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$\psi(2S)/J/\psi$ ratio at midrapidity in pp

collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13.6$ TeV with ALICE

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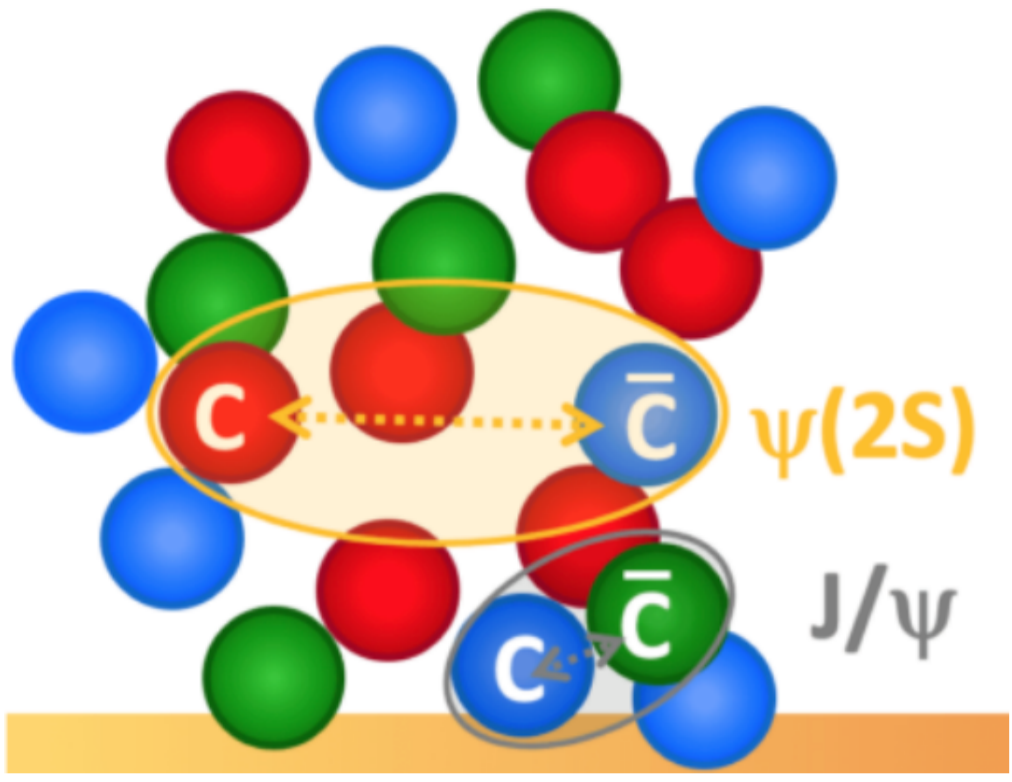
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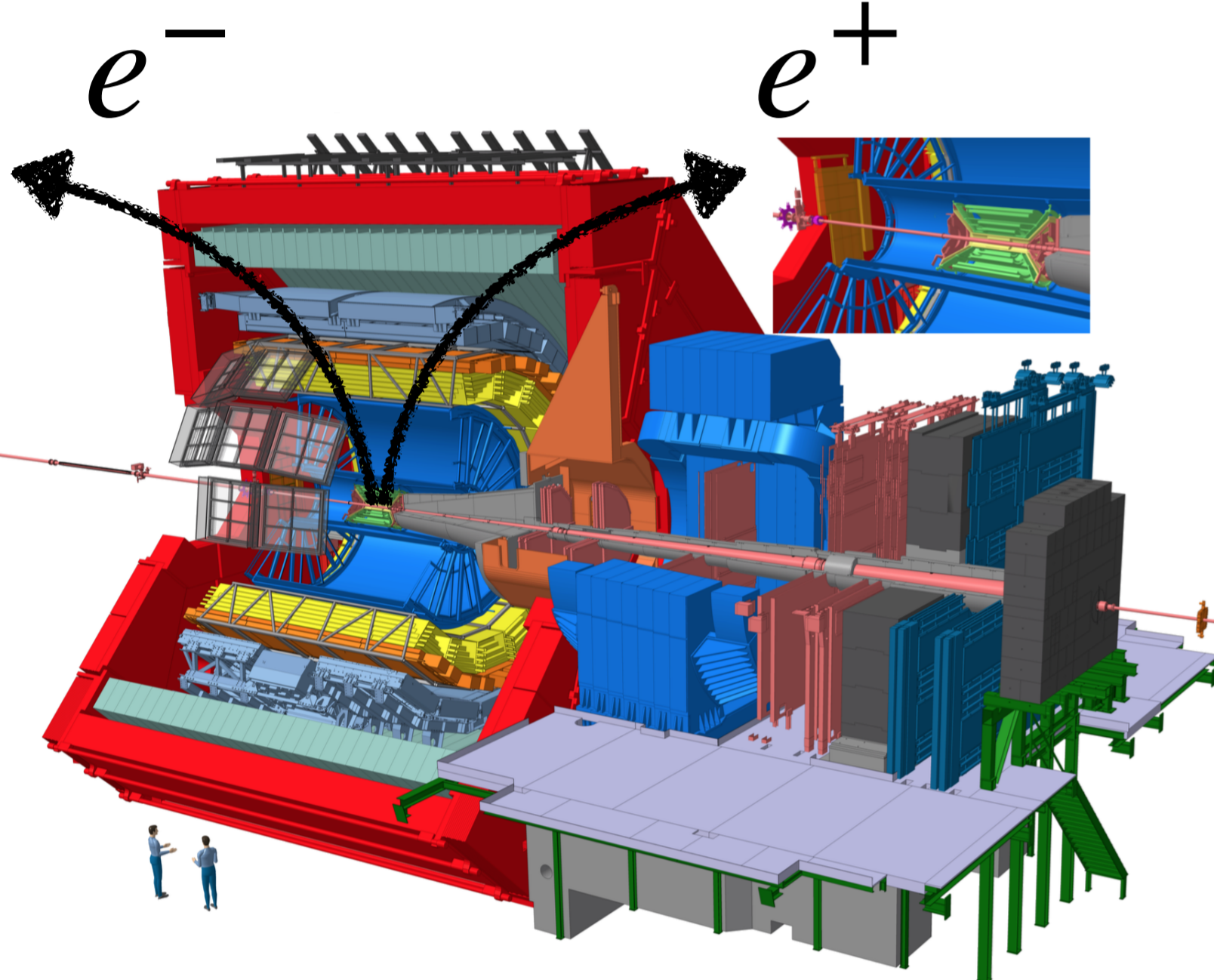


Motivation

- Charmonia: bound $c\bar{c}$ states
- In pp collisions:
 - Crucial for testing both perturbative and non-perturbative aspects of QCD
 - Provide a reference for investigating Quark Gluon Plasma (QGP) properties in A-A collisions and Cold Nuclear Matter (CNM) effects in p-A collisions^[1]



ALICE detector (Run 2 configuration and Run 3 upgrade)



ITS: tracking & vertexing

TPC: tracking & PID

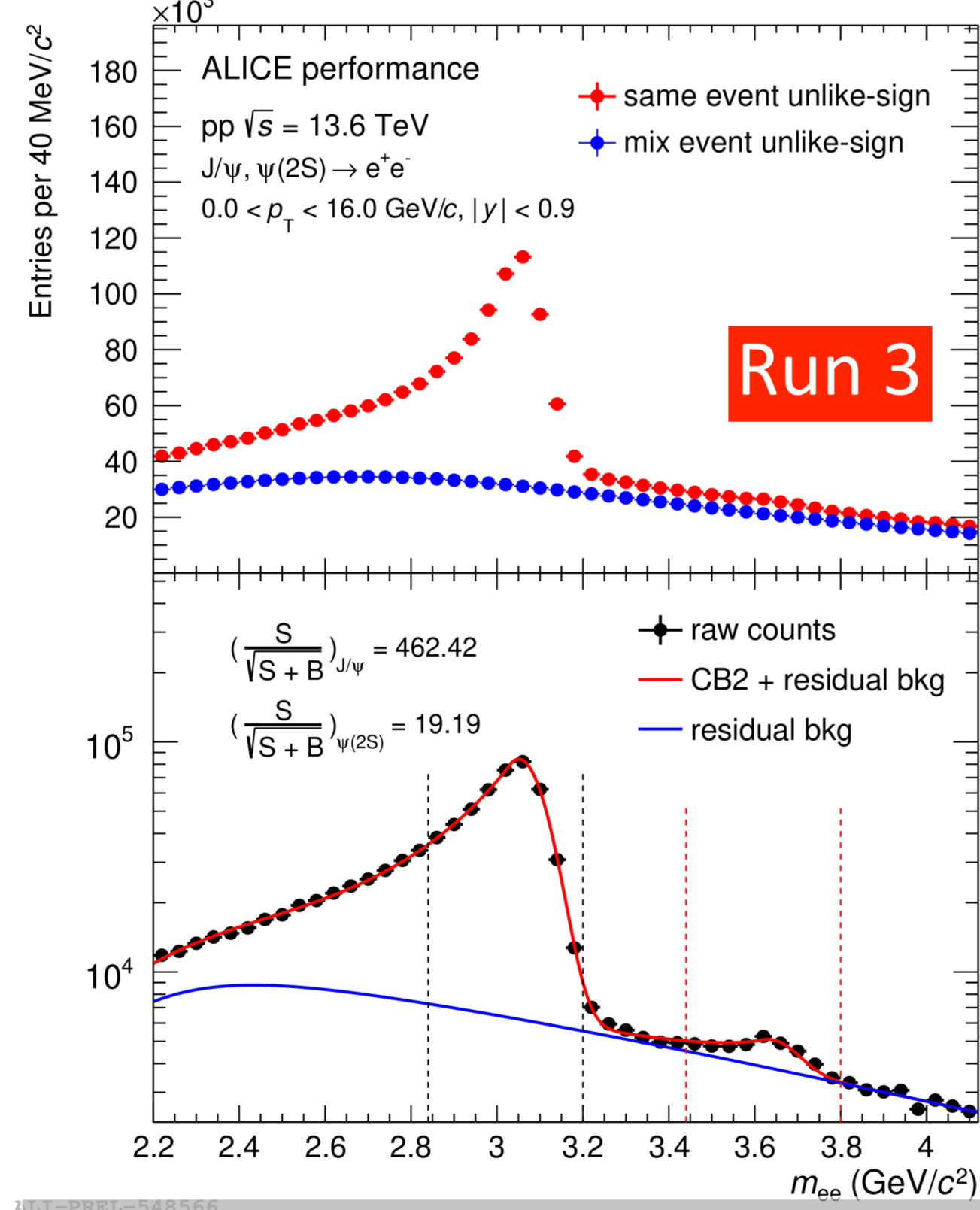
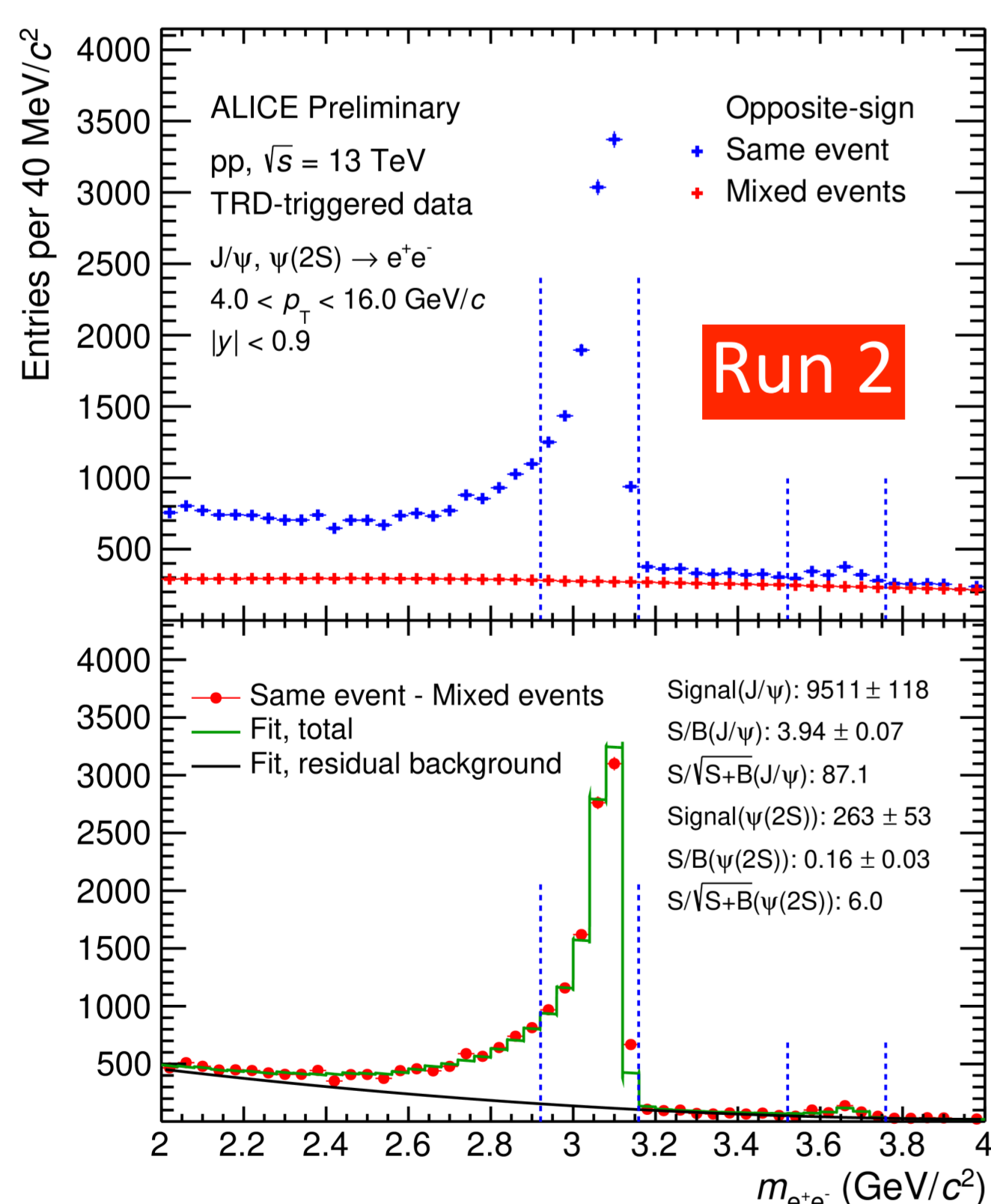
V0: event selection

TRD: electron identification & trigger

Due to the major upgrades installed in 2019-2021:

- 50x increase in readout rate^[2,3]
- 3 to 6x improvement in pointing resolution^[2,4]
- ITS inner barrel with 0.35% X_0 per layer^[2,4]

J/ψ and ψ(2S) signal extraction



preliminary detector calibration

- Run 2: Clear J/ψ and $\psi(2S)$ signals ($4 < p_T < 6$ GeV/c) using the TRD triggered data
- Signal shape: MC templates
- Background: mixed-event technique + 2nd order polynomial for residual background
- Run 3: higher statistics, measurement down to $p_T = 0$ with minimum bias data
- Signal shapes are described by double Crystal Ball functions
- Background: mixed-event technique + 2nd order polynomial divided by an exponential for residual background

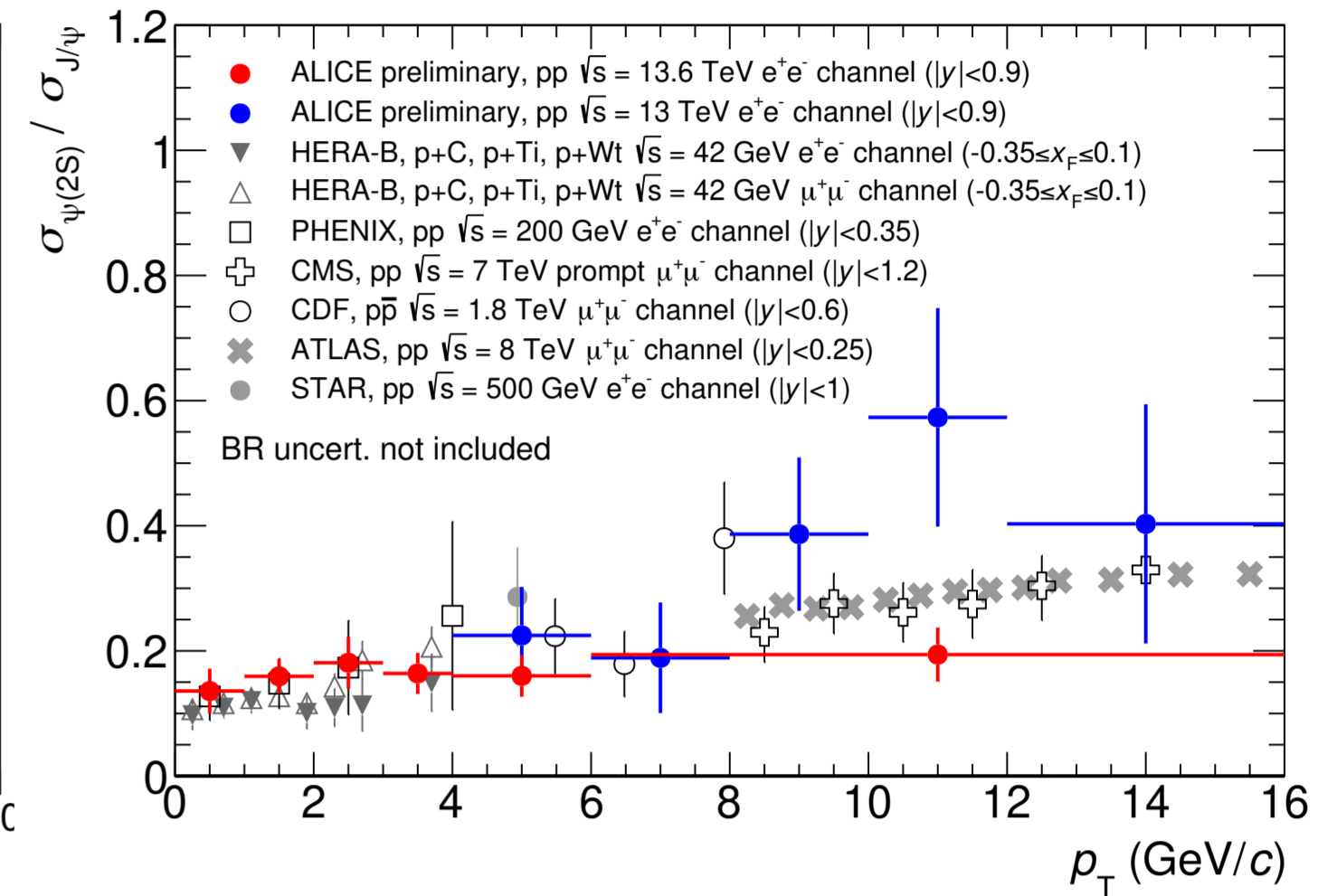
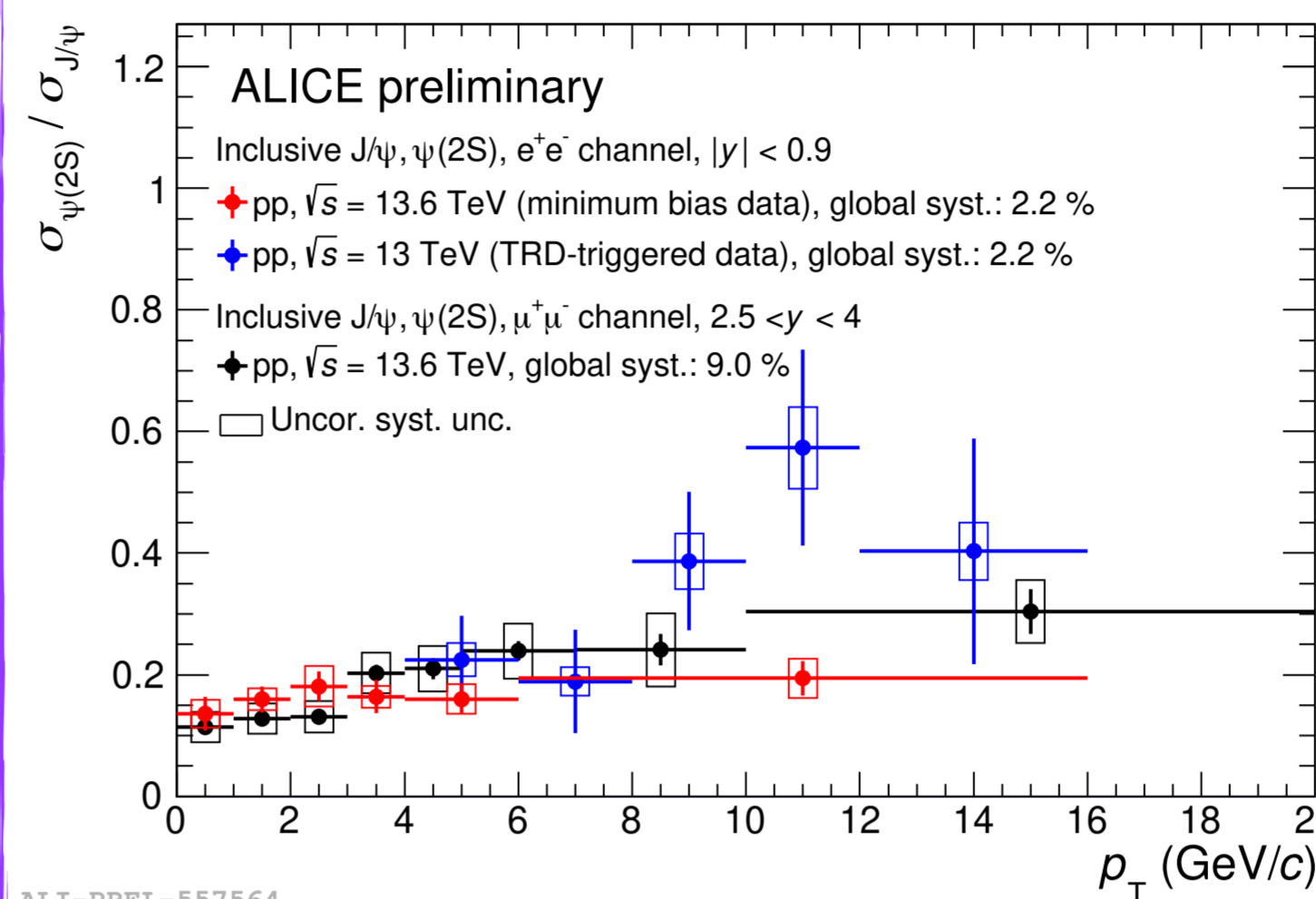
Yields ratio of ψ(2S) to J/ψ

$$\frac{\sigma_{\psi(2S)}}{\sigma_{J/\psi}} = \frac{N_{\psi(2S)}}{N_{J/\psi}} \frac{(A \times \epsilon)_{J/\psi}}{(A \times \epsilon)_{\psi(2S)}} \frac{BR_{J/\psi \rightarrow ee}}{BR_{\psi(2S) \rightarrow ee}}$$

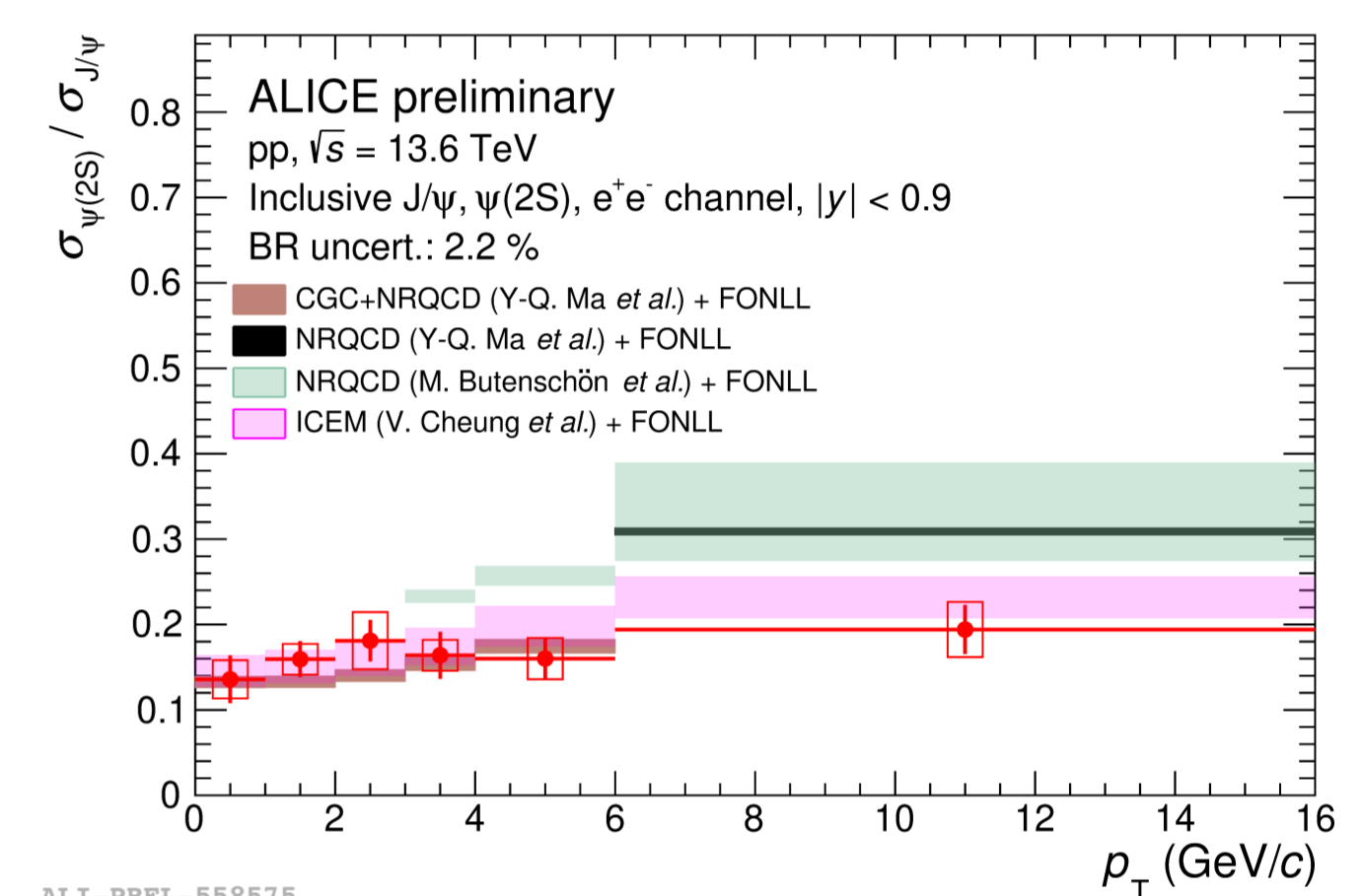
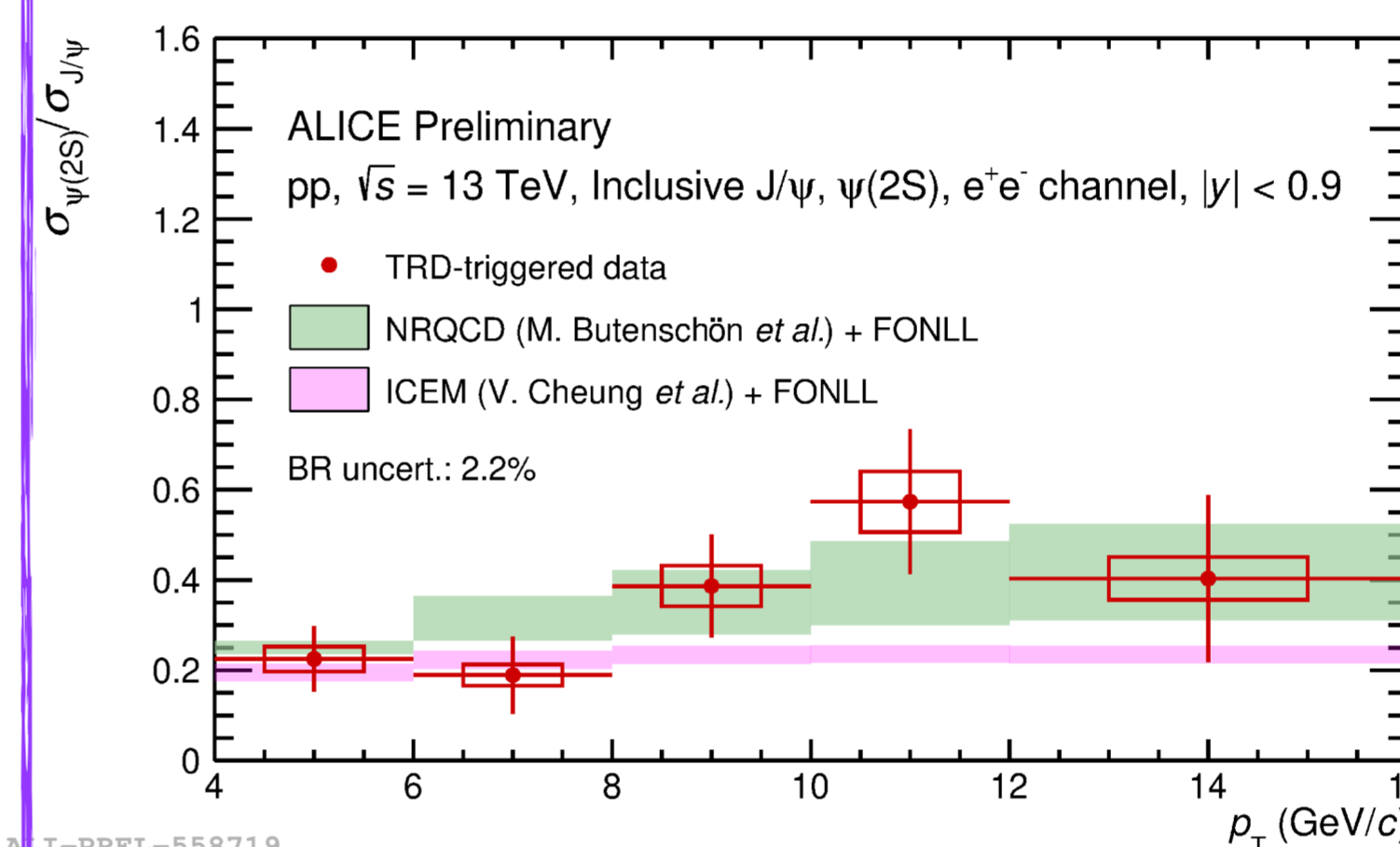
N : raw yields

$A \times \epsilon$: acceptance times efficiencies

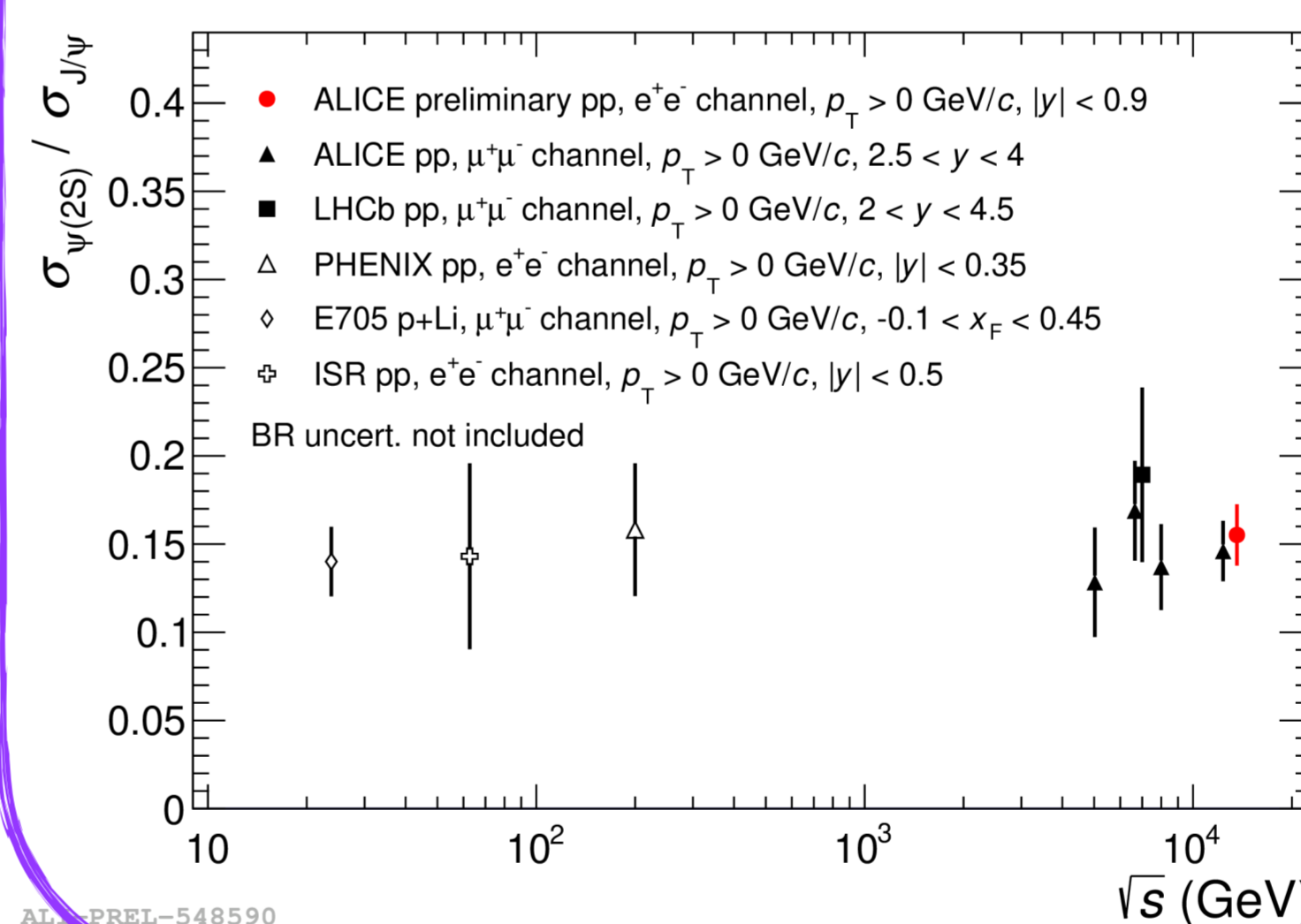
BR : branching ratio



- Compatible results between mid (Run 2 and Run 3) and forward rapidity (Run 3)
- ALICE agrees with other experiments within uncertainties^[5,6,7,8,9]. No strong energy dependence in the p_T dependence of the ratio
- Increasing trend as a function of p_T , which is also expected from models^[10,11,12,13]



- NRQCD^[11] which includes color-singlet and color-octet contributions can describe Run 2 measurements (left) within uncertainties, but tends to overestimate high-precision Run 3 data (right)
- ICEM^[13] can reproduce the Run 3 measurements in the full p_T range (right)



- The p_T integrated yields ratio of $\psi(2S)$ to J/ψ at 13.6 TeV:
 0.155 ± 0.010 (stat.) ± 0.014 (syst.) (w/o BR uncertainty)
- No strong energy and rapidity dependence^[14,15,16,17]

Summary and outlook

- The $\psi(2S)$ -to- J/ψ yields ratio is measured in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV and 13.6 TeV at midrapidity
- Results are consistent with forward rapidity measurements, other LHC experiments and lower energy results
- No strong energy and rapidity dependence
- Increasing trend as a function of p_T
- Provides important constraints to QCD models and a reference for investigating the QGP and CNM
- The available ALICE Run 3 statistics will allow us to measure the prompt and non-prompt charmonia cross section as well as the prompt and non-prompt $\psi(2S)$ -to- J/ψ ratio at mid and forward rapidity

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