

Unveiling the origin of QGP-like effects in pp and p-Pb collisions using flattenicity

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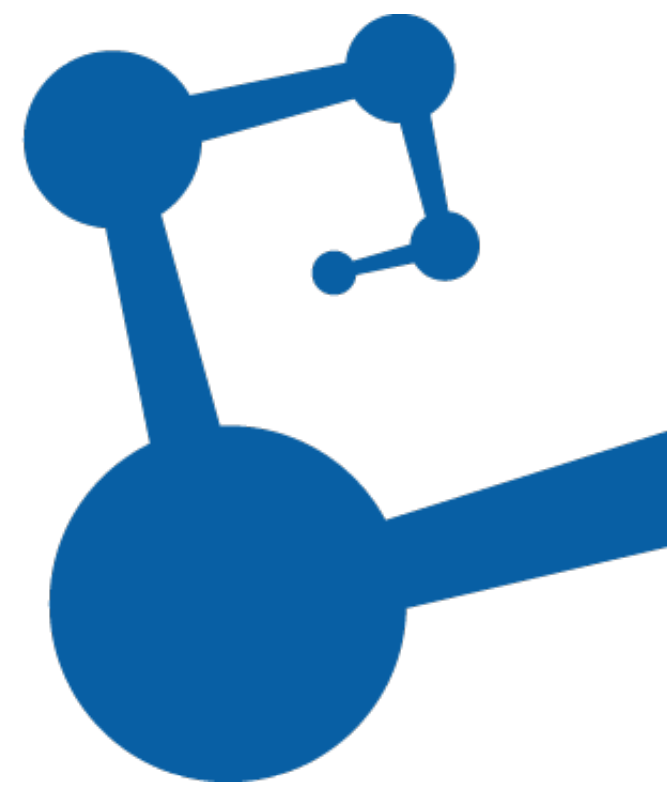
OUTLINE

- Heavy-ion-like effects in pp and p-Pb collisions
- Selection biases in small systems
- Flattenicity in pp: data vs PYTHIA, EPOS LHC and EPOS 4 (new)
- Flattenicity in p-Pb collisions
- Conclusions

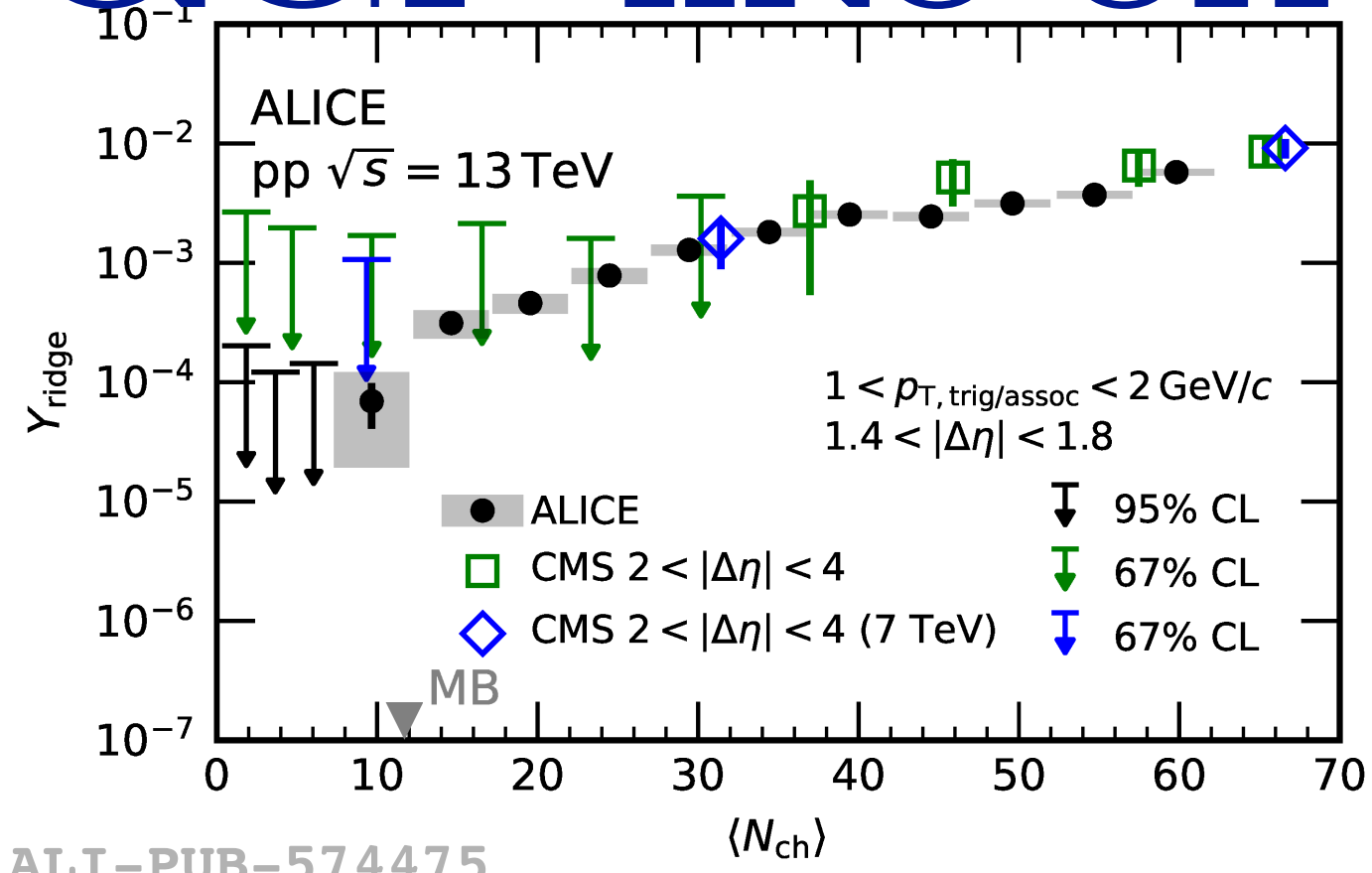


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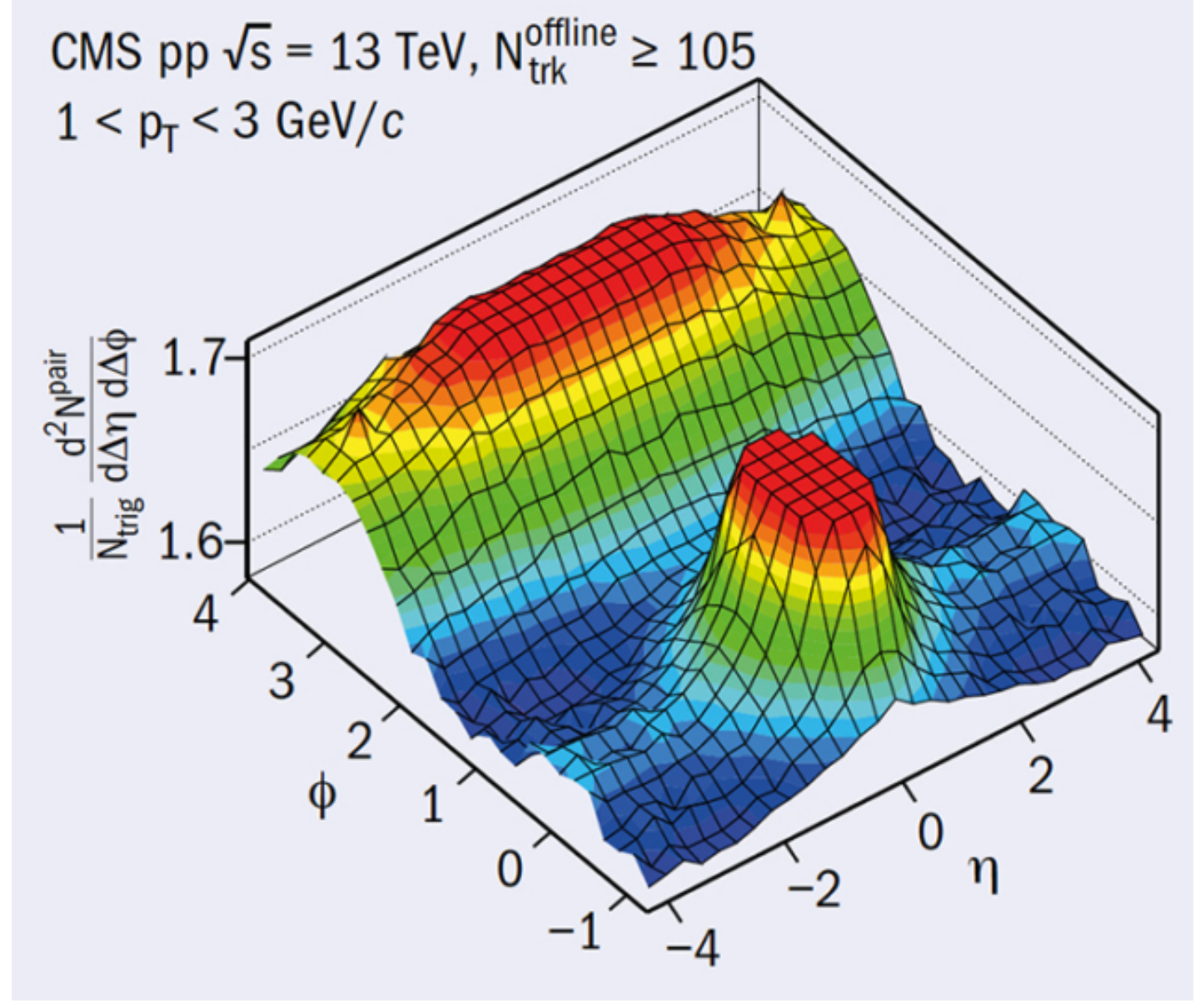
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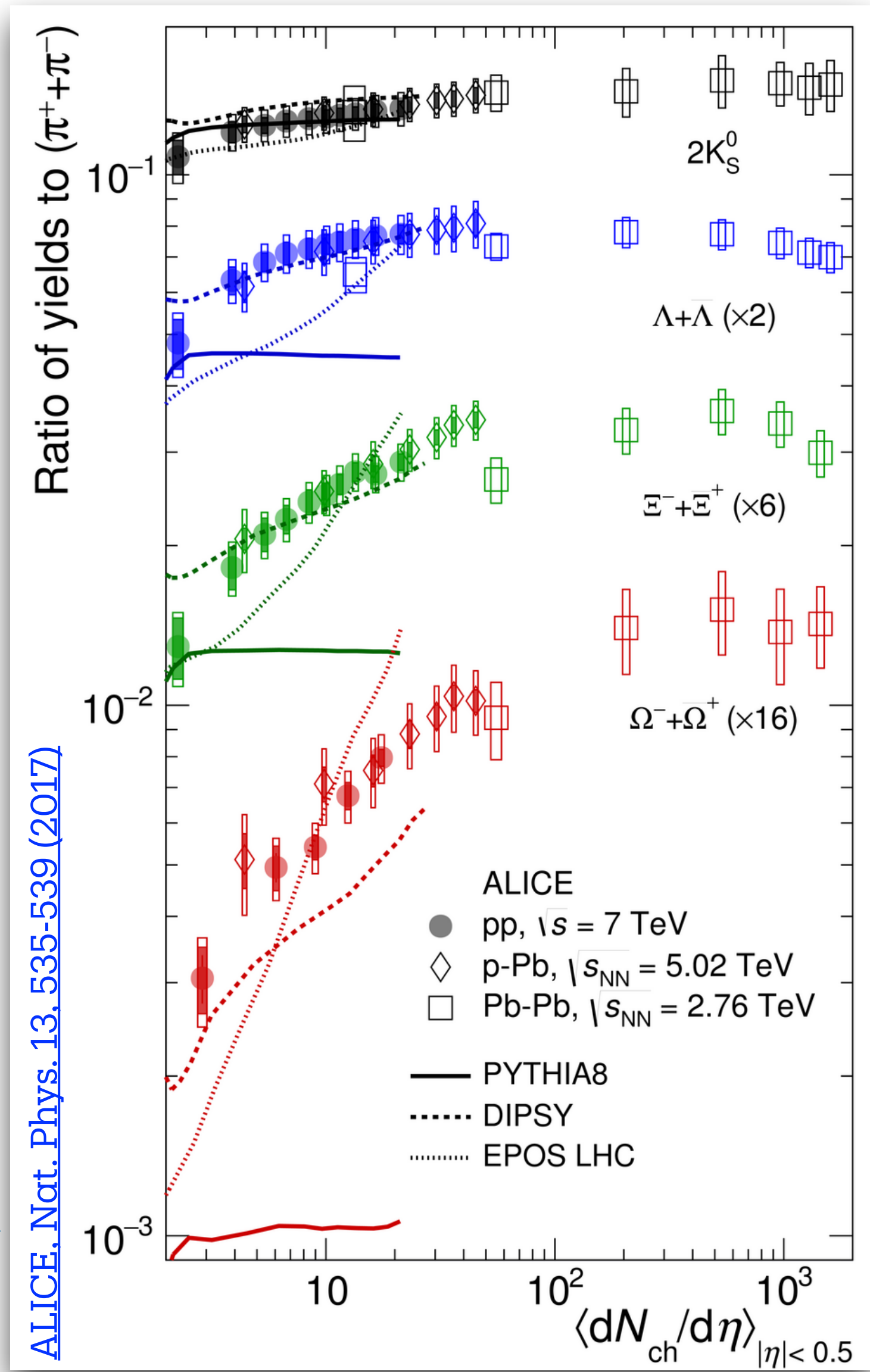
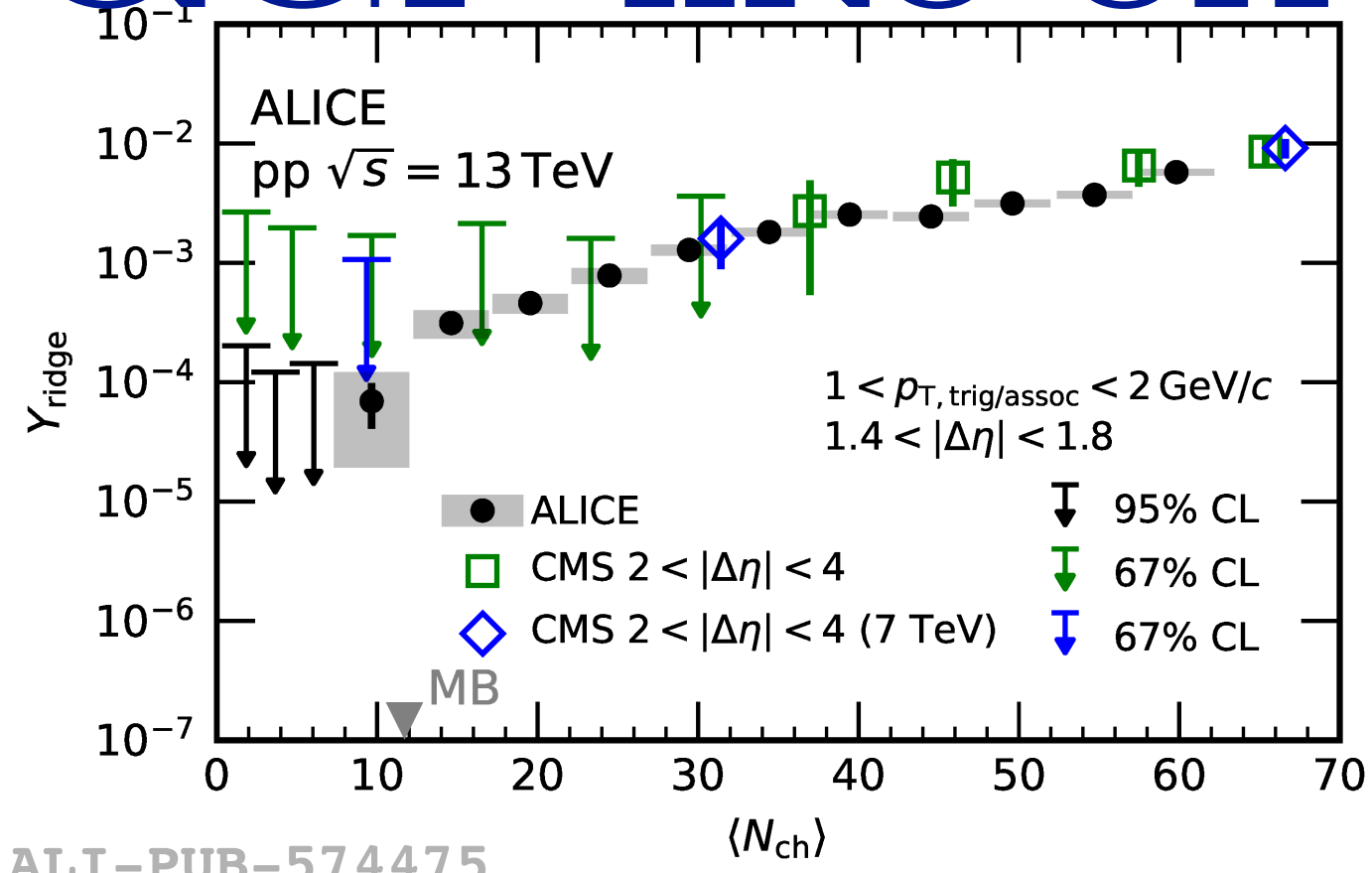
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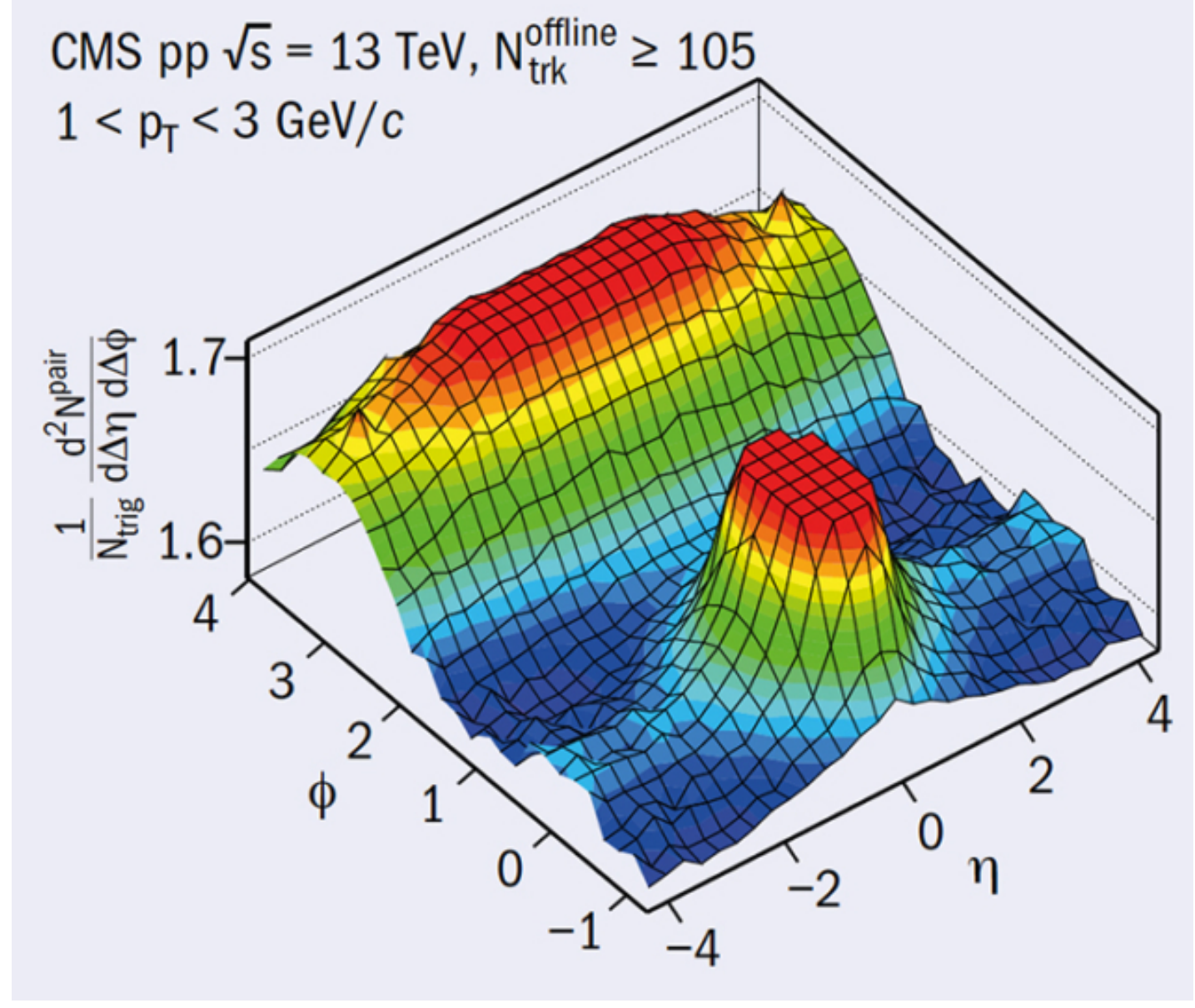
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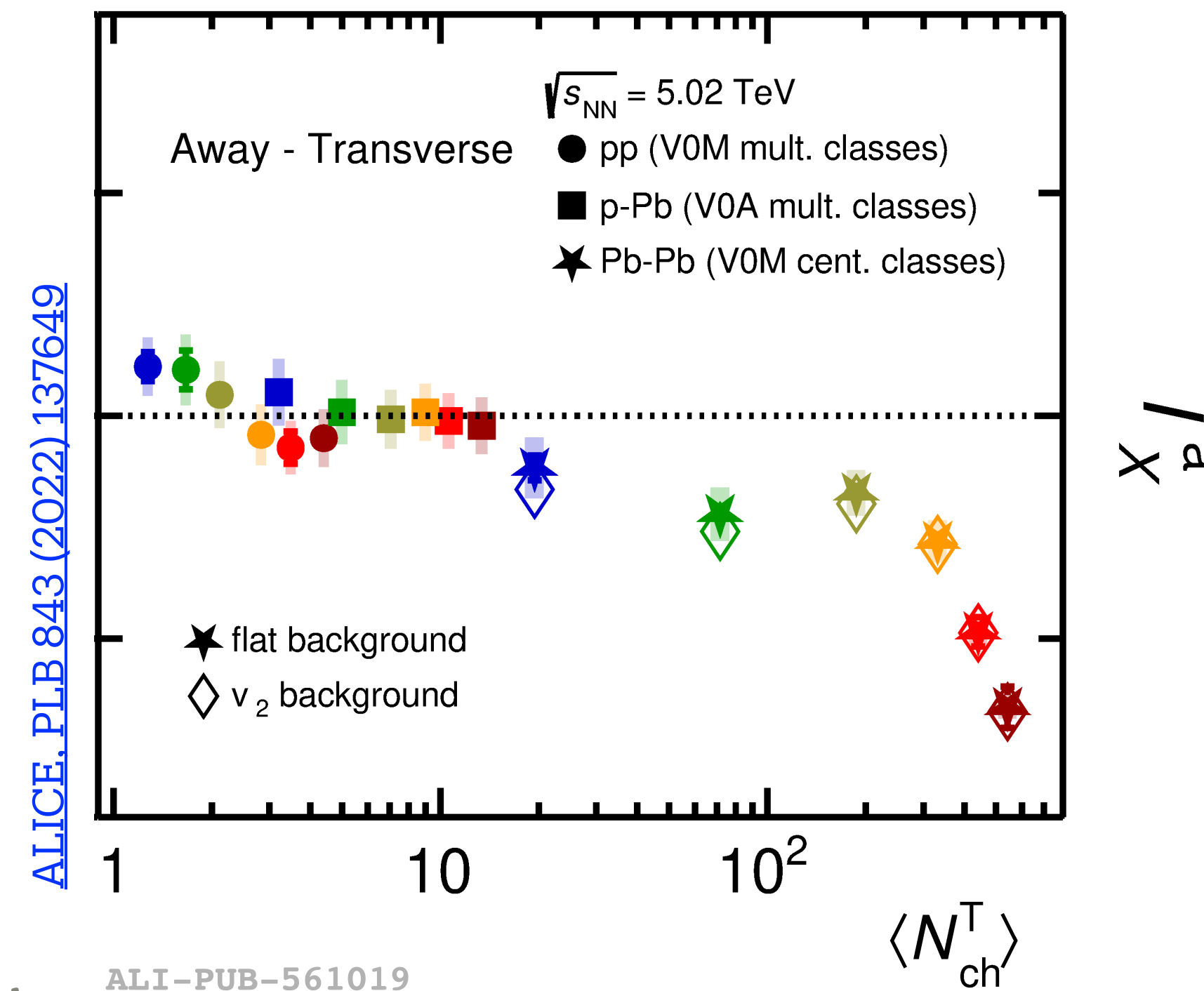
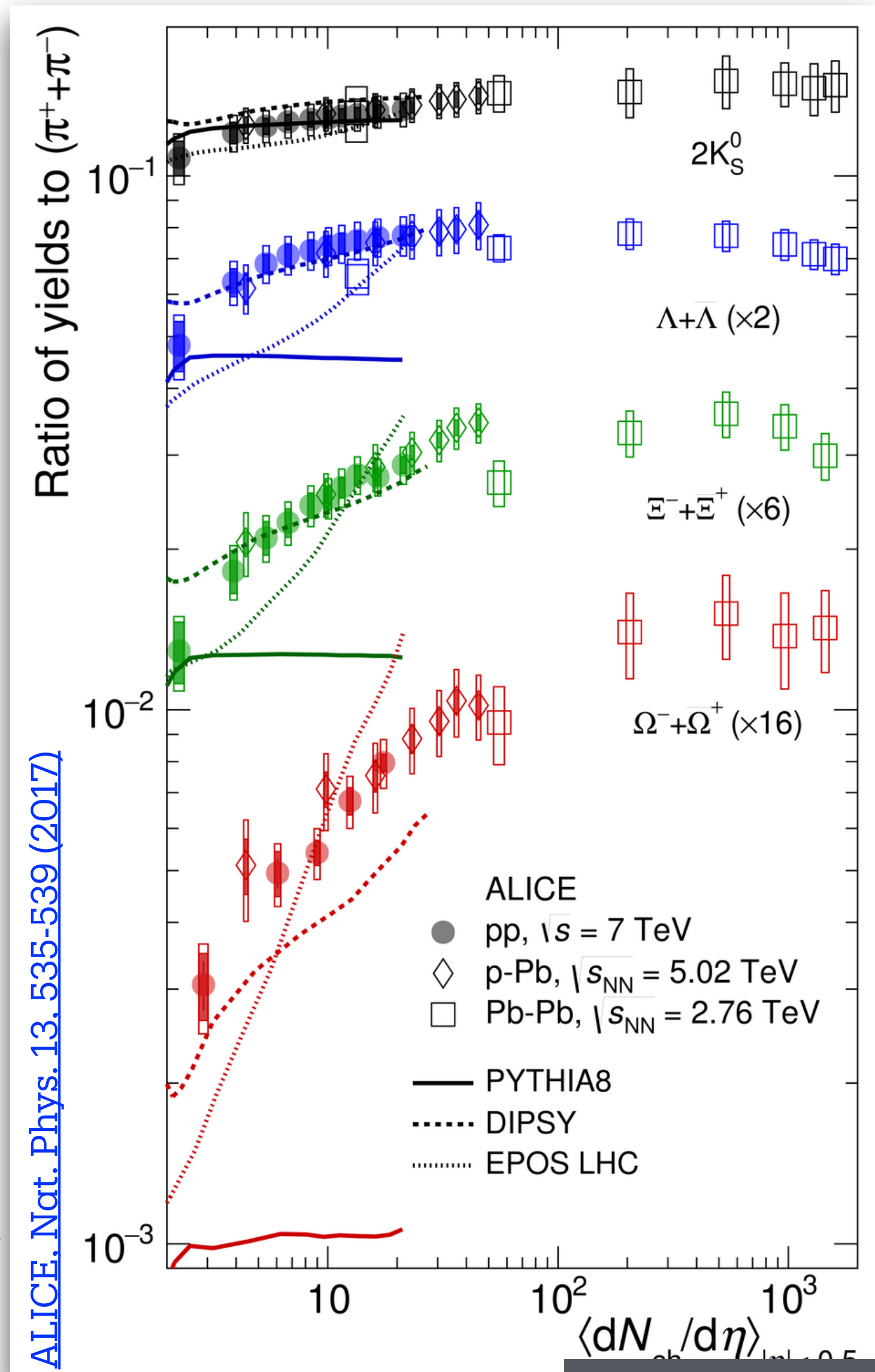
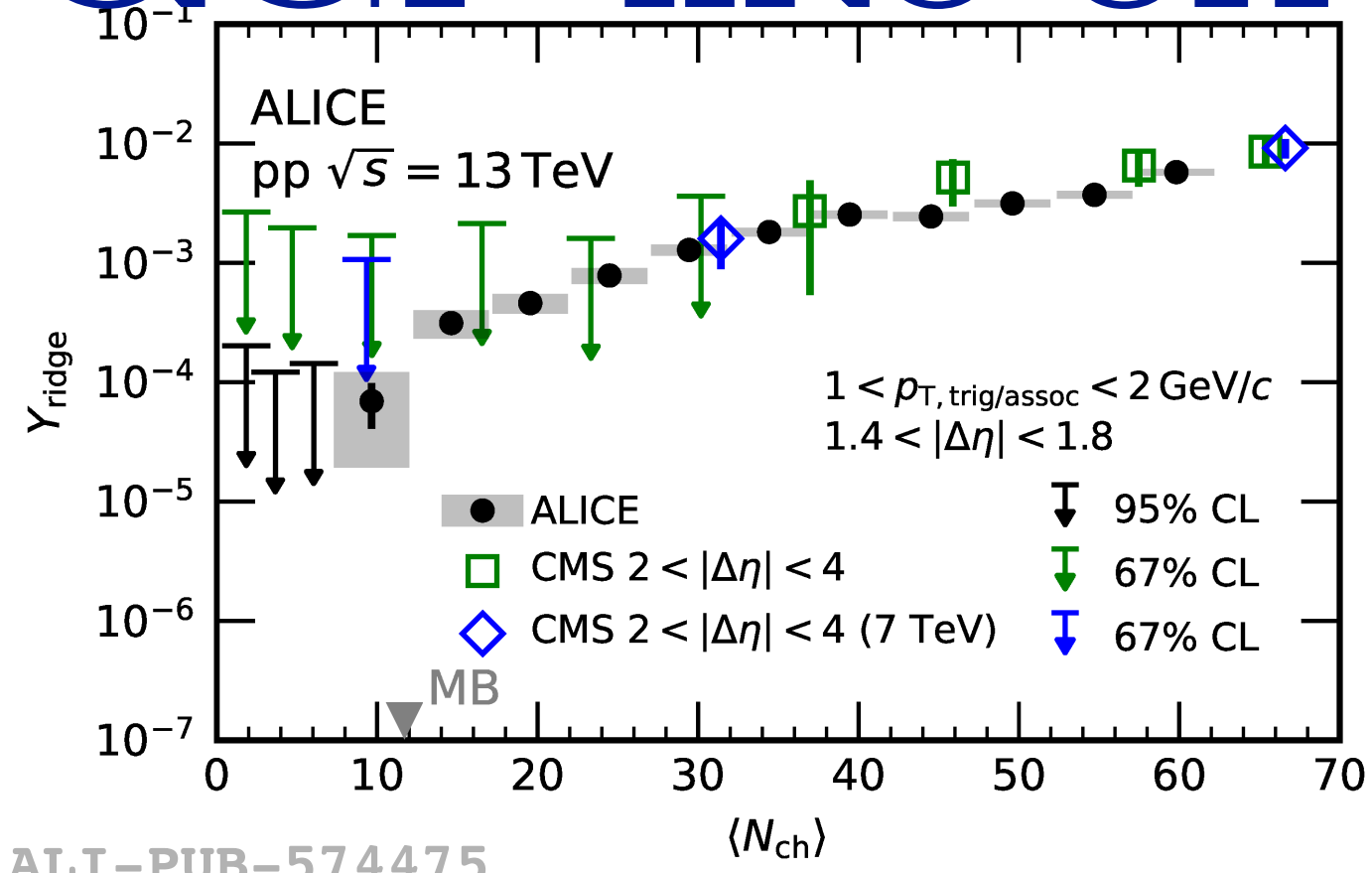
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$$8 < p_T^{\text{trig}} < 15 \text{ GeV}/c$$

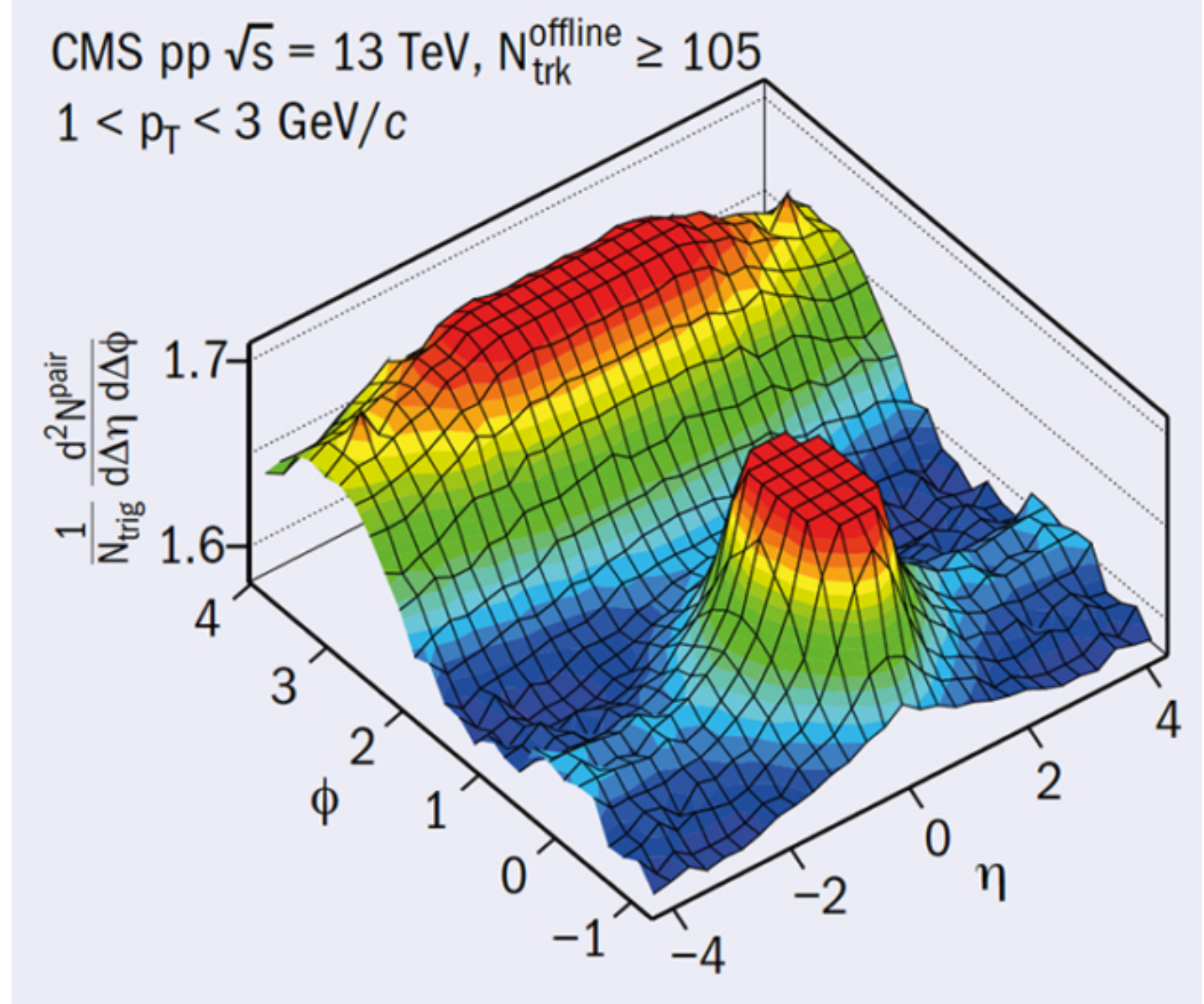
Jet quenching?



pp and p-Pb collisions: small effect is driven by a bias (search is ongoing)

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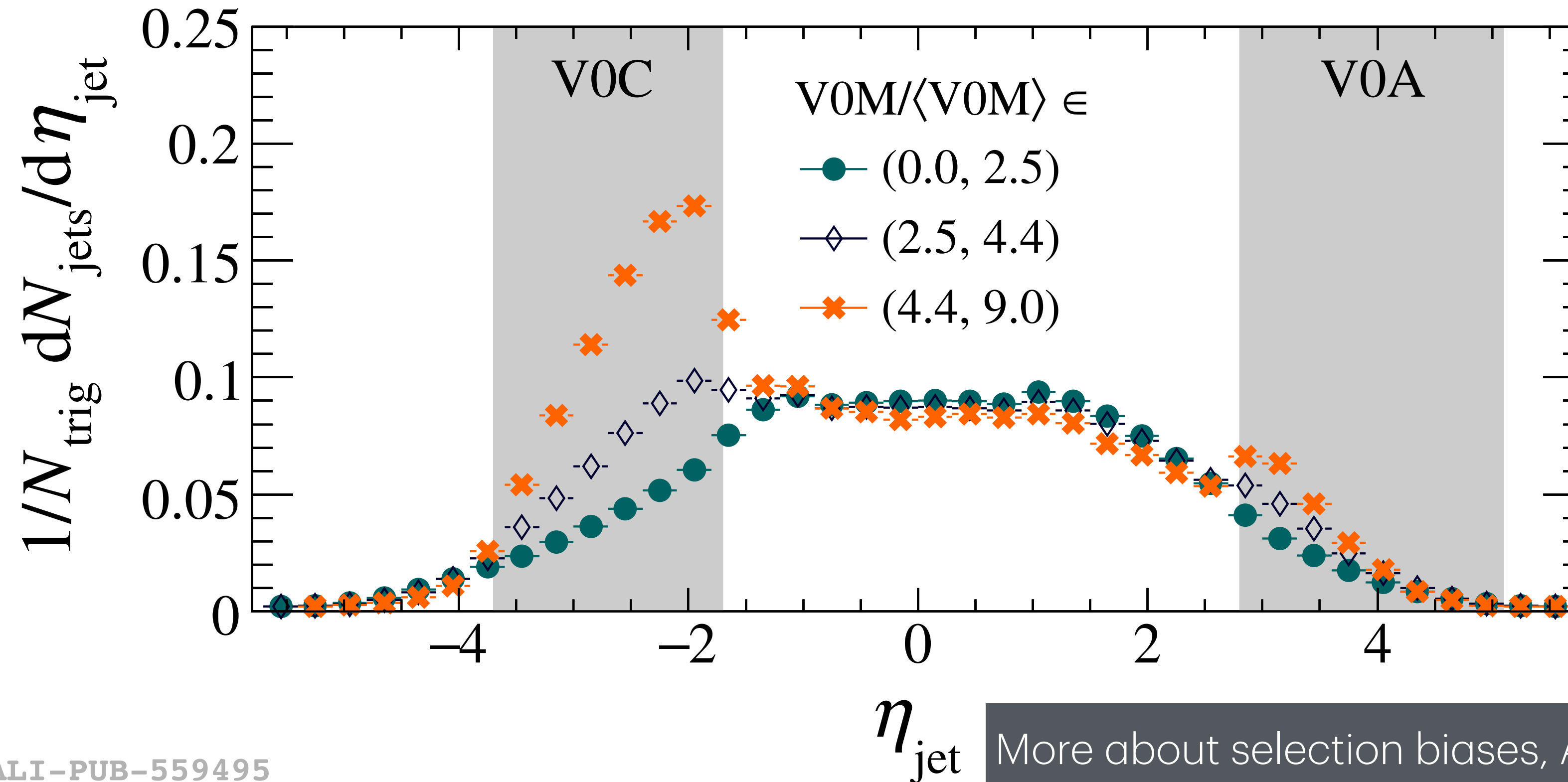
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Bias due to local mult. fluctuations

$pp \sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$ $|\eta_{\text{TT}}| < 0.9$ $p_{\text{T, jet}}^{\text{ch}} > 25 \text{ GeV}/c$
 PYTHIA 8 Monash Charged-particle jets
 Trigger track {20, 30} Anti- k_{T} algorithm, $R = 0.4$ $|\varphi_{\text{TT}} - \varphi_{\text{jet}}| > \pi/2$



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More about selection biases, Andreas Morsch talk, 21/10/24

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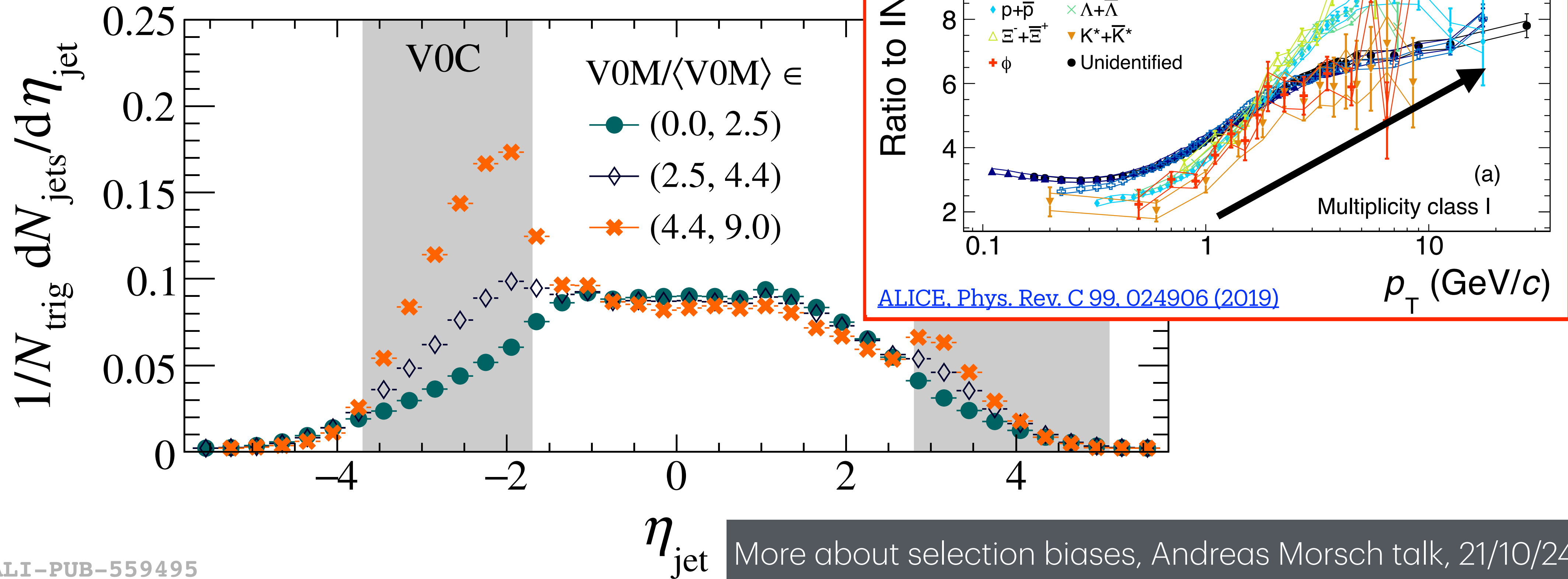
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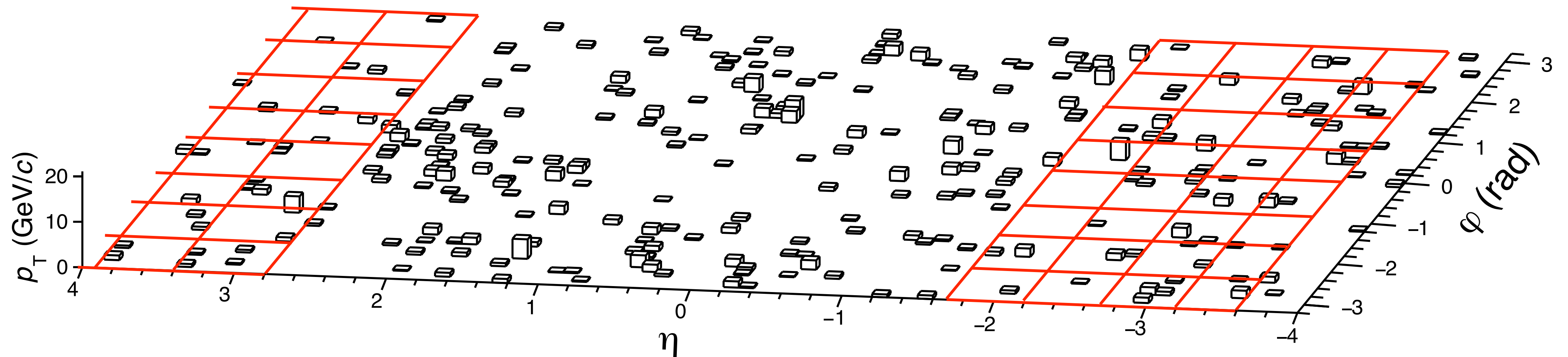
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- “isotropic” distribution of particles in the V0 acceptance (large multiplicities)

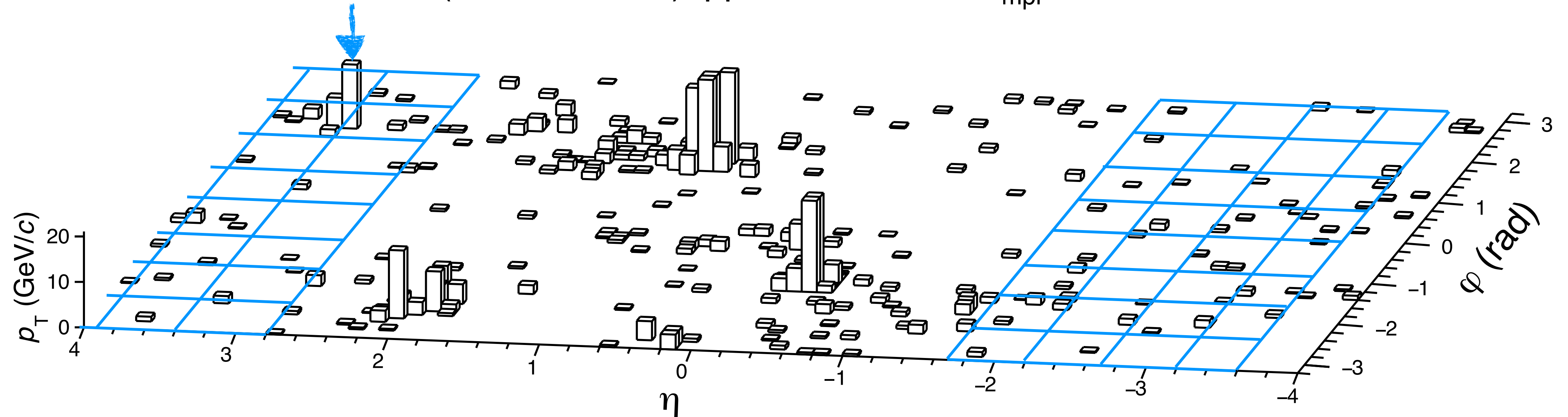
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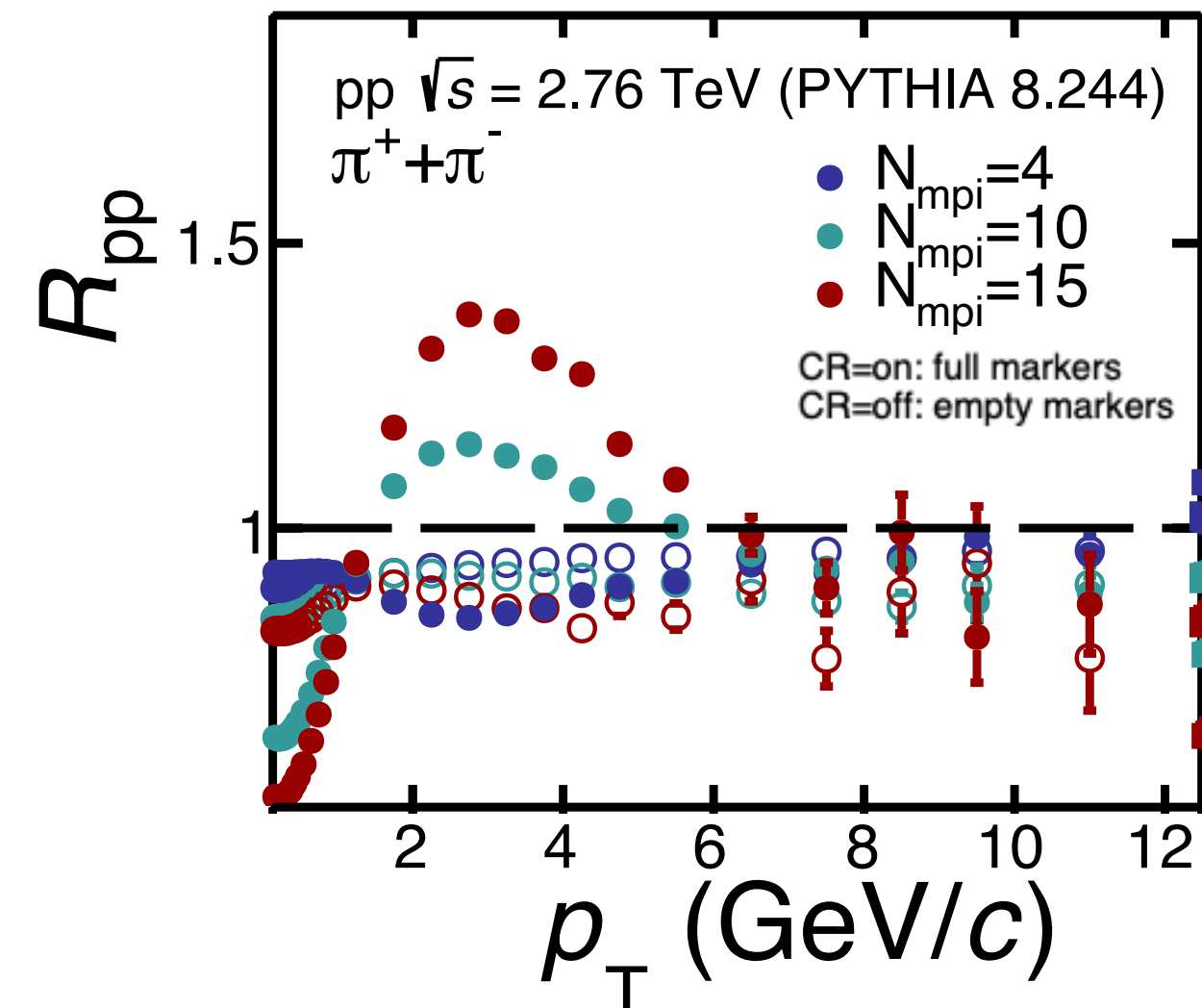


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- jet structures, small multiplicity

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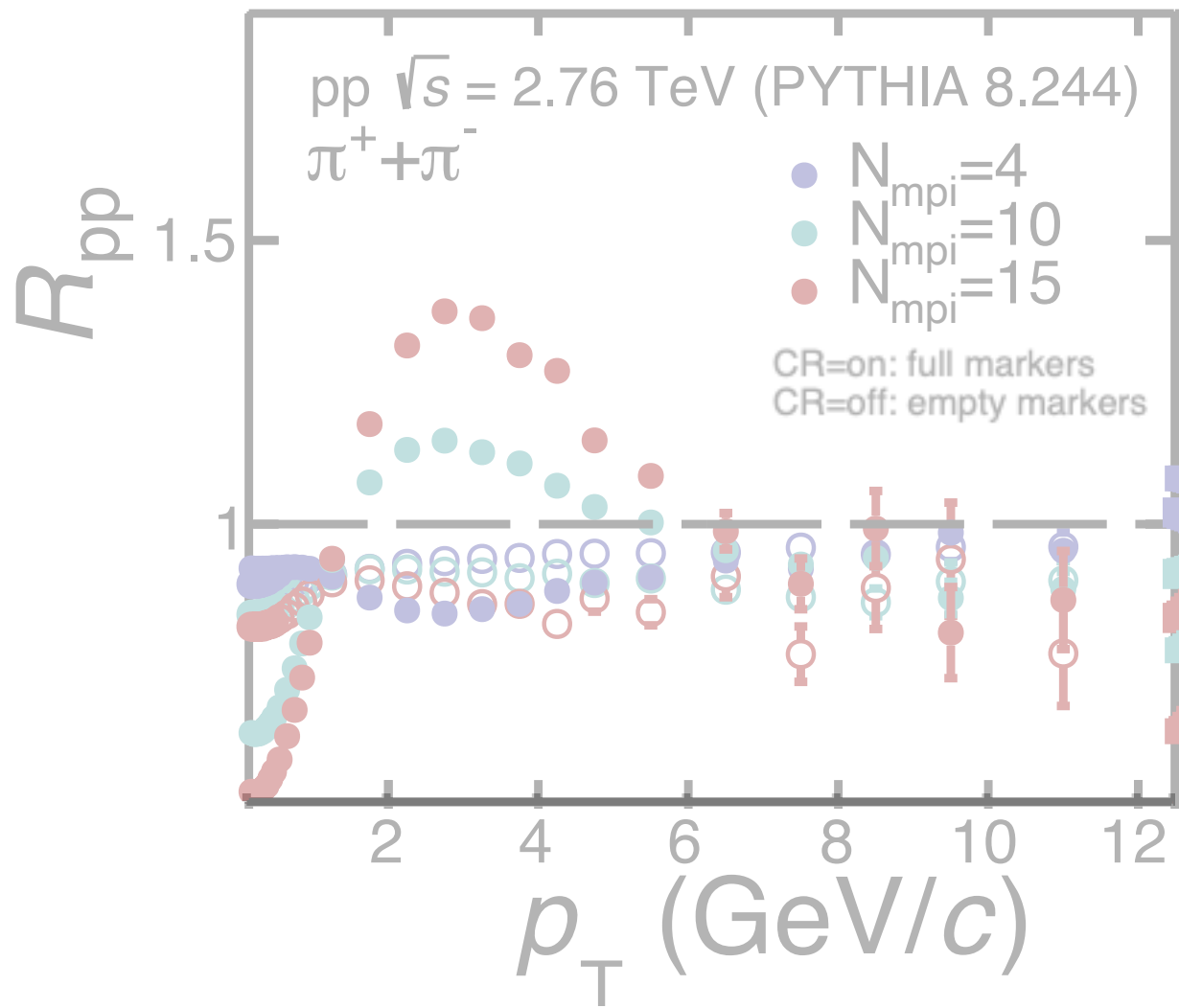
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- Intermediate p_T : CR peak
- High p_T : the ratio is flat and in the vicinity of unity

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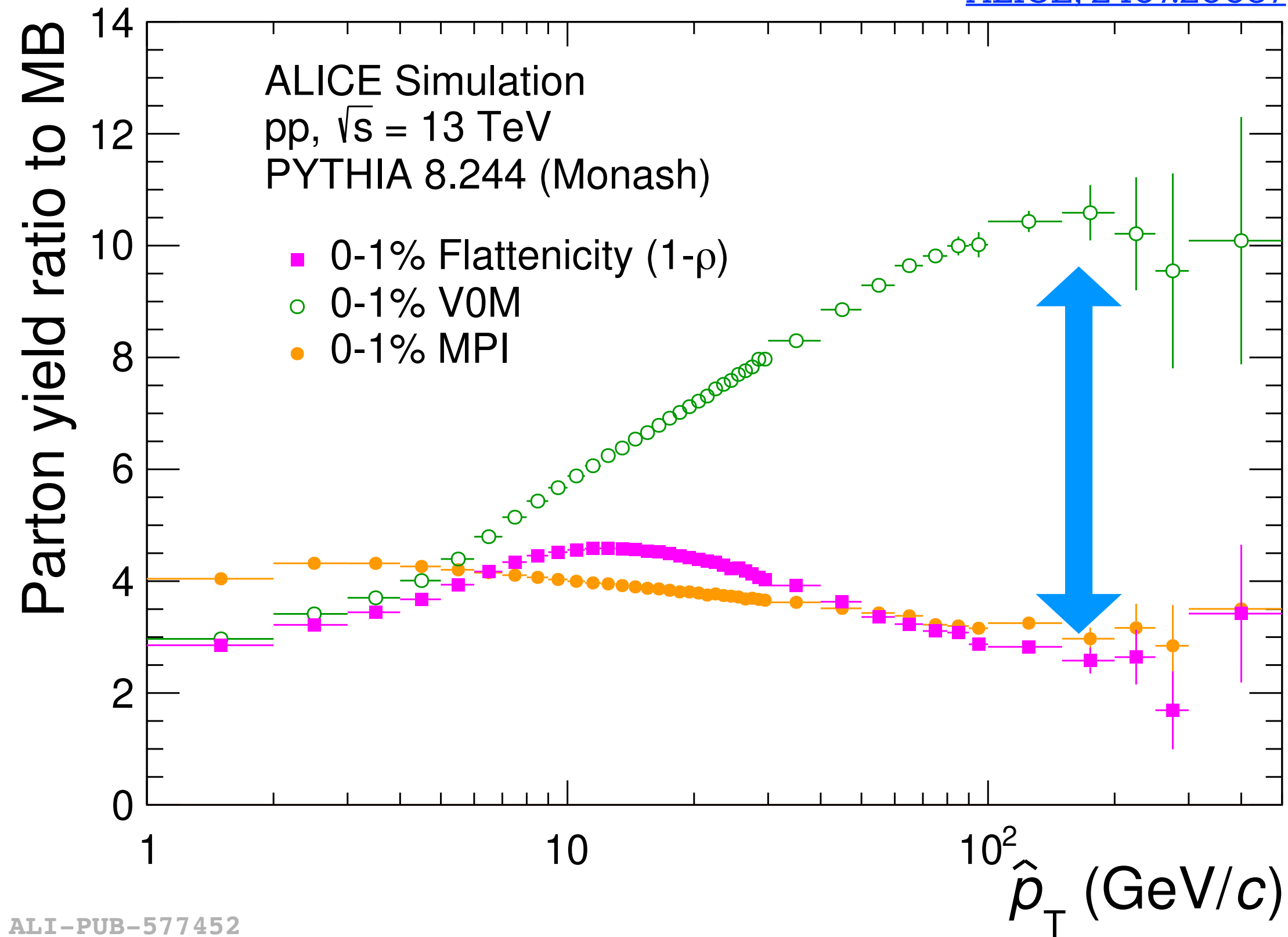
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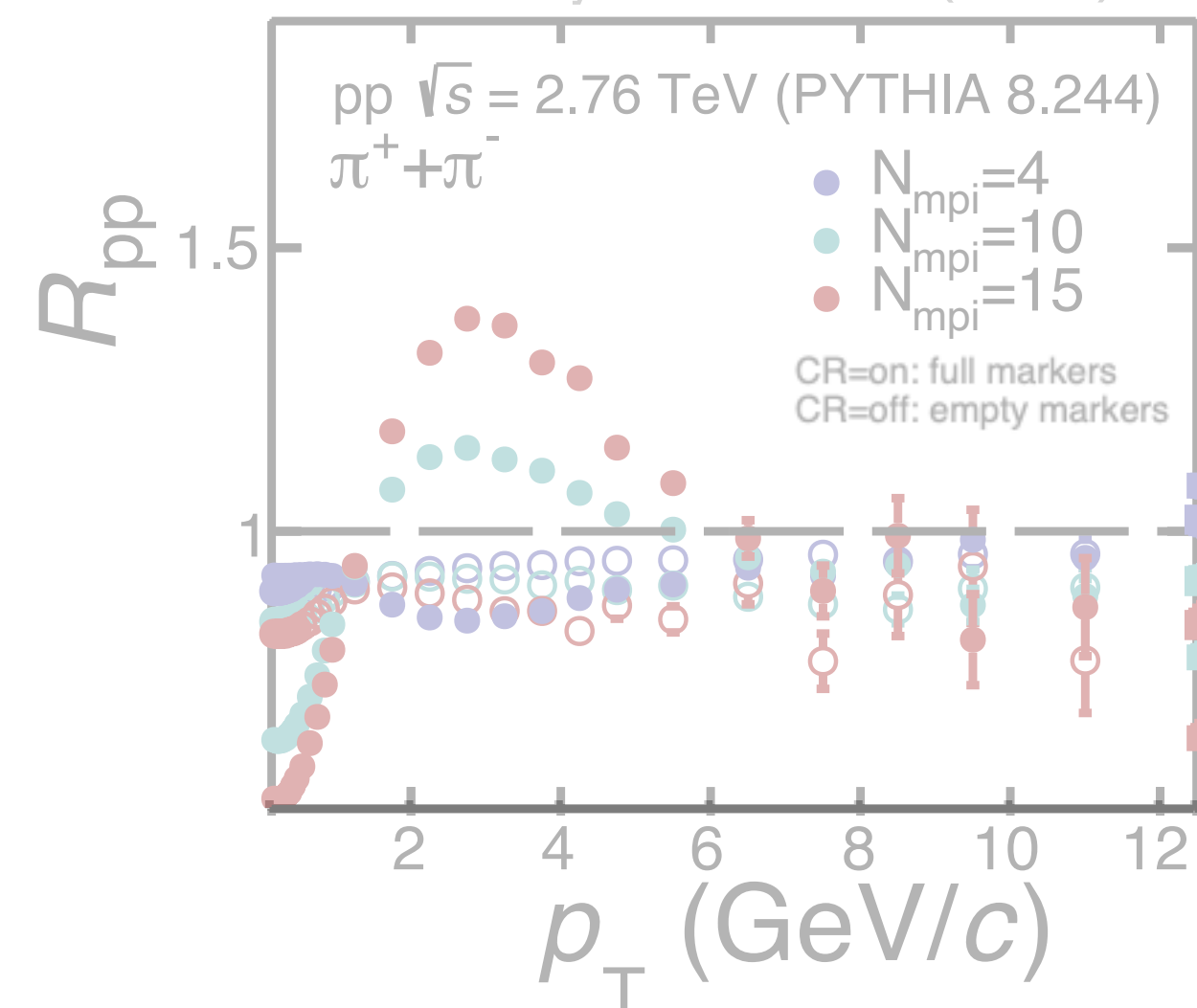
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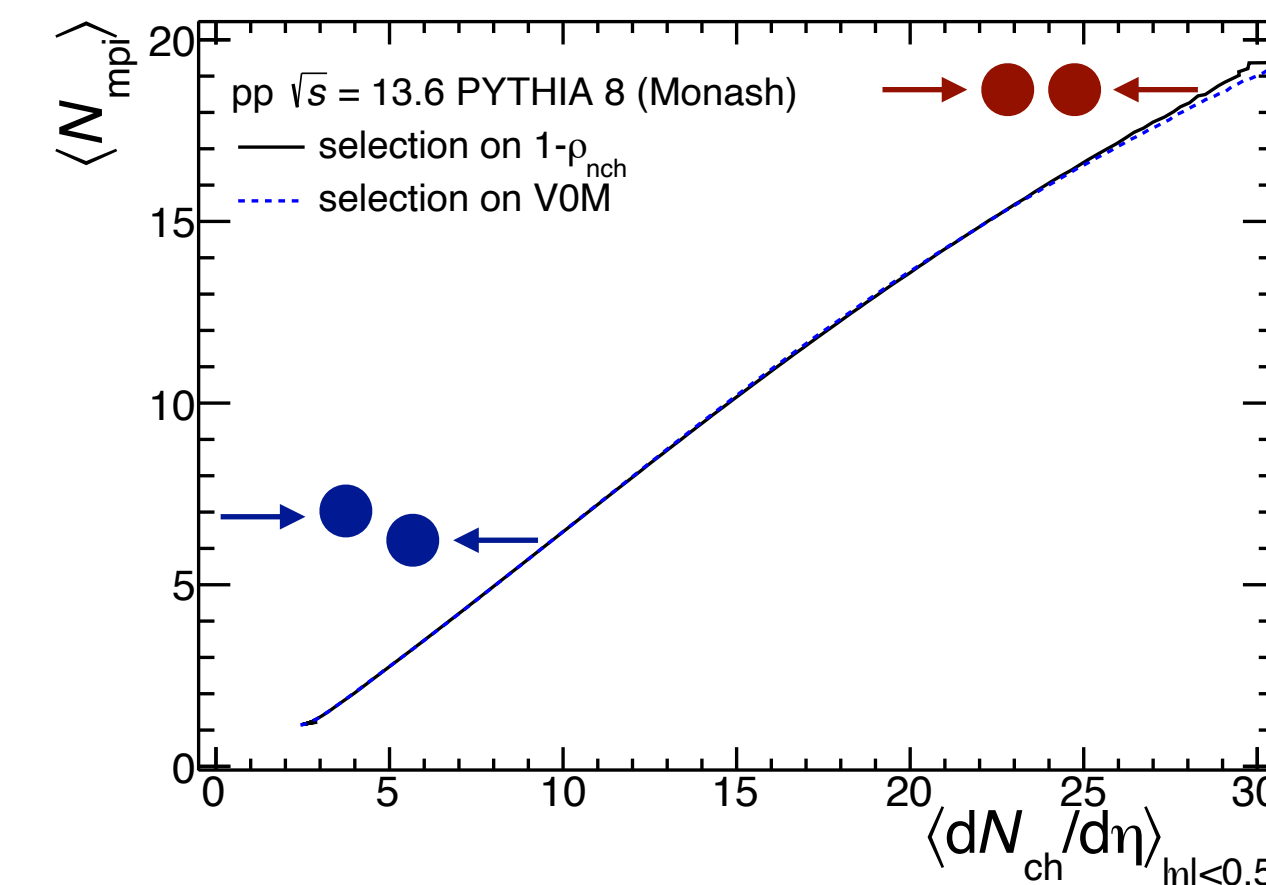
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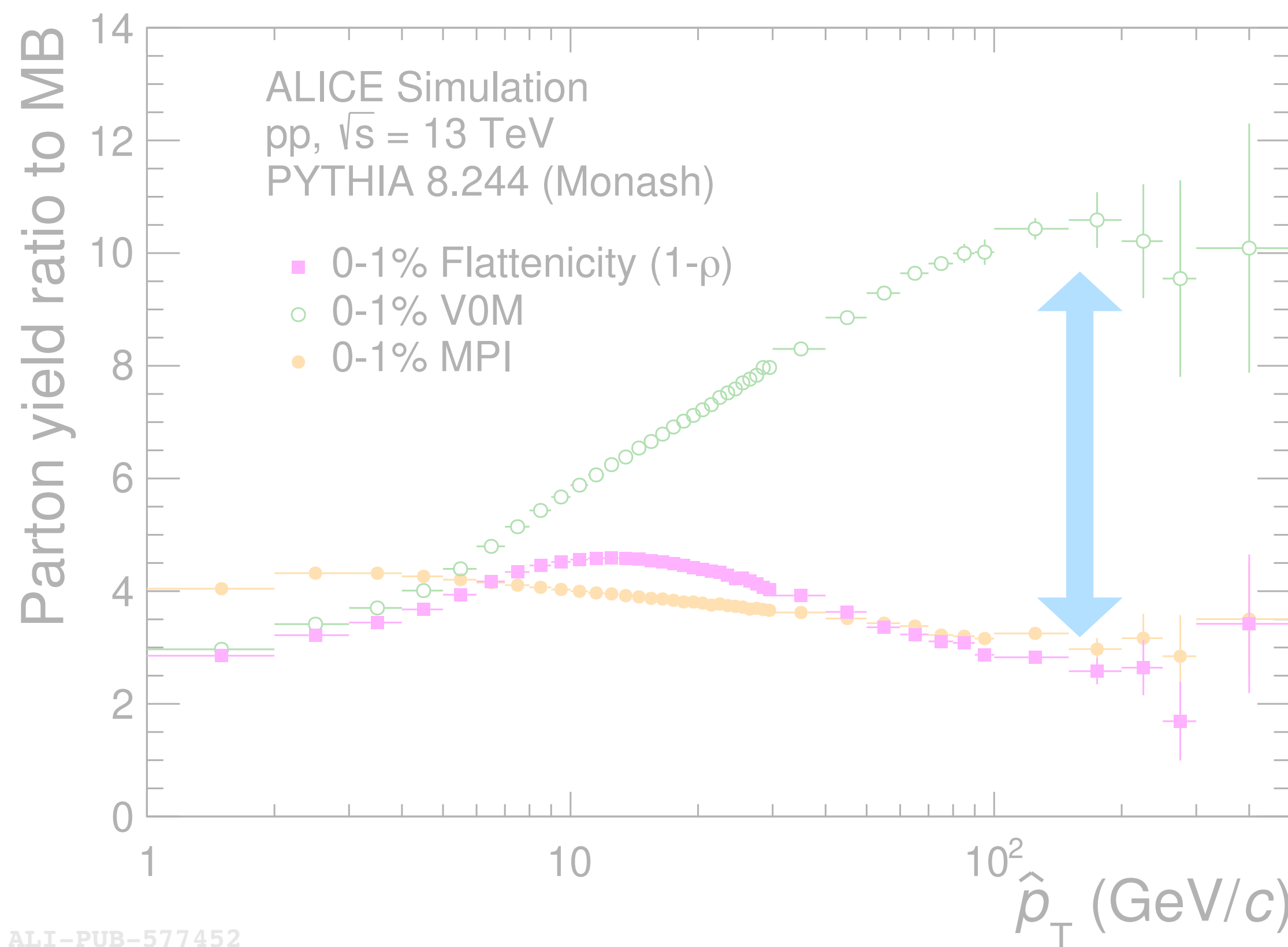
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$$\left\langle \frac{dN_{\text{ch}}}{d\eta} \right\rangle \propto \langle N_{\text{mpi}} \rangle$$

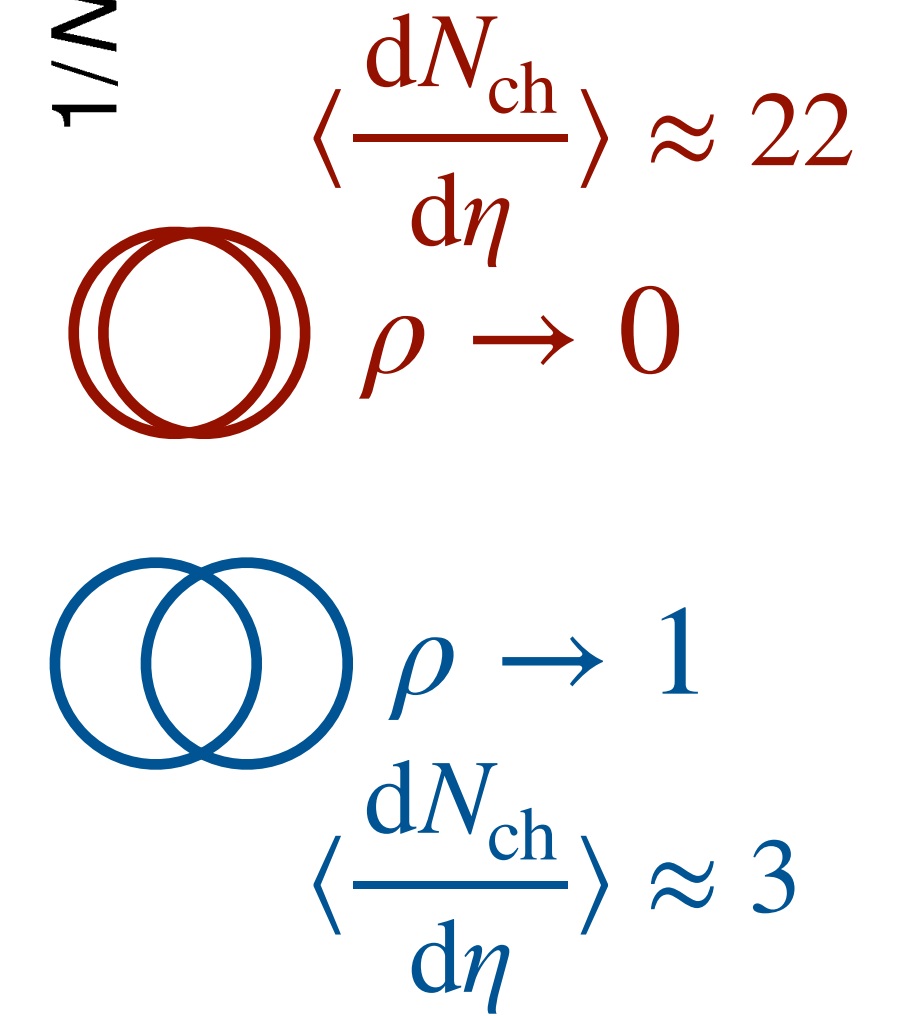
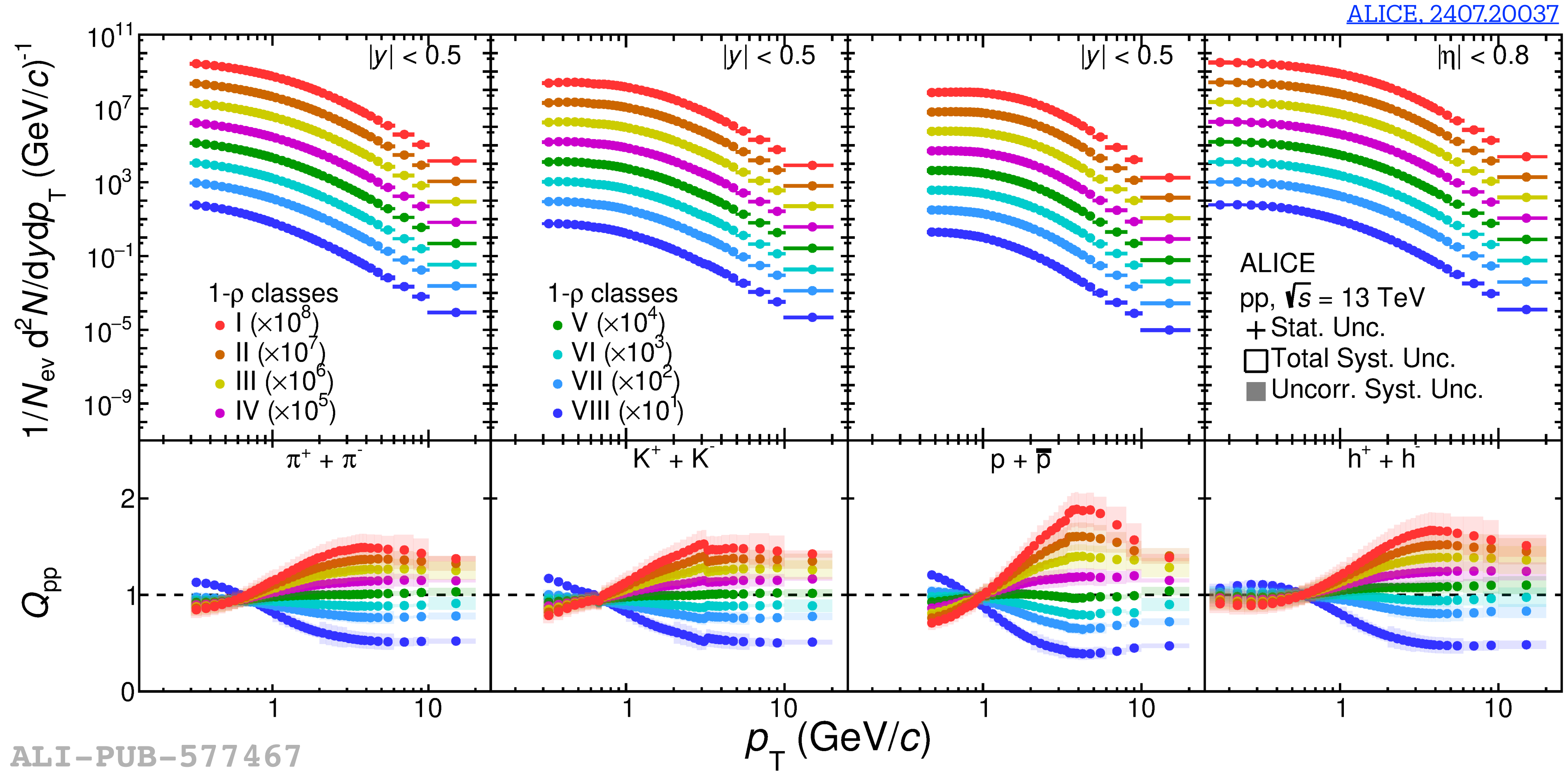


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Experimentally:

$$Q_{pp}(p_T) = \frac{\frac{1}{N_{\text{ev}}} \frac{dN_{\text{ch}}}{dp_T} \frac{1}{\langle N_{\text{ch}} \rangle} \Big|_{\text{HM}}}{\frac{1}{N_{\text{ev}}} \frac{dN_{\text{ch}}}{dp_T} \frac{1}{\langle N_{\text{ch}} \rangle} \Big|_{\text{MB}}}$$

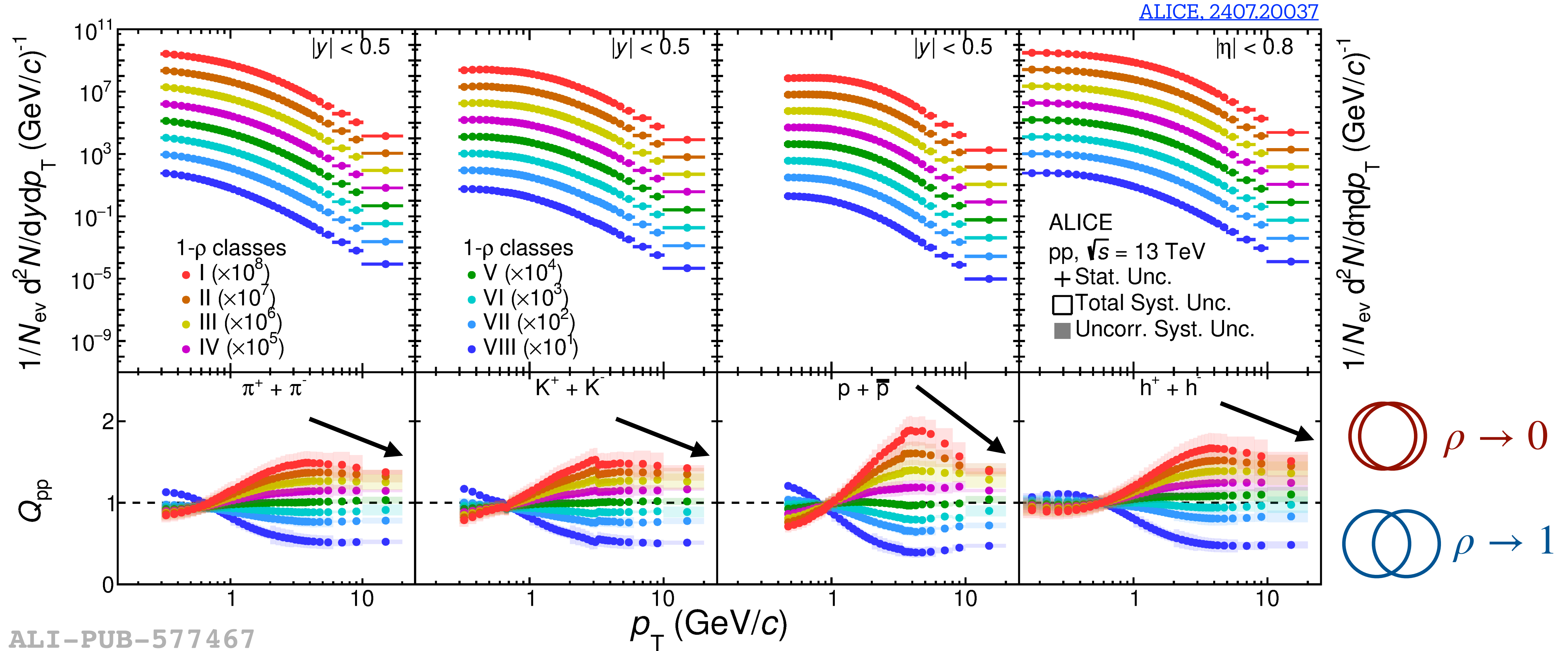
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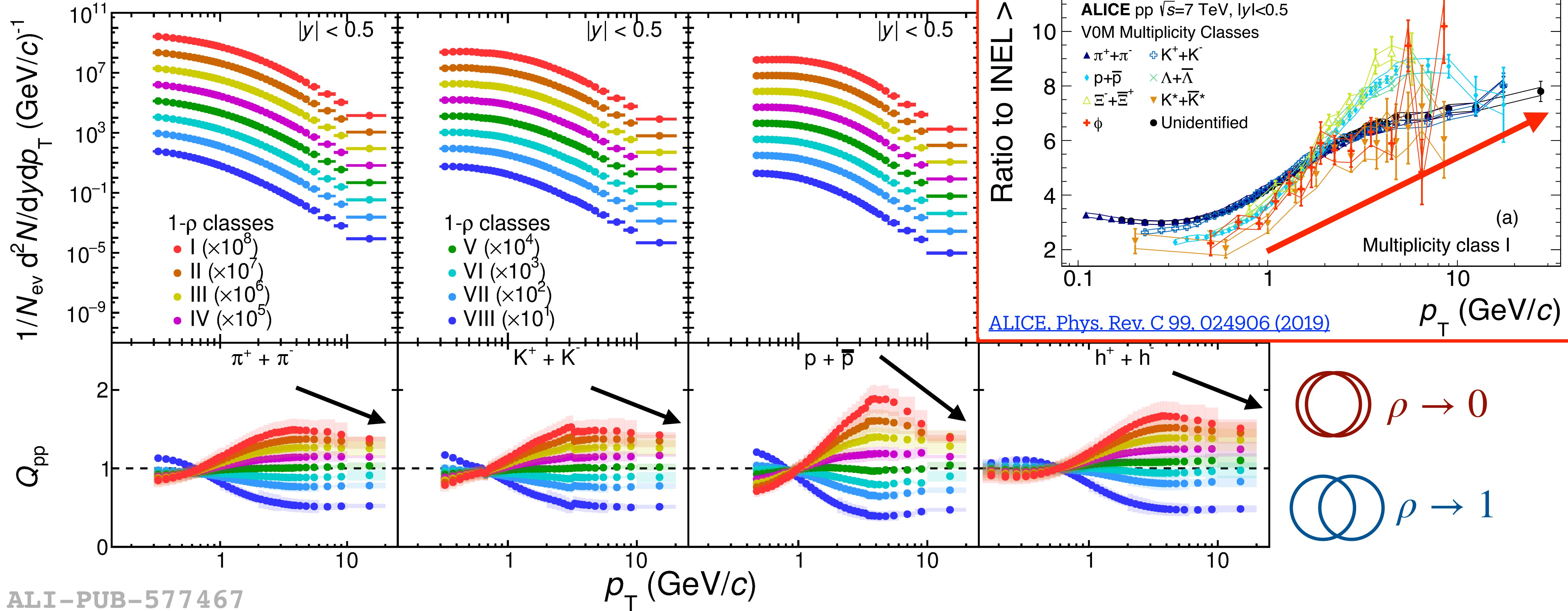


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The effect is not seen in the VOM analysis!

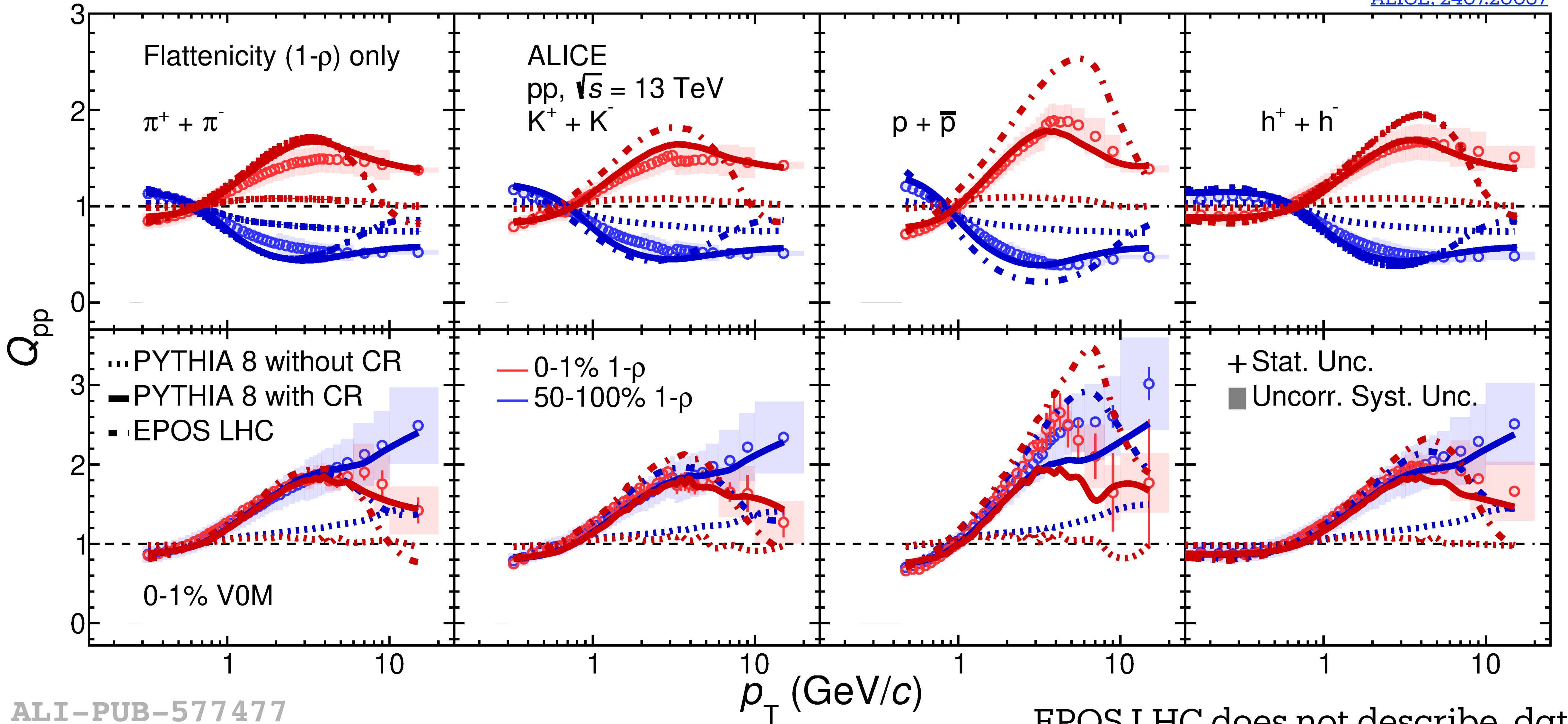


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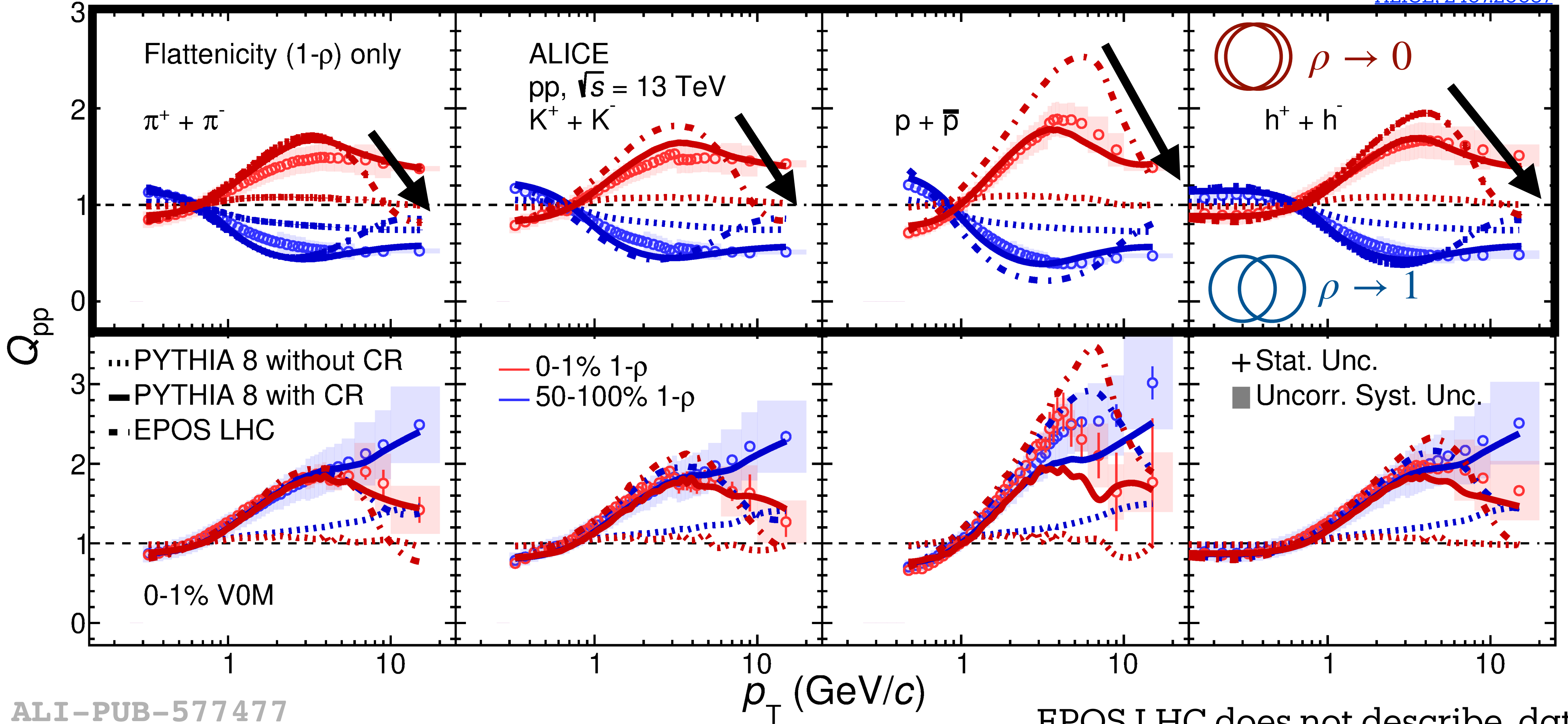


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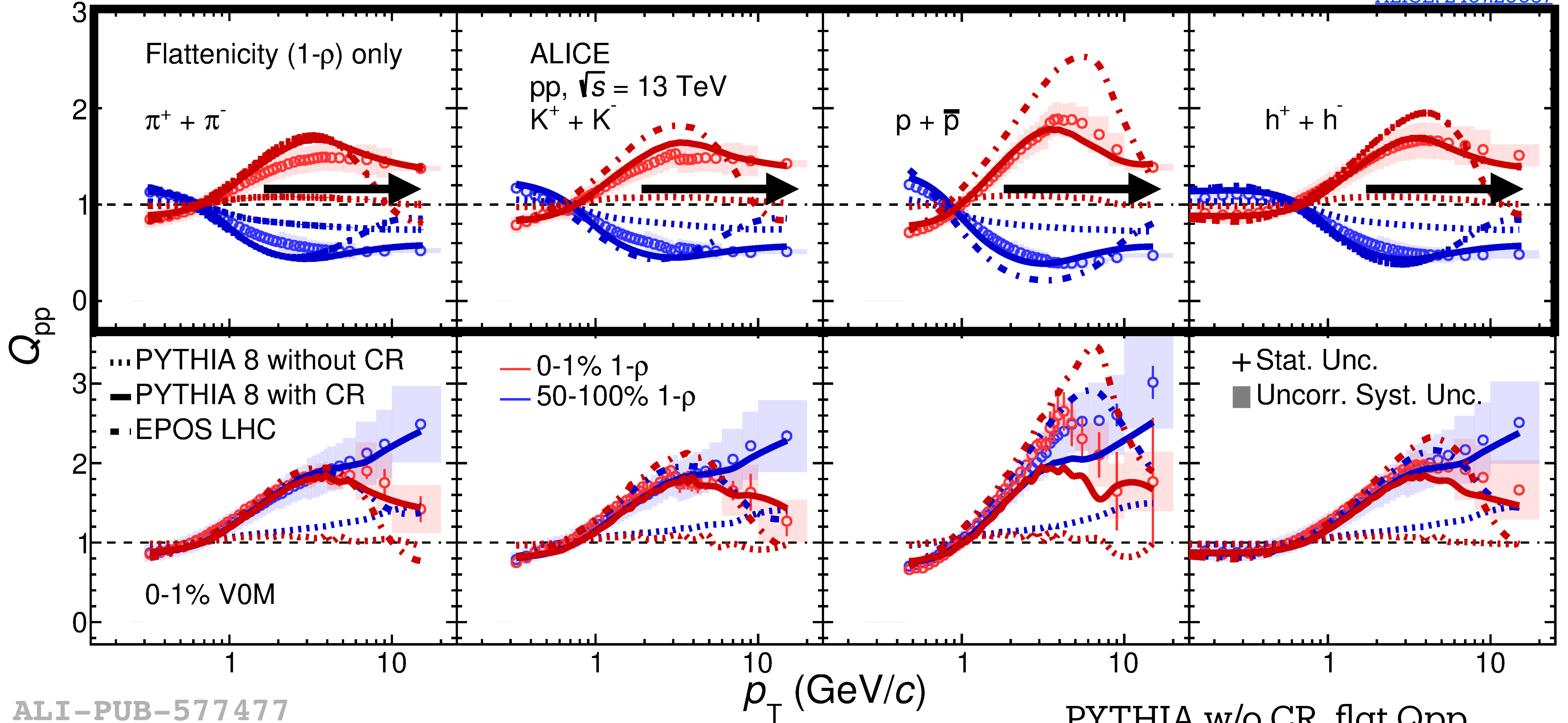


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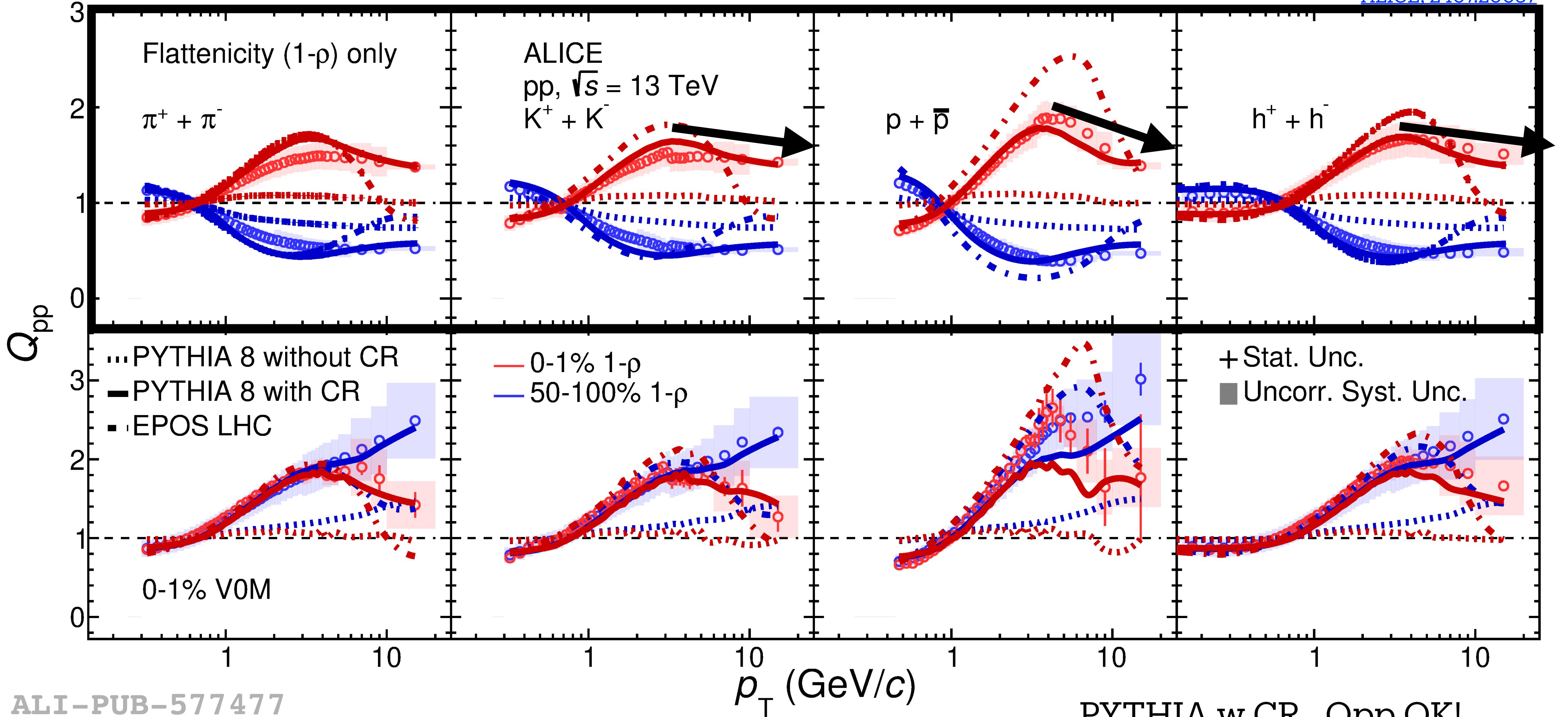


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PYTHIA w/o CR, flat Q_{pp}

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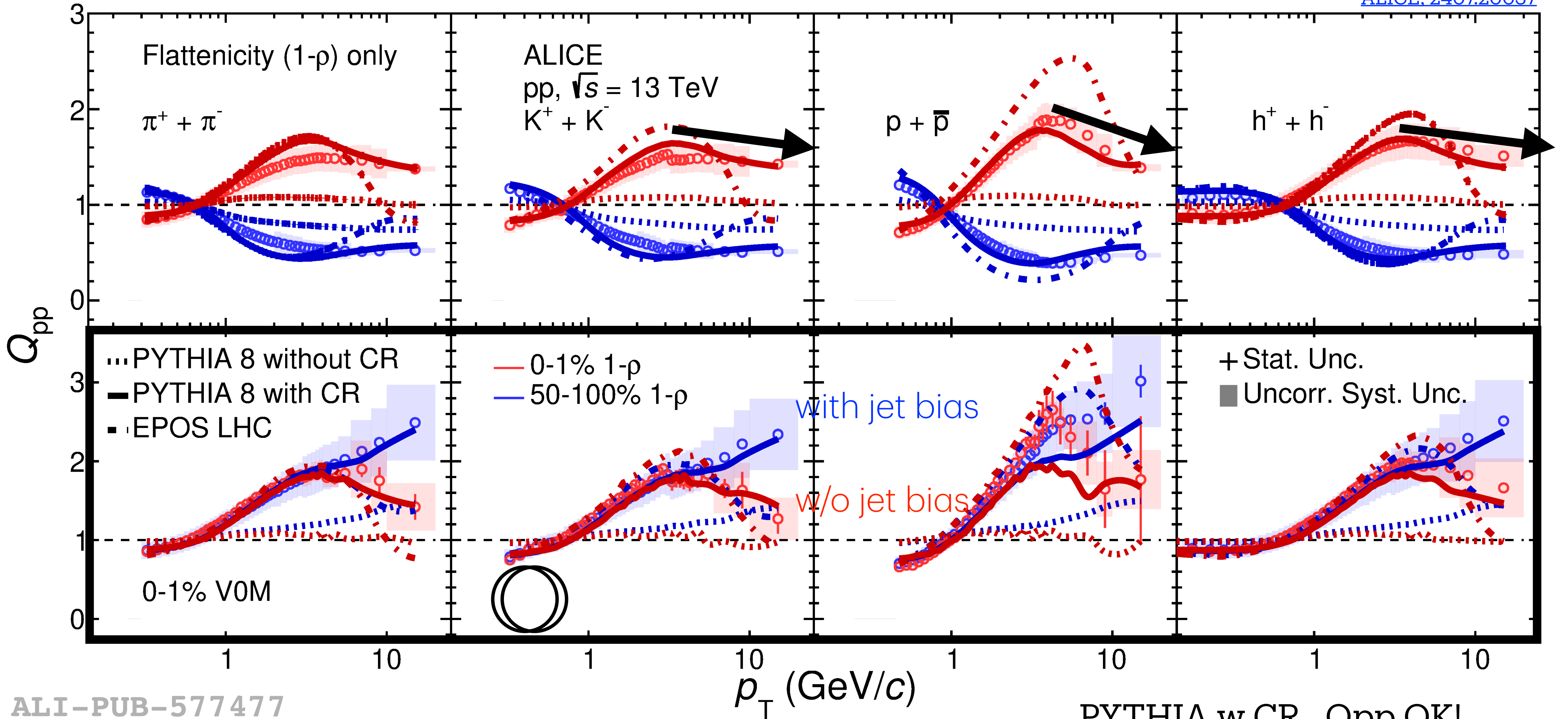
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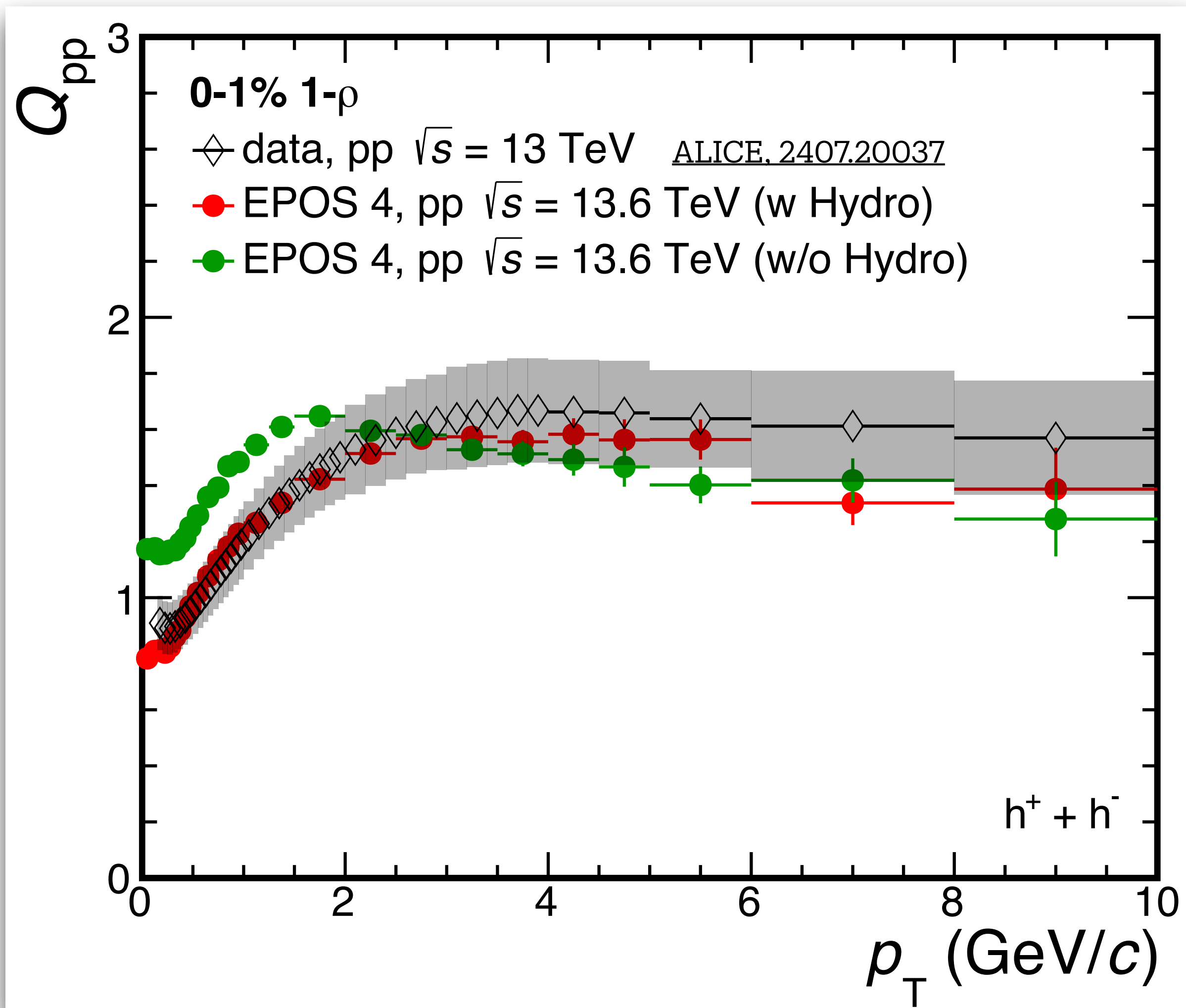
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Q_{pp} : EPOS 4 (flattenicity)



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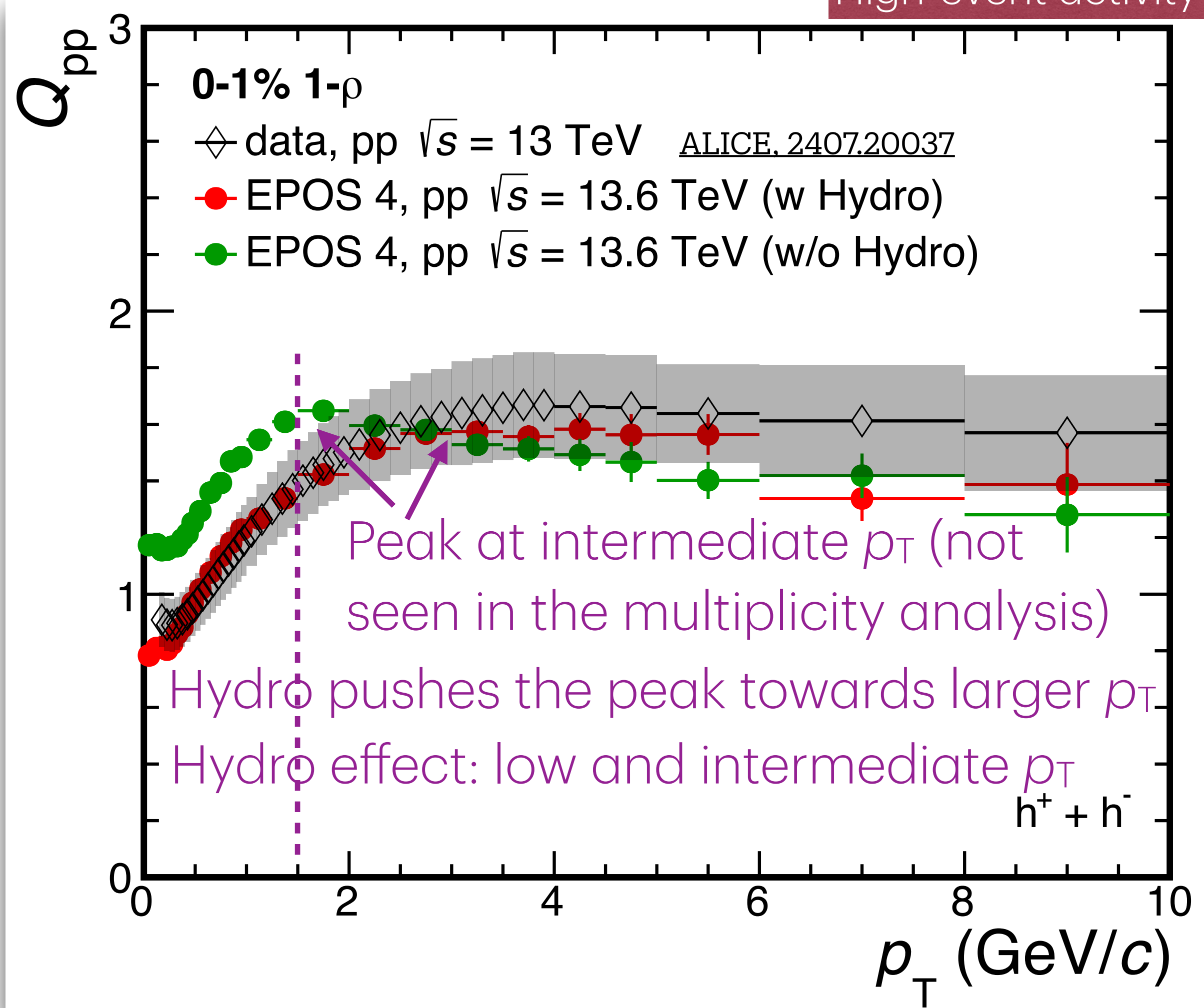
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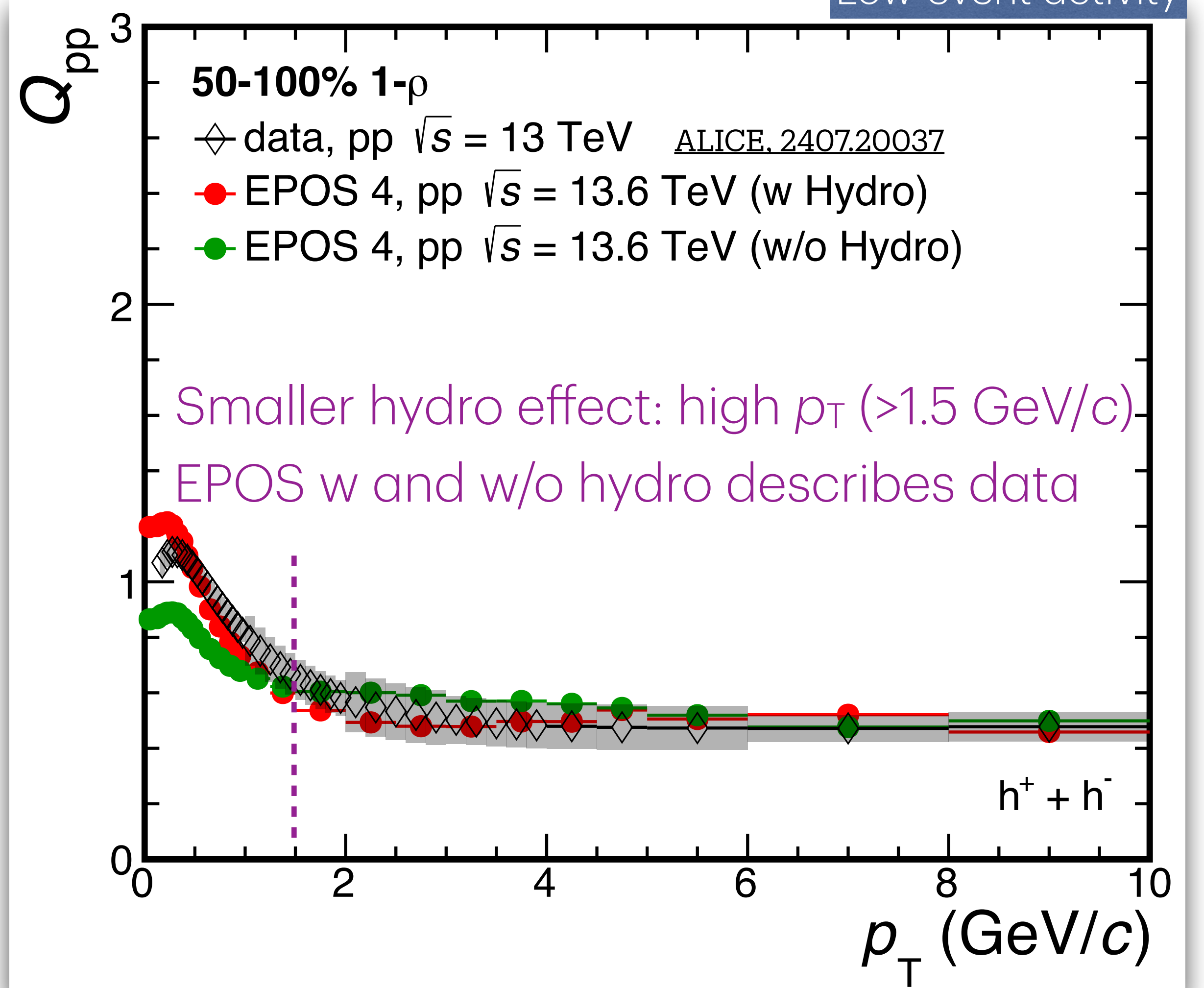
Epos 4 with hydro: better description of data than EPOS LHC. Better statistics needed

Q_{pp} : EPOS 4 (charged particles)

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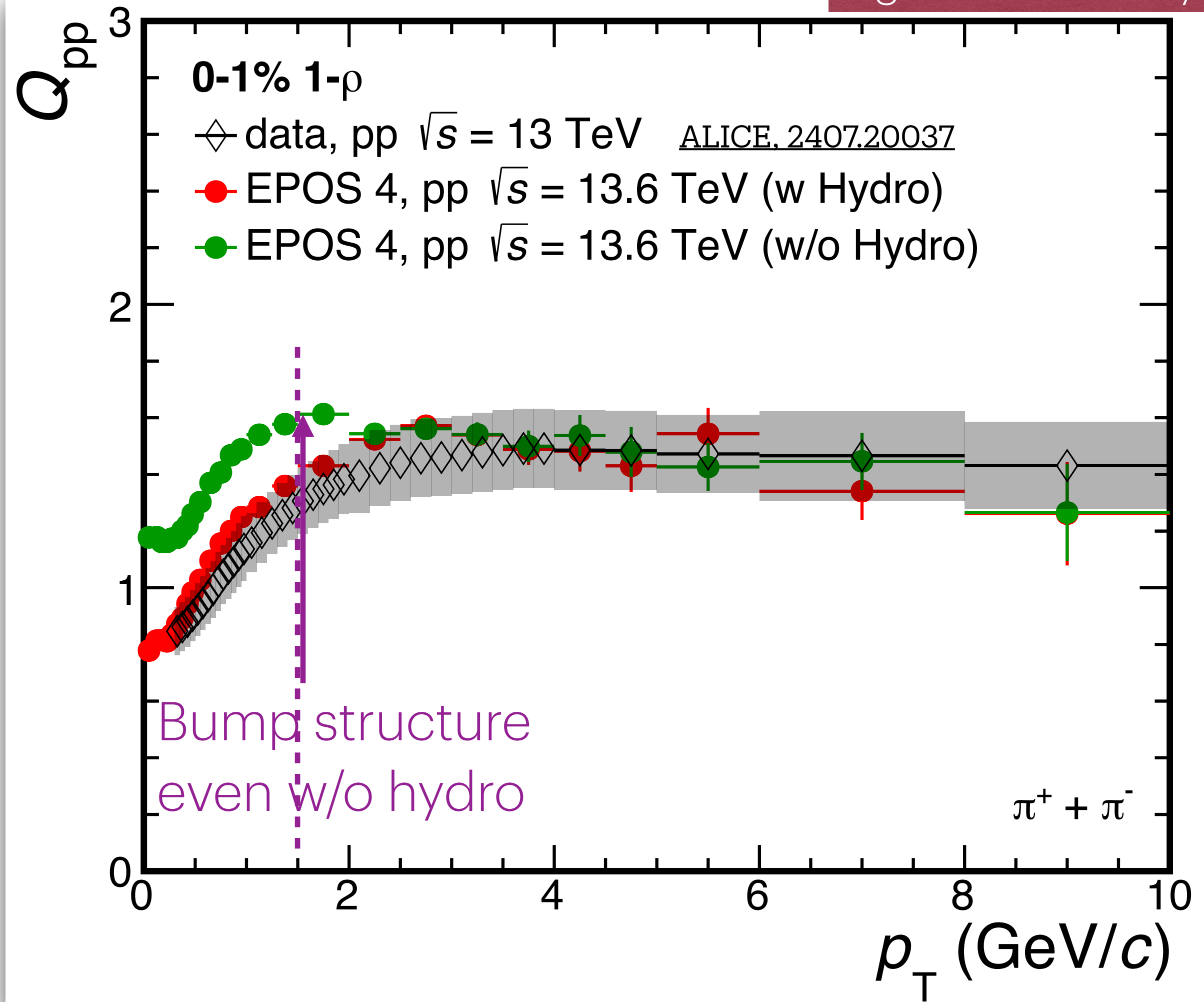


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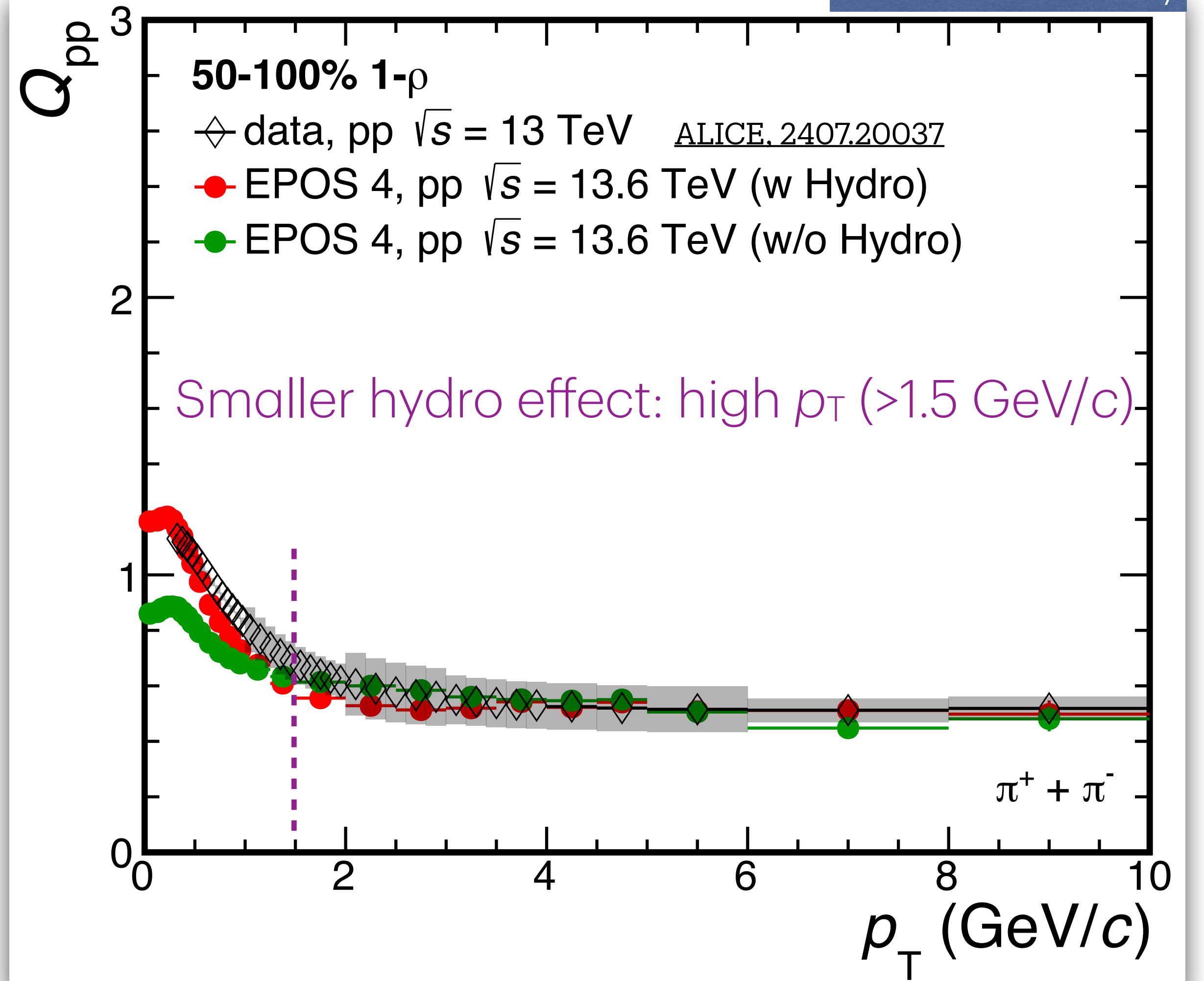


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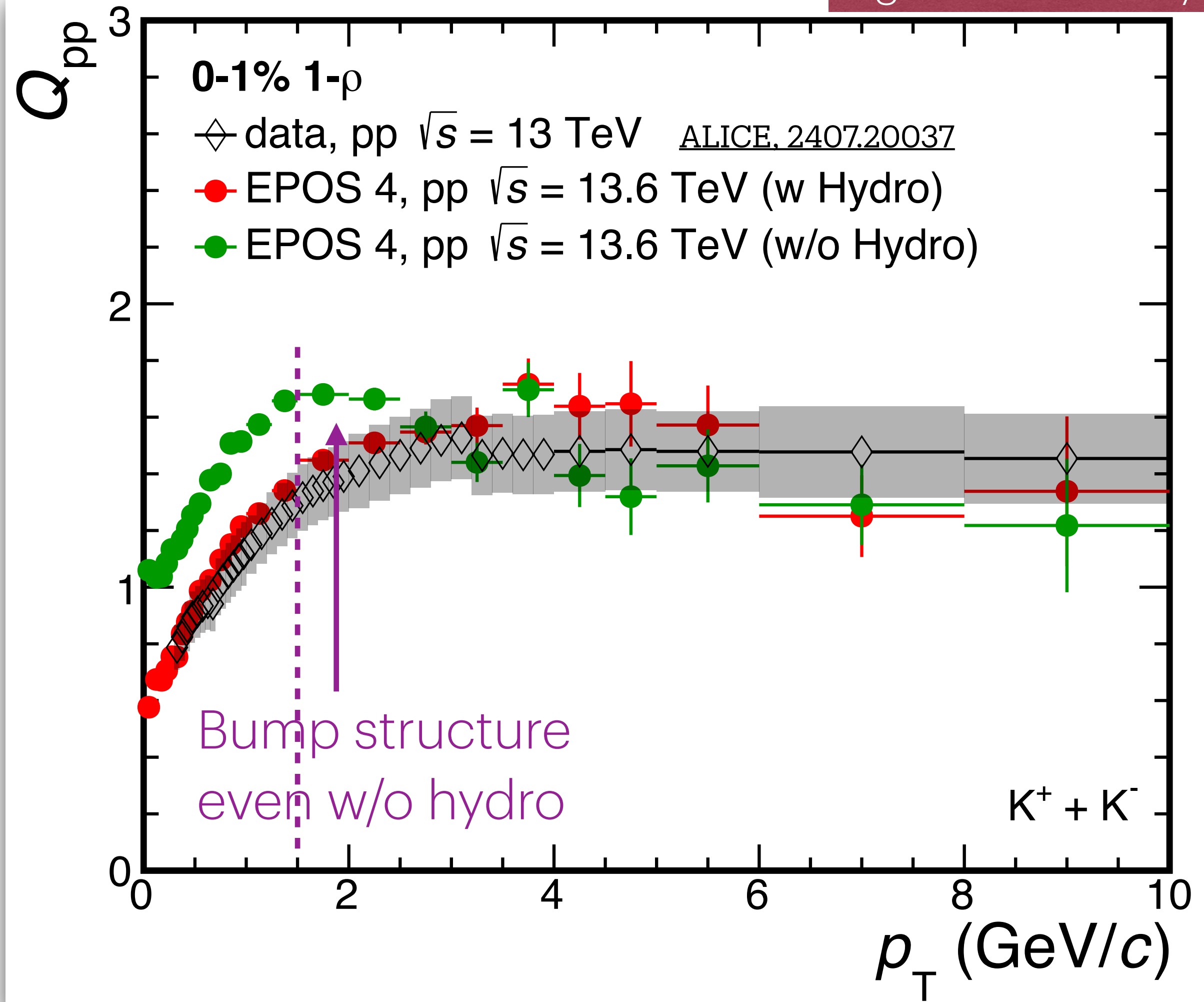


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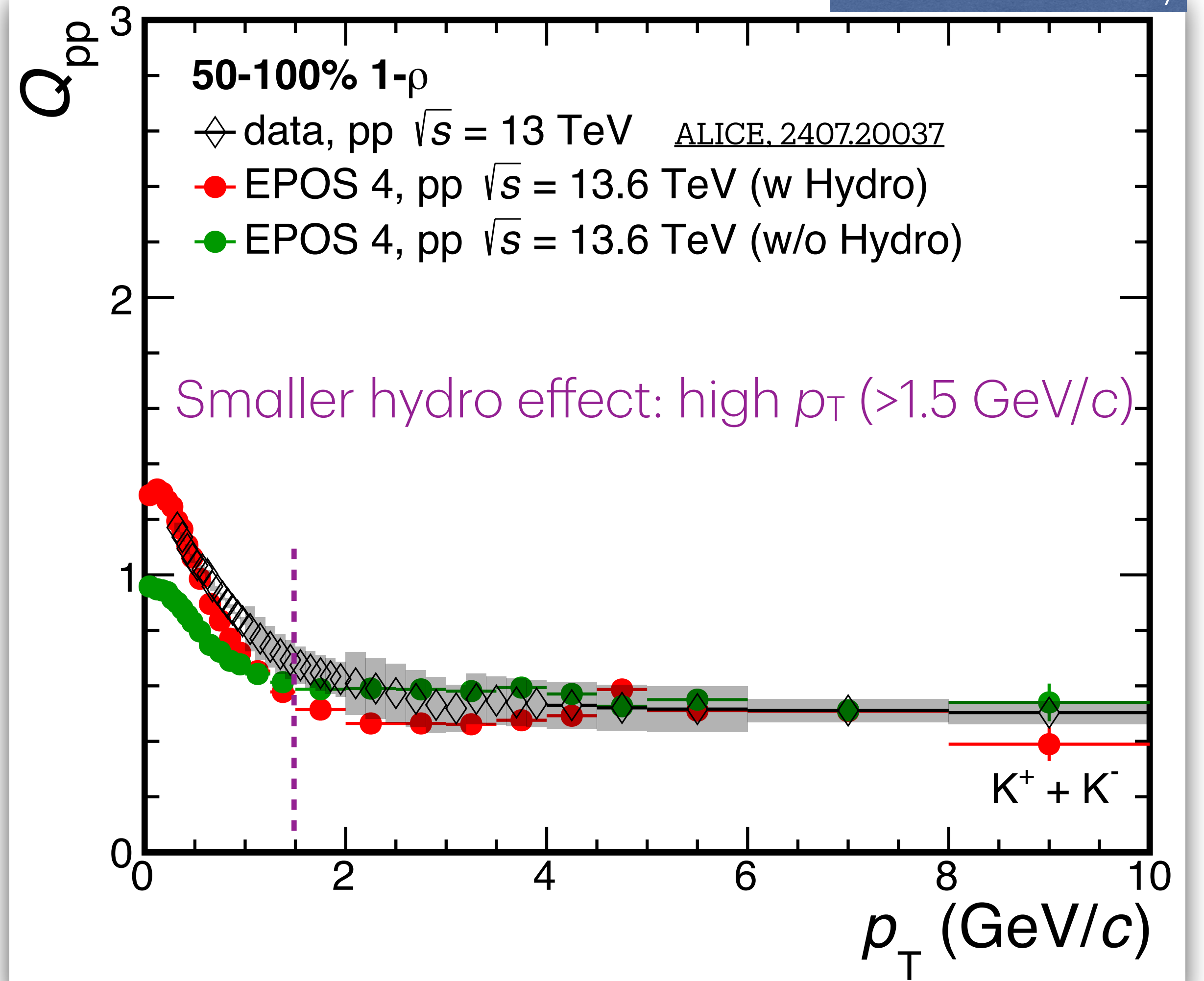


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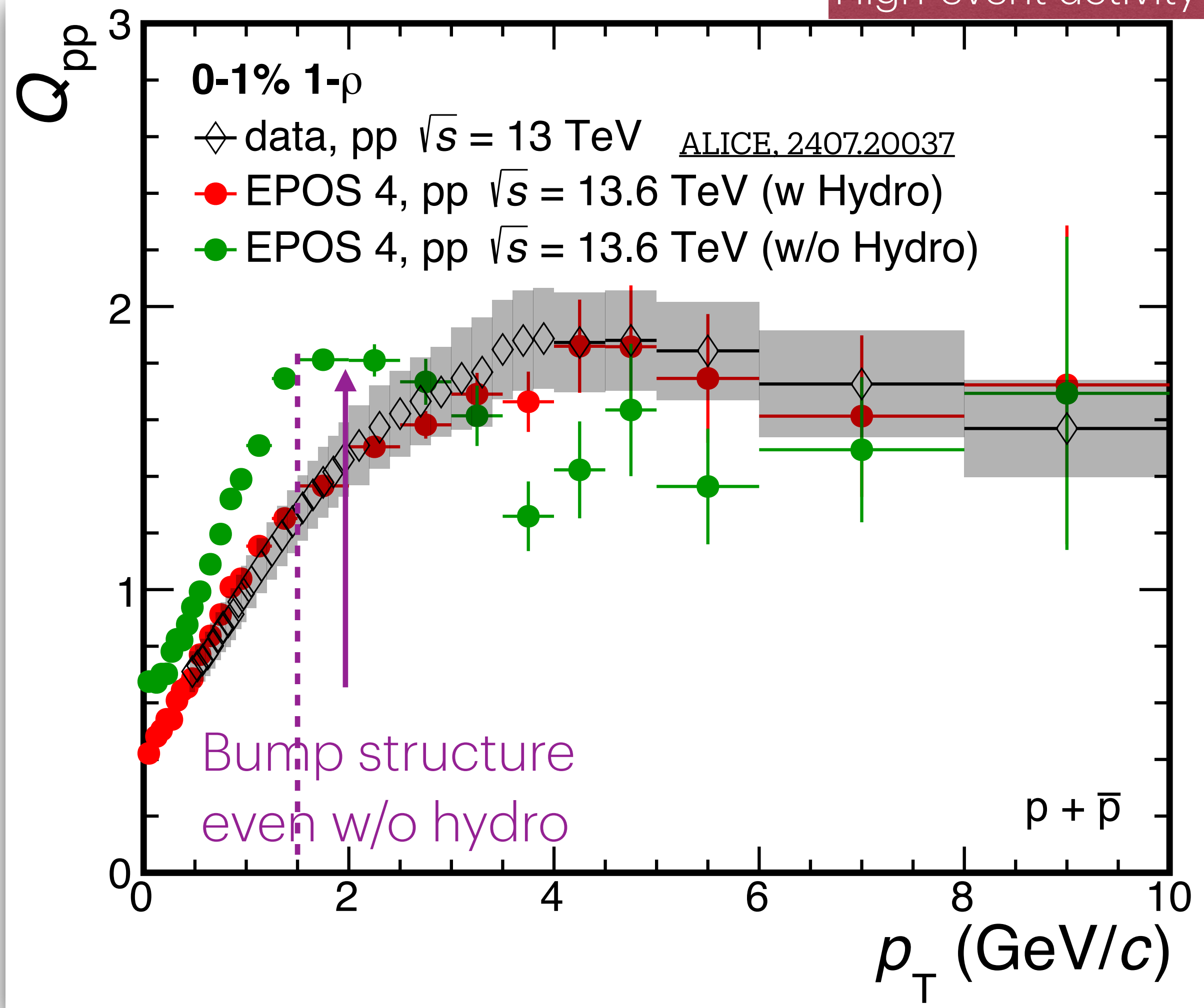


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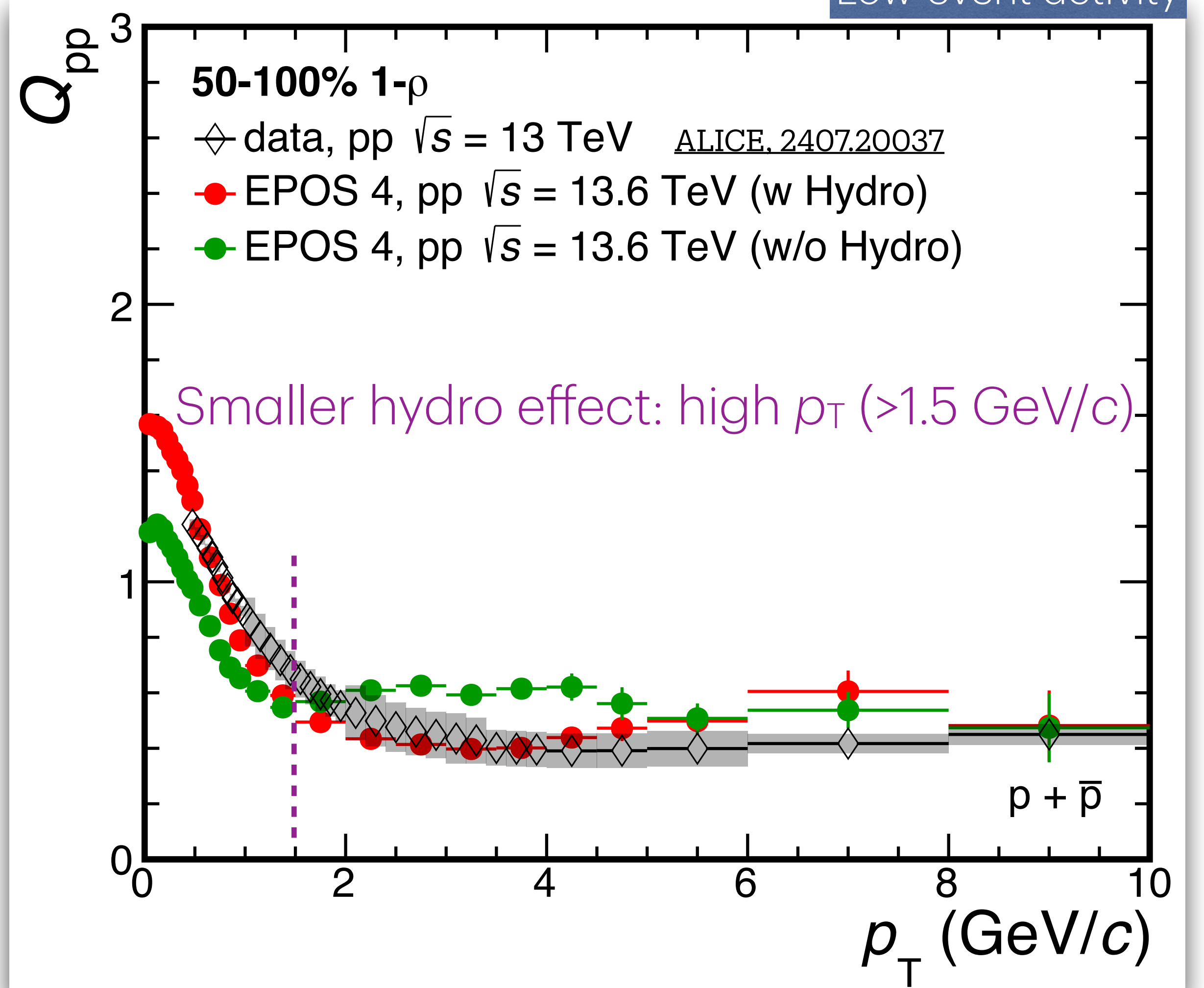


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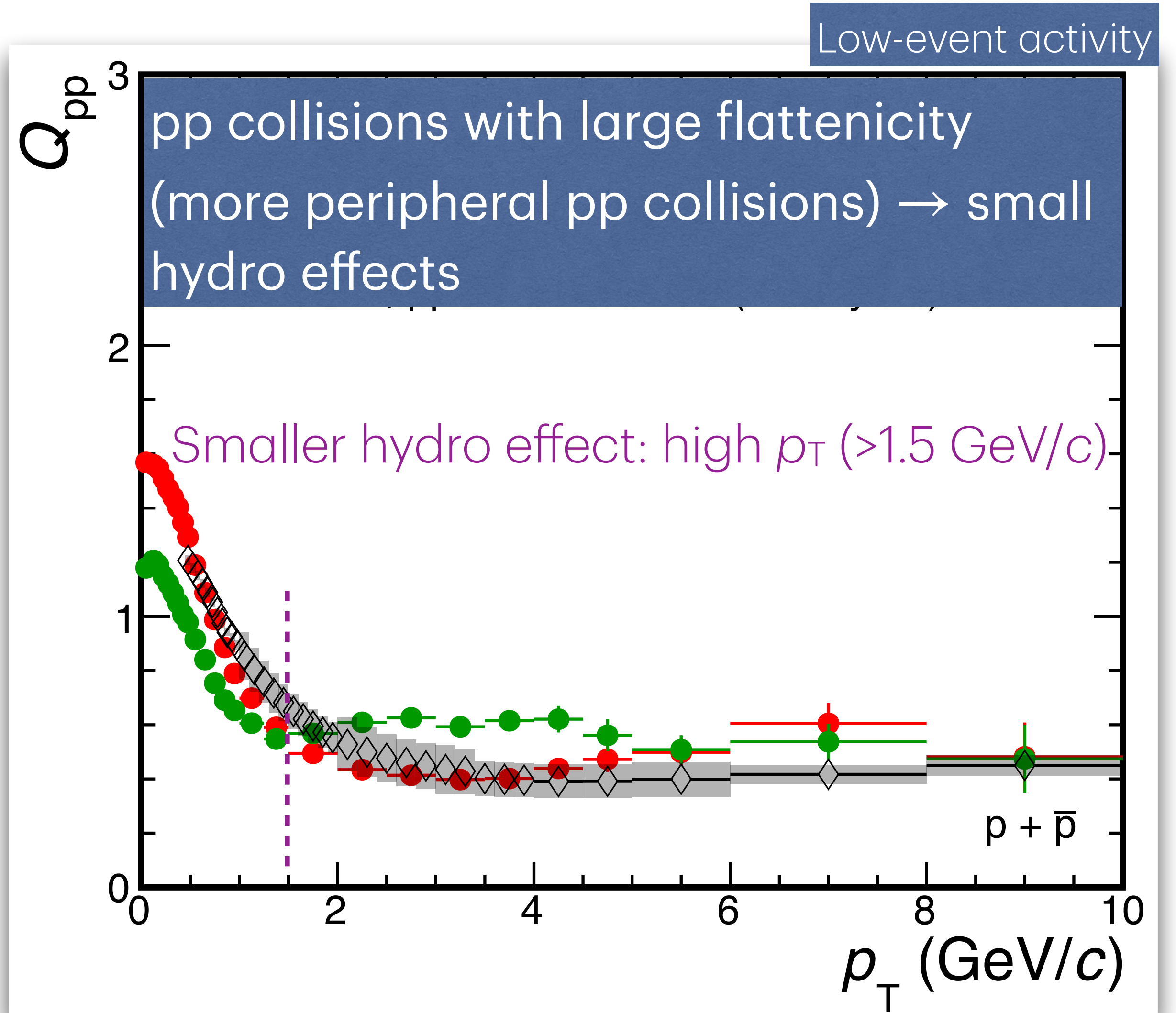
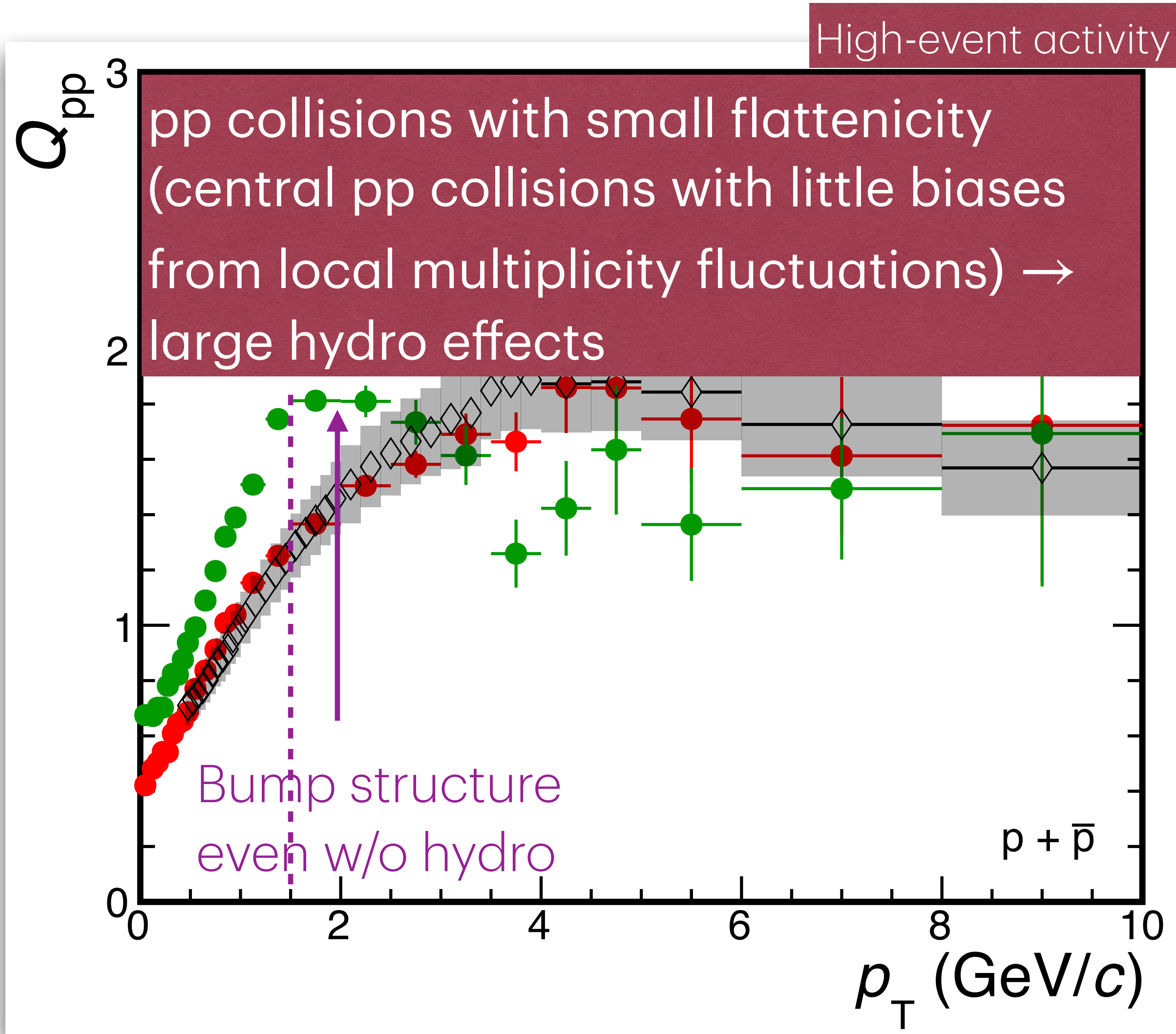
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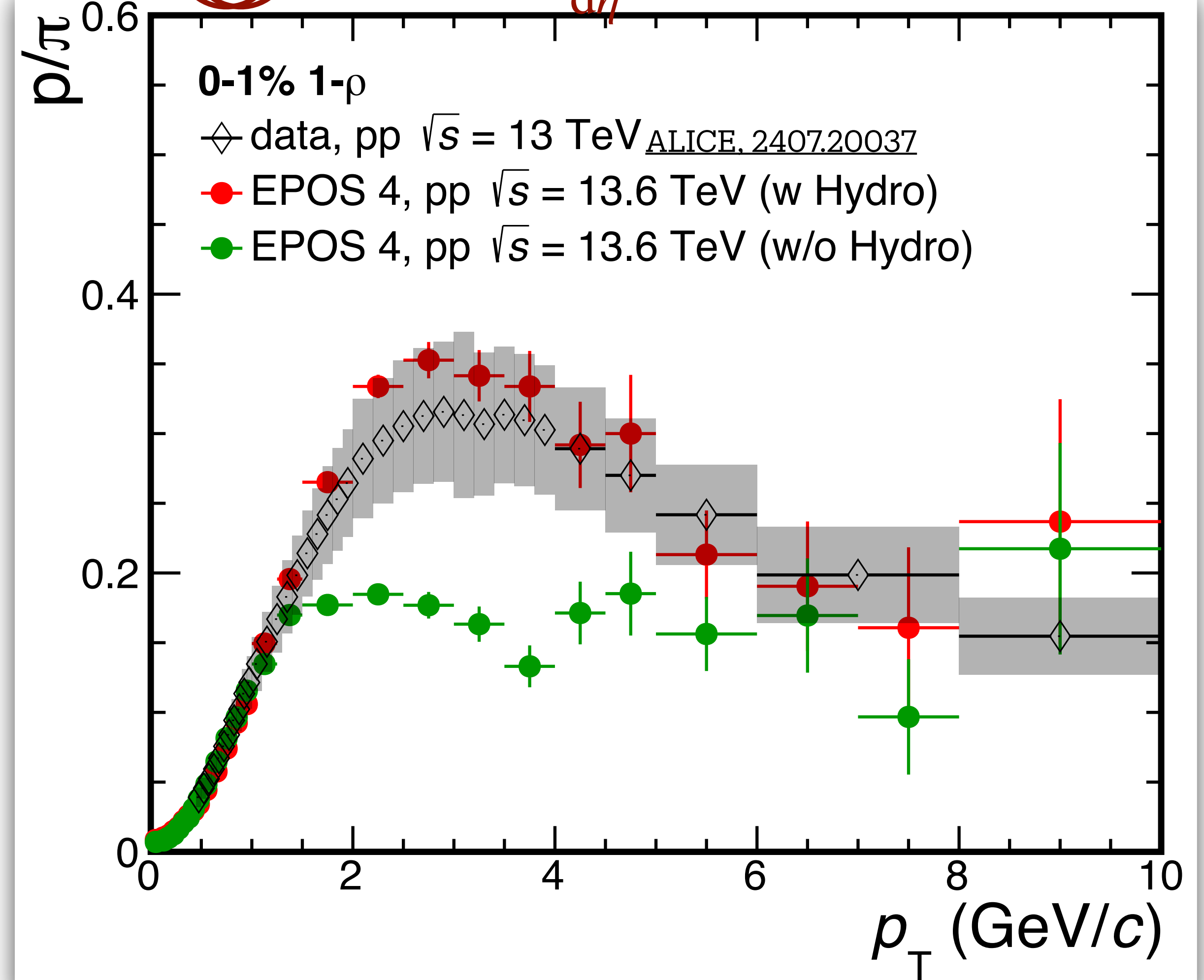
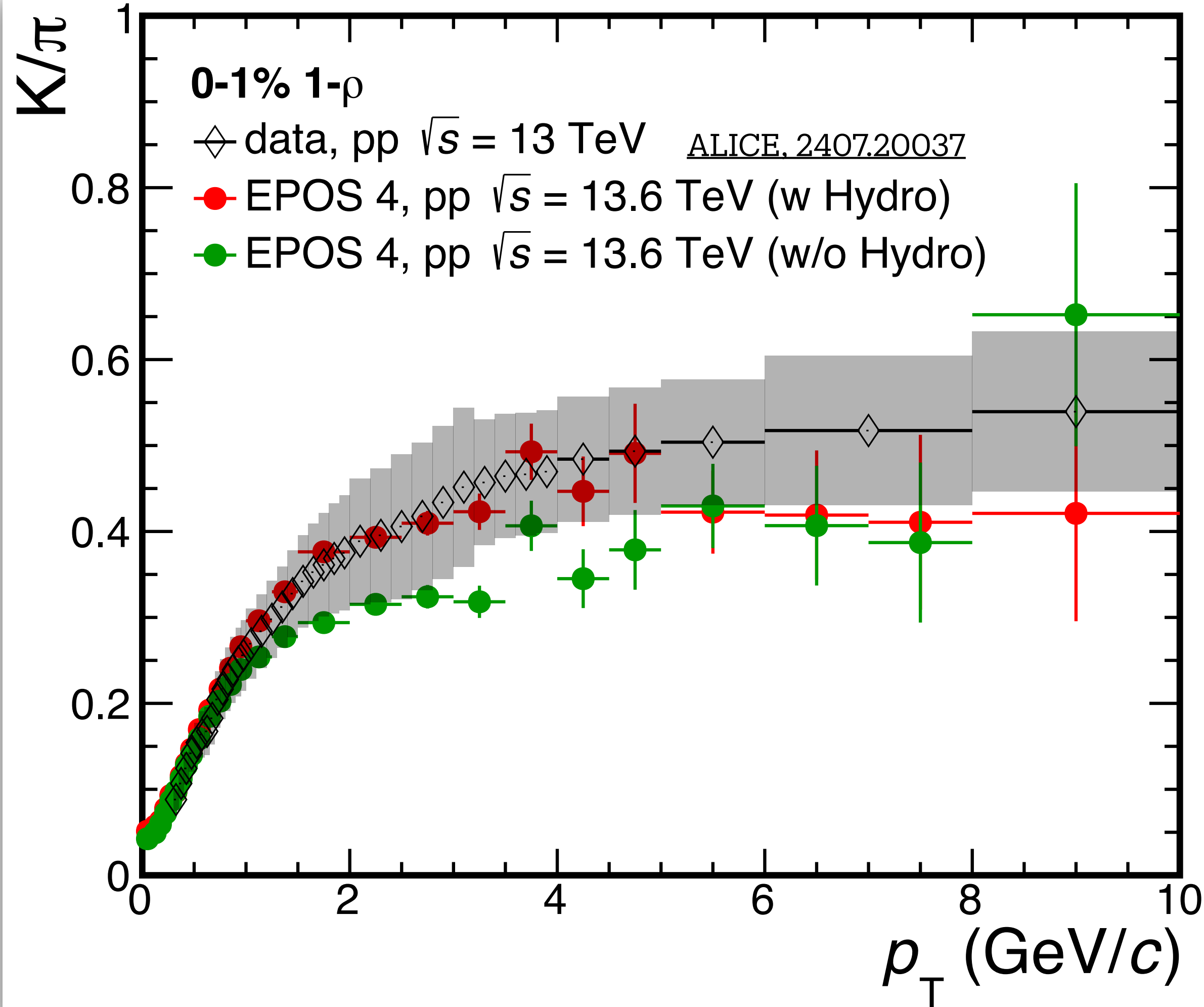
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Particle ratios: EPOS 4

High-event activity

$$\bigcirc \rho \rightarrow 0 \quad \left\langle \frac{dN_{ch}}{d\eta} \right\rangle \approx 22$$

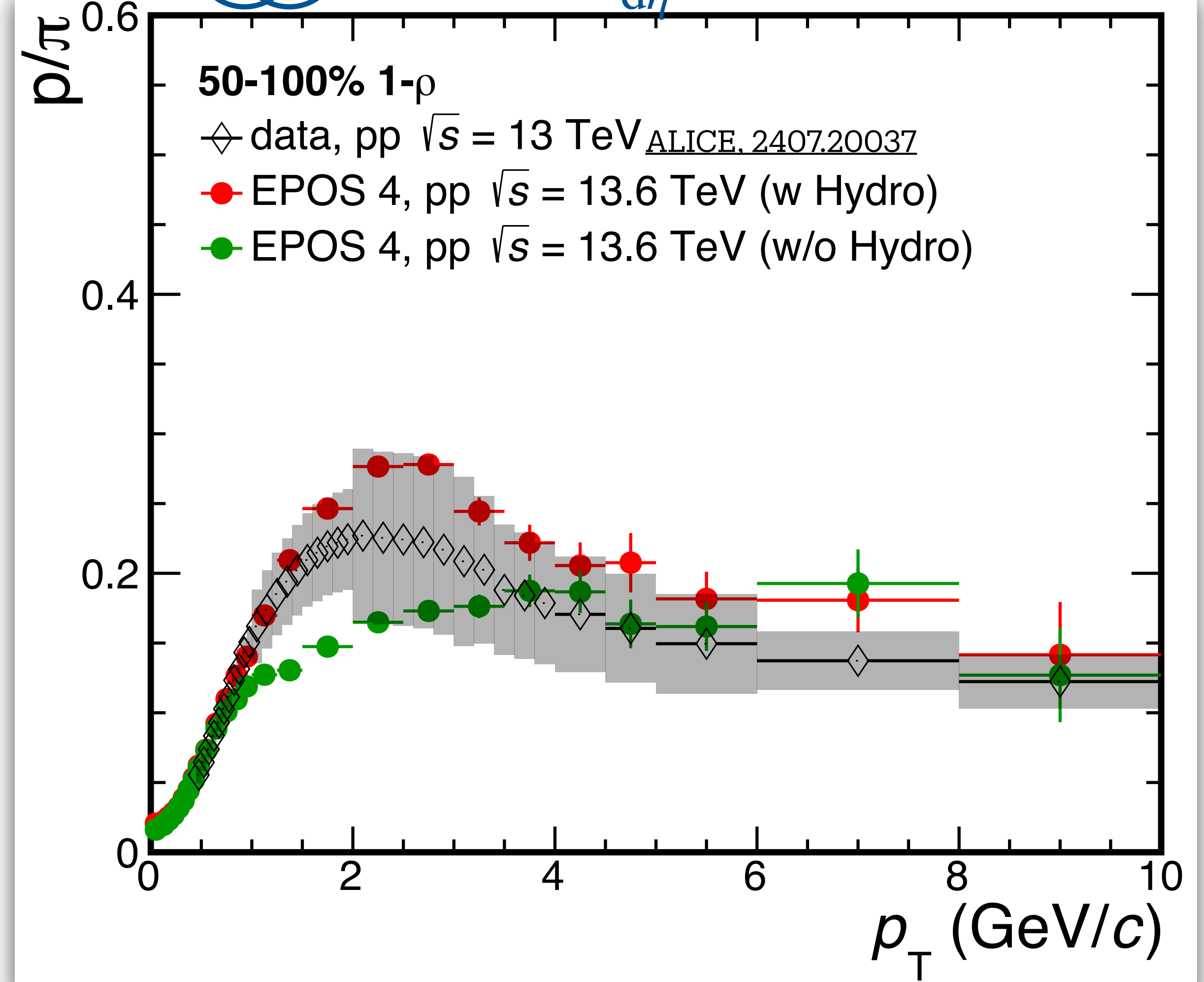
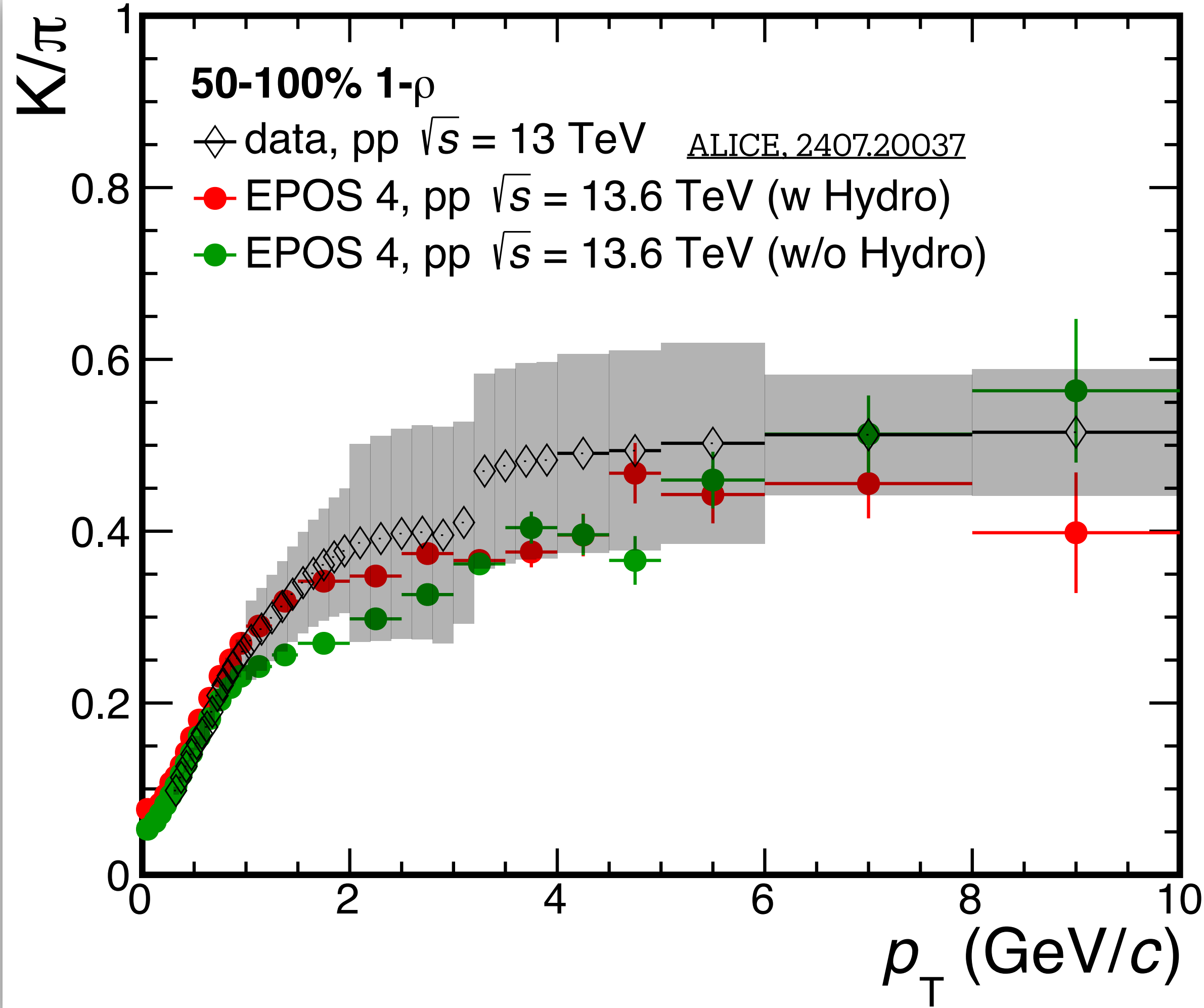


Large hydro effects

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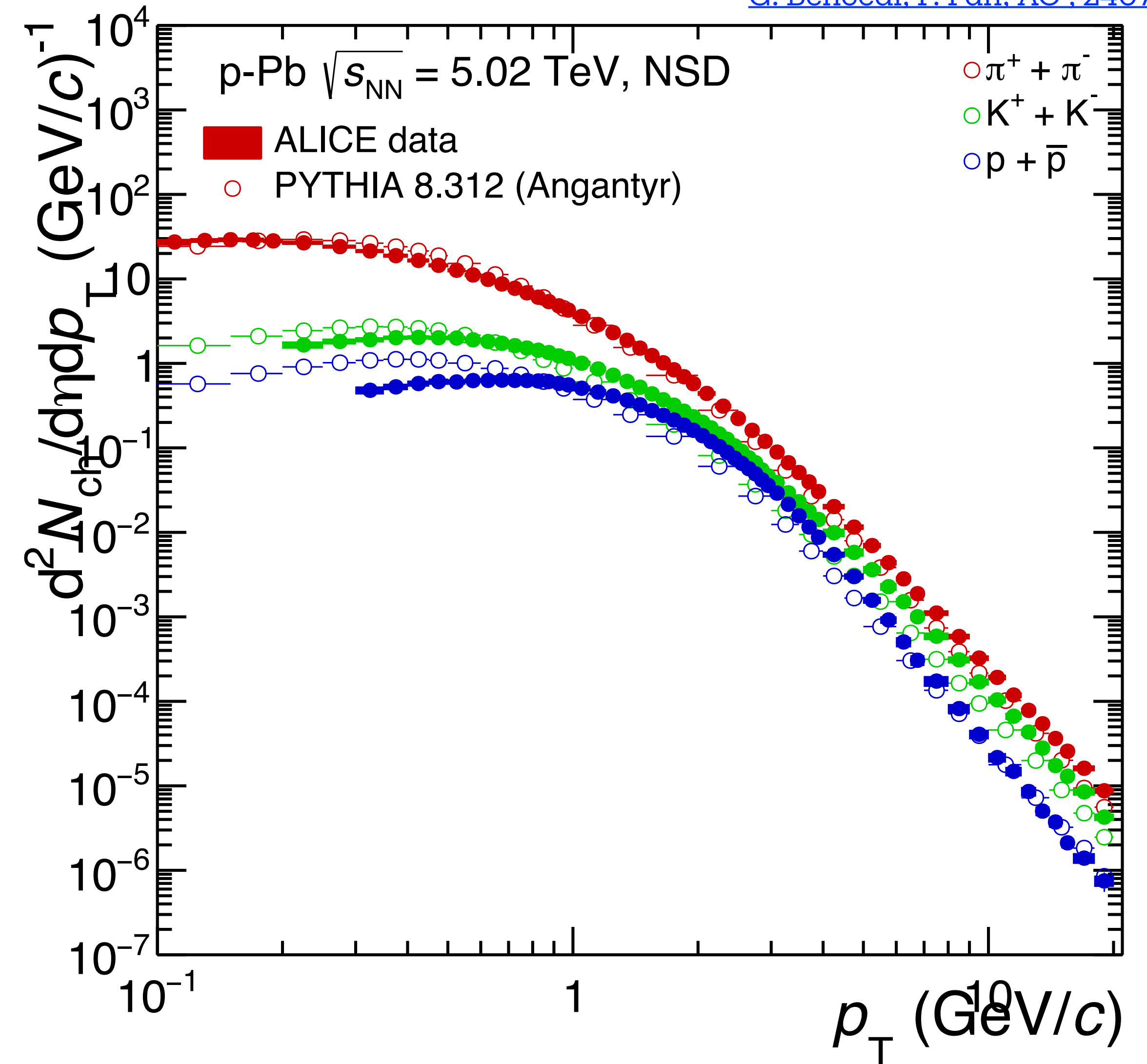
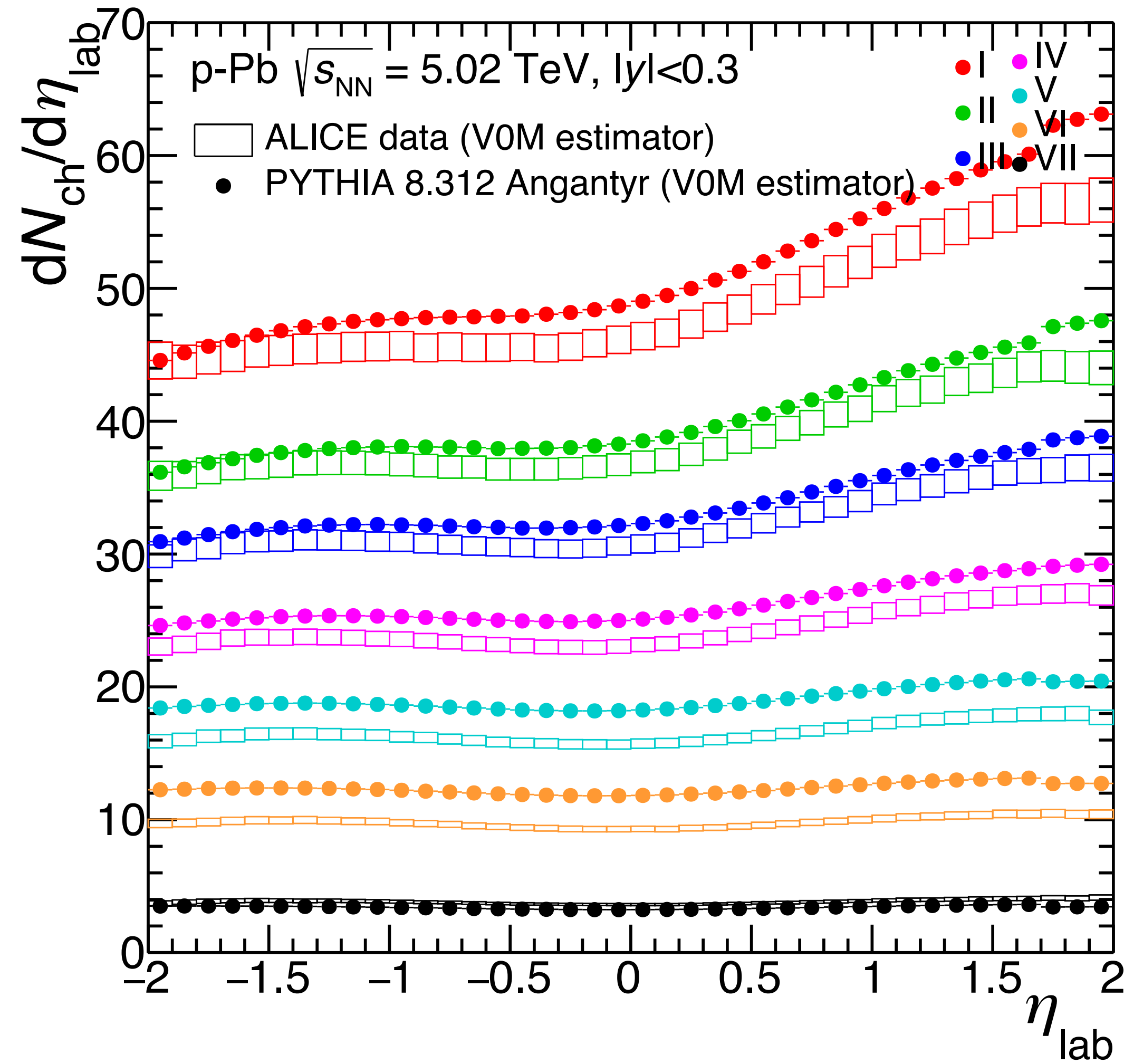
Low-event activity

$$\rho \rightarrow 1 \quad \left\langle \frac{dN_{ch}}{d\eta} \right\rangle \approx 3$$



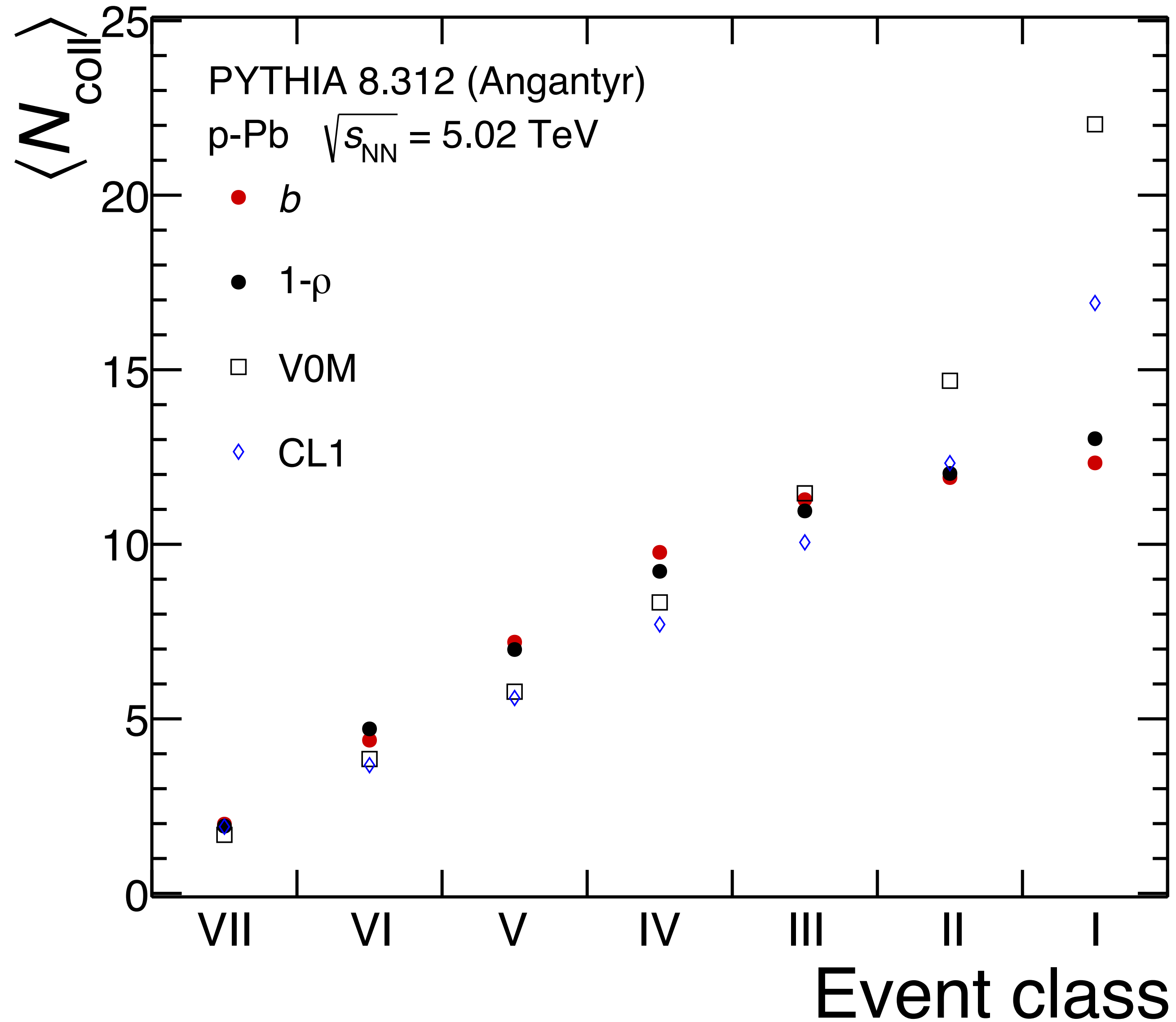
Low multiplicity pp collisions with fluid behaviour (keep in mind that we have measured a non zero v_2 in low multiplicity pp)

Flattenicity in p-Pb?



First studies using PYTHIA Angantyr: description of p-Pb data is not optimal but ok to test the idea

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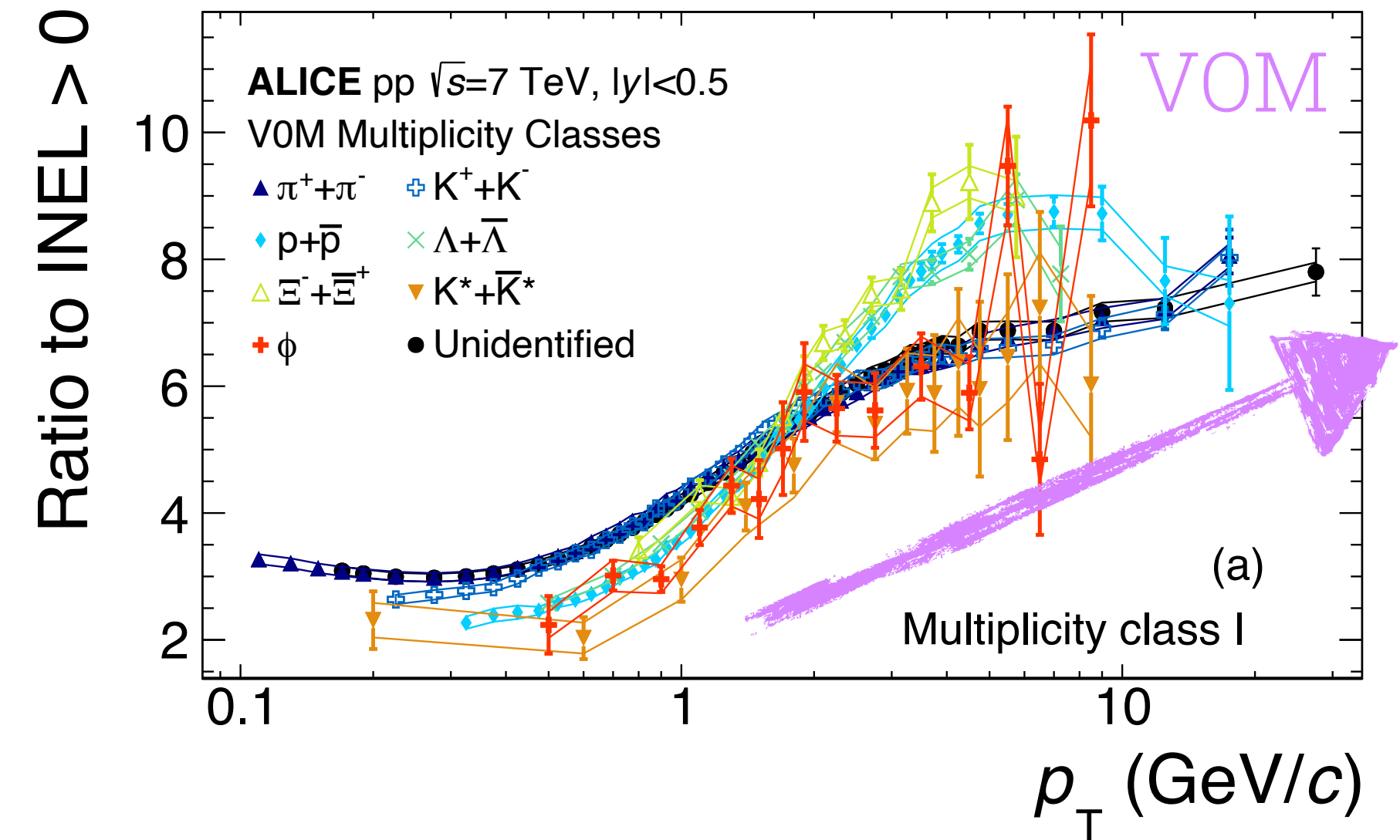
Flattenicity in p-Pb seems to be a good candidate to classify the collisions in terms of the centrality

More studies will come

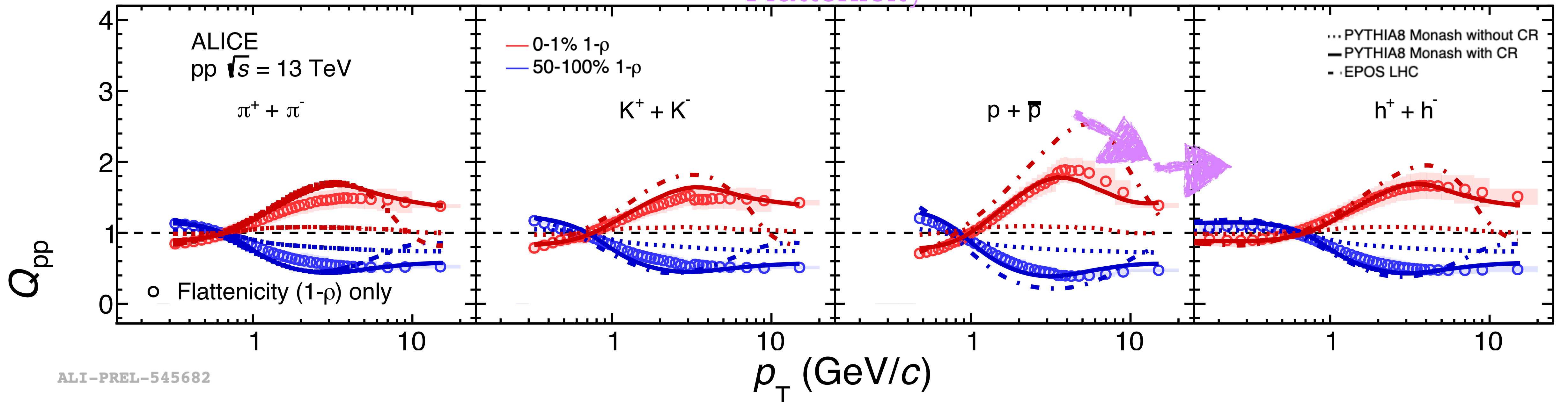
Summary

Flattenicity is more sensitive to underlying event (and therefore to the impact parameter of the collision) than the VOM multiplicity estimator

Promising tool to study particle production in small systems



Flattenicity

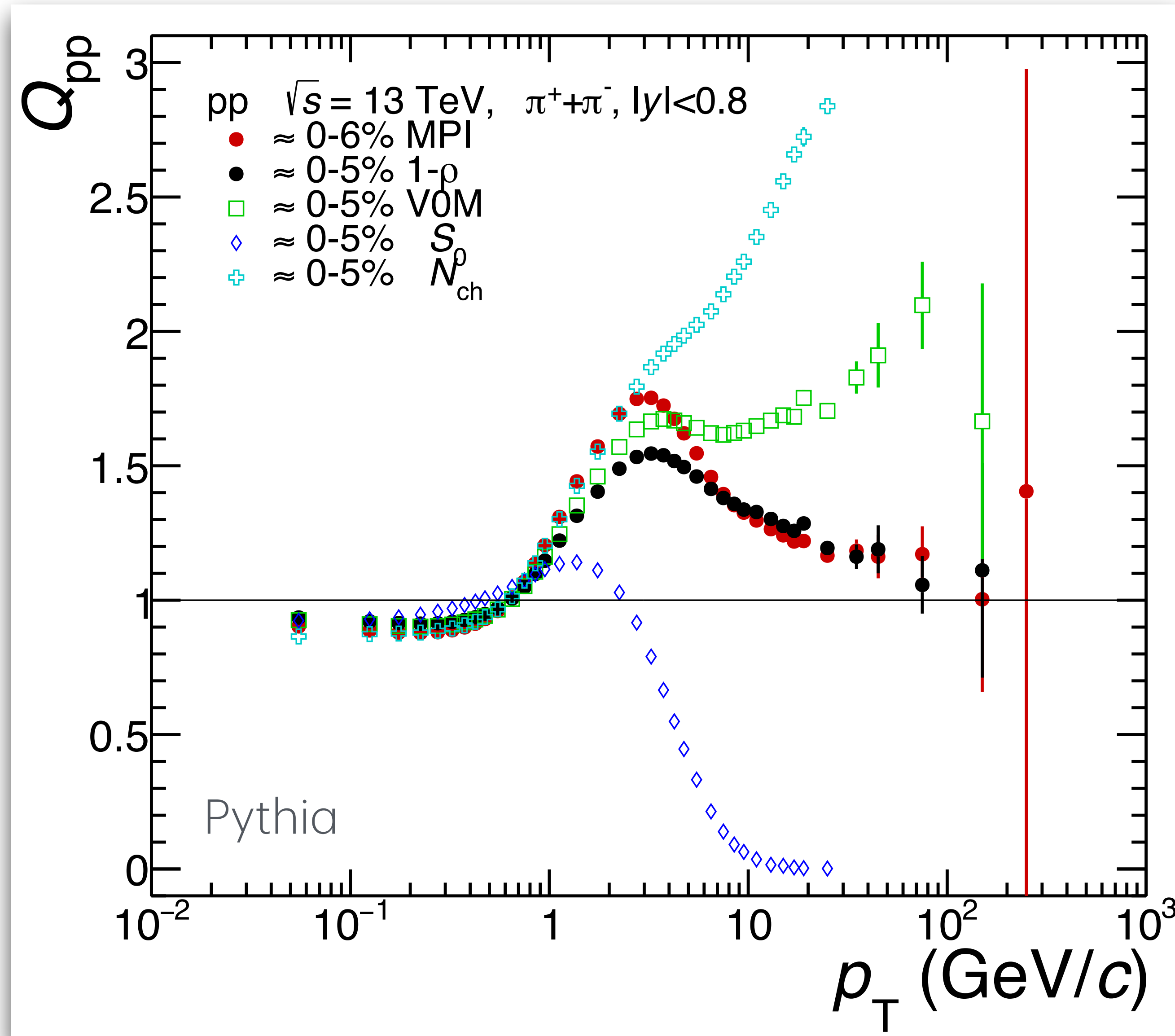


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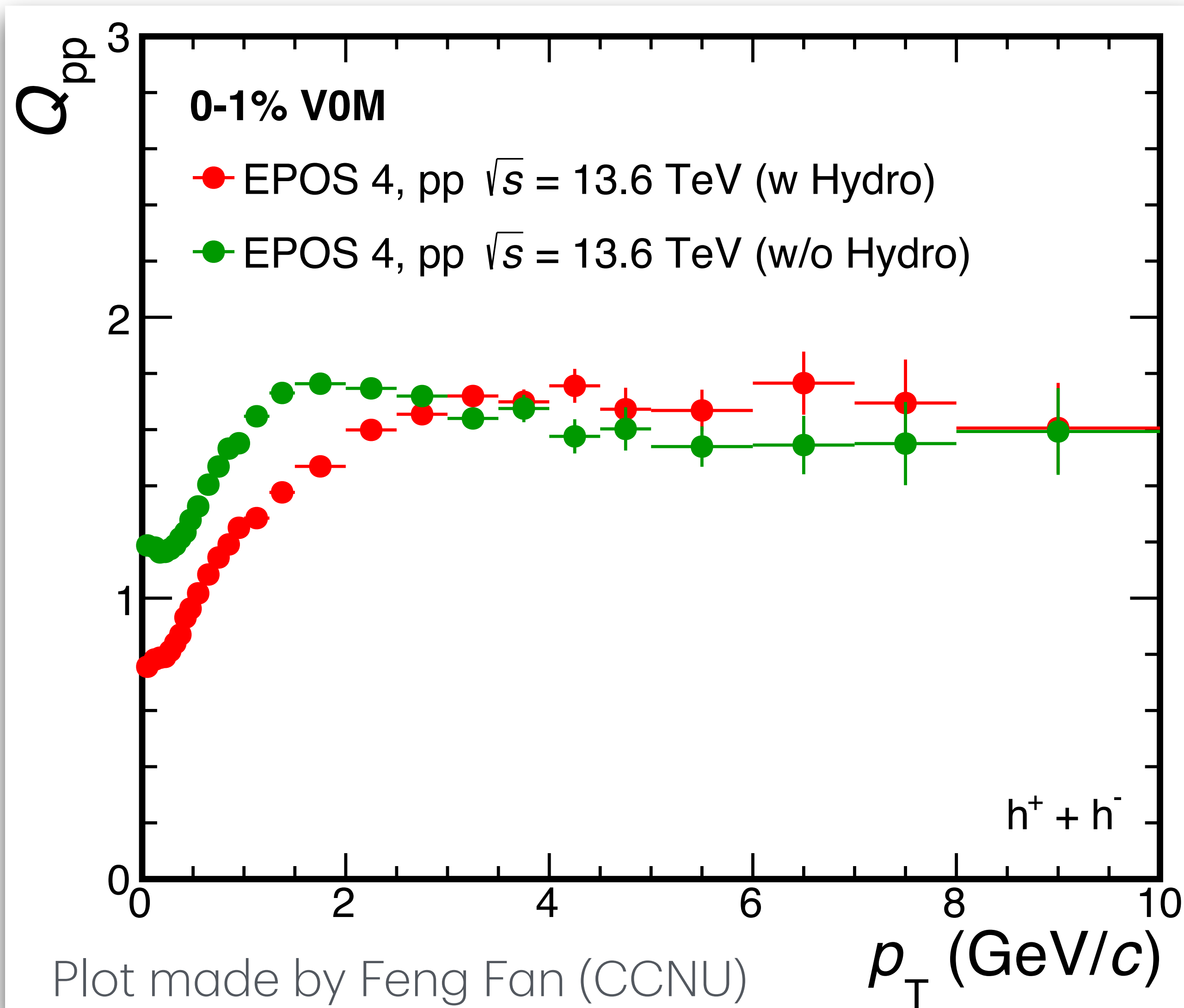
Thank you!

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Flattenicity vs other estimators



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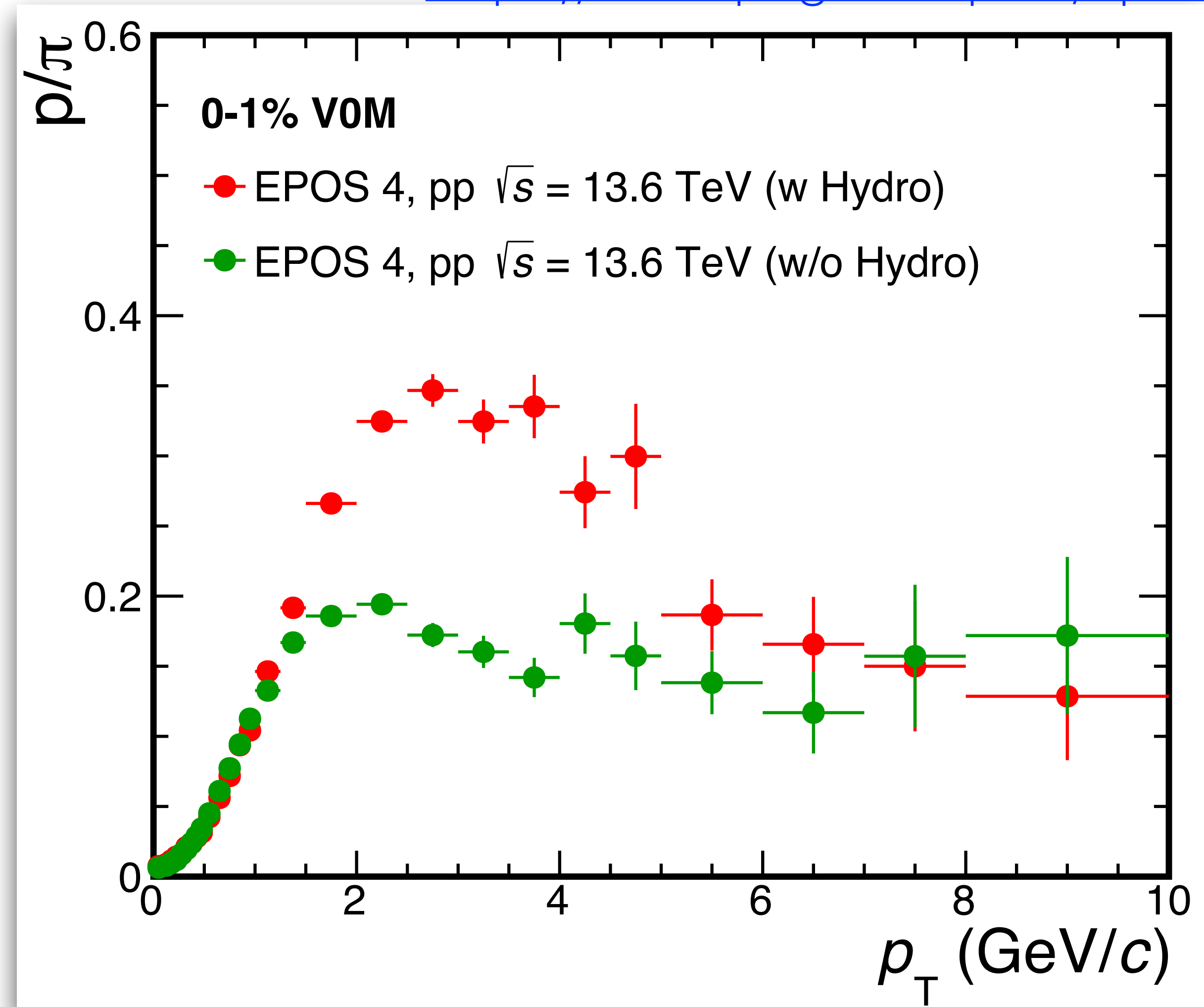
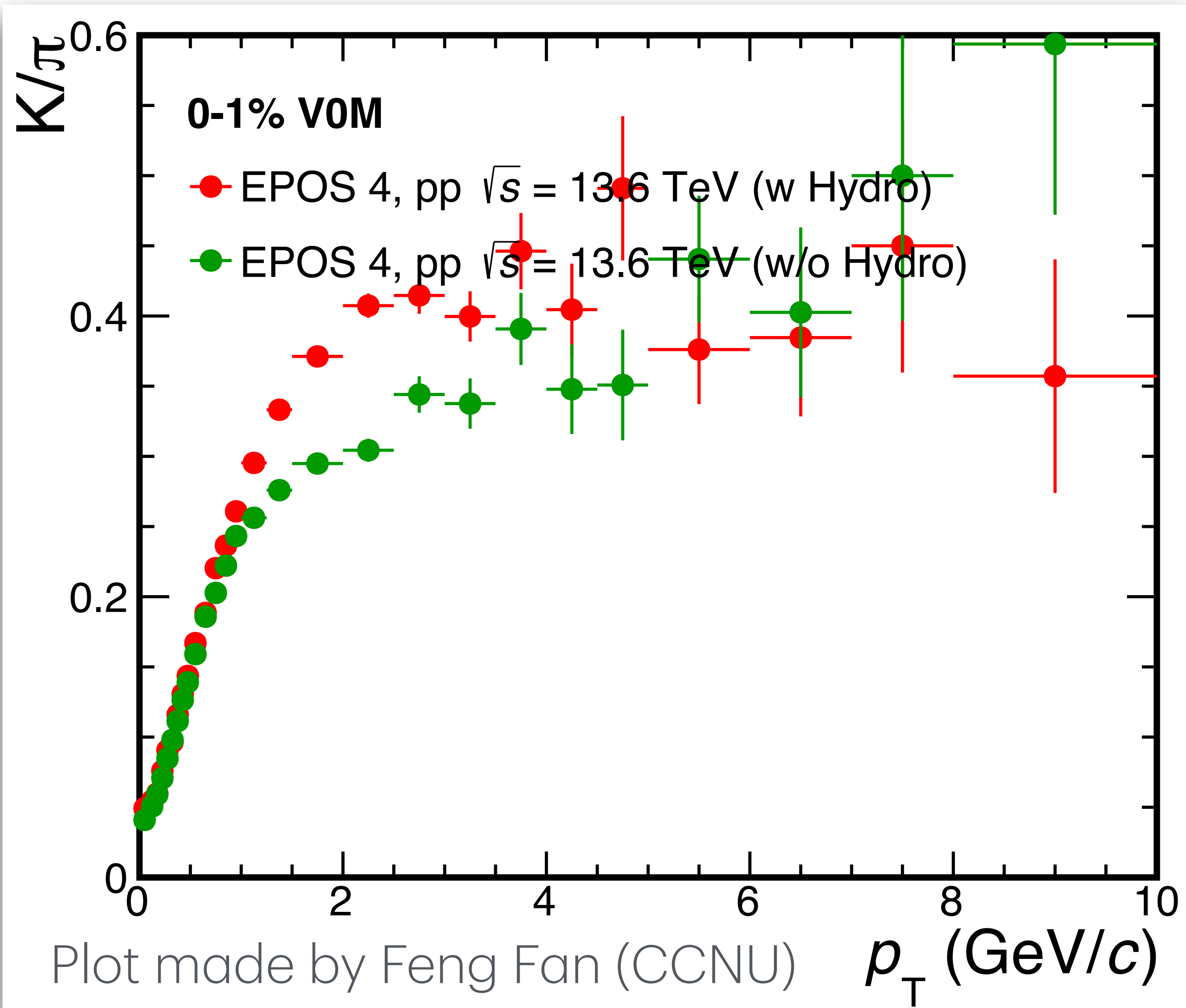
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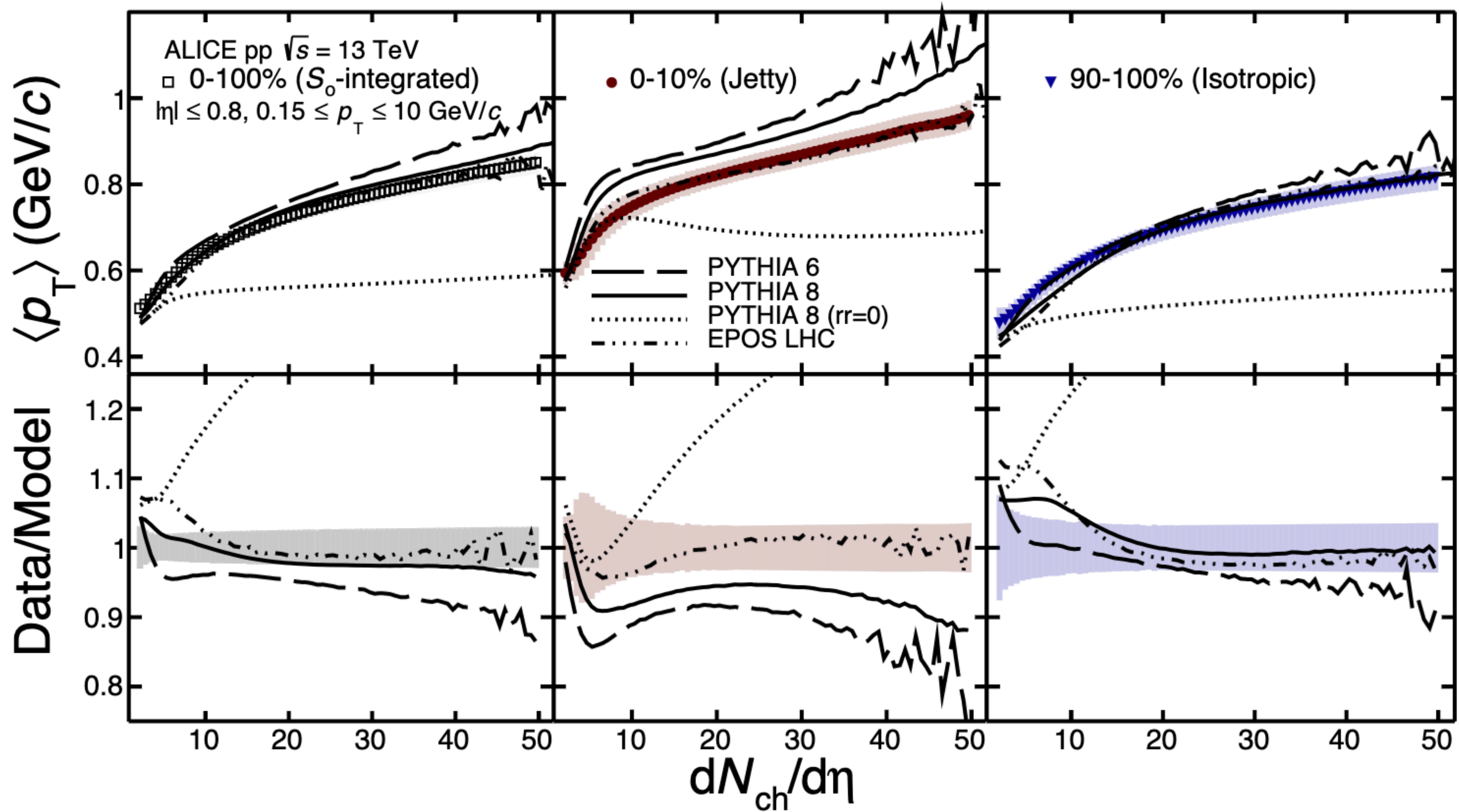
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$$S_0 \equiv \frac{\pi^2}{4} \min_{\hat{n}_s} \left(\frac{\sum_i |\vec{p}_{T,i} \times \hat{n}_s|}{\sum_i p_{T,i}} \right)^2,$$

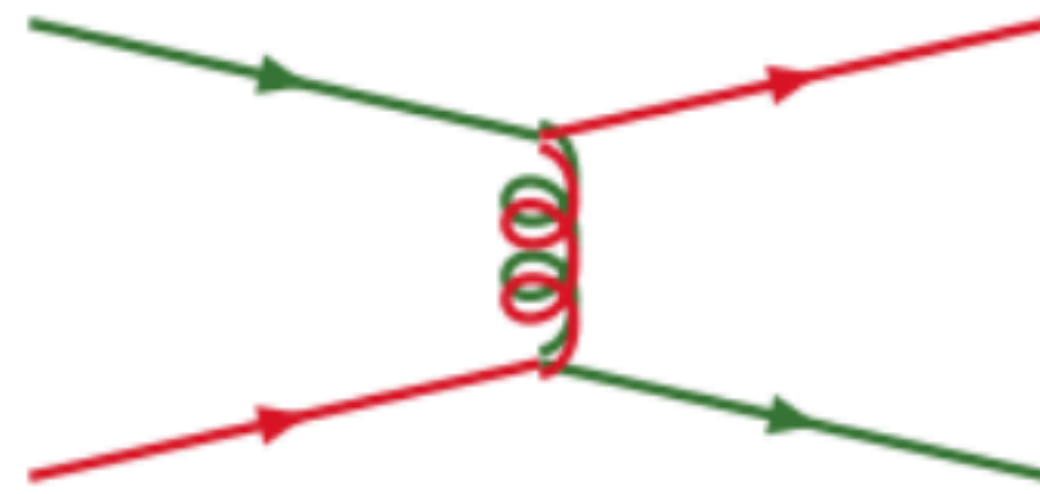
MPI

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 $2 \rightarrow 2$

$qq' \rightarrow qq'$

$q\bar{q} \rightarrow q'\bar{q}'$

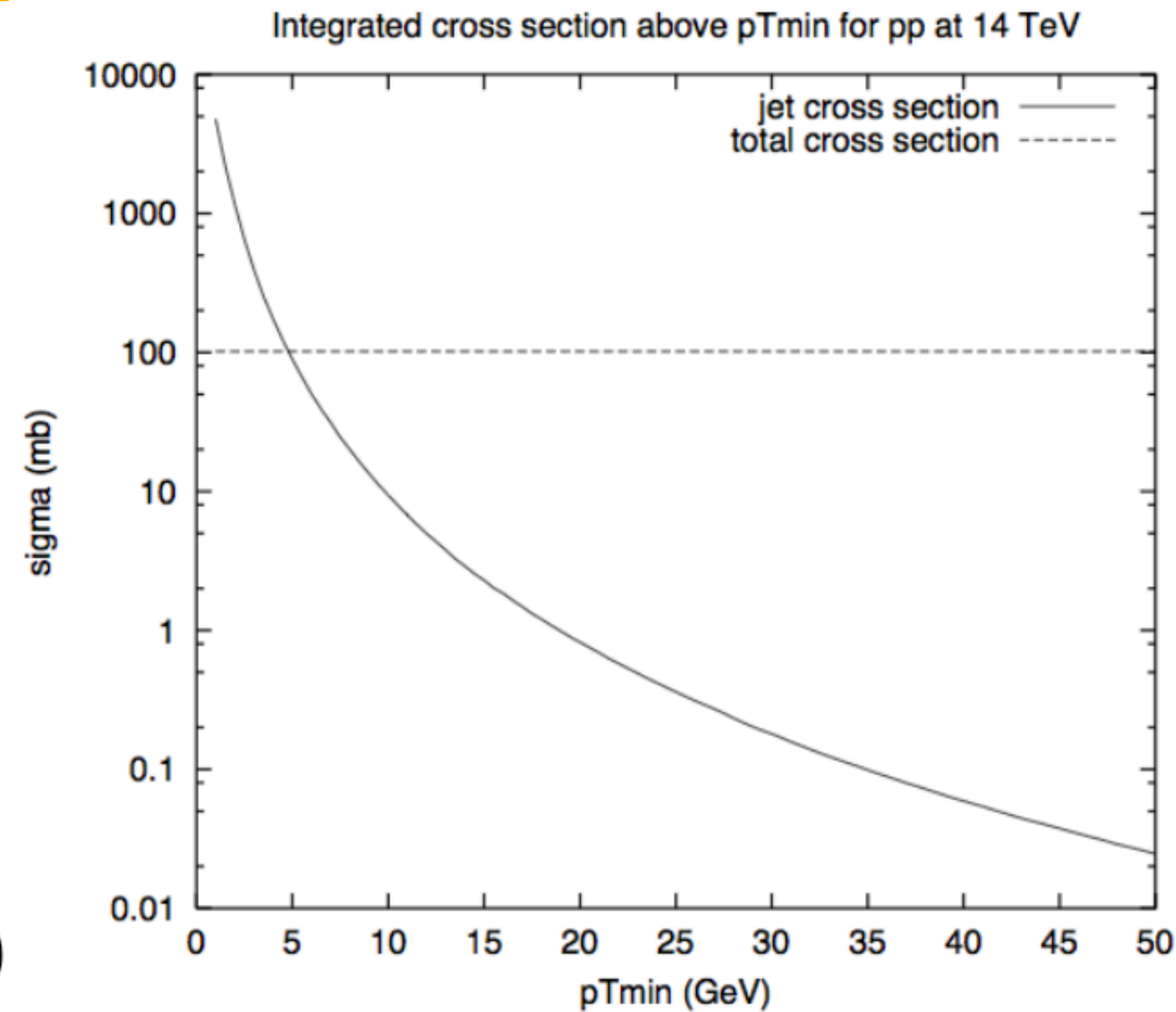
$q\bar{q} \rightarrow gg$

$qg \rightarrow qg$

$gg \rightarrow gg$

$gg \rightarrow q\bar{q}$

(with CTEQ 5L PDF's)

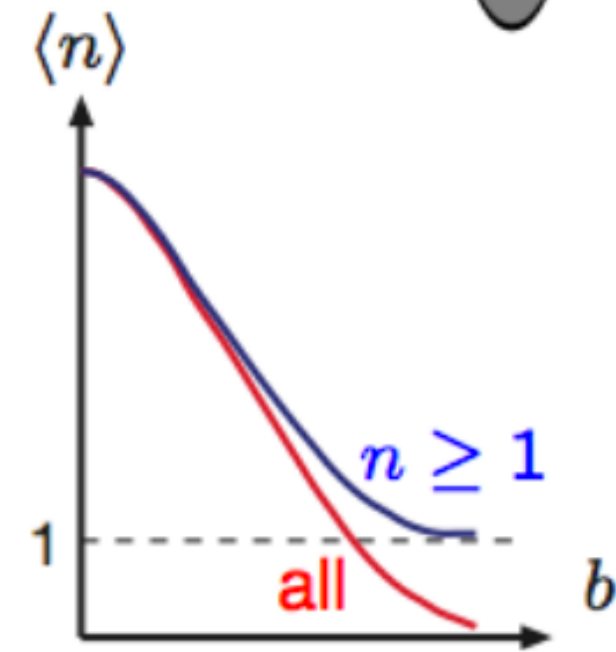
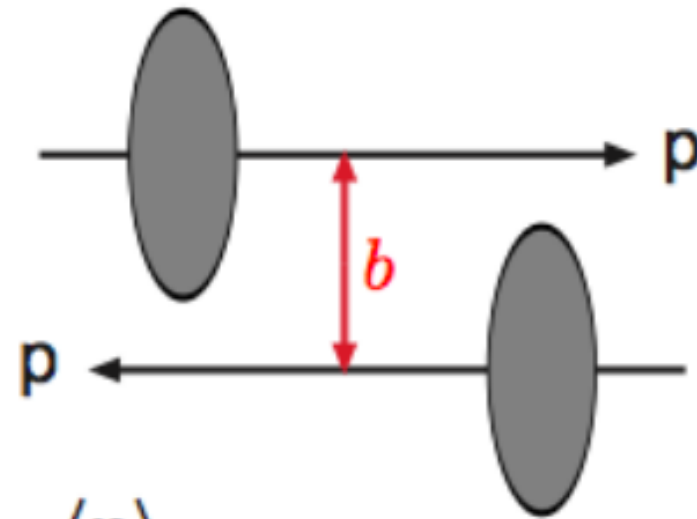


MPI

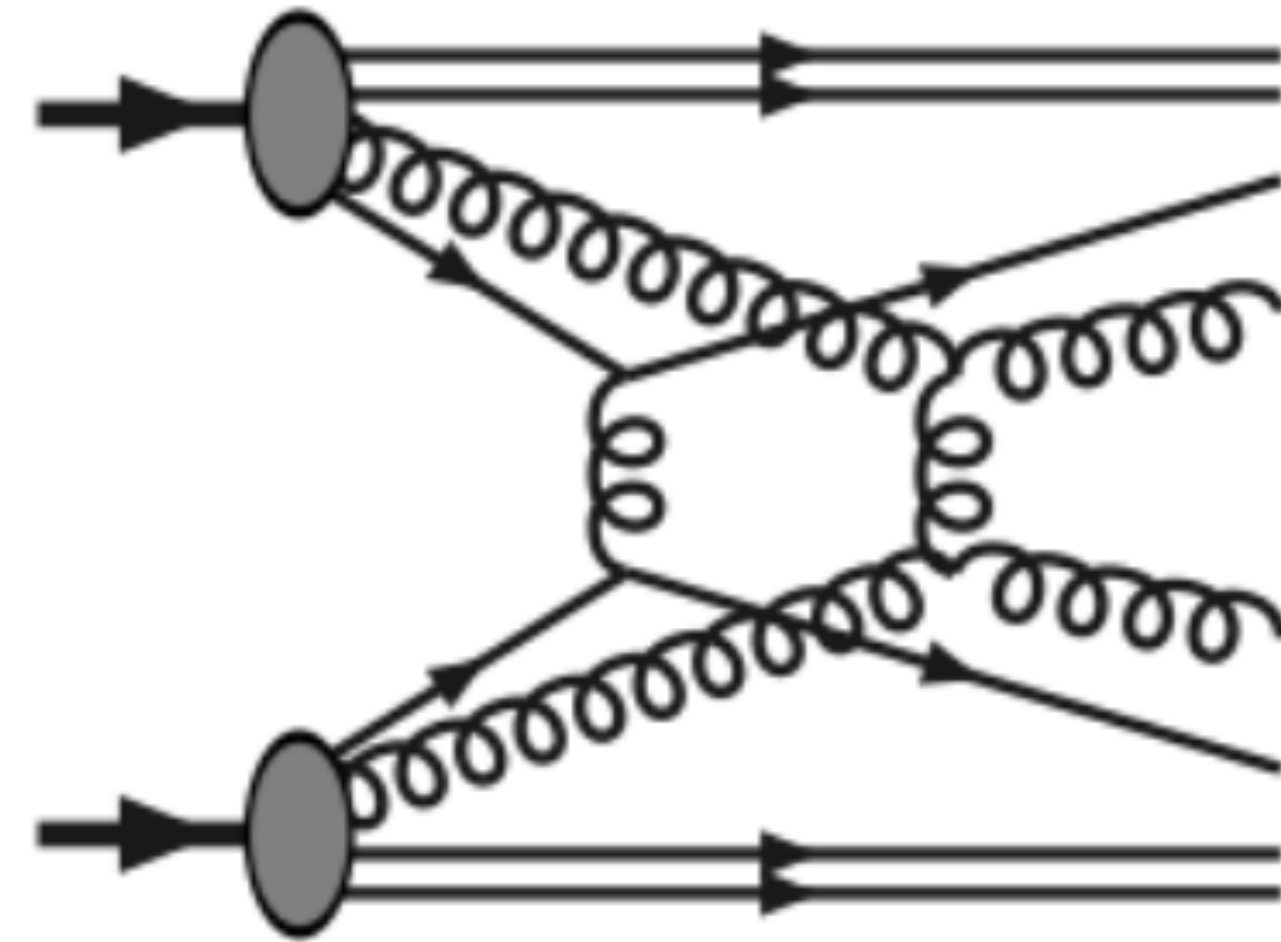
At high energy
 order cross-section
 parton scattering
 momentum
 $Q > Q_{min}$
 the total pp
 range of Q_n
 perturbative
 applicable ($Q > 1$
 GeV/c) [T. Sjöstrand
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Interpretation: Many partonic scatterings per event: (MPI)

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



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

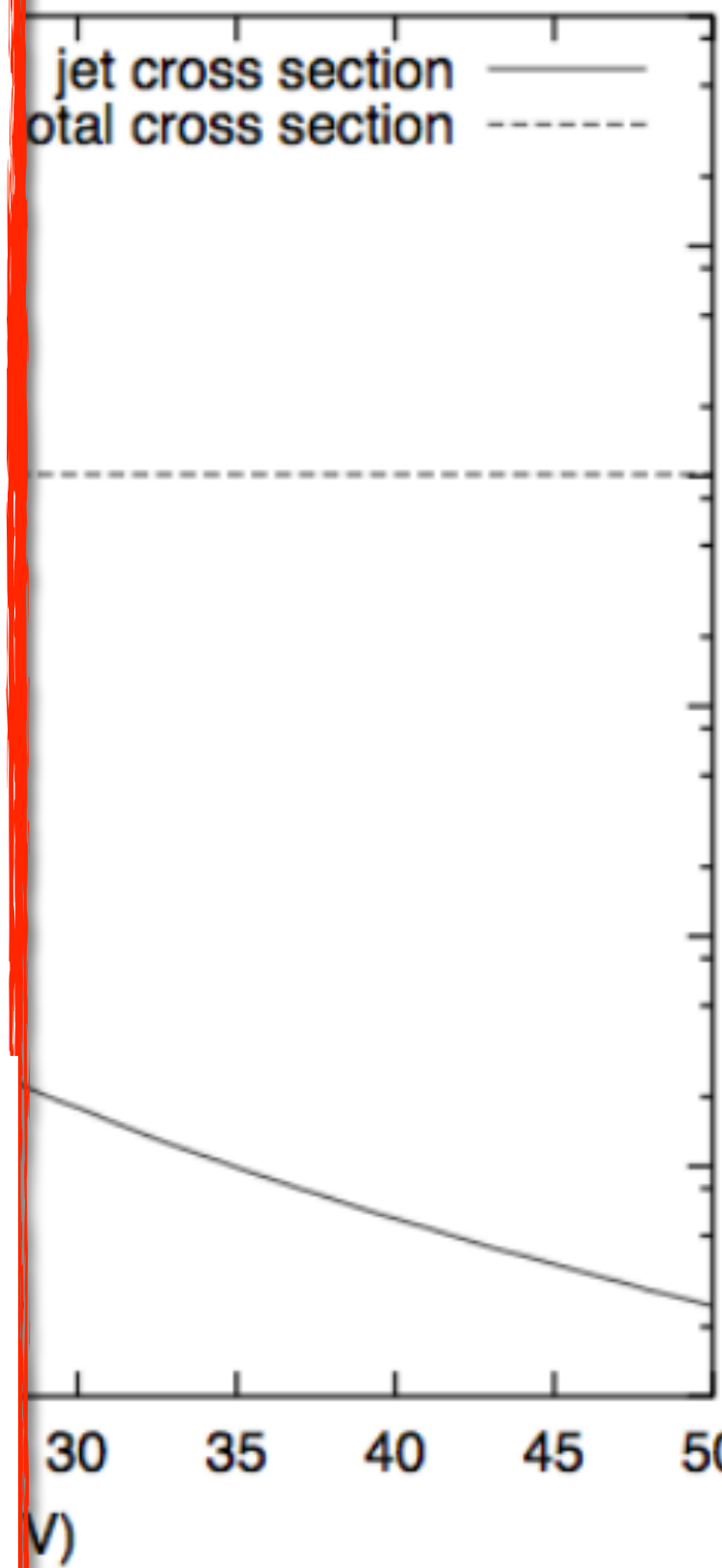


Overlap of protons during encounter is

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

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

jet cross section total cross section for pp at 14 TeV



T. Sjöstrand, ISAPP 2018

Interpretation: Many partonic scatterings per event: (MPI)

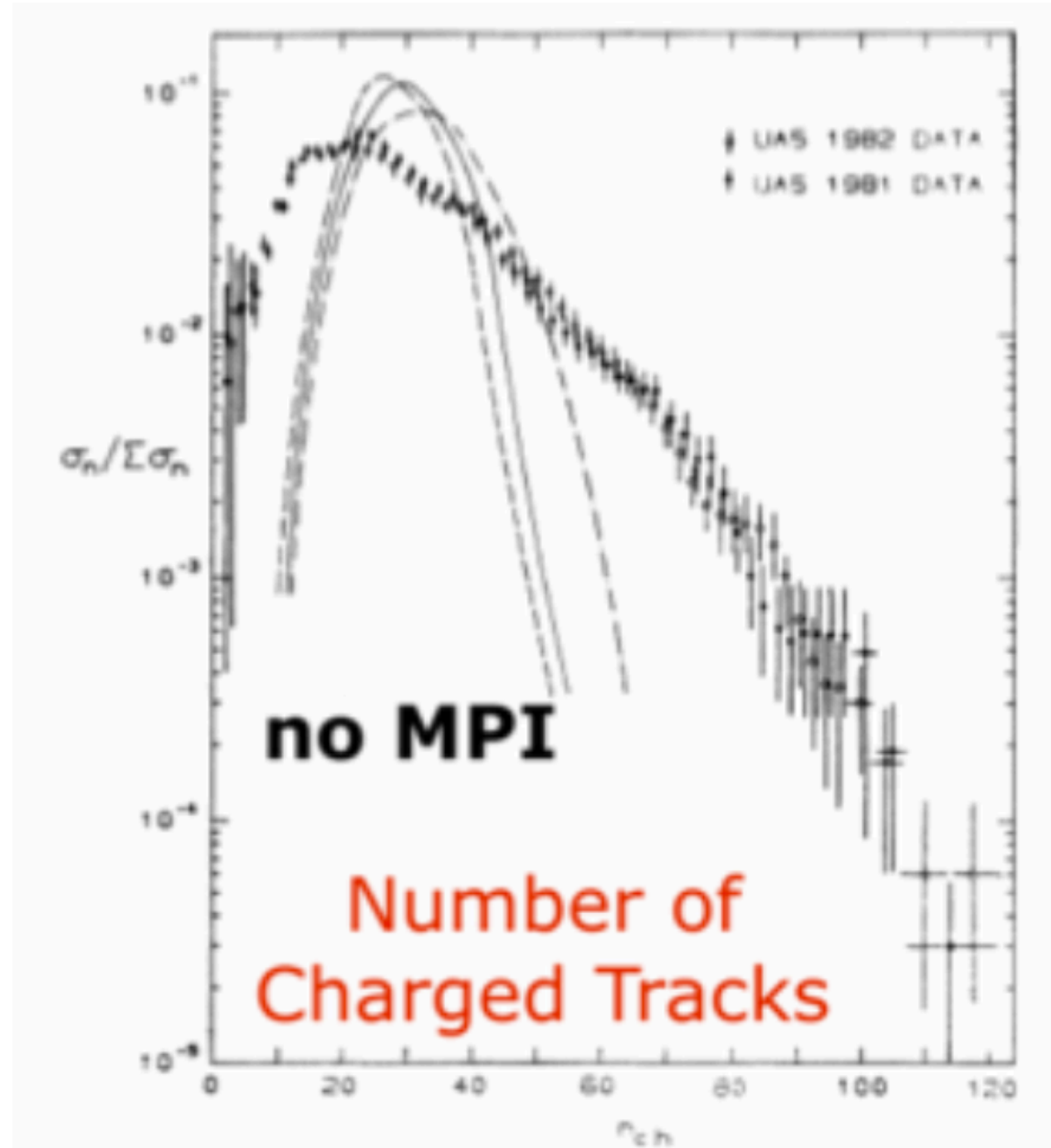


FIG. 3. Charged-multiplicity distribution at 540 GeV, UA5 results (Ref. 32) vs simple models: dashed low p_T only, full including hard scatterings, dash-dotted also including initial- and final-state radiation.

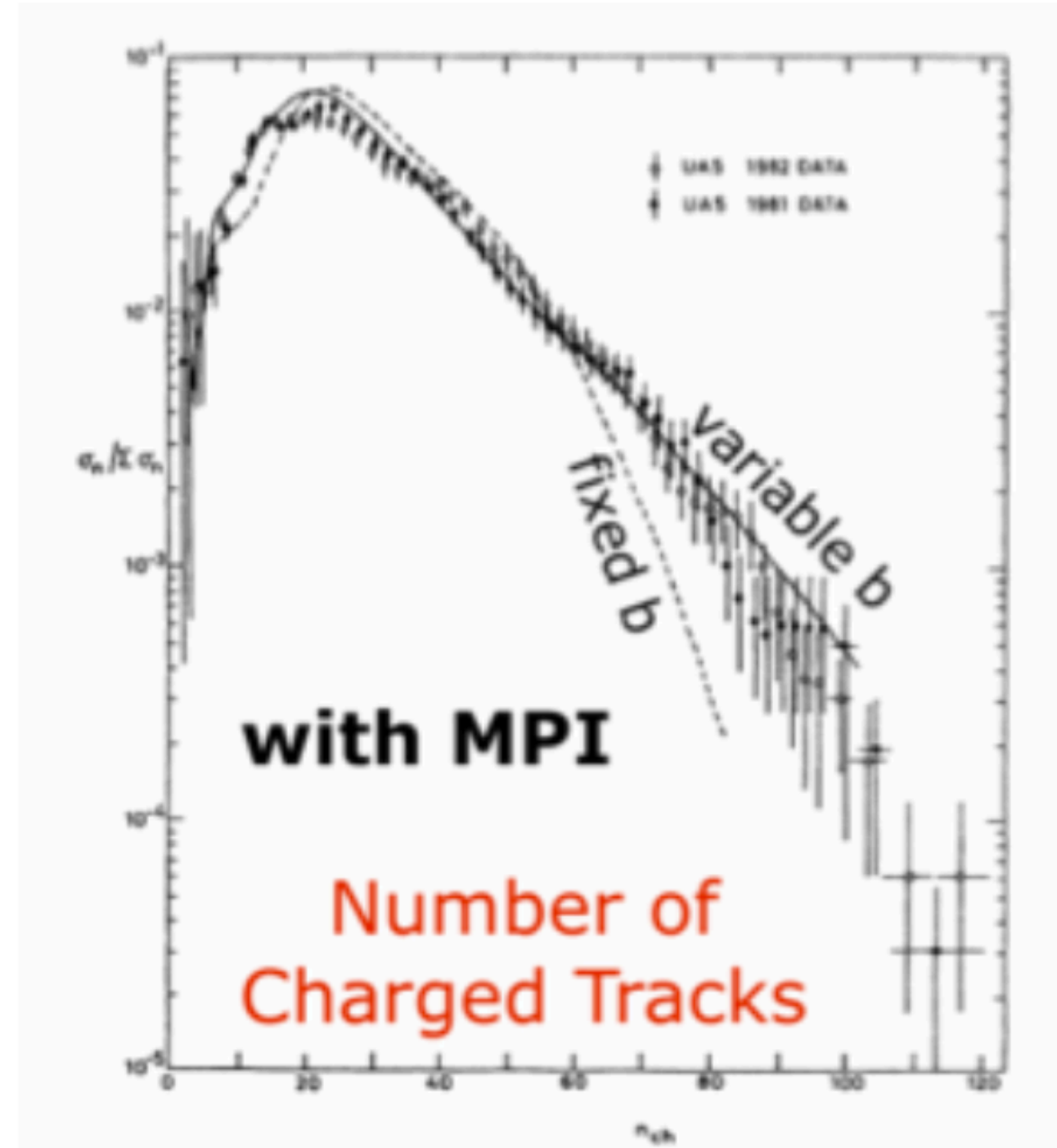


FIG. 12. Charged-multiplicity distribution at 540 GeV, UA5 results (Ref. 32) vs multiple-interaction model with variable impact parameter: solid line, double-Gaussian matter distribution; dashed line, with fix impact parameter [i.e., $\bar{O}_0(b)$].

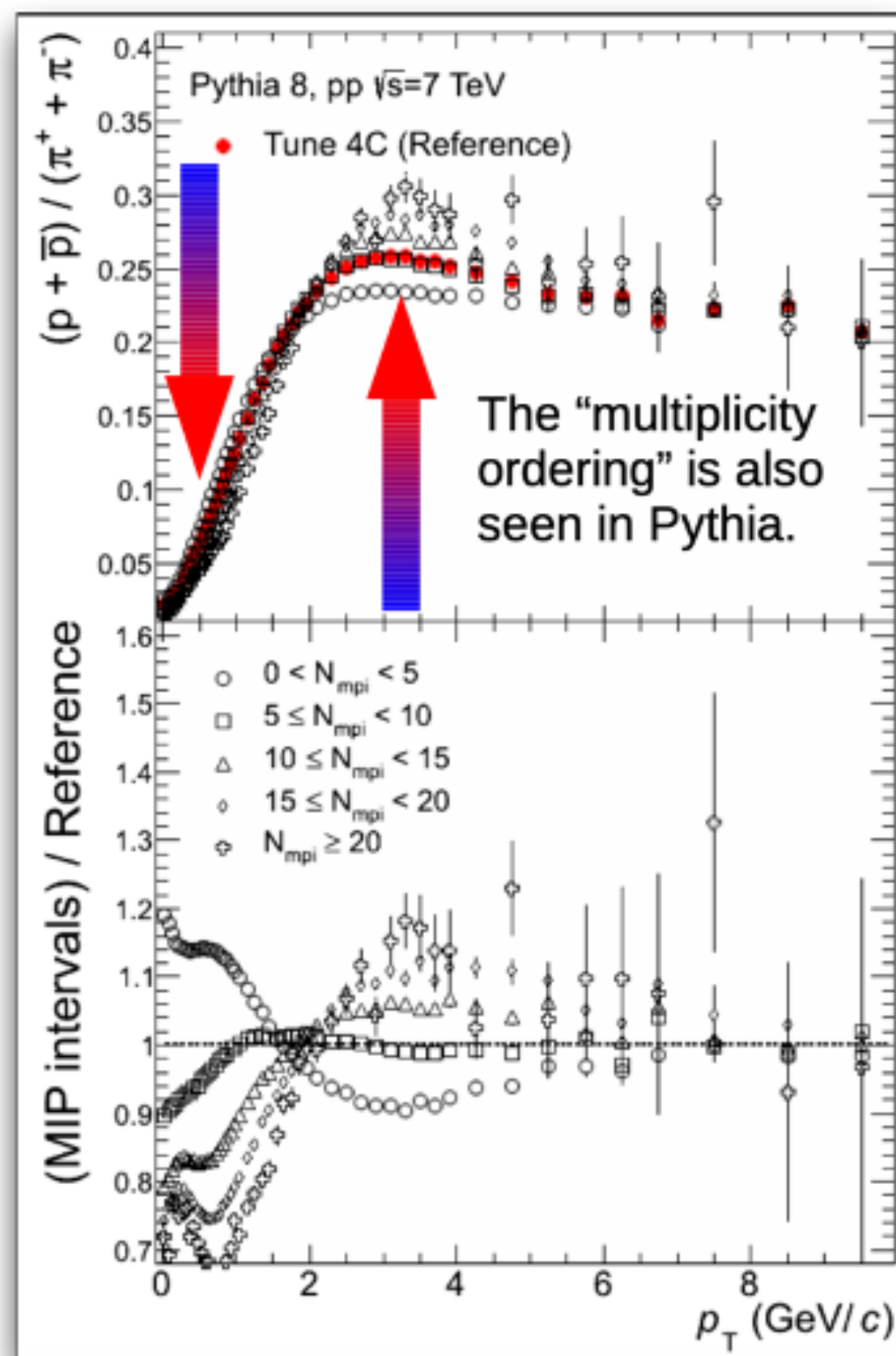
MPI help to describe particle multiplicities in MB events

T. Sjöstrand and M. v. Zijl, PRD 36 (1987) 2019
 Charged particle multiplicity is expected to be sensitive to MPI

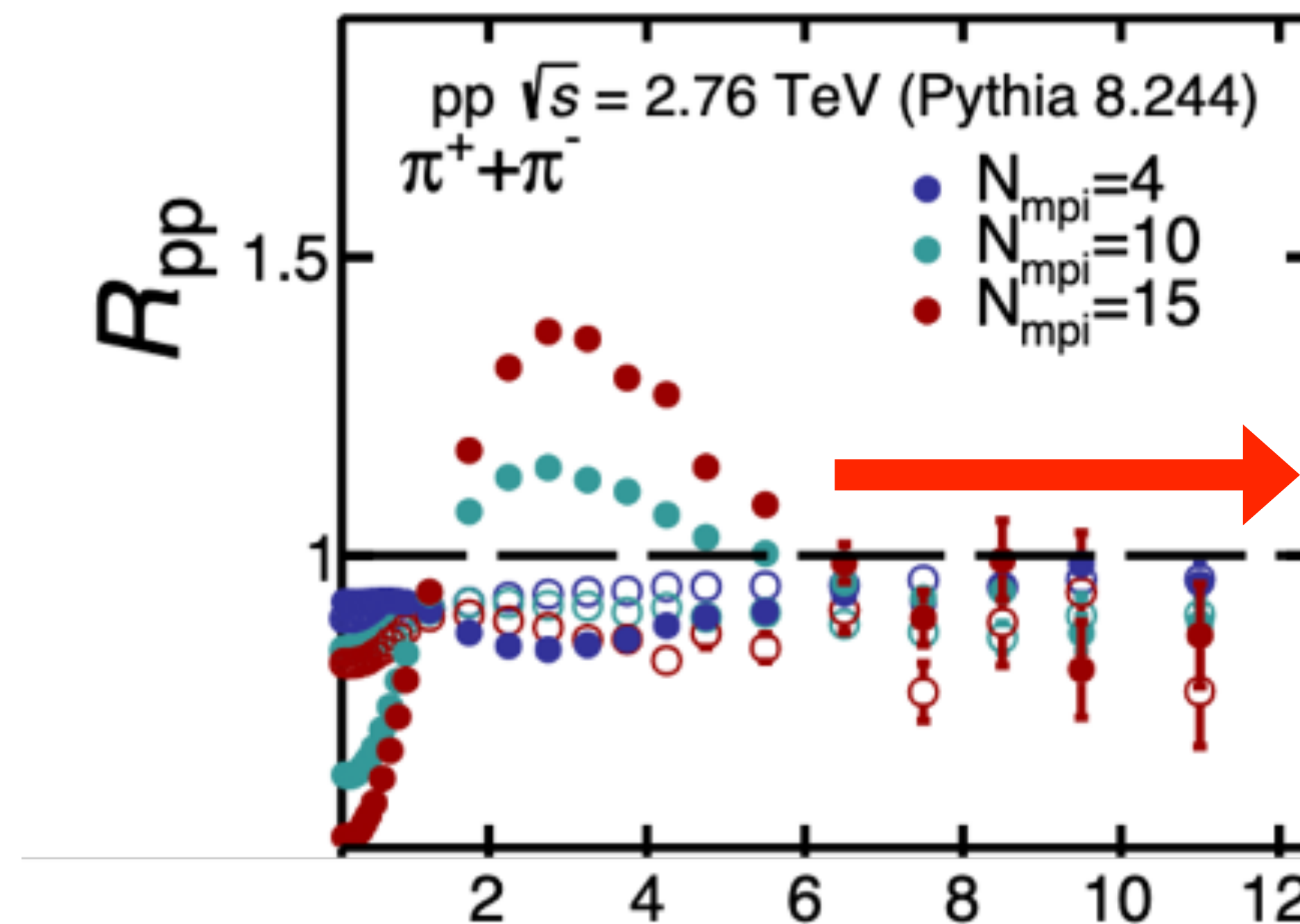
Data support the presence of MPI in high energy pp collisions, see e.g. these recent studies using ML: [A. Ortiz et al., PRD 102 \(2020\) 7,076014](#), [J. Phys. G: Nucl. Part. Phys. 48 \(2021\) 8, 085014](#)

MPI+string interactions

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



Radial flow-like behaviour

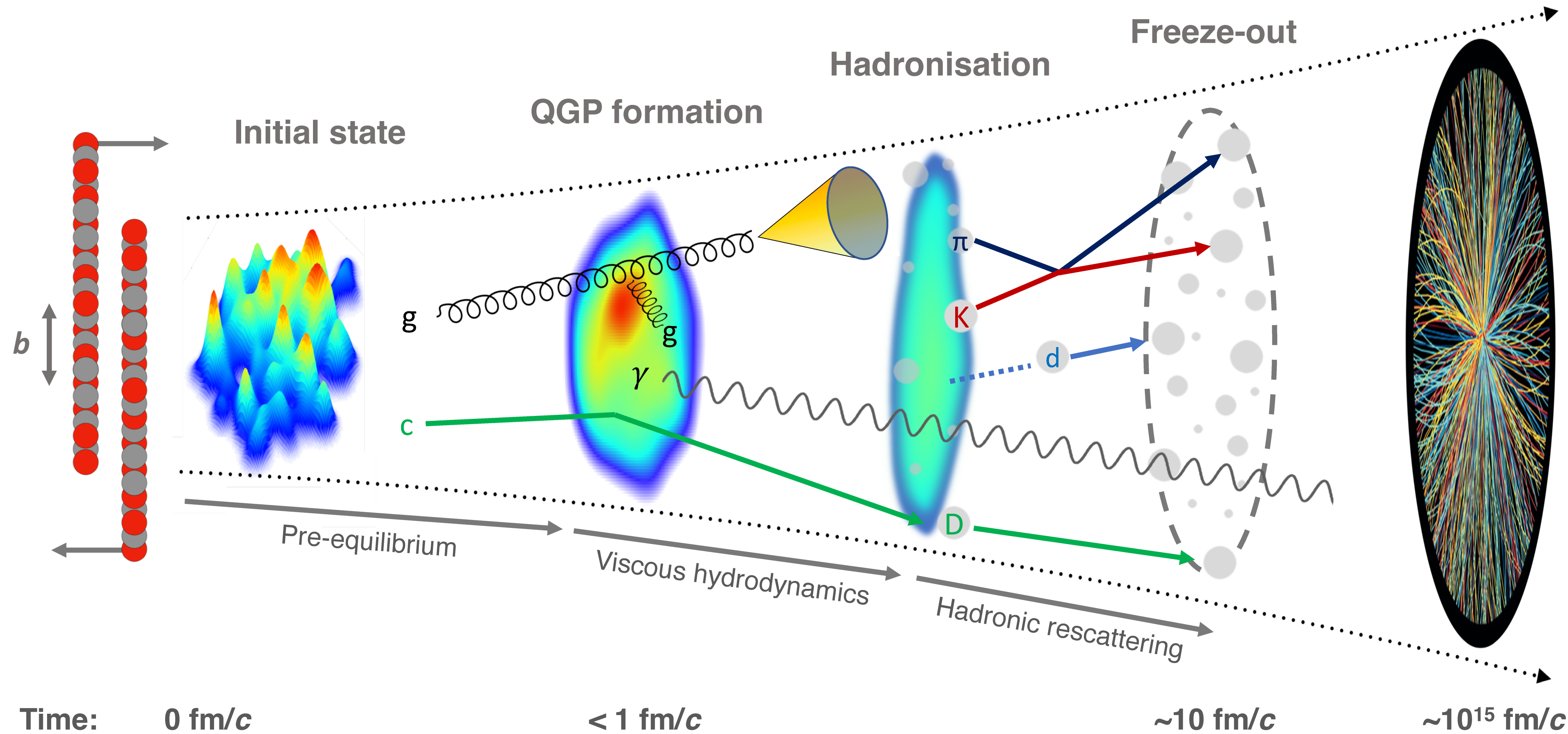


$$R_{pp} = \frac{d^2 N_{\text{ch}}^{\text{mpi}} / (\langle N_{\text{mpi}} \rangle d\eta dp_T)}{d^2 N_{\text{ch}}^{\text{MB}} / (\langle N_{\text{mpi}}^{\text{MB}} \rangle d\eta dp_T)}$$

Scaling with number of parton-parton interactions at high p_T

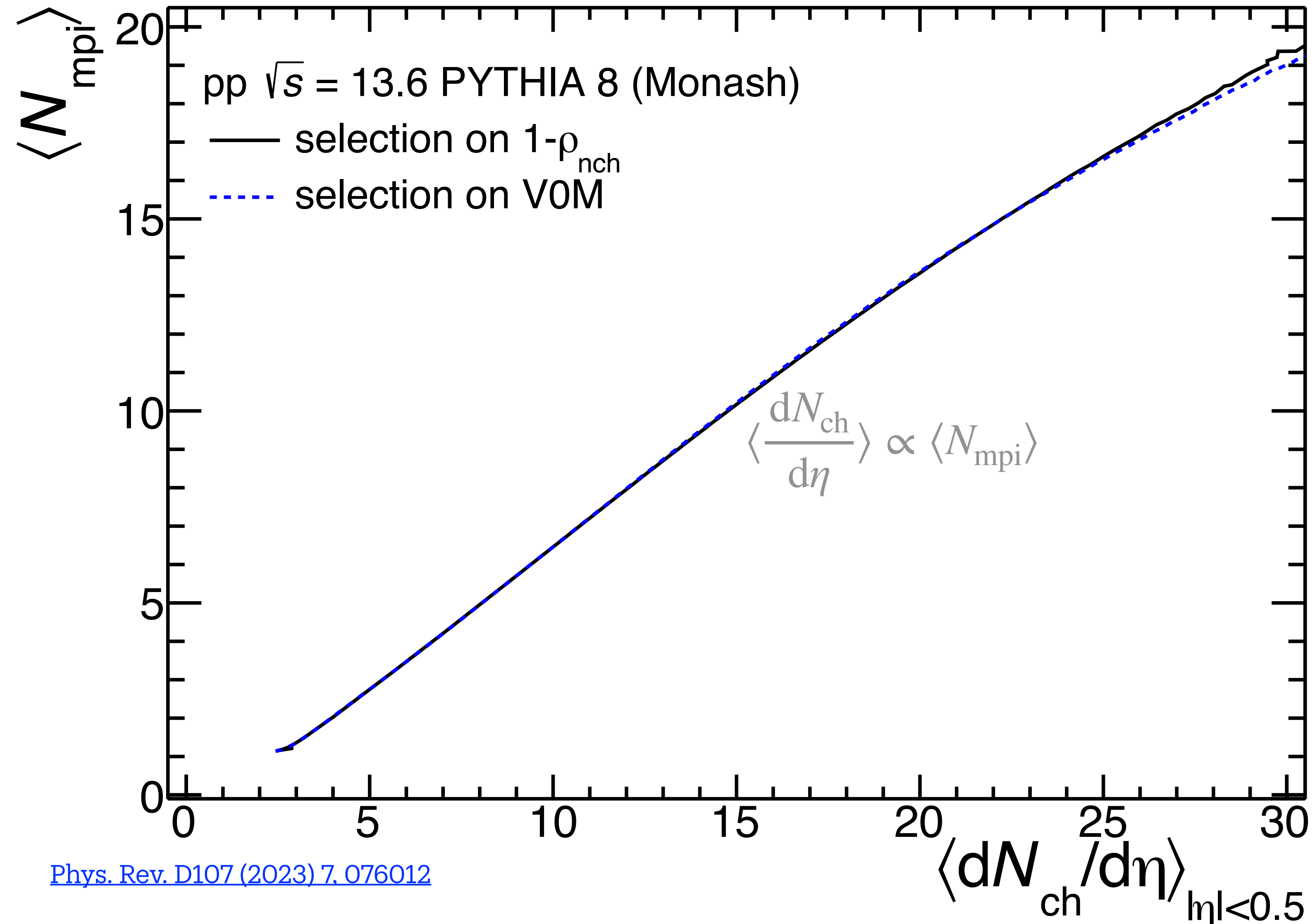
[Phys. Rev.D 102 \(2020\) 7, 076014](#)

High energy heavy-ion collisions



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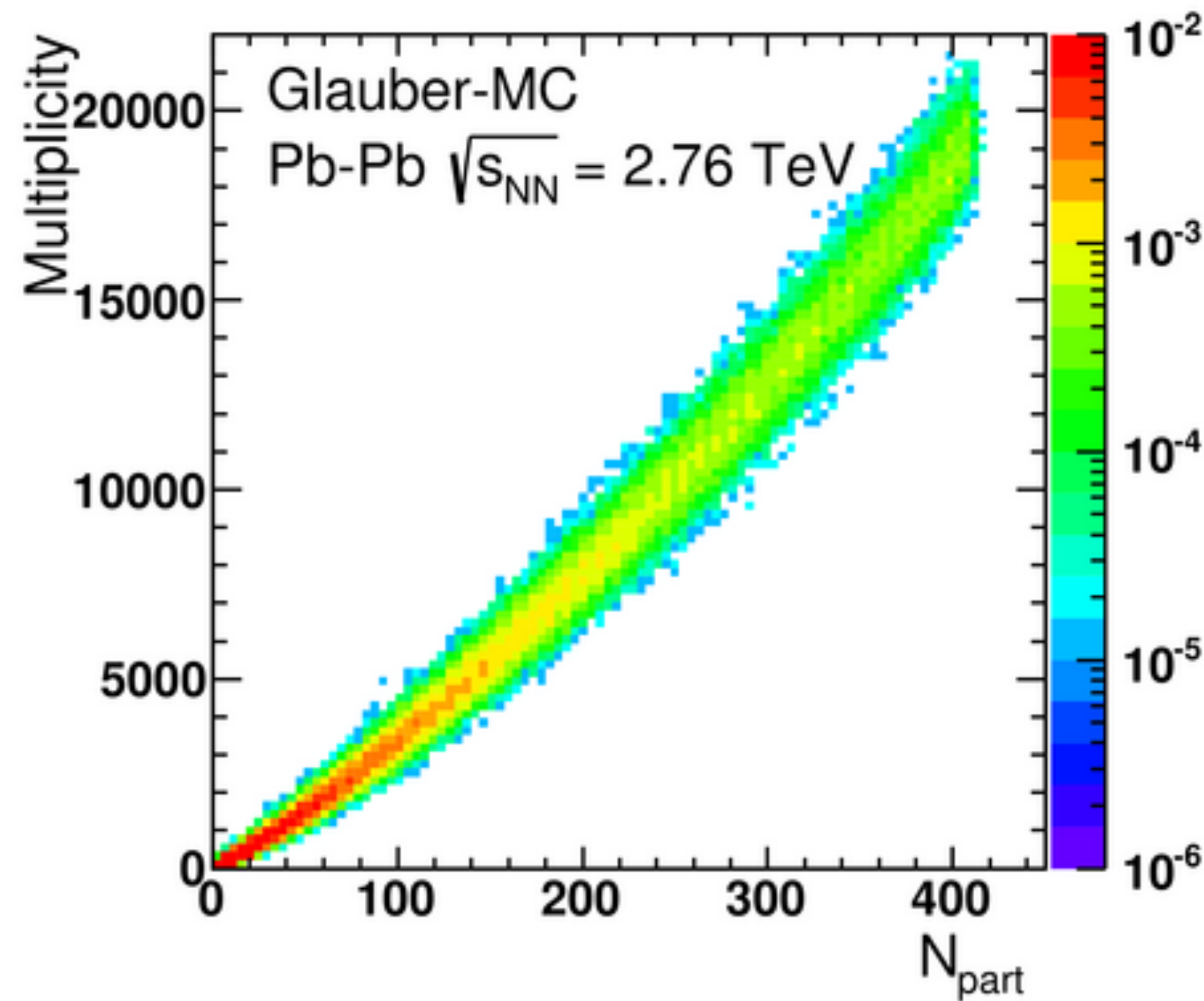
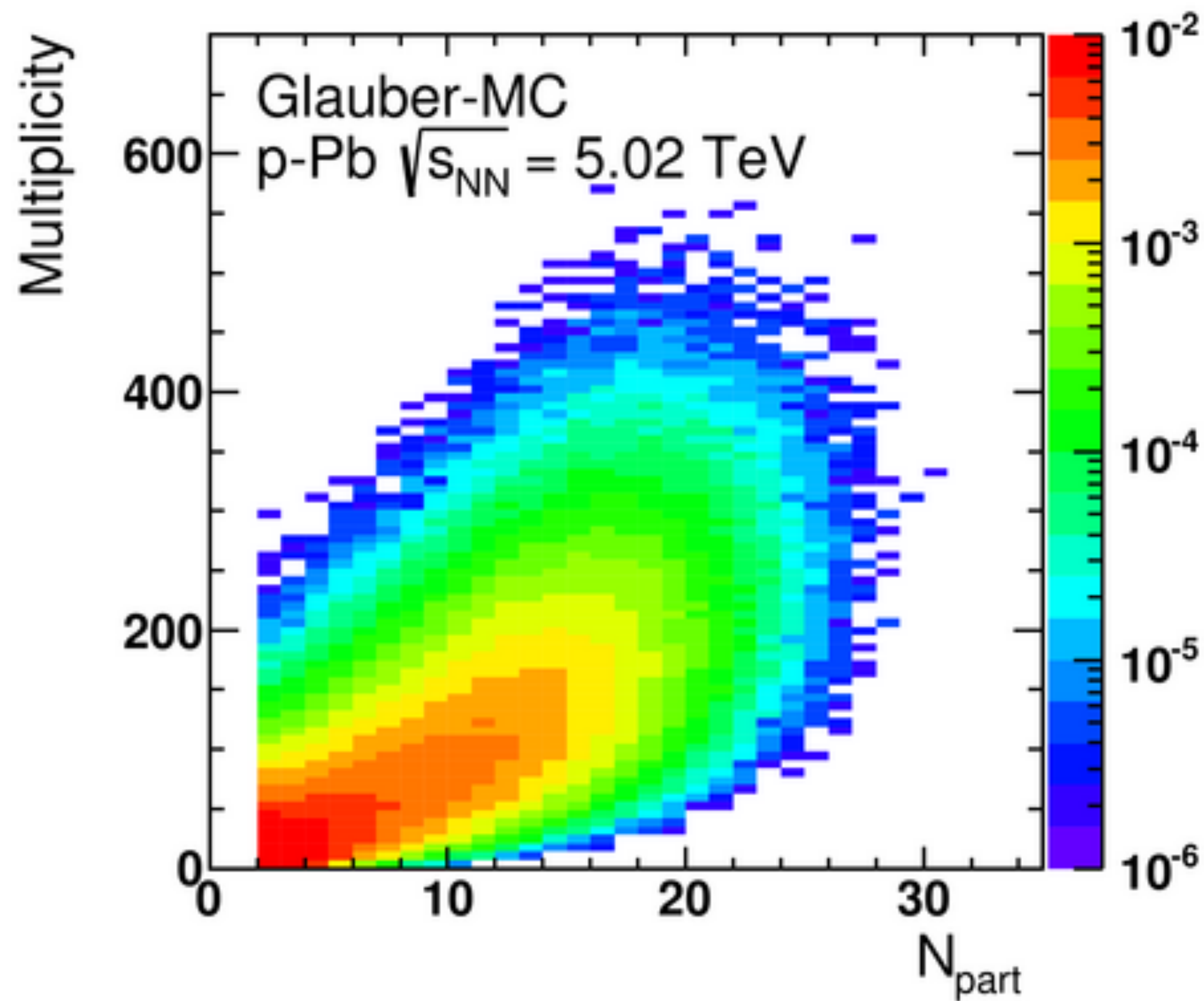
High- p_T physics: VOM vs flattenicity



[Phys. Rev. D107 \(2023\) 7, 076012](#)

Centrality in small systems (p-Pb)

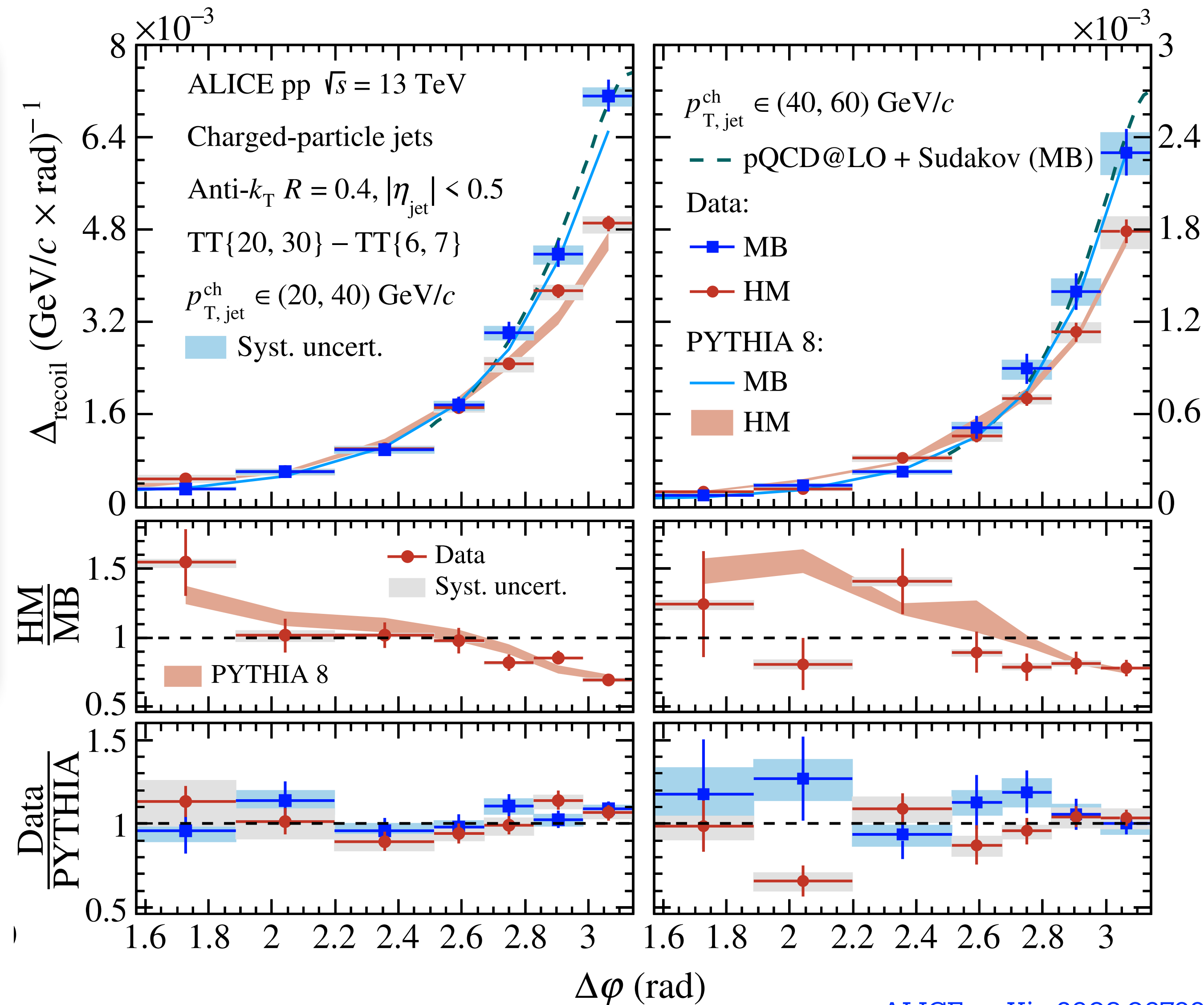
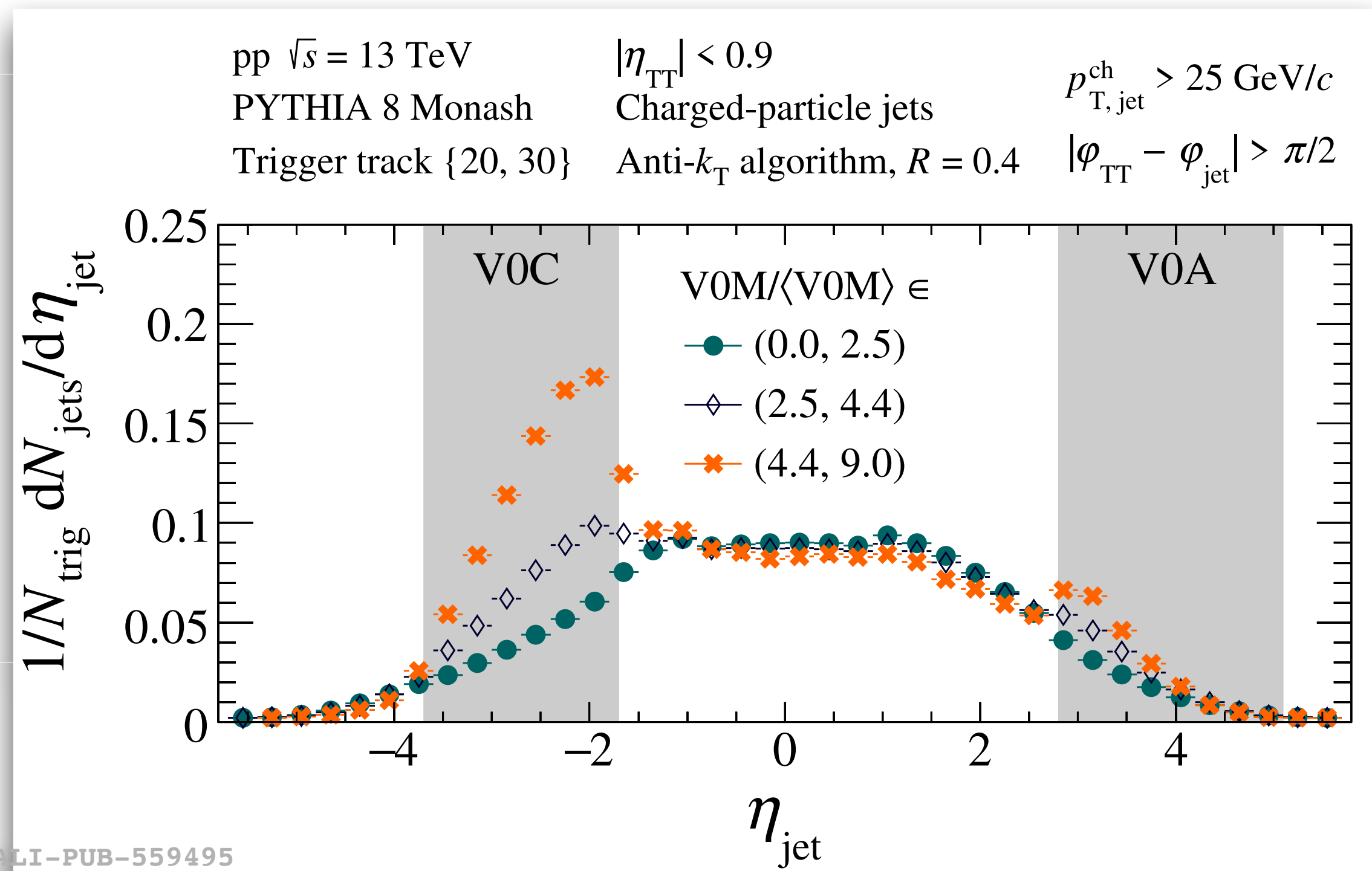
In contrast to Pb-Pb collisions, for p-Pb collisions the multiplicity (VOA) fluctuations are sizeable compared to the width of the N_{part} distribution



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Weak correlation between geometry and event activity

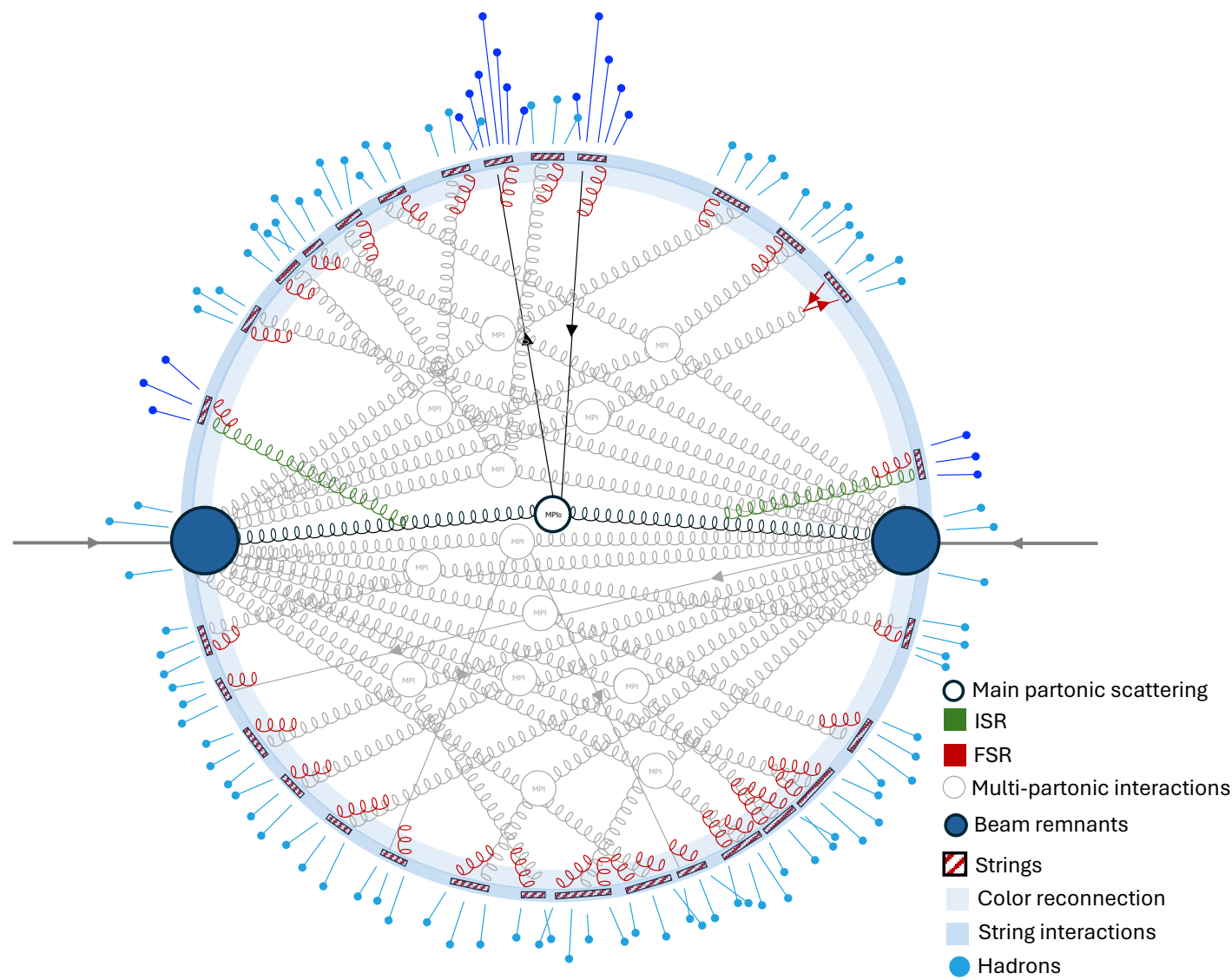
Issues to search for jet quenching



The HM VOM multiplicity class selects pp collisions with jets in the forward detector, consequently biasing the acoplanarity distribution measured in the central region

Bias due to local mult. fluctuations

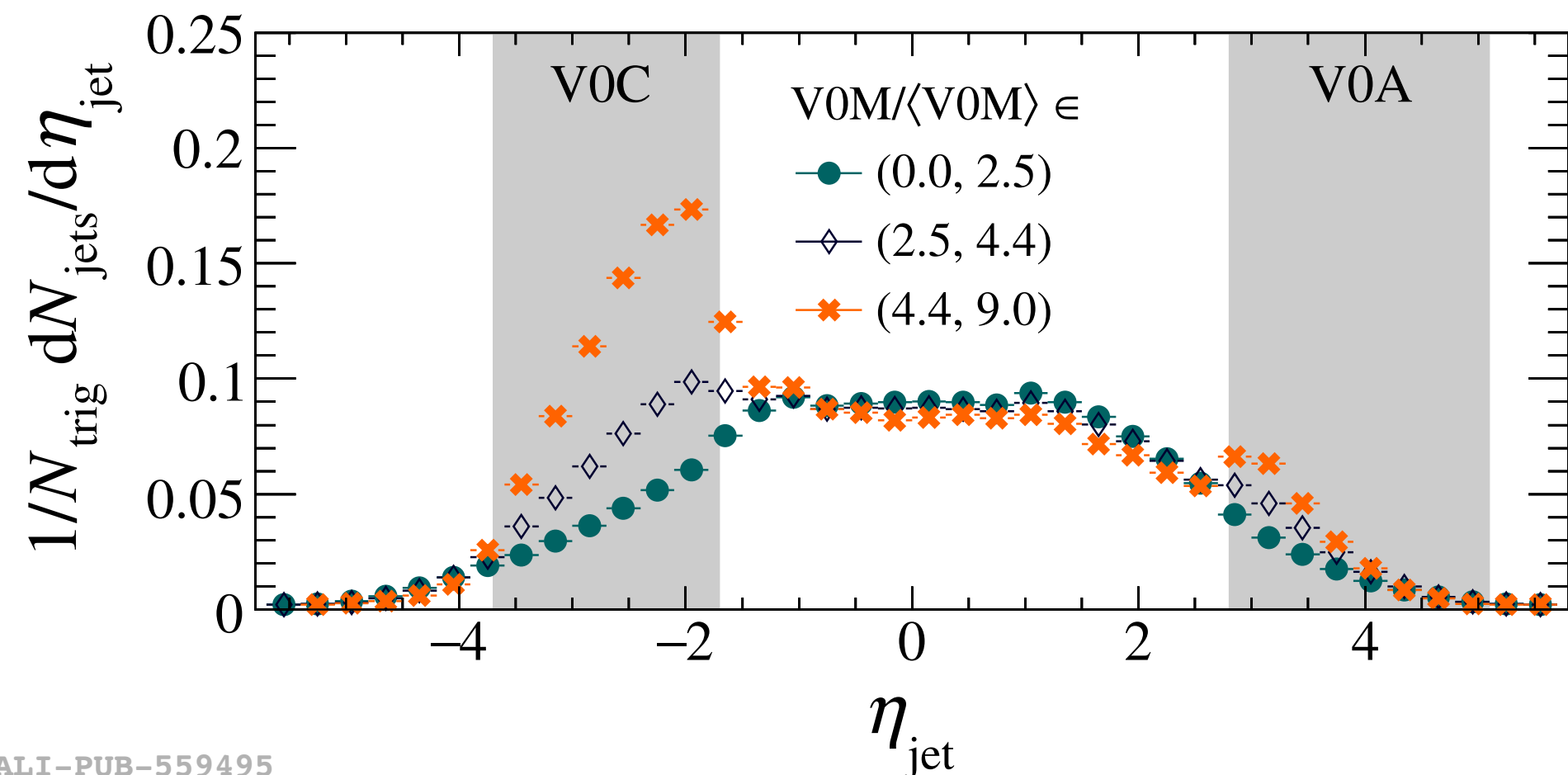
Multiparton interactions (MPI): more than one parton-parton scattering occurring in the same pp collision. Color reconnection (CR) produce collective-like effects



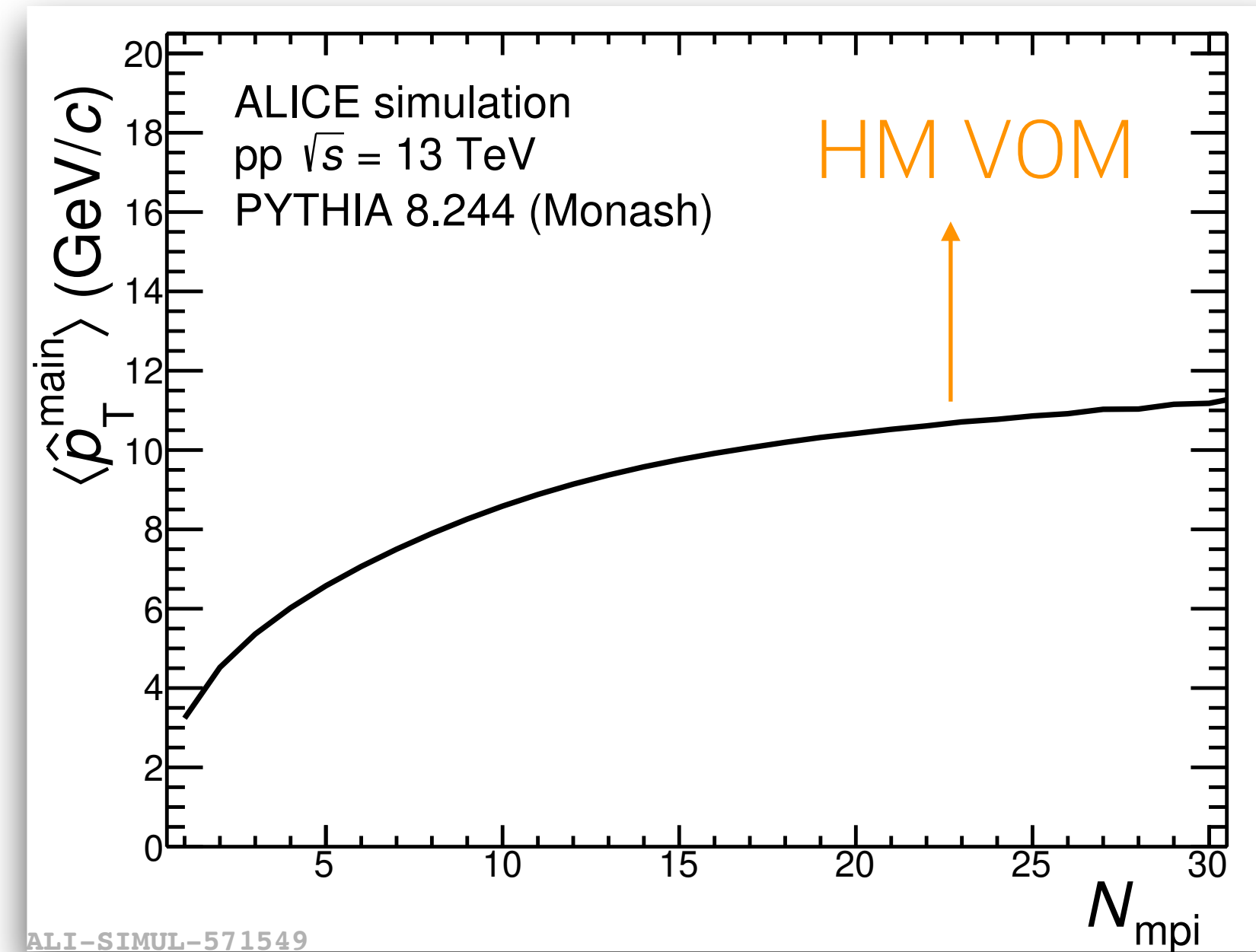
pp $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV
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 Trigger track {20, 30}

$|\eta_{TT}| < 0.9$
 Charged-particle jets
 Anti- k_T algorithm, $R = 0.4$

$p_{T,jet}^{ch} > 25$ GeV/c
 $|\varphi_{TT} - \varphi_{jet}| > \pi/2$



The more central the pp collision, the higher the probability to find a high- p_T parton (\hat{p}_T^{main})



The high-VOM multiplicity class selects pp collisions with jets in the forward detector

[ALICE, JHEP 05 \(2024\) 229](#)

[ALICE, Phys. Lett. B 843 \(2022\) 137649](#)