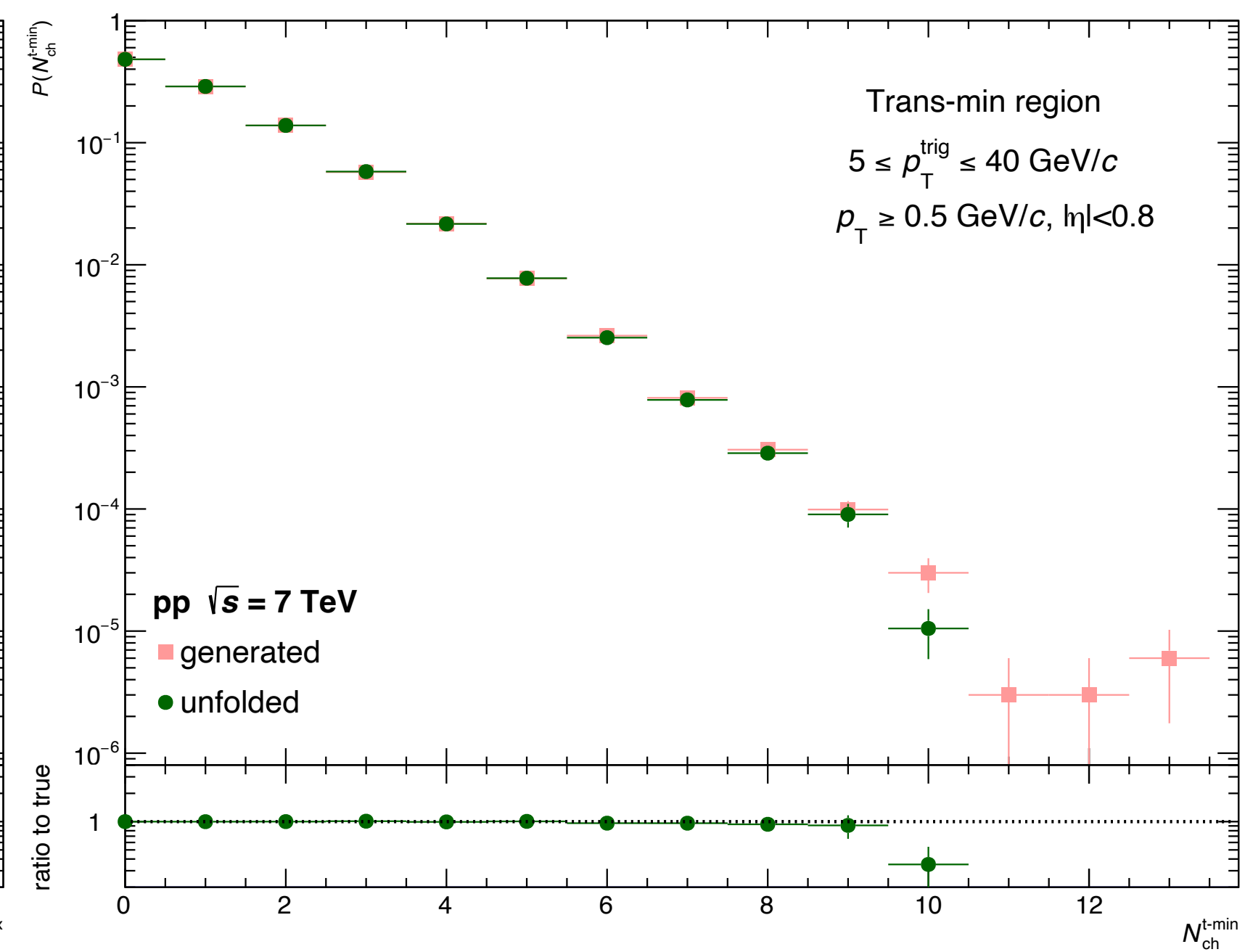
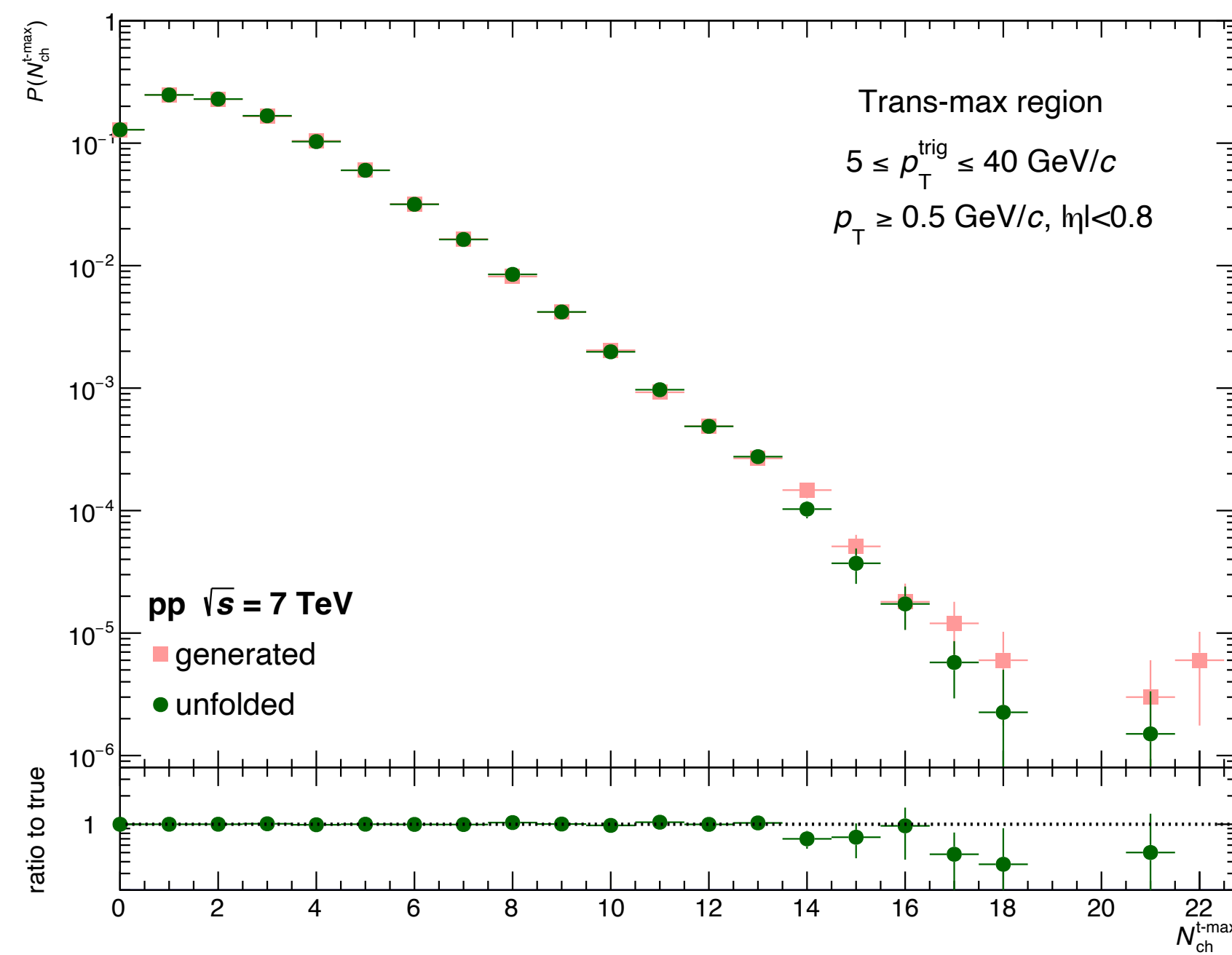
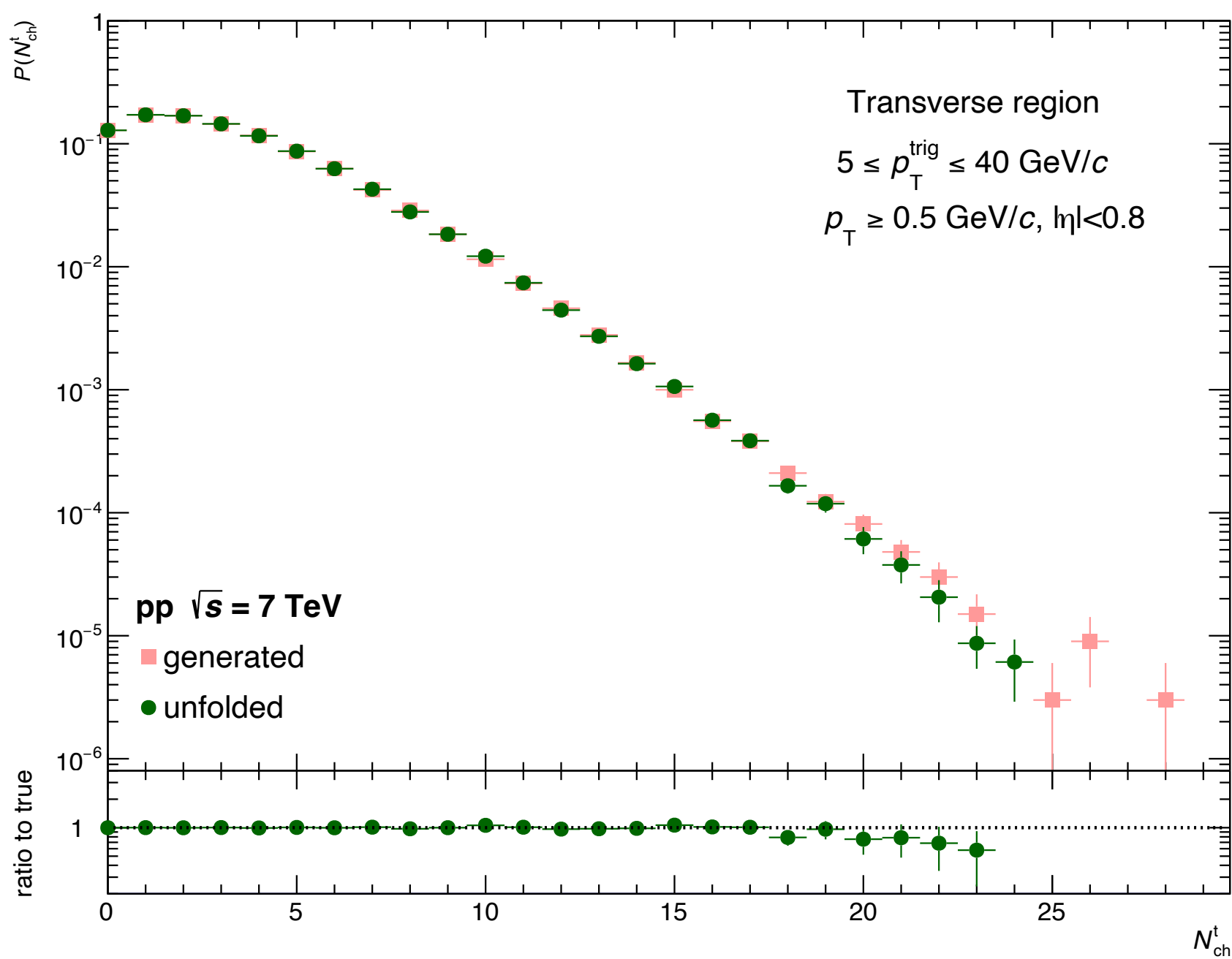
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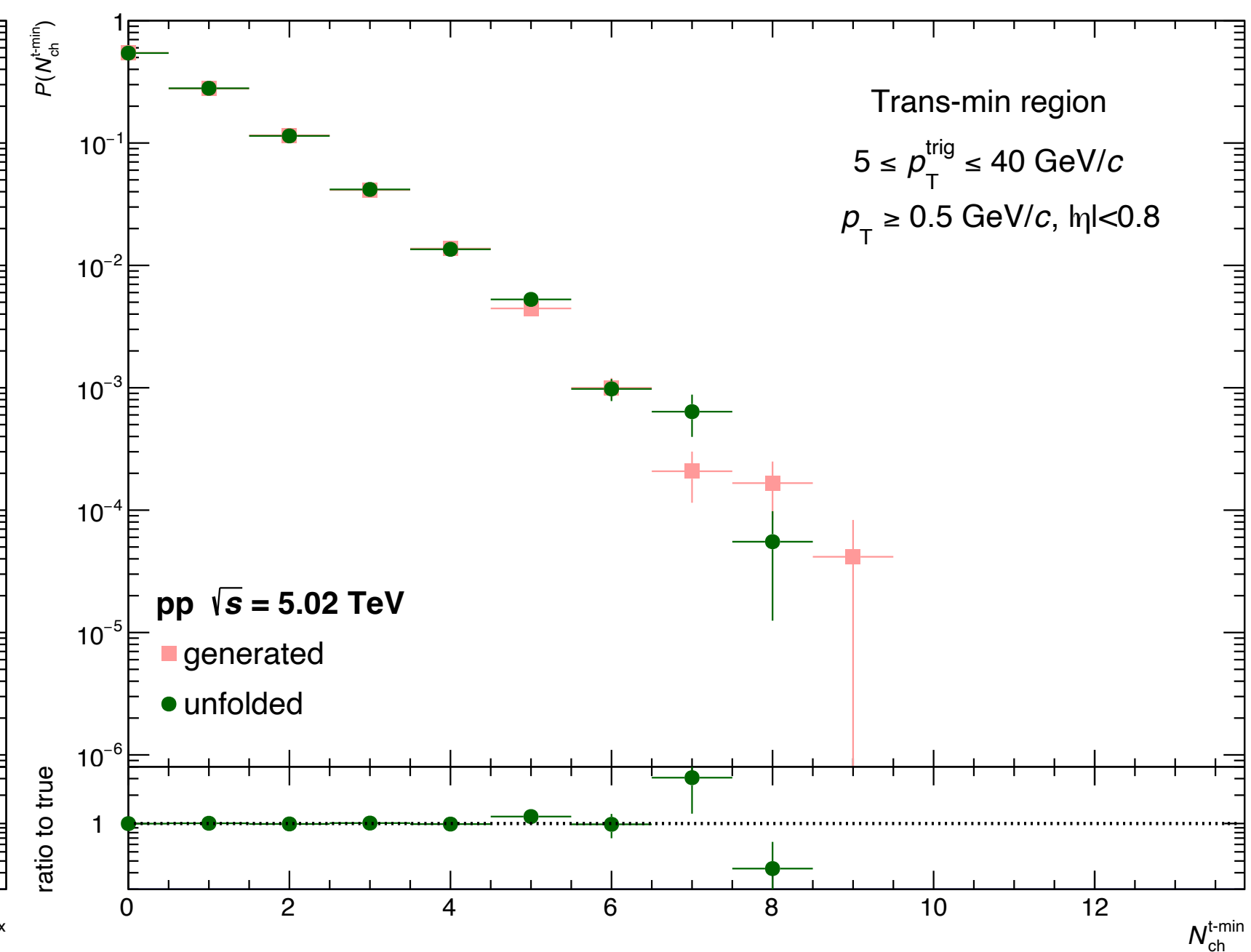
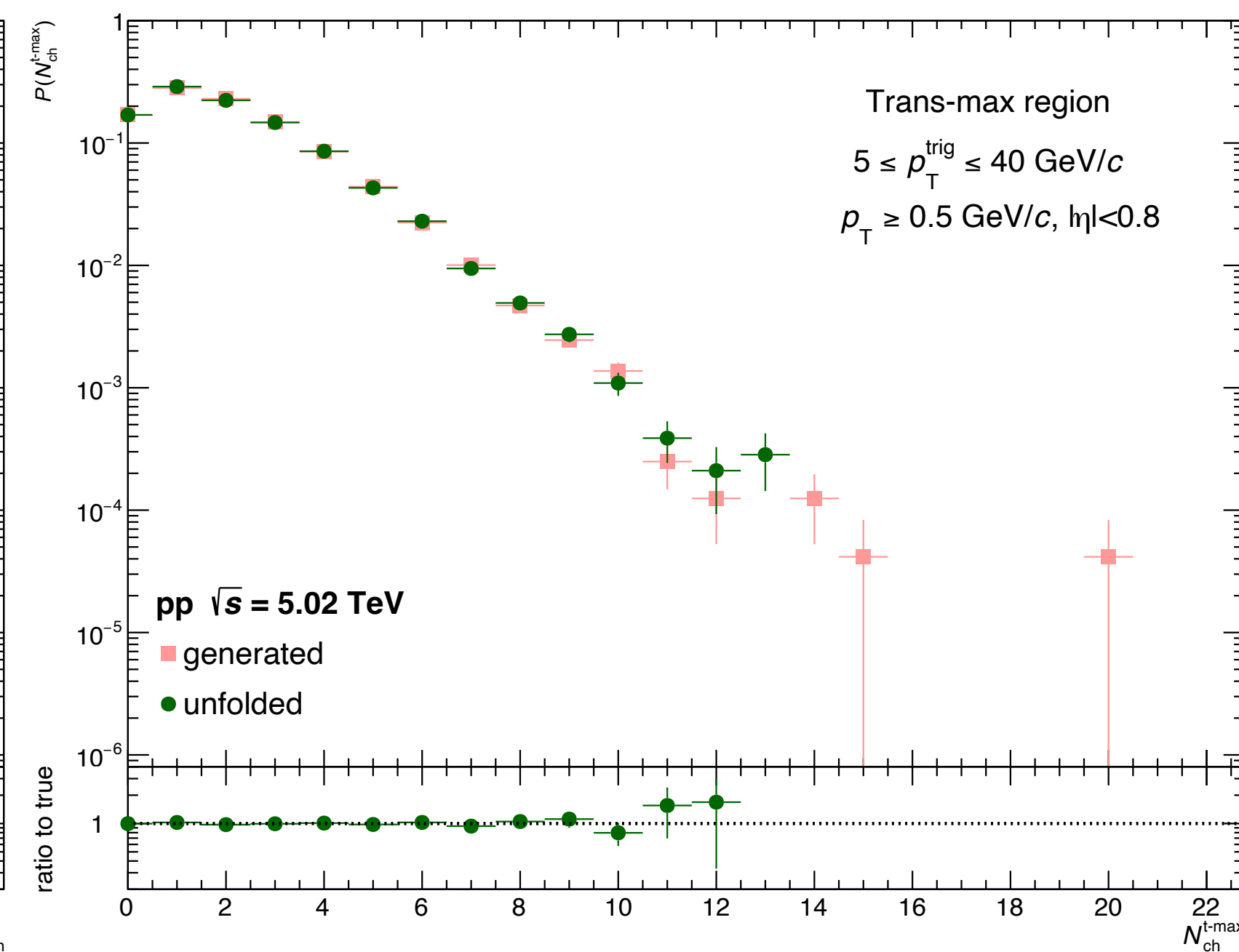
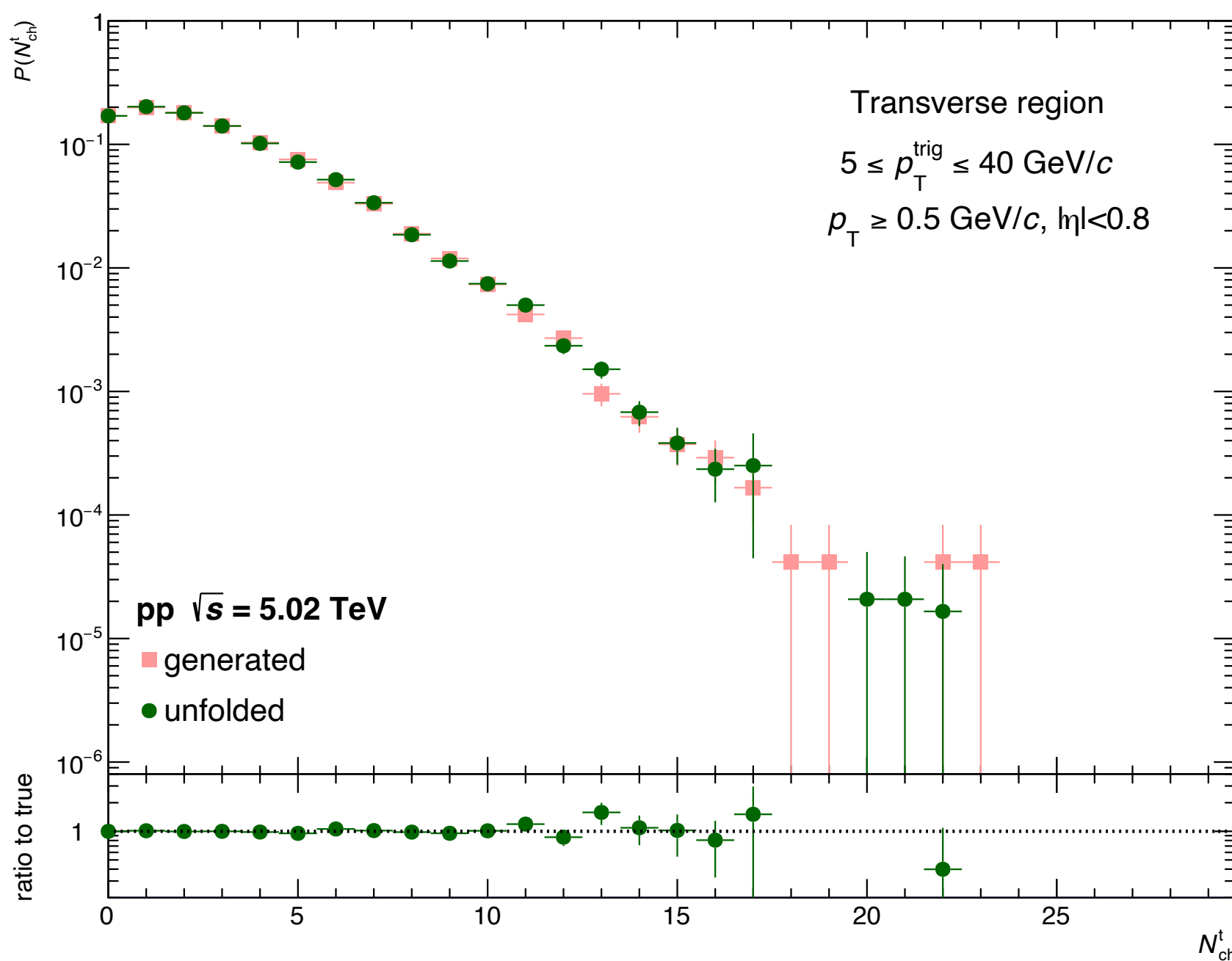
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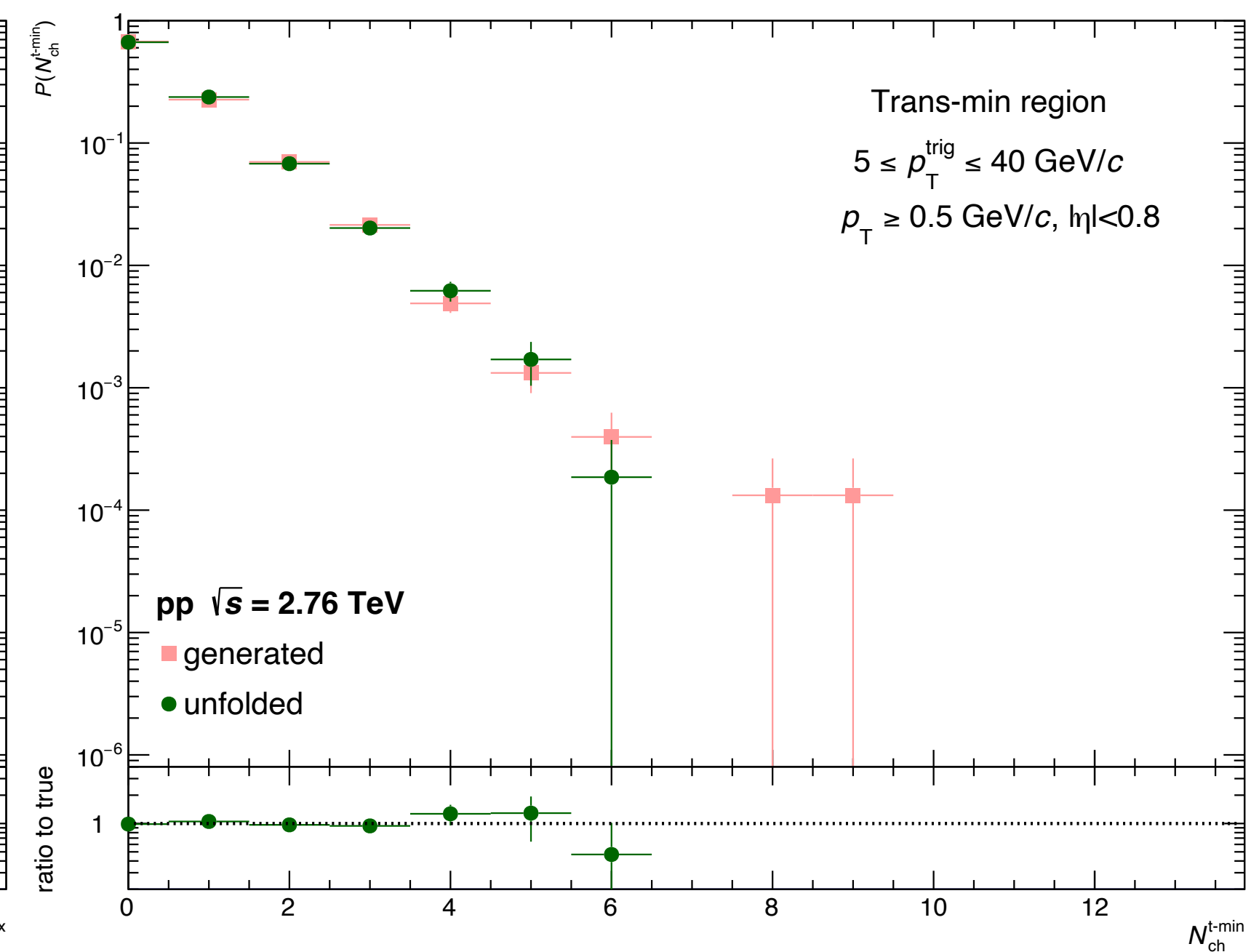
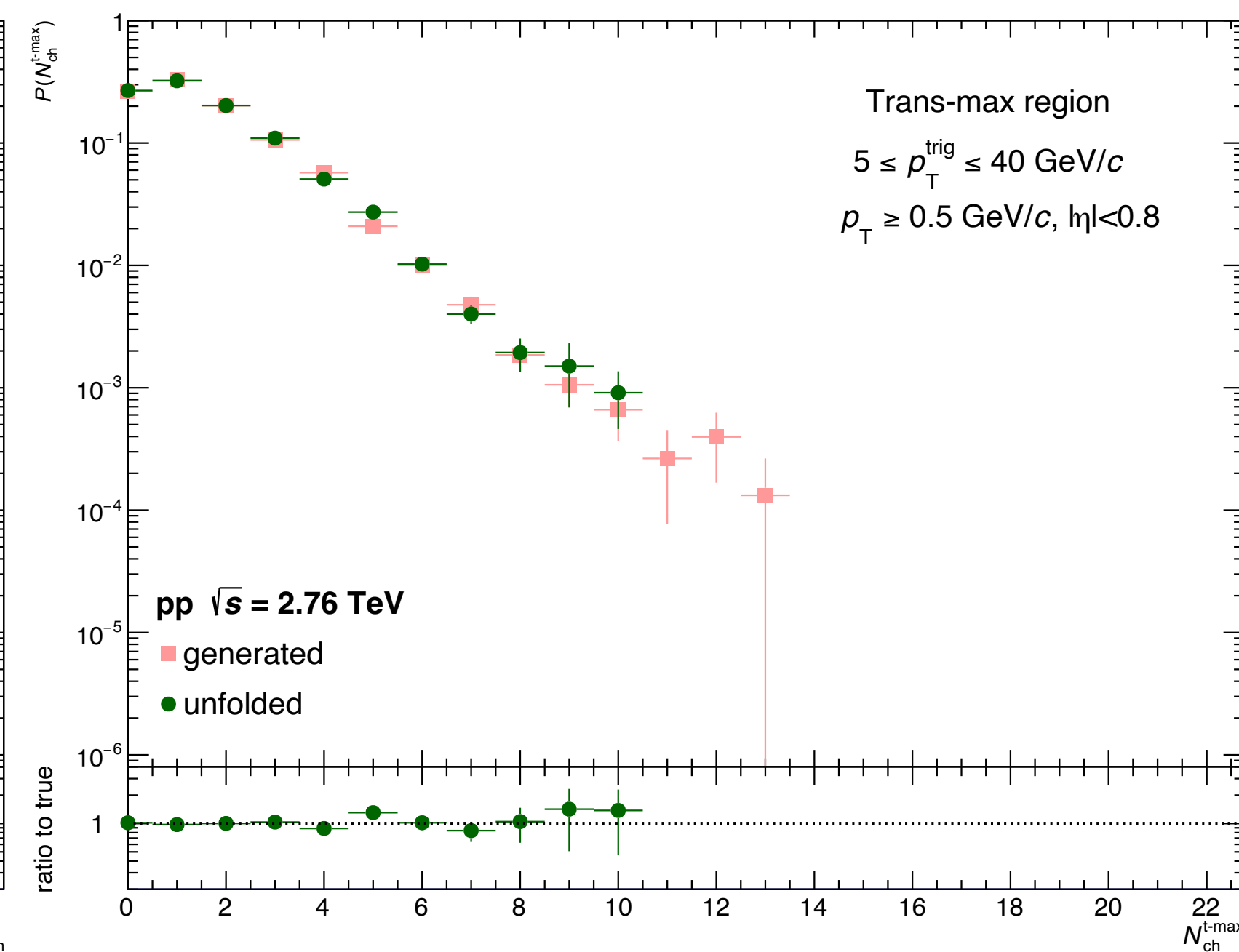
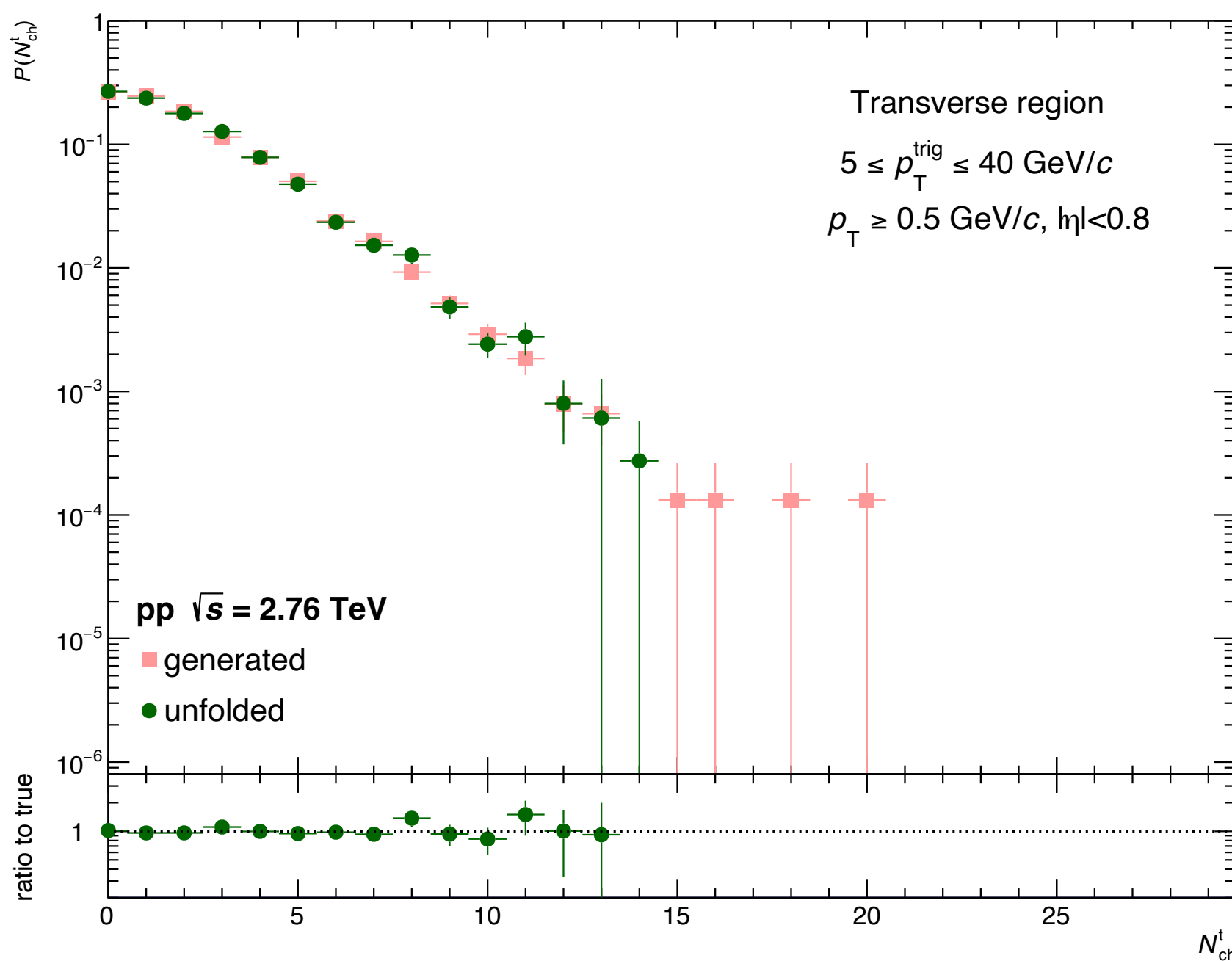
MC closure test (7 TeV)



MC closure test (5.02 TeV)



MC closure test (7 TeV)



Systematic Uncertainties

$$\sim \langle N_{\text{ch}}^{\text{transverse}} \rangle, \langle N_{\text{ch}}^{\text{trans-max}} \rangle, \langle N_{\text{ch}}^{\text{trans-min}} \rangle$$

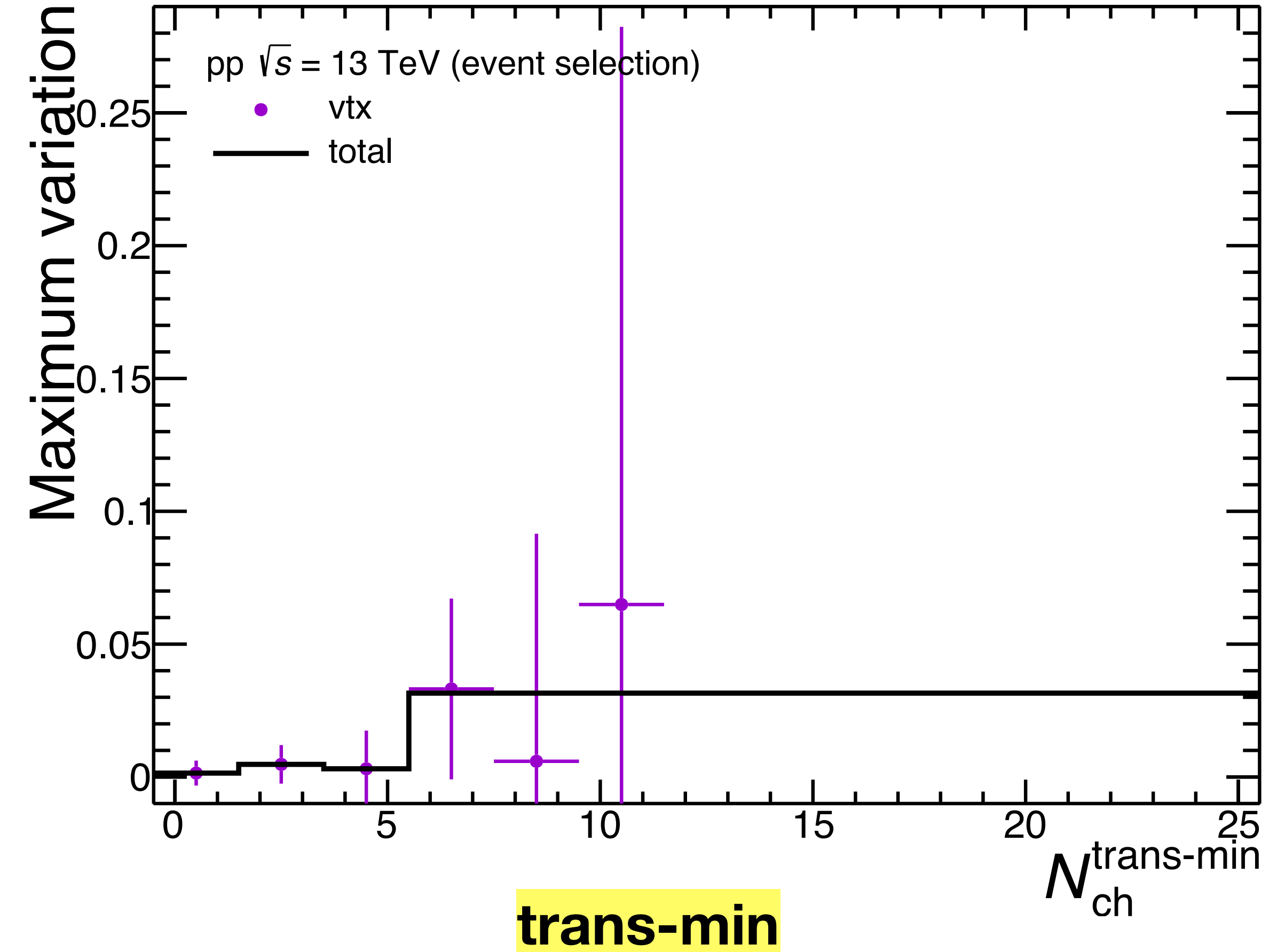
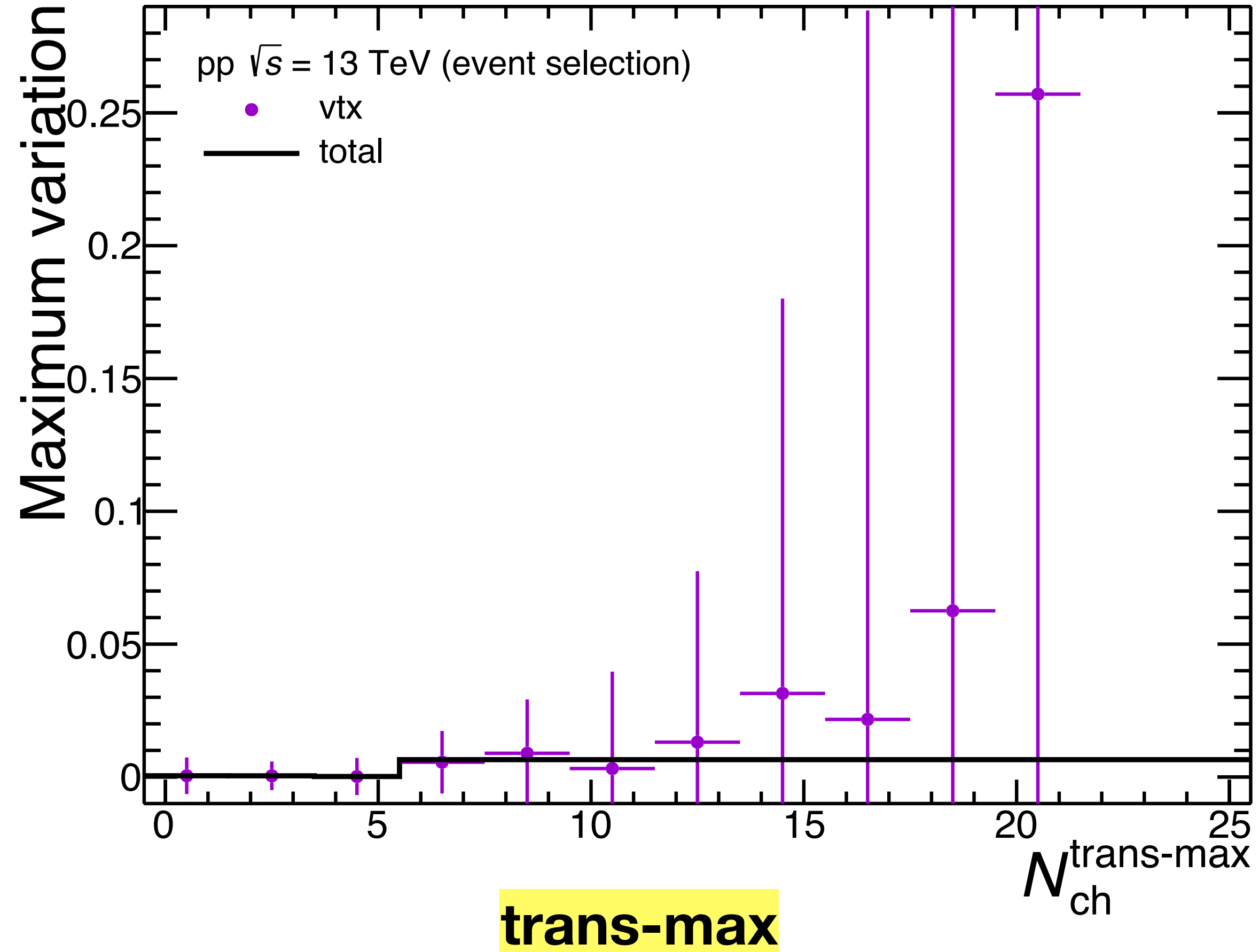


source	pp $\sqrt{s} = 2.76$ TeV			pp $\sqrt{s} = 5.02$ TeV			pp $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV		
	$\langle N_{\text{ch}}^{\text{transverse}} \rangle$	$\langle N_{\text{ch}}^{\text{trans-max}} \rangle$	$\langle N_{\text{ch}}^{\text{trans-min}} \rangle$	$\langle N_{\text{ch}}^{\text{transverse}} \rangle$	$\langle N_{\text{ch}}^{\text{trans-max}} \rangle$	$\langle N_{\text{ch}}^{\text{trans-min}} \rangle$	$\langle N_{\text{ch}}^{\text{transverse}} \rangle$	$\langle N_{\text{ch}}^{\text{trans-max}} \rangle$	$\langle N_{\text{ch}}^{\text{trans-min}} \rangle$
event selection	1.2%	0.8%	2.9%	negl.	negl.	negl.	negl.	negl.	0.1%
track selection for leading track	2.4%	4.3%	6.4%	1.1%	1.3%	1.2%	1.6%	1.6%	1.9%
track selection for N_{ch}	4.4%	4.1%	8.8%	0.2%	0.2%	0.6%	0.9%	0.9%	1.3%
MC closure test	0.7%	0.2%	1.5%	negl.	0.3%	0.7%	negl.	negl.	negl.
MC model dependence	0.8%	1.1%	0.1%	0.8%	1.1%	0.1%	0.8%	1.1%	0.1%
total	5.3%	6.1%	11.4%	1.4%	1.7%	1.5%	2.0%	2.1%	2.3%

Systematic Uncertainties

$\sim N_{ch}^{\text{trans-max}}, N_{ch}^{\text{trans-min}}$

(pp, 13 TeV)

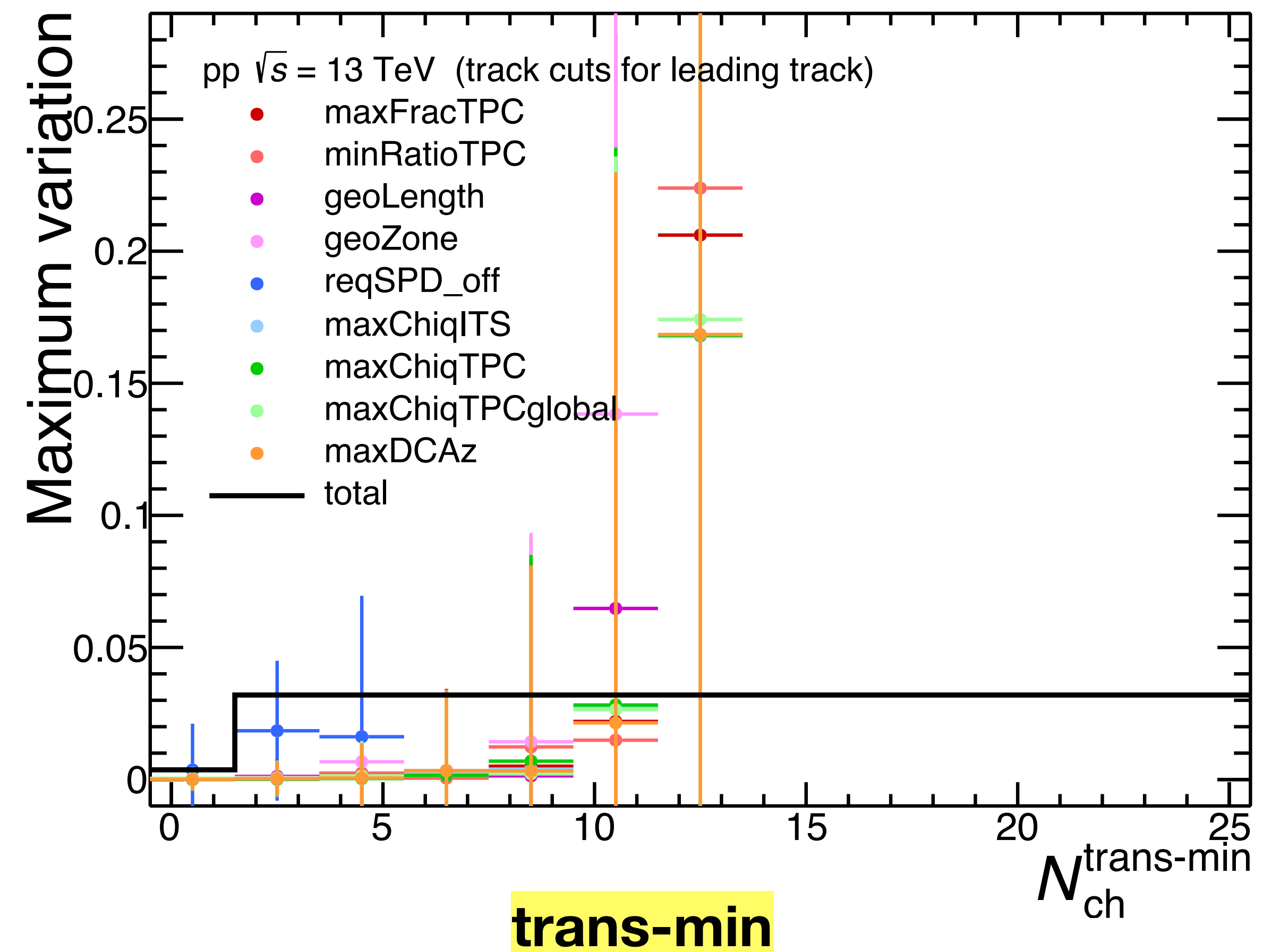
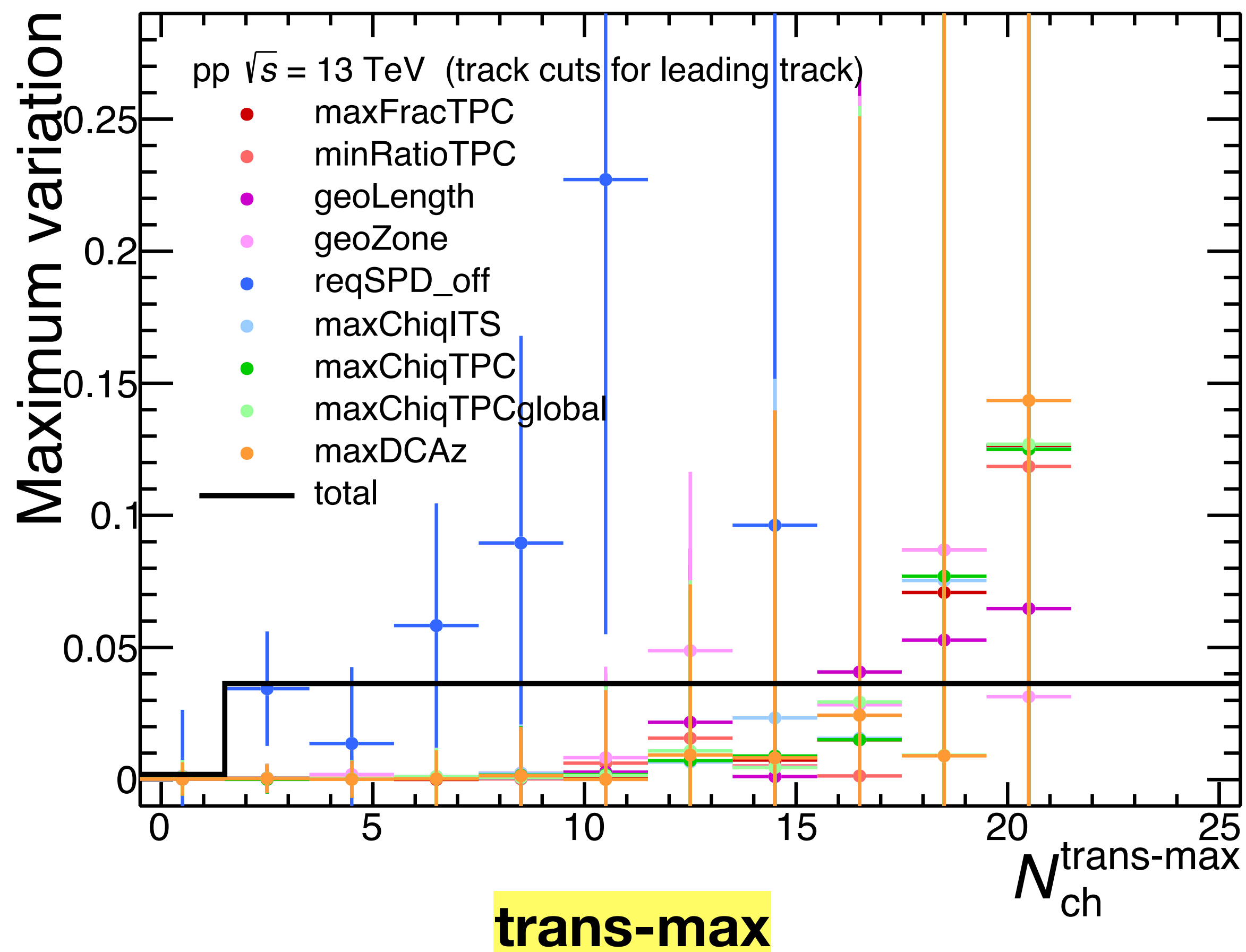


- In trans-max region, the systematic uncertainty is less than 1%
- In trans-min region, the systematic uncertainty is up to around 3% at high multiplicity

Systematic Uncertainties

$\sim N_{ch}^{\text{trans-max}}, N_{ch}^{\text{trans-min}}$

(pp, 13 TeV)

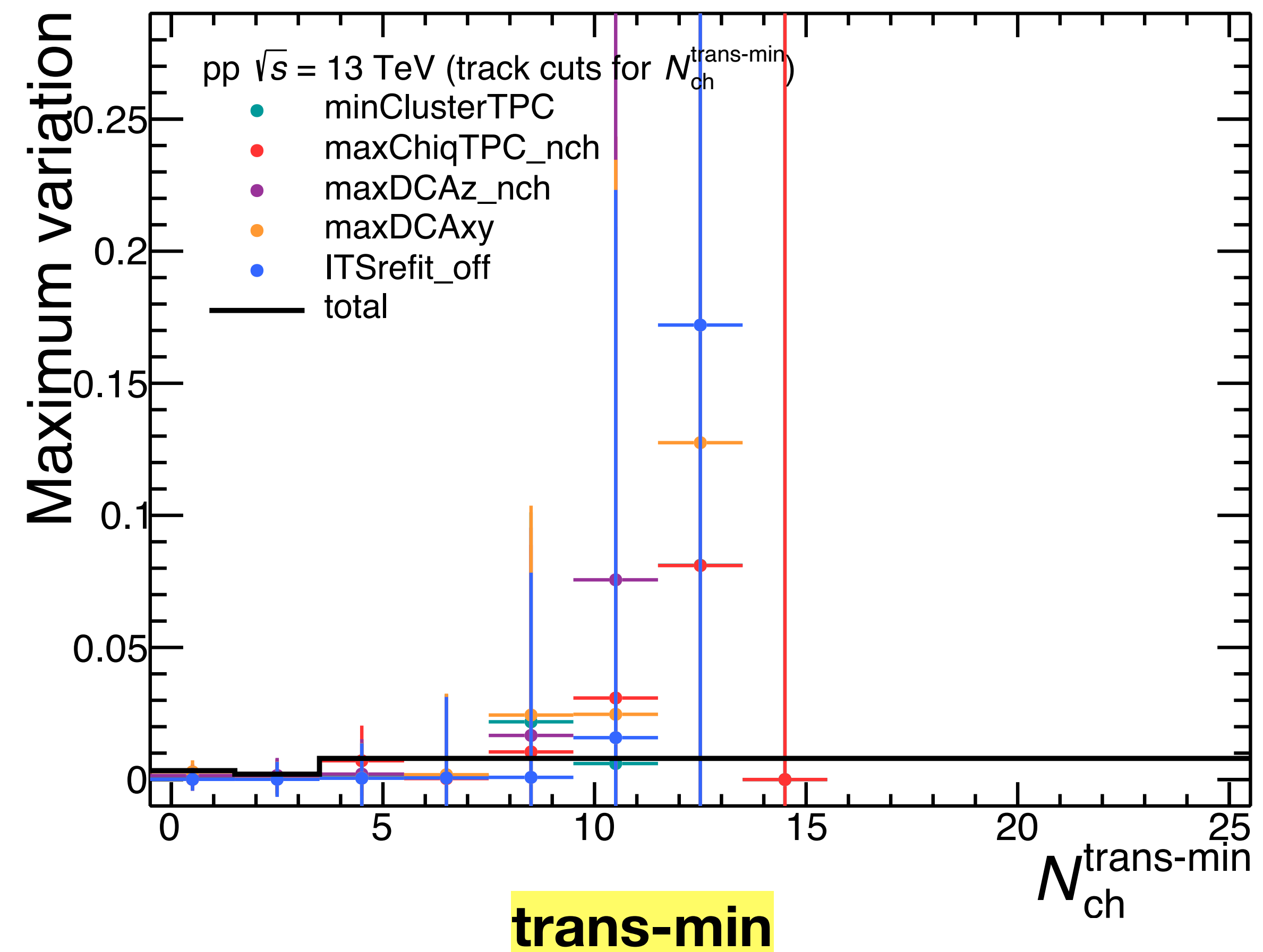
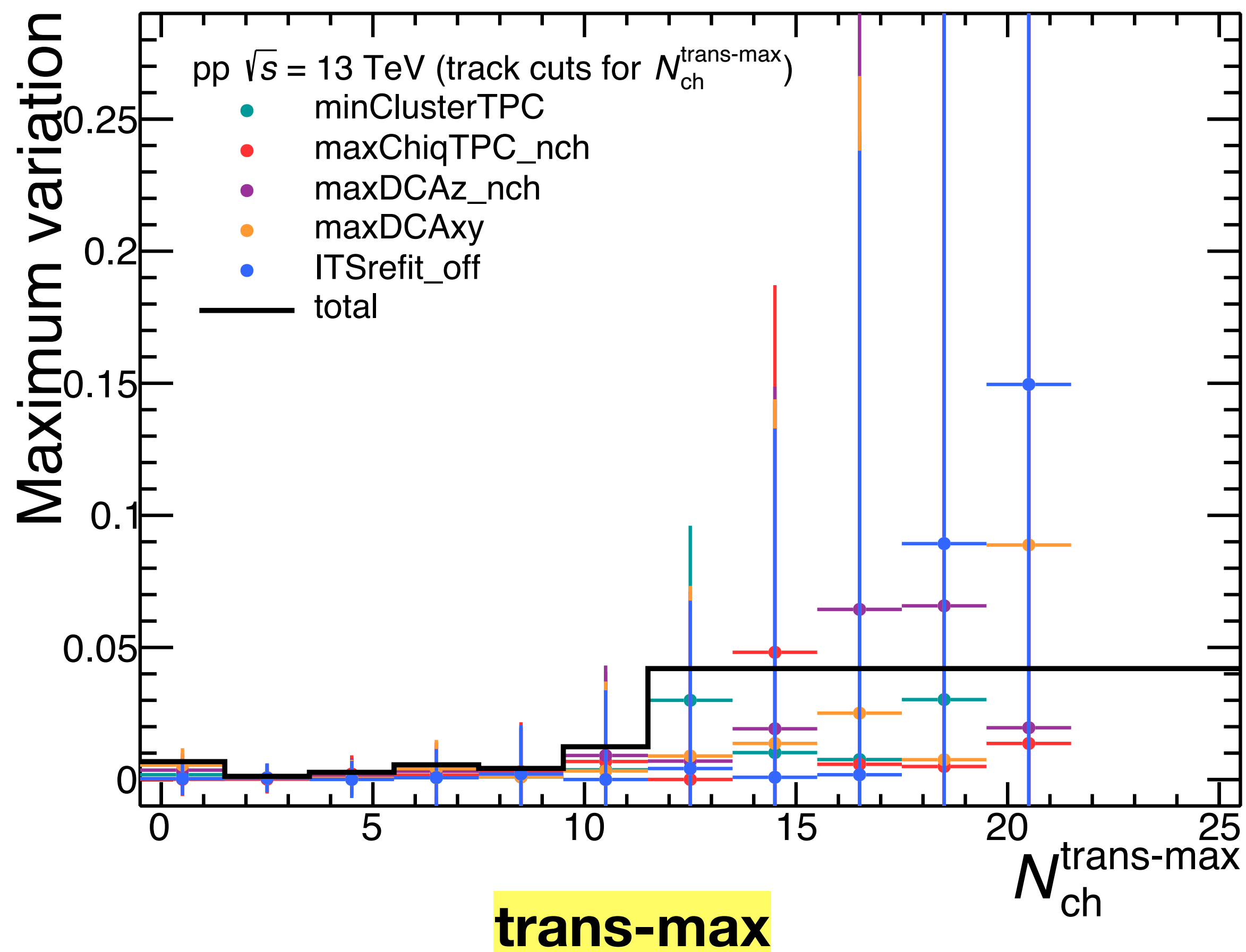


- ⊙ The systematic uncertainty due to track selection on leading track is nearly multiplicity independent.
- ⊙ The systematic uncertainties are up to around 4% and 3% in trans-max and trans-min region, respectively.

Systematic Uncertainties

$\sim N_{ch}^{\text{trans-max}}, N_{ch}^{\text{trans-min}}$

(pp, 13 TeV)



○ In trans-max region, the systematic uncertainty is up to around 4% at high multiplicity.

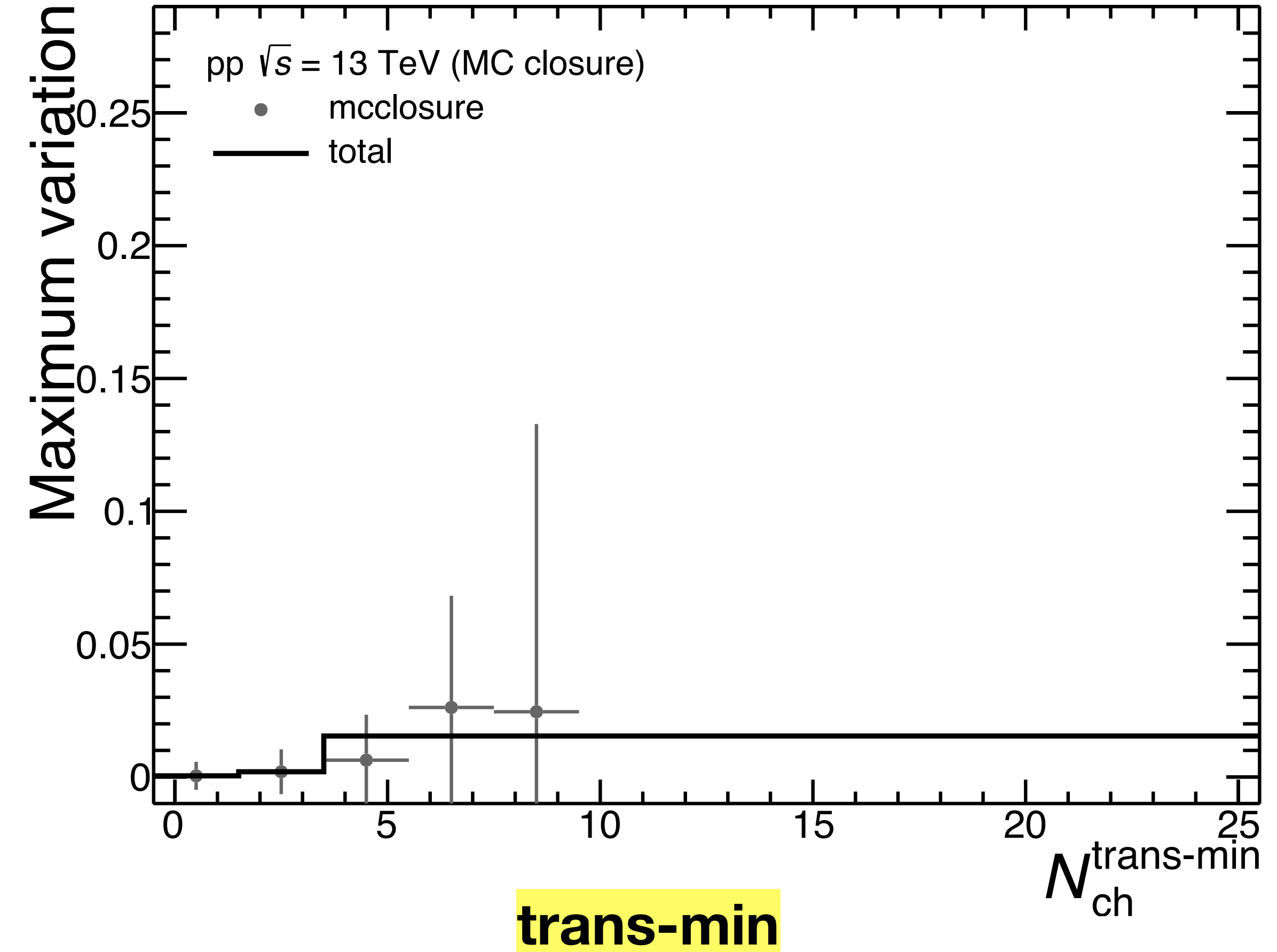
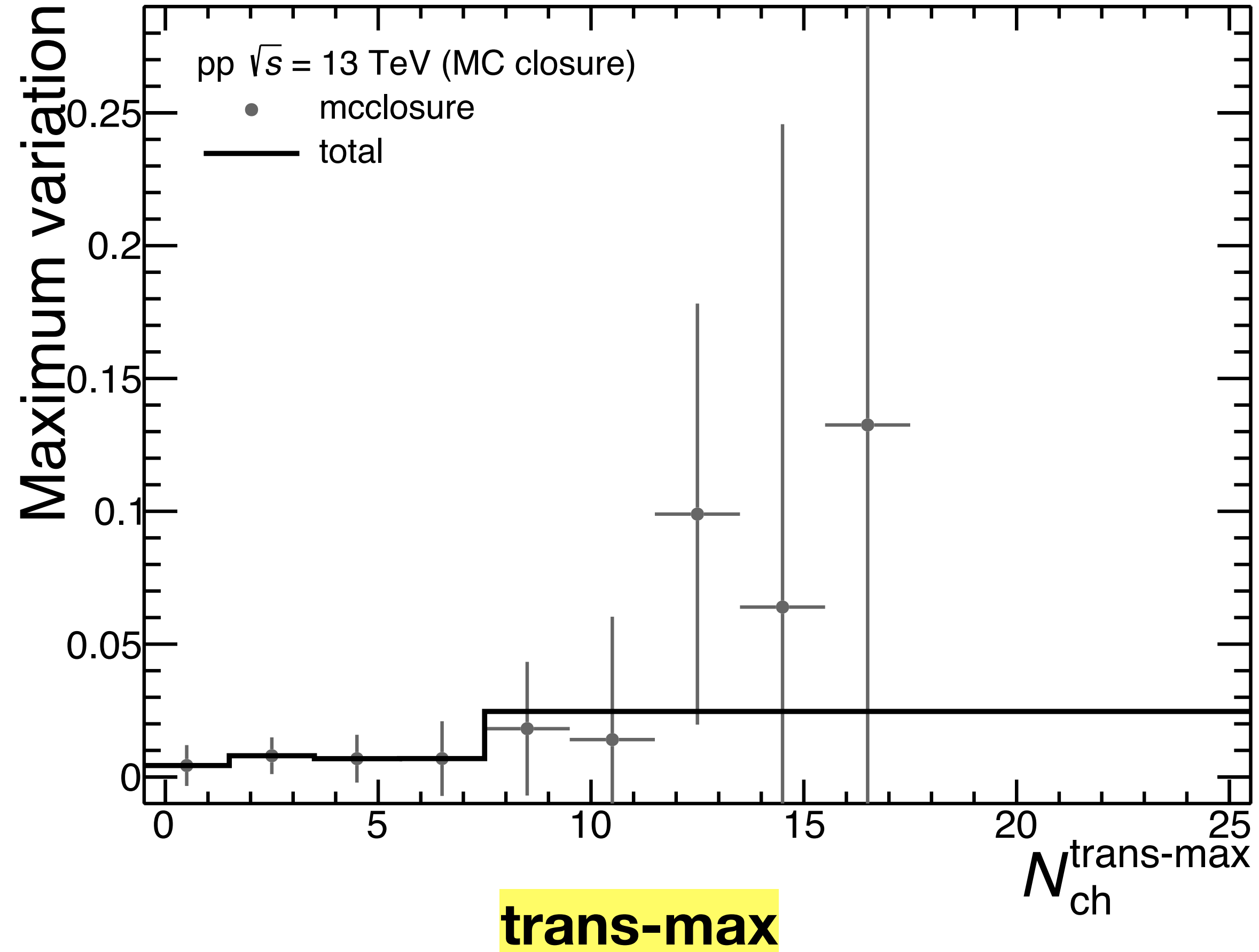
○ In trans-min region, the systematic uncertainty is less than 1%.

Systematic Uncertainties

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$N_{ch}^{\text{trans-max}}$, $N_{ch}^{\text{trans-min}}$

(pp, 13 TeV)

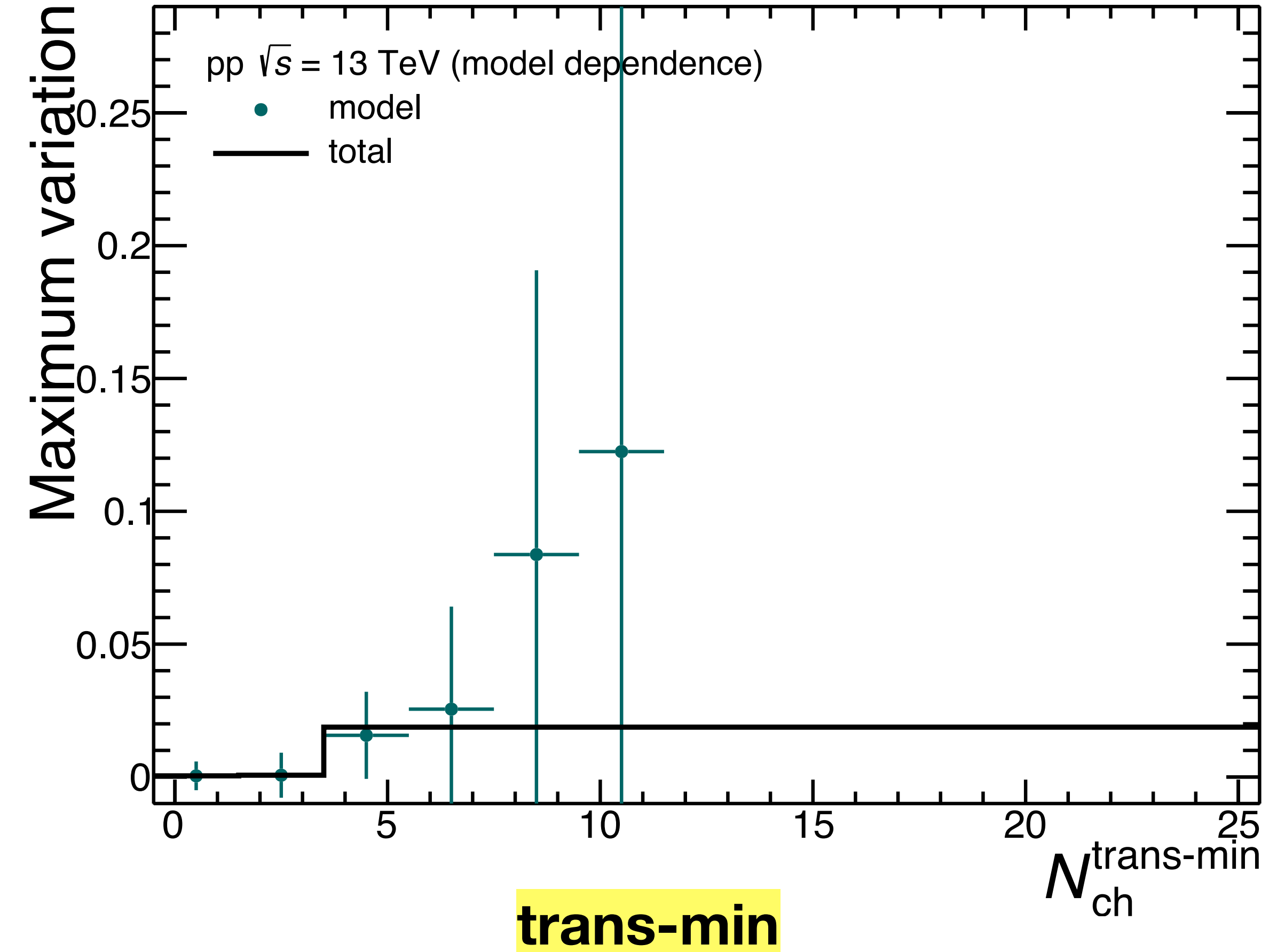
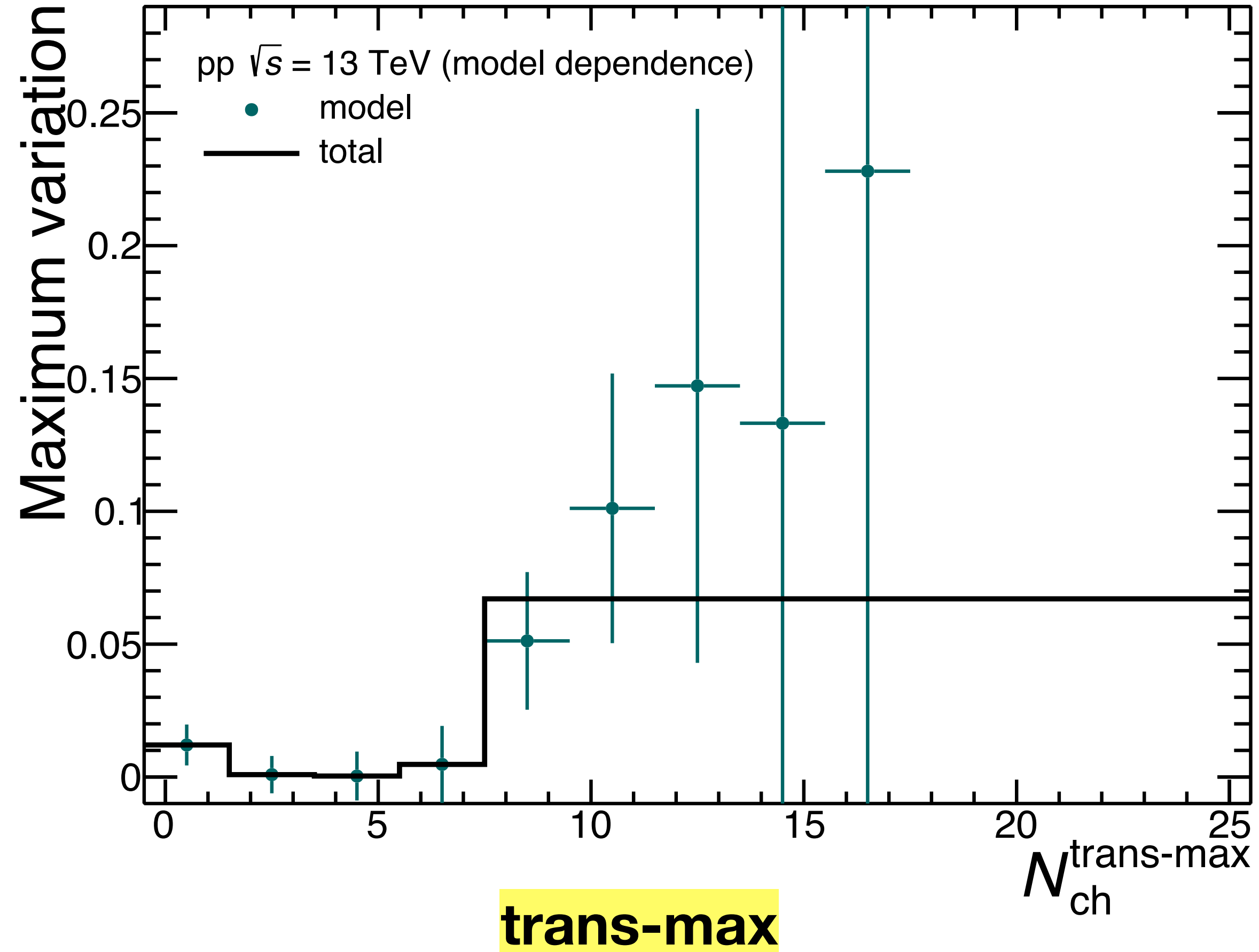


- In trans-max region, the systematic uncertainty is up to around 3% at high multiplicity.
- In trans-min region, the systematic uncertainty is up to around 2% at high multiplicity.

Systematic Uncertainties

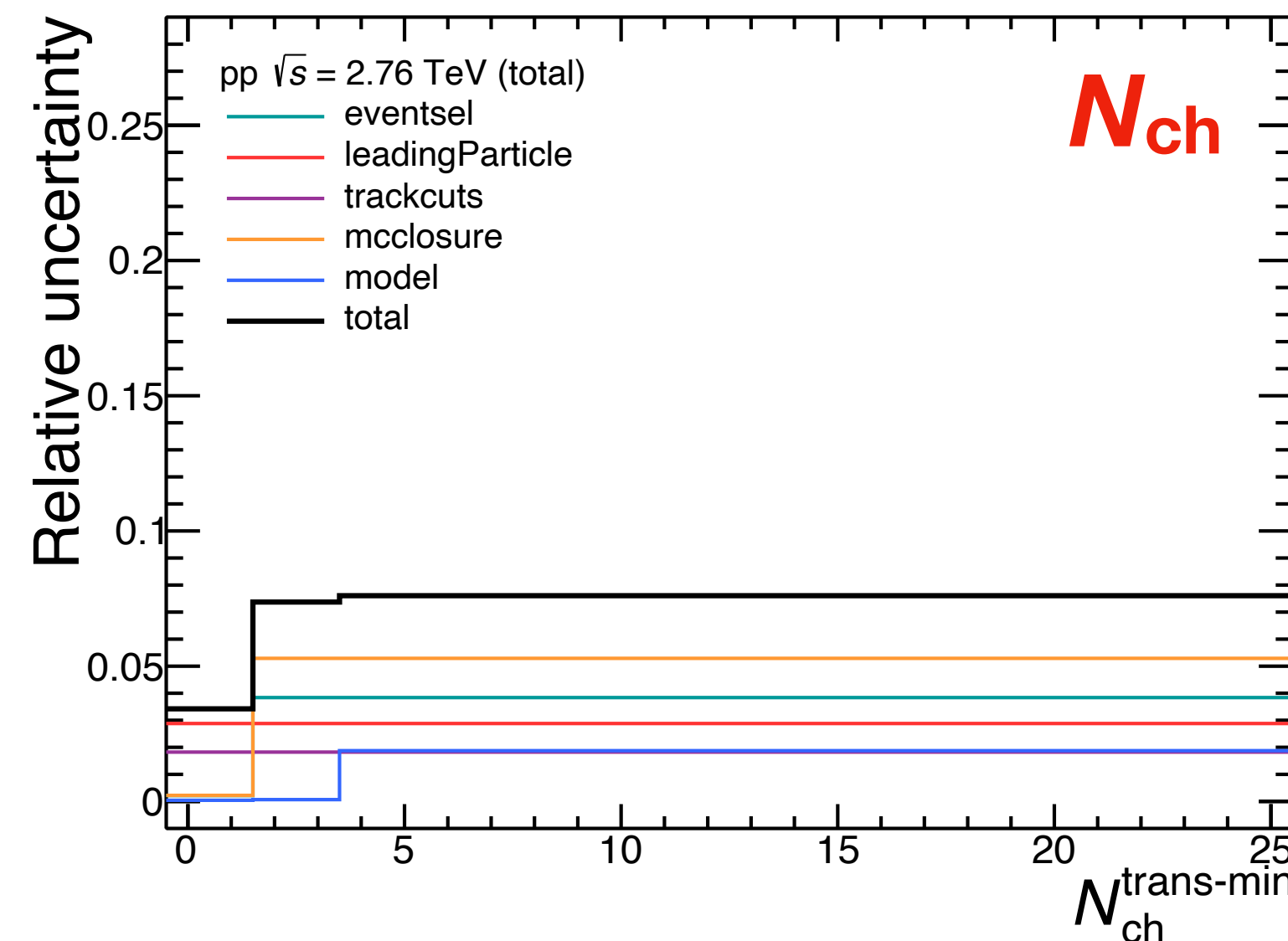
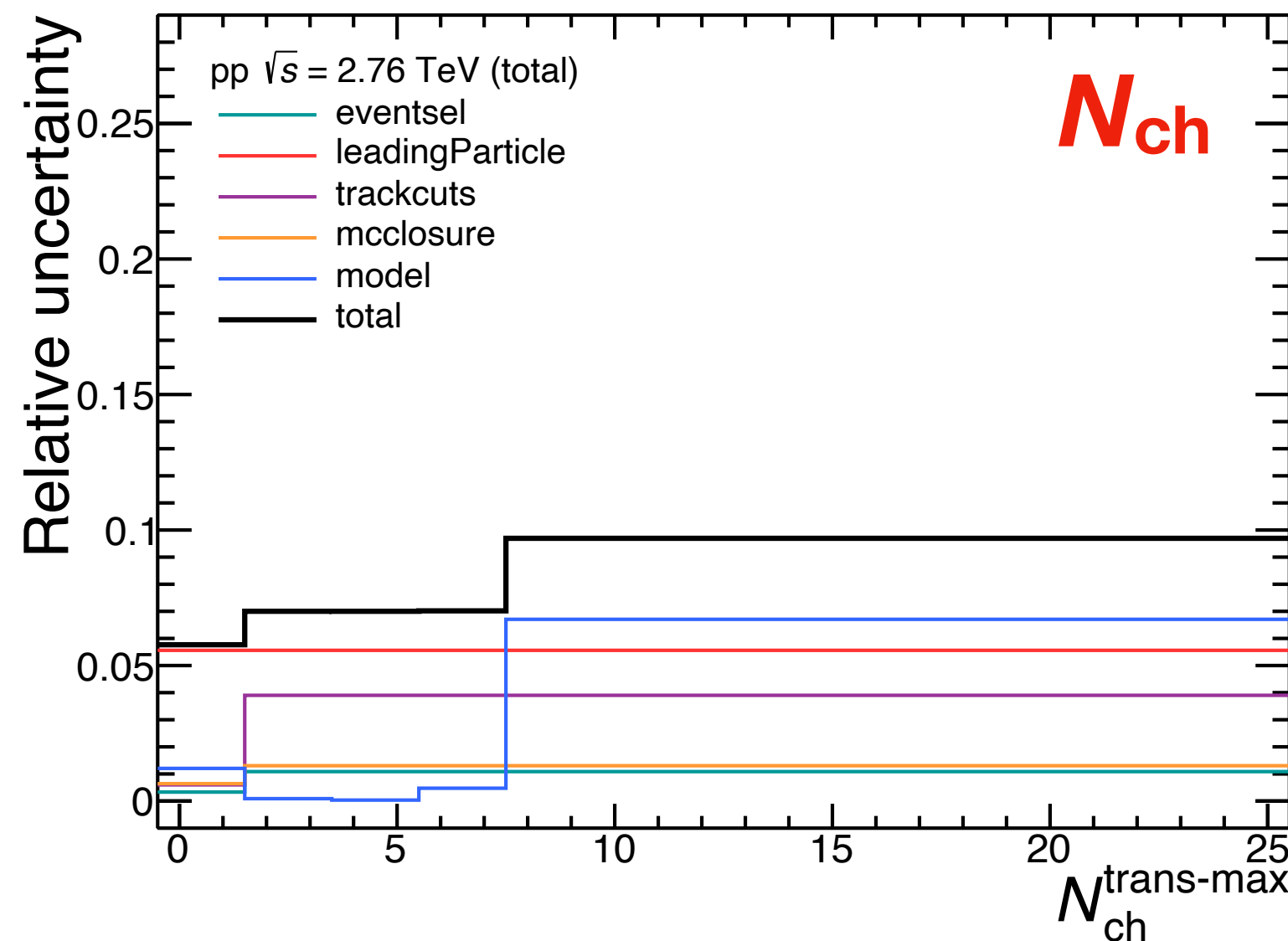
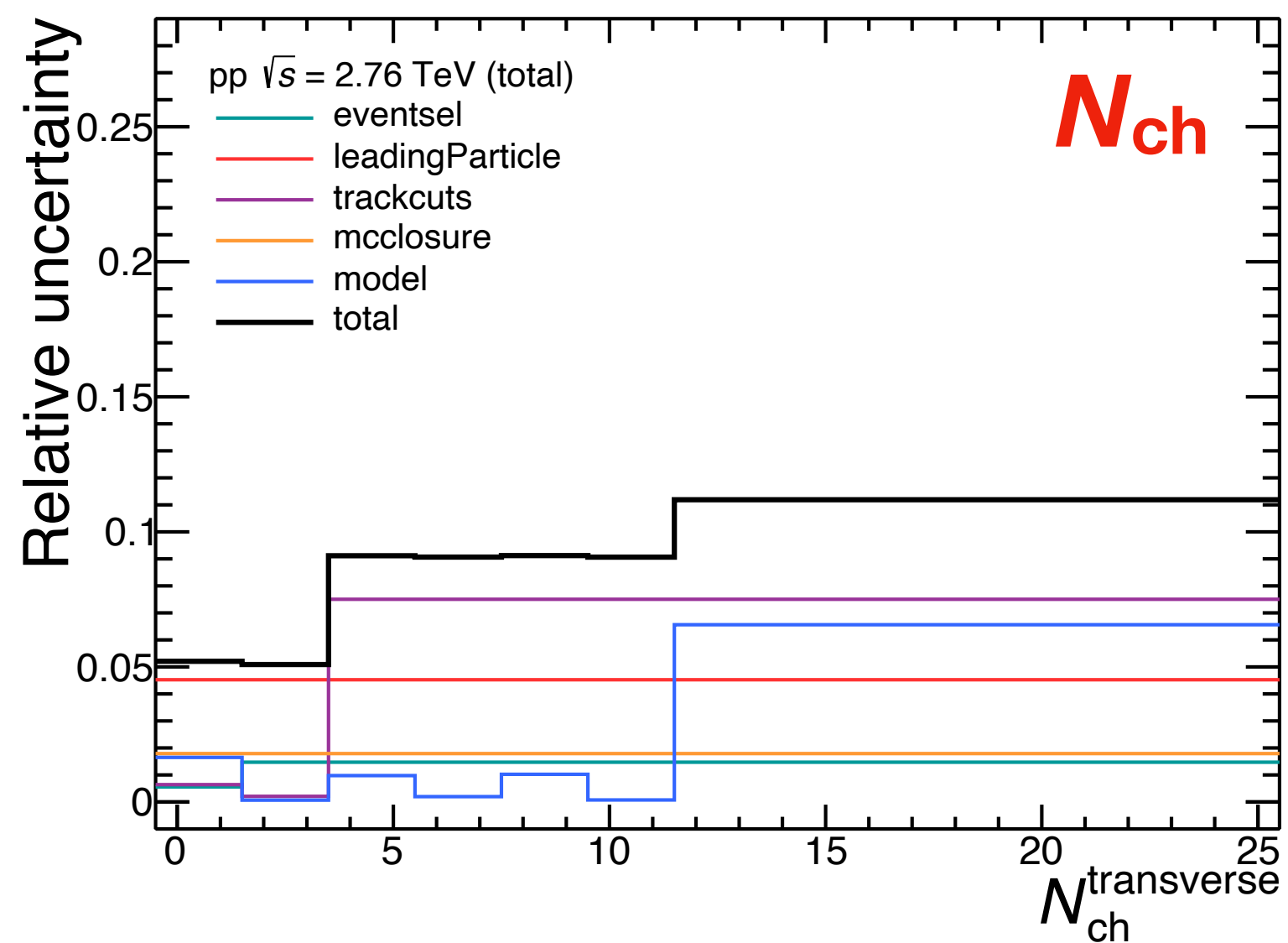
$\sim N_{ch}^{\text{trans-max}}, N_{ch}^{\text{trans-min}}$

(pp, 13 TeV)



- In trans-max region, the systematic uncertainty is up to around 7% at high multiplicity.
- In trans-min region, the systematic uncertainty is up to around 2% at high multiplicity.

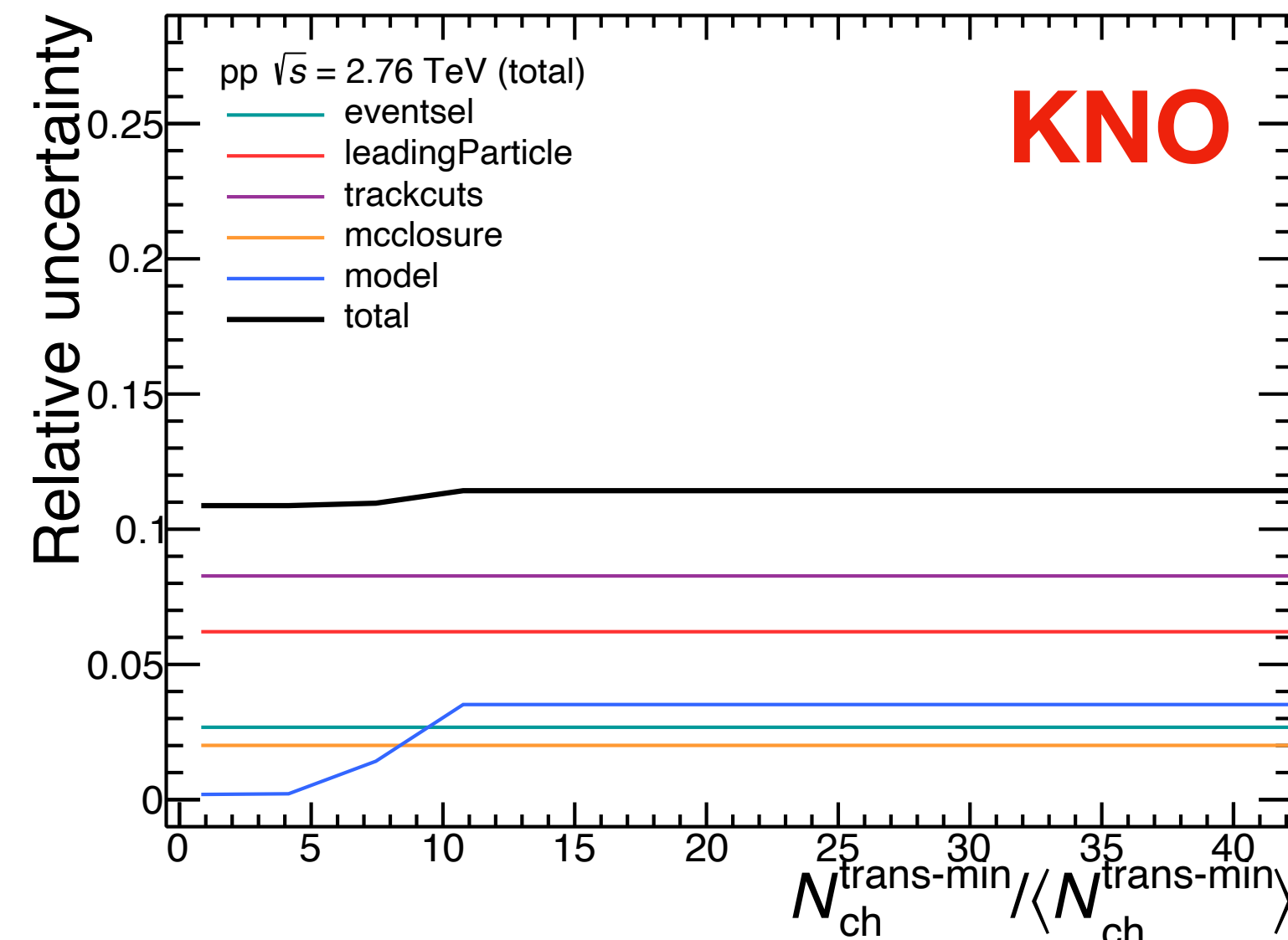
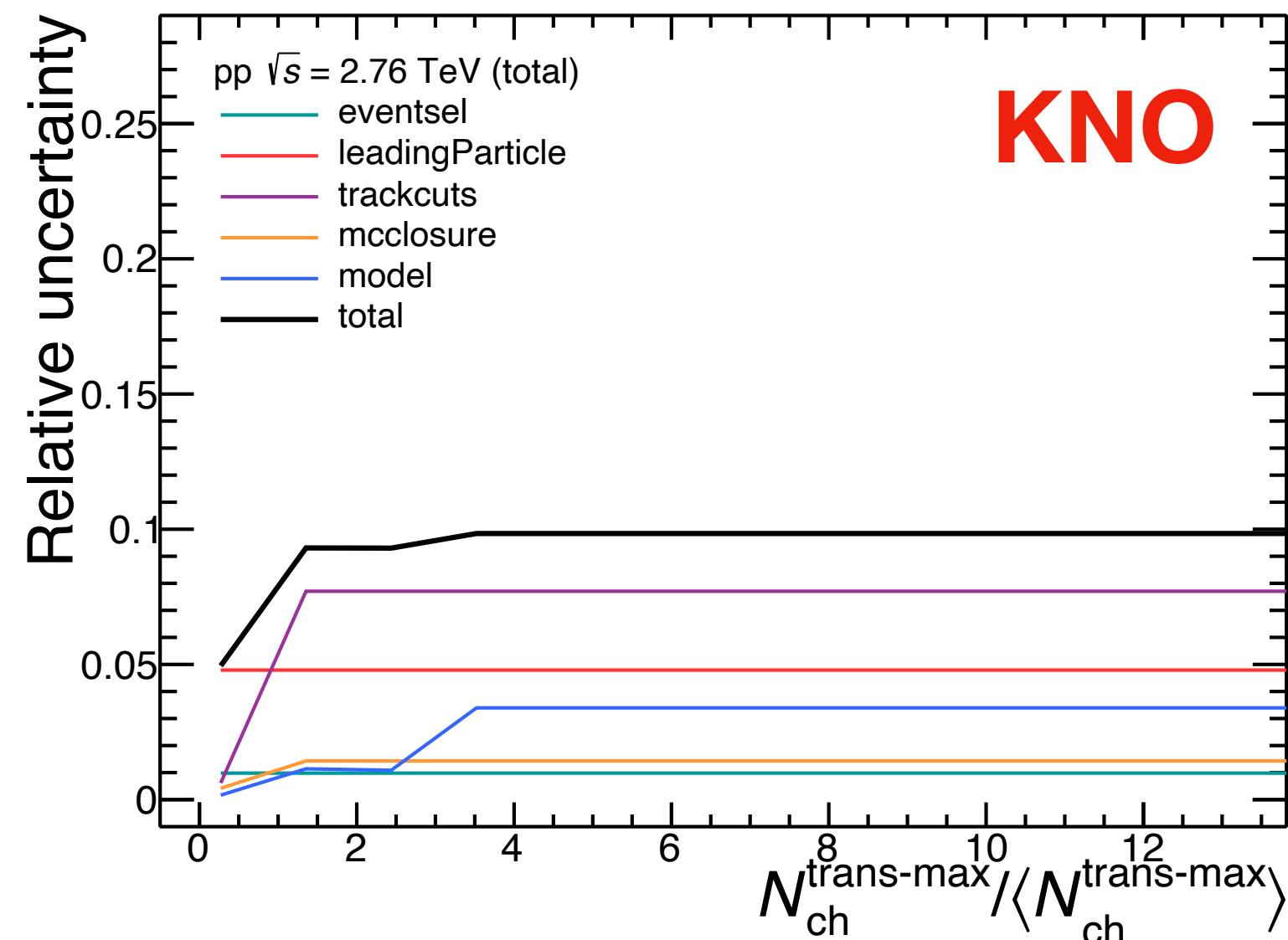
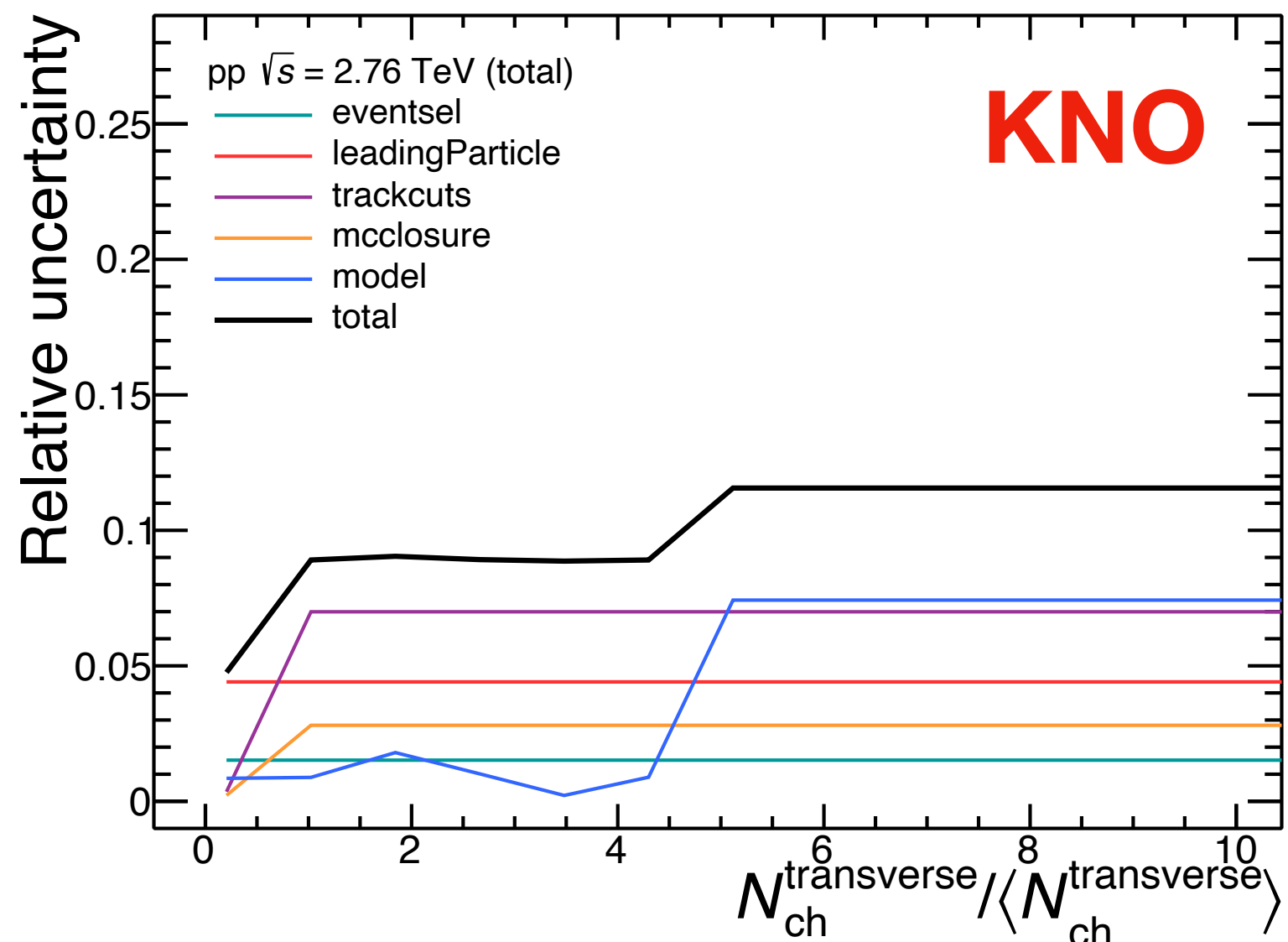
Systematic Uncertainties (pp, 2.76 TeV)



transverse

trans-max

trans-min

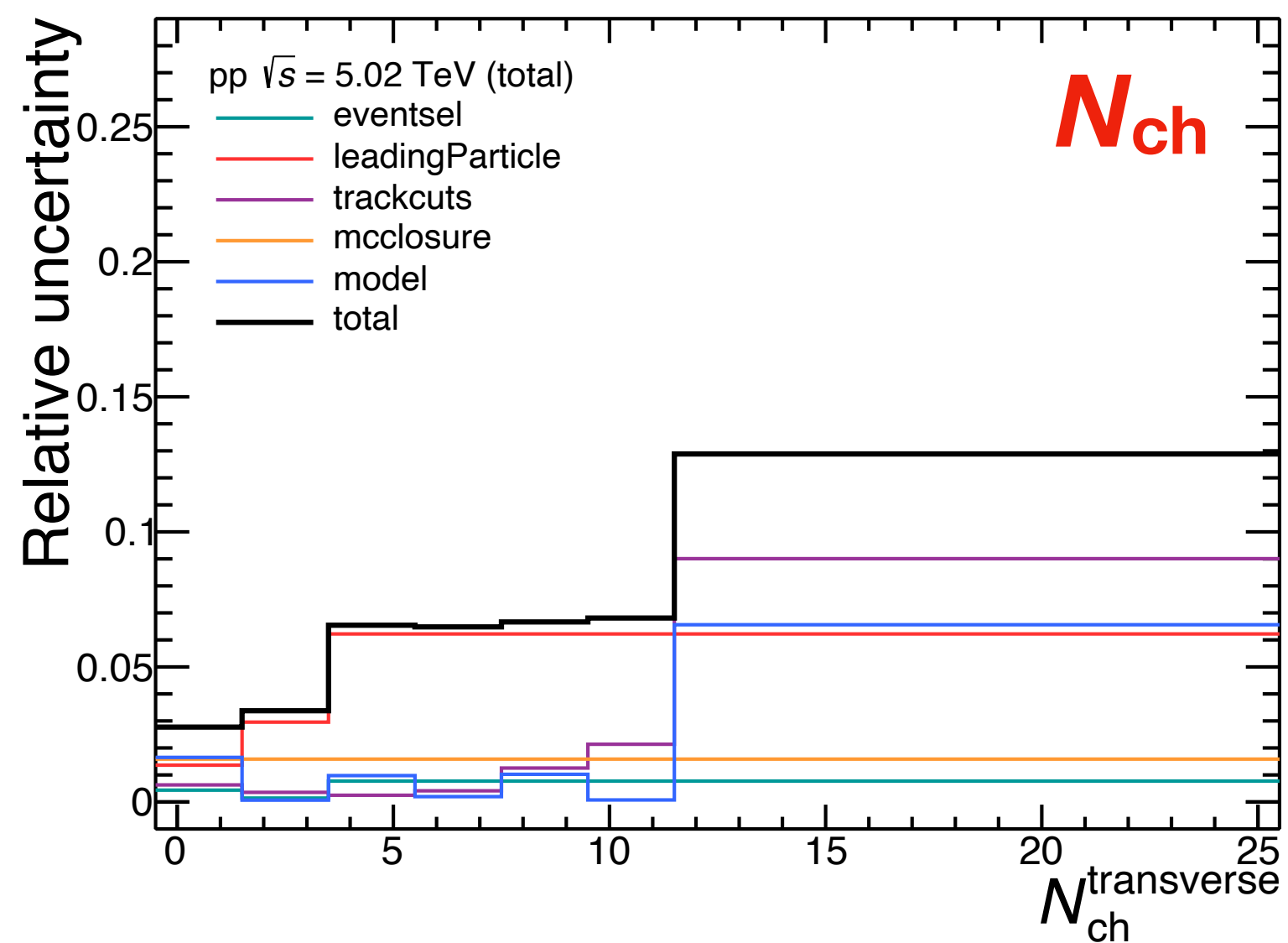


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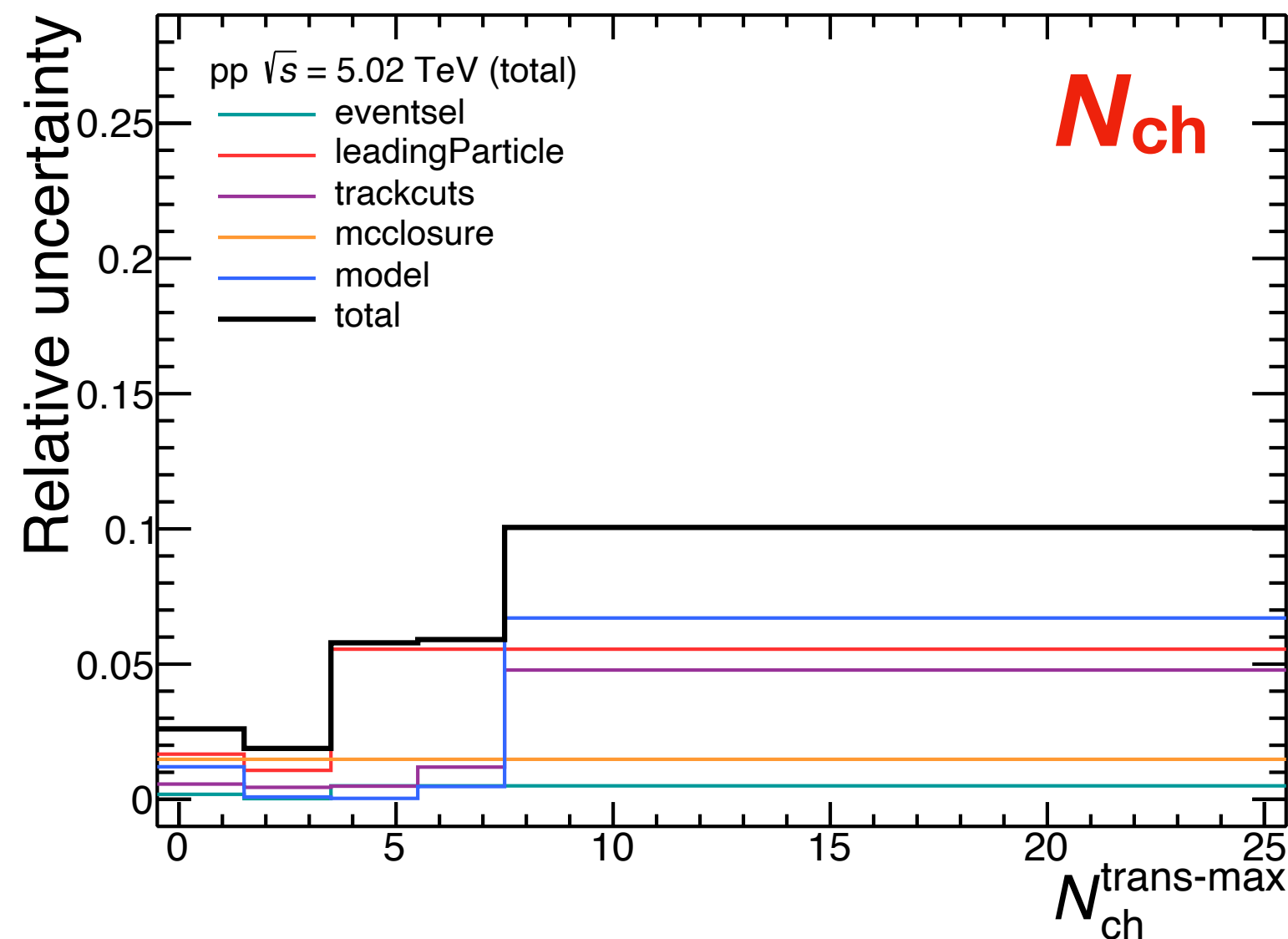
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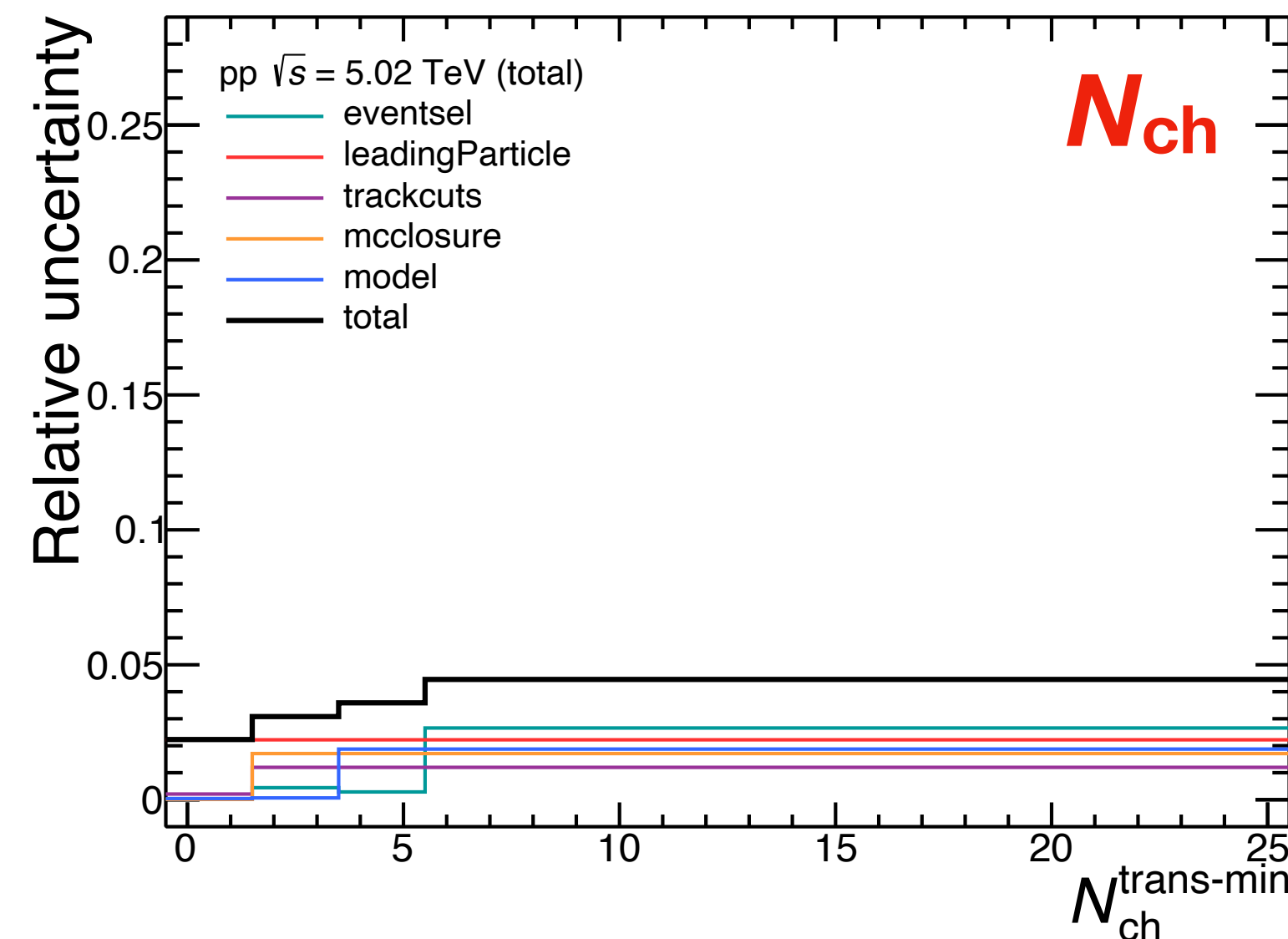
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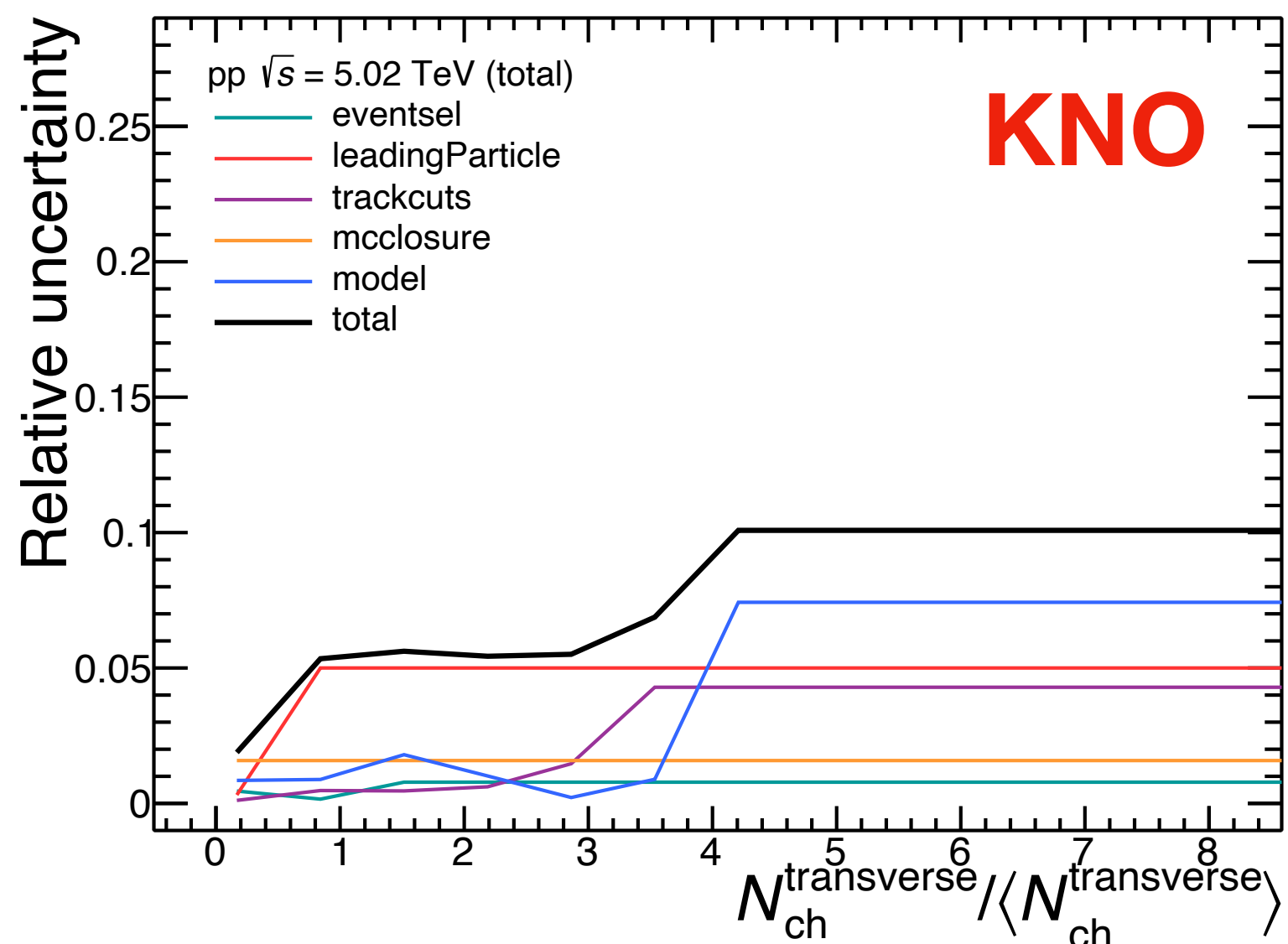
transverse



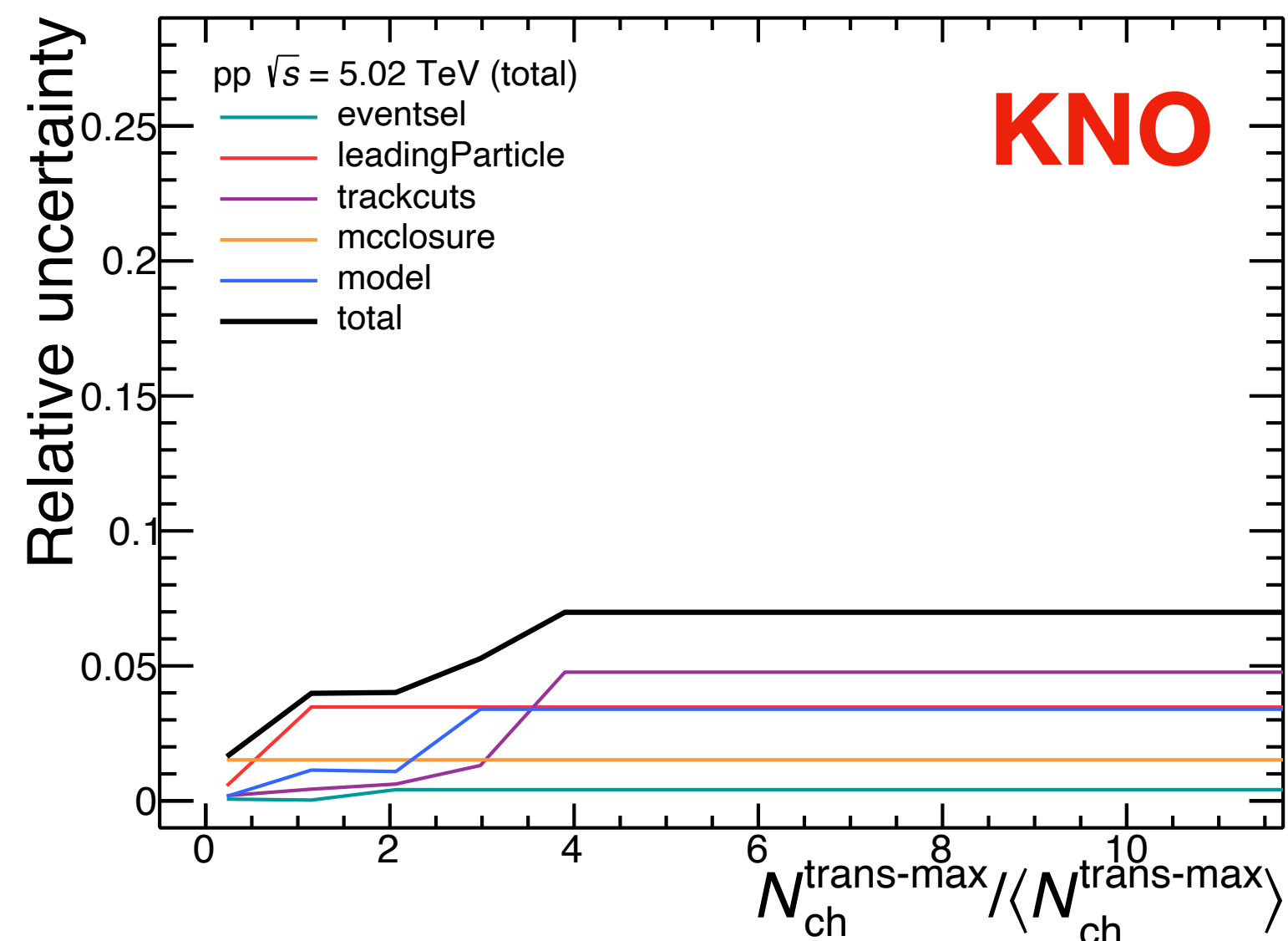
trans-max



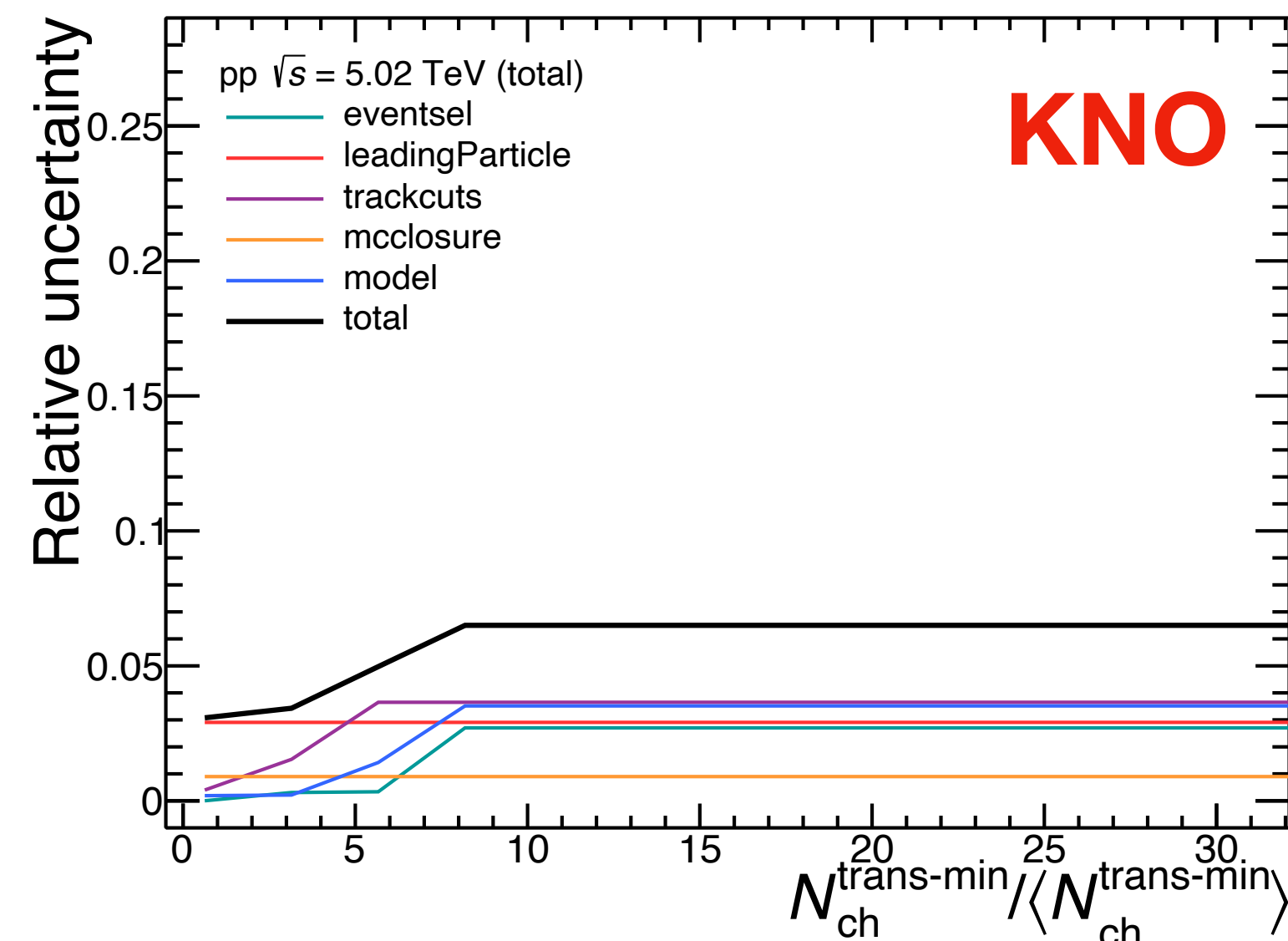
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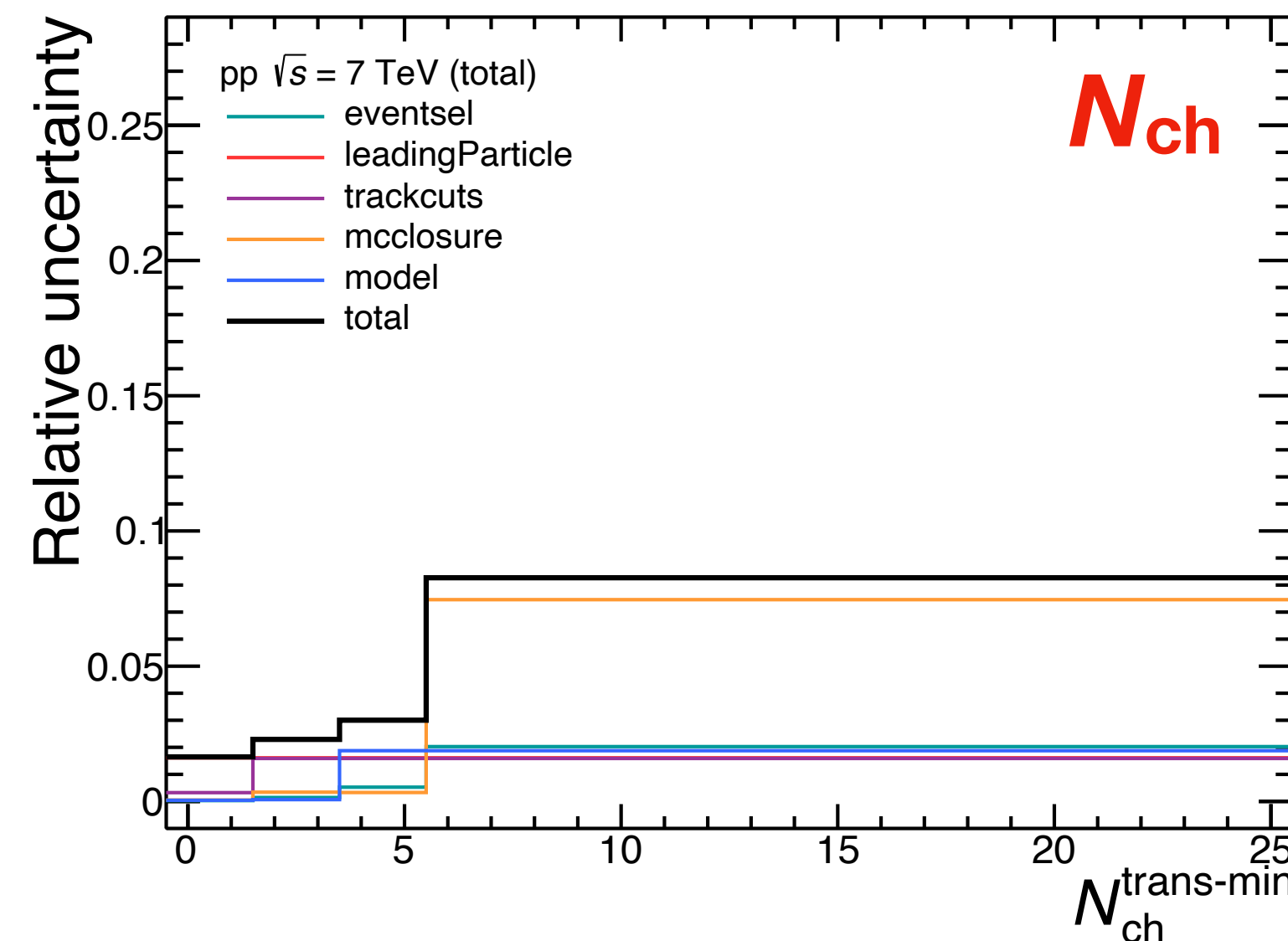
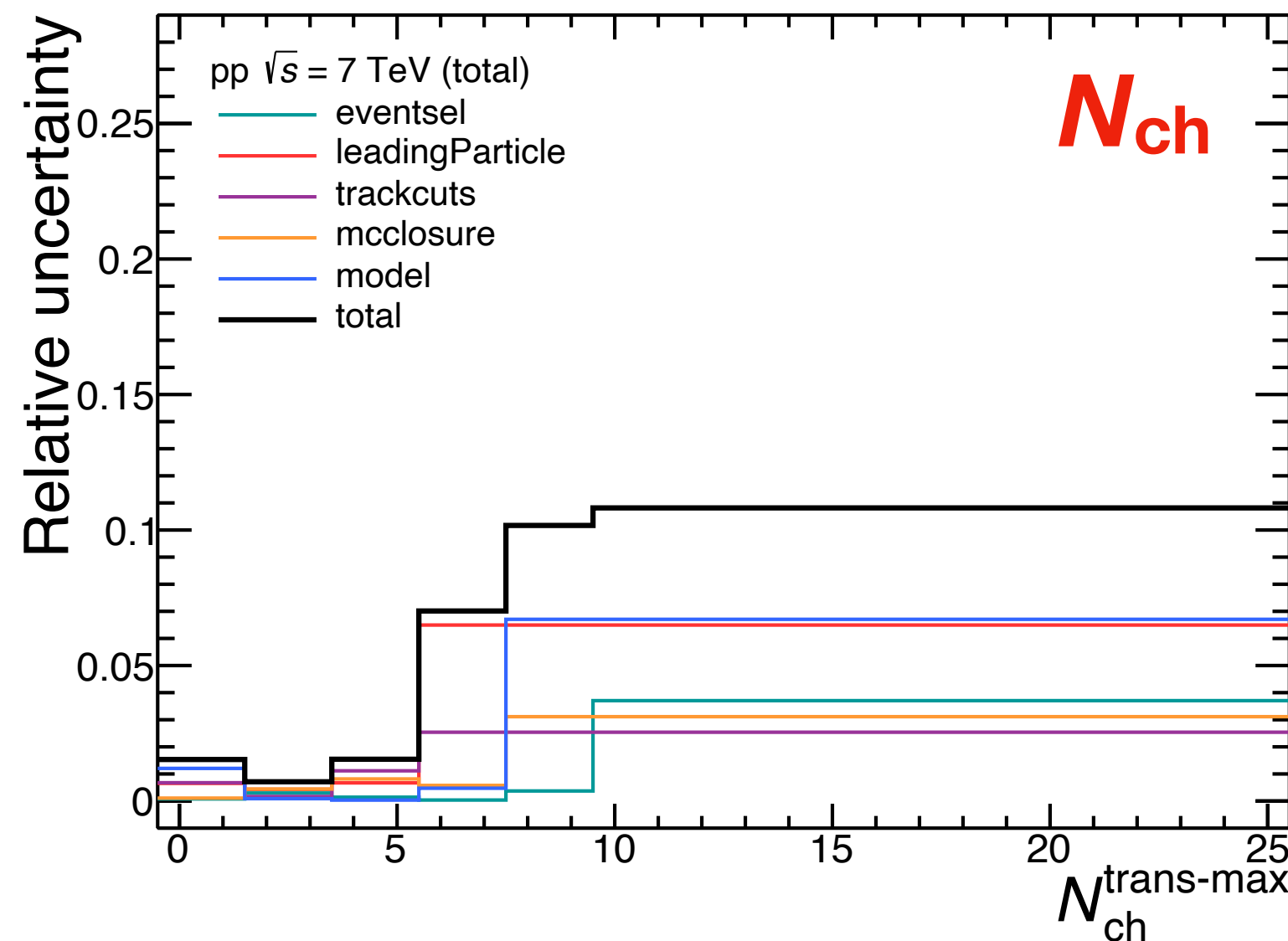
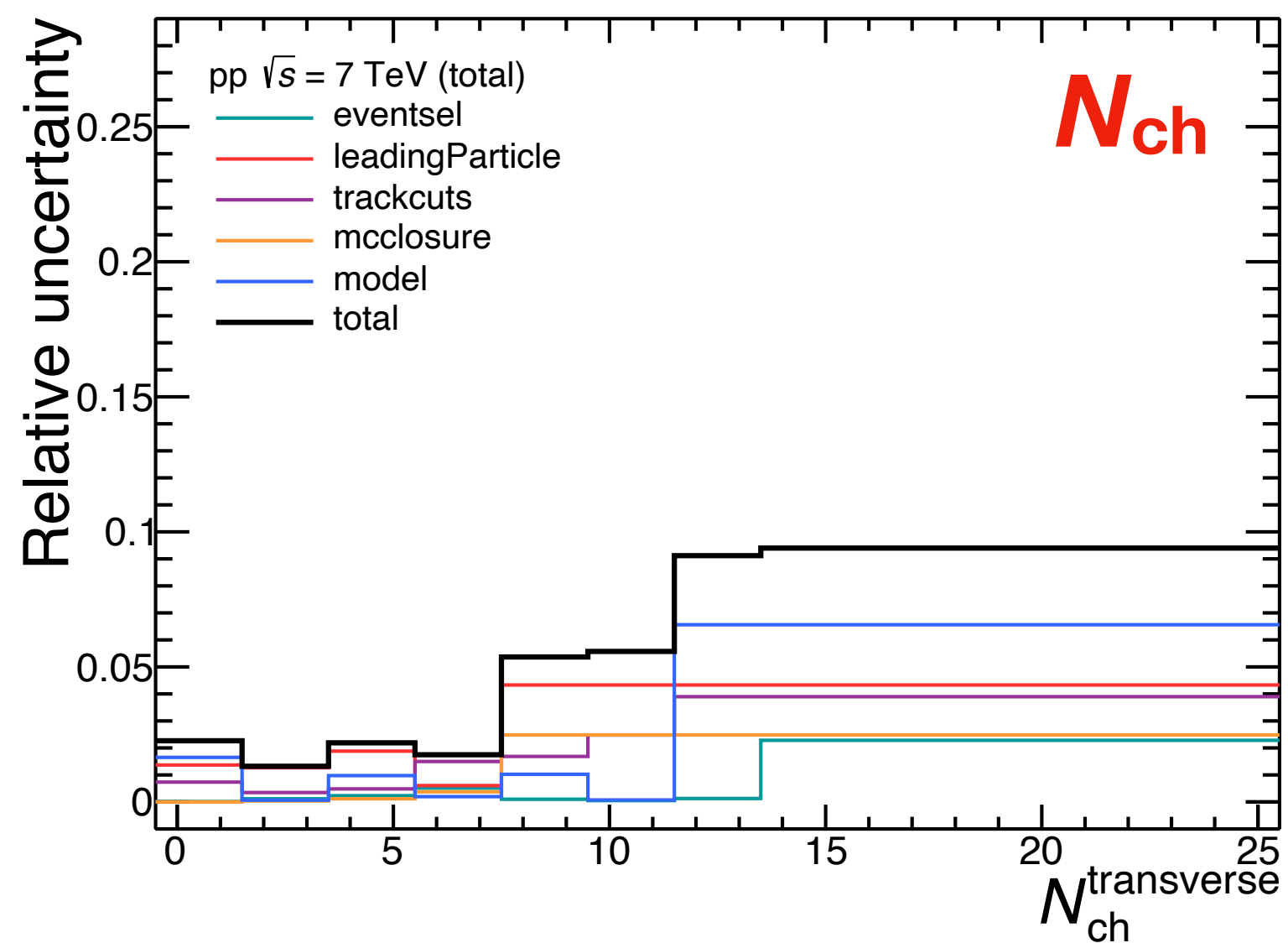


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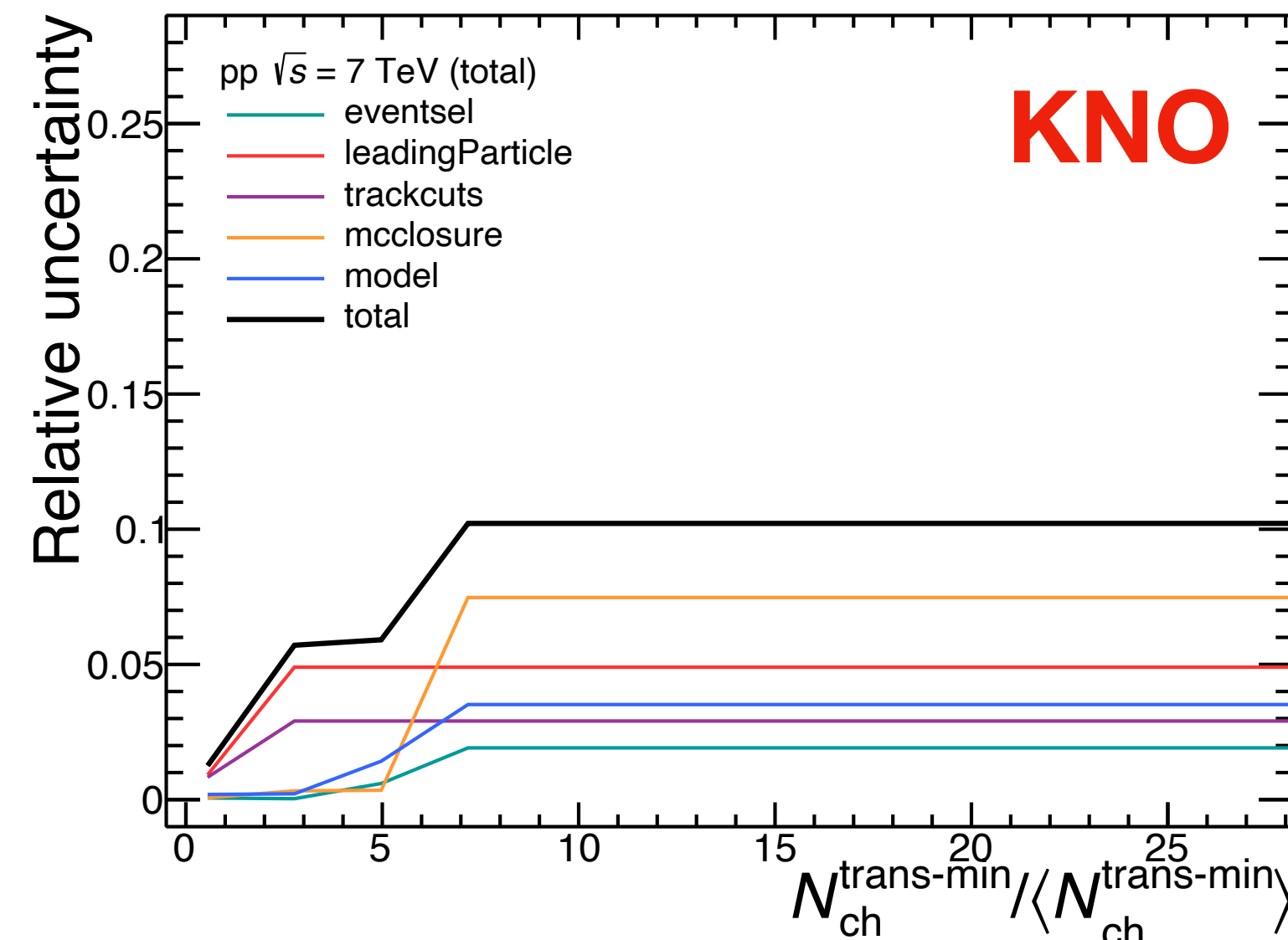
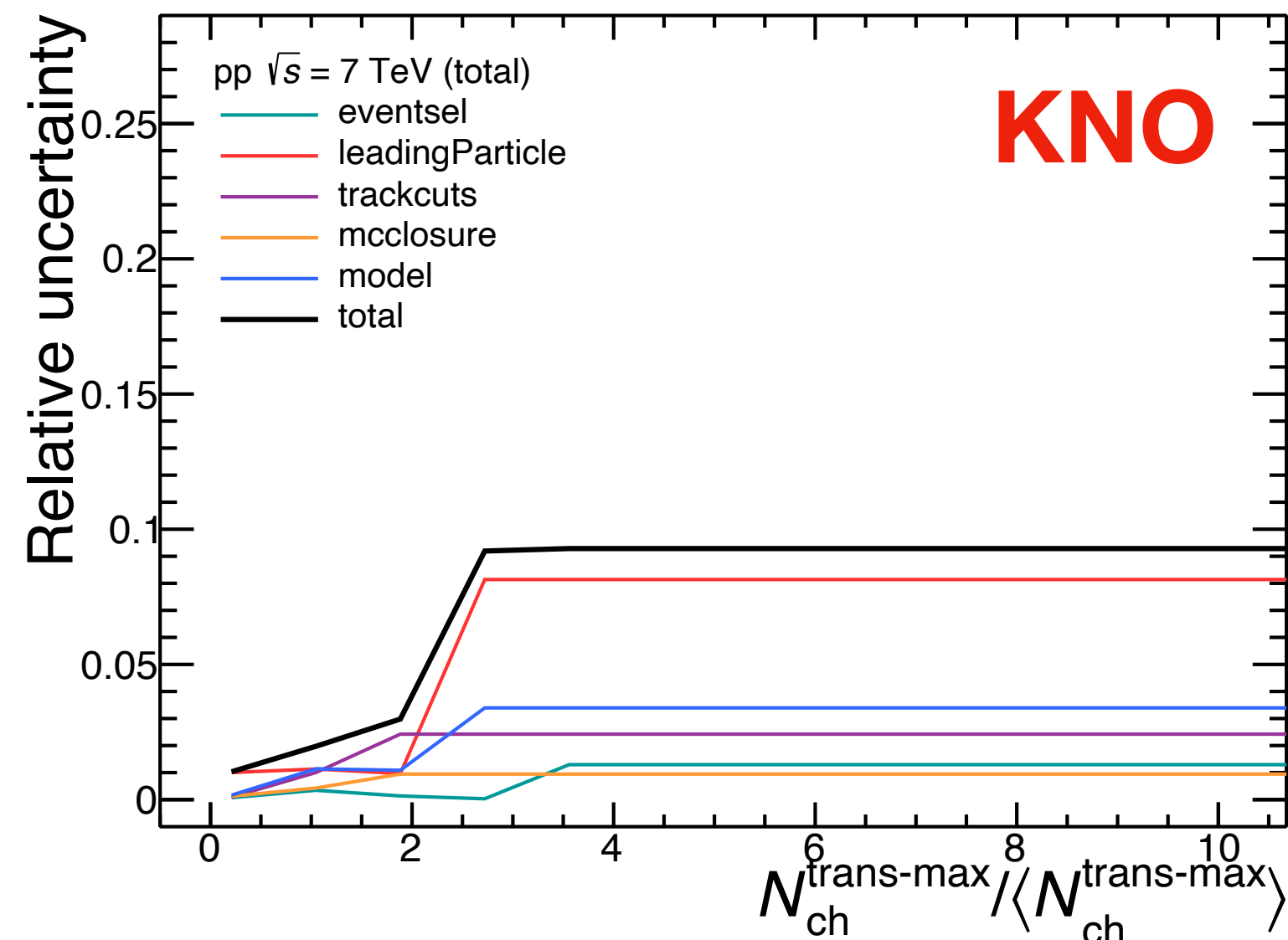
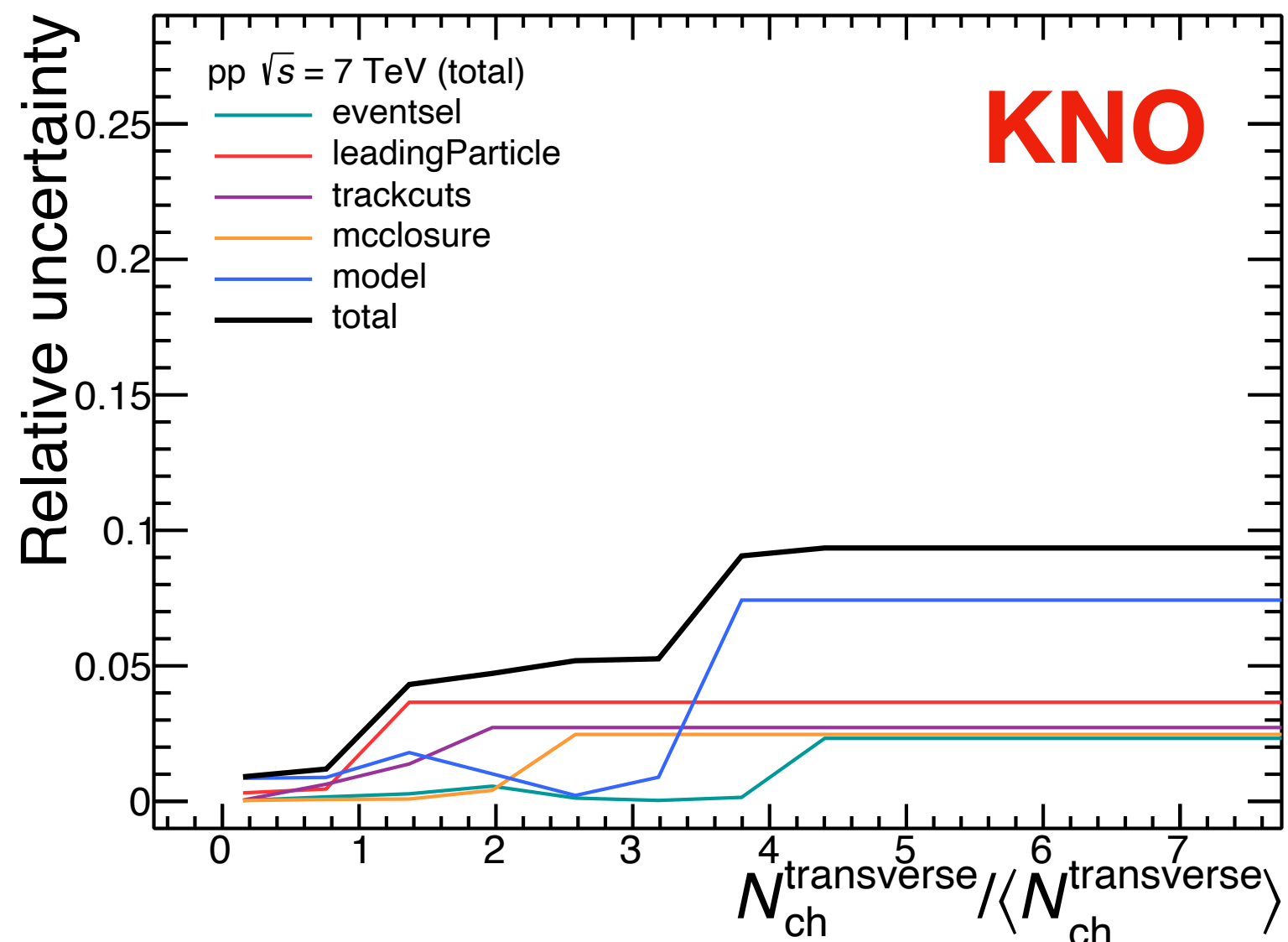
Systematic Uncertainties (pp, 7 TeV)



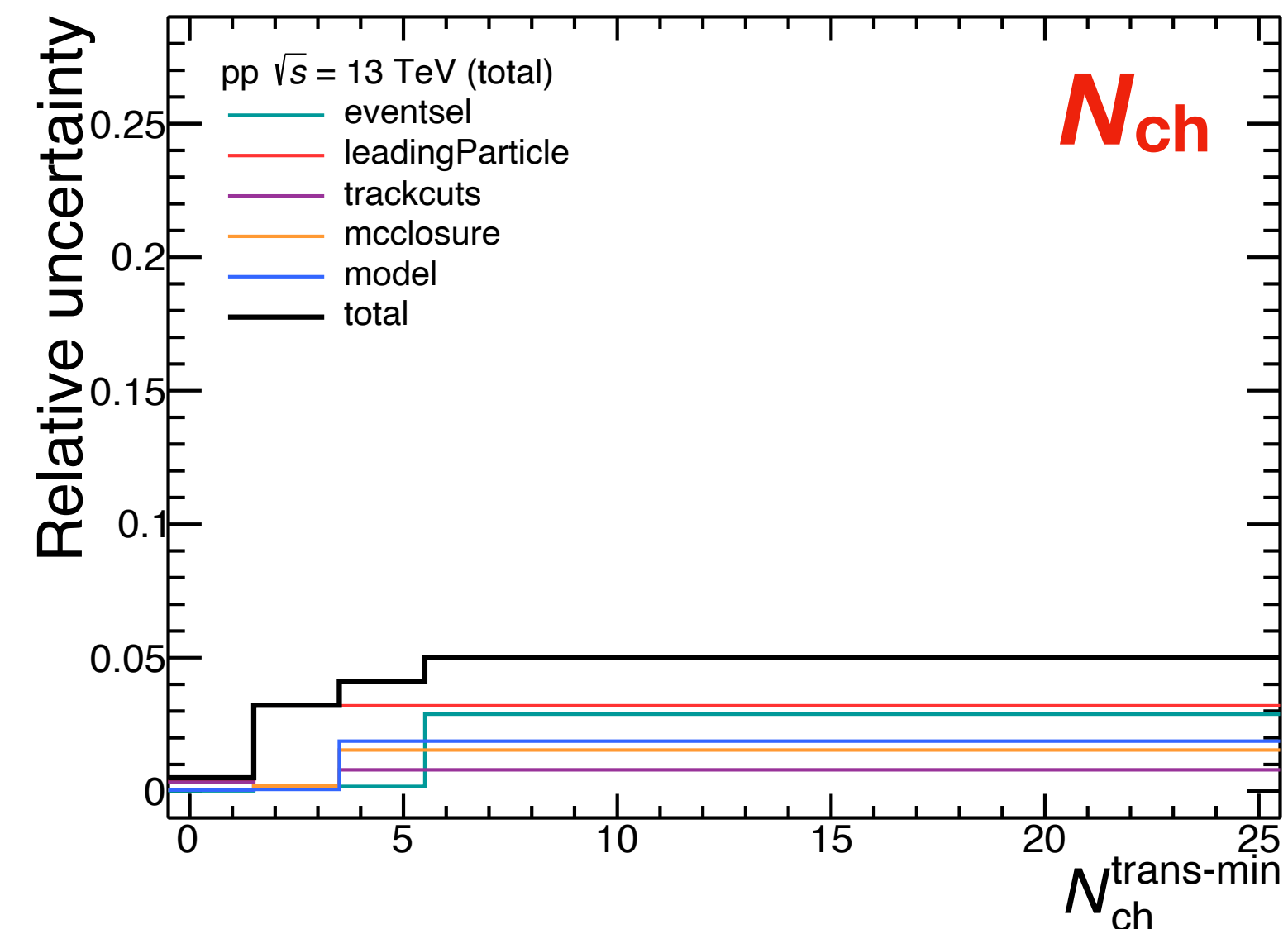
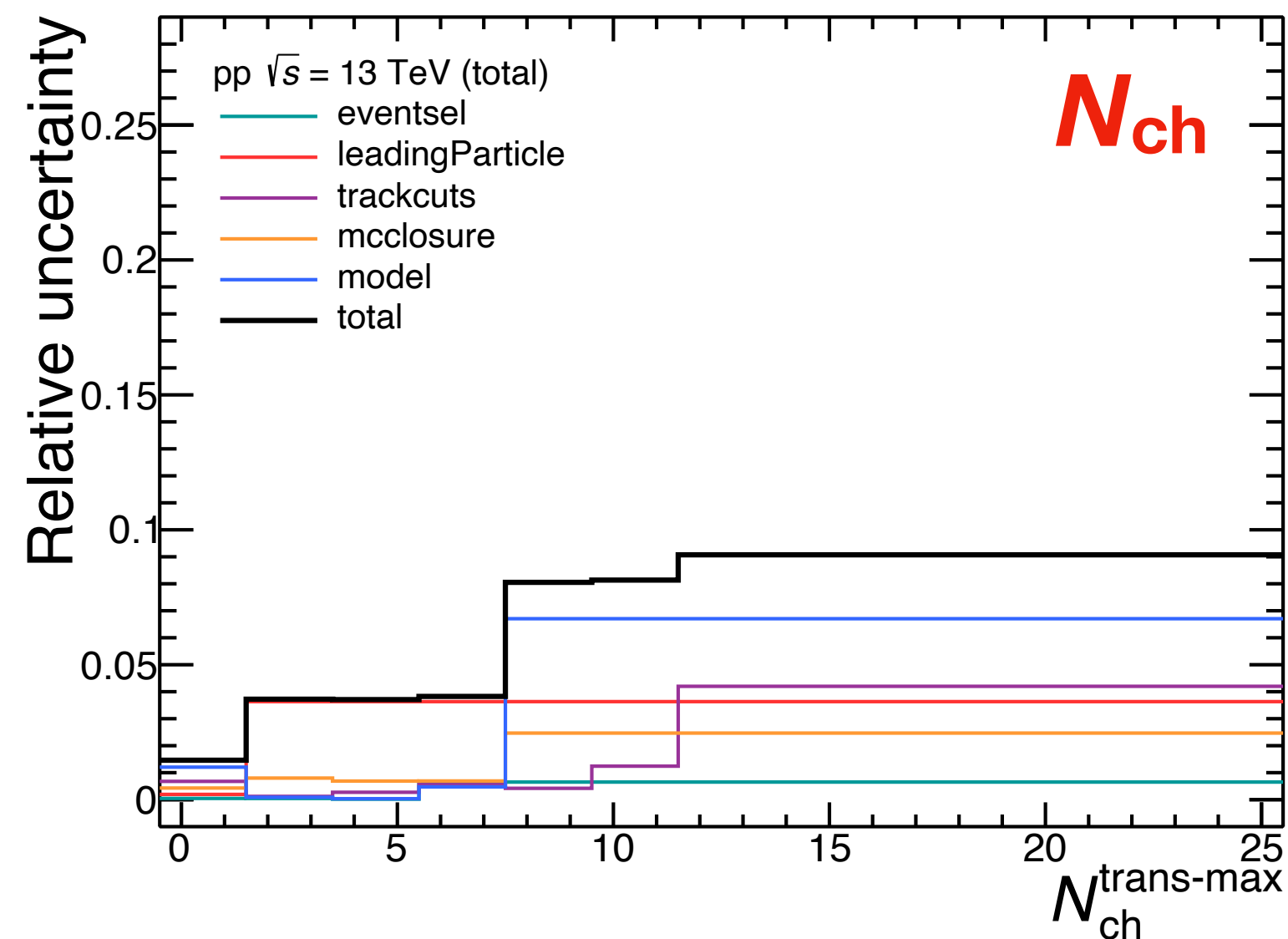
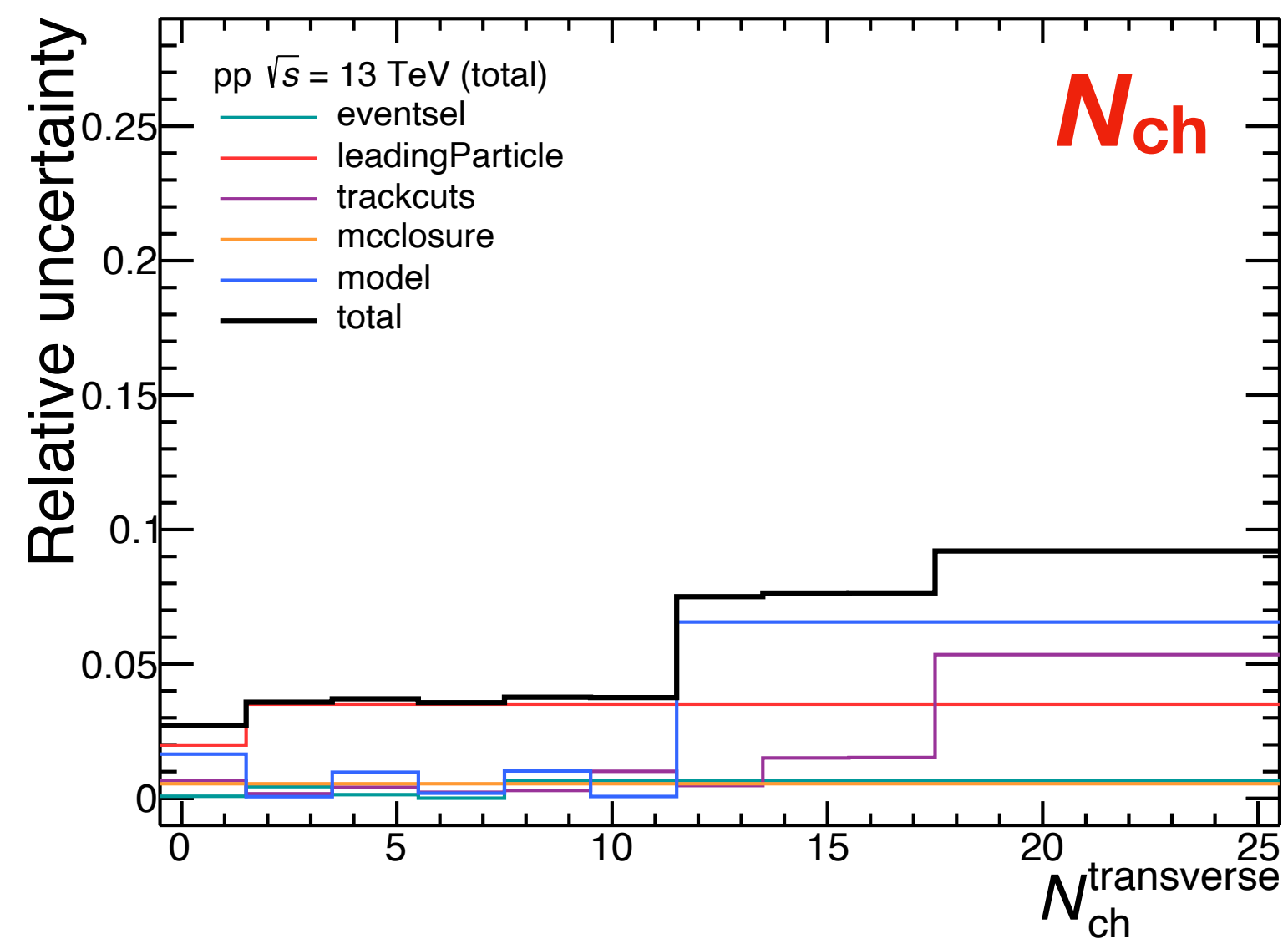
transverse

trans-max

trans-min



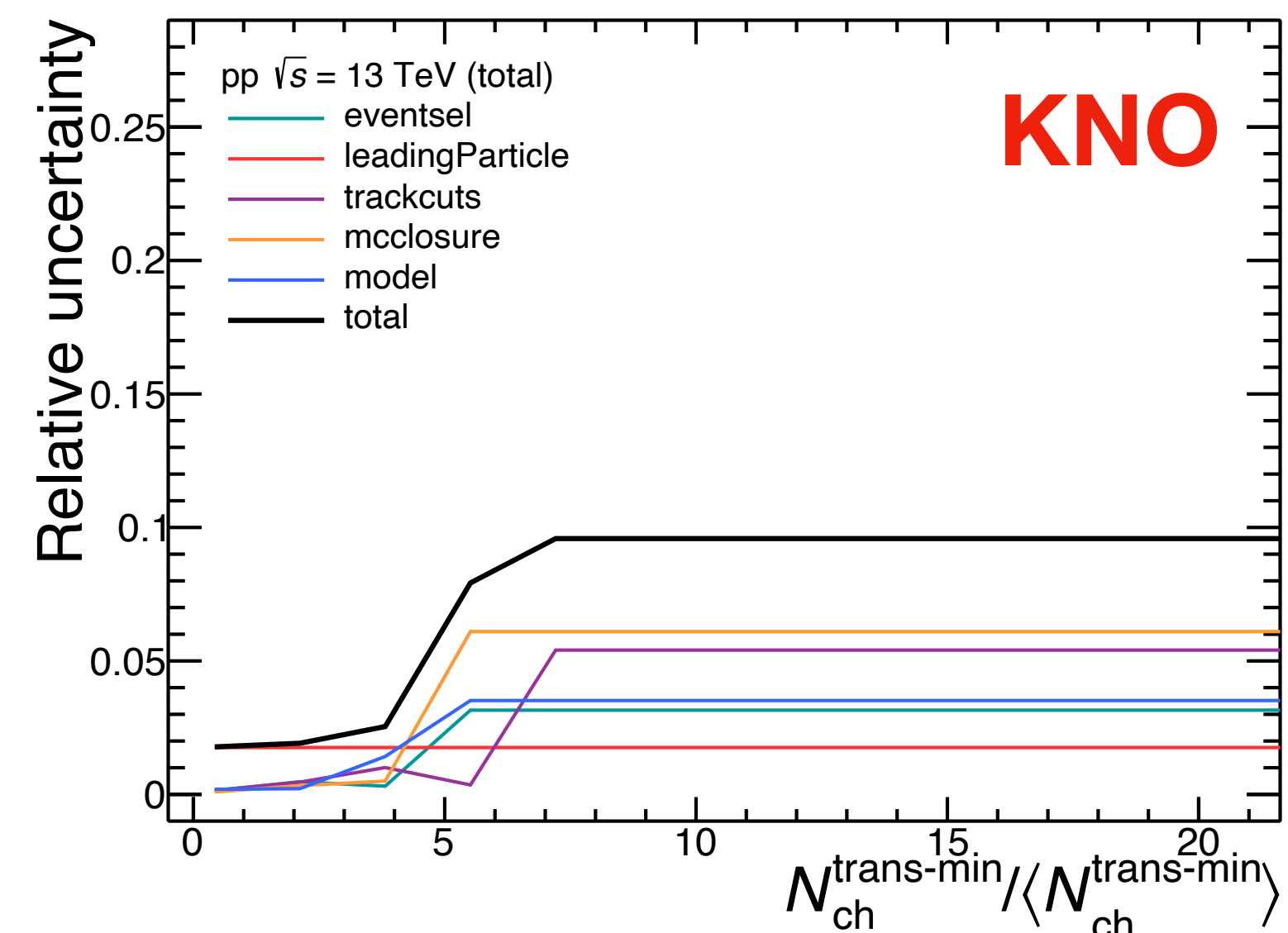
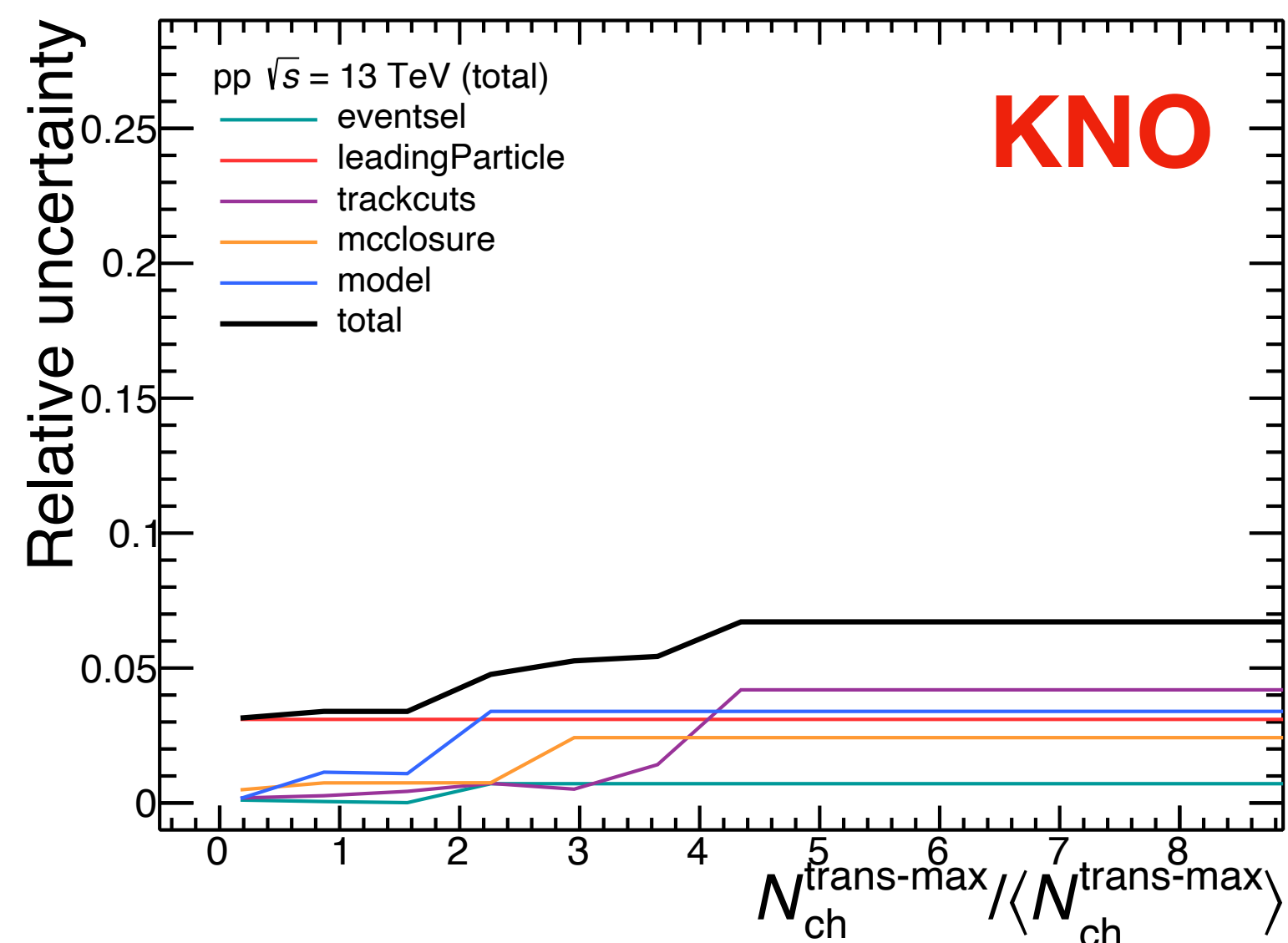
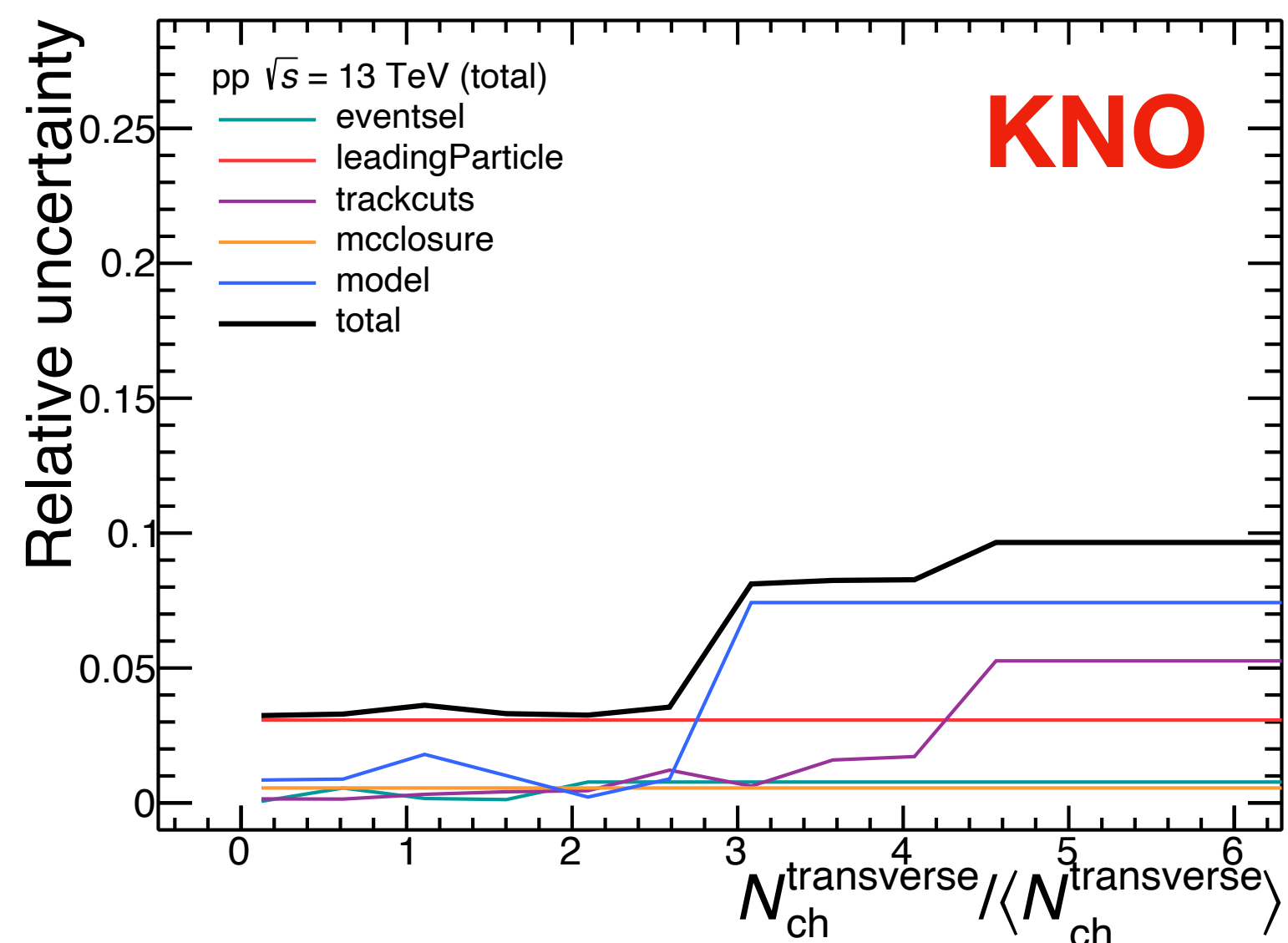
Systematic Uncertainties (pp, 13 TeV)



transverse

trans-max

trans-min



Systematic Uncertainties

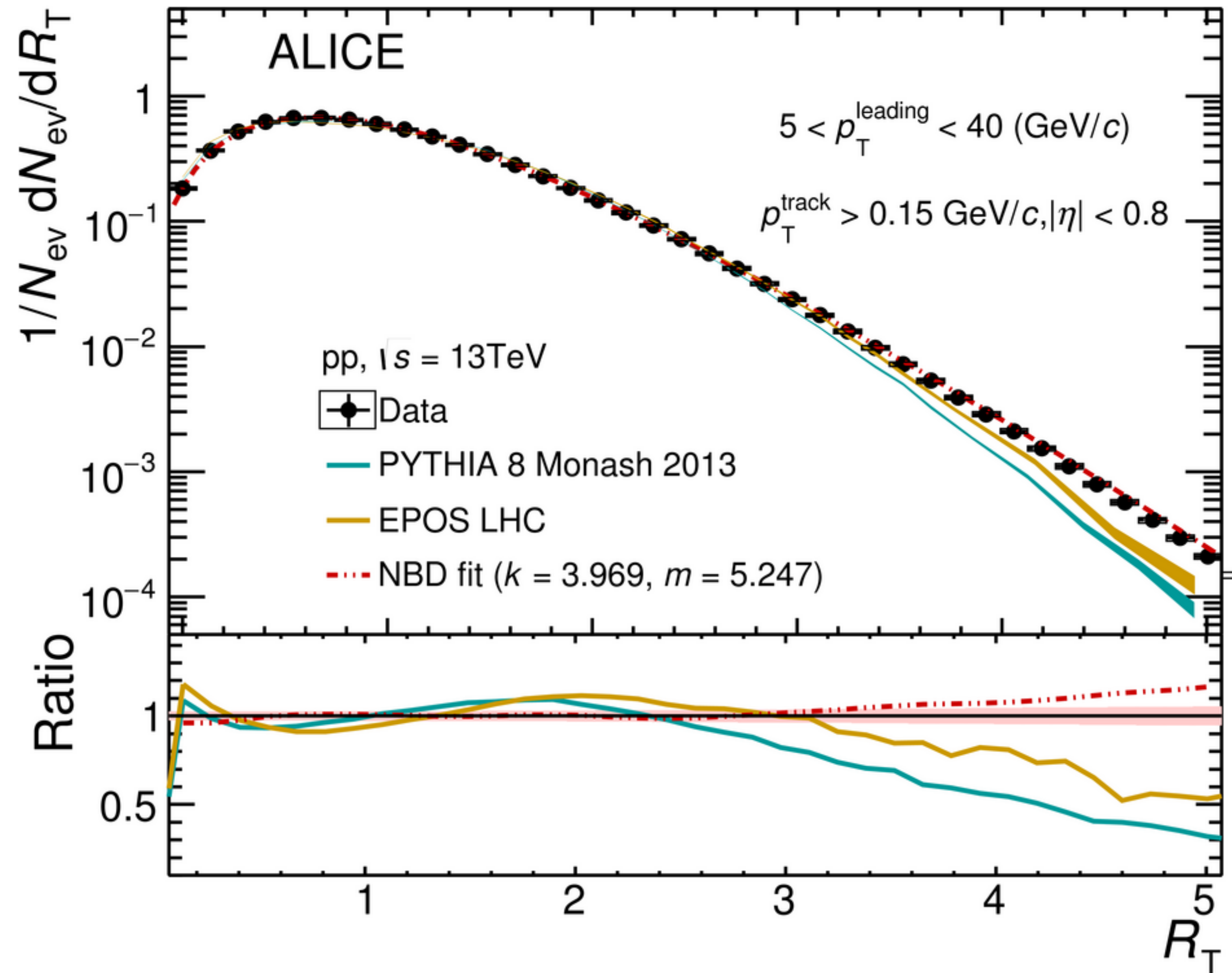
track selection for leading track GetStandardITSTPCTrackcuts2015PbPb()	nominal	low	high	track selection for N_{ch} in transverse, trans- max and trans-min region GetStandardTPOnlyTrackcuts()	nominal	low	high
max. fraction of shared clusters in TPC	0.4	0.2	1	min. number of clusters in TPC	50	30	70
min. ratio of crossed rows to findable clusters in TPC	0.8	0.7	0.9	max. per clusters in TPC	4	3	5
width of dead zone in TPC	3	2	4	max. DCAz	3.2	2	4
geometric track length	130	120	140	max.DCAxy	2.4	1	4
min. number of hits in SPD	1	0	0	requirement of ITS refit	required	not required	
max. χ^2 per cluster in ITS	36	25	49				
max. χ^2 per cluster in TPC	4	3	5				
max. χ^2 between TPC track and global track	36	25	49				
max. DCA _z	2	1	5				

Track Selection



track selection for leading track GetStandardITSTPCTrackcuts2015PbPb()		nominal	track selection for N_{ch} in transverse, trans- max and trans-min region GetStandardTPCOnlyTrackcuts()		nominal
1	max. fraction of shared clusters in TPC (additional track cut)	0.4		min. number of clusters in TPC	50
2	min. ratio of crossed rows to findable clusters in TPC	0.8		max. per clusters in TPC	4
3	width of dead zone in TPC (new parameters)	3		max. DCA_z	3.2
4	geometric track length (new parameters)	130		max. DCA_{xy}	2.4
5	min. number of hits in SPD	1		require ITS refit (additional track cut)	
6	max. χ^2 per cluster in ITS	36		require TPC refit (additional track cut)	
7	max. χ^2 per cluster in TPC	4		reject kink daughters	
8	max. χ^2 between TPC track and global track	36		accept track according to a two dimensional DCA cut	
9	max. DCA_z	2		$ \eta < 0.8, p_T \geq 0.5 \text{ GeV}/c$	
10	p_T dependent cut on DCA_{xy} : $ DCA_{xy} < 0.0182 + 0.035p_T^{-0.01}$				
11	reject kink daughters				
12	require ITS refit				
13	require TPC refit				
14	accept track even if sigma from track-to-vertex could not be calculated				
15	without a two dimensional DCA cut to cut tracks				
16	$ \eta < 0.8, p_T \geq 0.5 \text{ GeV}/c$				

Existing ALICE result



⊙ Within 1%, unfolded multiplicity is consistent with the true multiplicity.