

# How to better compare pp and AA data?

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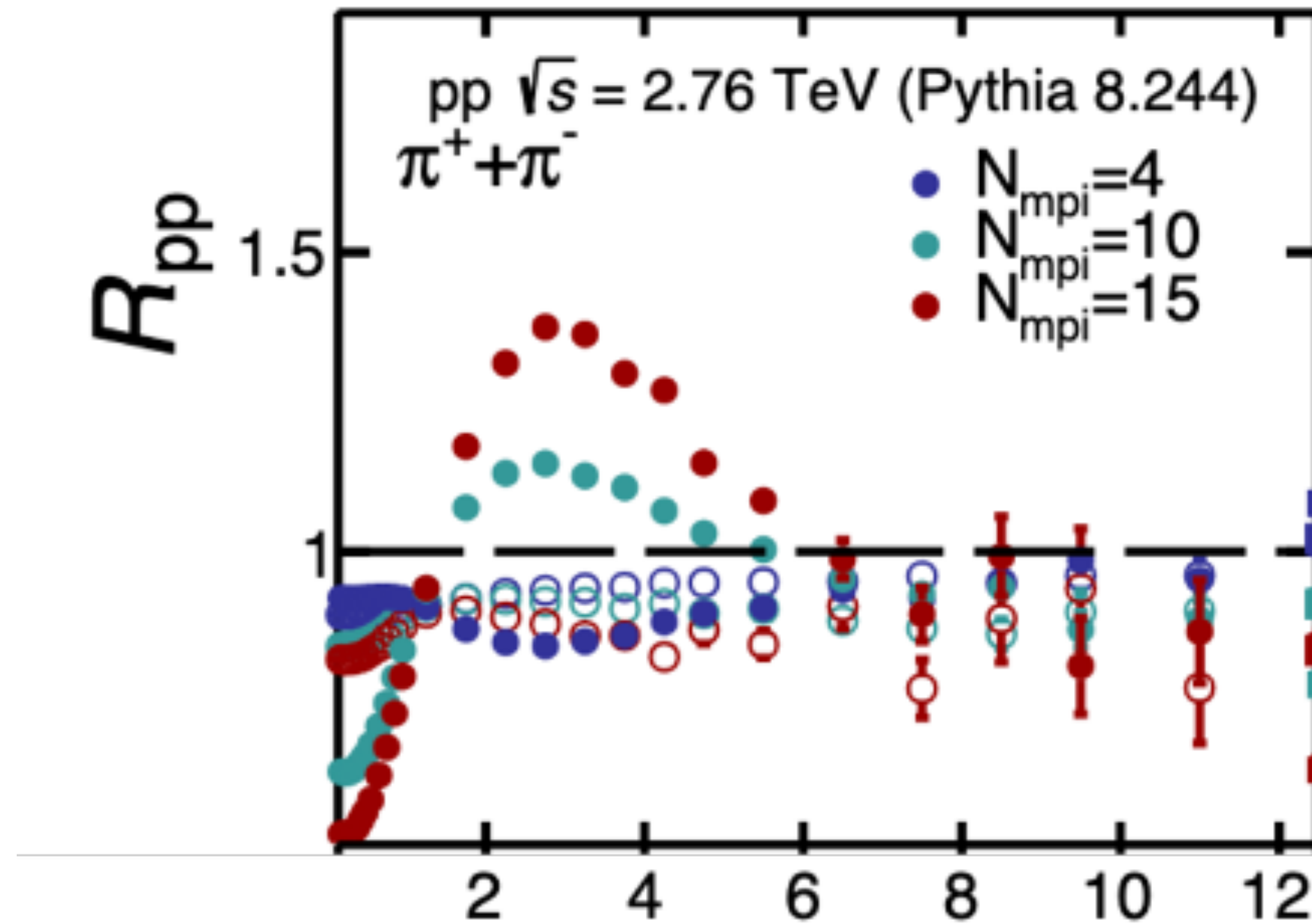
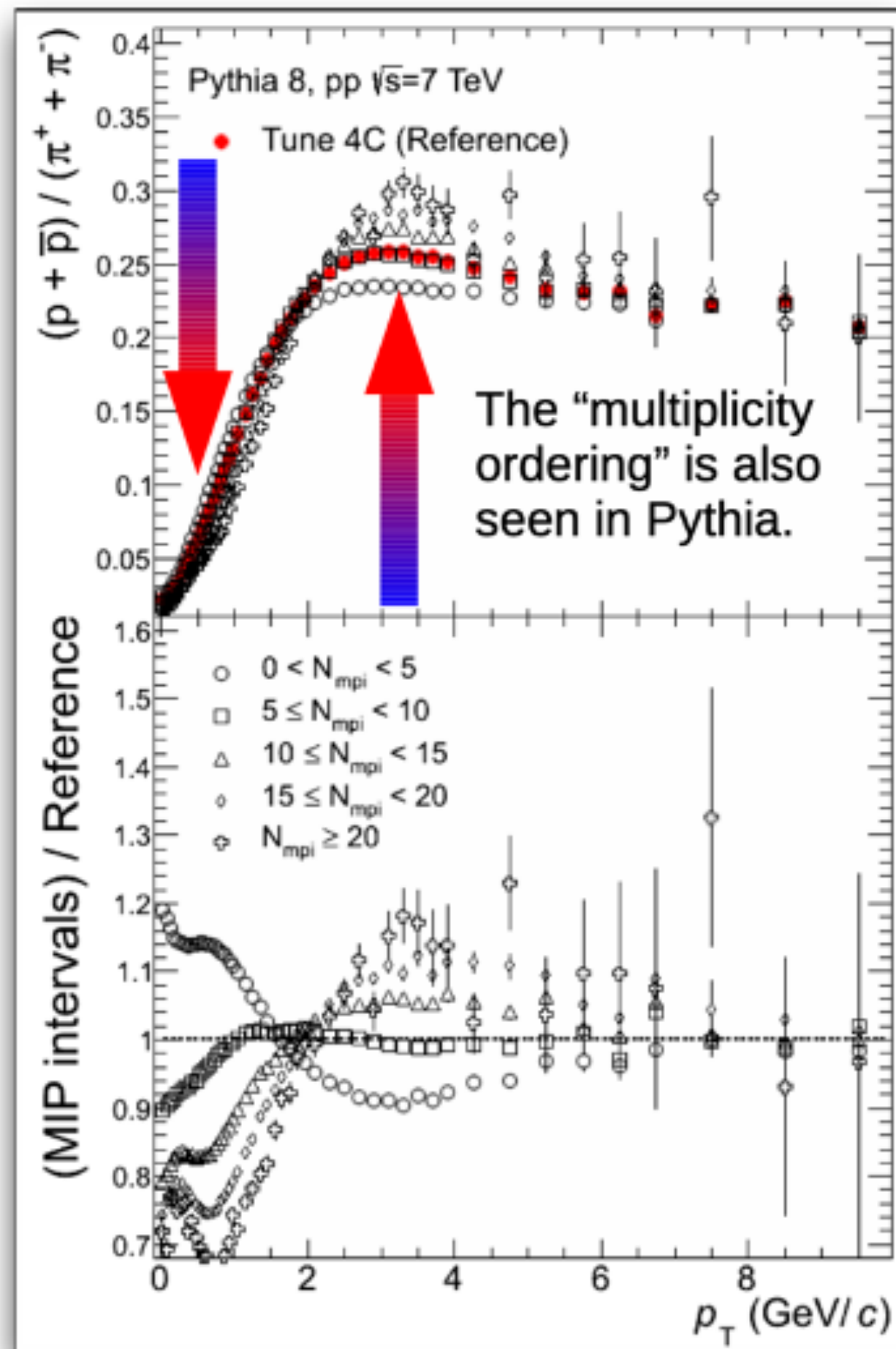
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- How are they correlated?
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# What type of pp collisions should we compare with HIC?

- Collisions with several “soft” parton-parton scatterings seems like the most natural candidates. Example using Pythia (MPI + CR)

[Phys. Rev. Lett. 111, 042001 \(2013\)](#)

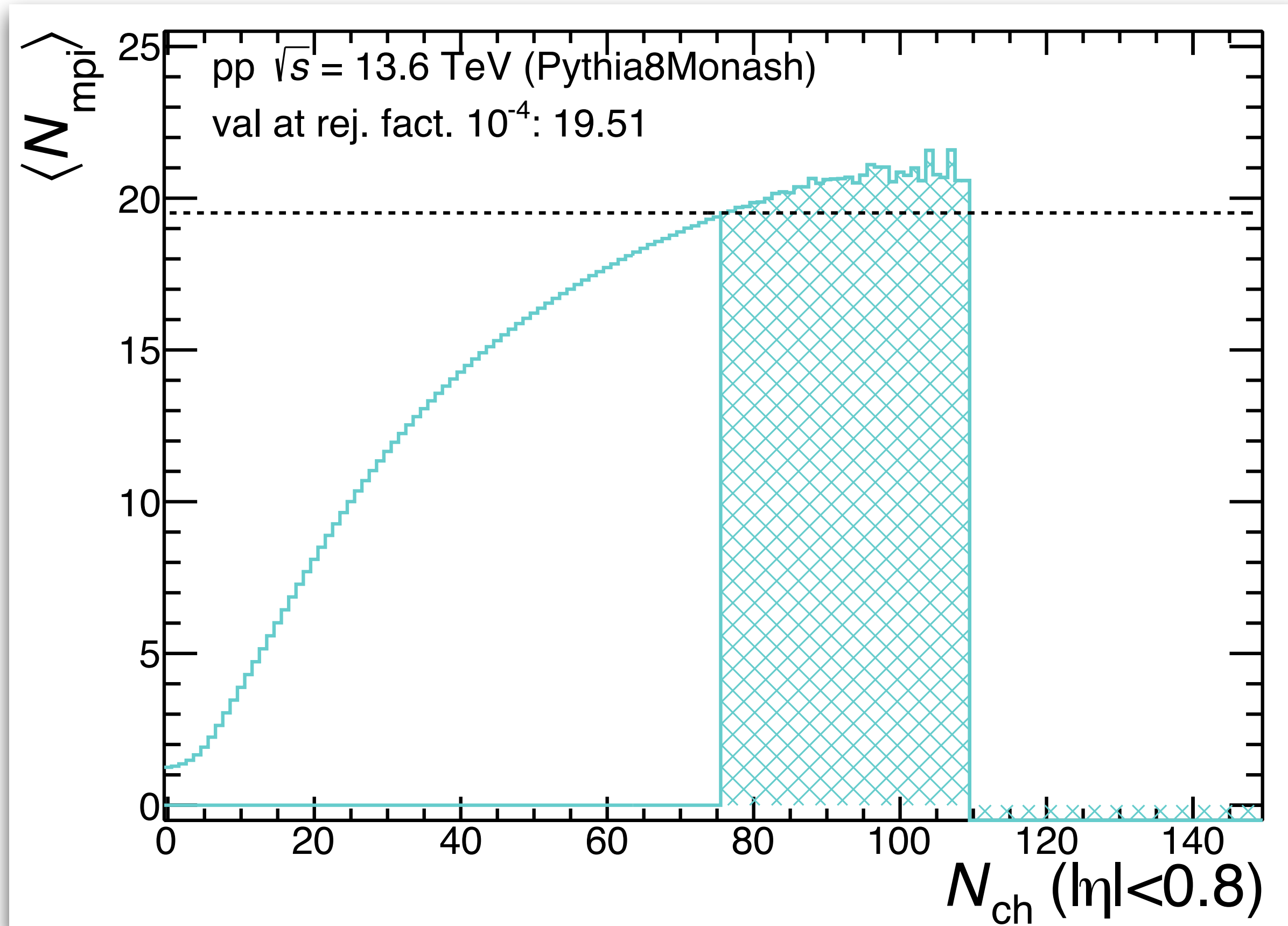


[Phys. Rev.D 102 \(2020\) 7, 076014](#)

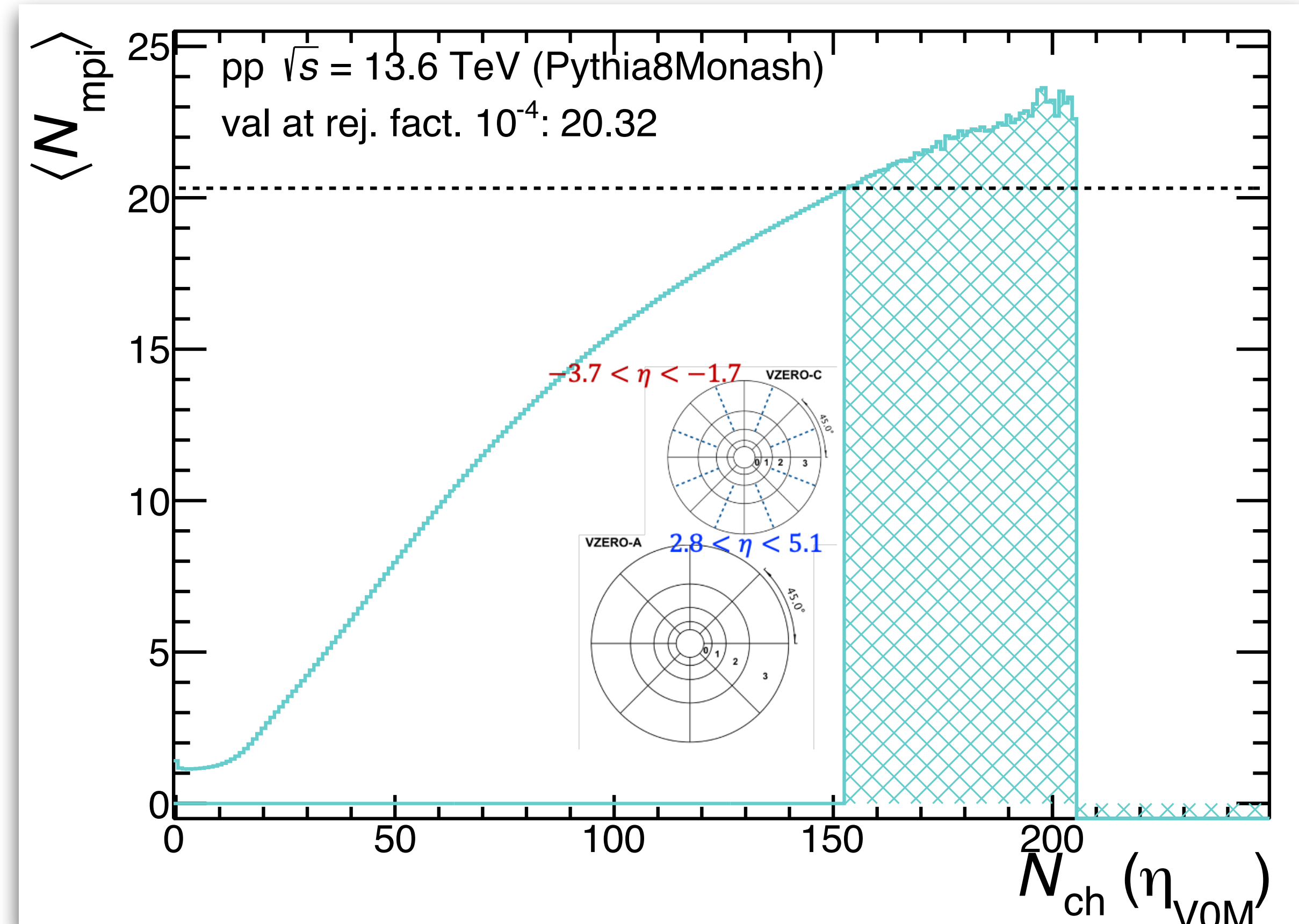
$$R_{pp} = \frac{d^2 N_{ch}^{mpi} / (\langle N_{mpi} \rangle d\eta dp_T)}{d^2 N_{ch}^{MB} / (\langle N_{mpi}^{MB} \rangle d\eta dp_T)}$$

# How can we tag those pp collisions?

Particle multiplicity seems to be a good candidate, example:



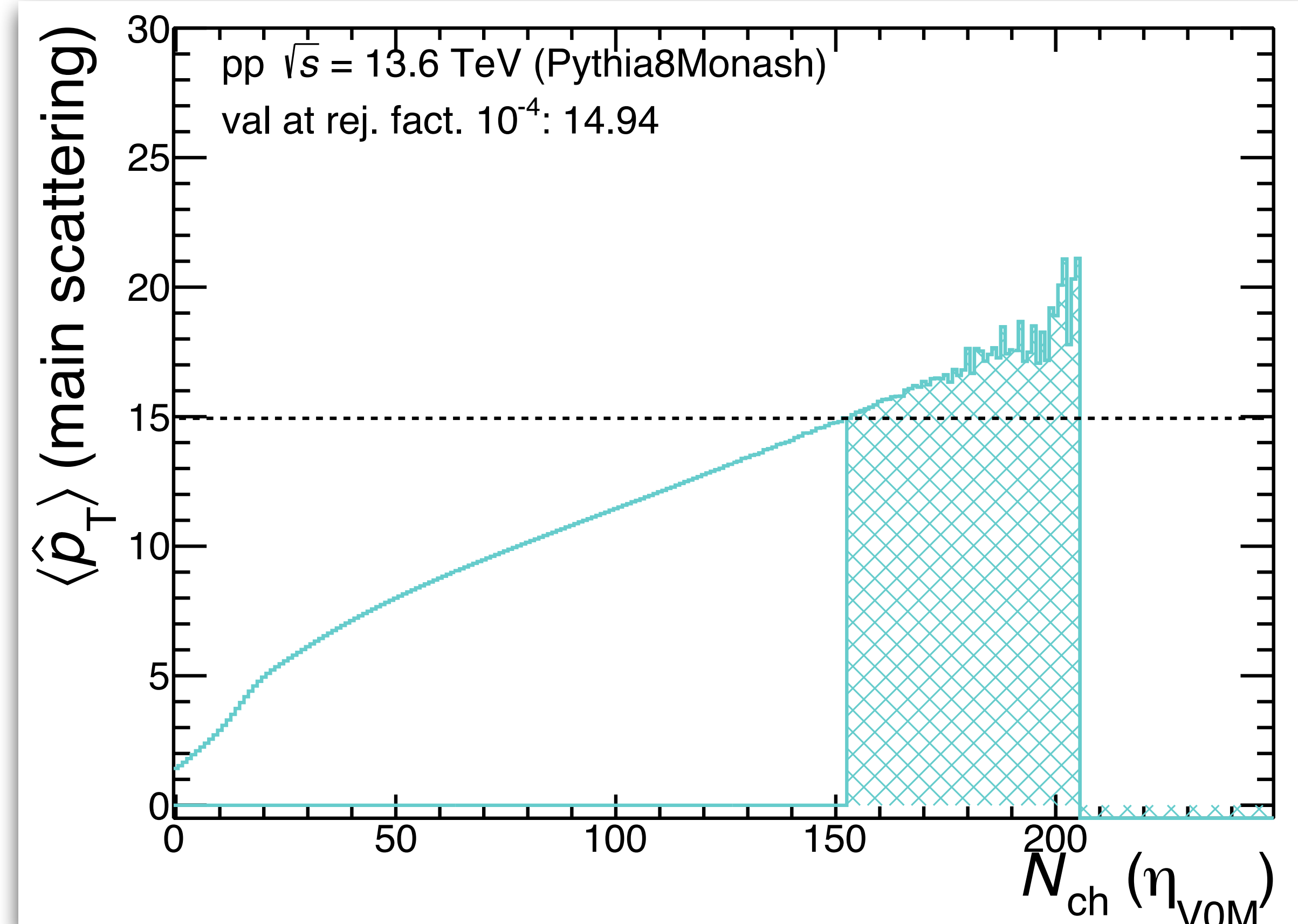
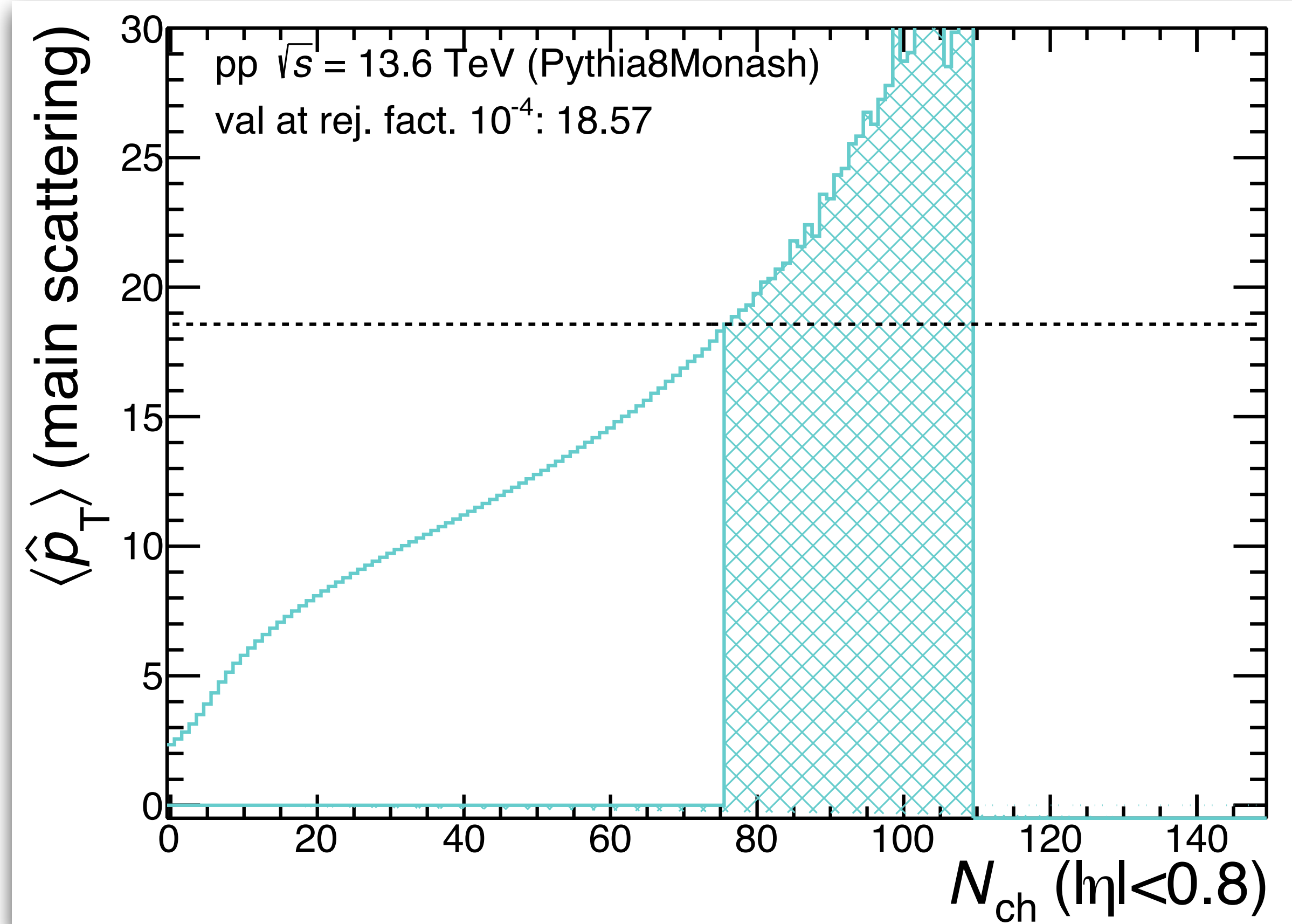
Track multiplicity ( $|\eta| < 0.8$ )



Multiplicity in the forward direction (VOM):  
 $-3.7 < \eta < -1.7$  and  $2.8 < \eta < 5.1$

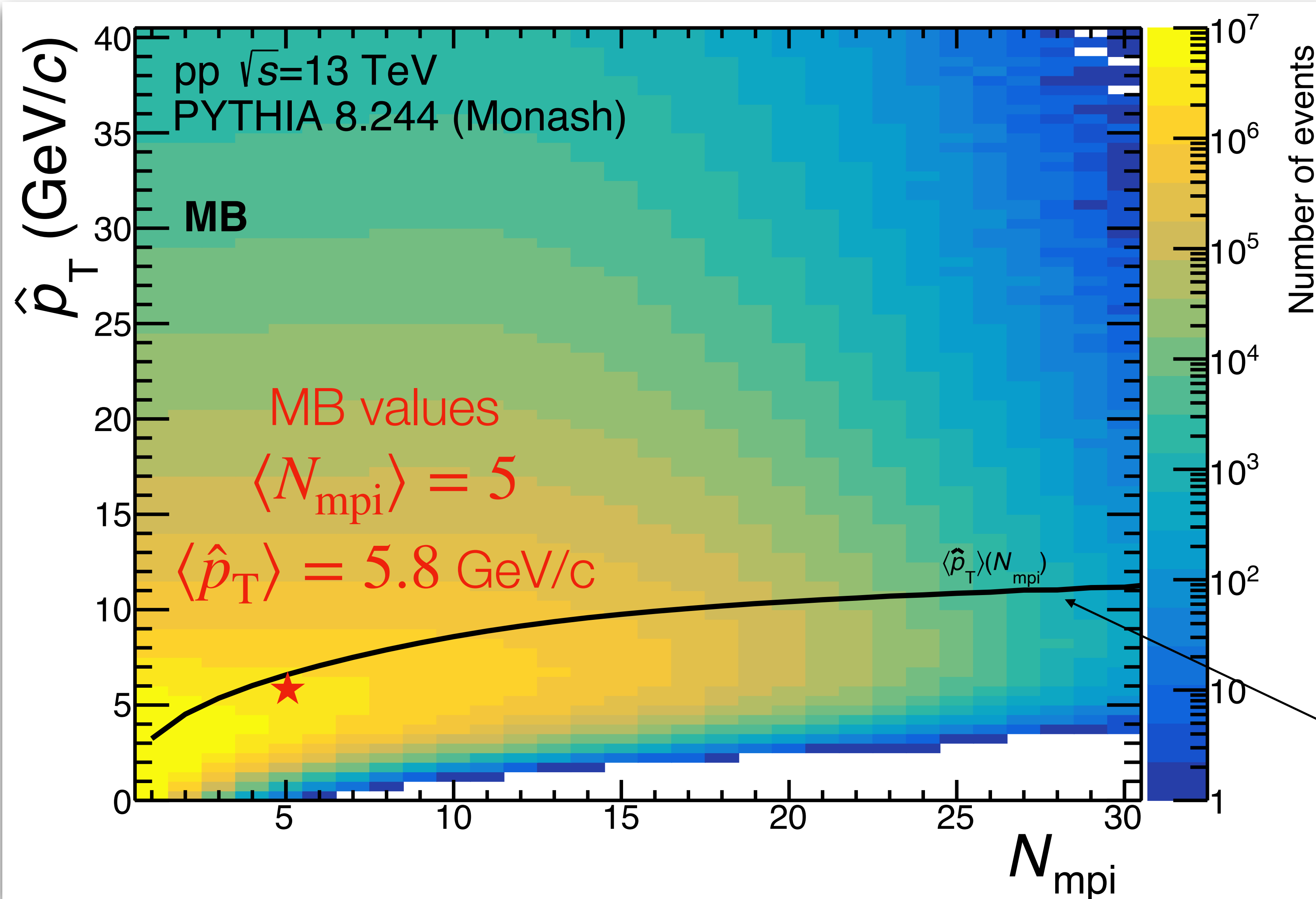
# Do we understand the bias of the different classifiers?

Example: strong sensitivity to MPI but bias towards hard pp collisions. The effect is stronger for the mid-pseudorapidity multiplicity estimator



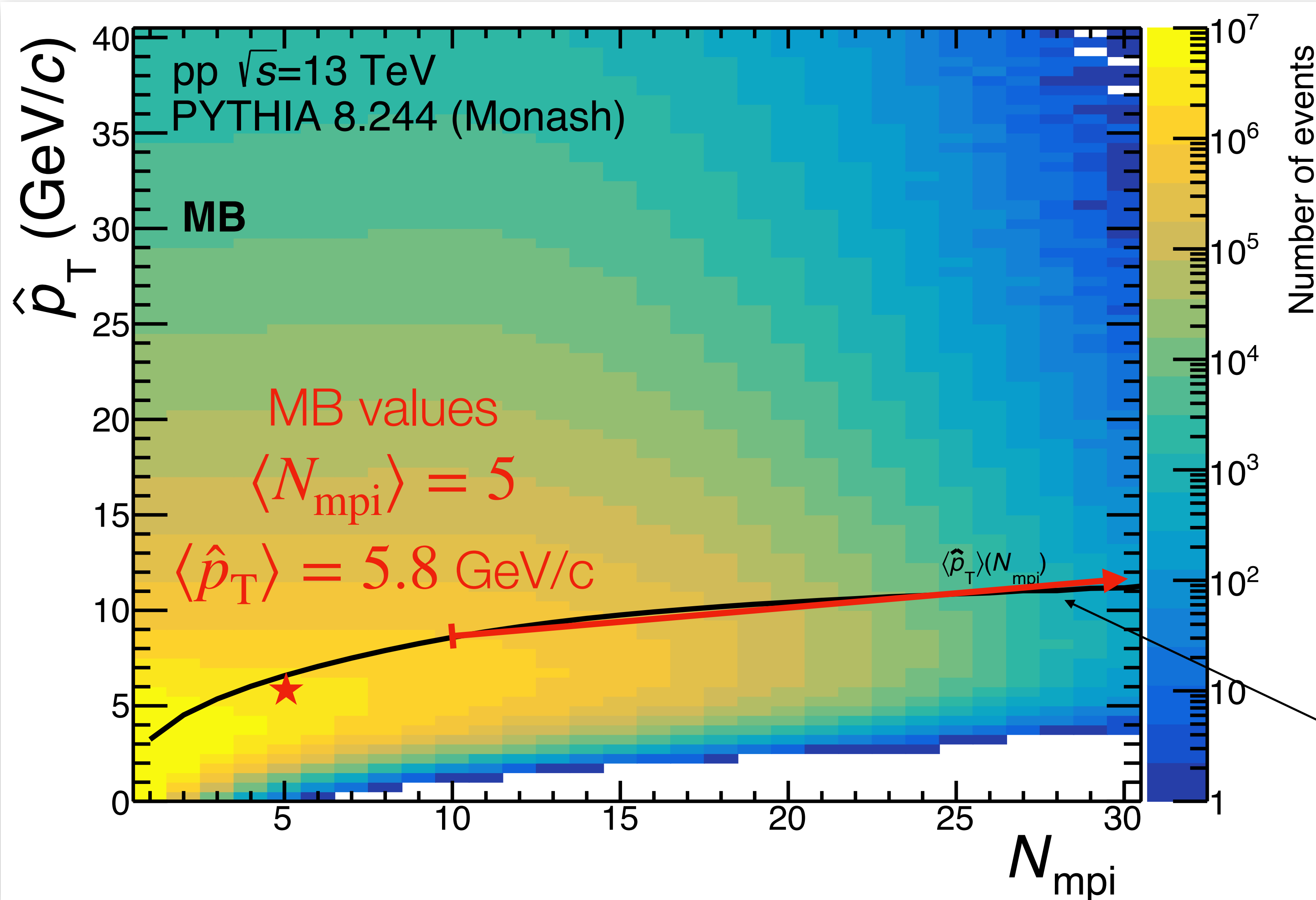
V0M seems to be more convenient, in addition no bias in the ratio charged-to-neutral particles

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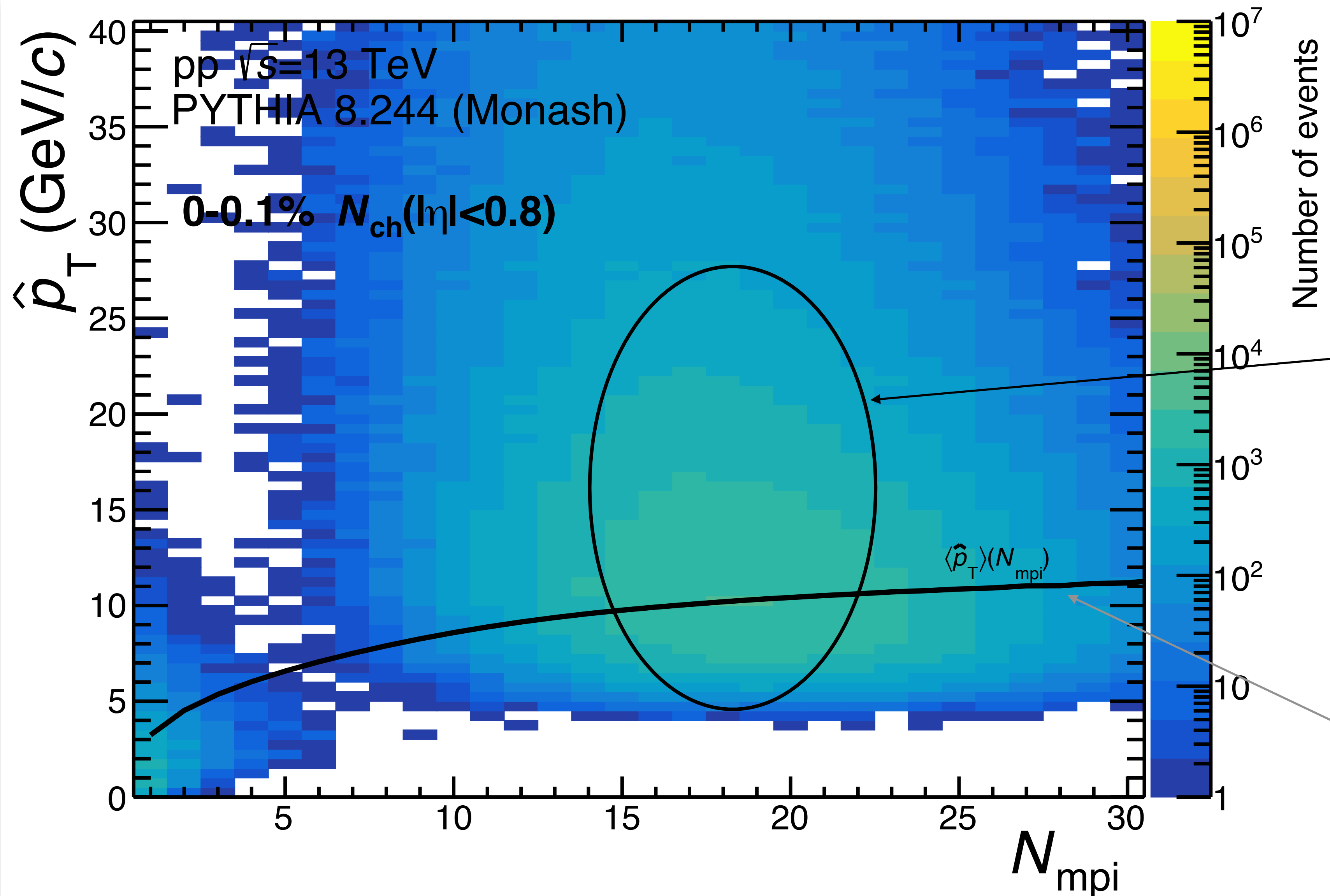


A factor 3 increase in MPI:  
 $N_{\text{mpi}} = 10$  to  $N_{\text{mpi}} = 30$   
 $\rightarrow$   
 small increase in  $\hat{p}_T$ :  
 (~30%)

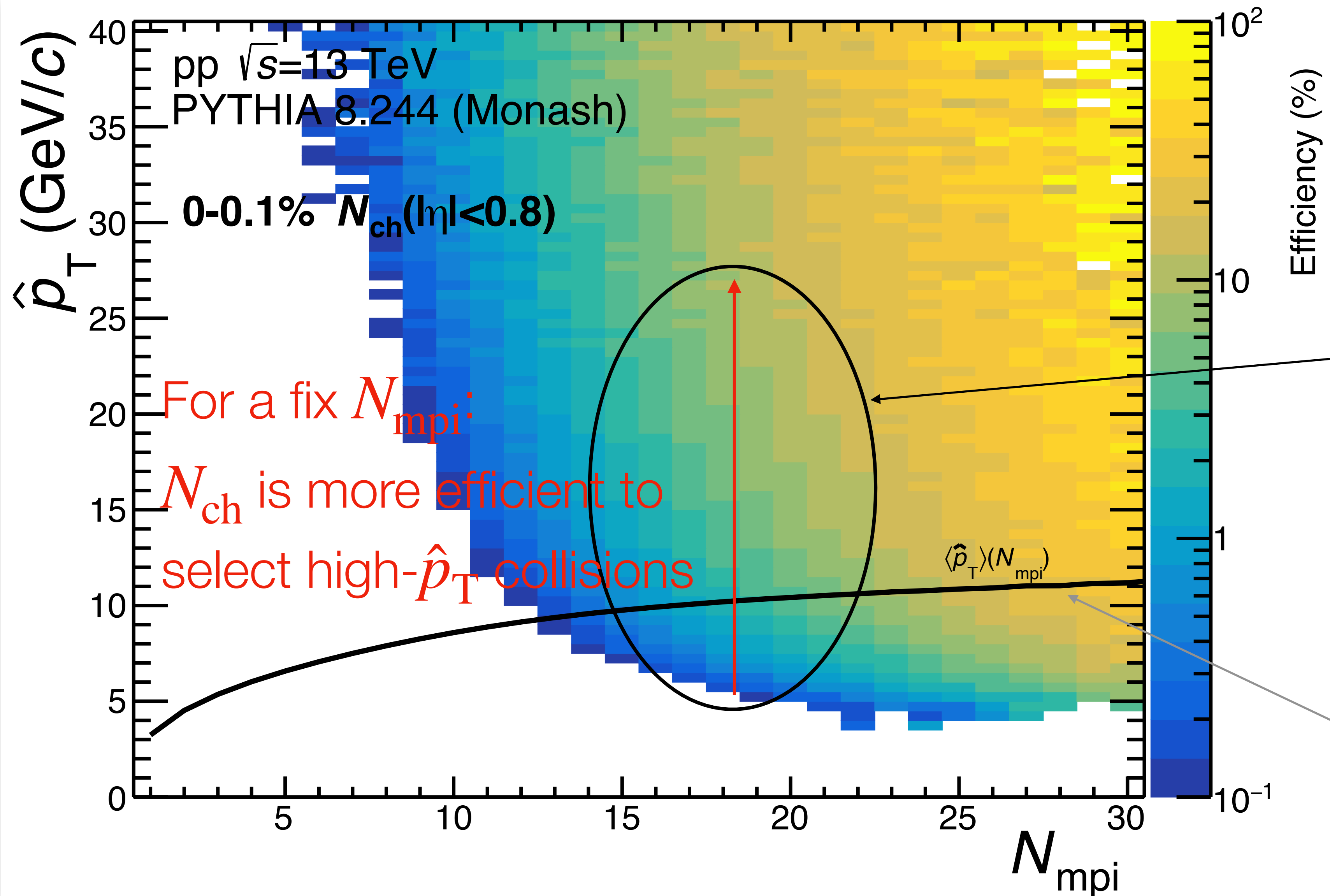
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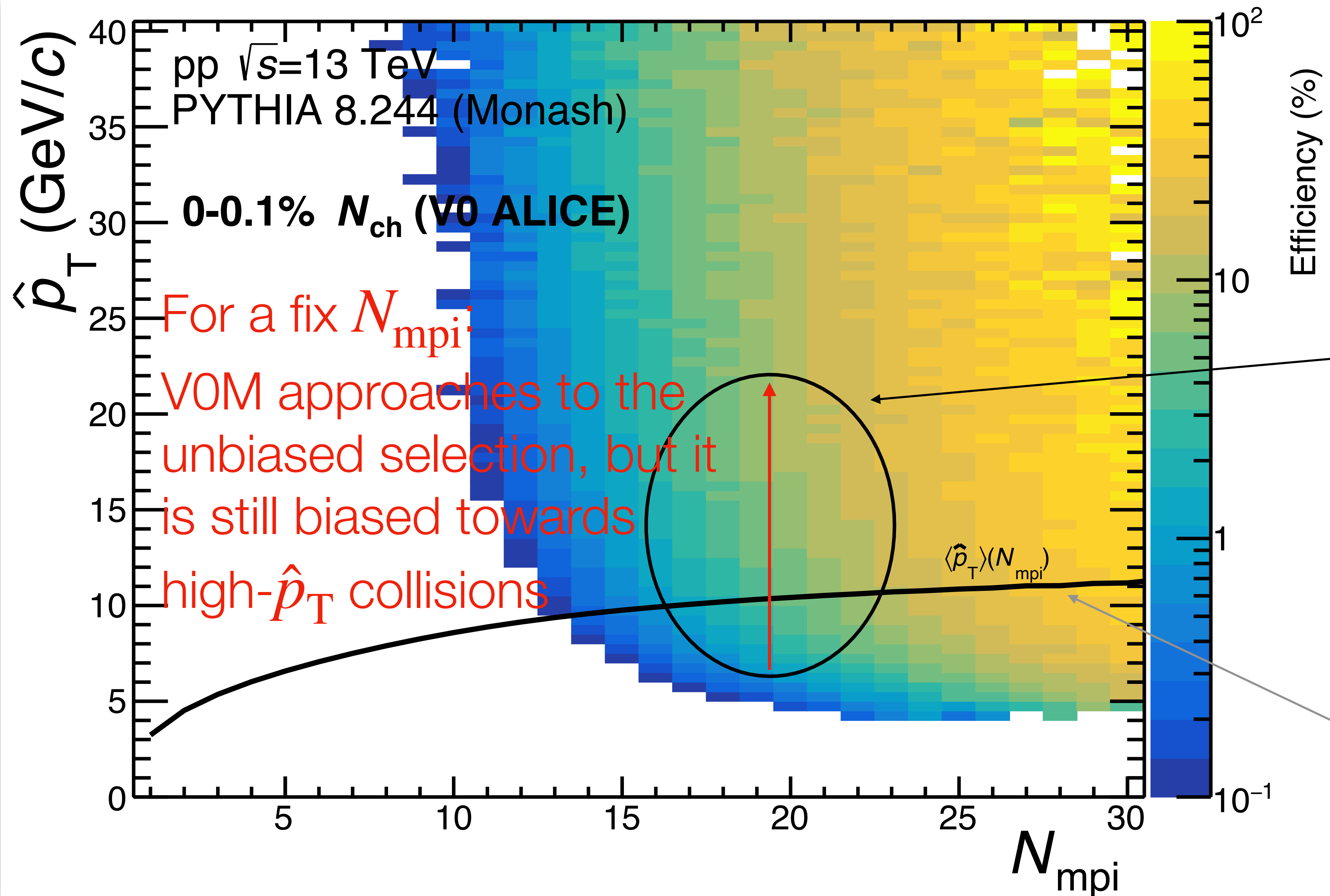


0-0.1%  $N_{ch}$ :  
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# Efficiency: $N_{ch} \rightarrow V0M$



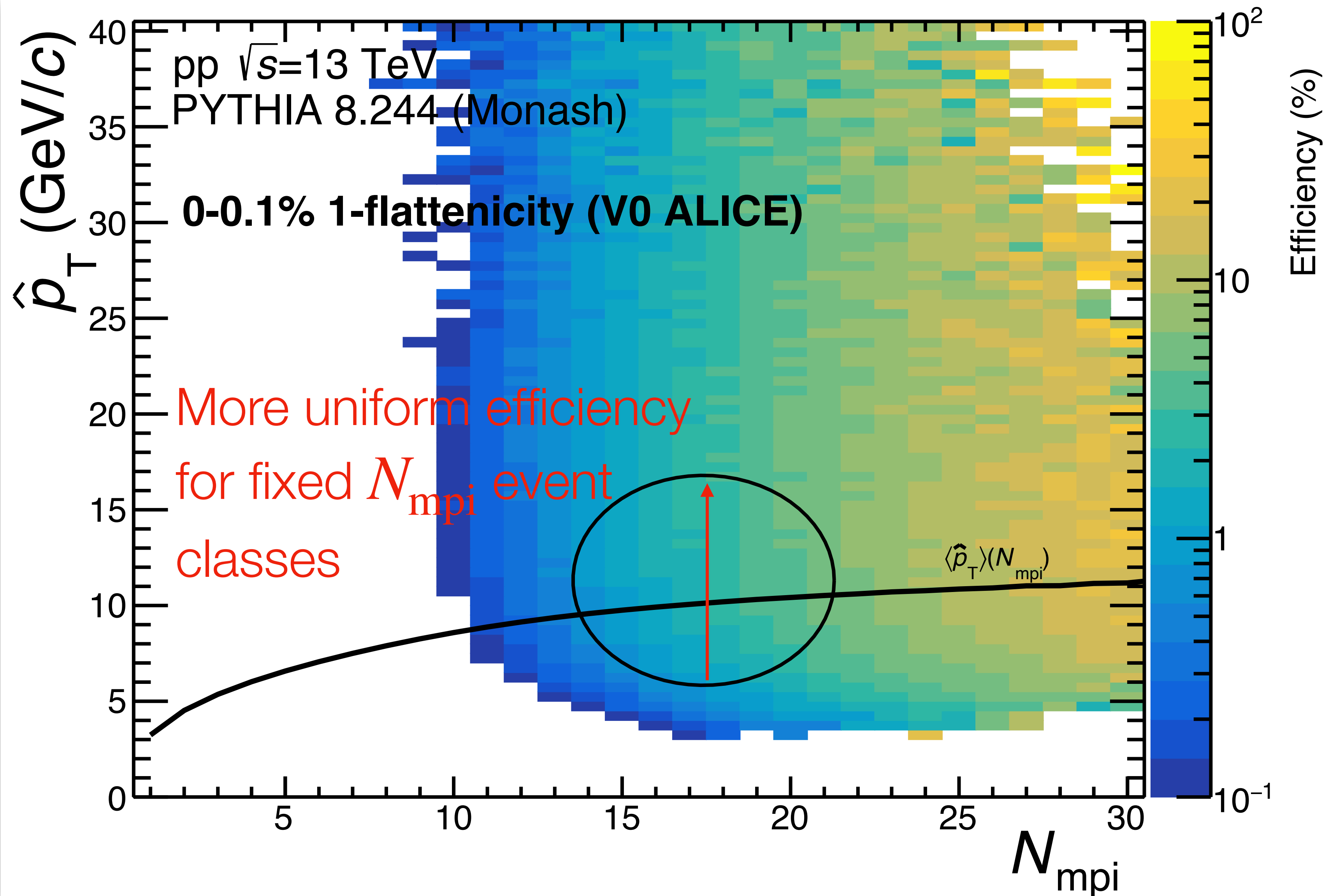
0-0.1% V0M:  
 Primary charged particles ( $p_T > 0$  GeV/c) in the ALICE V0 acceptance

$$\sigma_{\hat{p}_T} - \sigma_{N_{mpi}}$$

Correlation ellipse (narrower area than with  $N_{ch}$ )

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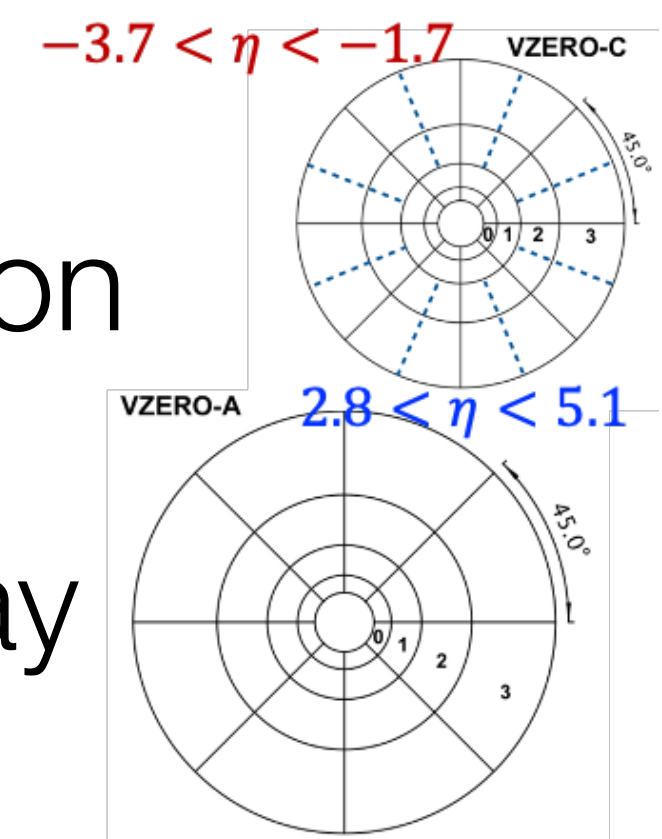
# Efficiency: $N_{ch} \rightarrow V0M \rightarrow$ flattenicity



Calculated in the region cover by the V0 detector and using  $N_{ch}$  instead of  $p_T$

$$\rho = \frac{\sqrt{\sum_i^{N_{cell}} (N_{ch}^i - \langle N_{ch} \rangle)^2 / N_{cell}^2}}{\langle N_{ch} \rangle}$$

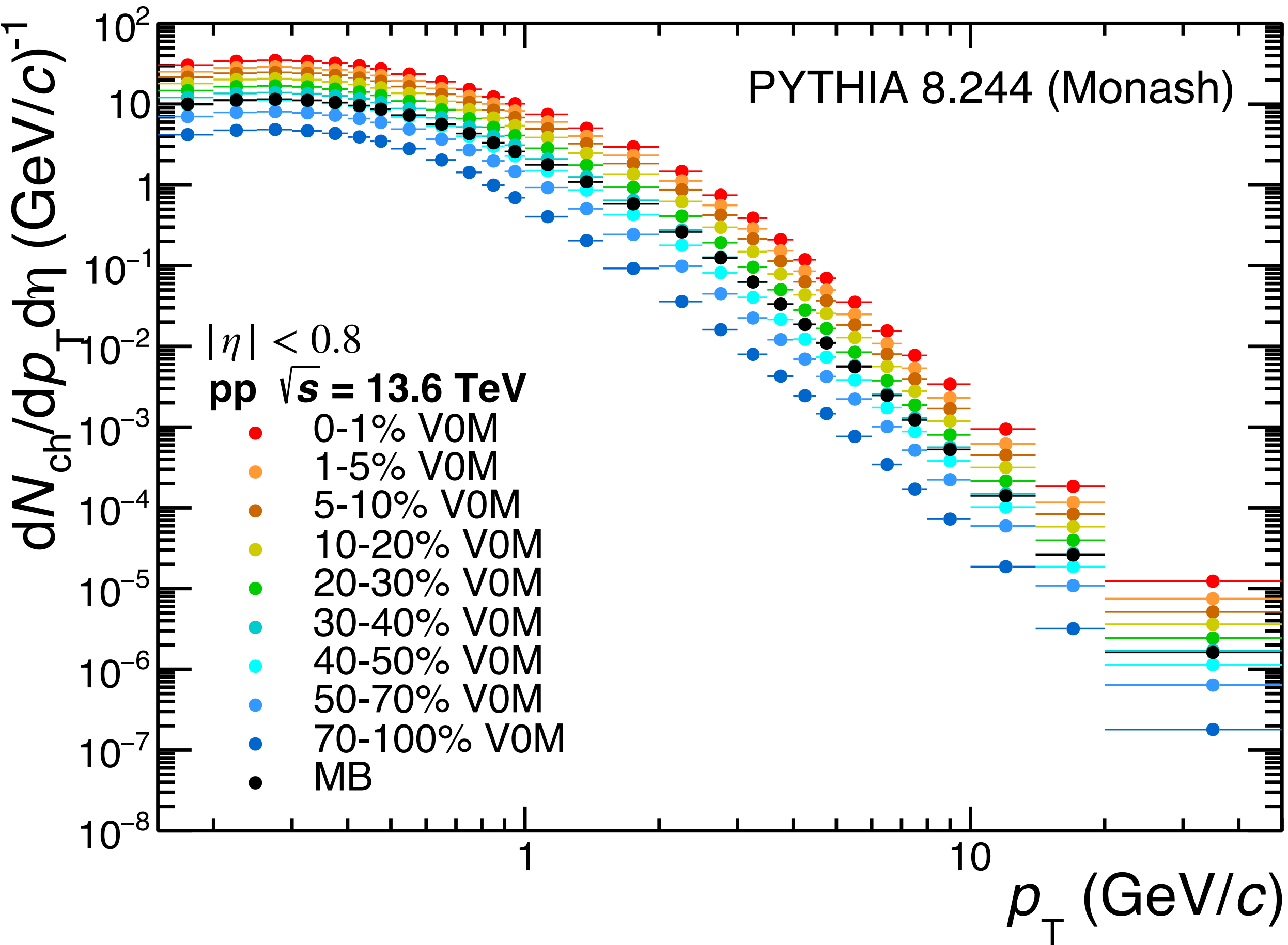
The normalisation to  $N_{cell}$  allows flattenicity to stay within 0-1



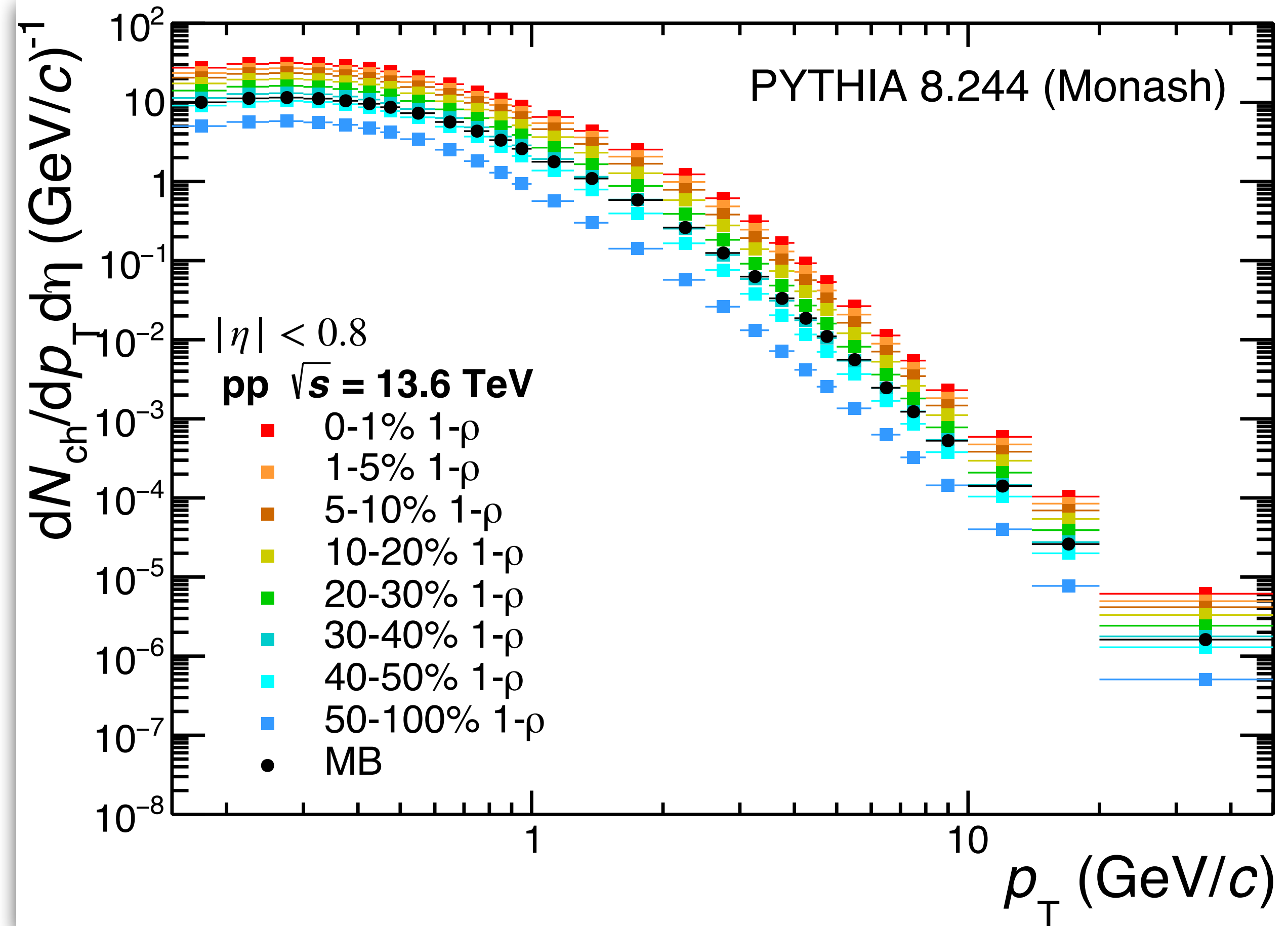
[A. Ortiz et al., PRD 107 \(2023\) 7, 076012](#)

# Biases at work! V0M vs flattenicity selections

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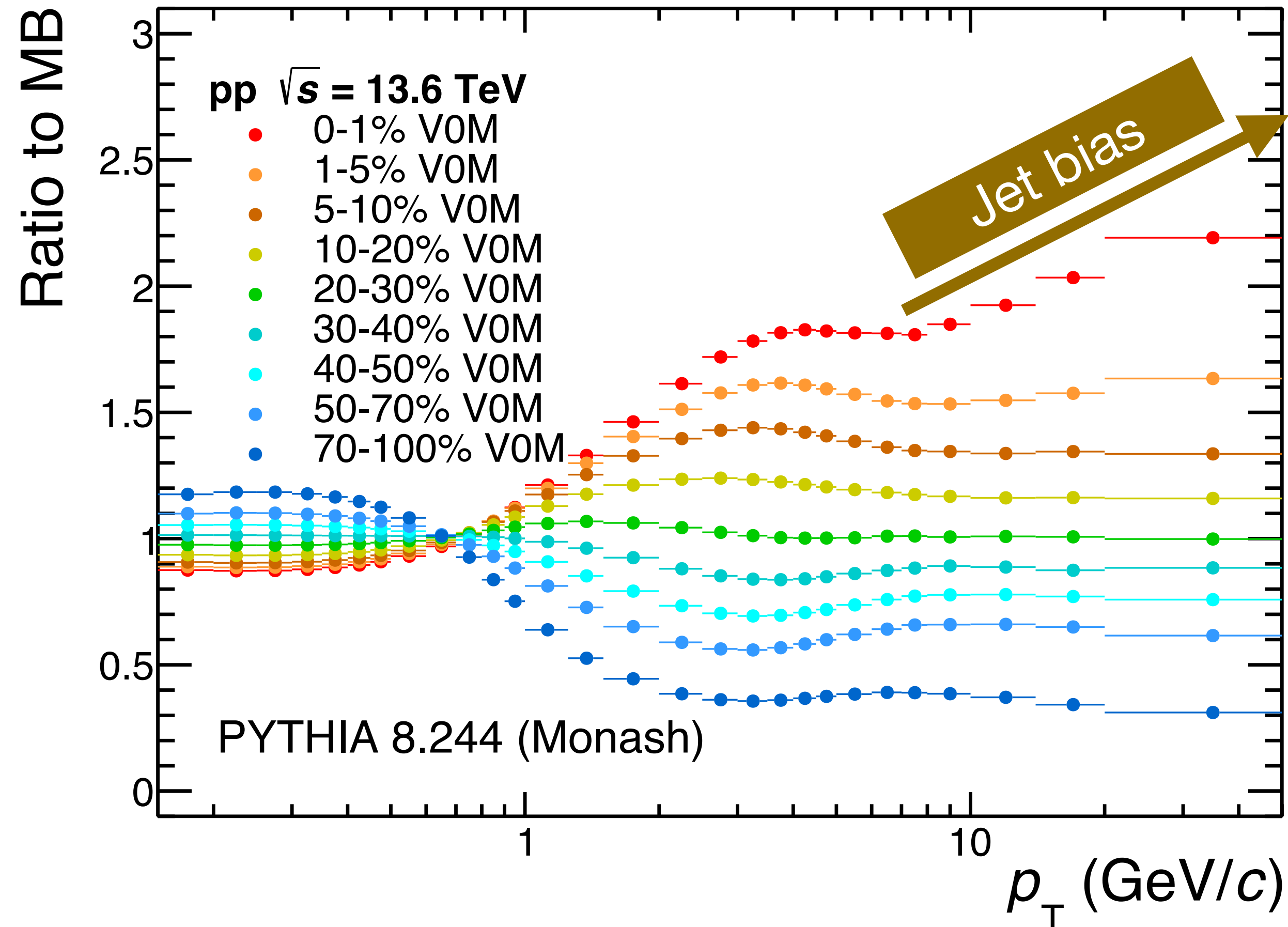


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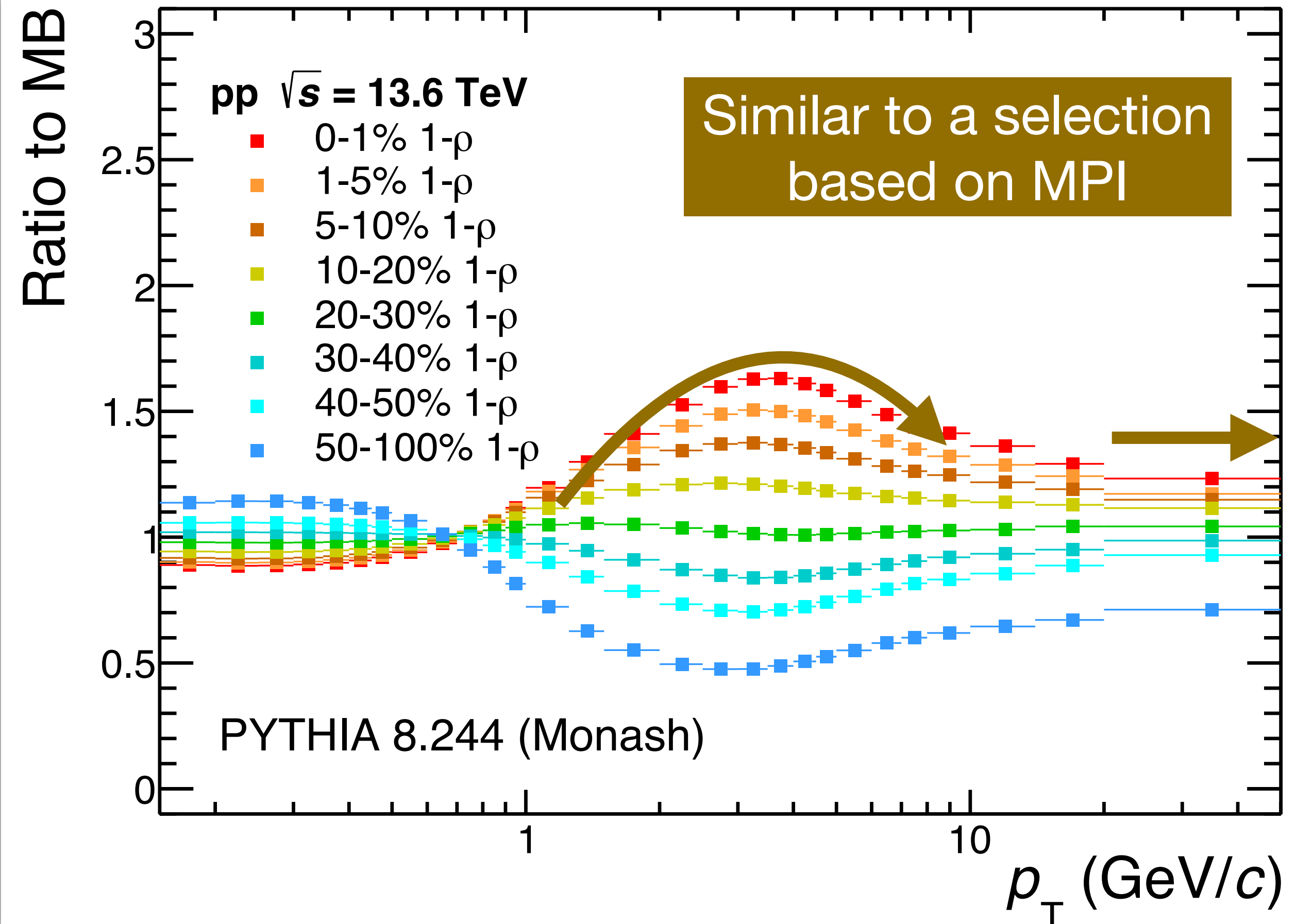


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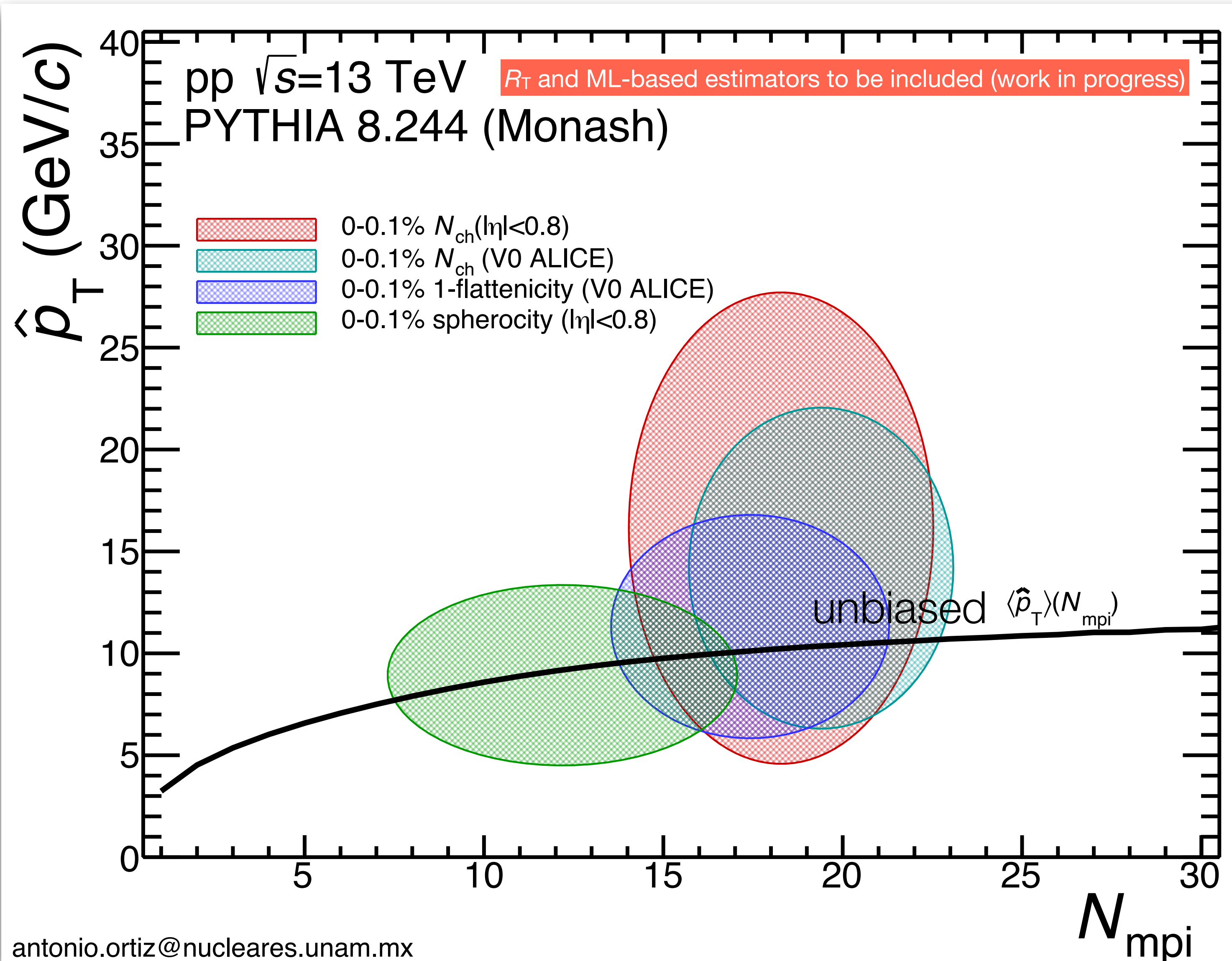
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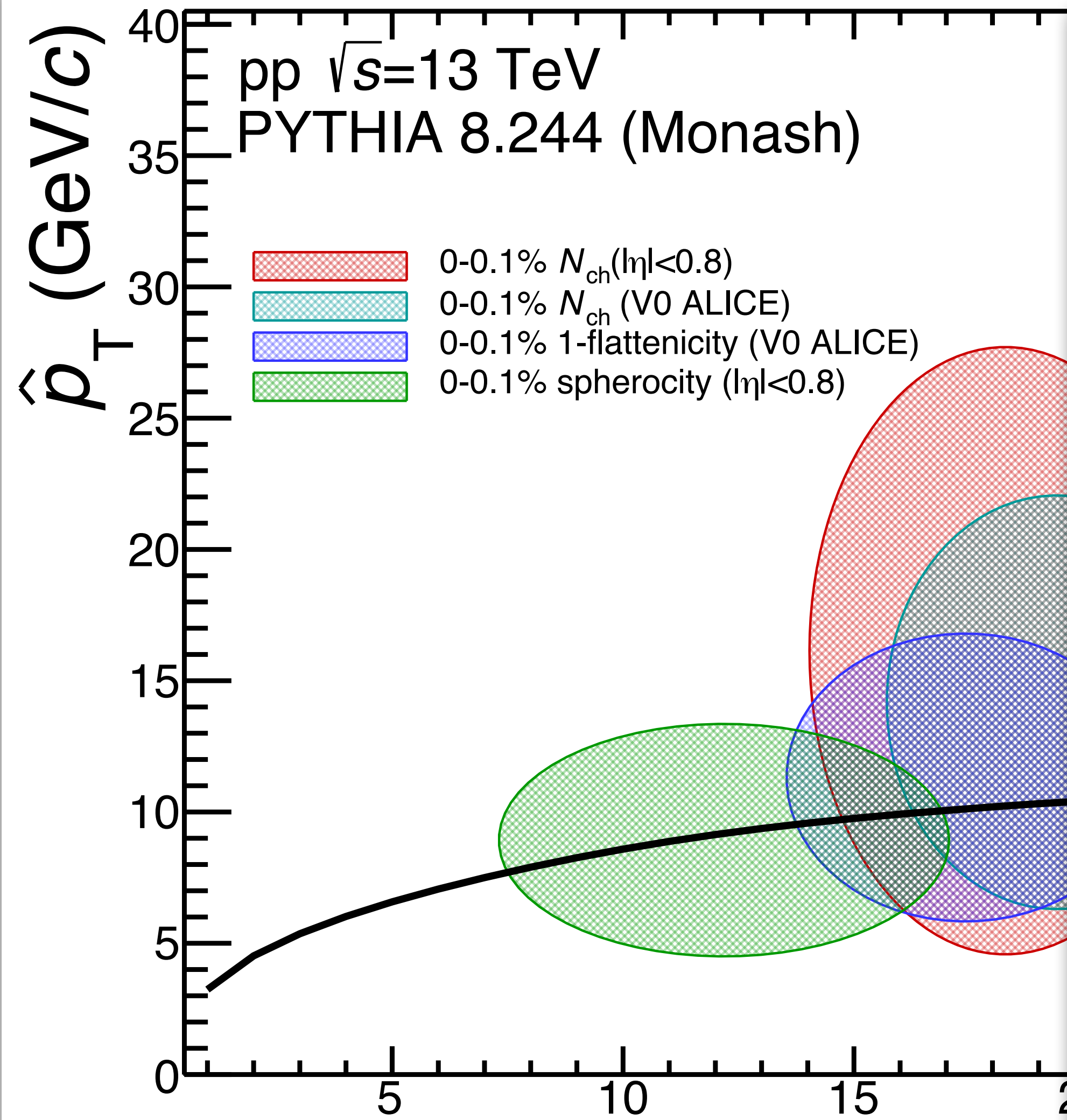
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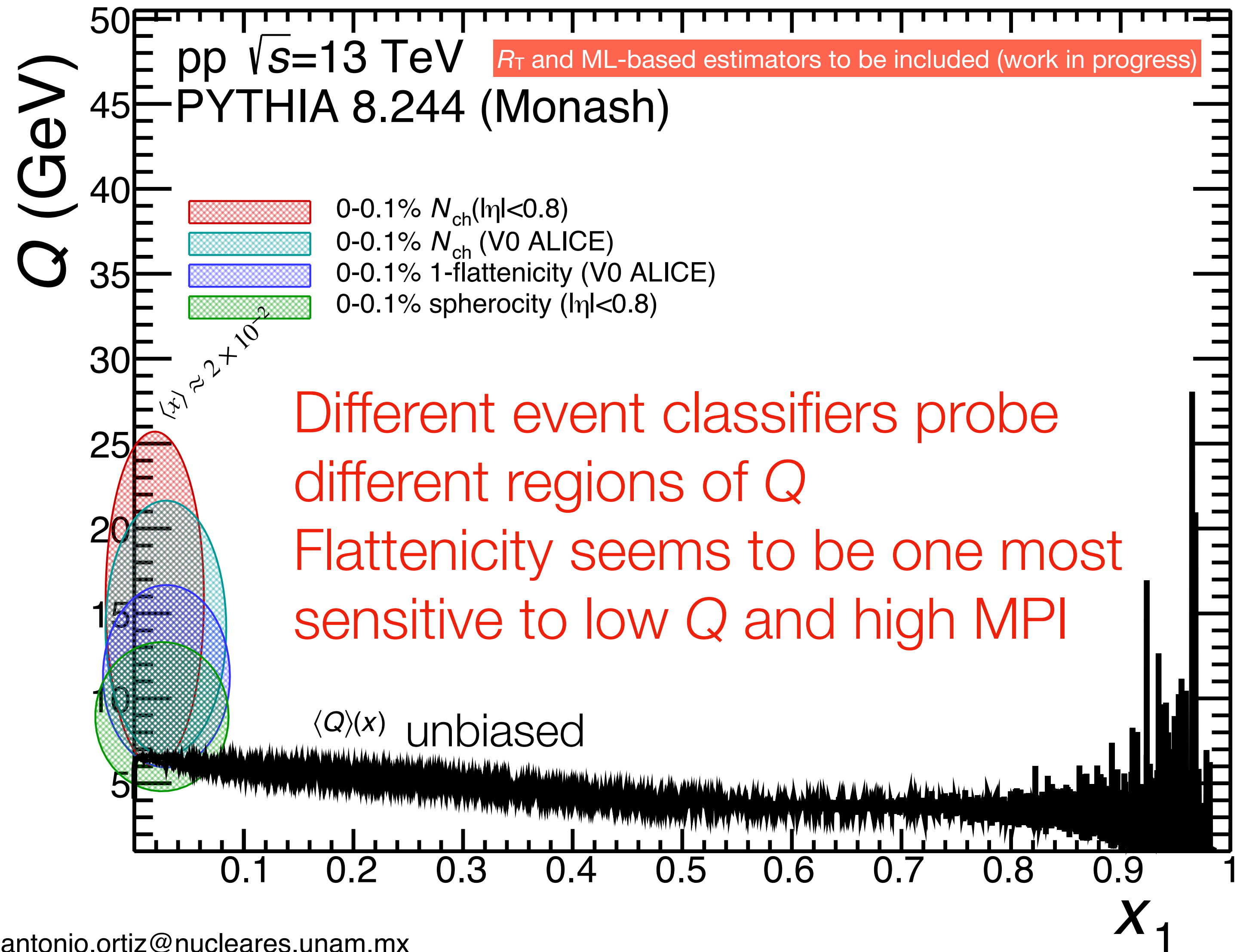
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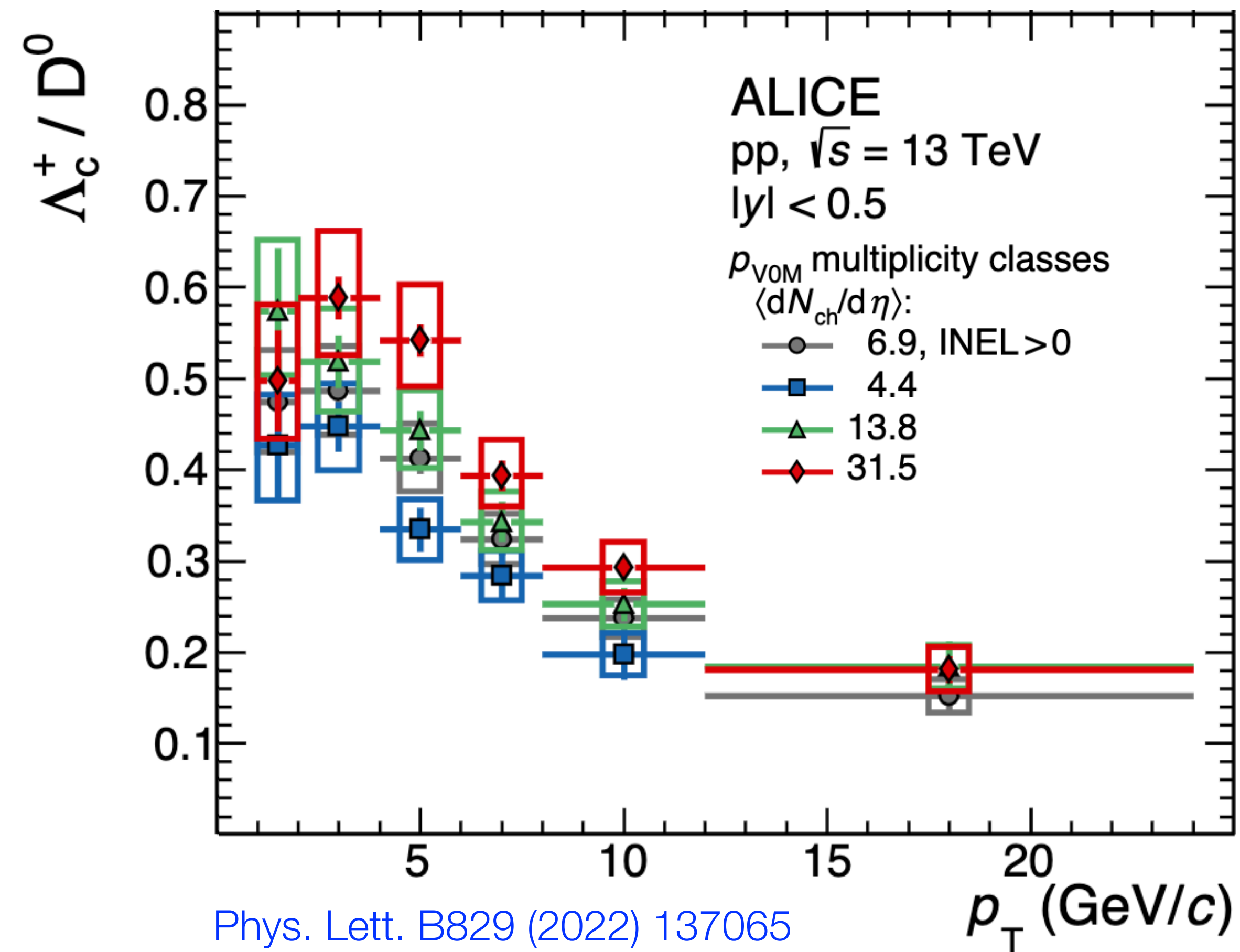
Different event classifiers probe different regions of  $Q$   
Flattenicity seems to be one most sensitive to low  $Q$  and high MPI



# Take home message

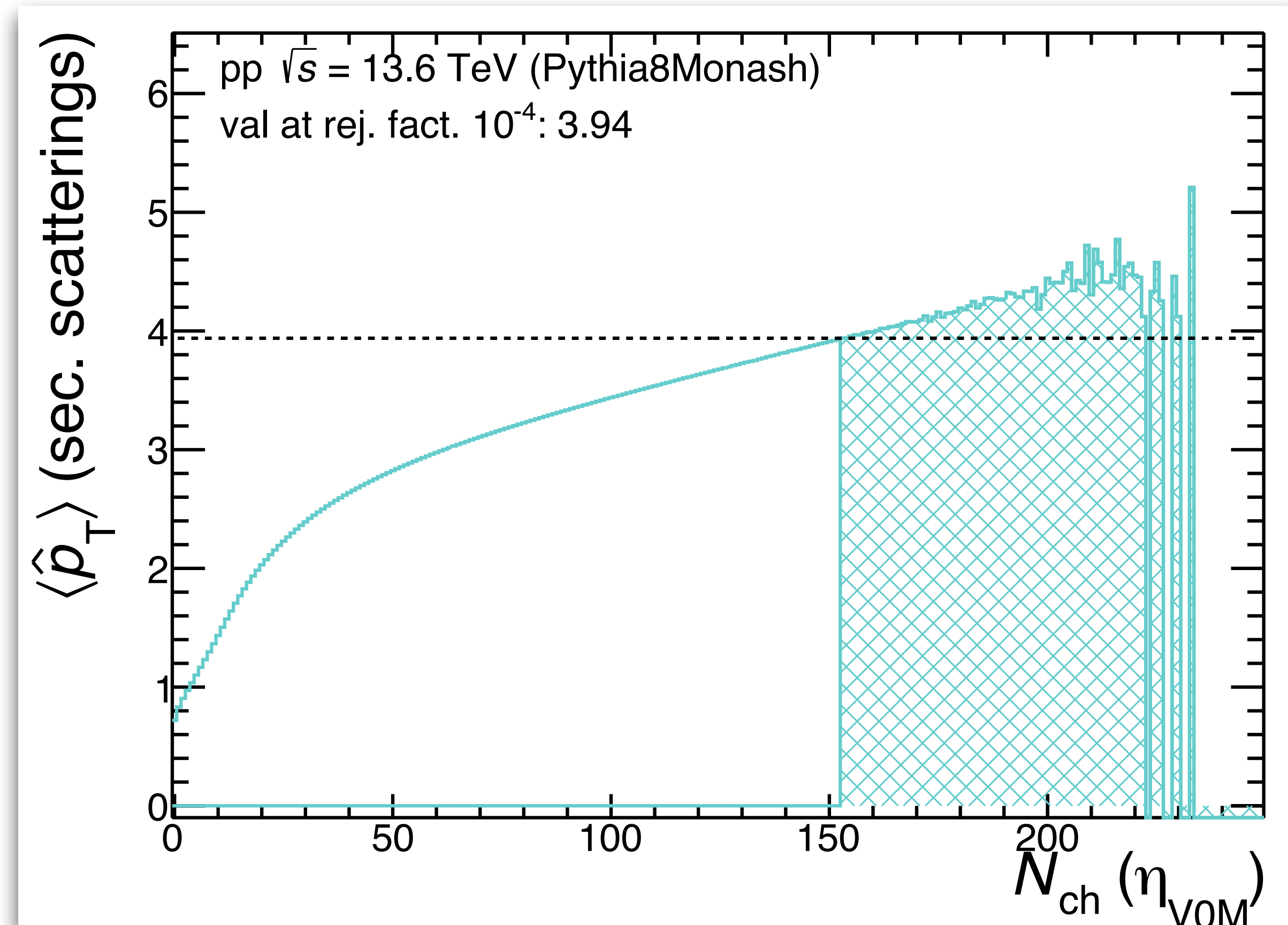
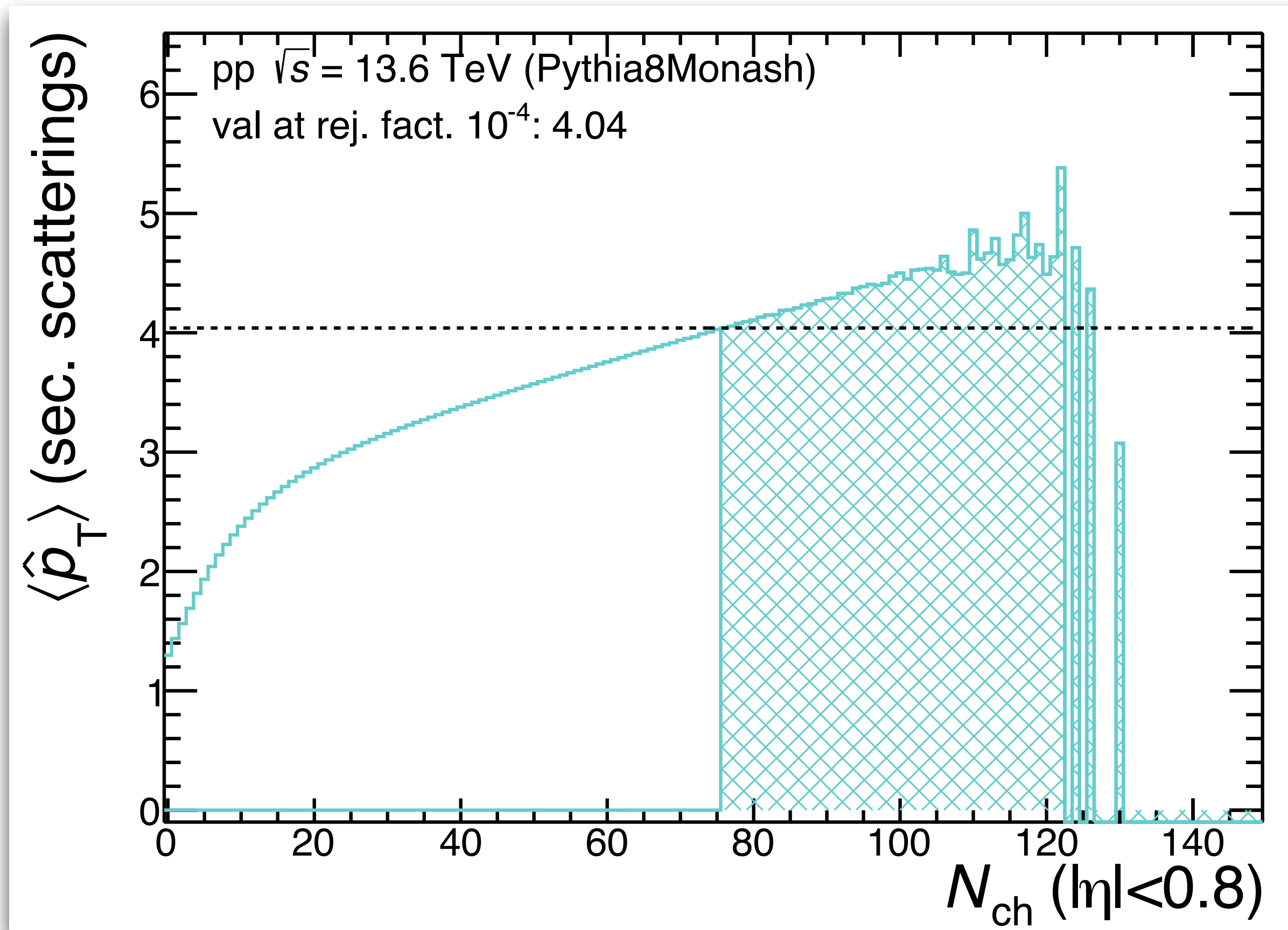
- What type of pp collisions should we compare with heavy-ion collisions (HIC)?  
Events with large MPI activity but with “jet bias” well under control
- How can we tag those pp collisions (event classifiers)  
Several options in the market, flattenicity seems like one of the most promising
- Do we understand the bias of the different classifiers explored so far? How are they correlated?  
MC studies like the one presented today need to be performed (see e.g. a study for  $R_T$ ; G. Bencedi, A. Ortiz, A. Paz, PRD 104 (2021) 1, 016017)
- Are our data biased in the same way as MC?  
Probably not at the same level, but this need to be understood  
Multi-experiment effort would be important  
Common strategy (perhaps one outcome of this workshop?)

# Backup

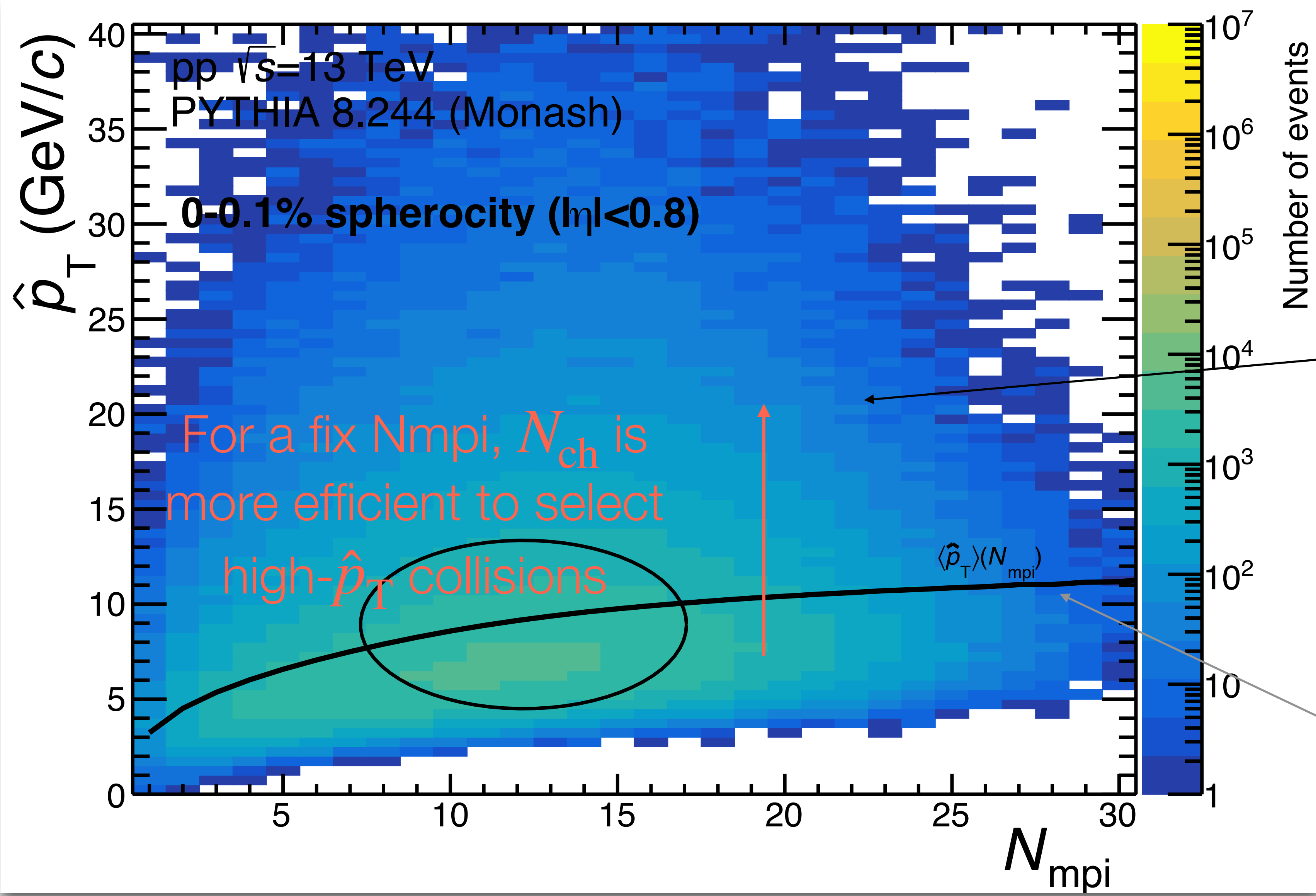


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# Sphericity selector (efficiency)



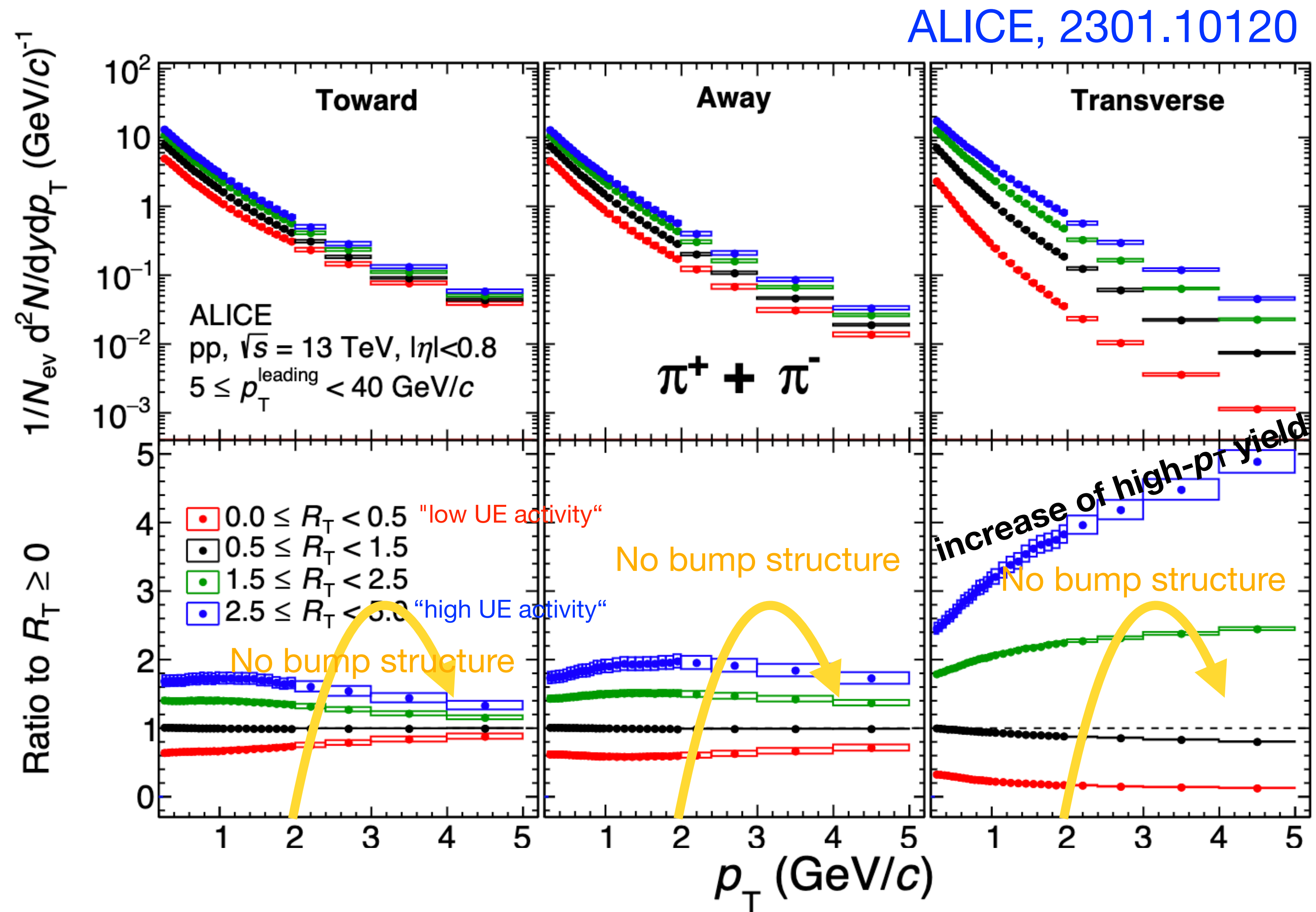
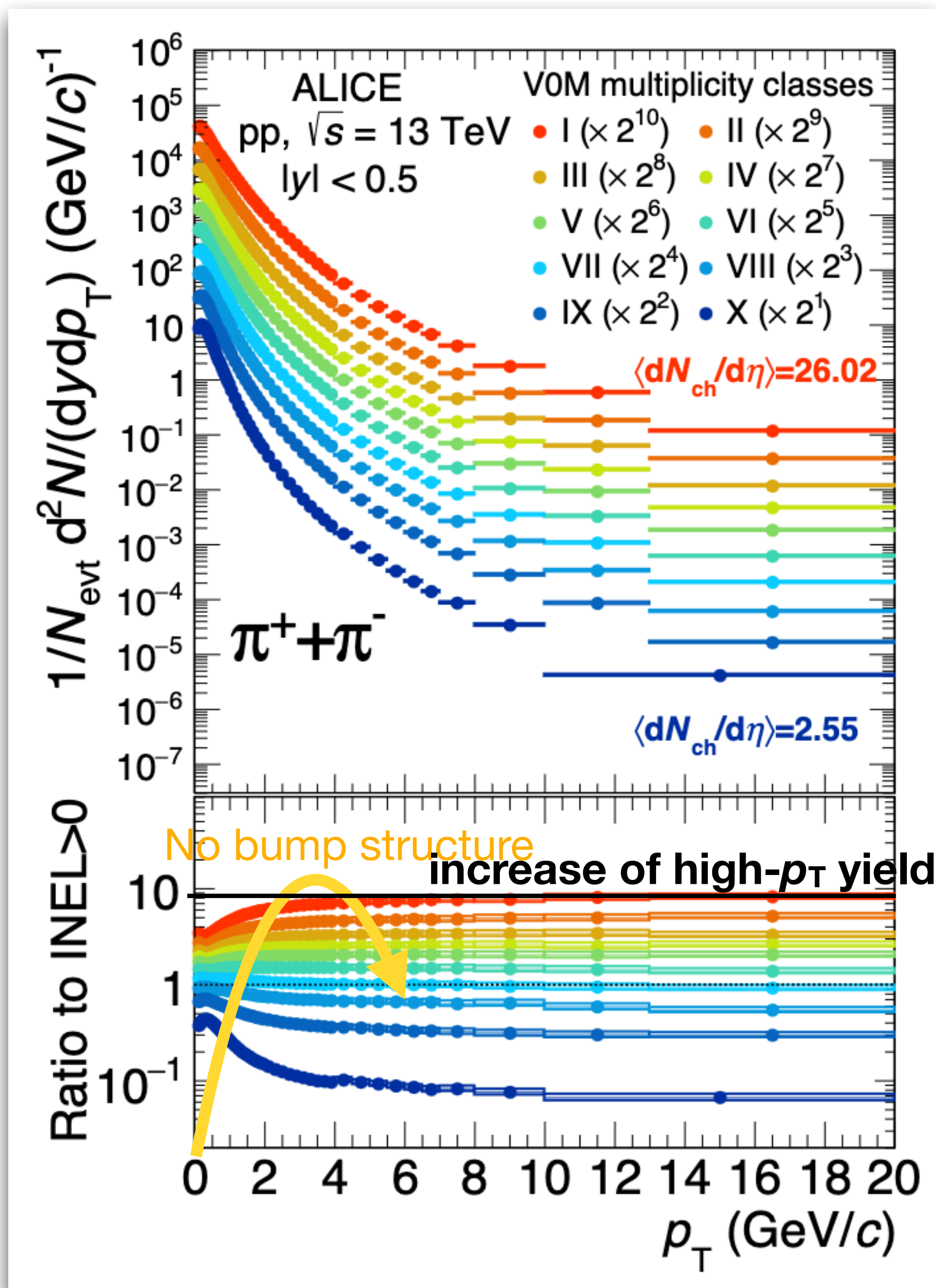
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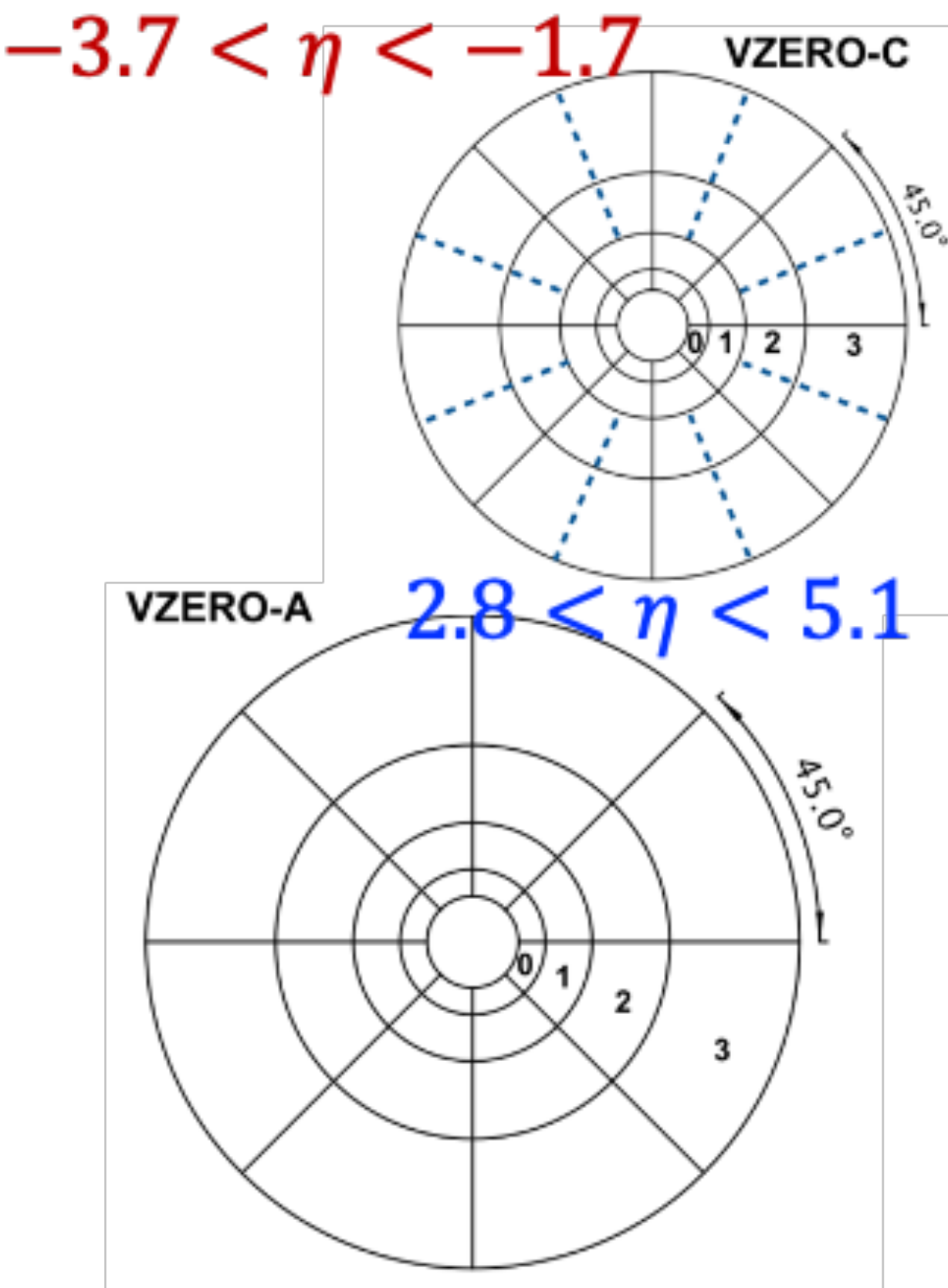
# Existing “ $R_{pp}$ ” results as a function of $N_{ch}$

ALICE, EPJC 80 (2020) 693



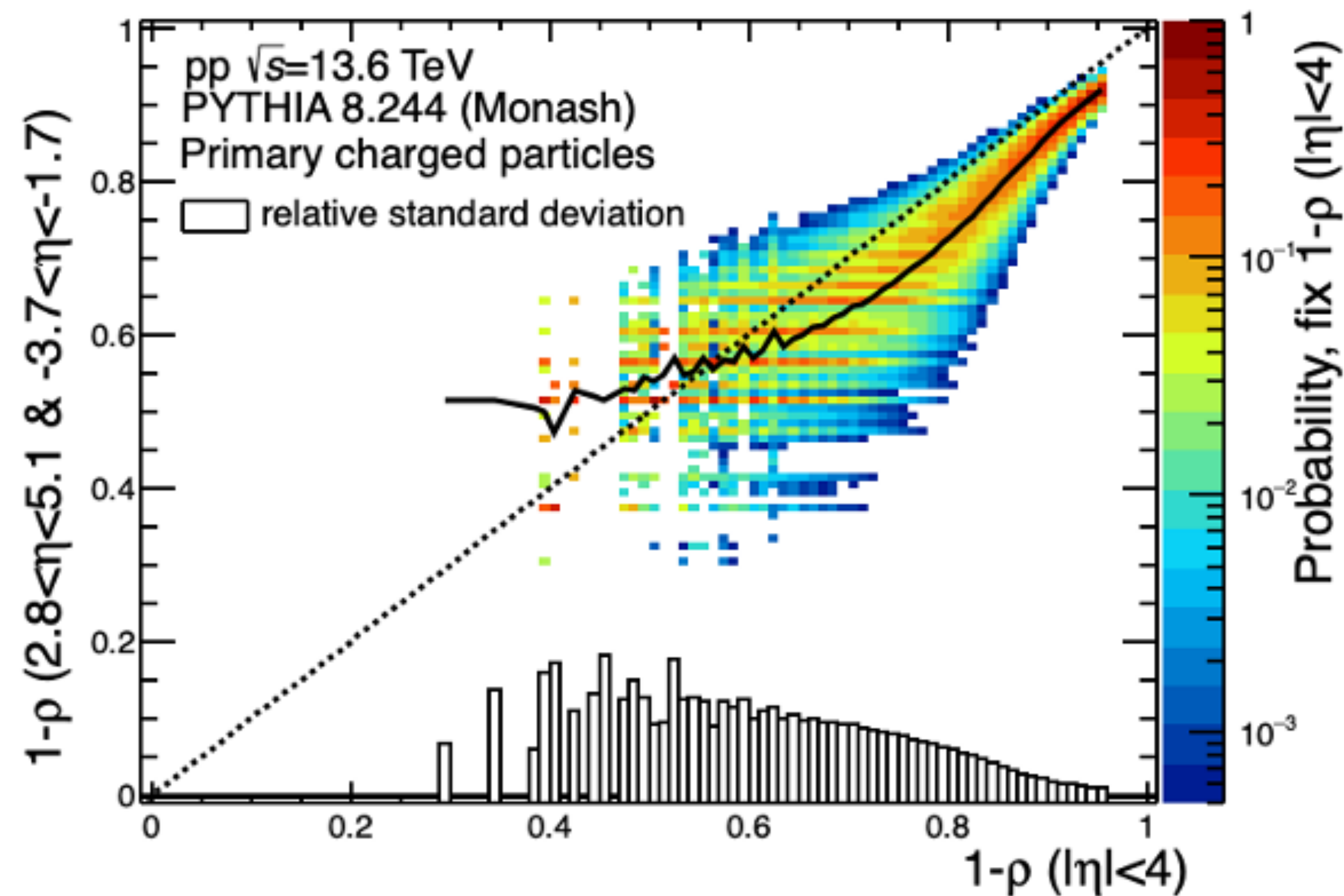
How can we increase the sensitivity to MPI?

# Flattenicity

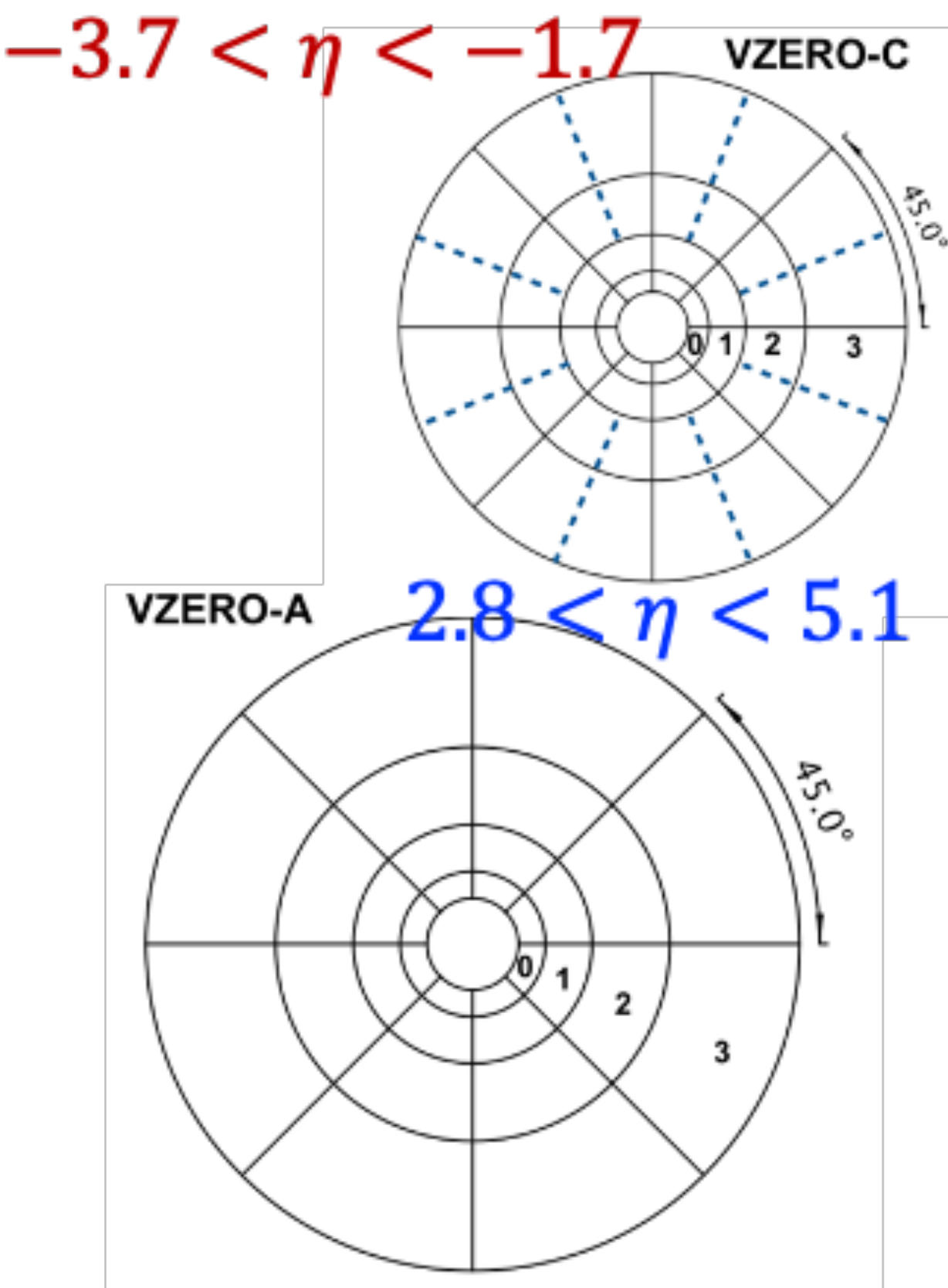


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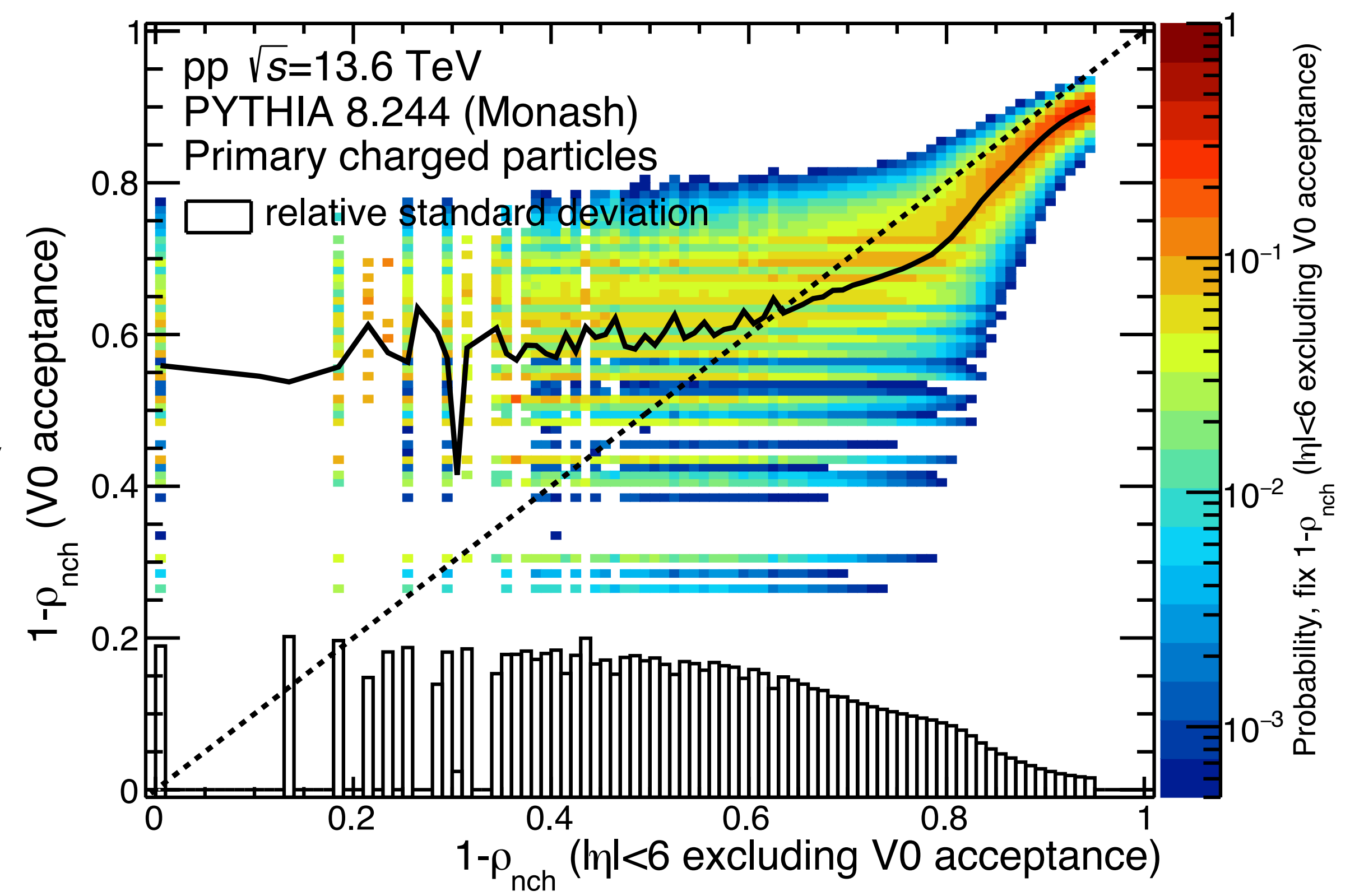


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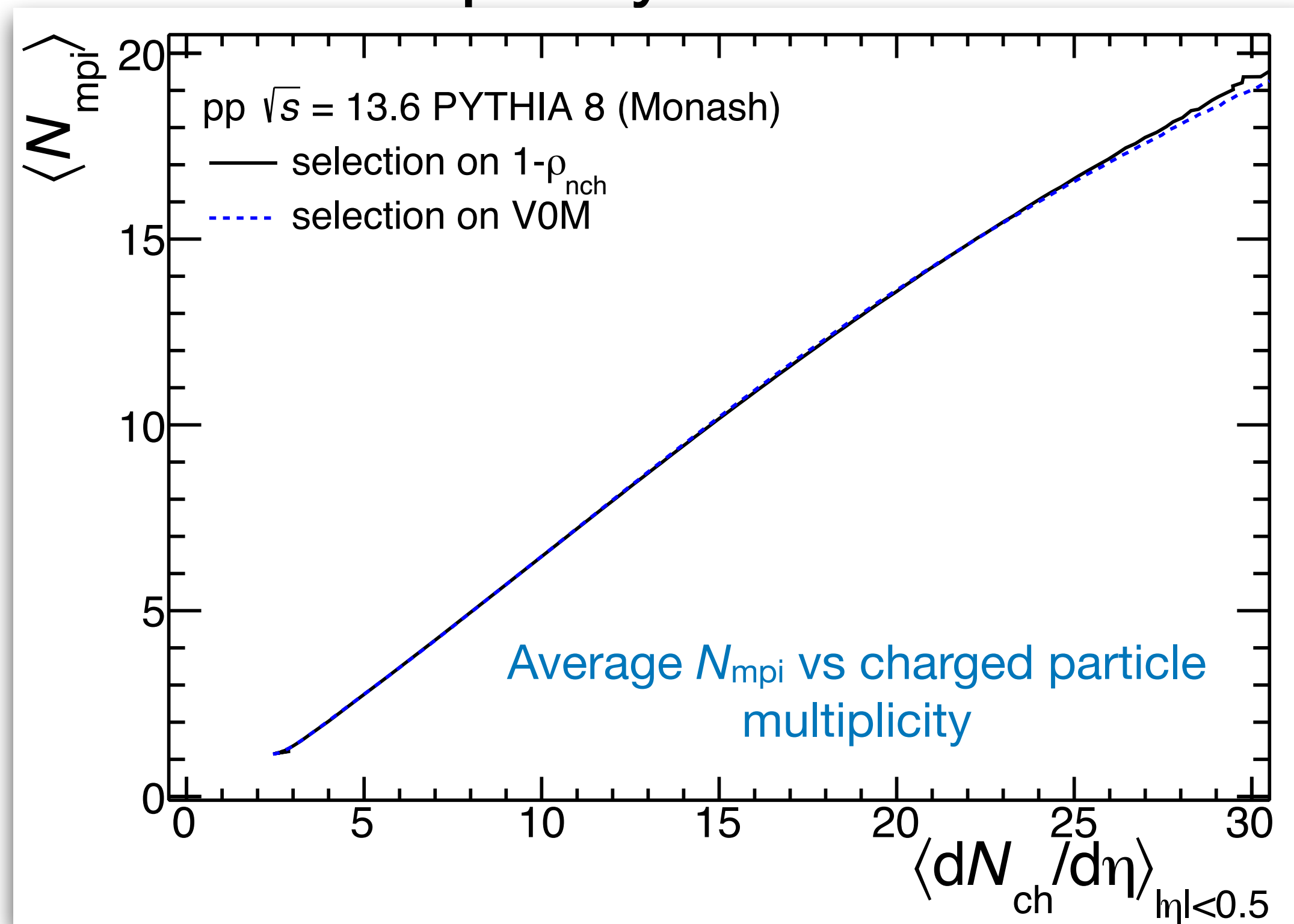


**Andreas' request: check the correlation excluding the V0 acceptance**

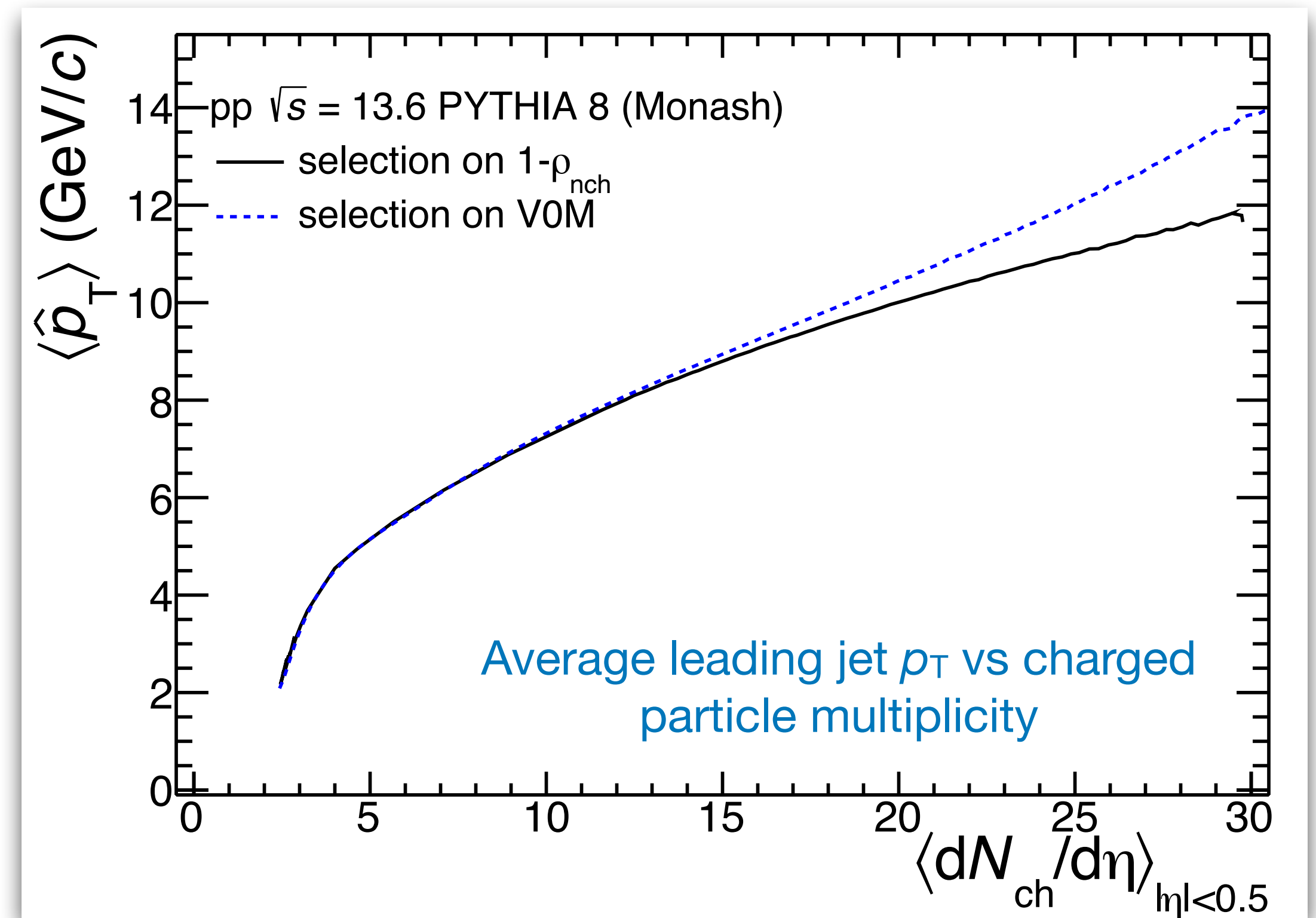


# Sensitivity of flattenicity to MPI

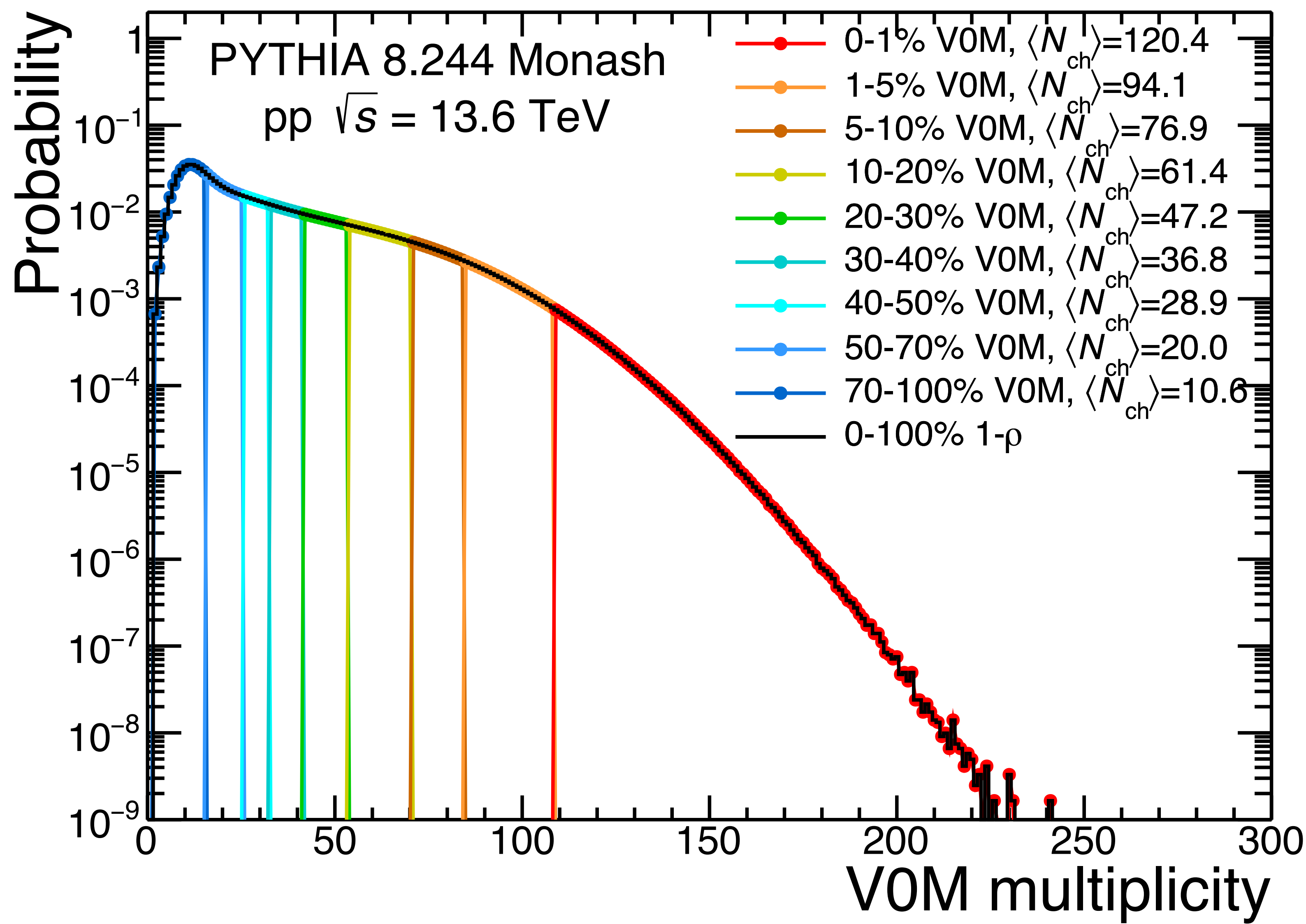
- Same sensitivity to MPI as the V0M multiplicity estimator

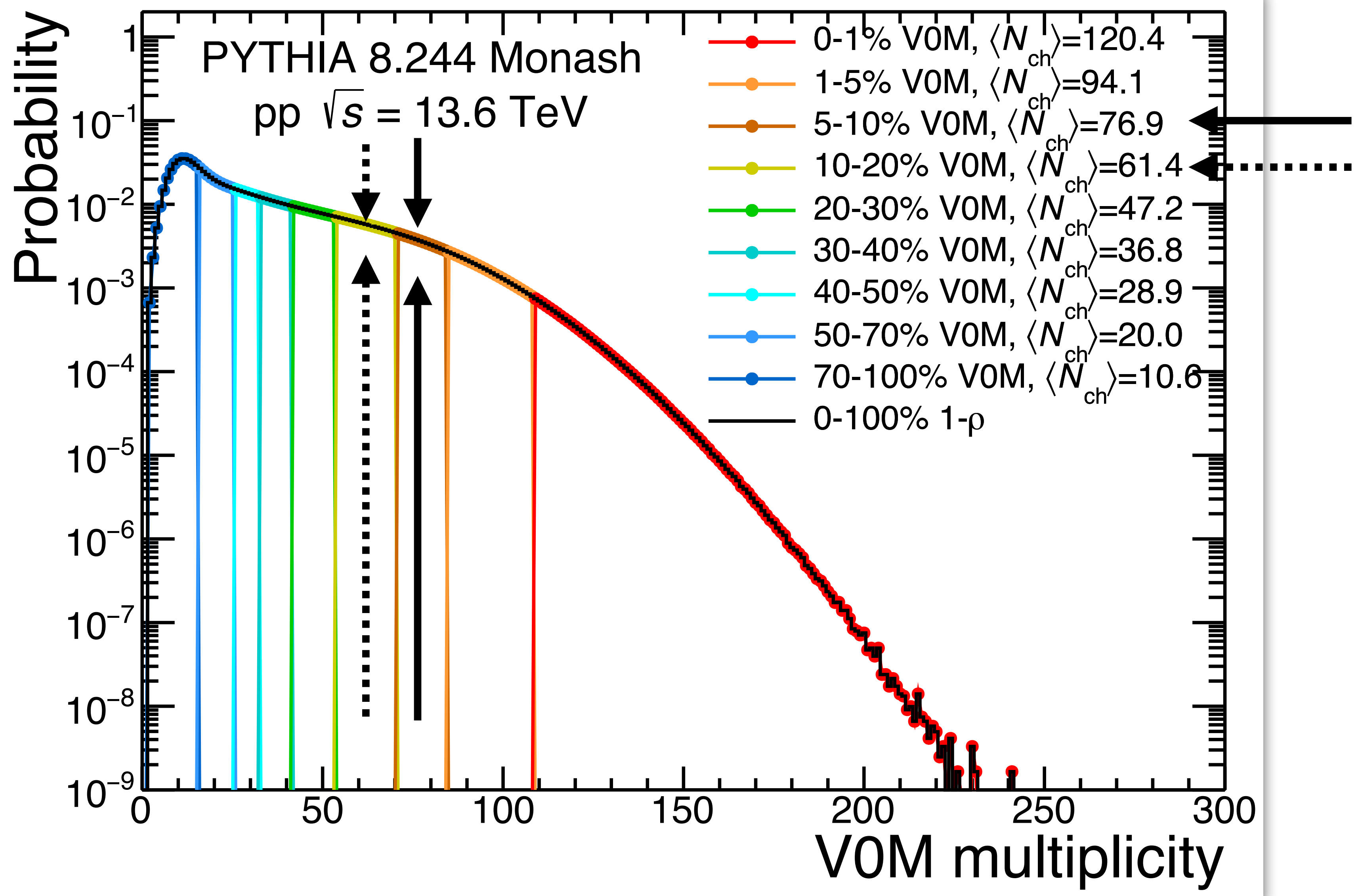


- Flattenicity selects “softer” pp collisions than the V0M estimator

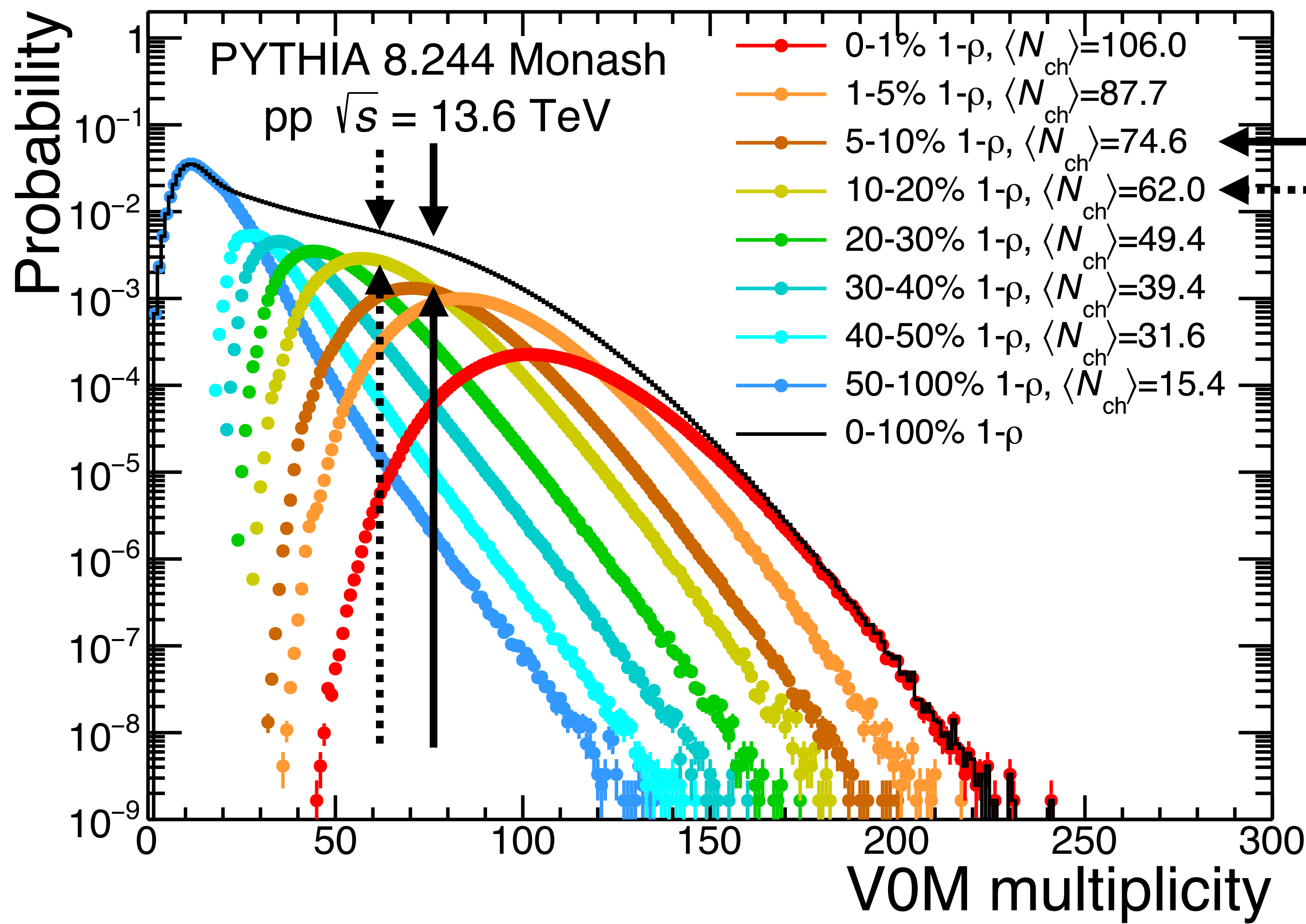


See A. Ortiz, A. Khuntia, O. Vázquez, S. Tripathy, G. Bencédi, S. Prasad and F. Fan, “Unveiling the effects of multiple soft partonic interactions in pp collisions at 13.6 TeV using a new event classifier” to appear in Phys. Rev. D [2211.06093]



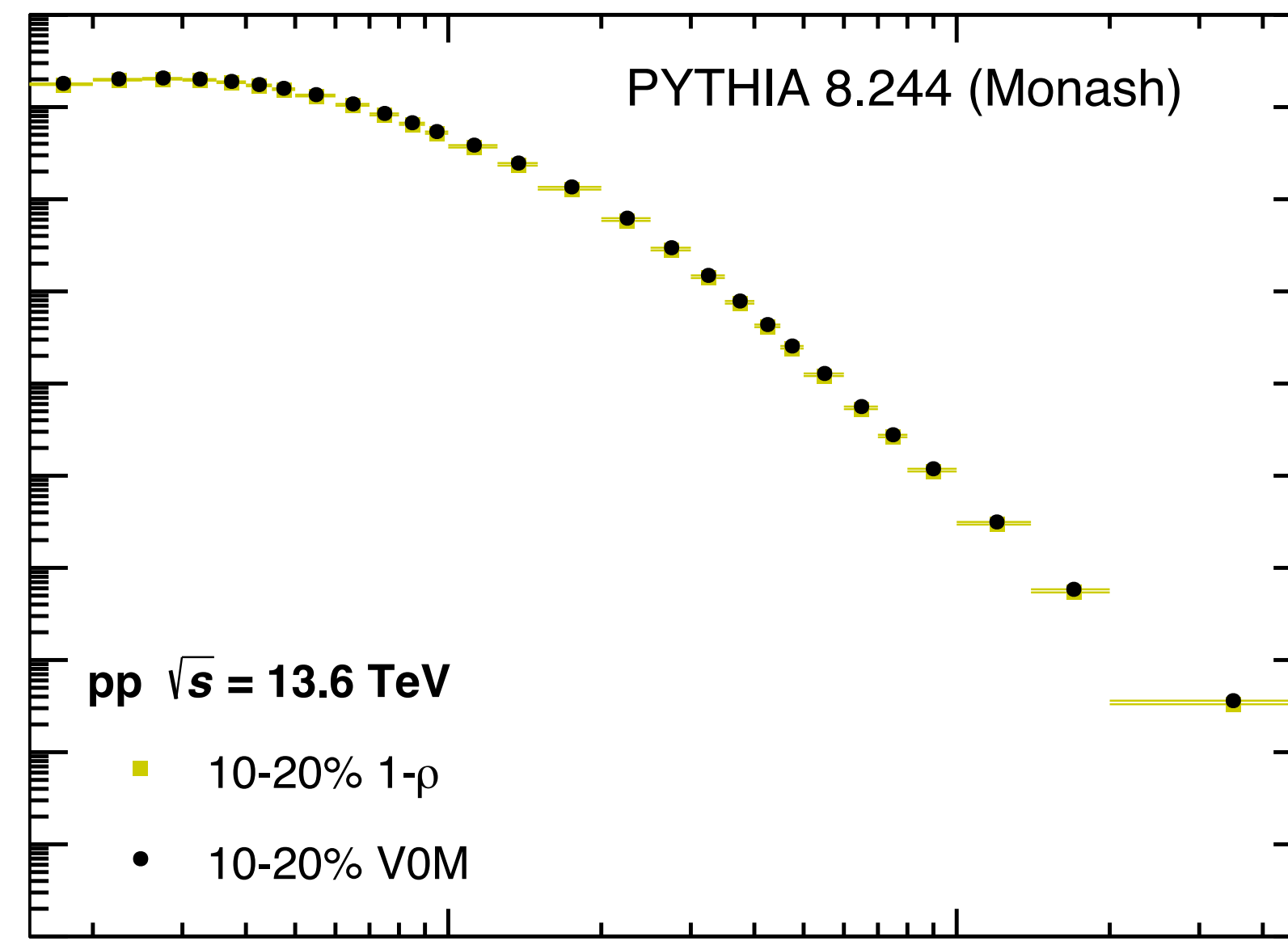
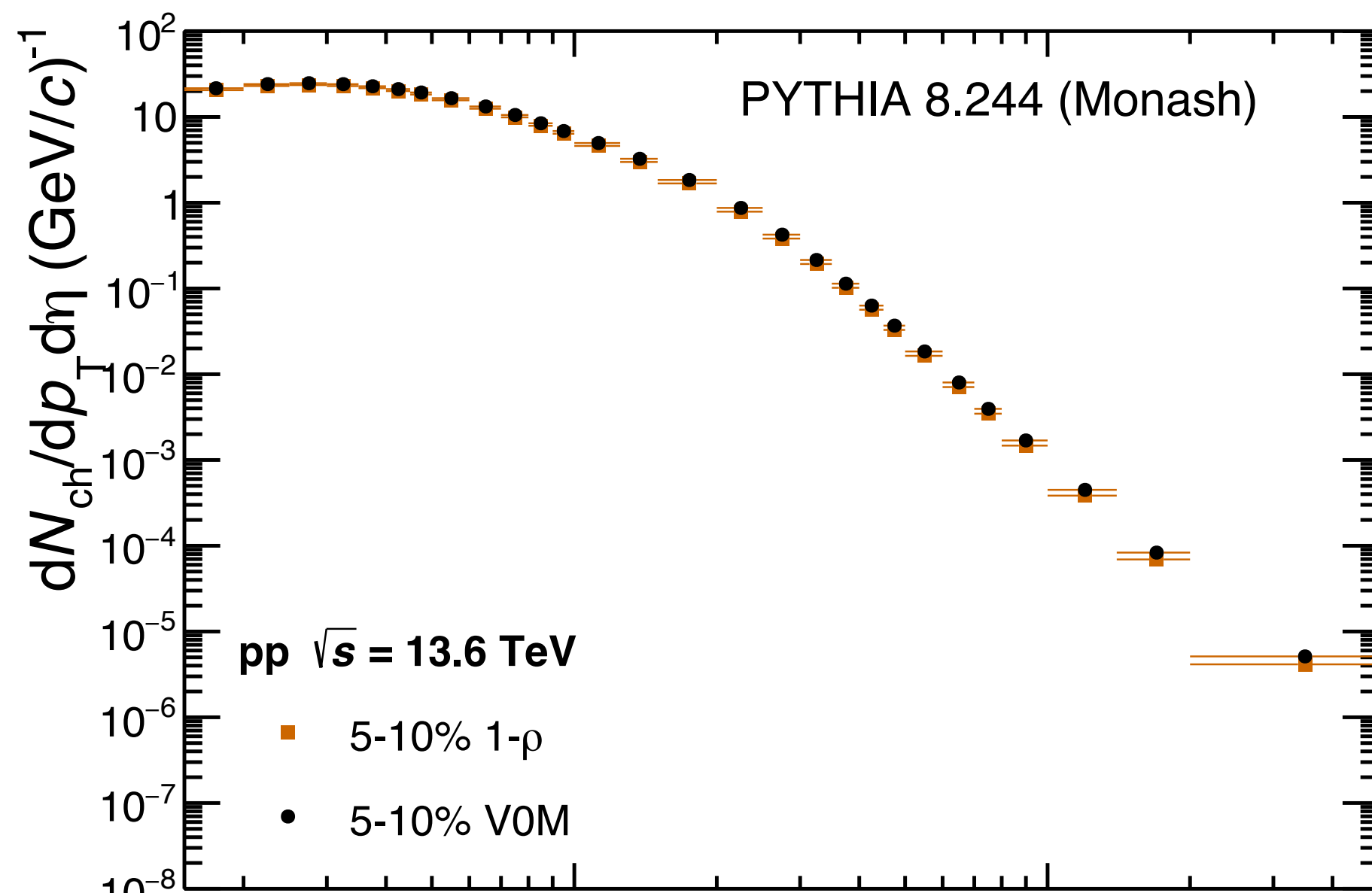


# Flattenicity event classes

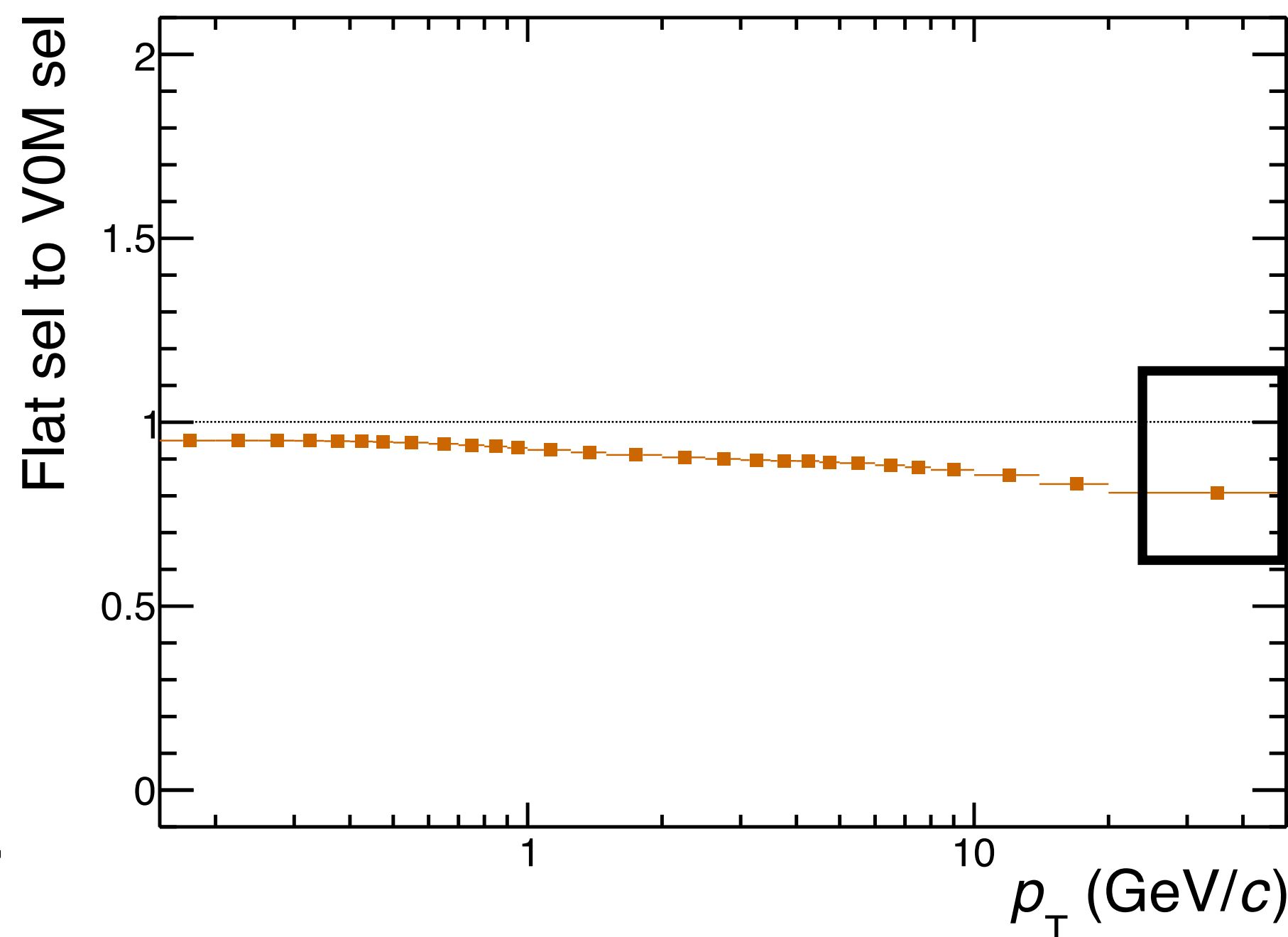


Diference wrt V0M: ~3%  
Diference wrt V0M: ~1%

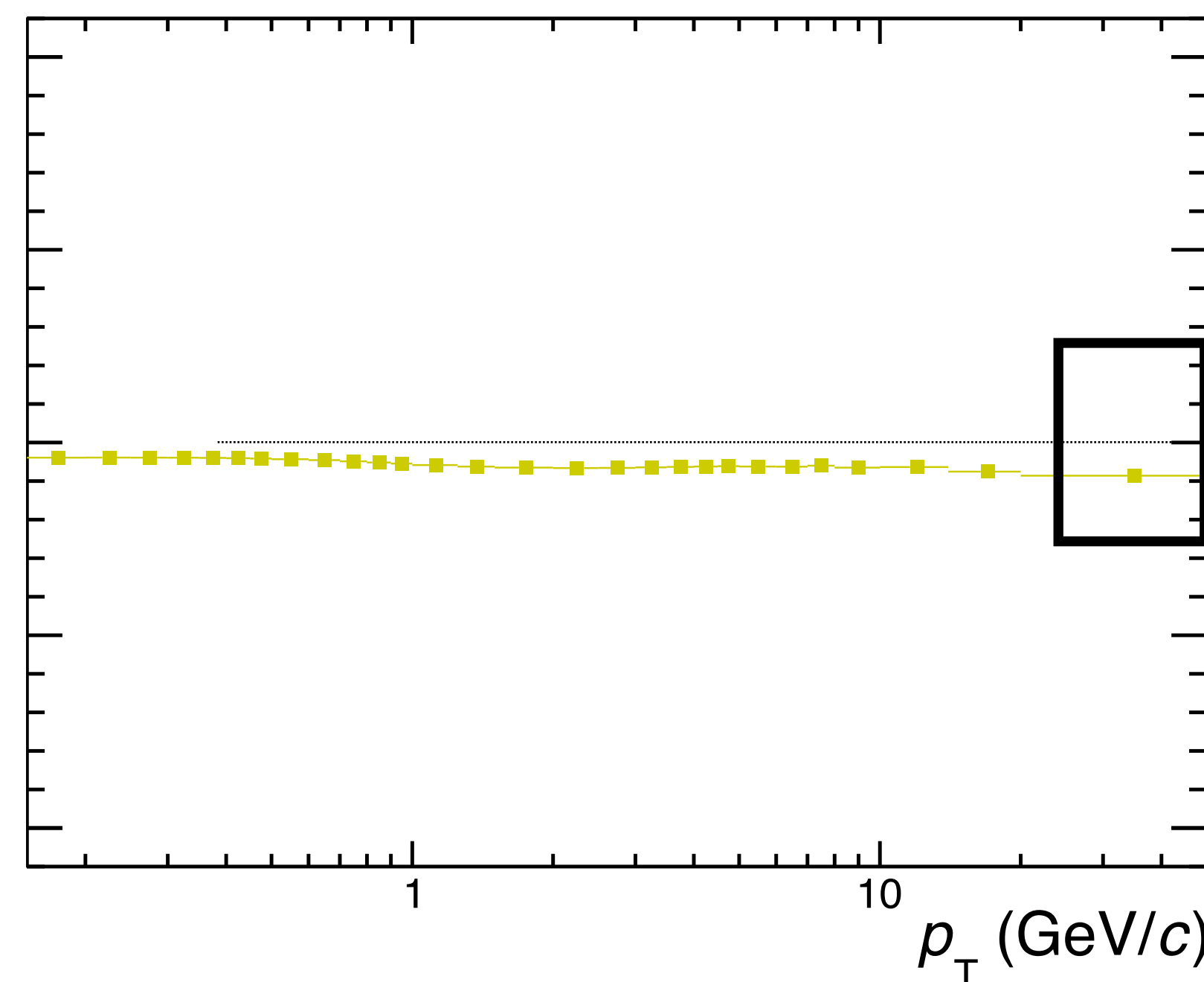
# Event classes with similar $\langle N_{ch} \rangle$



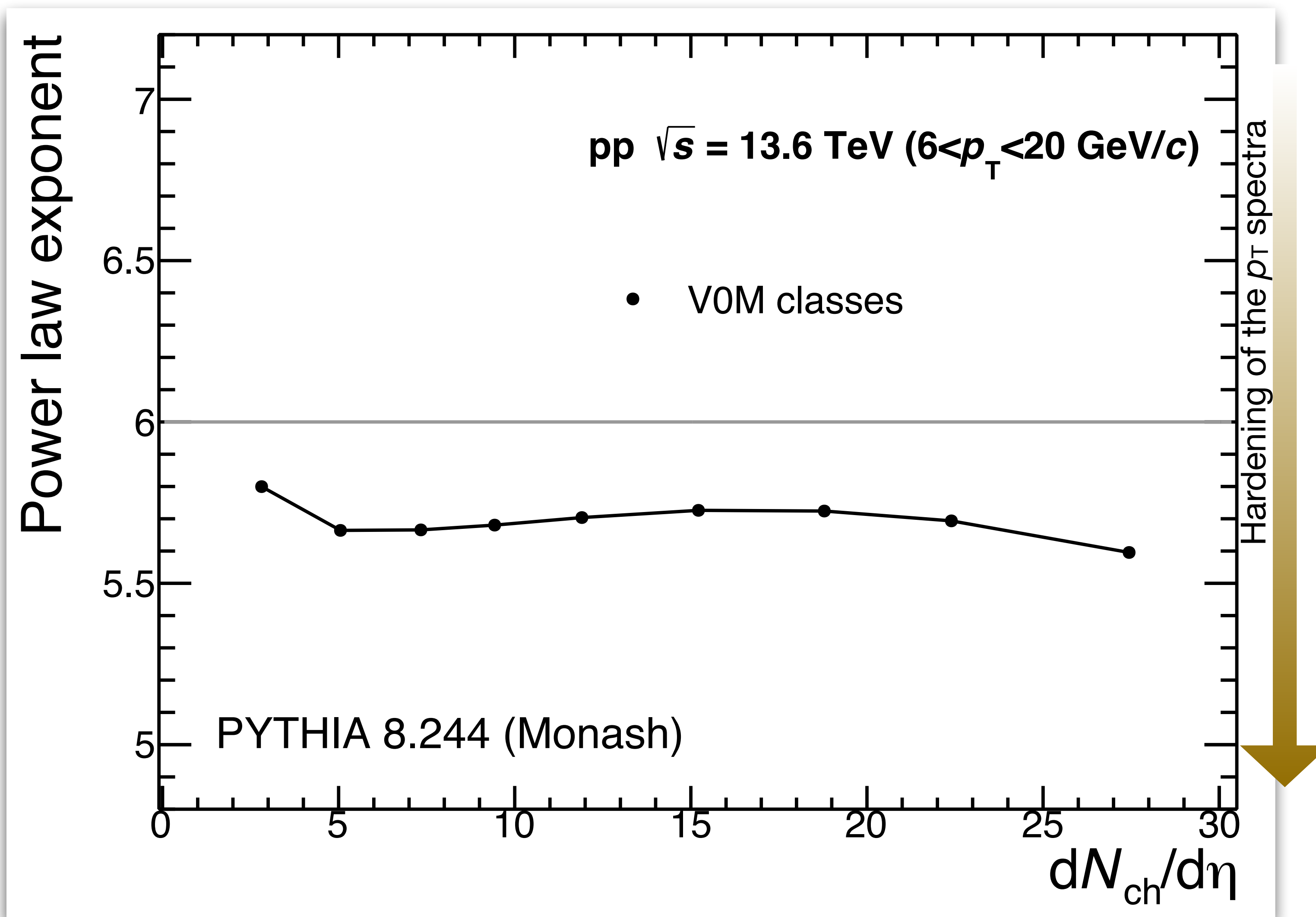
Diference in V0M mult:  
~3%  
Diference at high  $p_T$ :  
>15%



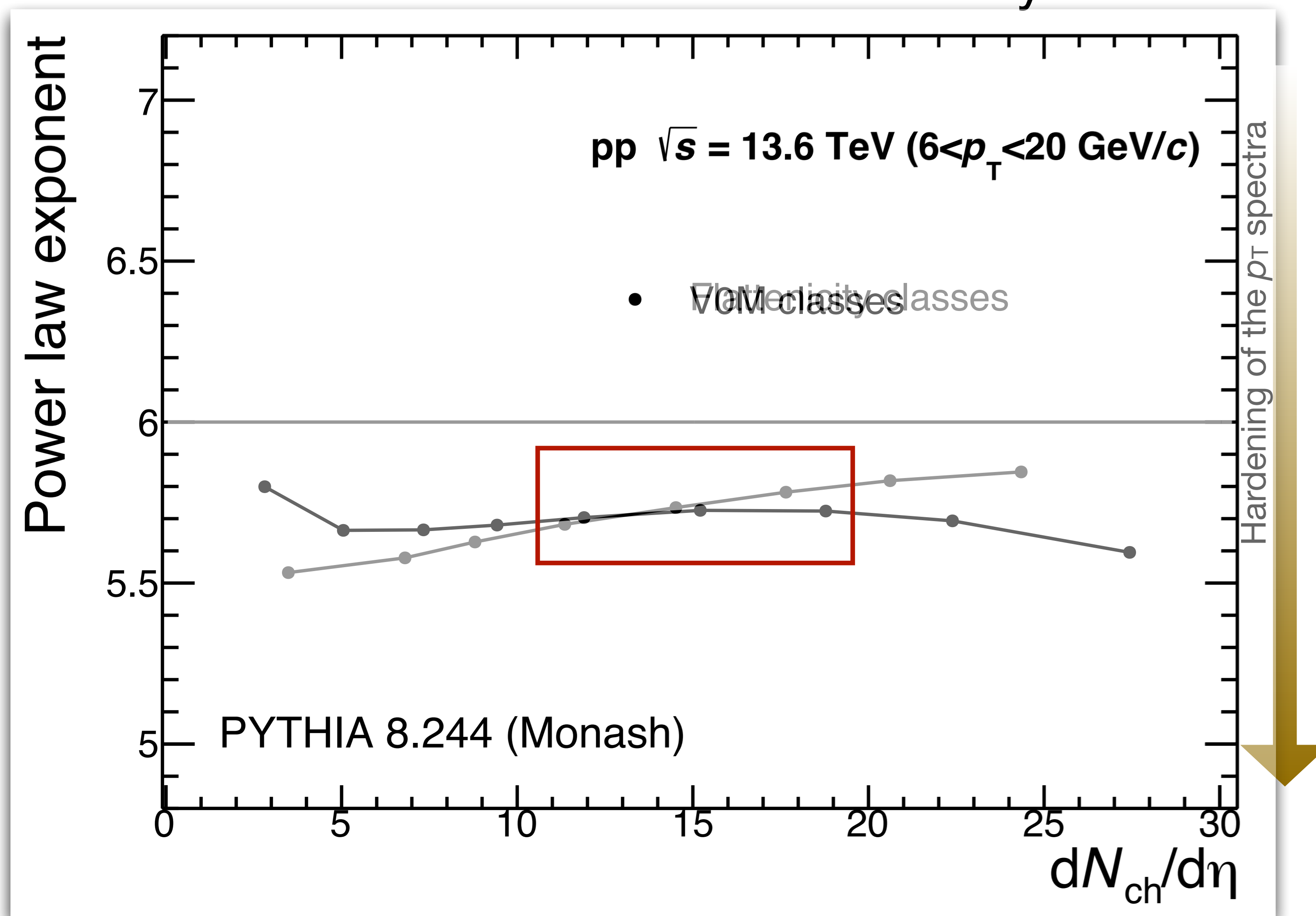
Diference in V0M mult:  
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Diference at high  $p_T$ :  
>5%



## Selection based on V0M

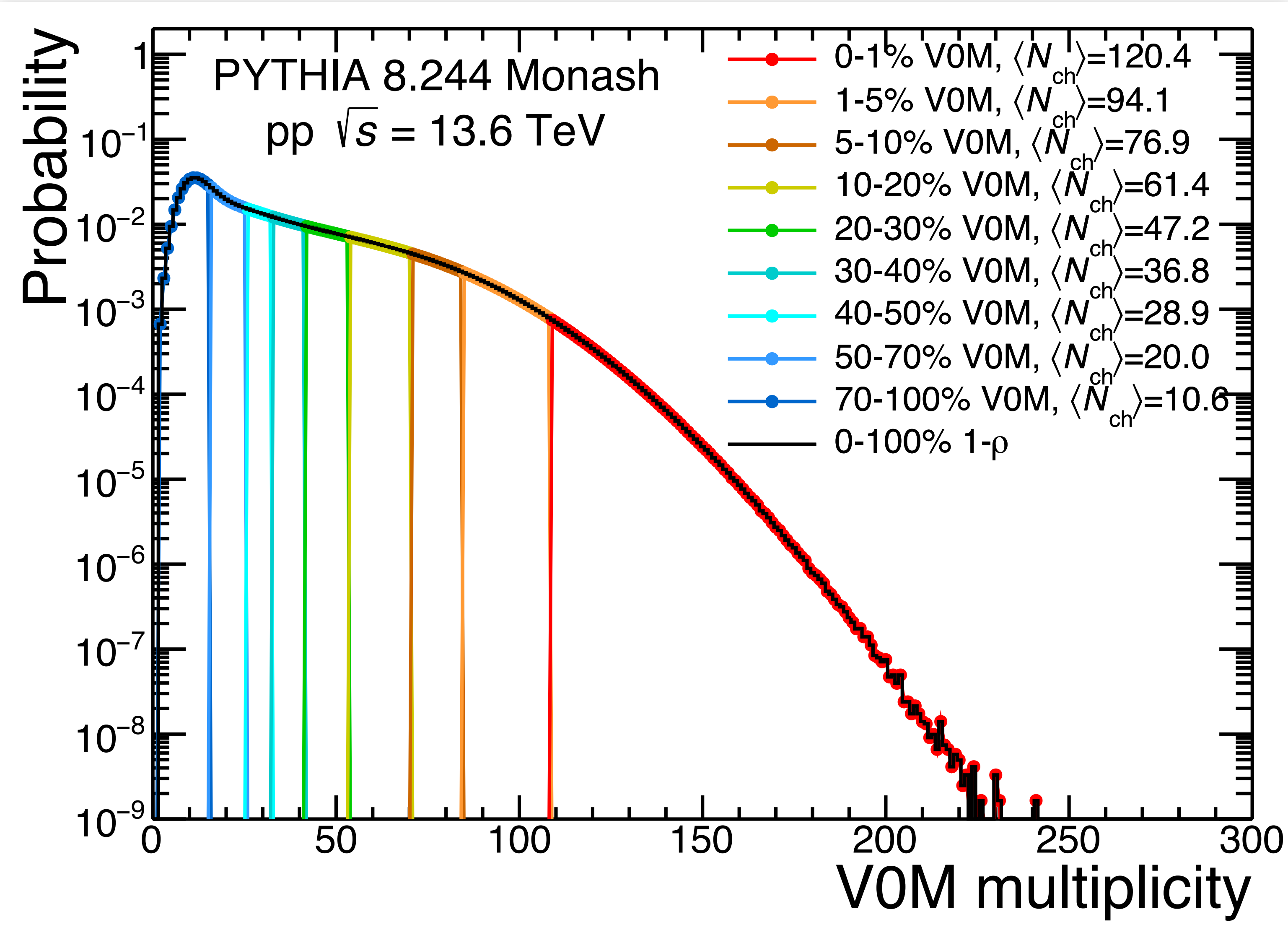


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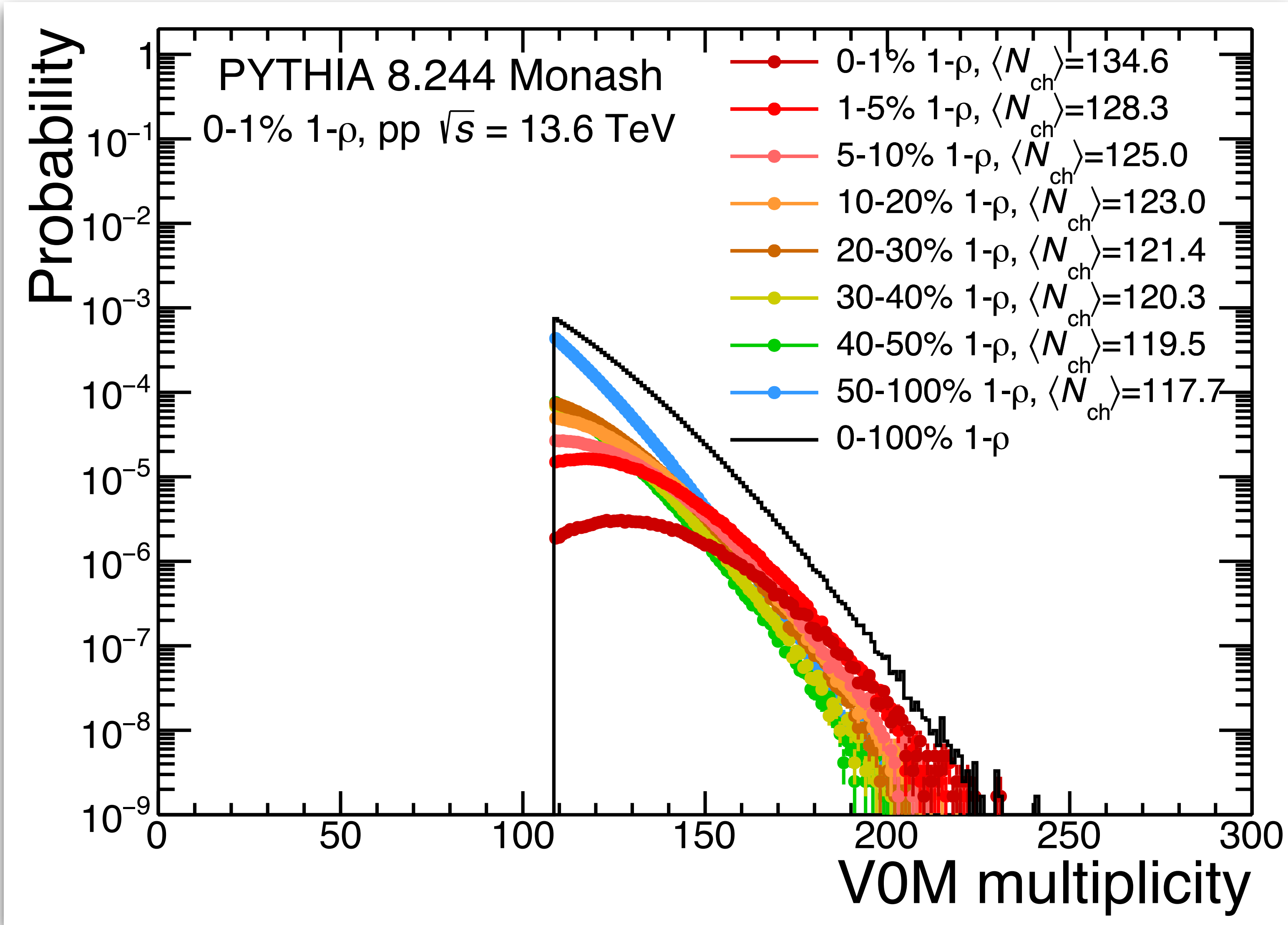
Softer interactions are selected using flattenicity than with V0M multiplicity

## Selection based on V0M





## Selection based on V0M + flattenicity (example 0-1% V0M)

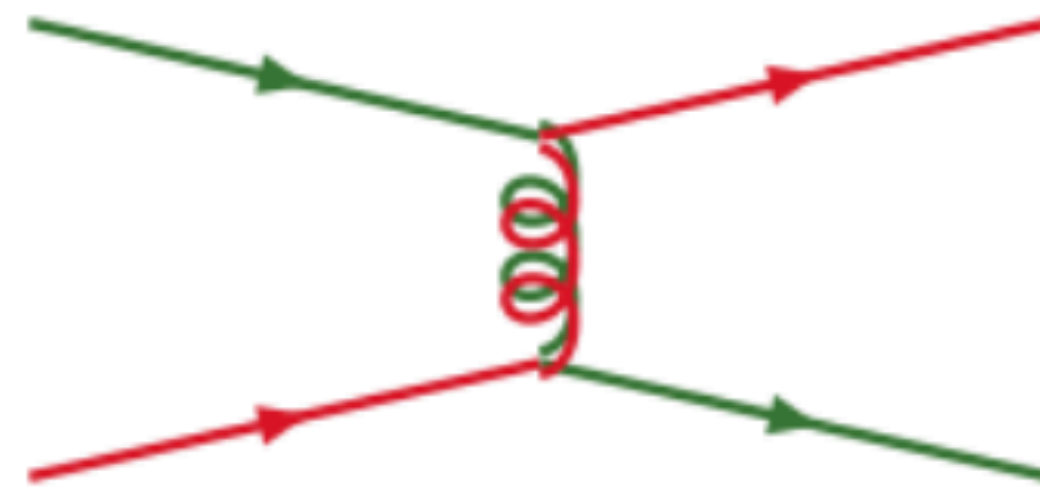


High flattenicity events (0-1% 1- $\rho$ ) do not correspond to the highest multiplicity class. Instead, flattenicity exhibit a modest multiplicity dependence

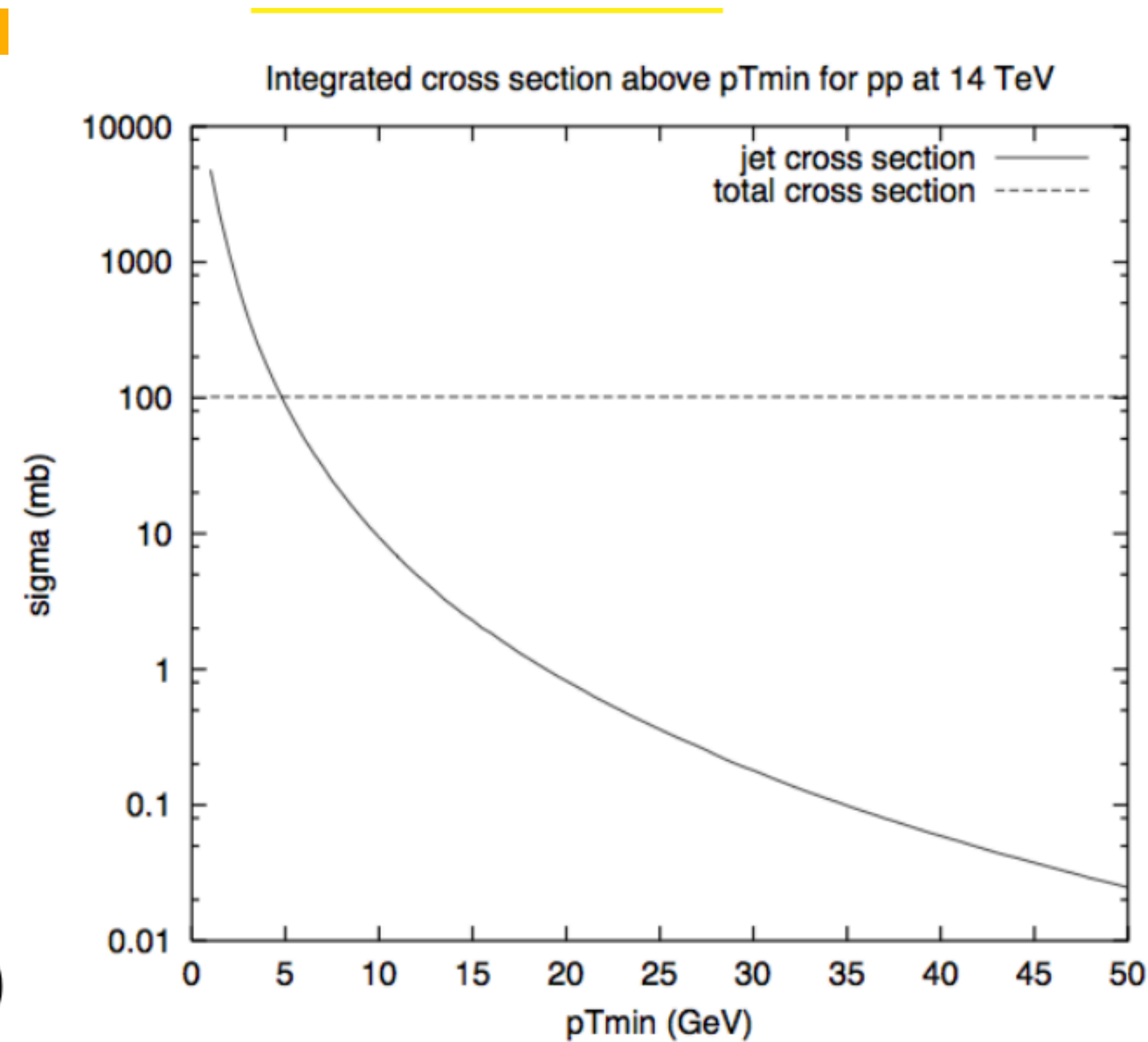
# Multiparton interactions MPI

At high energies, the leading order cross-section for  $2 \rightarrow 2$  parton scatterings with momentum transfer  $Q > Q_{\min} \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$  exceeds the total pp cross-section at a range of  $Q_{\min}$ -values where perturbative QCD is applicable (at LHC,  $Q_{\min} \approx 4$  GeV/c) [T. Sjöstrand and M. Zijl Phys. Rev. D36 (1987)]

T. Sjöstrand, 6th MPI @ LHC Workshop

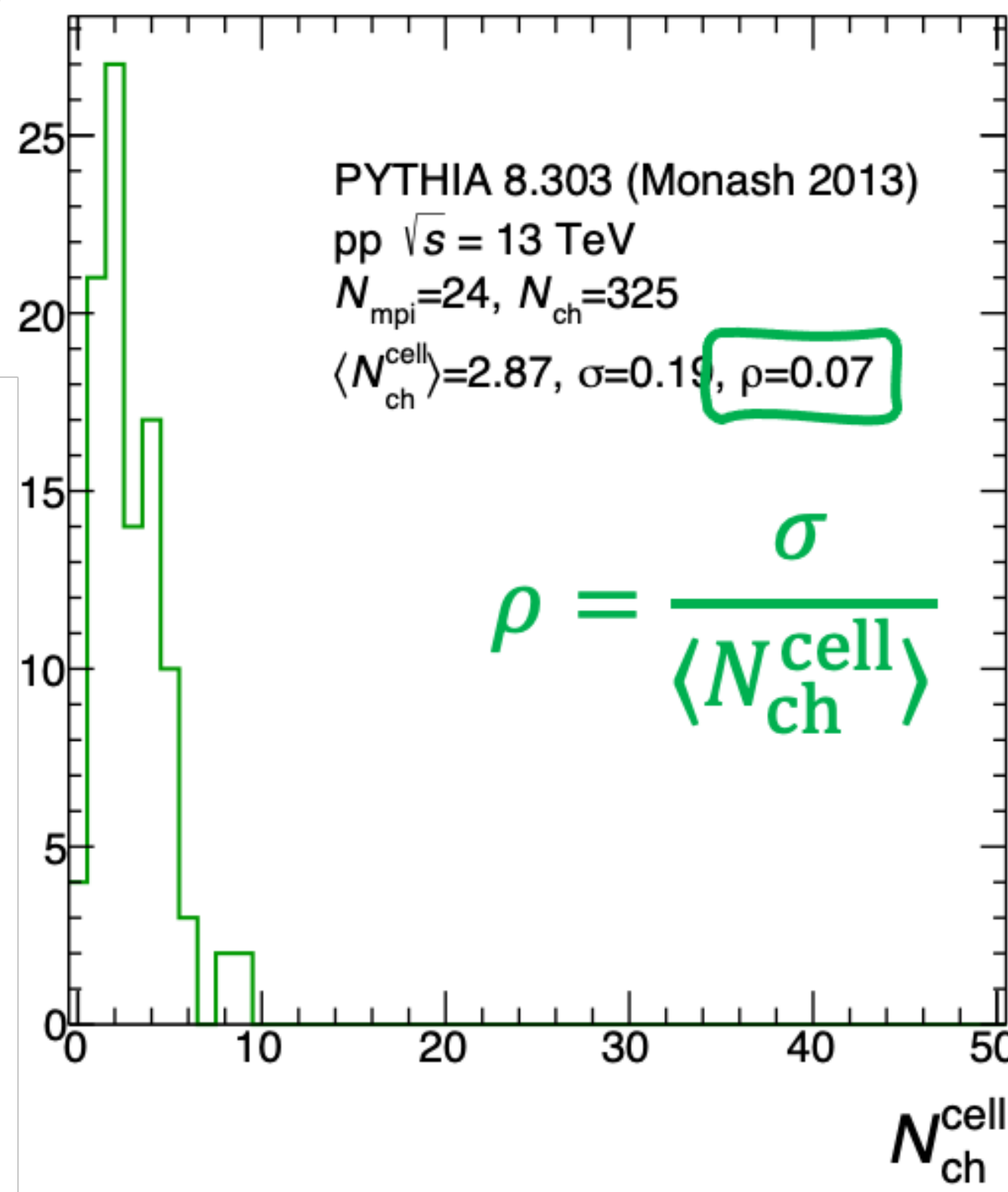
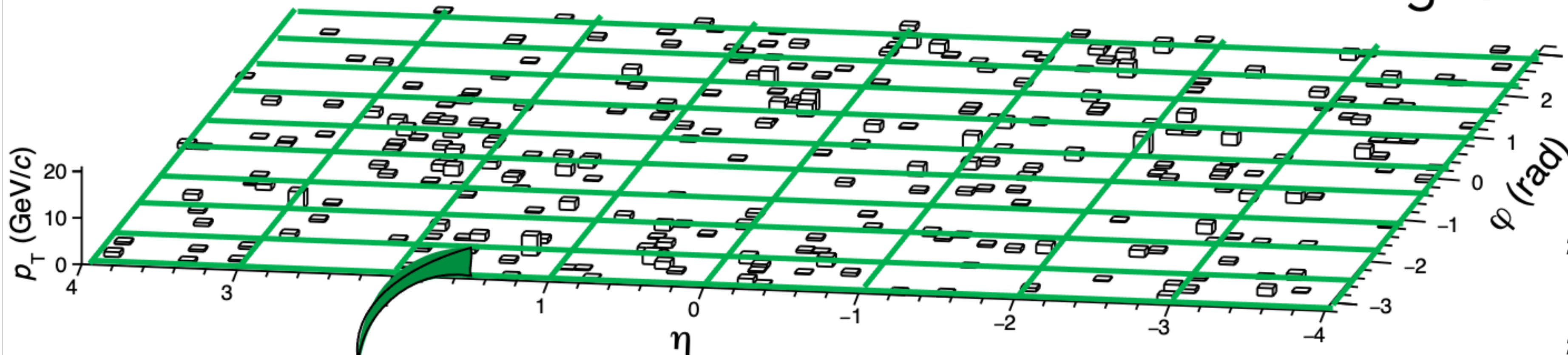


Integrate QCD  $2 \rightarrow 2$   
 $qq' \rightarrow qq'$   
 $q\bar{q} \rightarrow q'\bar{q}'$   
 $q\bar{q} \rightarrow gg$   
 $qg \rightarrow qg$   
 $gg \rightarrow gg$   
 $gg \rightarrow q\bar{q}$   
 (with CTEQ 5L PDF's)



PYTHIA 8.303 (Monash 2013), pp  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV,  $N_{\text{mpi}}=24$ ,  $N_{\text{ch}}=325$

A grid in  $\phi - \eta$  is built:  $10 \times 8$



In each cell, the charged particle multiplicity is computed:  $N_{\text{ch}}^{\text{cell}}$

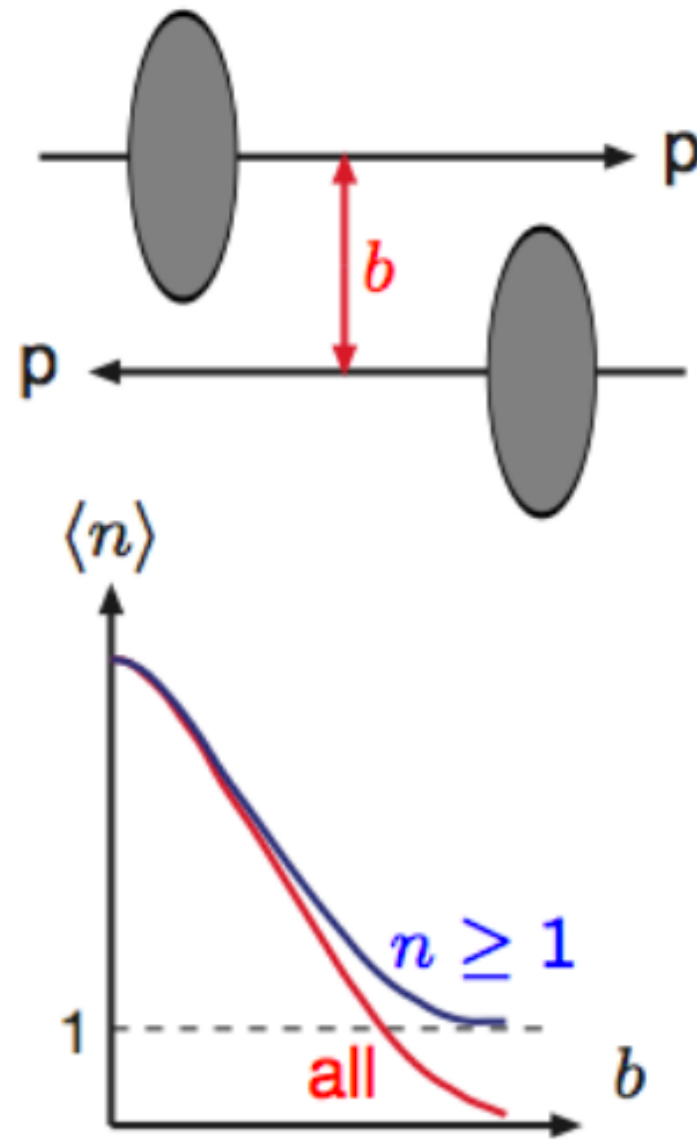
From the  $N_{\text{ch}}^{\text{cell}}$  distribution is obtained

Events with several minijets (very active MPI) are expected to have small  $\rho$  values

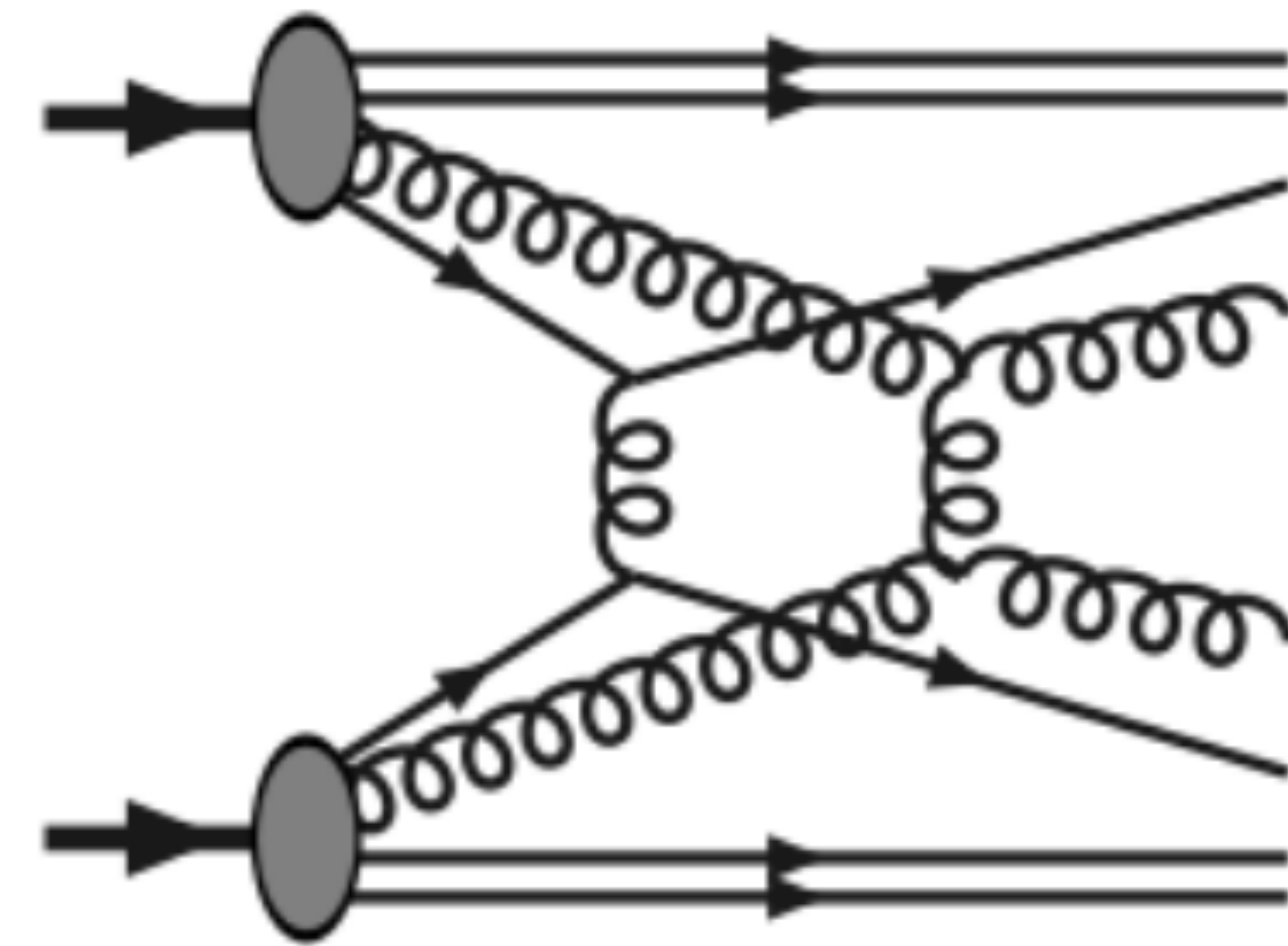
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## Interpretation: Many partonic scatterings per event: (MPI)

- MPI is a logical consequence of the composite nature of protons



- In event generators like Pythia, an impact parameter dependence is considered

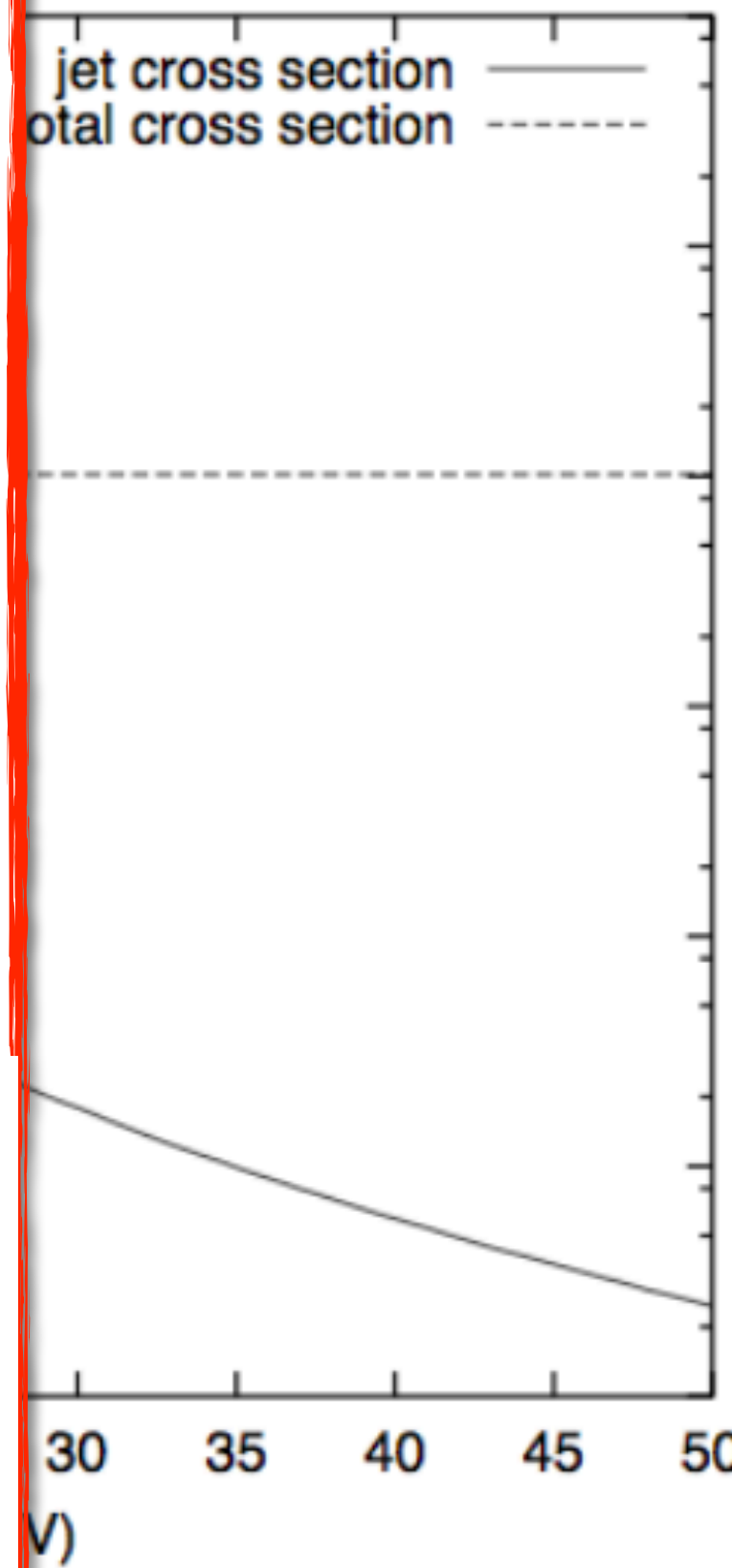


Overlap of protons during encounter is

$$O(b) = \int d^3\mathbf{x} dt \rho_1(\mathbf{x}, t) \rho_2(\mathbf{x}, t)$$

where  $\rho$  is (boosted) matter distribution in  $p$ , e.g. Gaussian or more narrow peak.

jet cross section total cross section



T. Sjöstrand, ISAPP 2018