

Measurement of the inclusive isolated- γ production cross section in Pb–Pb collisions with ALICE



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→ Differential p_T cross section

* pp & Pb–Pb at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV [arXiv:2409.12641](#), [ALICE-PUBLIC-2024-003](#)

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* pp at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV [arXiv:2407.01165](#) *accepted by EPJ C!*

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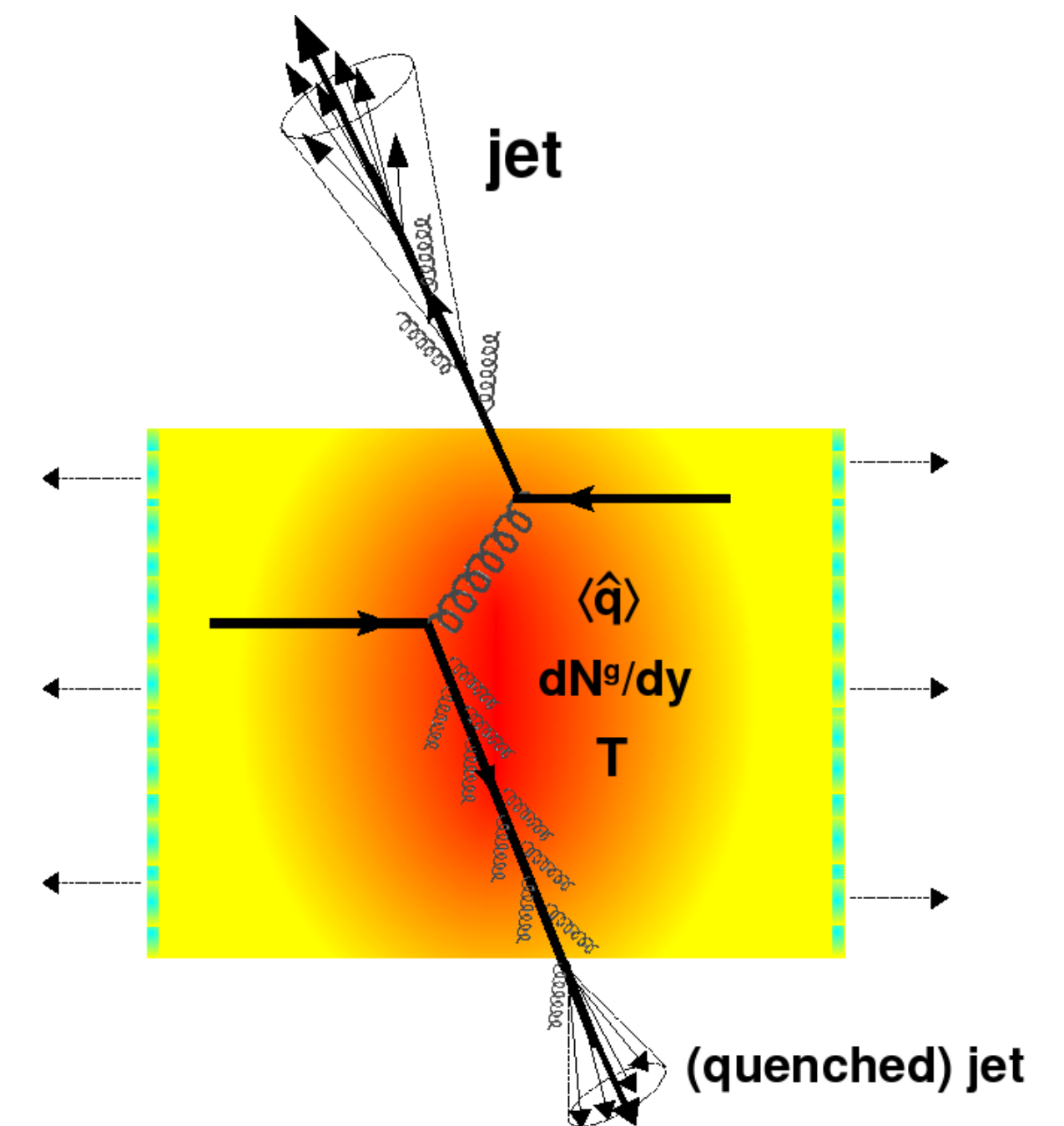
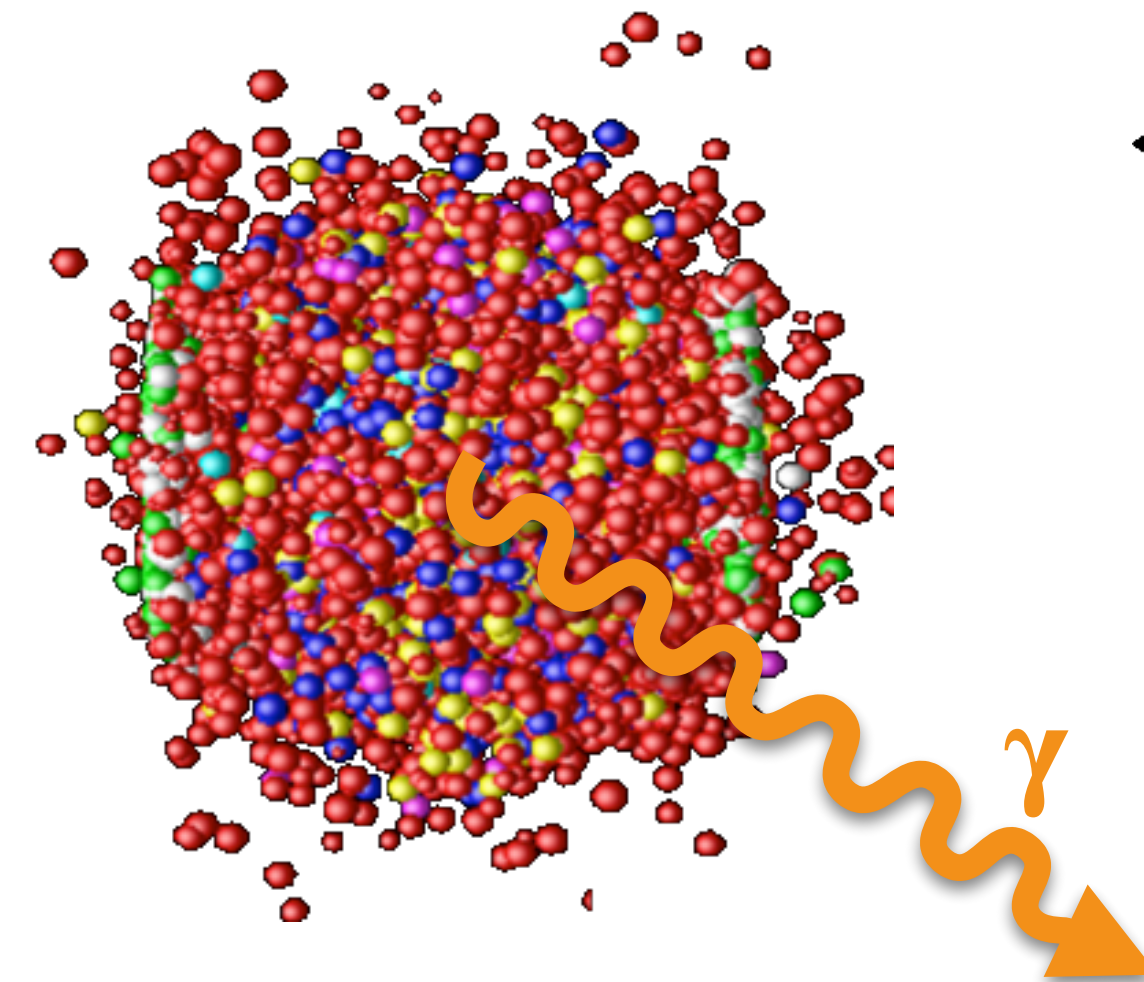
→ Isolated γ -hadron correlation

* Pb–Pb at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV preliminary



Probing the QGP in heavy-ion collisions

- In heavy-ion collisions at the LHC, a dense, hot and strongly interacting coloured QCD medium is produced
→ the “*quark-gluon plasma*” (QGP)
- The ALICE experiment aims at the characterisation of the QGP (temperature, energy density, etc., the equation of state) via the measurements of different types of probes
- **Hard probes:** high- E partons (quarks and gluons) and electroweak particles (γ , Z^0 & W^\pm) emitted in the first stages of the collision:
→ “*bullets*” passing through the QGP
 - **Partons lose energy** via radiational (gluonstrahlung) or collisional processes
→ “*jet quenching*”
 - γ , Z^0 & W^\pm are **colourless: not affected** by the QGP
→ **Candle particles**



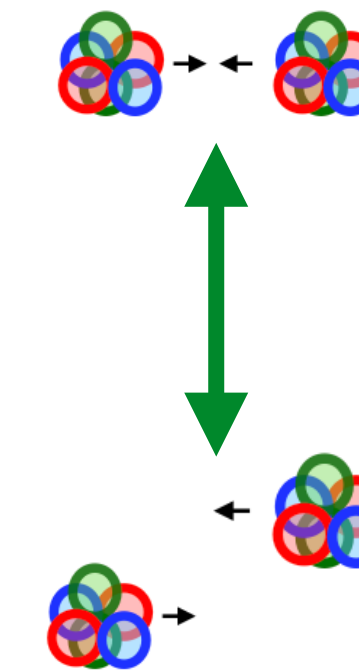
Observation of QGP effects: The nuclear modification factor

- Consequence of jet-quenching: modification of jets and high p_T particle cross sections with respect to pp collisions
- Observation via the nuclear modification factor

$$R_{AA} = \frac{1}{\langle N_{\text{coll}} \rangle} \frac{d^2\sigma_{AA} / (dp_T d\eta)}{d^2\sigma_{pp} / (dp_T d\eta)}$$

$R_{AA} > 1$	Generation in the medium: Thermal γ
$R_{AA} = 1$	Transparent to the medium: Prompt γ
$R_{AA} < 1$	“Suppressed” by the medium: Coloured partons

If no QGP, a Pb–Pb collision is roughly $N_{\text{coll}} \times$ pp collisions



Centrality	$\langle N_{\text{coll}} \rangle$
0–10%	1572 ± 17
10–30%	783 ± 7
30–50%	265 ± 3
50–70%	65.9 ± 1.2
70–90%	10.9 ± 0.2

$\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02 \text{ TeV}$

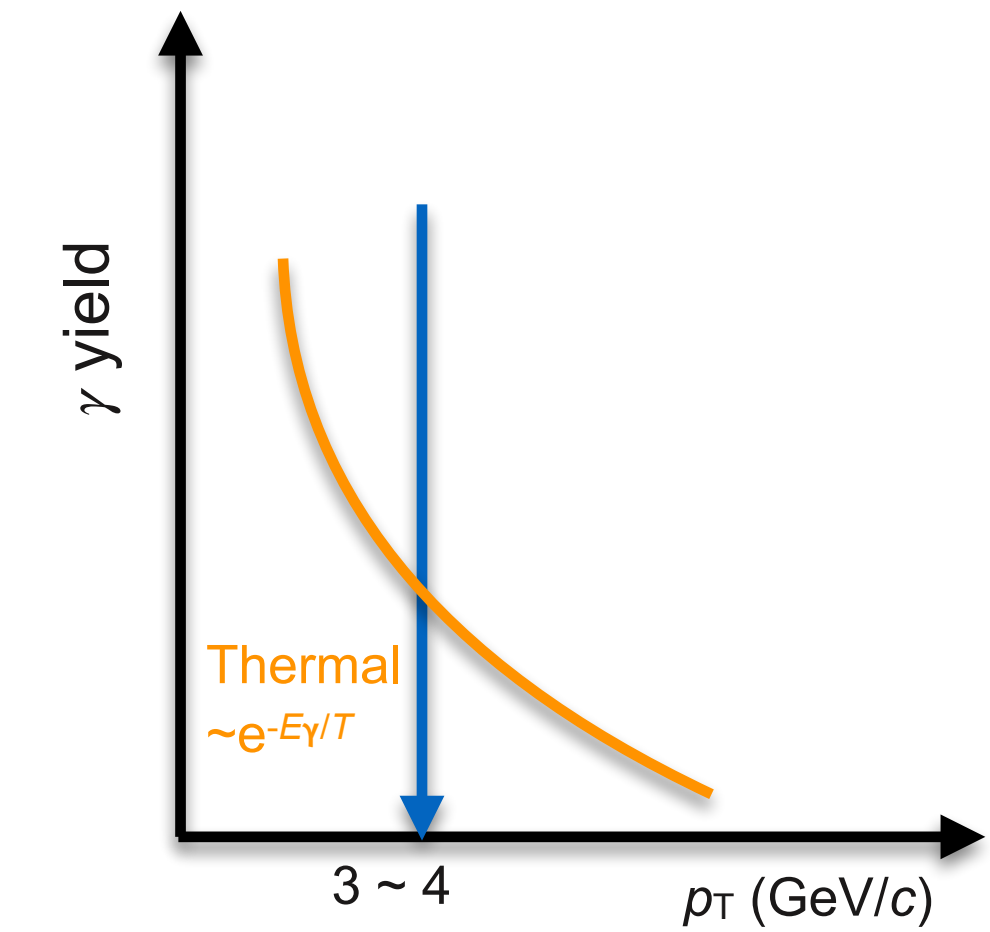
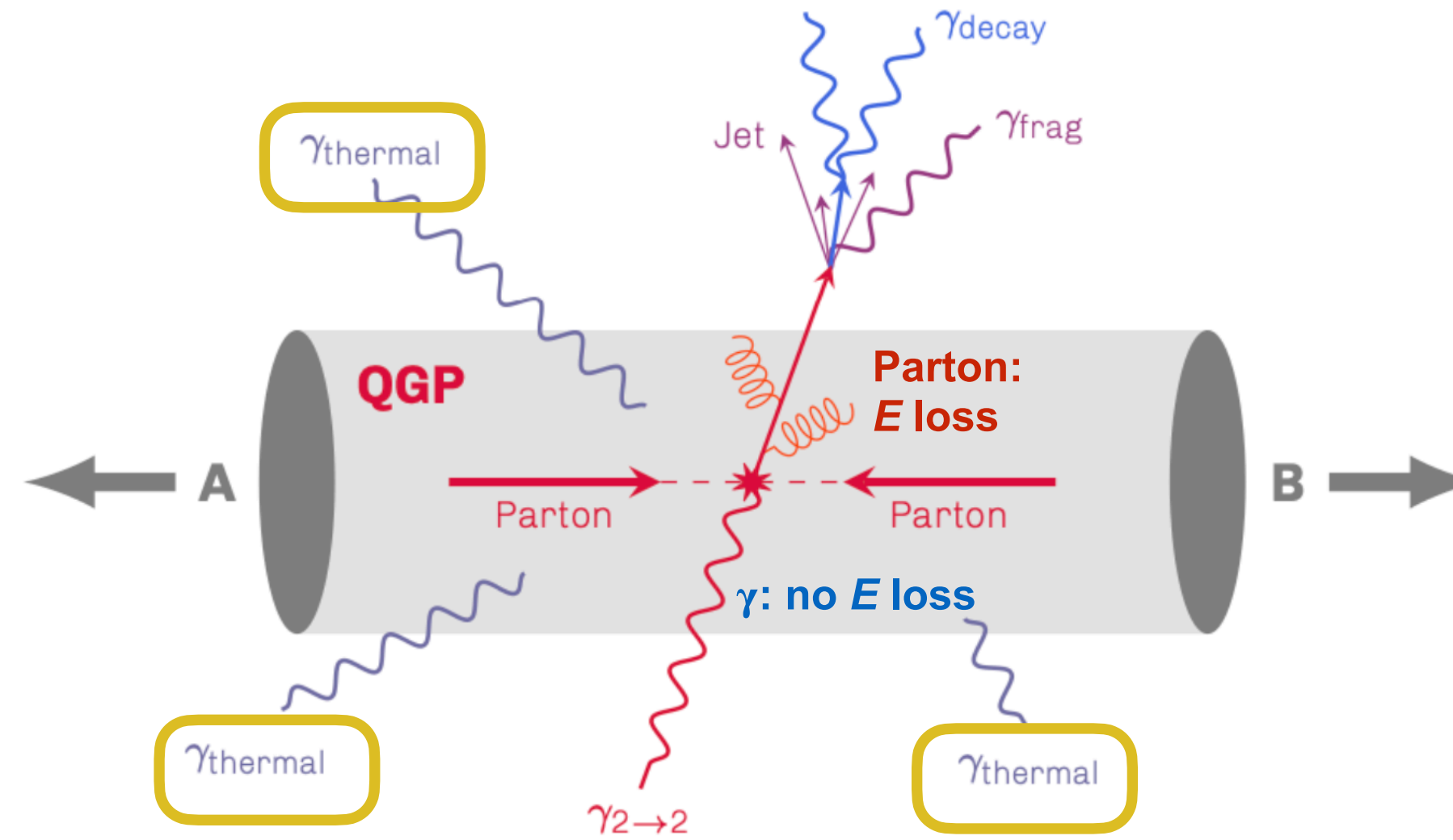
- Collision centrality (impact parameter b) variation: Change of the QGP volume → change of R_{AA}
 - ⦿ Higher centrality (larger b) implies smaller modification of the hadronic cross section

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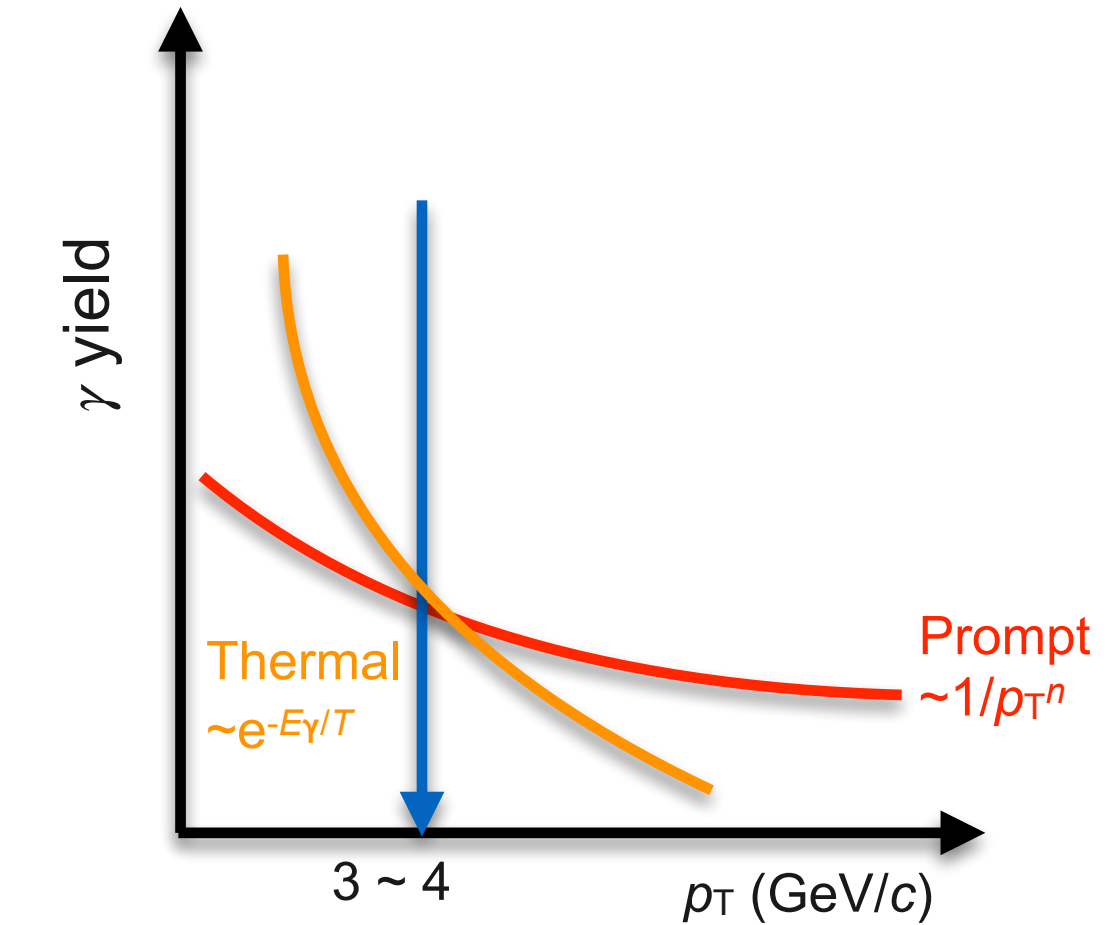
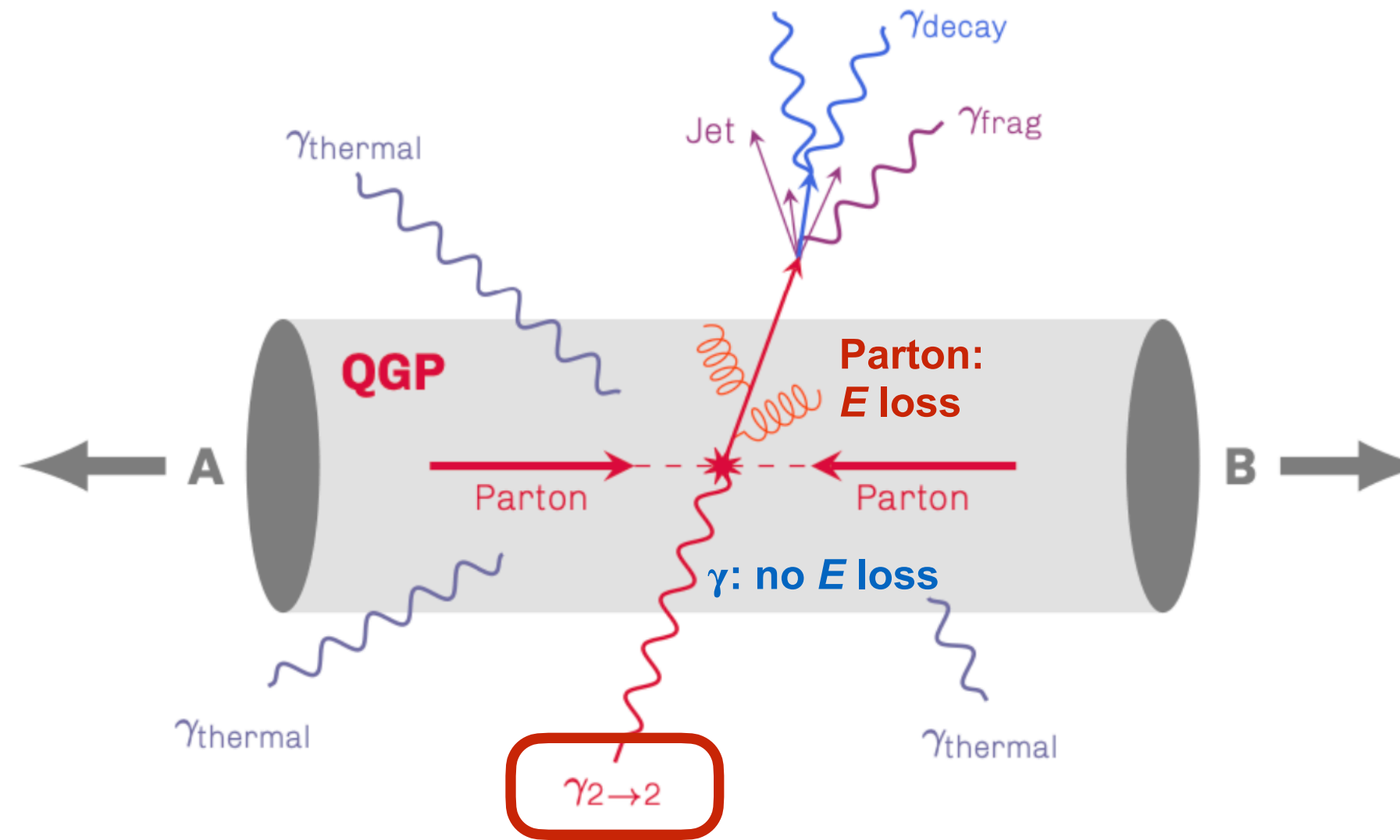
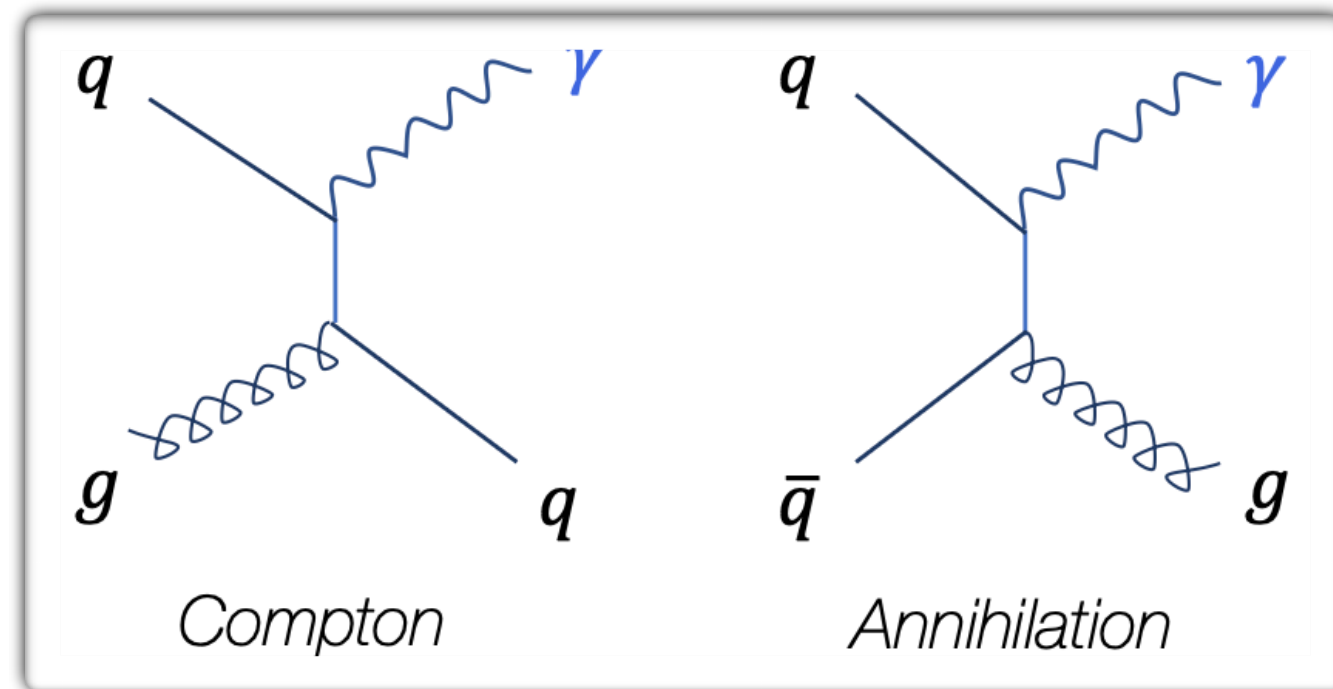
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PDFs

Hard scattering (pQCD)

Fragmentation function (FF)

Main focus of today's presentation!

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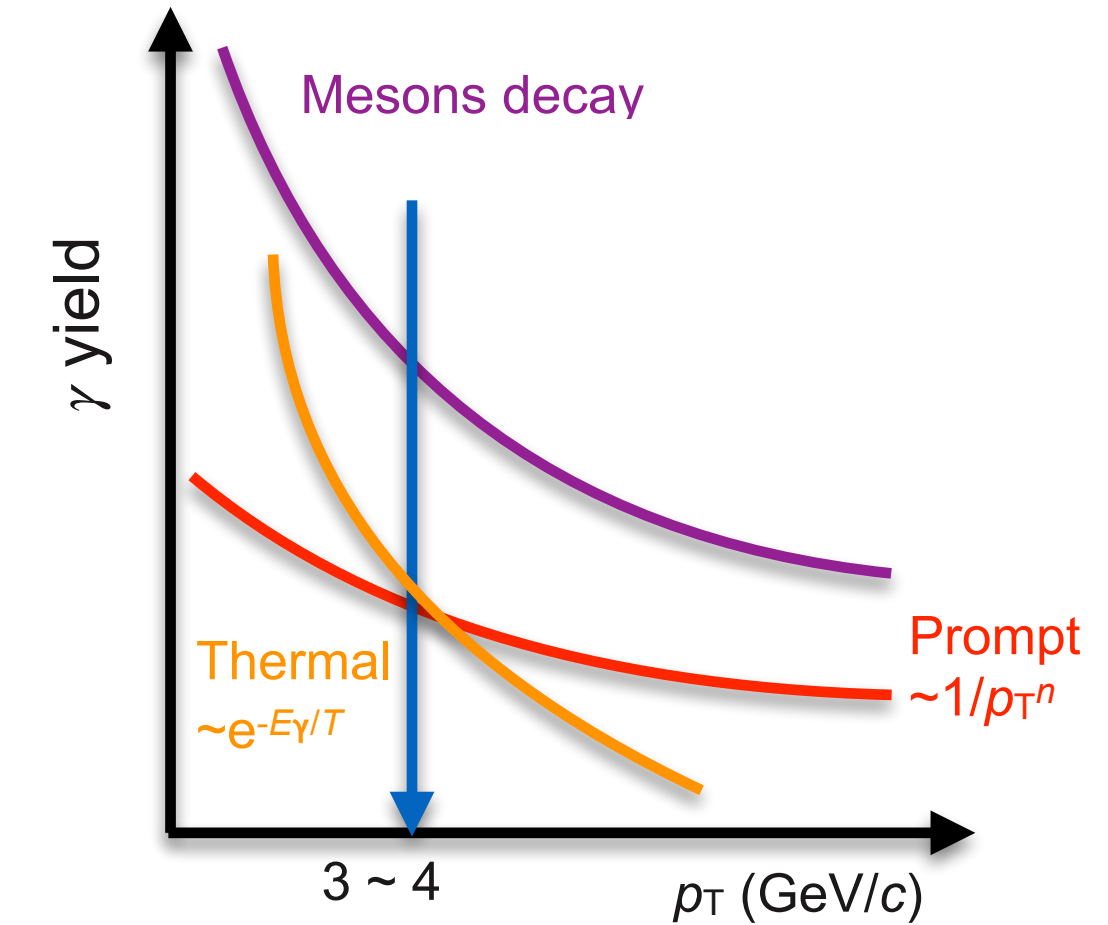
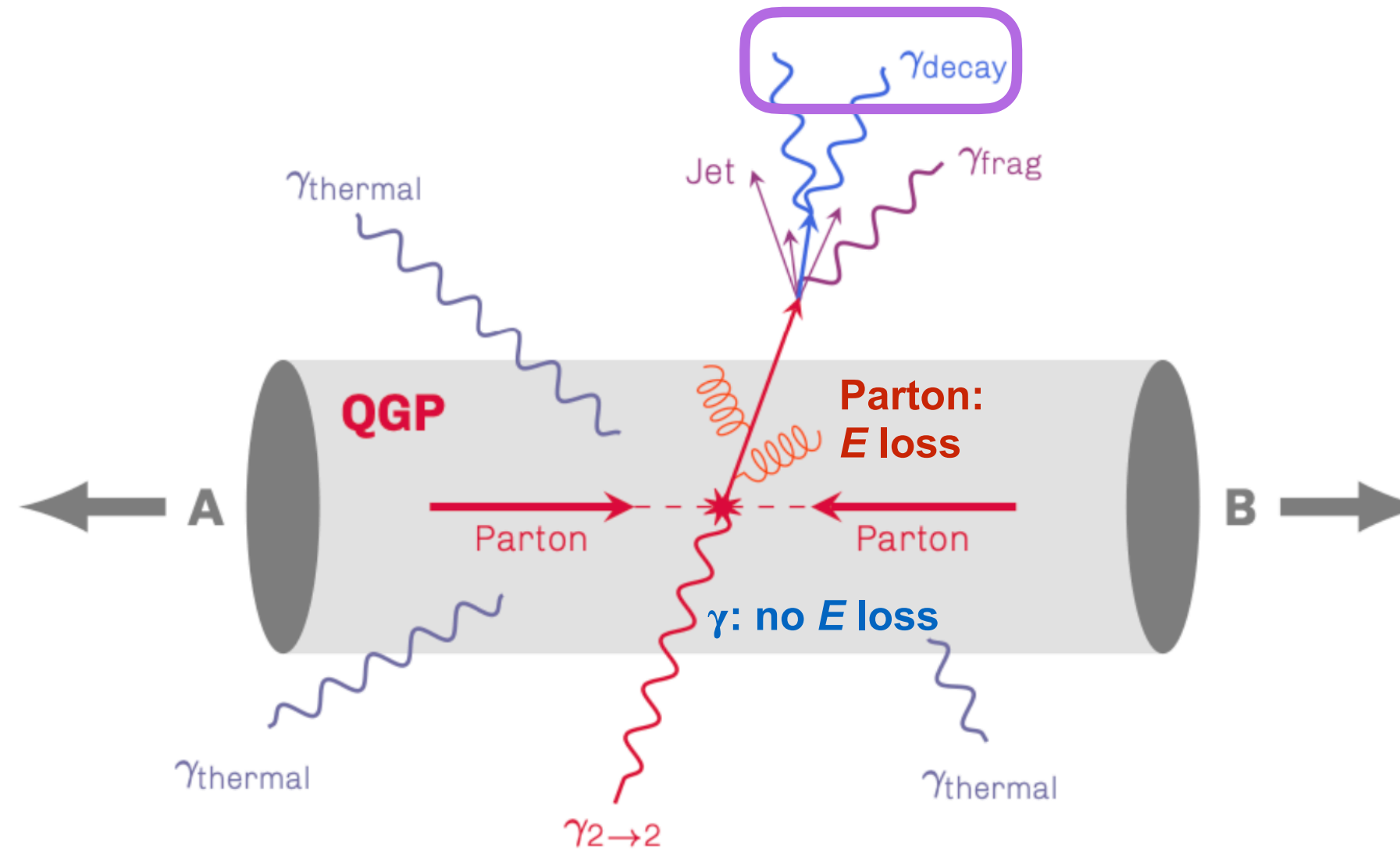
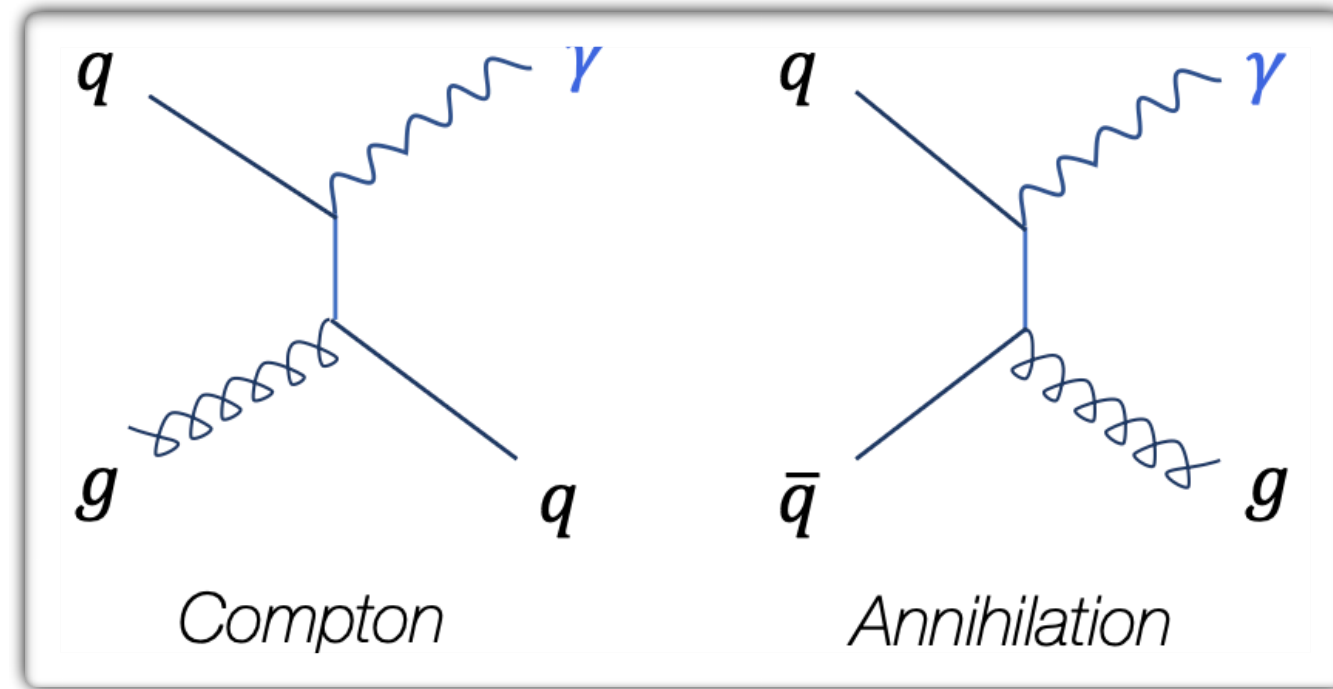
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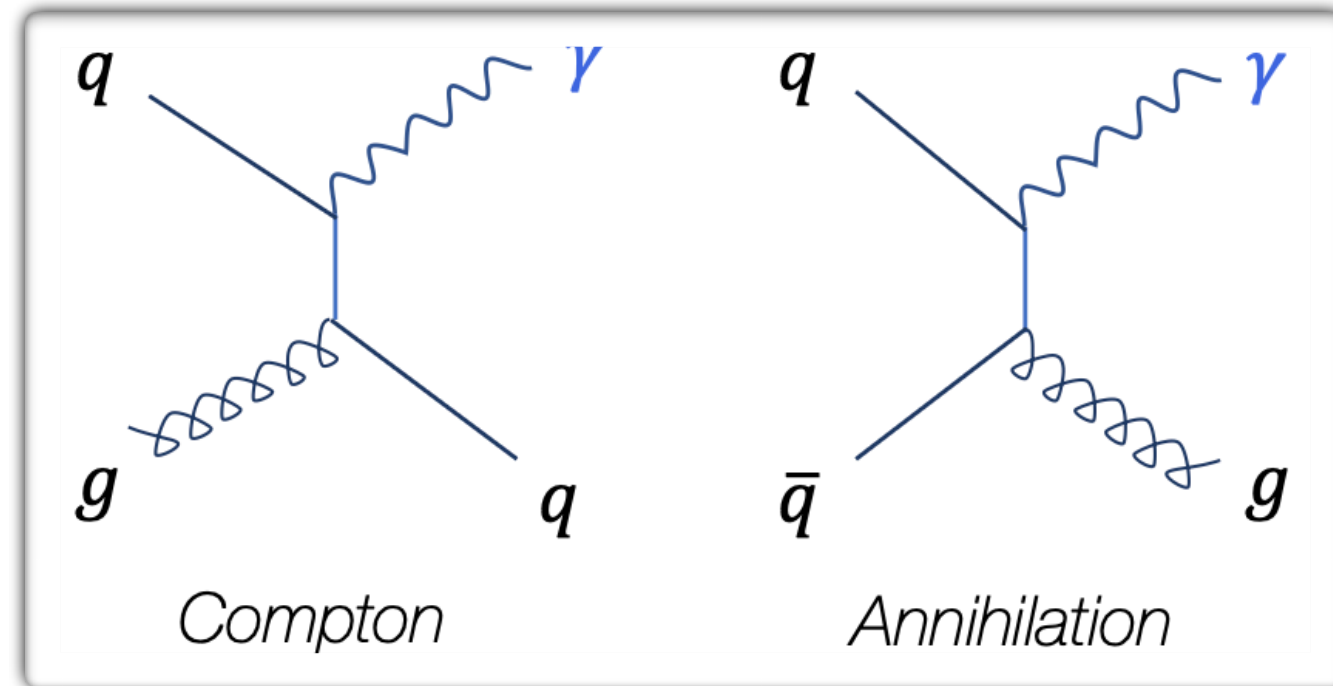
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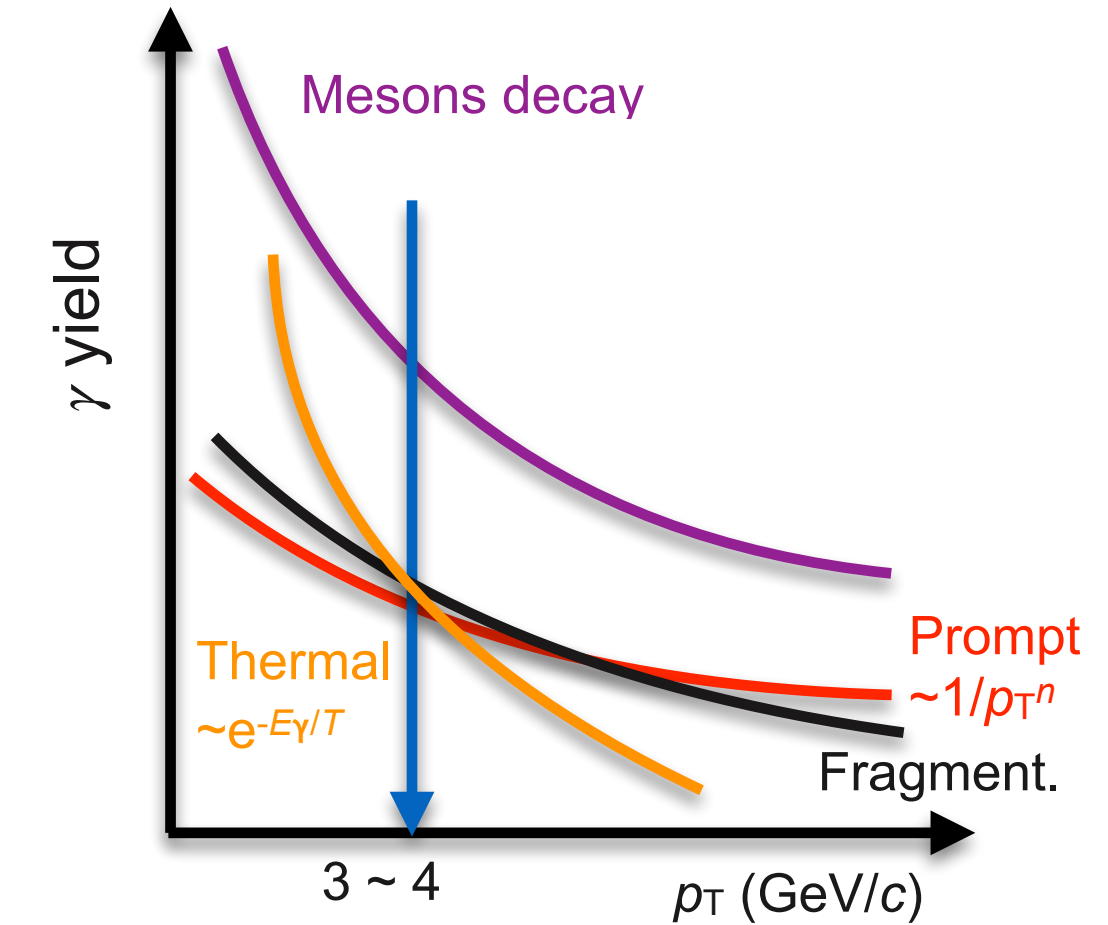
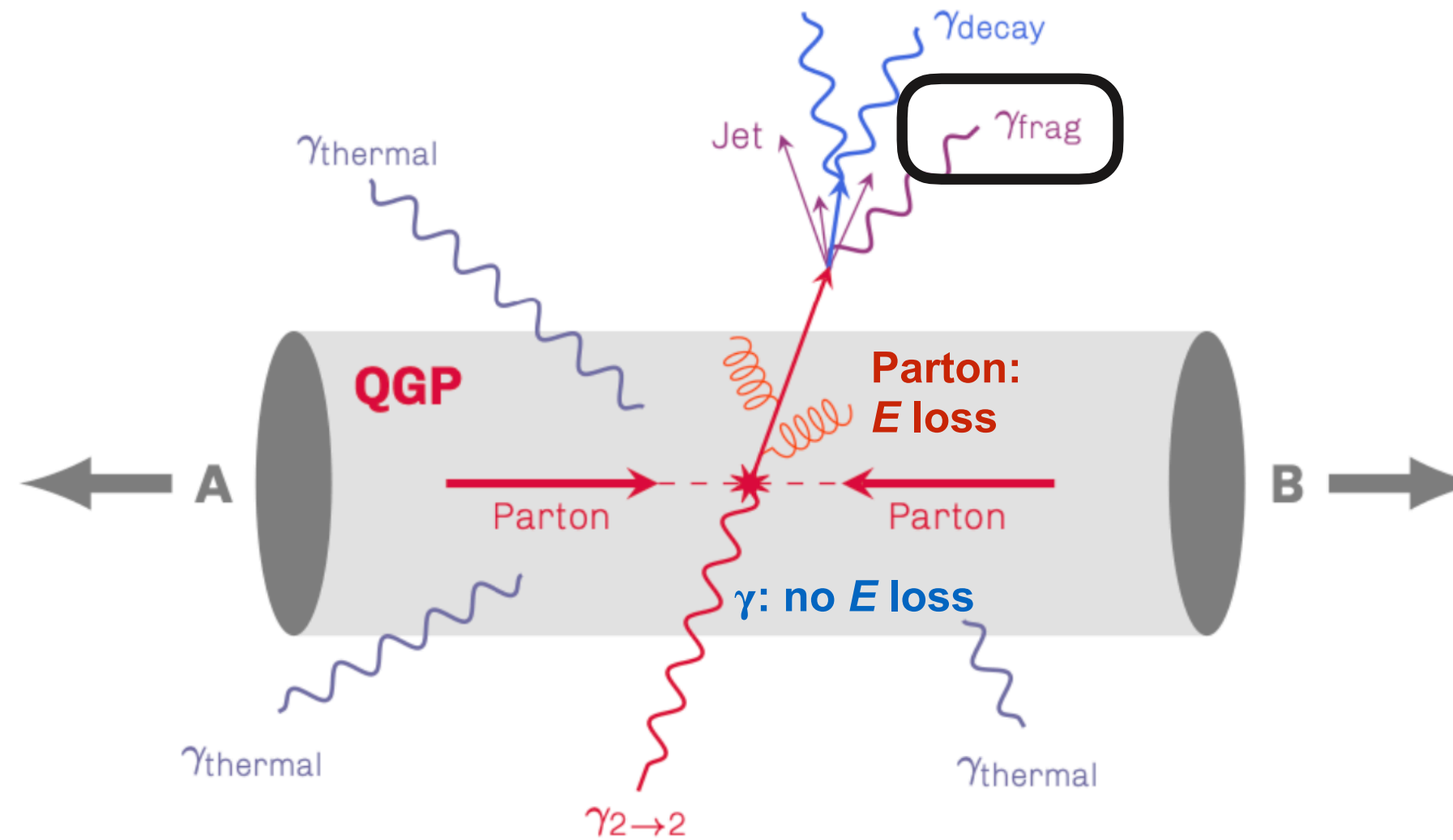
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- ➔ **Other direct γ sources:**

- **Fragmentation γ : $R_{AA} < 1$? comparable yield to direct prompt γ**
 - QGP pre-equilibrium γ ? $R_{AA} \gg 1$ (glasma phase)
 - Jet-QGP interaction γ ? $R_{AA} \gg 1$ (hard partons scattering)

How to measure and identify prompt γ in ALICE?

- For the measurements presented here:

- ➔ Calorimeter, **EMCal/DCal**:

- Pb/scintillator towers (6×6 cm)
- 4.4 m from interaction point (IP)
- $|\eta| < 0.67$ for $\Delta\varphi = 107^\circ$,
 $0.22 < |\eta| < 0.67$ for $\Delta\varphi = 60^\circ$ (DCal);
- Identification: EM shower dispersion
- $E_\gamma > 700$ MeV

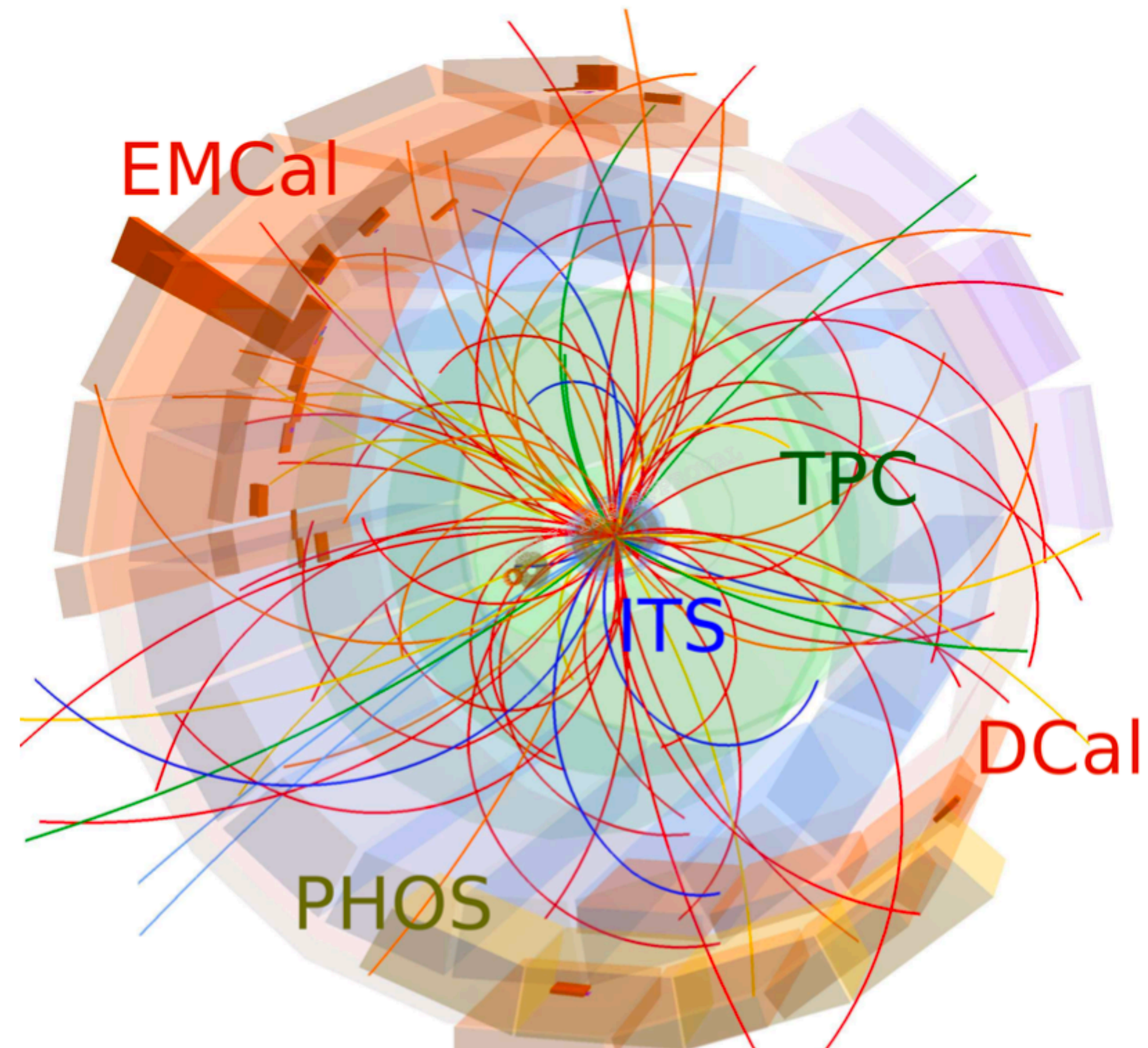
- ➔ Tracking, **TPC & ITS**

- $|\eta| < 0.9$ for $\Delta\varphi = 360^\circ$
- $E_\gamma > 100$ MeV

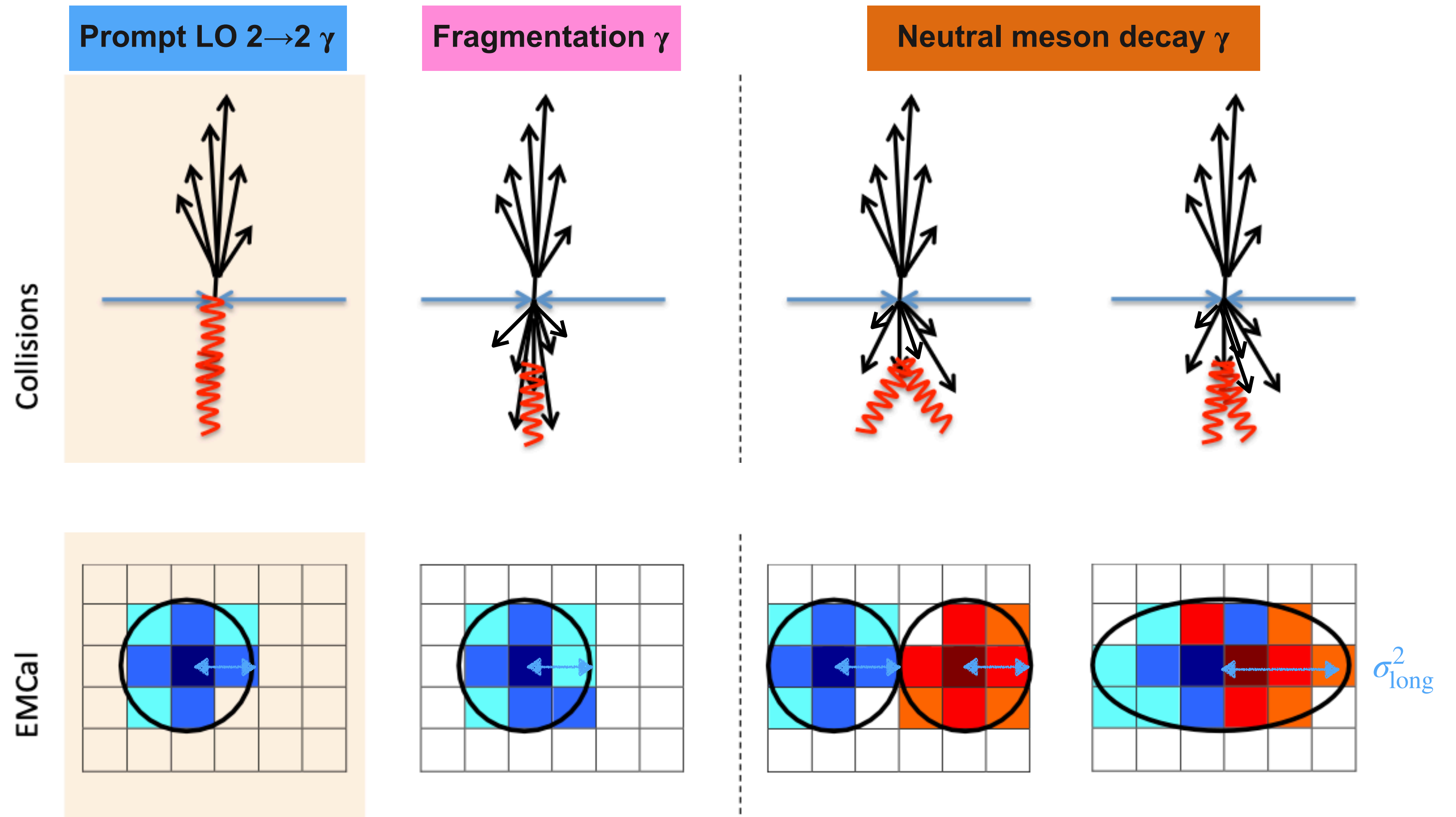
- γ identification combining tracking+calorimeter

- ➔ Inclusive γ : Charged particle veto

- ➔ Prompt γ : **Isolation** (next slides)



Prompt γ identification in ALICE: EM shower spread shape



EM shower discrimination γ single vs merged decays

→ EMCal

→ Shower elongation σ_{long}^2 :
longest ellipse axis size

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merging

→ decay γ merge, $E_{\pi^0} > 6$ GeV
elliptical “wide” cluster

Prompt γ identification in ALICE: EM shower spread shape & isolation with tracks

Prompt γ at LO $2 \rightarrow 2$: *isolated*

- TPC+ITS charged tracks
- Select γ with low hadronic activity in R , small $p_T^{\text{iso, ch}}$

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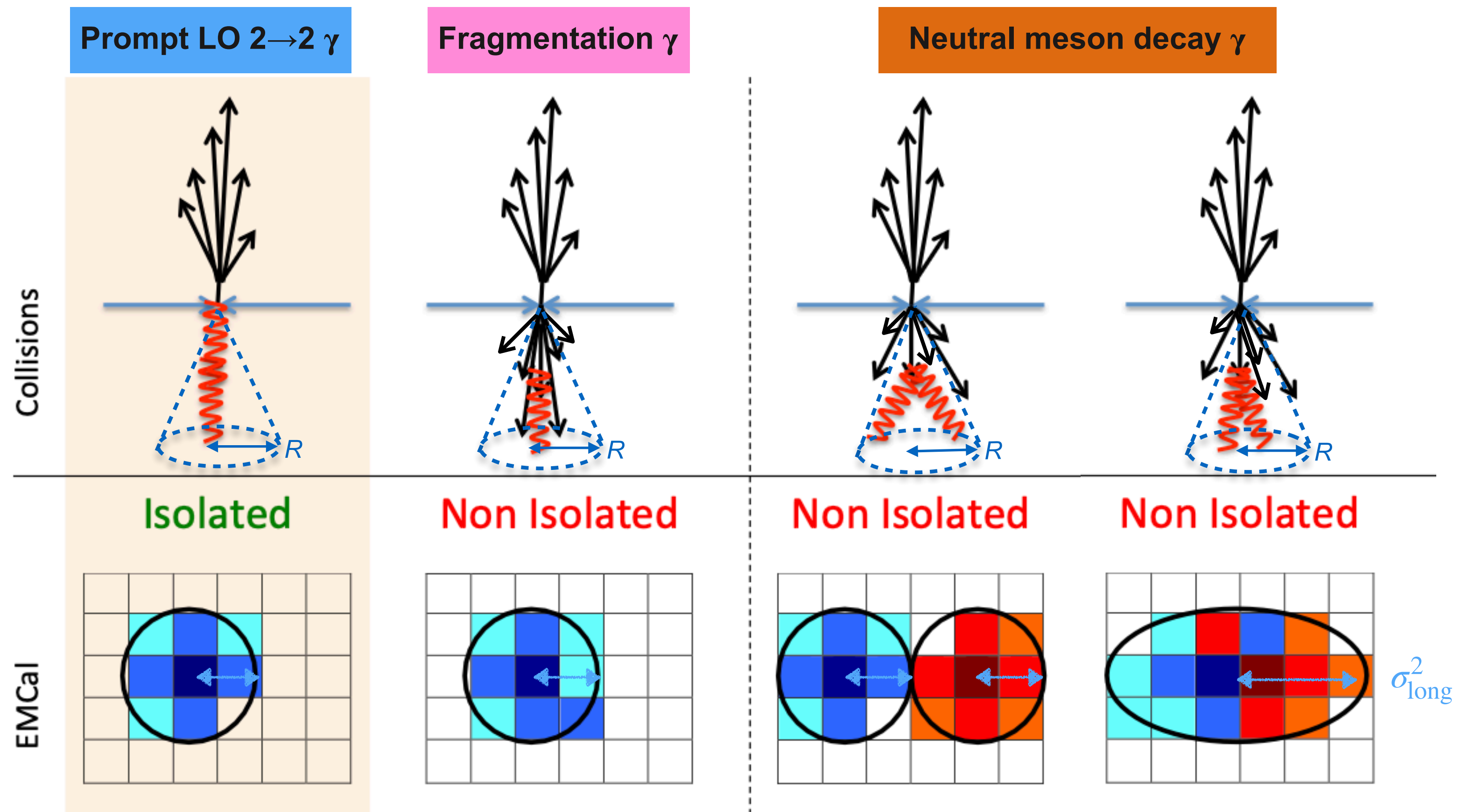
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→ circular “narrow” cluster

→ circular narrow clusters, potentially wider due to jet particles nearby merging

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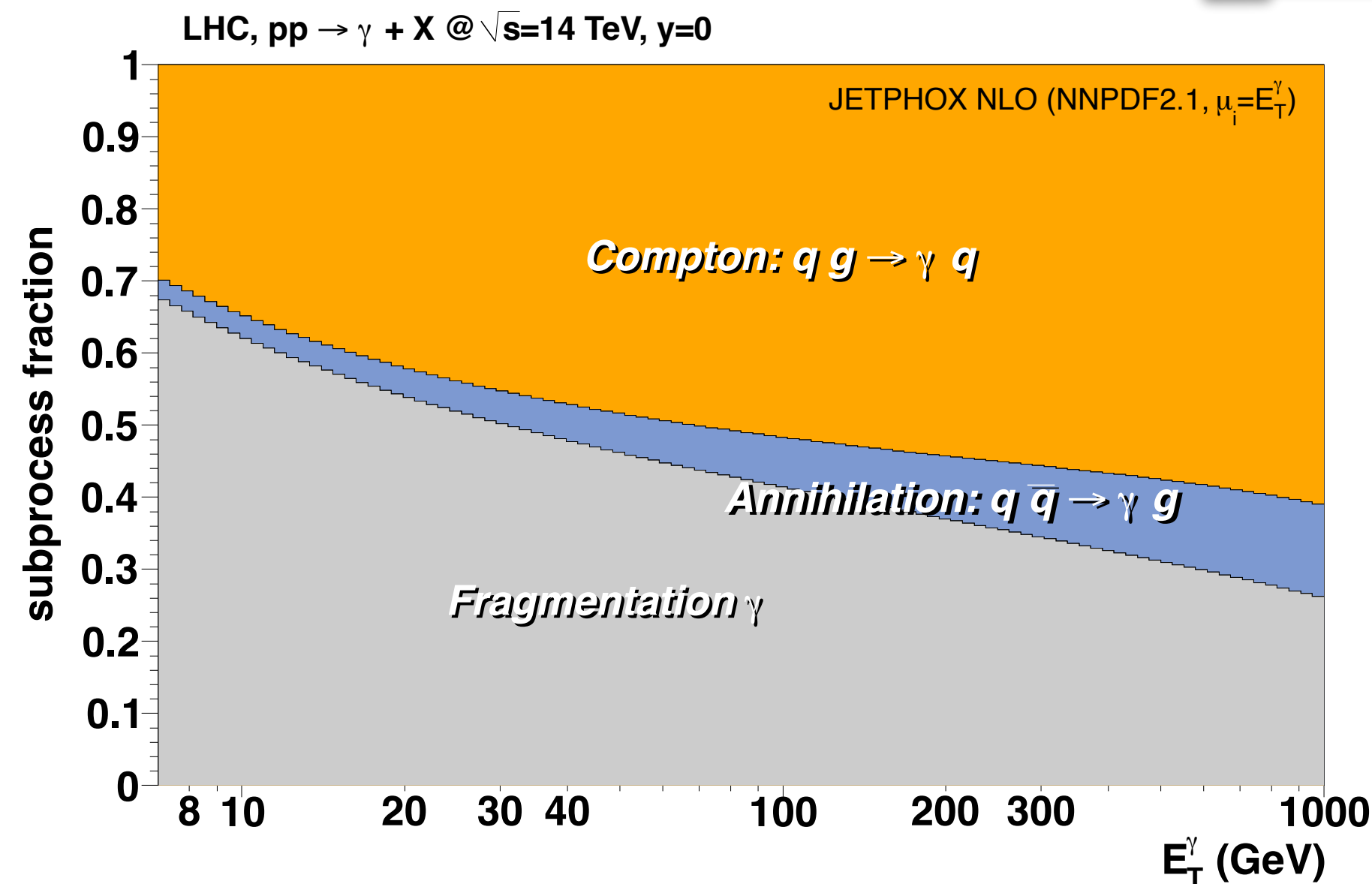
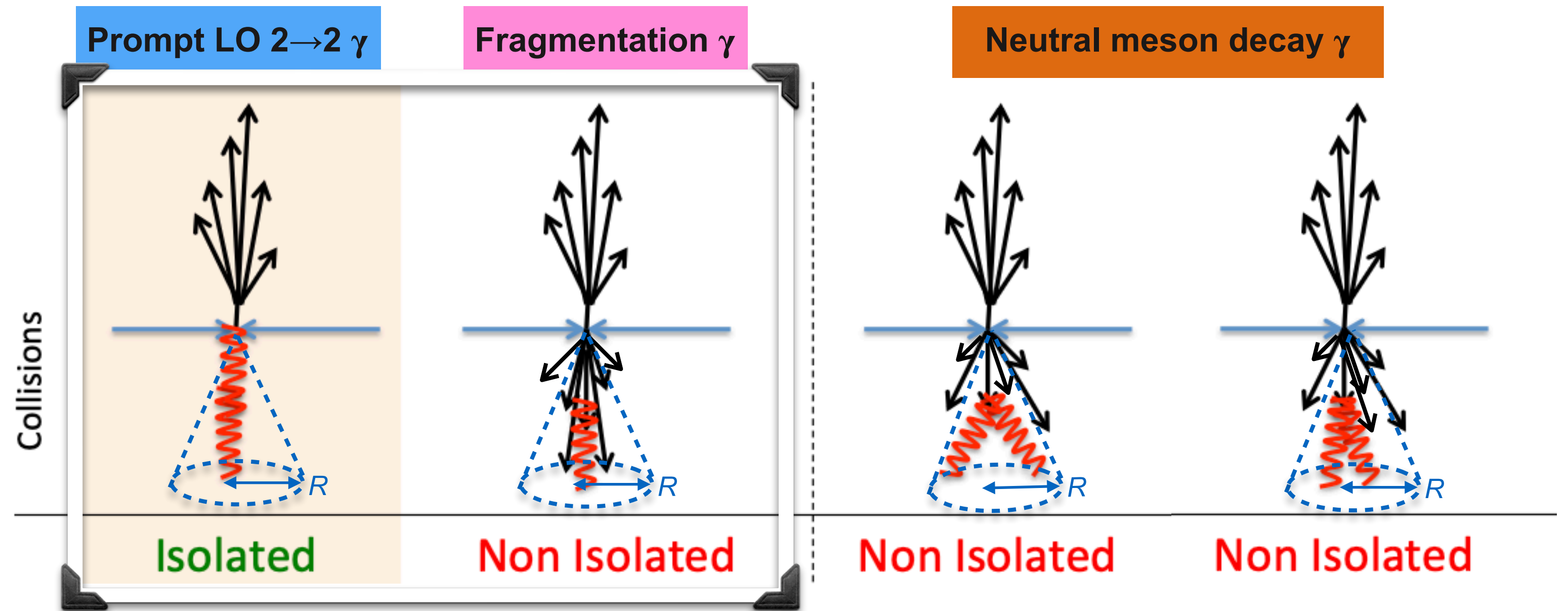
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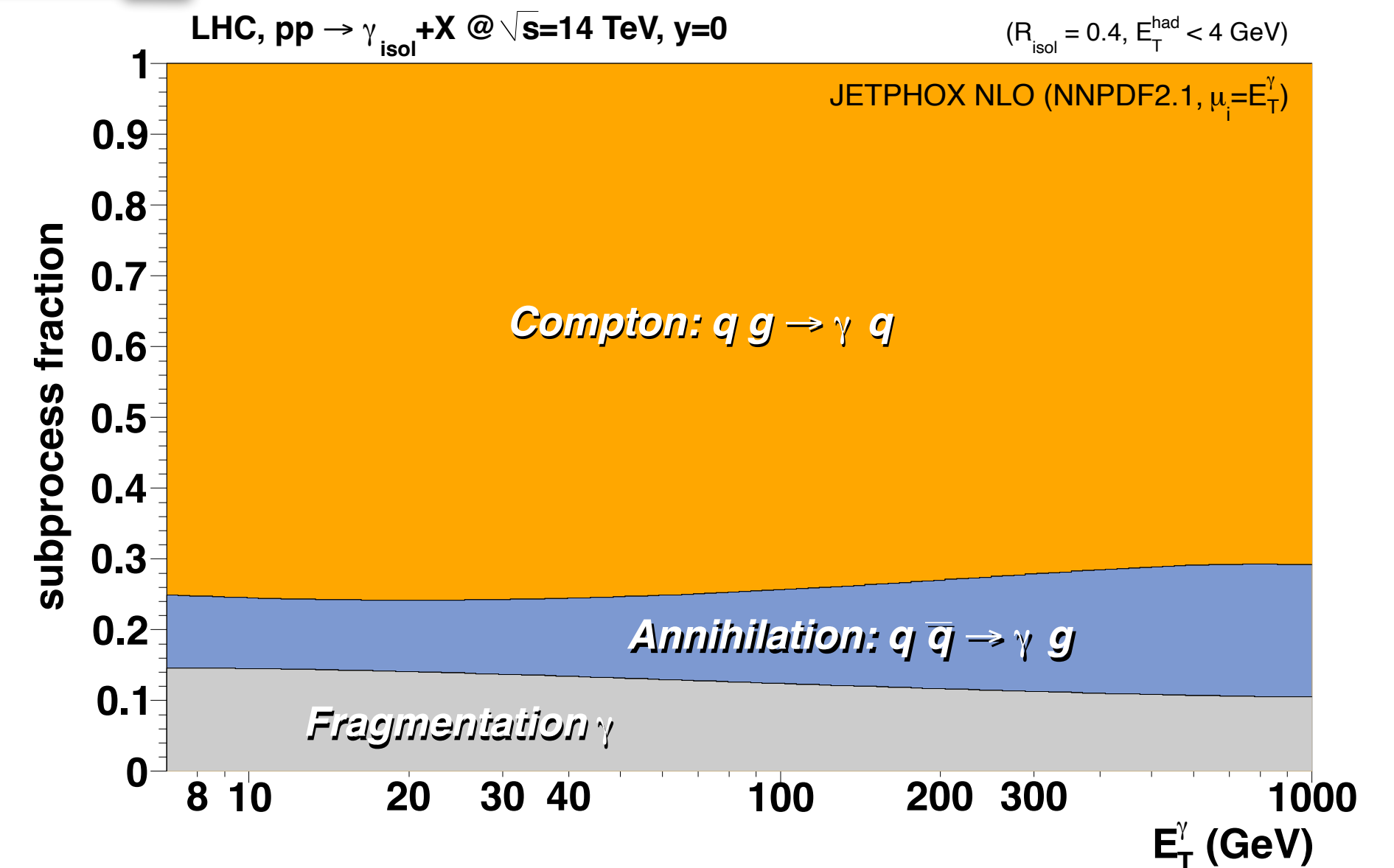
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$pp, \sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}$

Isolation
 $R = 0.4, E_T^{\text{had}} < 4 \text{ GeV}$

D. D'Enterria & J. Rojo
 Nucl. Phys. B 860 (2012),
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After isolation: Compton process dominance, 10-15% fragmentation photons!

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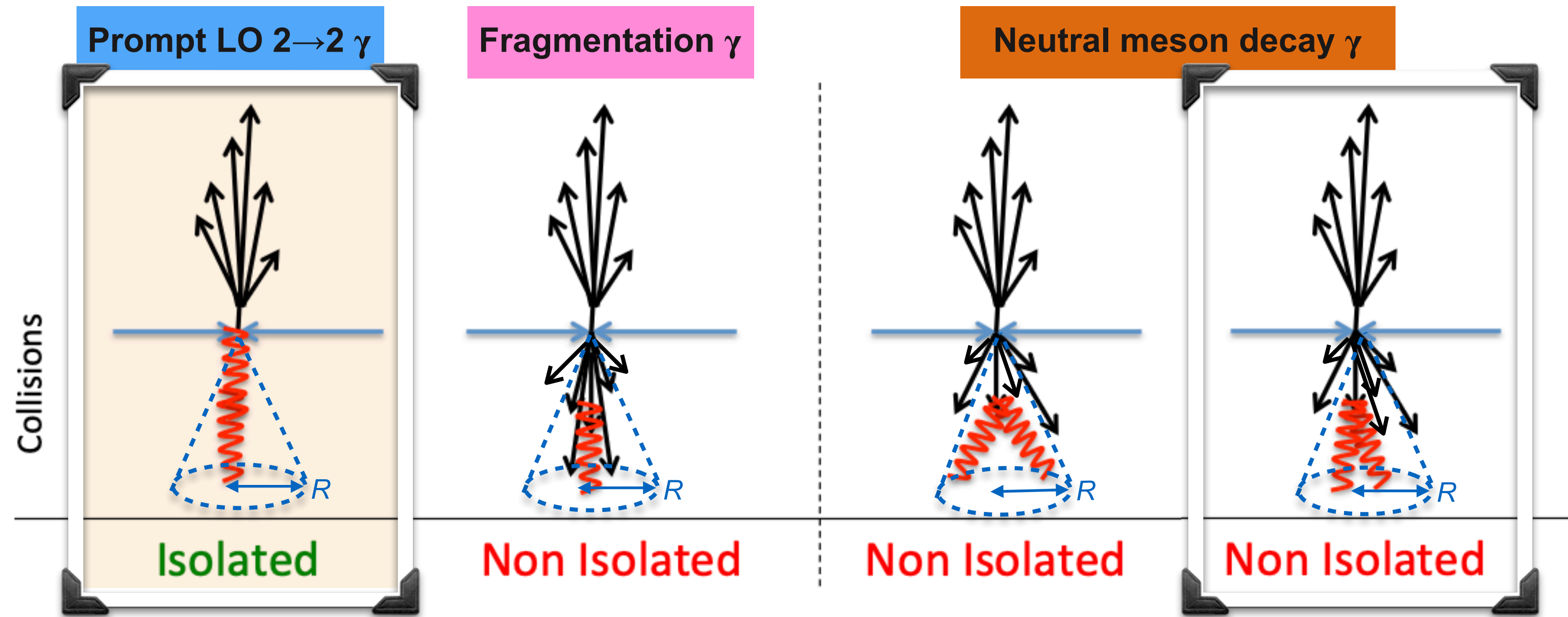
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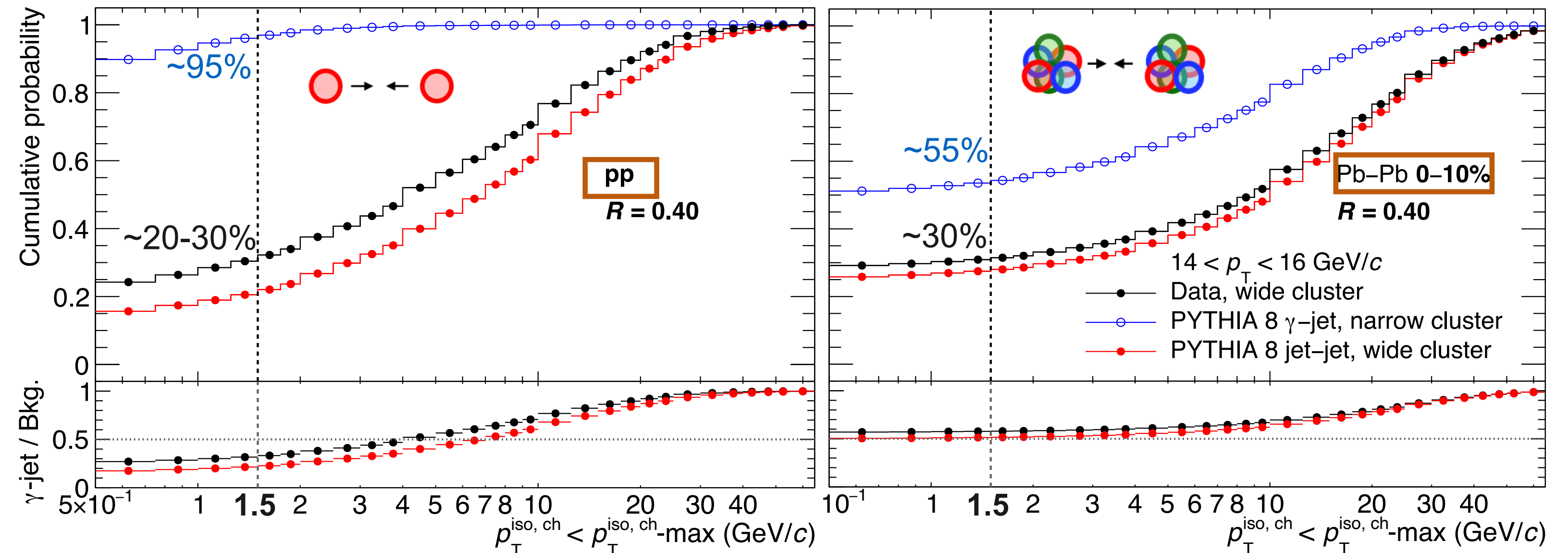
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- Strong neutral meson background rejection
- ⊙ Remaining cases: parton fragments into meson plus few low p_T particles → low $p_T^{\text{iso, ch}}$

- Strong effect in central Pb-Pb in signal rejection due to UE fluctuations

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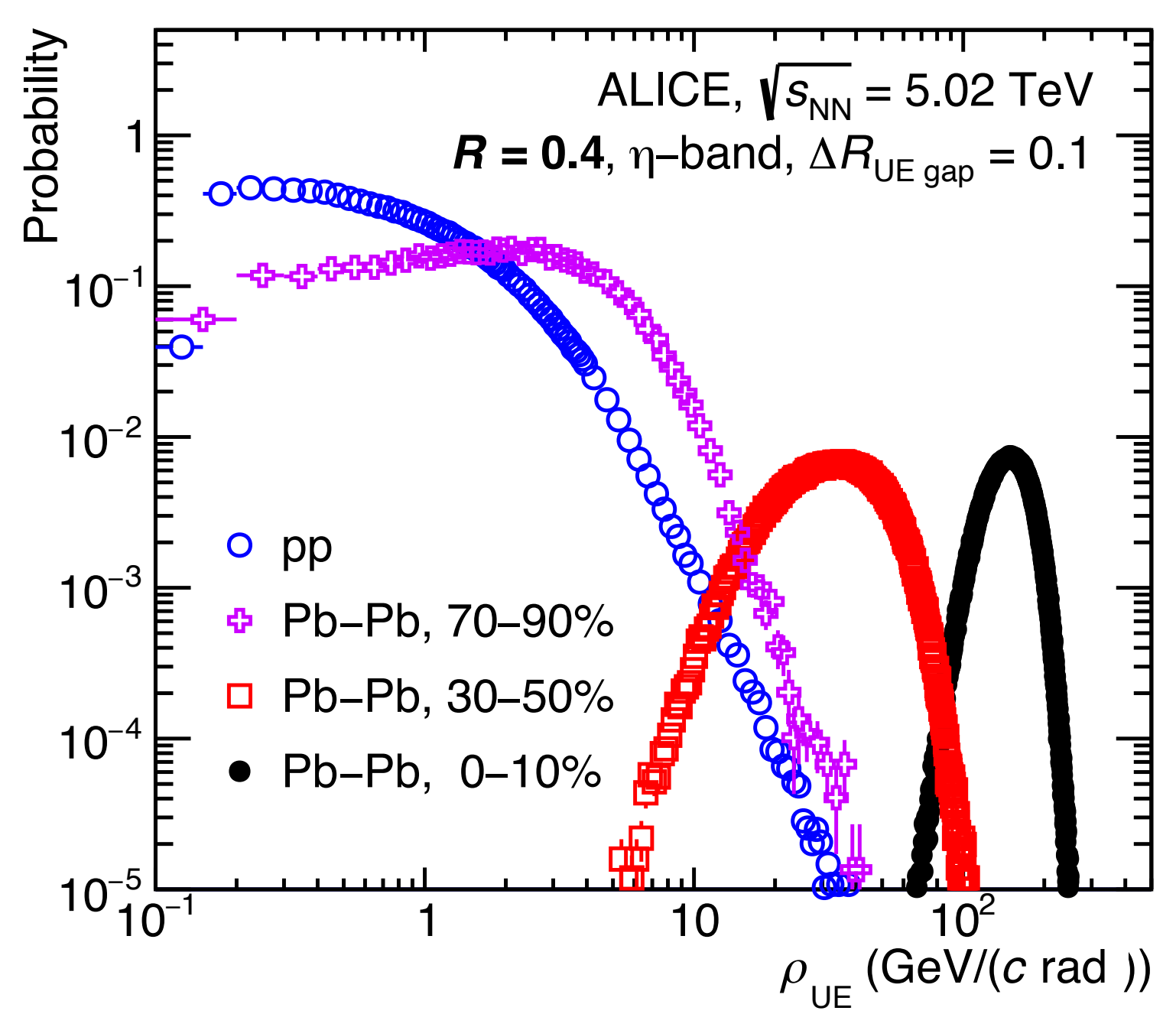
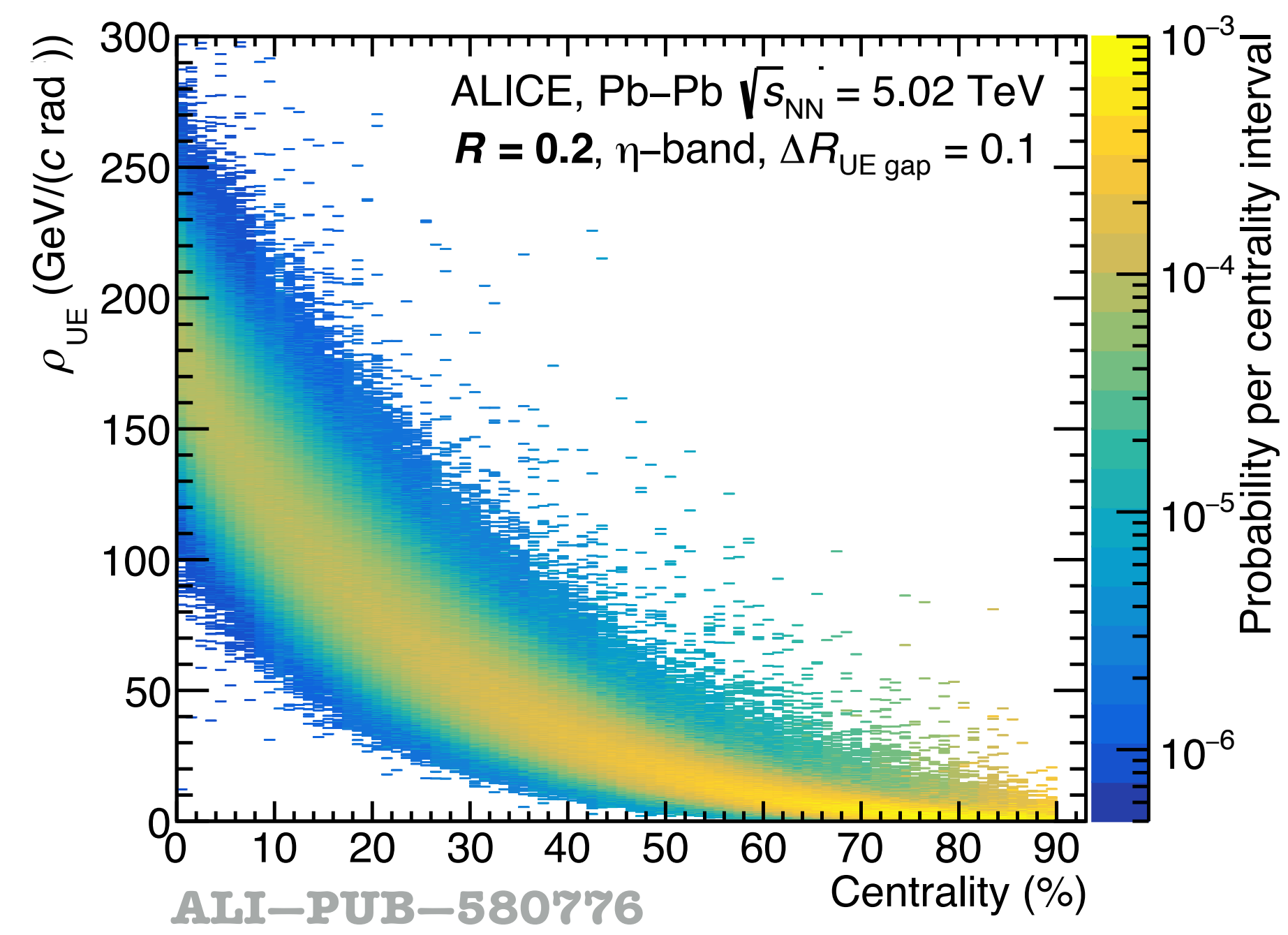
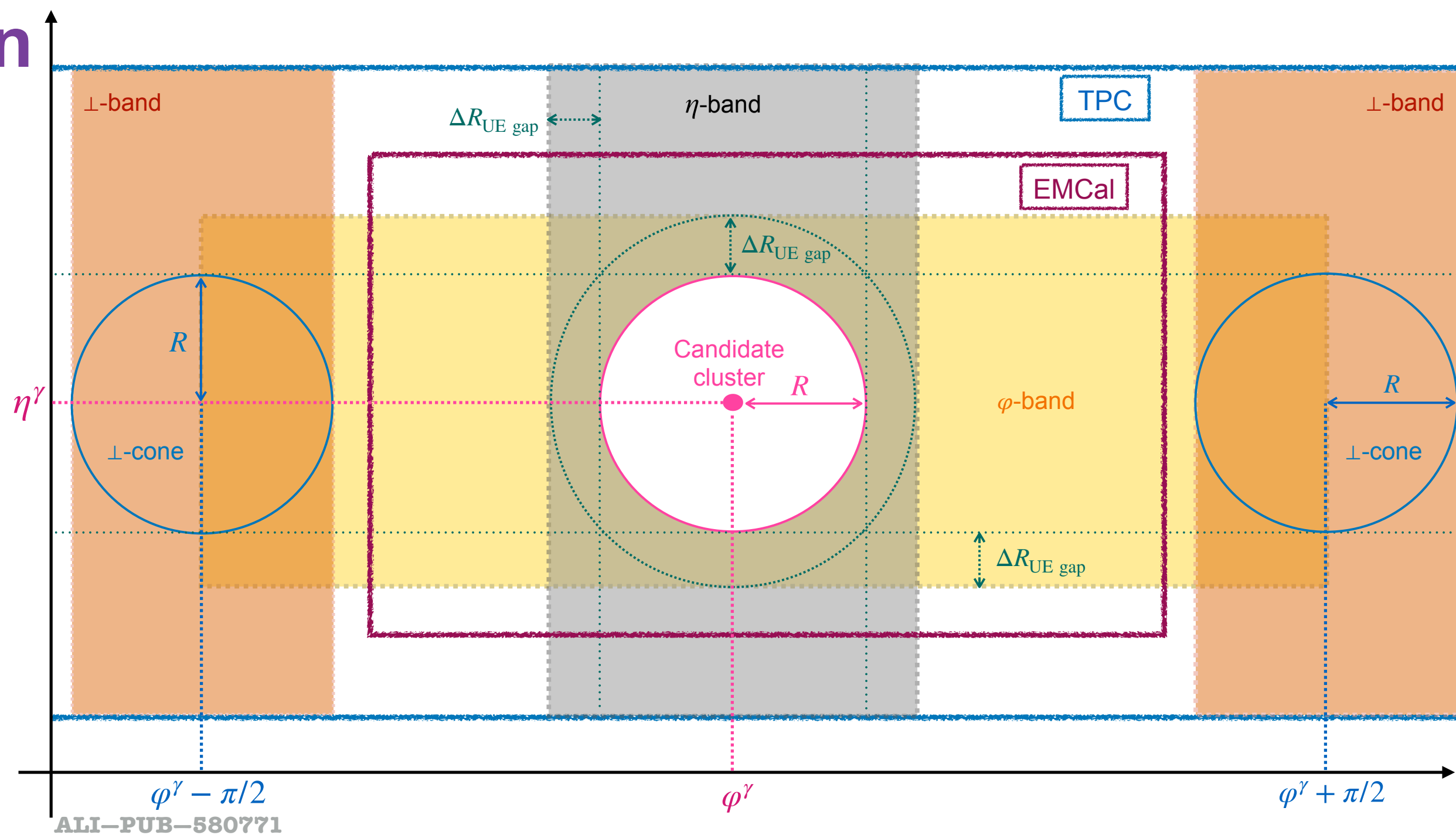


Underlying event estimation



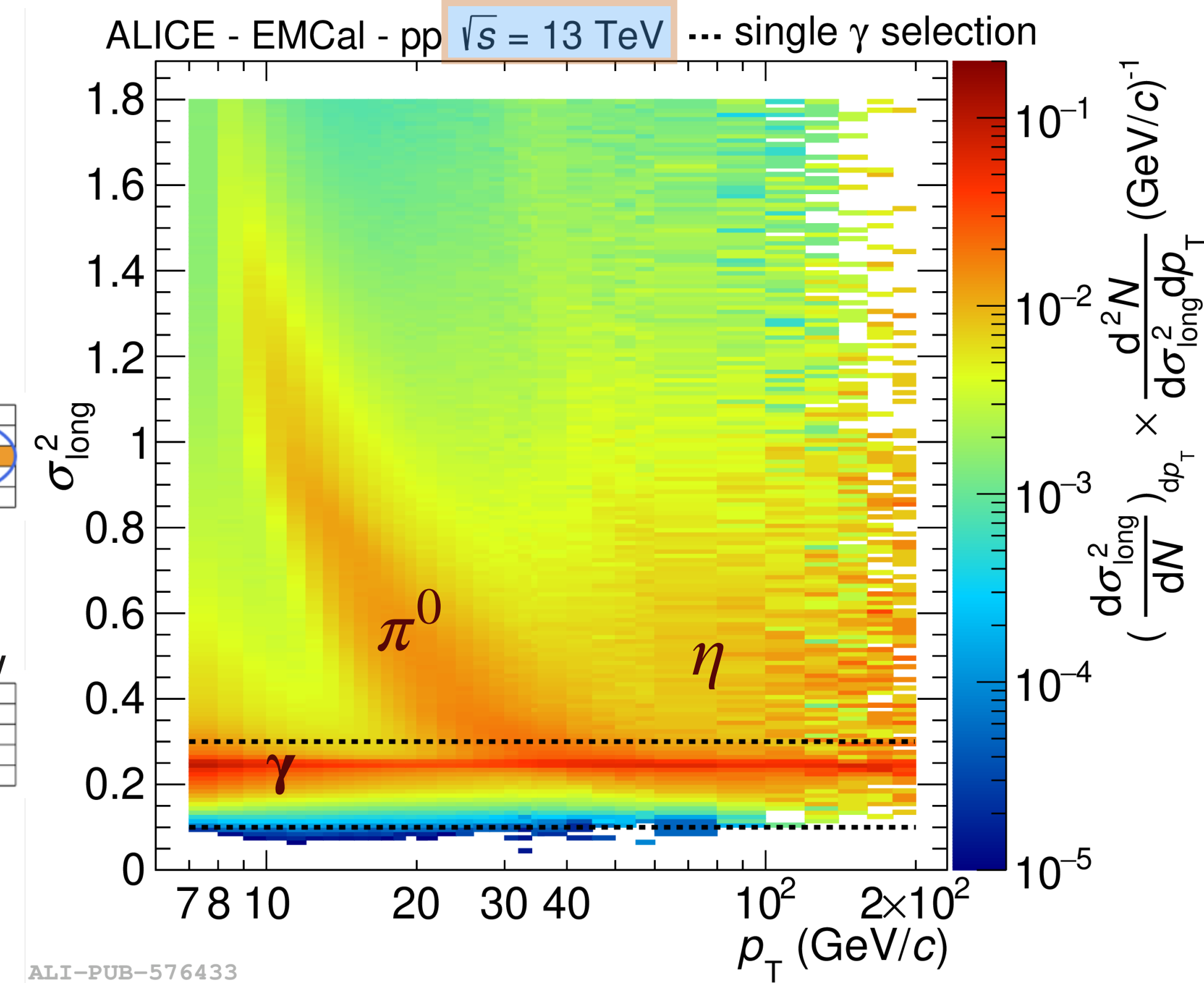
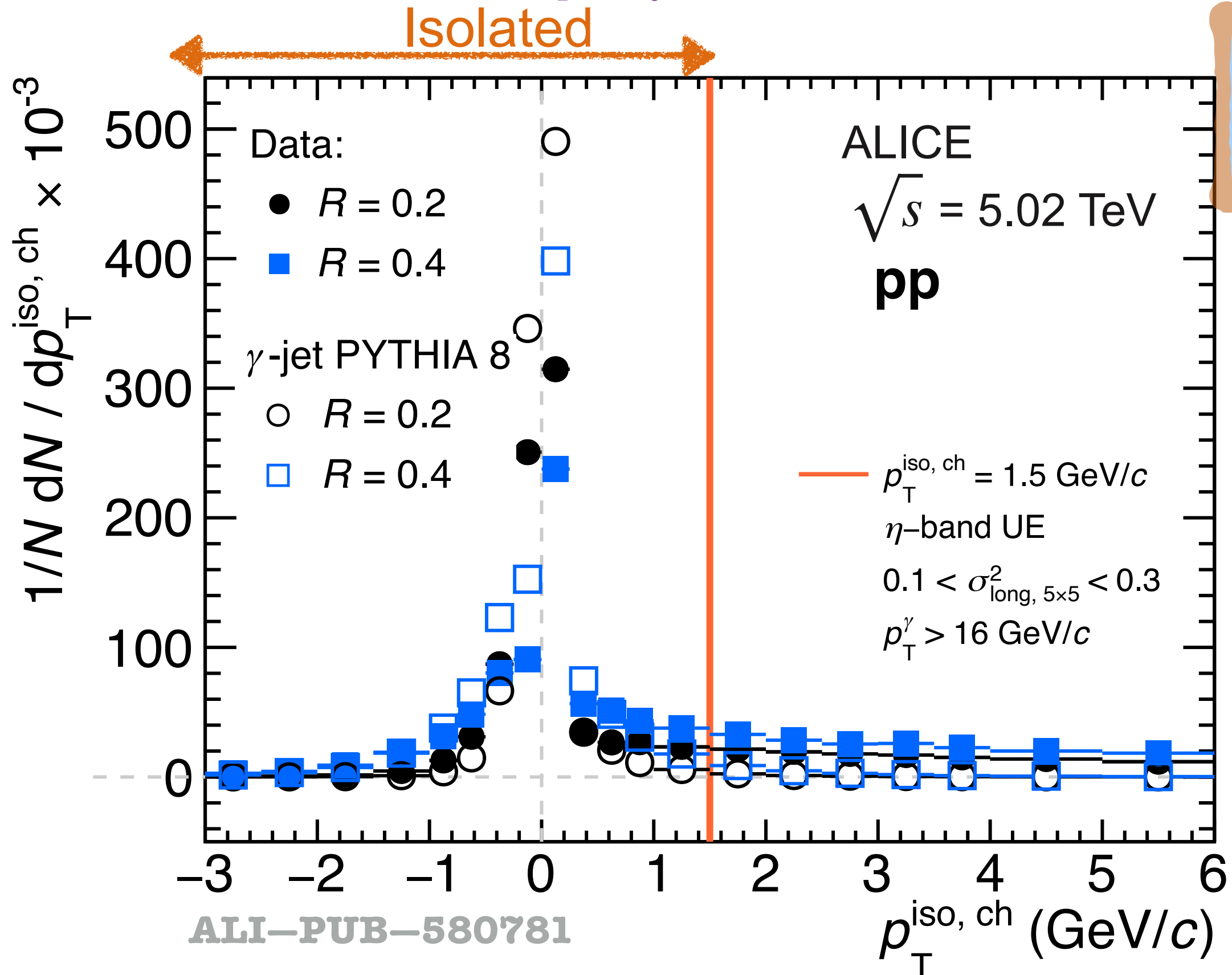
Track p_T UE density estimated on Pb–Pb & pp collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV:

- ➔ Sum of tracks p_T normalised by η -band area
→ *Avoid flow effects*
- ➔ Gap between cone and band of $\Delta R_{UE\ gap} = 0.1$
→ *Avoid jet remnants*



Remark: UE was not subtracted in pp $\sqrt{s} = 7$ & 13 TeV measurements, UE small

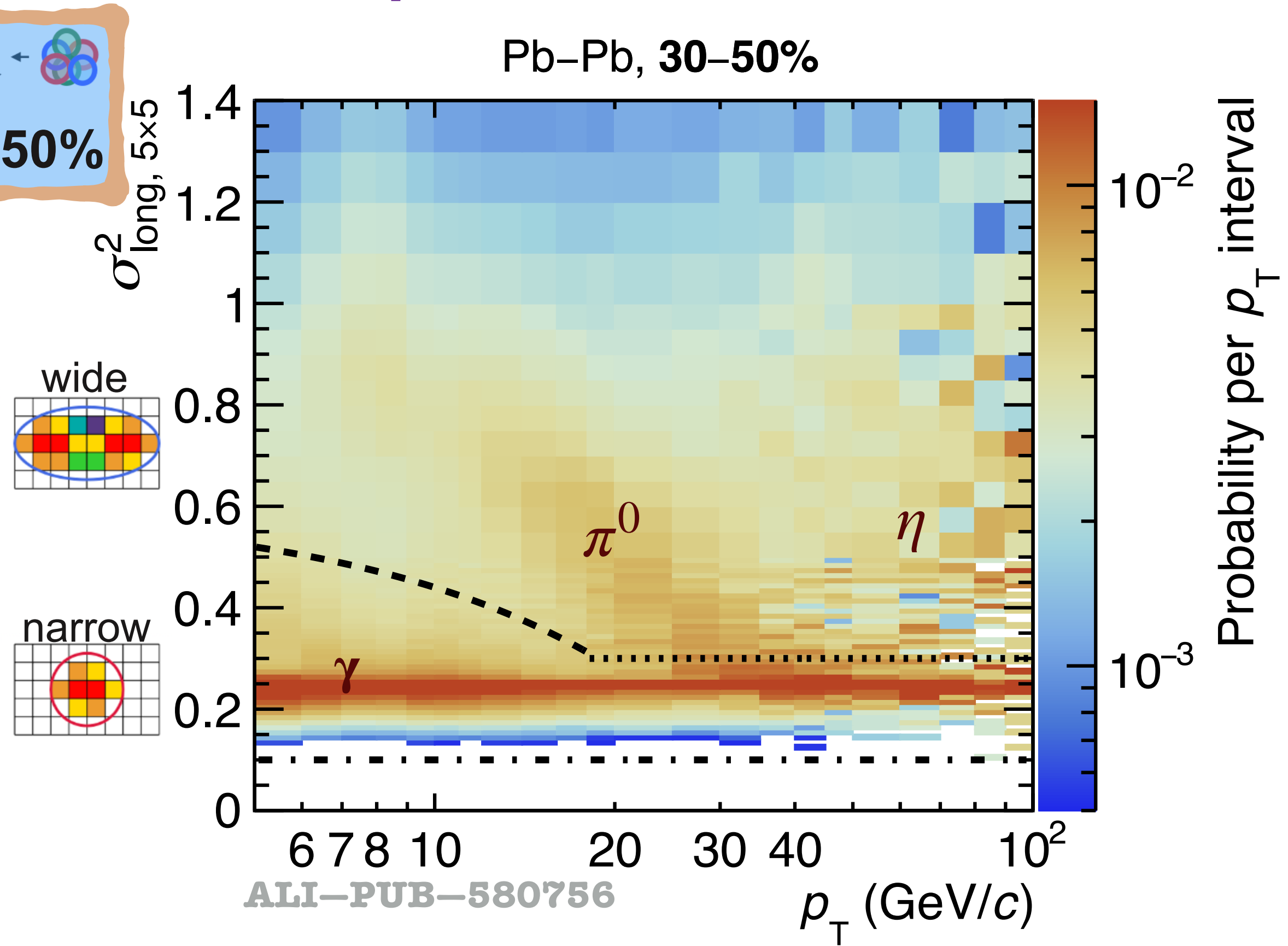
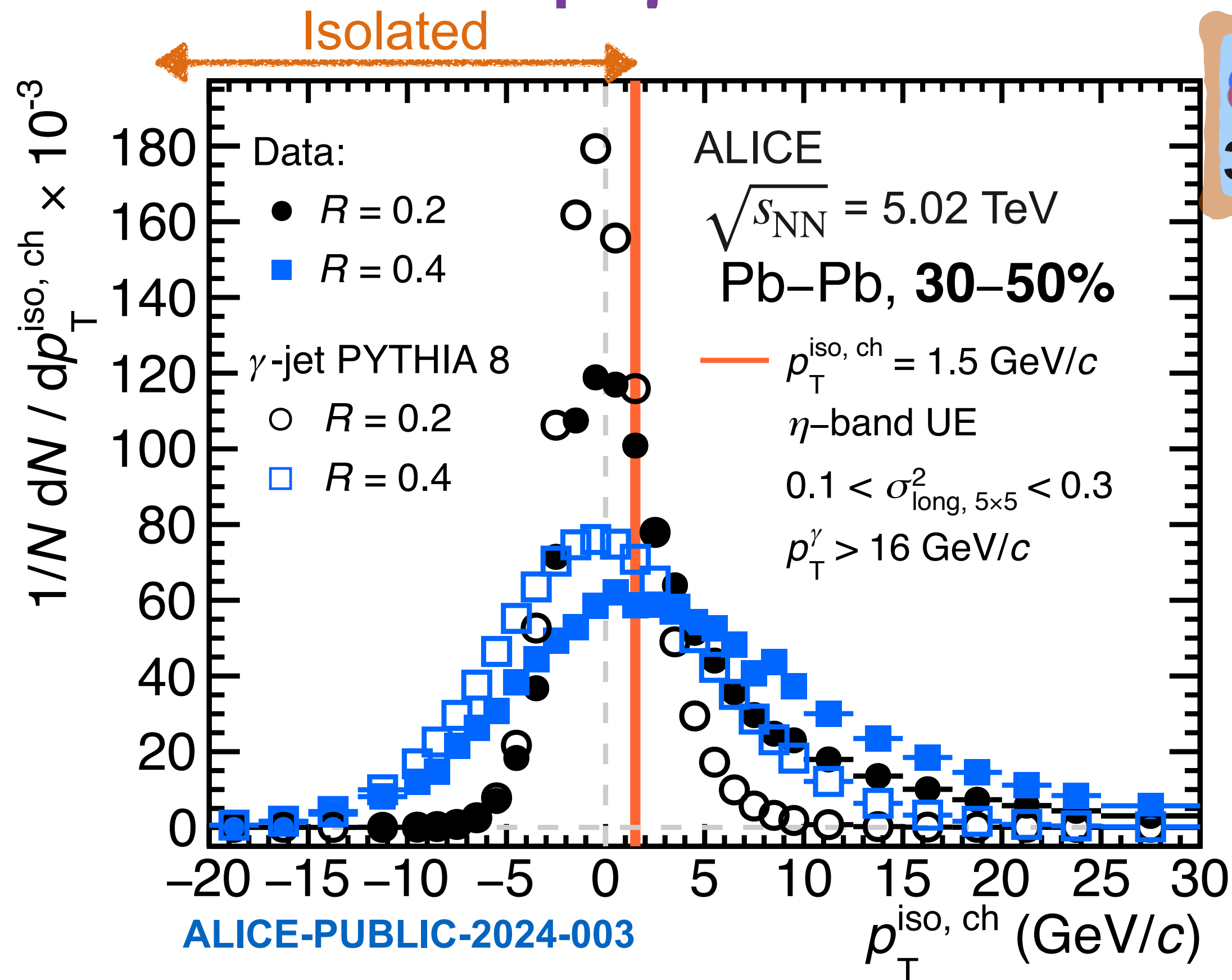
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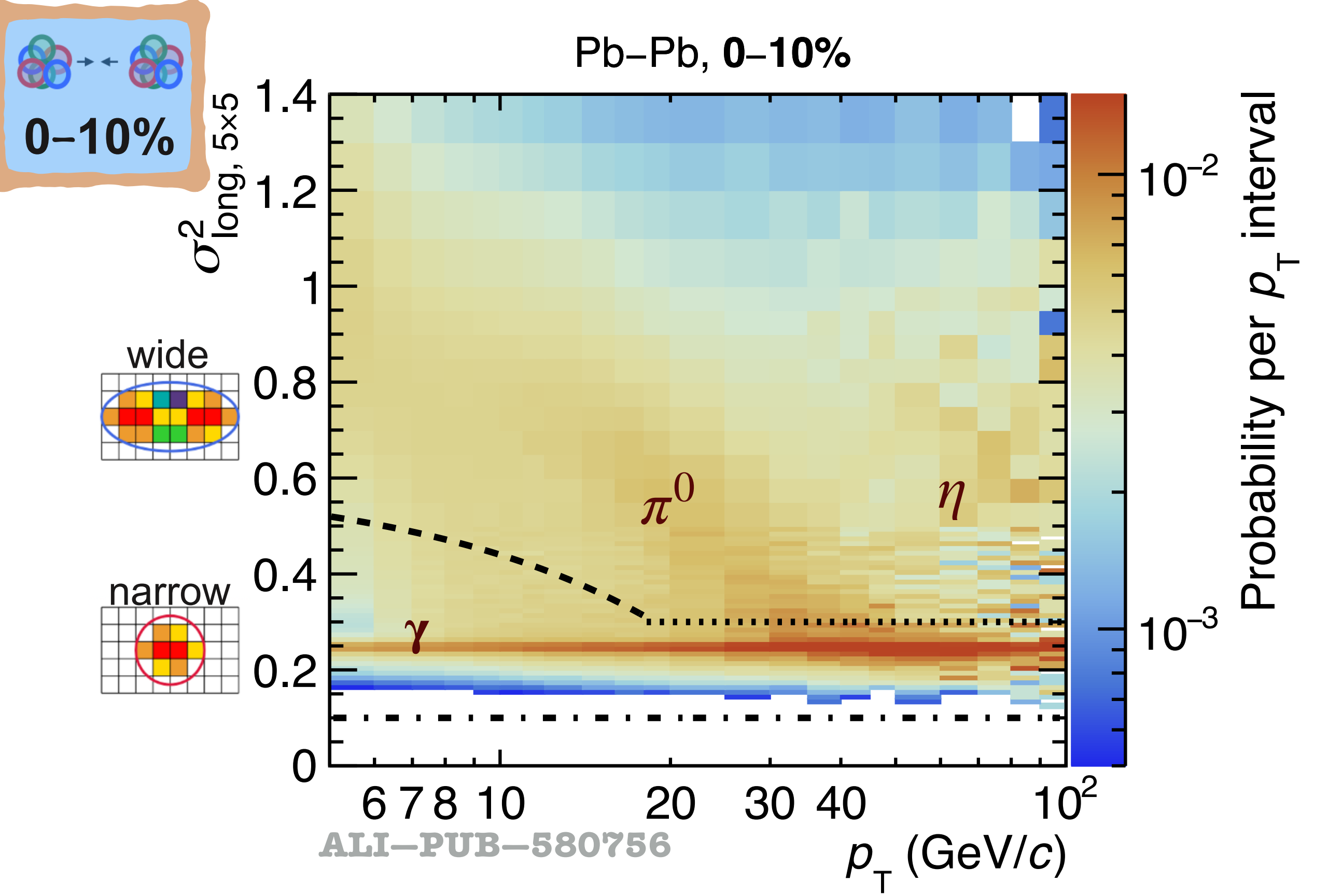
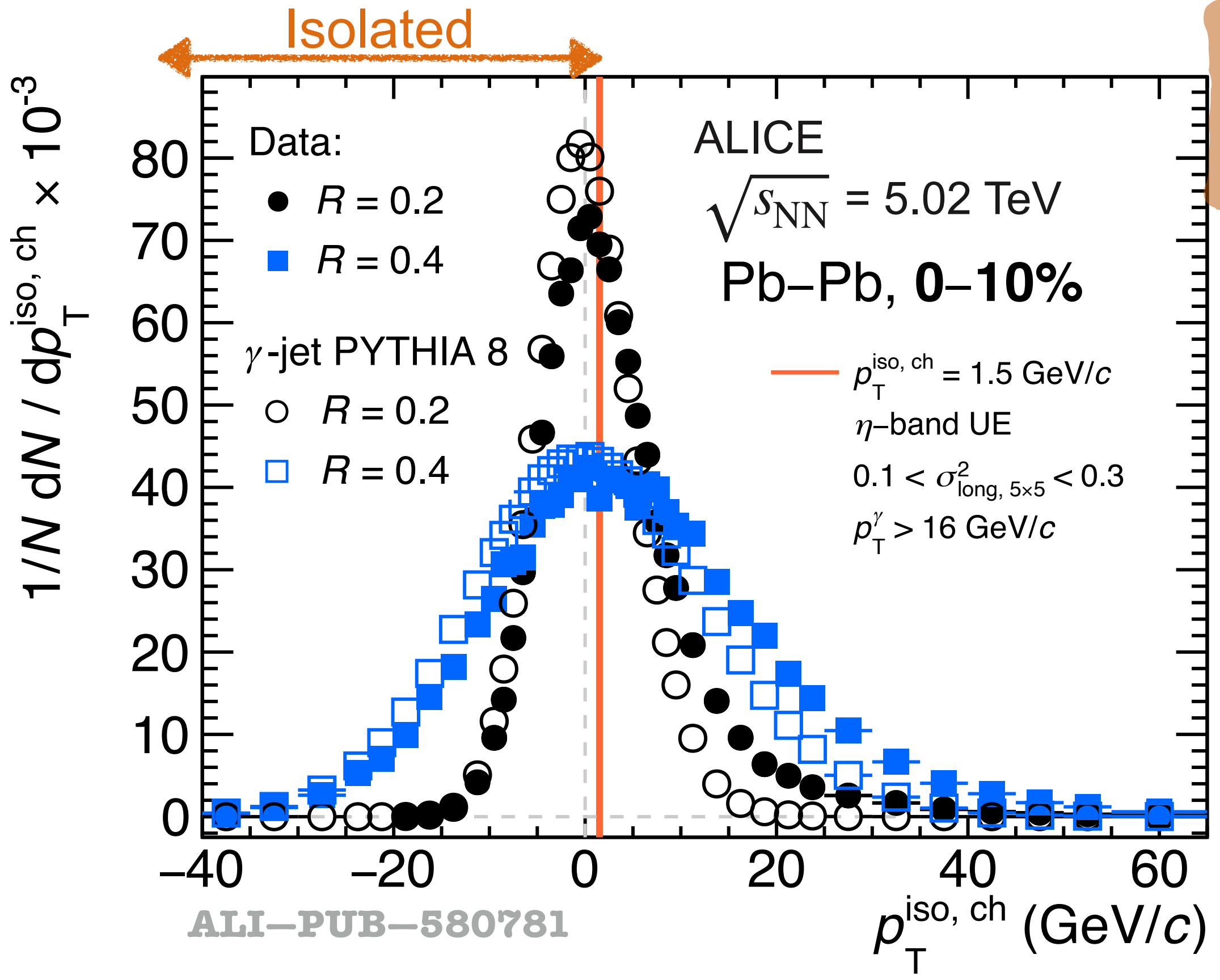
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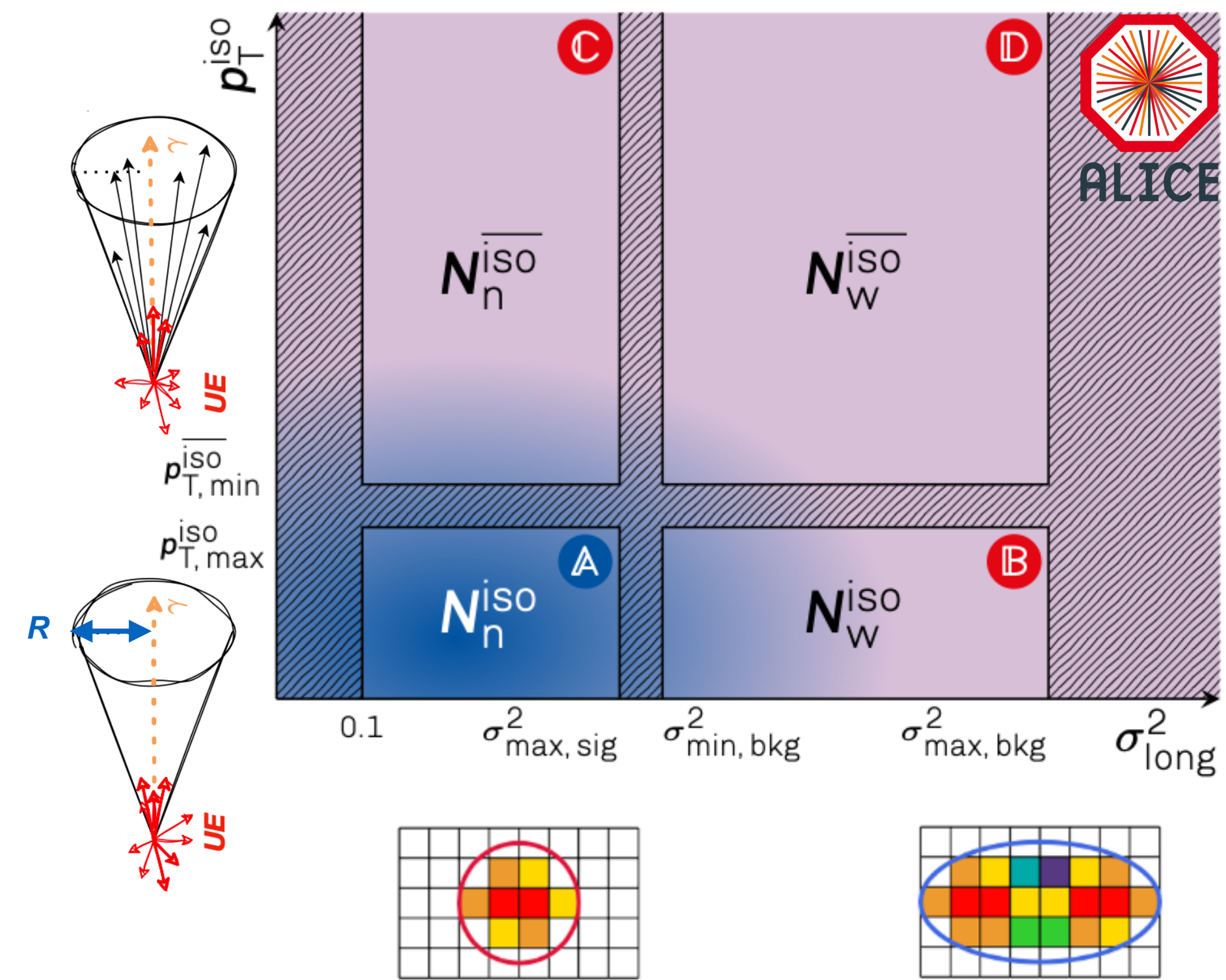
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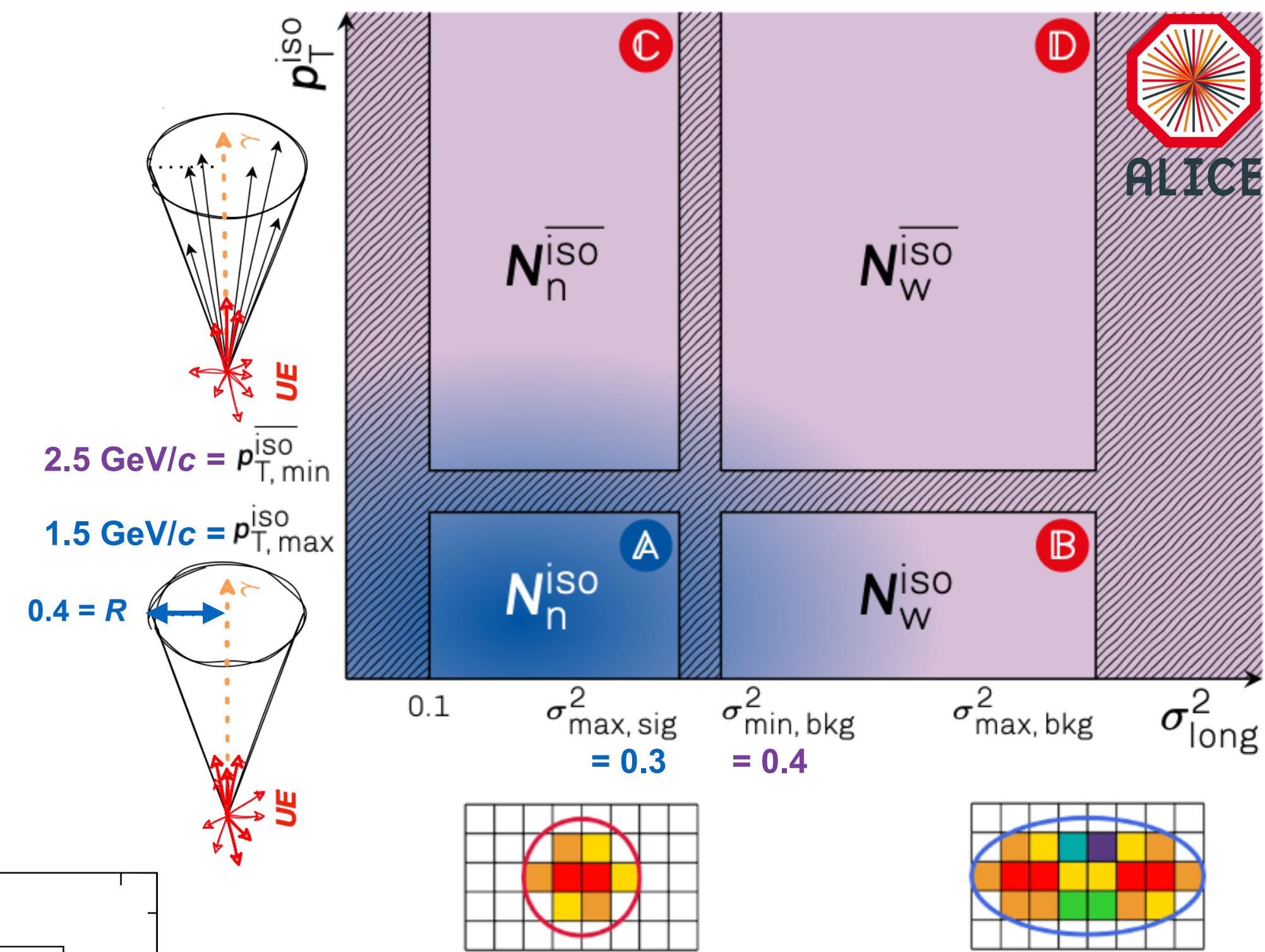
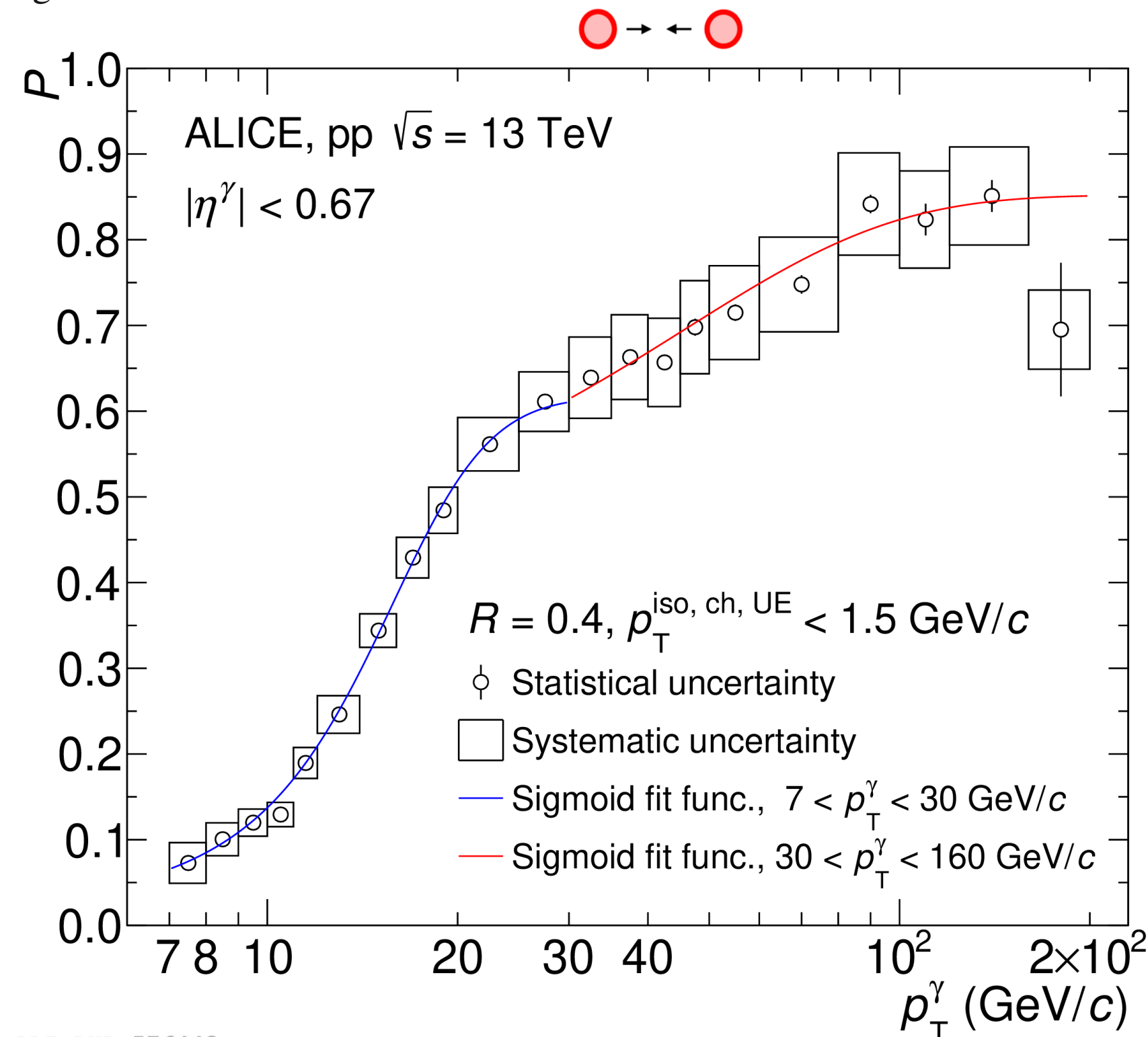
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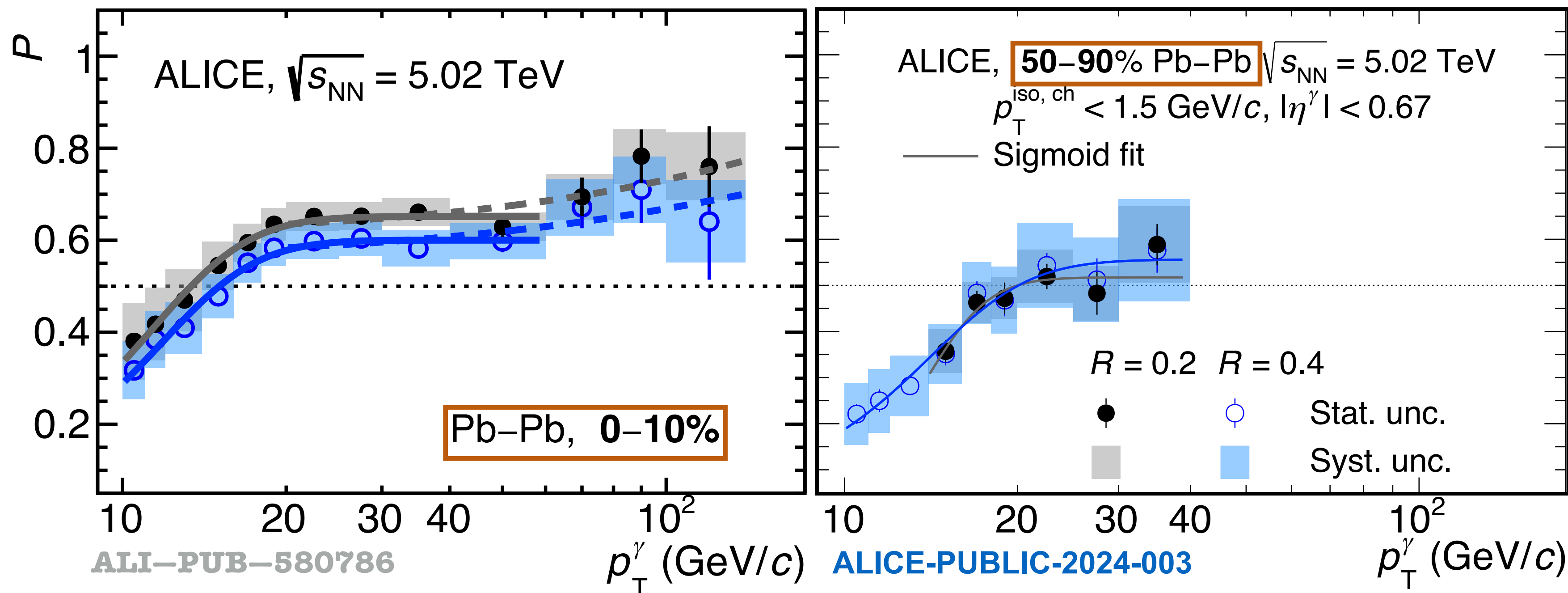
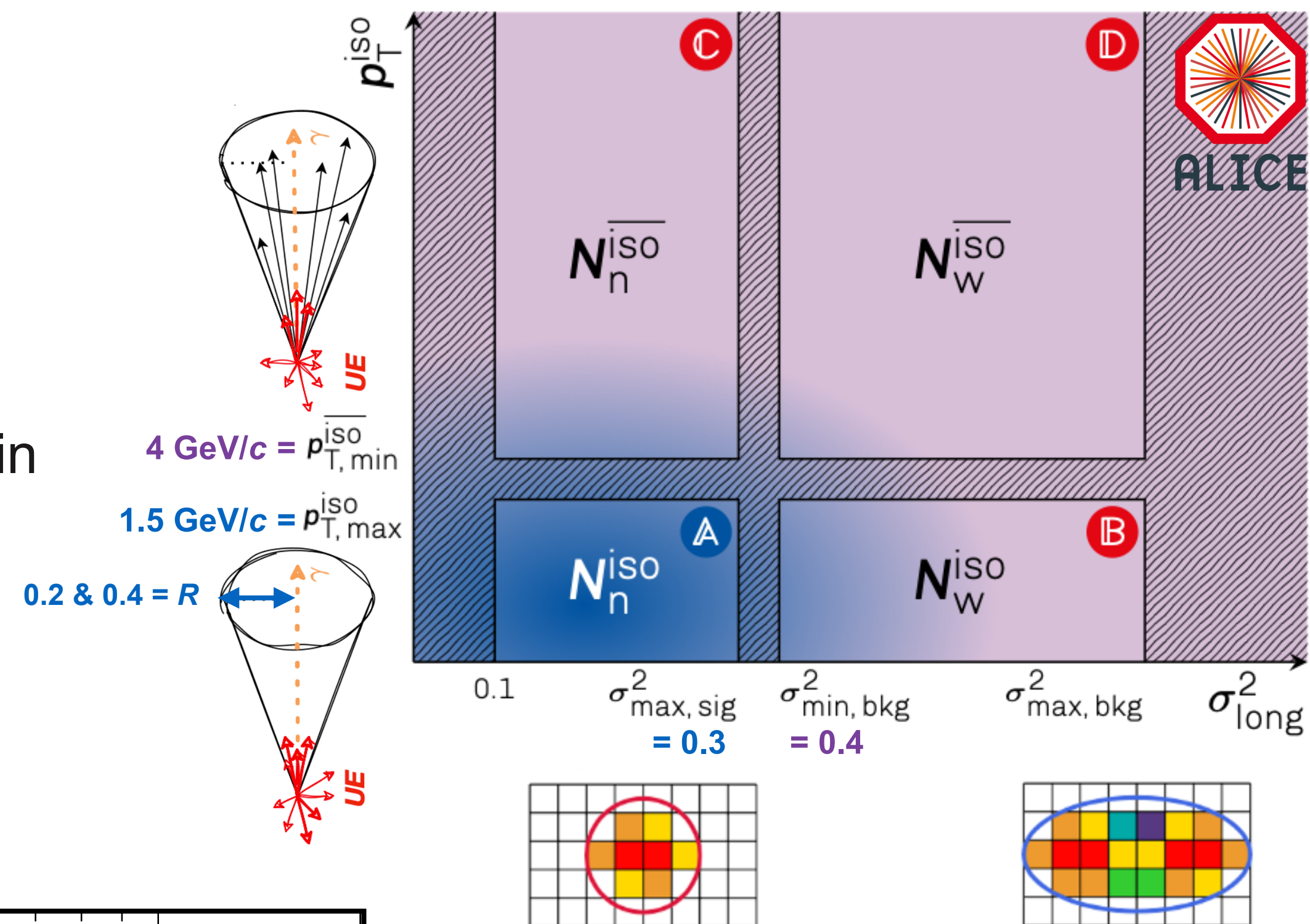
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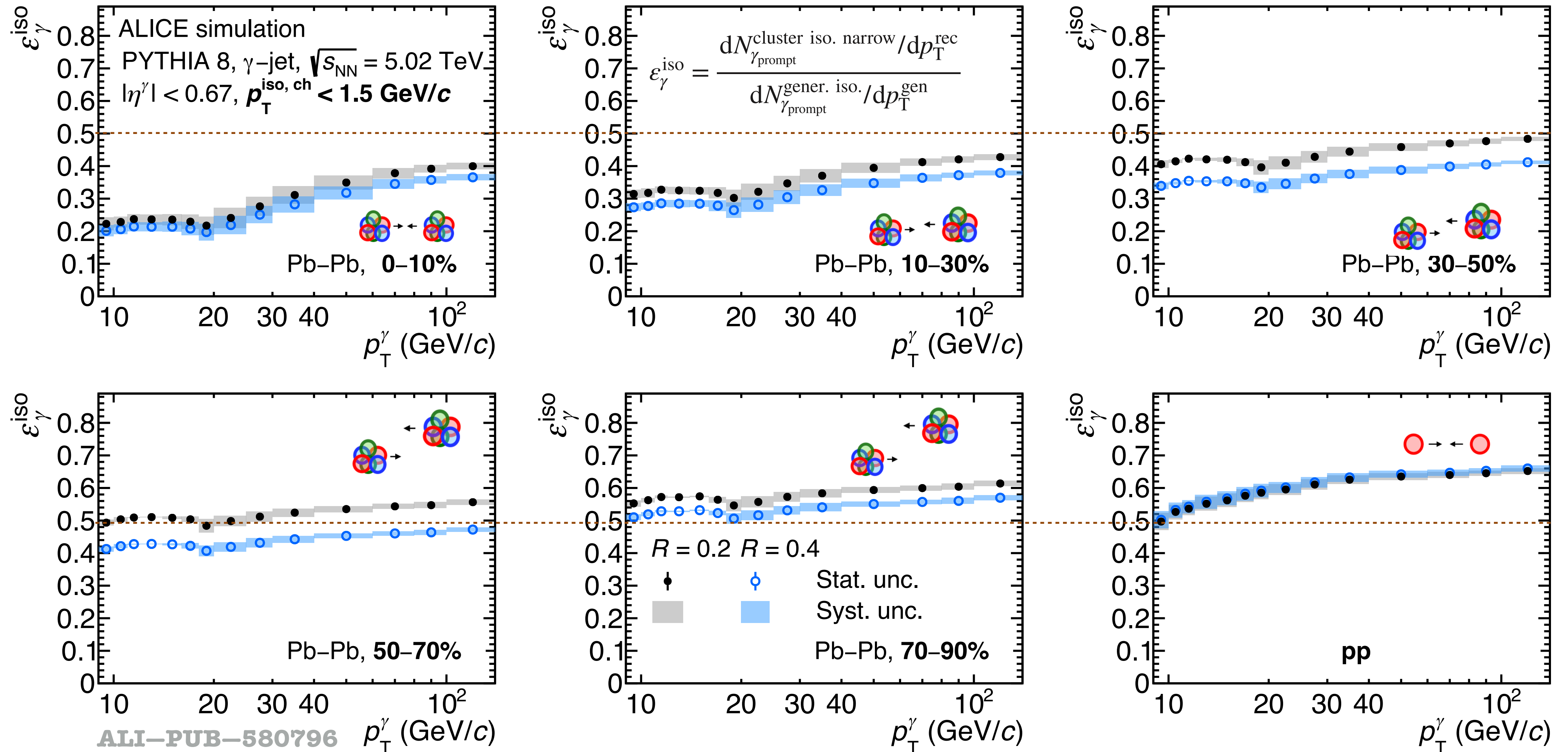
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- Reduce the influence of statistical fluctuations with sigmoid function fits
- Higher purity in central vs peripheral collisions due to neutral meson background suppression due to QGP
- Higher purity in central collisions for $R = 0.2$ vs $R = 0.4$ due to lower UE fluctuations in $p_T^{iso, ch}$

Efficiency, $R = 0.2$ & 0.4 , pp & Pb-Pb $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV



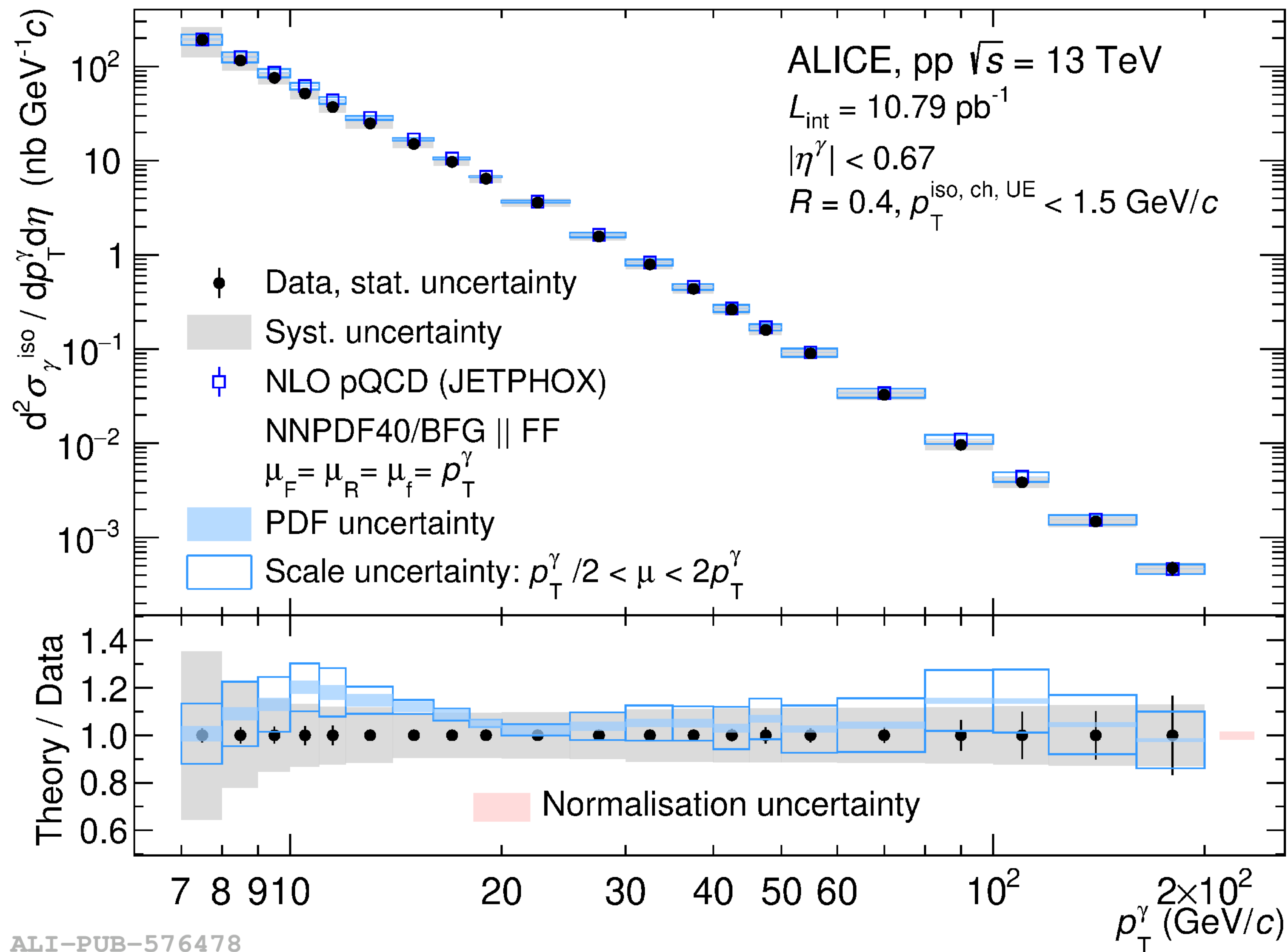
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- In Pb-Pb, $\epsilon_\gamma^{\text{iso}} (R = 0.2) > \epsilon_\gamma^{\text{iso}} (R = 0.4)$ a factor ~ 0.9 due to lower UE fluctuations ($p_T^{\text{iso, ch}}$)
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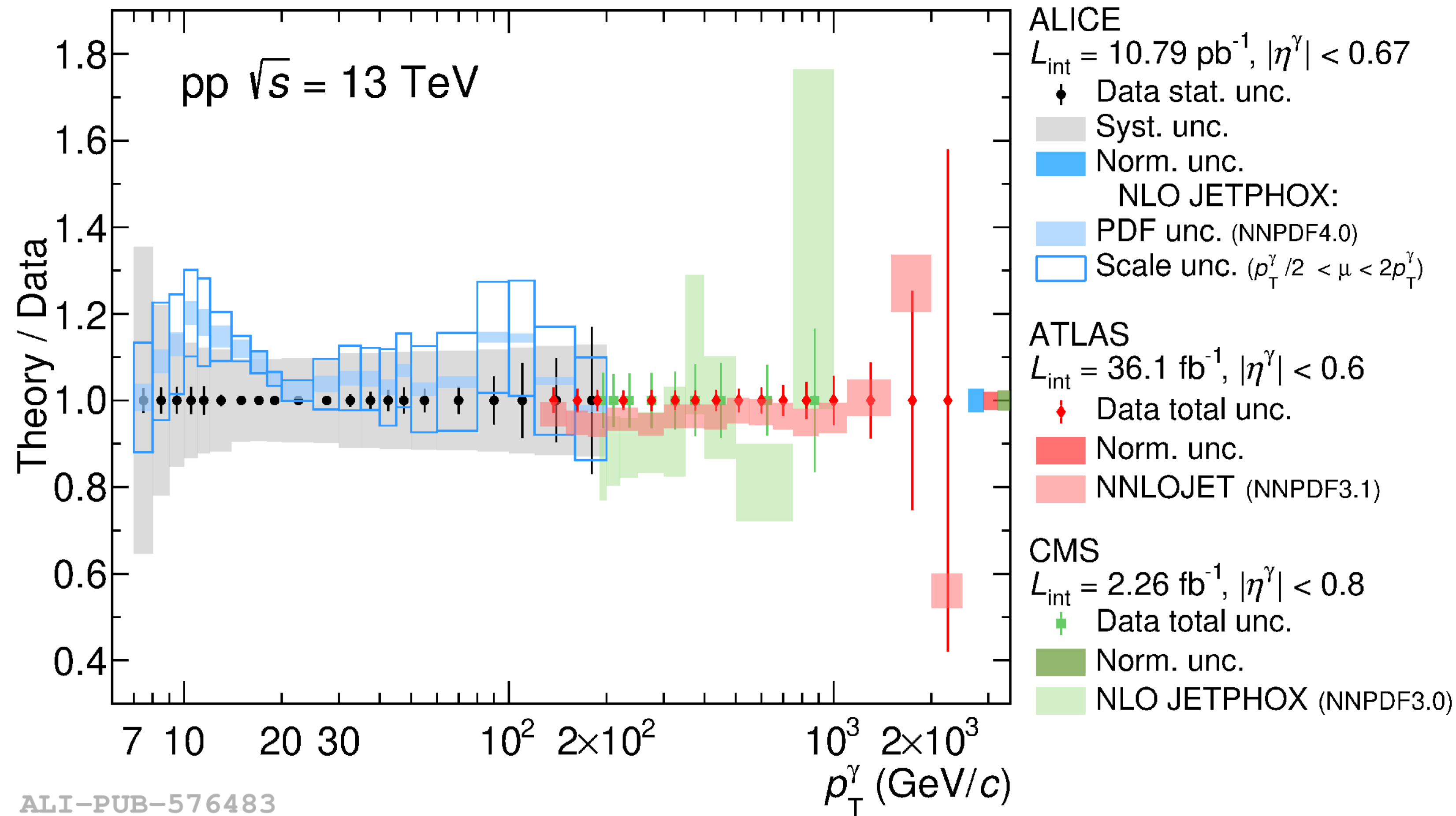
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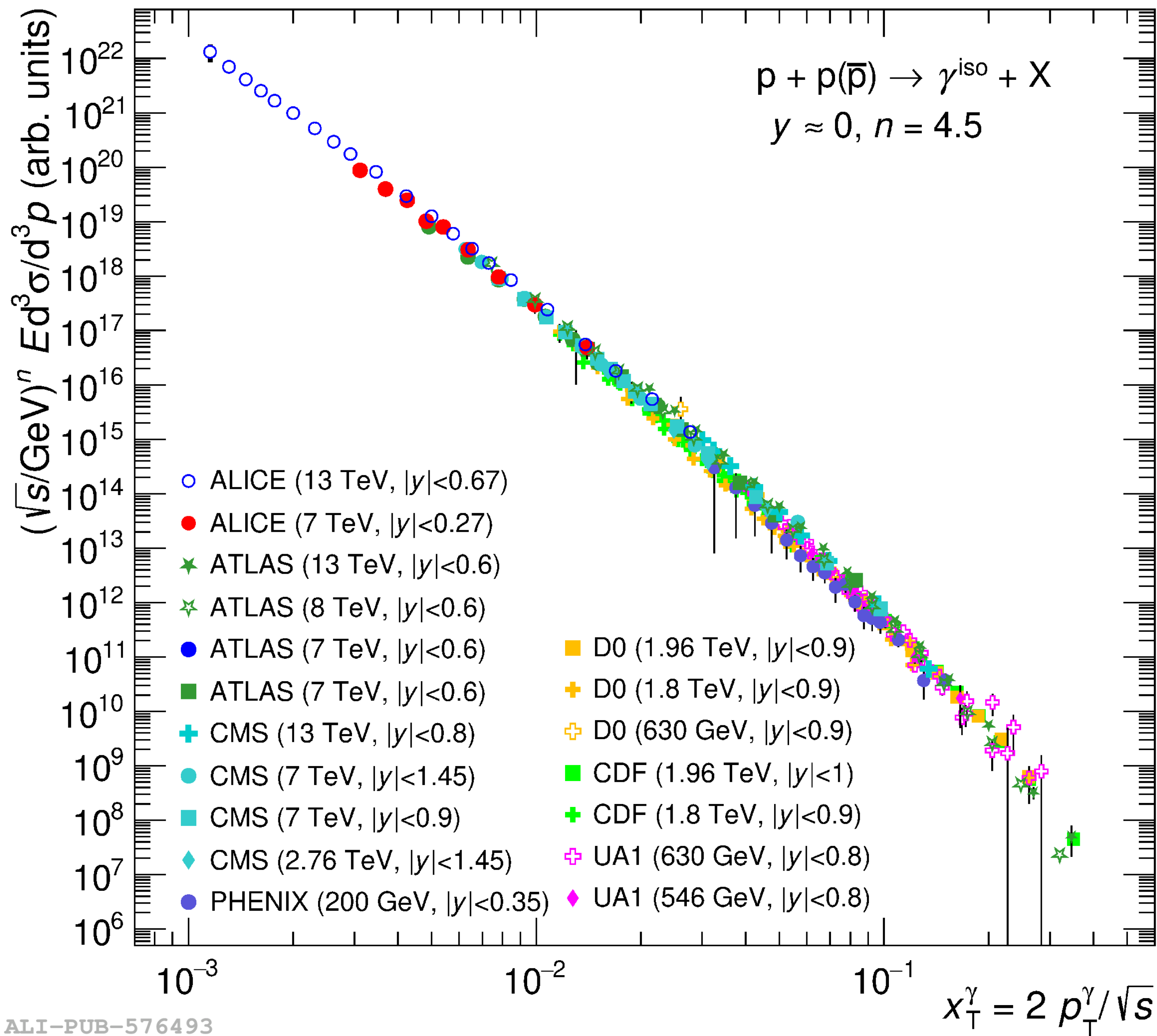
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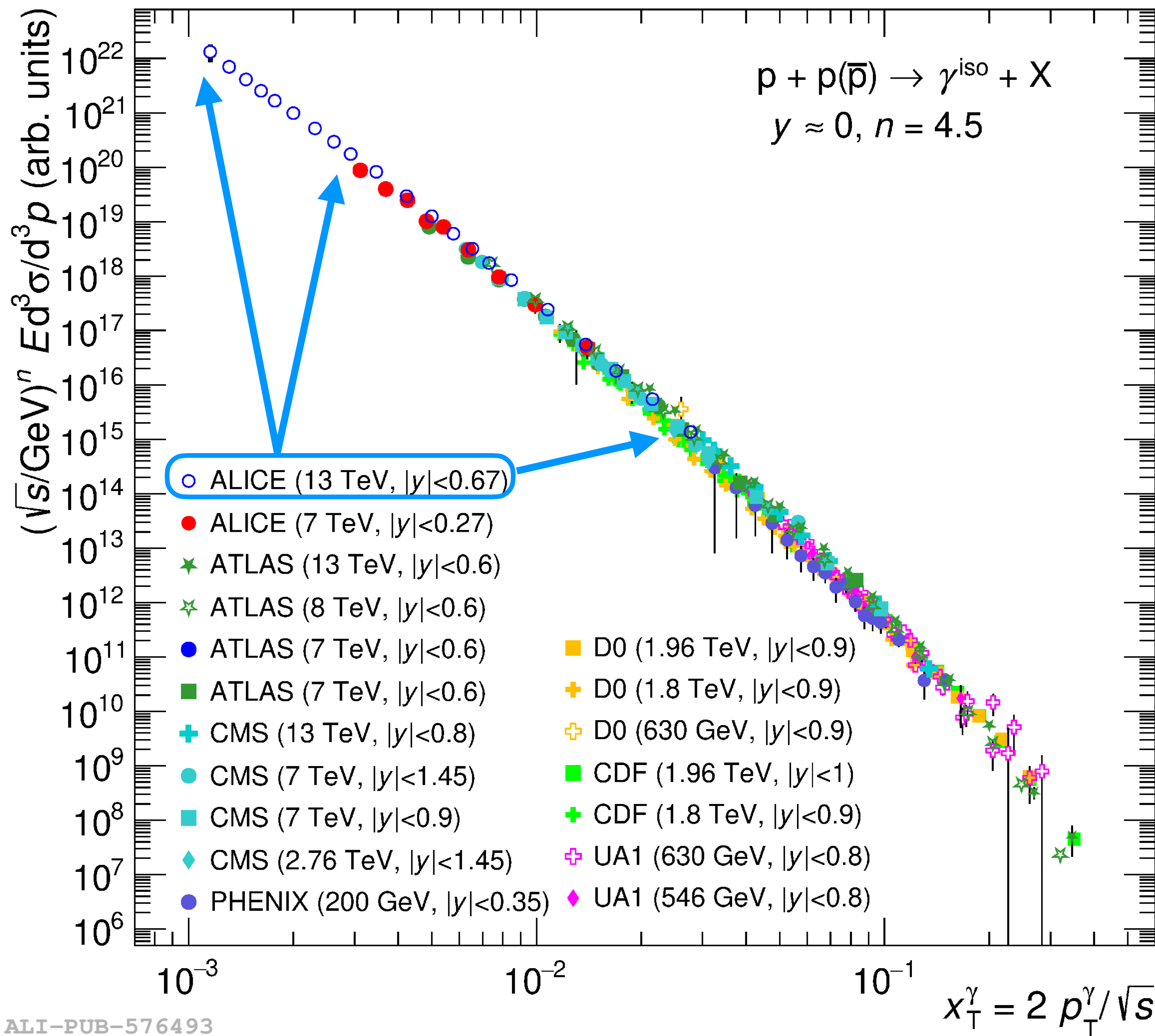


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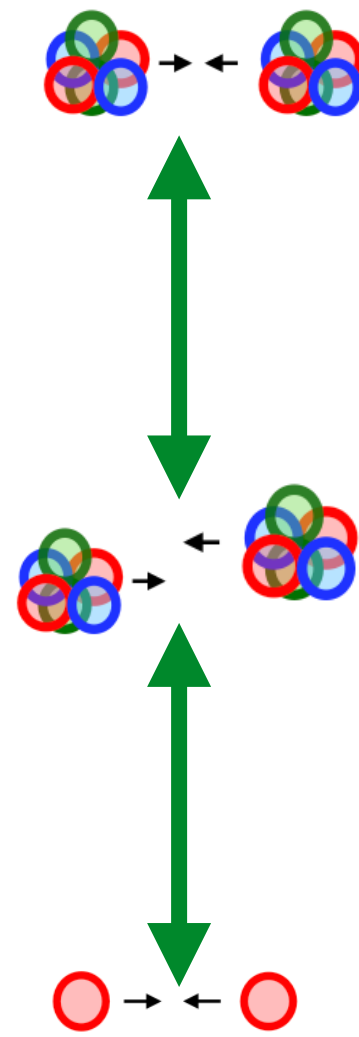
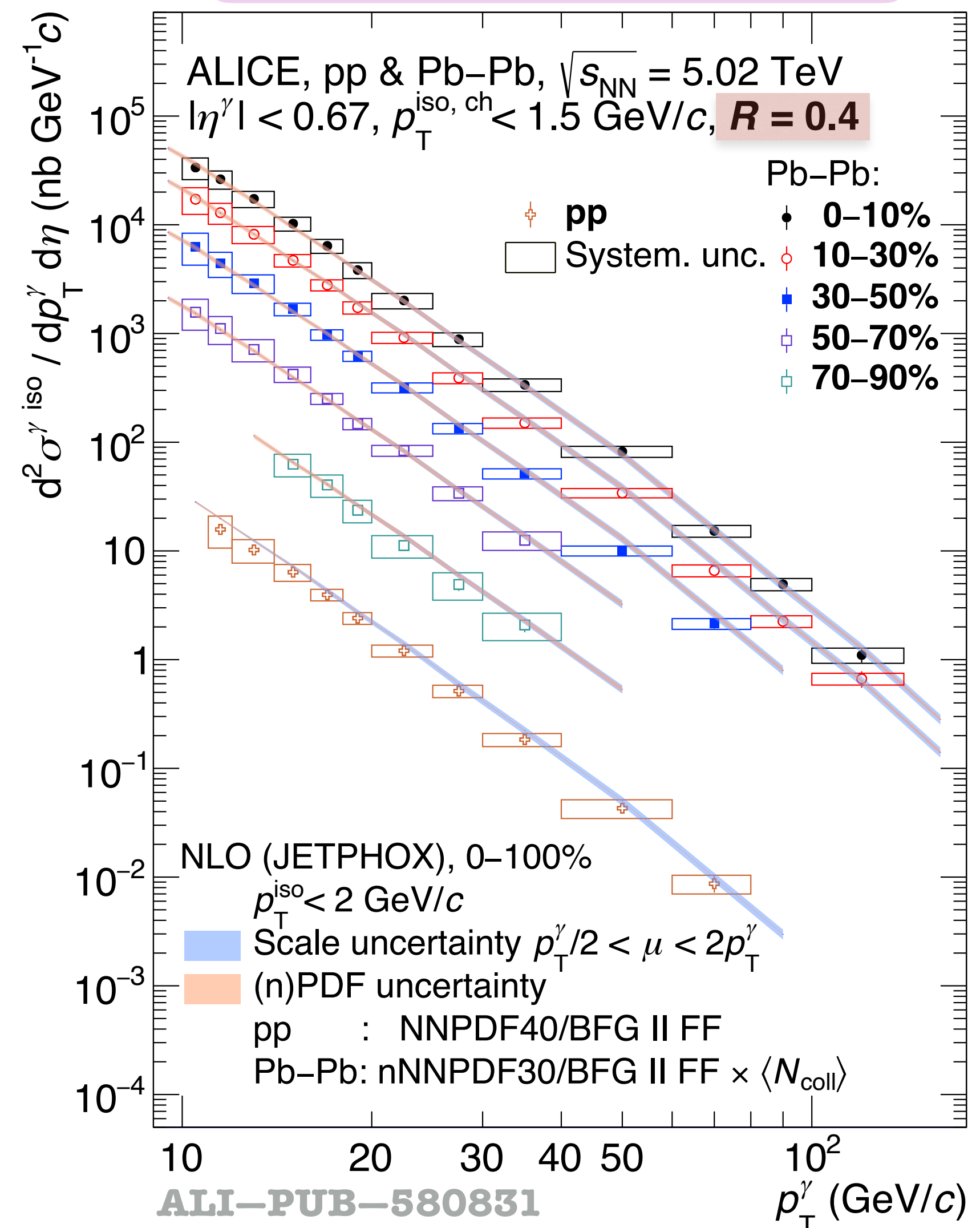
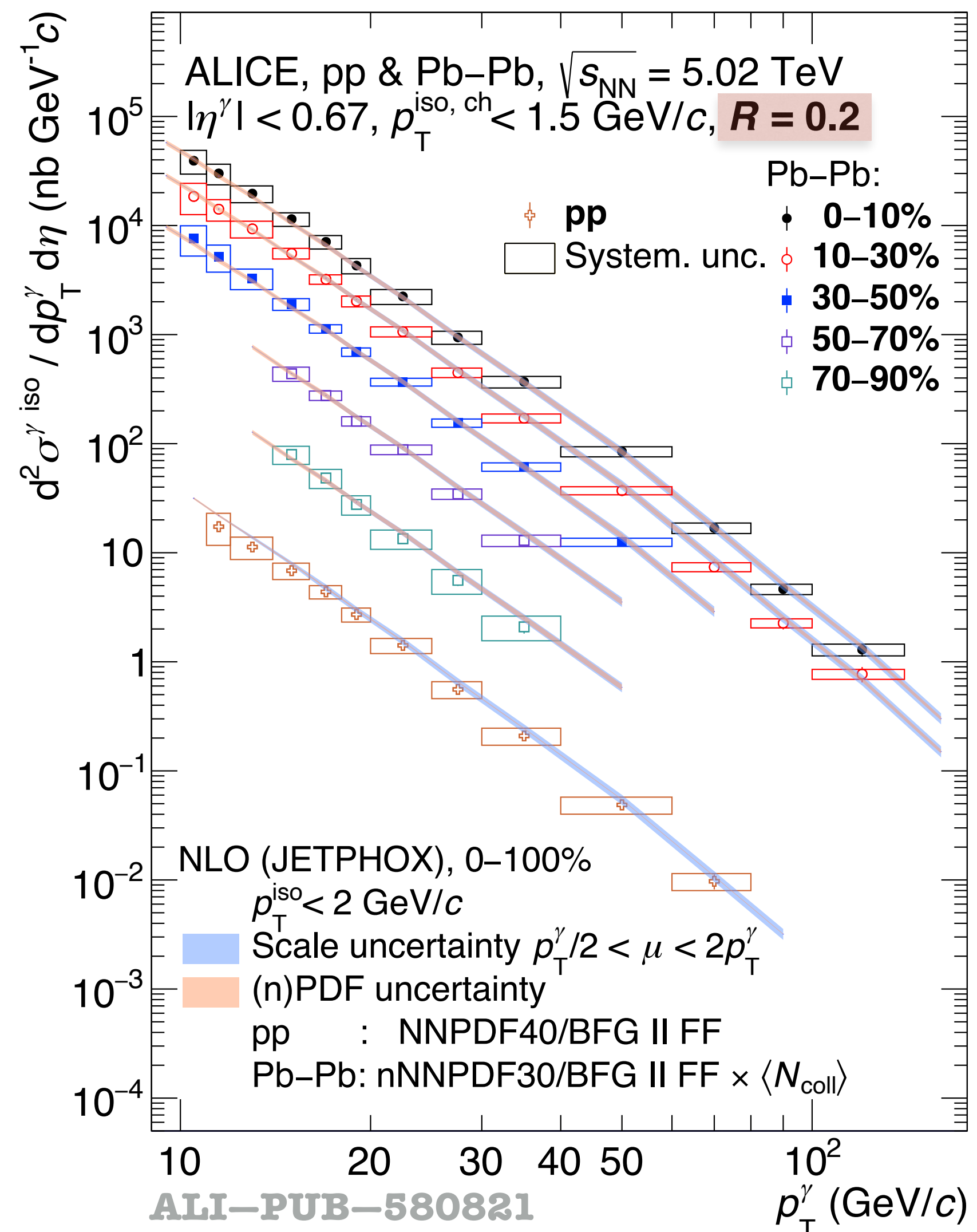
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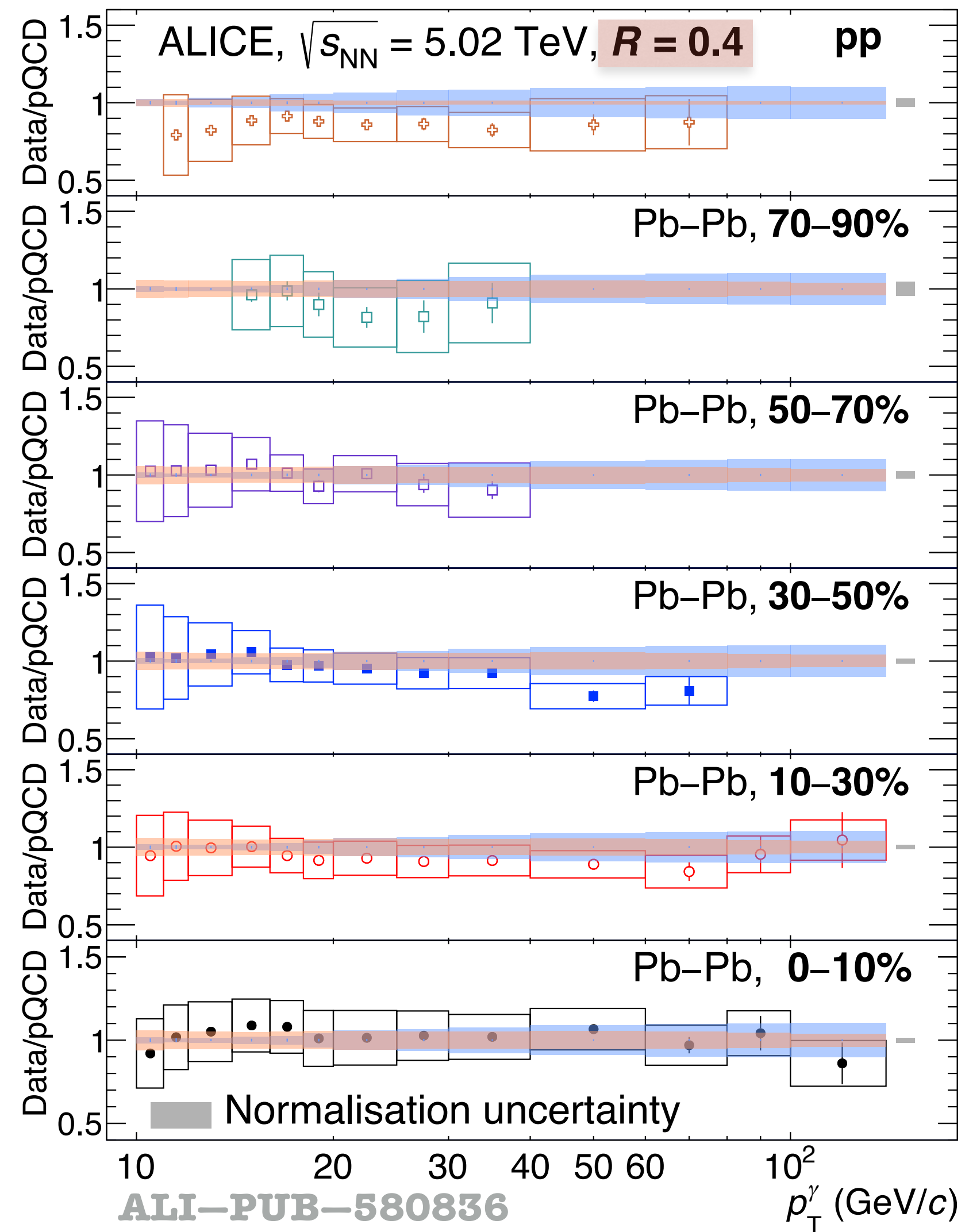
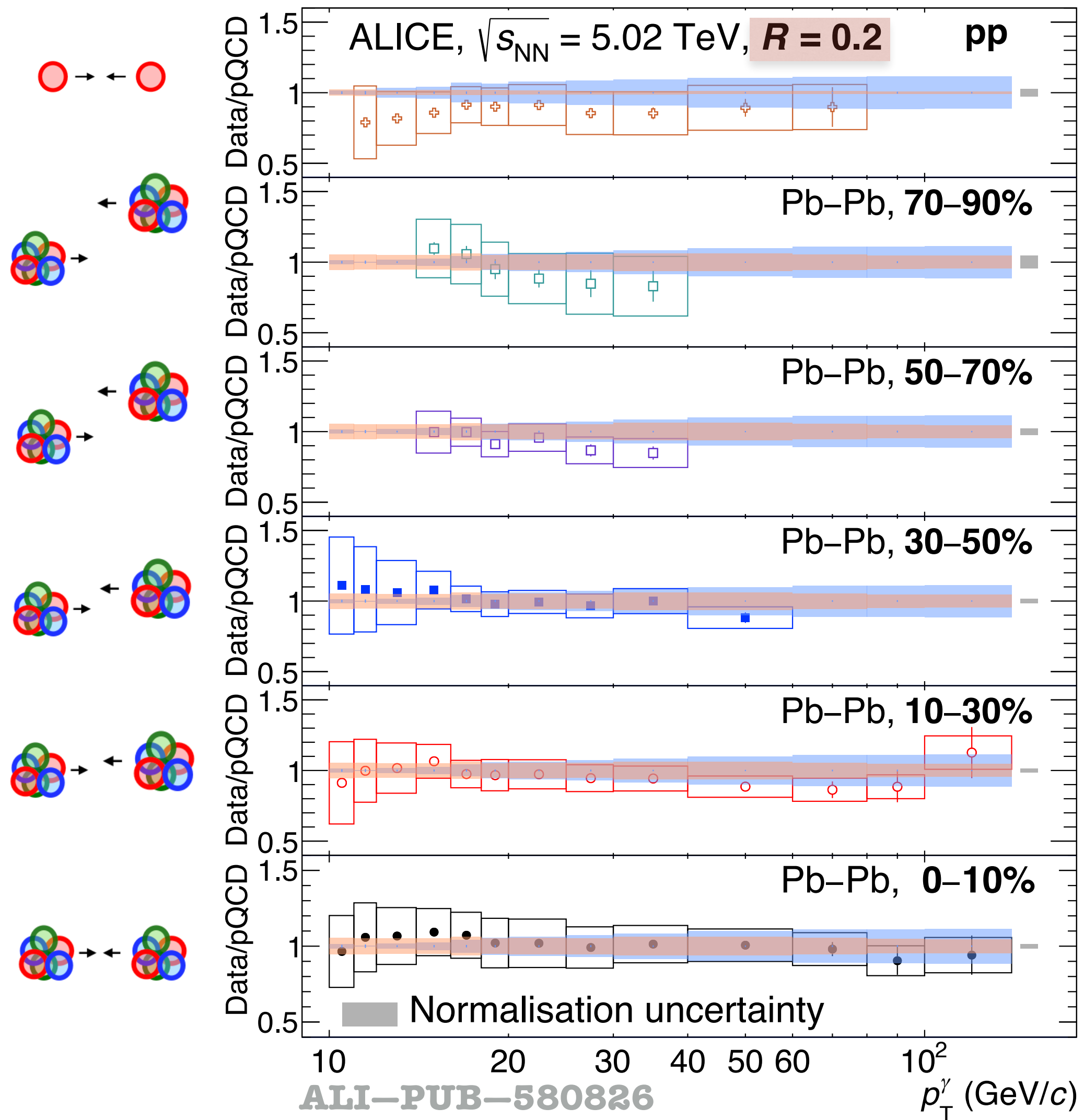
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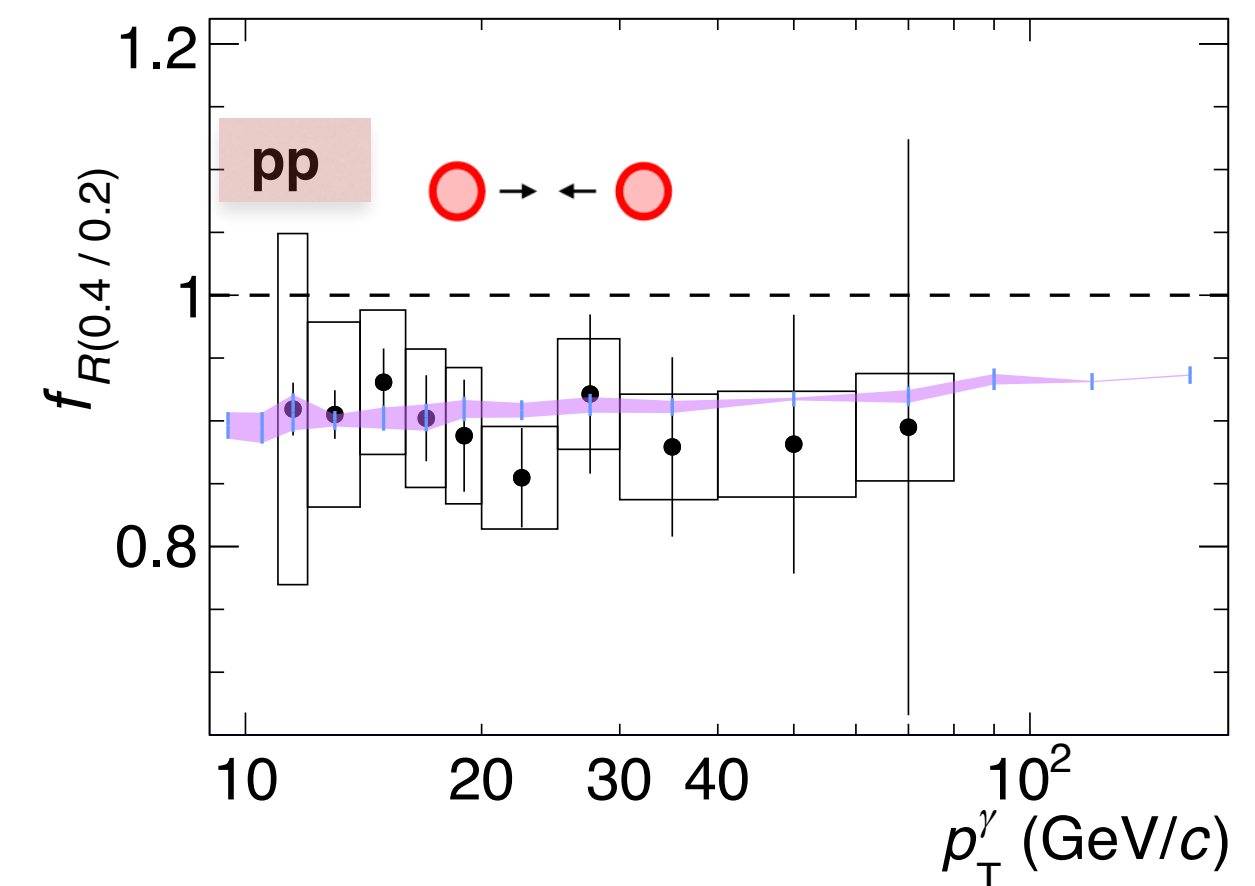
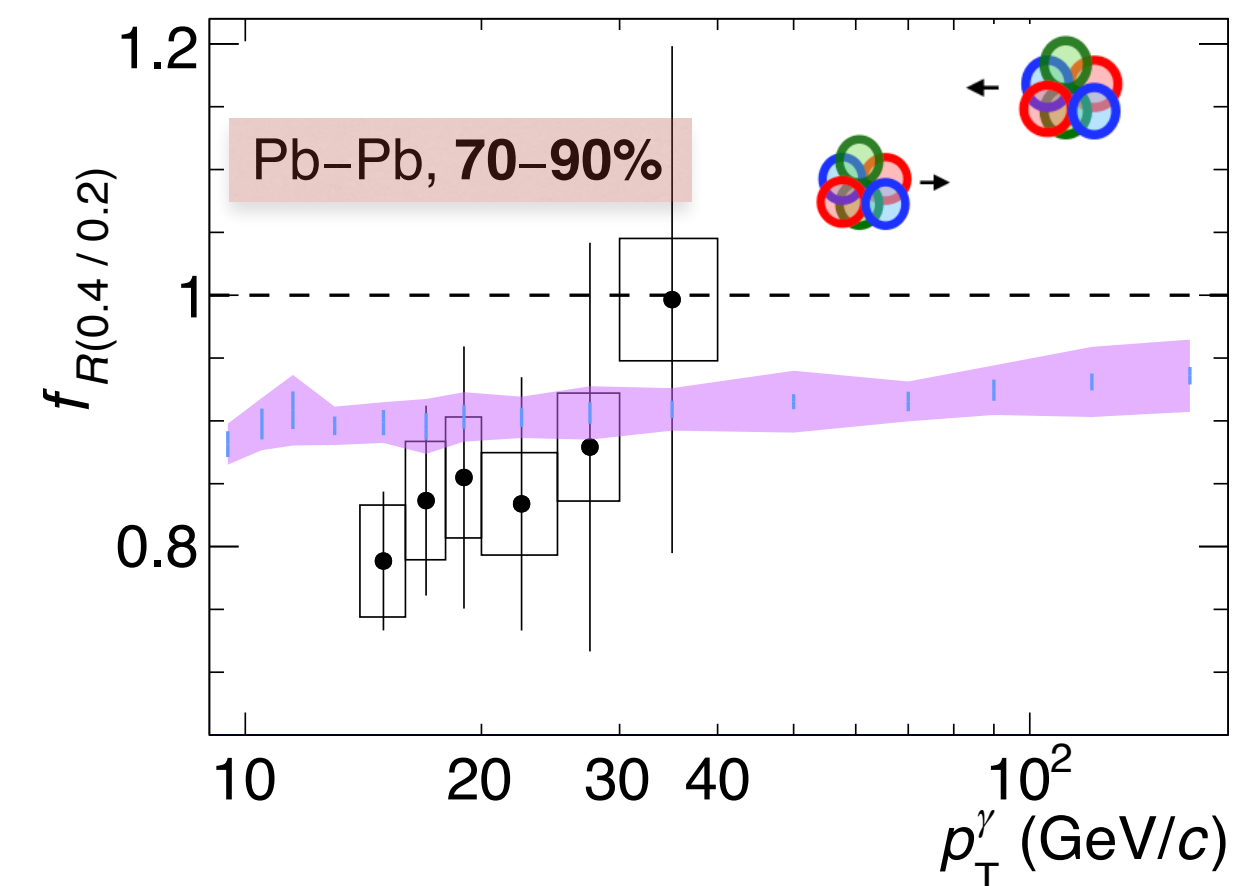
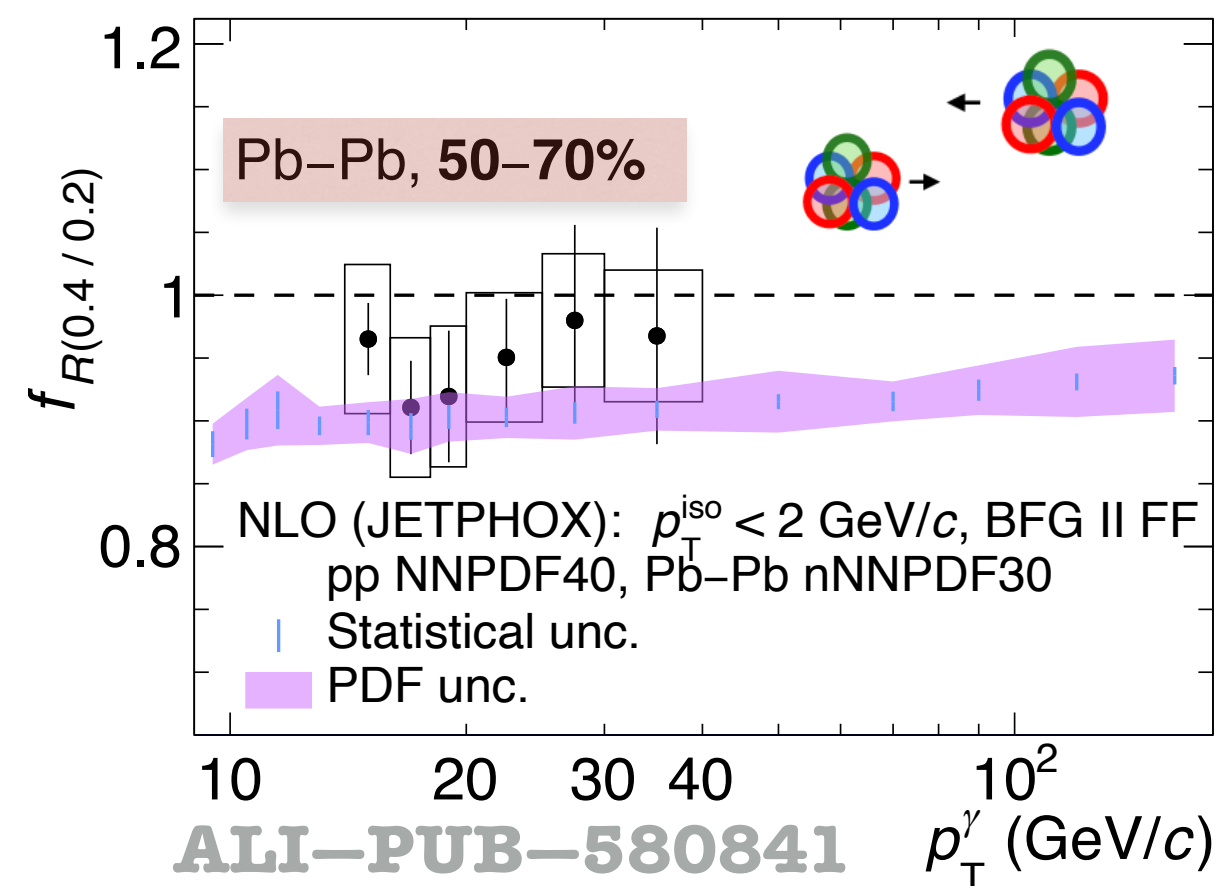
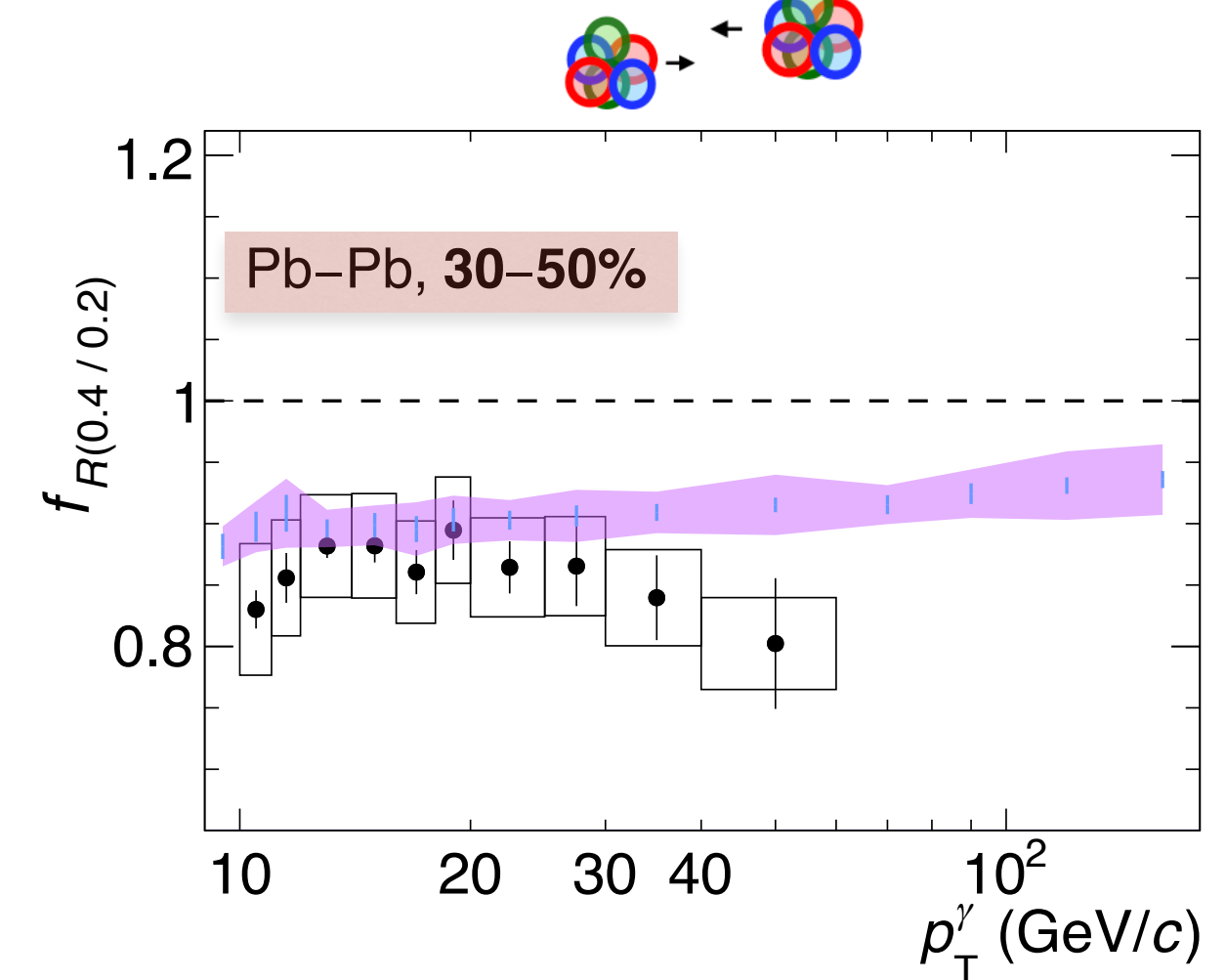
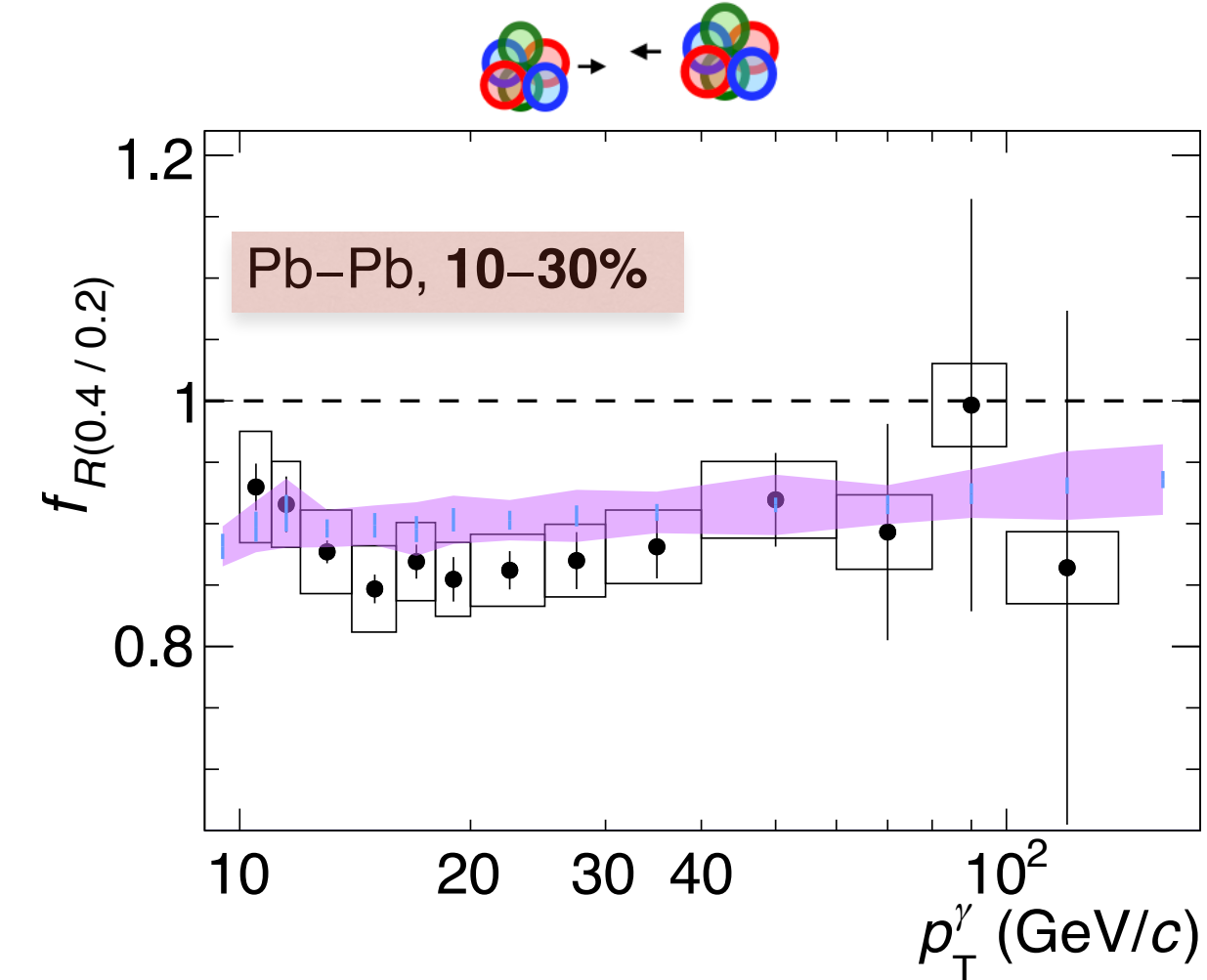
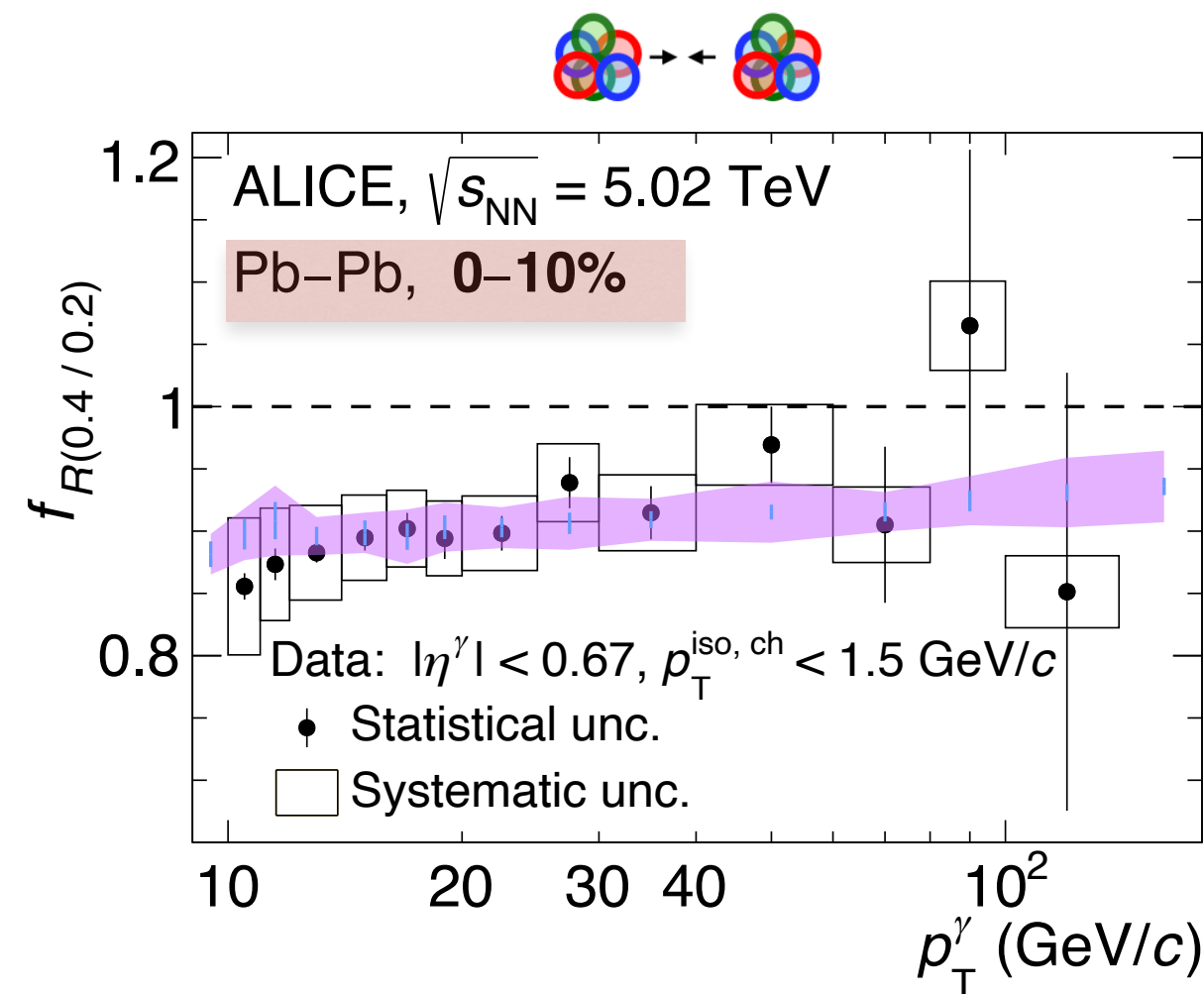
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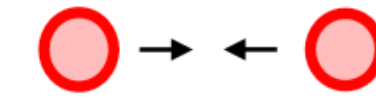
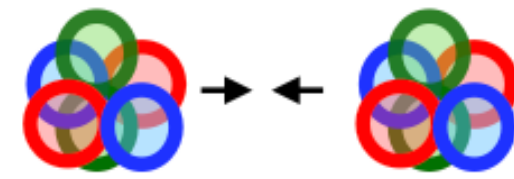
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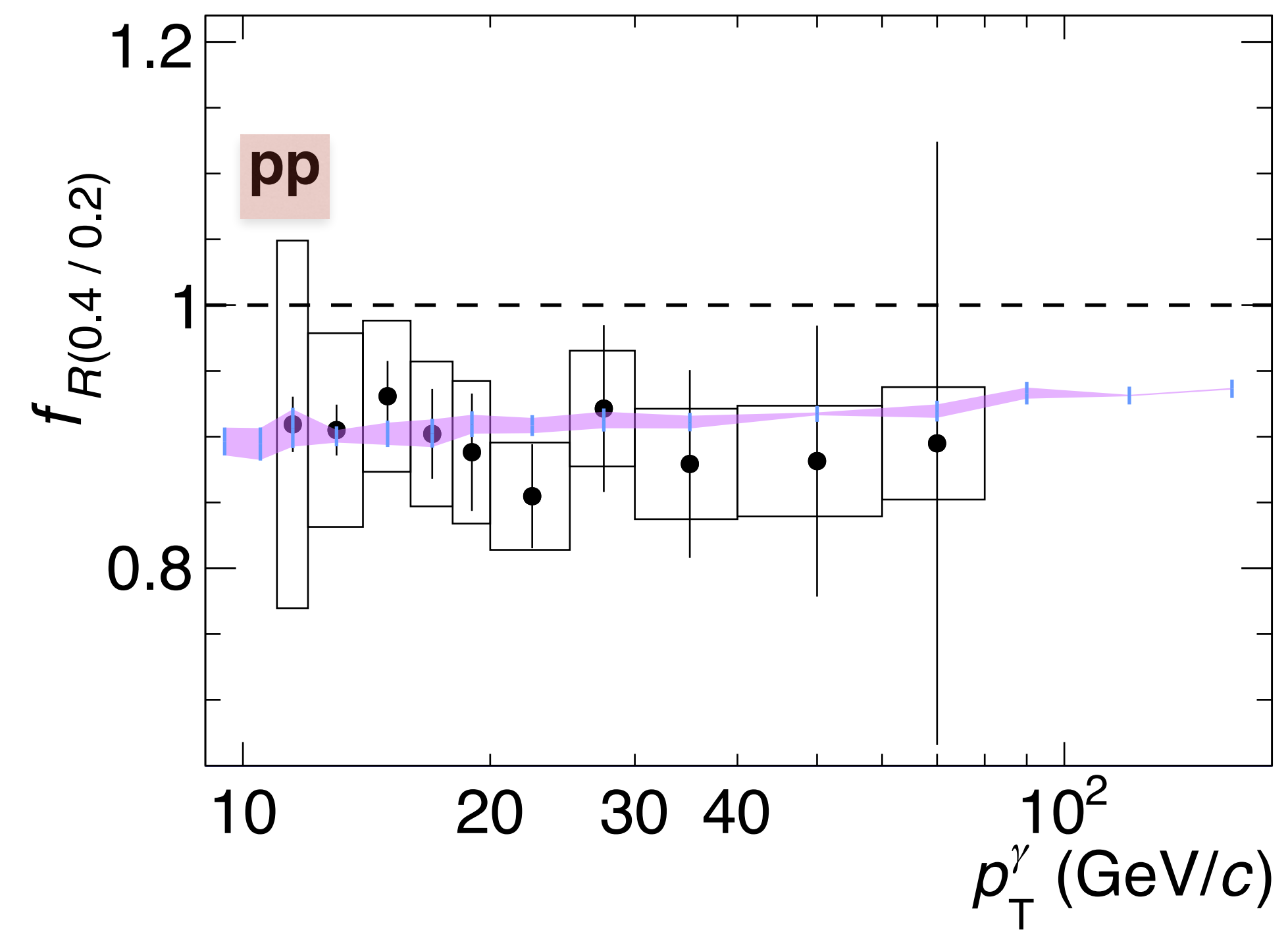
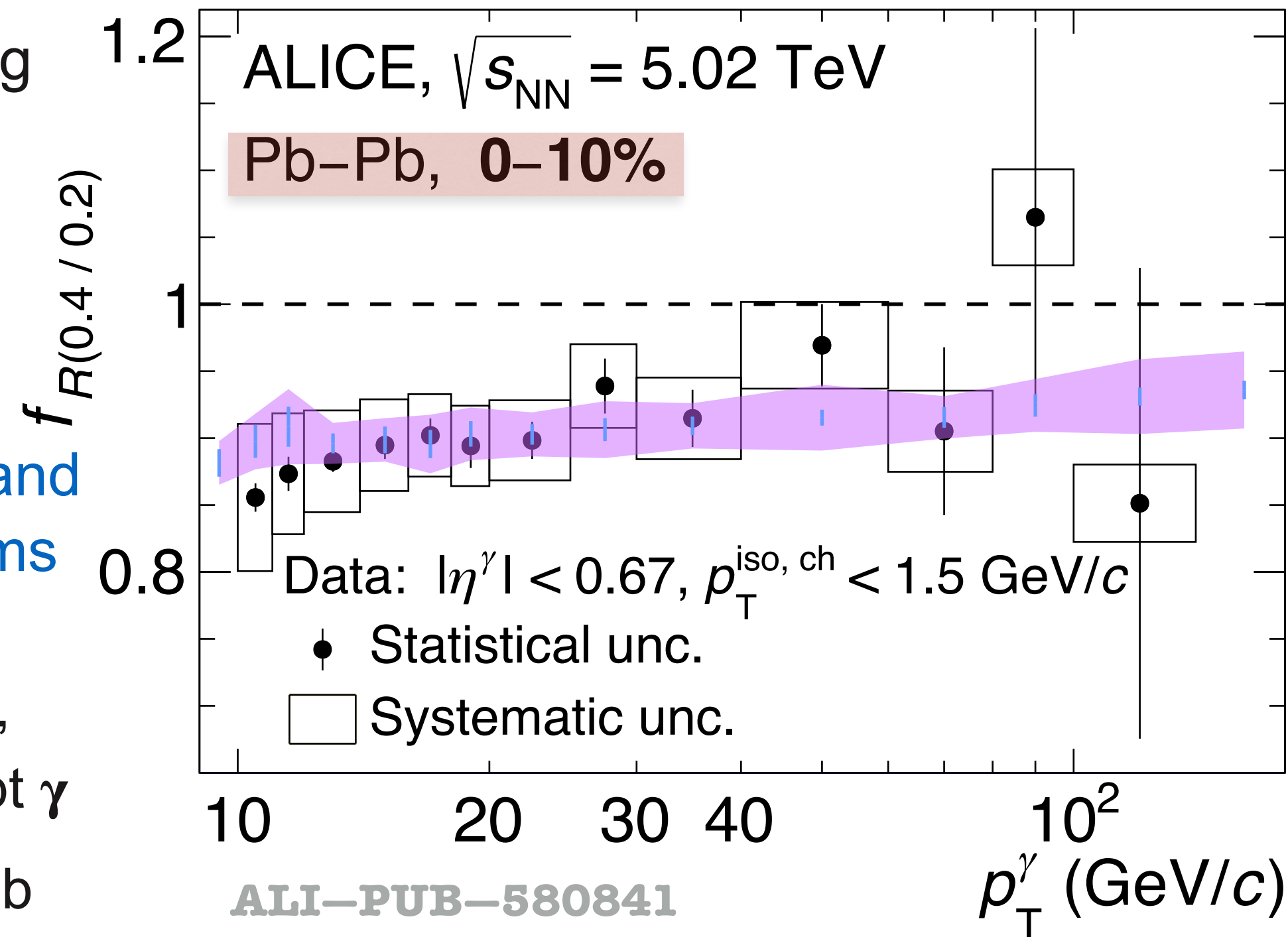
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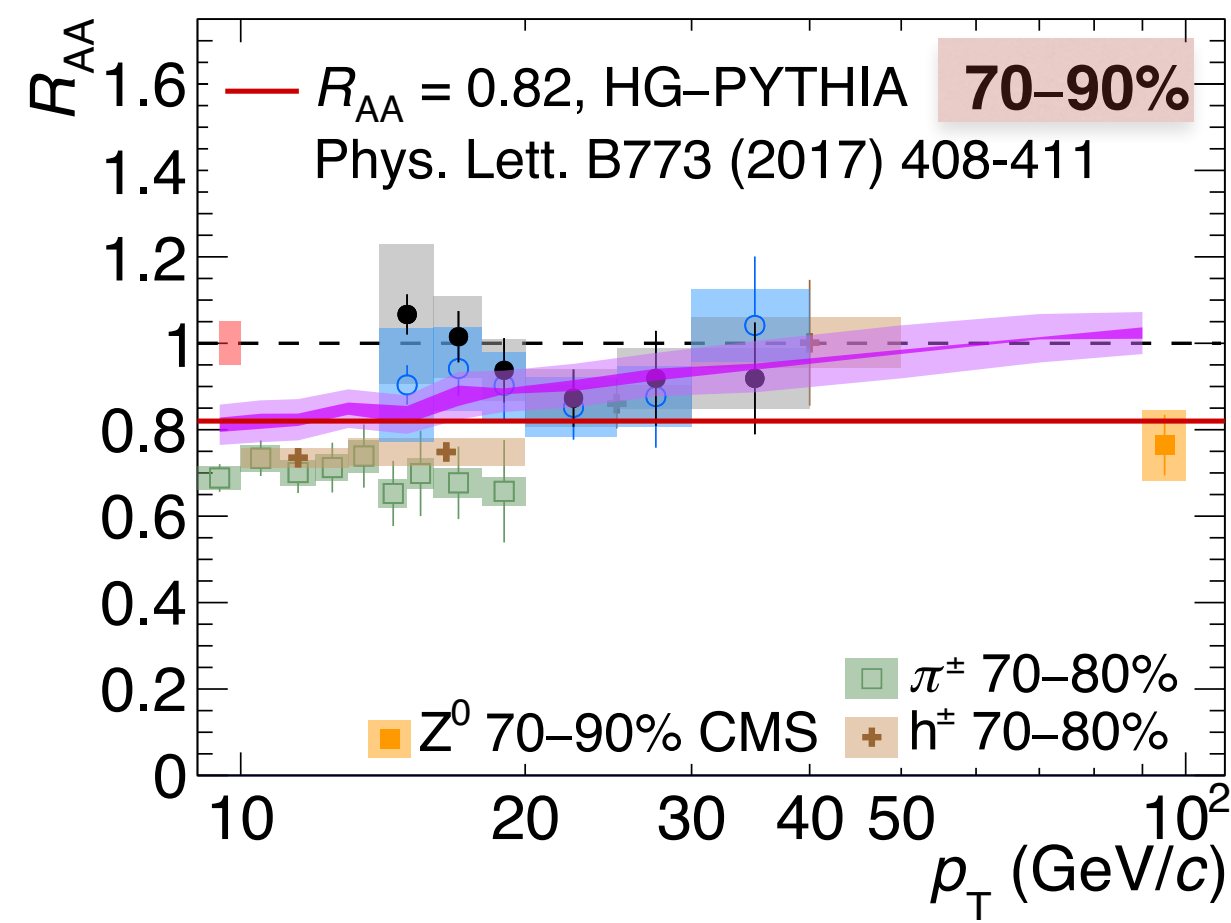
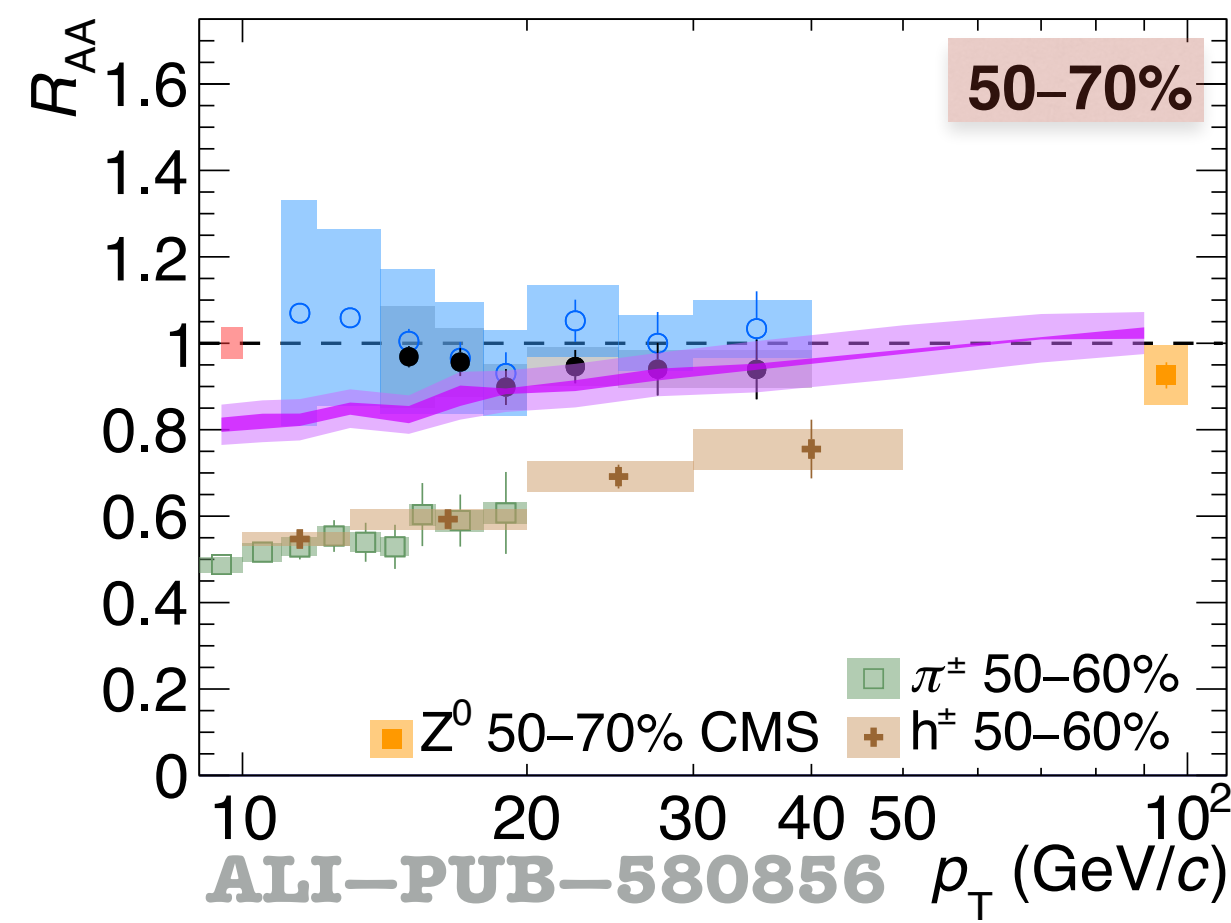
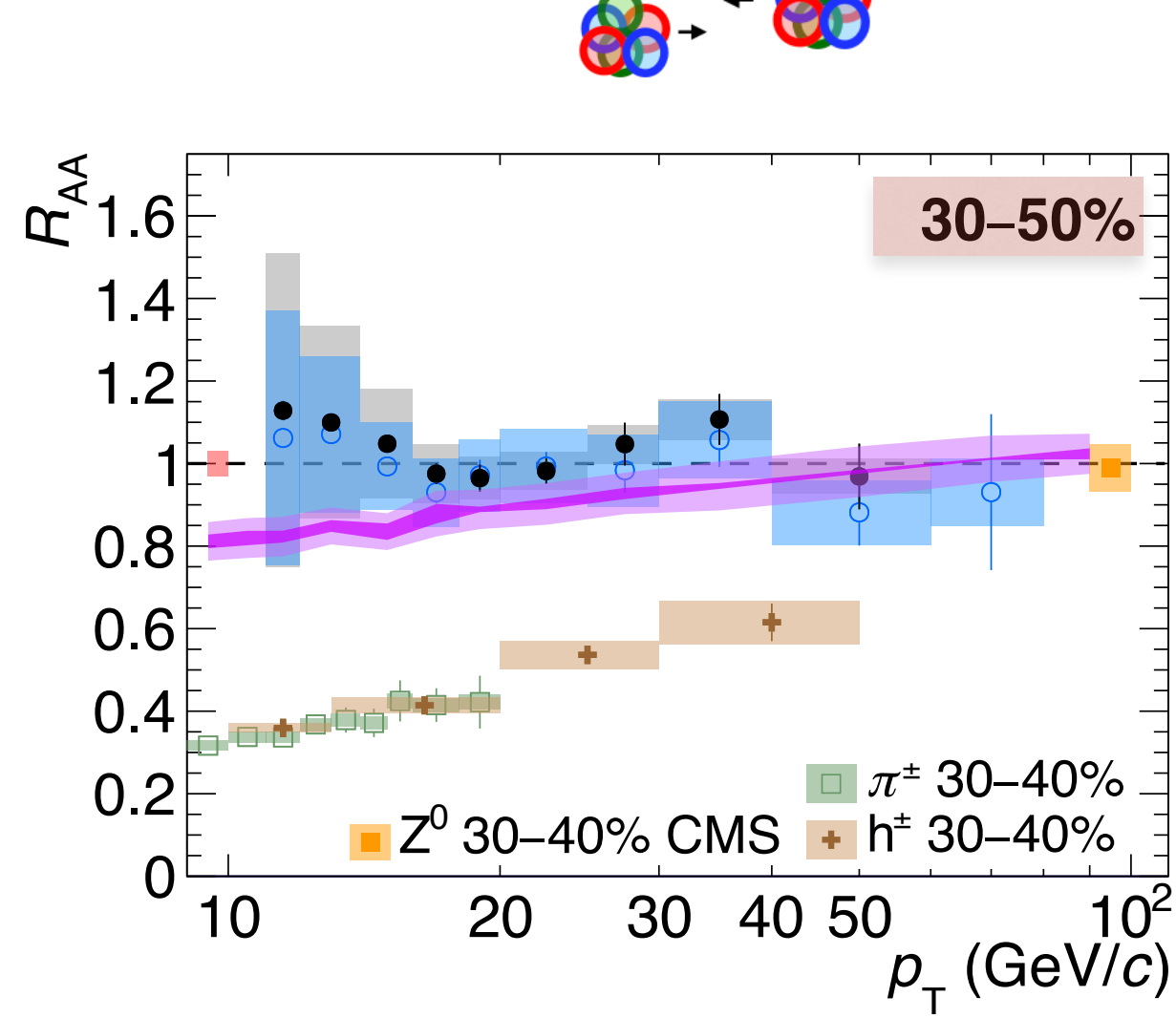
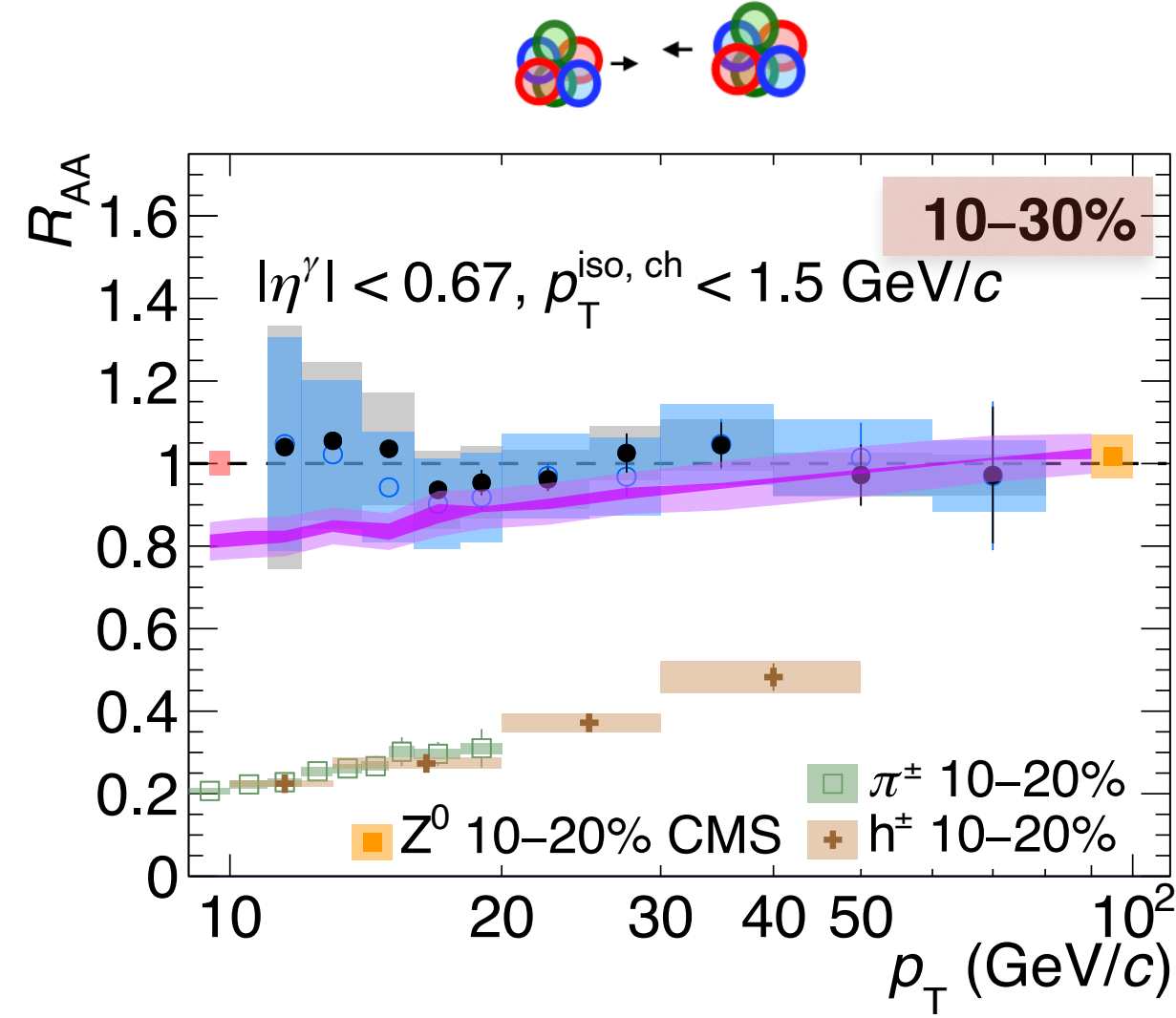
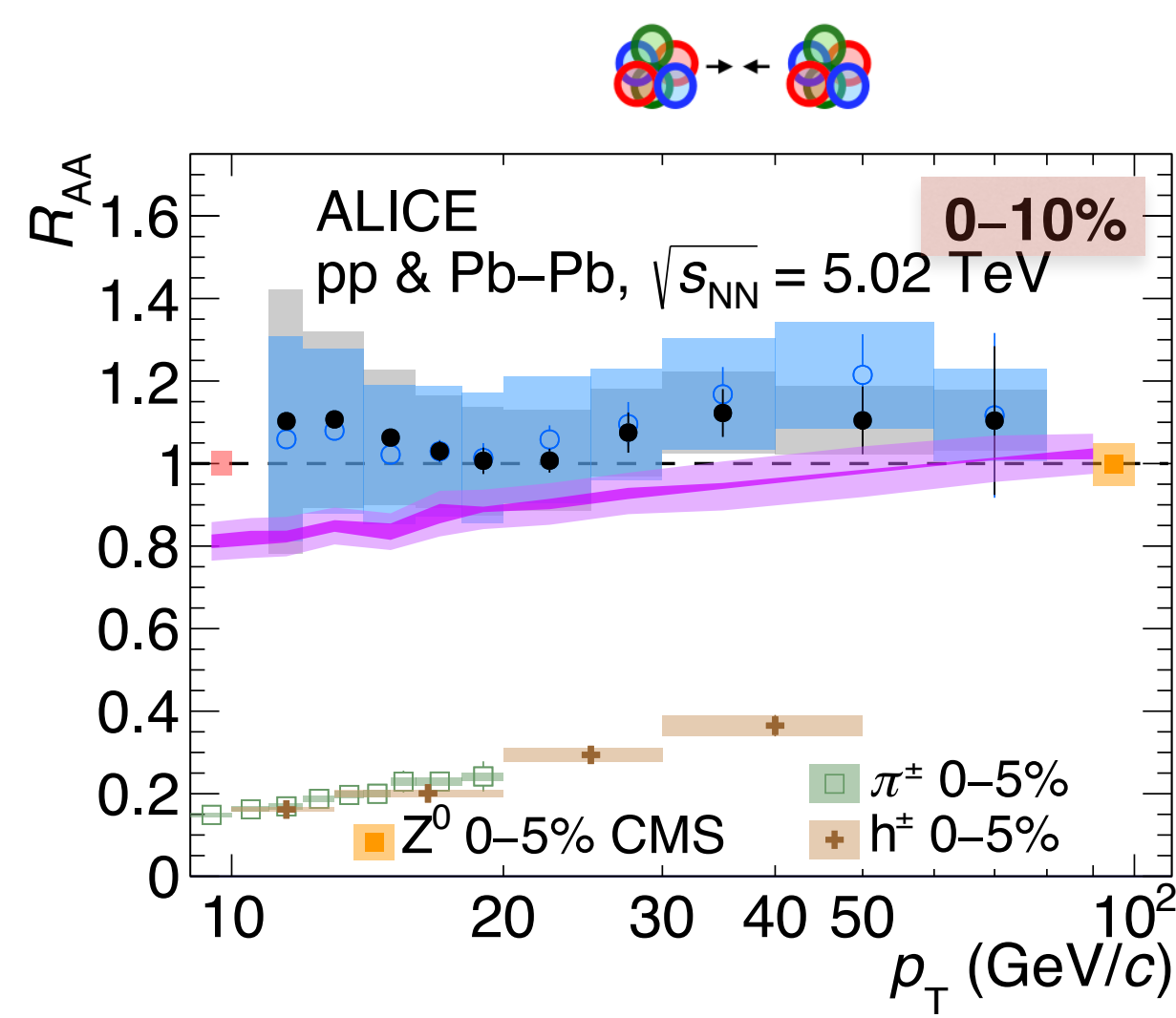


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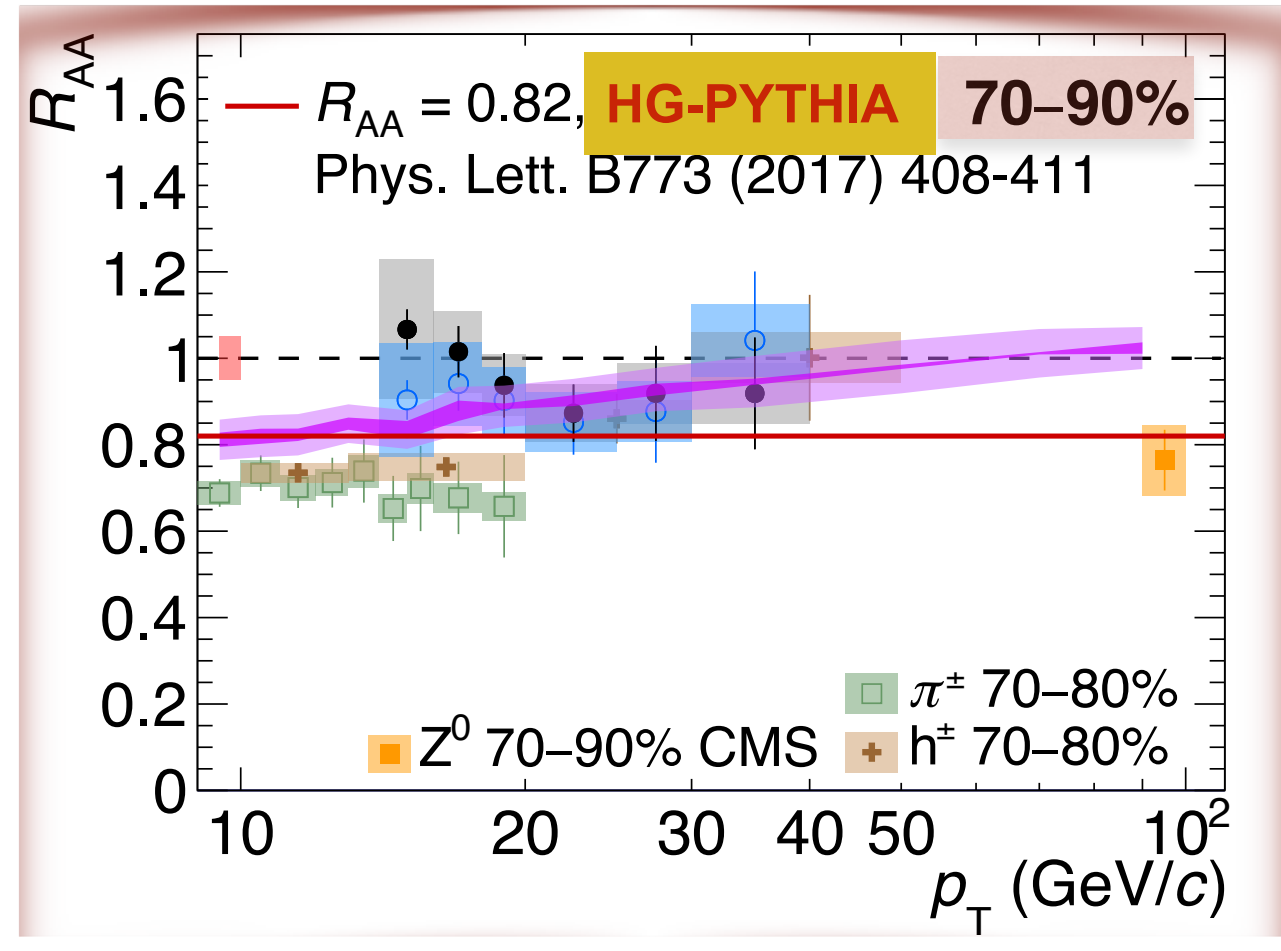
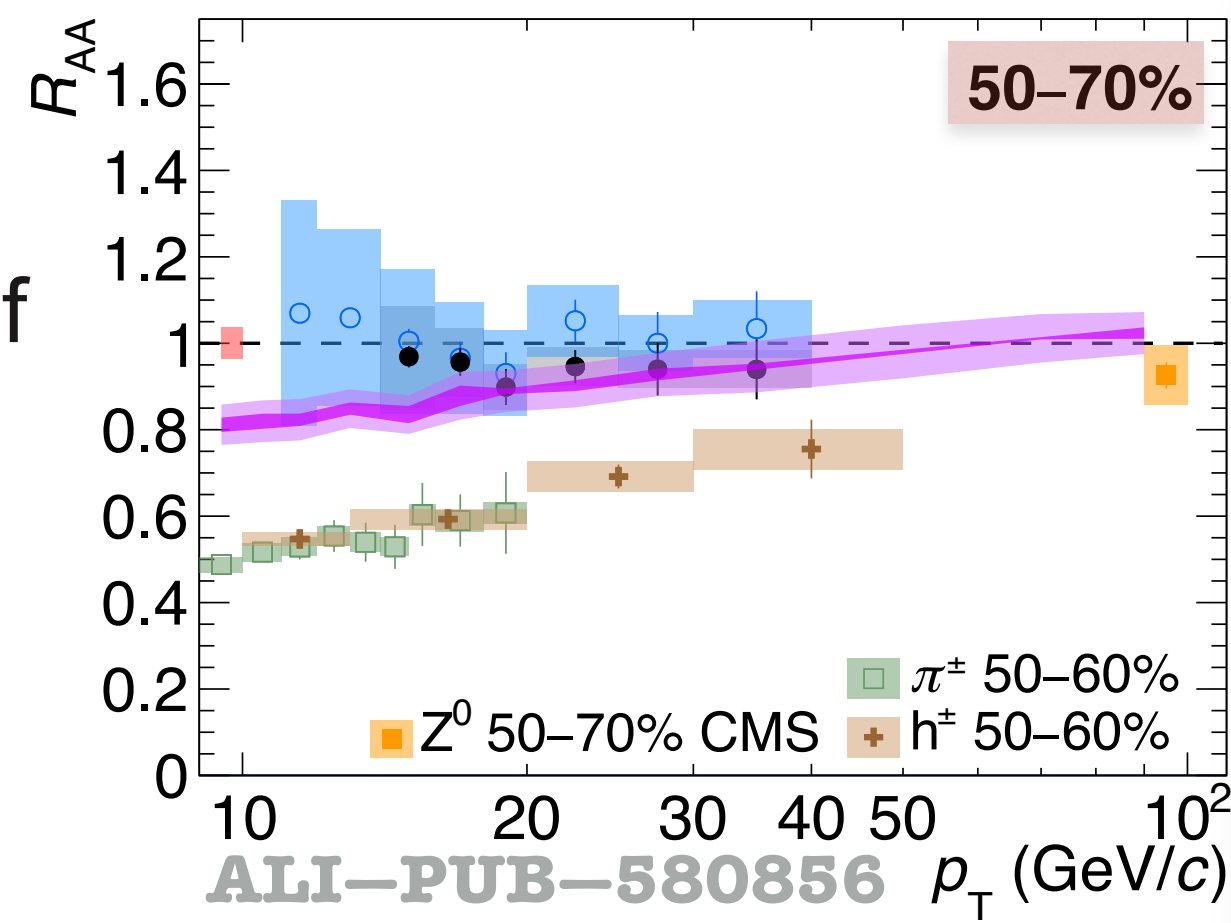
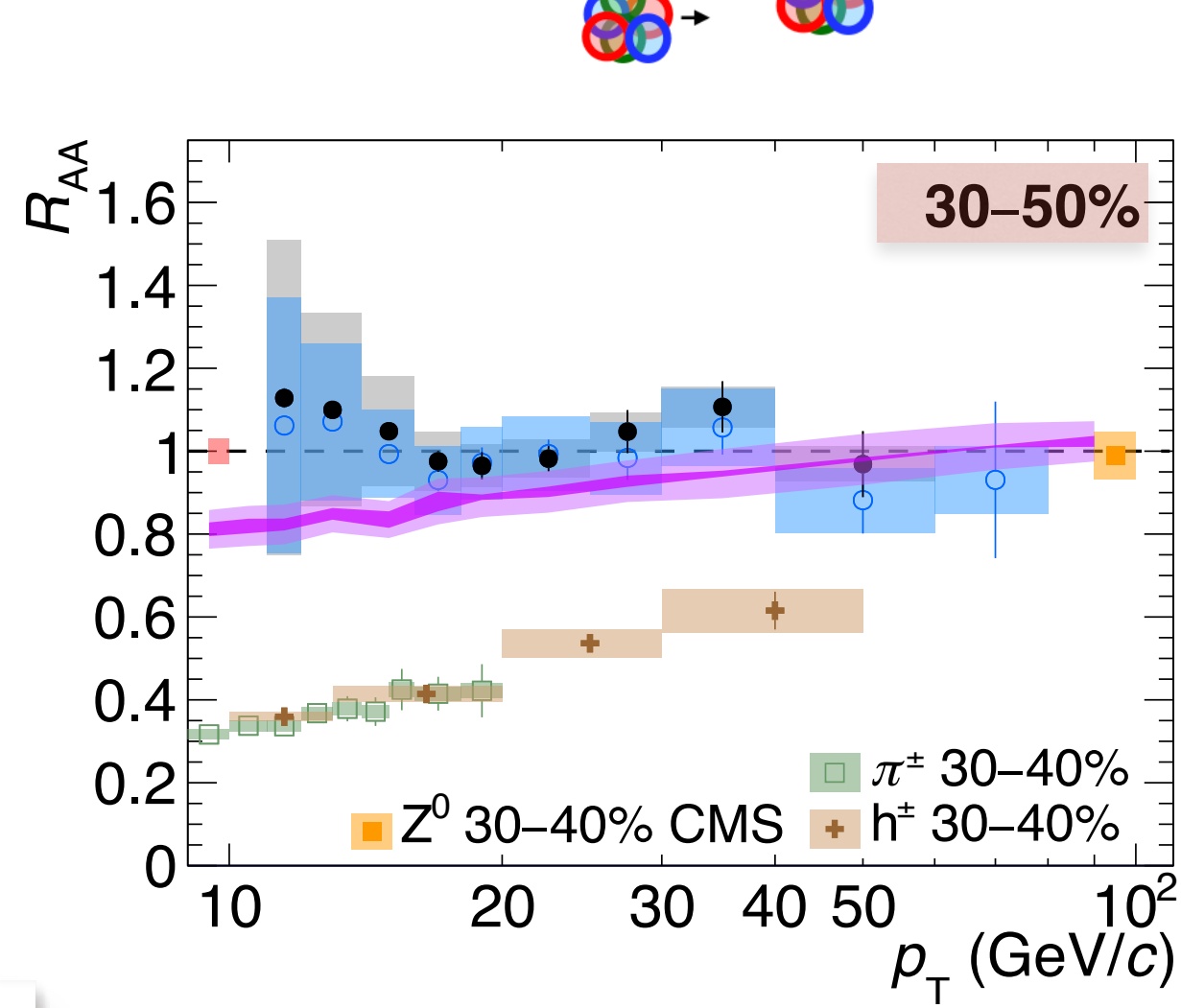
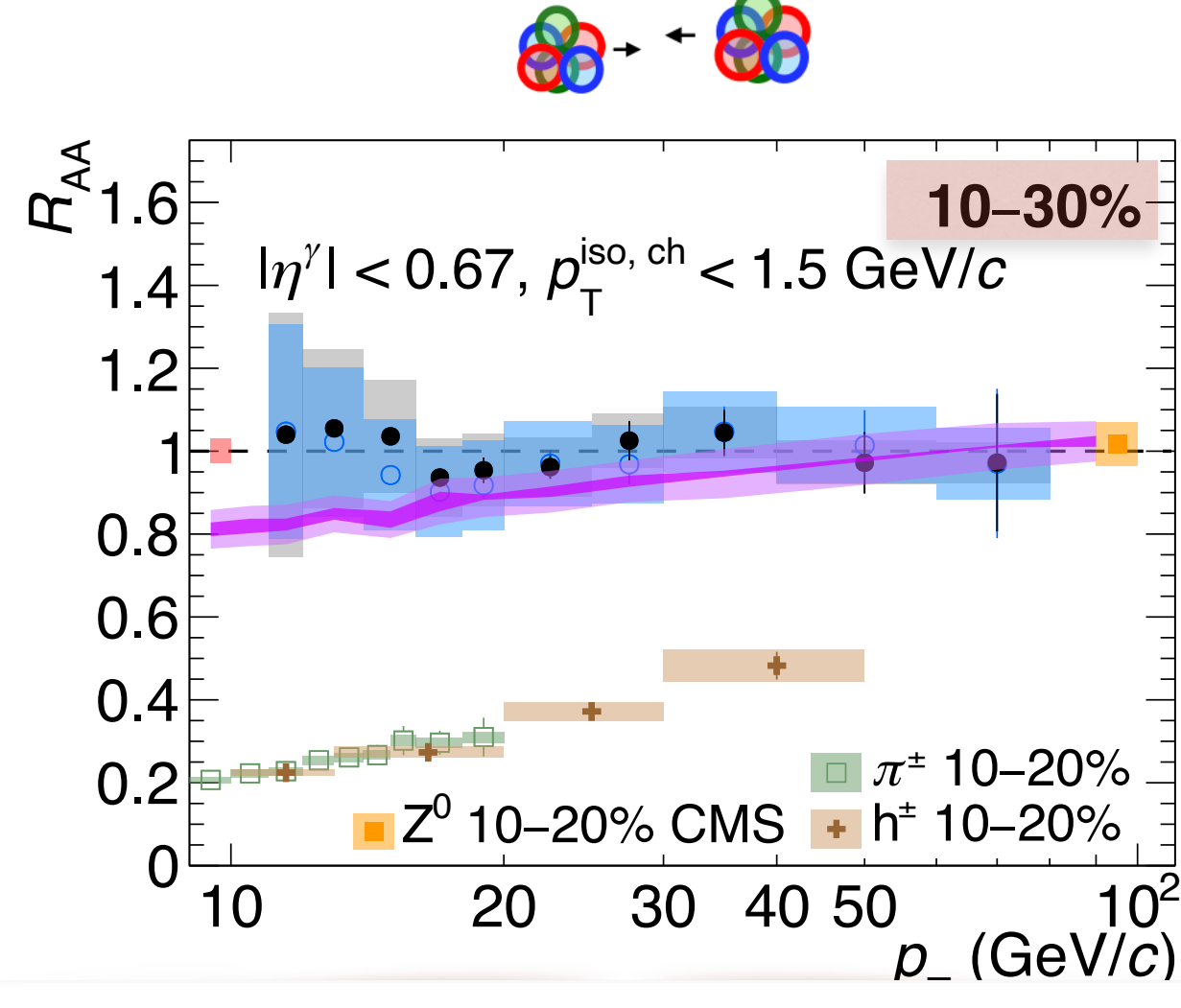
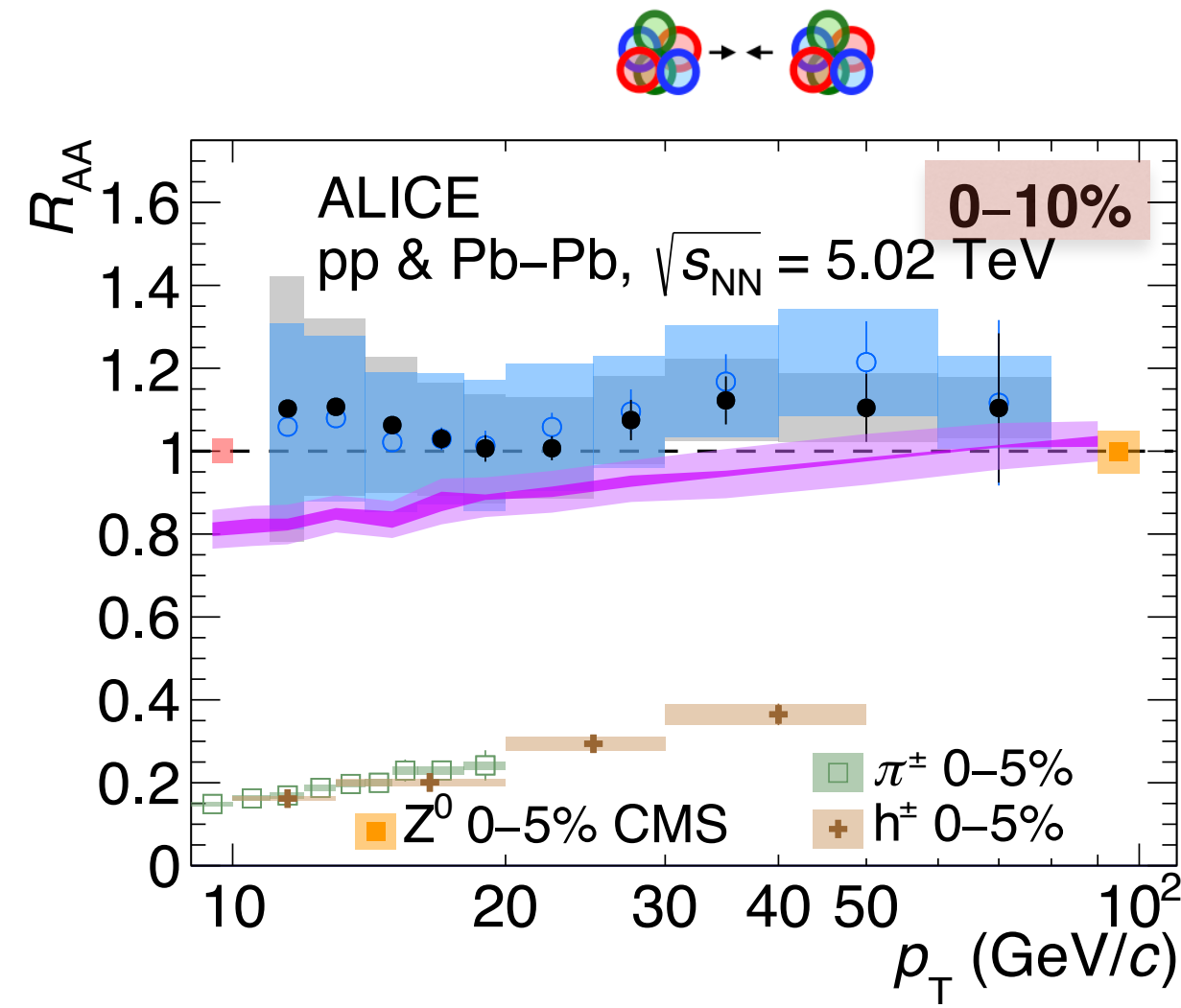
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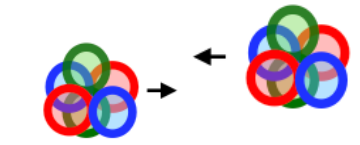
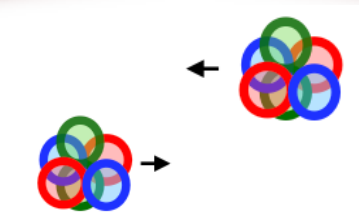
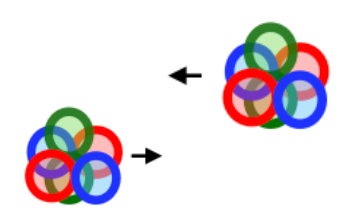
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Seen by CMS with Z^0 bosons

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Centrality election bias

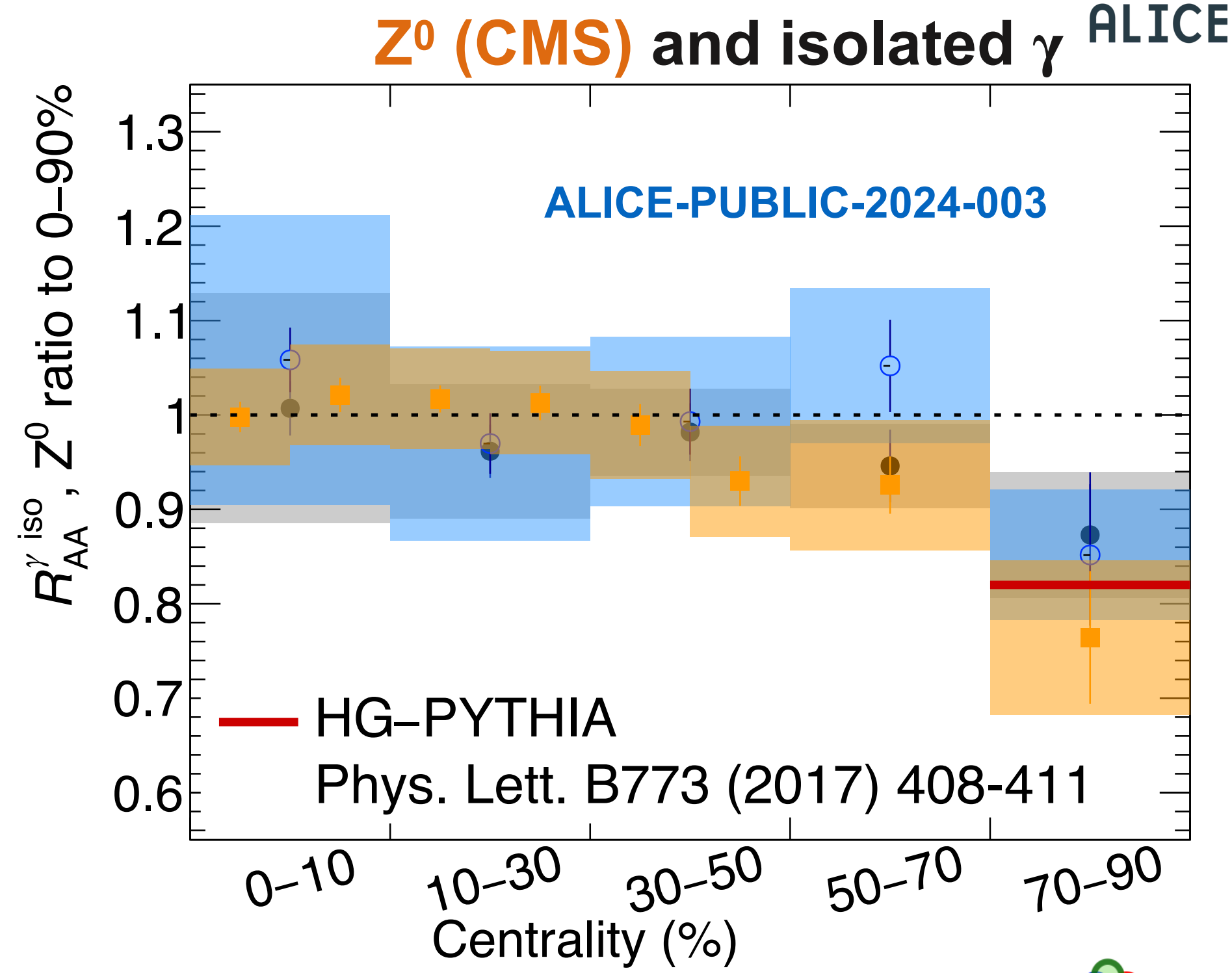
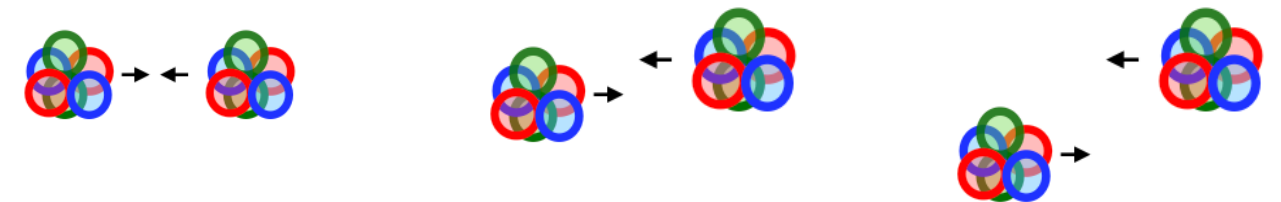
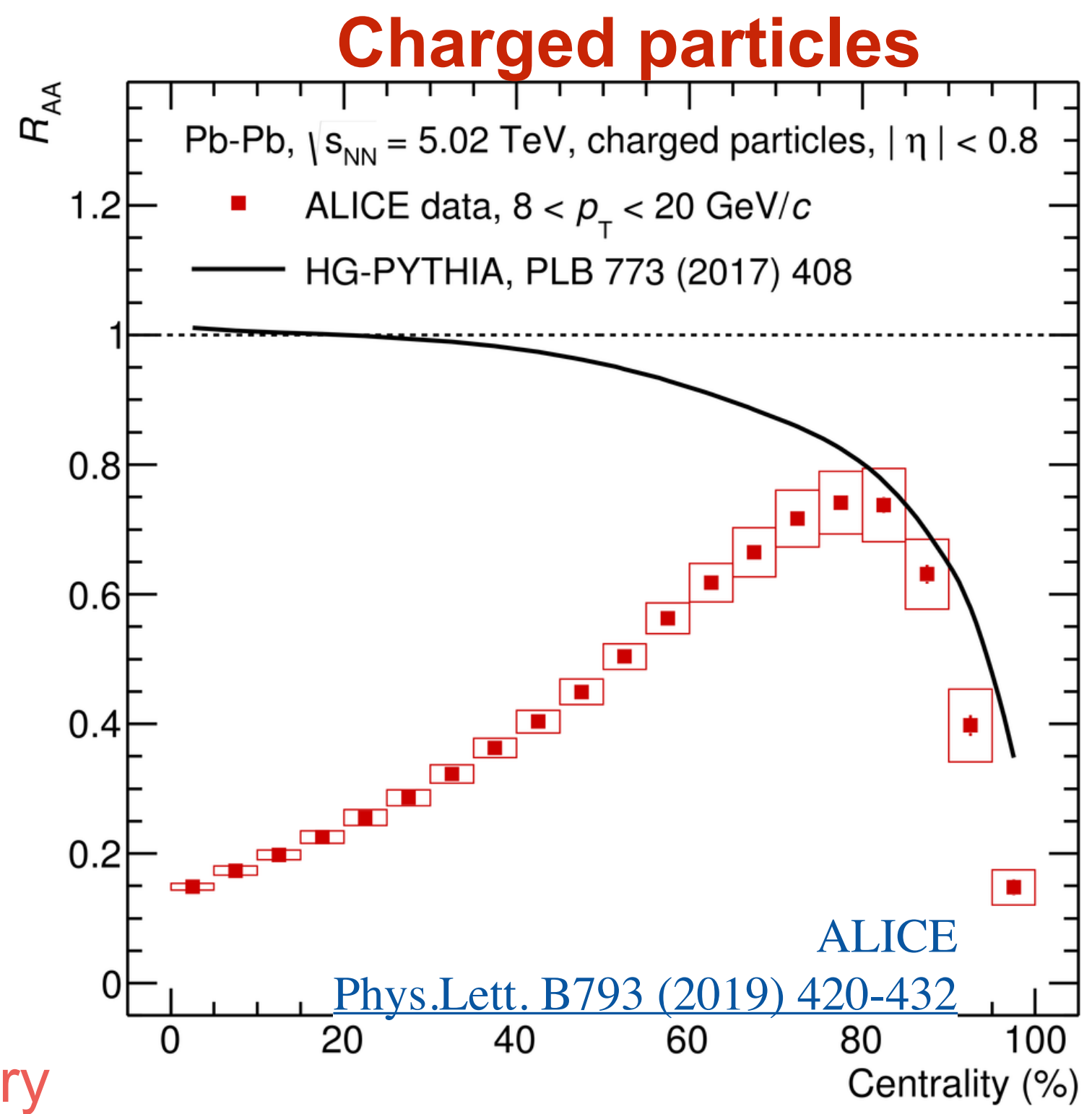
→ Centrality calculation in data based typically in the event particle multiplicity and the Glauber model

→ Early unexpected observation of rather suppressed hadron cross section in peripheral collision

→ Glauber model breaks in peripheral collisions (above ~70%), effects not considered:

- Colliding ions fluctuating geometry
- Presence of jets, multi-parton interactions, in the event affects the particle multiplicity

→ **HG-PYTHIA** model includes those effects and reproduces observations for charged hadrons and for Z^0 bosons and photons



Pb–Pb & pp $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV

γ^{iso} ALICE
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 $R = 0.2$ $R = 0.4$

Z^0 CMS
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 $60 < m_{\parallel} < 120$ GeV/c², $|\eta^{Z^0}| < 2.1$

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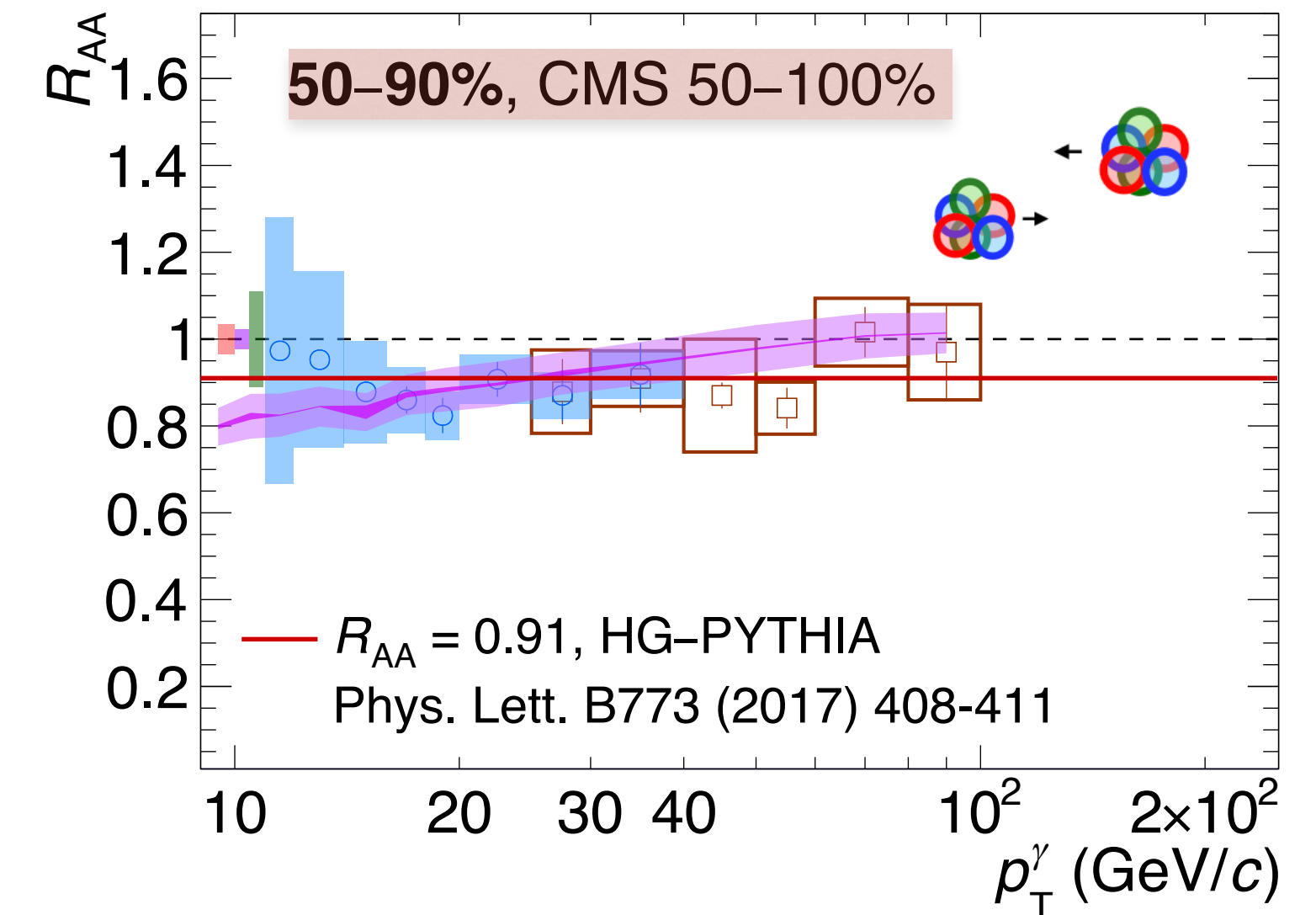
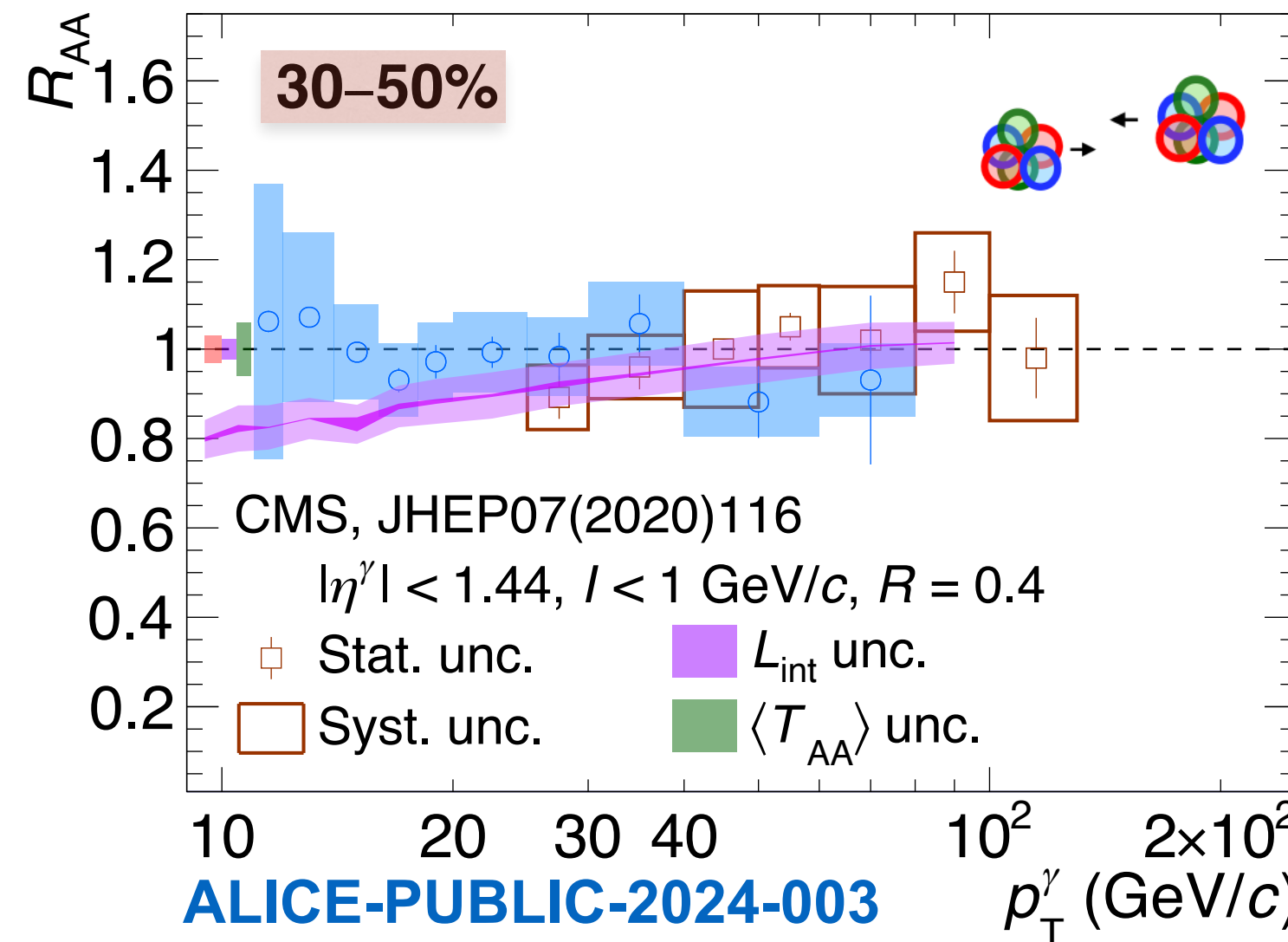
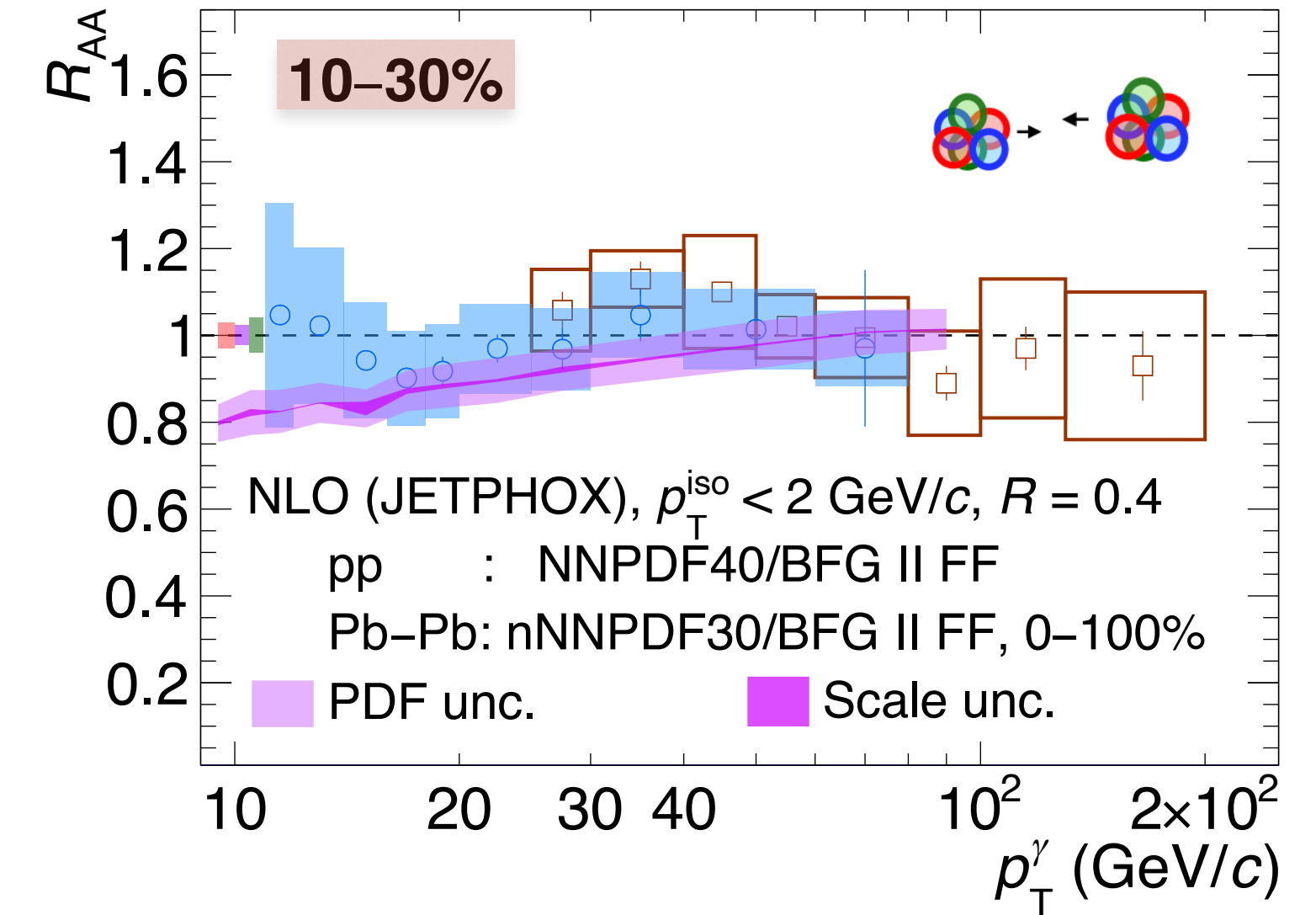
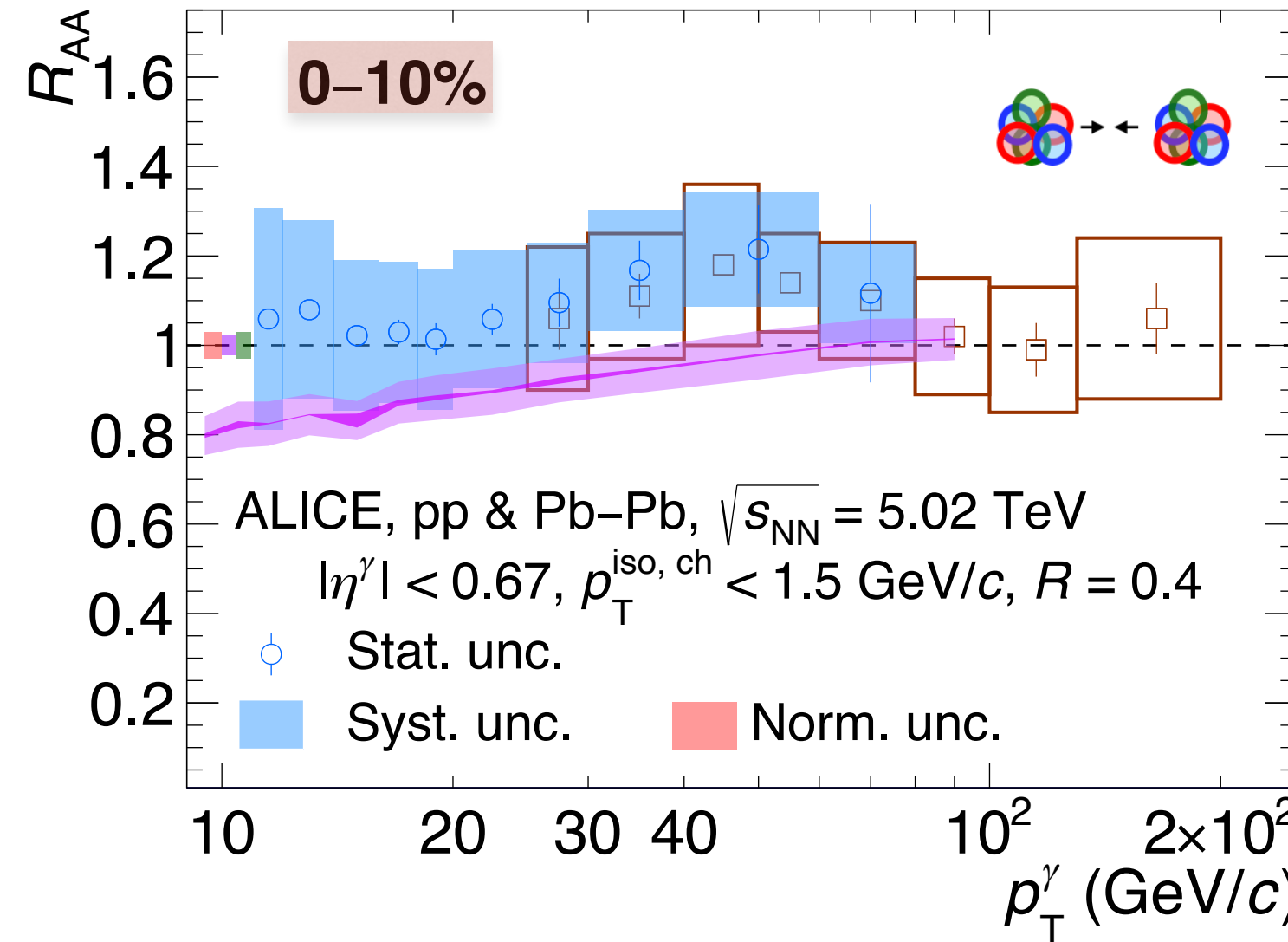
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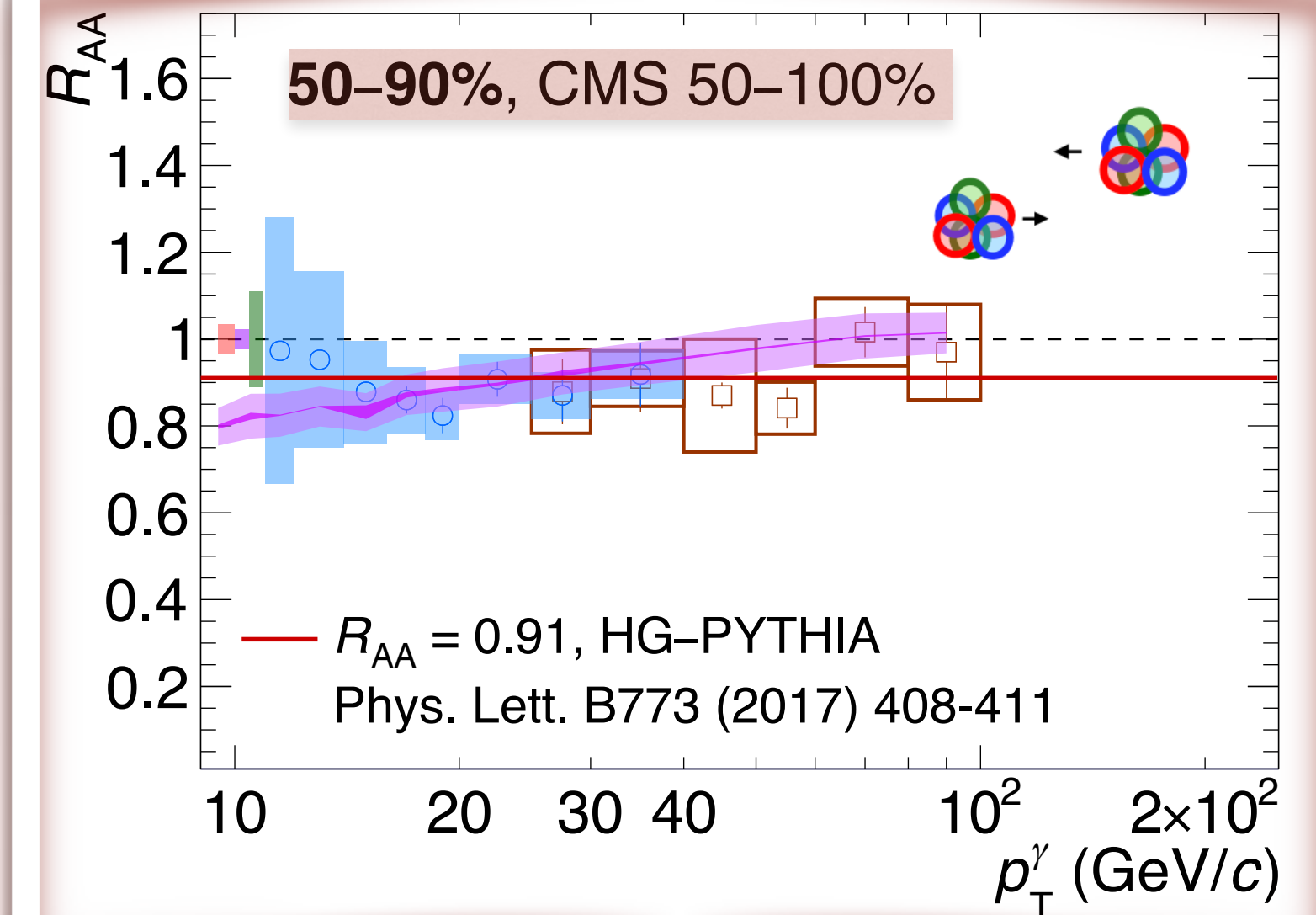
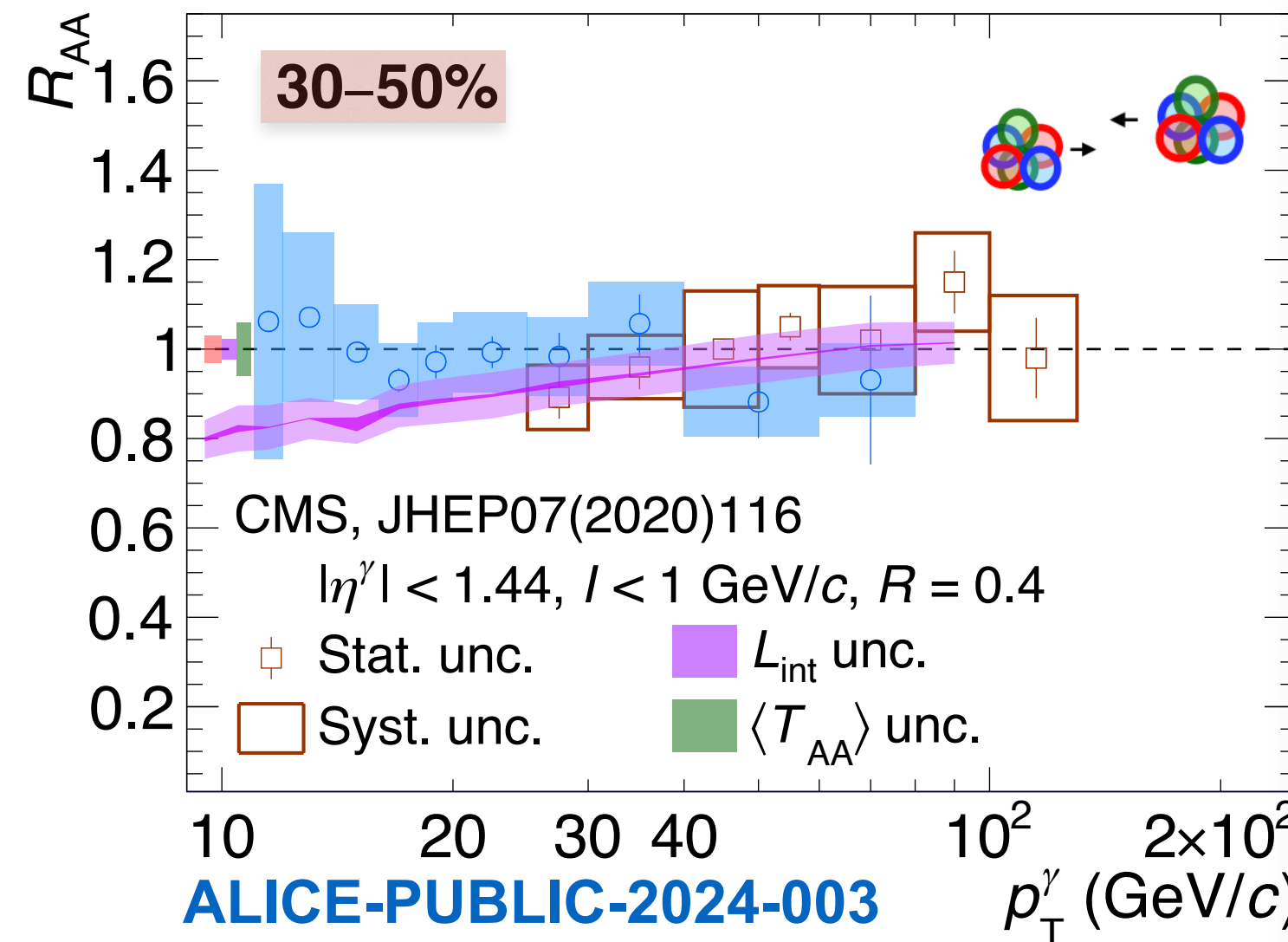
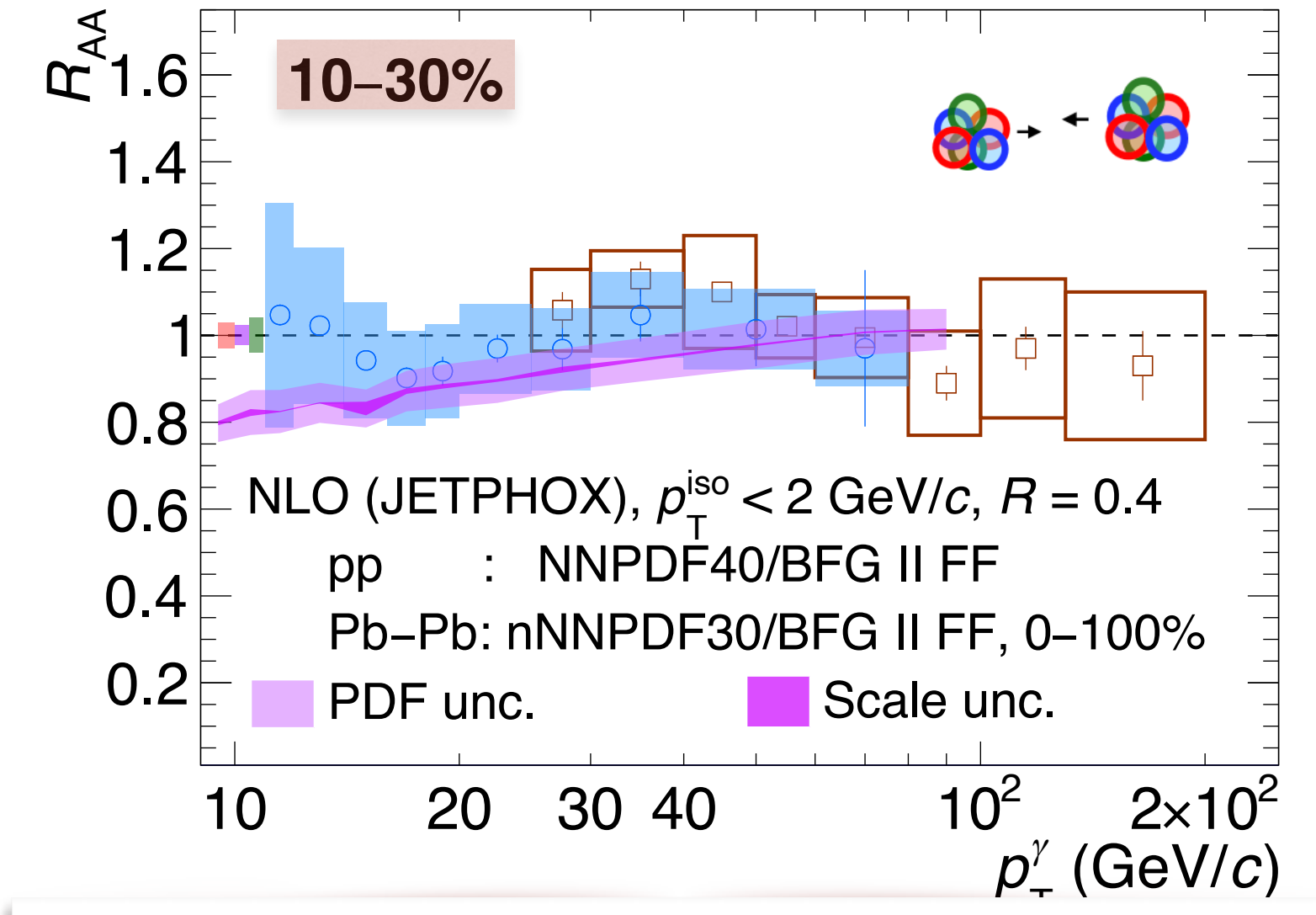
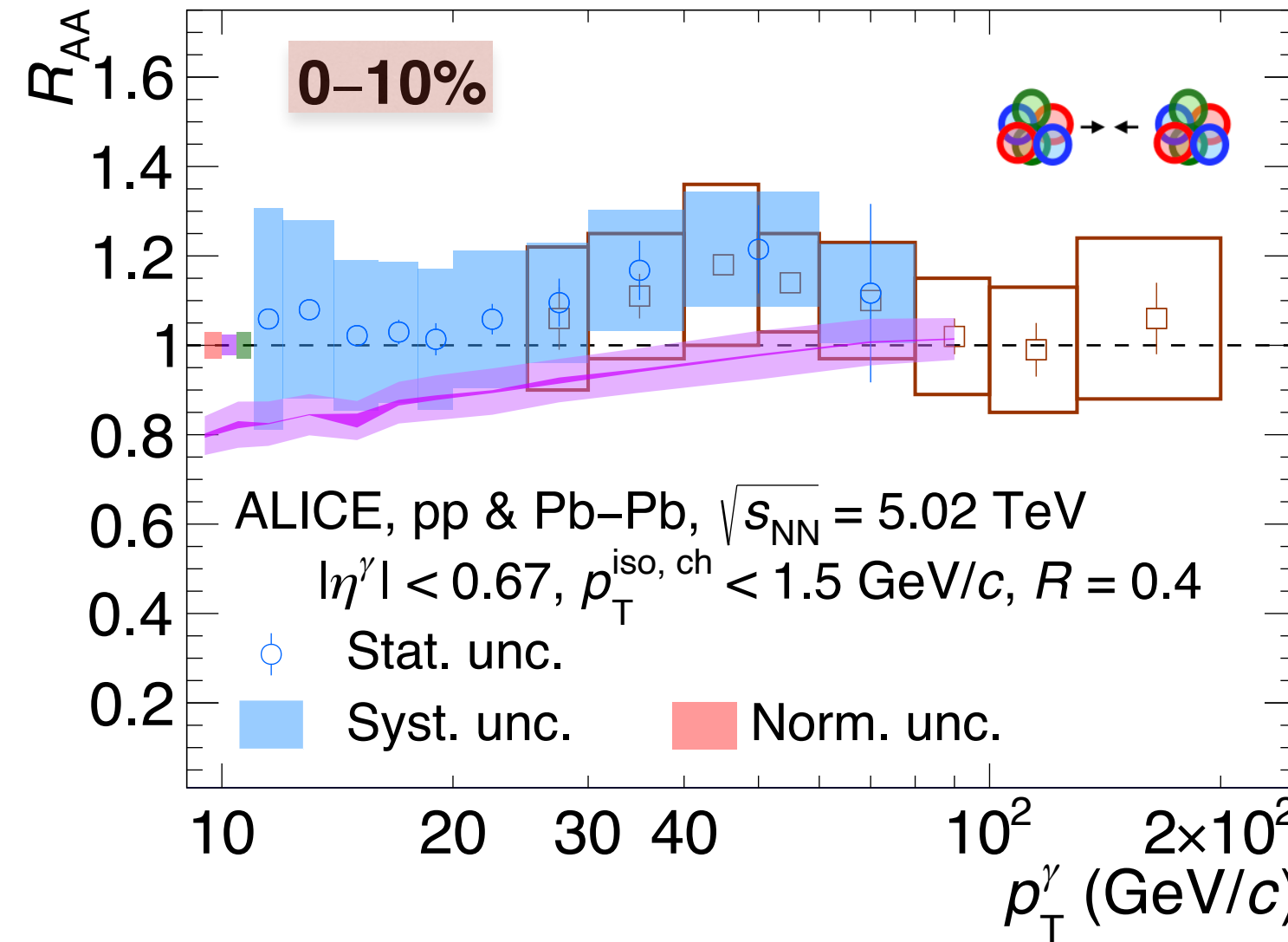
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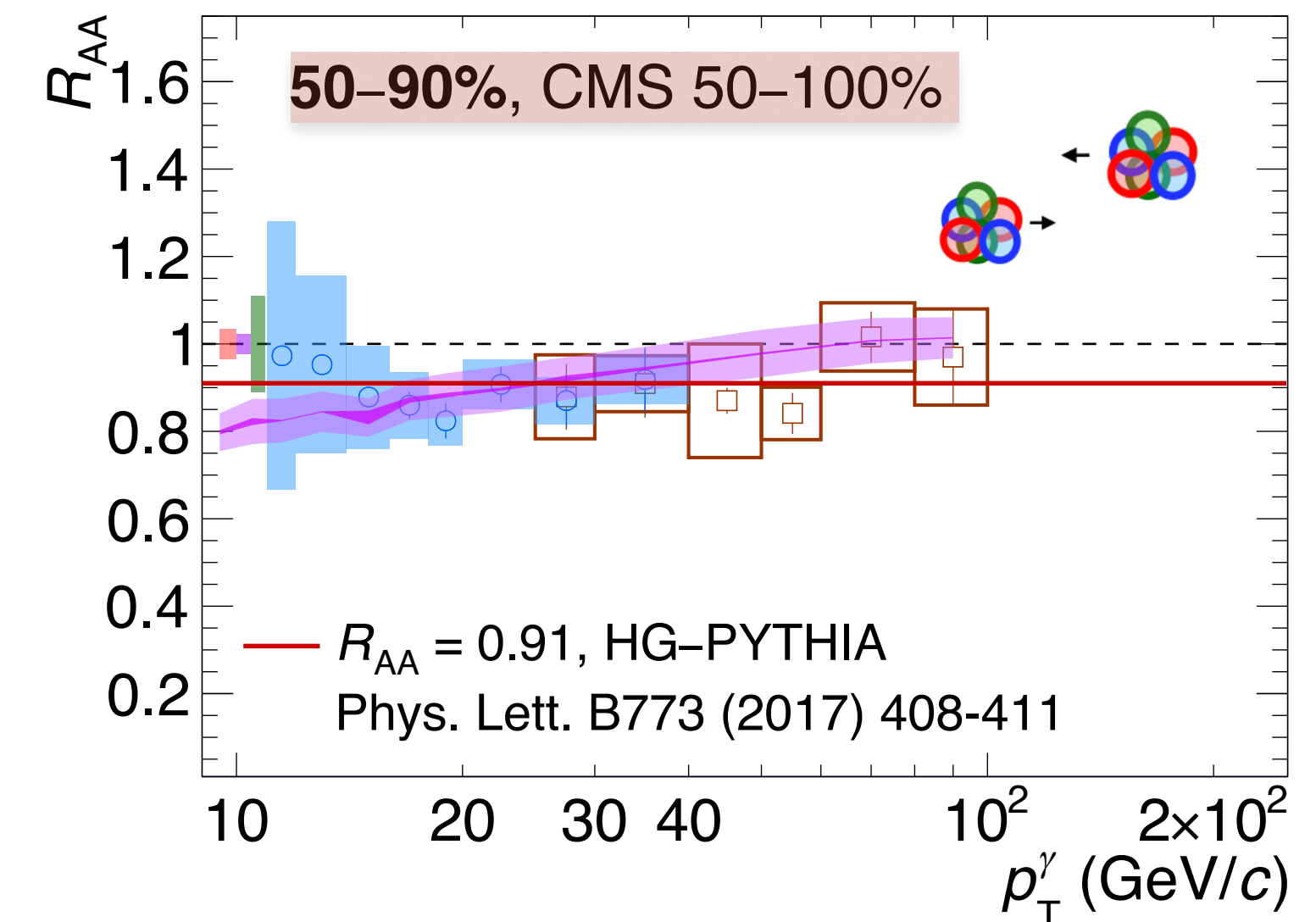
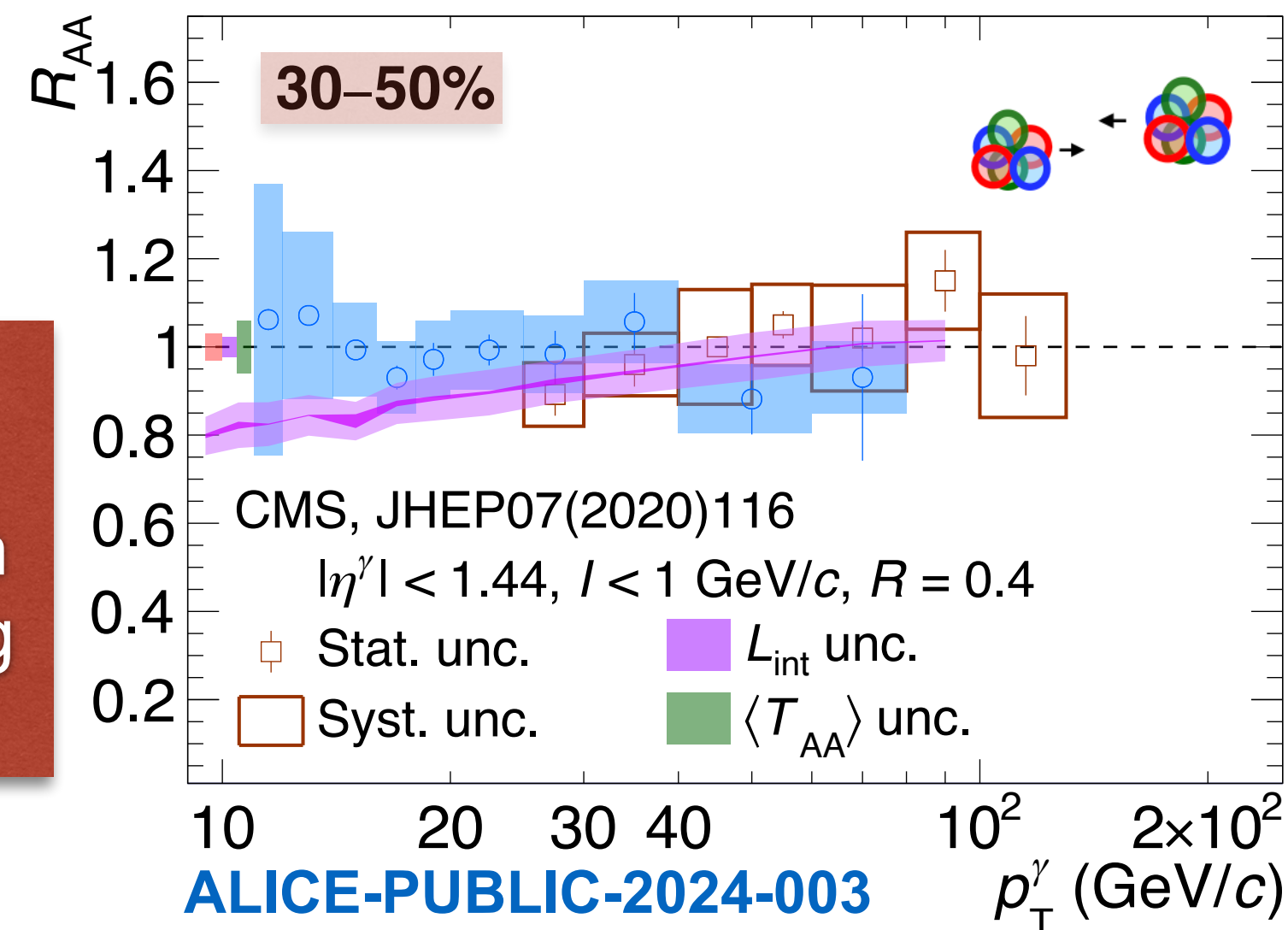
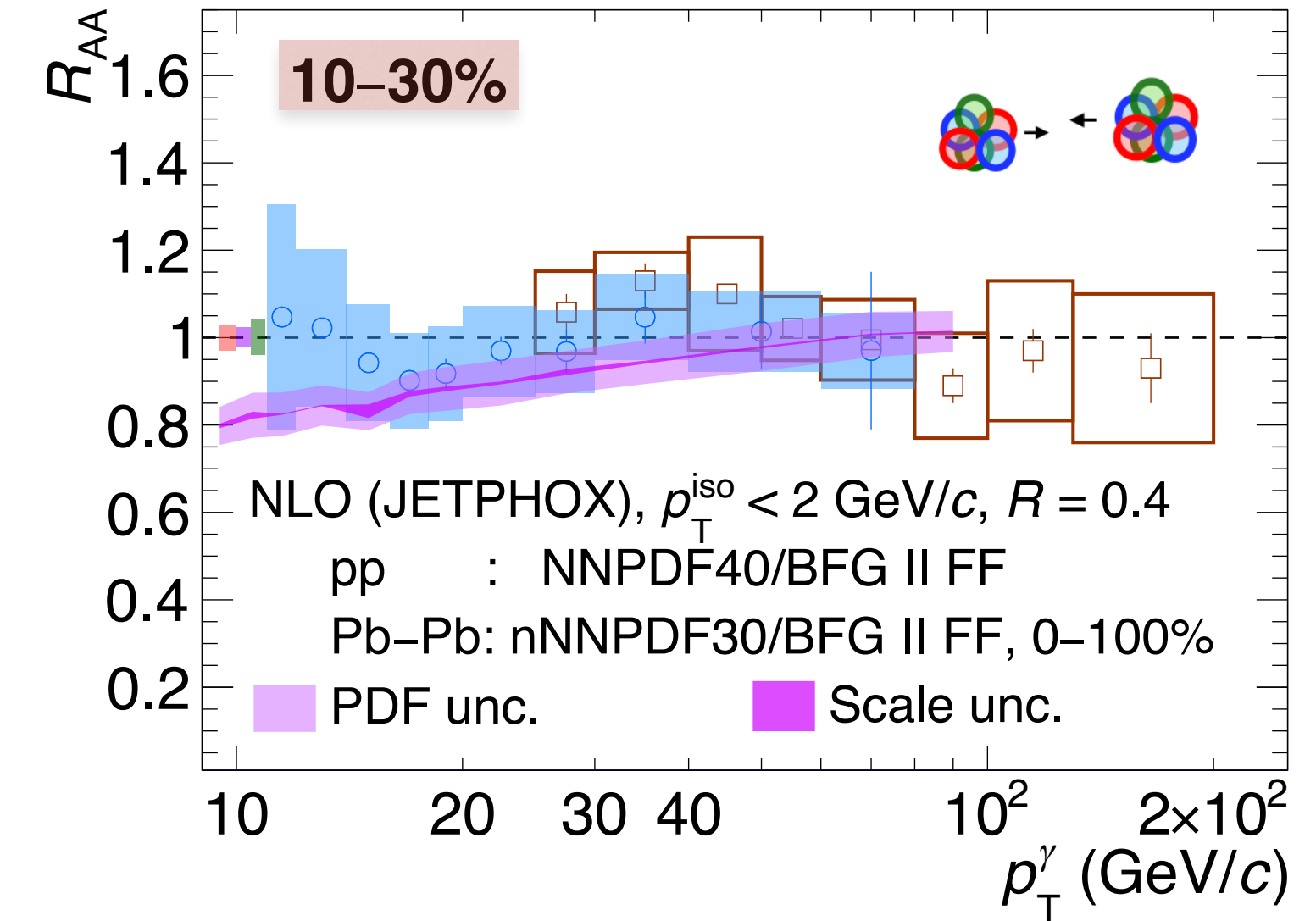
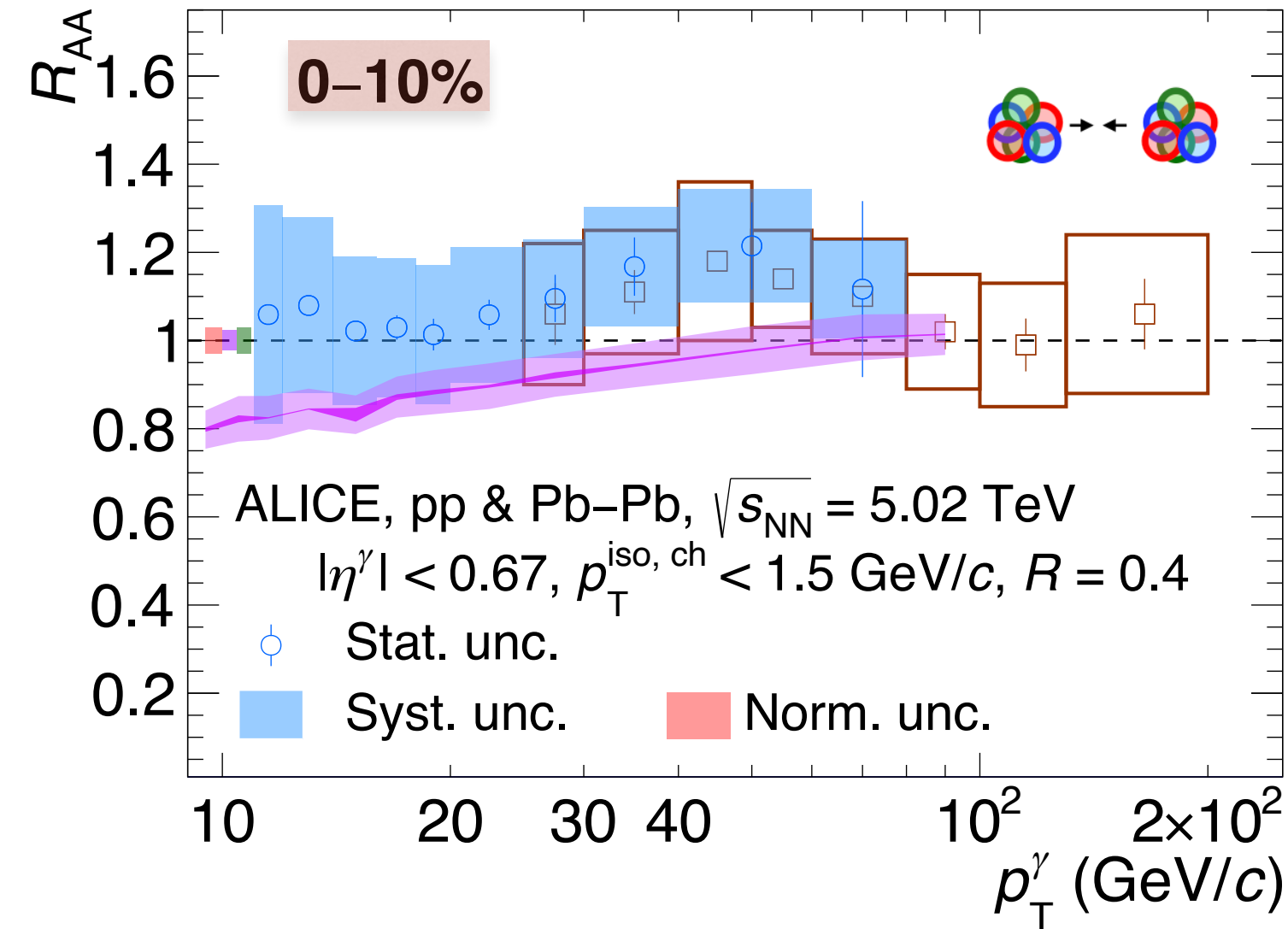
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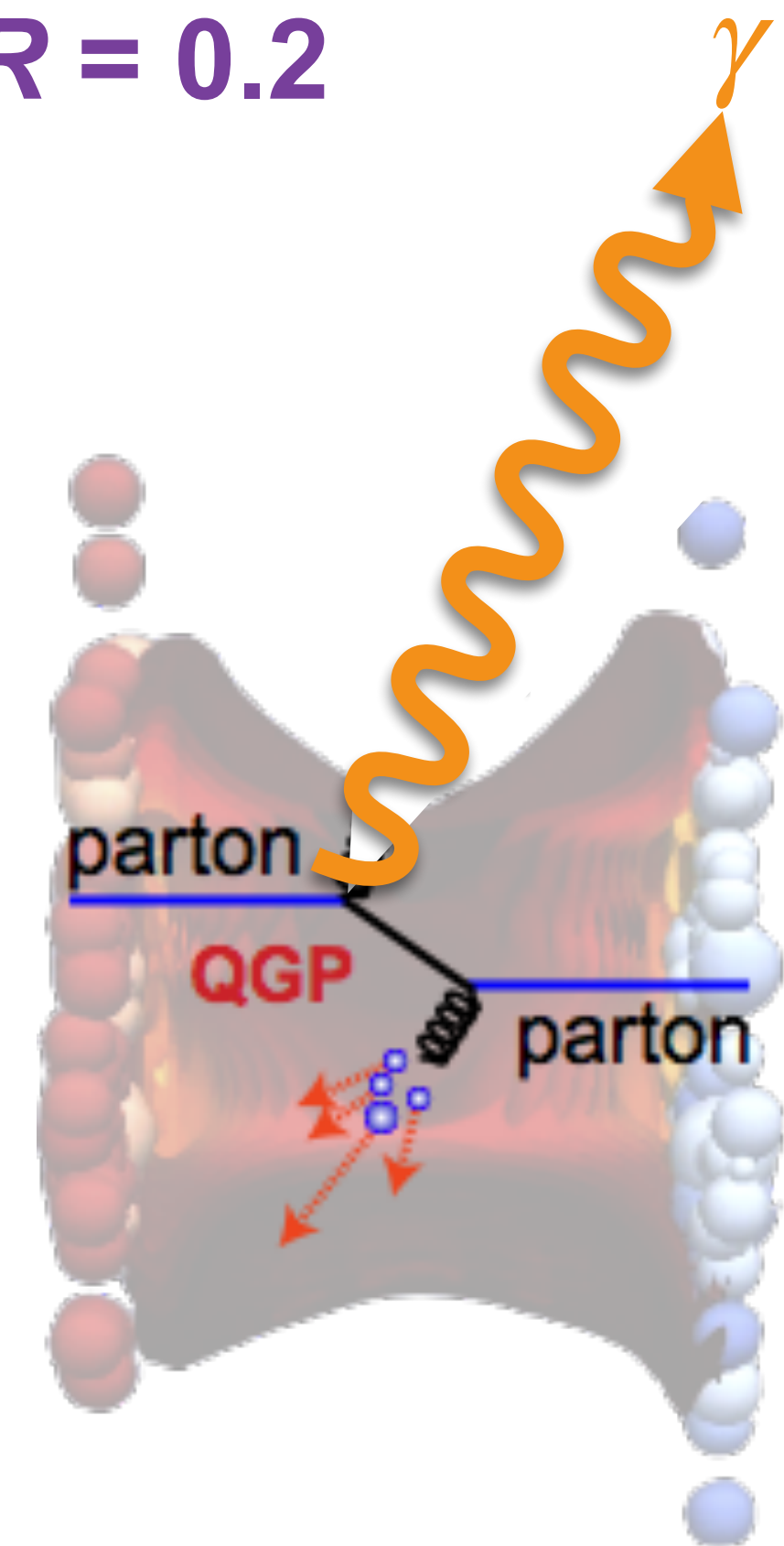
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Isolated- γ hadron correlation Pb–Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV

Preliminary results

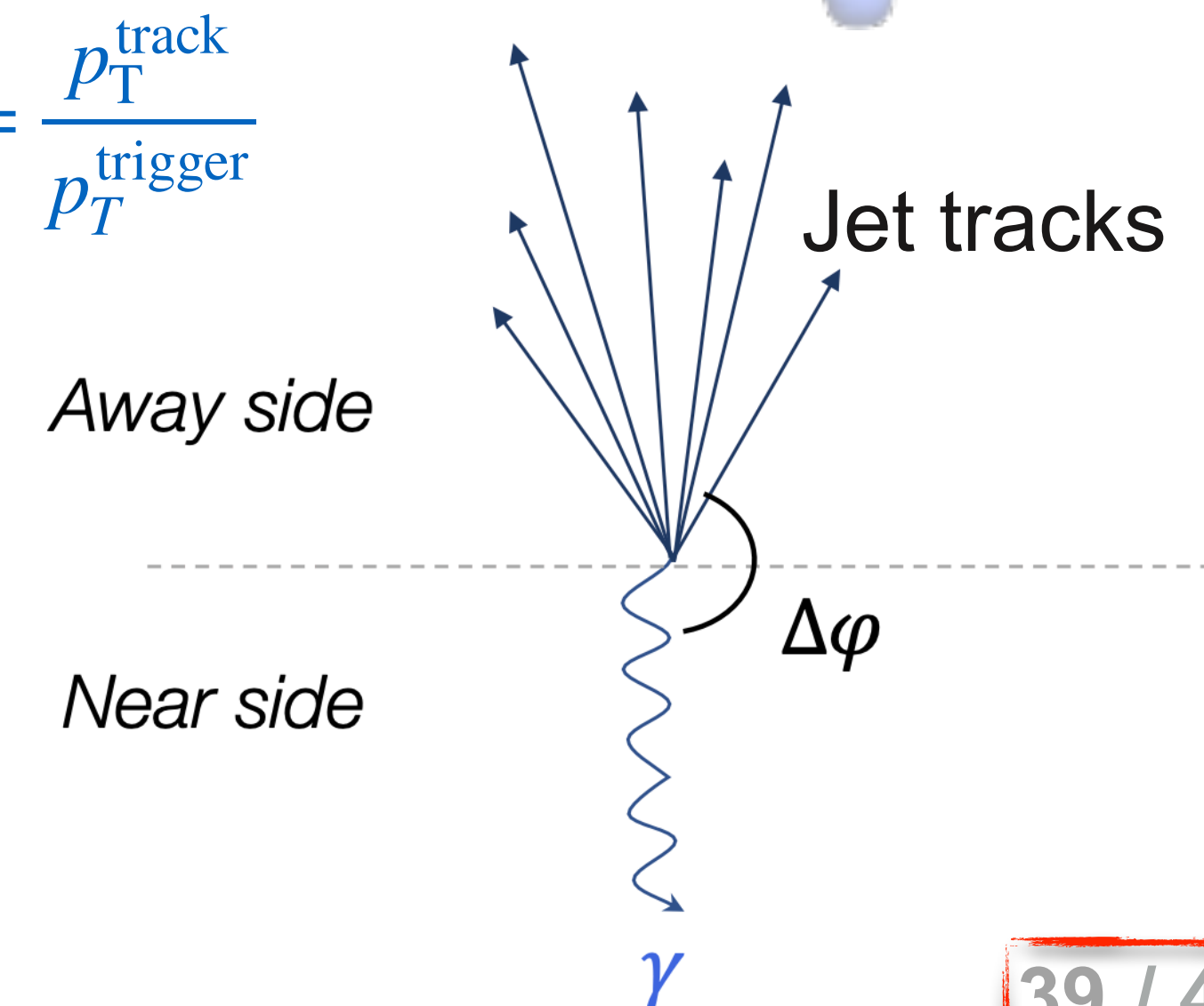
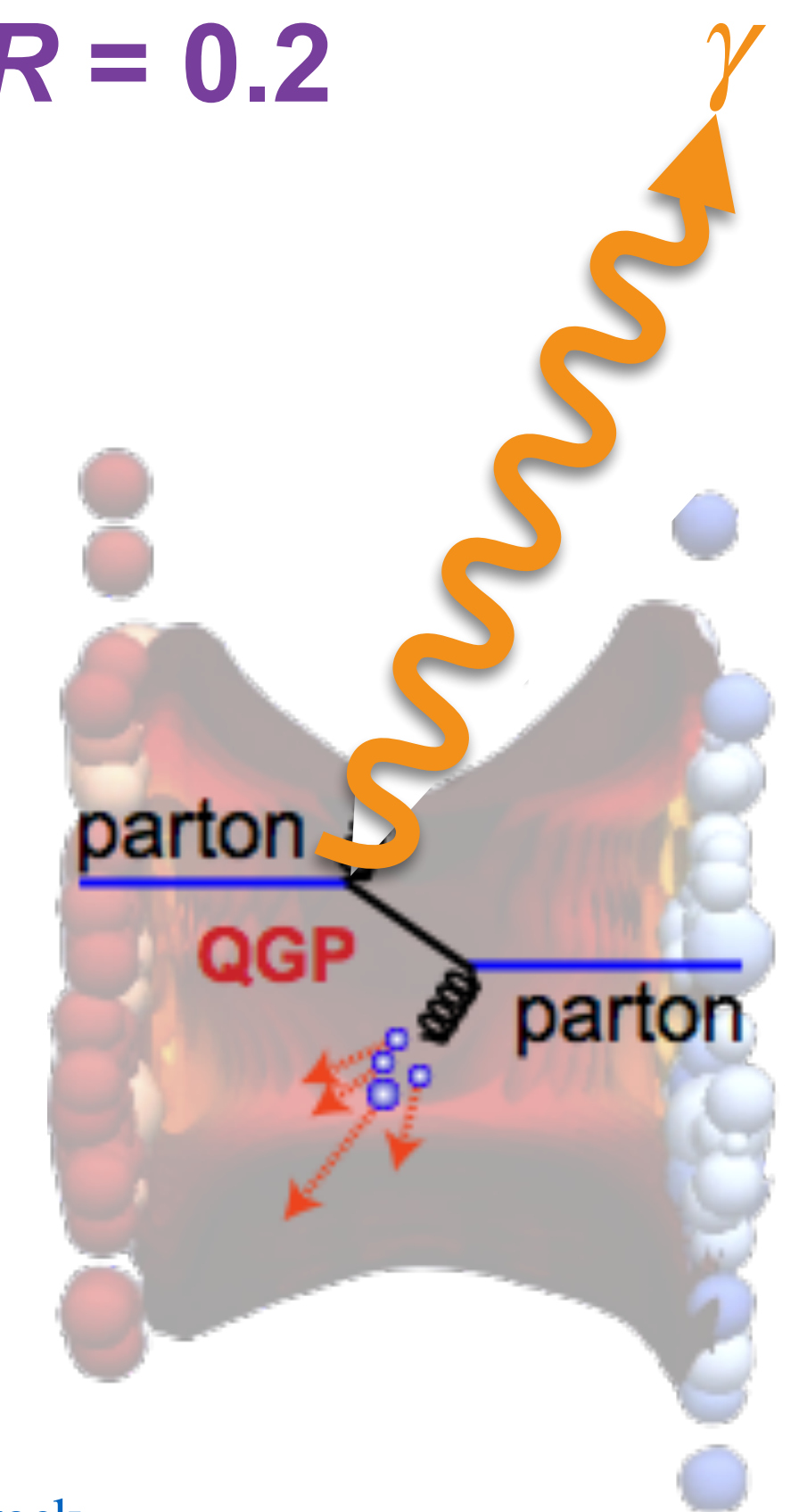
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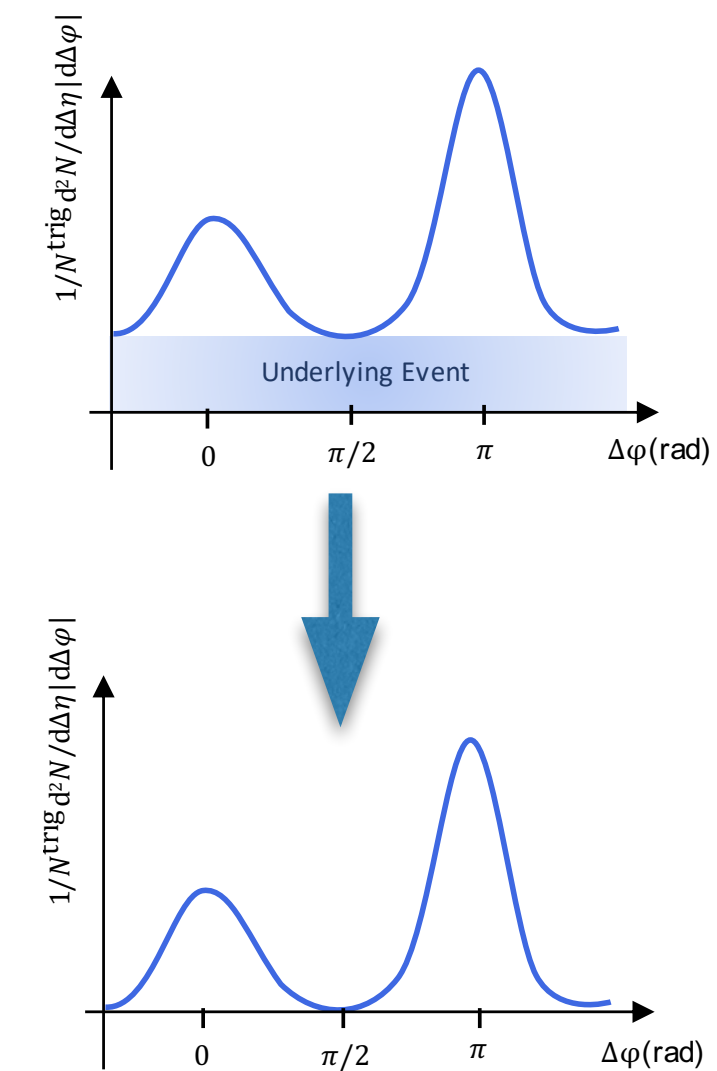
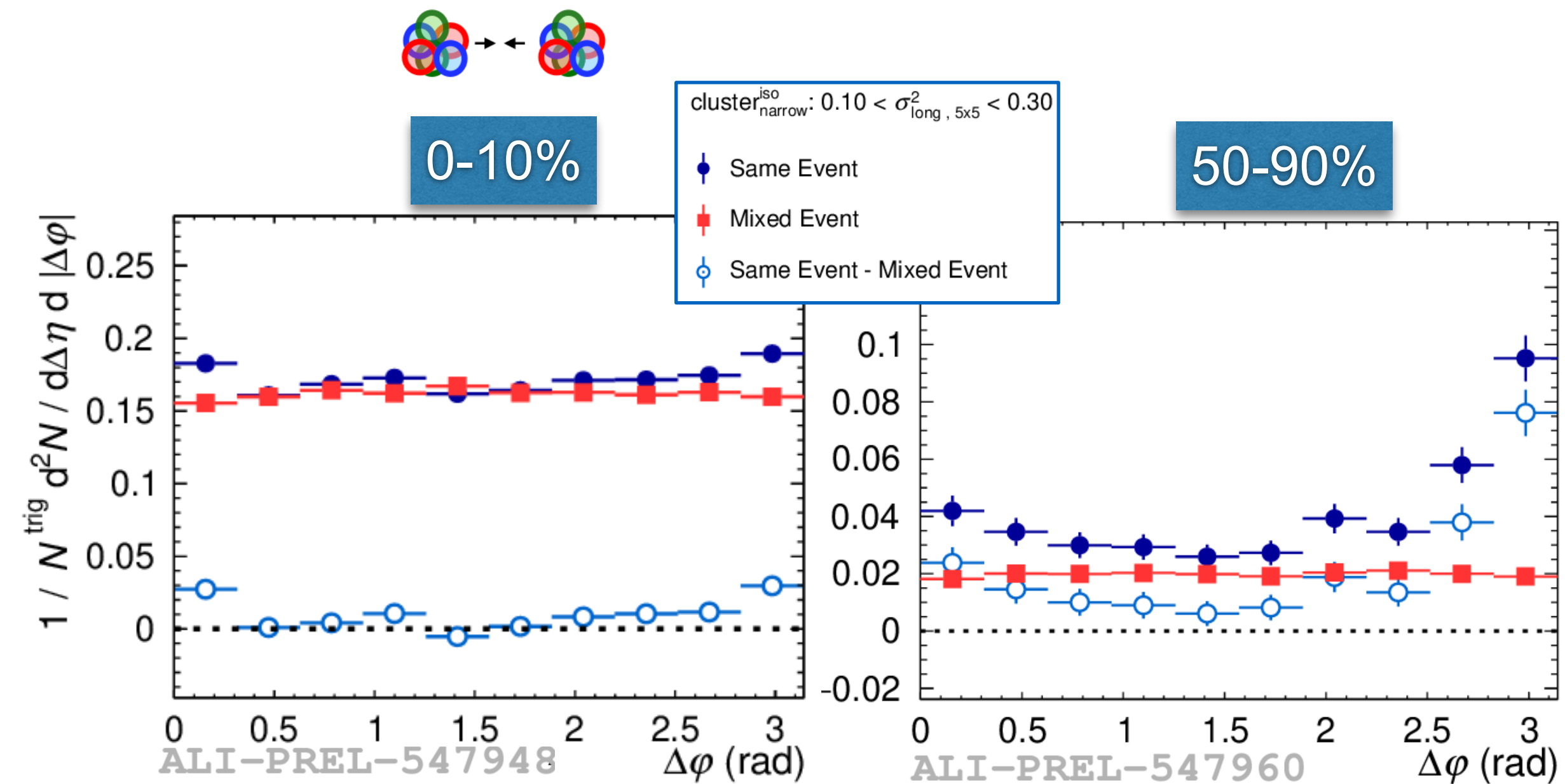
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 - ➔ Study $D(z_T)$ modification due to jet-quenching via $I_{AA} = \frac{D(z_T)_{\text{Pb-Pb}}}{D(z_T)_{\text{pp}}} \approx \frac{D(z_T)_{\text{Pb-Pb}}}{D(z_T)_{\text{NLO pQCD}}}$
(similar to R_{AA} but no need of N_{col} , per trigger yields)



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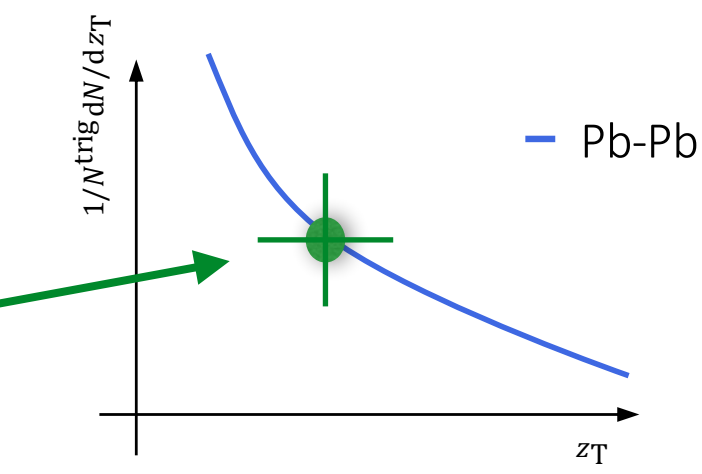
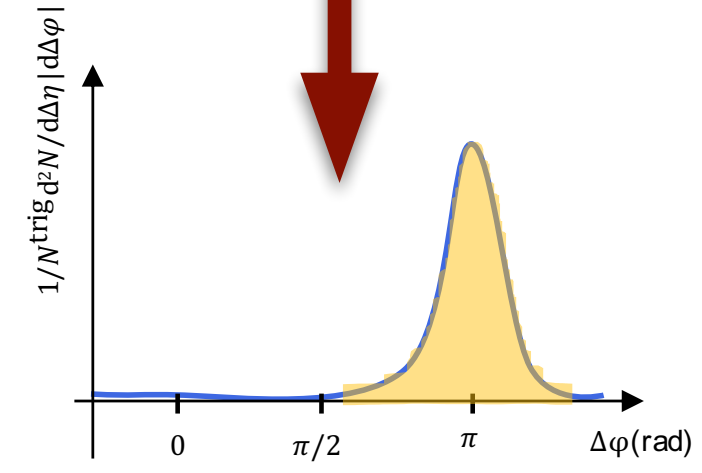
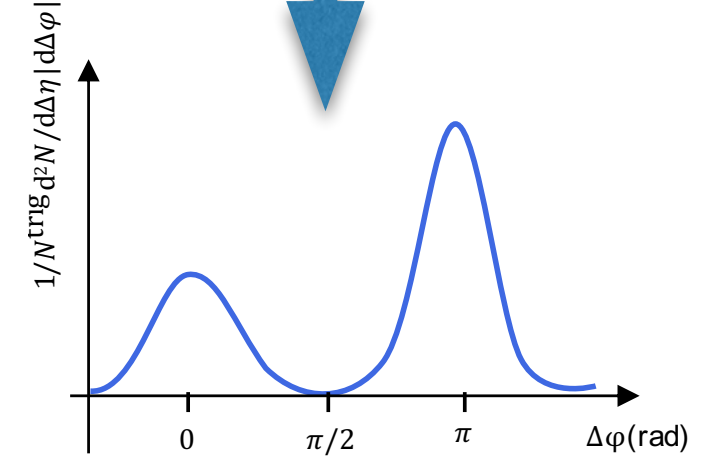
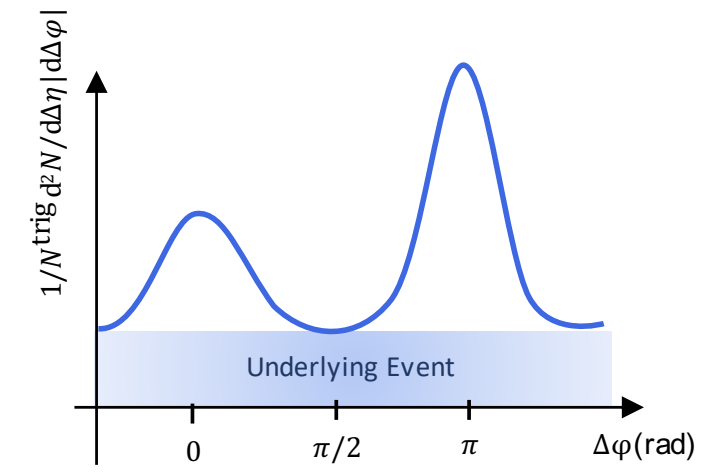
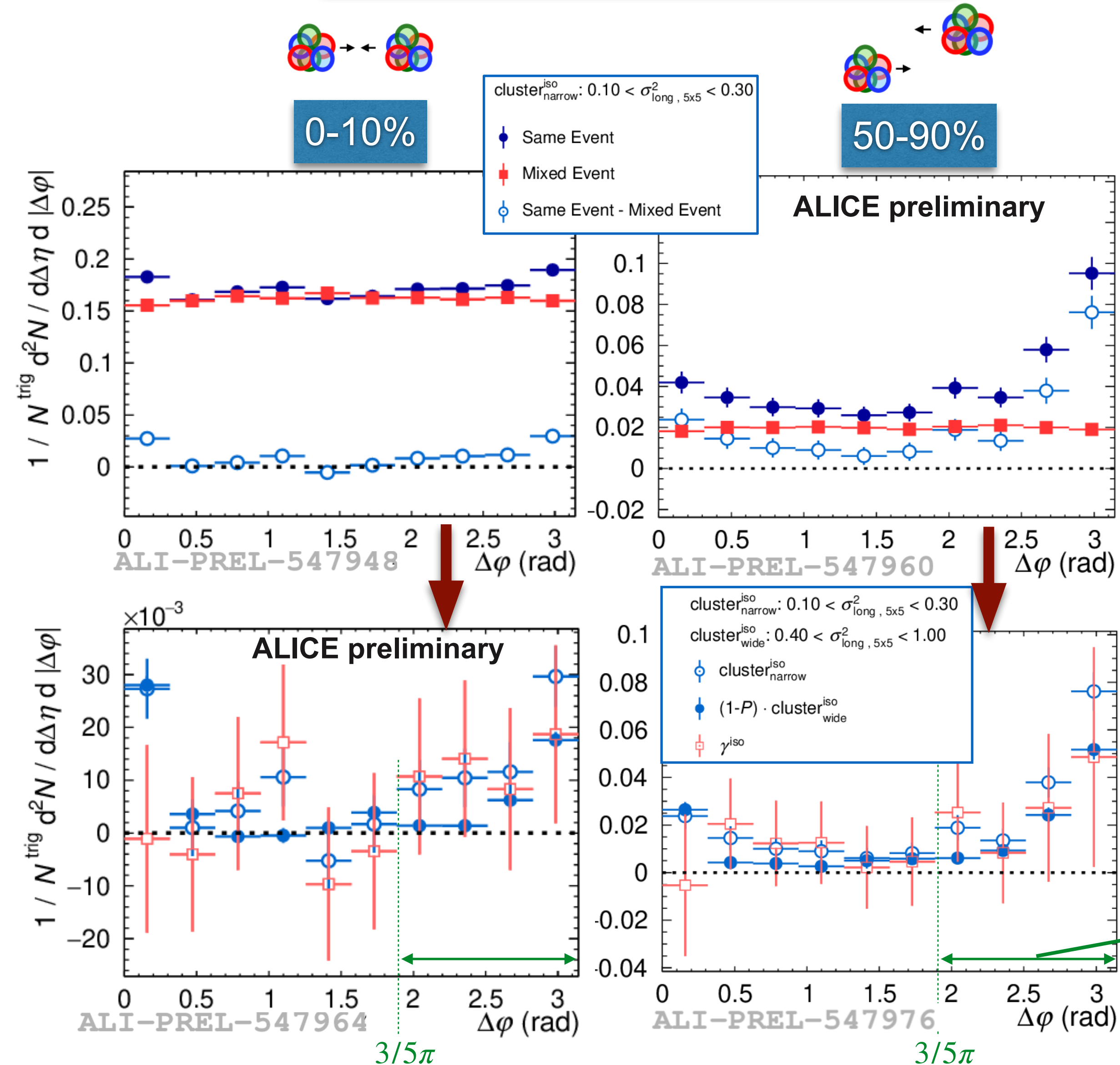
- Purity < 1, considering

$$f(\Delta\varphi^{\text{cls}_{\text{narrow}}^{\text{iso}}}) \text{ bkg} = f(\Delta\varphi^{\text{cls}_{\text{wide}}^{\text{iso}}}):$$

$$f(\Delta\varphi^{\gamma^{\text{iso}}}) = \frac{f(\Delta\varphi^{\text{cls}_{\text{narrow}}^{\text{iso}}}) - (1 - P) \cdot f(\Delta\varphi^{\text{cls}_{\text{wide}}^{\text{iso}}})}{P}$$

➔ Subtraction of two close distributions
→ large statistical uncertainty

➔ $D(z_T)$: Integrate $f(\Delta\varphi^{\gamma^{\text{iso}}})$ in
 $3/5\pi < |\Delta\varphi| < \pi$ rad



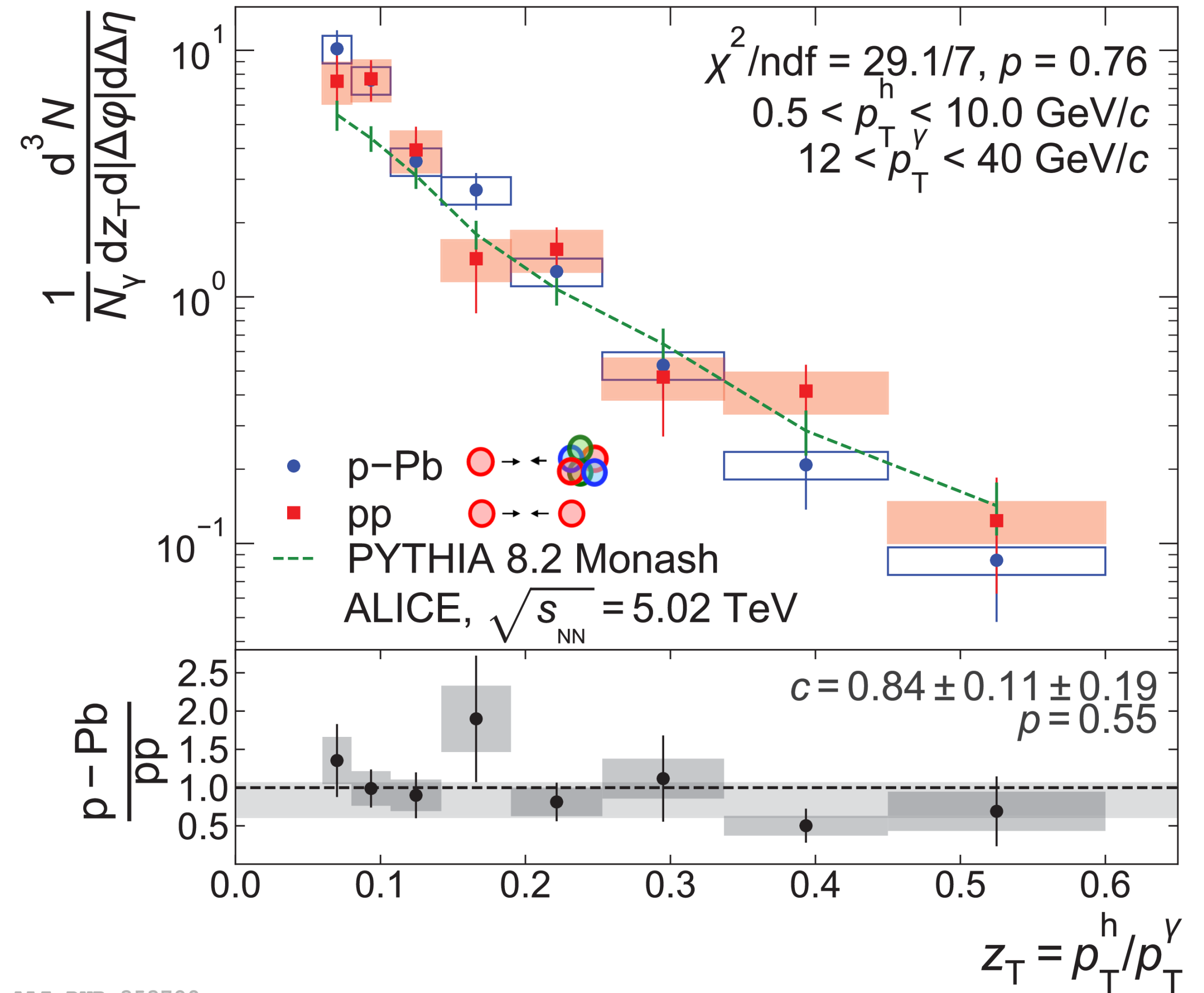
Isolated γ -hadron correlations in p-Pb & pp, $R = 0.4$: $D(z_T)$

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Previous published results in p-Pb and pp collisions

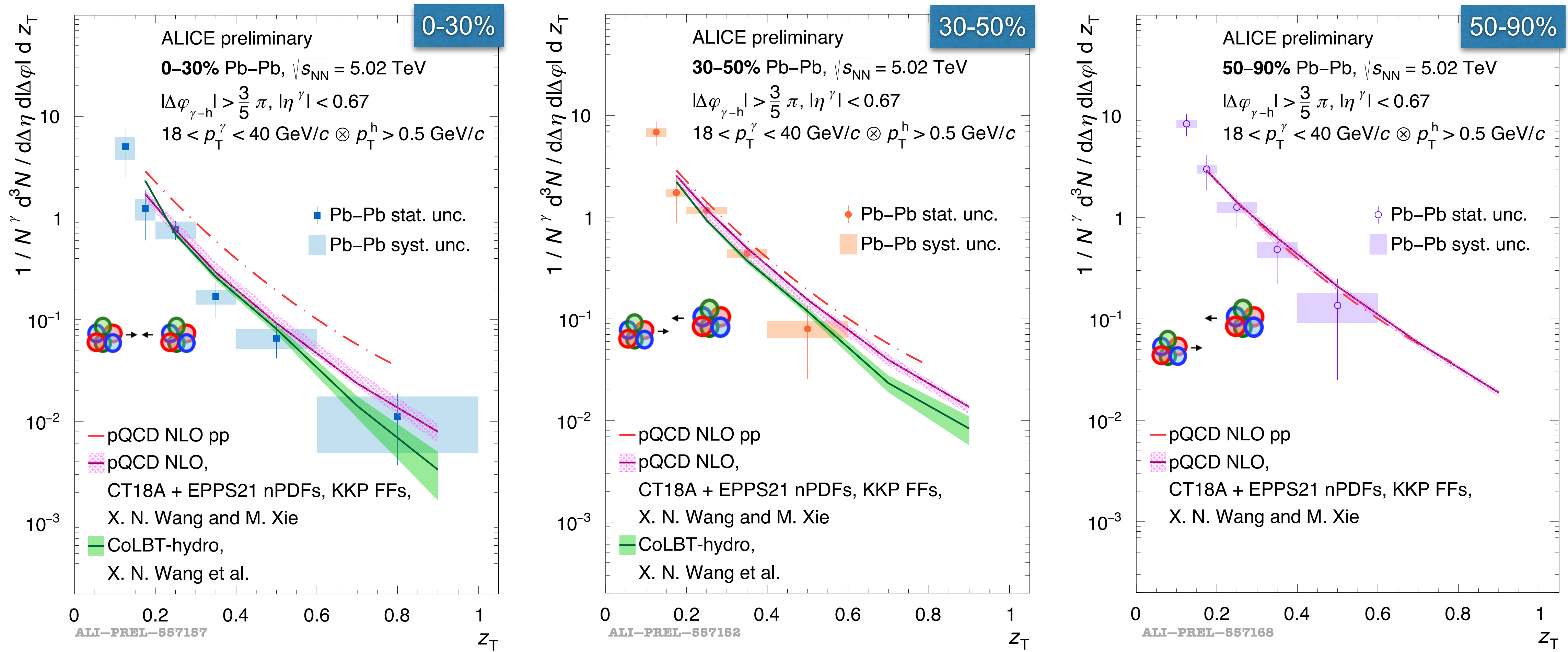
→ Agreement between systems and with PYTHIA

→ Note: Pb-Pb collisions measurement (next slides) done in different p_T ranges and is compared directly to pQCD predictions



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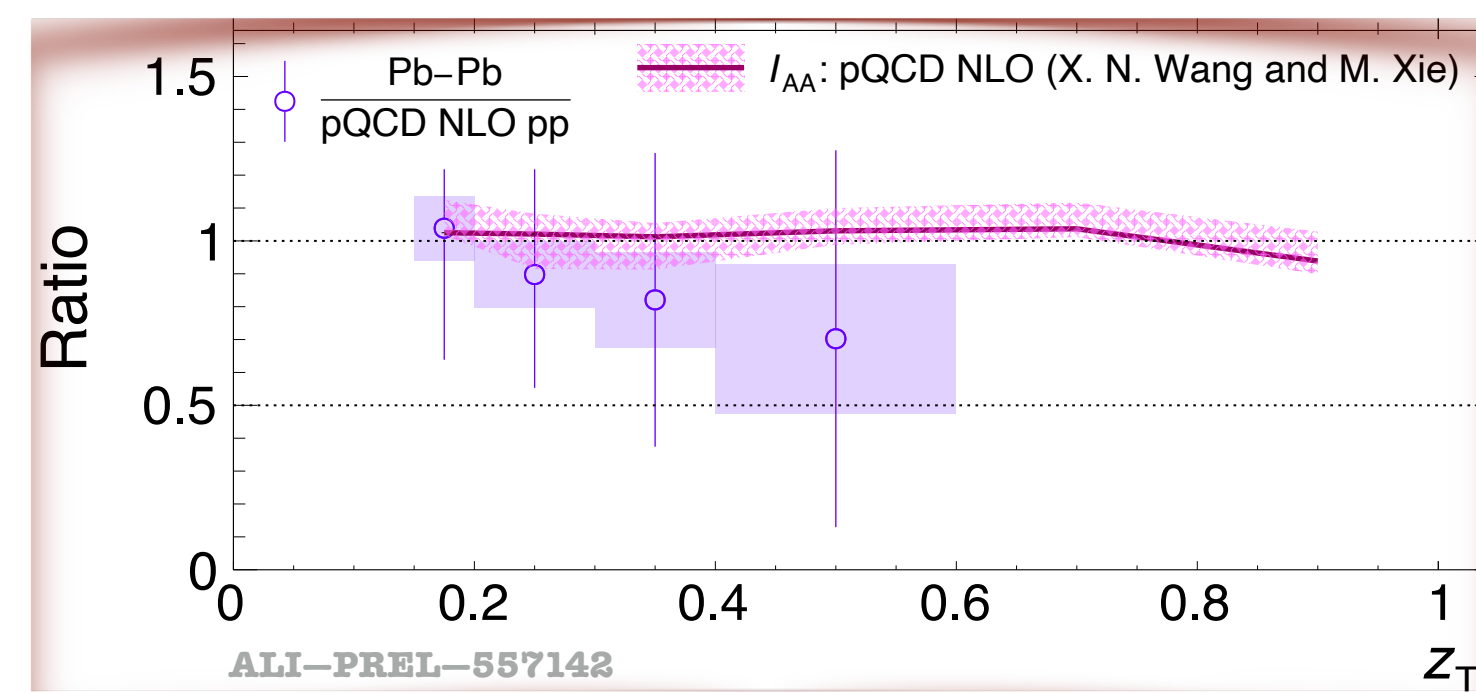
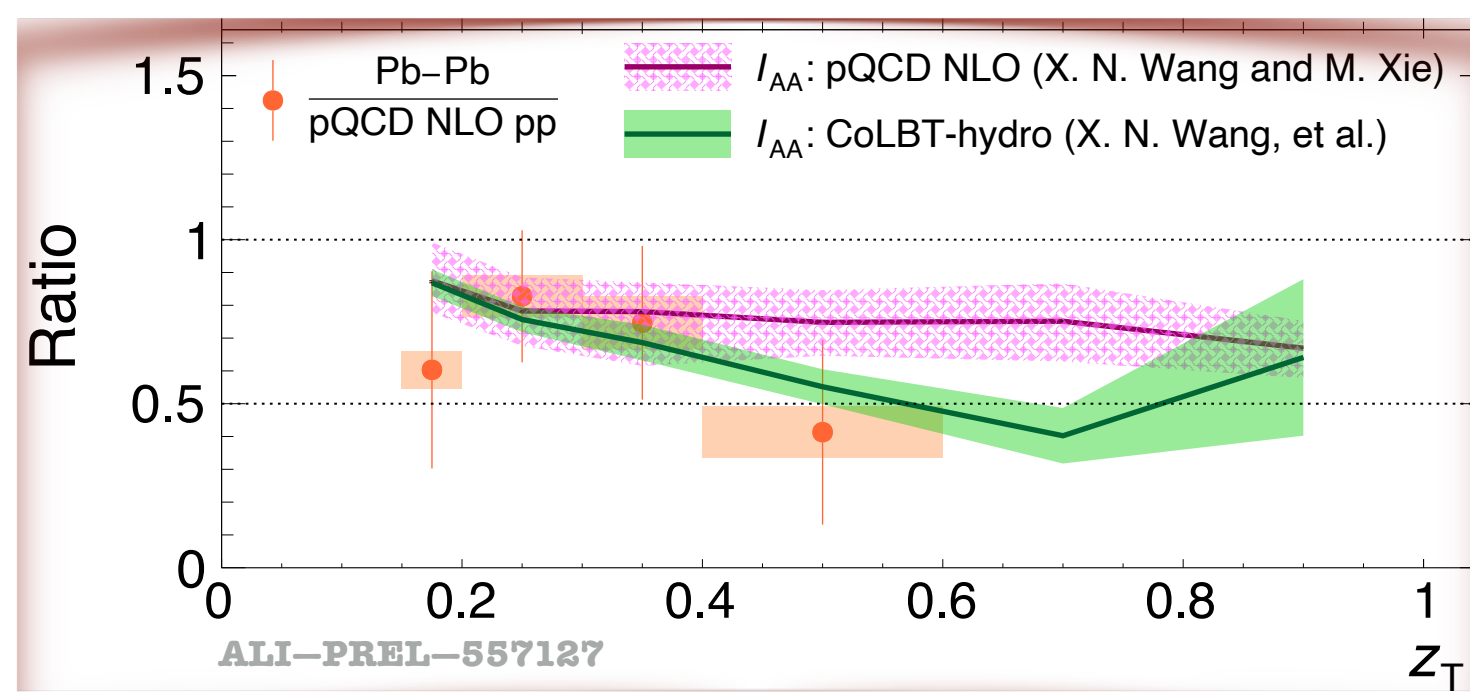
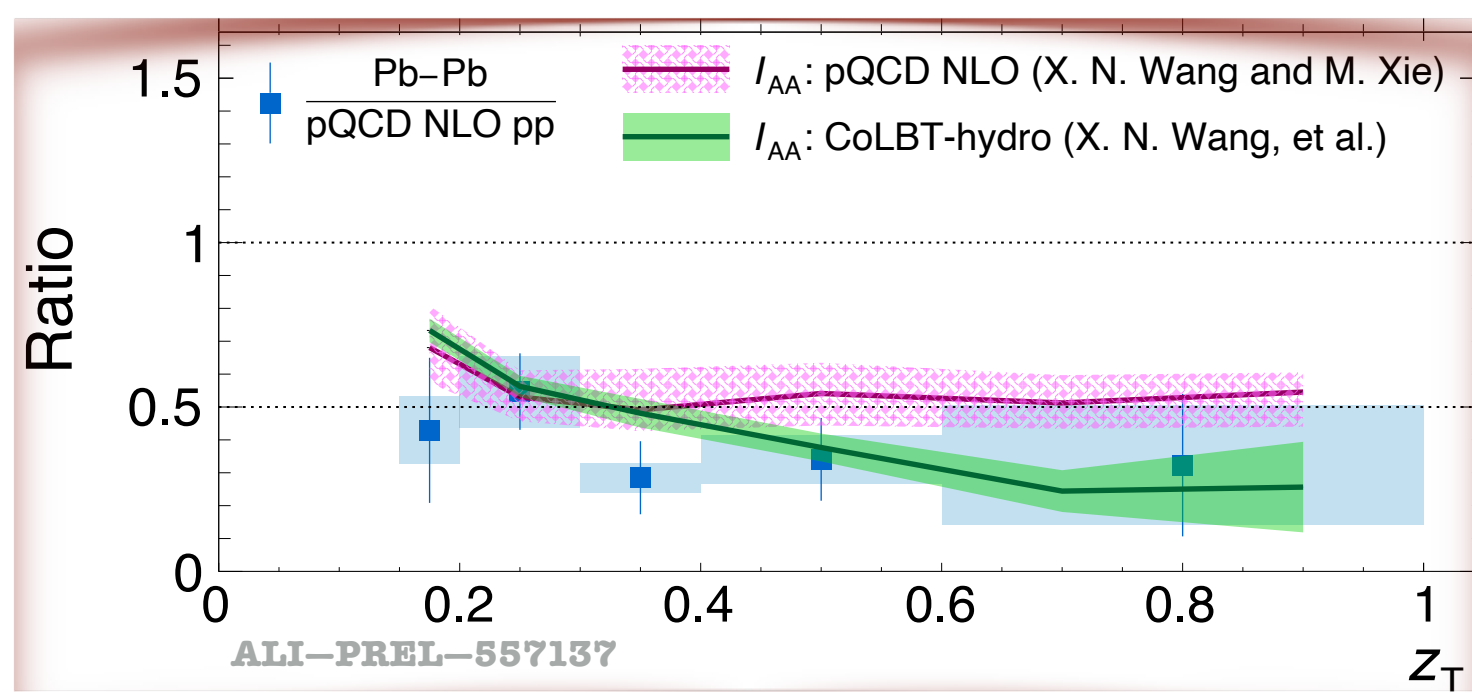
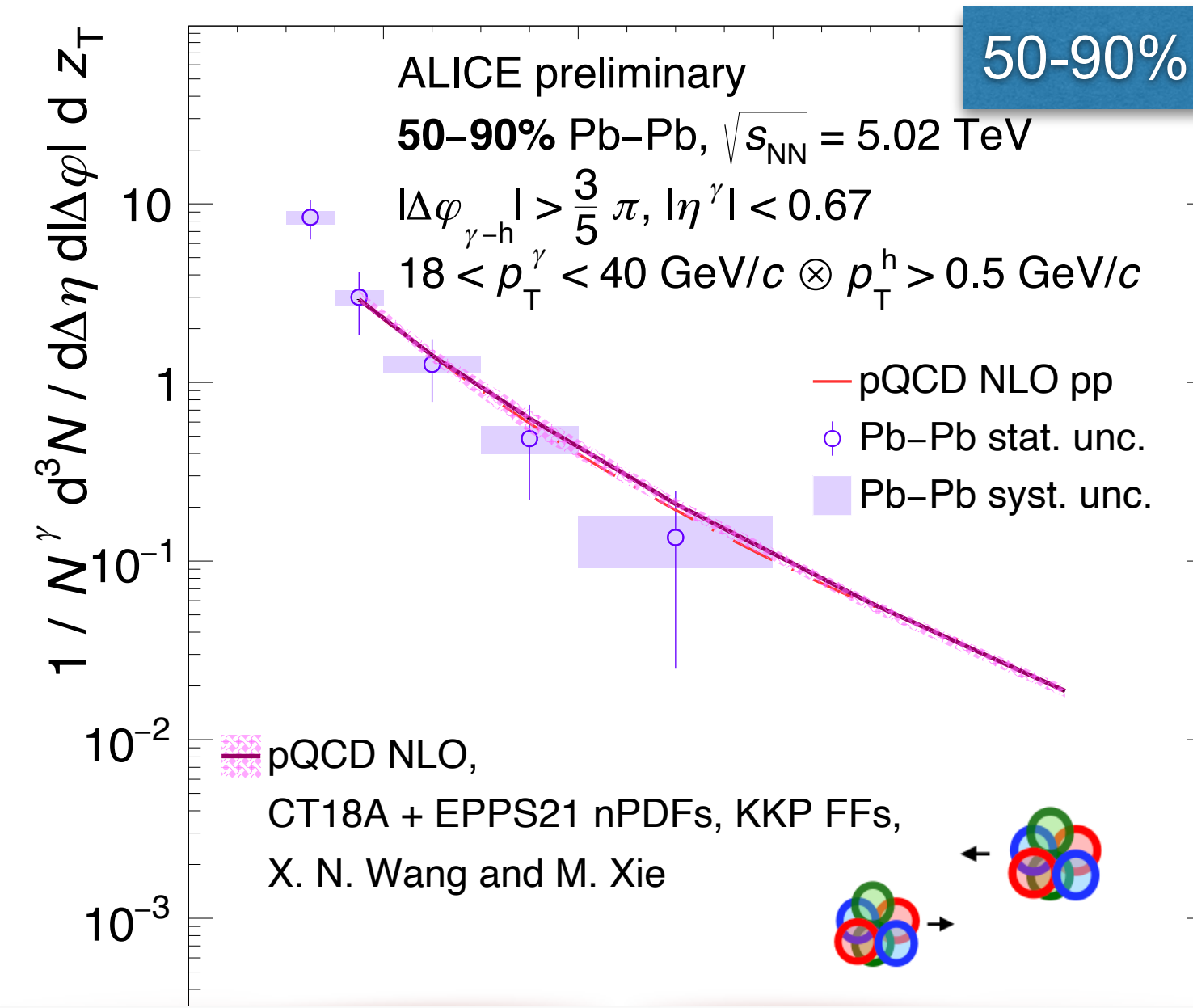
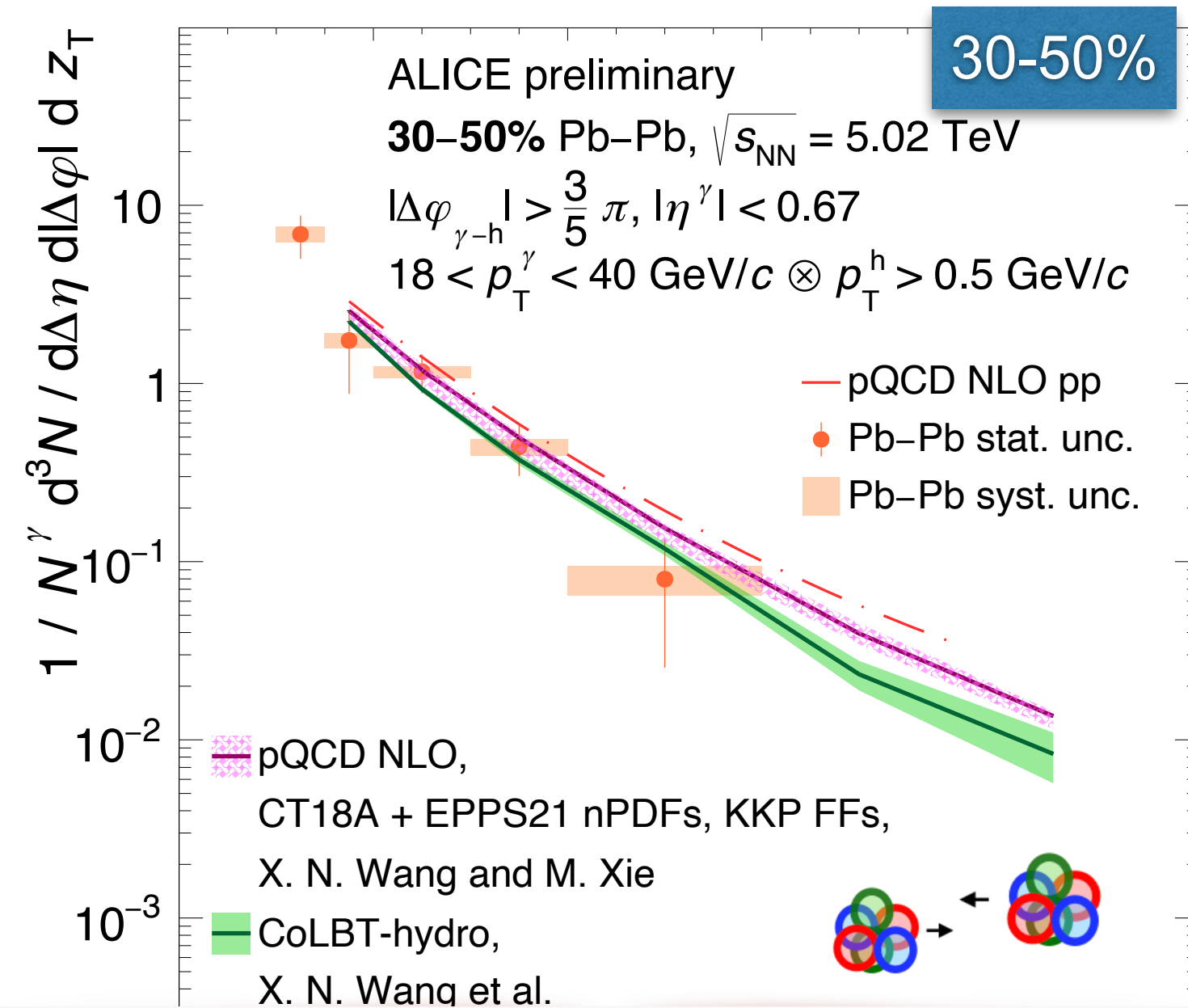
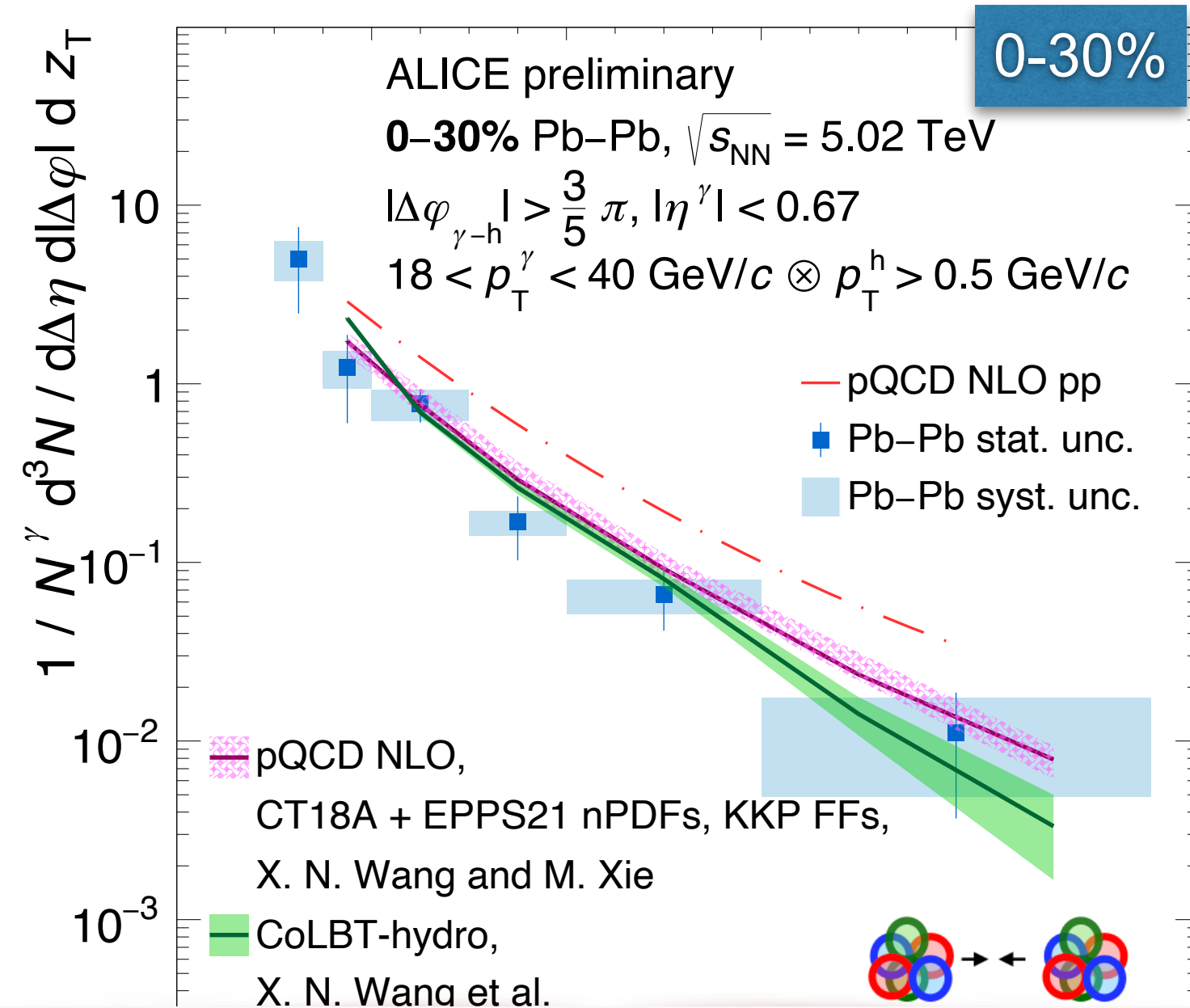
Isolated γ -hadron correlations in Pb-Pb: $D(z_T)$



- Pb-Pb data compared with theory: **NLO pQCD** and **CoLBT (0-50% only)**
 - ➔ In agreement with both models
 - ➔ Discrimination not possible yet

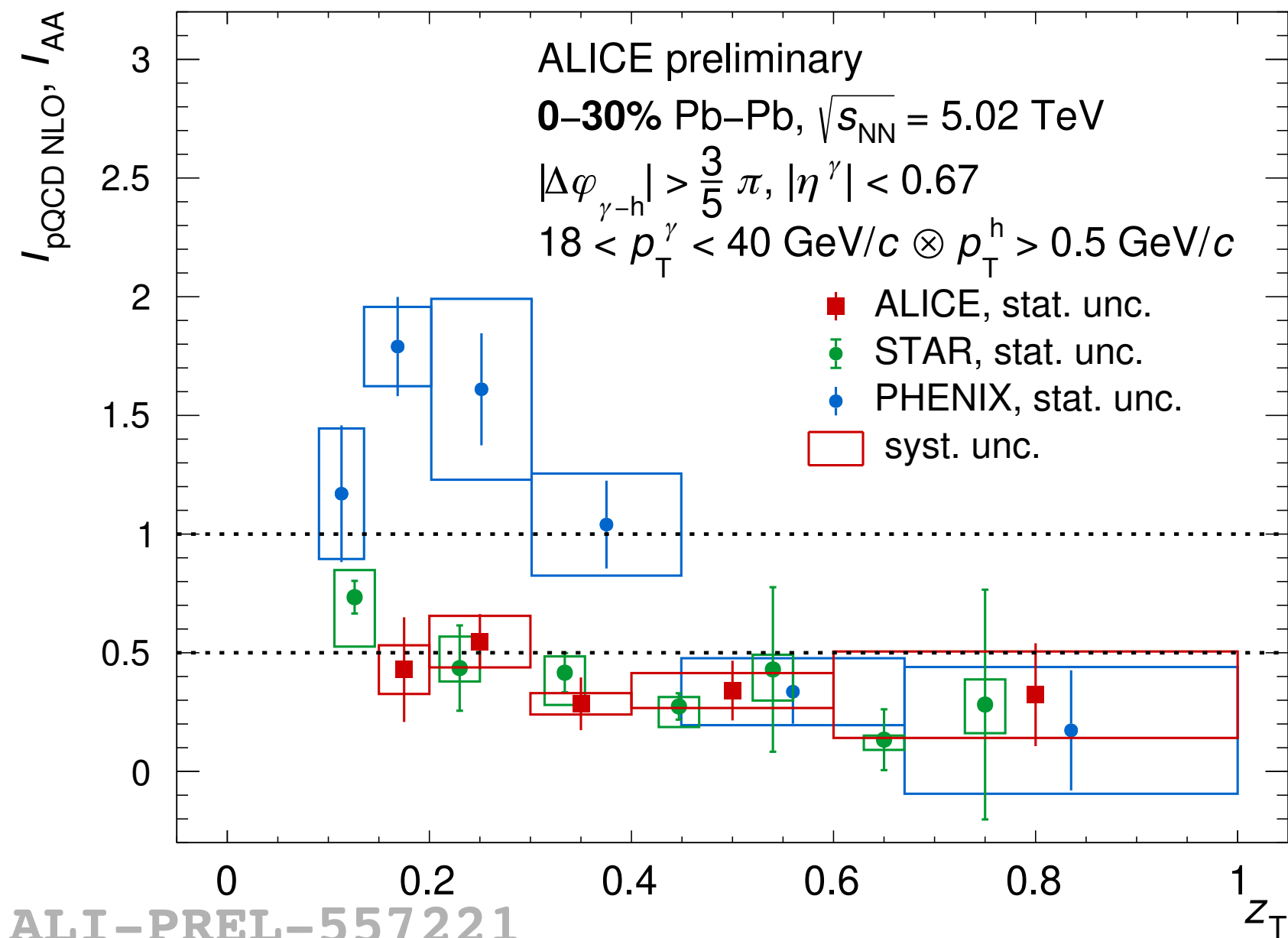
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Isolated γ -hadron correlations in Pb-Pb: $D(z_T)$



- Ratio with respect to **NLO pQCD pp collision simulation** → A proxy for $I_{AA} = \frac{D(z_T)_{Pb-Pb}}{D(z_T)_{pp}}$
- Clear modifications in data with respect to NLO pQCD pp simulation
- Comparison with I_{AA} from **NLO pQCD** and **CoLBT** models → agreement

Isolated γ -hadron correlations in Pb-Pb: RHIC & LHC



STAR, Phys.Lett.B 760 (2016) 689-696

0–12% Au–Au, $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV

$|\Delta\varphi_{\gamma-h} - \pi| \leq 1.4$

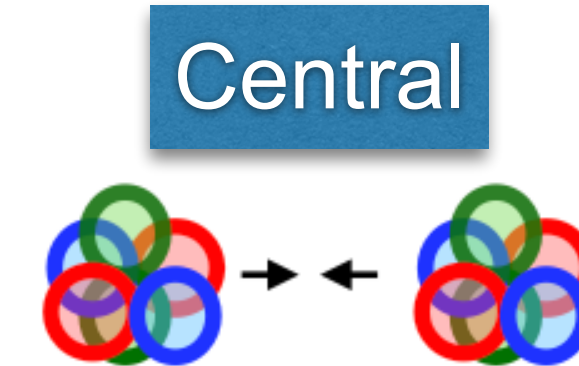
$12 < p_T^\gamma < 20$ GeV/c $\otimes p_T^h > 1.2$ GeV/c

PHENIX, PRL 111, 032301 (2013)

0–40% Au–Au, $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV

$|\Delta\varphi_{\gamma-h} - \pi| < \pi/2$, $|y| < 0.35$

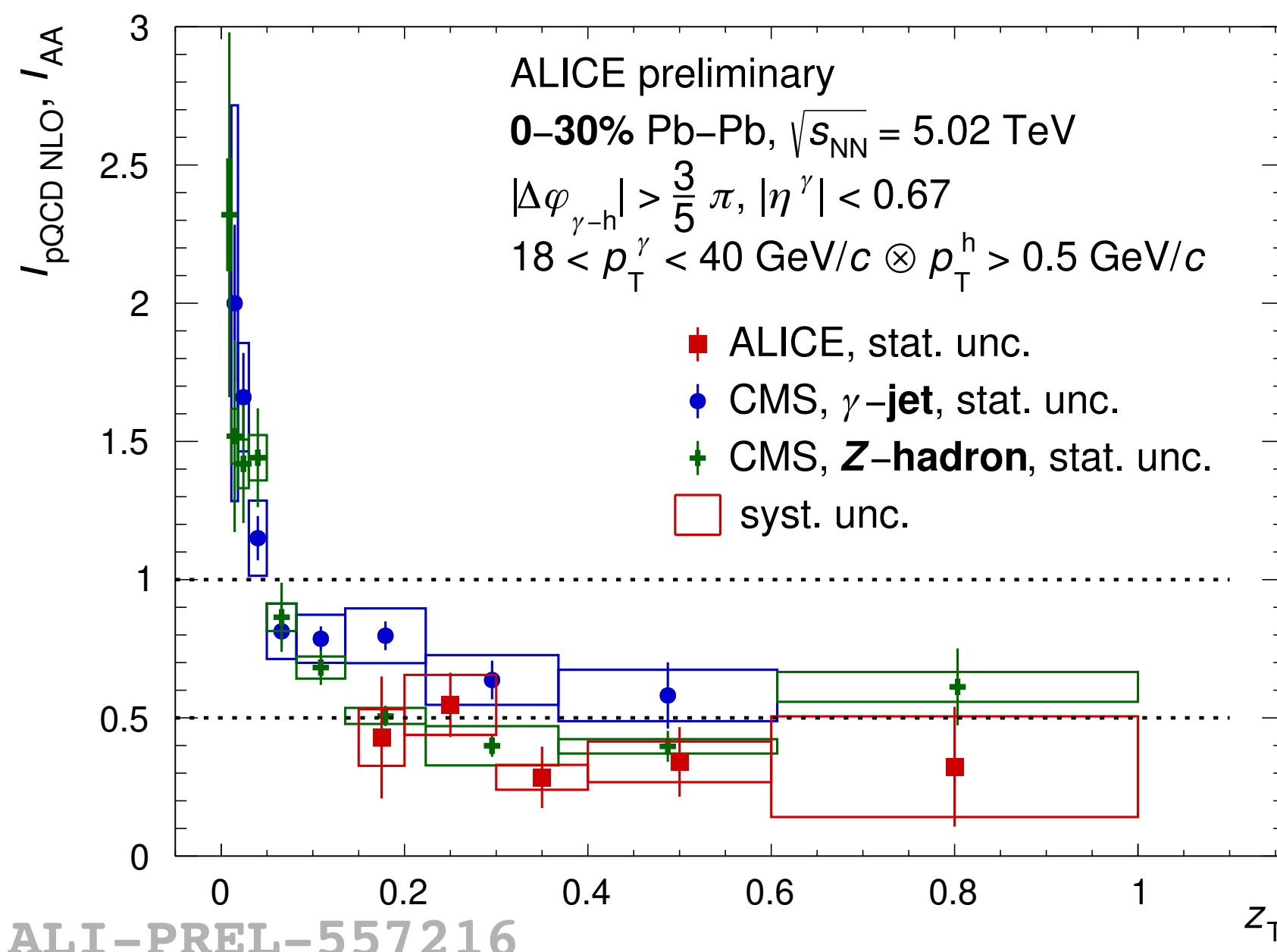
$5 < p_T^\gamma < 9$ GeV/c $\otimes 0.5 < p_T^h < 7$ GeV/c



$$I_{AA}(z_T) = \frac{D(z_T, \text{Pb} - \text{Pb})}{D(z_T, \text{pp})}$$

- Similar behaviour as observed at RHIC and LHC experiments

➔ Note: not completely apple-to-apple comparisons!



CMS, Phys.Rev.Lett. 121 (2018) 242301, 2018

γ -jet, 0–10%

anti- k_T jet R = 0.3, $p_T^{\text{jet}} > 30$ GeV/c, $|\eta^{\text{jet}}| < 1.6$

$|\Delta\varphi_{\gamma\text{-jet}}| > \frac{7}{8}\pi$, $|\eta^\gamma| < 1.44$, $p_T^\gamma > 60$ GeV/c $\otimes p_T^h > 1$ GeV/c

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Z-hadron, 0–30%

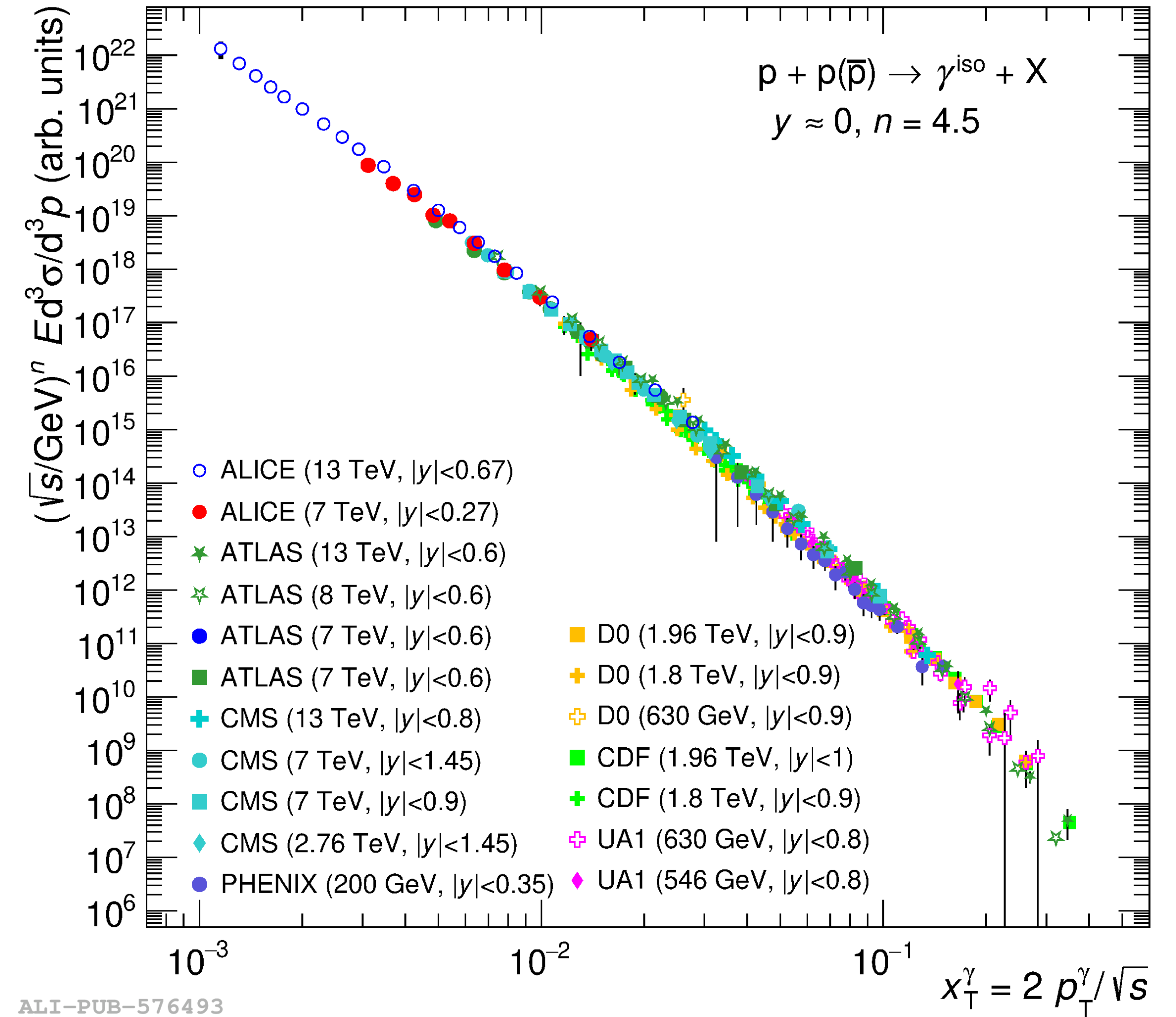
$|\Delta\varphi_{Z-h}| > \frac{7}{8}\pi$, $p_T^Z > 30$ GeV/c $\otimes p_T^h > 1$ GeV/c

Summary

→ Cross section

* Data in agreement with NLO pQCD in multiple collision systems & $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$

* Lowest measured x_T at mid-rapidity in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV



Summary

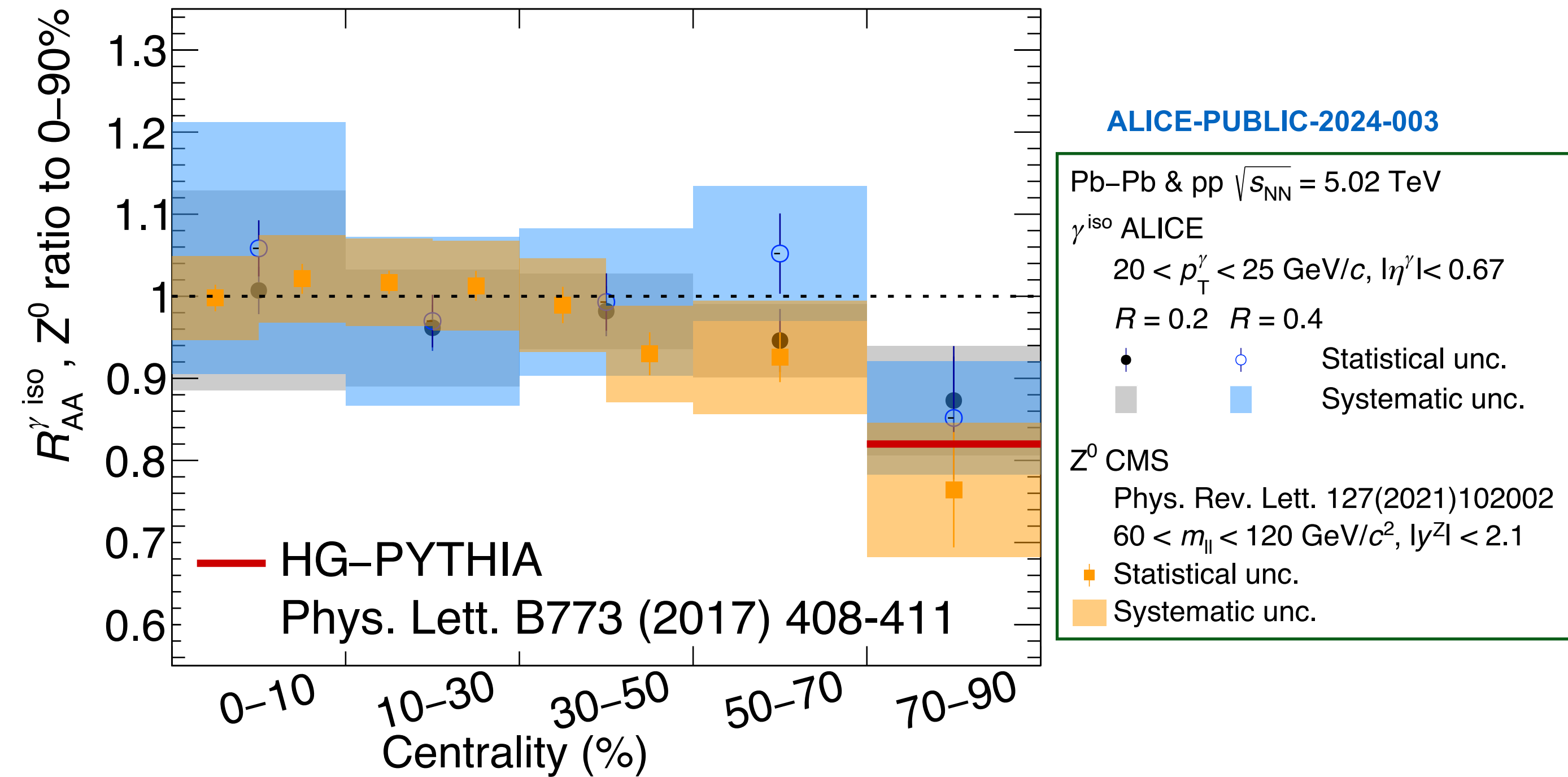
→ Cross section

* Ratio of cross sections for different R in agreement with theory and within the different collision systems

* $R_{AA} \simeq 1$, no γ production modification by QGP

▶ but for 50–90% & 70–90%: $R_{AA} \simeq 0.9$, agreement (1σ) with HG-PYTHIA, model of the centrality selection bias

▶ Pb-Pb col. agree with nPDF prediction



Summary

➔ γ -hadron corr. in Pb-Pb at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV

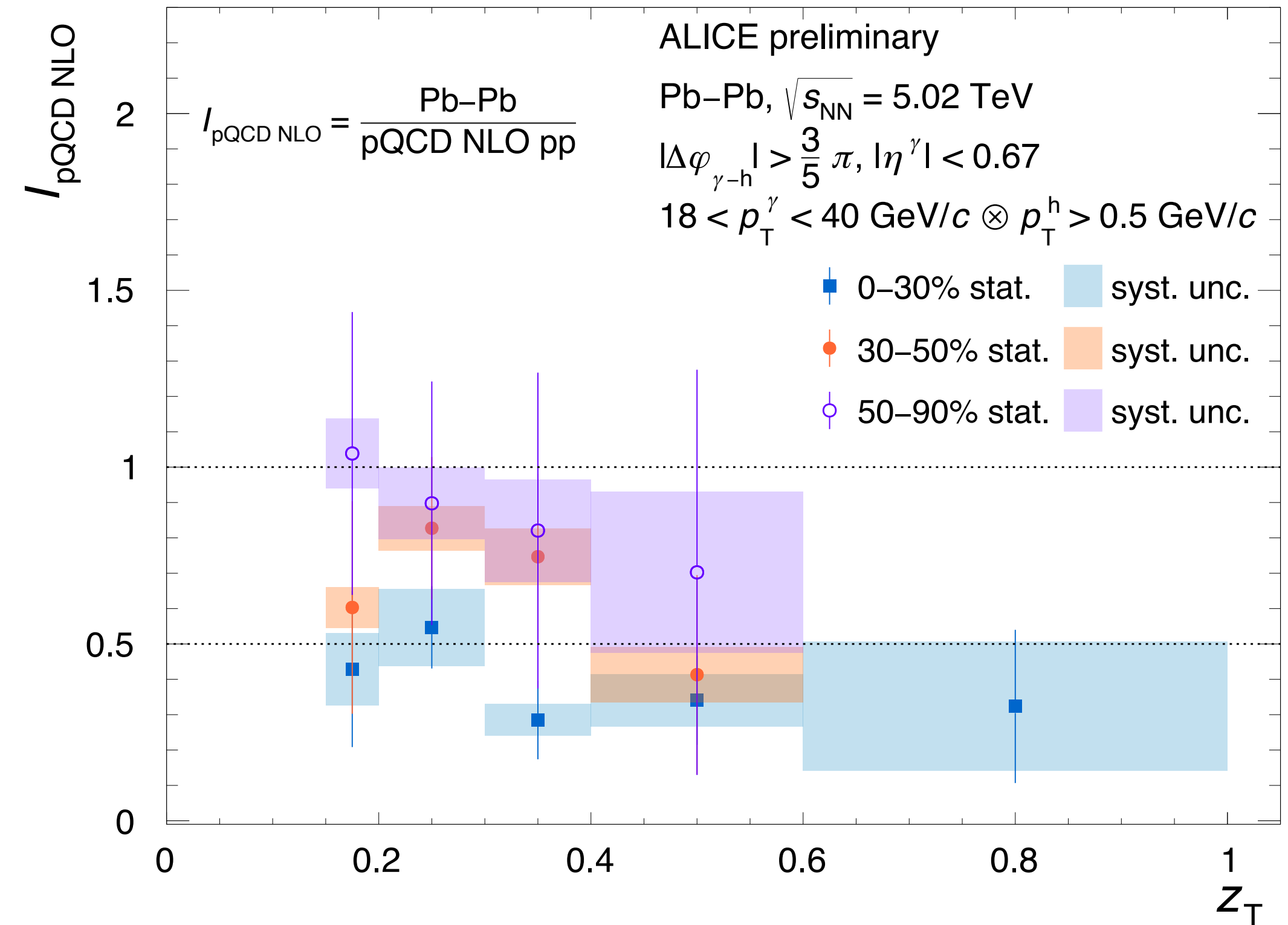
* Very statistically limited, challenging!

* z_T distribution significantly lower than pp NLO

pQCD in central

➤ FF modification: stronger for central compared to peripheral

* Results described by two models, model discrimination not possible yet



Expected improvement with Run 3 + Run 4 data samples, in particular γ -hadron correlations

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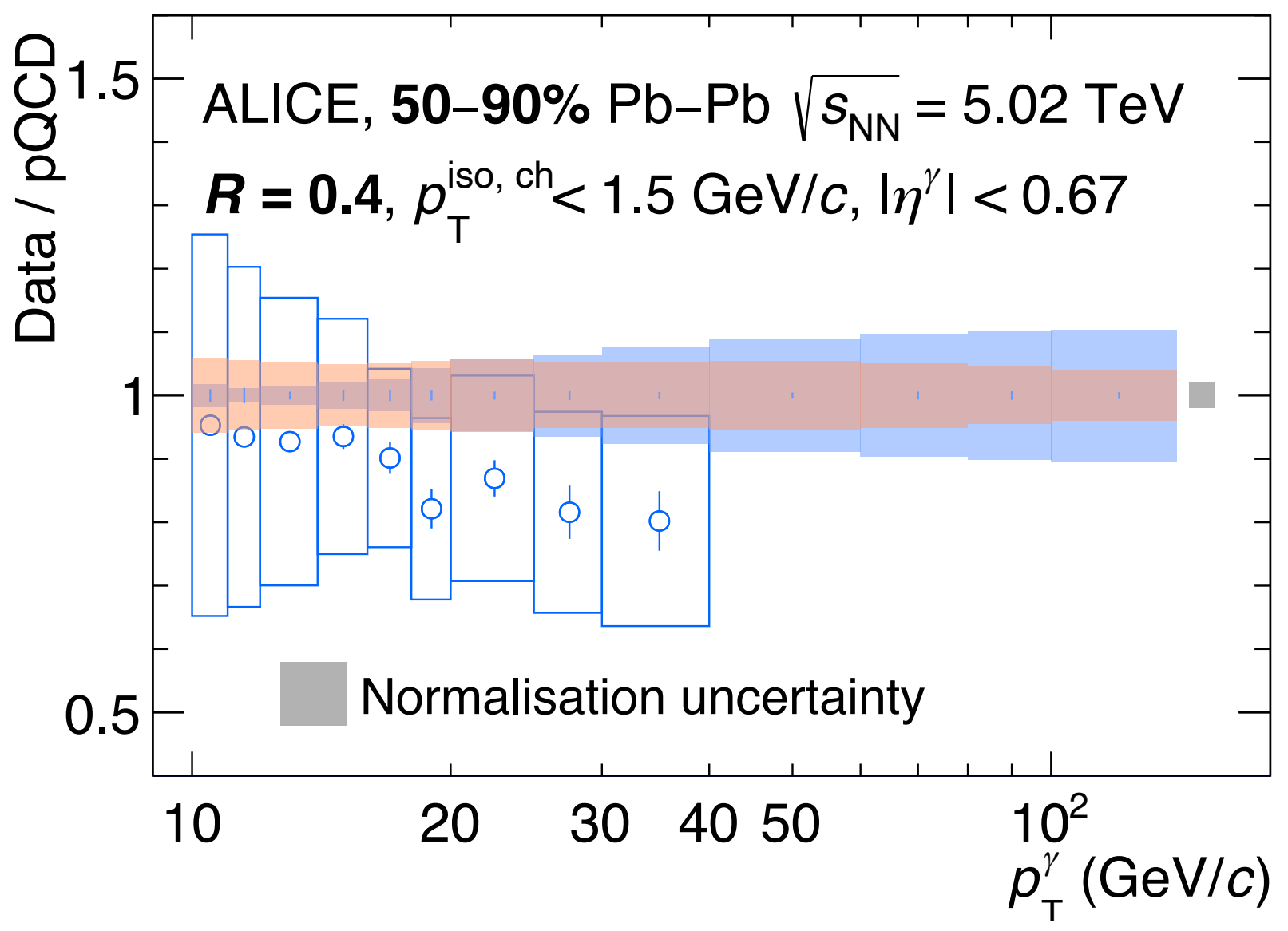
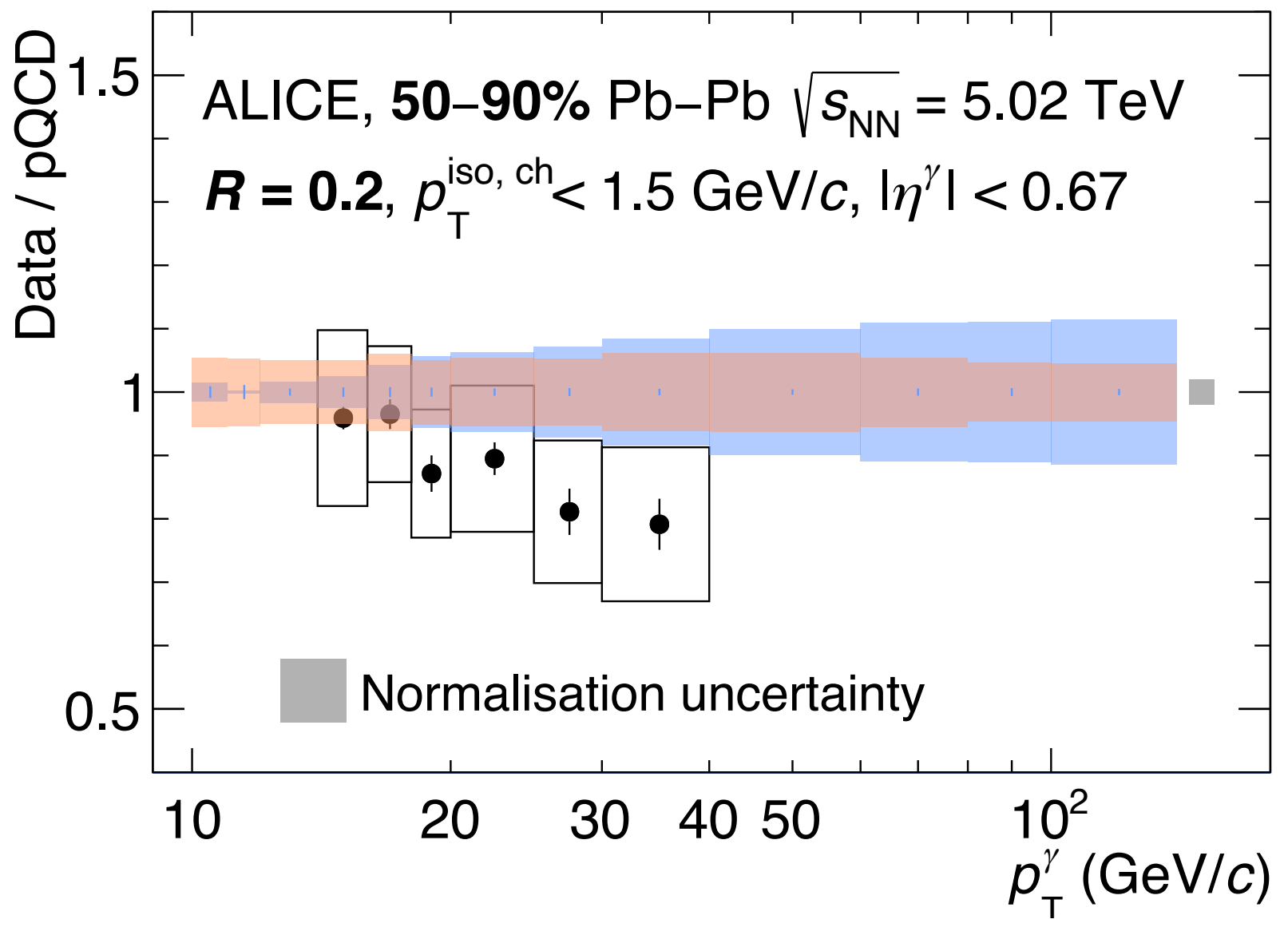
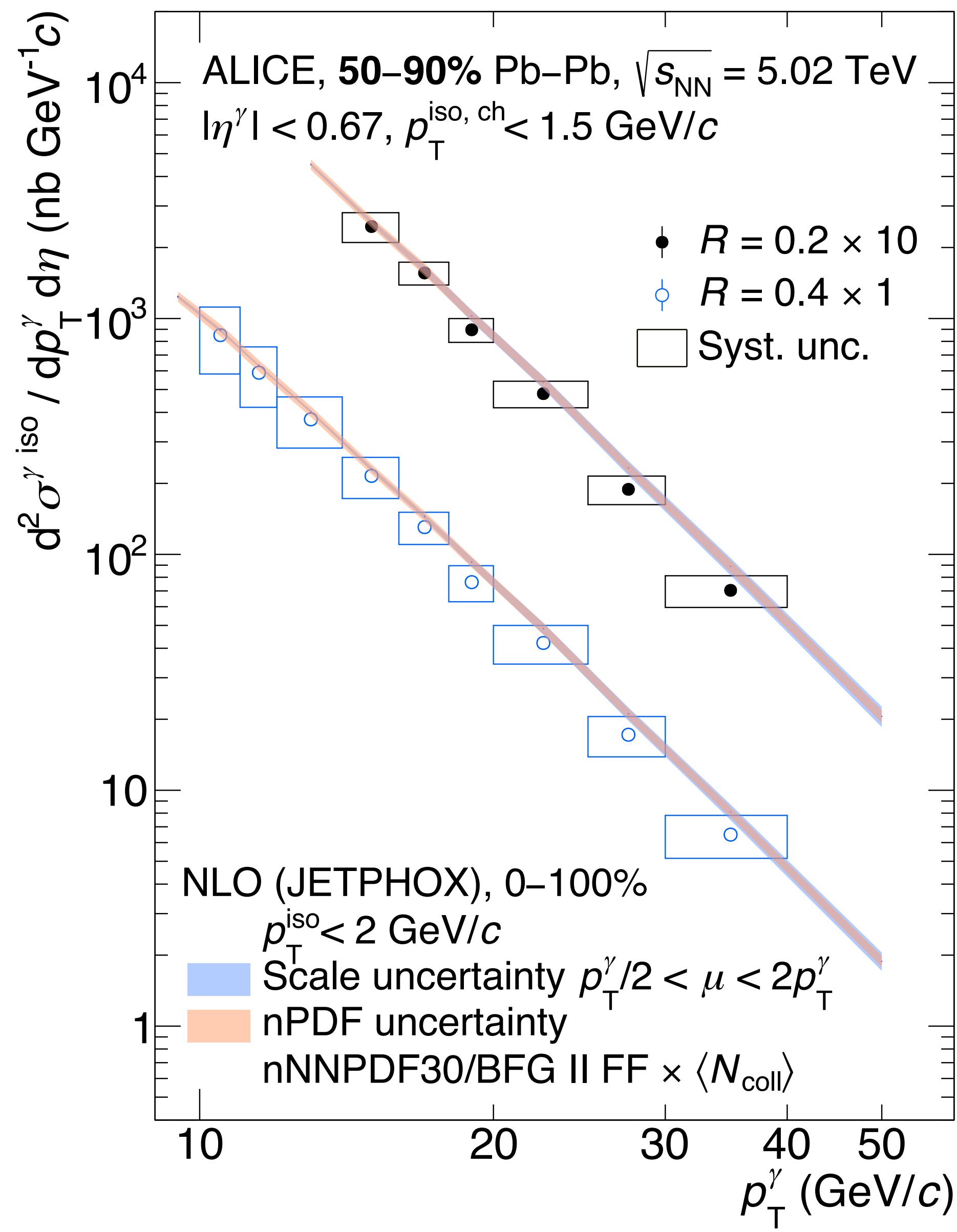
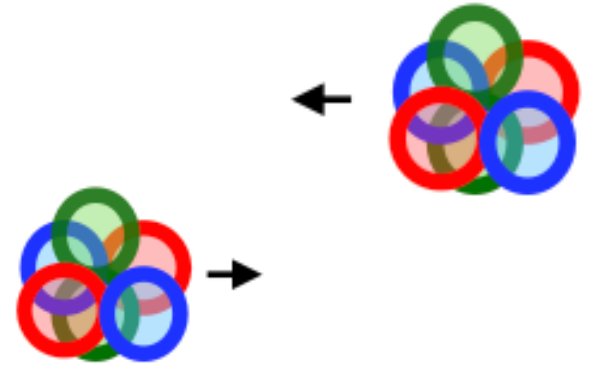
Table 1: Cluster reconstruction and selection criteria. Description and discussion can be found in Ref. [80].

Cluster seed threshold	$E_{\text{seed}} > 500 \text{ MeV}$
Cluster aggregation threshold	$E_{\text{agg}} > 100 \text{ MeV}$
Number of cells	$N_{\text{cell}} > 1$
N cells from highest E cell to SM border	$N_{\text{border}} > 1$
Cluster time - bunch crossing time	$ \Delta t_{\text{cluster}} < 20 \text{ ns}$
Abnormal signal removal	$F_+ = 1 - \frac{\sum_{\text{cell}} E_{\text{adjacent to highest } E}}{E_{\text{highest } E \text{ cell}}} < 0.95$
Charged particle veto (Pb–Pb only):	
when	$E_{\text{cluster}}/p^{\text{track}} < 1/7$
track–cluster η residual	$\Delta\eta^{\text{residual}} > 0.010 + (p_{\text{T}}^{\text{track}} + 4.07)^{-2.5}$
track–cluster ϕ residual	$\Delta\phi^{\text{residual}} > 0.015 + (p_{\text{T}}^{\text{track}} + 3.65)^{-2} \text{ rad}$
Acceptance:	
Top section	$81.2^\circ < \phi < 185.8^\circ \quad \eta < 0.67$
Bottom section	$261.2^\circ < \phi < 318.8^\circ \quad 0.25 < \eta < 0.67$

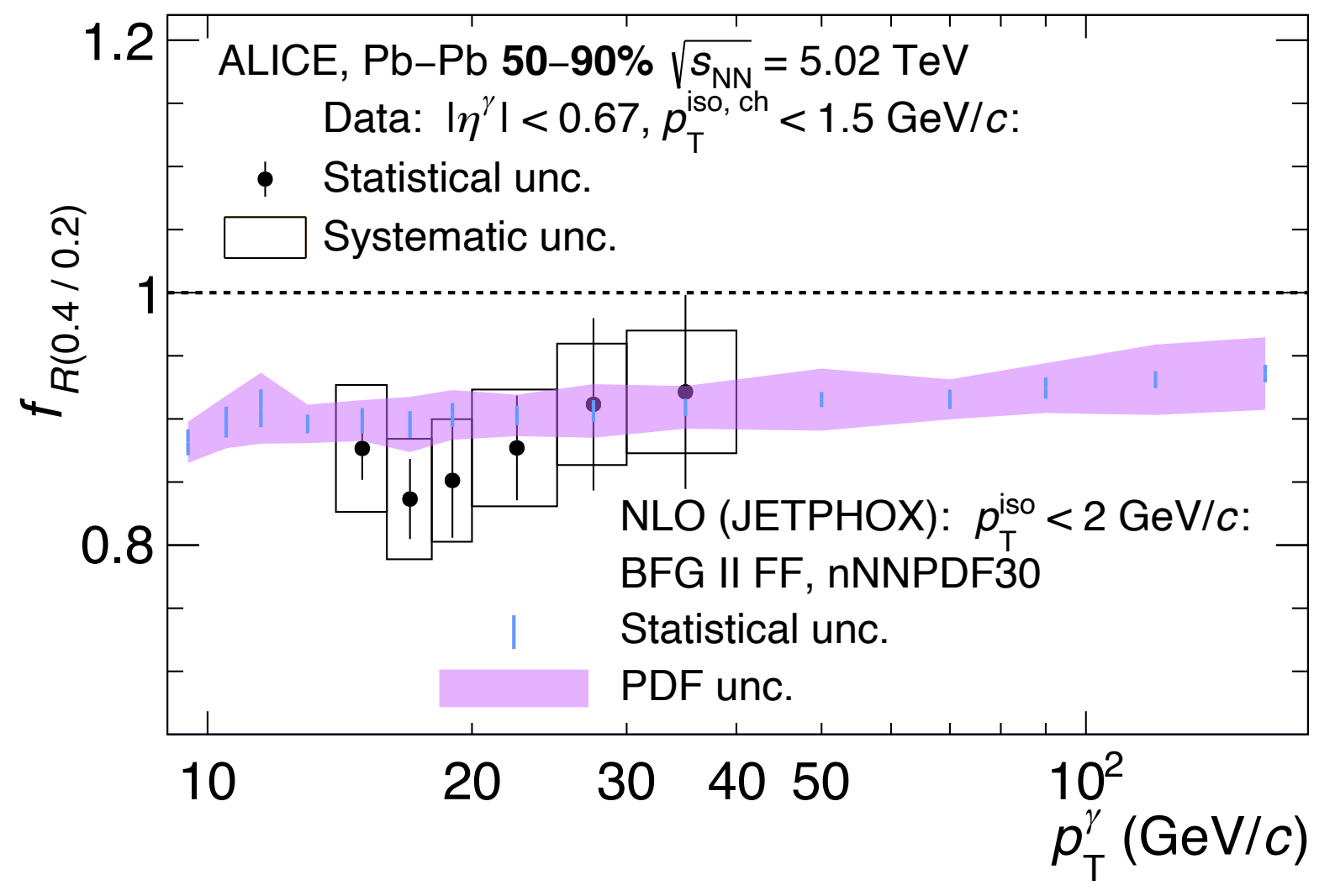
Table 2: Trigger $RF_{\epsilon_{\text{trig}}}^{\text{trig}}$ (Eq. (8)) fits to a constant in Fig. 9-right, $\mathcal{L}_{\text{NN}}^{\text{trig}}$, and $\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}^{\text{trig}}$ (Eq. (9)), for pp and Pb–Pb collisions per centrality class and per trigger inclusive cluster p_{T} range. The $\mathcal{L}_{\text{NN}}^{\text{trig}}$ uncertainty contains both the $\sigma_{\text{NN}}^{\text{col. system}}$ and rejection factor uncertainties. The integrated luminosity uncertainty includes in addition the $\langle N_{\text{coll}} \rangle$ uncertainty.

Trigger	System	p_{T} (GeV/c)	$RF_{\epsilon_{\text{trig}}}^{\text{trig}}$	$\mathcal{L}_{\text{NN}}^{\text{trig}}$ (nb ⁻¹)	$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}^{\text{trig}}$ (nb ⁻¹)
L1- γ	pp	$p_{\text{T}} > 11$	997 ± 10	265 ± 7	265 ± 7
Pb–Pb:					
MB	0–10%	$p_{\text{T}} < 12$		1.189 ± 0.011	1869 ± 26
MB	10–30%	$p_{\text{T}} < 12$		0.522 ± 0.005	409 ± 5
MB	30–50%	$p_{\text{T}} < 12$		1.163 ± 0.010	308 ± 5
MB+L1- γ -high	0–10%	$p_{\text{T}} > 12$	45.0 ± 0.2	2.50 ± 0.02	3936 ± 55
MB+L1- γ -high	10–30%	$p_{\text{T}} > 12$	79.2 ± 0.4	4.90 ± 0.05	3834 ± 51
MB+L1- γ -high	30–50%	$p_{\text{T}} > 12$	179.3 ± 1.5	5.01 ± 0.05	1325 ± 21
MB+L1- γ -low	50–70%	$p_{\text{T}} < 12$	72.2 ± 1.2	3.5 ± 0.5	230 ± 5
MB+L1- γ -low	70–90%	$p_{\text{T}} < 12$	315 ± 13	3.62 ± 0.11	39.5 ± 1.3
MB+L1- γ -high+low	50–70%	$p_{\text{T}} > 12$	98.2 ± 1.2	4.88 ± 0.07	322 ± 7
MB+L1- γ -high+low	70–90%	$p_{\text{T}} > 12$	410 ± 20	5.1 ± 0.2	55 ± 2

Pb-Pb 50-90%: cross section and ratios



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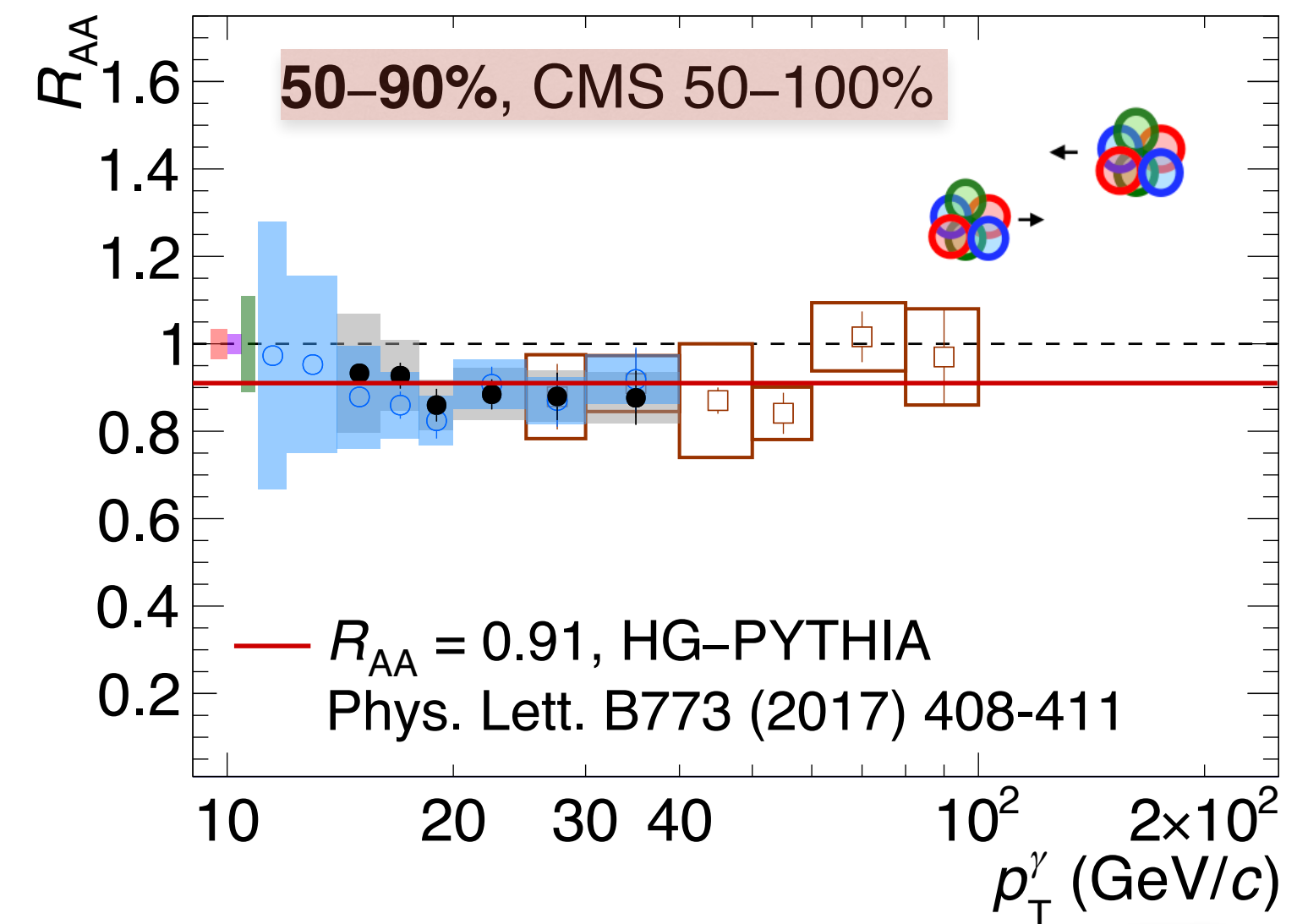
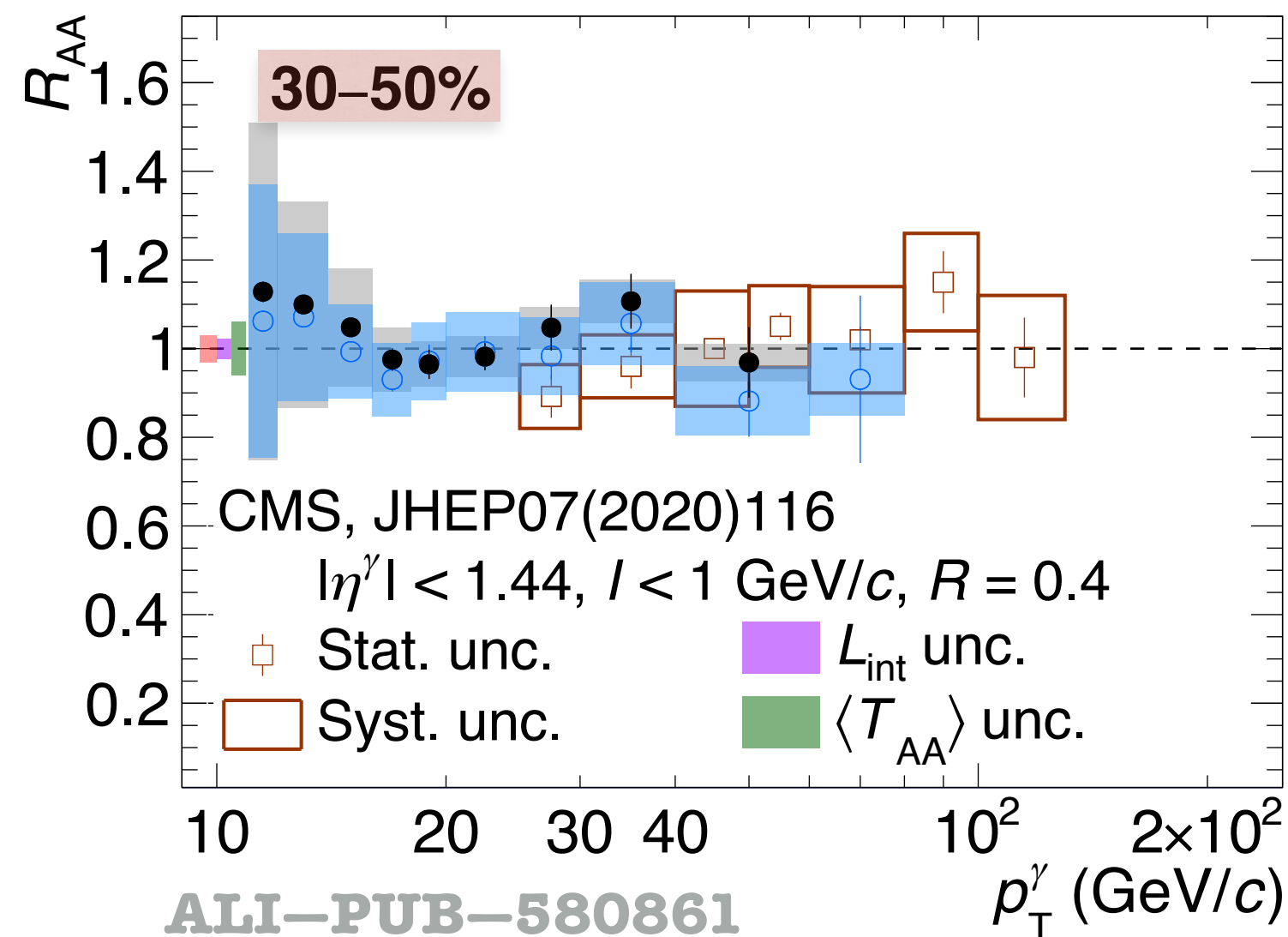
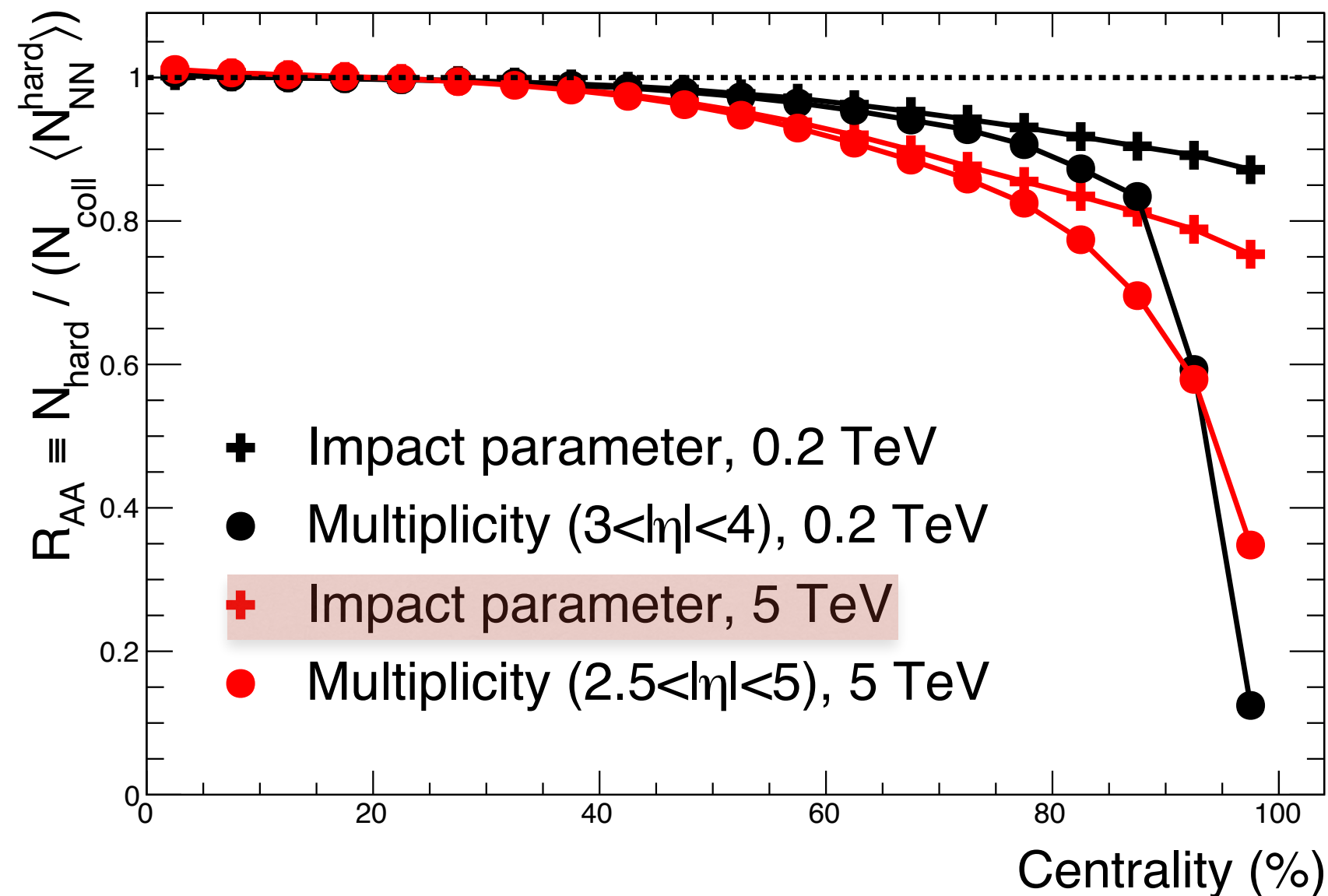
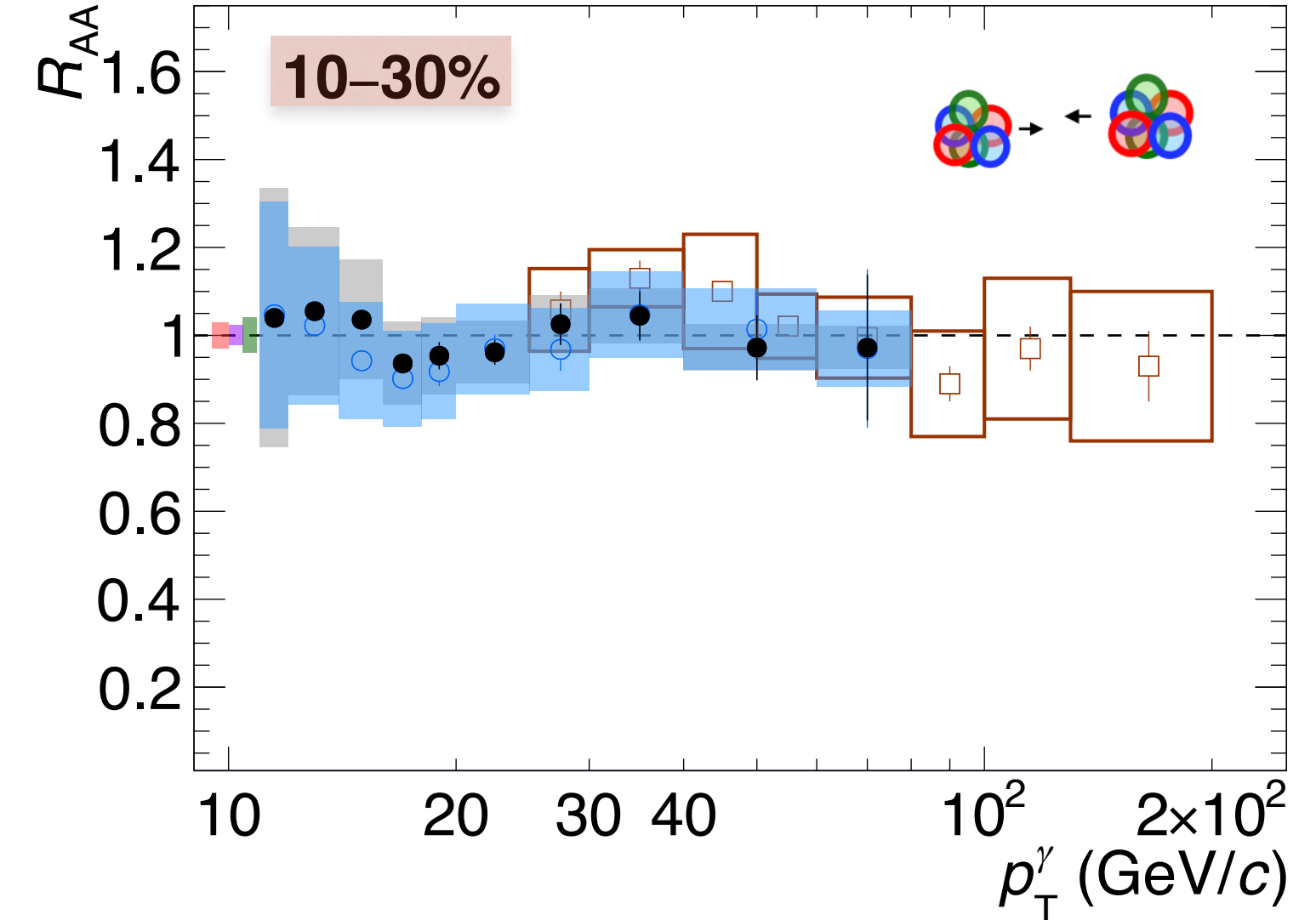
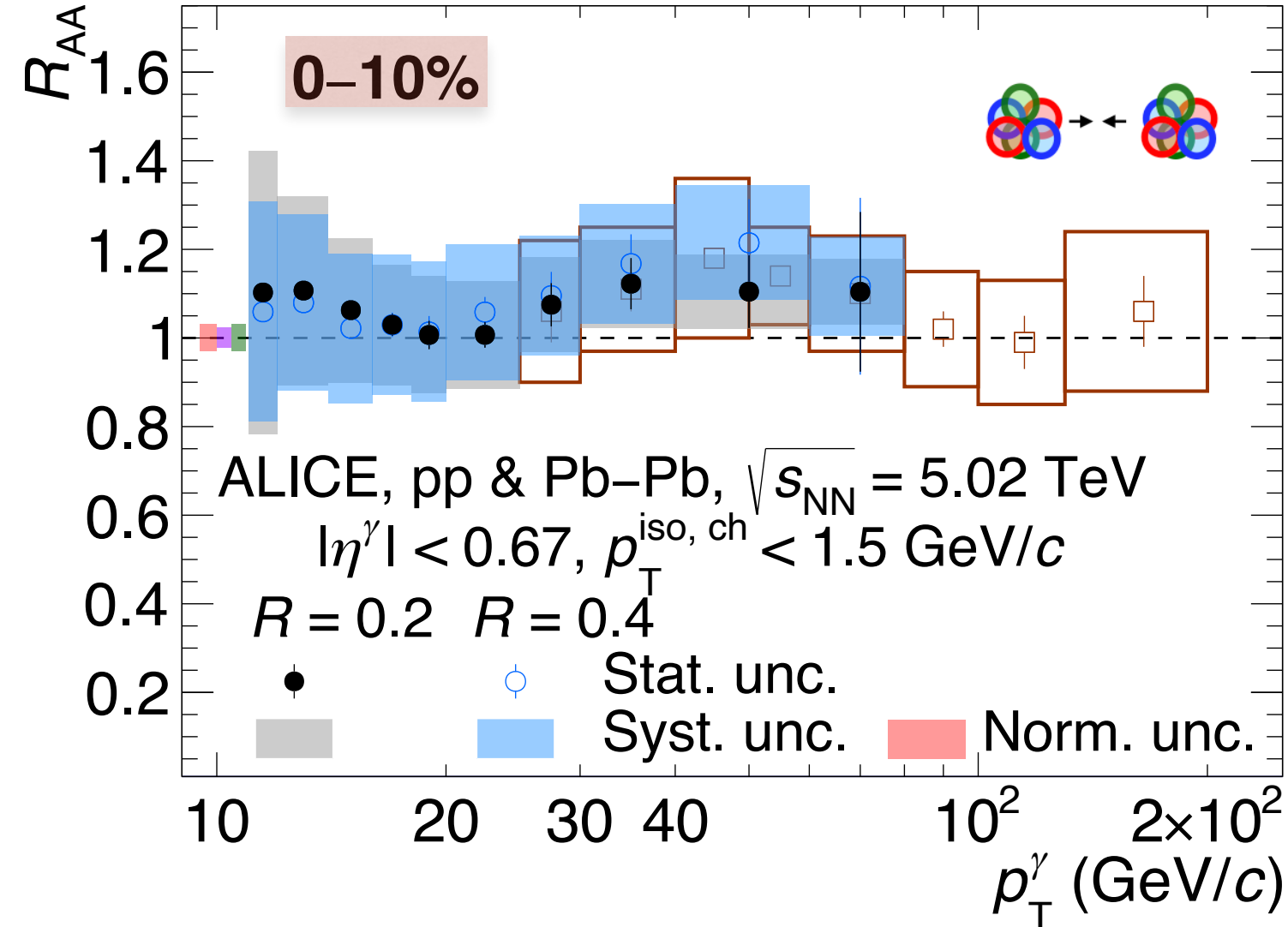
Nuclear modification factor R_{AA} , pp & Pb-Pb at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV

$$R_{AA} = \frac{1}{\langle N_{coll} \rangle} \frac{d^2\sigma_{AA} / (dp_T d\eta)}{d^2\sigma_{pp} / (dp_T d\eta)}$$

- **ALICE & CMS:** good agreement in the overlapping region $25 < p_T < 40-80$ GeV/c

50-90%

- ➔ Closer to 0.9 than 1 for both R likely due to centrality selection bias of Glauber model
- ➔ Model by C. Loizides & A. Morsch (Phys. Lett. B773 (2017) 408-411) yields a value at **0.91**
- ❖ In agreement within the uncertainties



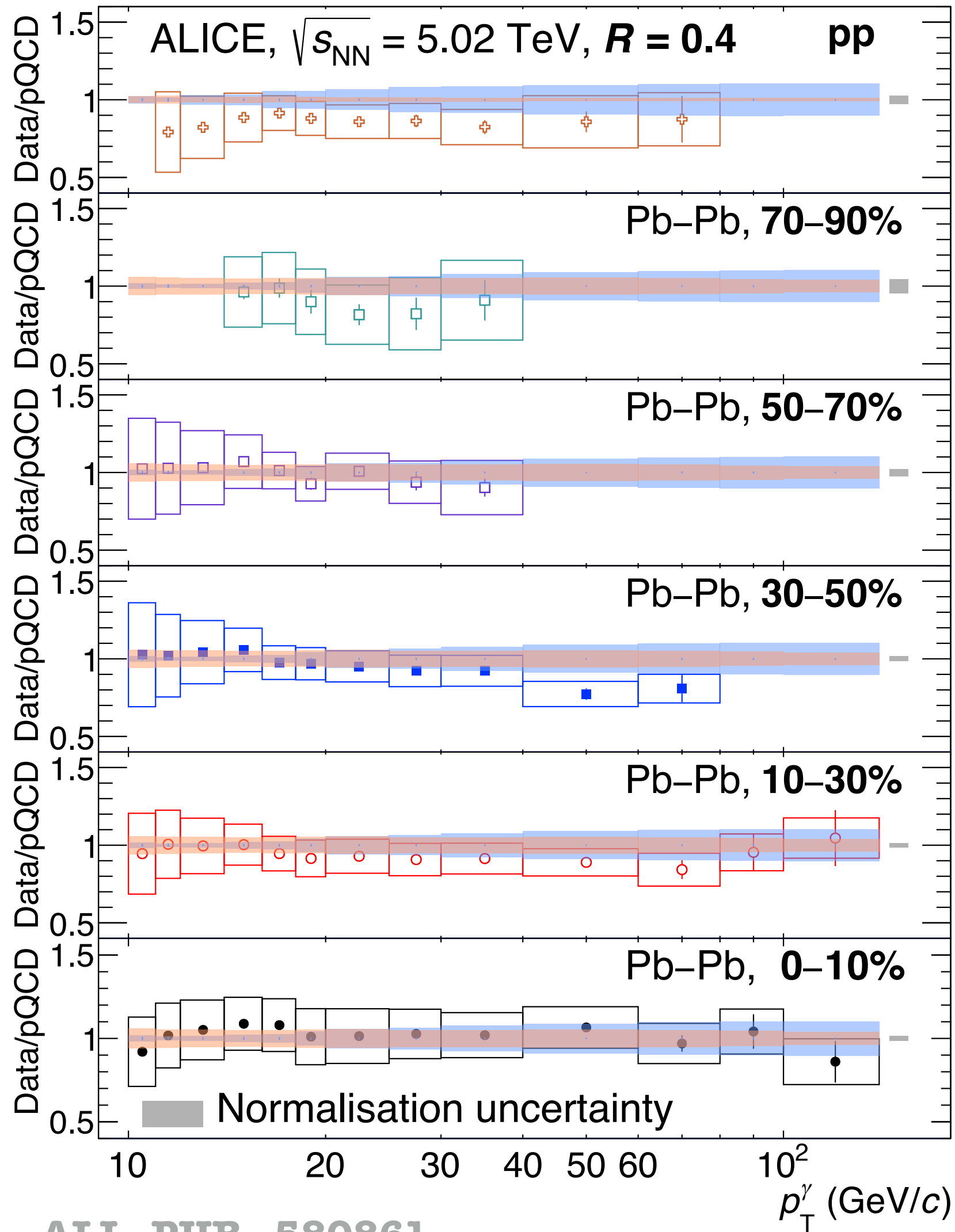
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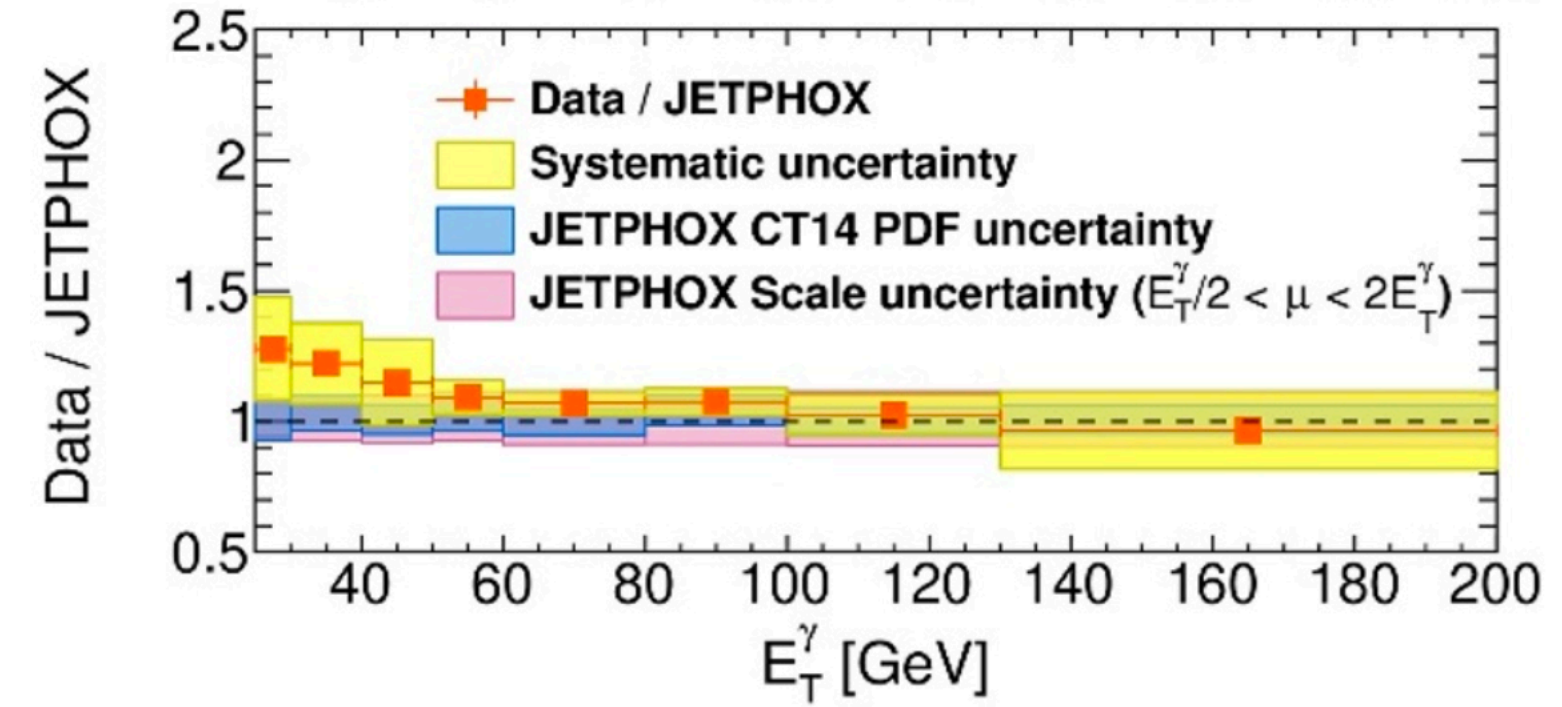


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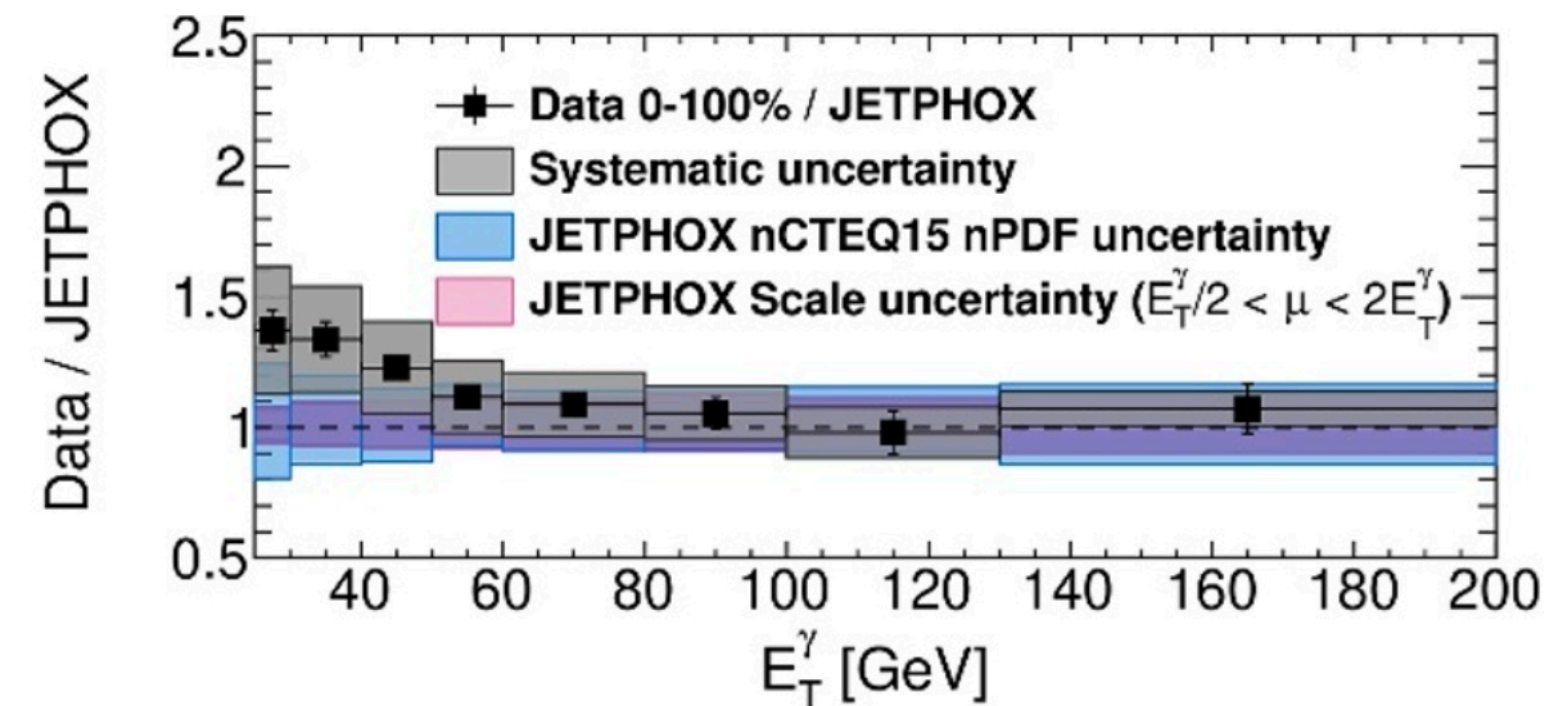
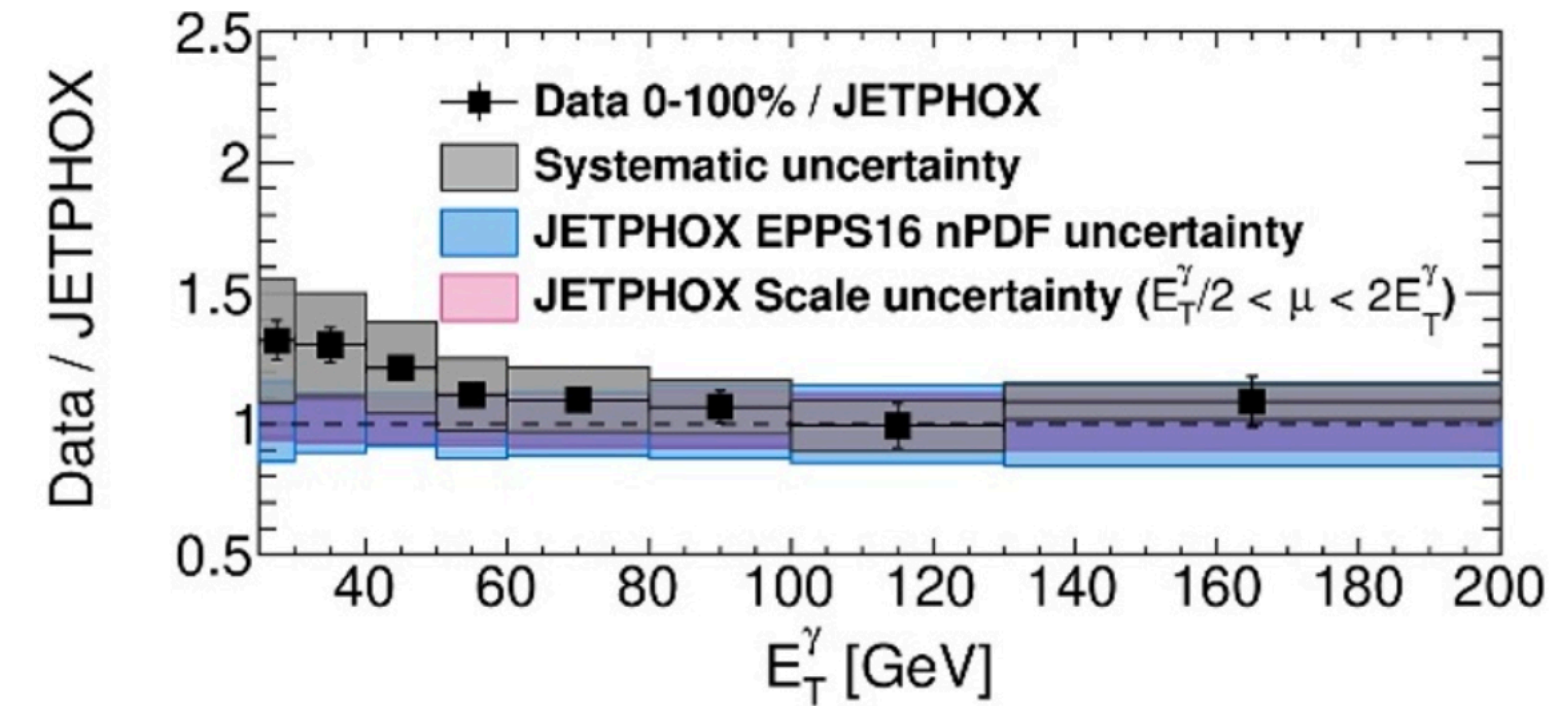
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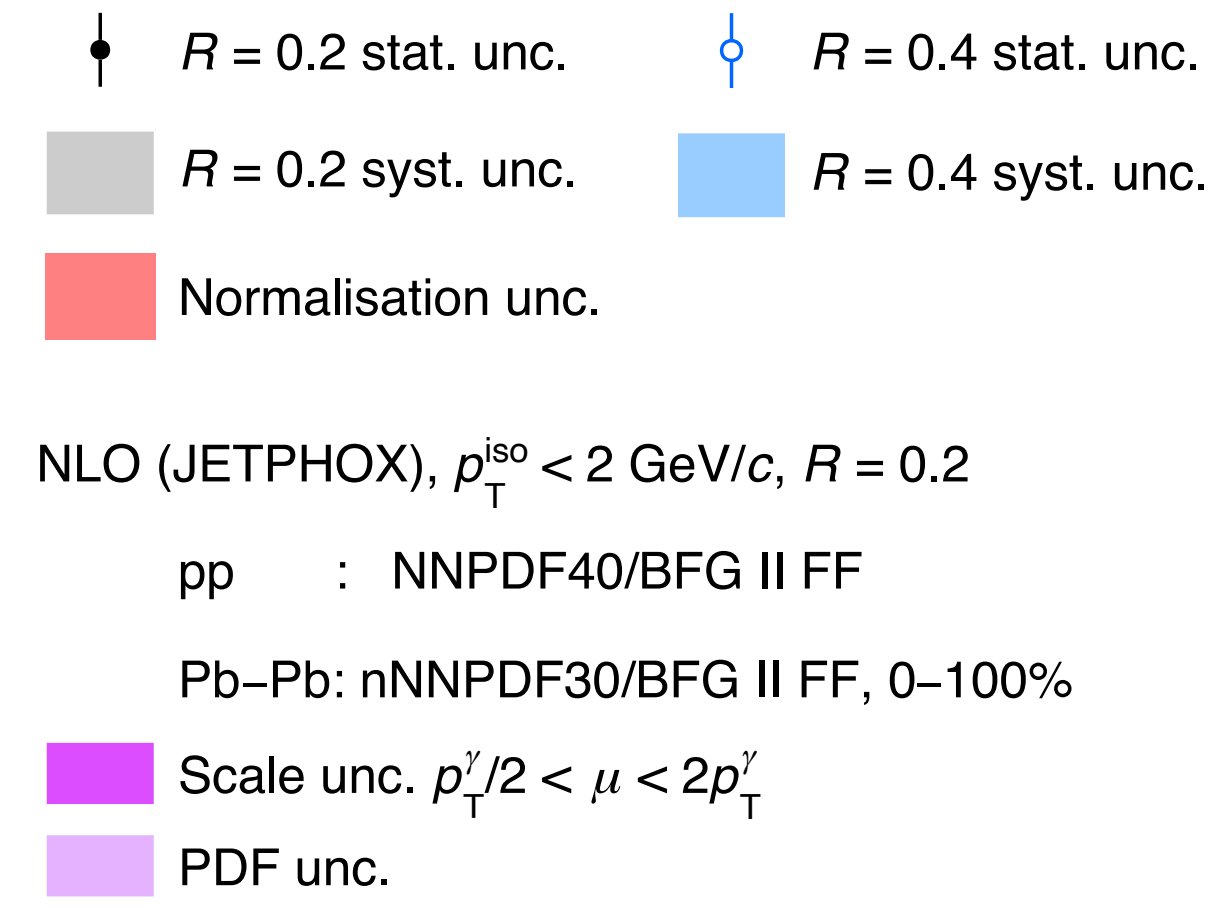
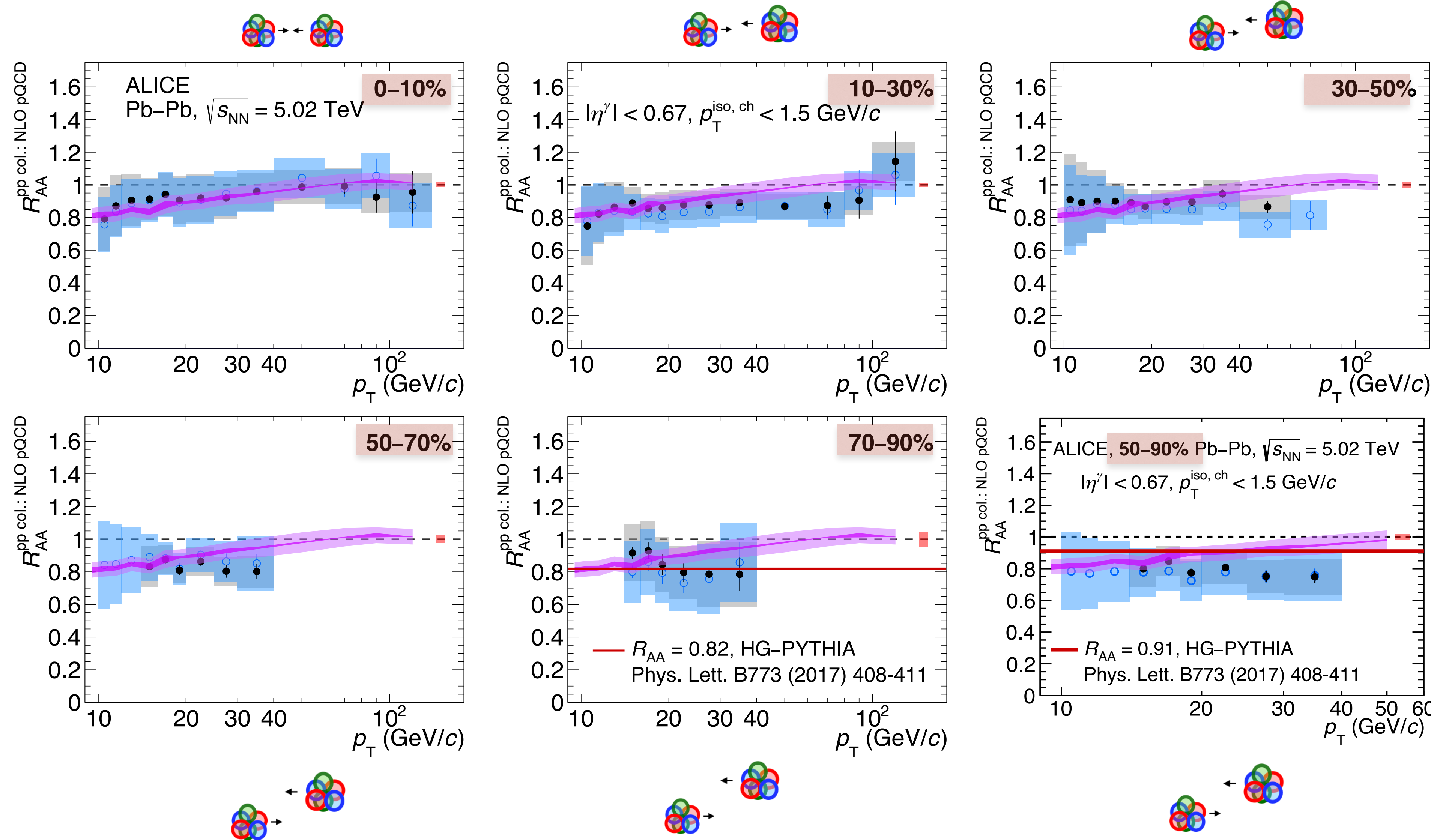
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Nuclear modification factor

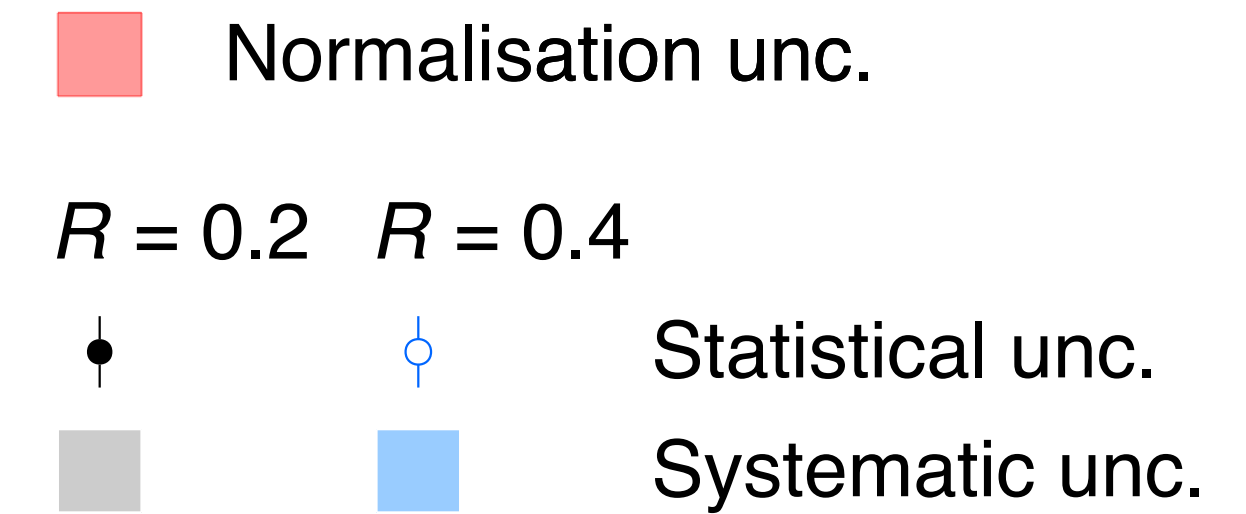
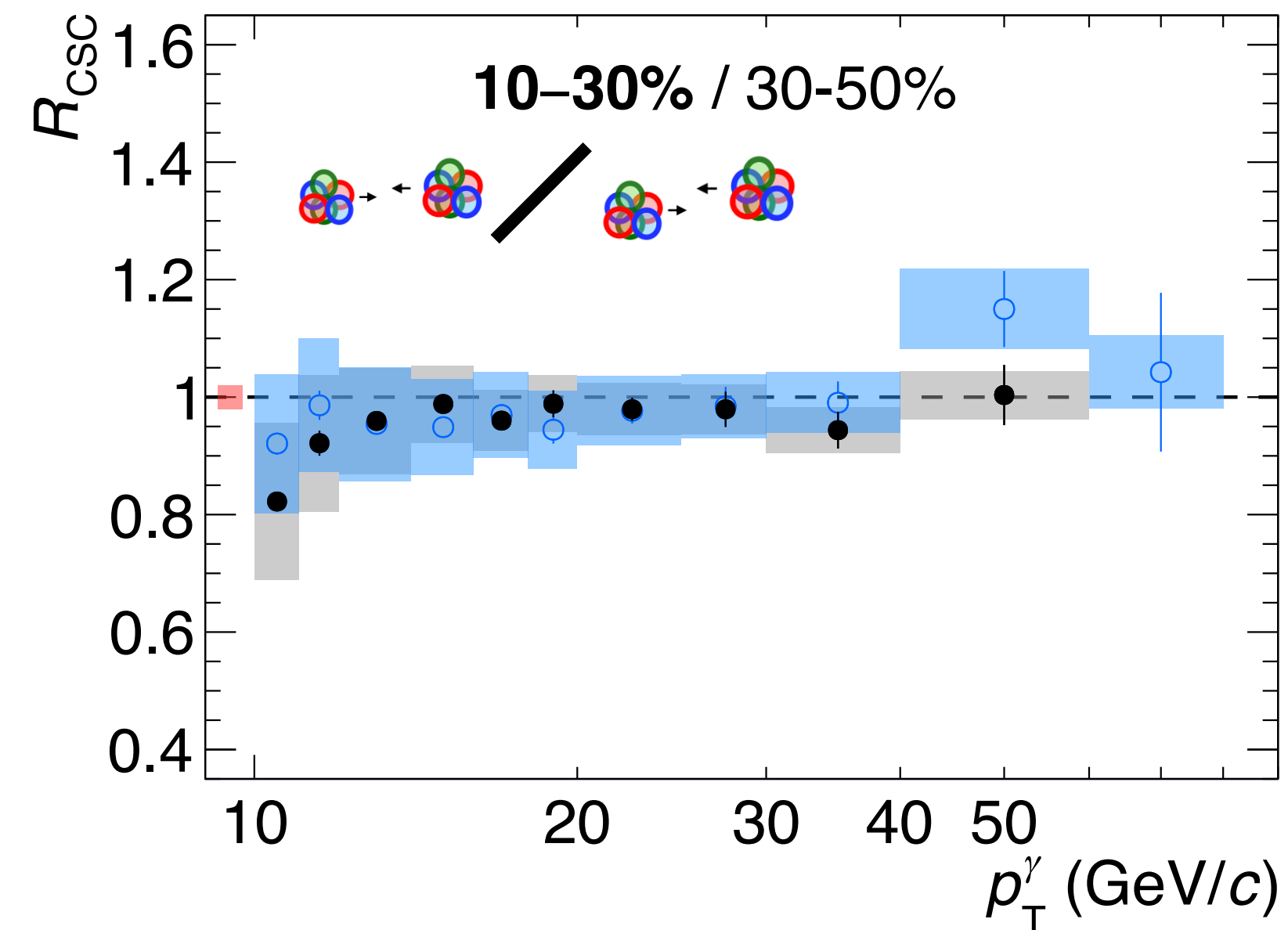
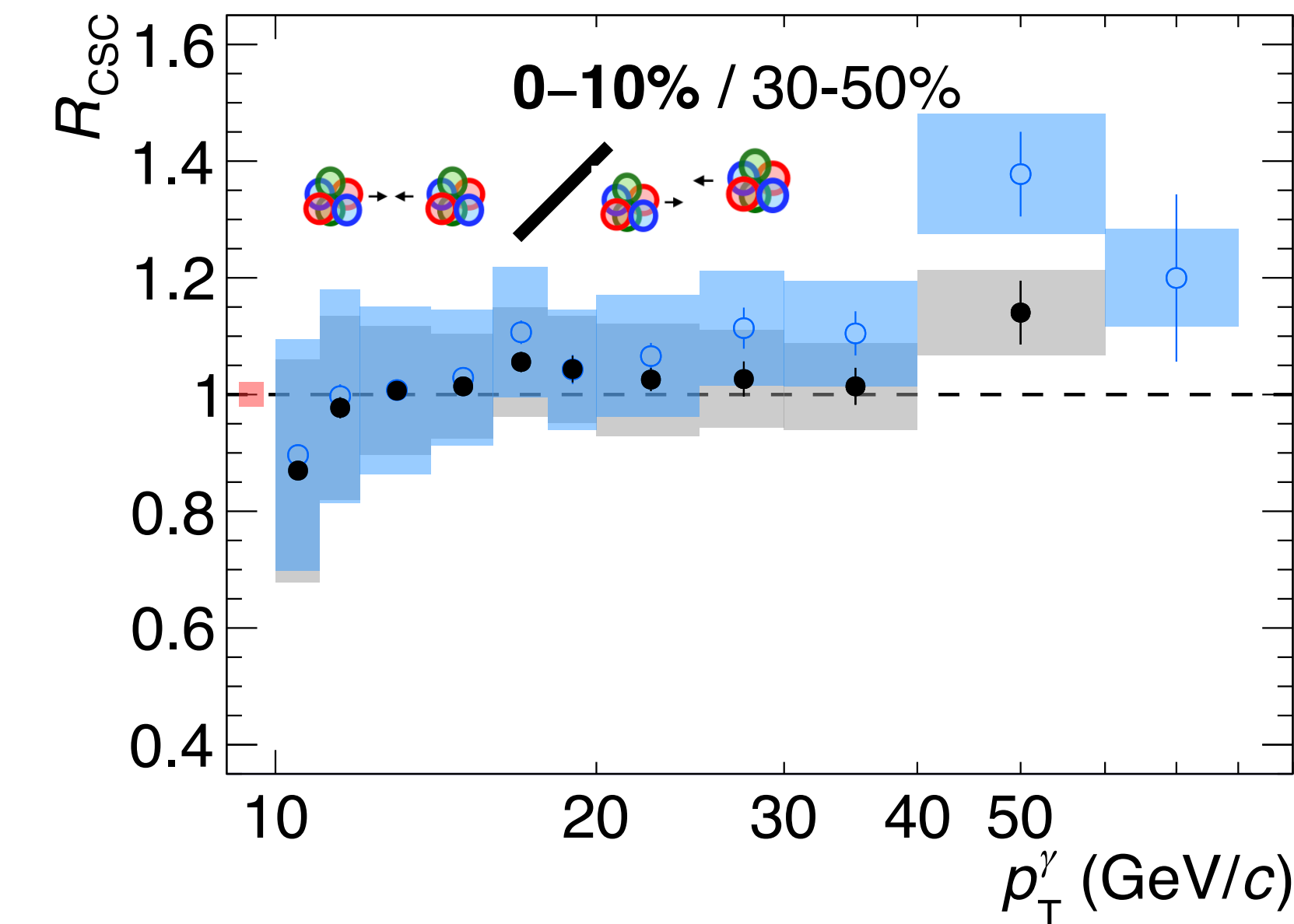
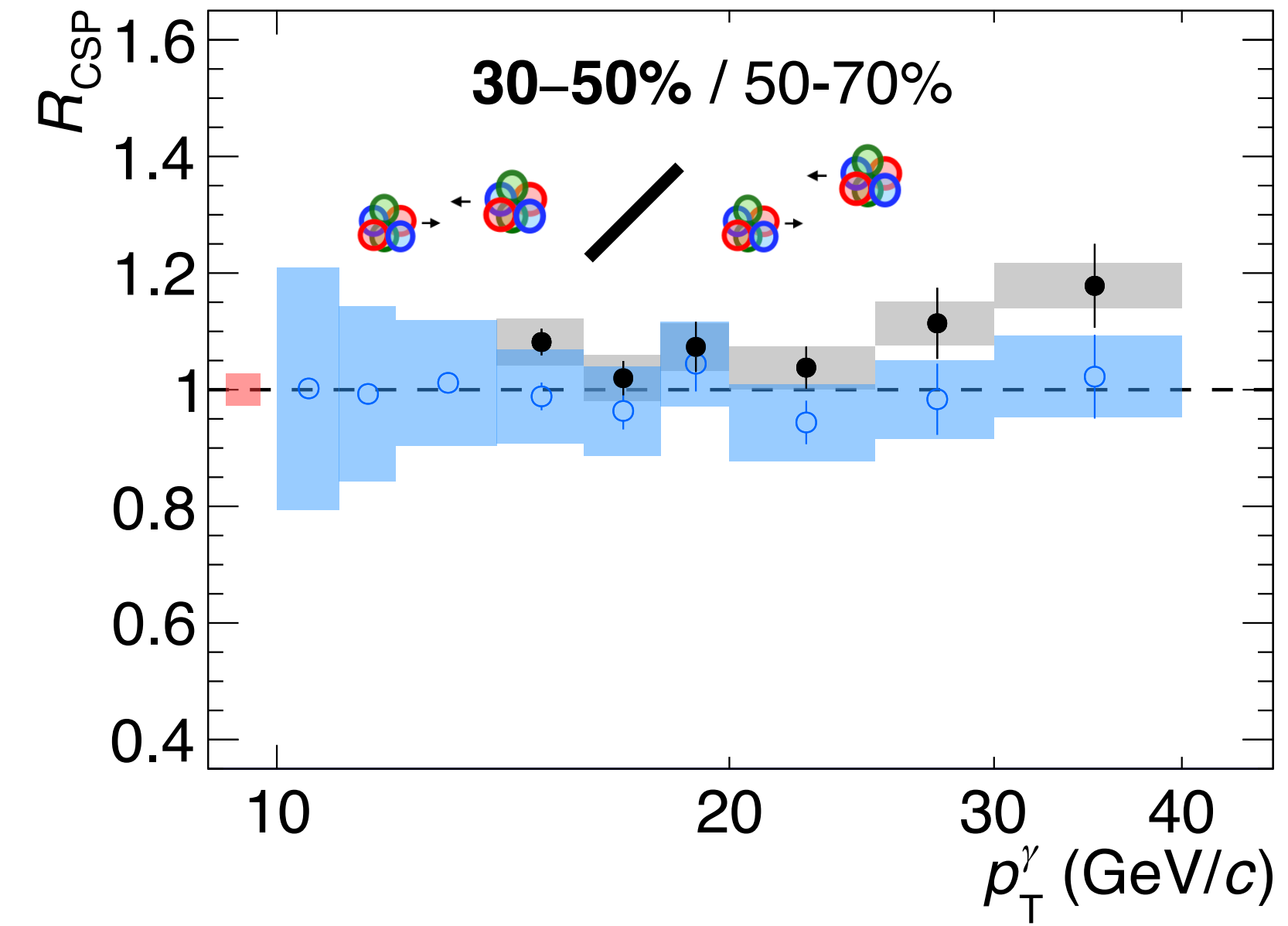
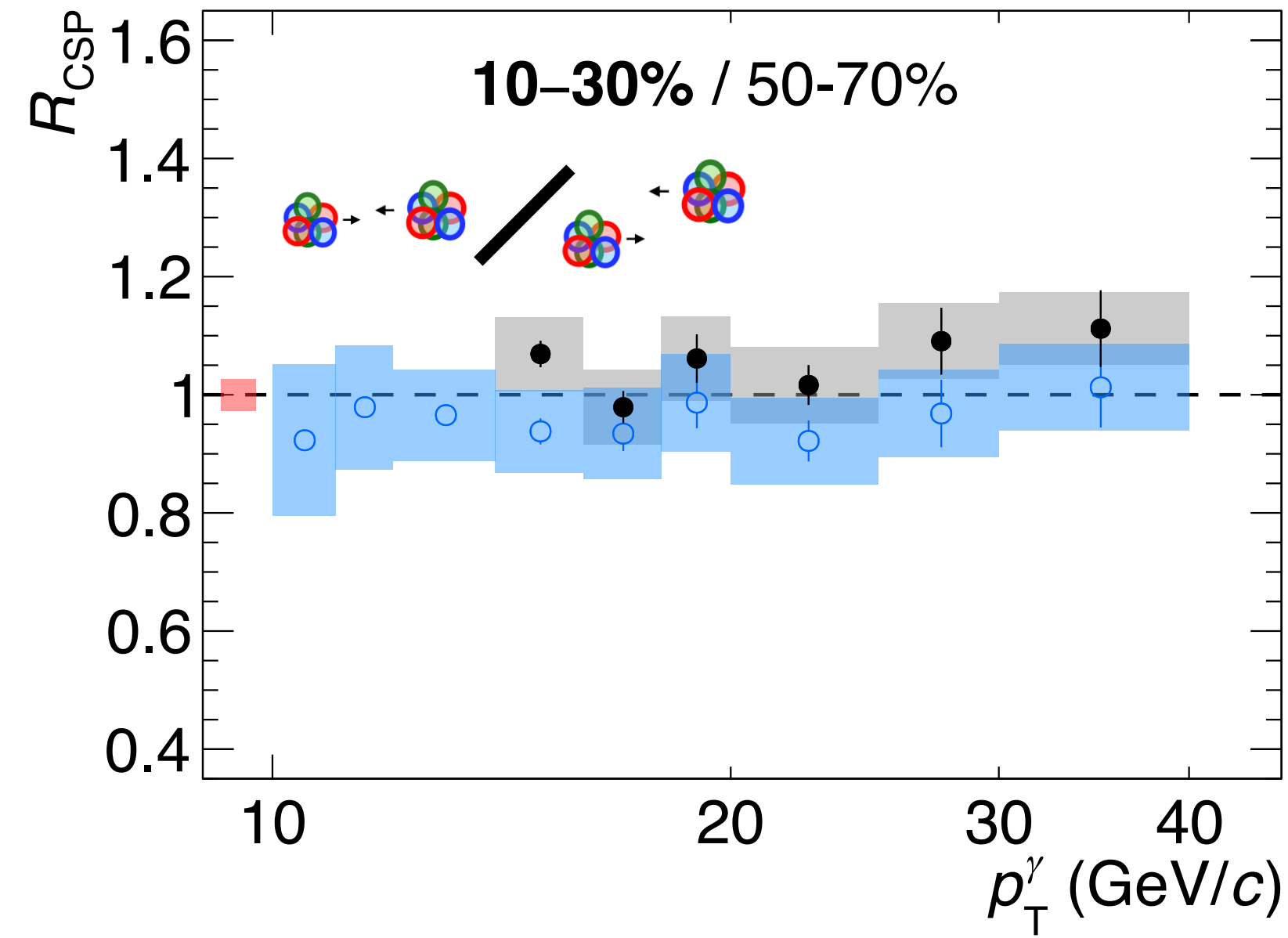
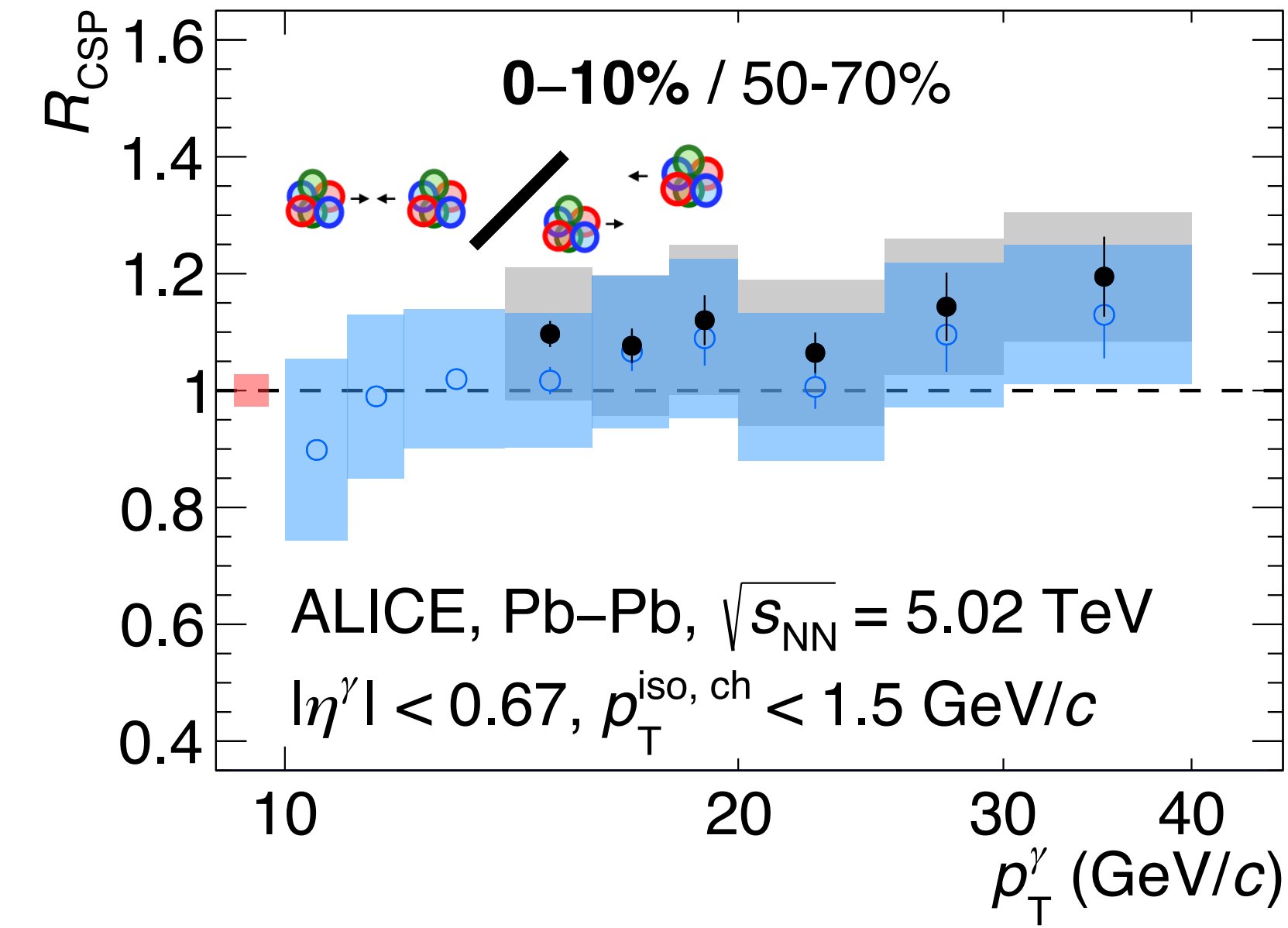
pp data denominator replaced by pp NLO pQCD

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Pb-Pb cross section ratios

$$R_{\text{CSP}} = \frac{\langle N_{\text{coll}} \rangle^{50-70\%}}{\langle N_{\text{coll}} \rangle^k} \frac{d^2 \sigma_{\text{Pb-Pb}}^{\gamma \text{ iso}} / (dp_T d\eta)|_k}{d^2 \sigma_{\text{Pb-Pb}}^{\gamma \text{ iso}} / (dp_T d\eta)|_{50-70\%}}, \quad R_{\text{CSC}} = \frac{\langle N_{\text{coll}} \rangle^{30-50\%}}{\langle N_{\text{coll}} \rangle^k} \frac{d^2 \sigma_{\text{Pb-Pb}}^{\gamma \text{ iso}} / (dp_T d\eta)|_k}{d^2 \sigma_{\text{Pb-Pb}}^{\gamma \text{ iso}} / (dp_T d\eta)|_{30-50\%}}$$

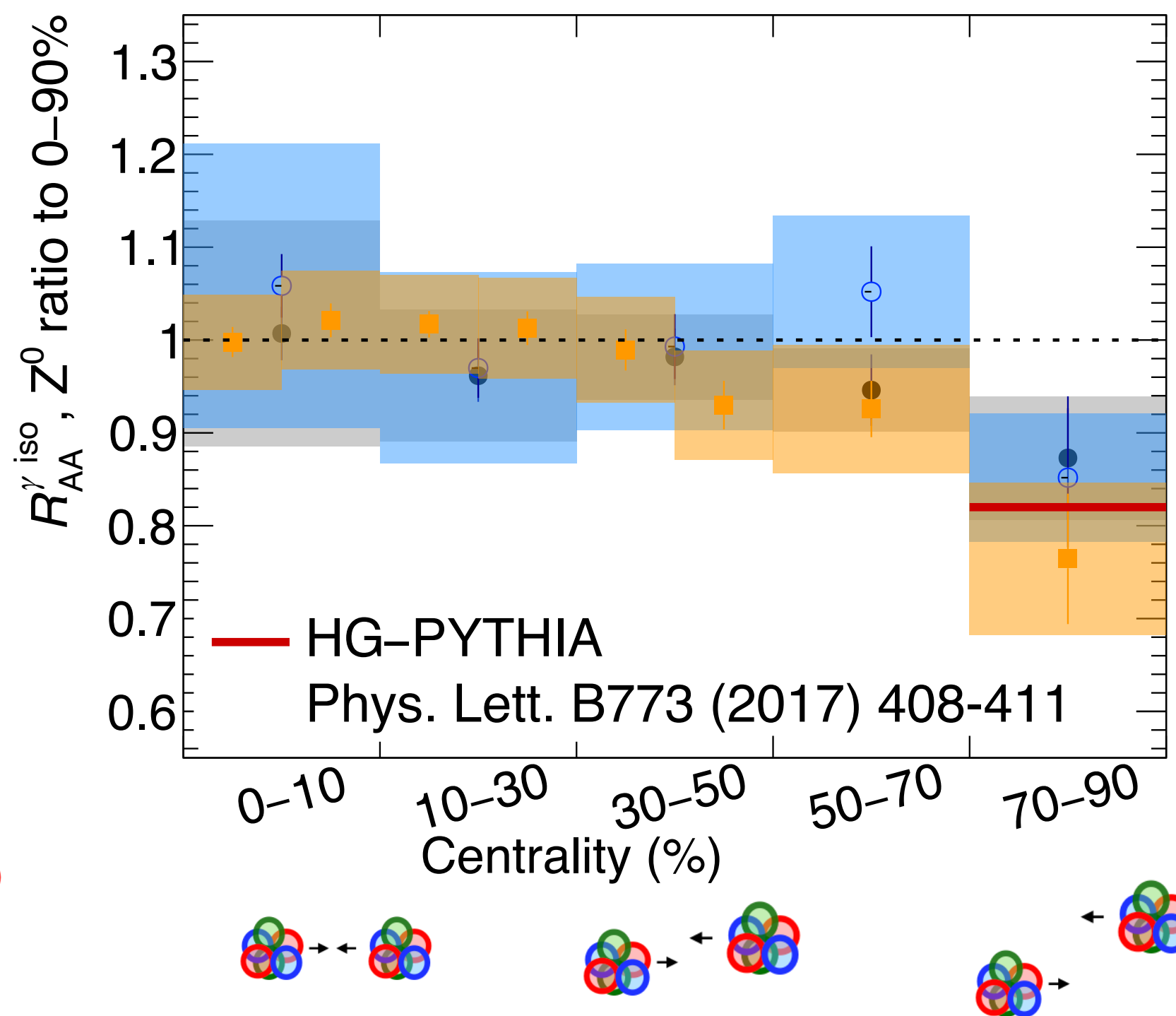
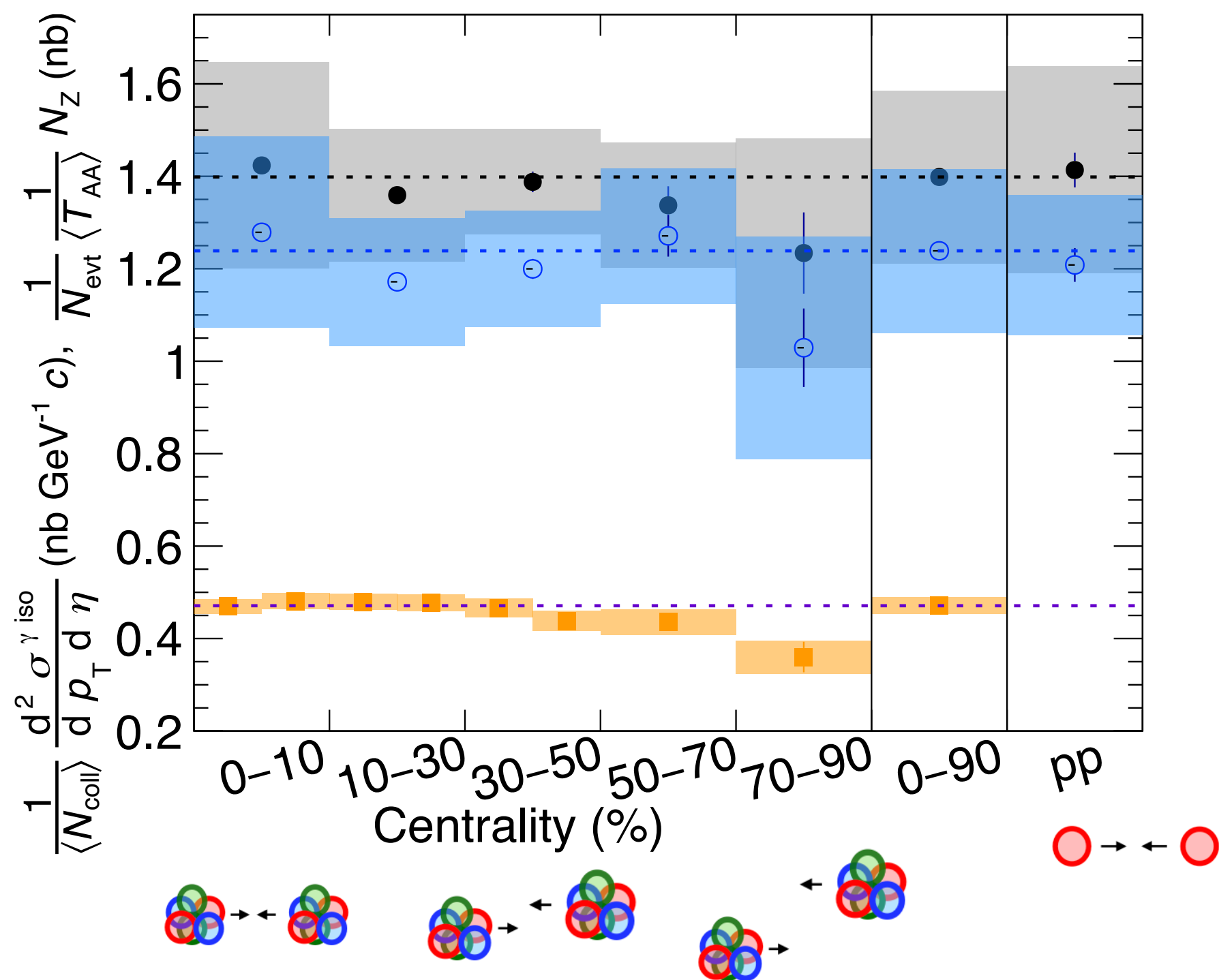


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Nuclear modification factor R_{AA} , pp & Pb-Pb at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV



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Pb-Pb & pp $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV

γ^{iso} ALICE

$20 < p_T^\gamma < 25$ GeV/c, $|\eta^\gamma| < 0.67$

$R = 0.2$ $R = 0.4$

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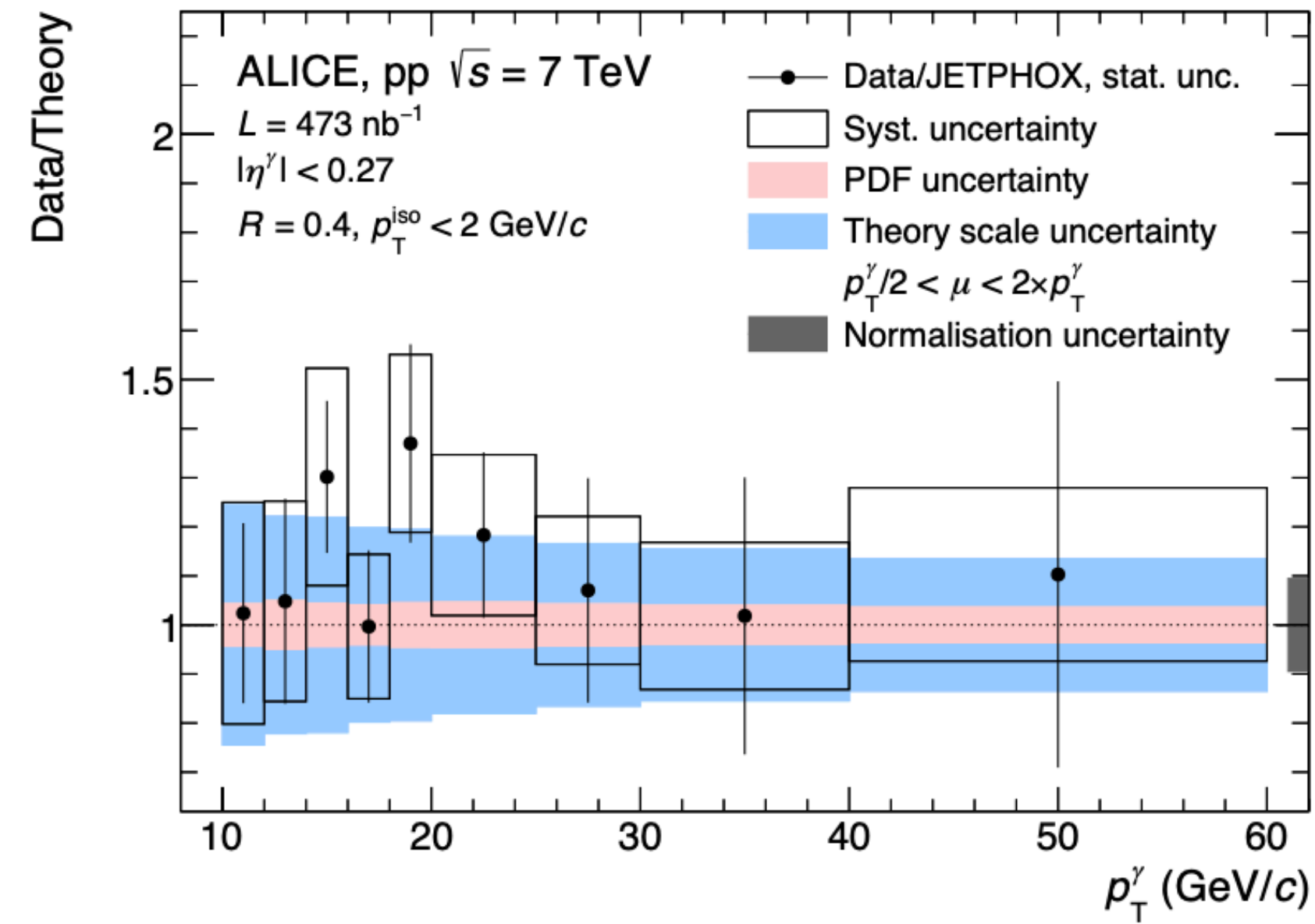
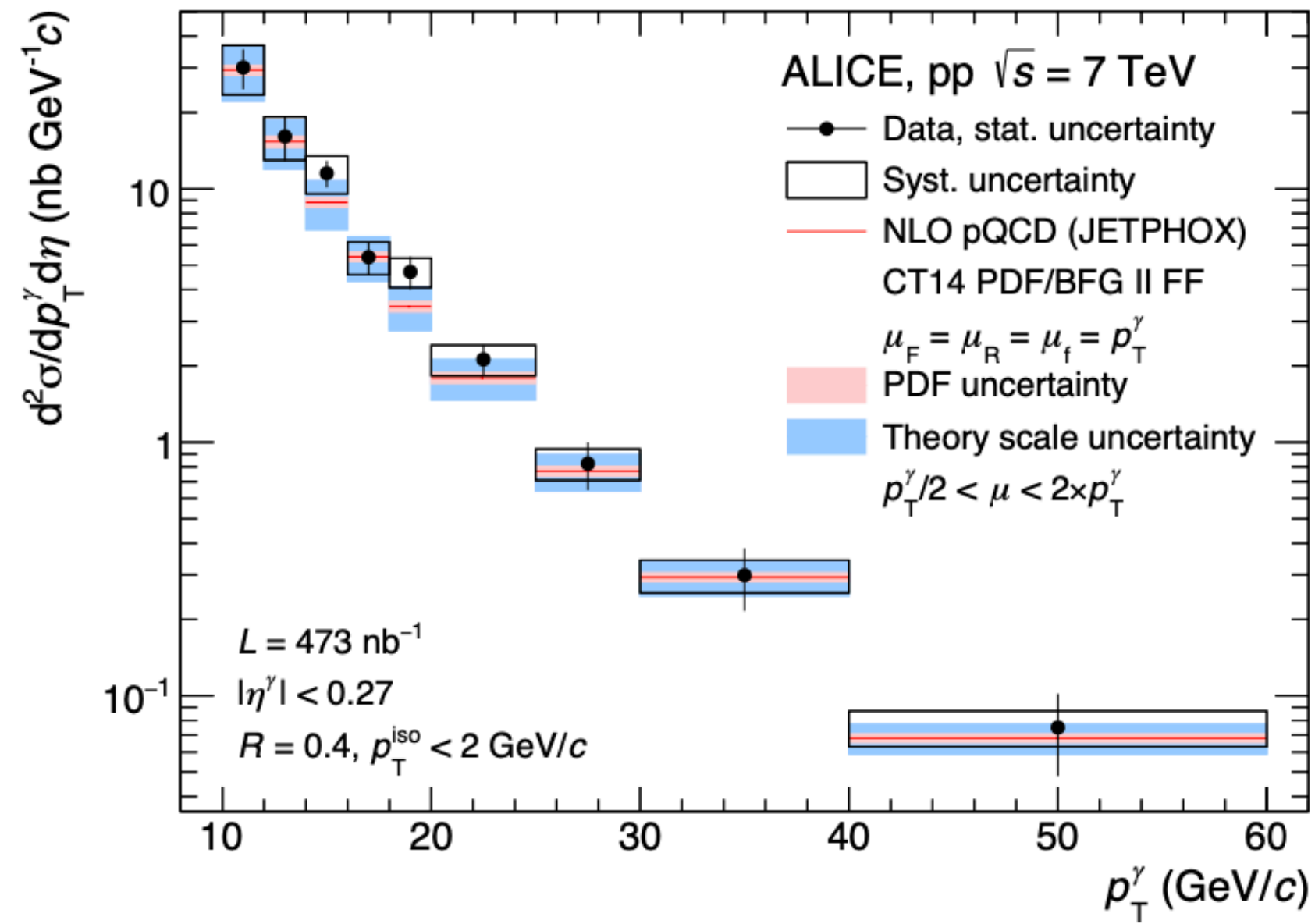
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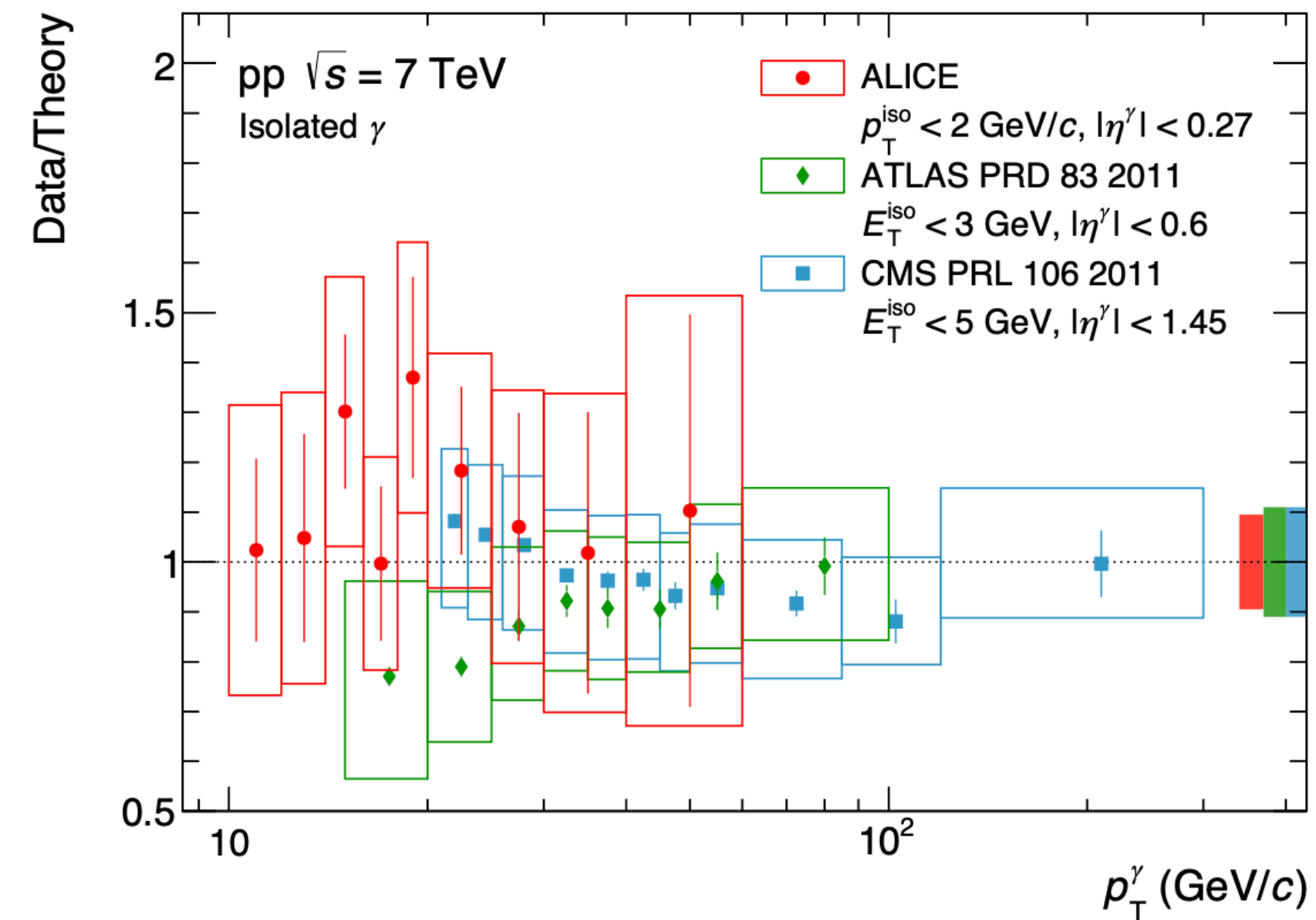
$60 < m_{||} < 120$ GeV/c², $|\eta^{Z^0}| < 2.1$

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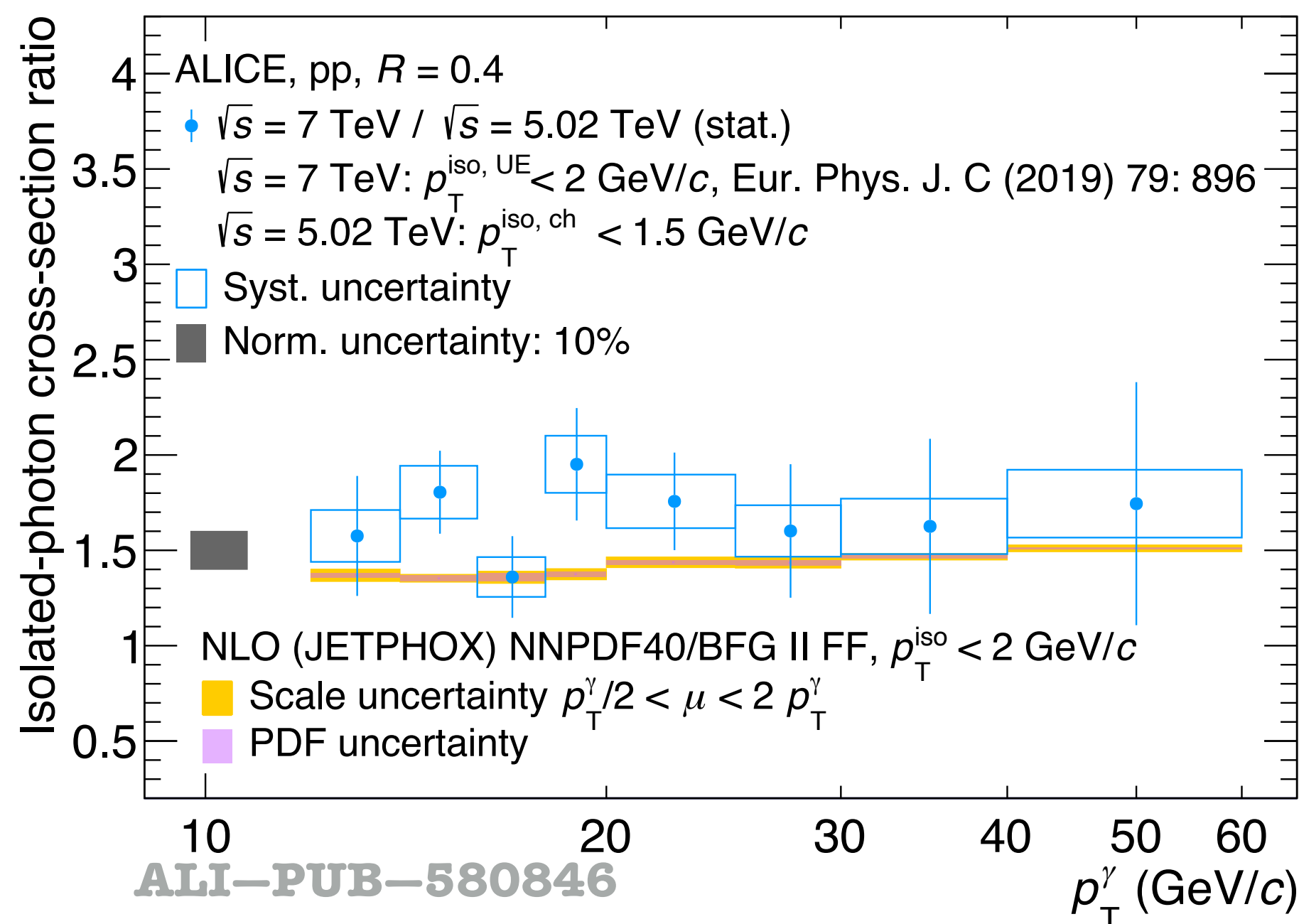
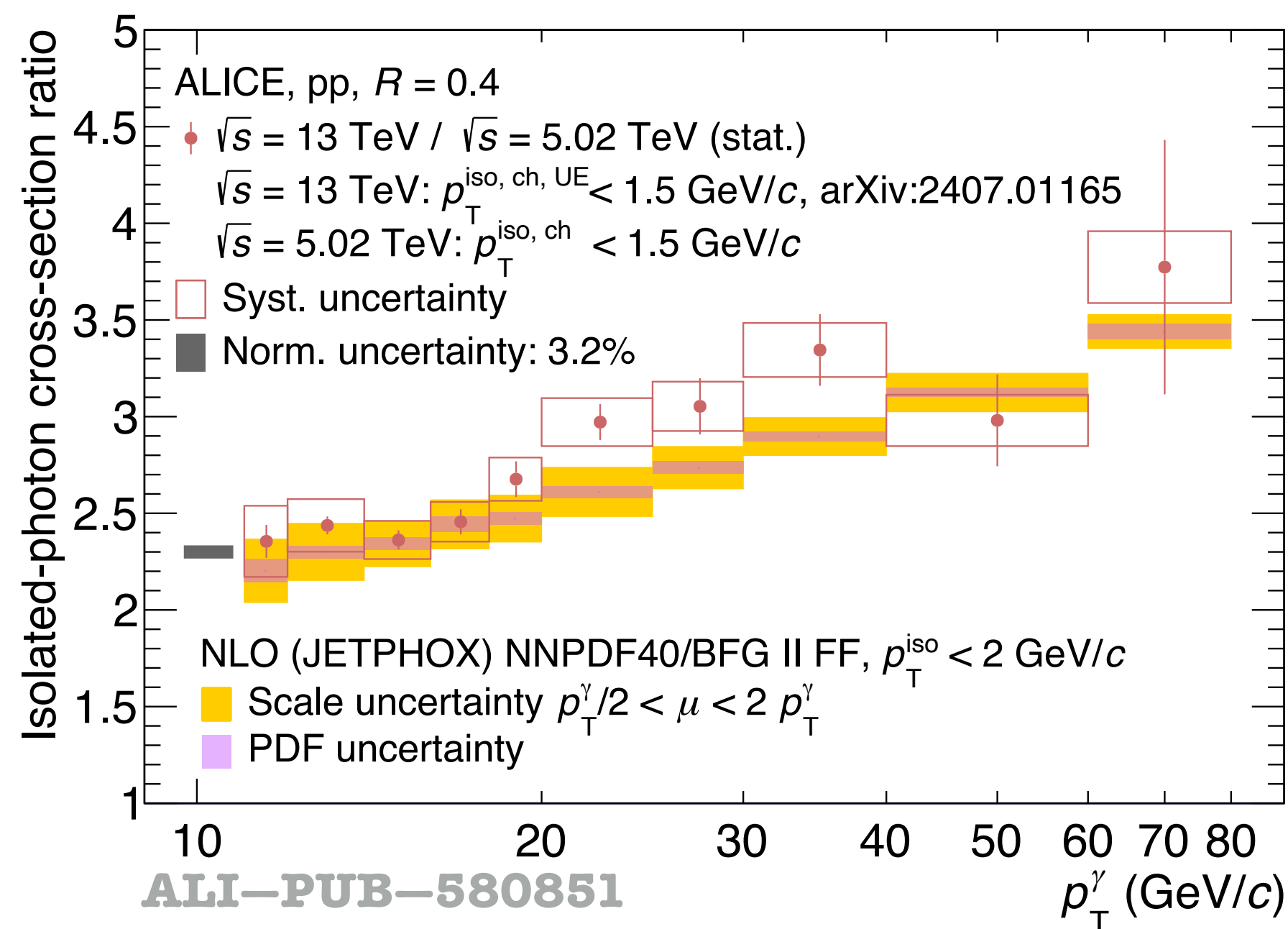
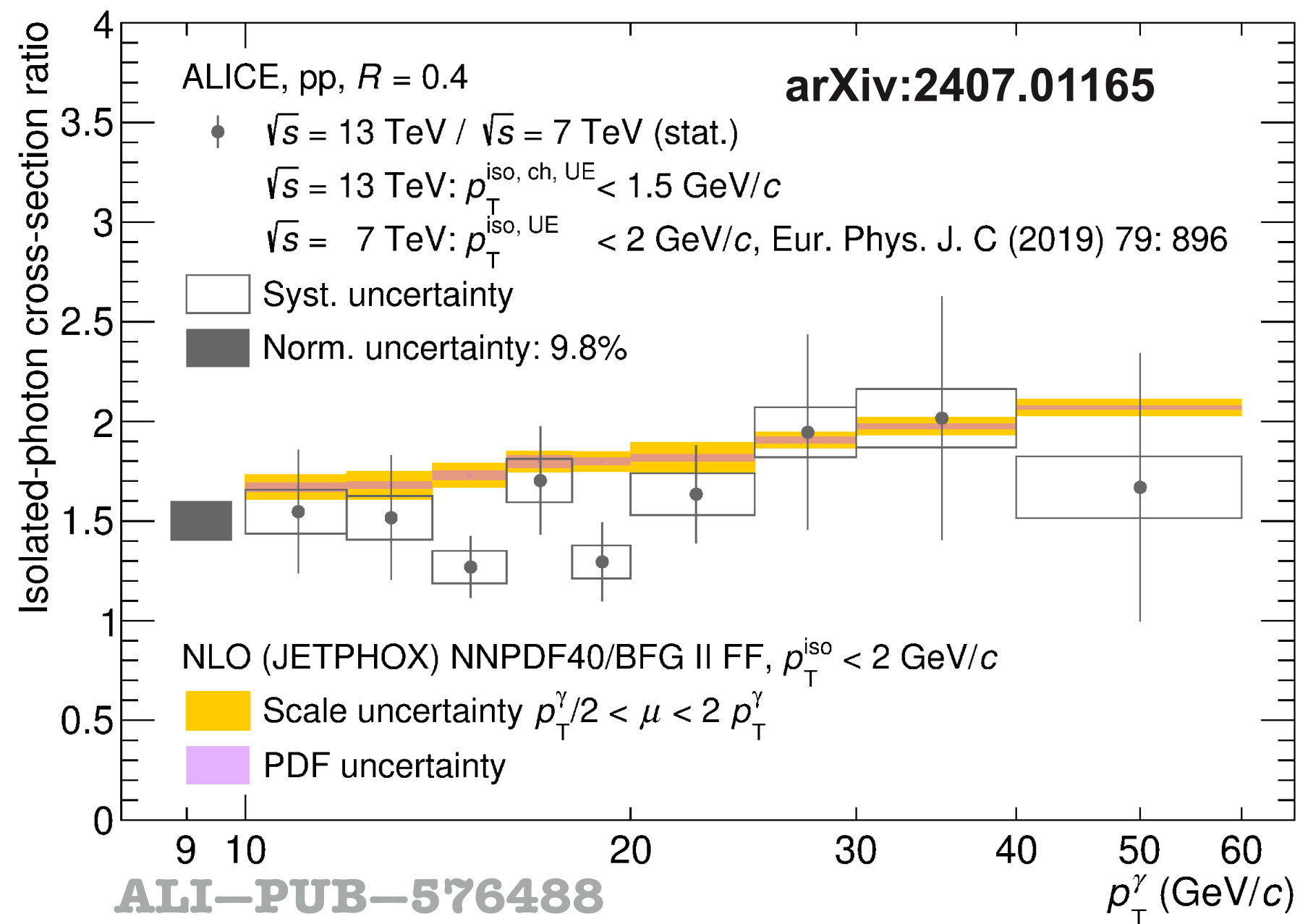
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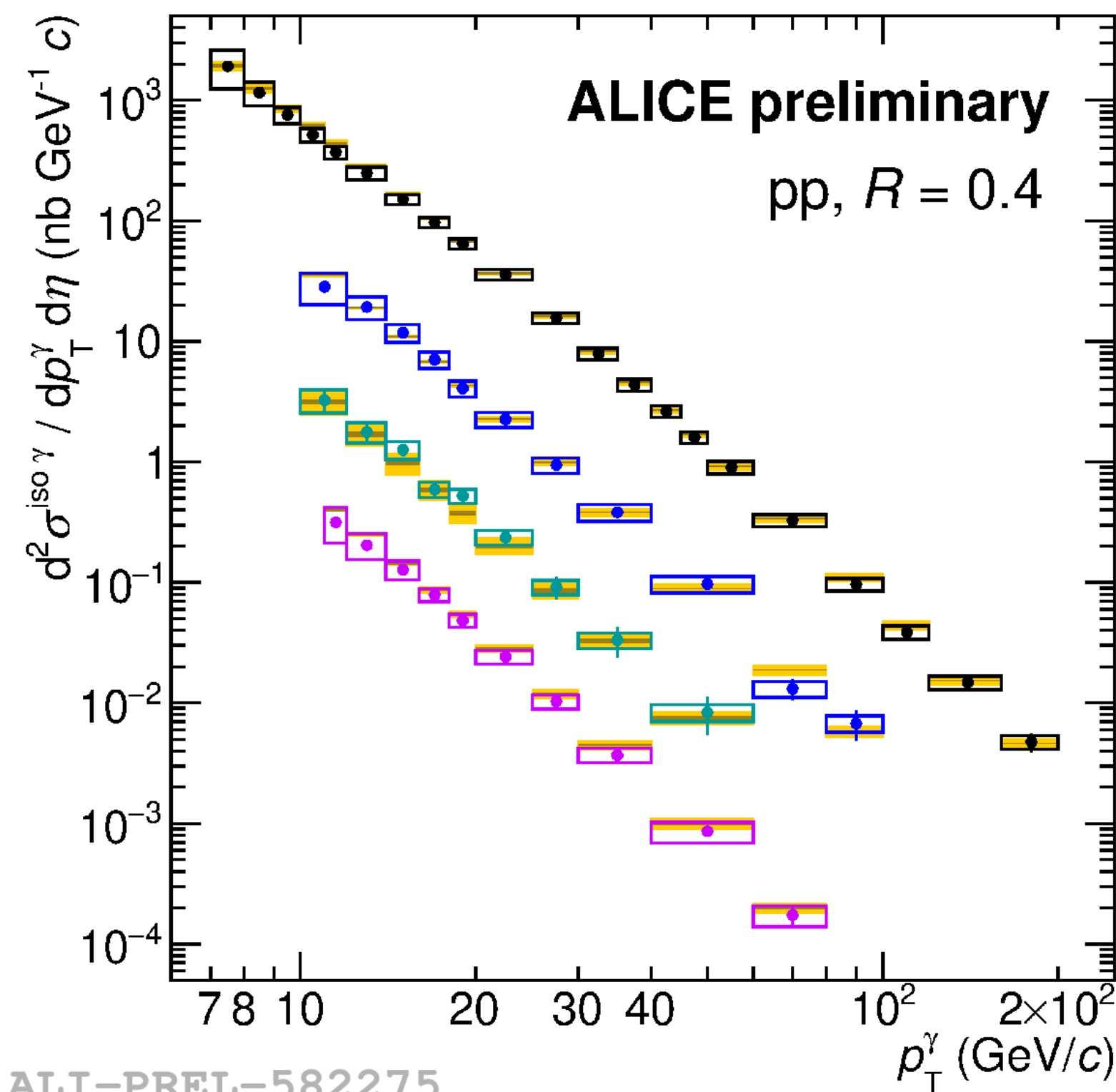
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Cross section ratios in pp collisions



Cross section and purity at different \sqrt{s}



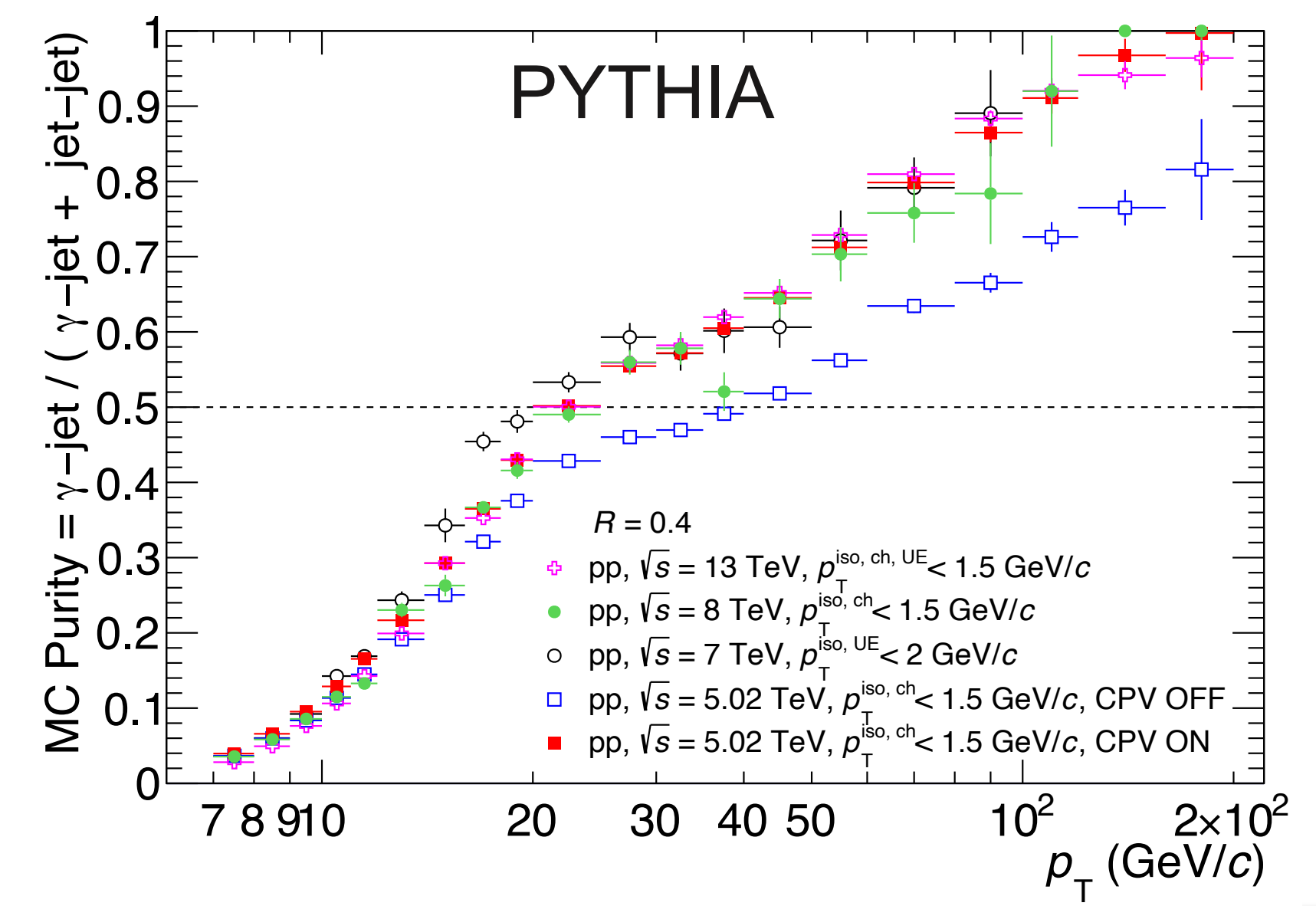
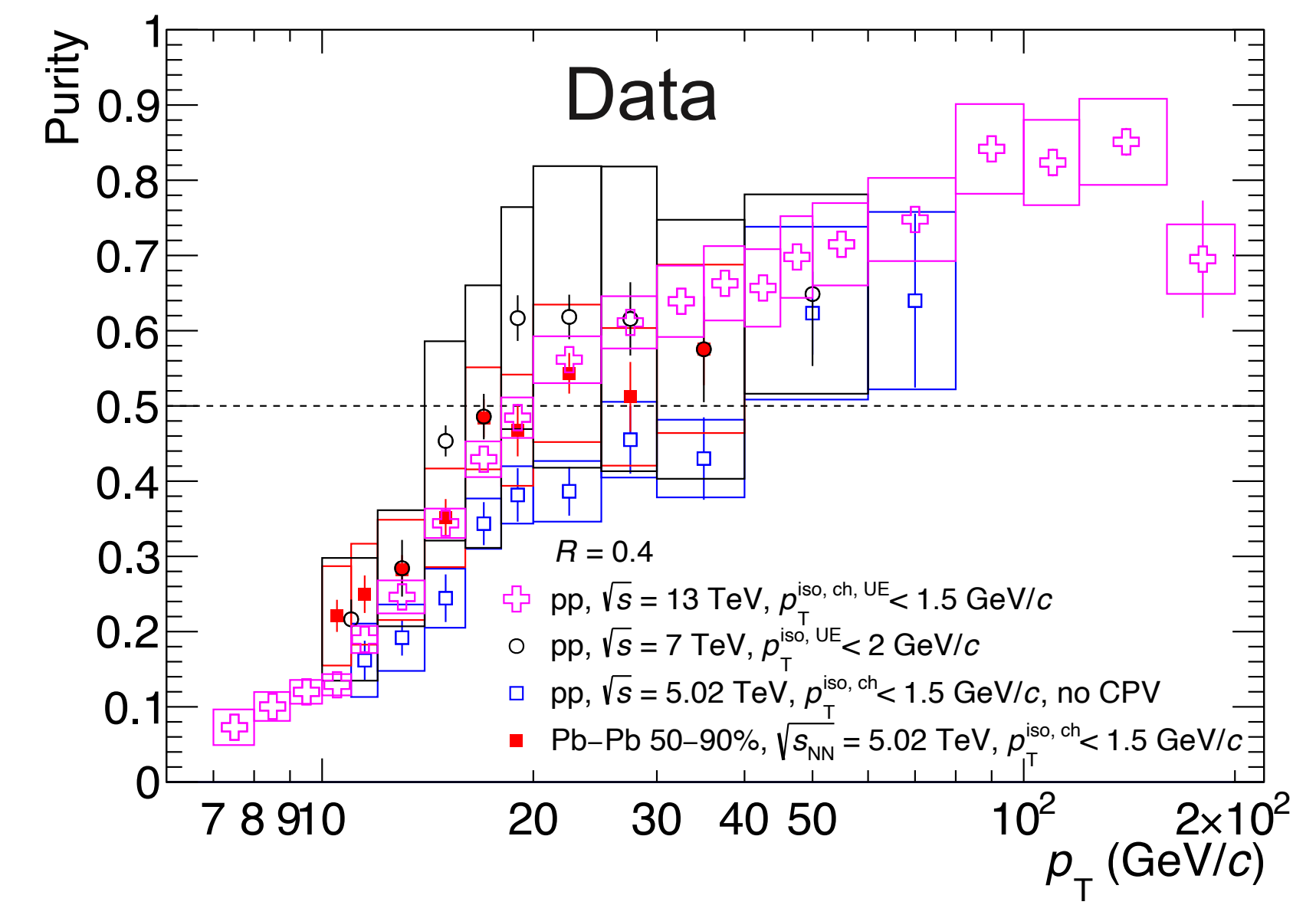
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arXiv:2407.01165
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preliminary
- $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}, p_T^{\text{iso, UE}} < 2 \text{ GeV}/c \times 0.1$
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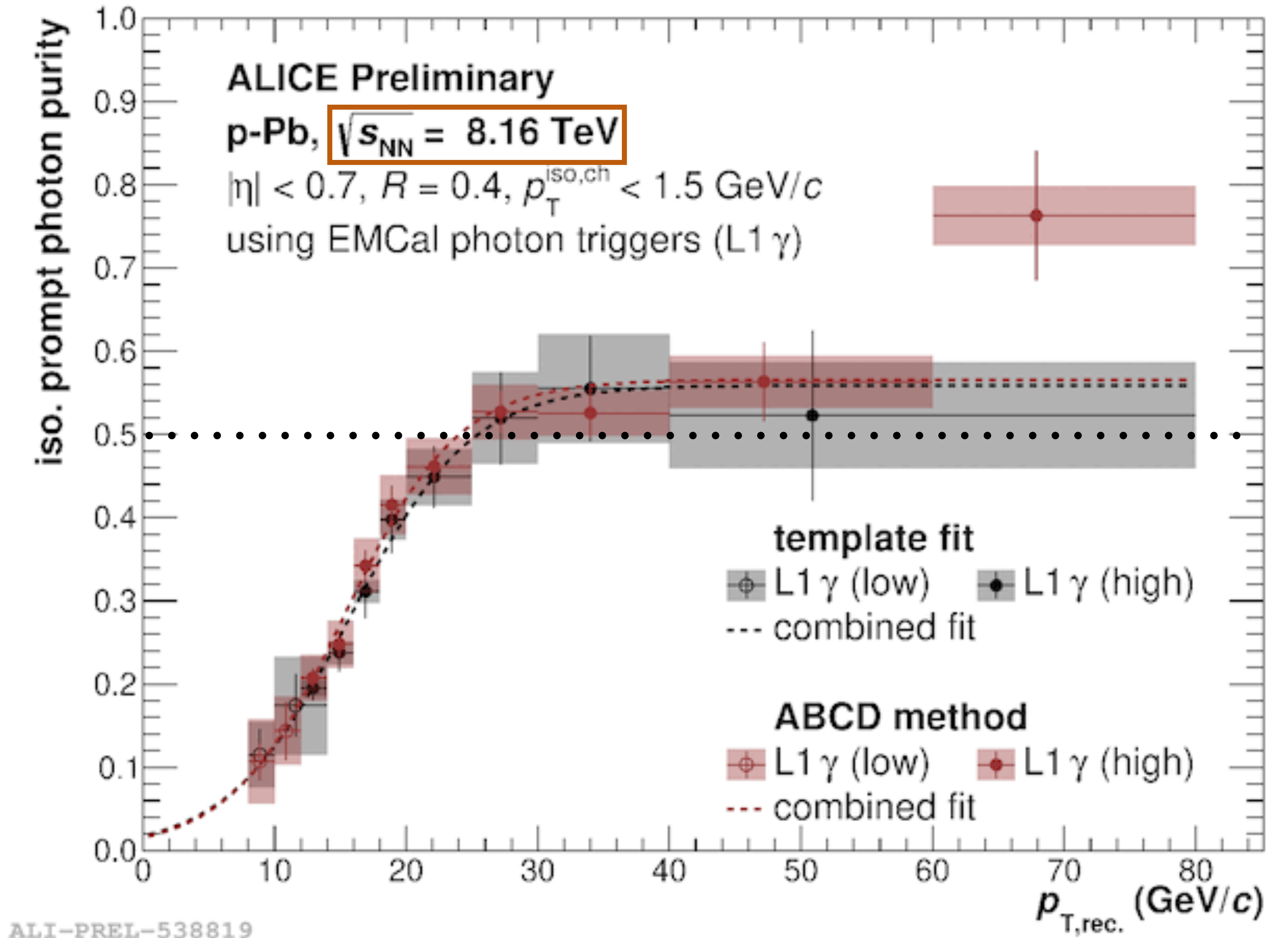
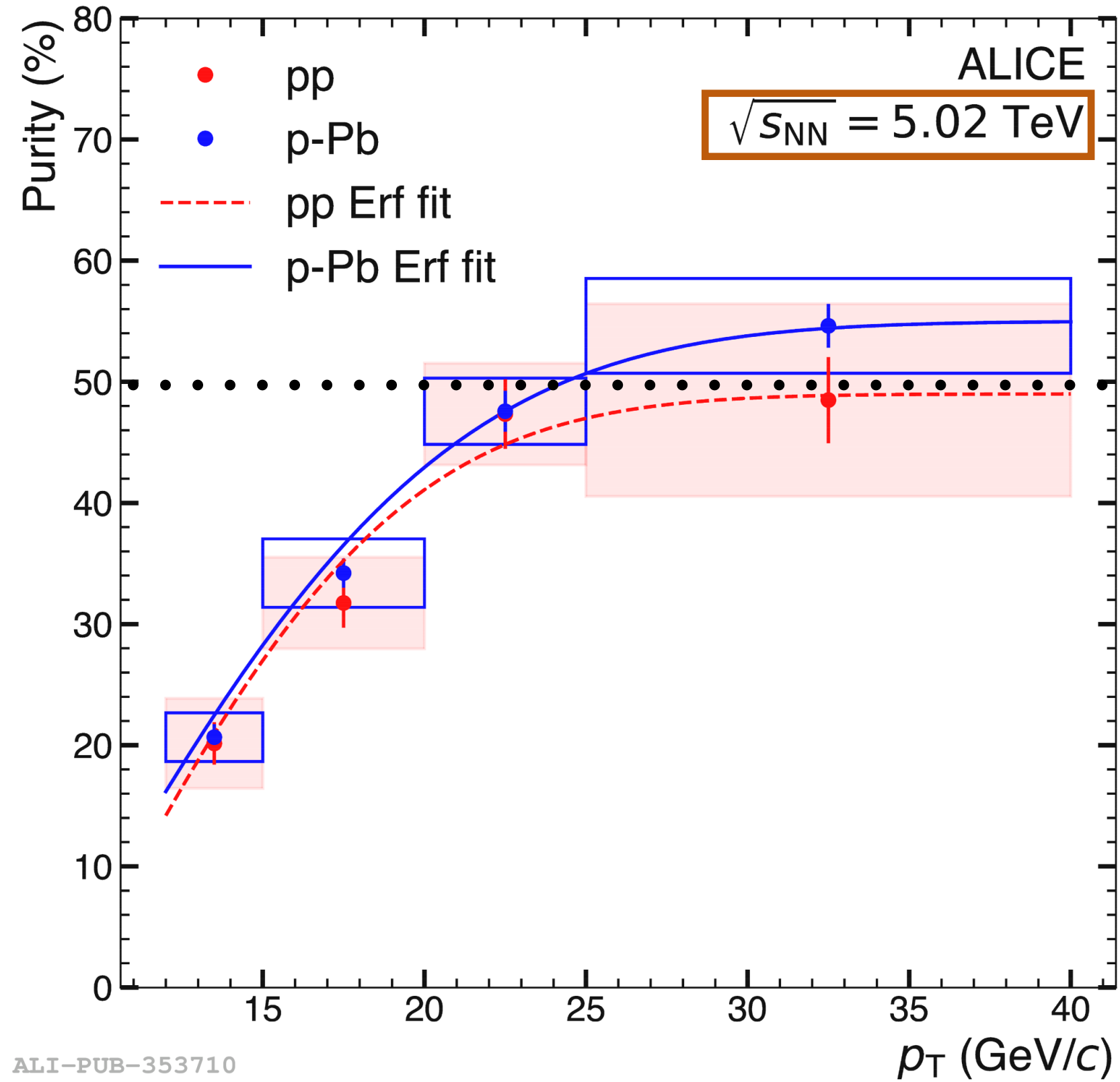
□ Systematic uncertainty

NLO (JETPHOX) NNPDF40/BFG II FF:

- $p_T^{\text{iso}} < 2 \text{ GeV}/c$
- Scale uncertainty $p_T^{\gamma}/2 < \mu < 2 p_T^{\gamma}$
- PDF uncertainty



Isolated γ purity in p-Pb collisions, $R = 0.4$

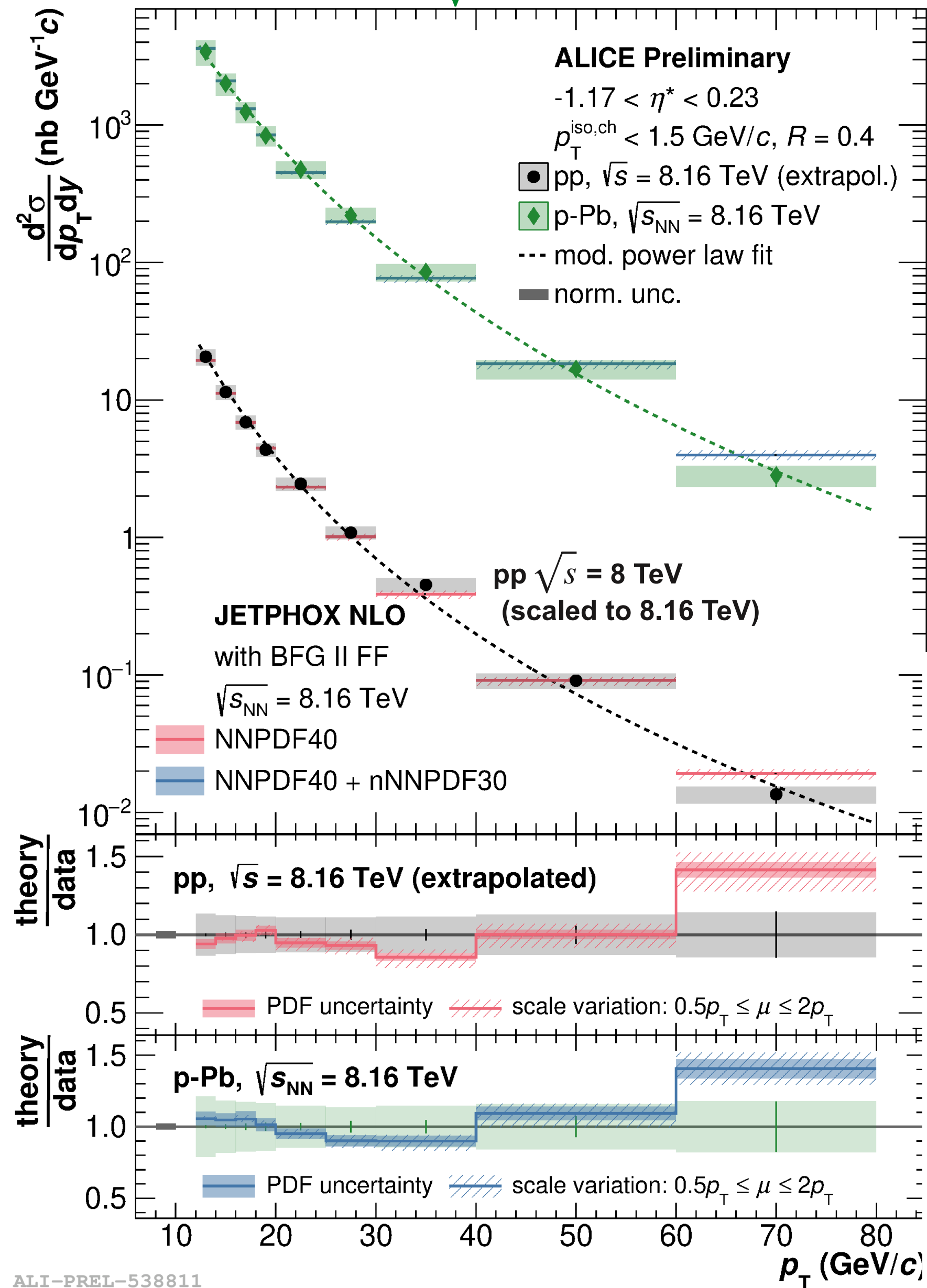


Cross section, p-Pb



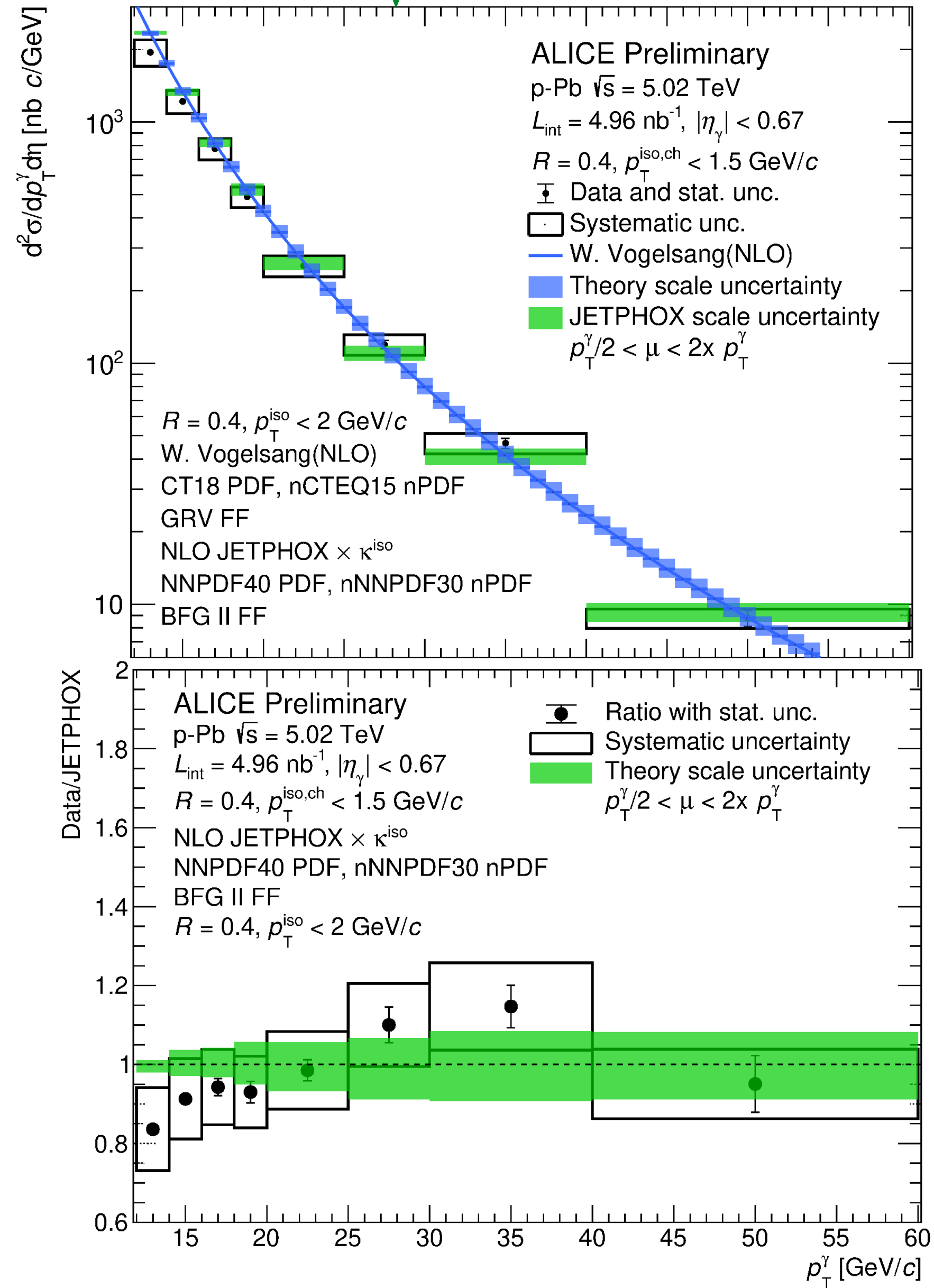
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pp, p-Pb, $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 8.16$ TeV



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p-Pb, $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV



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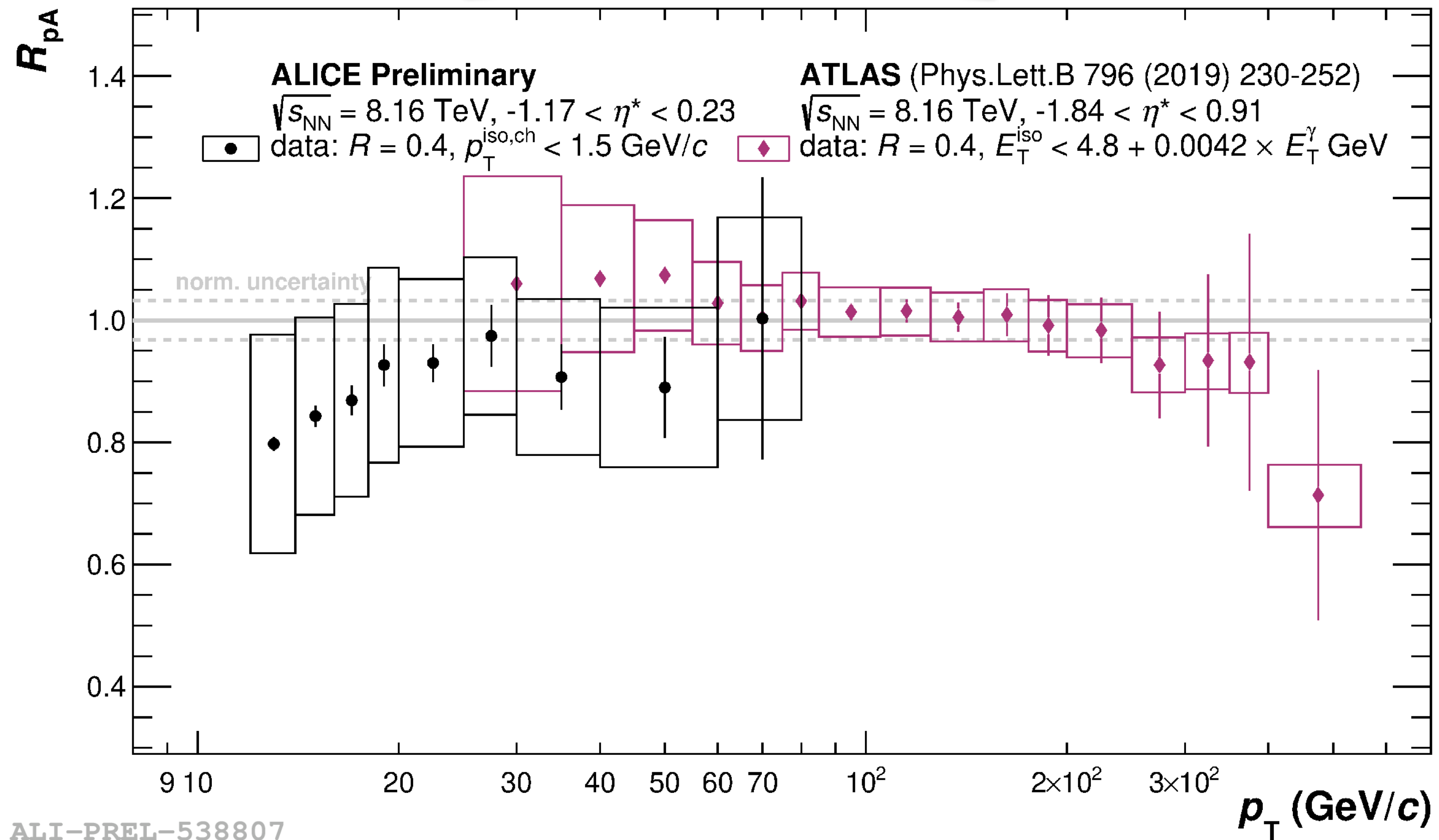
➔ NLO pQCD predictions (JETPHOX) and data agree

Nuclear modification factor R_{pA}

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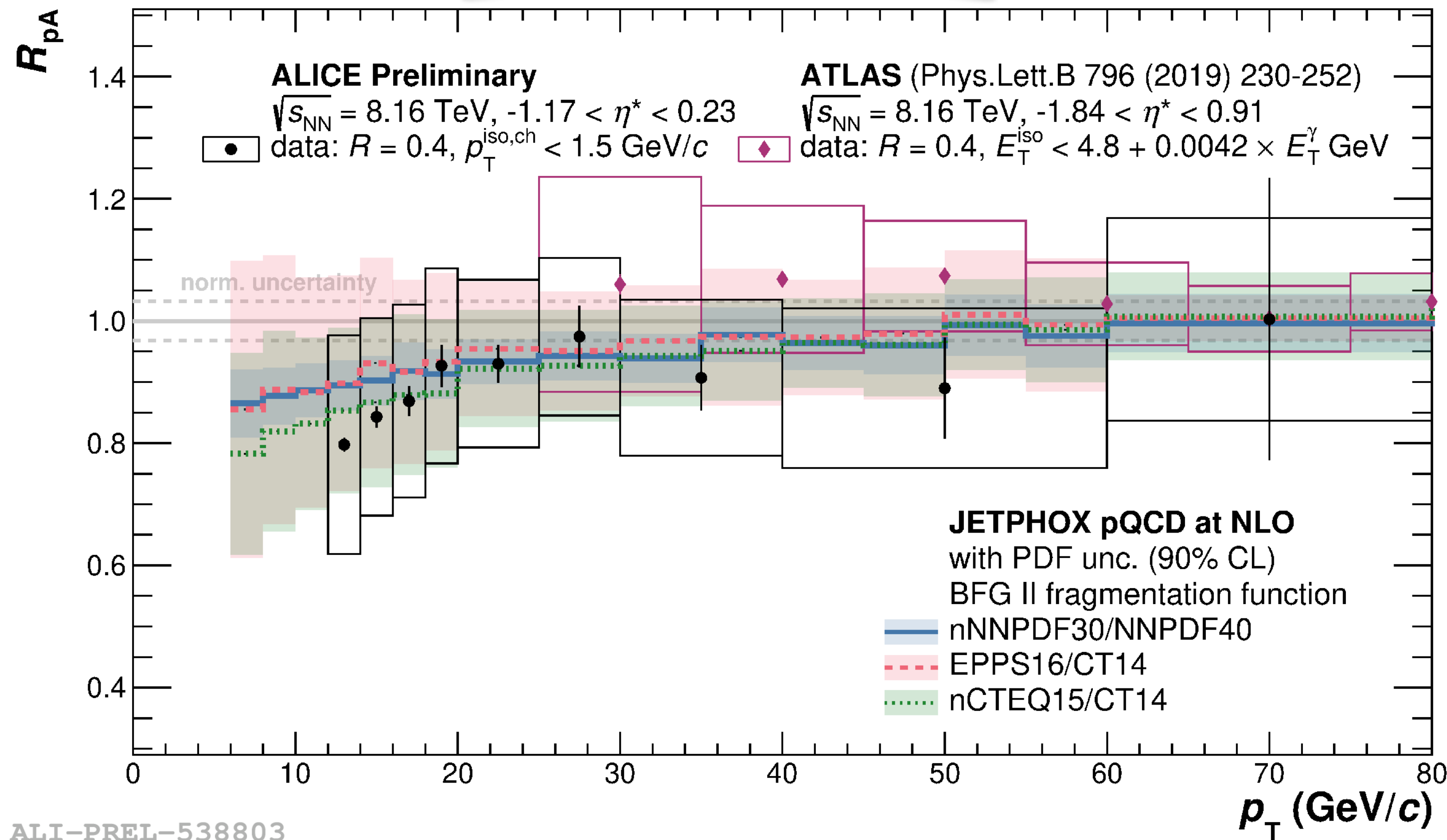


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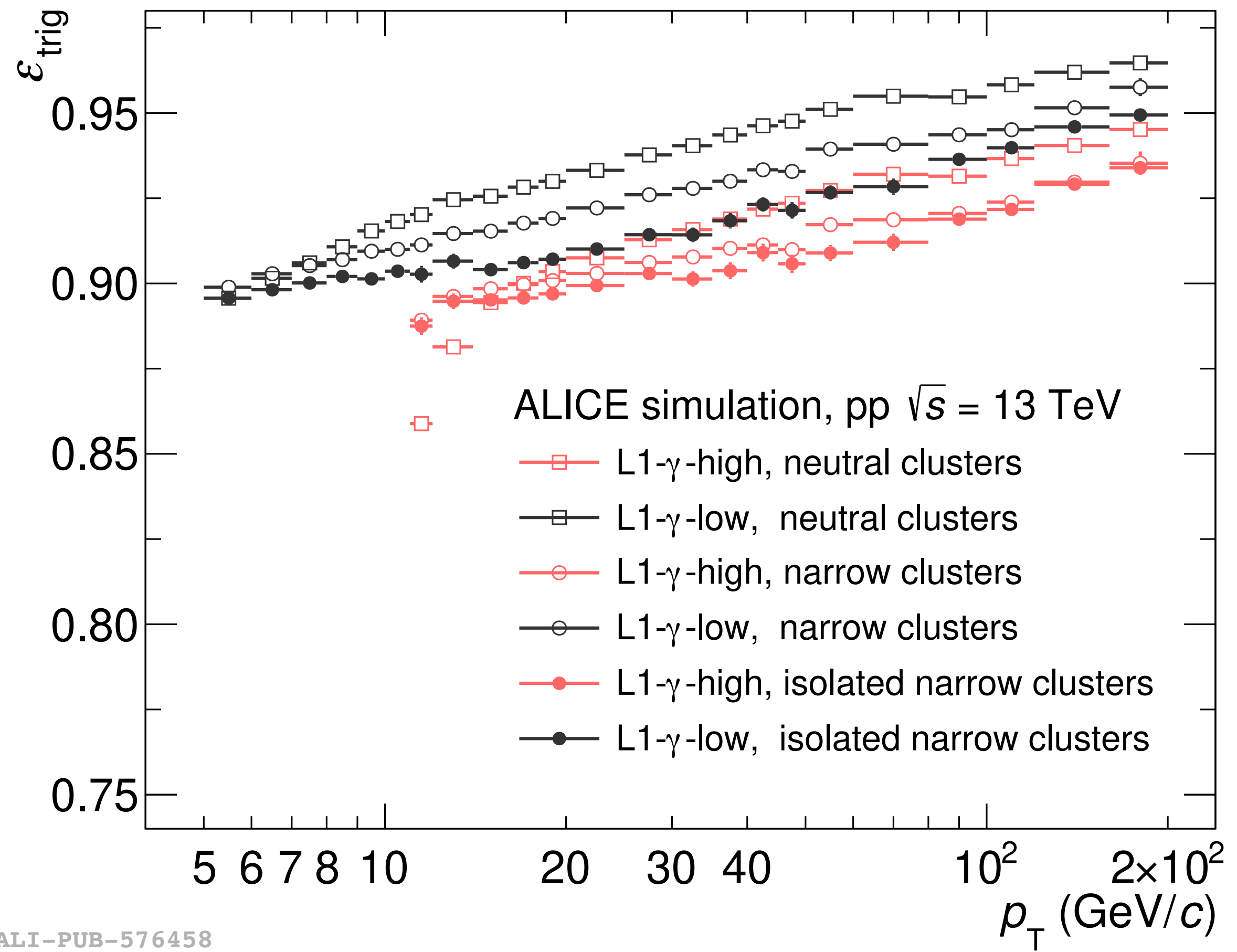


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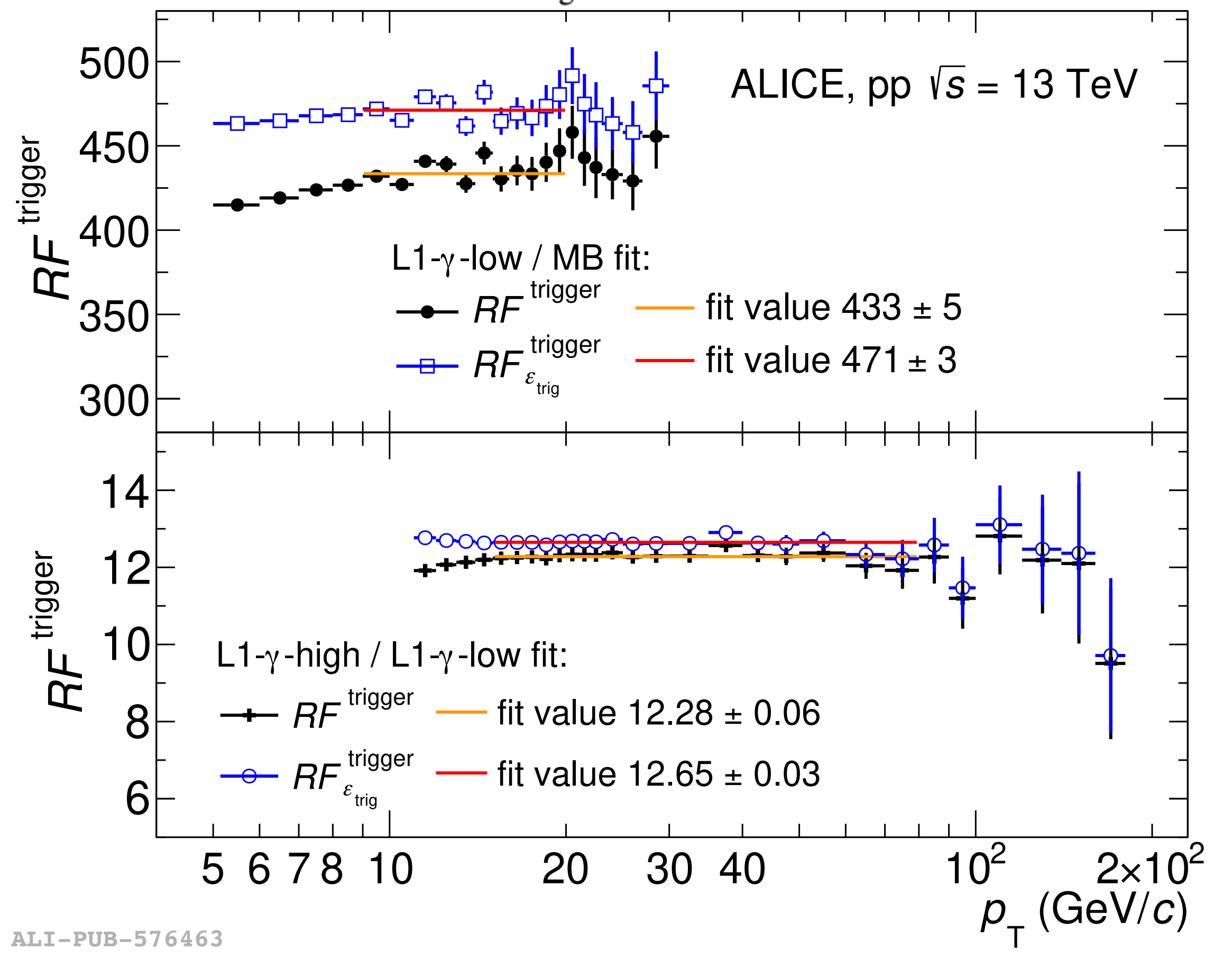
EMCal trigger performance, pp $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV



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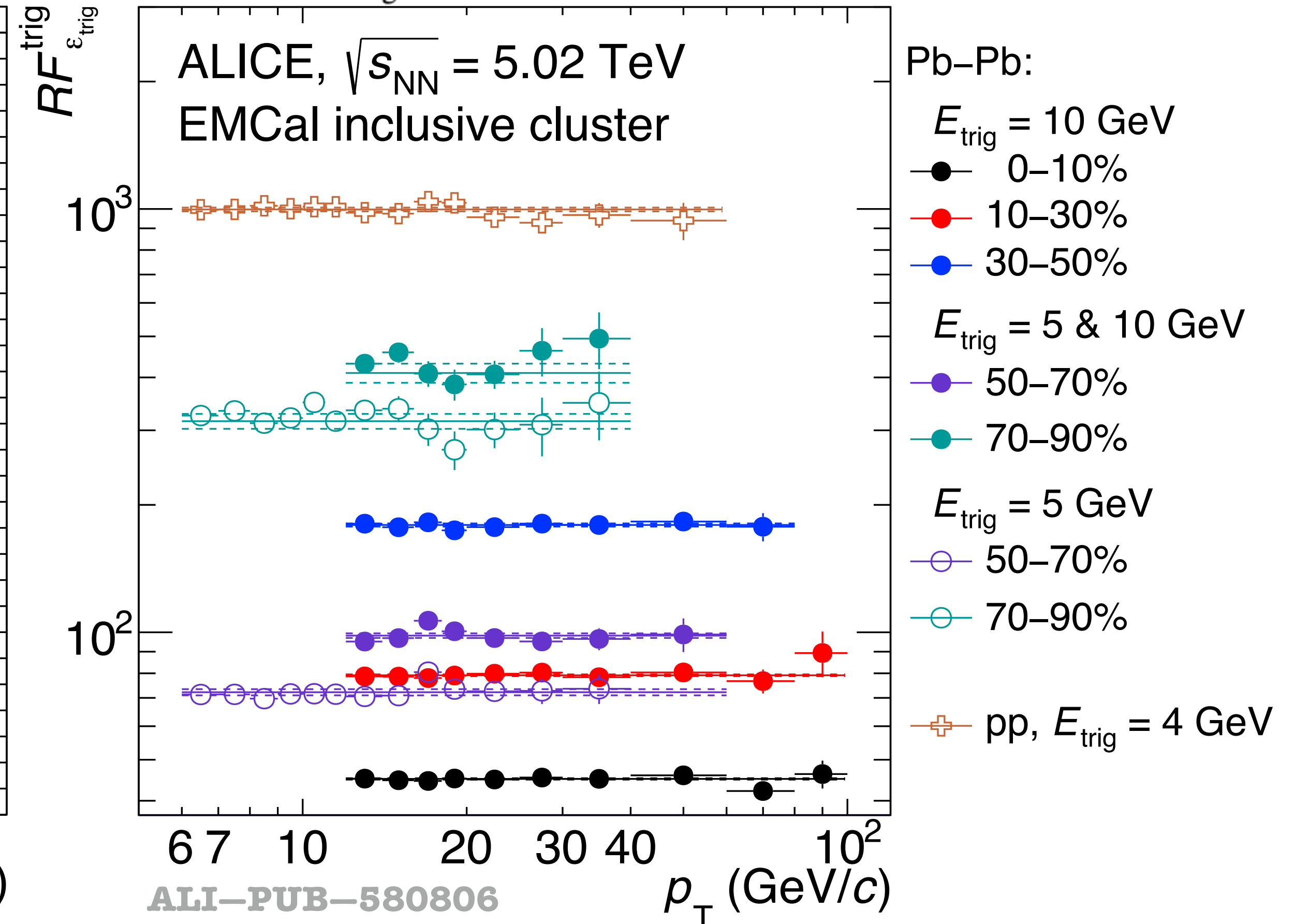
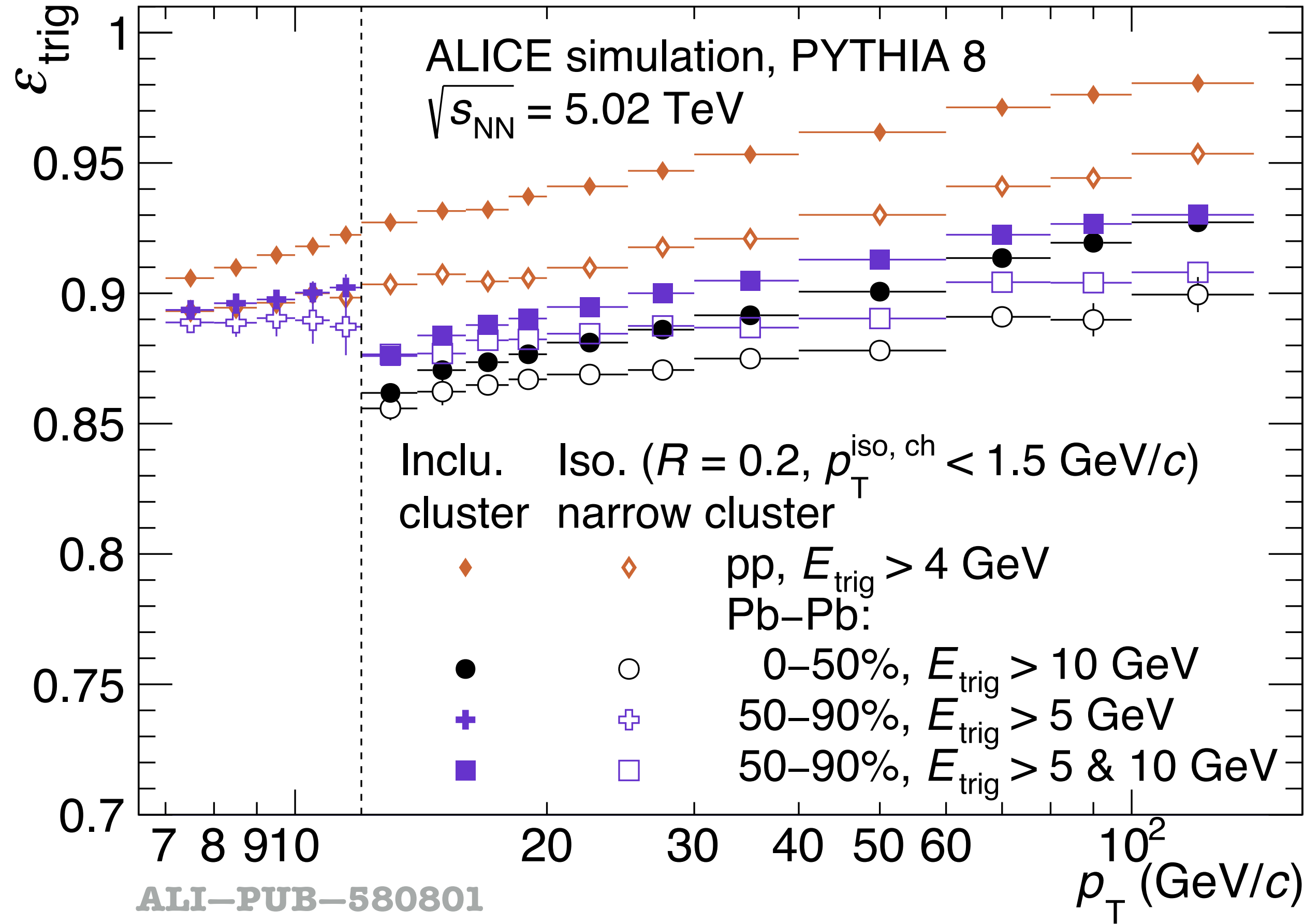


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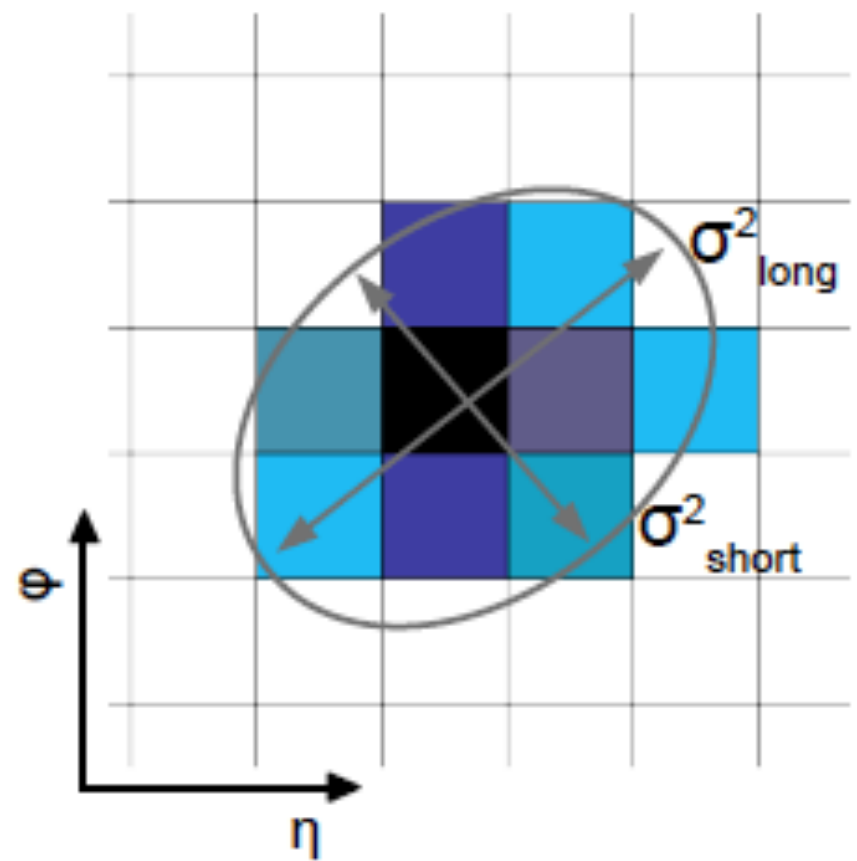
EMCal trigger performance, pp & Pb-Pb $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV



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EMCal cluster shower lateral dispersion parameter



- Shower shape parameter σ^2_{long} is related to the longer axis of the cluster ellipse
- Parameter depends on cluster cells location and its energy

$$w_i = \text{Maximum}(0, w_0 + \ln(E_{\text{cell}, i}/E))$$

$$\sigma_{\alpha\beta}^2 = \sum_i \frac{w_i \alpha_i \beta_i}{w_{\text{tot}}} - \sum_i \frac{w_i \alpha_i}{w_{\text{tot}}} \sum_i \frac{w_i \beta_i}{w_{\text{tot}}}$$

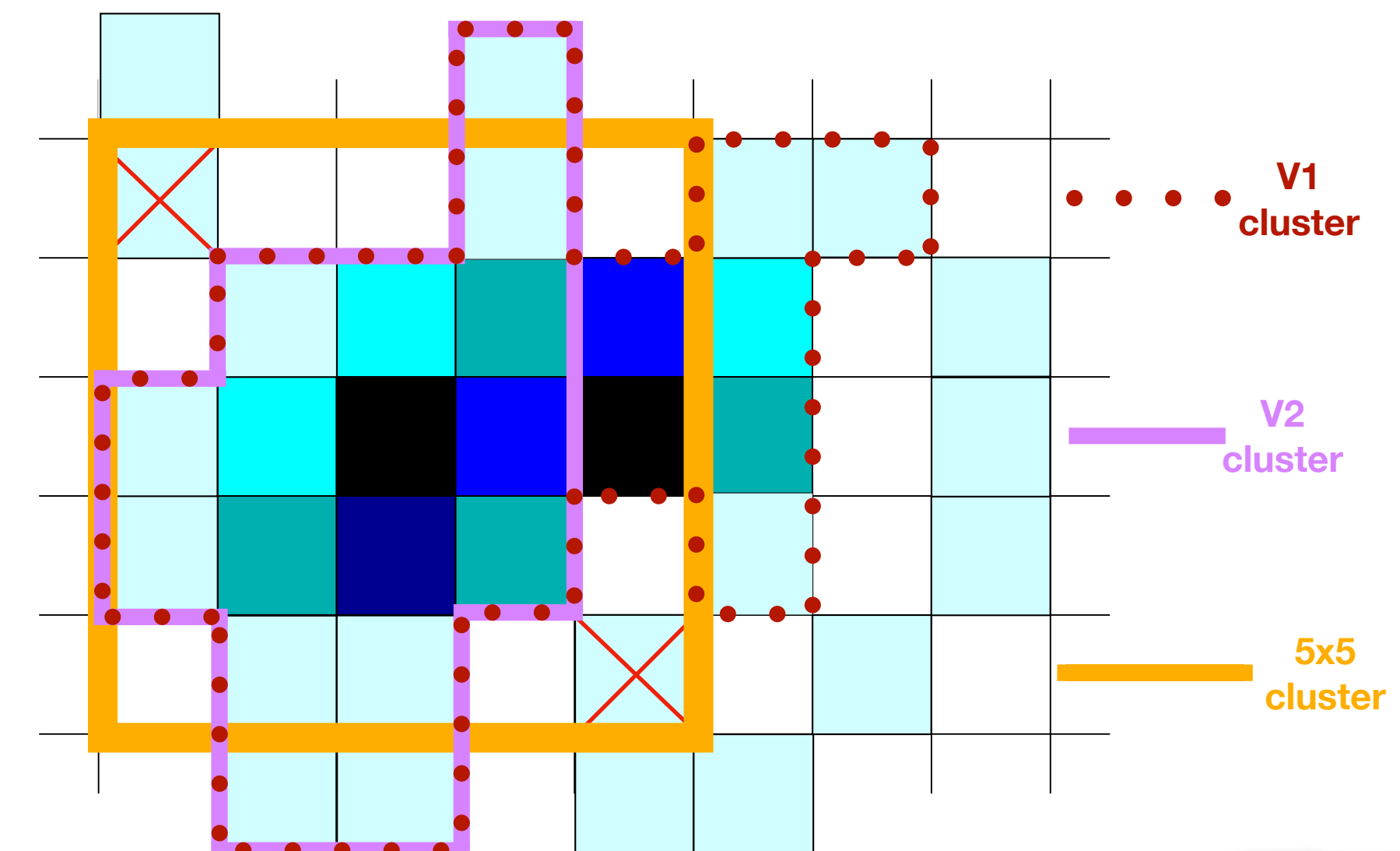
$$w_{\text{tot}} = \sum_i w_i,$$

$$\sigma_{\text{long}}^2 = 0.5(\sigma_{\phi\phi}^2 + \sigma_{\eta\eta}^2) + \sqrt{0.25(\sigma_{\phi\phi}^2 - \sigma_{\eta\eta}^2)^2 + \sigma_{\eta\phi}^2},$$

$$\sigma_{\text{short}}^2 = 0.5(\sigma_{\phi\phi}^2 + \sigma_{\eta\eta}^2) - \sqrt{0.25(\sigma_{\phi\phi}^2 - \sigma_{\eta\eta}^2)^2 + \sigma_{\eta\phi}^2},$$

- V2 clusters: Used in pp & Pb-Pb at $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 5.02$ TeV to get E and position
 - ▶ In other pp and p-Pb measurements V1 clusters are used
- For the σ_{long}^2 calculation: consider the neighbour cells around the highest energy cell in a 5x5 fixed window
 - ▶ Increase meson decay merging but limiting UE merging

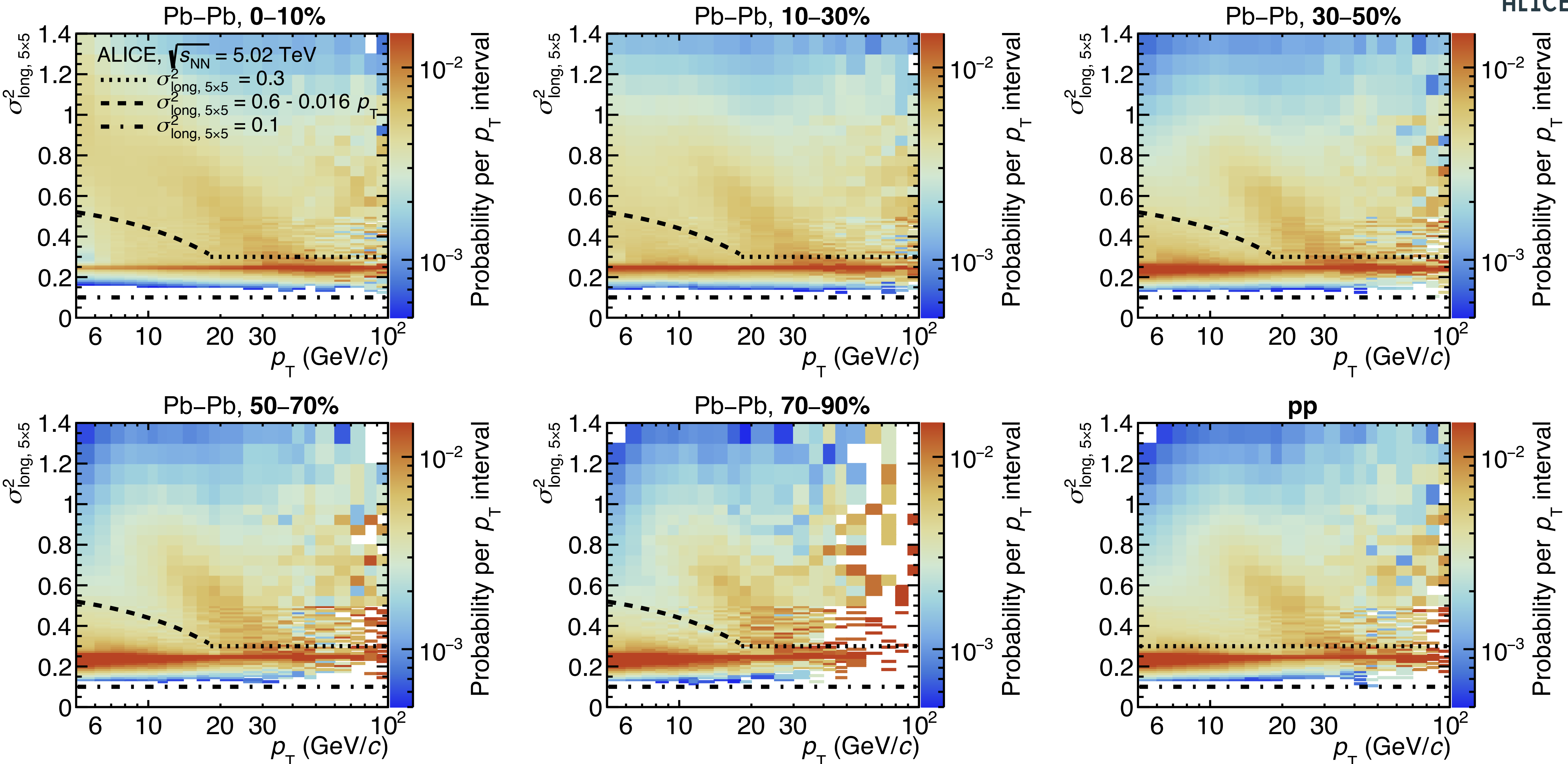
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EMCal cluster shower shape, pp & Pb-Pb $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV

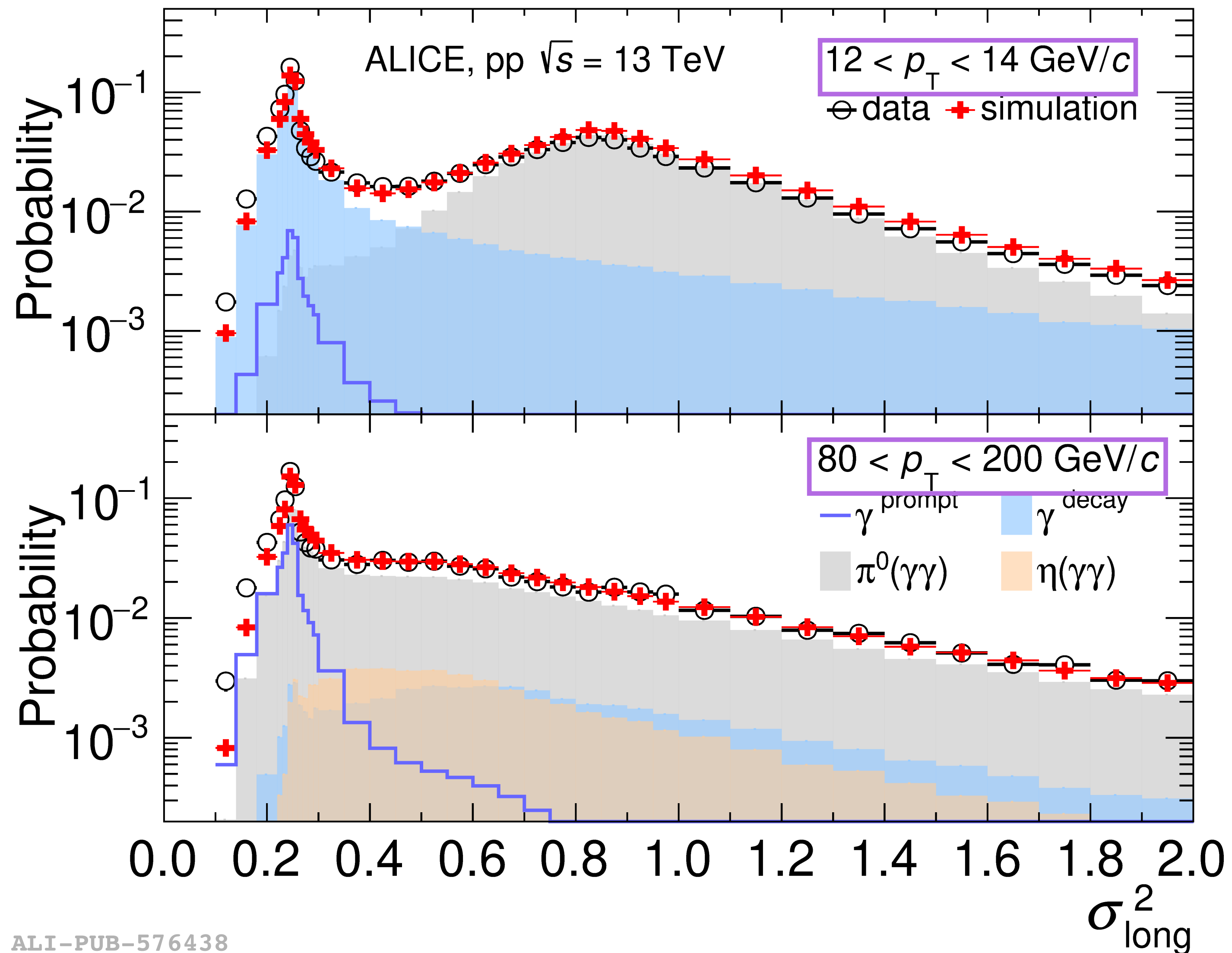


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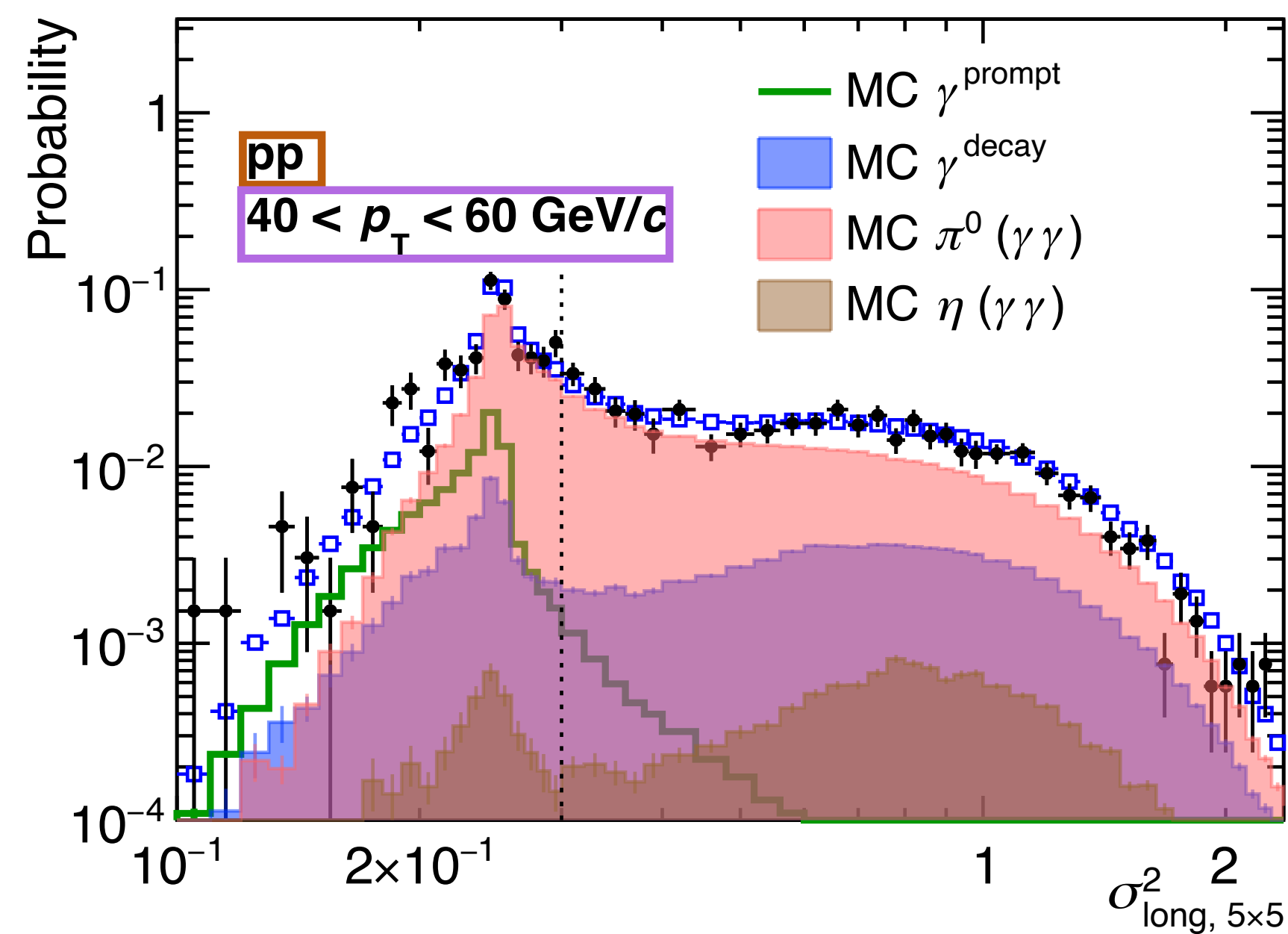
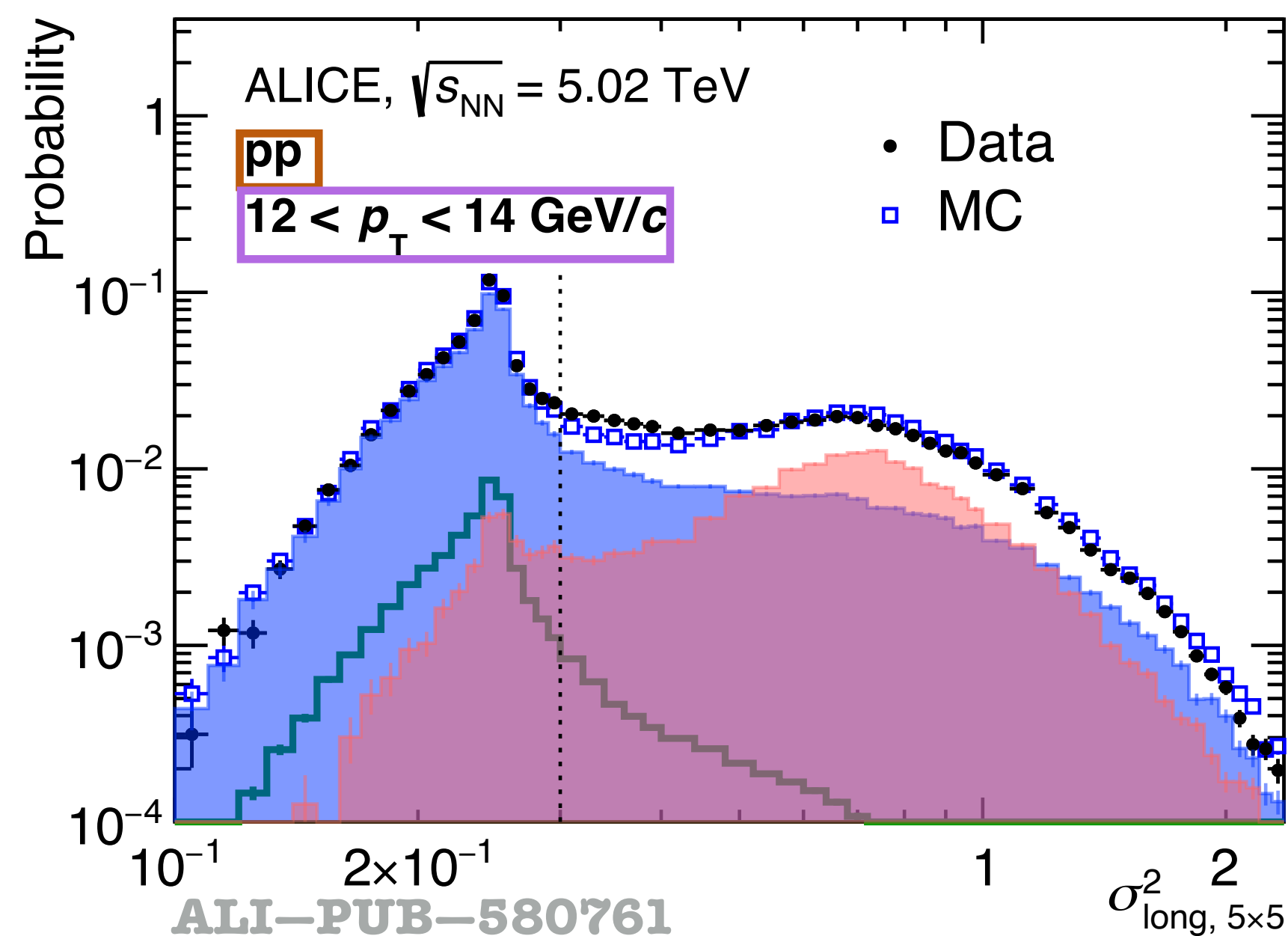
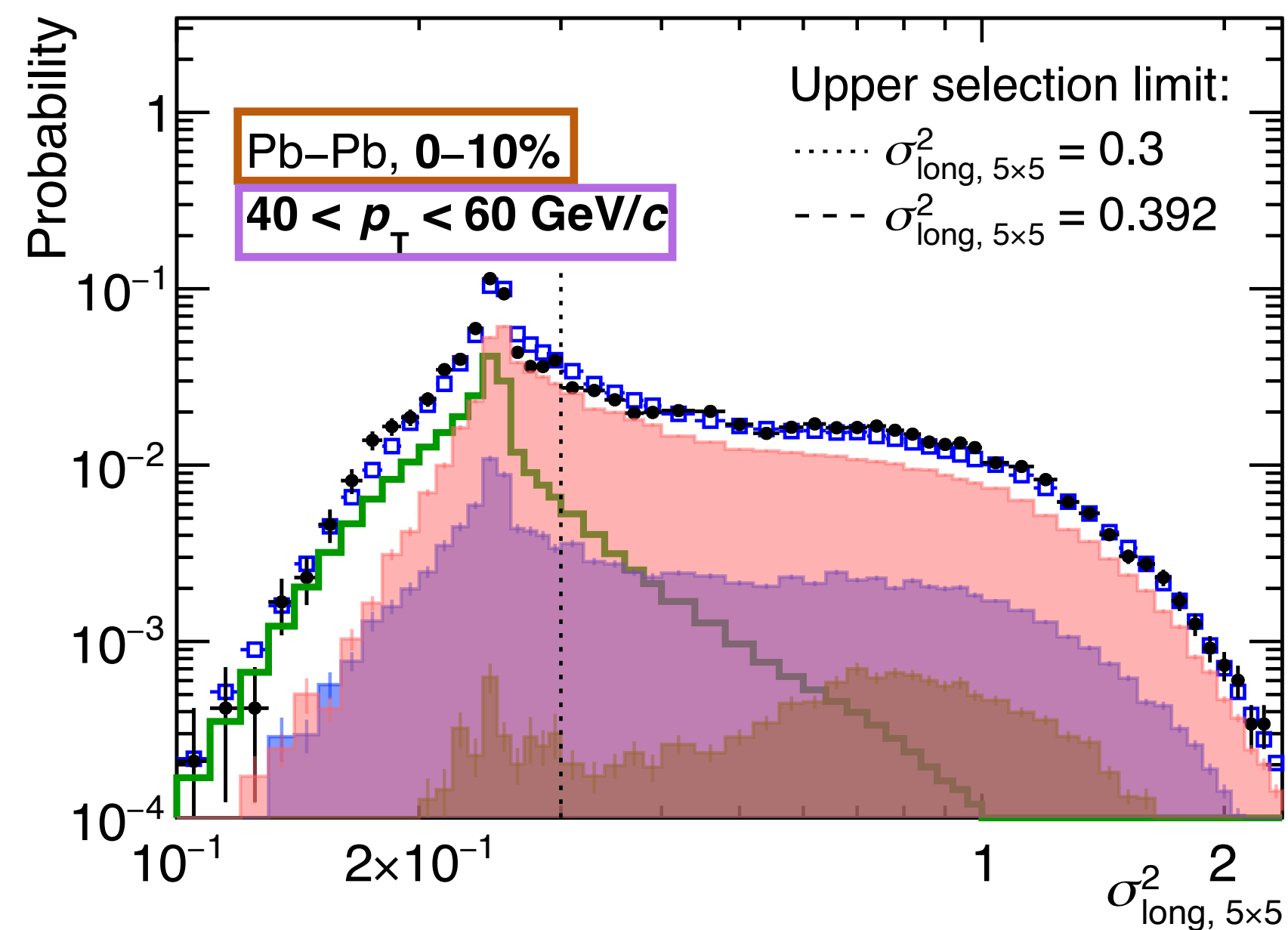
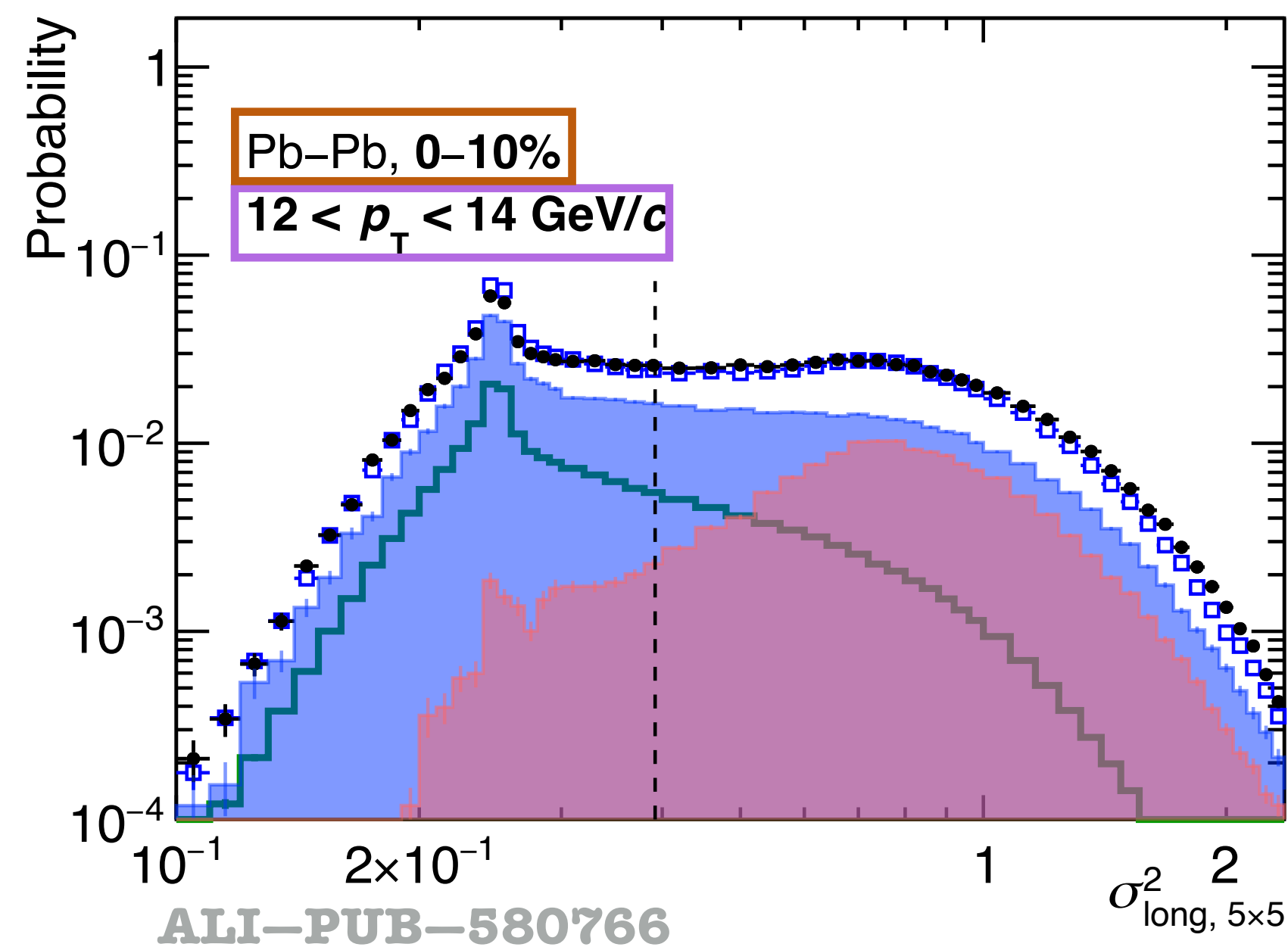
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EMCal cluster shower shape, pp $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV

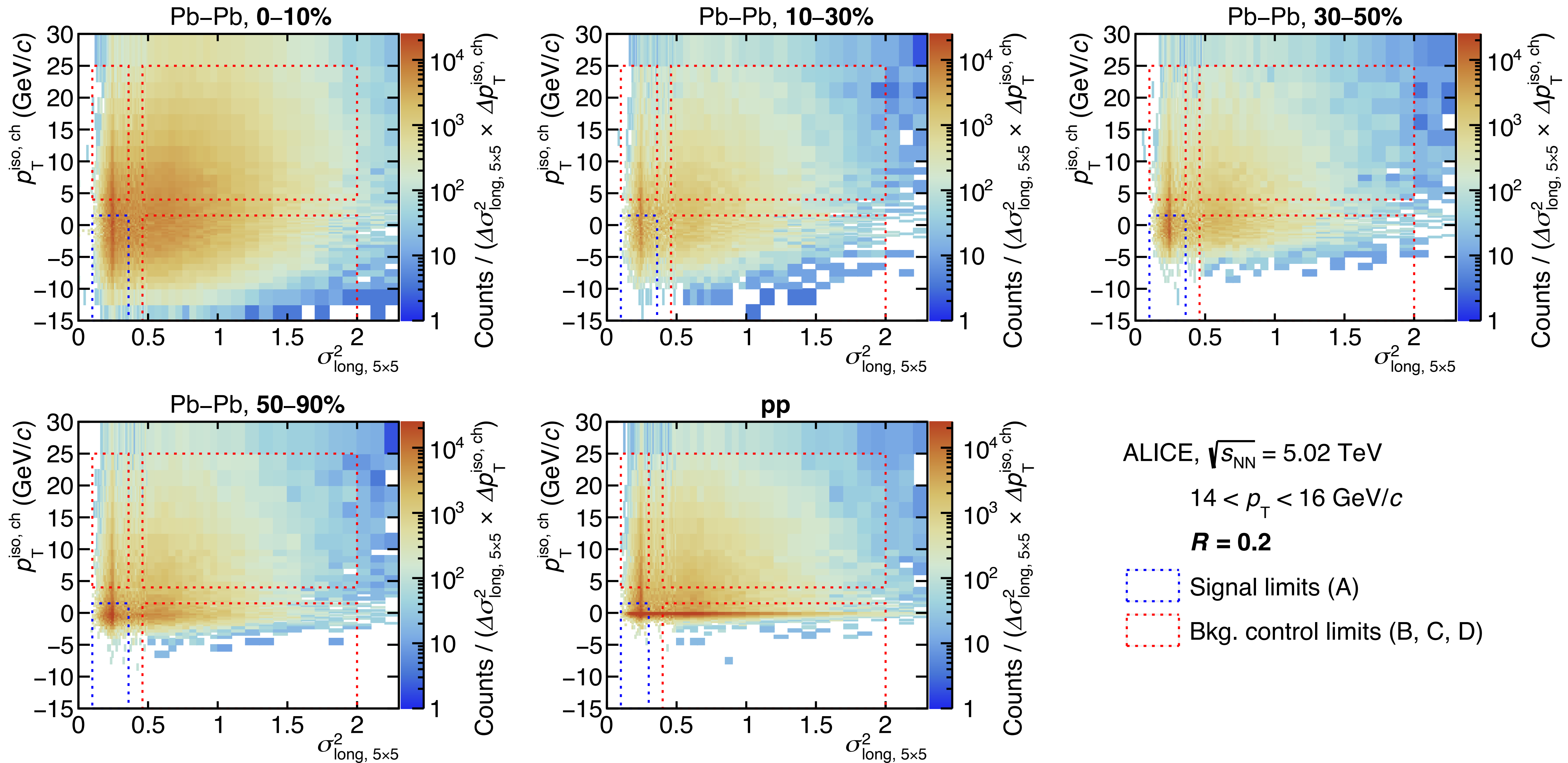


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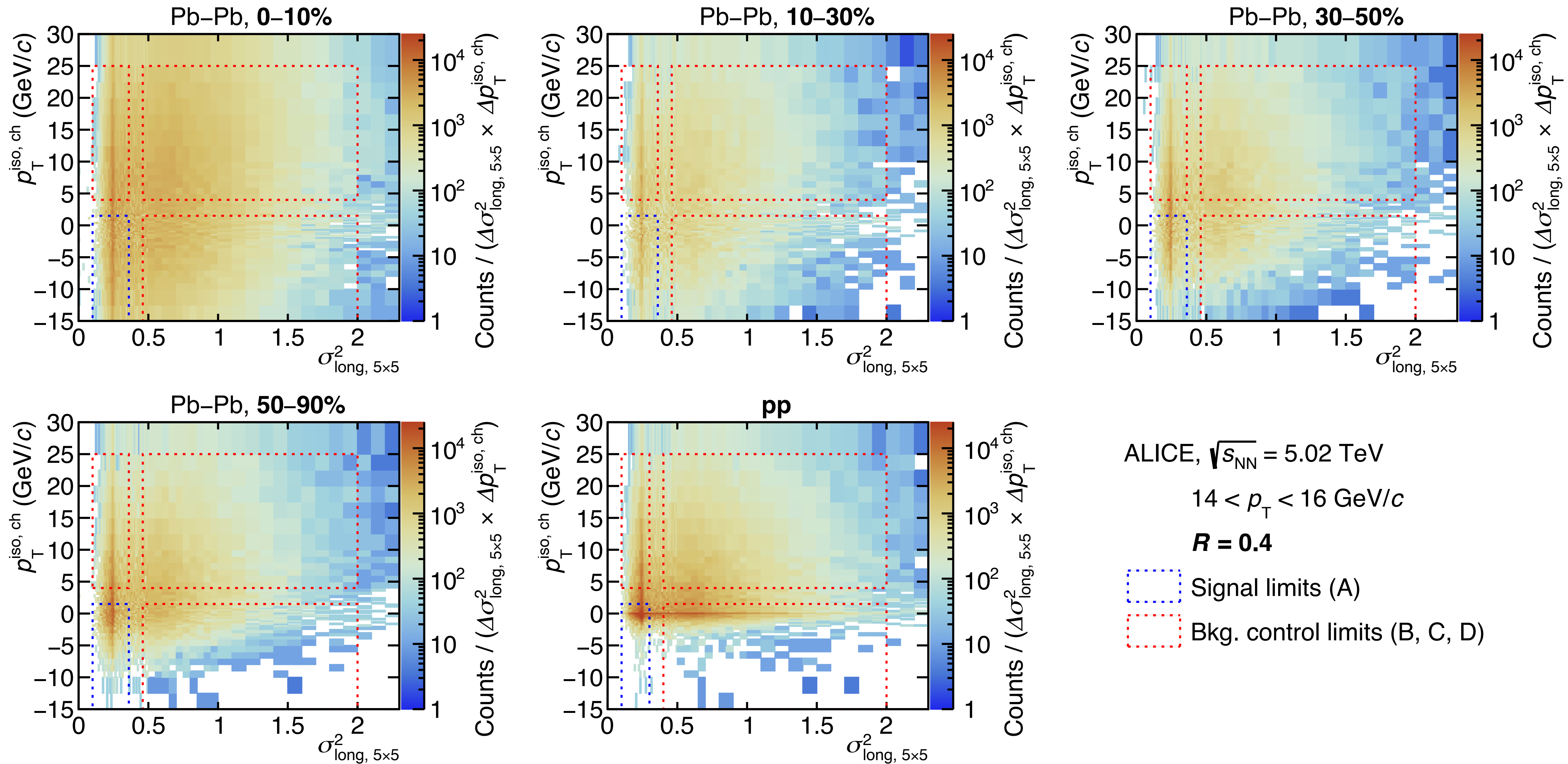
EMCal cluster shower shape, pp & Pb-Pb $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV



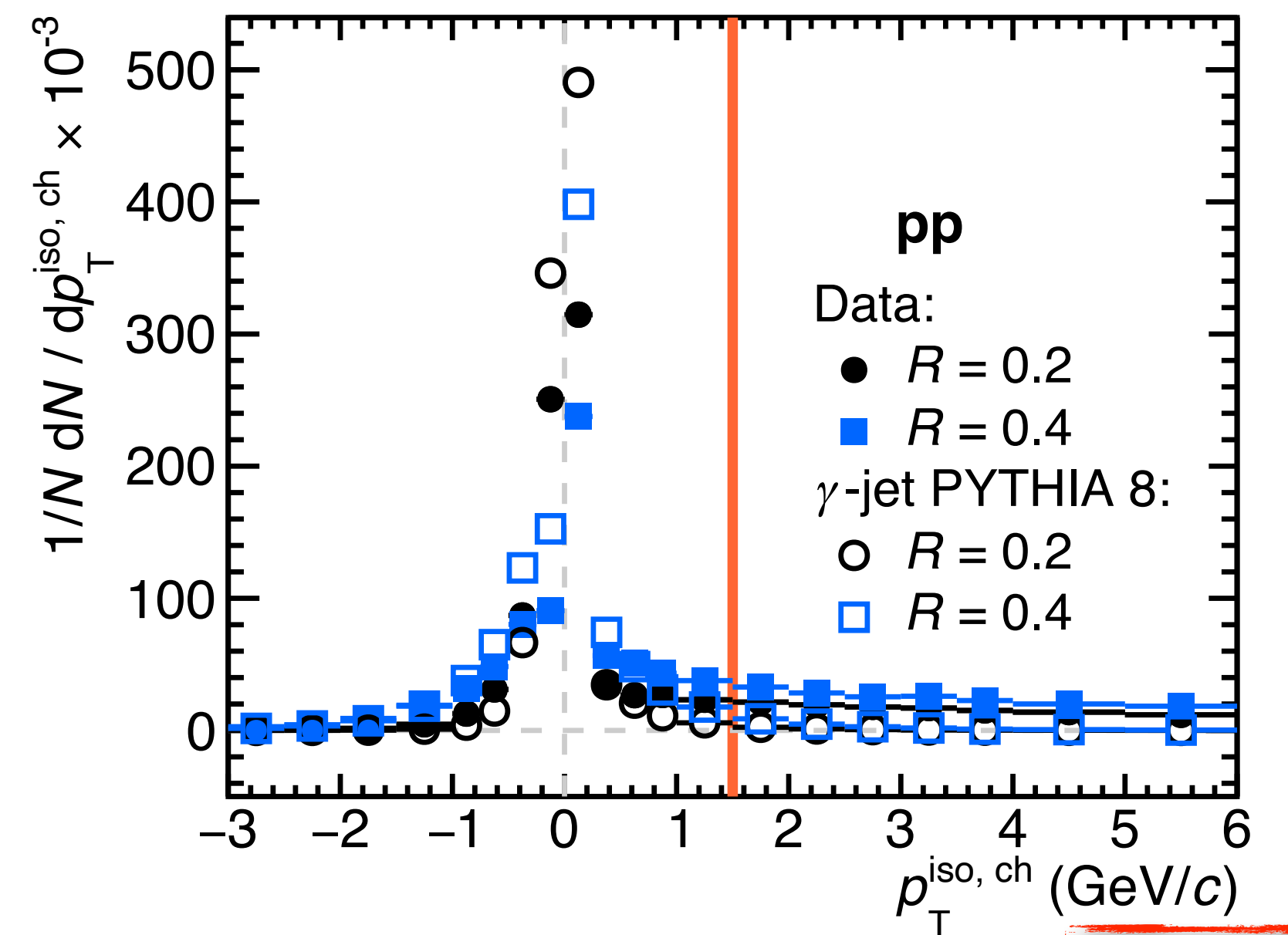
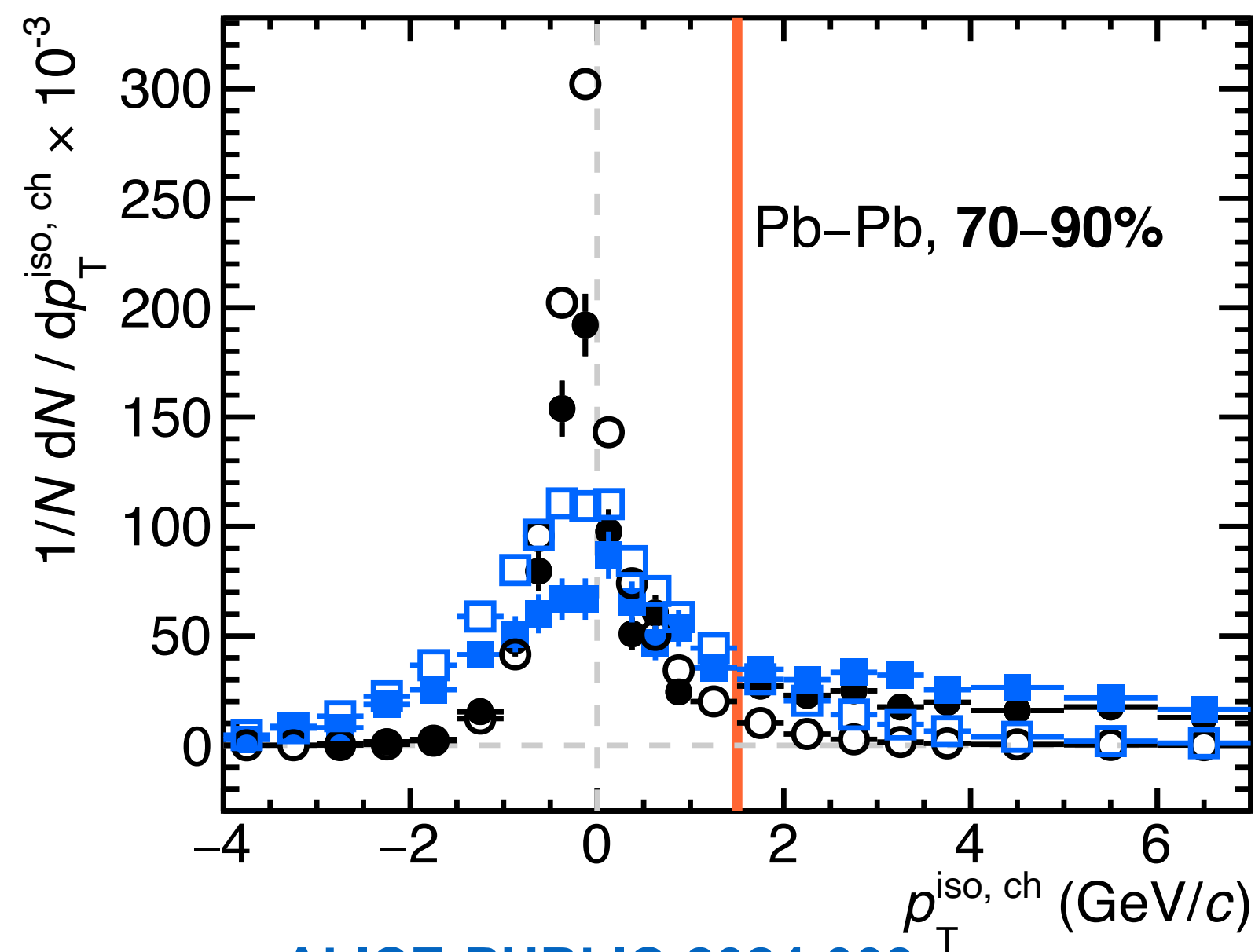
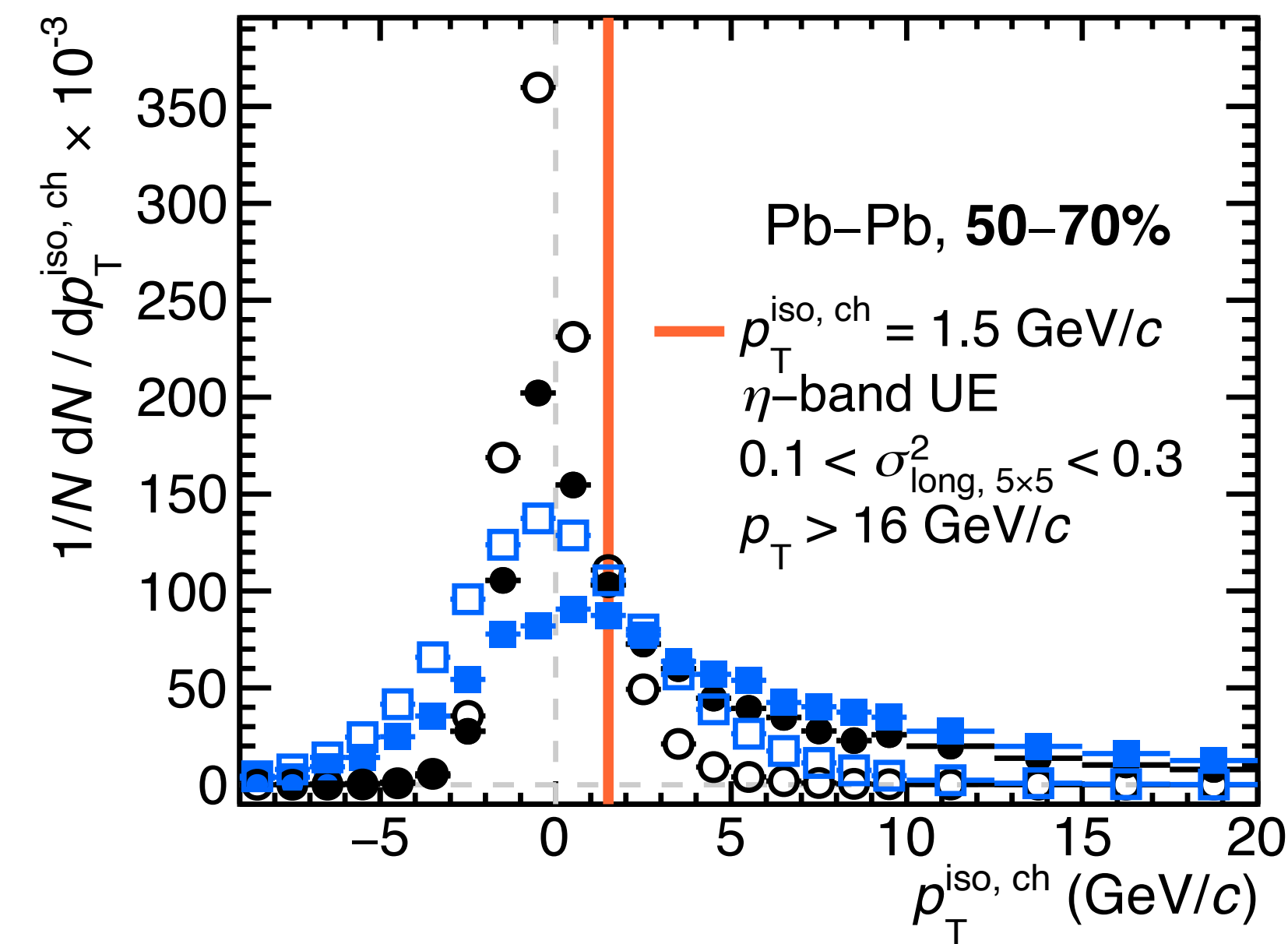
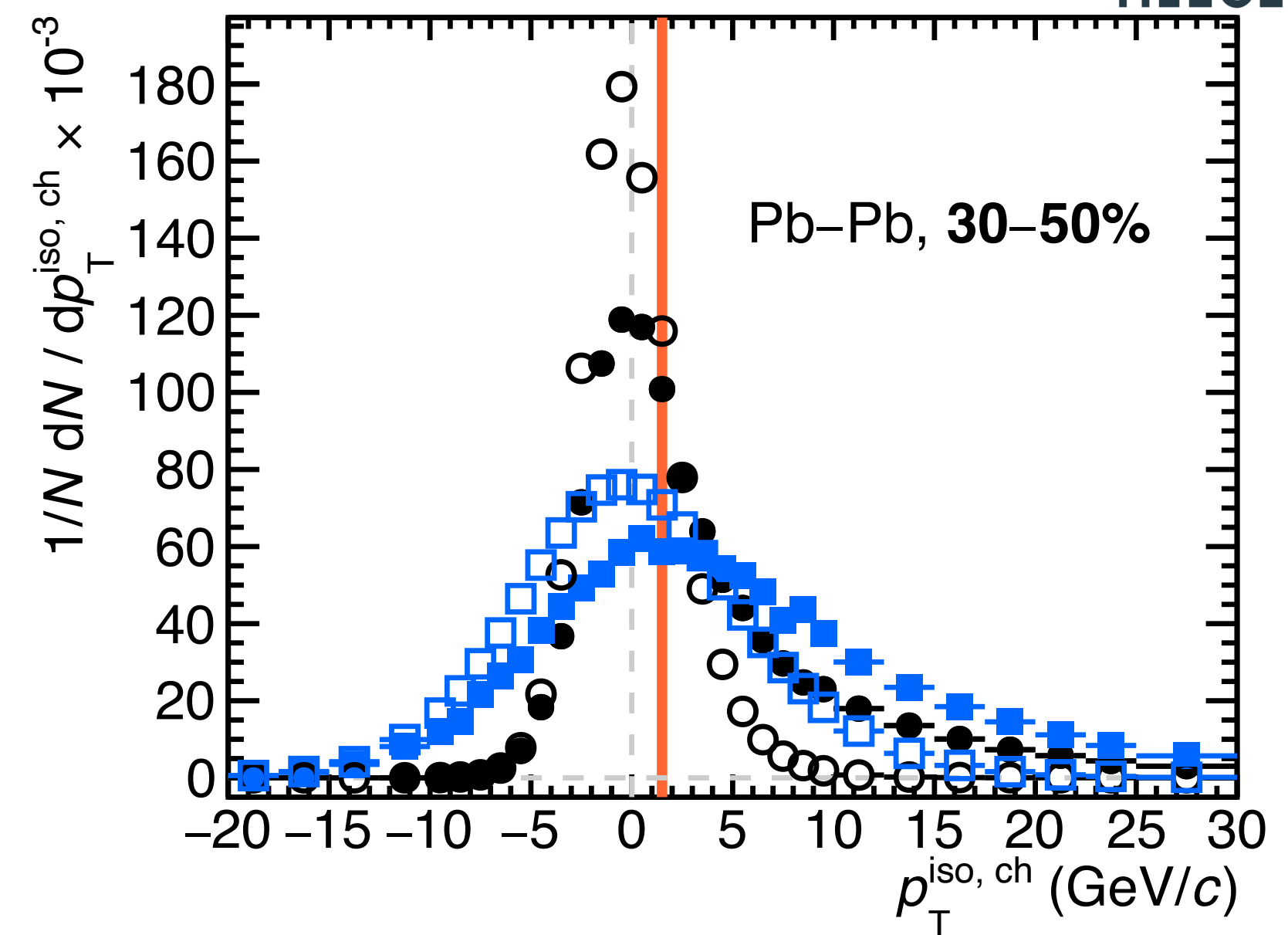
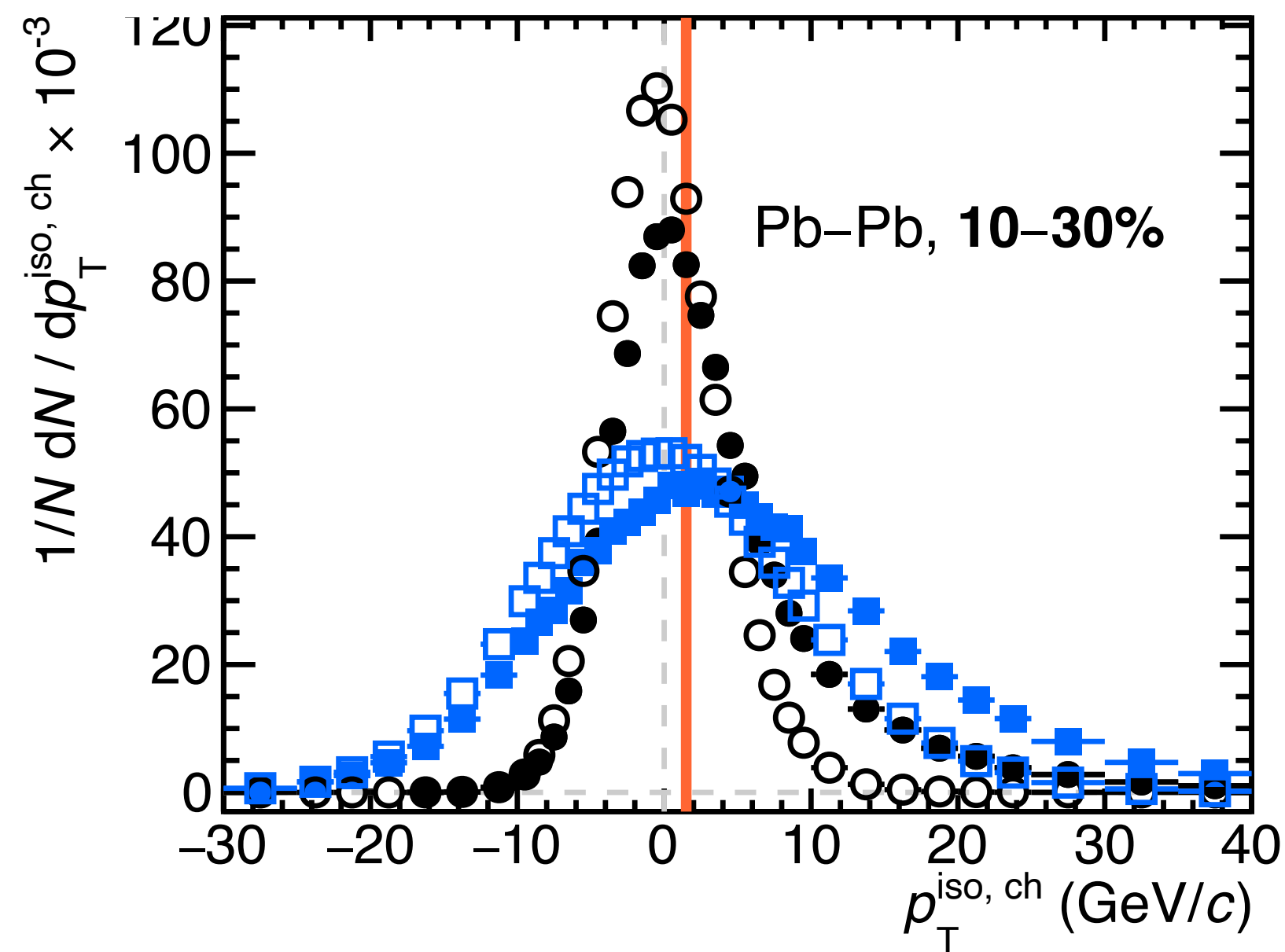
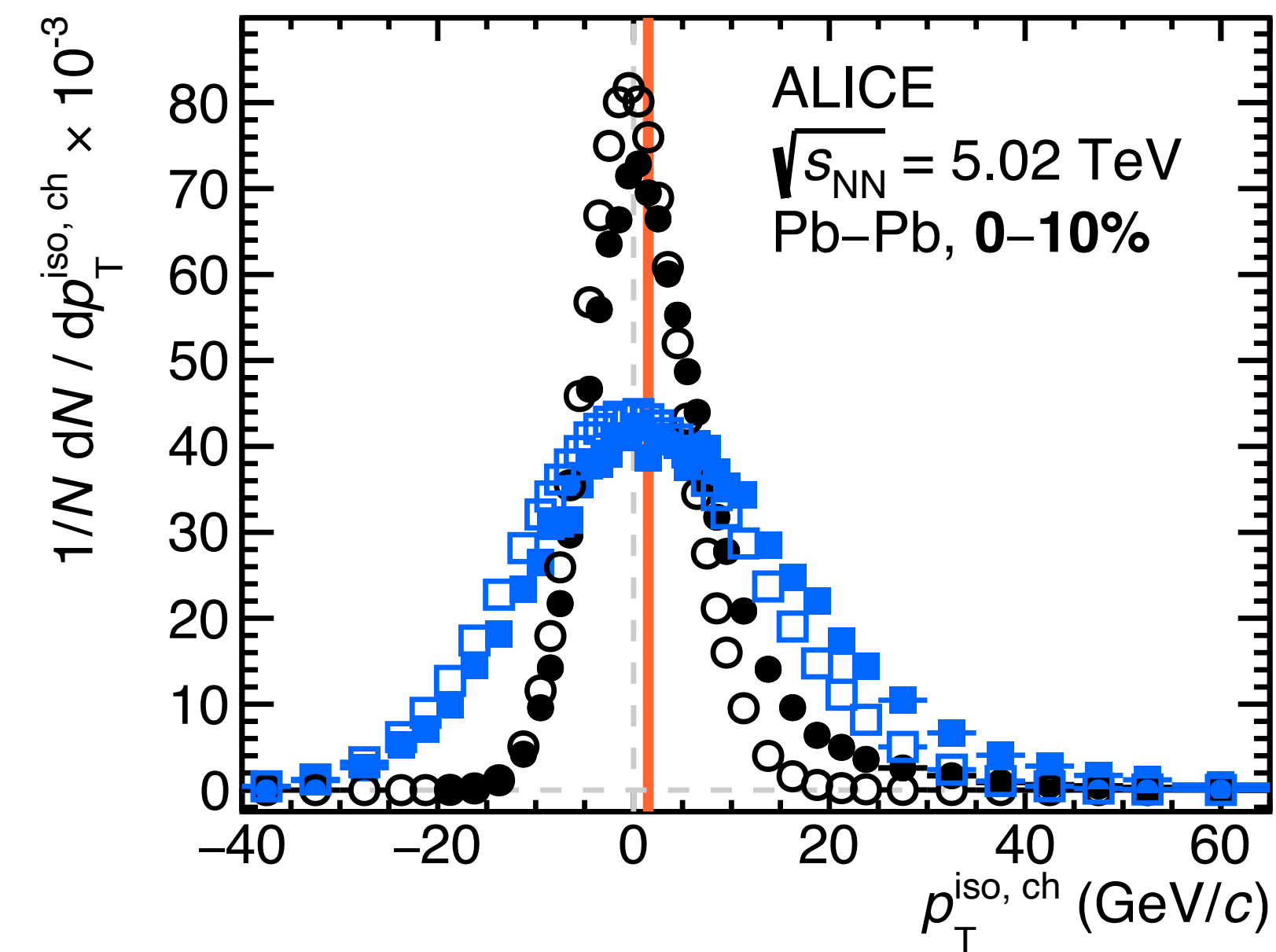
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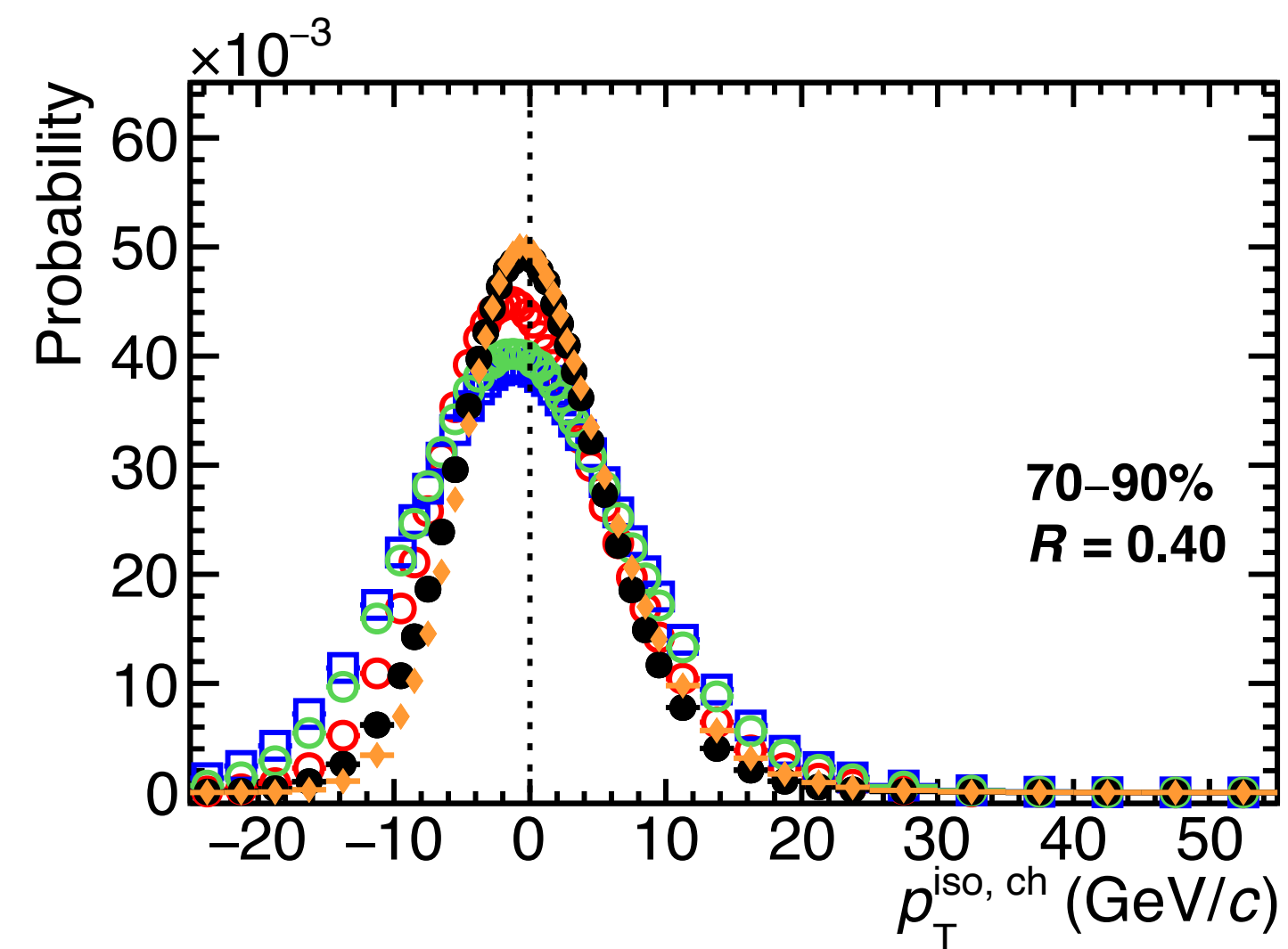
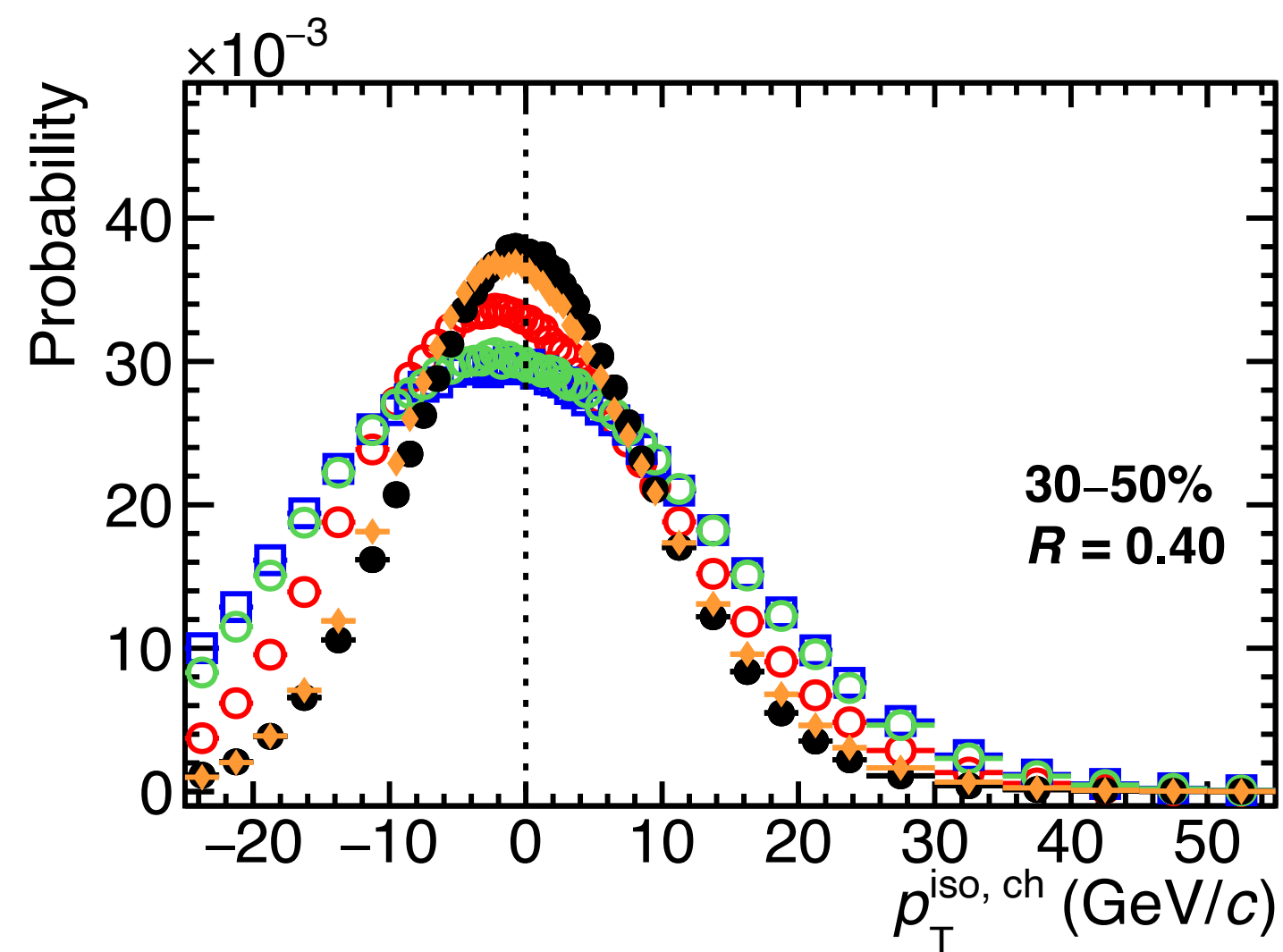
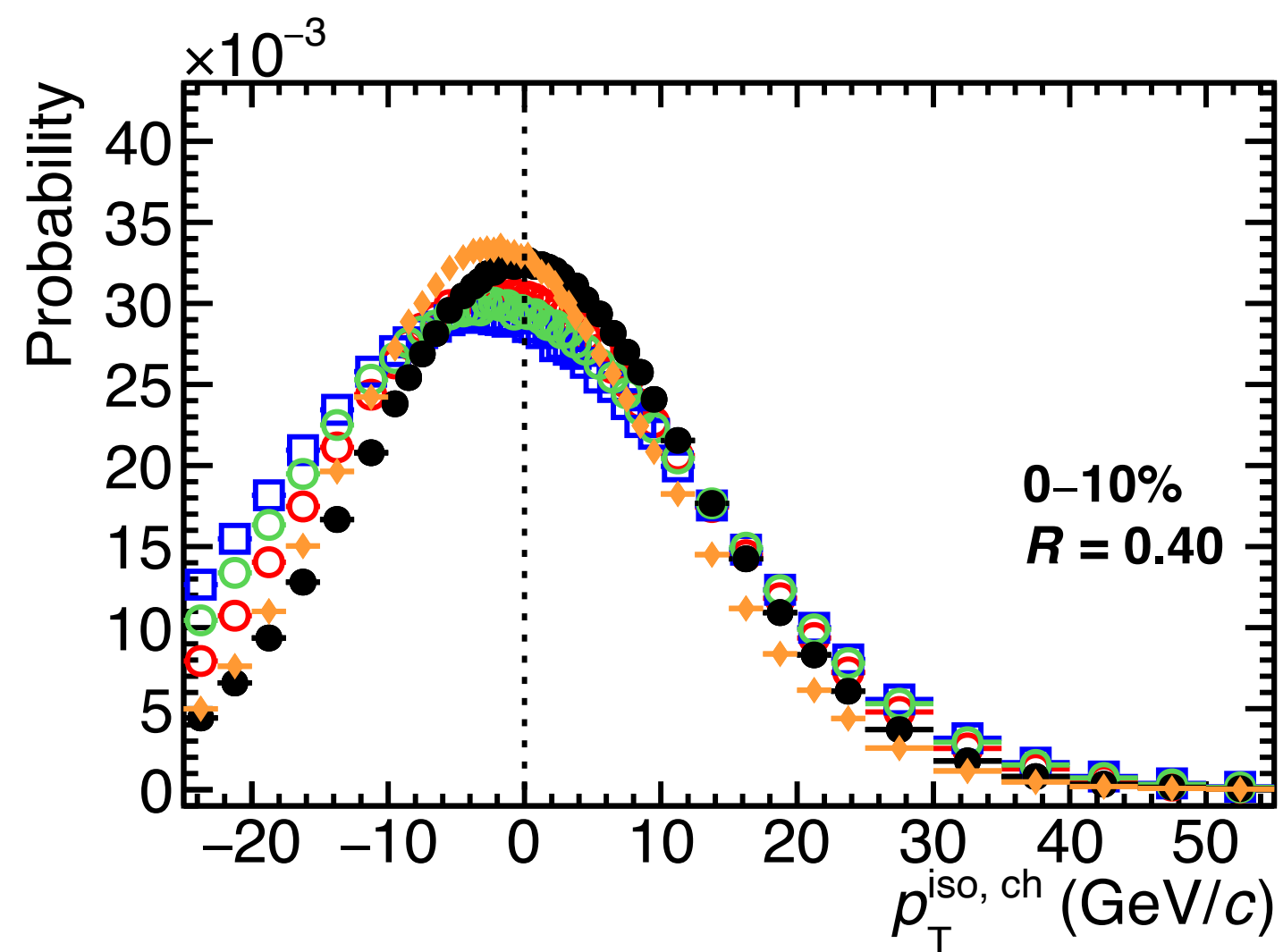
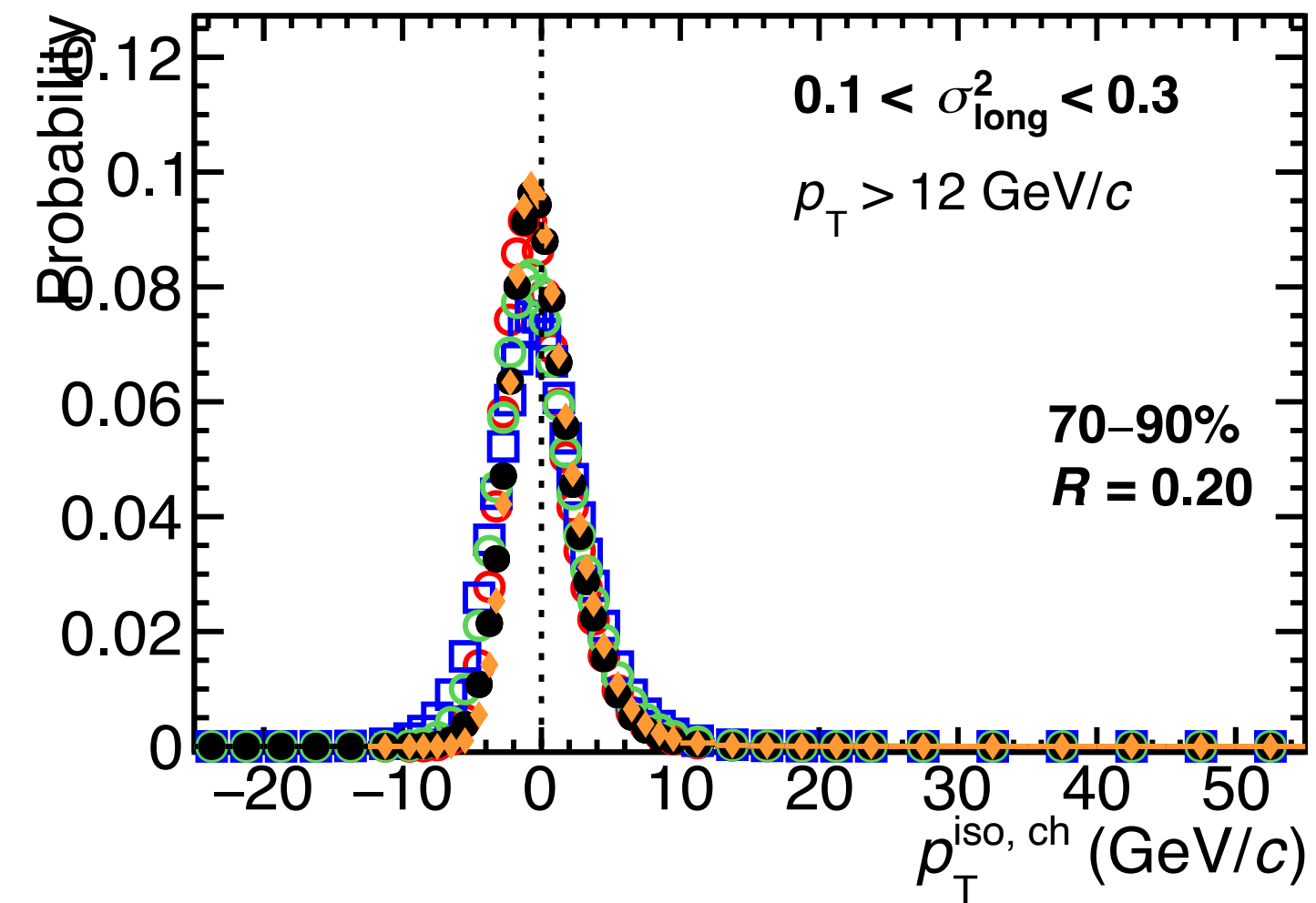
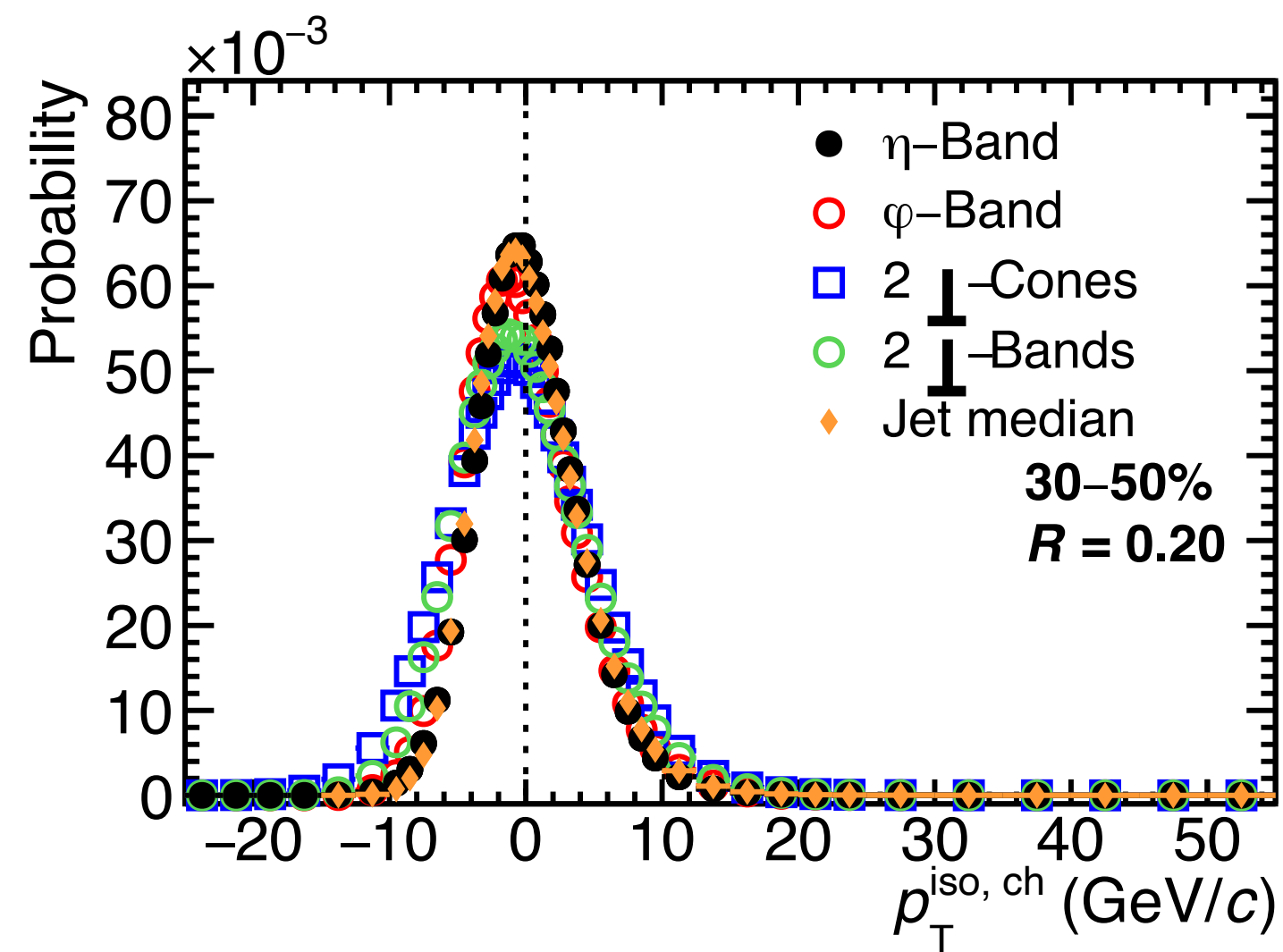
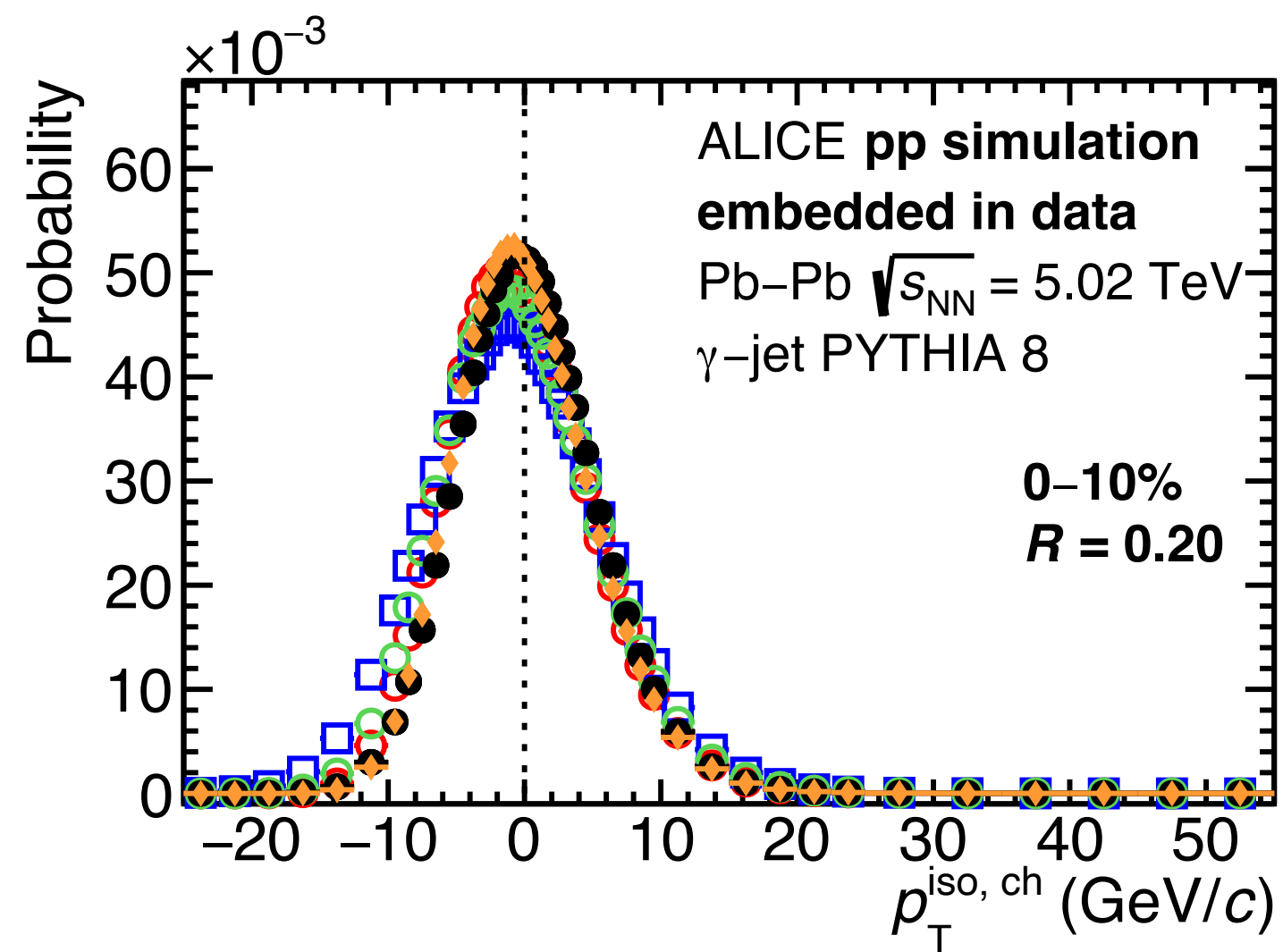
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Isolation momentum in cone, pp & Pb-Pb $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV

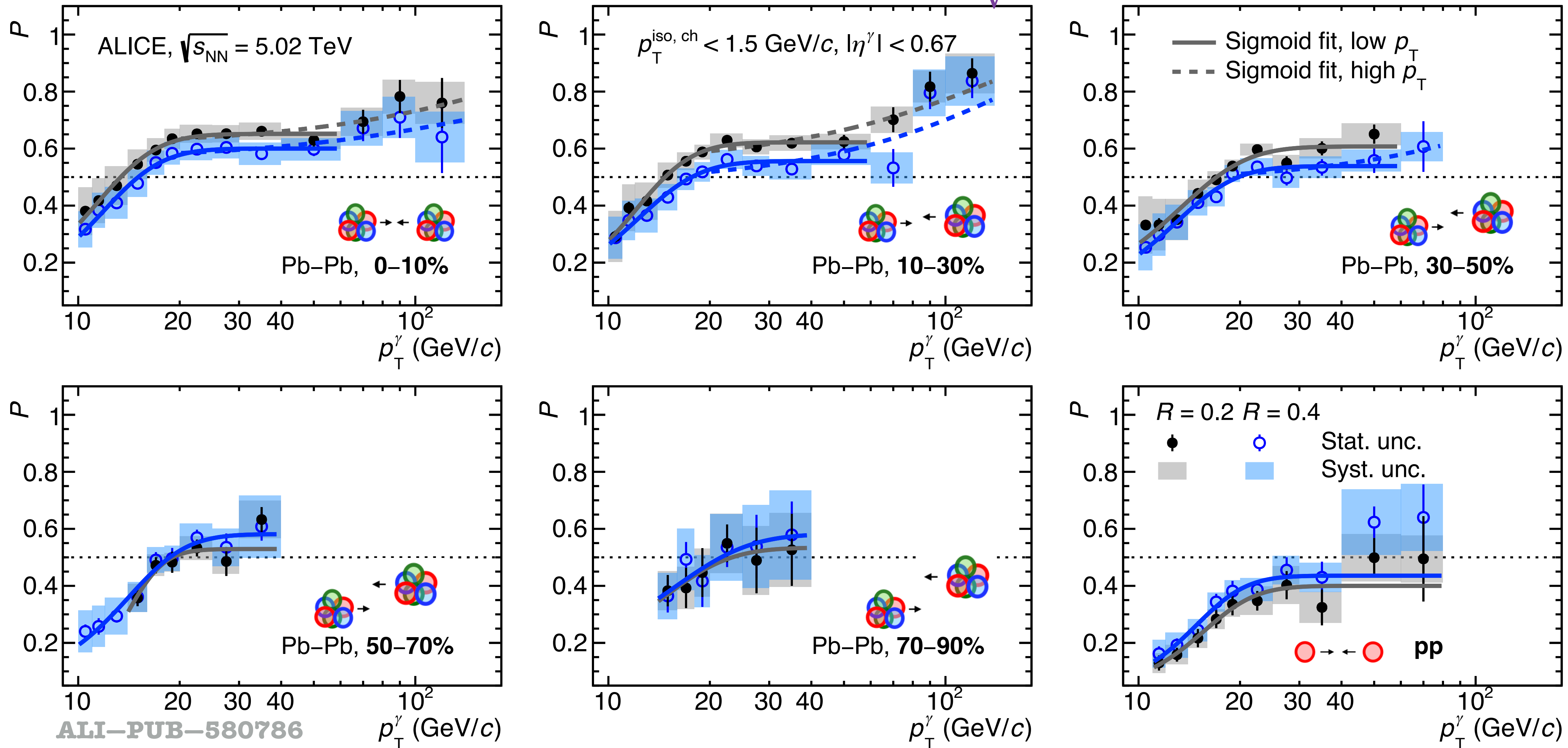


Isolation momentum in cone, different UE areas



pp PYTHIA 8 γ -jet process simulation embedded into data

Purity for $R = 0.2$ & 0.4 , pp & Pb-Pb $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV

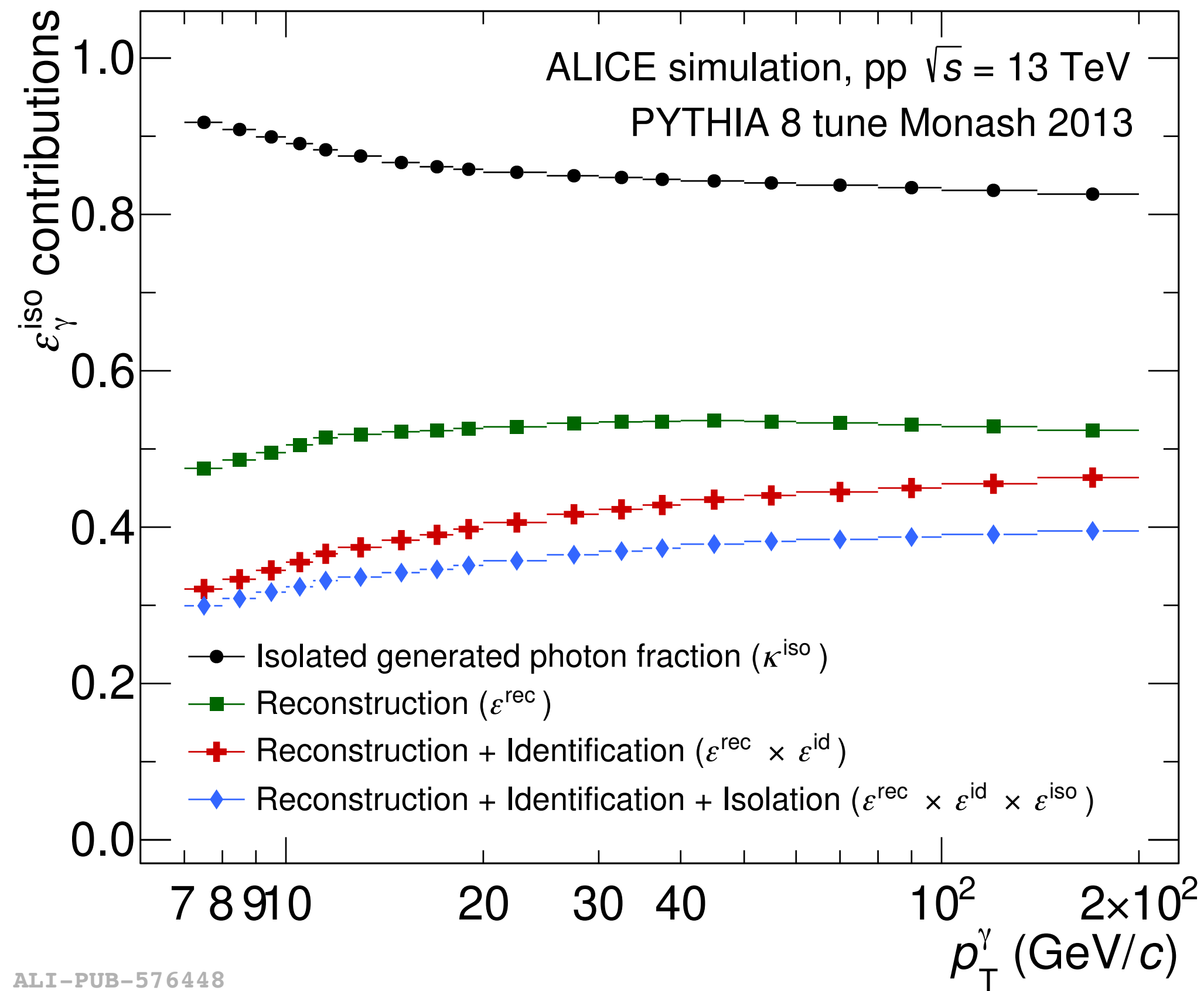


- Distributions fitted to sigmoid function to reduce influence of fluctuations, fits used to correct the spectra
- $P(R = 0.4) > P(R = 0.2)$ in pp collisions, more jet particles in cone, but decreasing centrality $P(R = 0.2) > P(R = 0.4)$, due to UE fluctuations, although not significantly different
- $P(\text{Pb-Pb}) > P(\text{pp})$ due to better tracking and higher $N(\gamma) / N(\pi^0)$ ratio ($R_{AA}(\pi^0) \ll 1$)

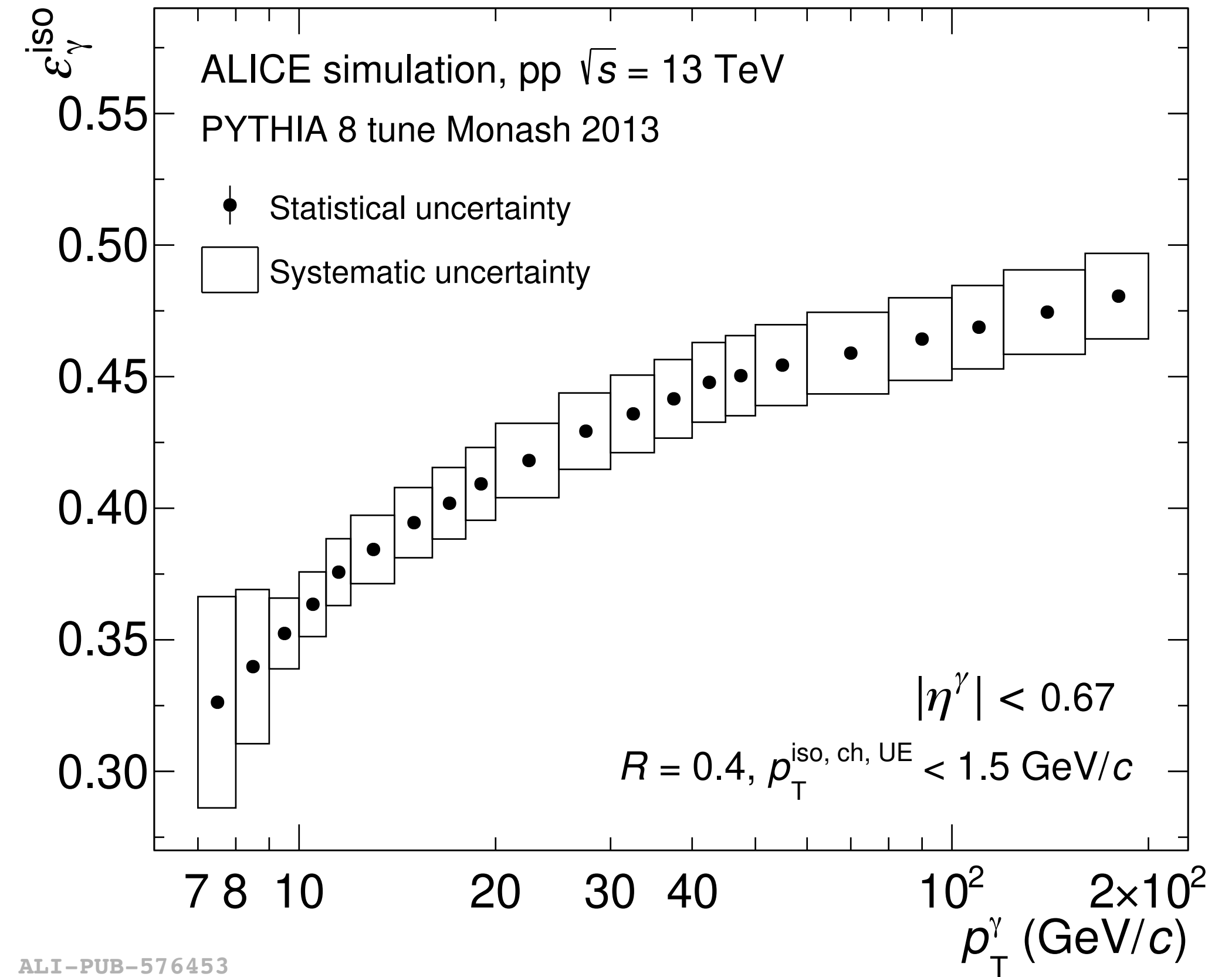
Isolated γ efficiency components, pp $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV

$$\varepsilon^{\text{sel}} = \frac{dN_{\gamma_{\text{prompt}}}^{\text{cluster sel.}}/dp_{\text{T}}^{\text{rec}}}{dN_{\gamma_{\text{prompt}}}^{\text{gener.}}/dp_{\text{T}}^{\text{gen}}}$$

$$\varepsilon_{\gamma}^{\text{iso}} = \frac{dN_{\gamma_{\text{prompt}}}^{\text{cluster iso. narrow}}/dp_{\text{T}}^{\text{rec}}}{dN_{\gamma_{\text{prompt}}}^{\text{gener. iso.}}/dp_{\text{T}}^{\text{gen}}}$$



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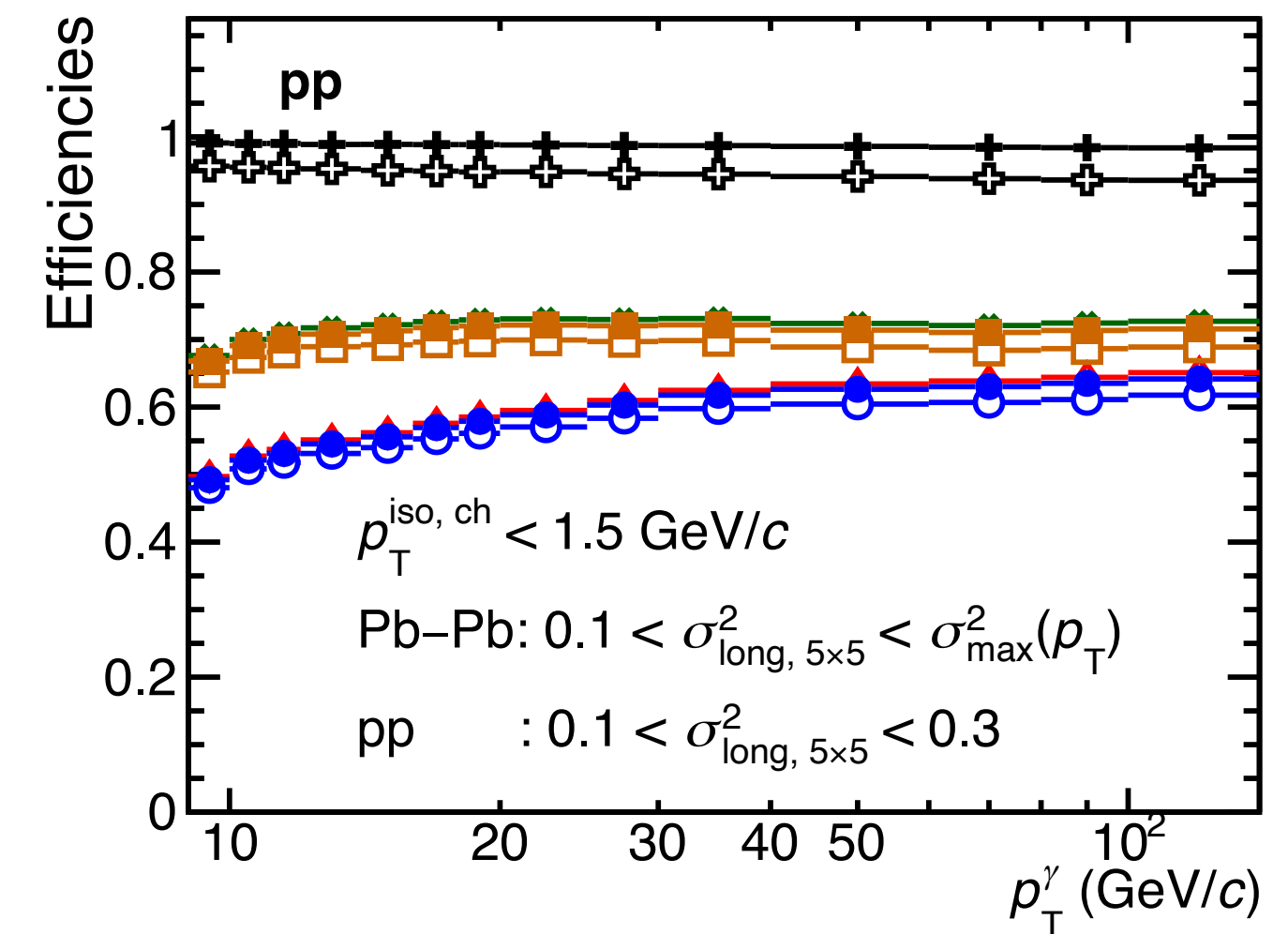
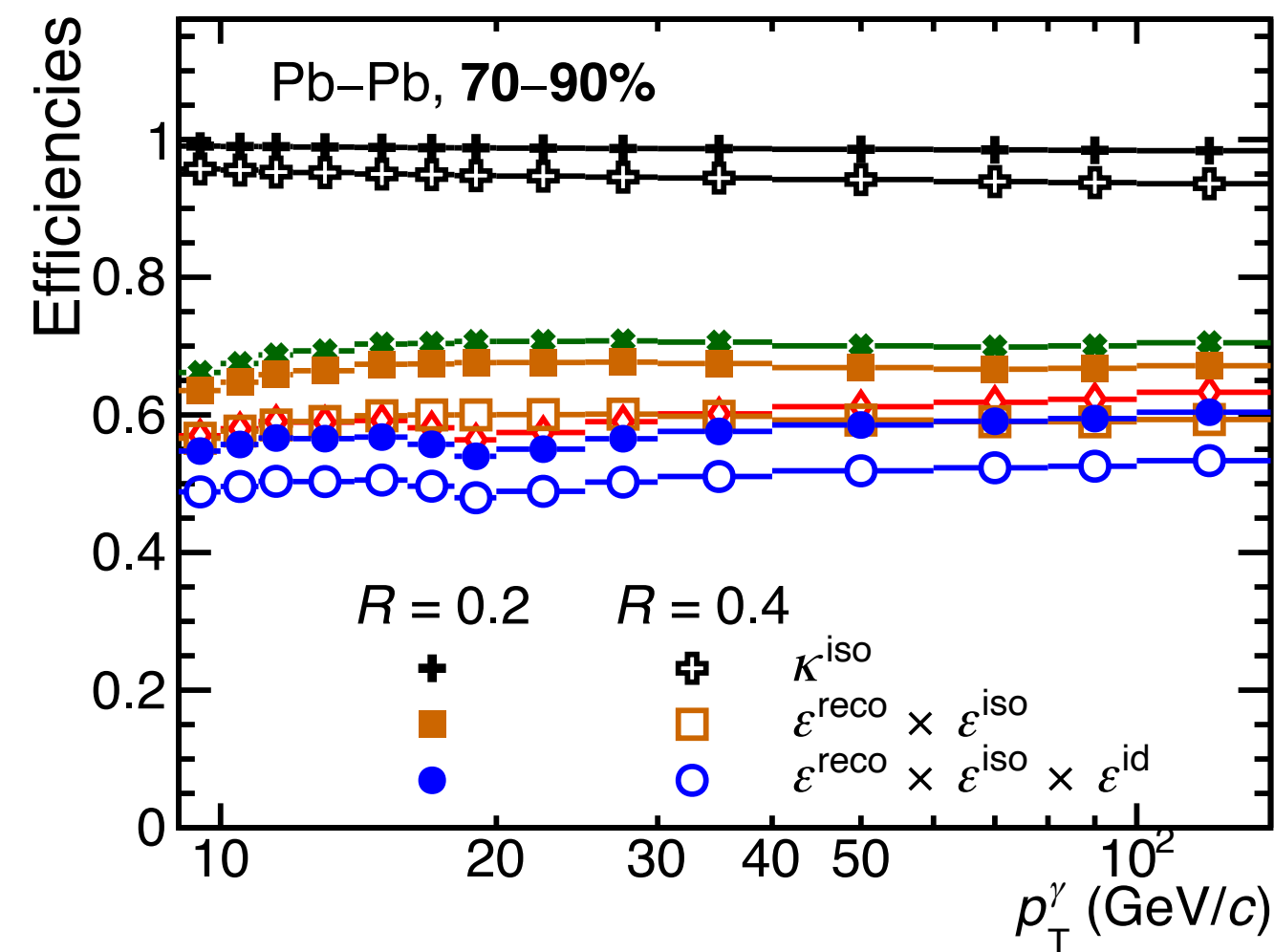
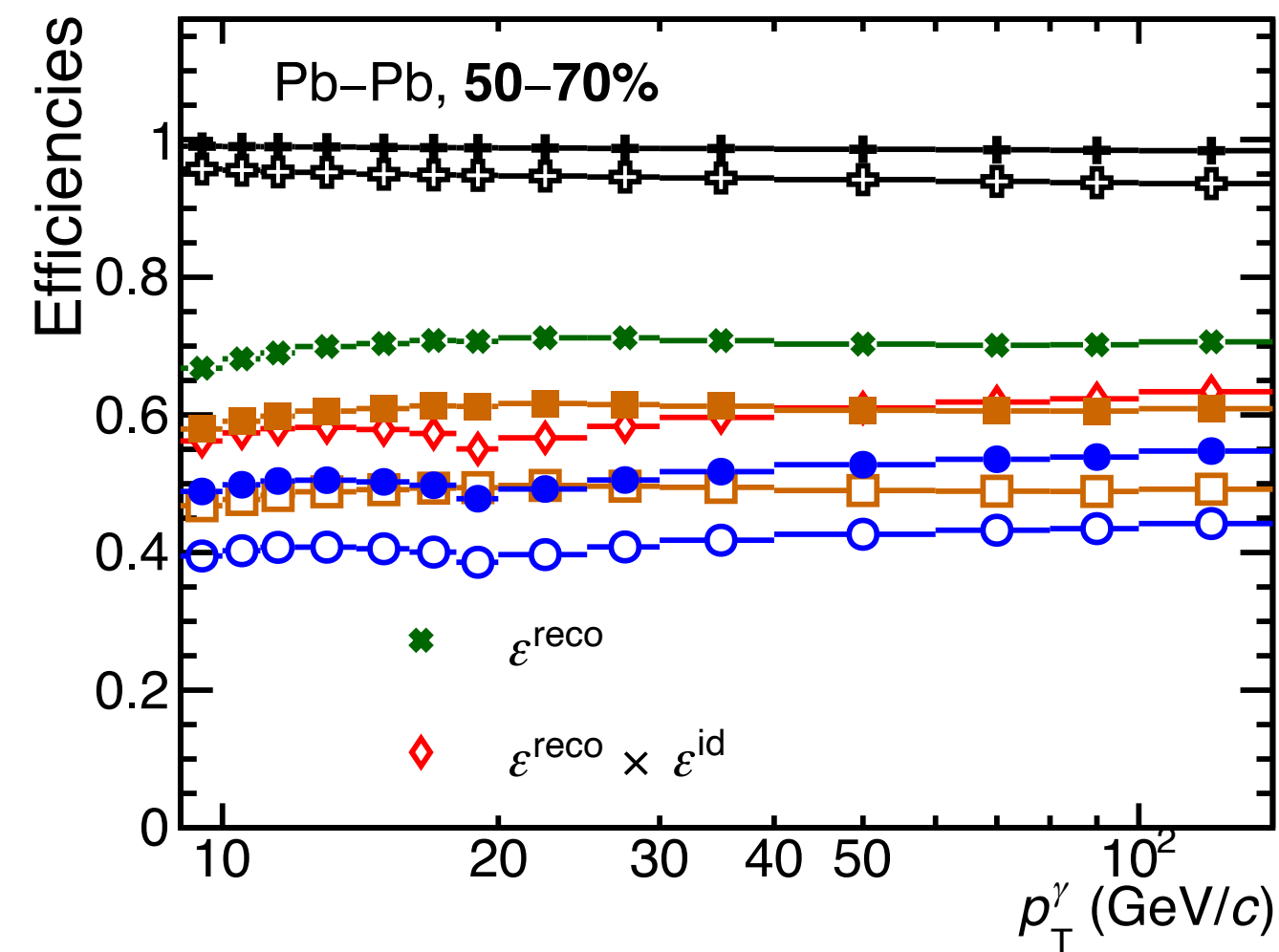
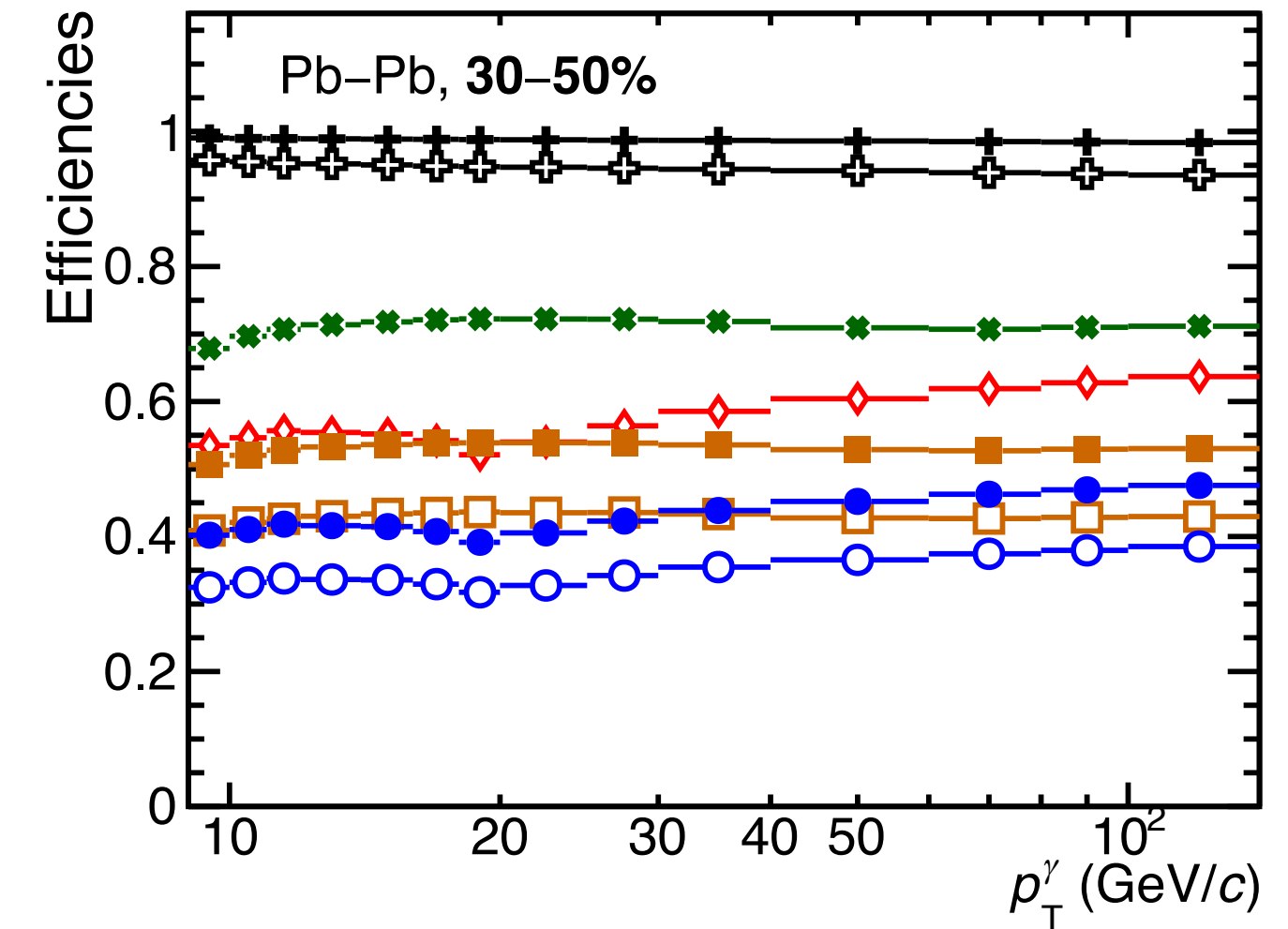
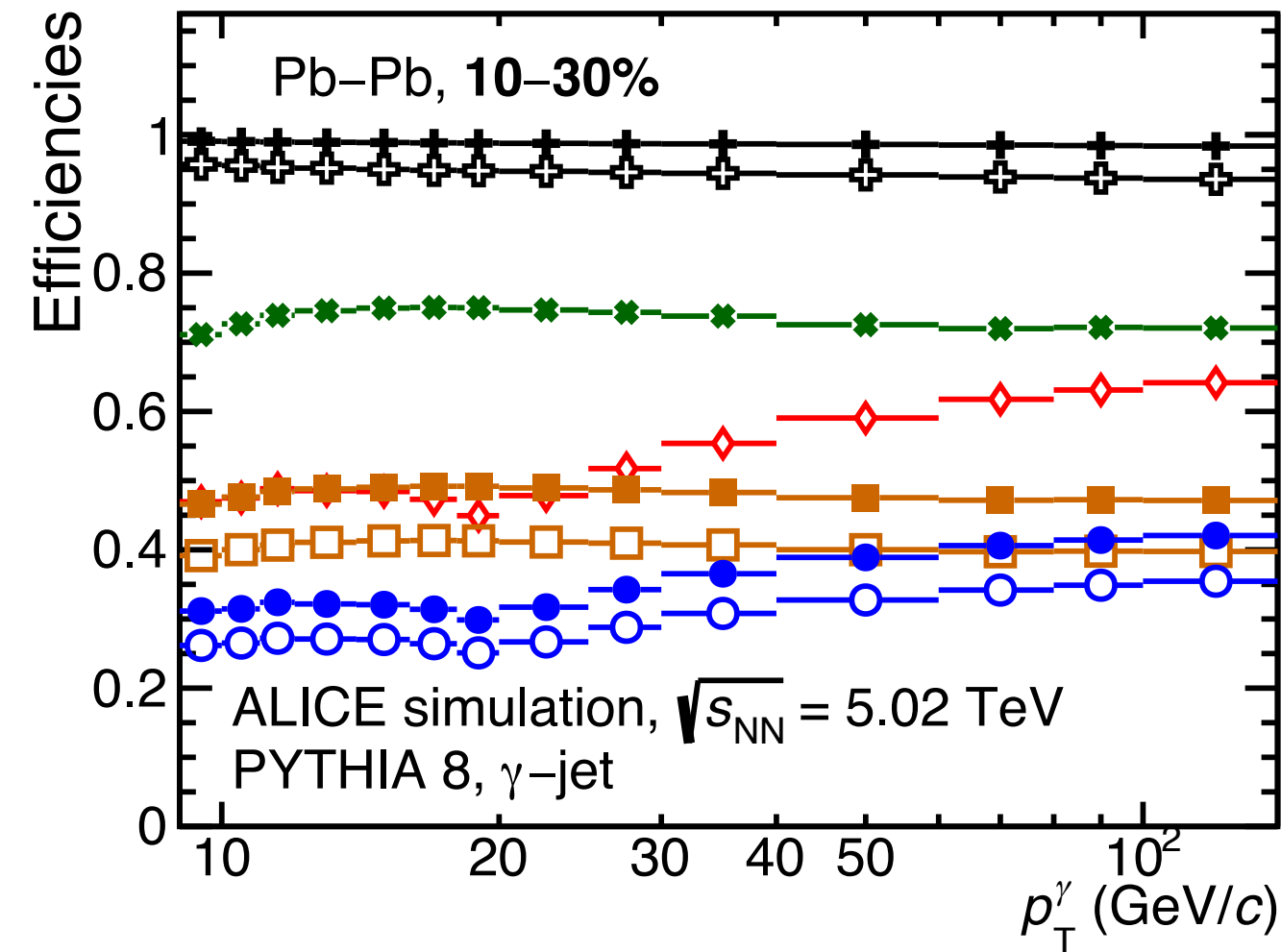
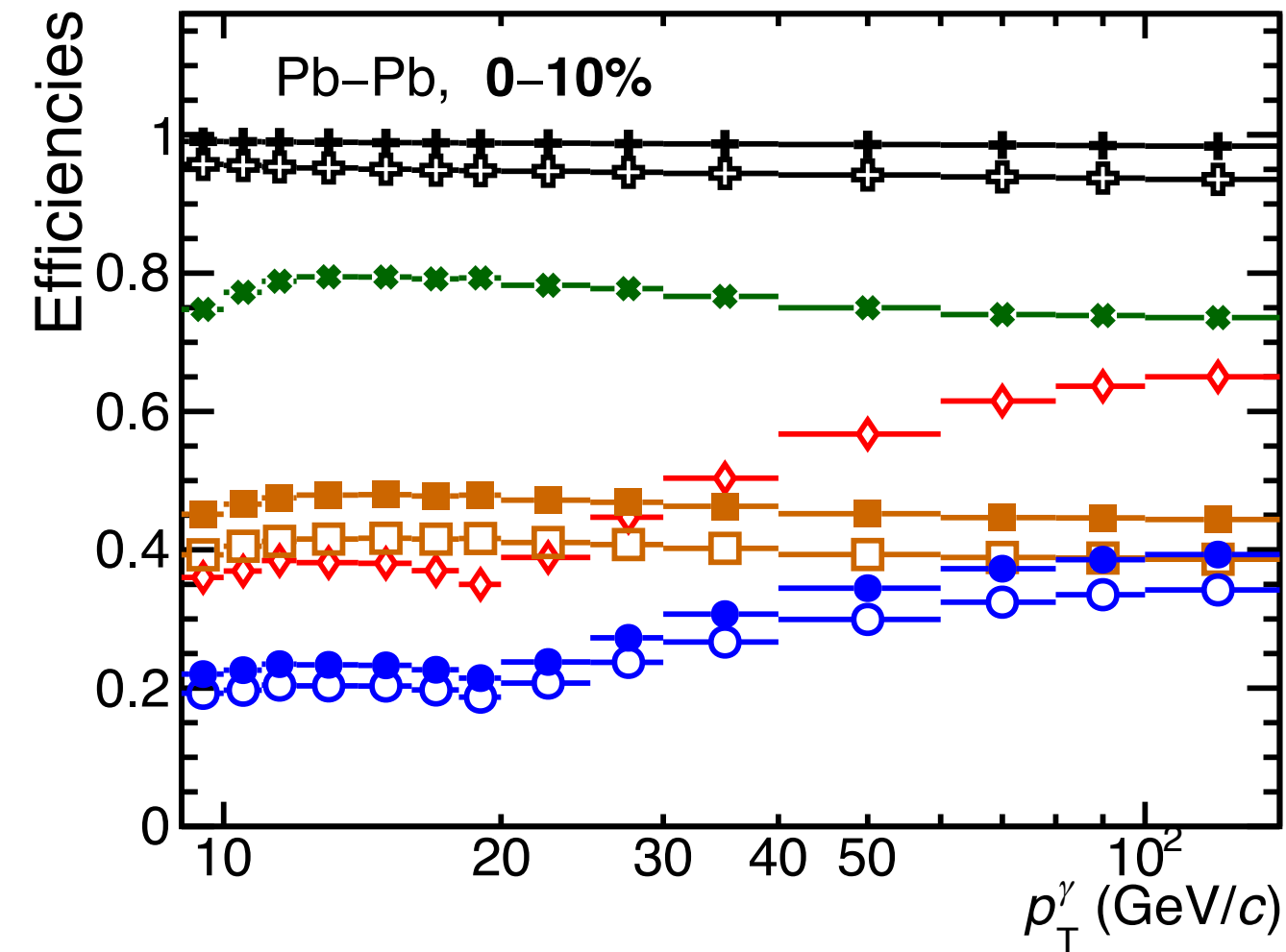


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Isolated γ efficiency components, pp & Pb-Pb $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV

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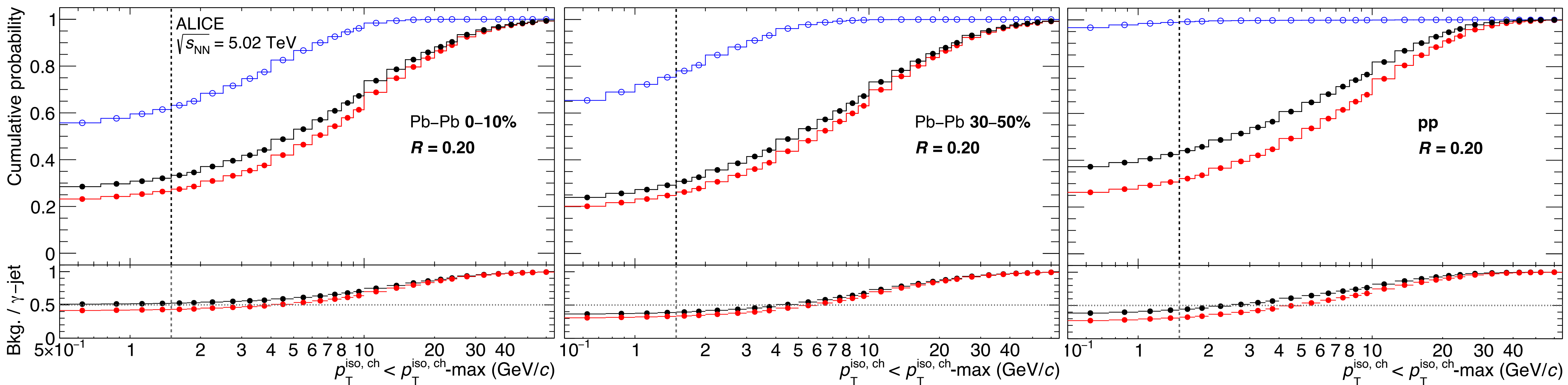
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Selection probability depending isolation threshold, $R = 0.2$, pp & Pb-Pb $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV



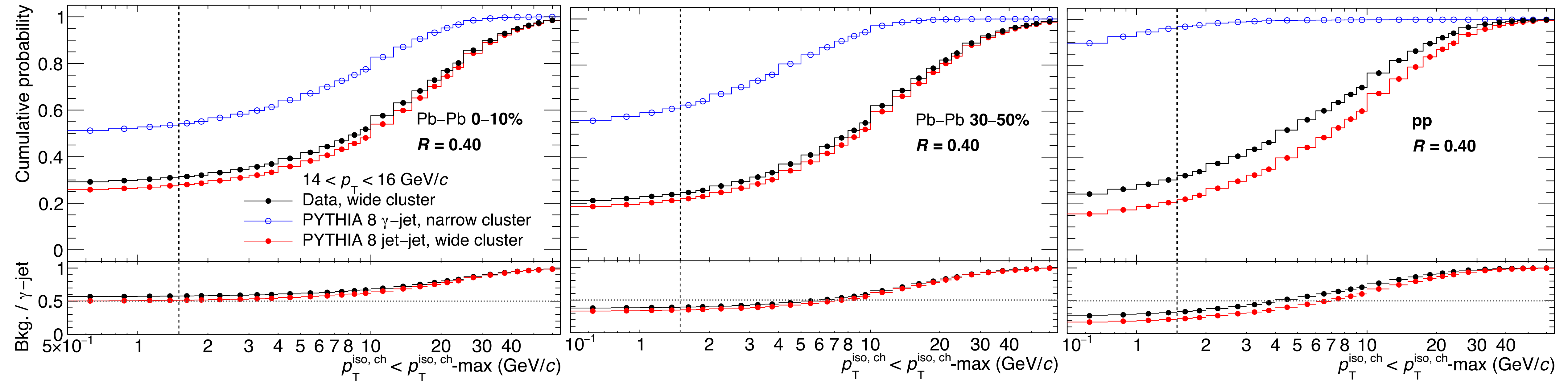
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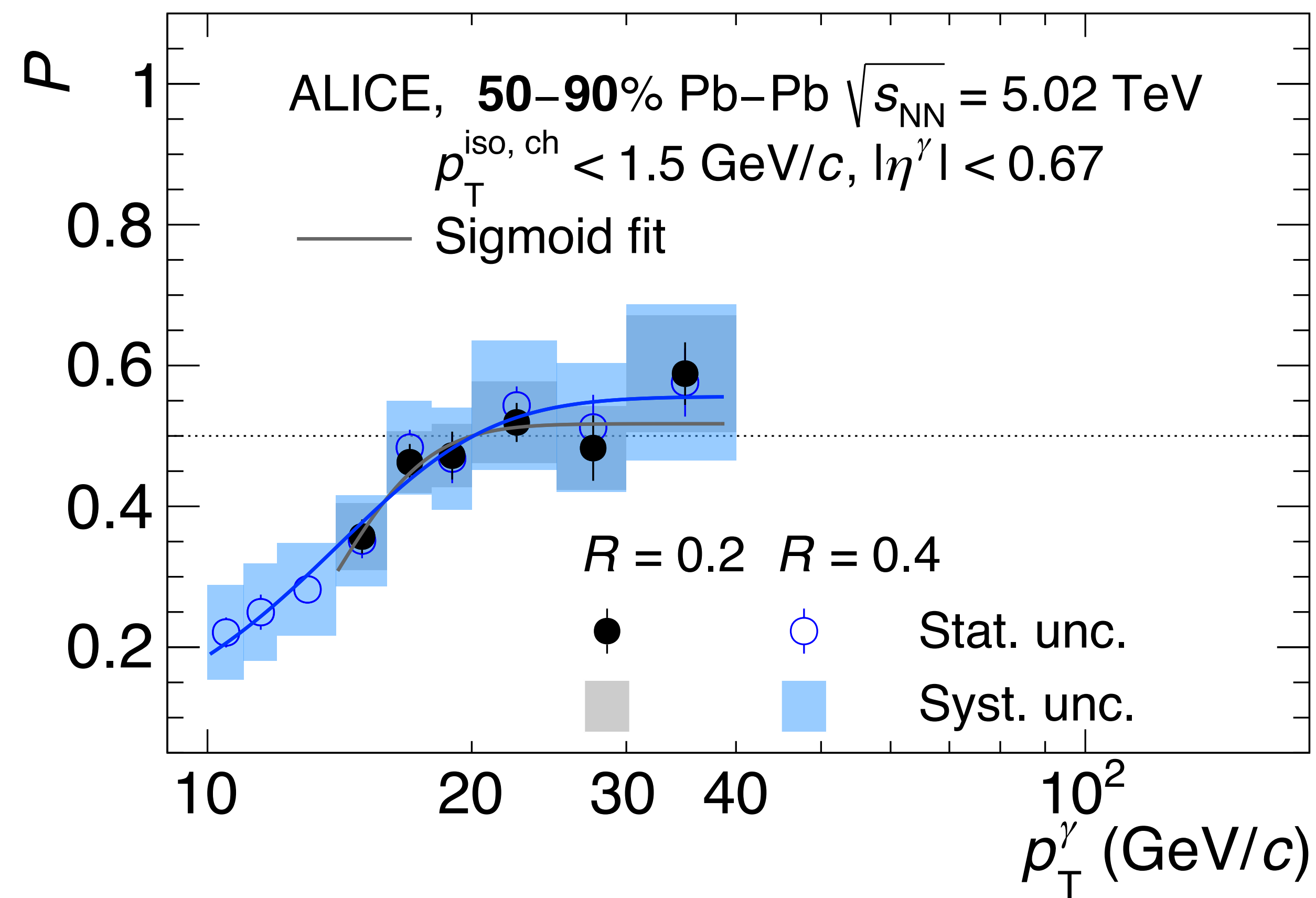
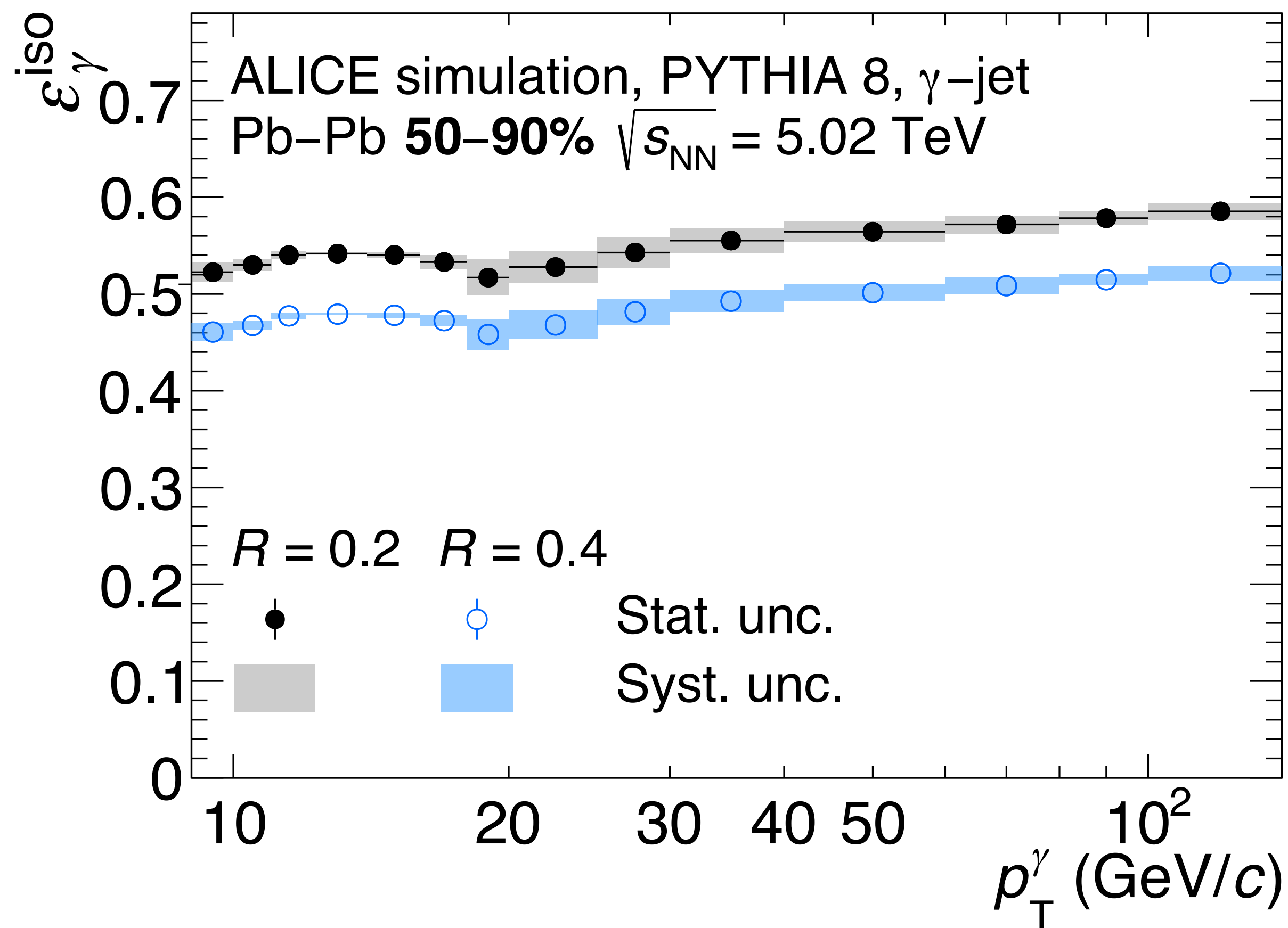


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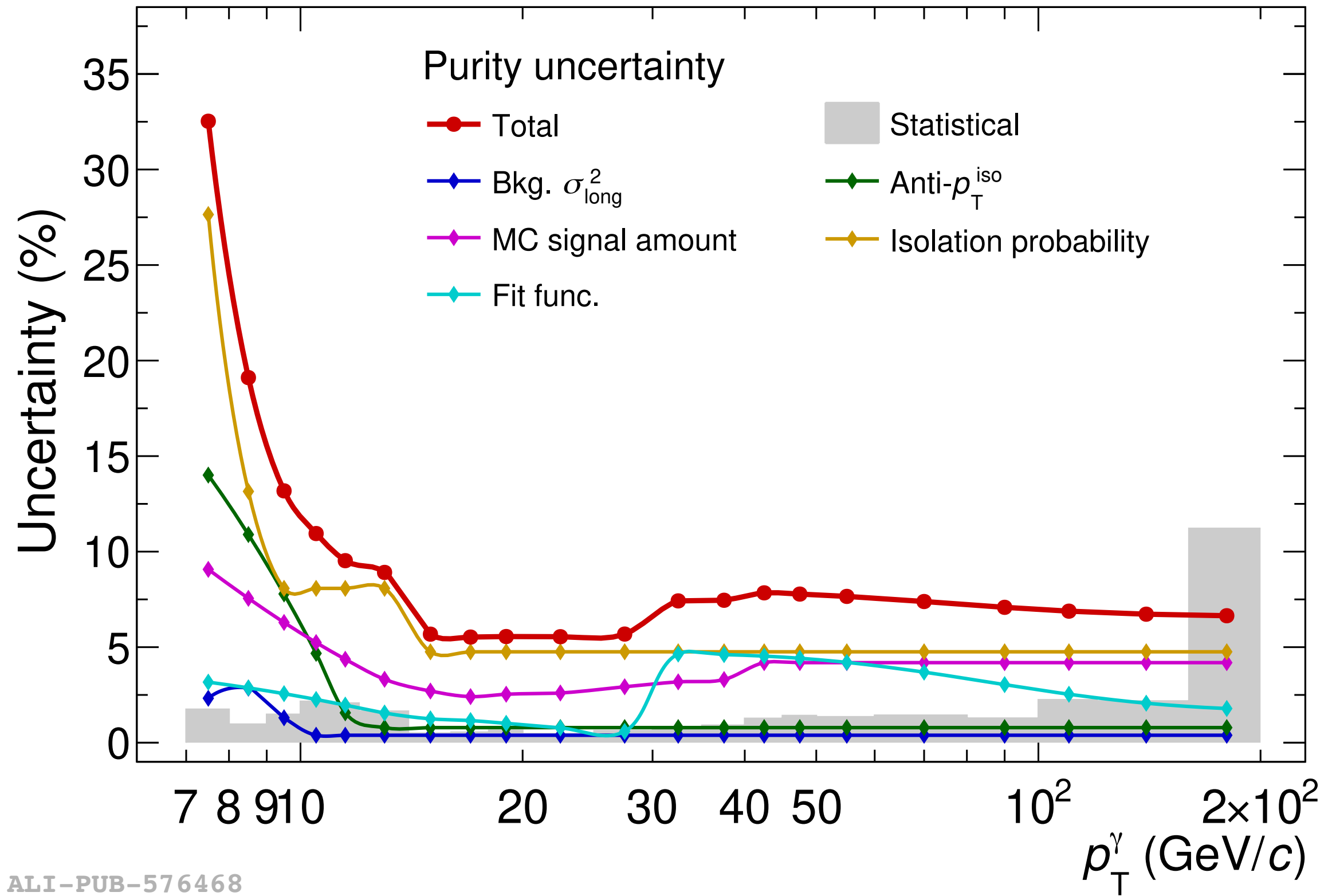


Pb–Pb 50-90%: efficiency and purity

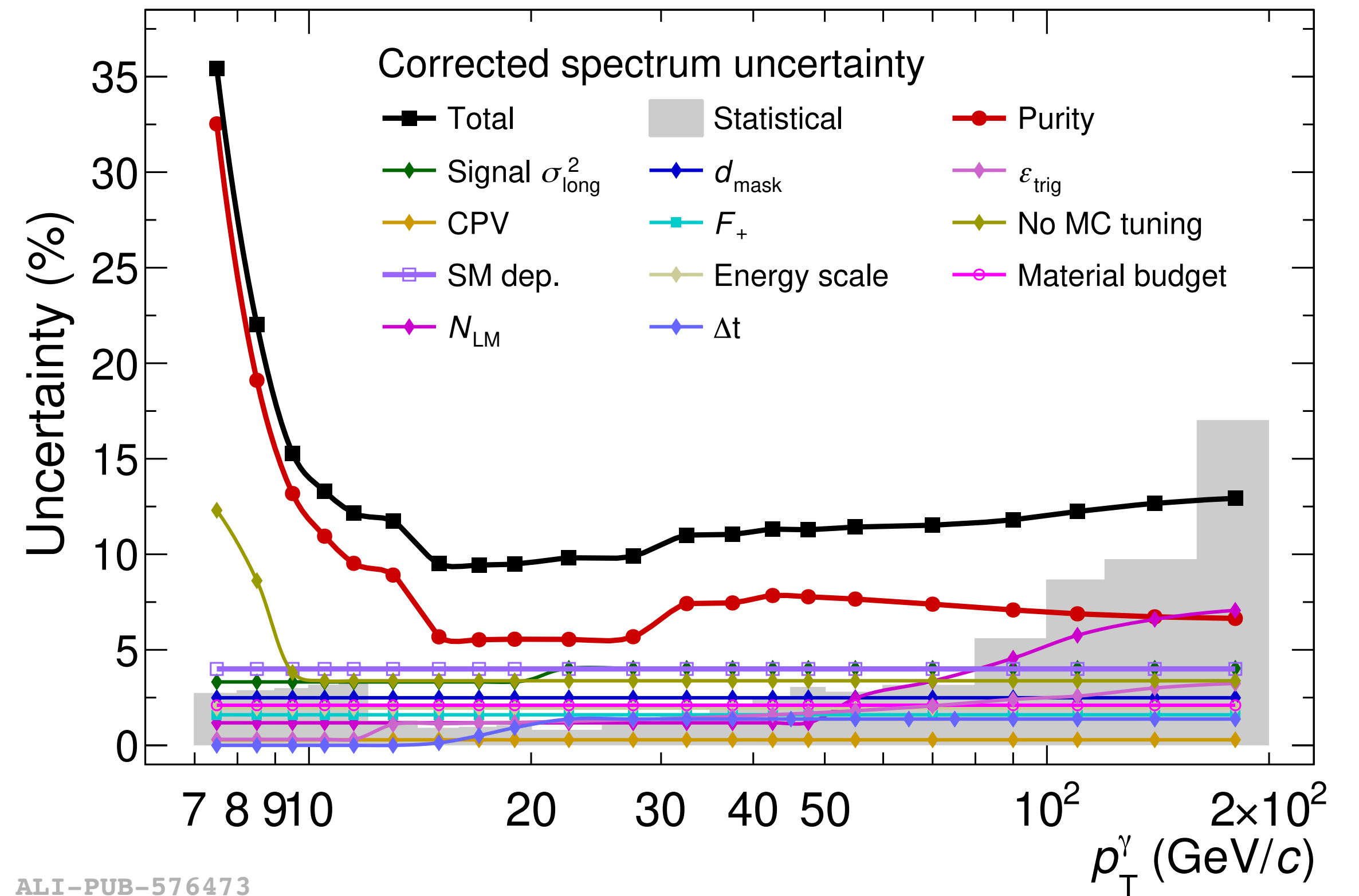
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Uncertainties, pp $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV

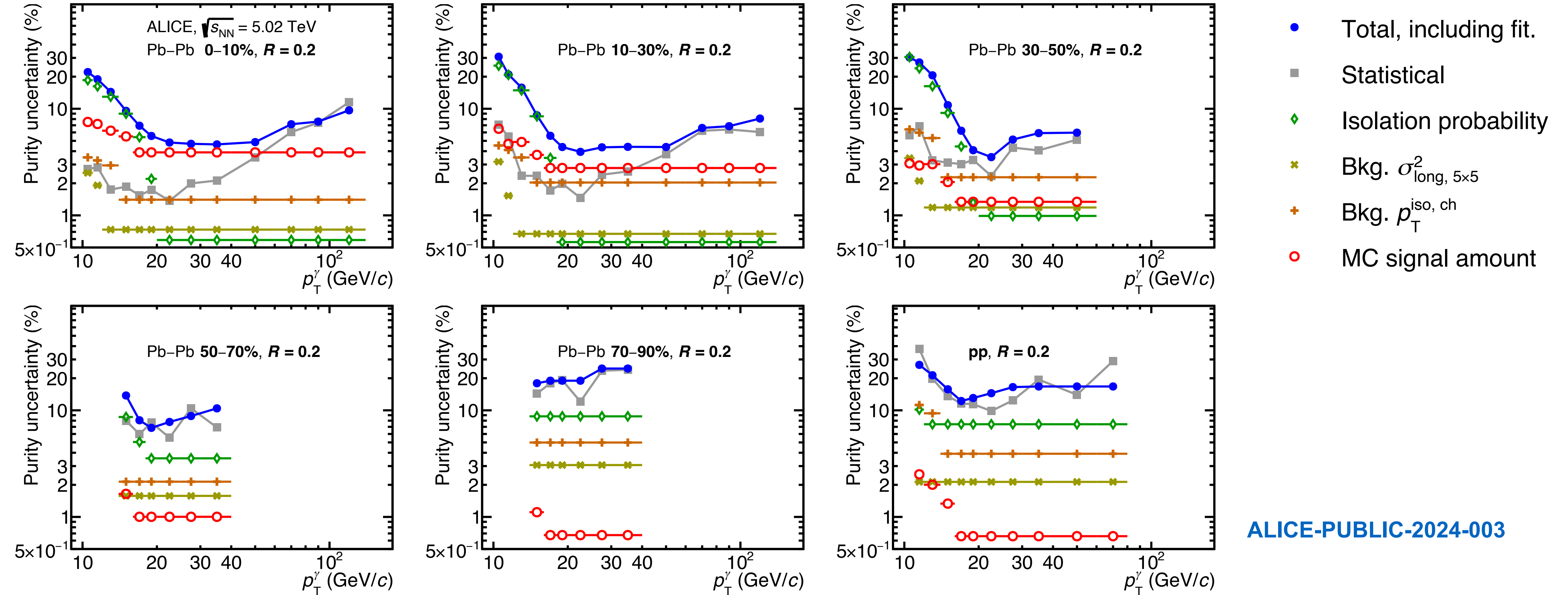


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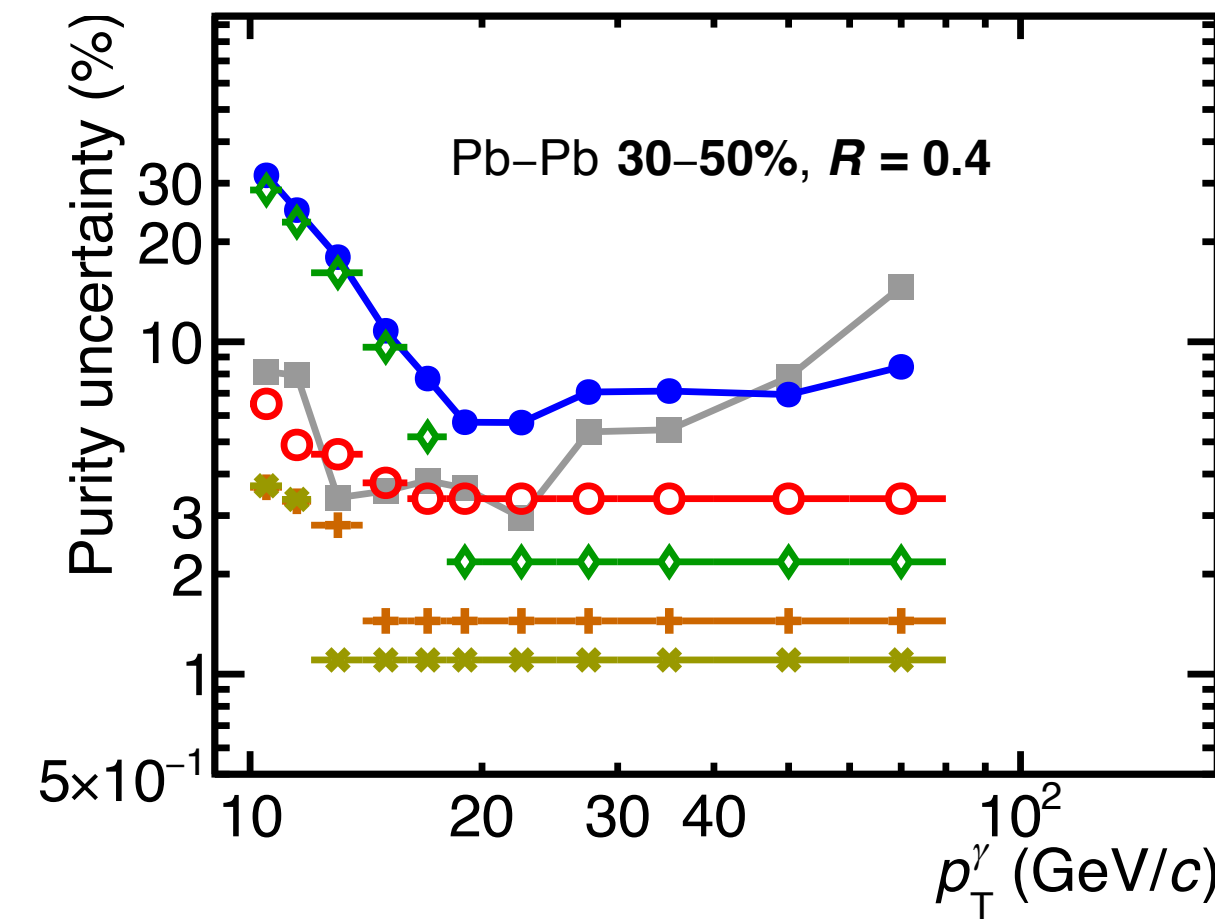
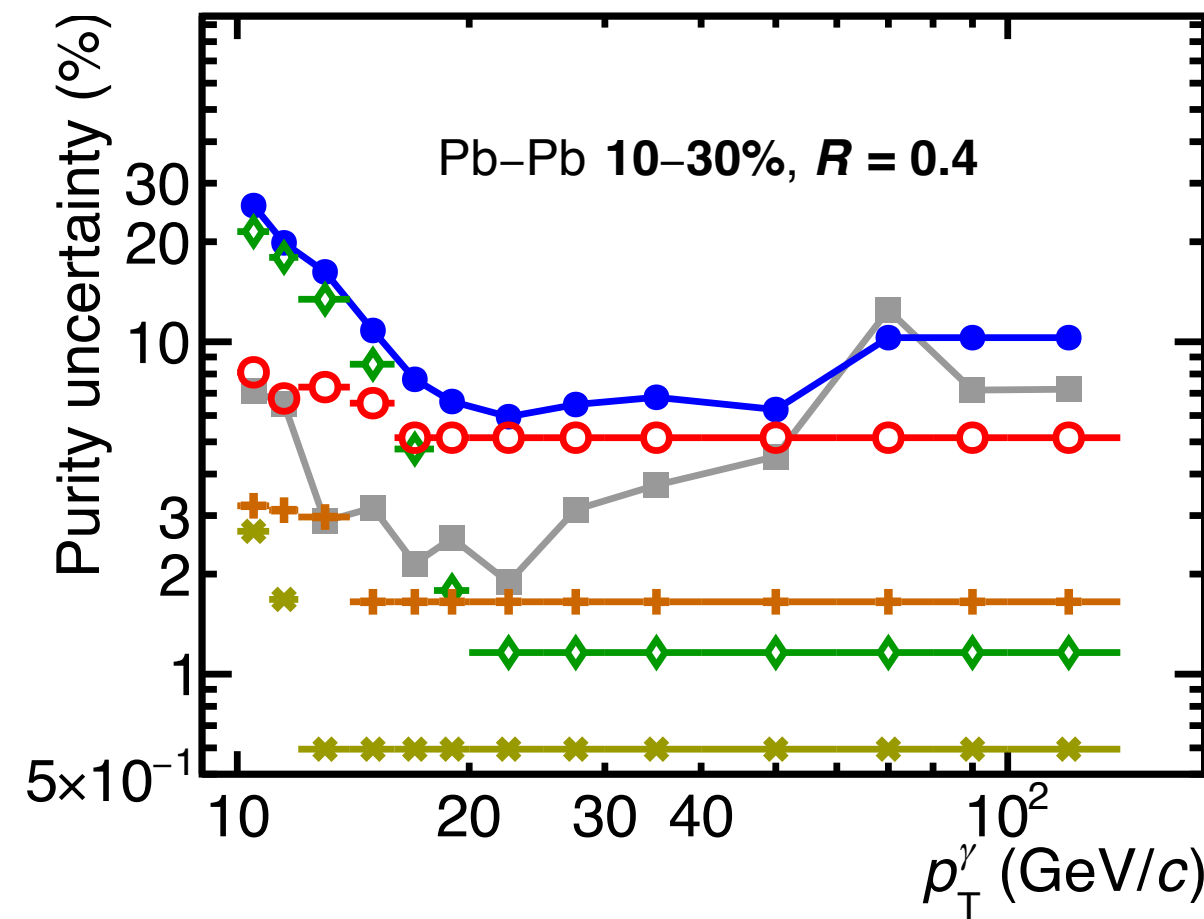
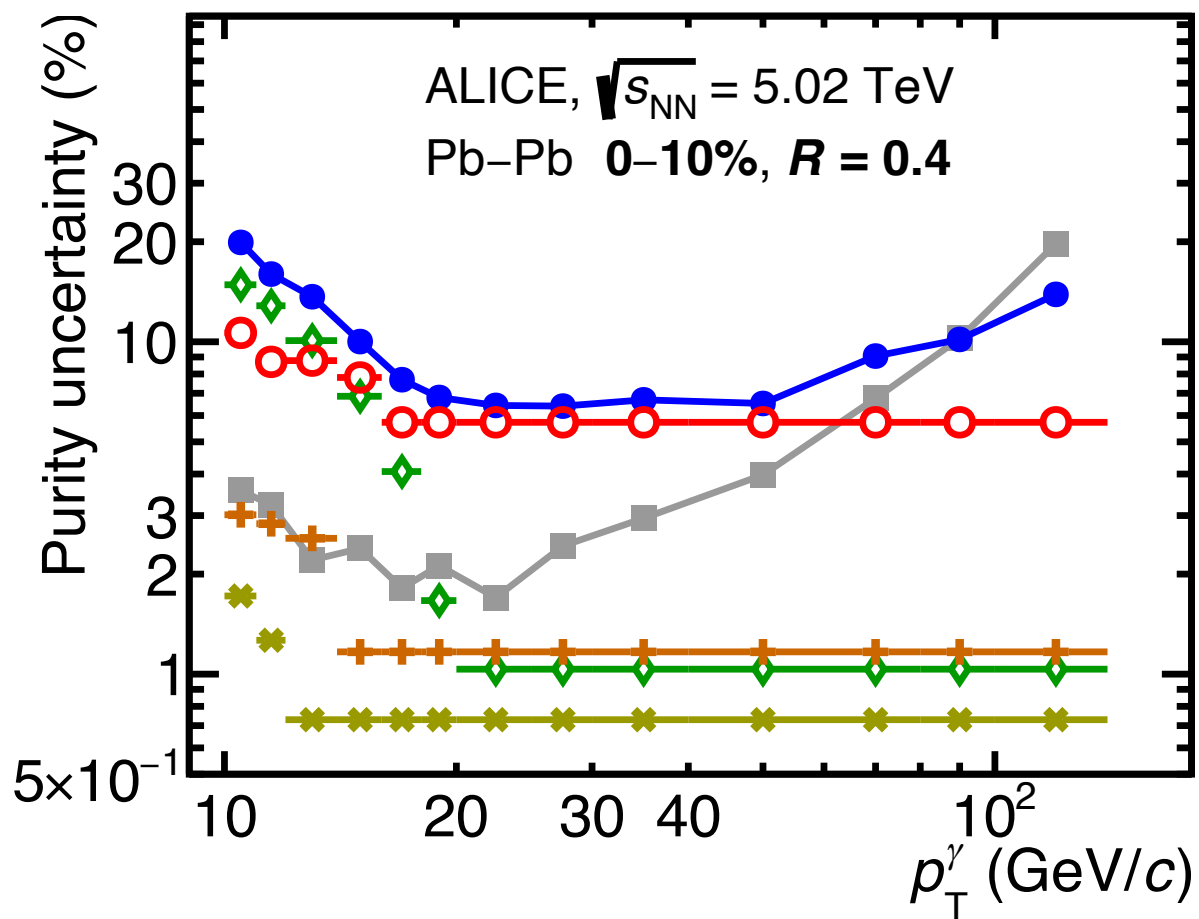
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Purity uncertainties, pp & Pb-Pb $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV, $R = 0.2$

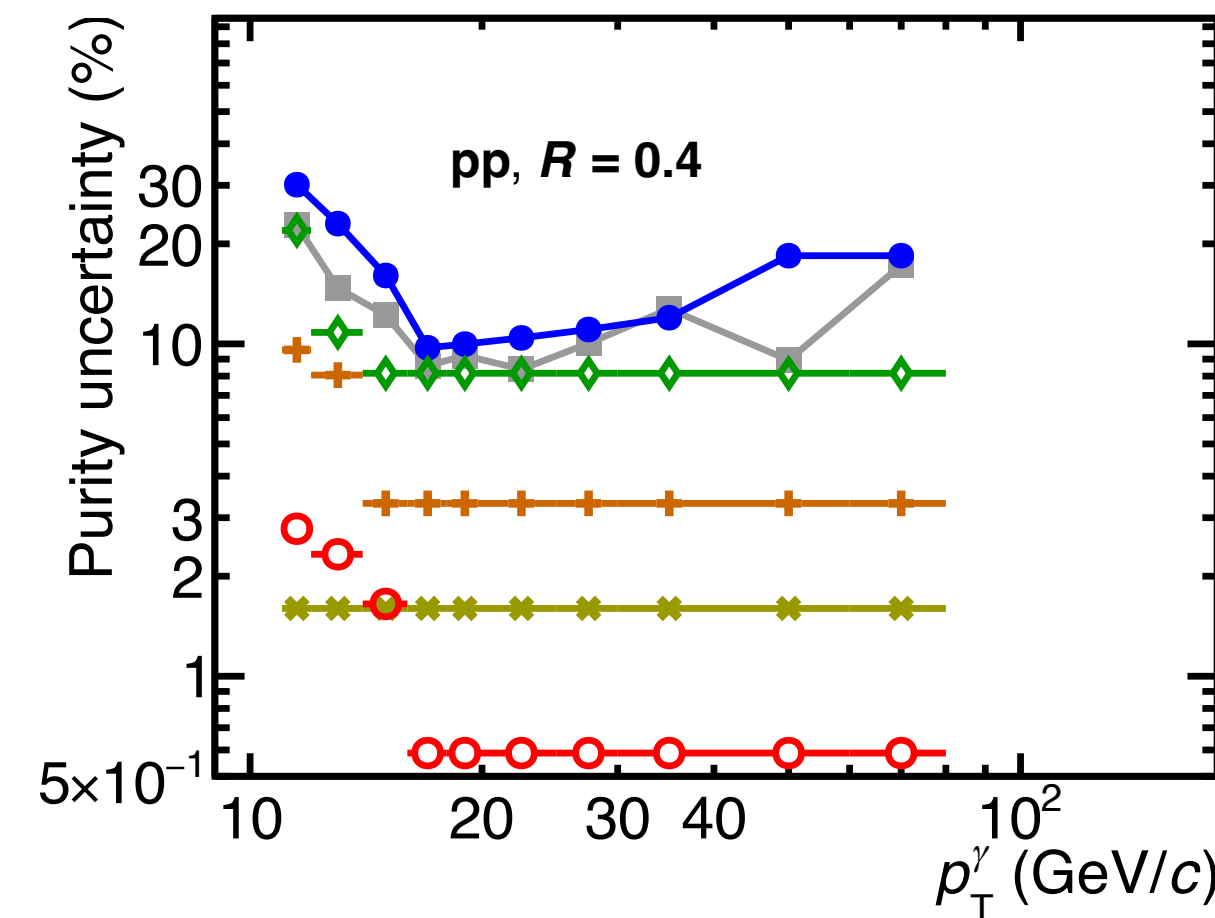
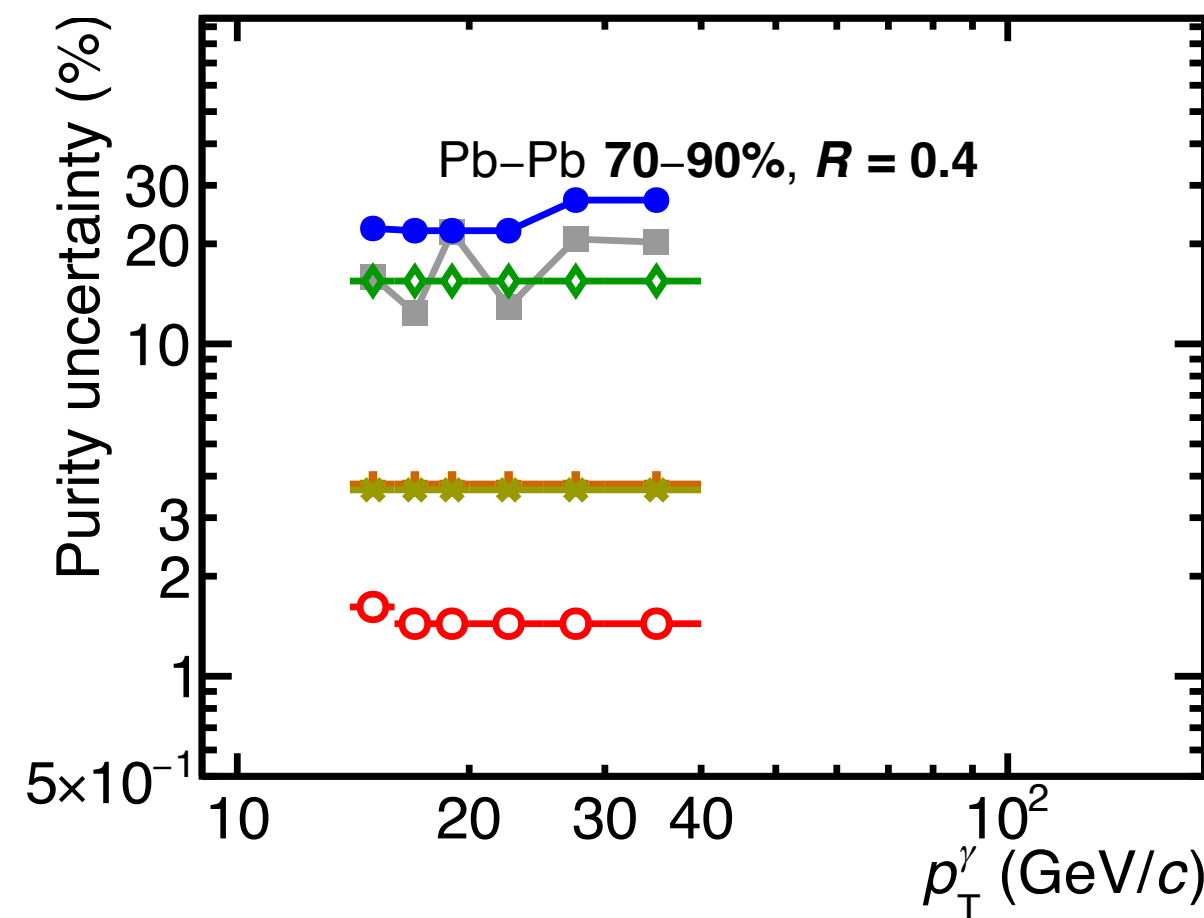
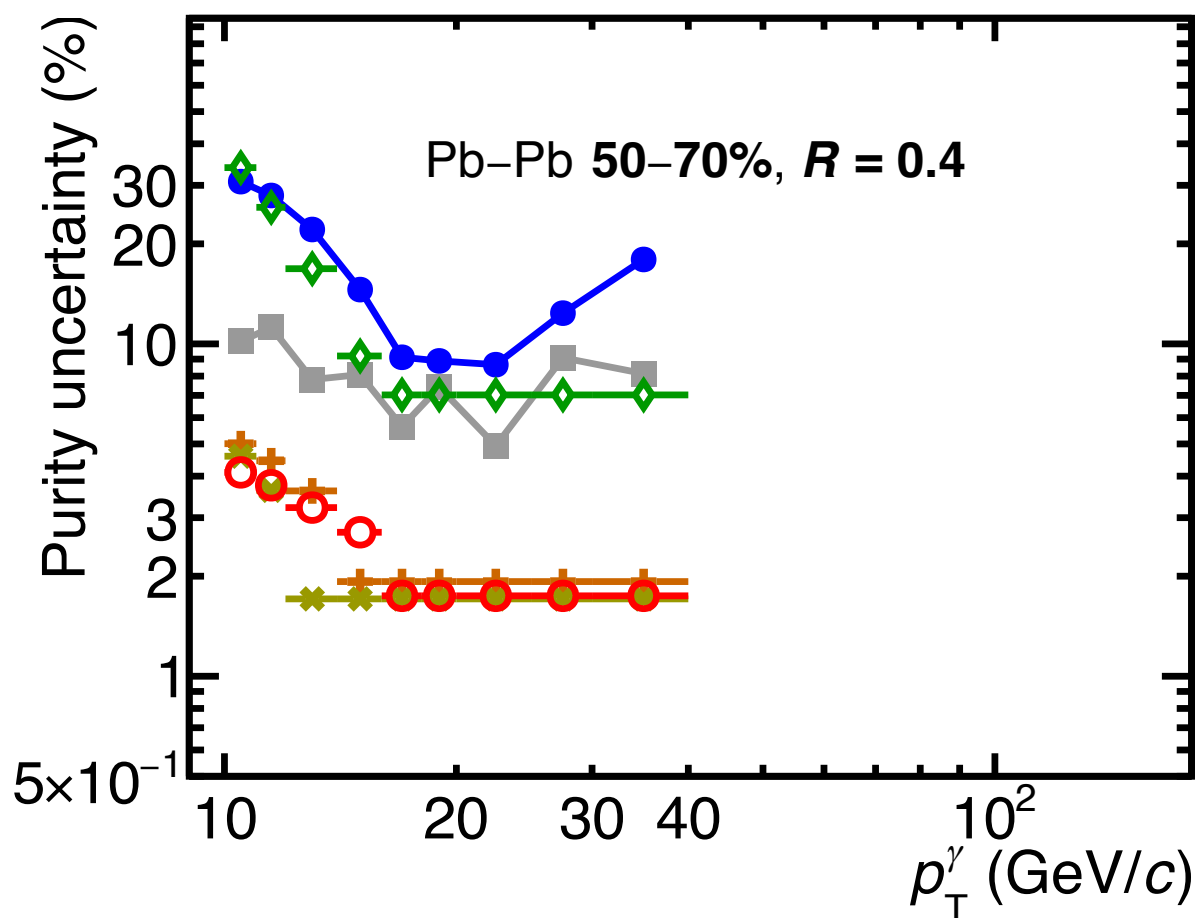


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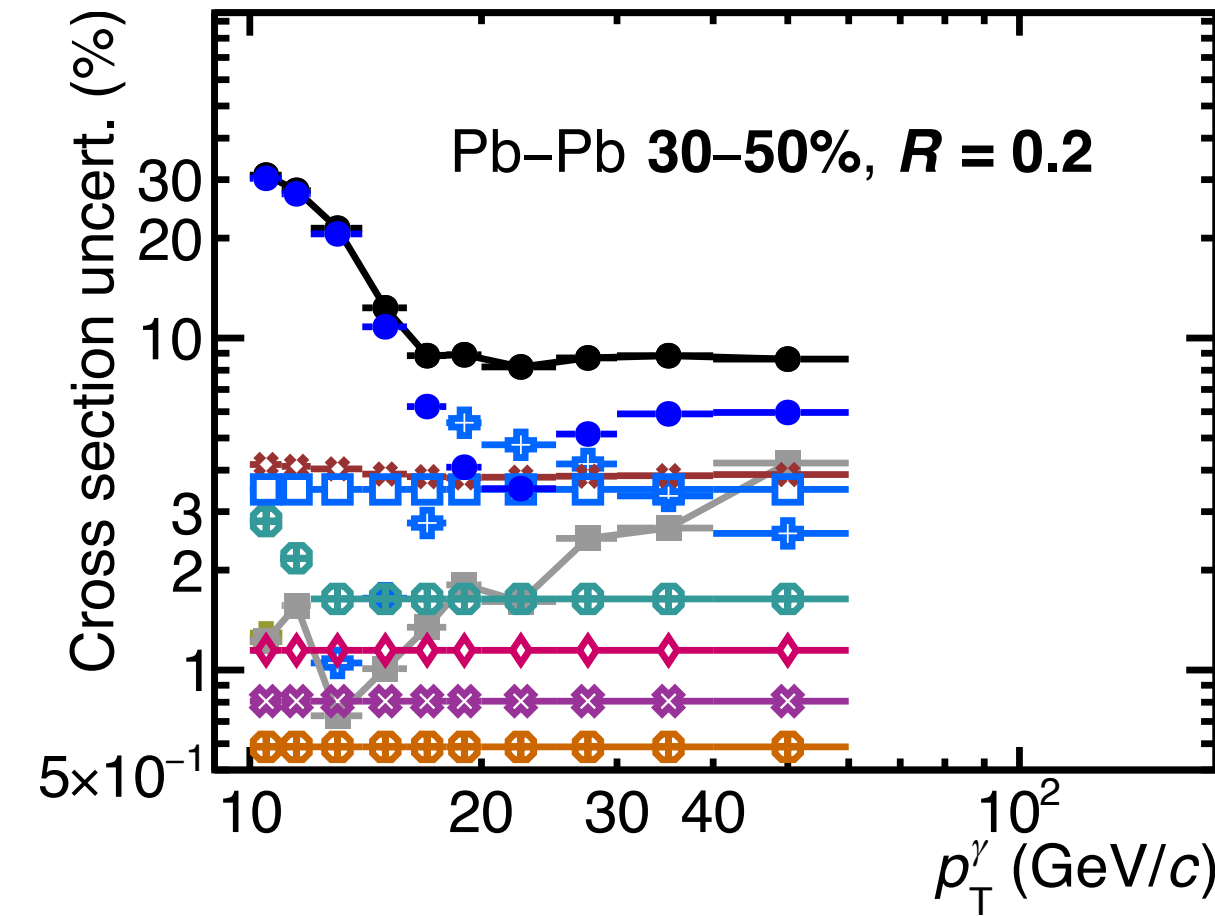
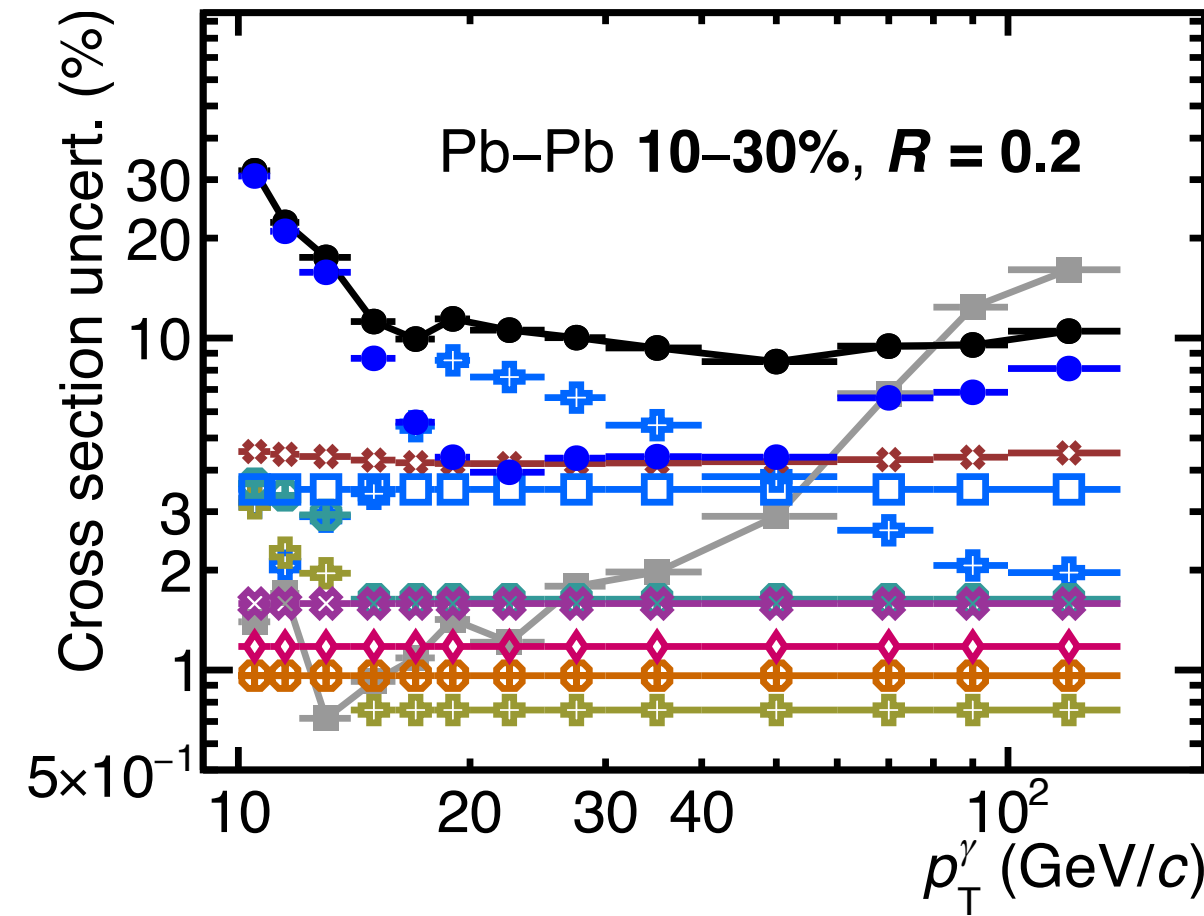
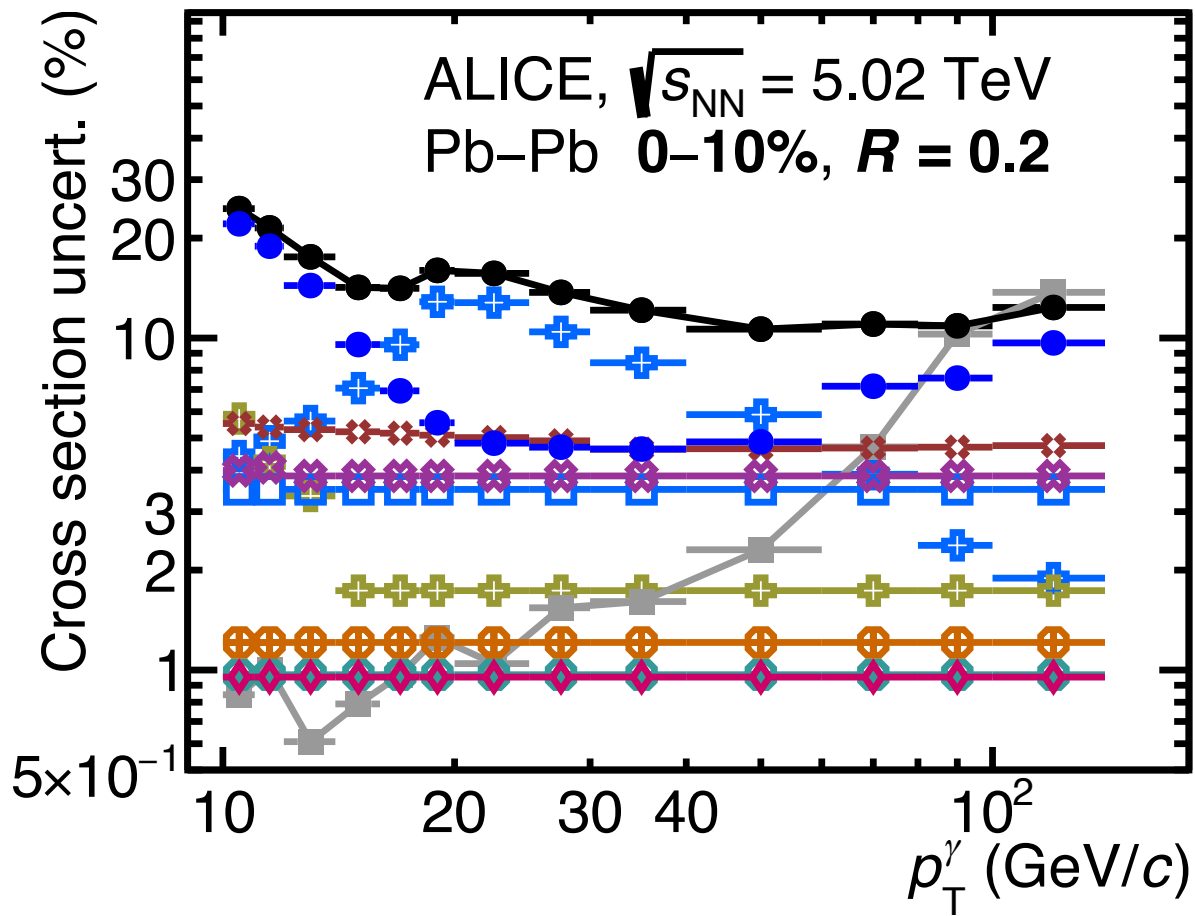


- Total, including fit.
- Statistical
- ◆ Isolation probability
- * Bkg. $\sigma_{long}^2, 5 \times 5$
- + Bkg. $p_T^{iso, ch}$
- MC signal amount

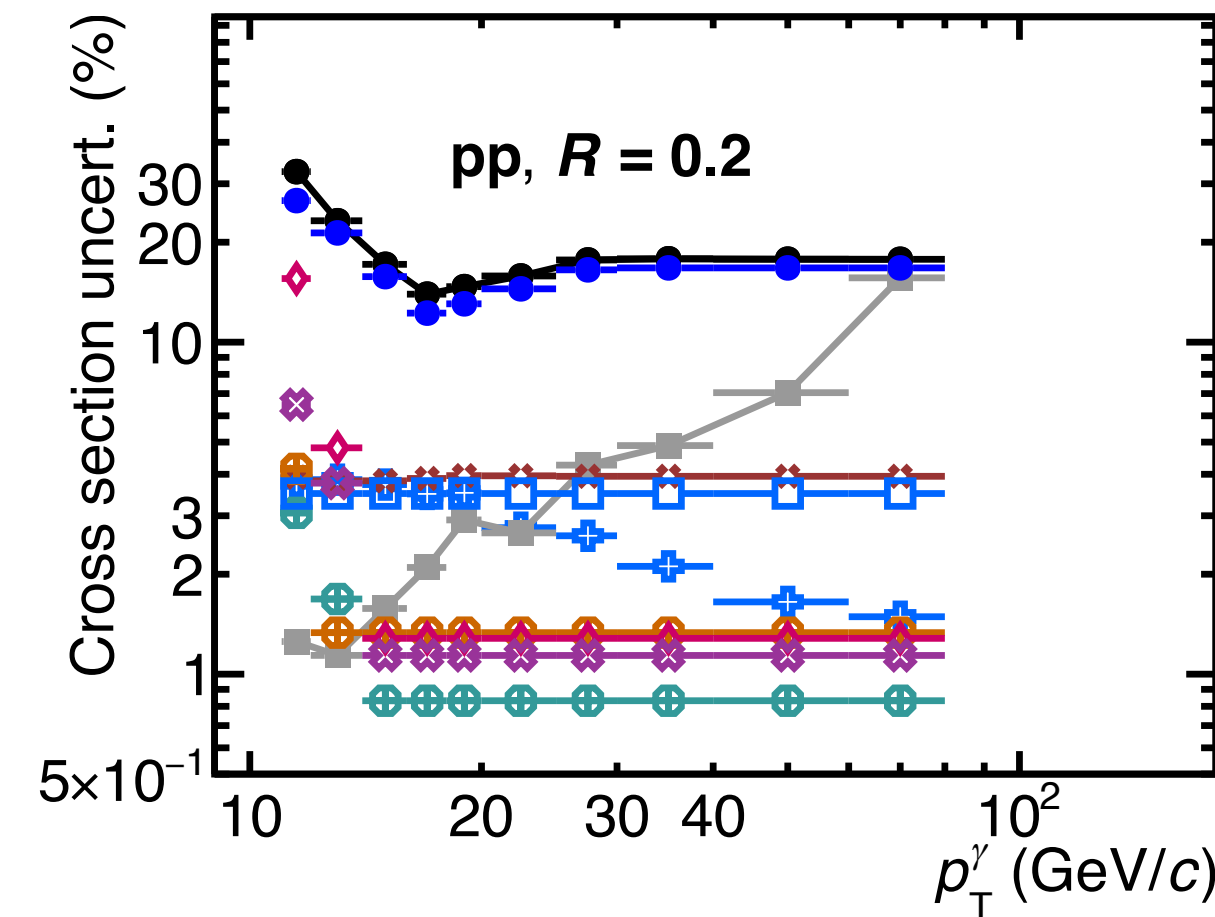
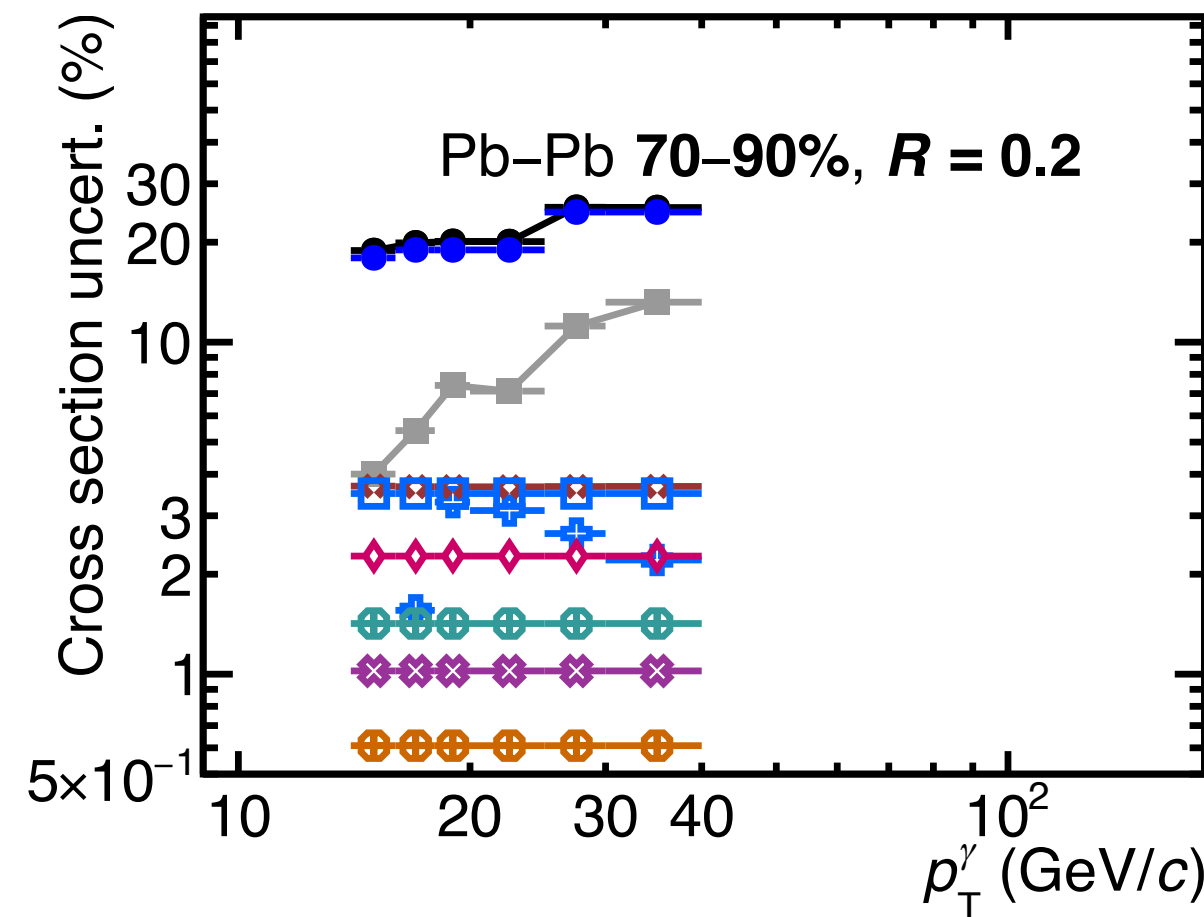
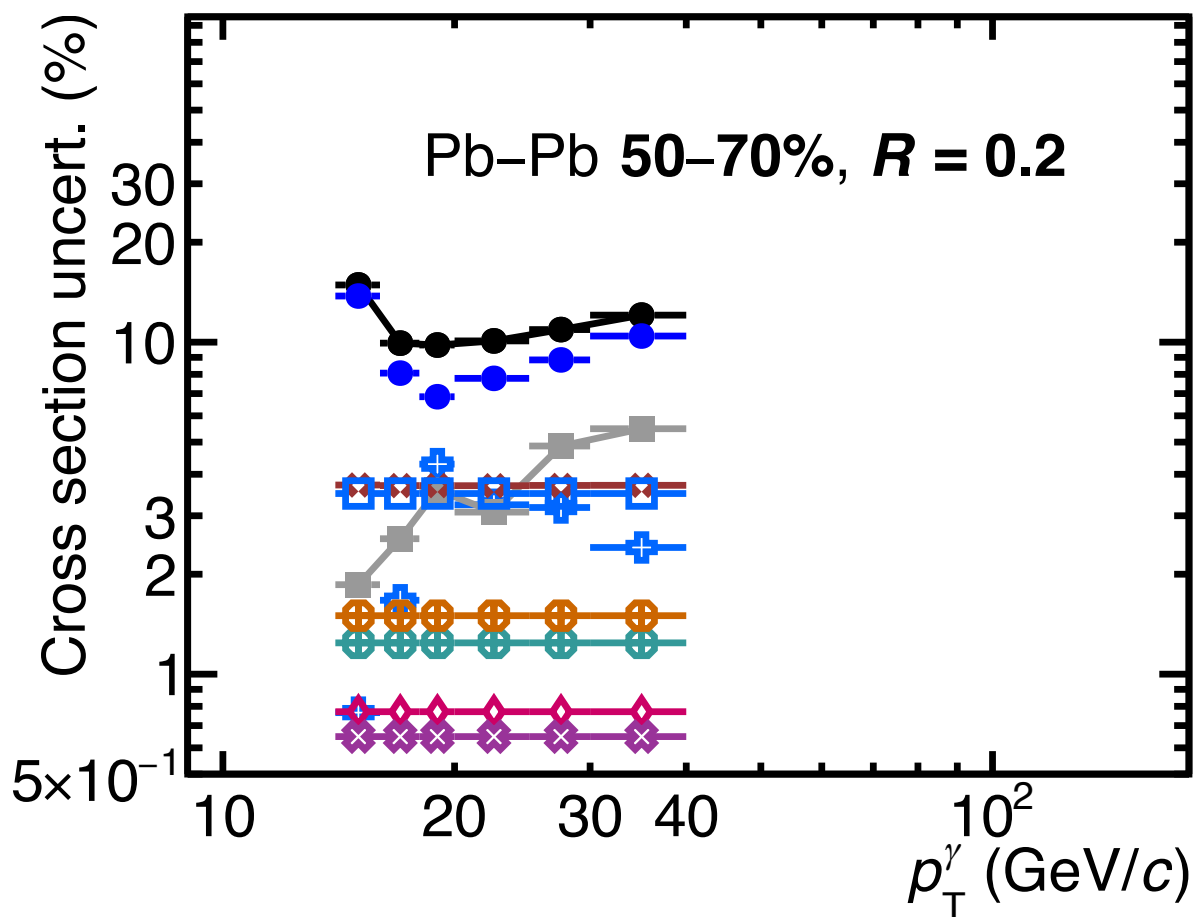


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Cross section uncertainties, pp & Pb-Pb $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV, $R = 0.2$

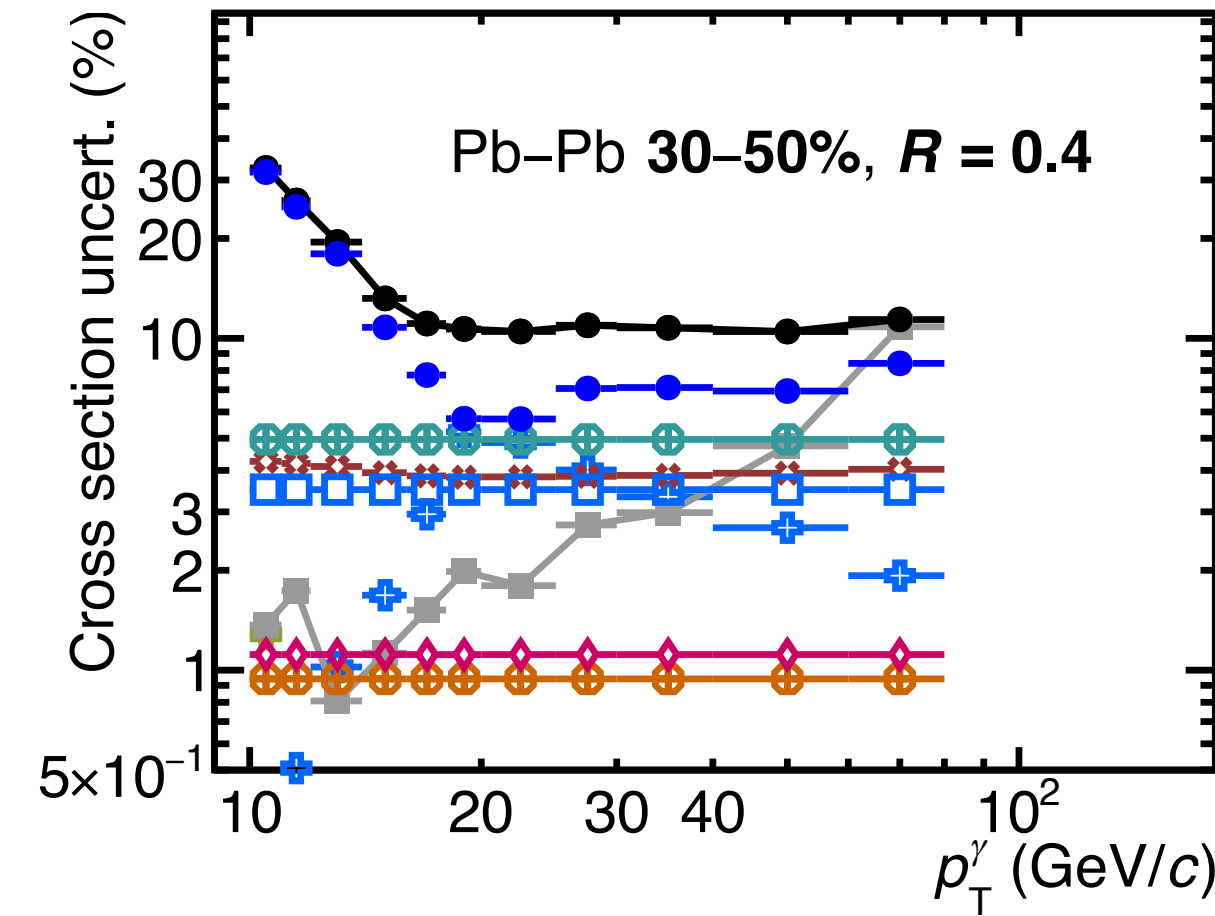
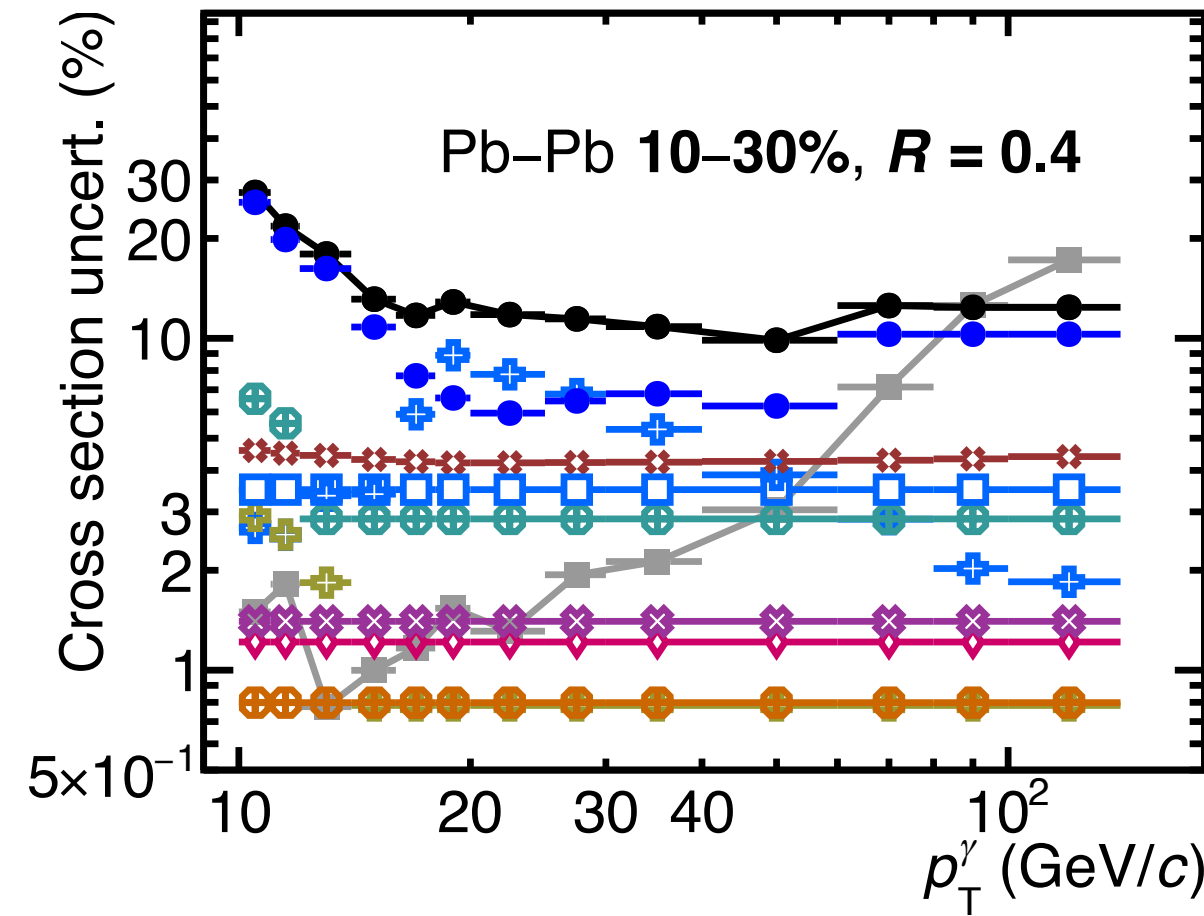
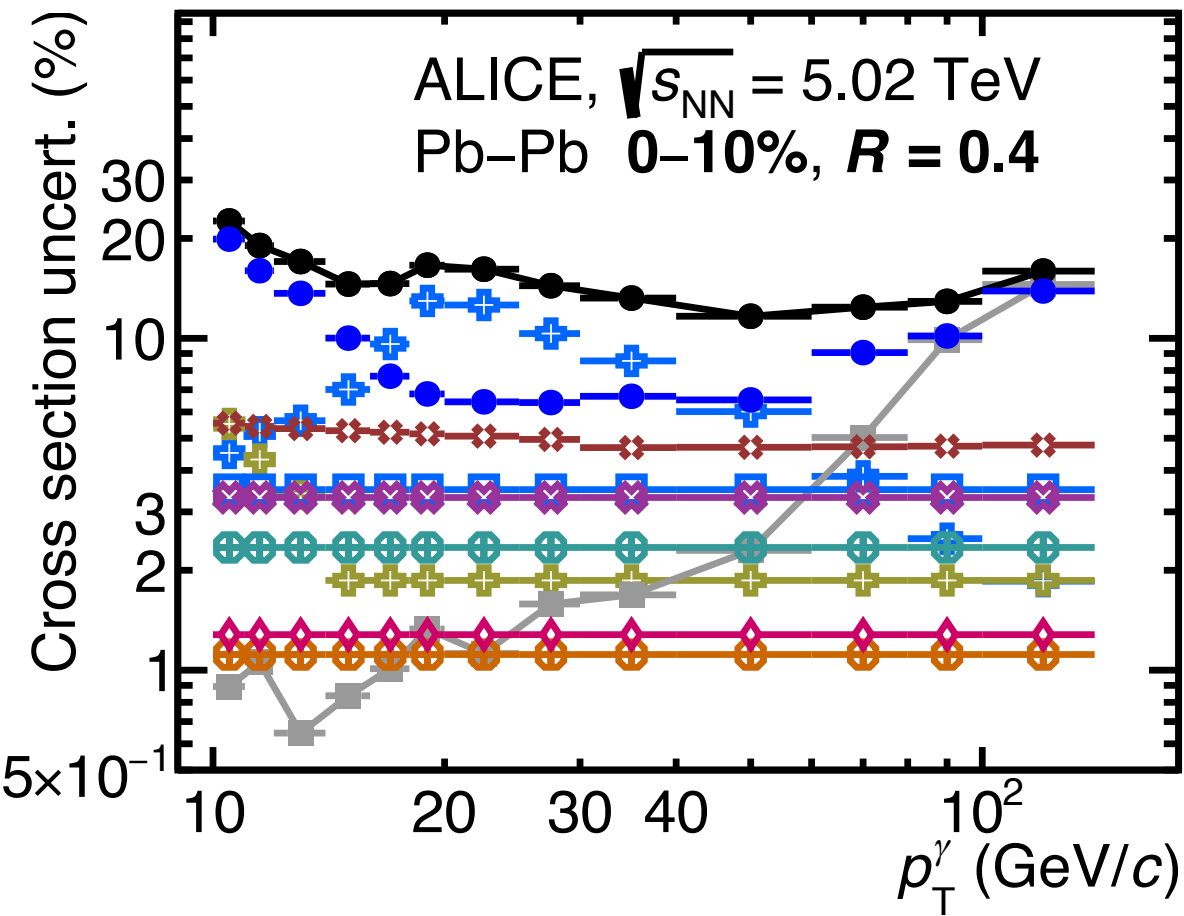


- Total systematic
- Statistical
- Purity
- ⊕ No MC tuning
- ⊕ Spectra shape
- ⊕ UE area
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- ◇ Sig. $\sigma_{long, 5 \times 5}^2$
- ⊗ F_+
- SM dependence
- ⊕ Other systematic

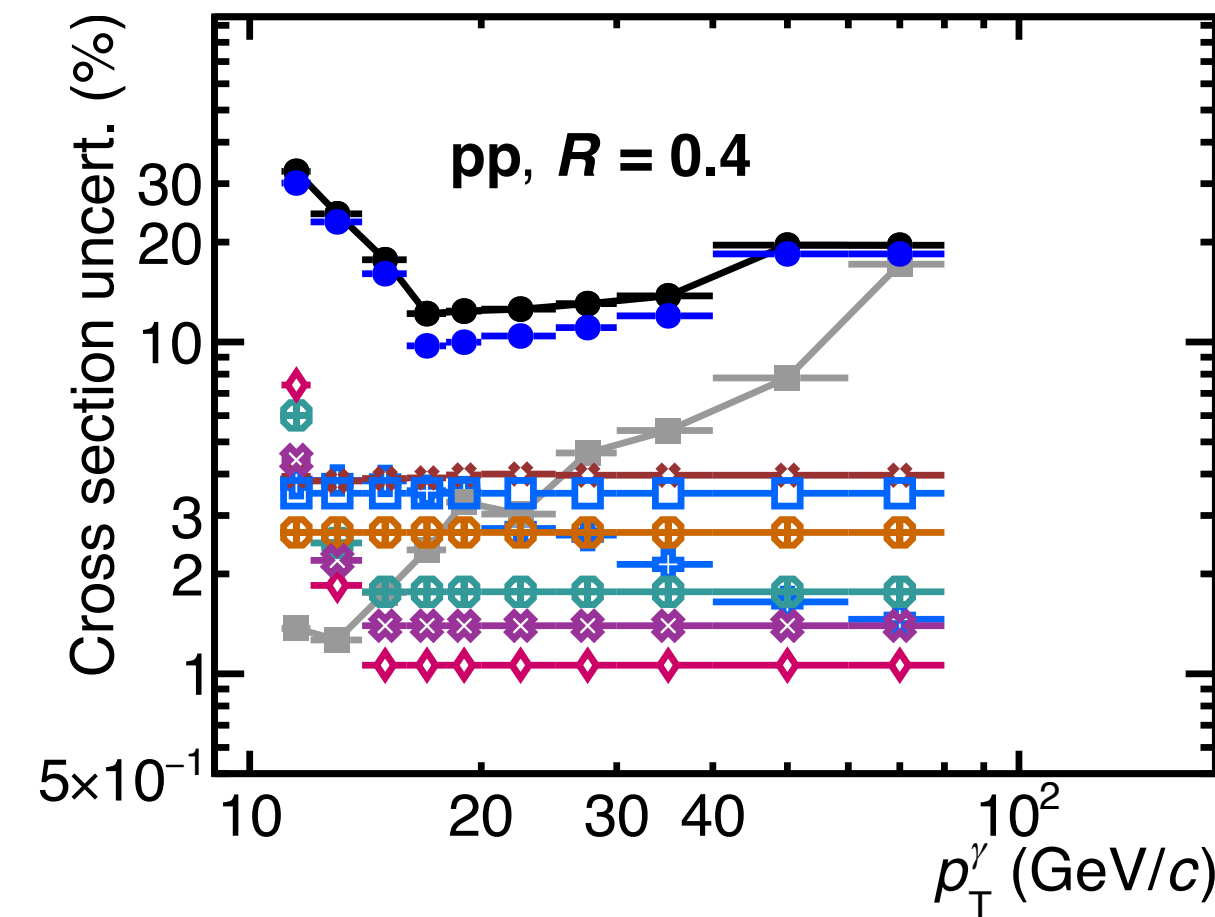
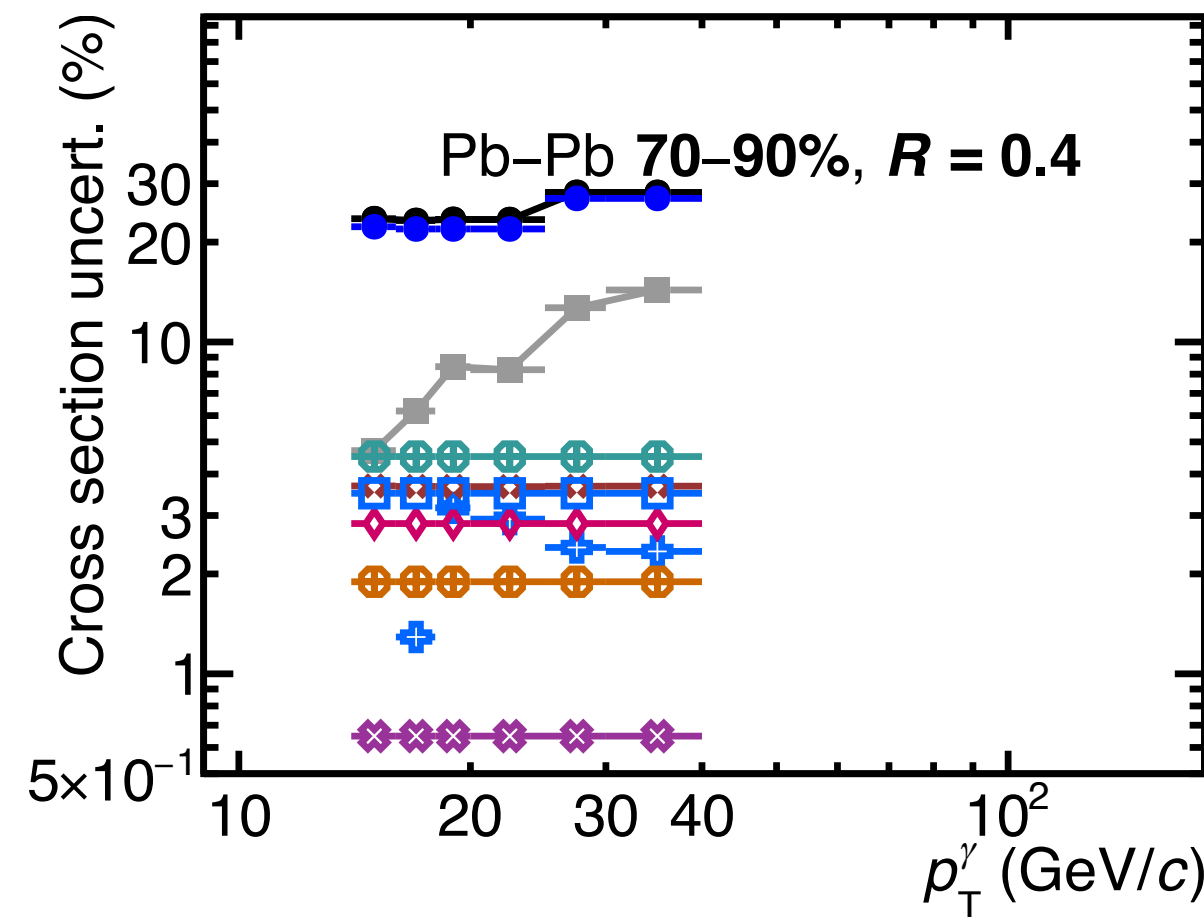
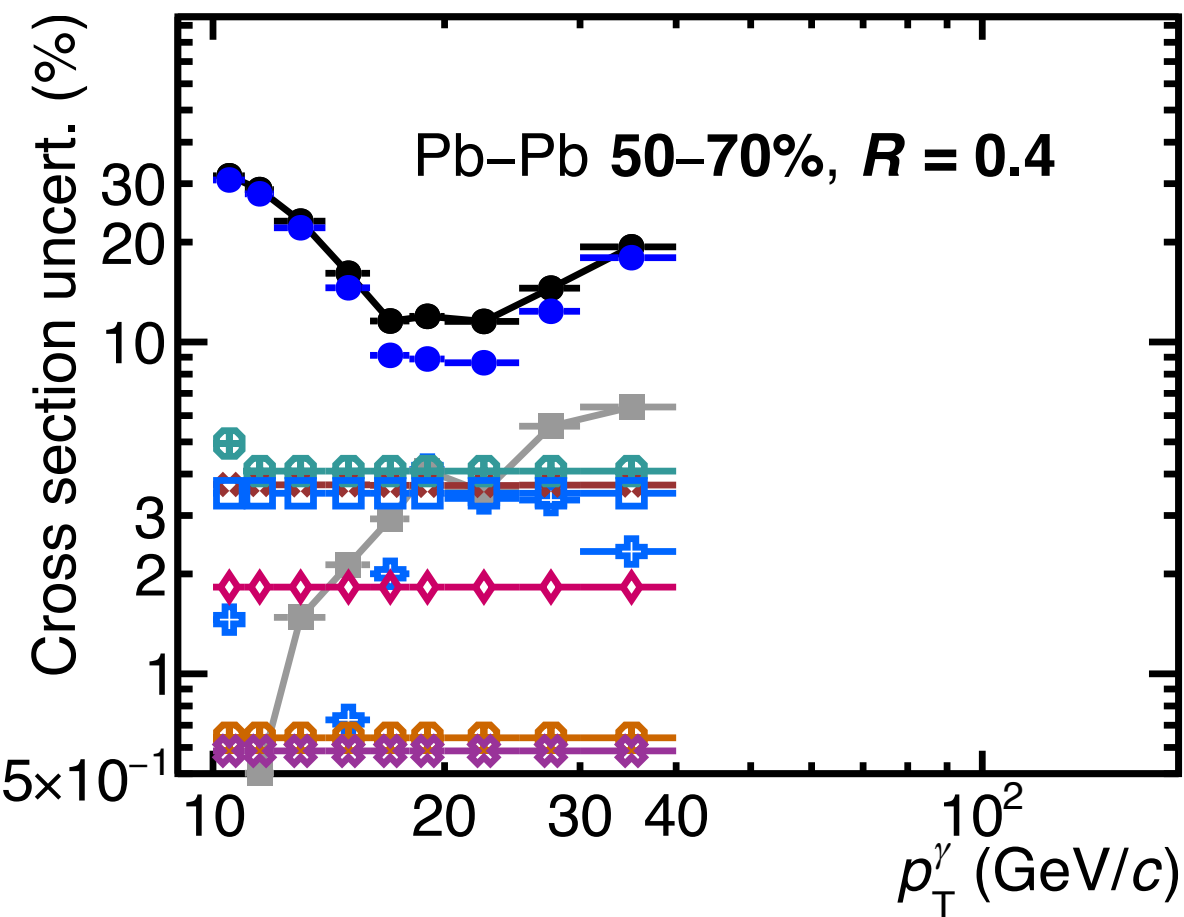


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Cross section uncertainties, pp & Pb-Pb $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV, $R = 0.4$

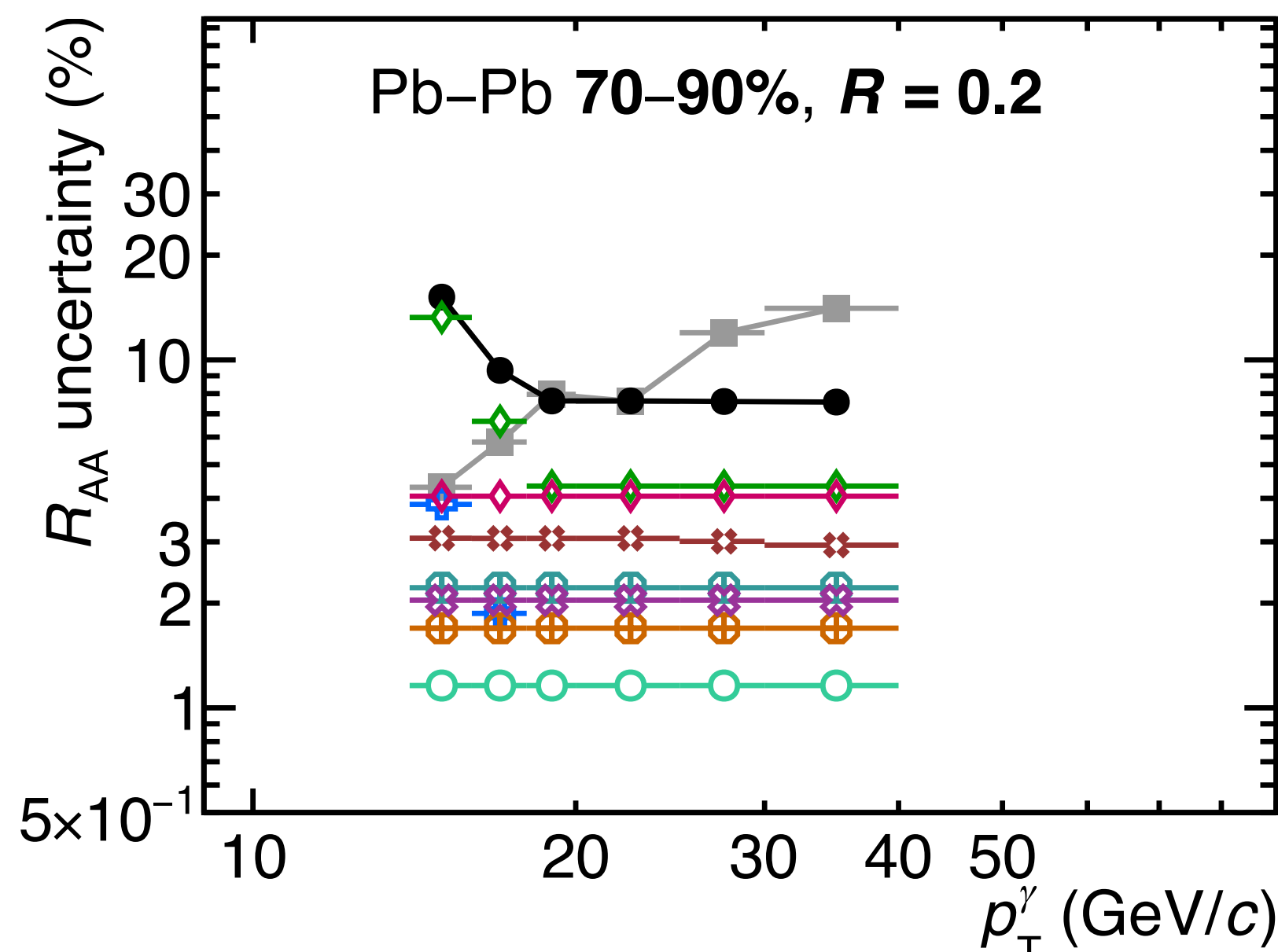
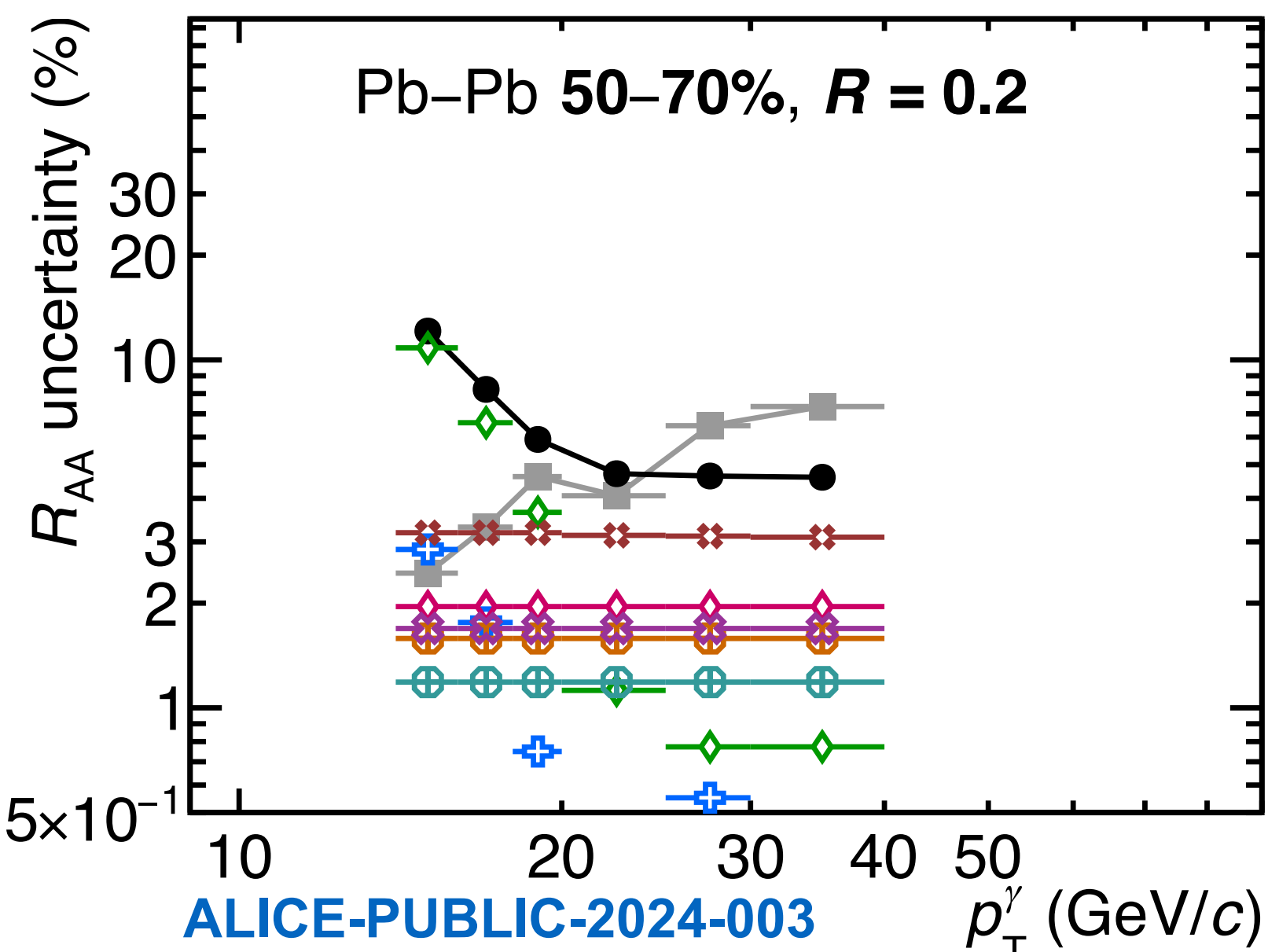
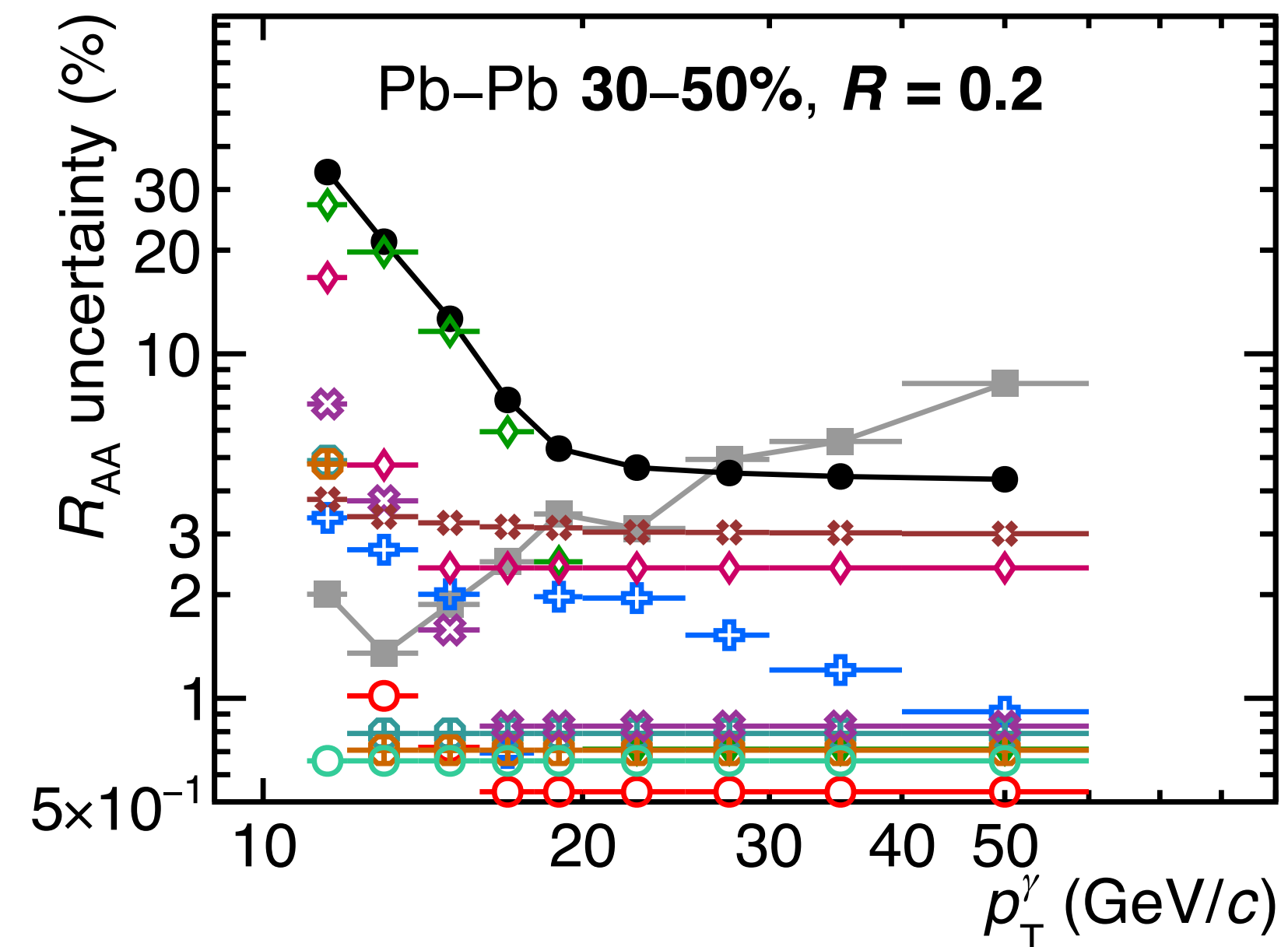
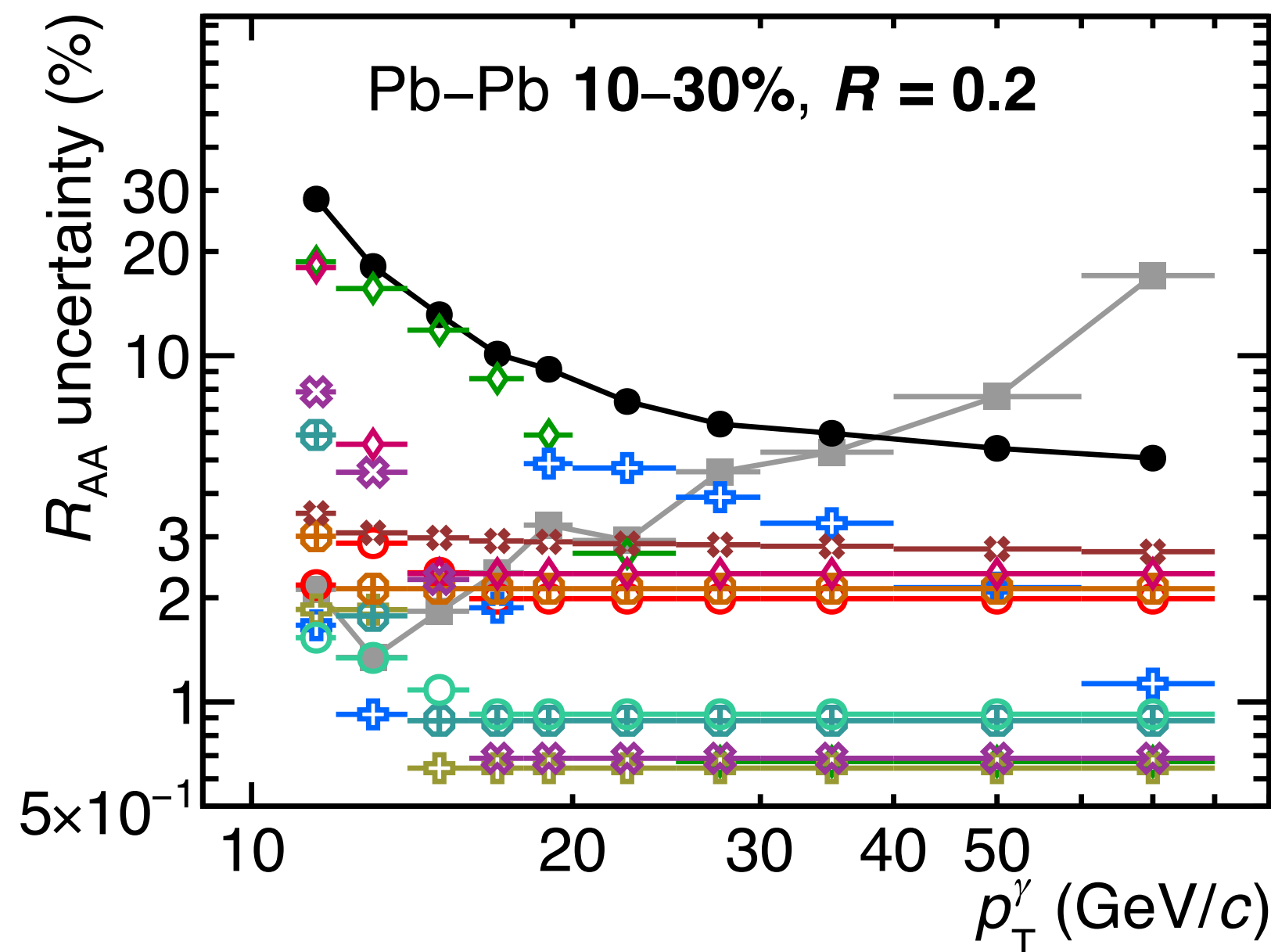
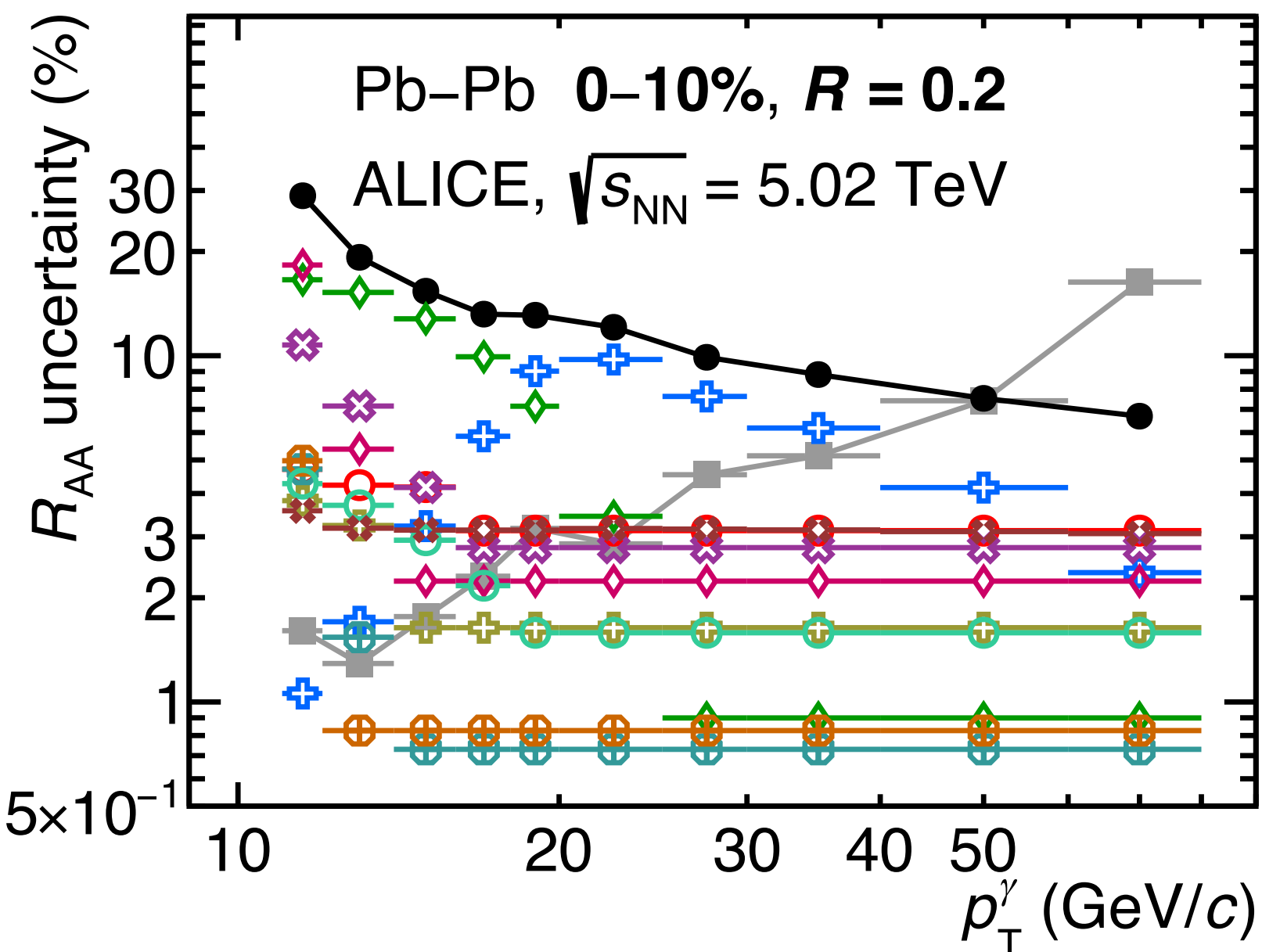


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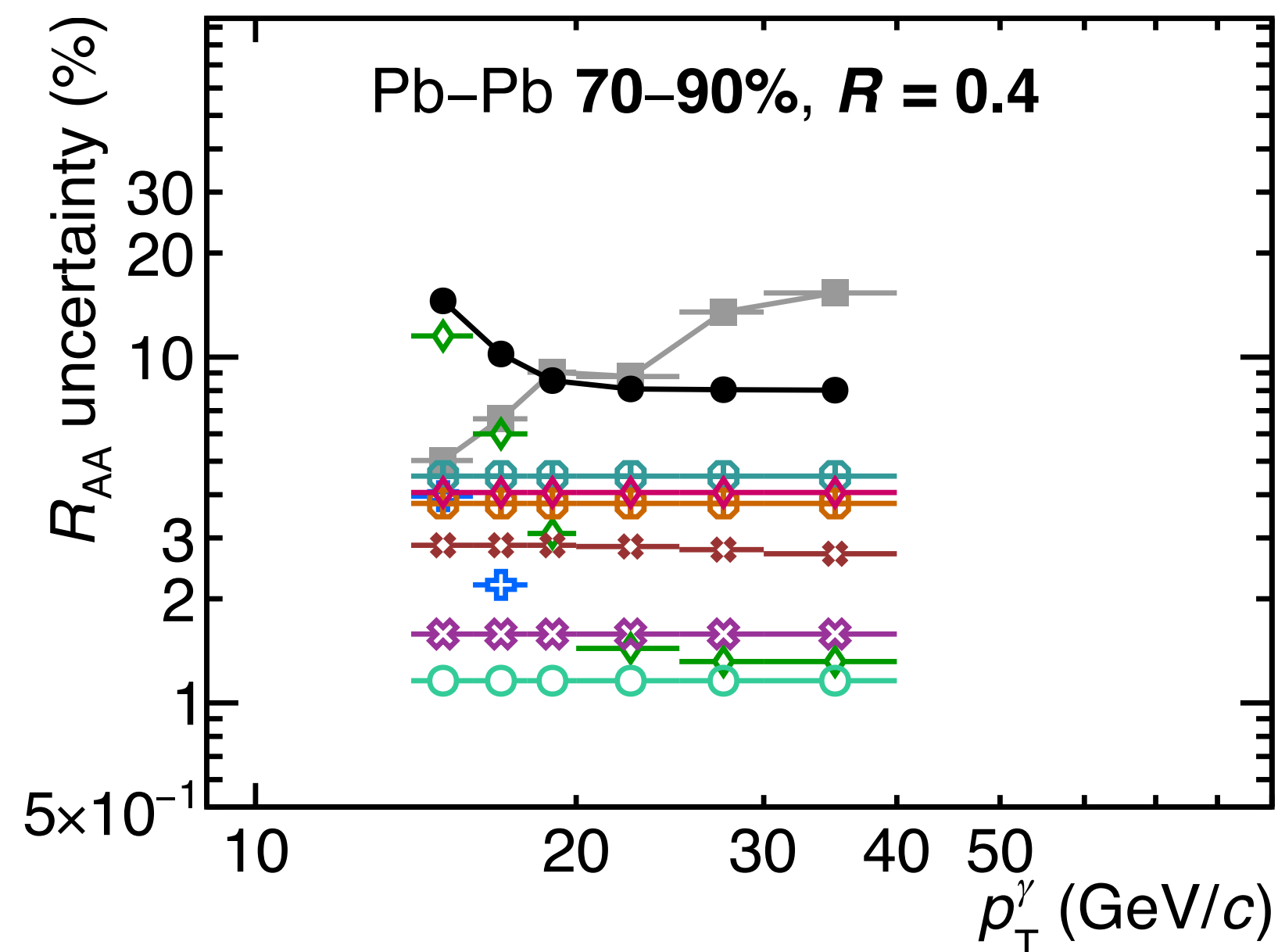
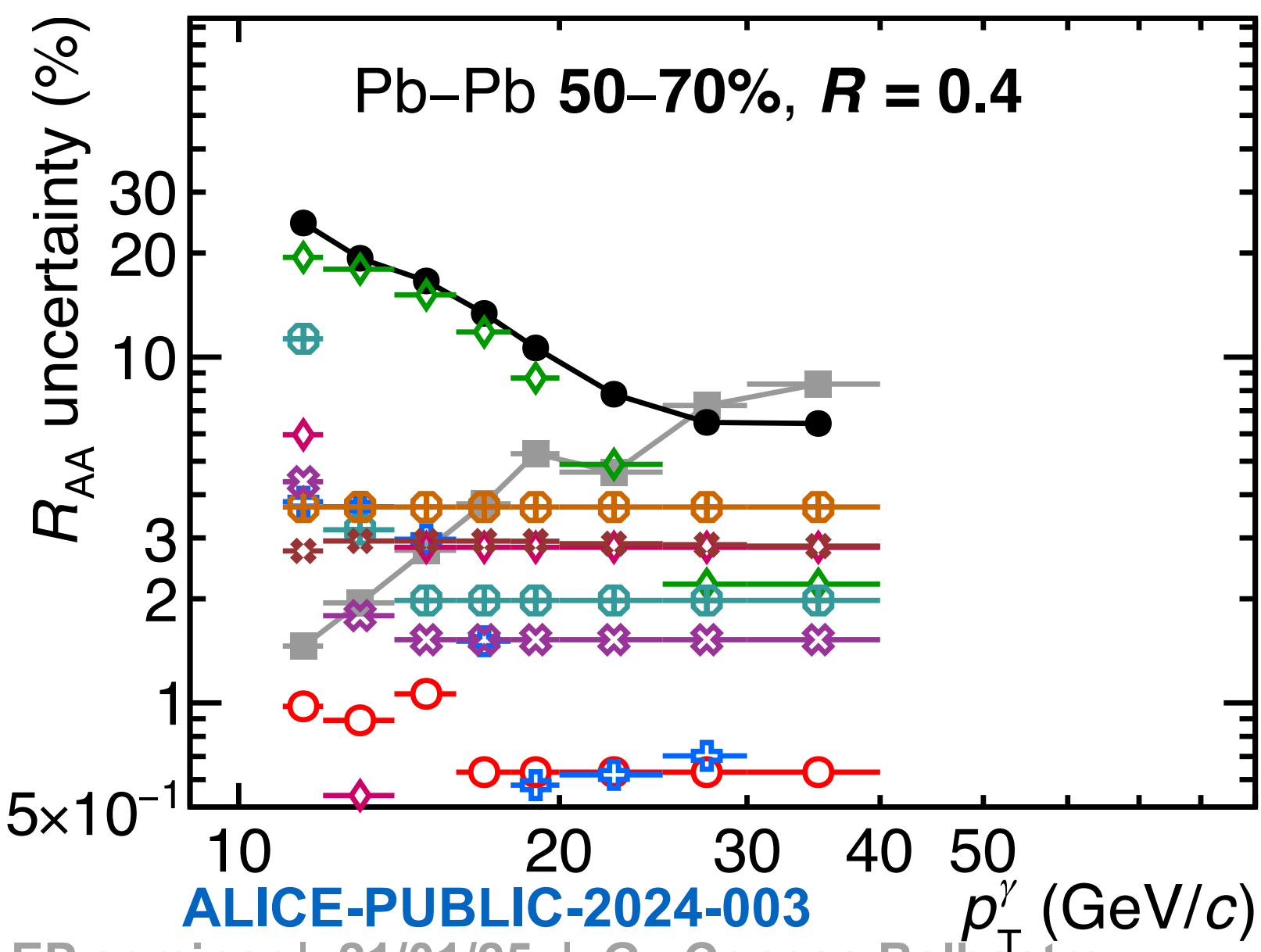
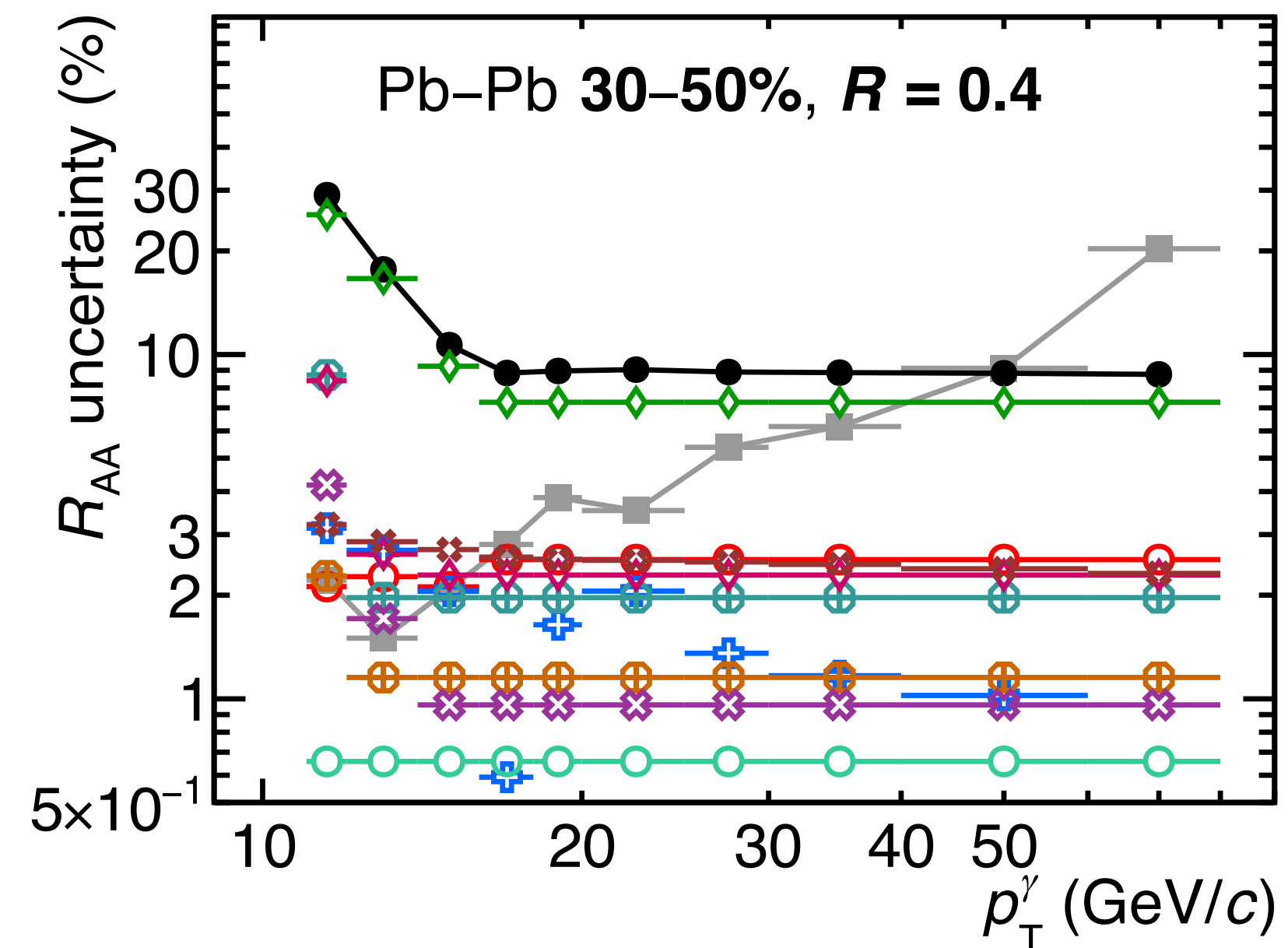
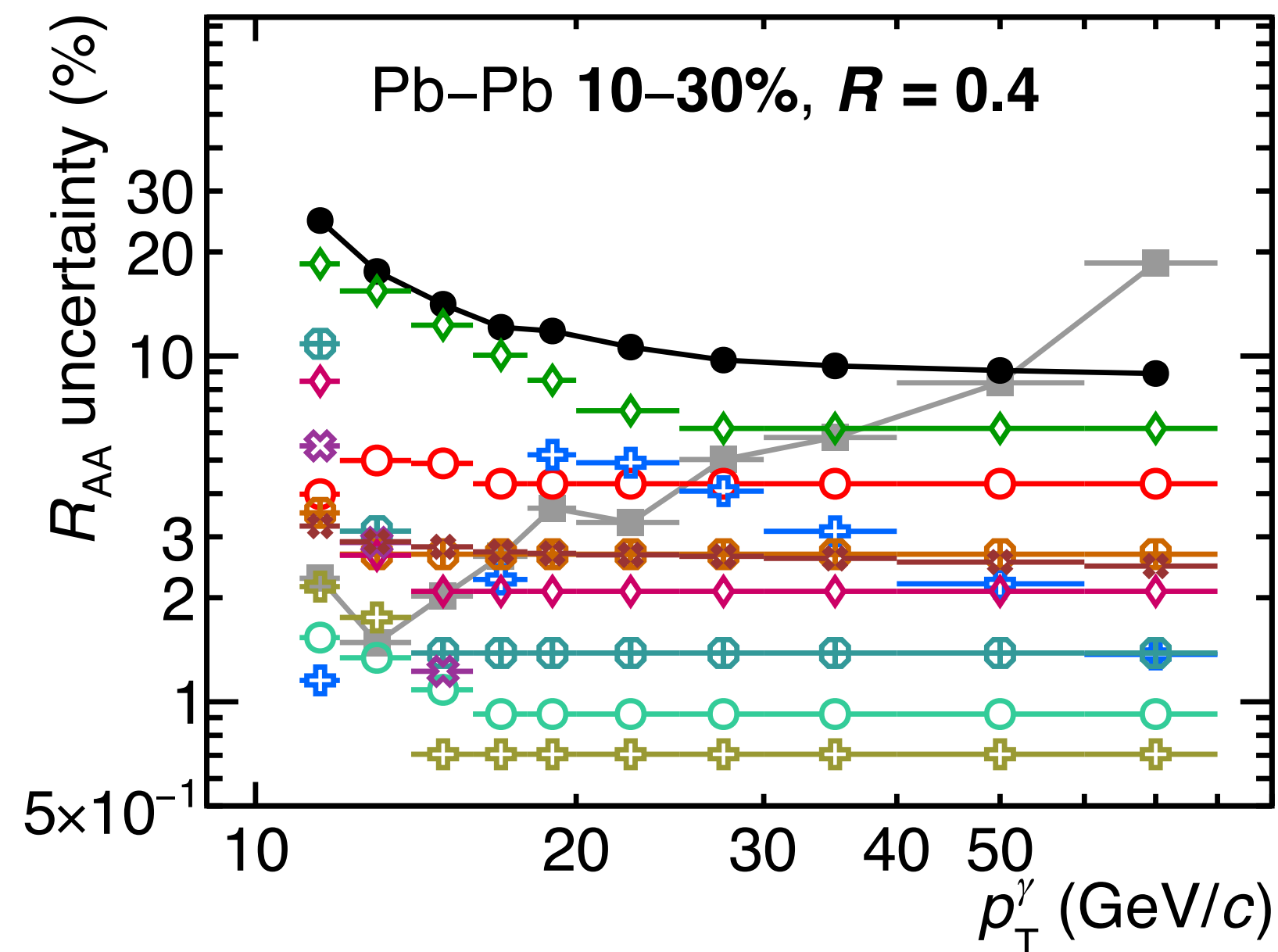
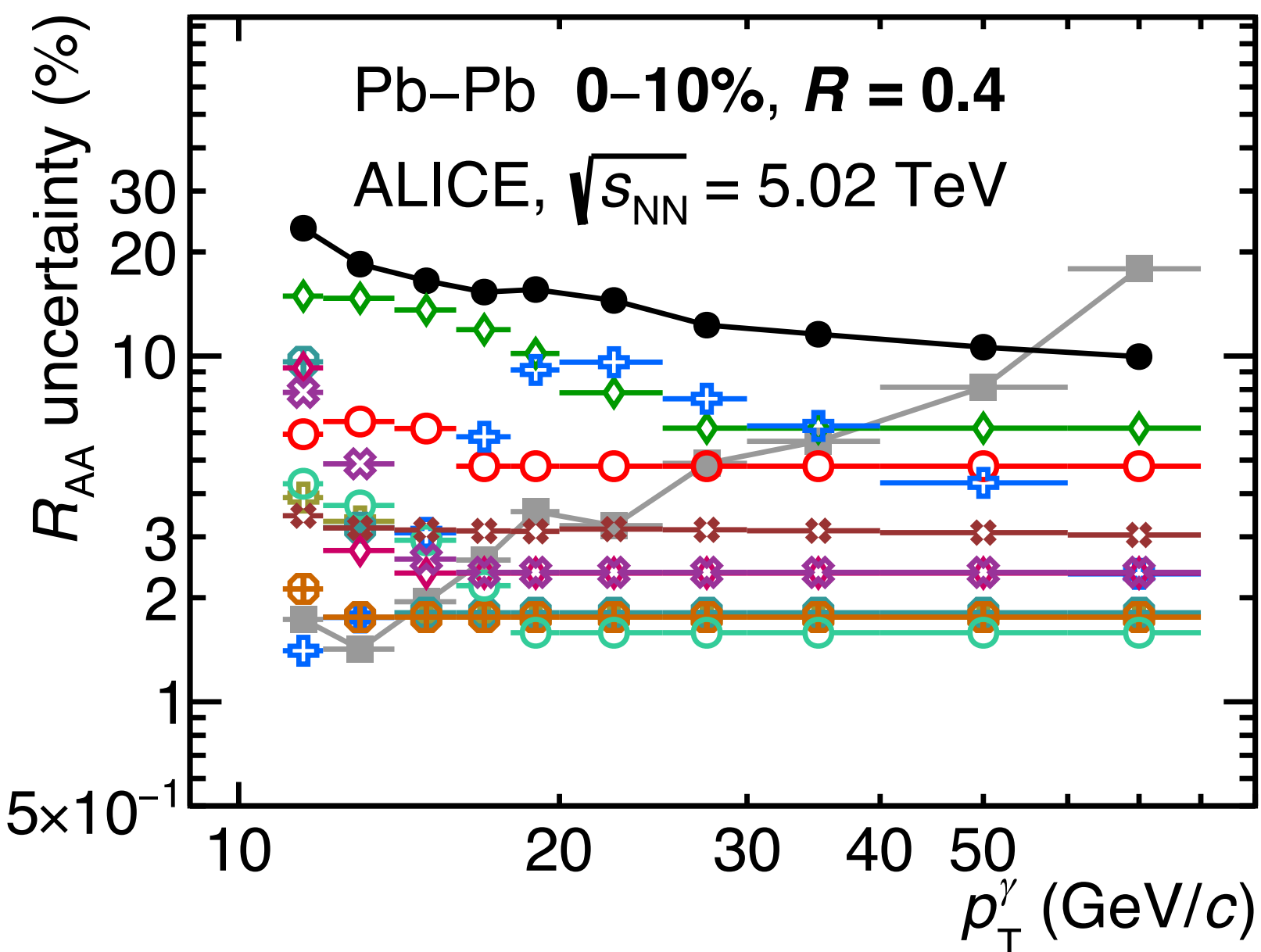
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R_{AA} uncertainties, $R = 0.2$



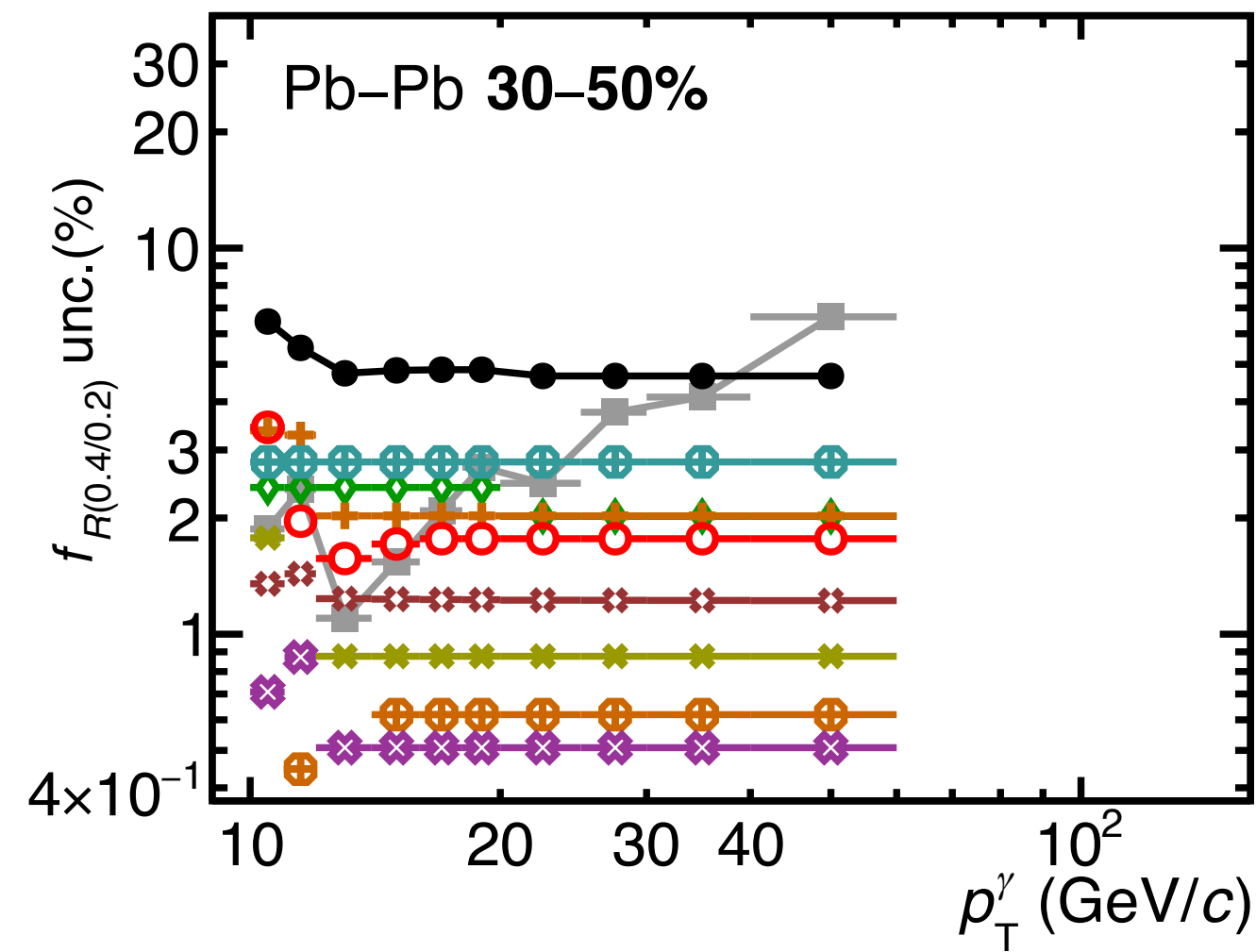
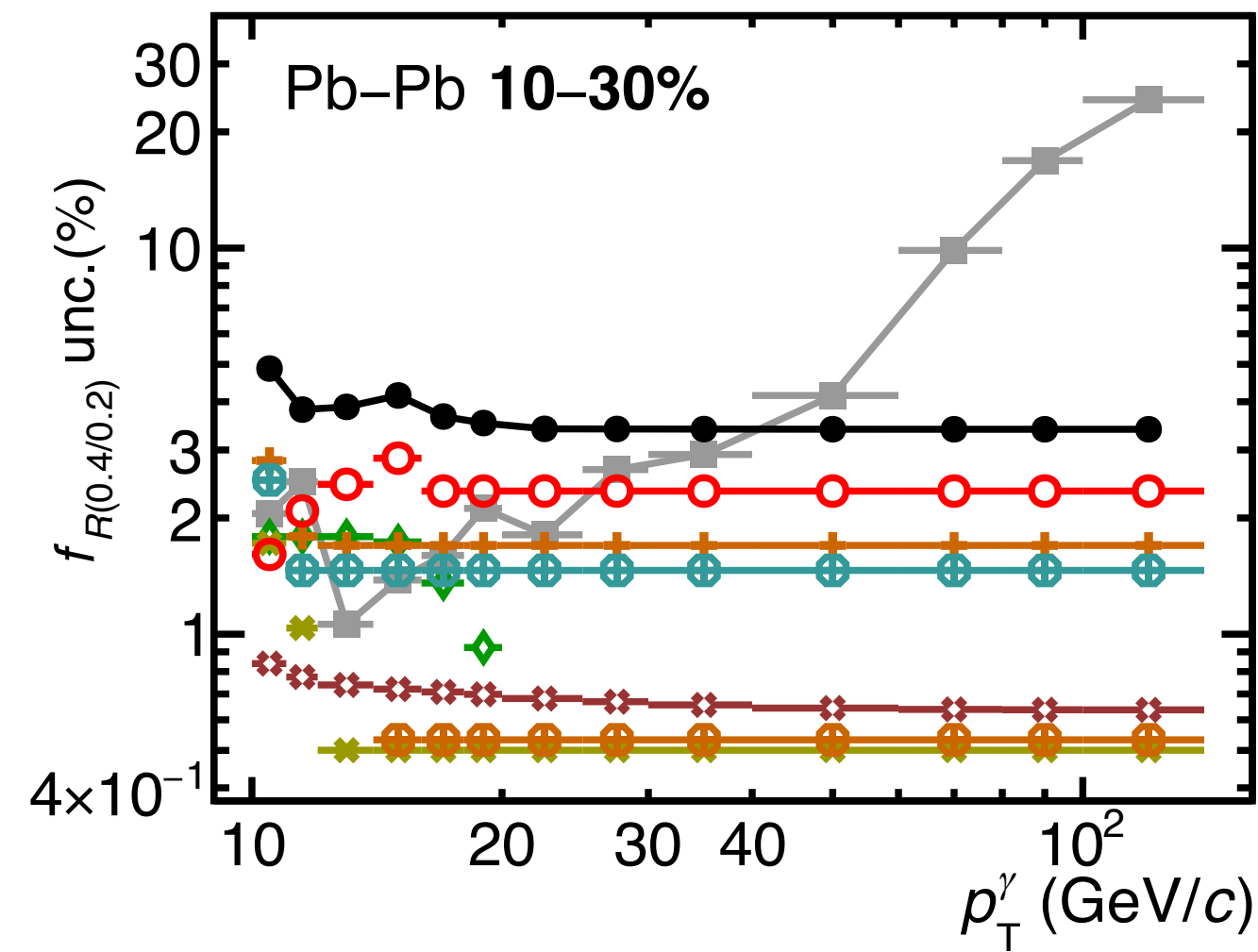
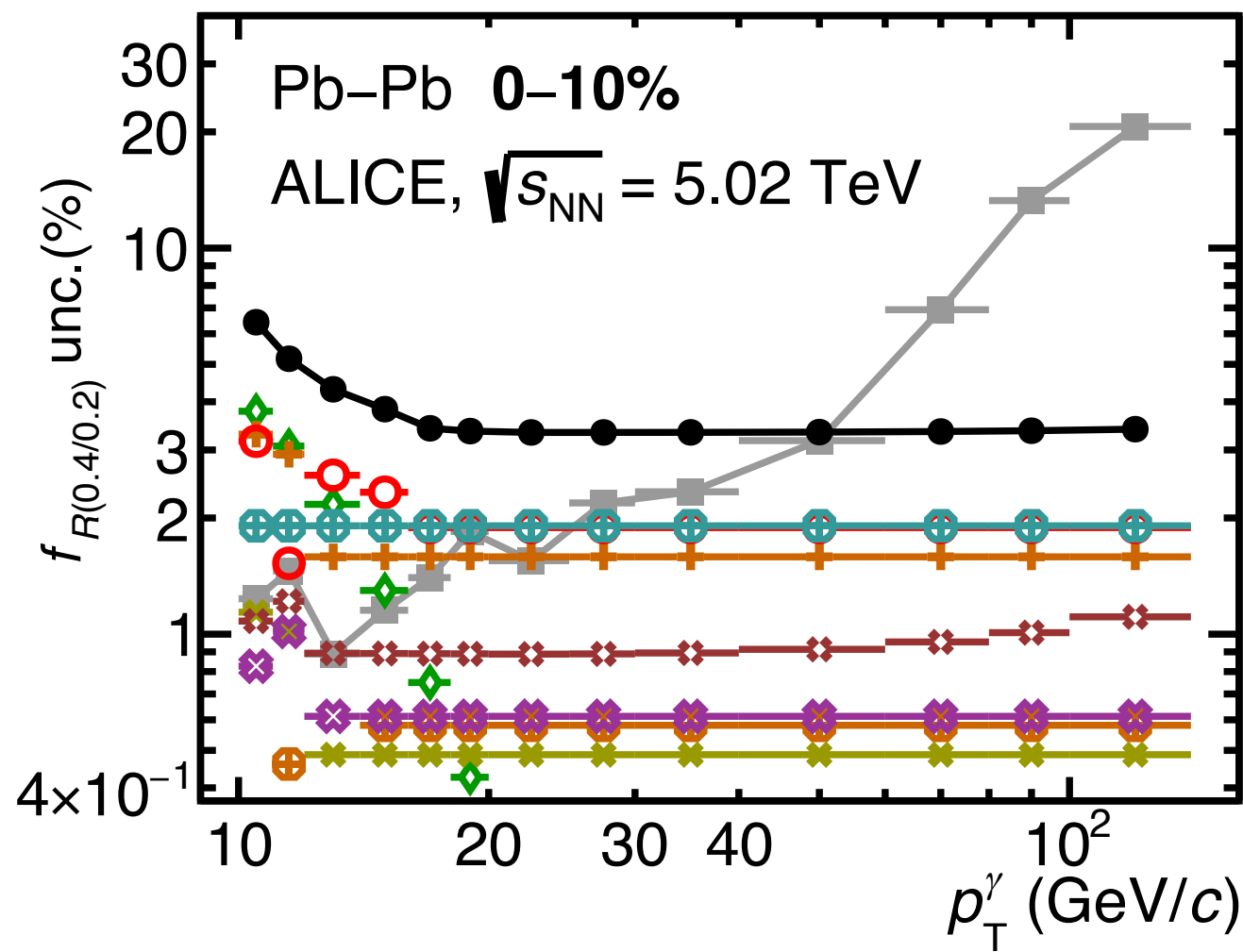
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- Statistical
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- Time
- ◇ F_+
- ⋄ Other systematic

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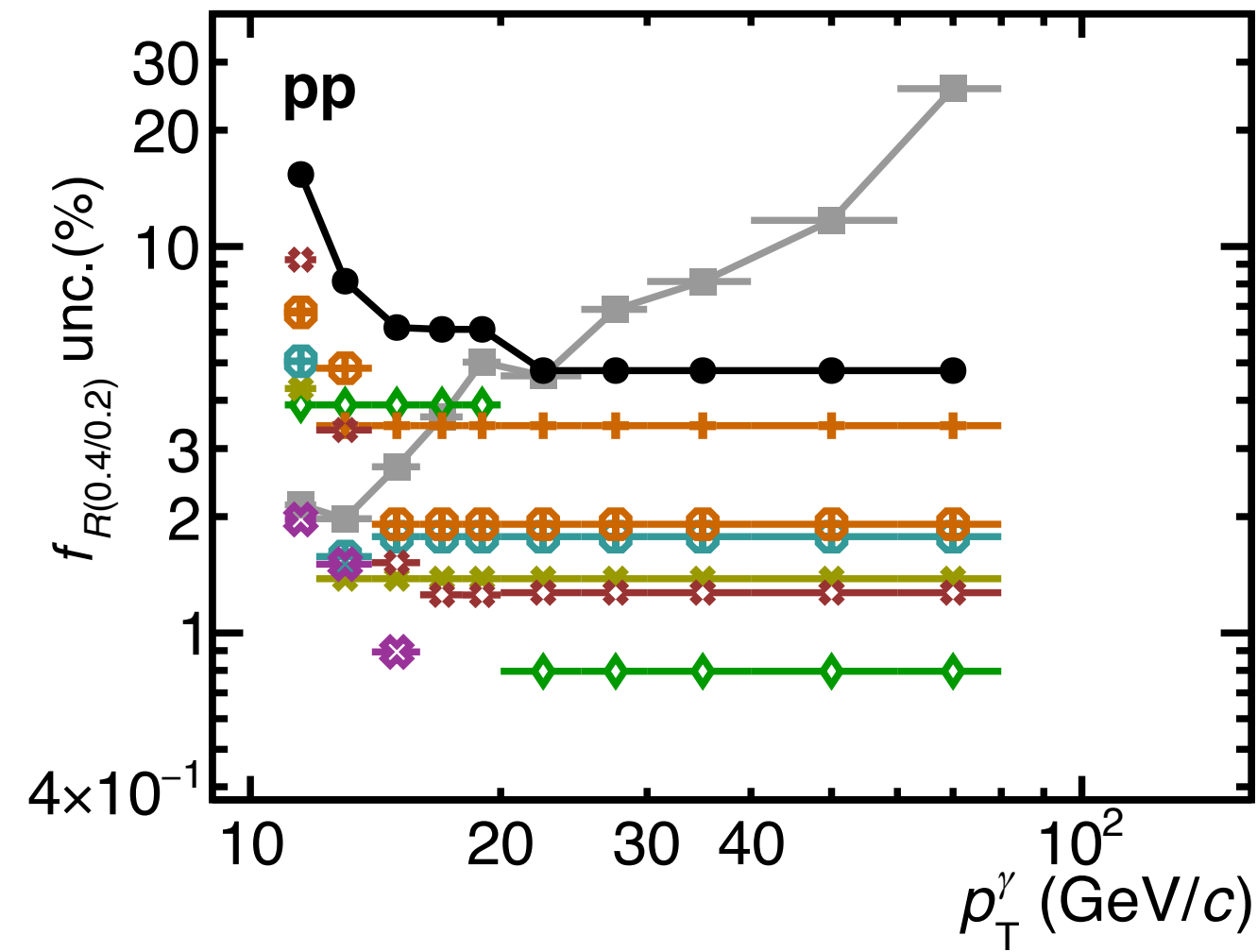
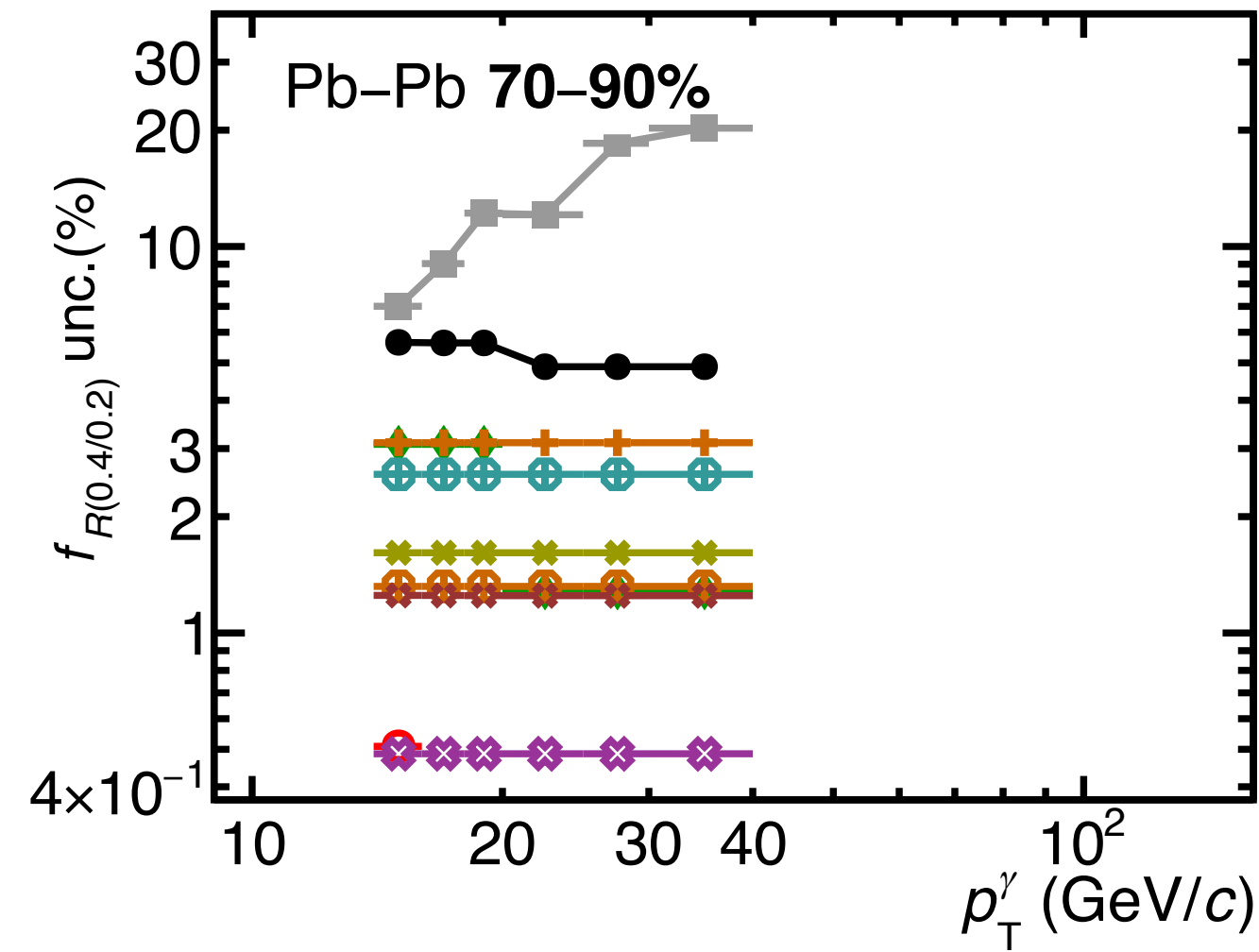
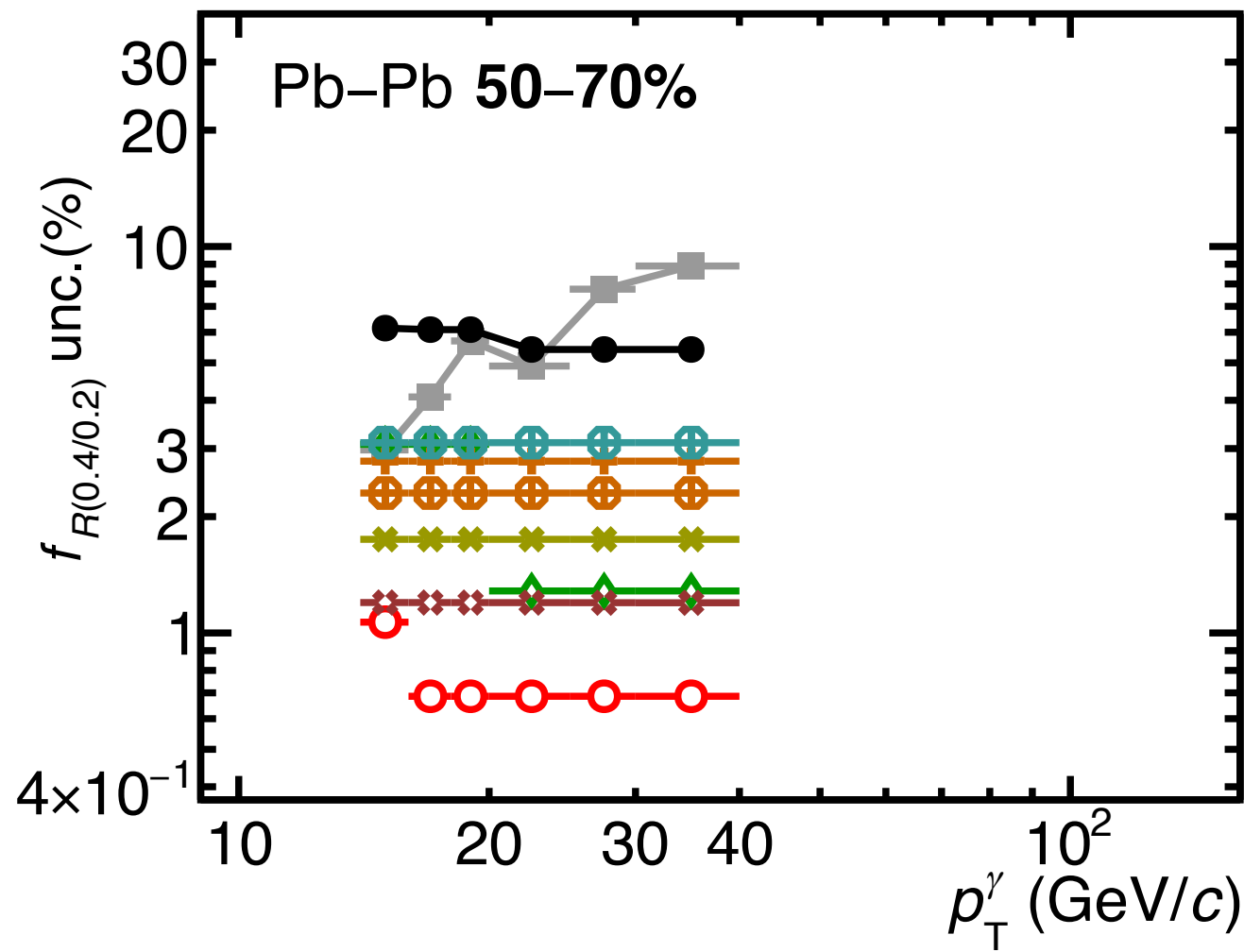


- Total systematic
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- ◇ Isolation probability
- MC signal amount
- ⊕ No MC tuning
- ⊕ Spectra shape
- ⊕ UE area
- ⊕ UE gap
- ◇ Sig. $\sigma_{long, 5 \times 5}^2$
- Time
- ⊗ F_+
- ⊗ Other systematic

$R = 0.4$ over $R = 0.2$ ratio uncertainties, pp & Pb-Pb $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV



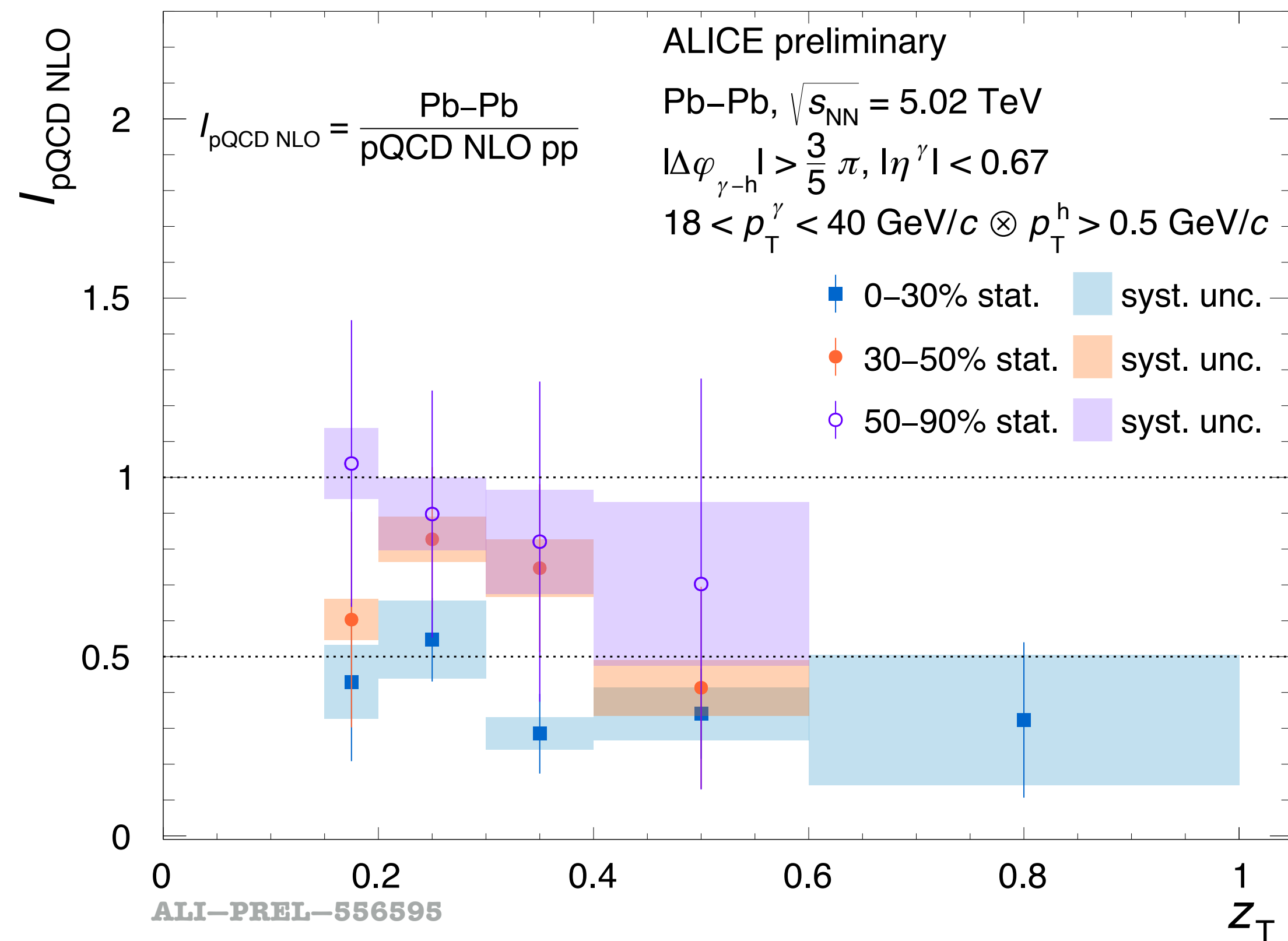
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- + Bkg. $p_T^{\text{iso, ch}}$
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- × F_+
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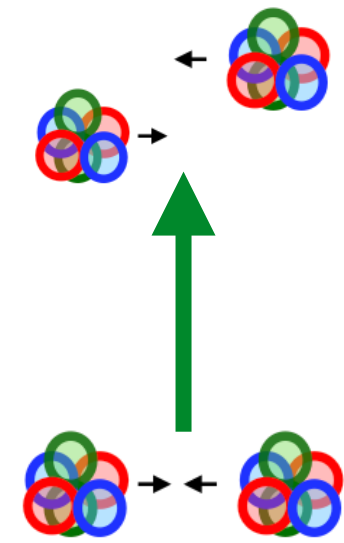
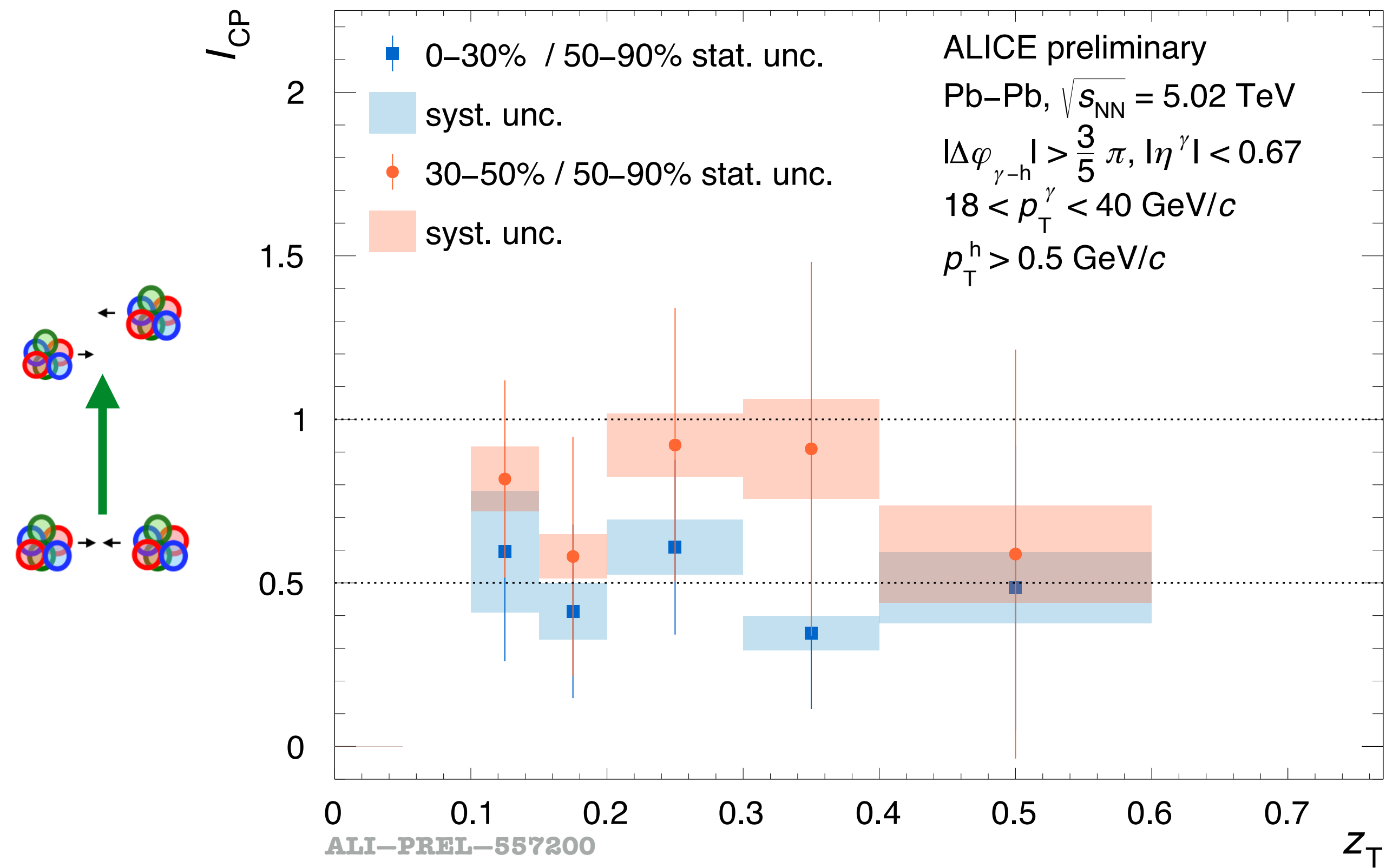
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Isolated γ -hadron correlations in Pb-Pb: $D(z_T)$

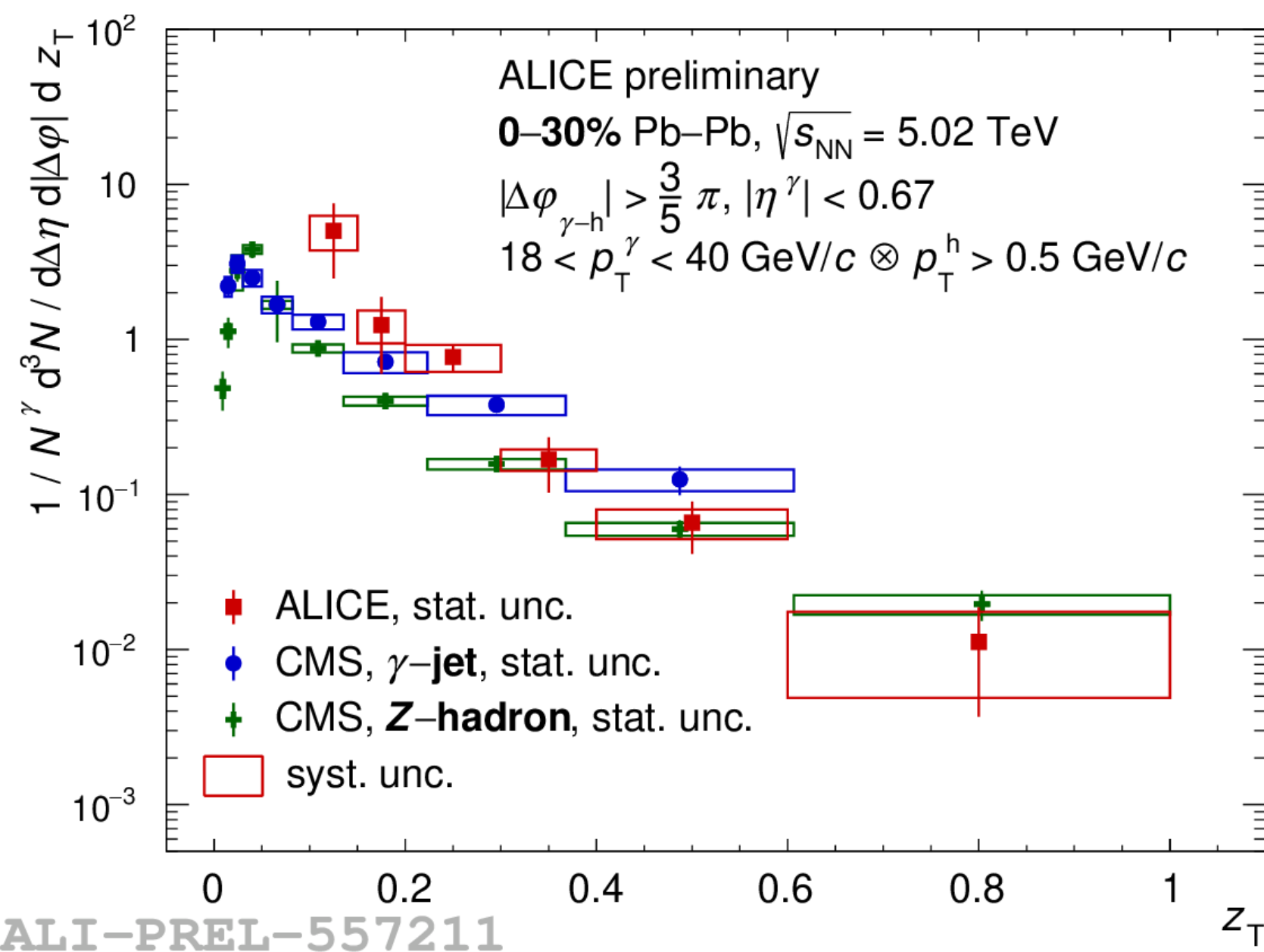
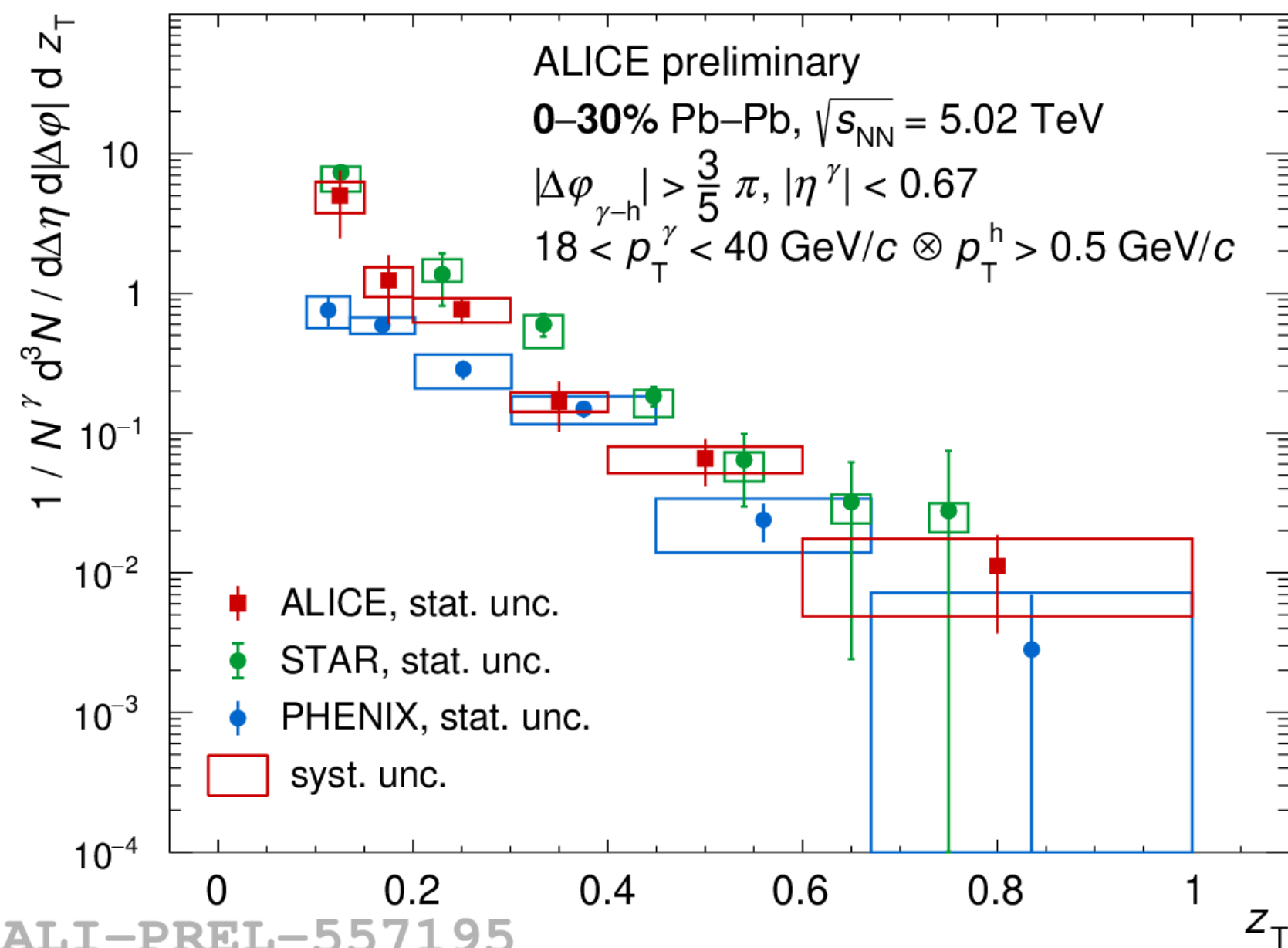
$$I_{\text{pQCD}} = \text{Pb-Pb Data} / \text{pp pQCD}$$



$$I_{\text{CP}} = \text{Pb-Pb (semi) central} / \text{peripheral}$$



Isolated γ -hadron correlations in Pb–Pb: RHIC & LHC



STAR, Phys.Lett.B 760 (2016) 689-696

0–12% Au–Au, $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV

$|\Delta\phi_{\gamma-h} - \pi| \leq 1.4$

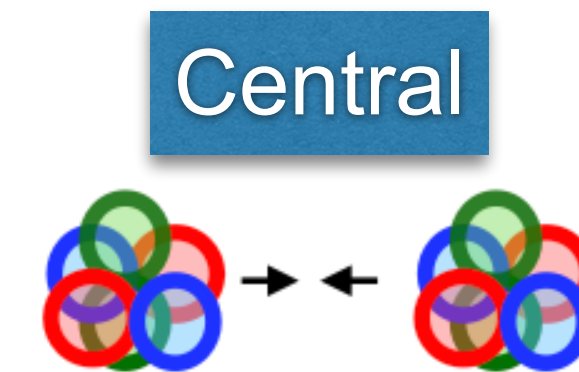
$12 < p_T^\gamma < 20$ GeV/c $\otimes p_T^h > 1.2$ GeV/c

PHENIX, PRL 111, 032301 (2013)

0–40% Au–Au, $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV

$|\Delta\phi_{\gamma-h} - \pi| < \pi/2$, $|y| < 0.35$

$5 < p_T^\gamma < 9$ GeV/c $\otimes 0.5 < p_T^h < 7$ GeV/c



- Similar behaviour as observed at RHIC and LHC experiments

➔ Note: not completely apple-to-apple comparisons!

CMS, Phys.Rev.Lett. 121 (2018) 24, 242301, 2018

γ -jet, 0–10%

anti- k_T jet R = 0.3, $p_T^{\text{jet}} > 30$ GeV/c, $|\eta^{\text{jet}}| < 1.6$

$|\Delta\phi_{\gamma\text{-jet}}| > \frac{7}{8}\pi$, $|\eta^\gamma| < 1.44$, $p_T^\gamma > 60$ GeV/c $\otimes p_T^h > 1$ GeV/c

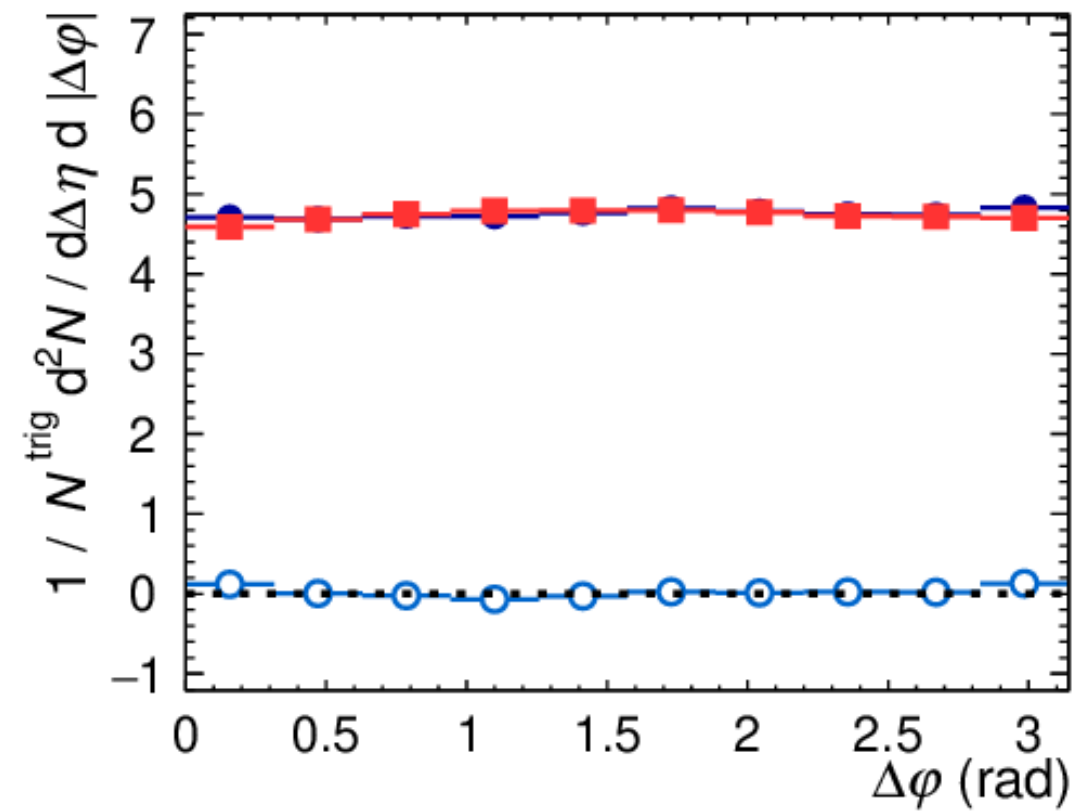
CMS, Phys.Rev.Lett. 128 (2022) 12, 122301, 2022

Z-hadron, 0–30%

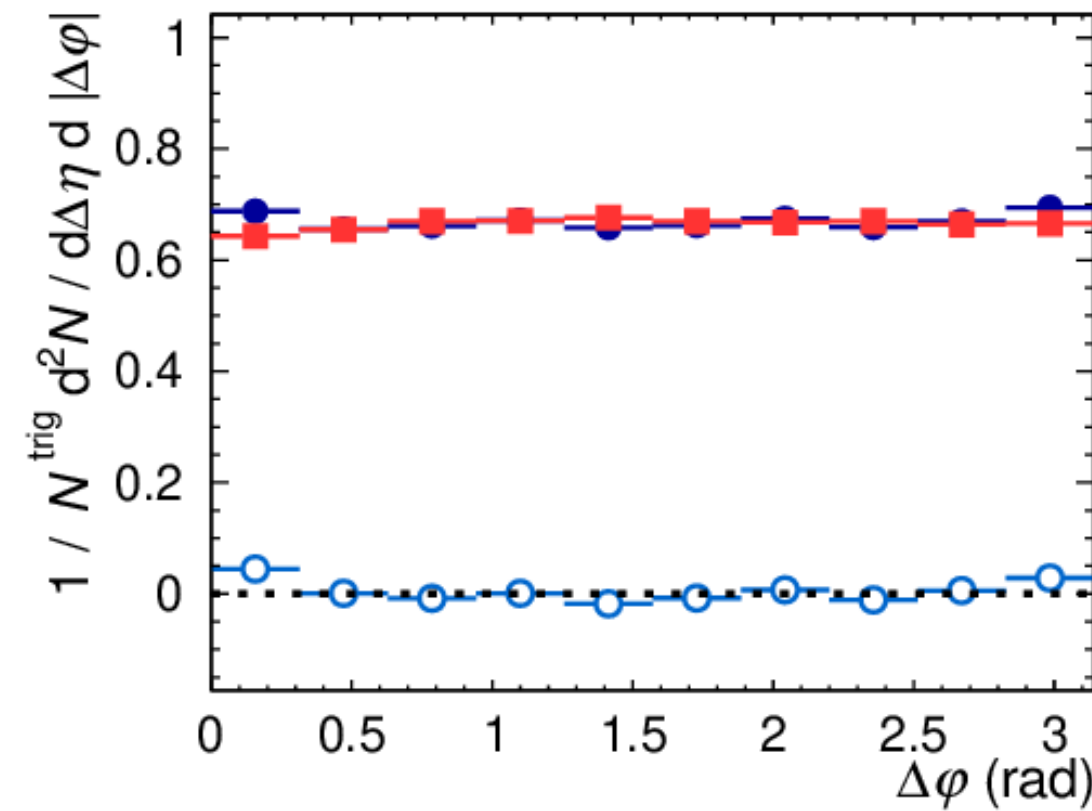
$|\Delta\phi_{Z-h}| > \frac{7}{8}\pi$, $p_T^Z > 30$ GeV/c $\otimes p_T^h > 1$ GeV/c

Isolated γ -hadron correlations in Pb-Pb: $D(z_T)$

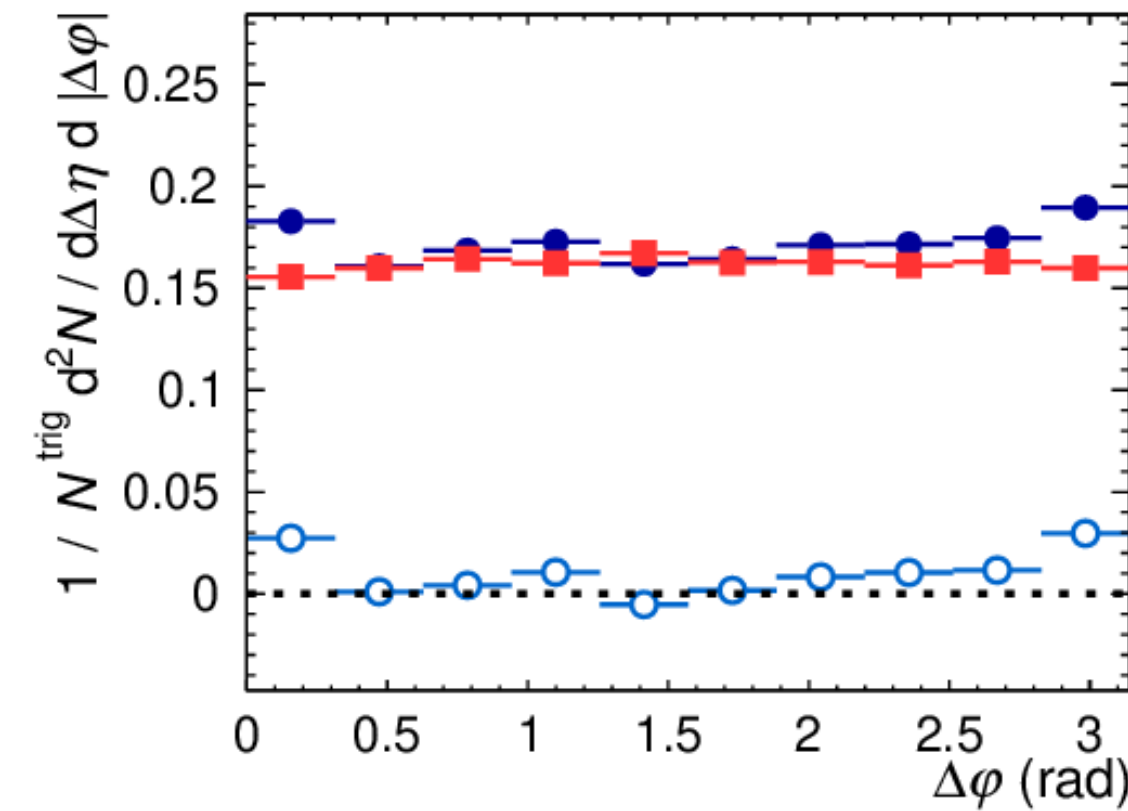
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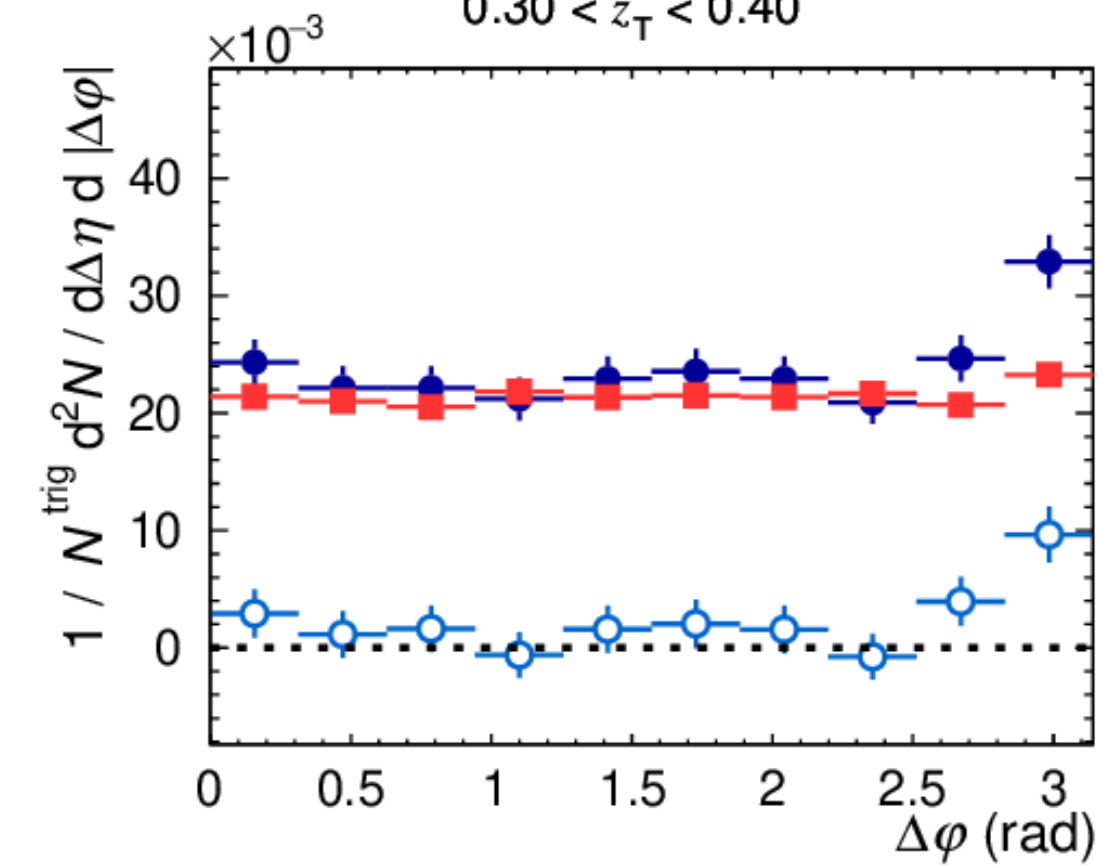
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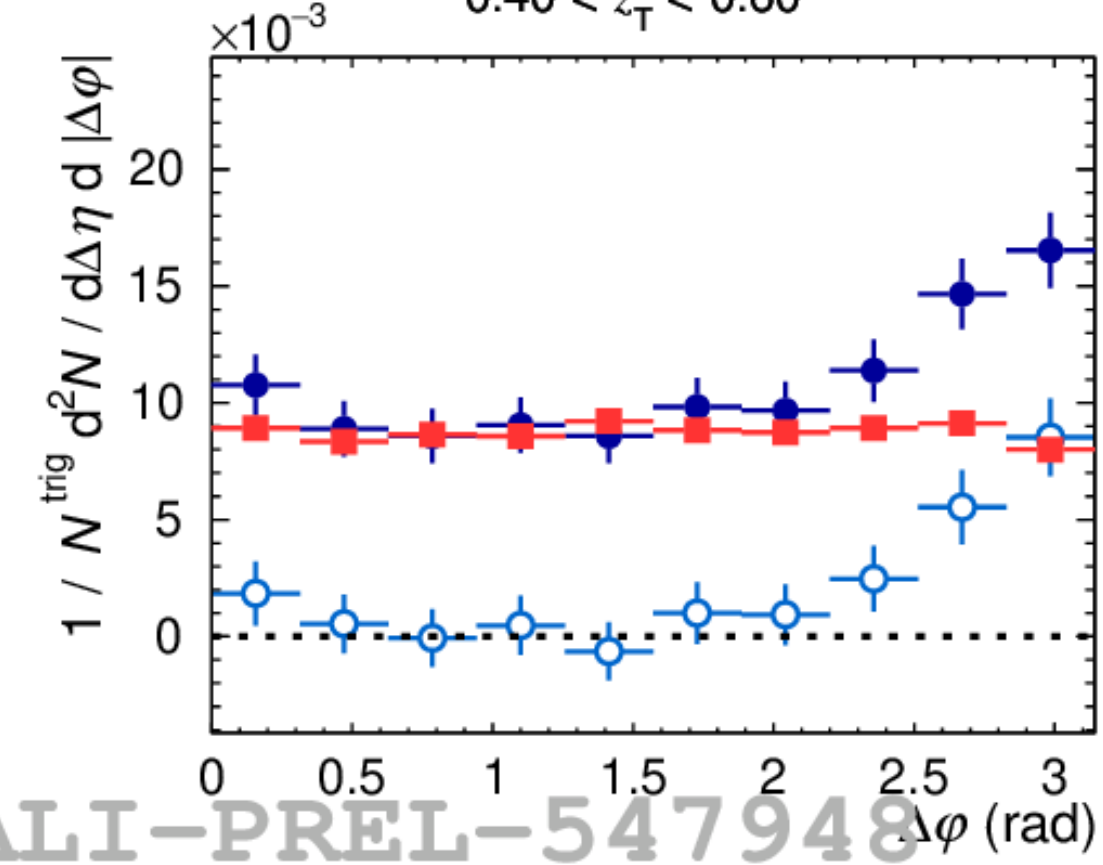
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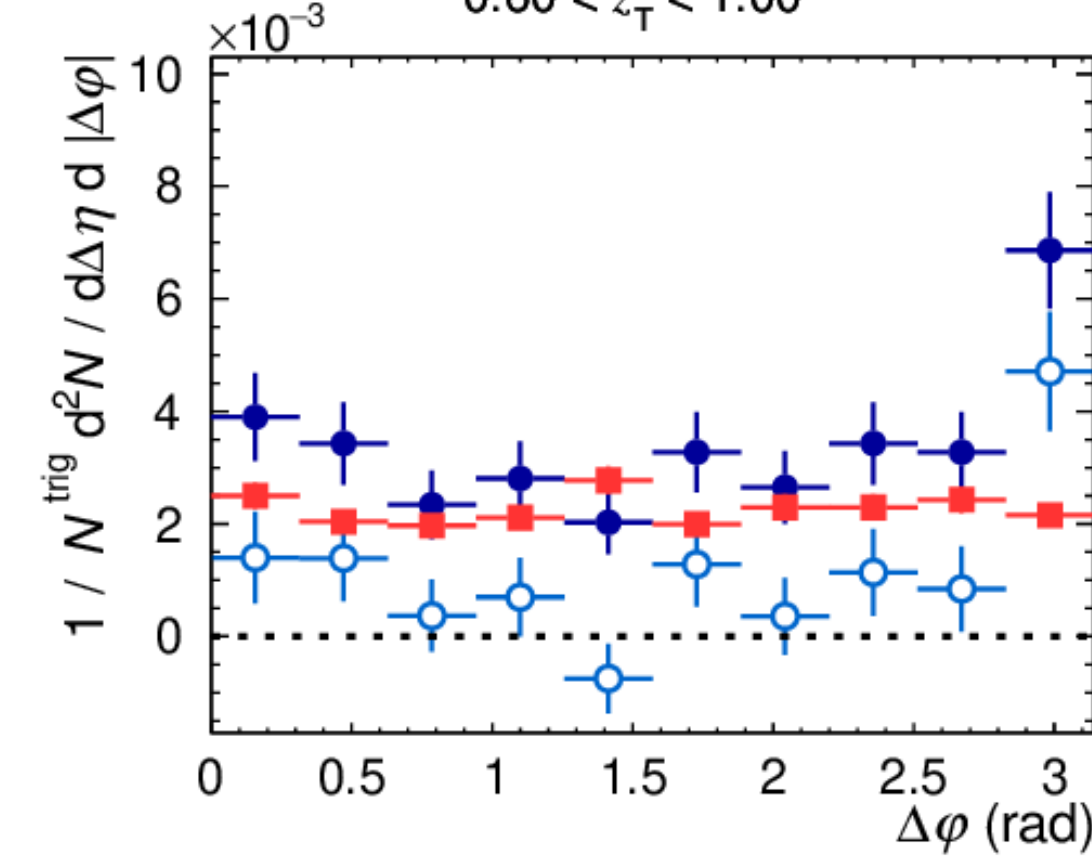
$0.30 < z_T < 0.40$



$0.40 < z_T < 0.60$



$0.60 < z_T < 1.00$



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0-10% Pb-Pb, $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV, $|\eta^{trig}| < 0.67$

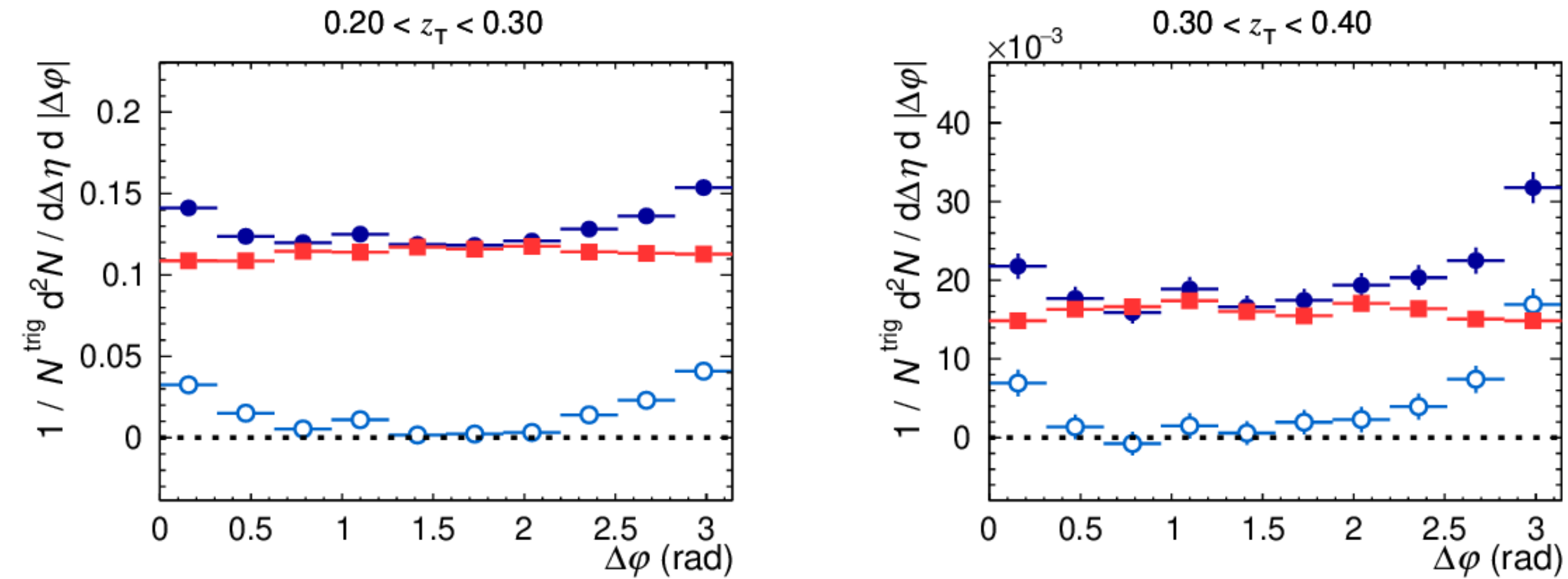
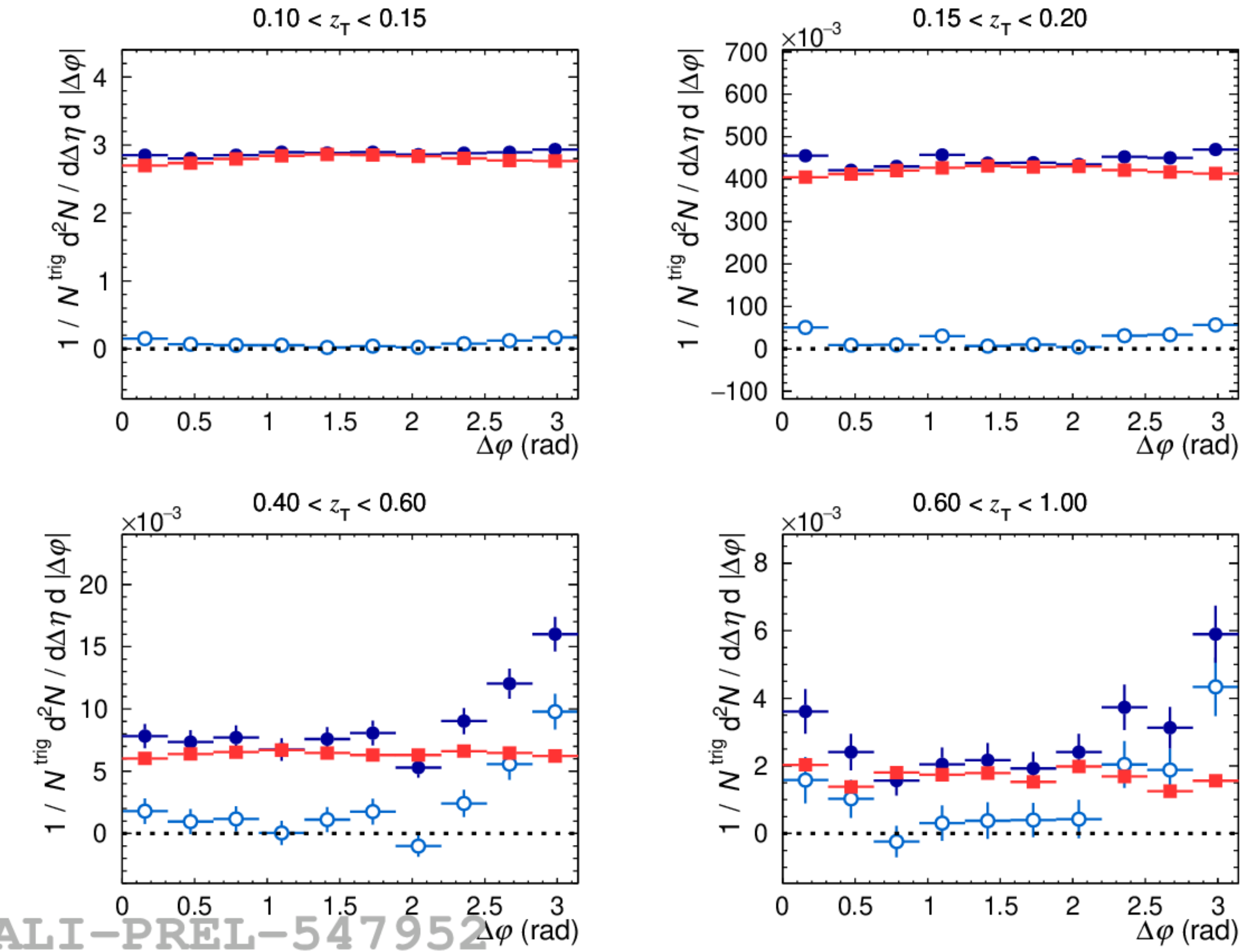
$20 < p_T^{trig} < 25$ GeV/c \otimes $p_T^h > 0.5$ GeV/c

cluster_{narrow}^{iso}: $0.10 < \sigma_{long, 5 \times 5}^2 < 0.30$

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- Mixed Event
- Same Event - Mixed Event

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Isolated γ -hadron correlations in Pb-Pb: $D(z_T)$



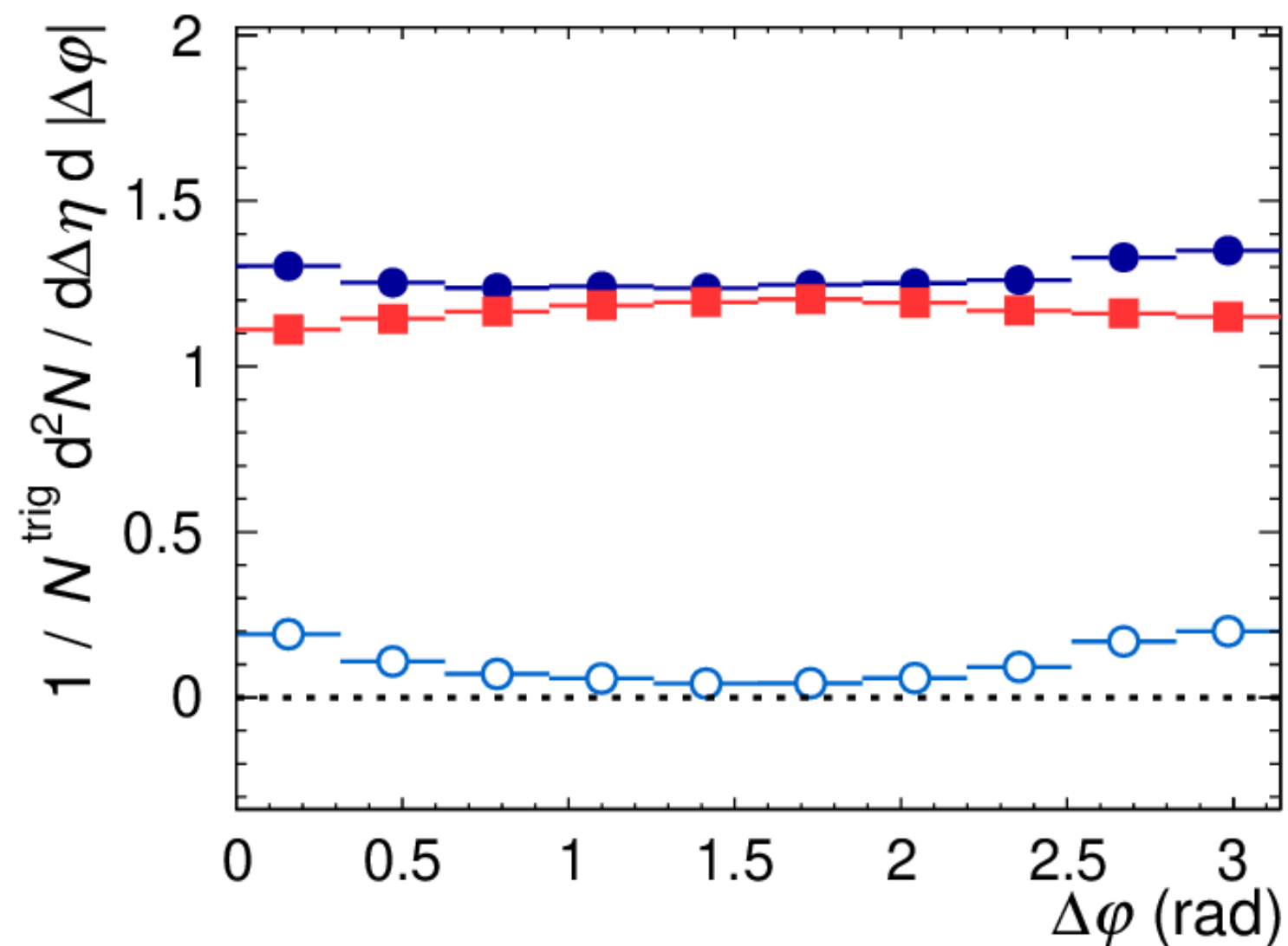
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10–30% Pb–Pb, $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 5.02$ TeV, $|\eta^{\text{trig}}| < 0.67$
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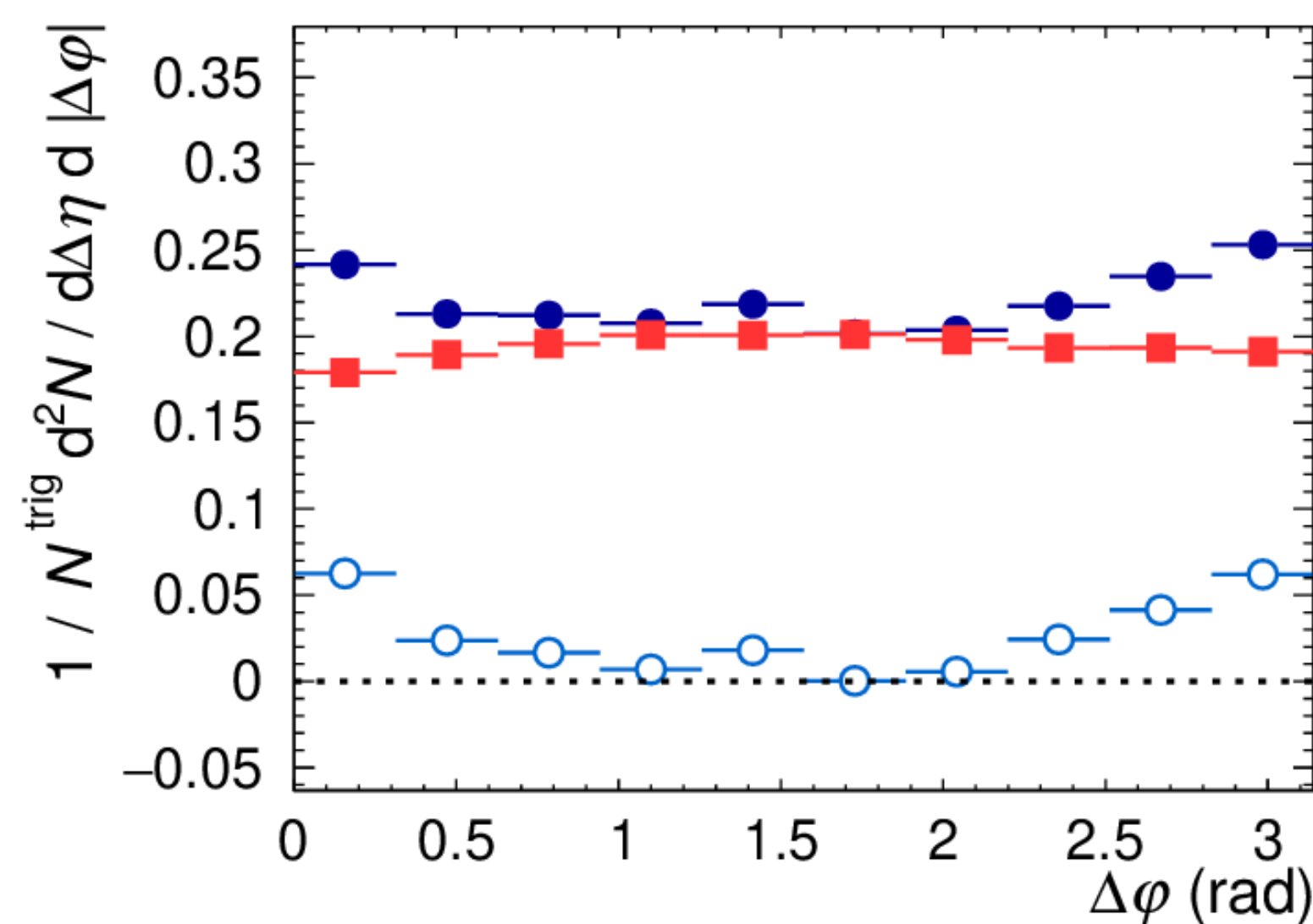
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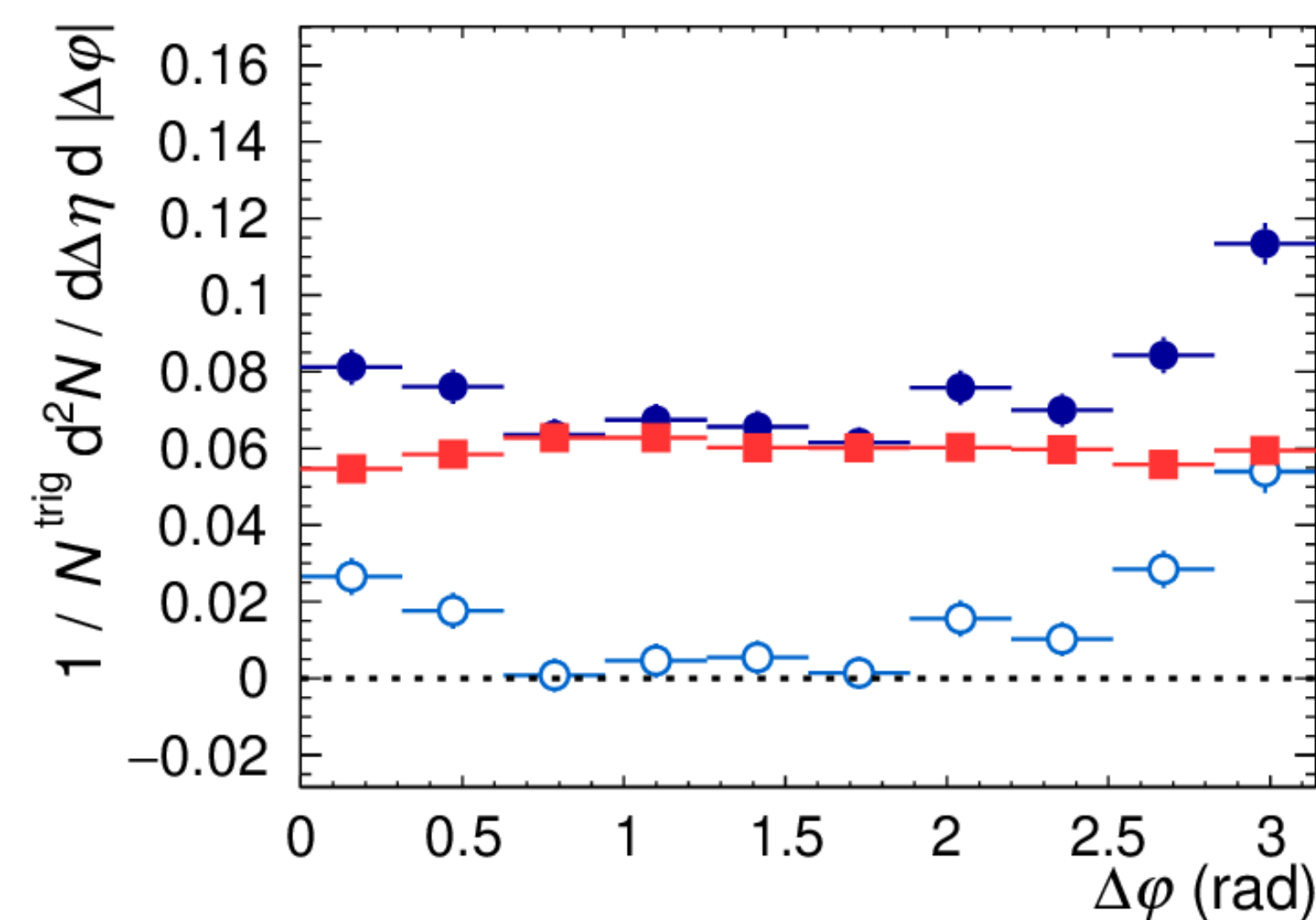
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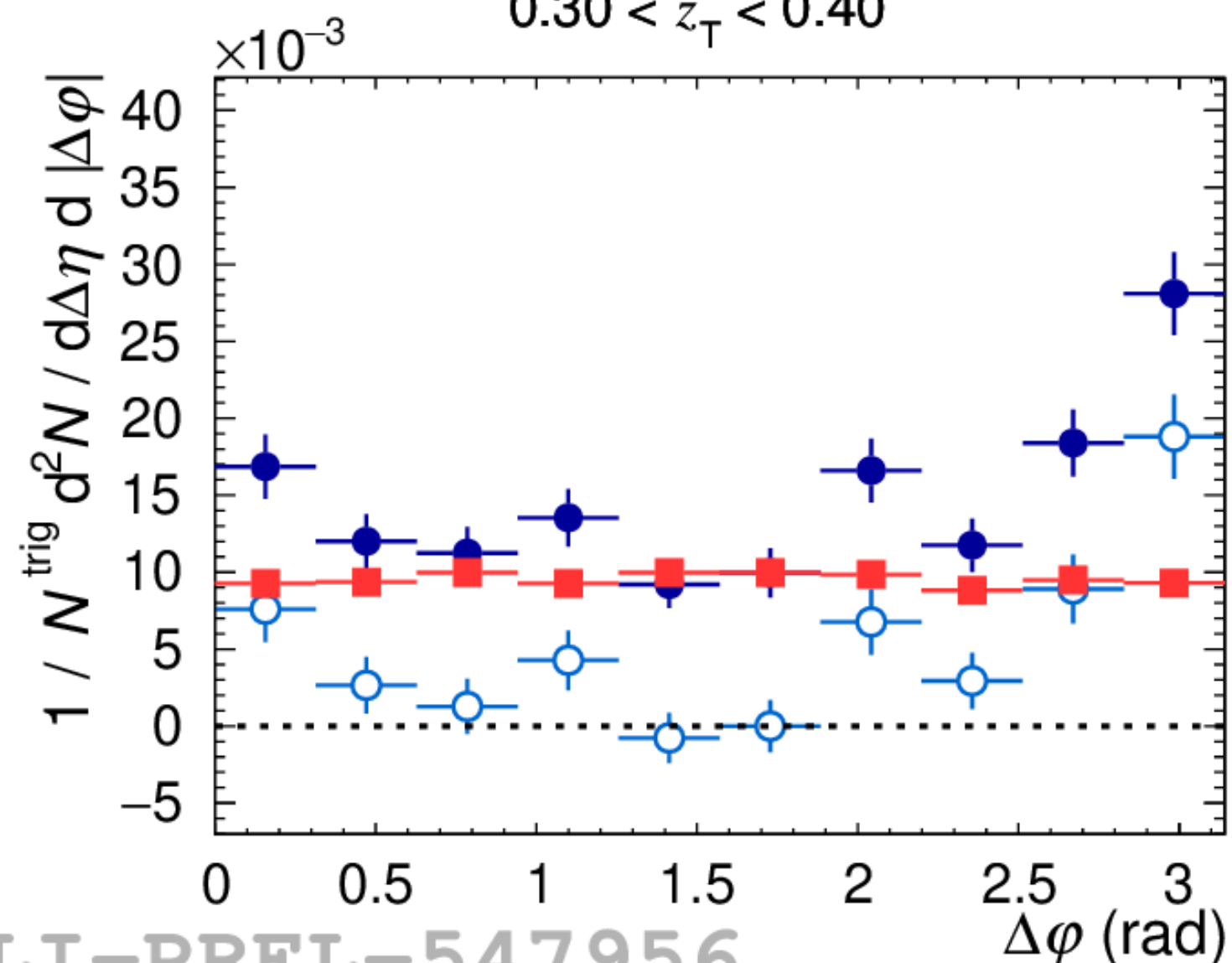
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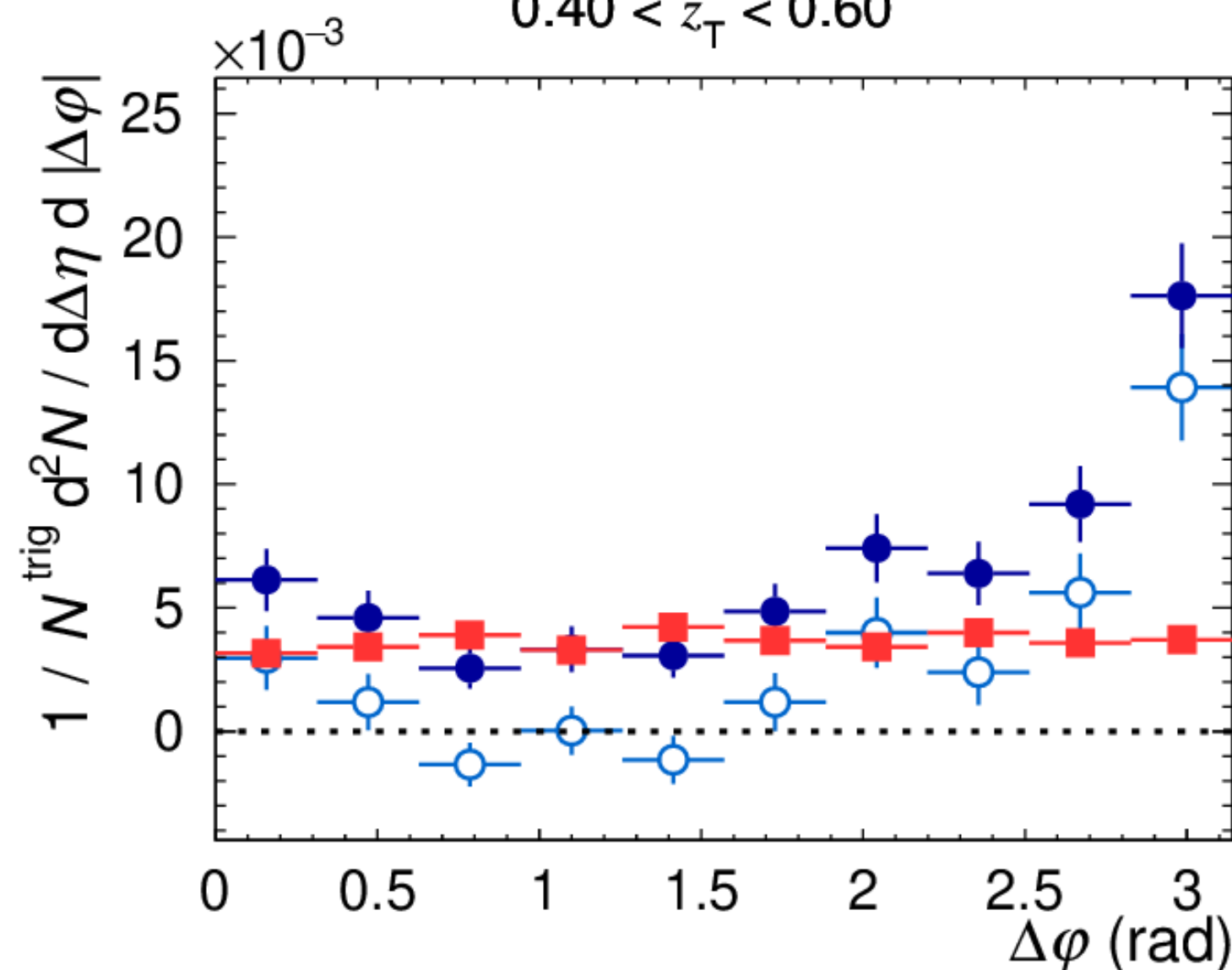
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$0.30 < z_T < 0.40$



$0.40 < z_T < 0.60$



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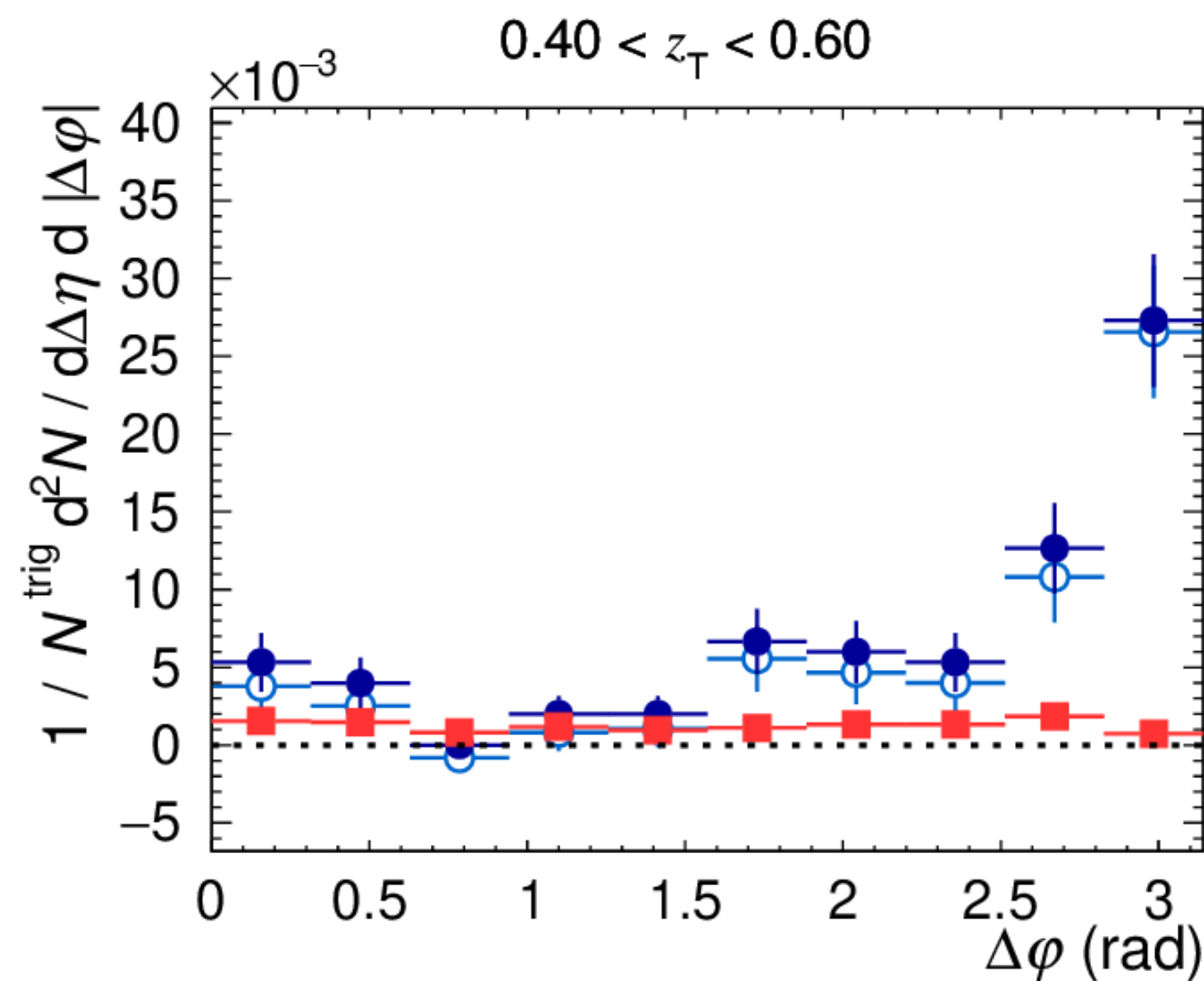
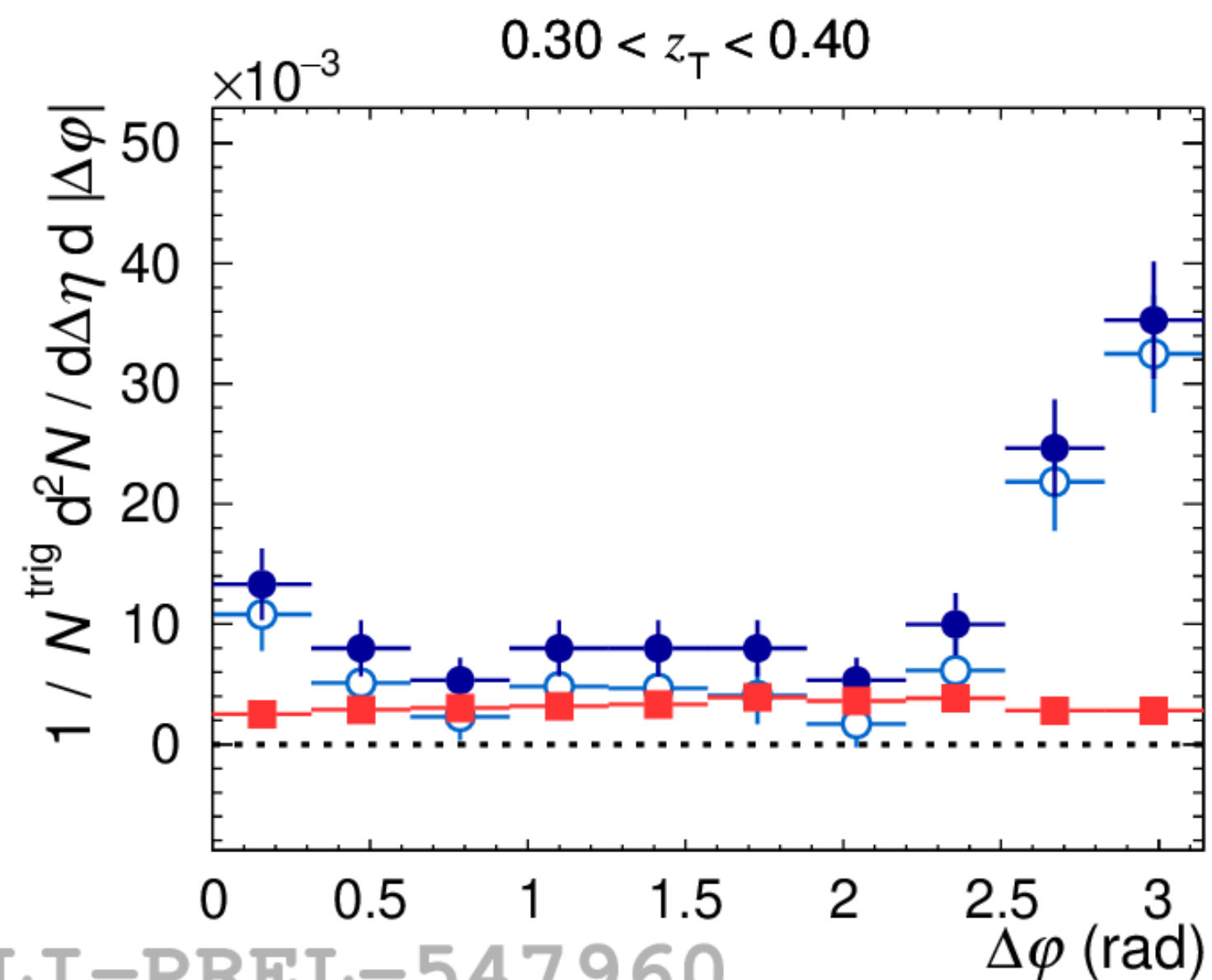
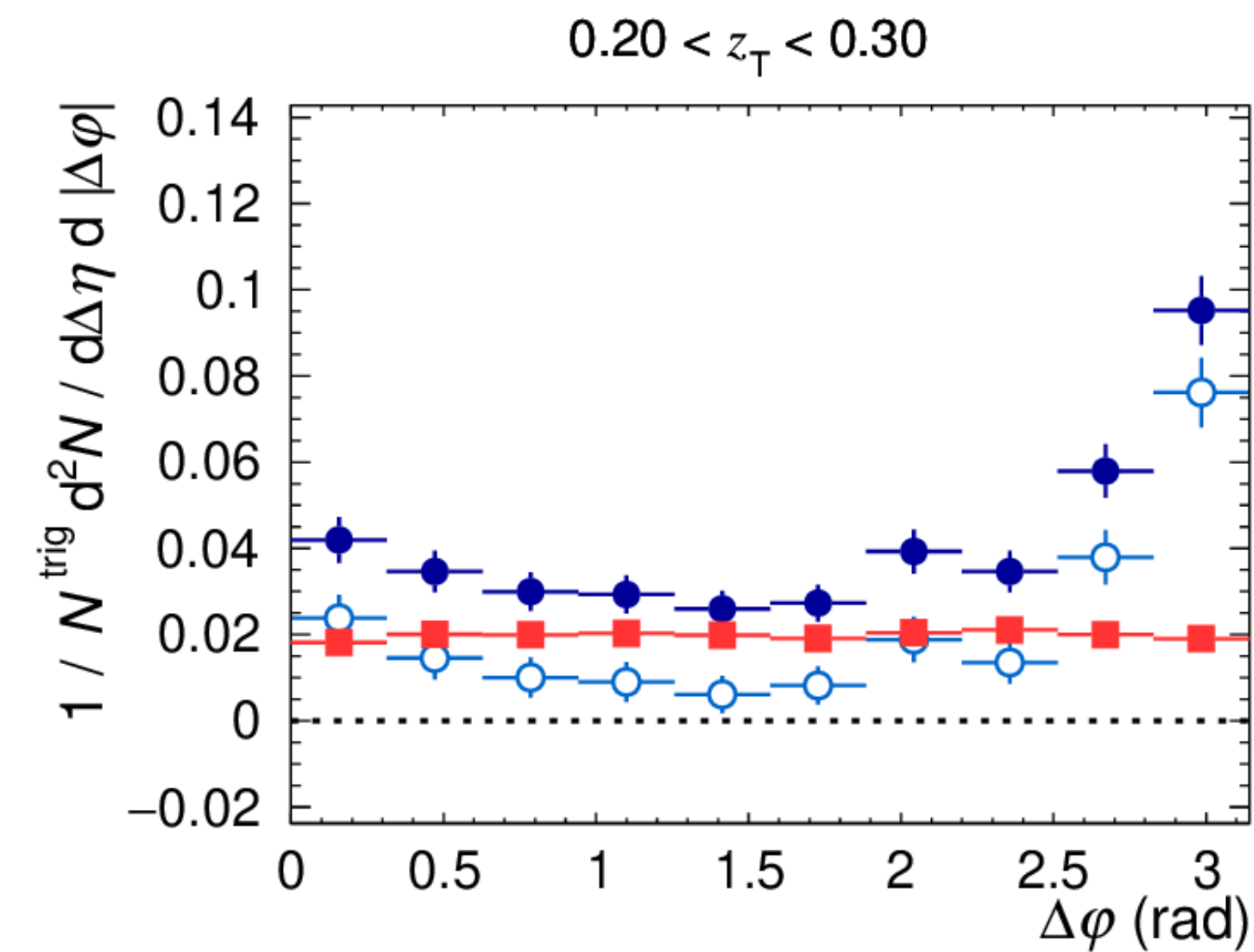
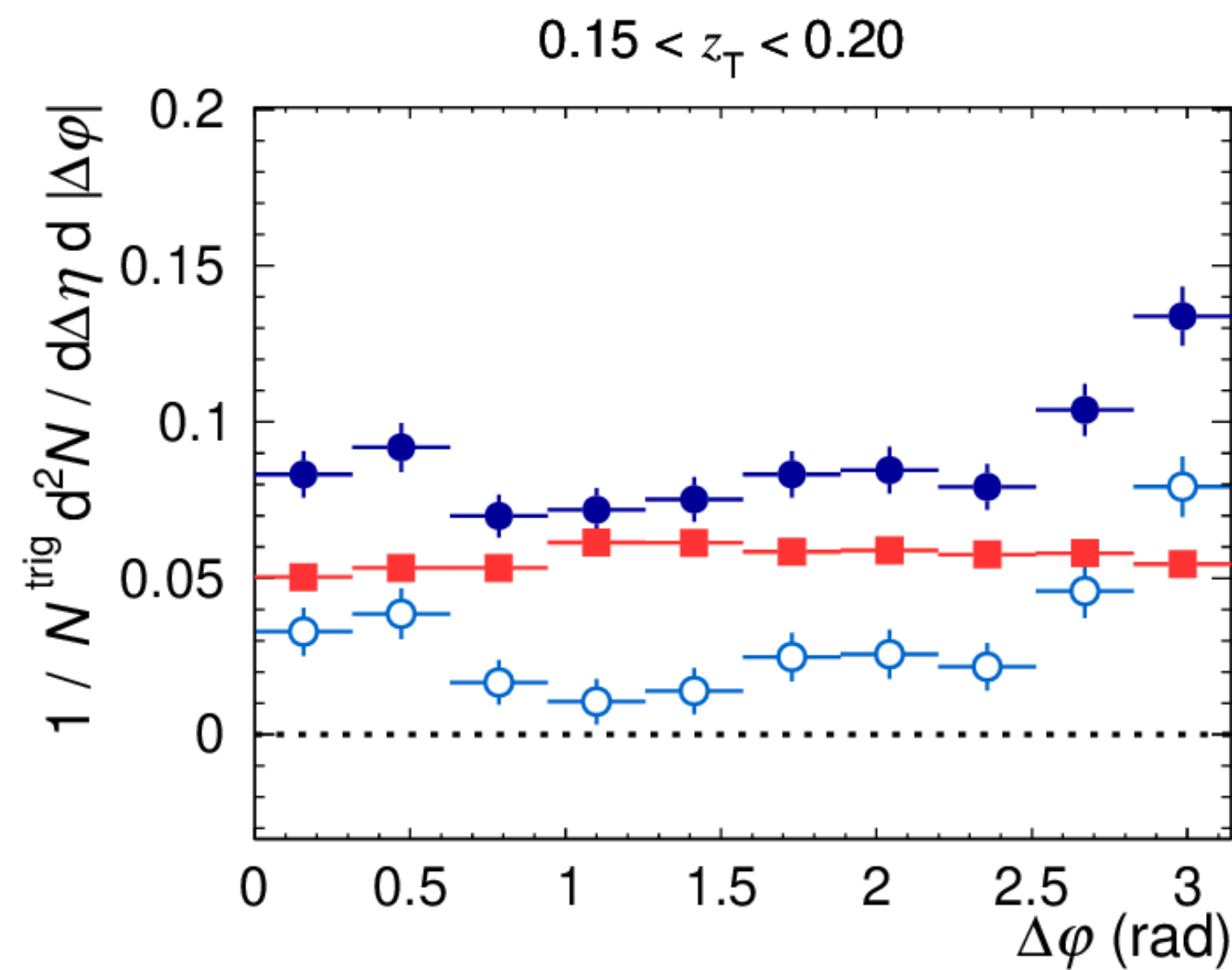
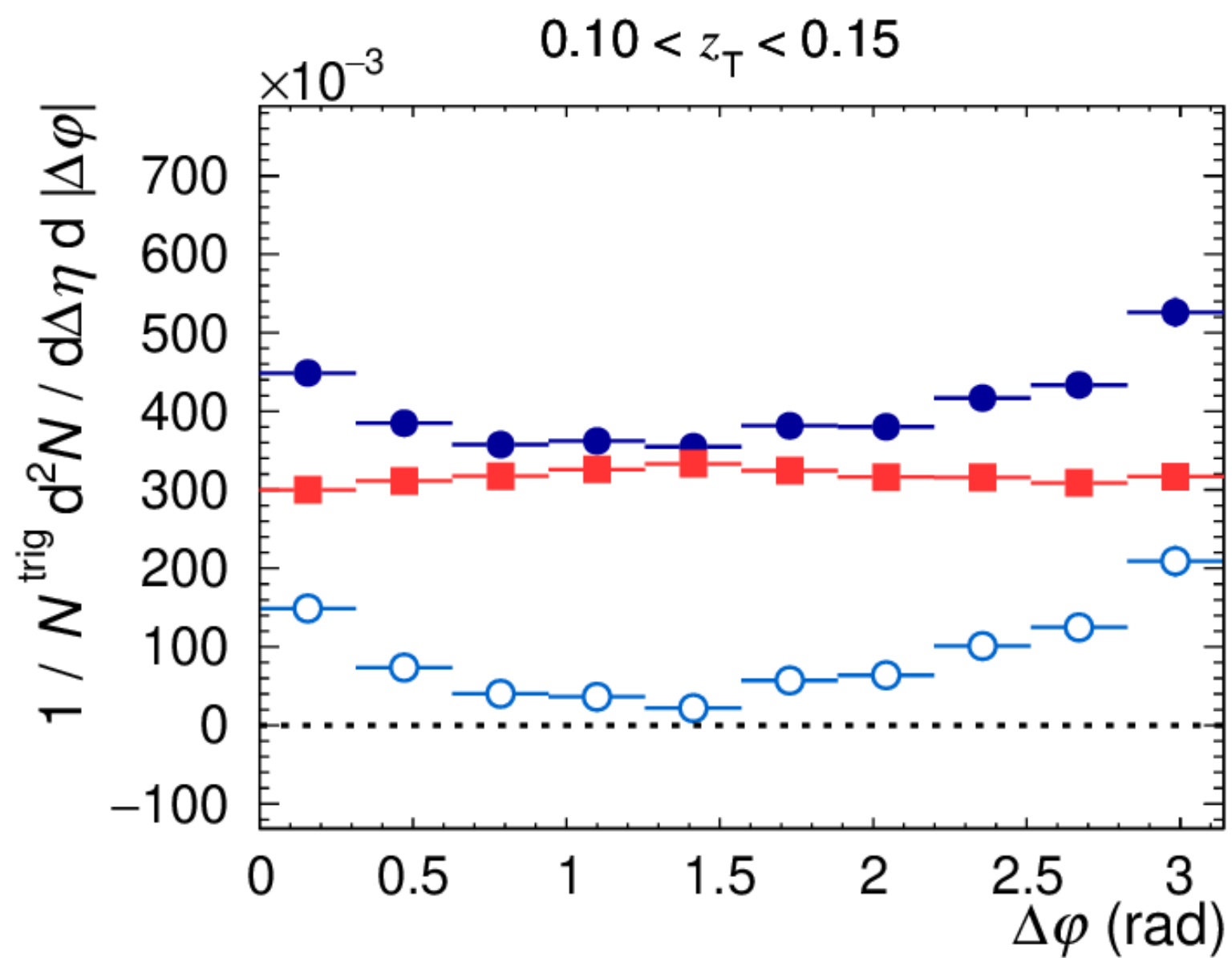
30–50% Pb–Pb, $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV, $|\eta^{trig}| < 0.67$

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cluster_{narrow}^{iso}: $0.10 < \sigma_{long, 5 \times 5}^2 < 0.30$

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Isolated γ -hadron correlations in Pb-Pb: $D(z_T)$



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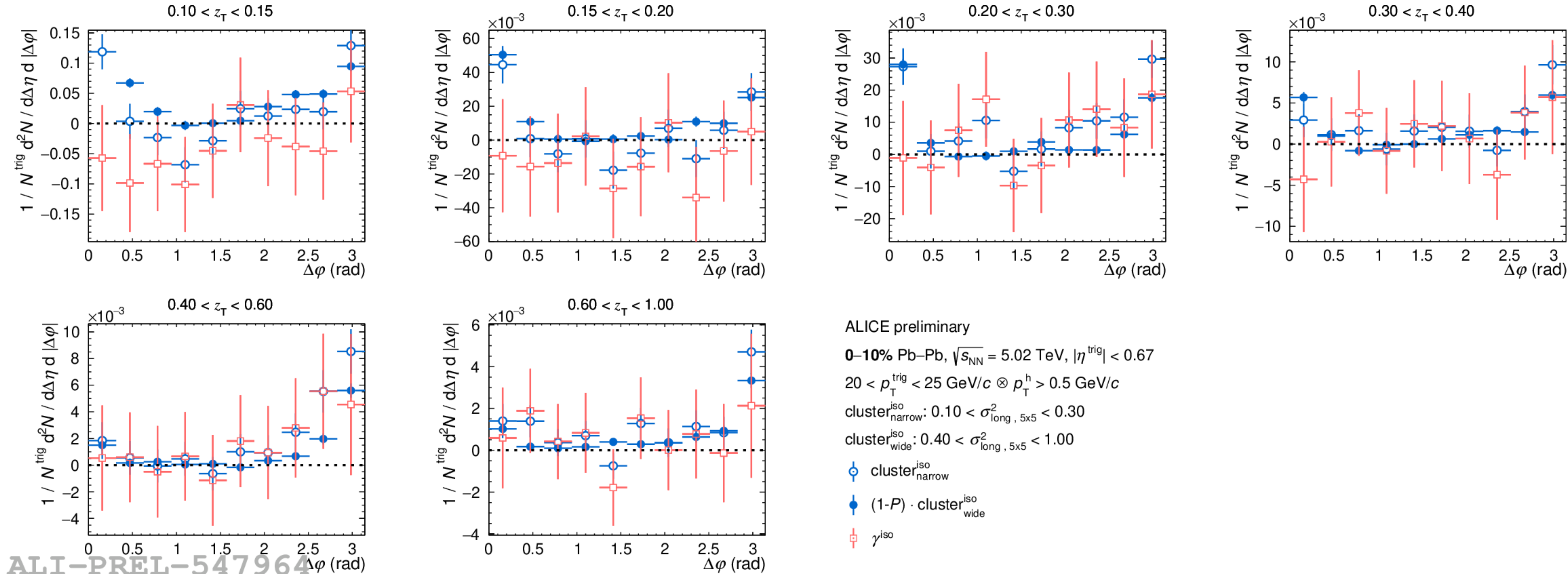
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cluster_{narrow}^{iso}: $0.10 < \sigma_{long, 5 \times 5}^2 < 0.30$

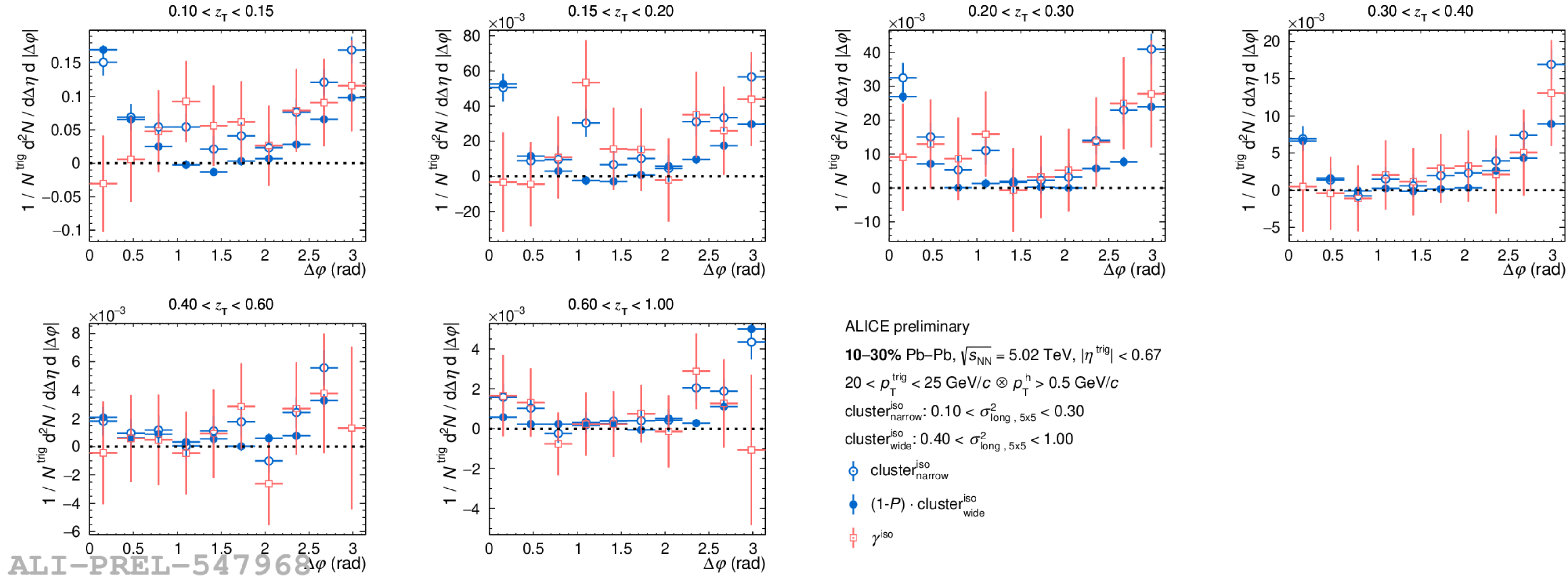
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Isolated γ -hadron correlations in Pb–Pb: $D(z_T)$



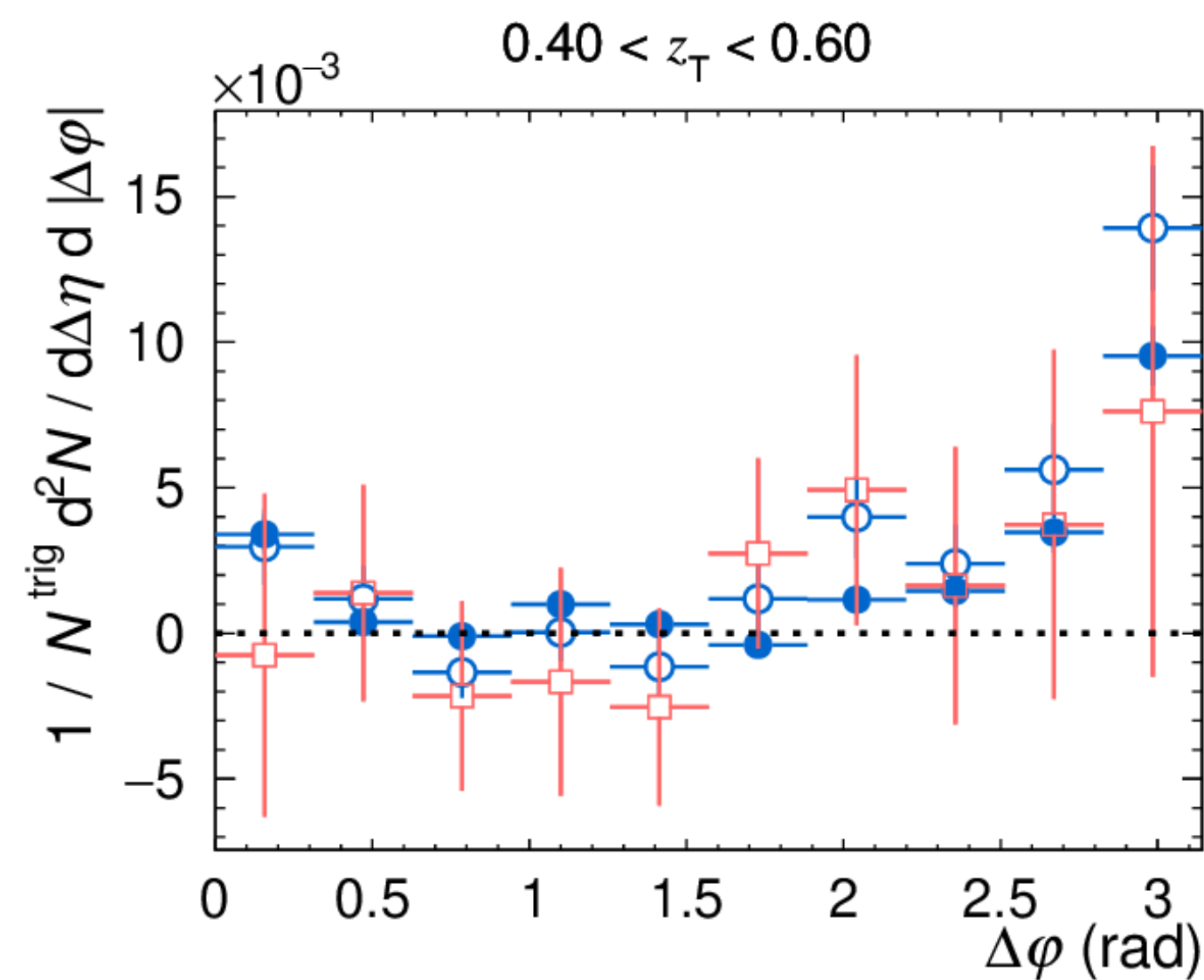
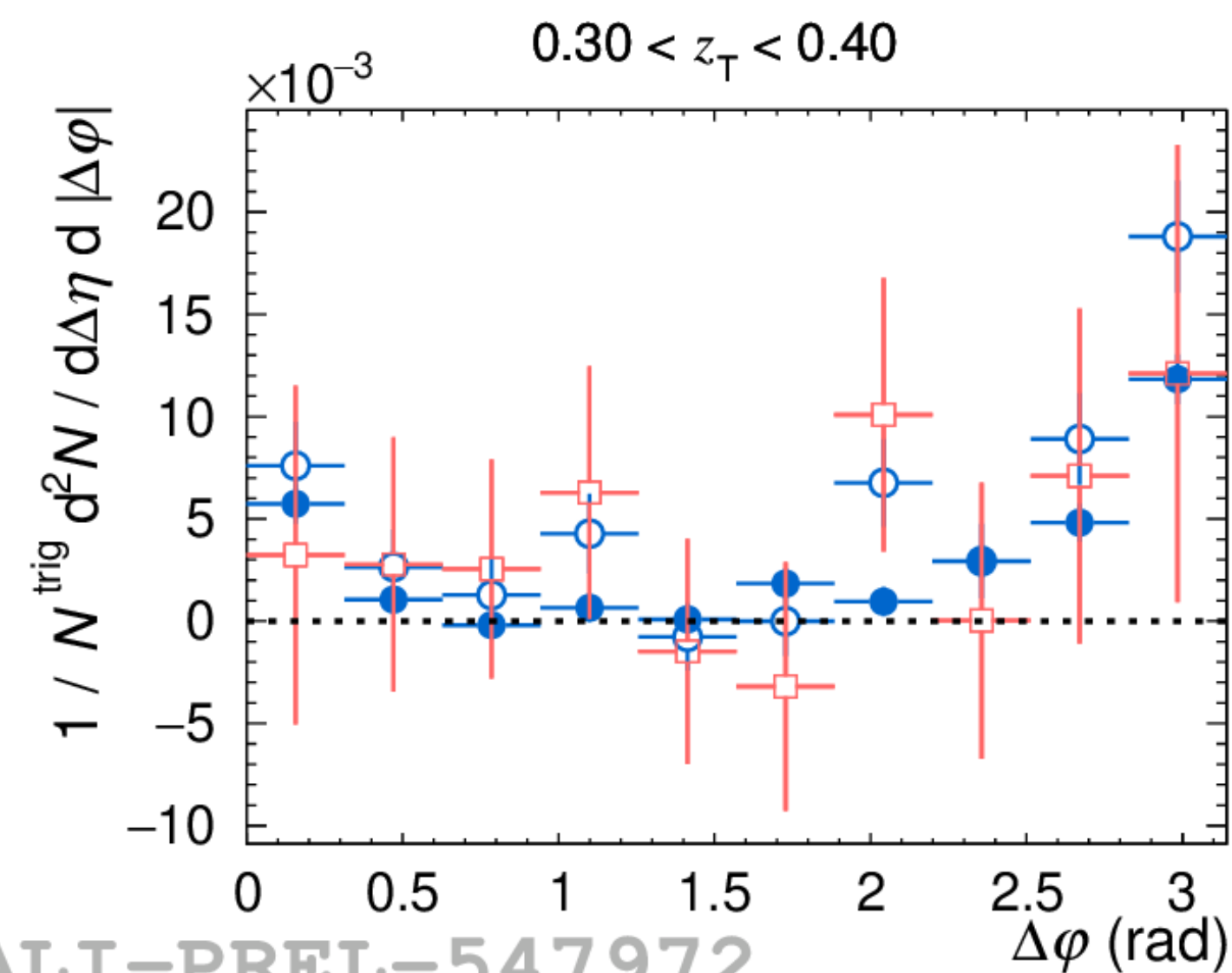
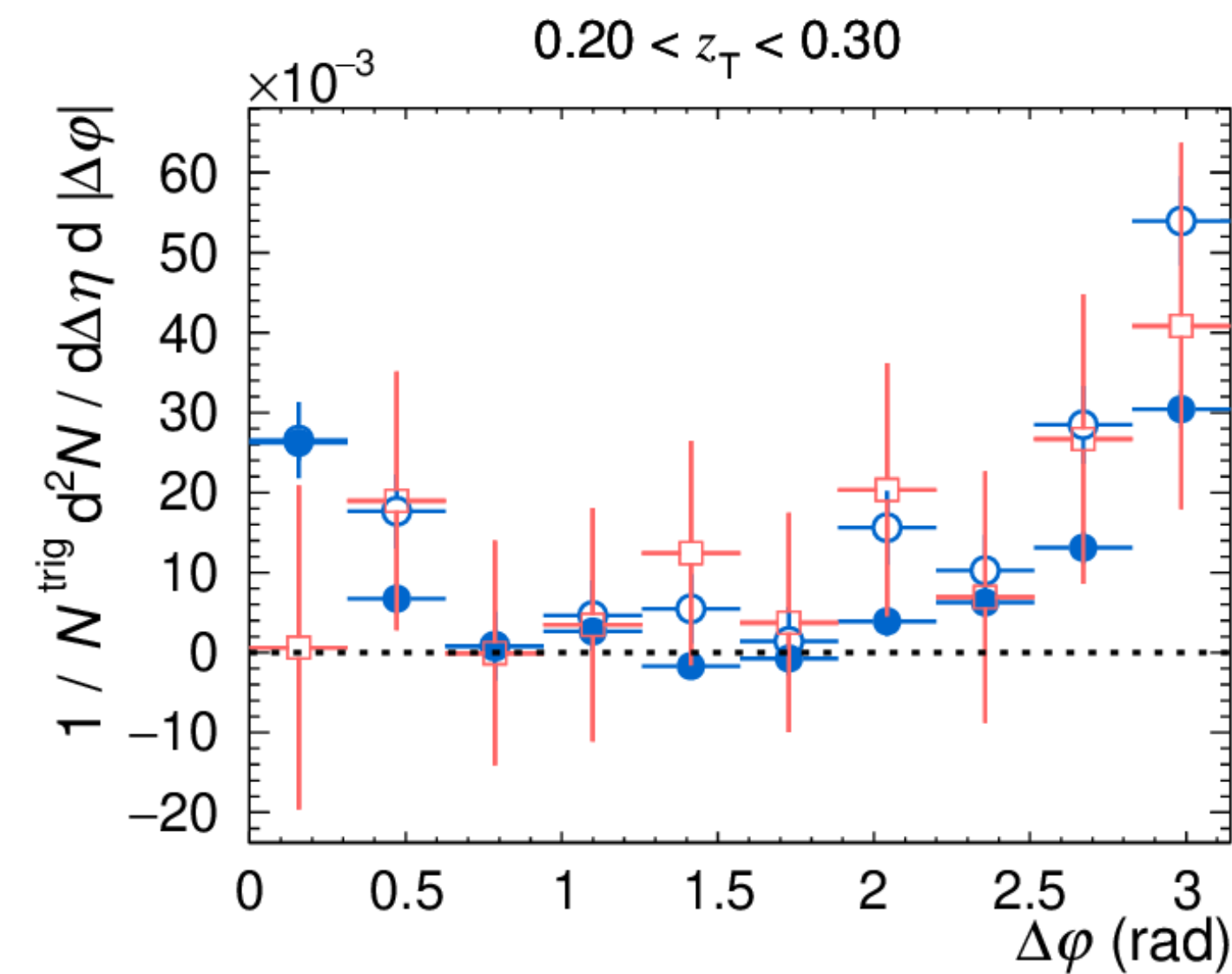
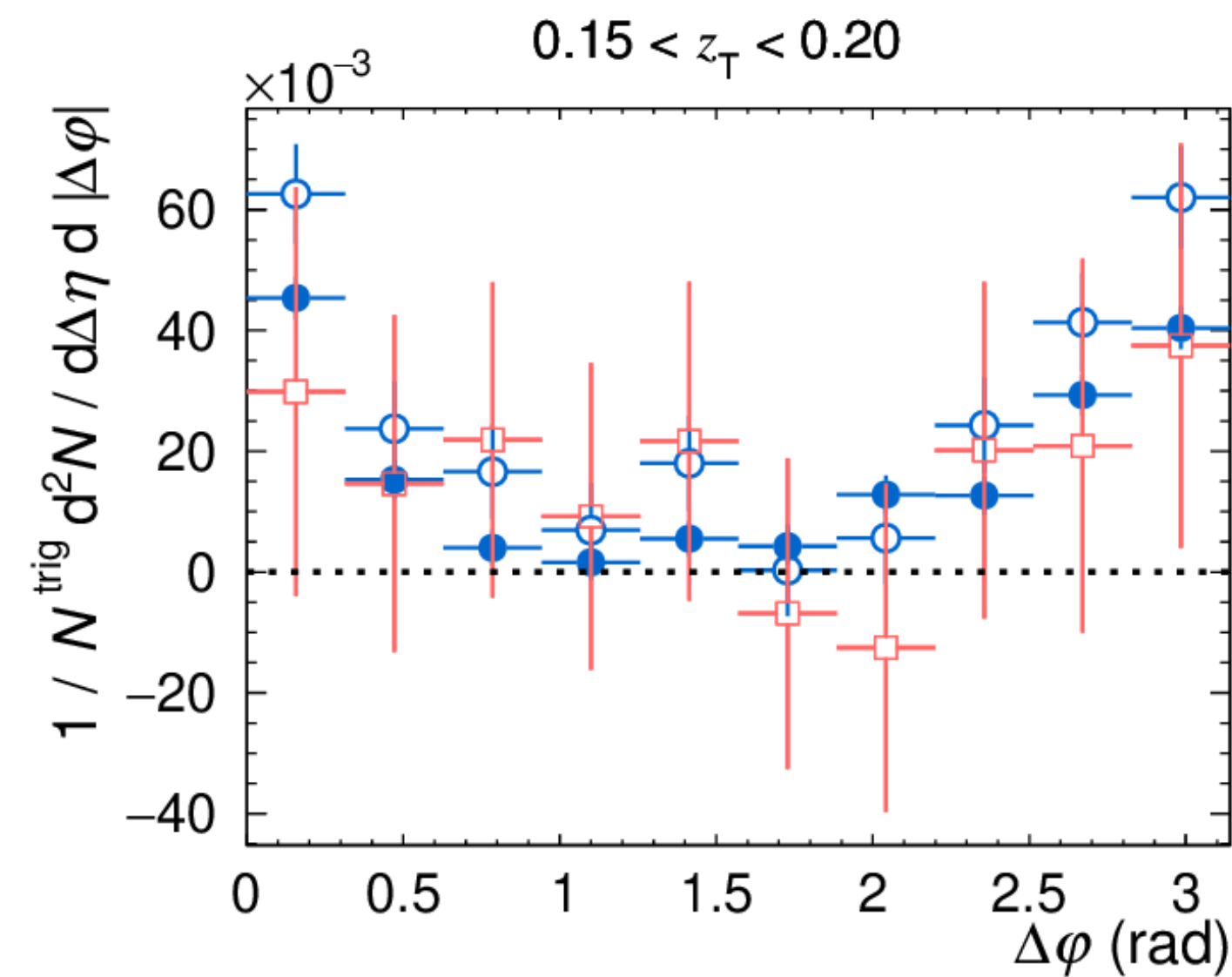
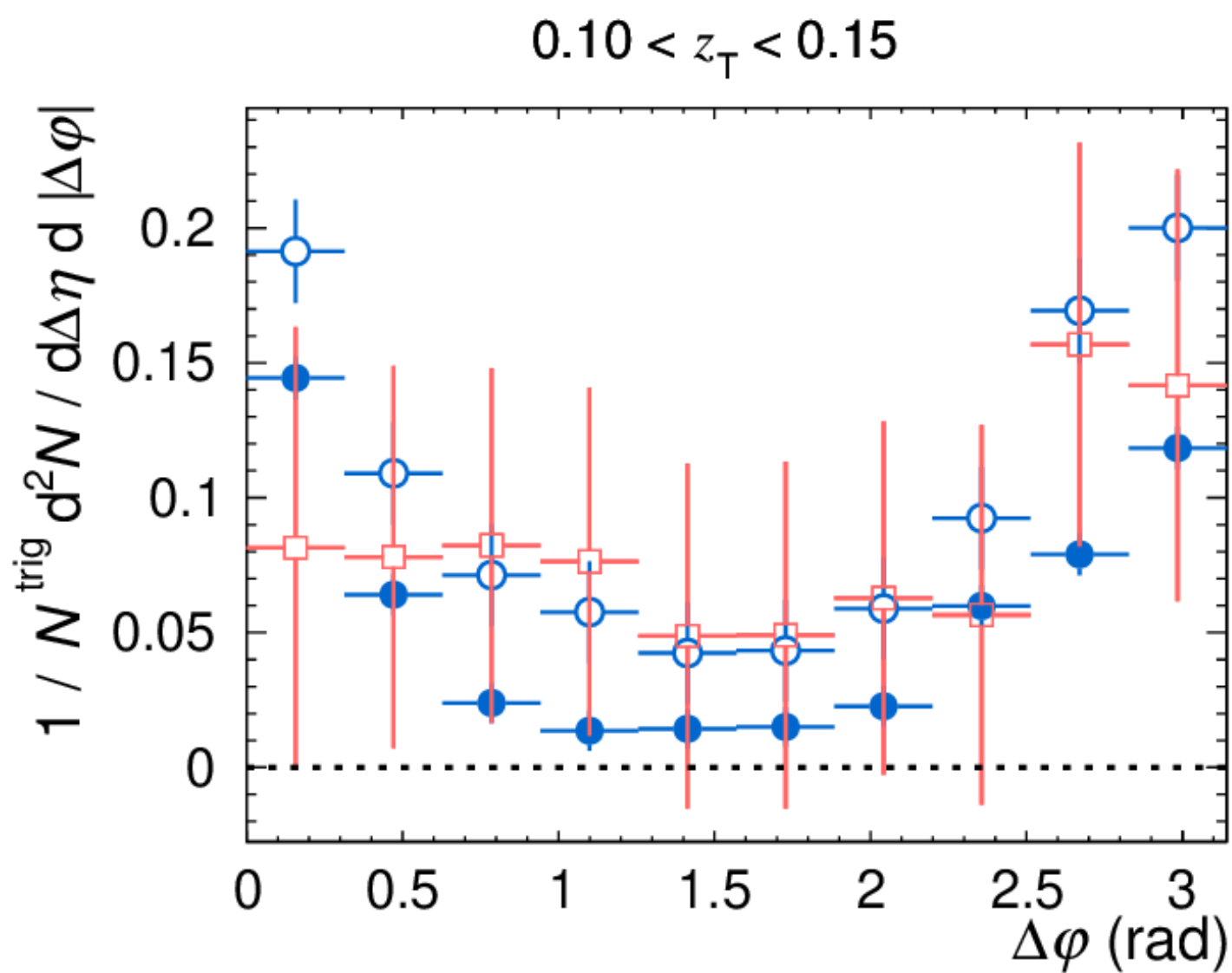
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Isolated γ -hadron correlations in Pb–Pb: $D(z_T)$



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Isolated γ -hadron correlations in Pb-Pb: $D(z_T)$



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30–50% Pb–Pb, $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV, $|\eta^{trig}| < 0.67$

$20 < p_T^{trig} < 25$ GeV/c $\otimes p_T^h > 0.5$ GeV/c

cluster_{narrow}^{iso}: $0.10 < \sigma_{long, 5 \times 5}^2 < 0.30$

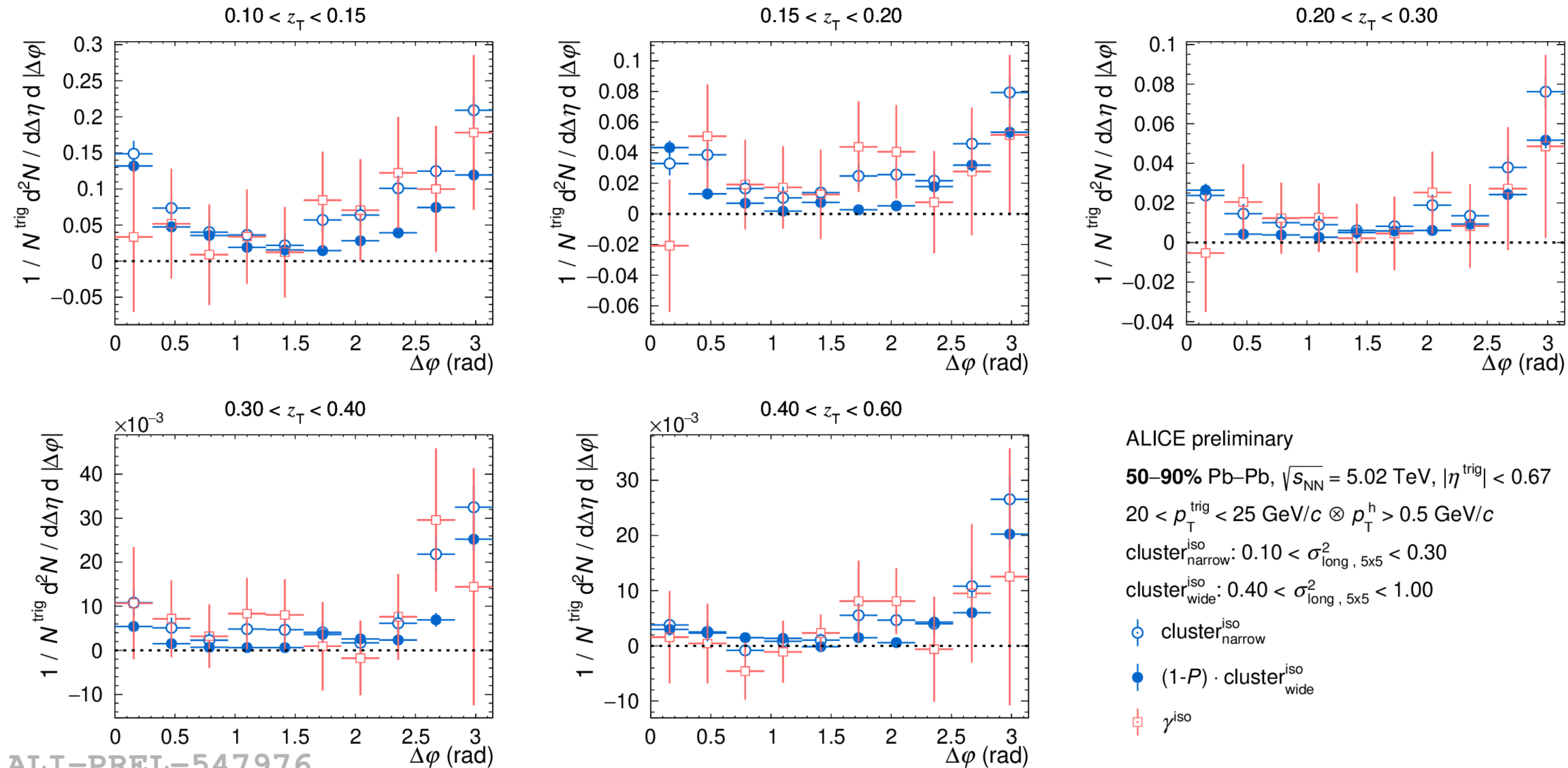
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\circ cluster_{narrow}^{iso}

\bullet $(1-P) \cdot$ cluster_{wide}^{iso}

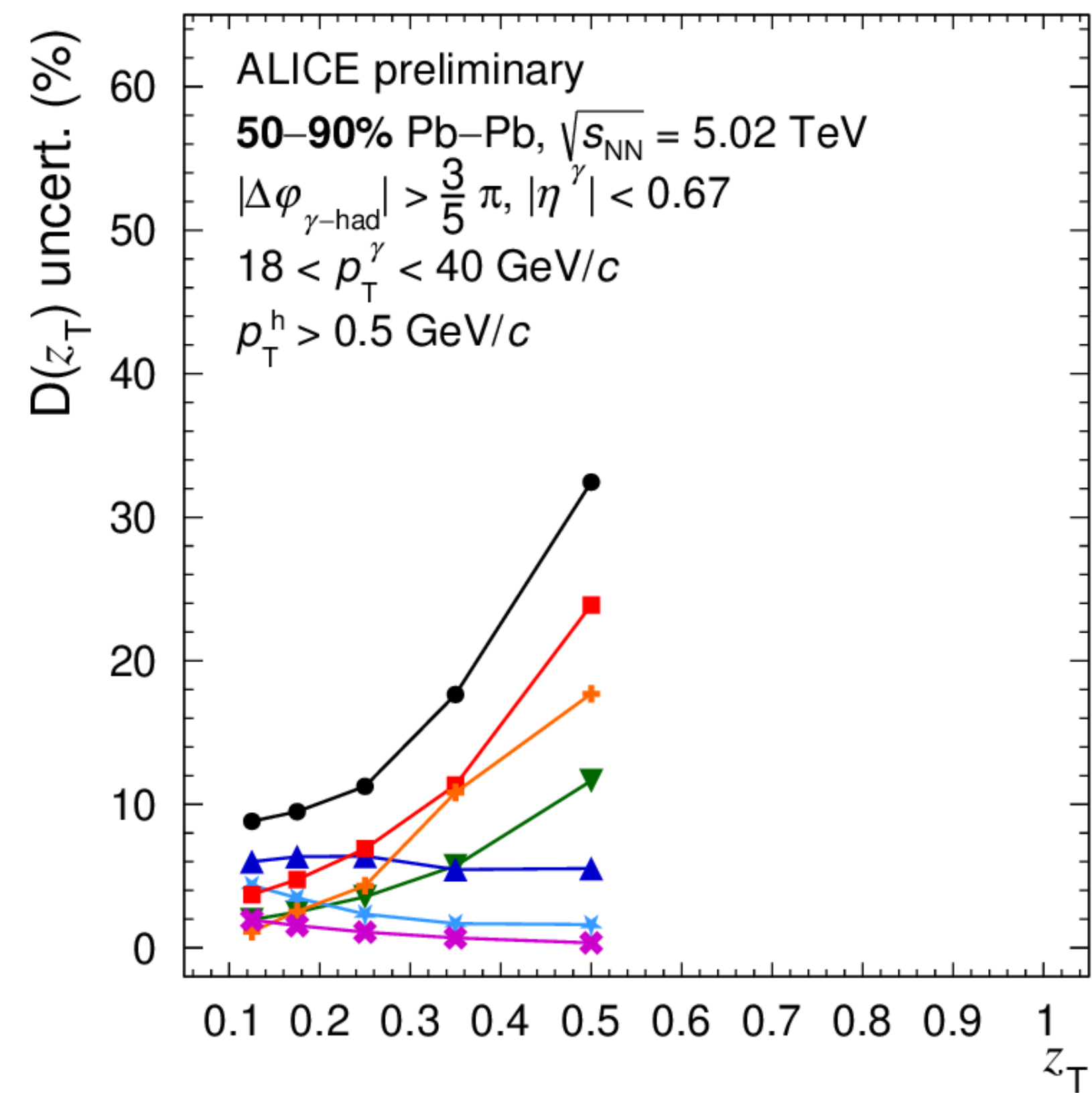
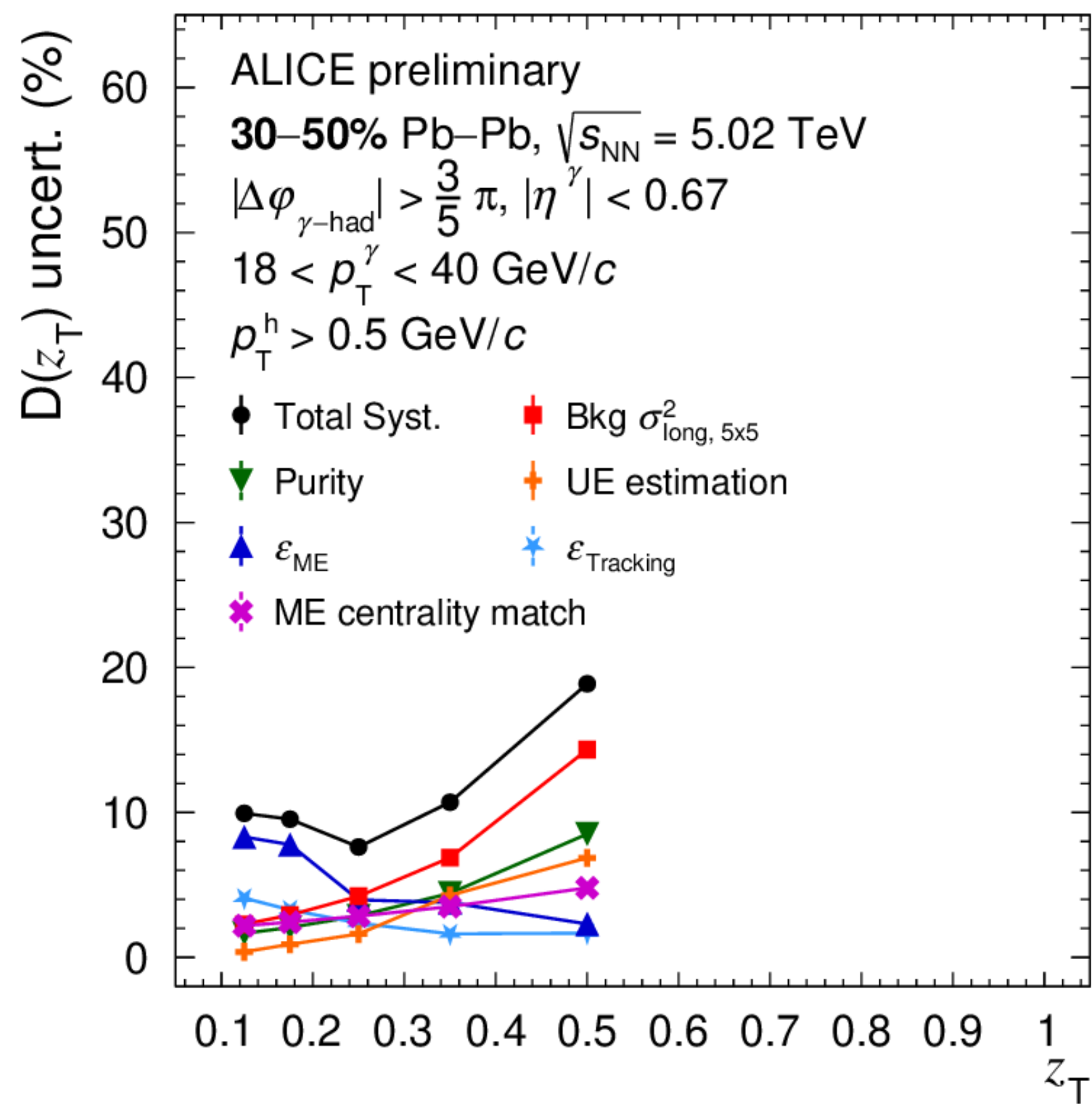
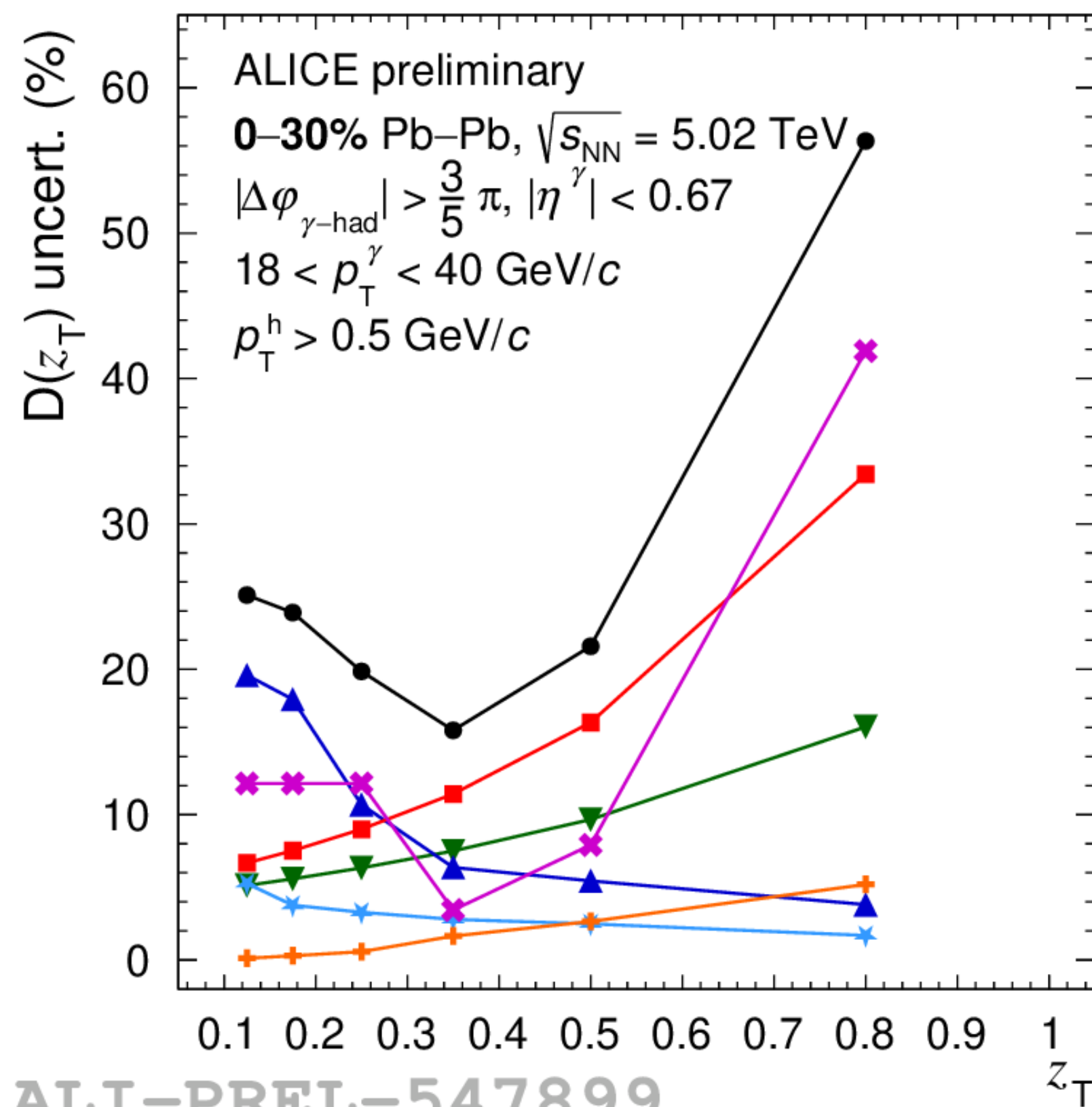
\square γ^{iso}

Isolated γ -hadron correlations in Pb–Pb: $D(z_T)$

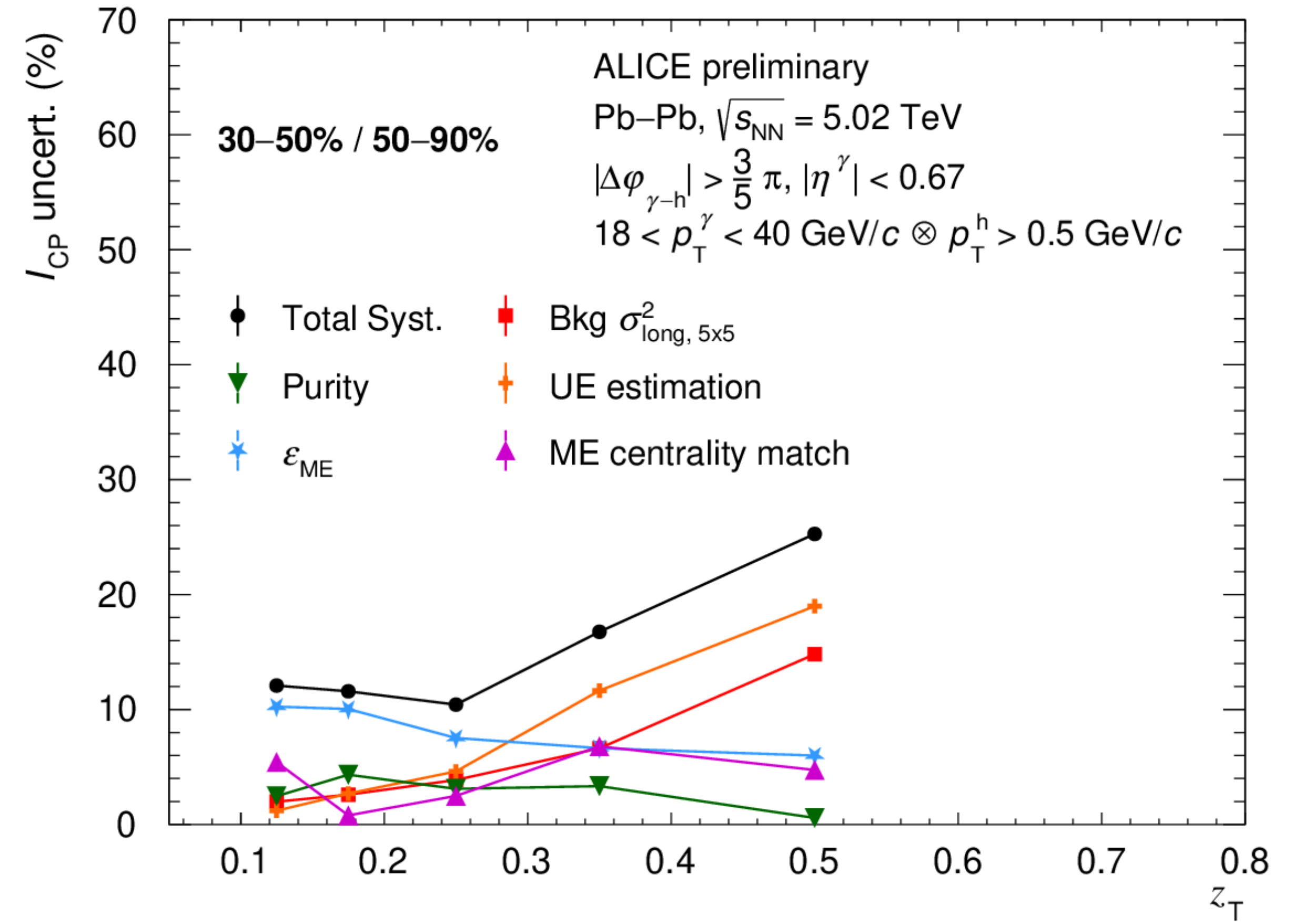
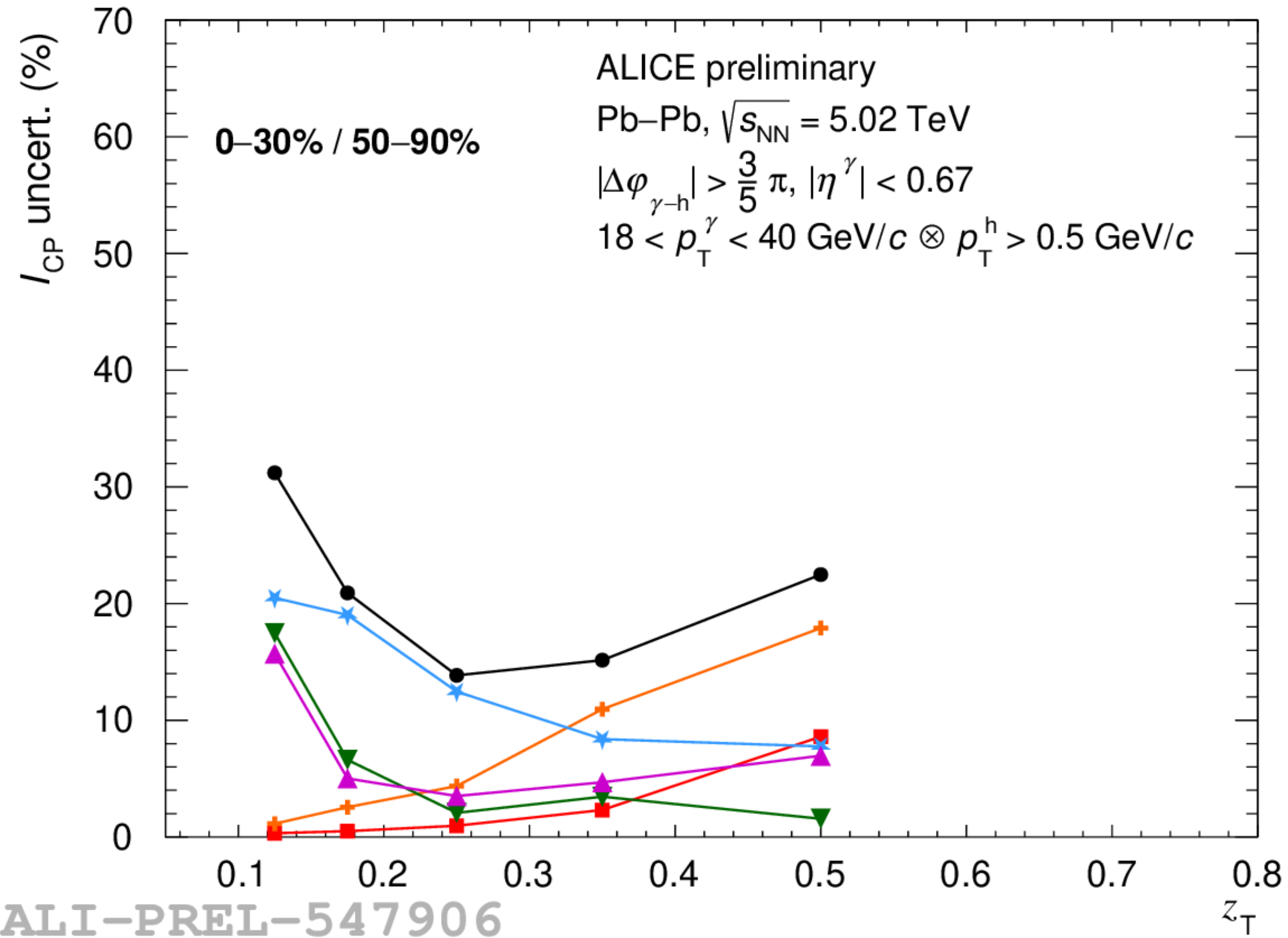


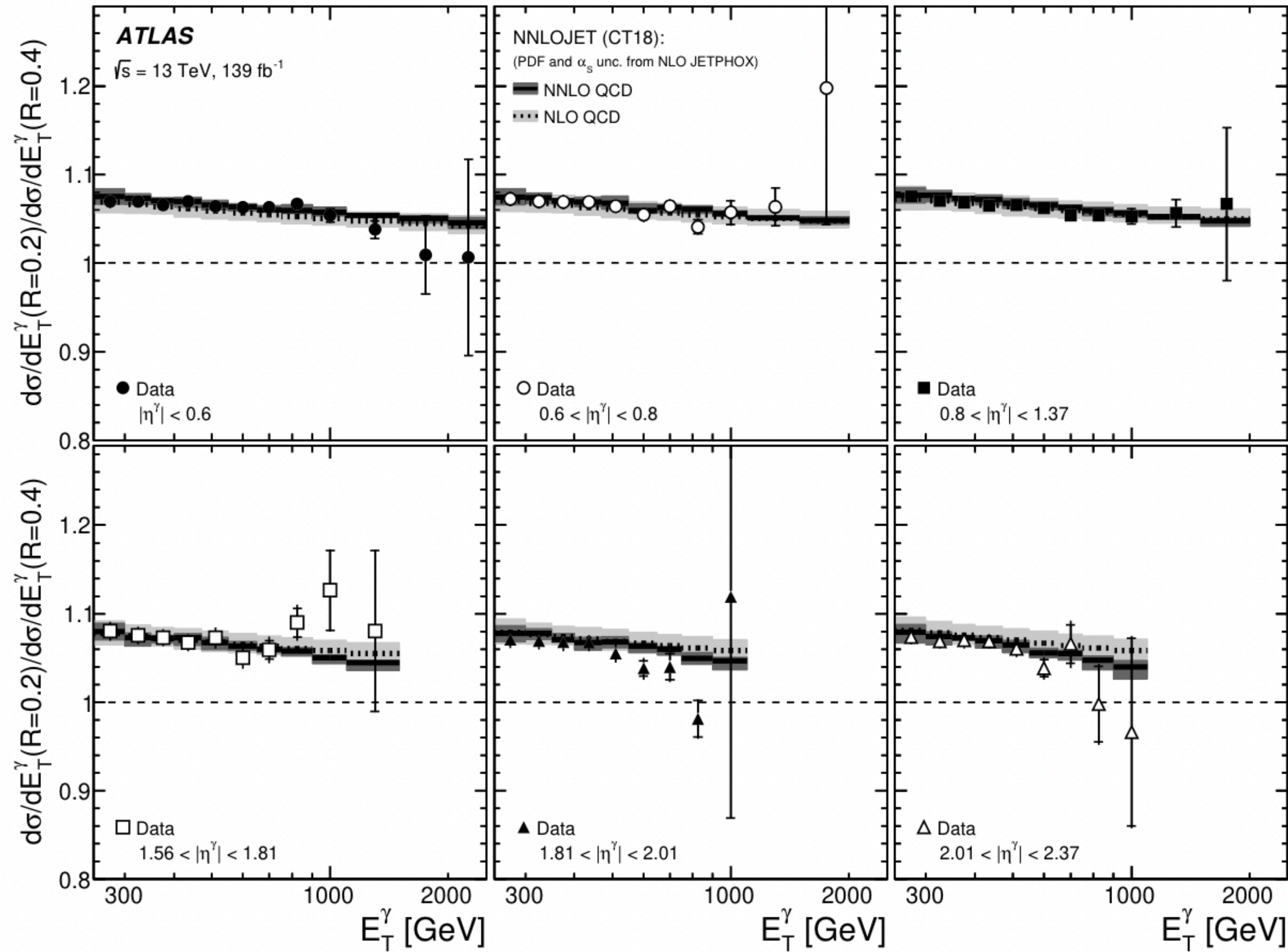
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Isolated γ -hadron correlation uncertainty: $D(z_T)$



Isolated γ -hadron correlation uncertainty: I_{CP}





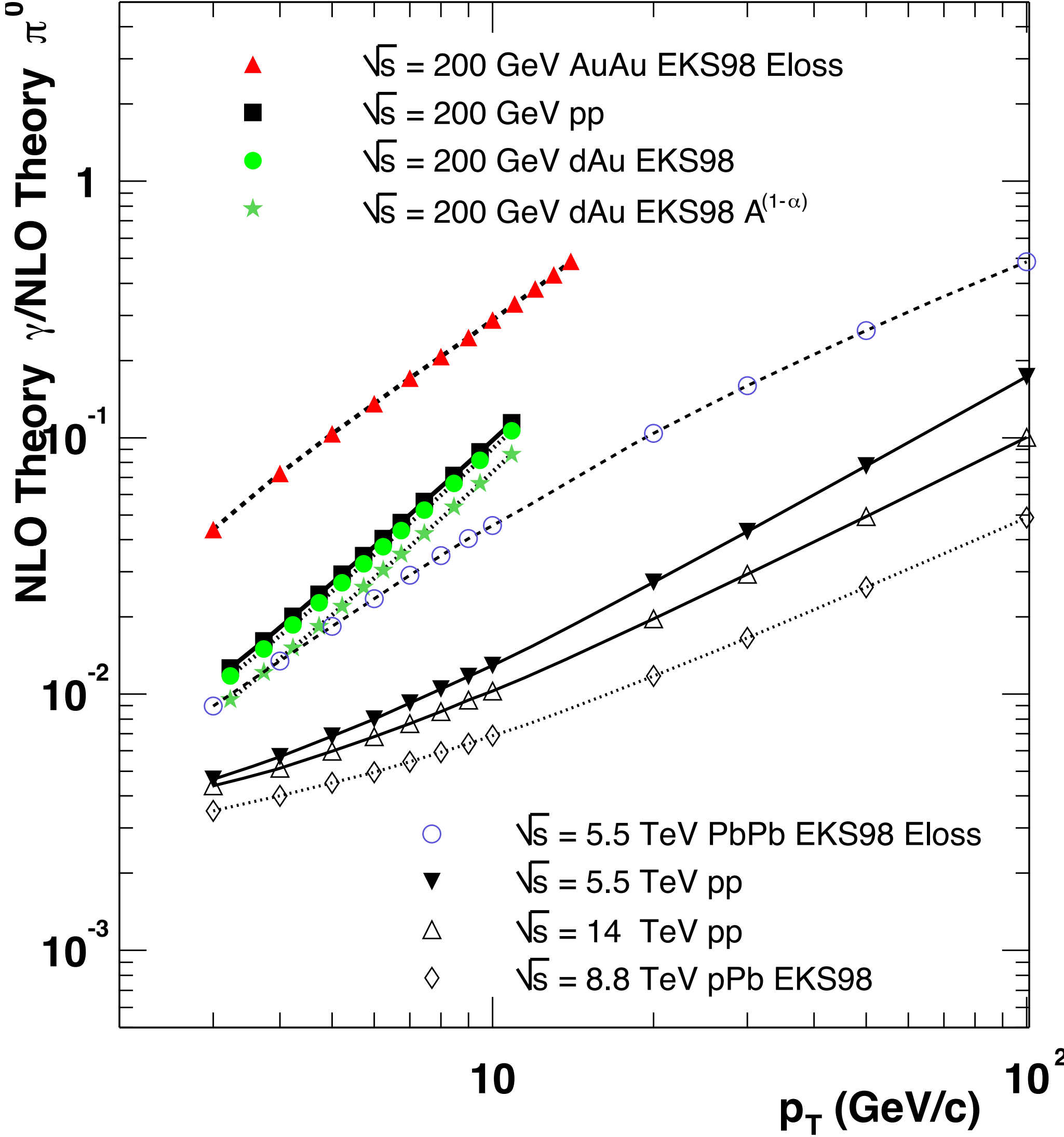
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Figure 21: Measured ratios of the differential cross sections for inclusive isolated-photon production for $R = 0.2$ and $R = 0.4$ as functions of E_T^γ in different η^γ regions. The NLO (dotted lines) and NNLO (solid lines) pQCD predictions from NNLOJET based on the CT18 PDF set are also shown. The inner (outer) error bars represent the statistical uncertainties (statistical and systematic uncertainties added in quadrature) and the shaded bands represent the theoretical uncertainties. For some of the points, the inner and outer error bars are smaller than the marker size and, thus, not visible.

Inclusive prompt γ to π^0 ratio

pp, dAu, pPb, AuAu, PbPb $\rightarrow \gamma$ X CTEQ5M BFG set II $M = \mu = M_F = p_T$
 pp, dAu, pPb, AuAu, PbPb $\rightarrow \pi^0$ X CTEQ5M KKP $M = \mu = M_F = p_T$



Photon yellow report (2003)
[arXiv:hep-ph/031113](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/031113)