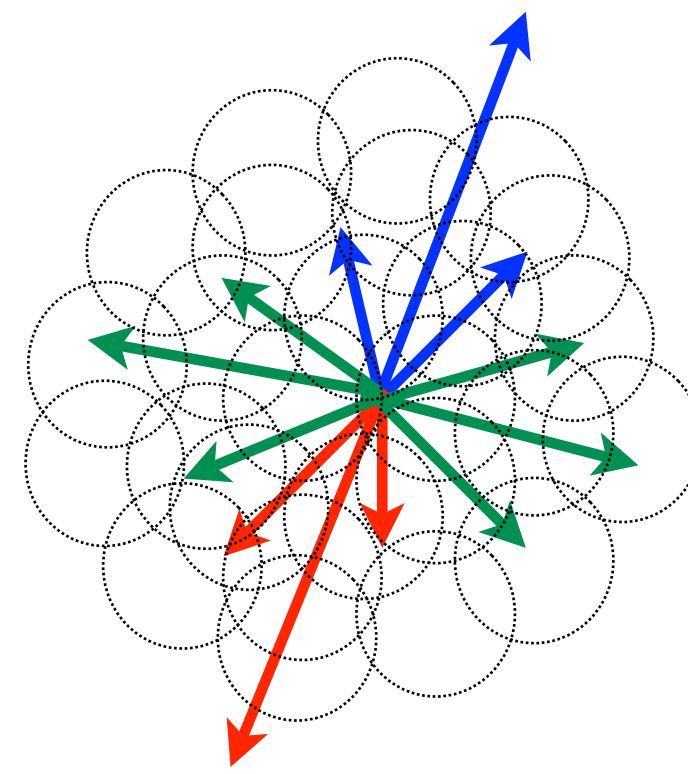




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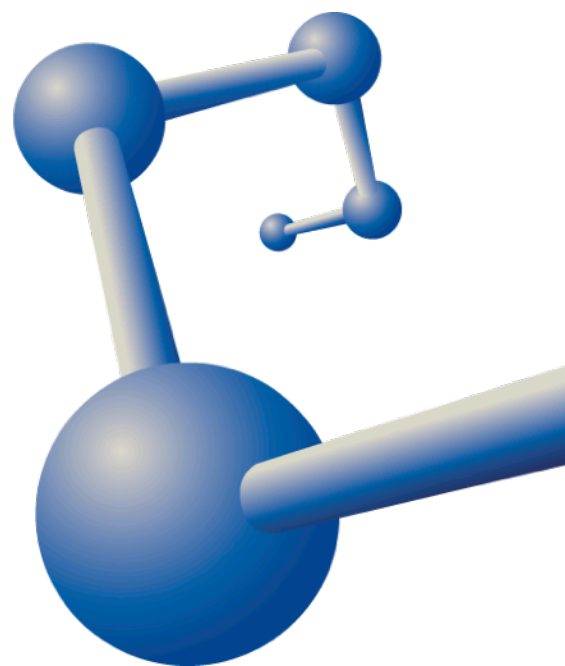


Charged-particle production as a function of R_T in pp, p-Pb, and Pb-Pb collisions

based on: [arXiv:2310.07490](https://arxiv.org/abs/2310.07490)

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◆ Introduction

- Collectivity in small systems
- Selection biases
- Underlying event and R_T

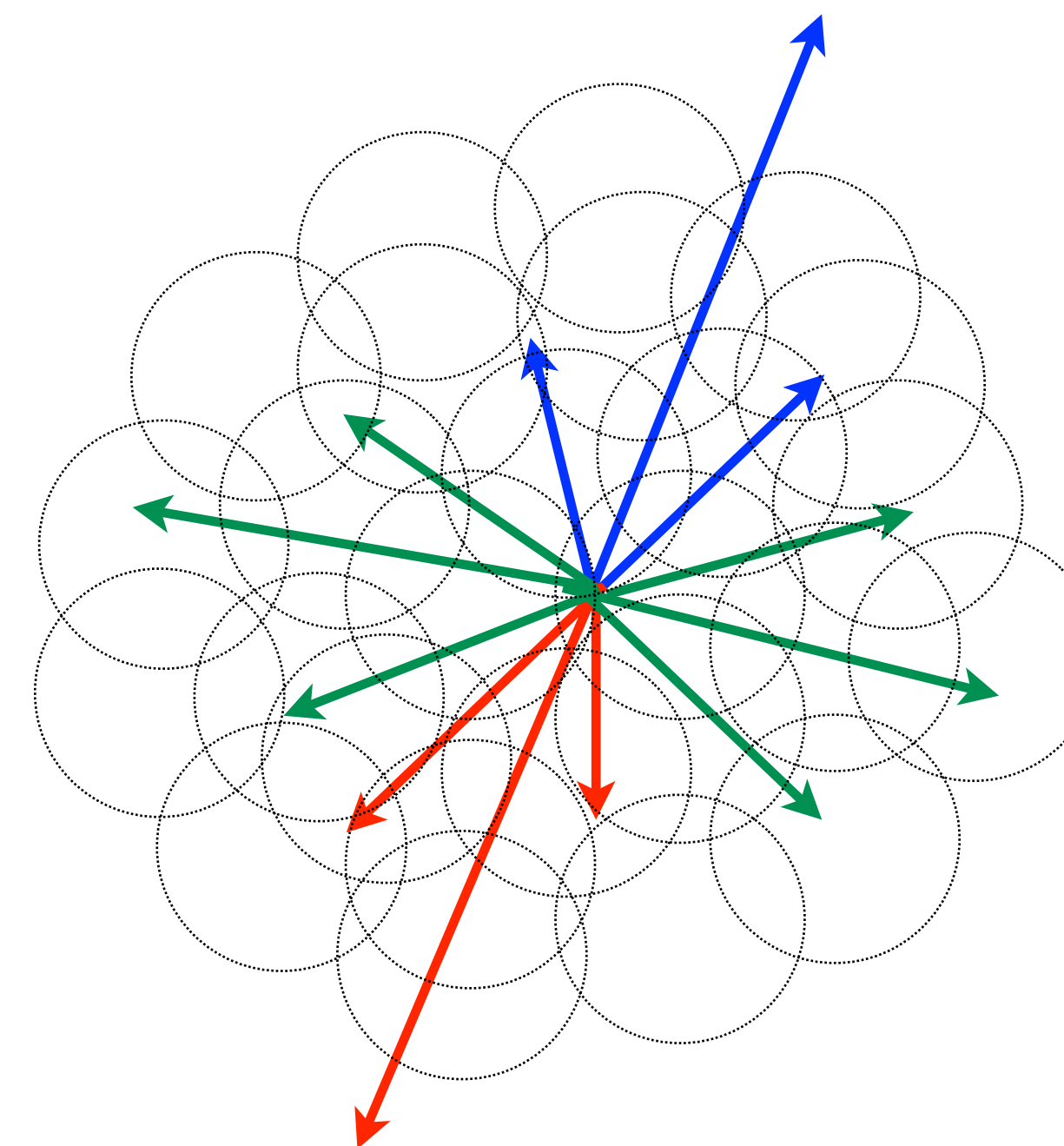
◆ Analysis procedure

- The ALICE detector in Run 2
- Analysis details

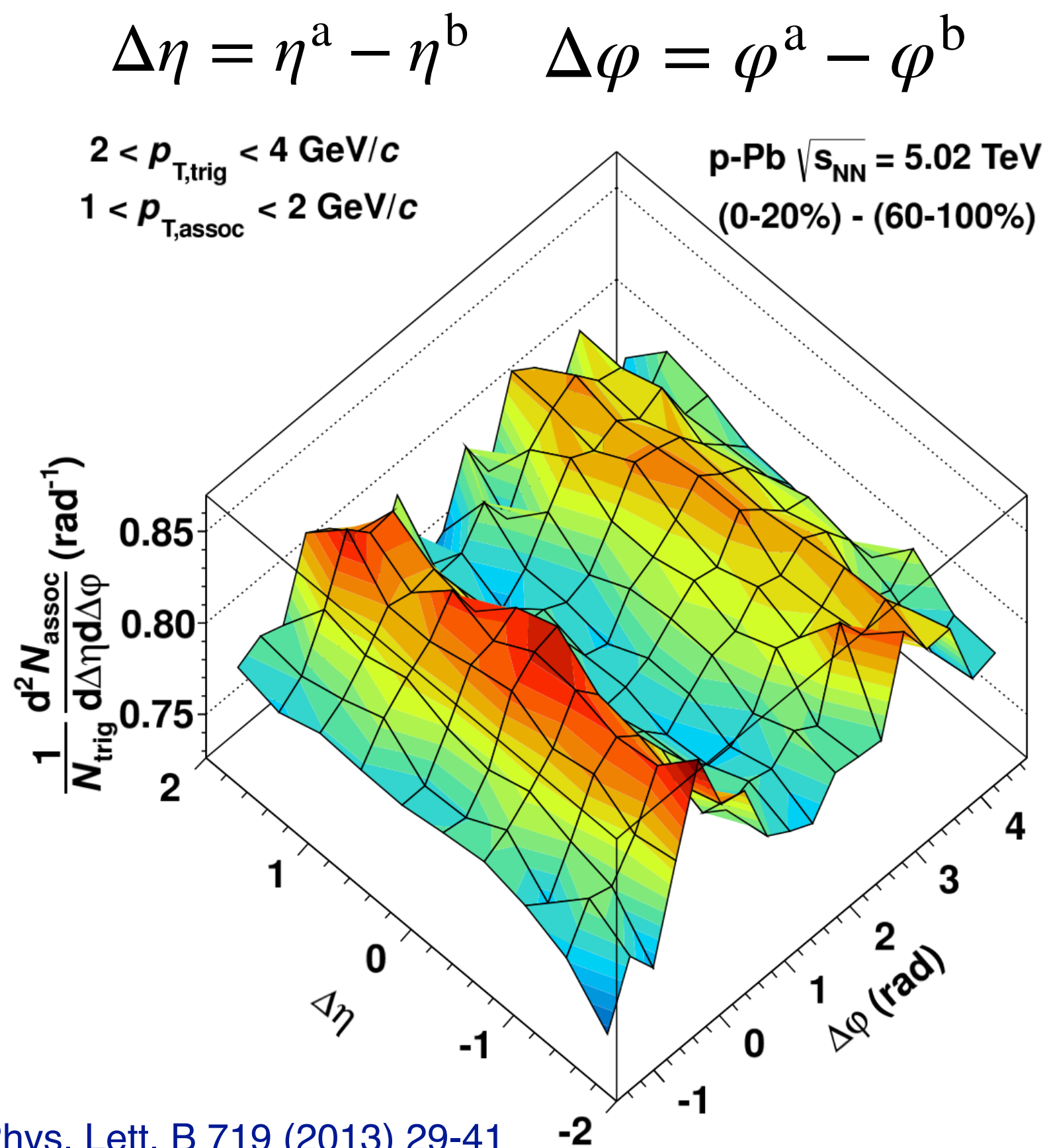
◆ Results

- p_T -spectra as a function of R_T
- $\langle p_T \rangle$ as a function of R_T
- Integrated yield as a function of R_T

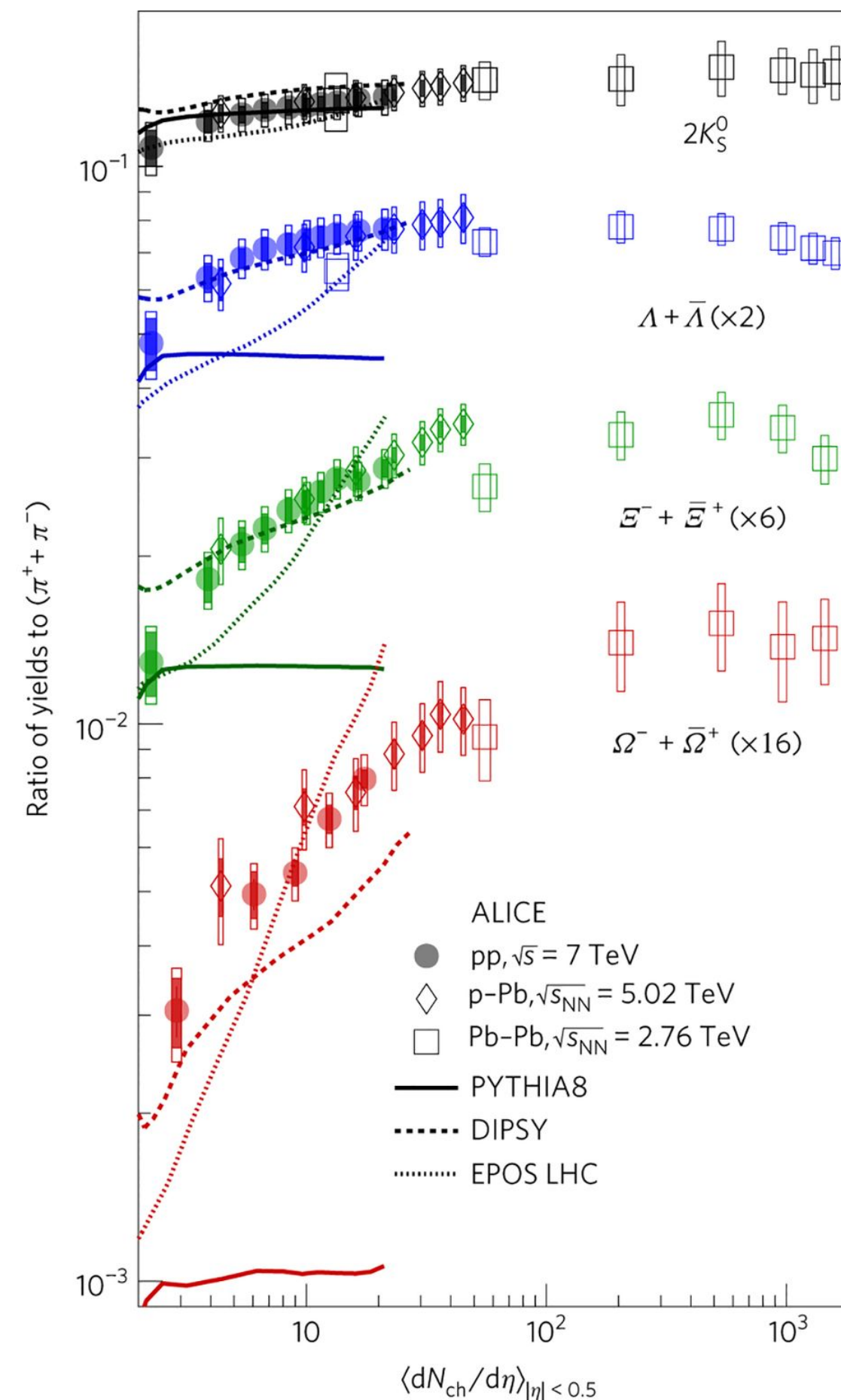
◆ Summary



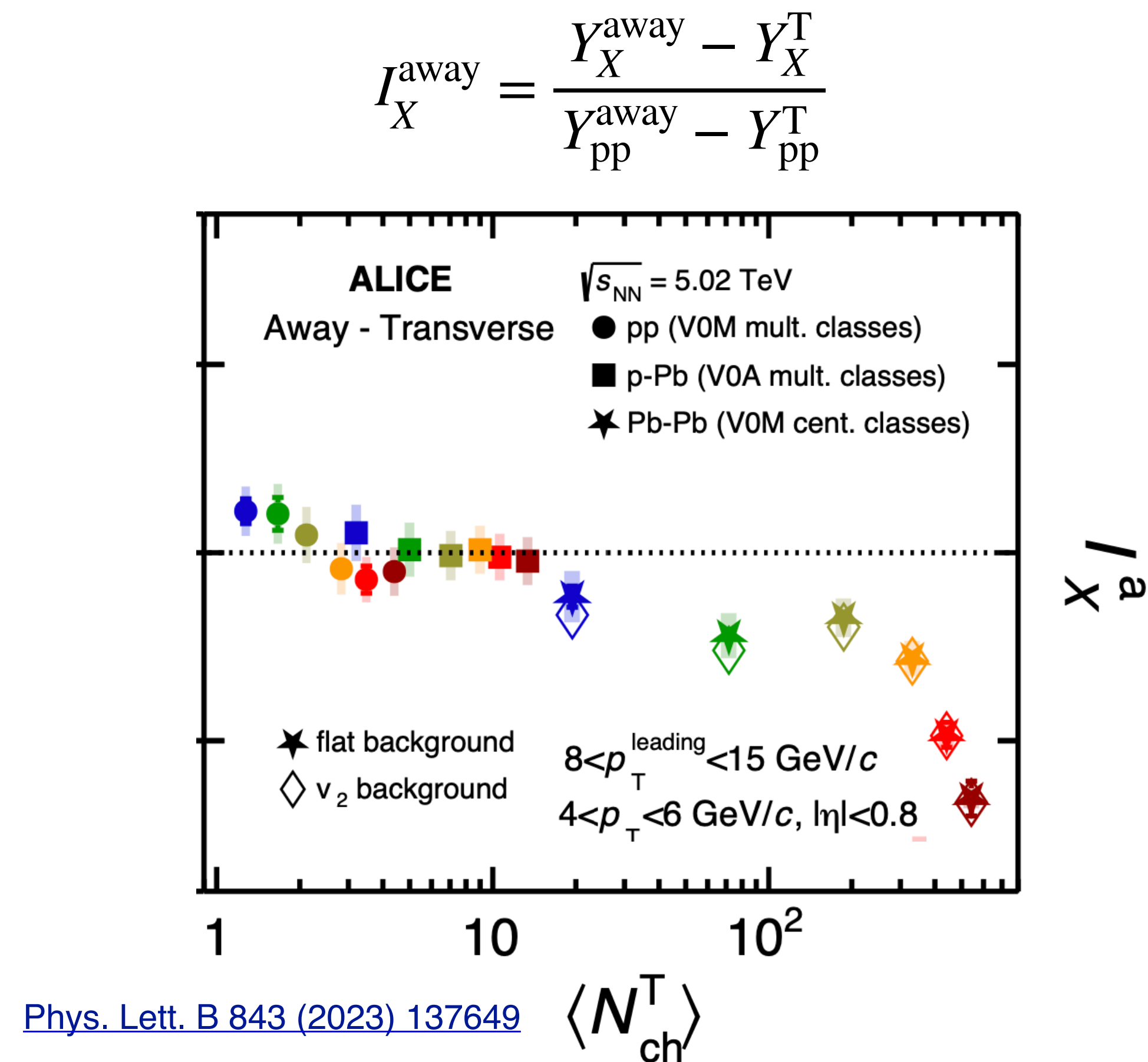
Double ridge structure



Strangeness Enhancement

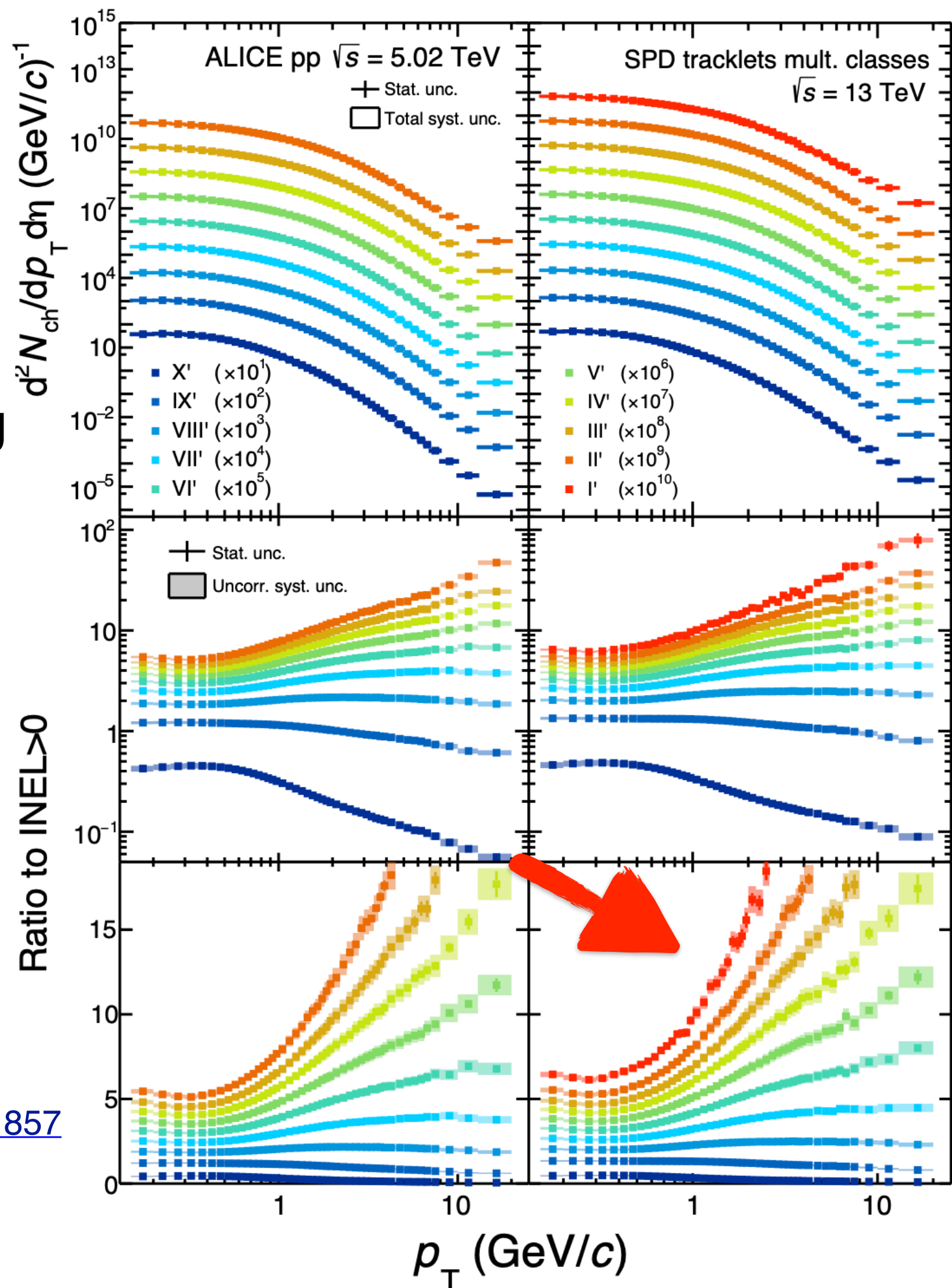


Jet quenching



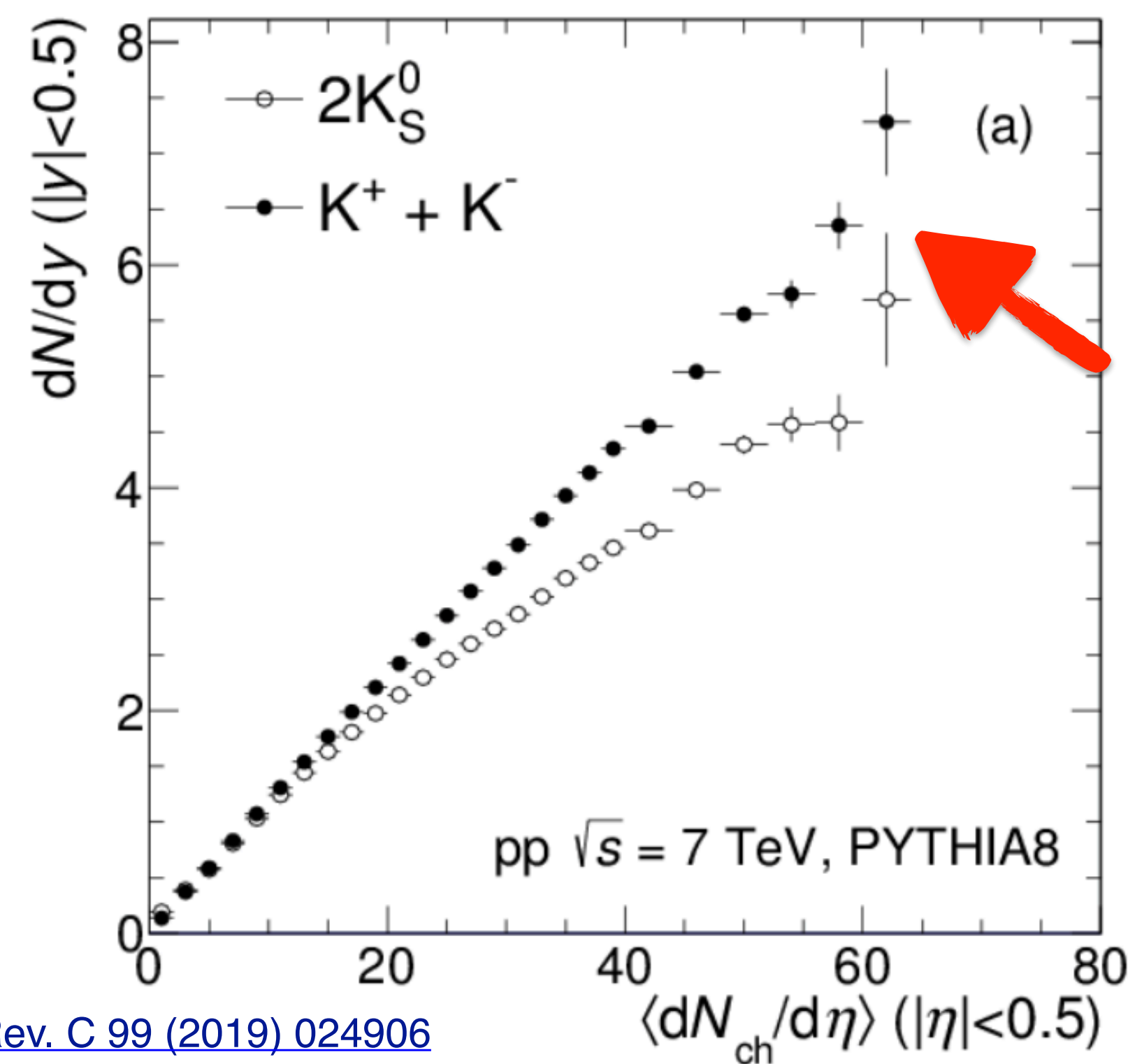
Do these effects have the same origin like in heavy-ion collisions? Or, are they caused by other mechanisms? In this work we investigate the MPI option

Hard process



Charged particles

The neutral-to-charged particle yield is biased by requiring high charge-particle multiplicity



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Selecting multiplicity classes and measuring particle spectra in the same pseudo rapidity interval biases the sample towards hard pp collisions

[Eur. Phys. J. C79 \(2019\) no.10, 857](https://arxiv.org/abs/1905.07701)

In pp collisions, the underlying event (UE) refers to everything that does not come from the hard partonic scattering

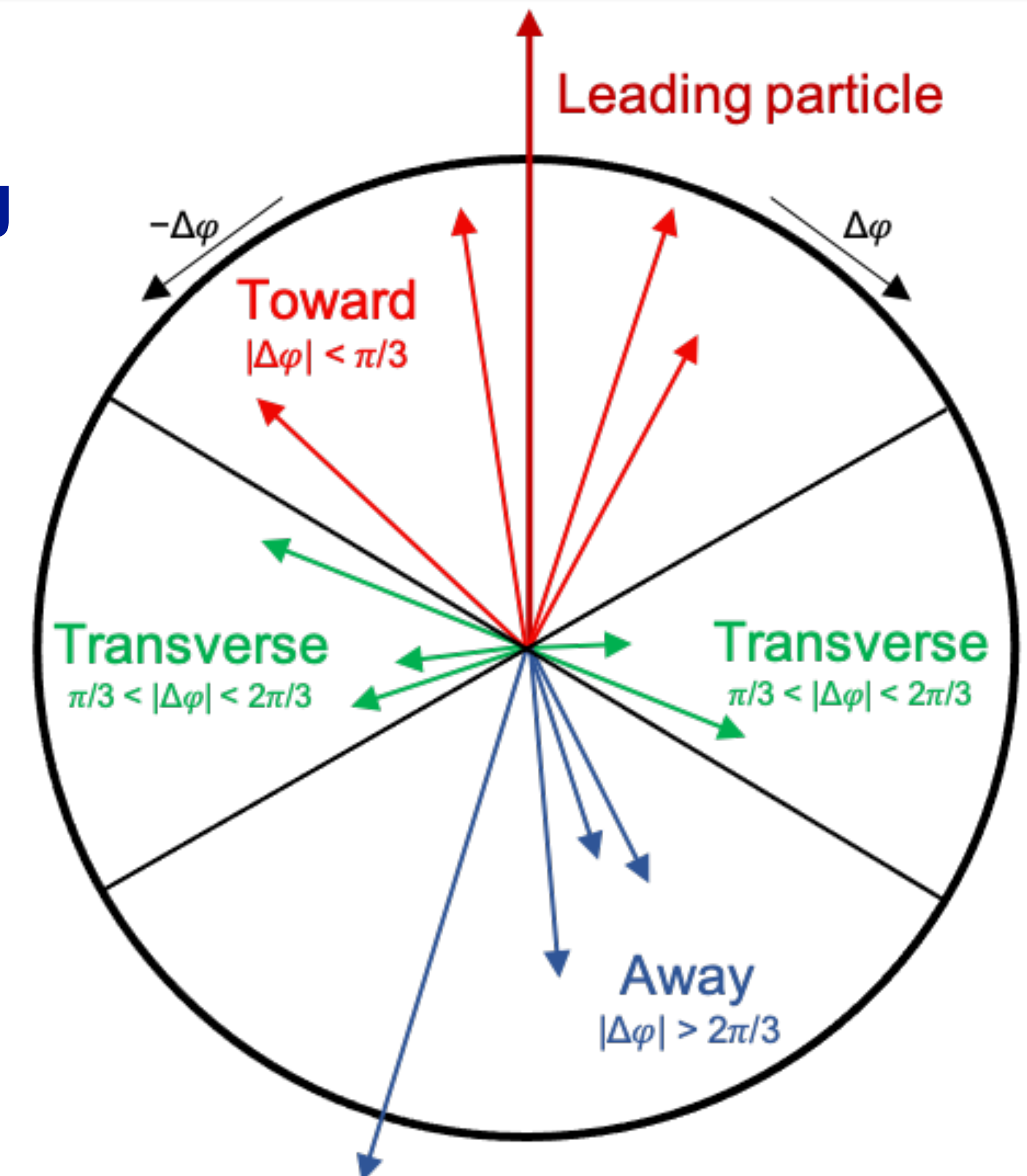
Relative transverse activity classifier

$$R_T = \frac{N_{\text{ch}}^{\text{TS}}}{\langle N_{\text{ch}}^{\text{TS}} \rangle}$$

with $N_{\text{ch}}^{\text{TS}}$: multiplicity in the transverse region

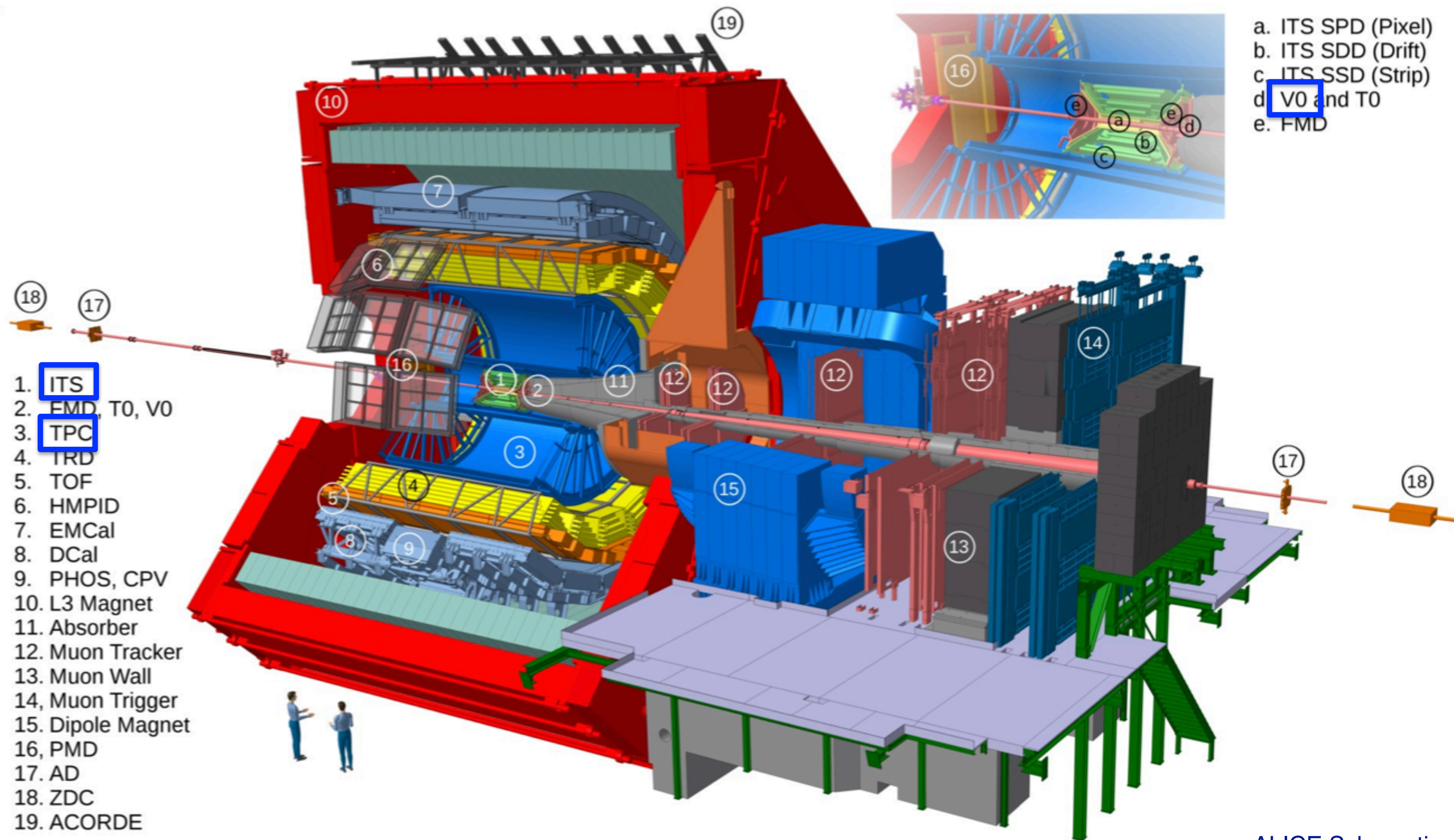
[Eur. Phys. J. C 76 \(2016\) 1-12](#)

- ◆ By definition R_T is expected to be a “jet-free” multiplicity estimator
- ◆ The neutral-to-charged particle yield in the toward and away region is not biased at high- R_T values



$$|\Delta\varphi| = |\varphi^{\text{assoc}} - \varphi^{\text{trig}}|$$

More details about multiplicity estimators in Sushanta Tripathy's talk (11/20 at 9:50 h)



Main detectors used in this work

ITS: primary vertex, pile up rejection and tracking

TPC: tracking

V0: triggering and background rejection

[ALICE Schematics](#)

Corrections

The raw p_T spectra as a function of track multiplicity were corrected for multiplicity using a Bayesian unfolding

The raw p_T spectra as a function of R_T fully corrected multiplicity were further corrected for:

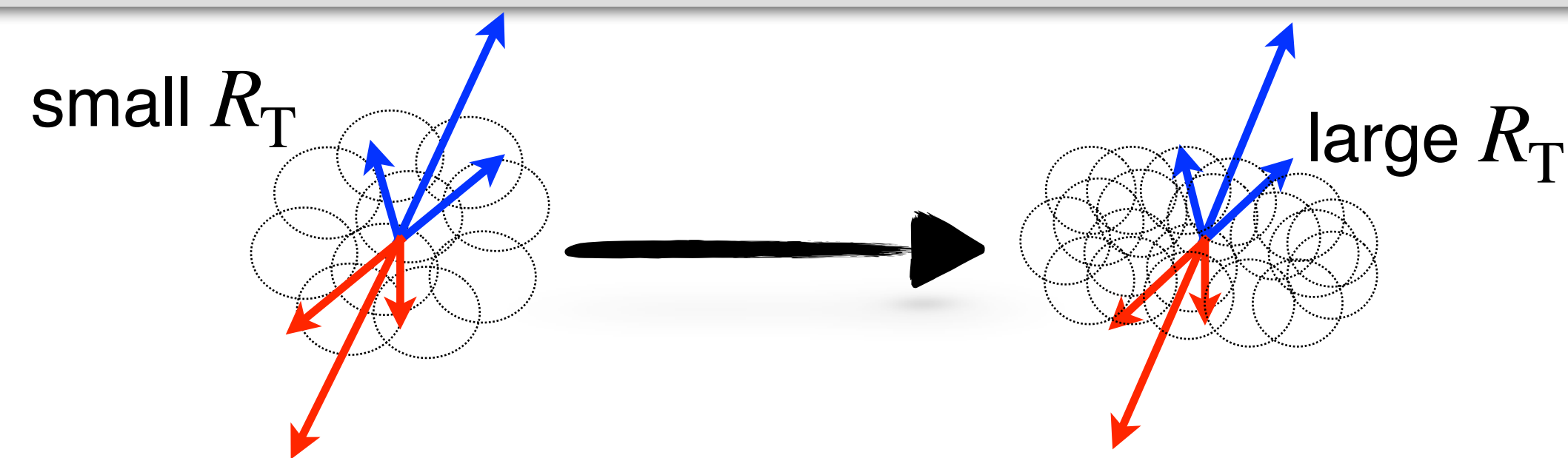
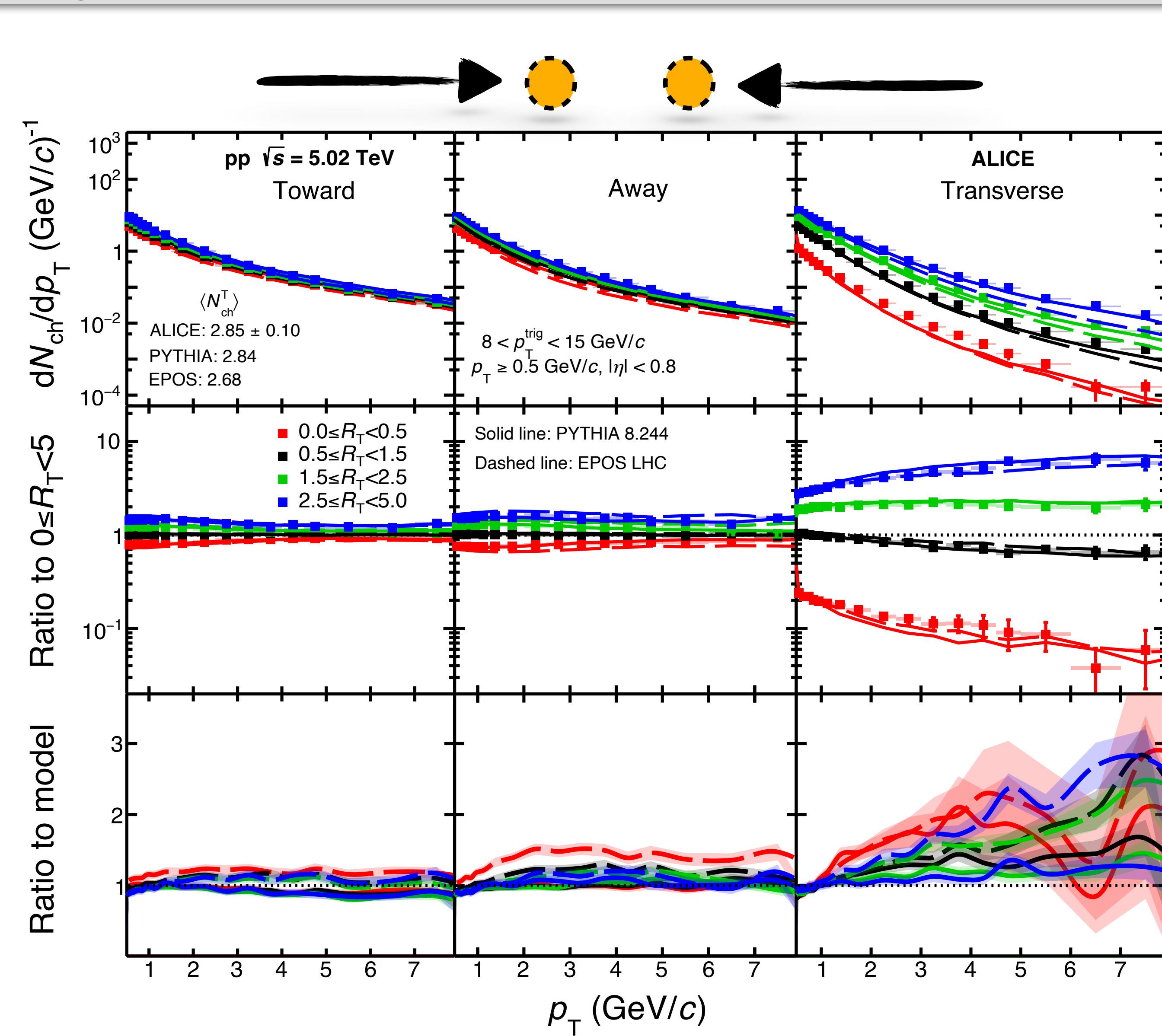
Efficiency: Data-driven-tracking efficiency

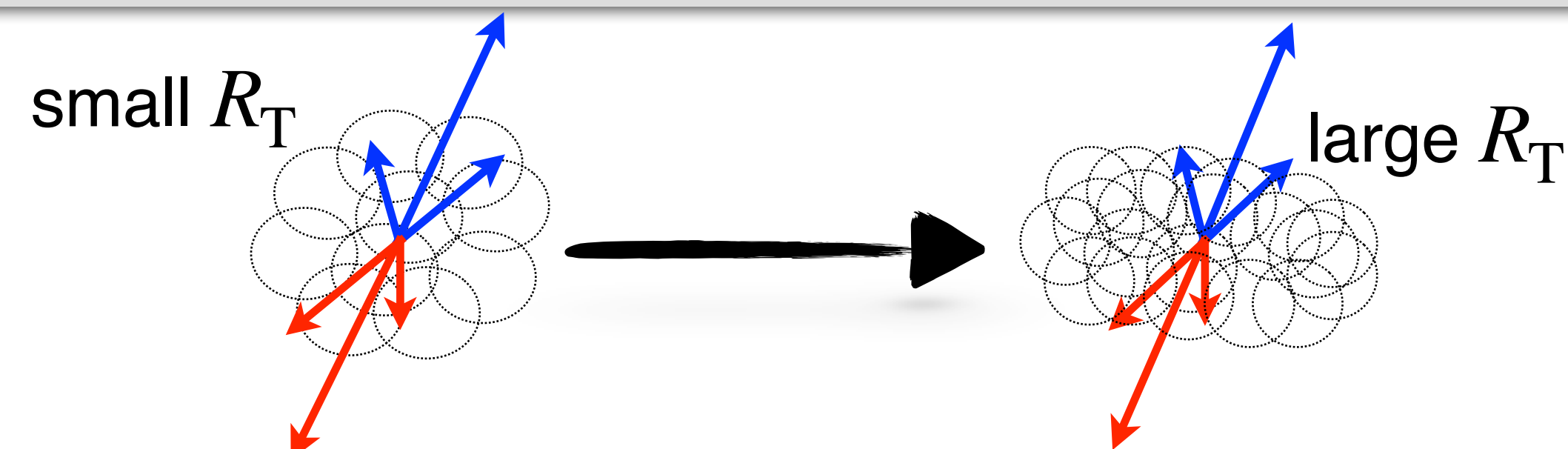
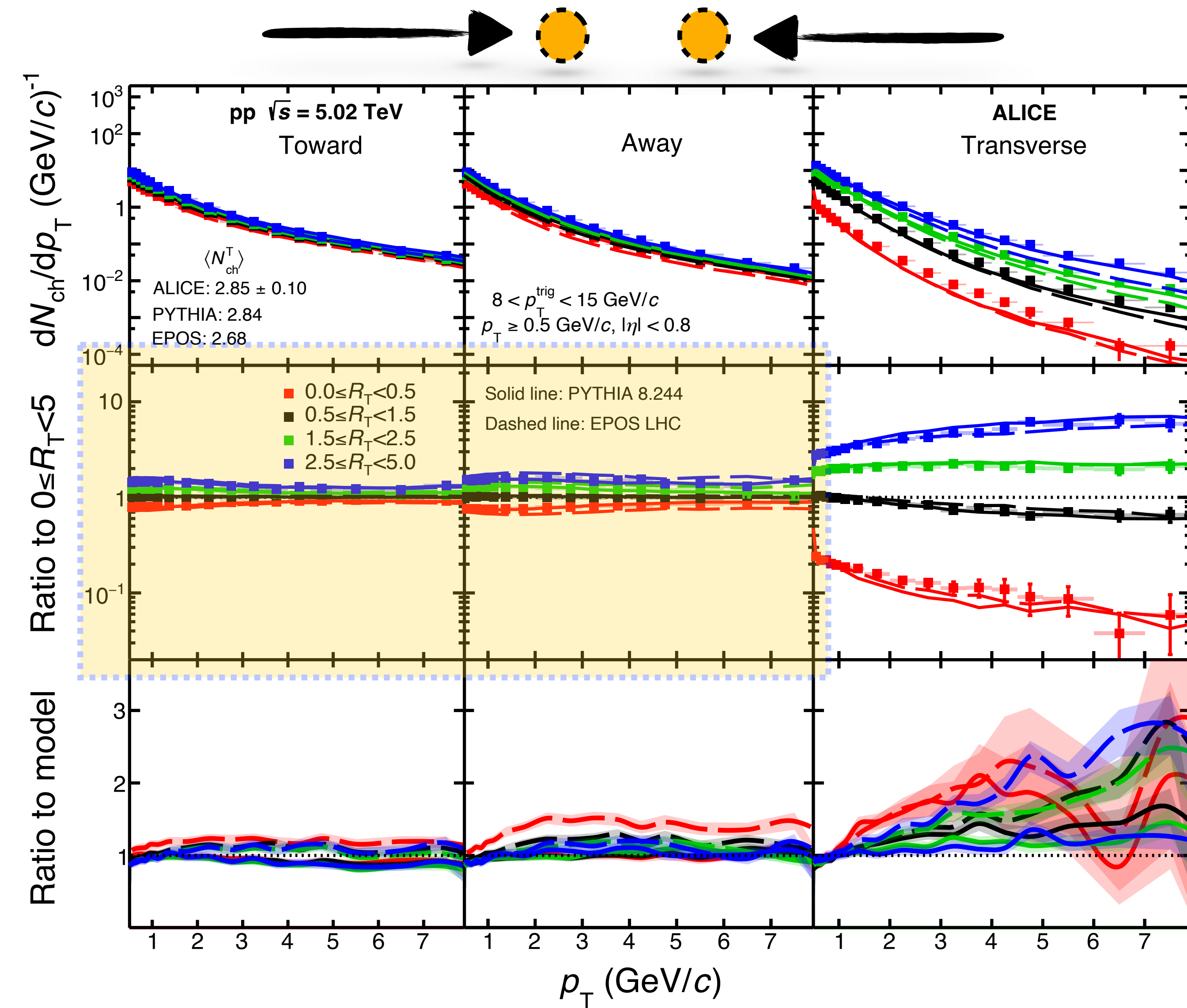
Secondary contamination: from different sources such as weak decays and material interactions

Systematic uncertainties

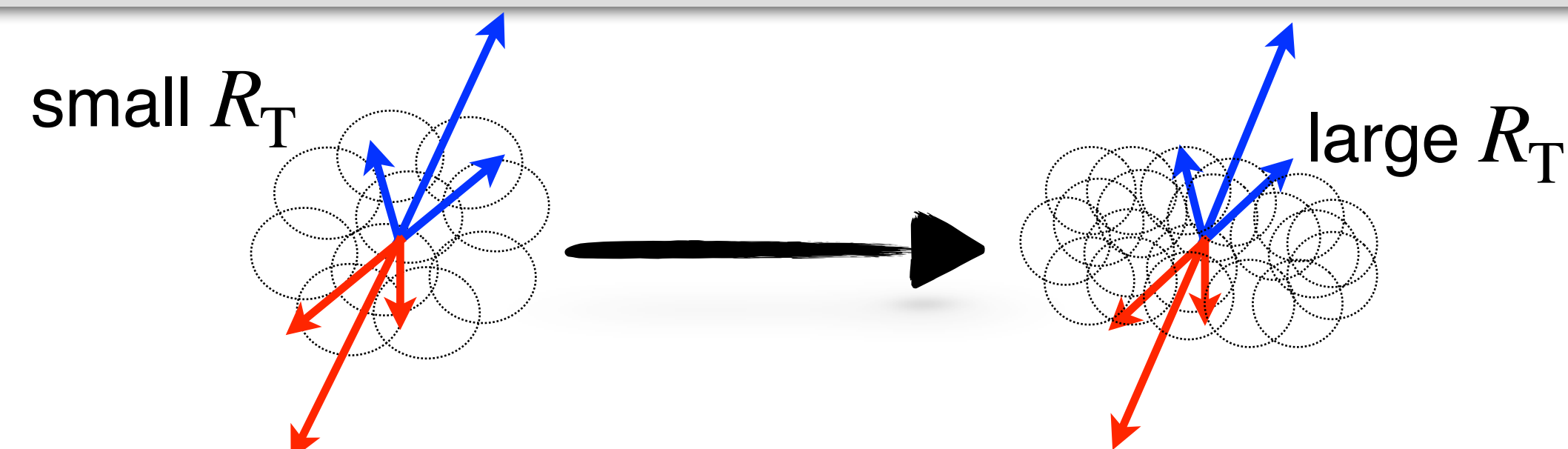
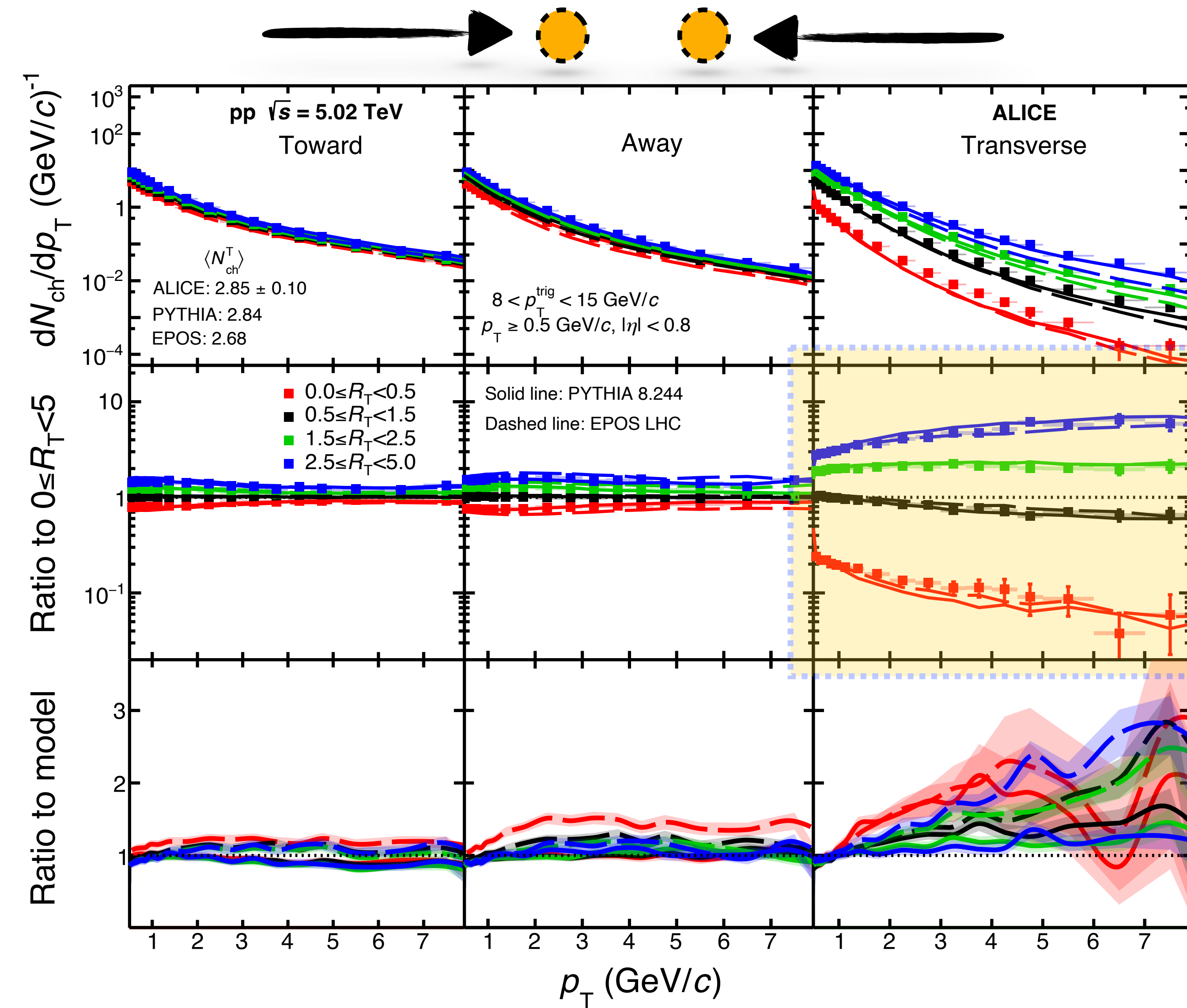
These were divided in R_T -dependent uncertainties (*) and R_T -independent uncertainties

Source	uncertainty (%)					
	pp		p-Pb		Pb-Pb	
	0.5	7.0	0.5	7.0	0.5	7.0
p_T (GeV/c)						
track reconstruction and selection*	1.5	3.5	1.4	1.2	2.5	1.4
mult. dependence of tracking efficiency*	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
MC non-closure*	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
matching efficiency	0.4	0.3	1.1	0.6	0.8	0.9
particle composition	0.3	1.3	0.5	1.2	0.3	0.7
secondary contamination	0.1	negl.	0.3	negl.	negl.	negl.
material budget	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2
Total	4.5	5.7	4.6	4.6	5.0	4.6



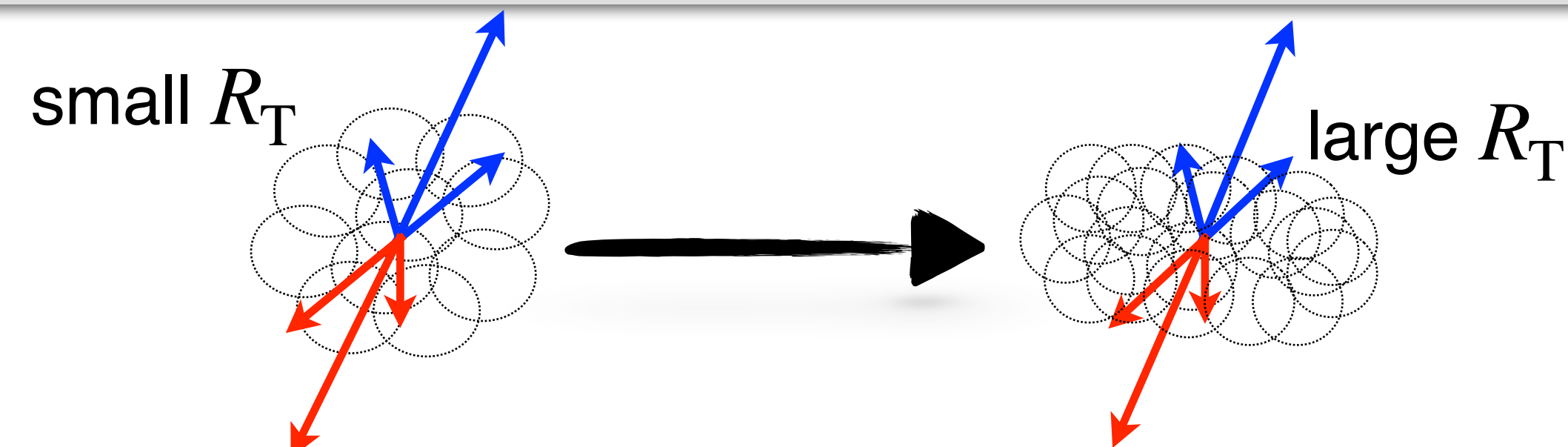
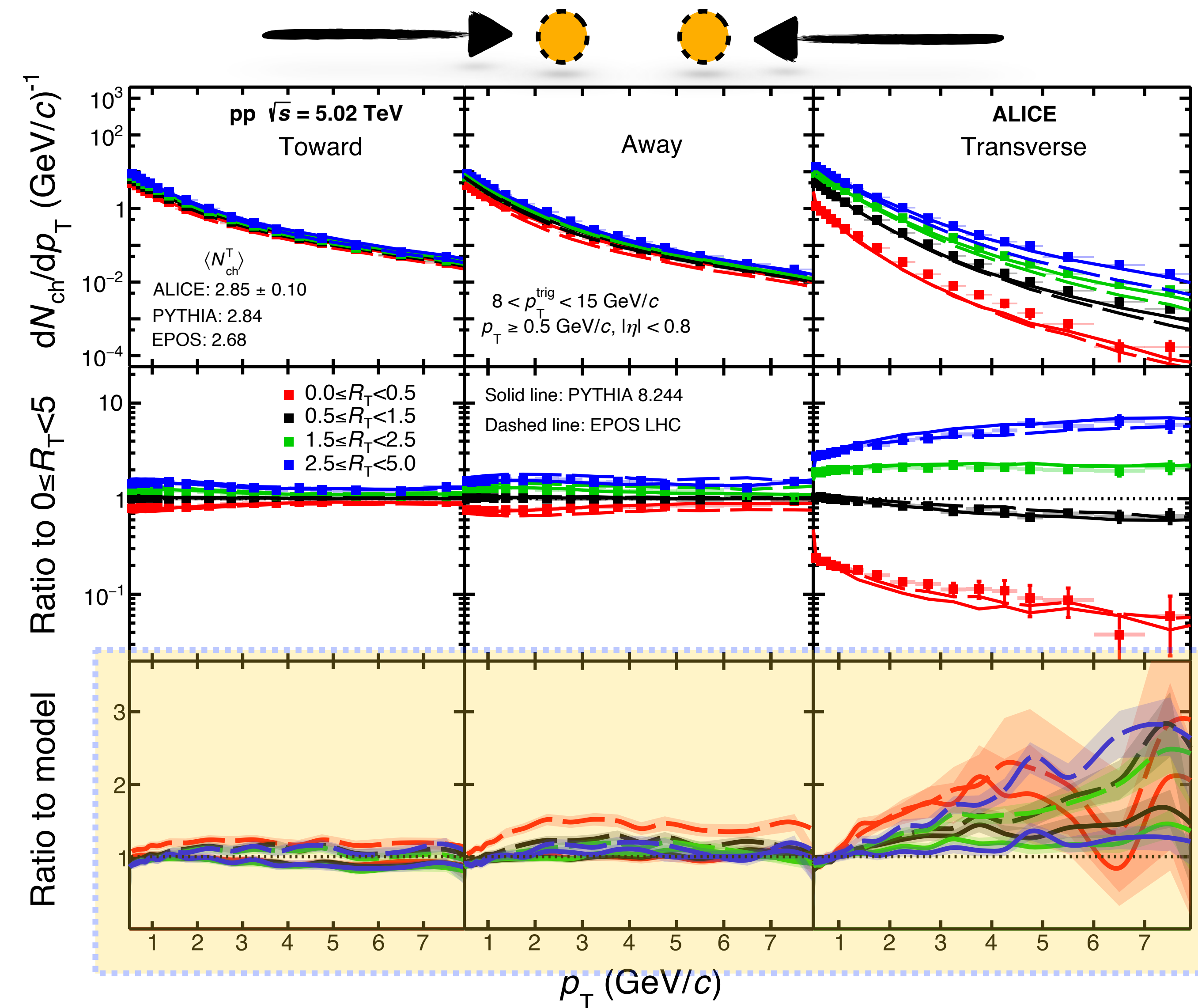


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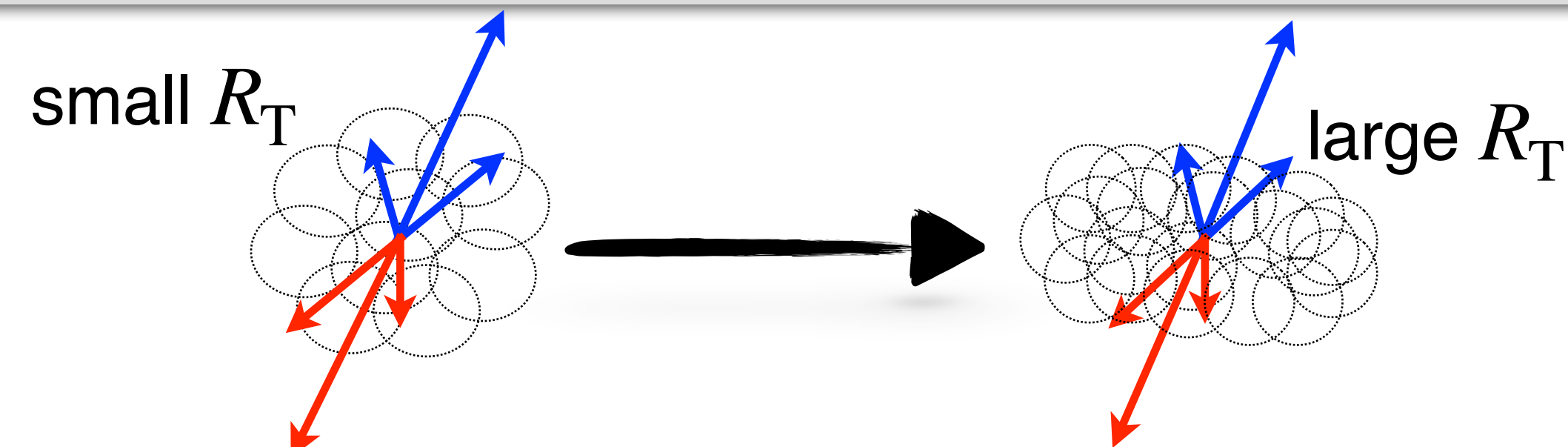
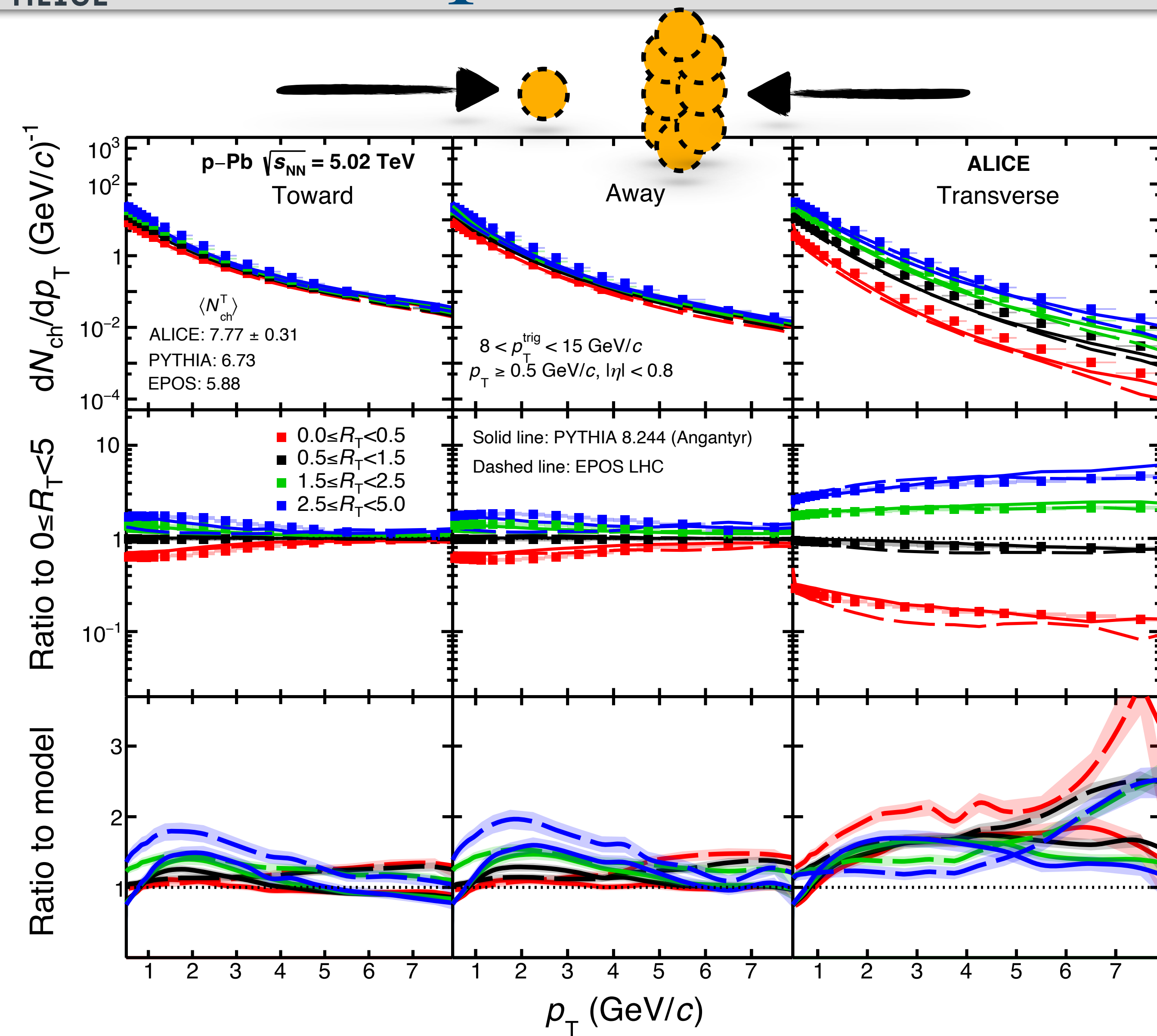
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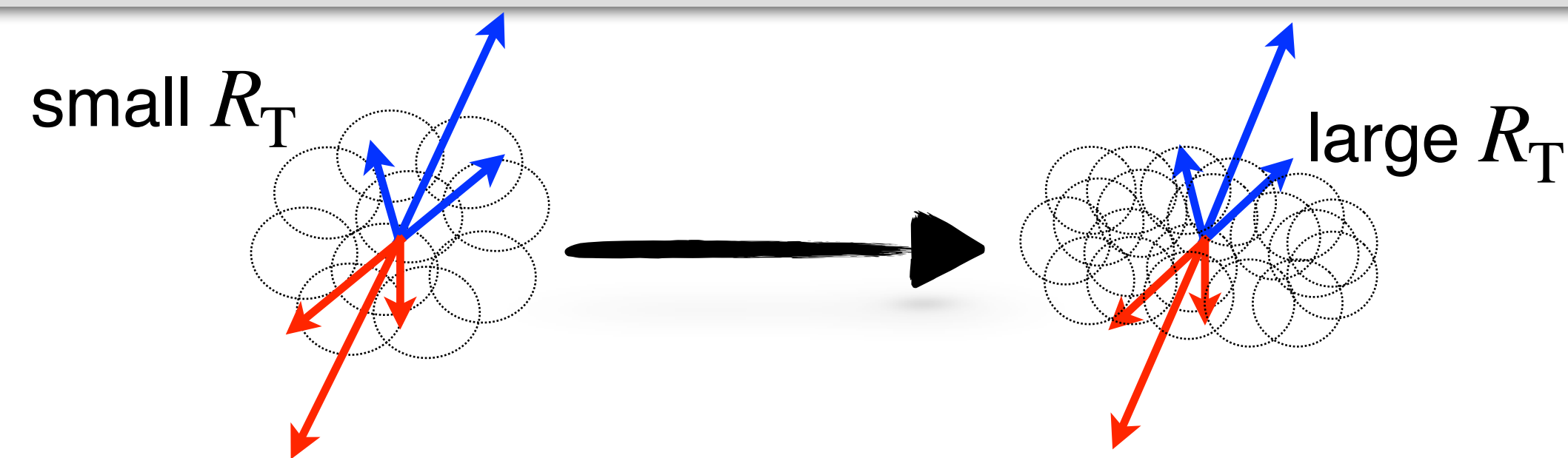
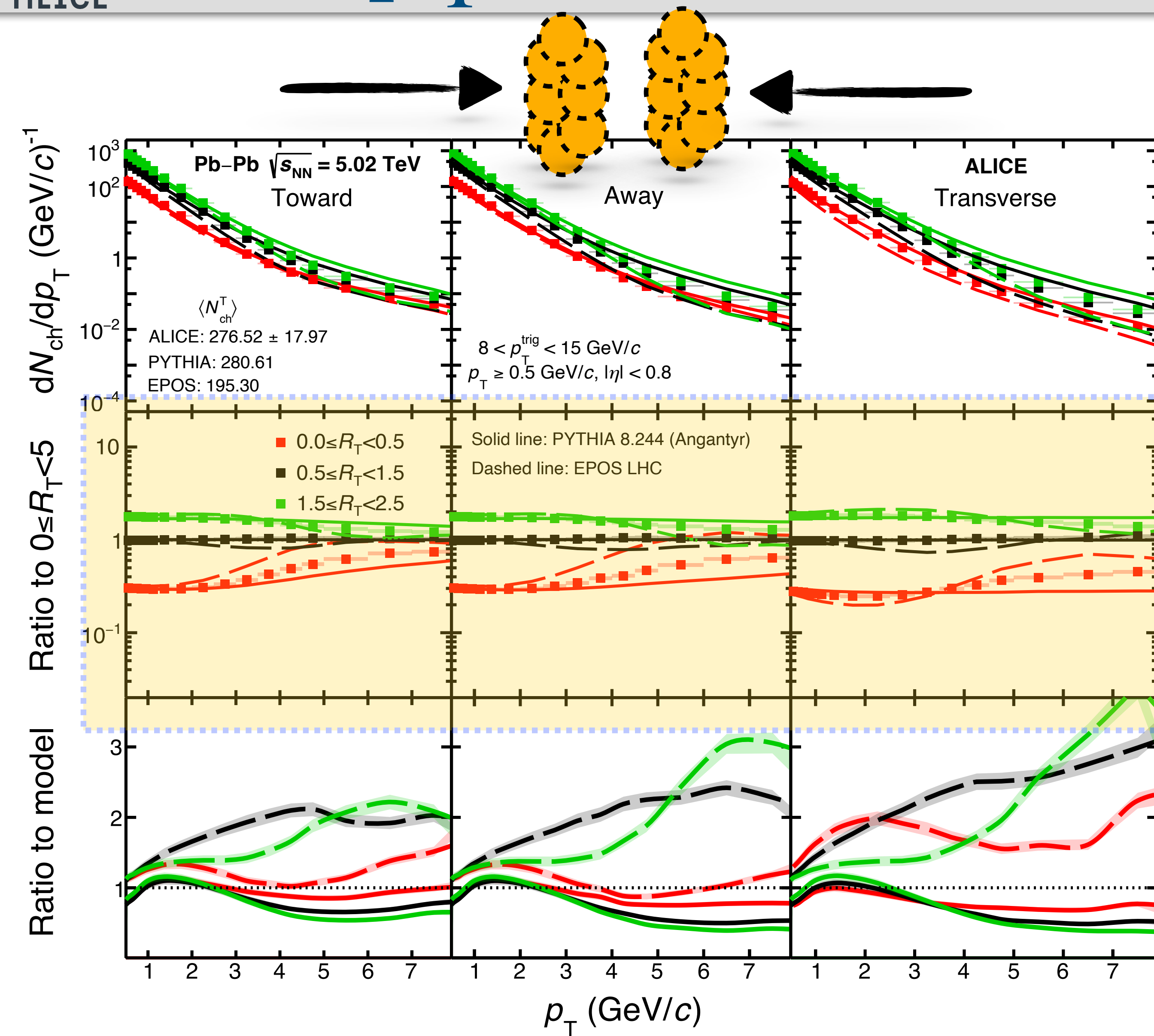
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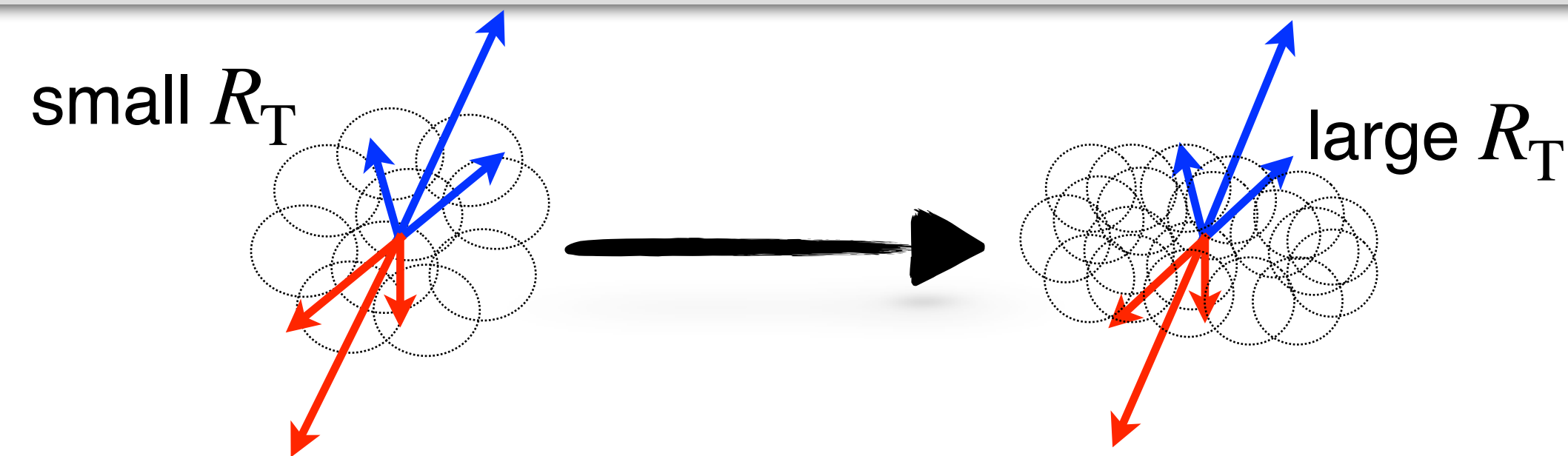
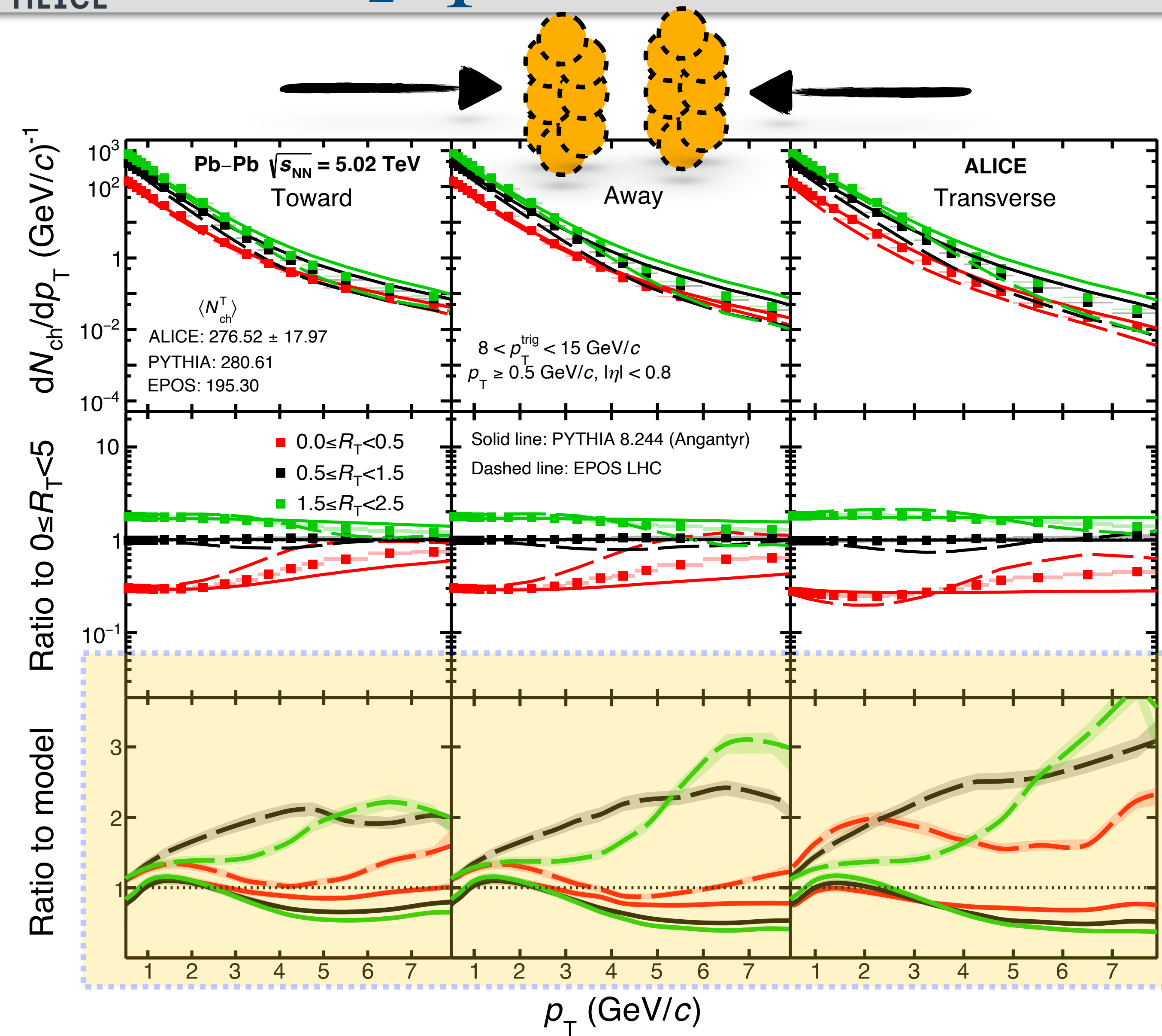


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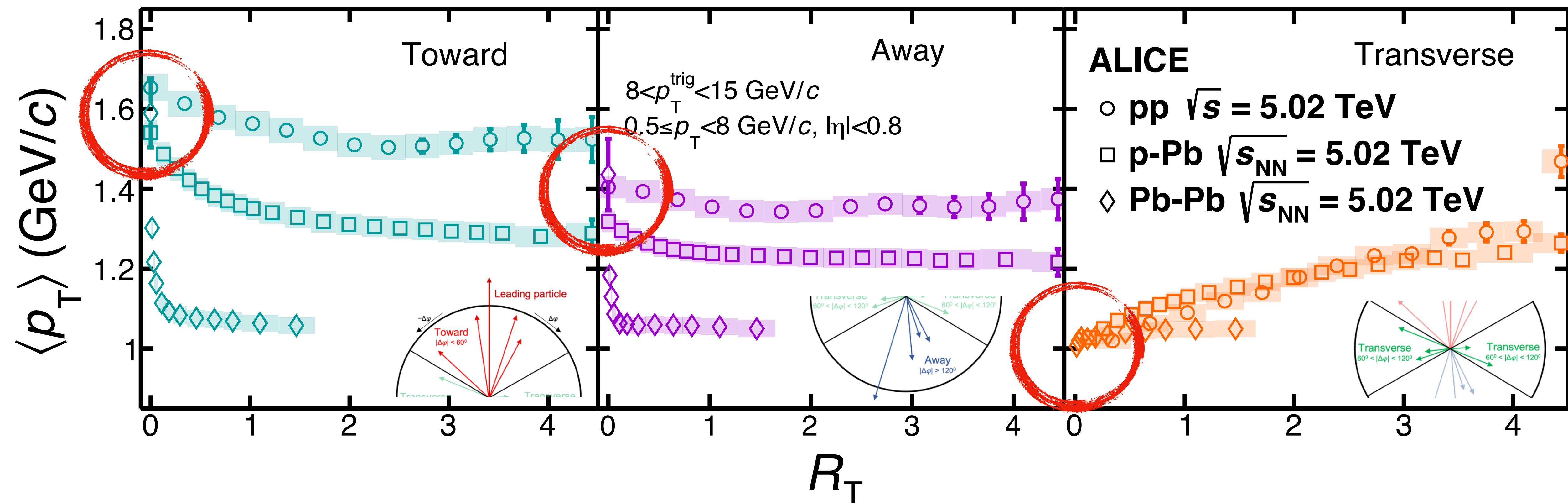
Same features like in pp collisions for all the three topological regions



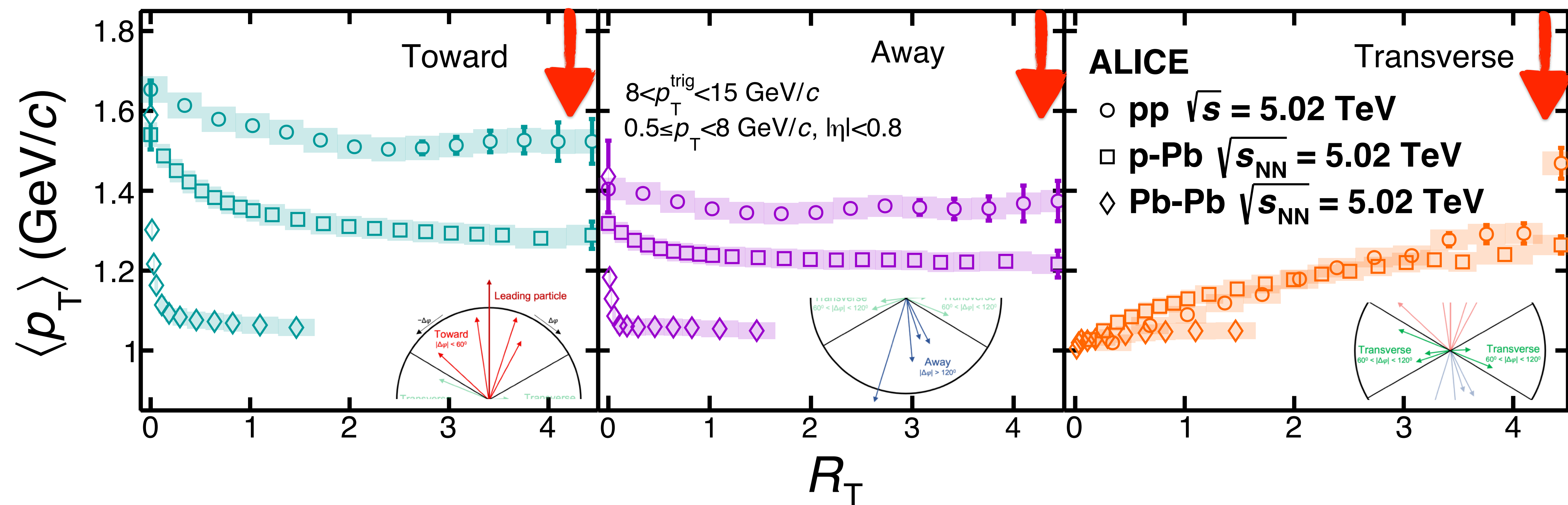
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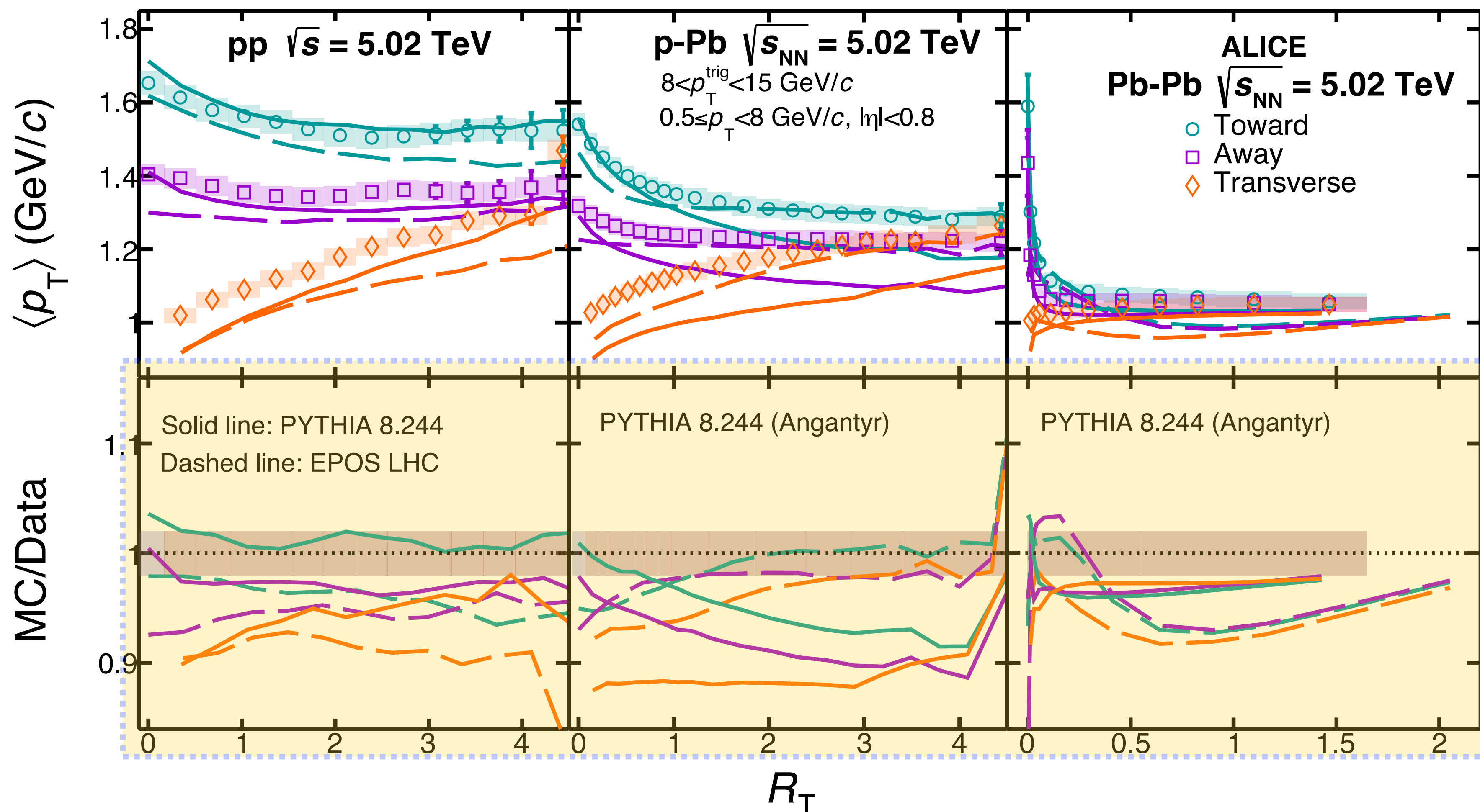
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- In general, PYTHIA8/Argantyr fairly describes the data in the lower p_T region and overestimates the high p_T yield ($p_T > 3$ GeV/c) for all three topological regions while EPOS LHC fail the description up to 10% for higher R_T -bins.



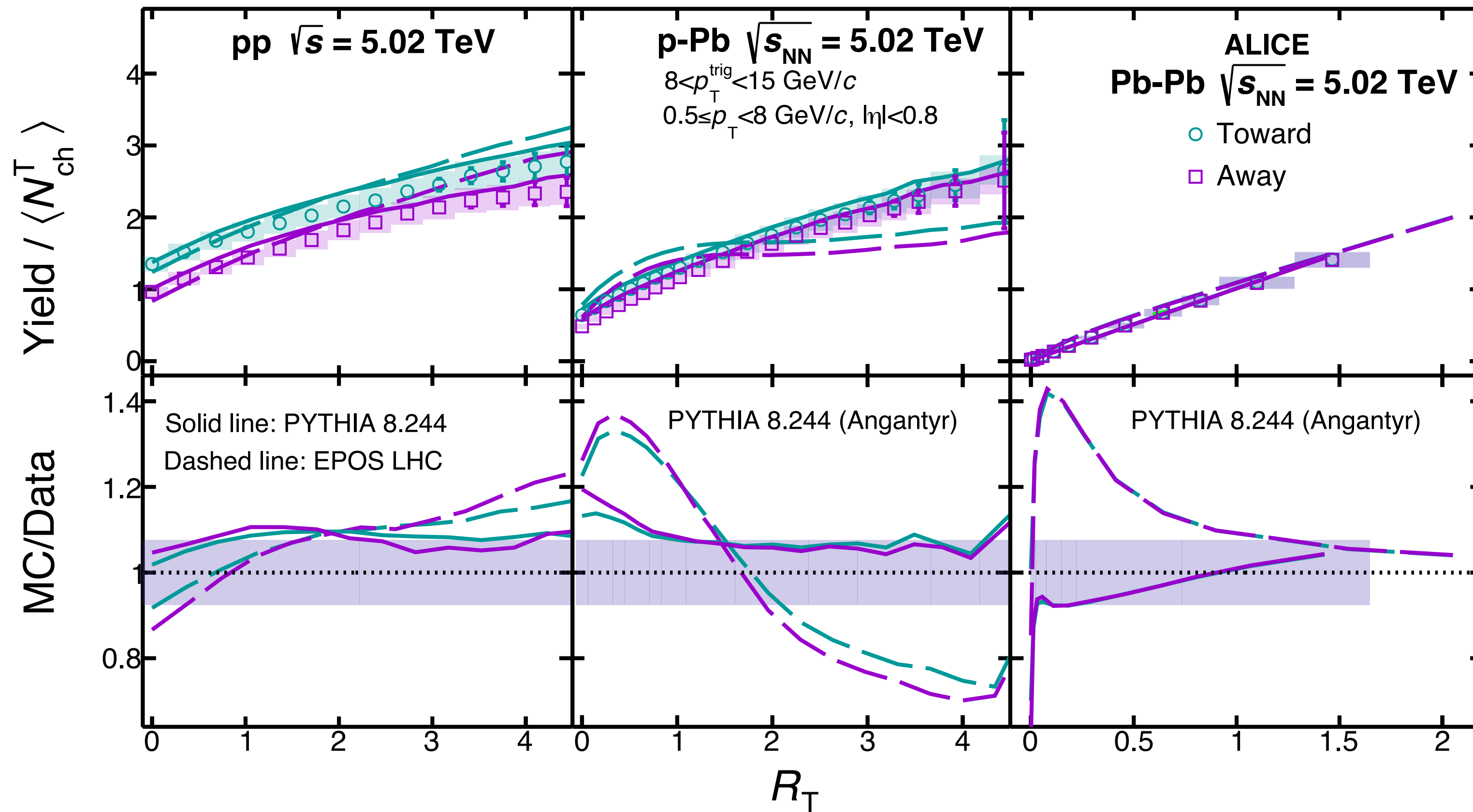
The jet contribution dominates at low R_T , as expected for $R_T \rightarrow 0$

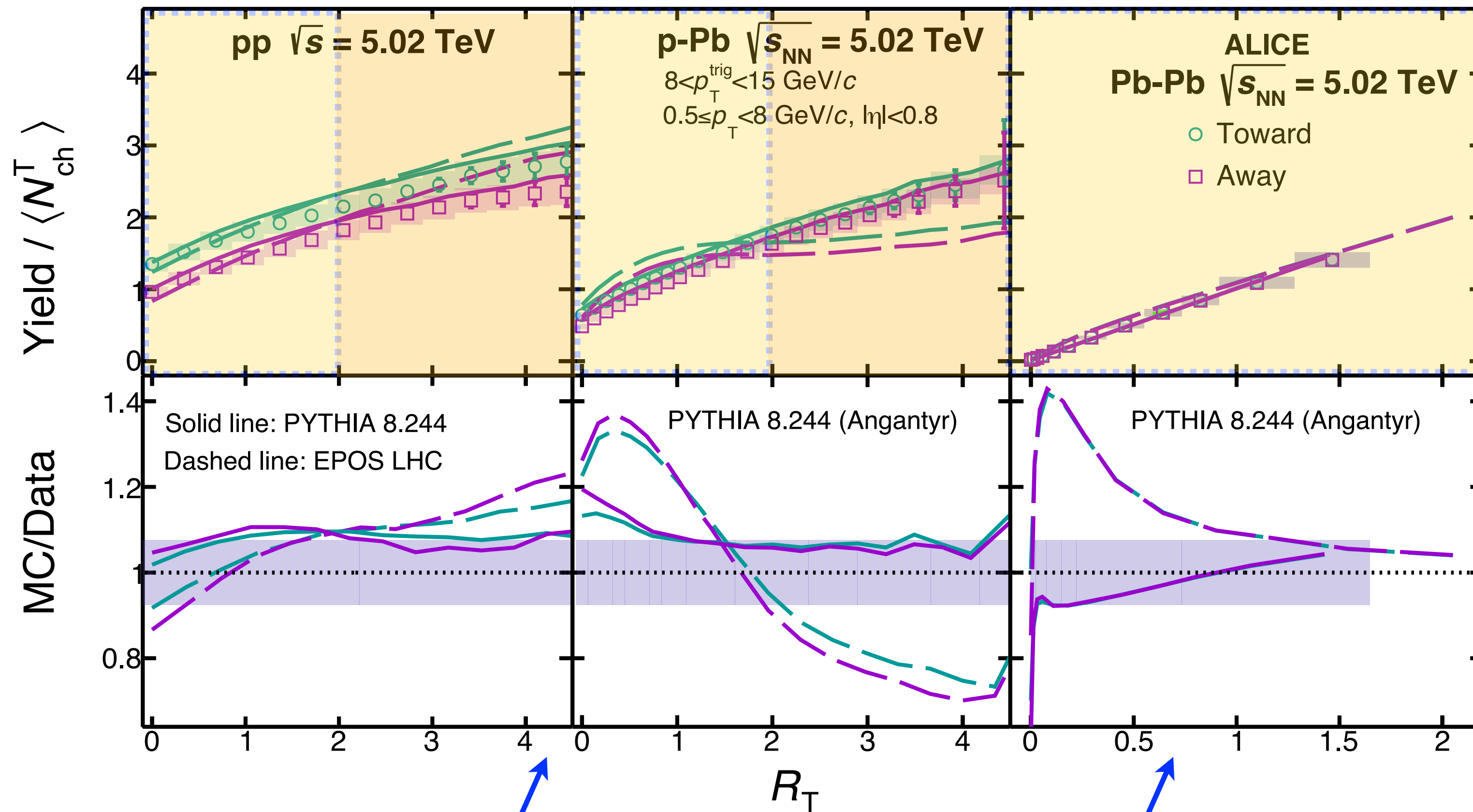


For large R_T , the $\langle p_T \rangle$ is dominated by bulk contribution and exhibits an ordering that depends on the system size

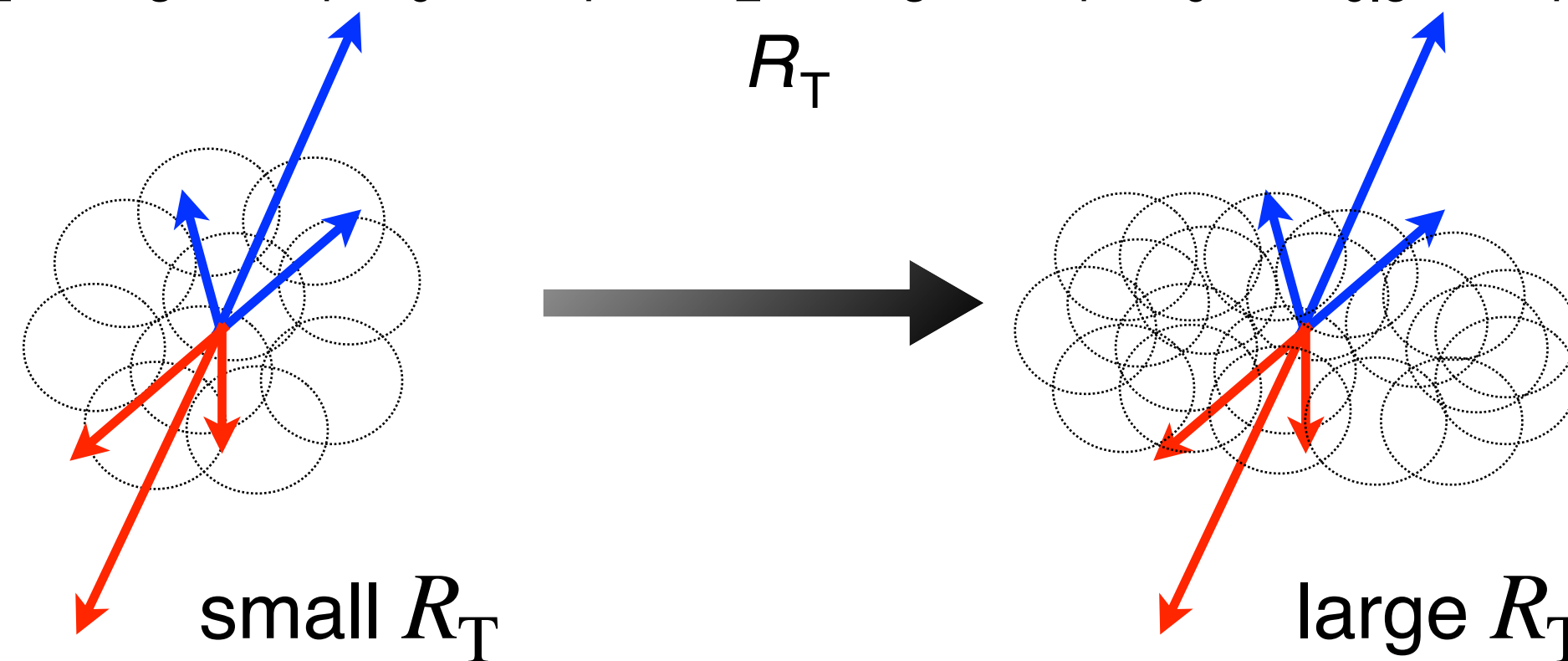


- ◆ The models deviate by 10% from data, however, they show a trend with R_T that is qualitatively similar to the measured one

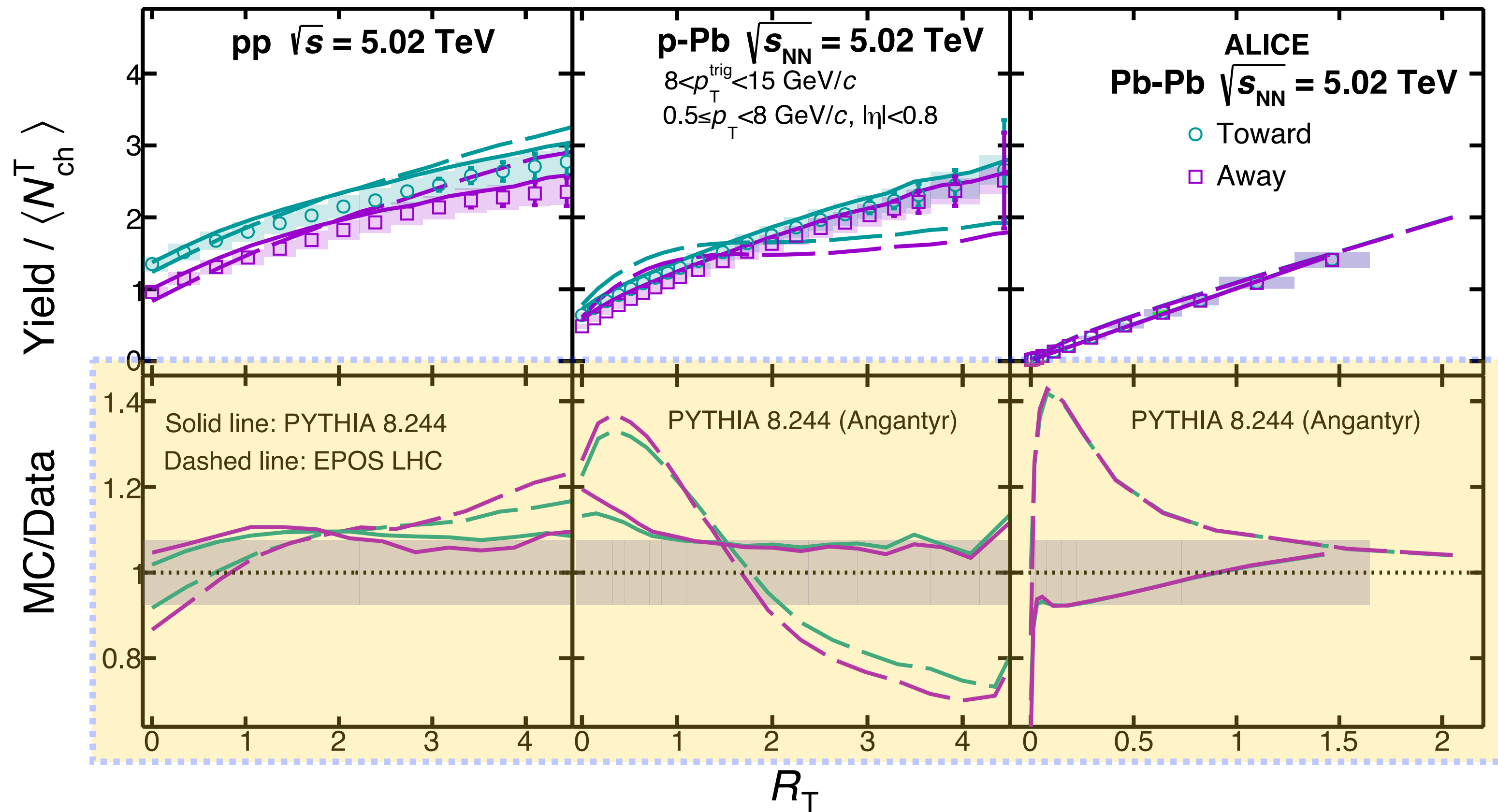




UE is isotropically distributed



More activity in the transverse region

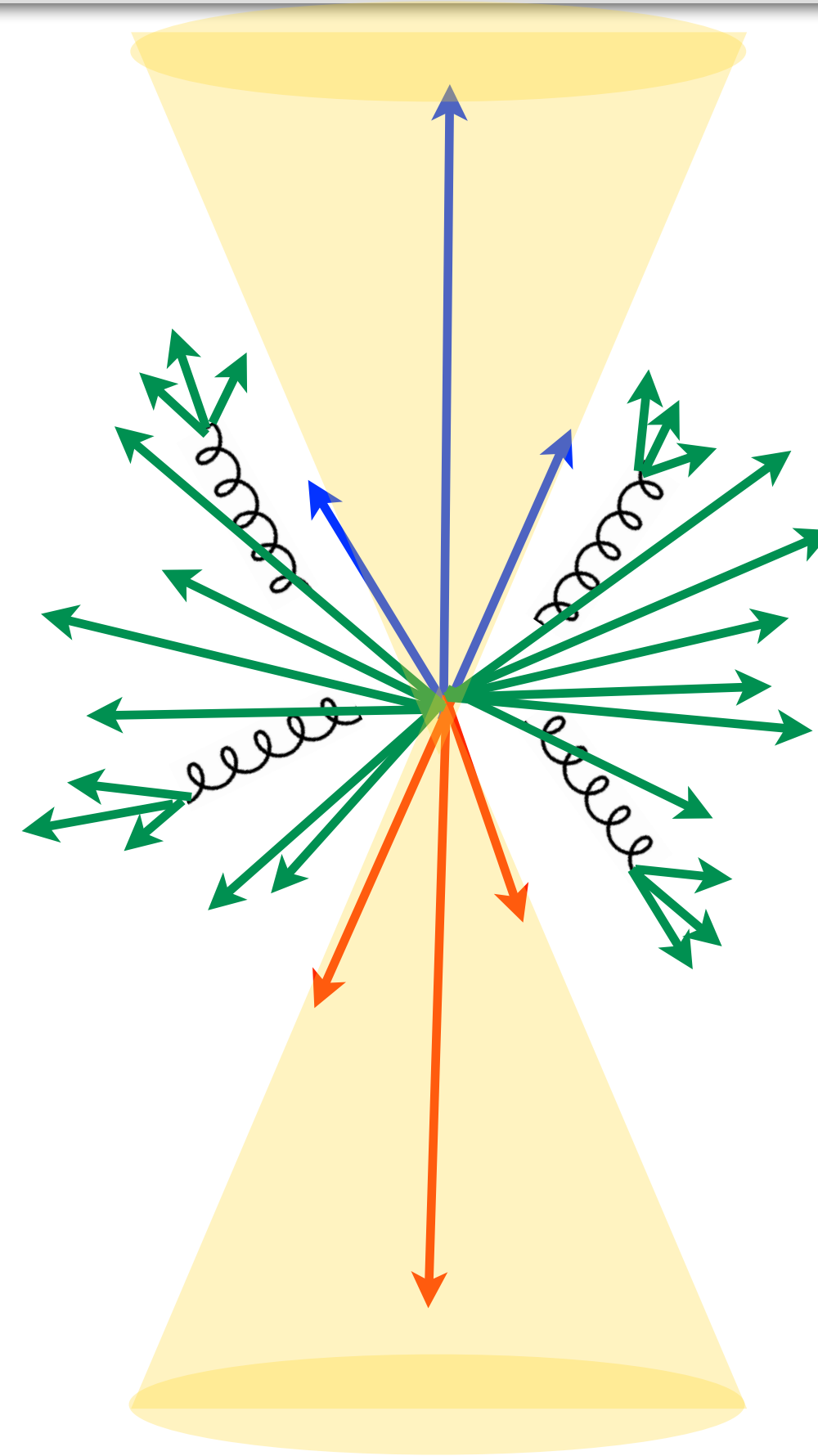
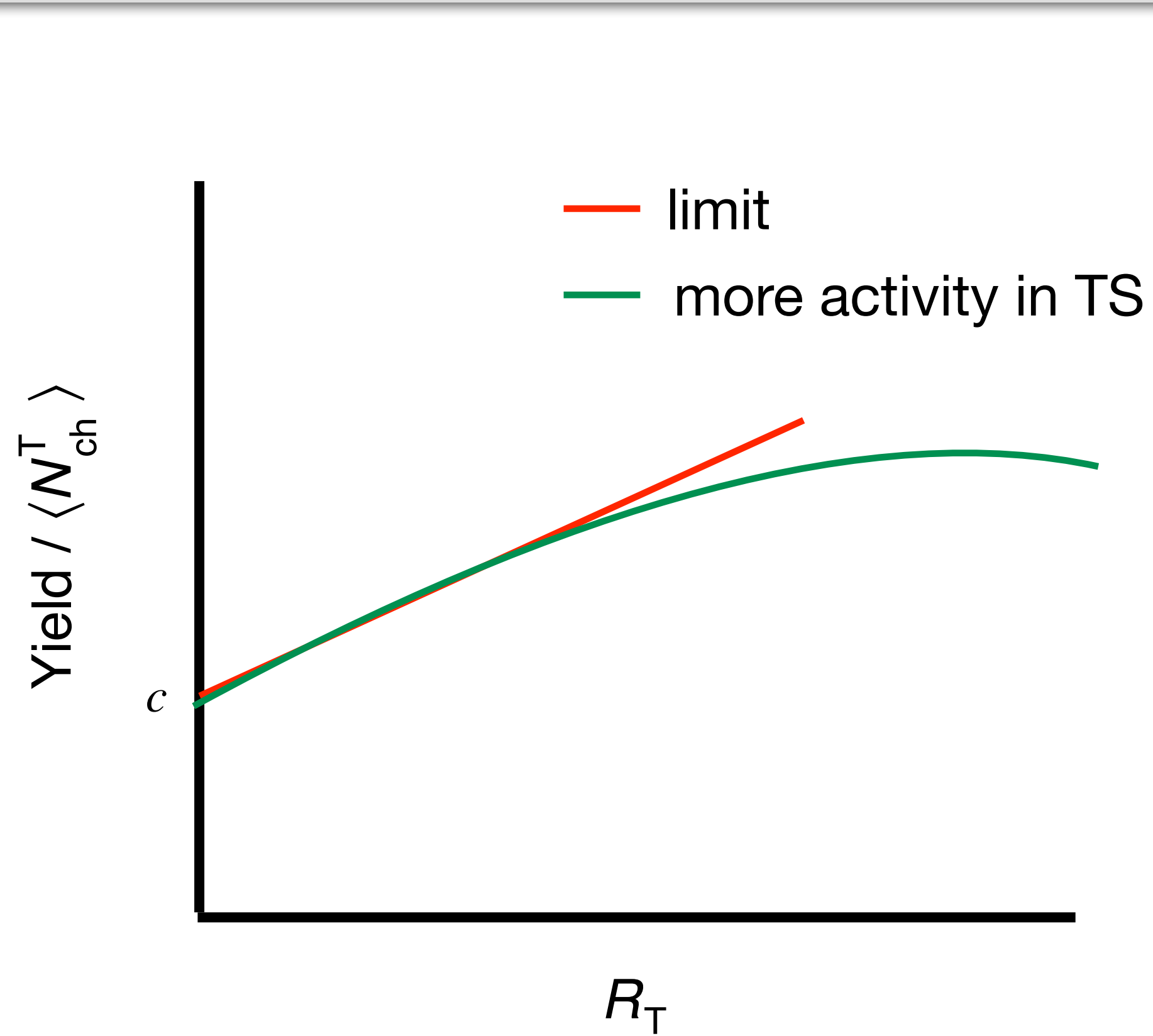


For all three collision system, PYTHIA8/Argantyr describes data better than EPOS-LHC

- ◆ The p_T spectra as a function of R_T in pp, p-Pb and Pb-Pb collisions have been presented
 - For $R_T < 2$, the activity in the transverse region is a good proxy for UE
 - For $R_T > 2$, the activity in the transverse region gets biased towards multi-jet final states (probably from hard Bremsstrahlung radiation)
- ◆ **pp and p-Pb collisions**
 - In the toward and away regions the high- p_T yield ($p_T > 2 \text{ GeV}/c$) is nearly R_T independent suggesting the absence of high multiplicity effects at high R_T
 - The transverse region is affected by autocorrelations: the p_T spectra get harder with increasing R_T . Similar behavior is seen using the track multiplicity instead of R_T
- ◆ **Pb-Pb collisions**
 - We could only reach $R_T < 2.5$ therefore results are dominated by bulk particle production
- ◆ For R_T close to zero, the $\langle p_T \rangle$ is system size independent while for large R_T , it exhibits an system size ordering
- ◆ Overall, PYTHIA 8 describes better the data (pp, p-Pb and Pb-Pb) than EPOS LHC supporting the MPI picture

Results about energy dependence of the R_T in Feng Fan's talk (11/23 at 17:20 h)

Backup



The gluon radiation produce more activity in TS



higher $\langle N_{ch}^{TS} \rangle$ value

$$\frac{\text{Yield}^{\text{toward}}}{\langle N_{ch}^{TS} \rangle} = \frac{N_{ch}^{\text{jet}} + N_{ch}^{TS}}{\langle N_{ch}^{TS} \rangle} = \frac{N_{ch}^{\text{jet}}}{\langle N_{ch}^{TS} \rangle} + R_T = c + R_T$$