

ALICE Overview

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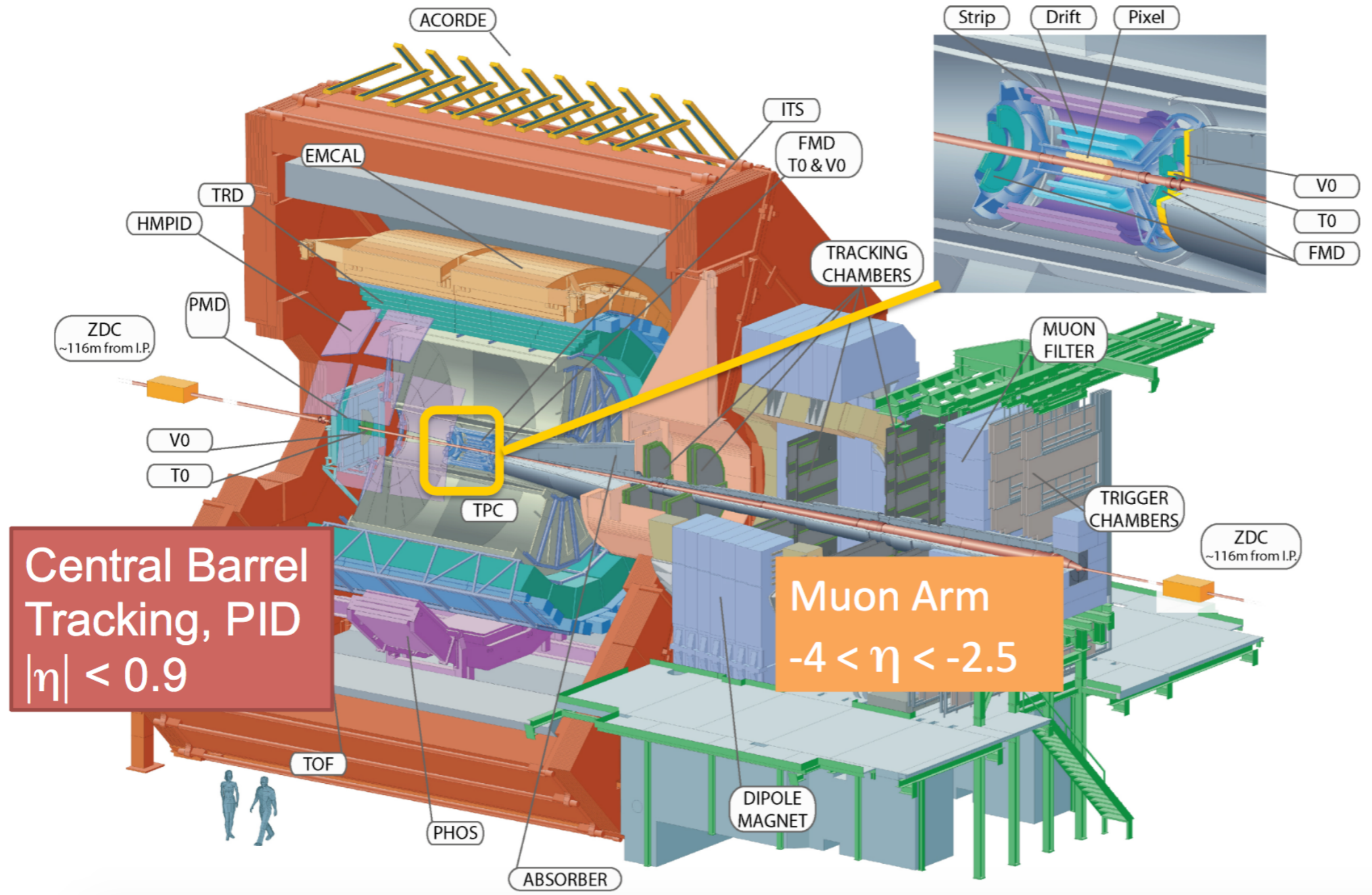
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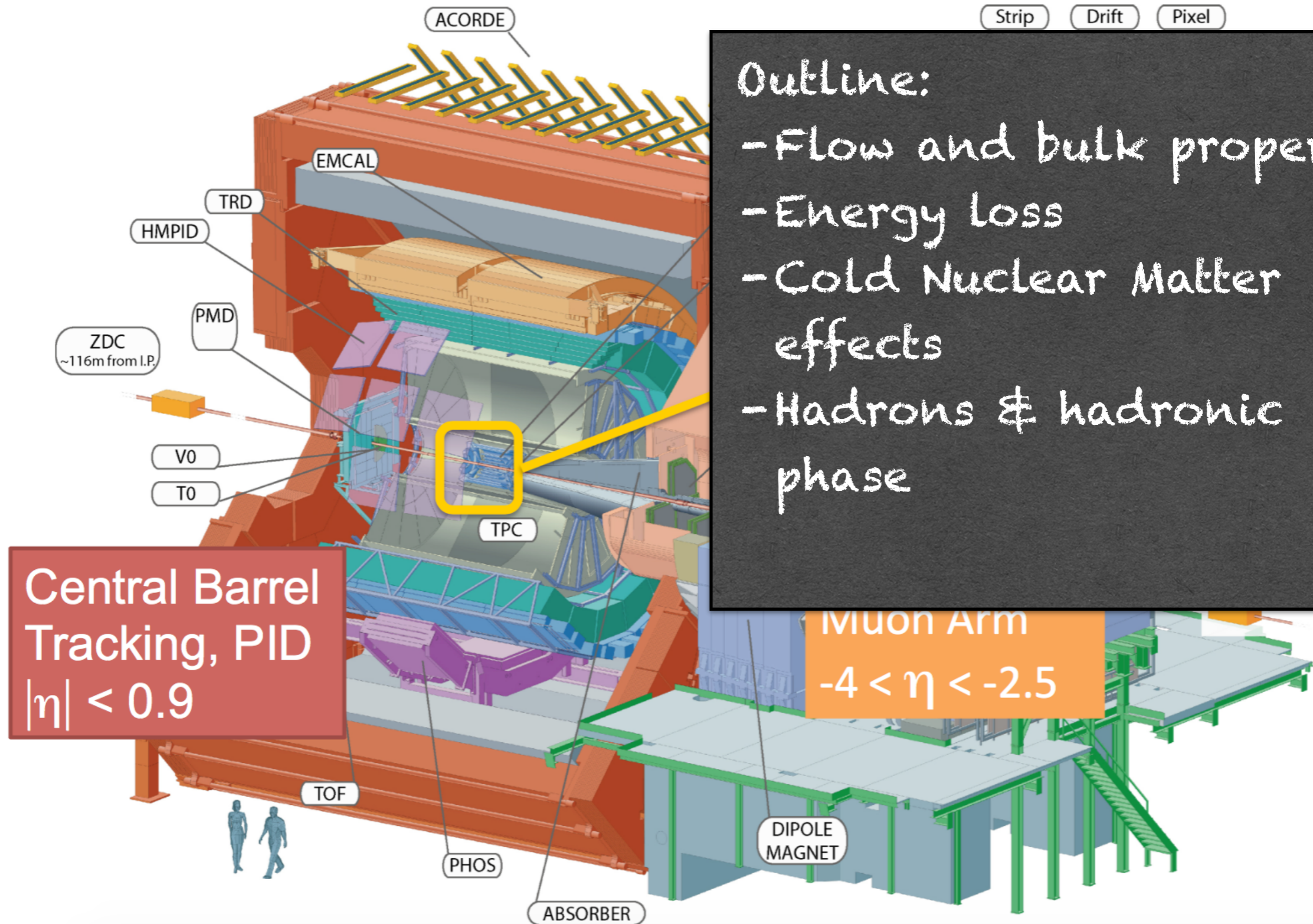
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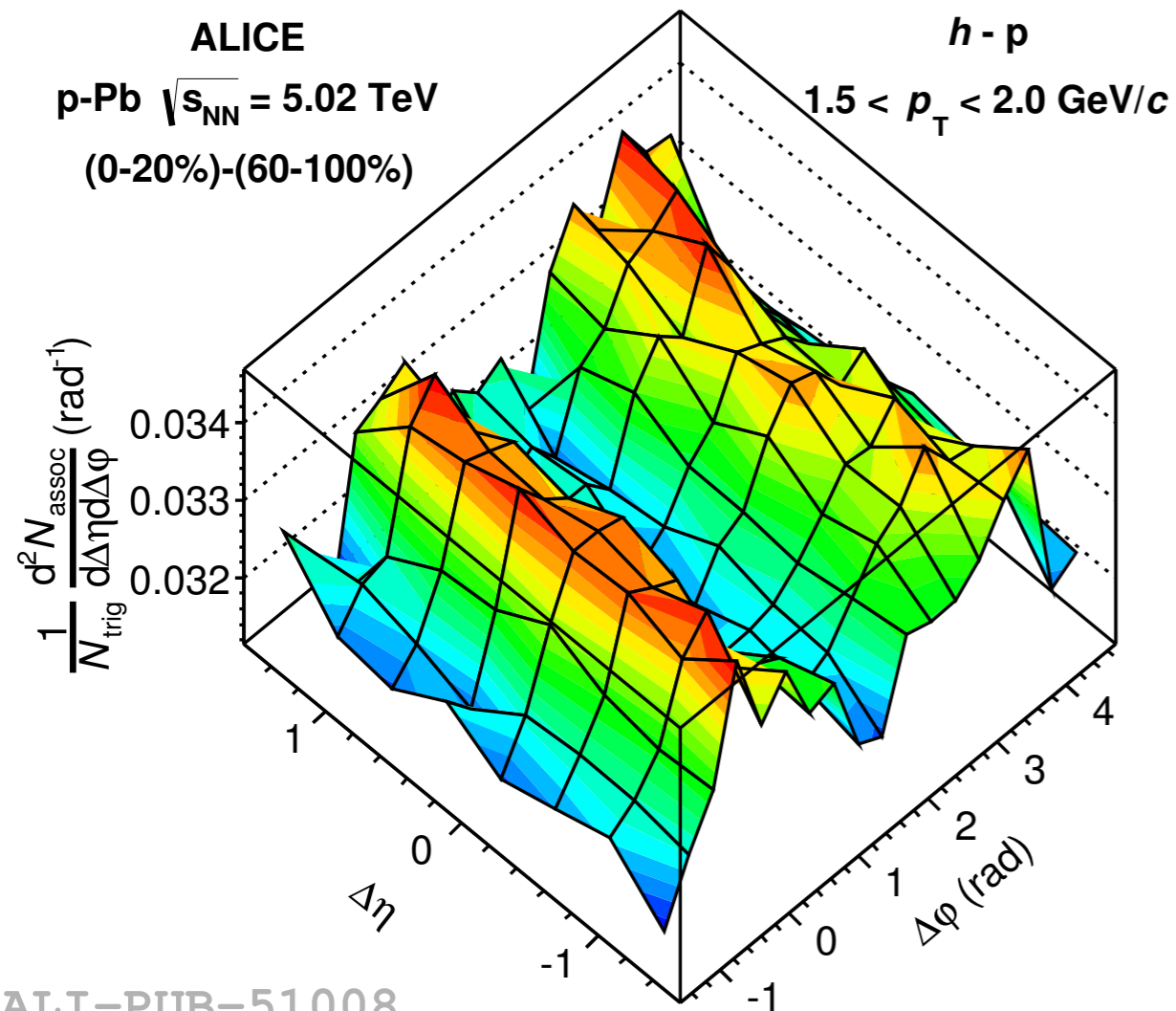
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Central Barrel Tracking, PID
 $|\eta| < 0.9$

Flow and Bulk Properties



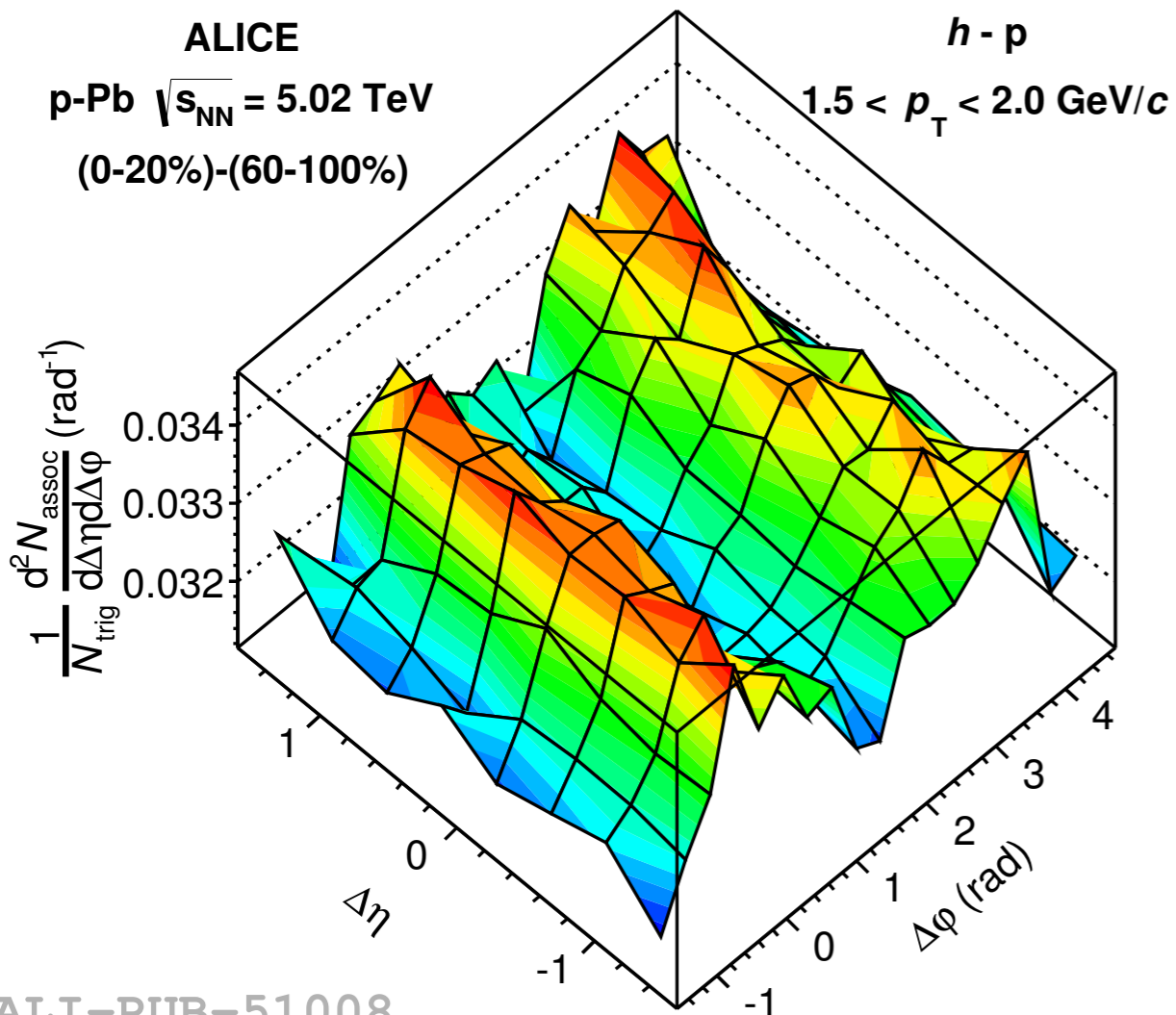
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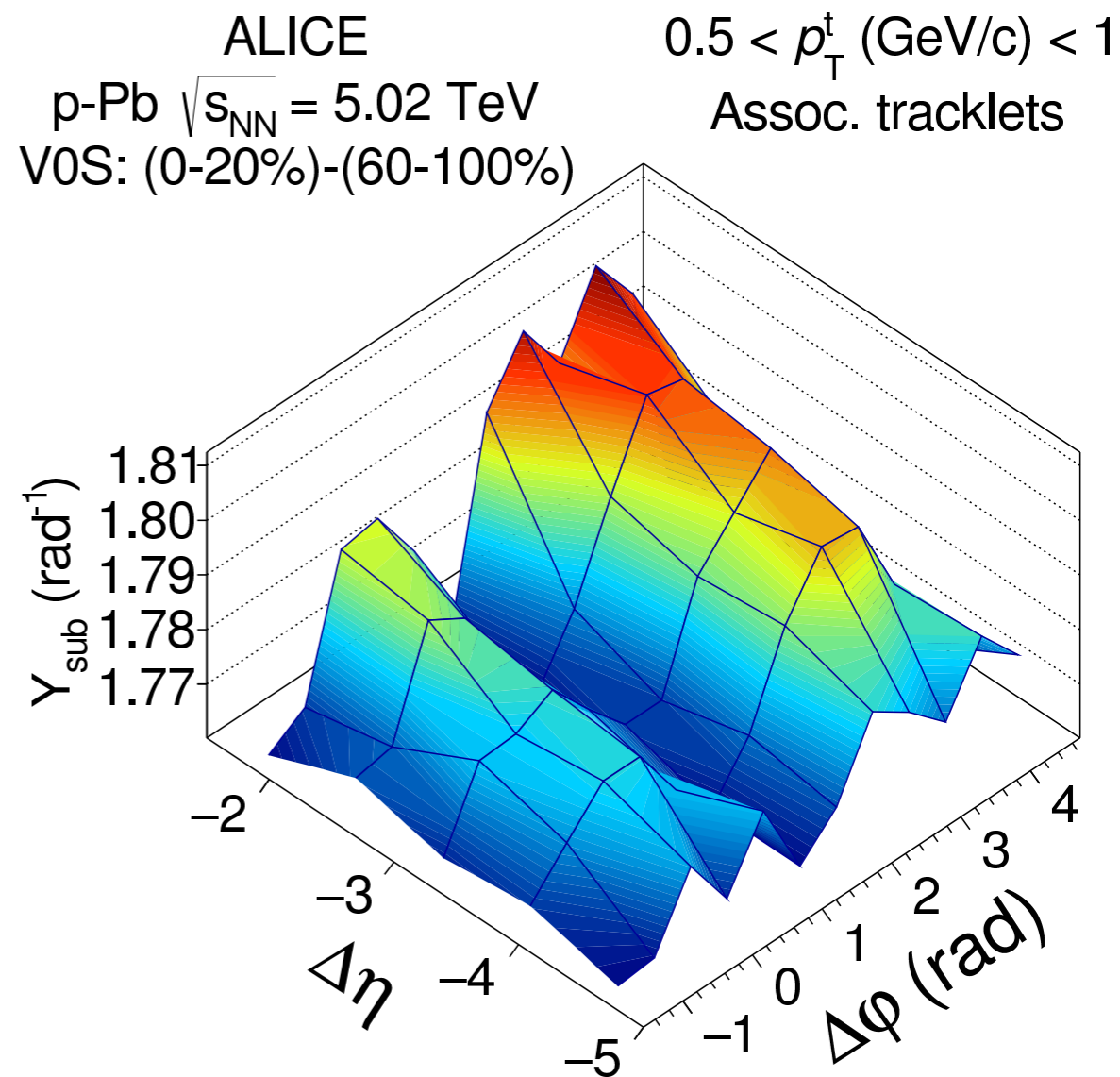


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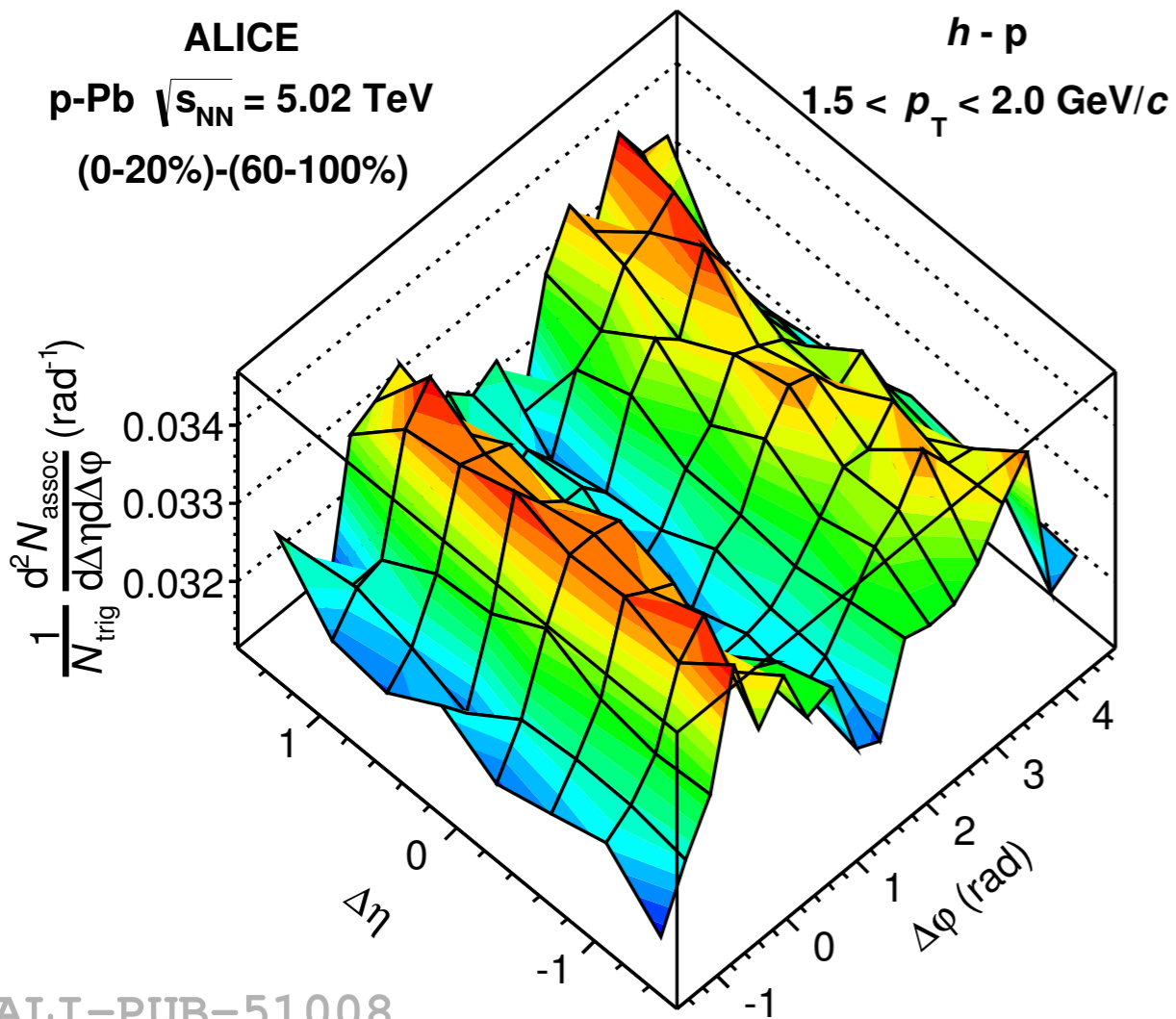
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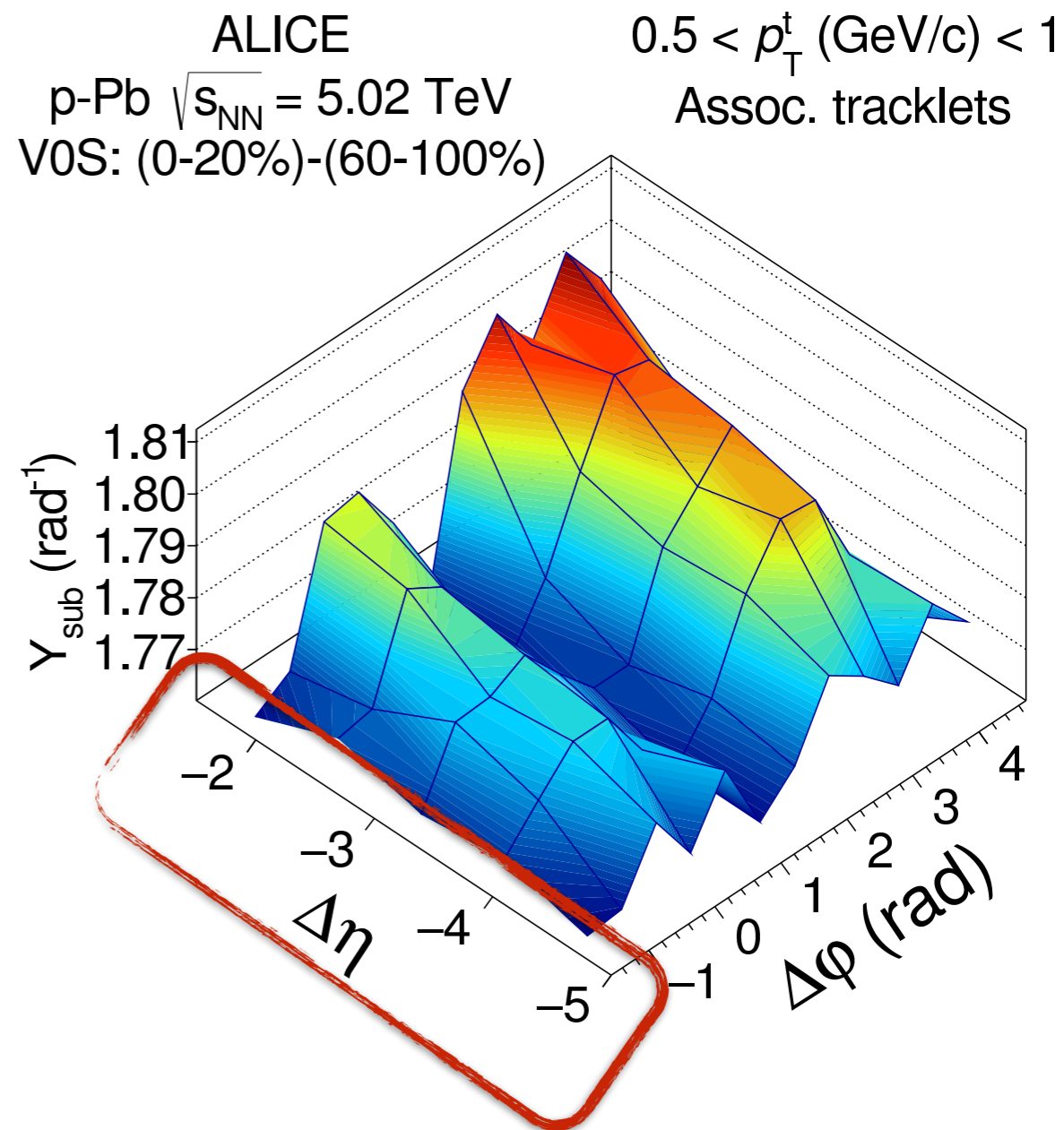


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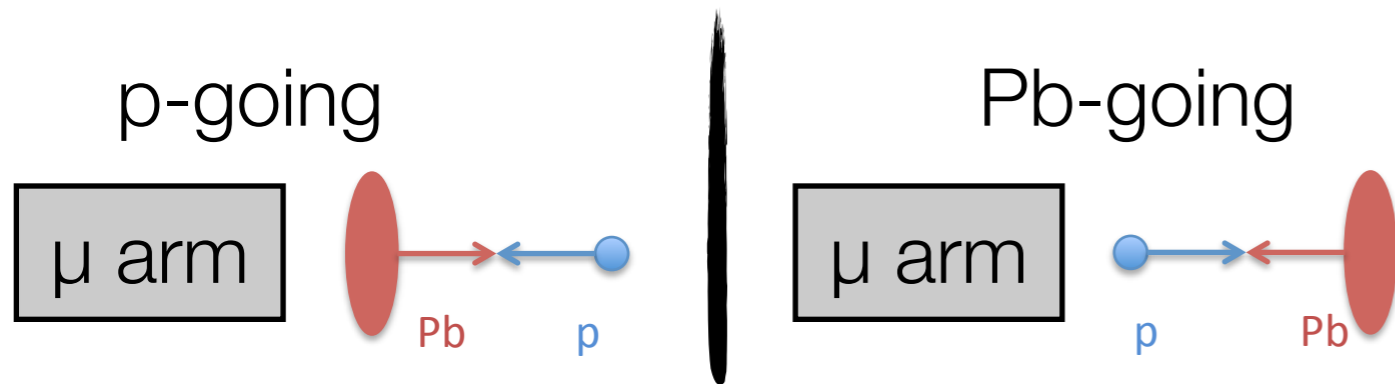


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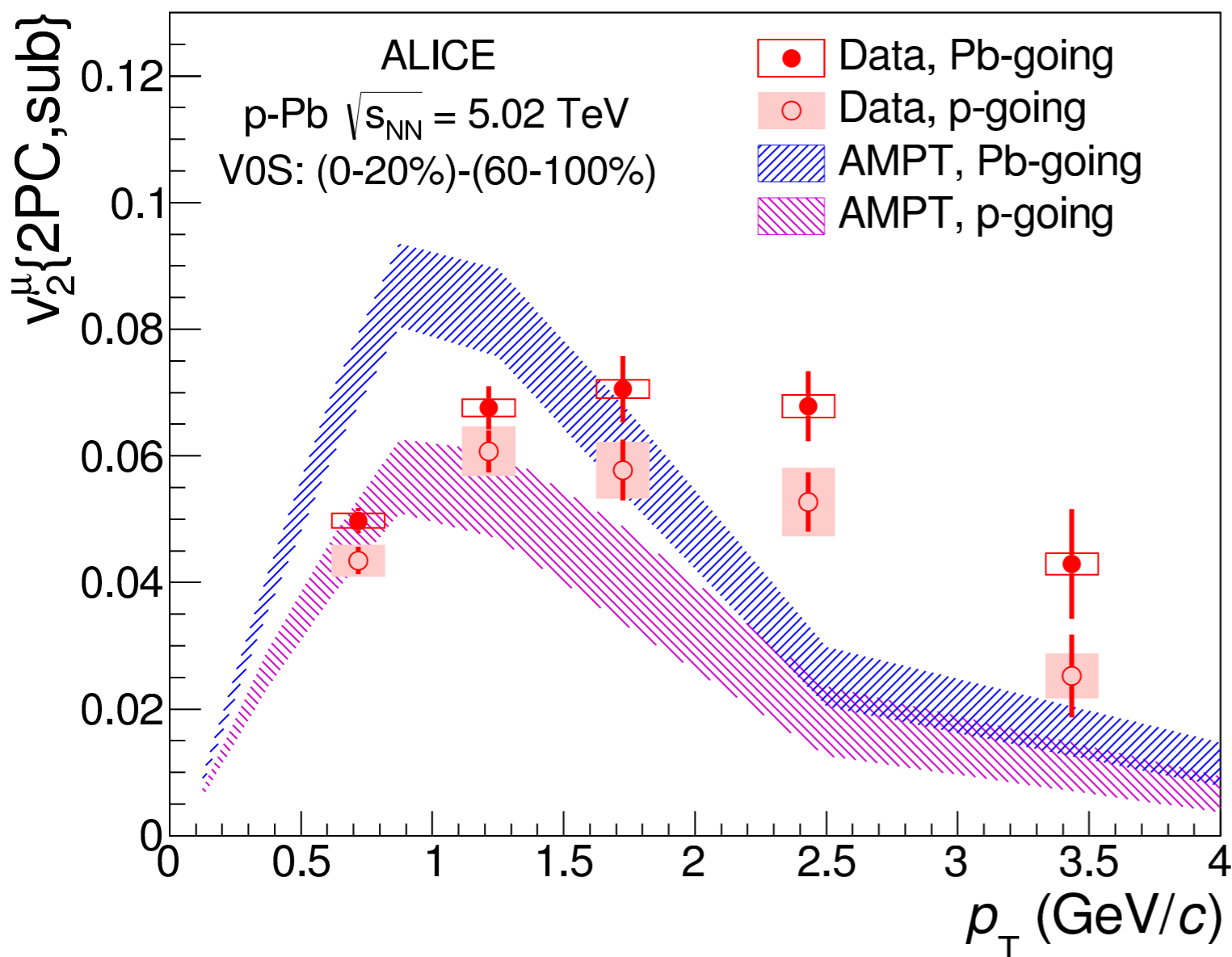
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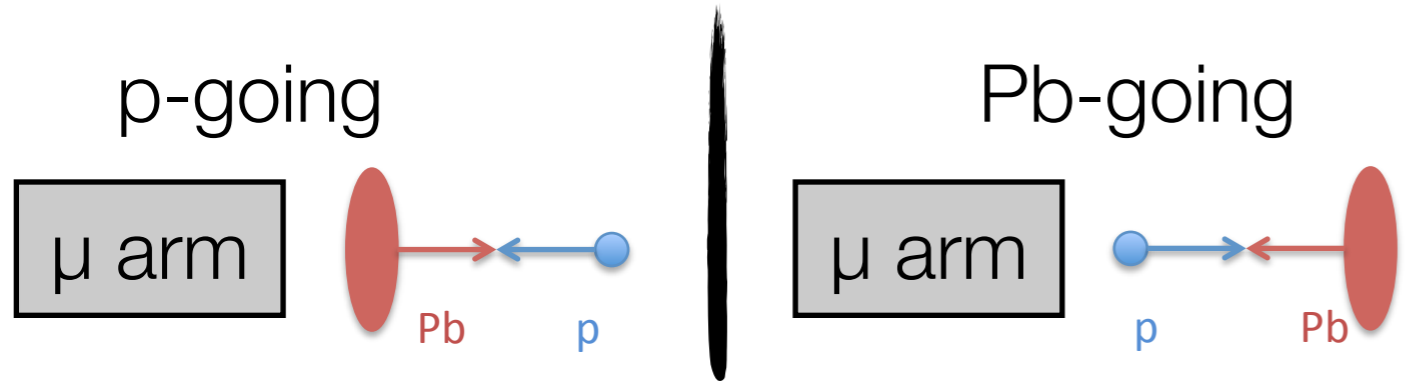
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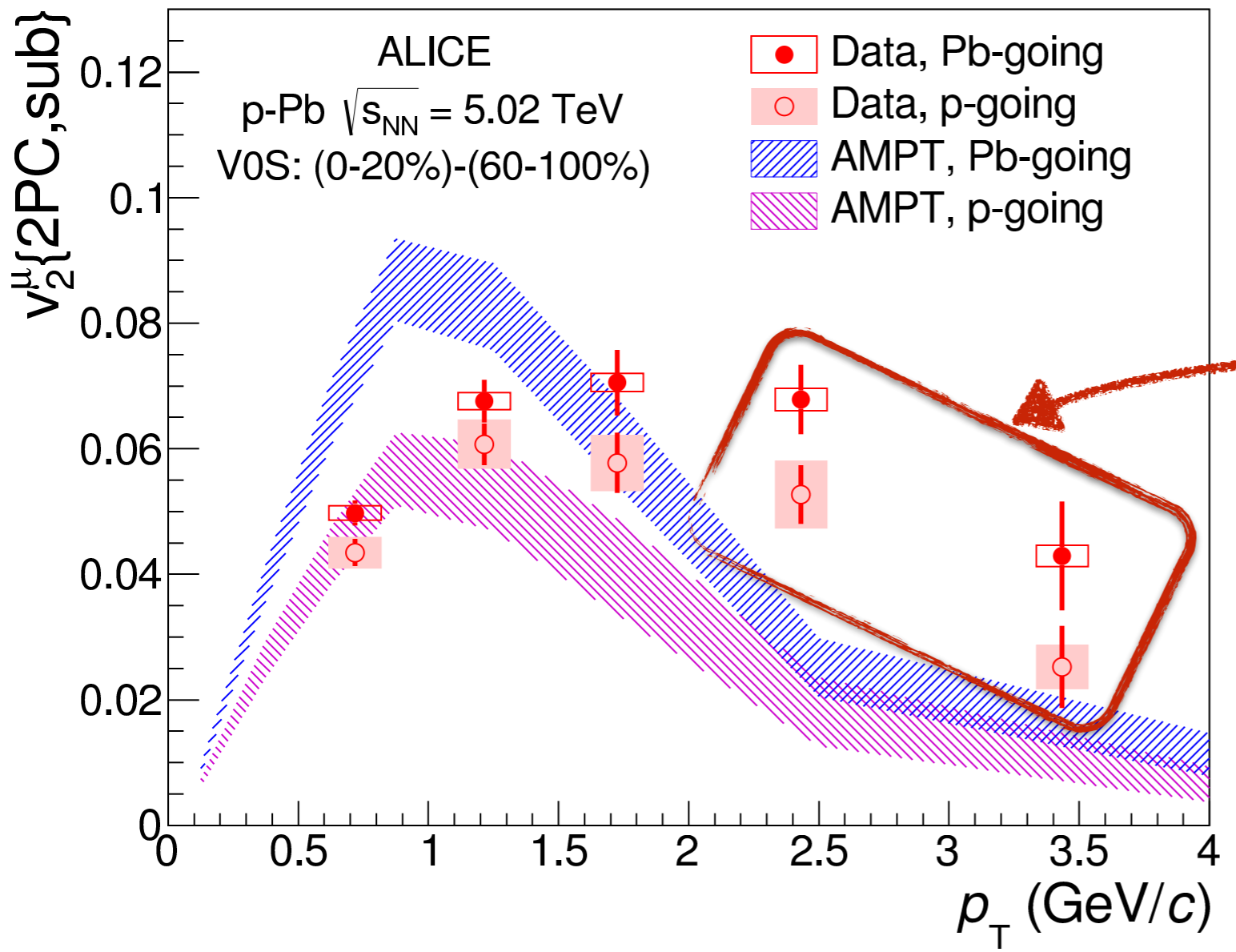
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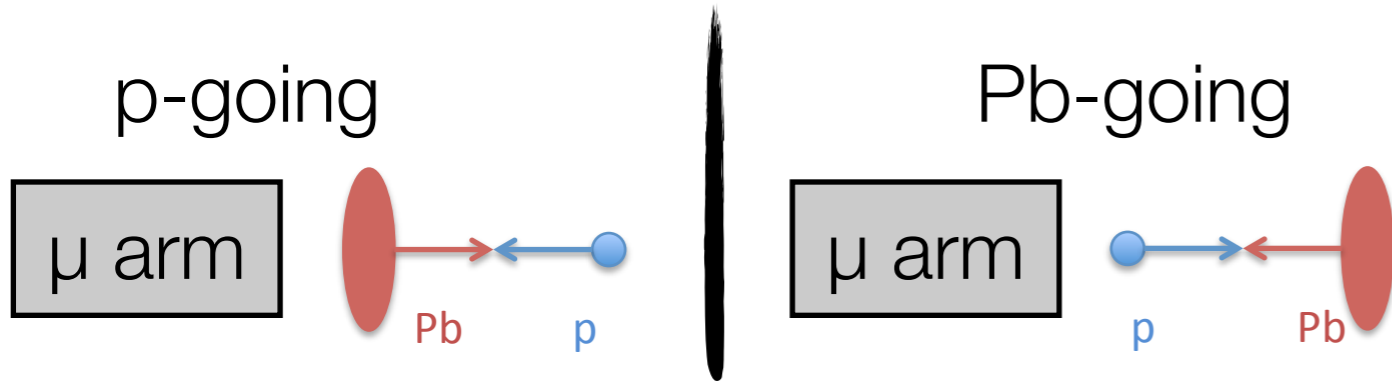


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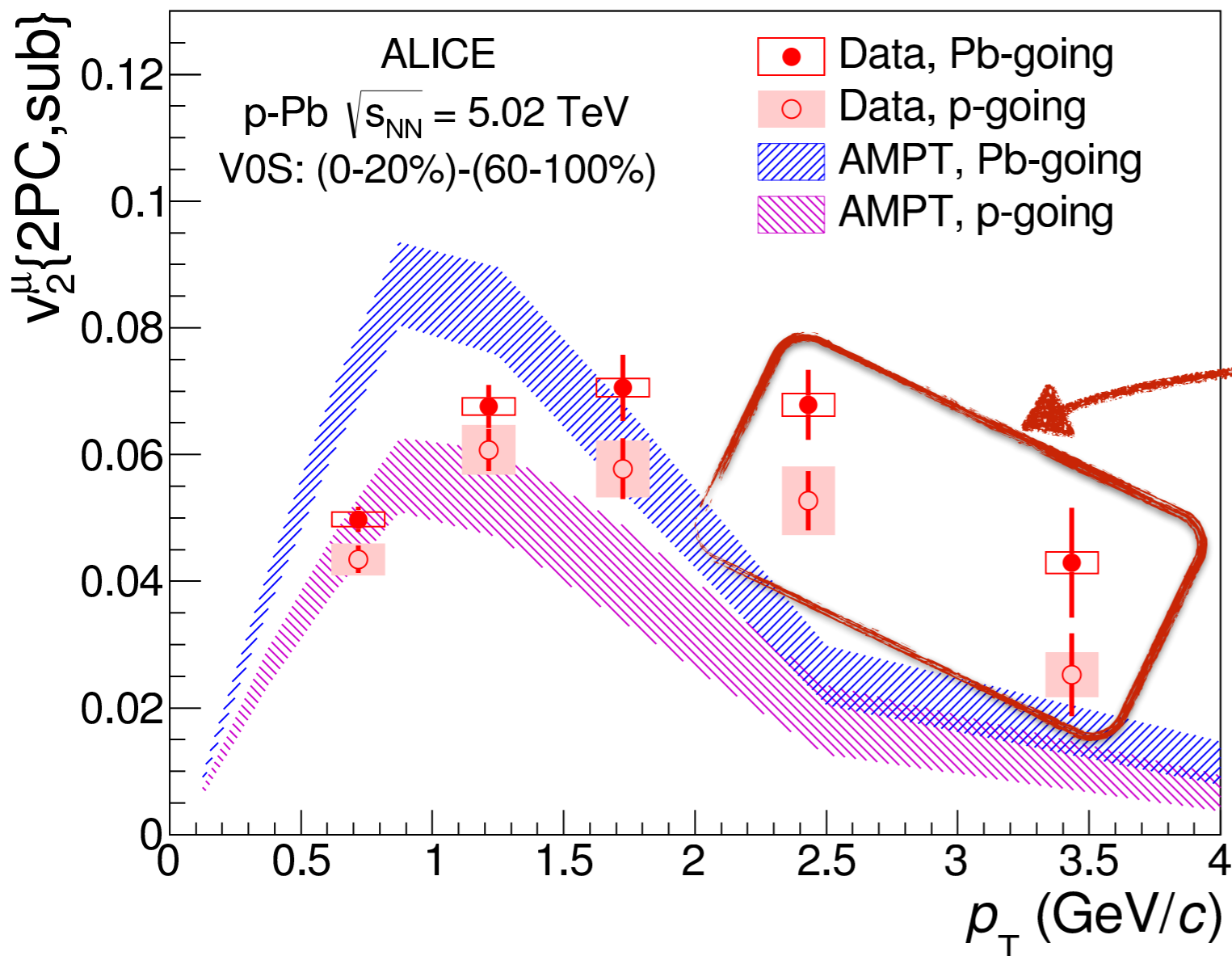


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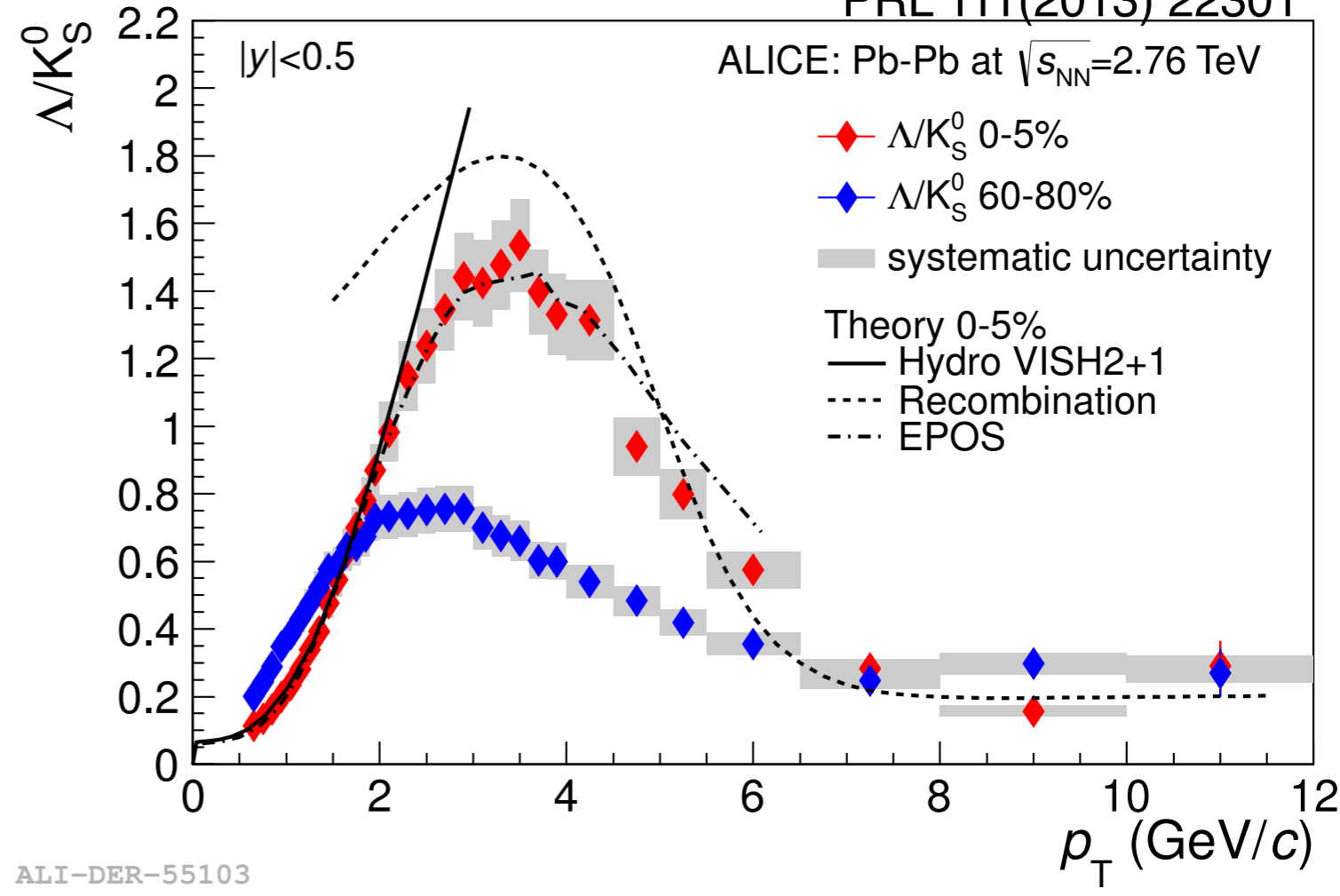
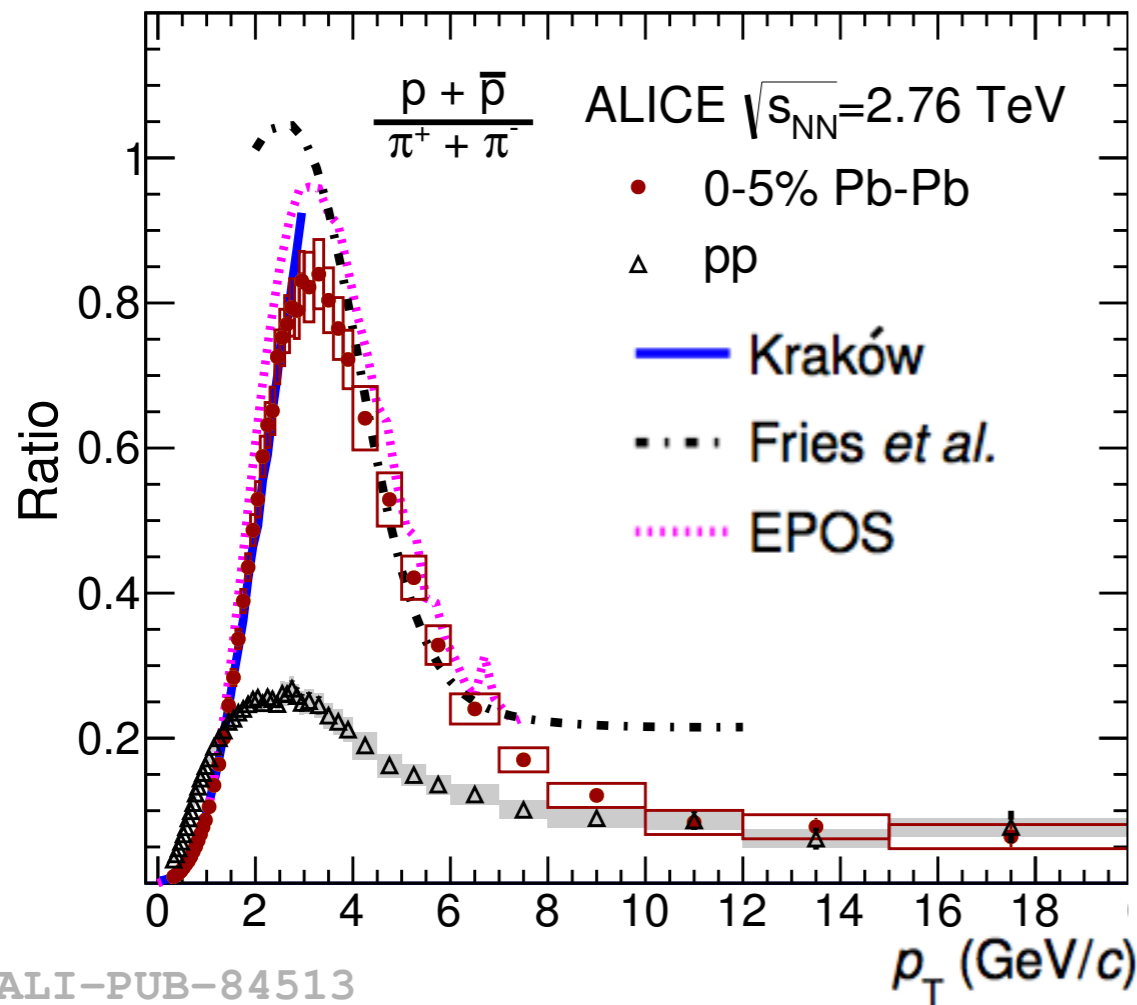
Possible scenarios:

$v_2 > 0$ for HF decay

muons? *See also F. Bossù, Thu 17:40*

Different parent particle composition?

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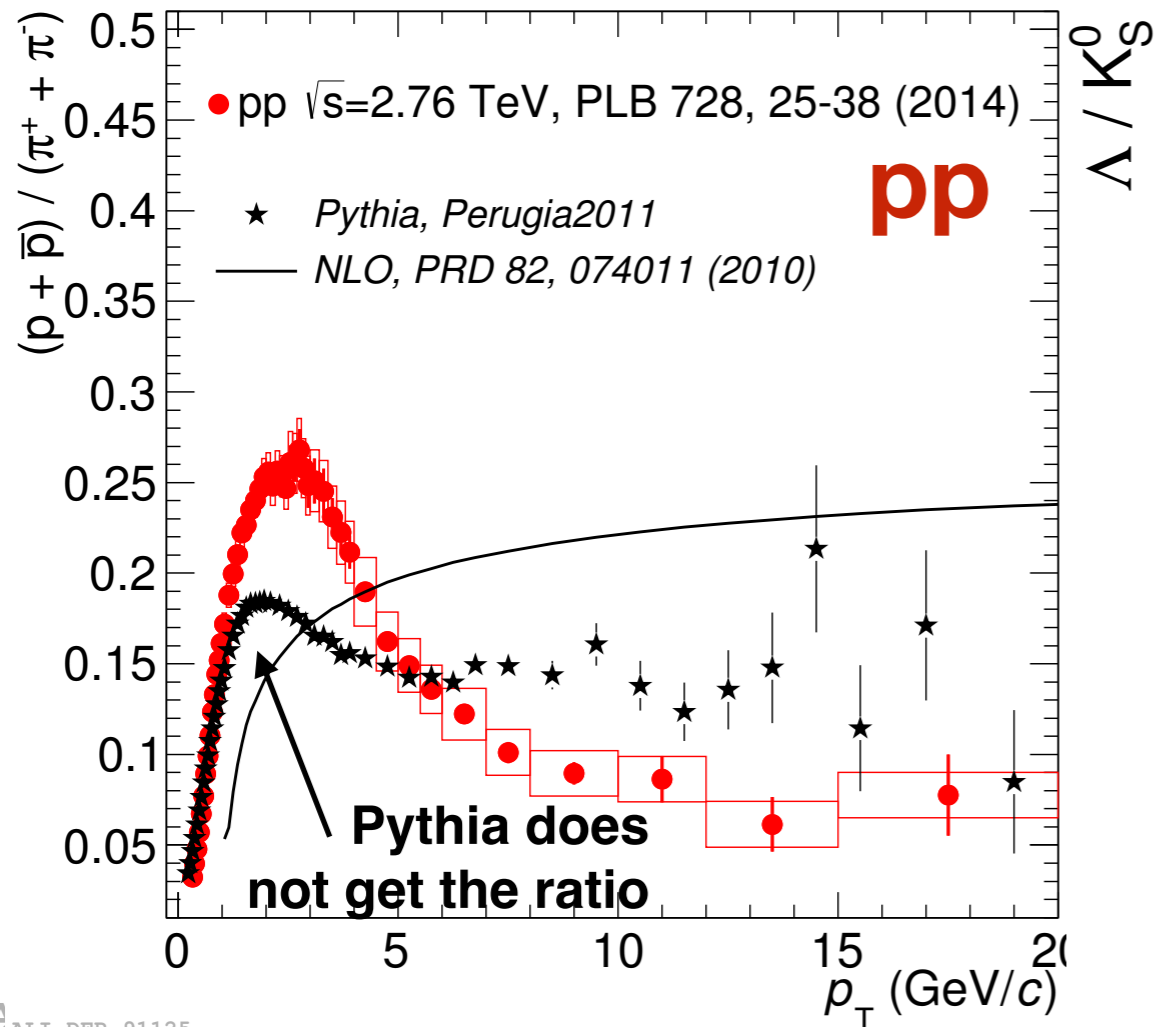


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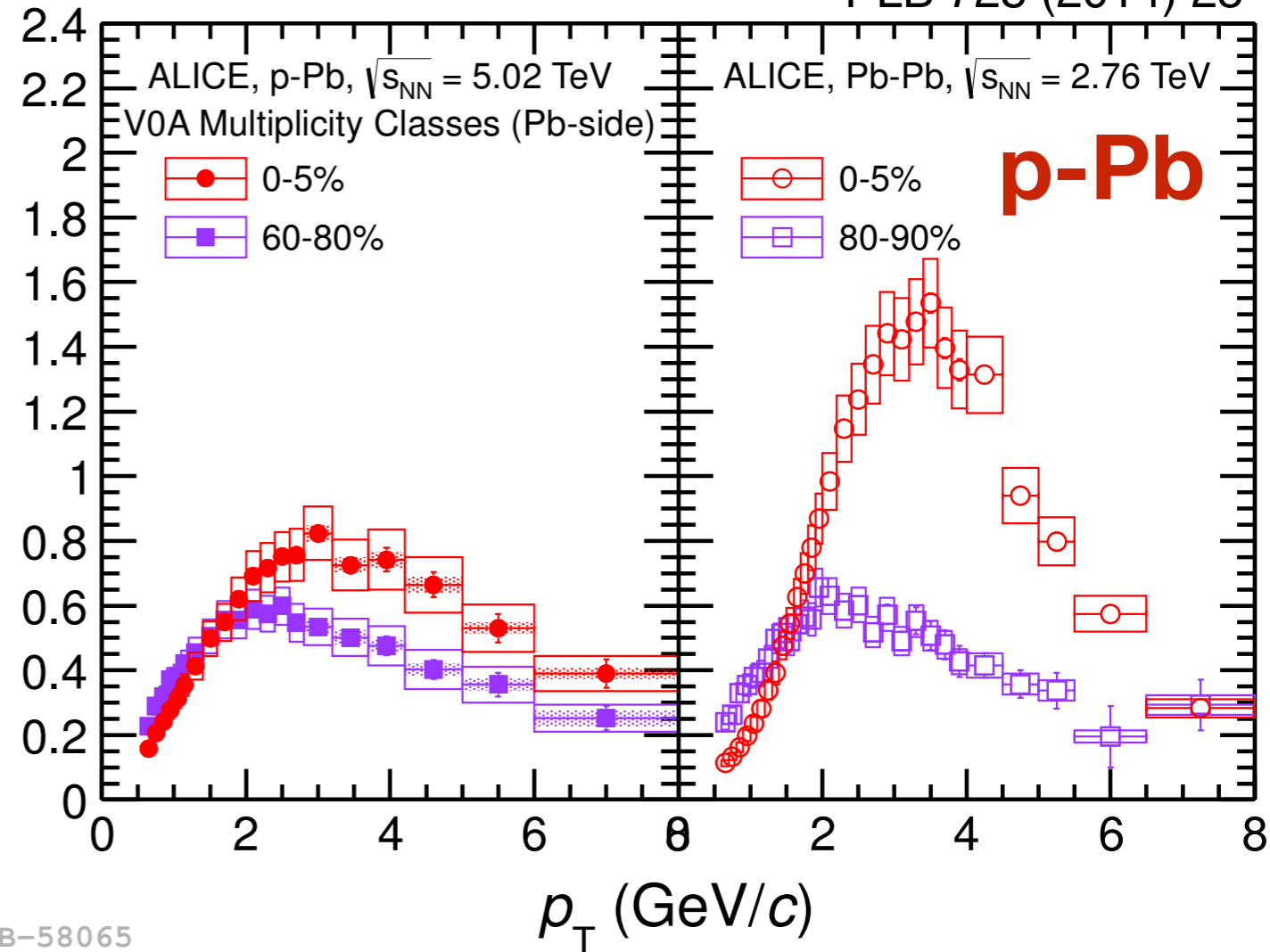
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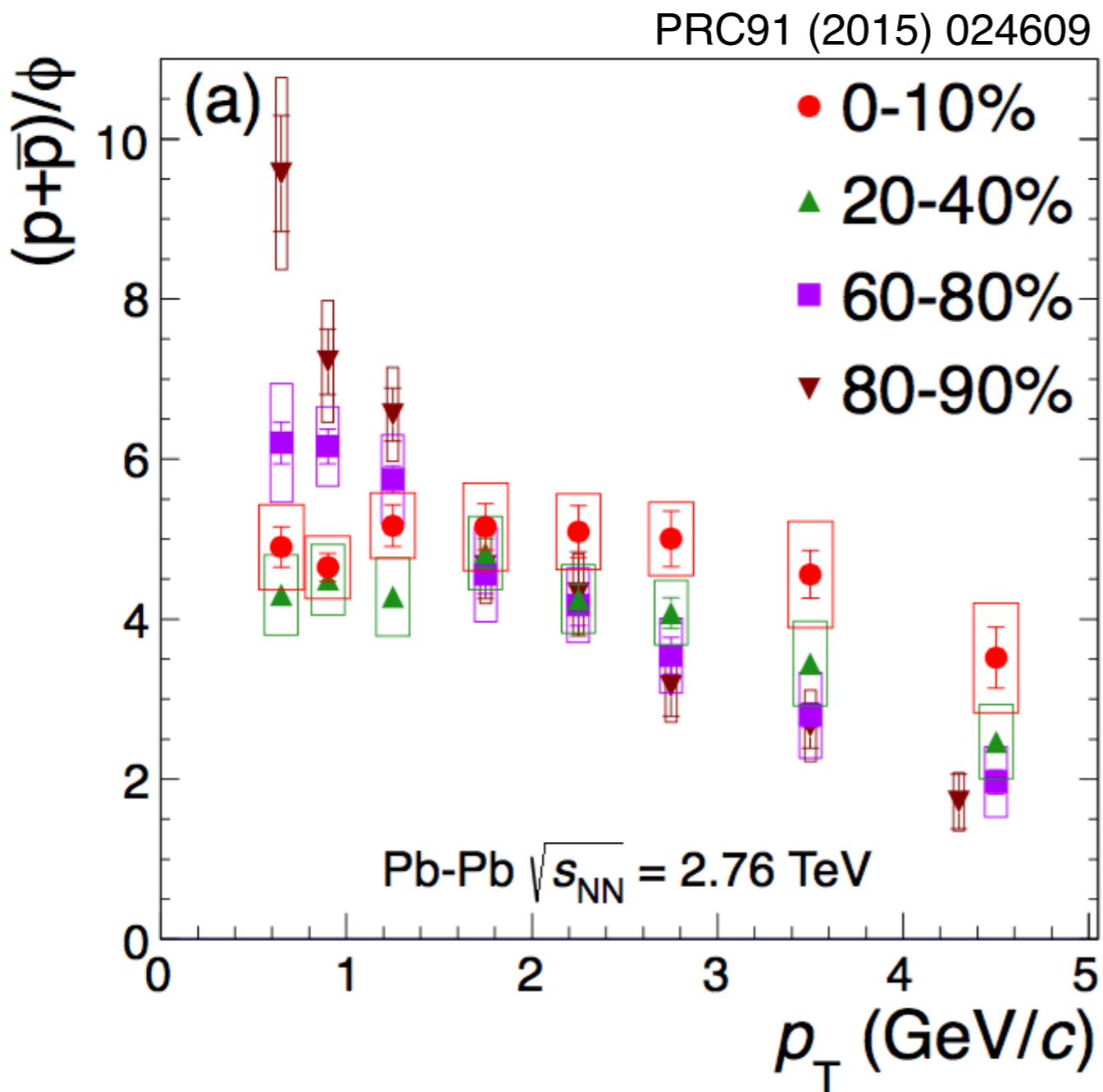


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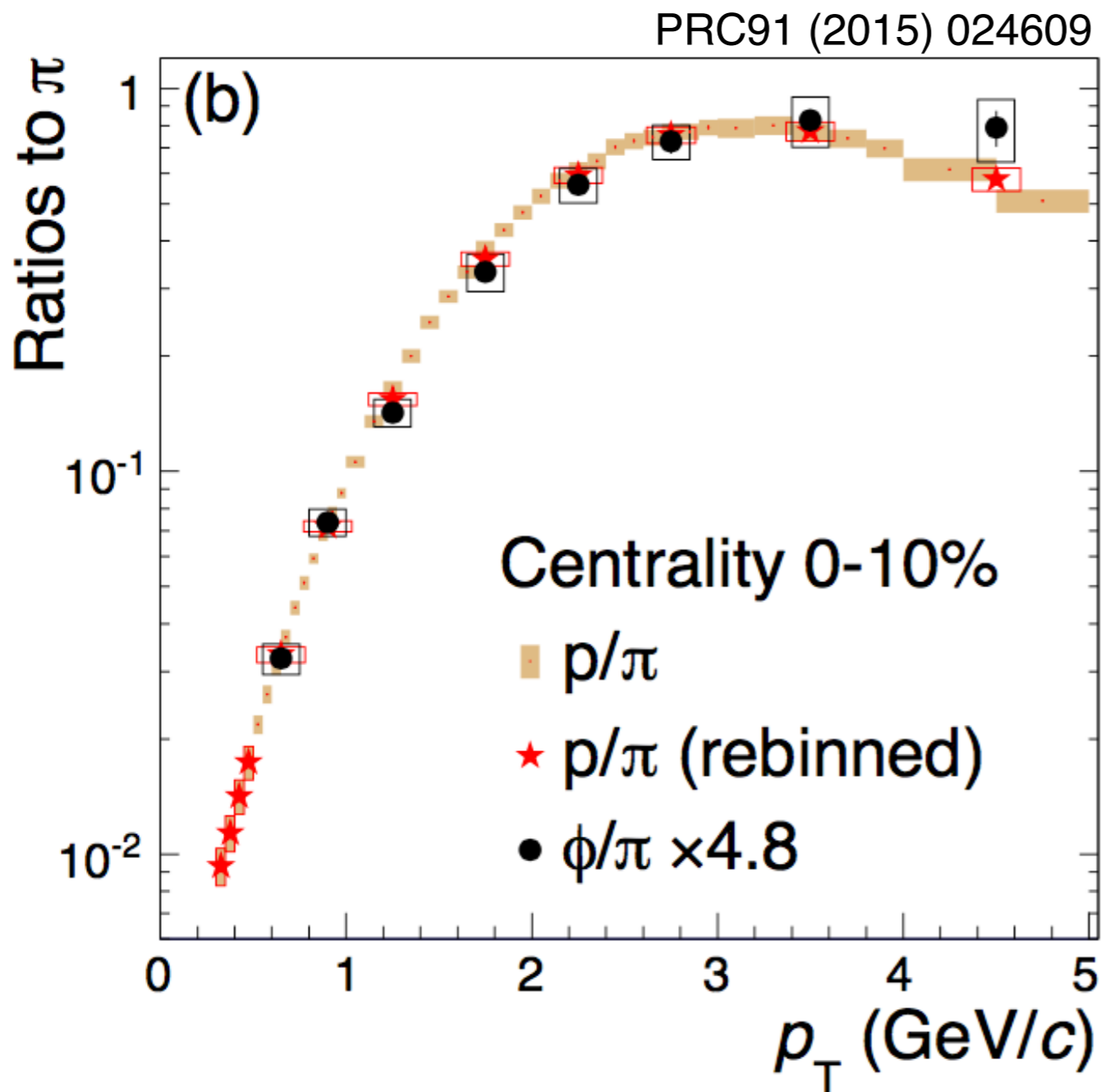
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“Mini” enhancement in pp & p-Pb,
not (yet?) reproduced in QCD models



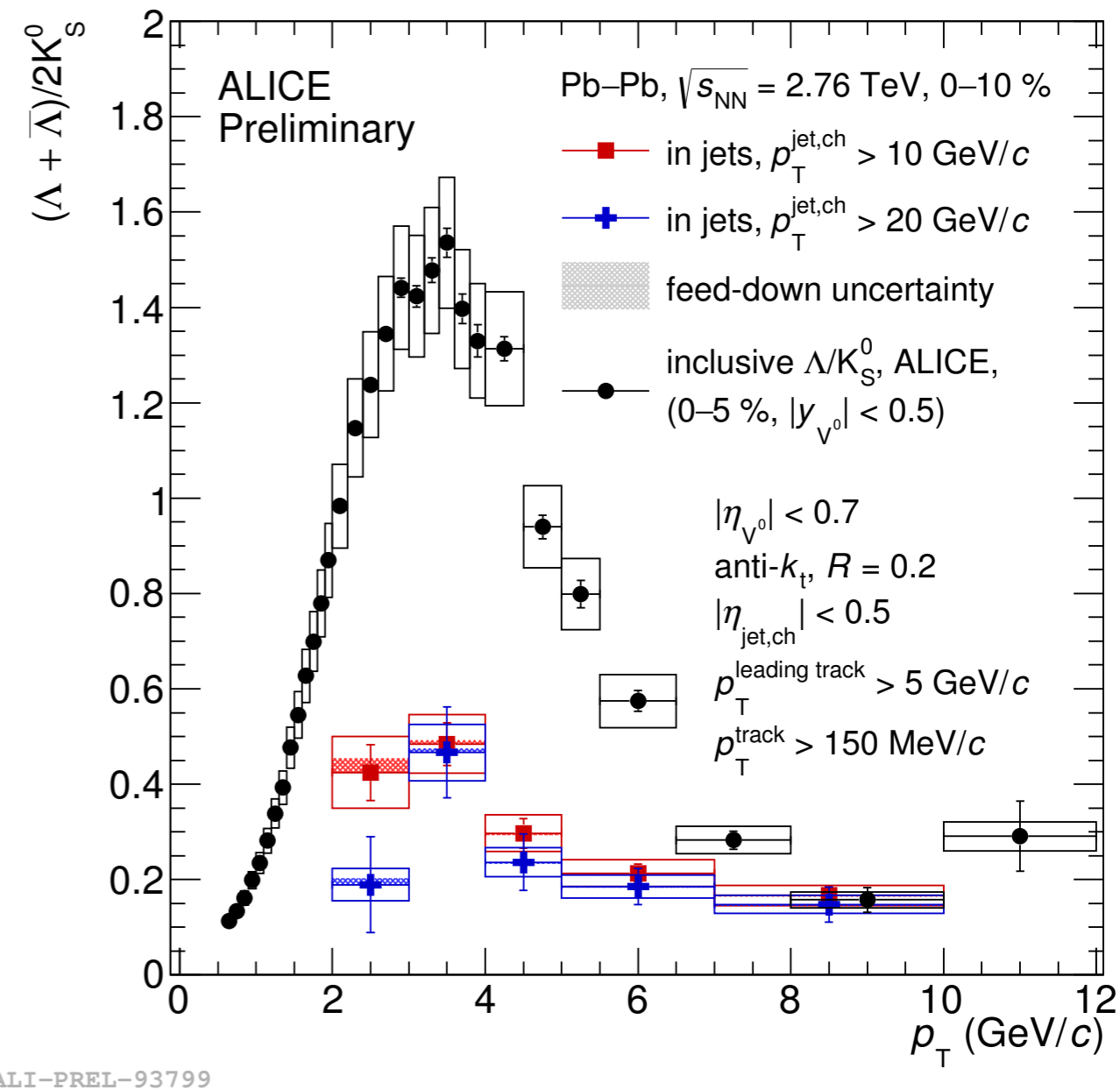
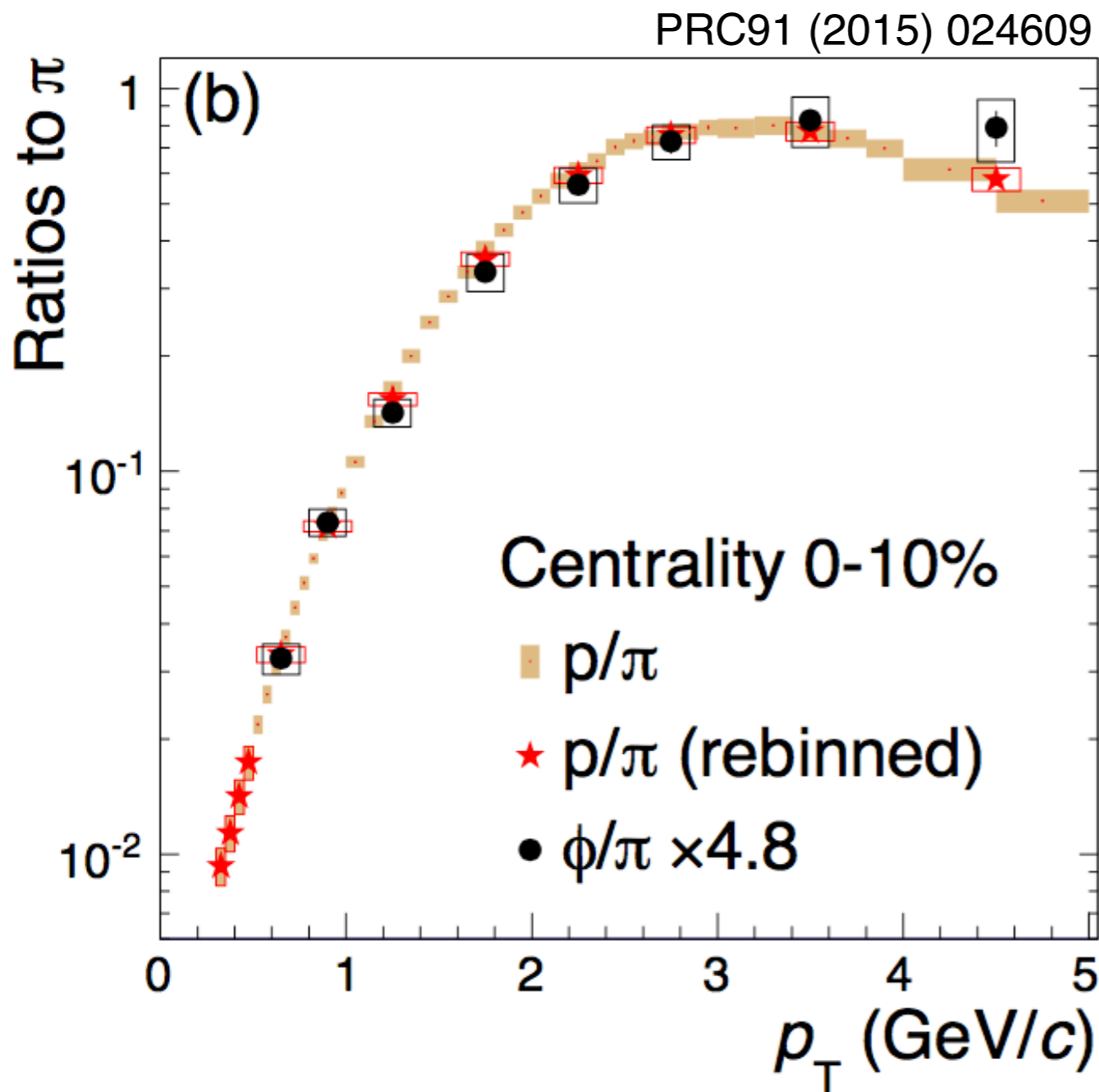
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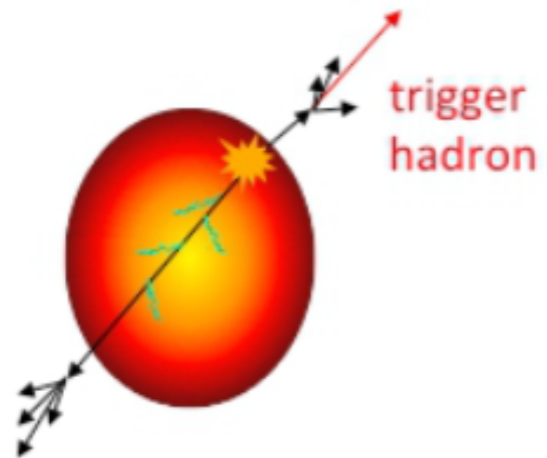


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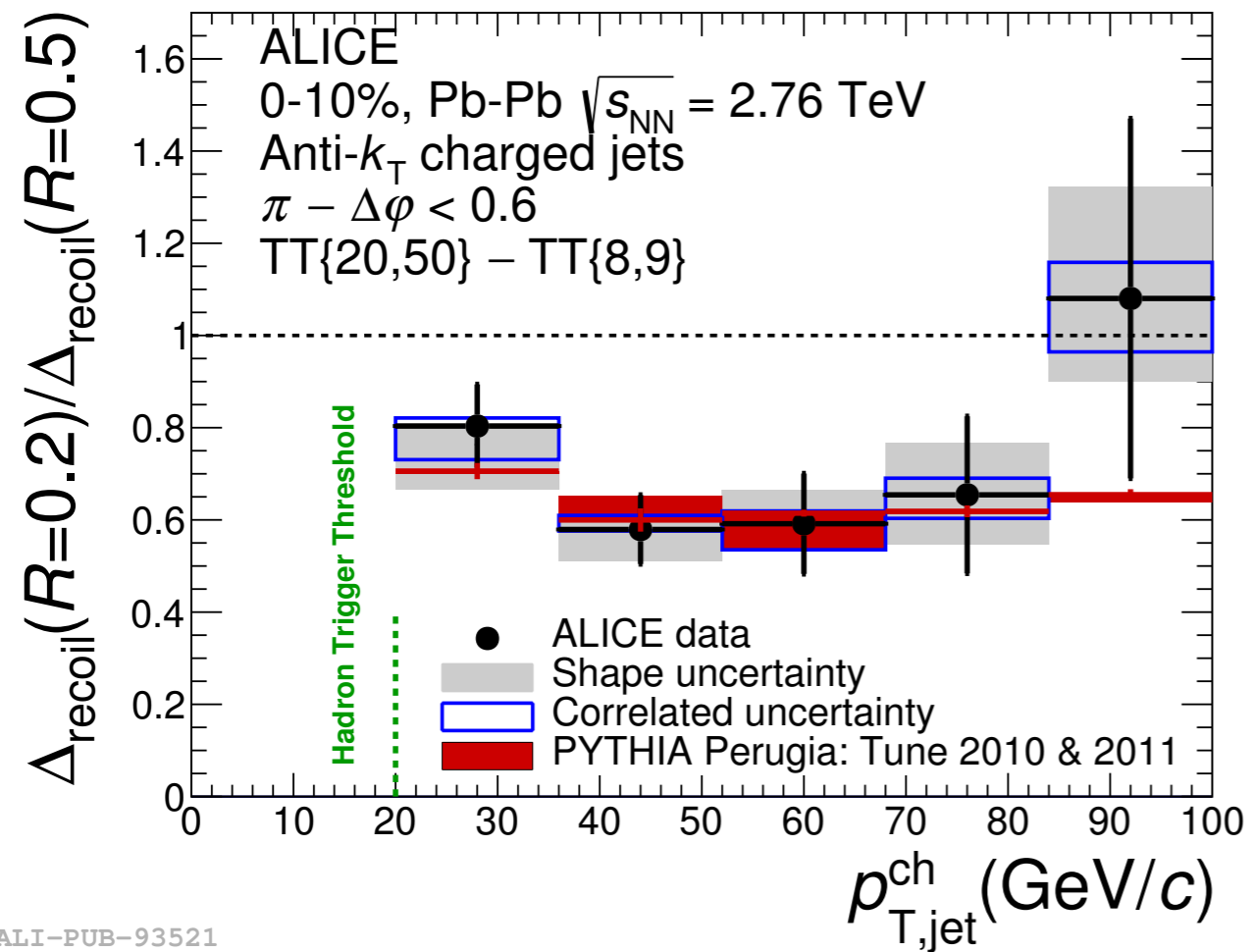
It's not a jet effect!

Energy loss



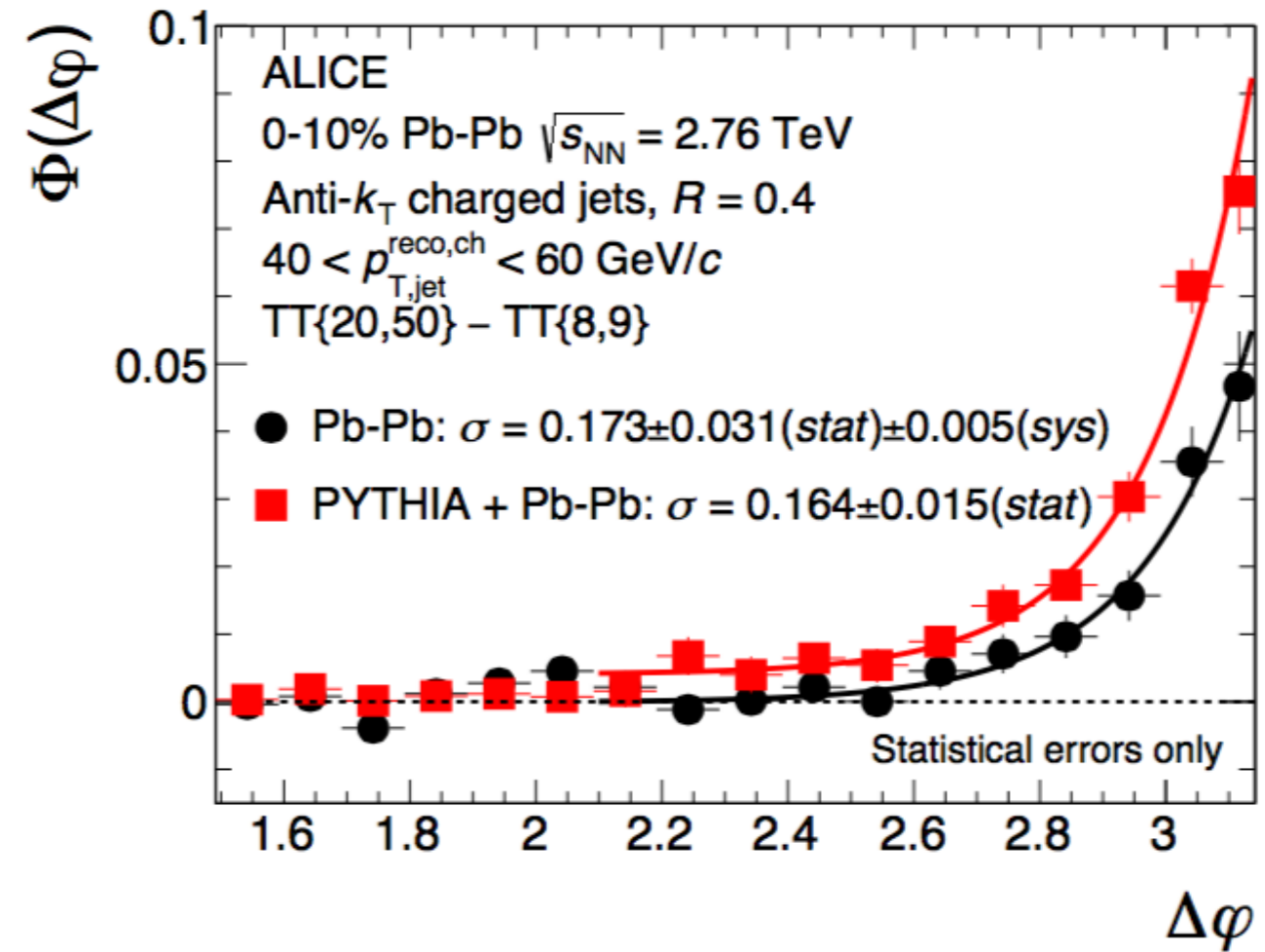
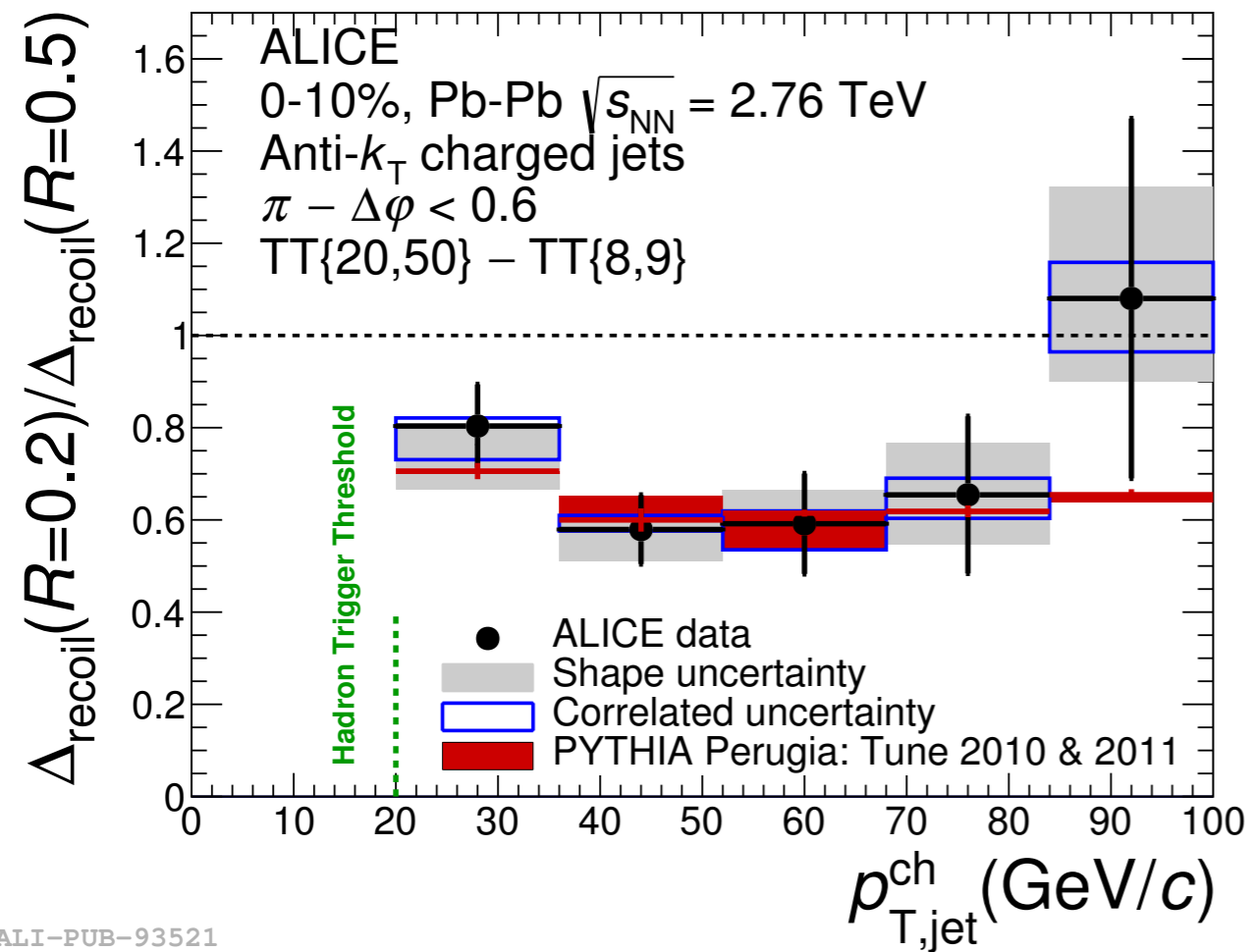
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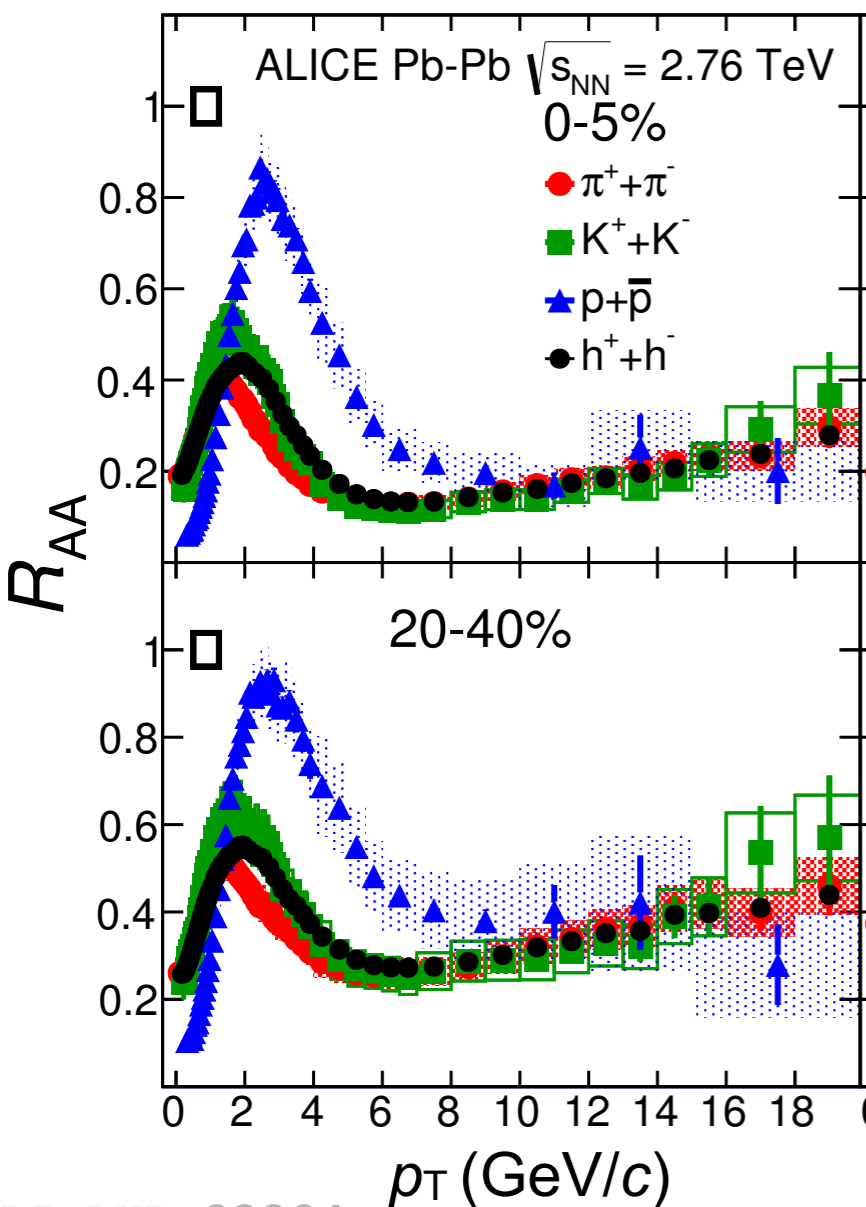
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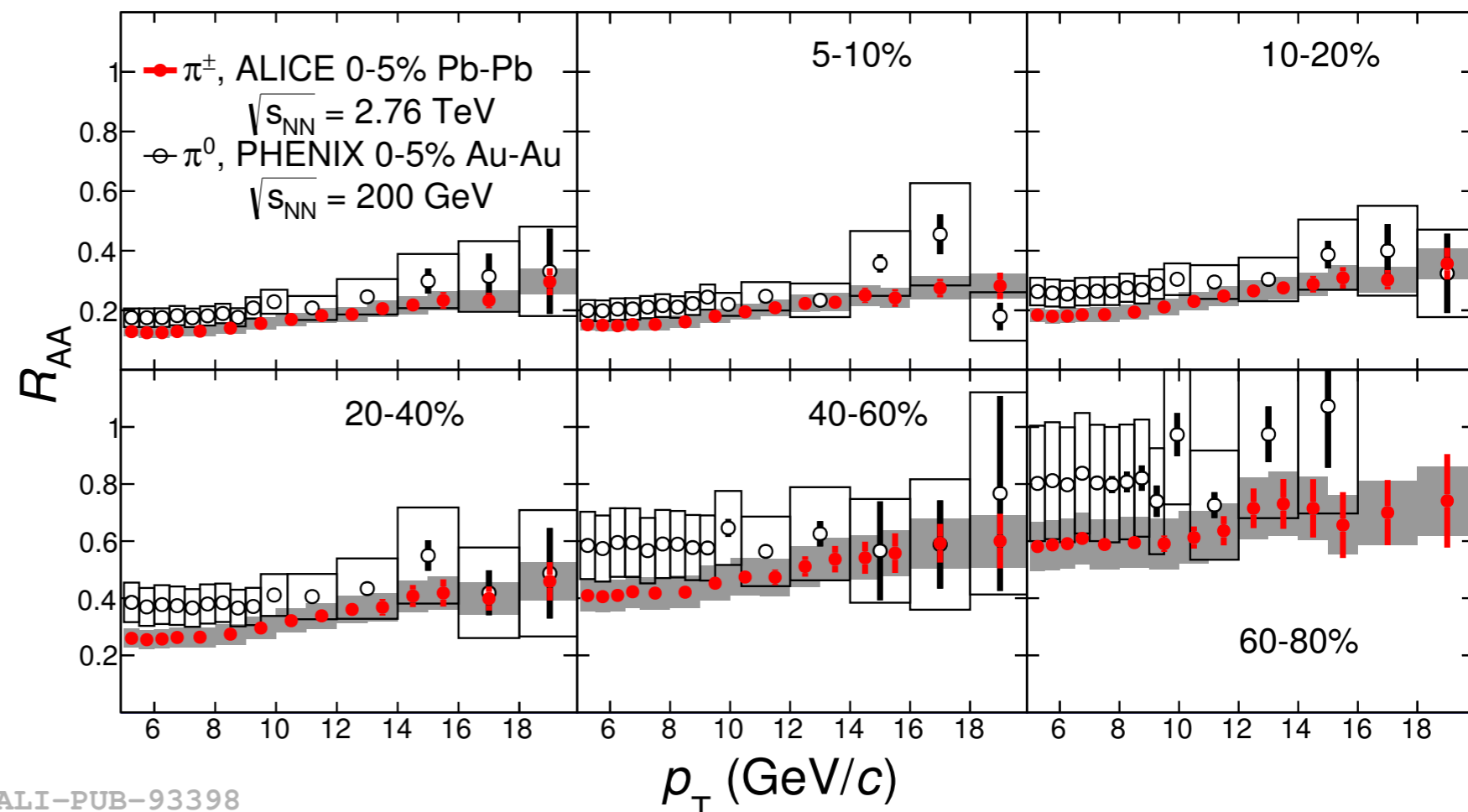


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- No evidence of medium-induced acoplanarity
- No signal for large angle (Moliere) patron-medium scattering
→ Consistent with largely homogeneous medium

Jet Modification: fragmentation?

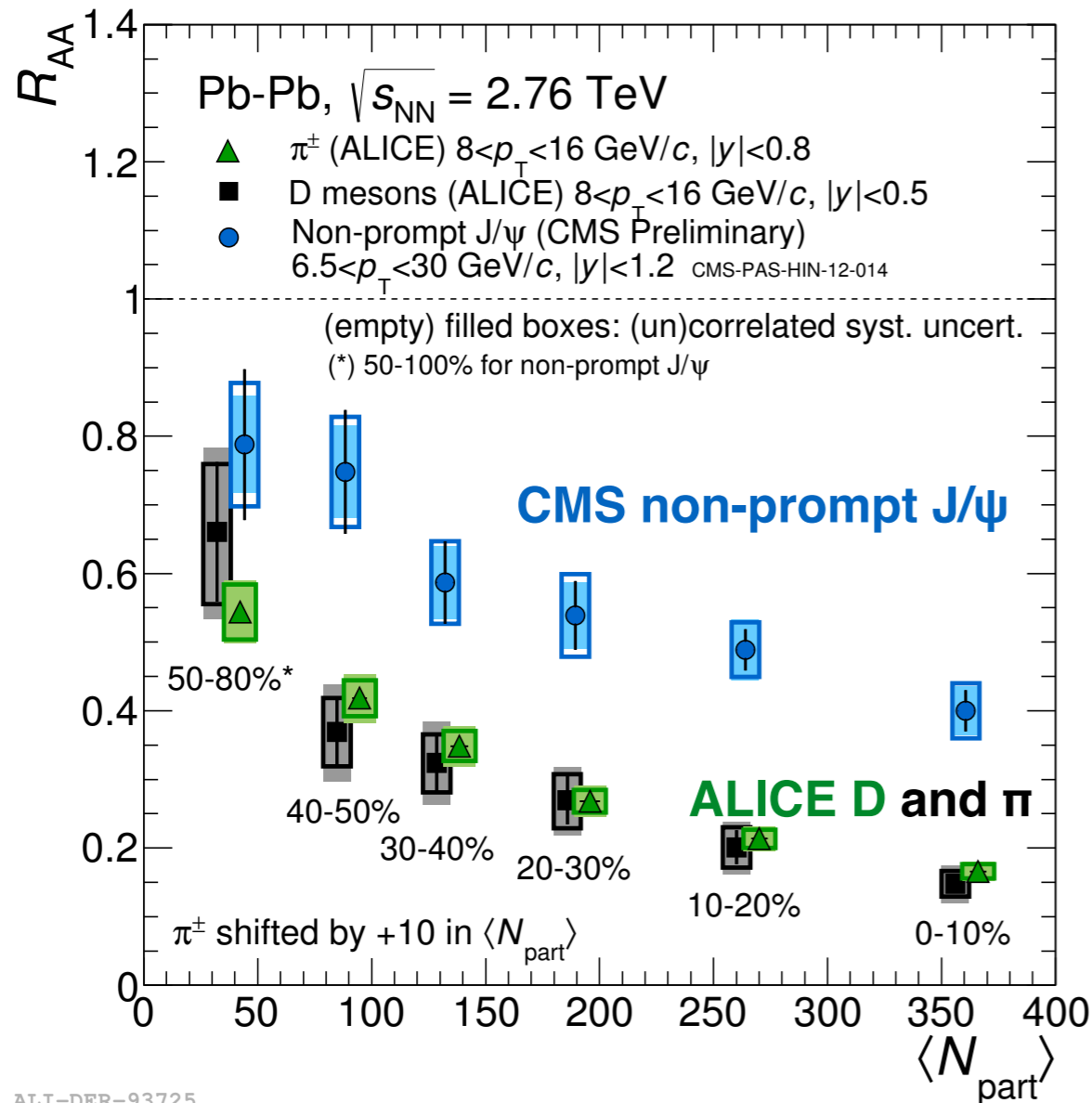


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$p_T \gtrsim 10$ GeV/c: suppression similar for all particles
 \Leftrightarrow jet chemistry not modified

Similar R_{AA}^{π} at RHIC/LHC, despite vastly different $d\sigma/dp_T$

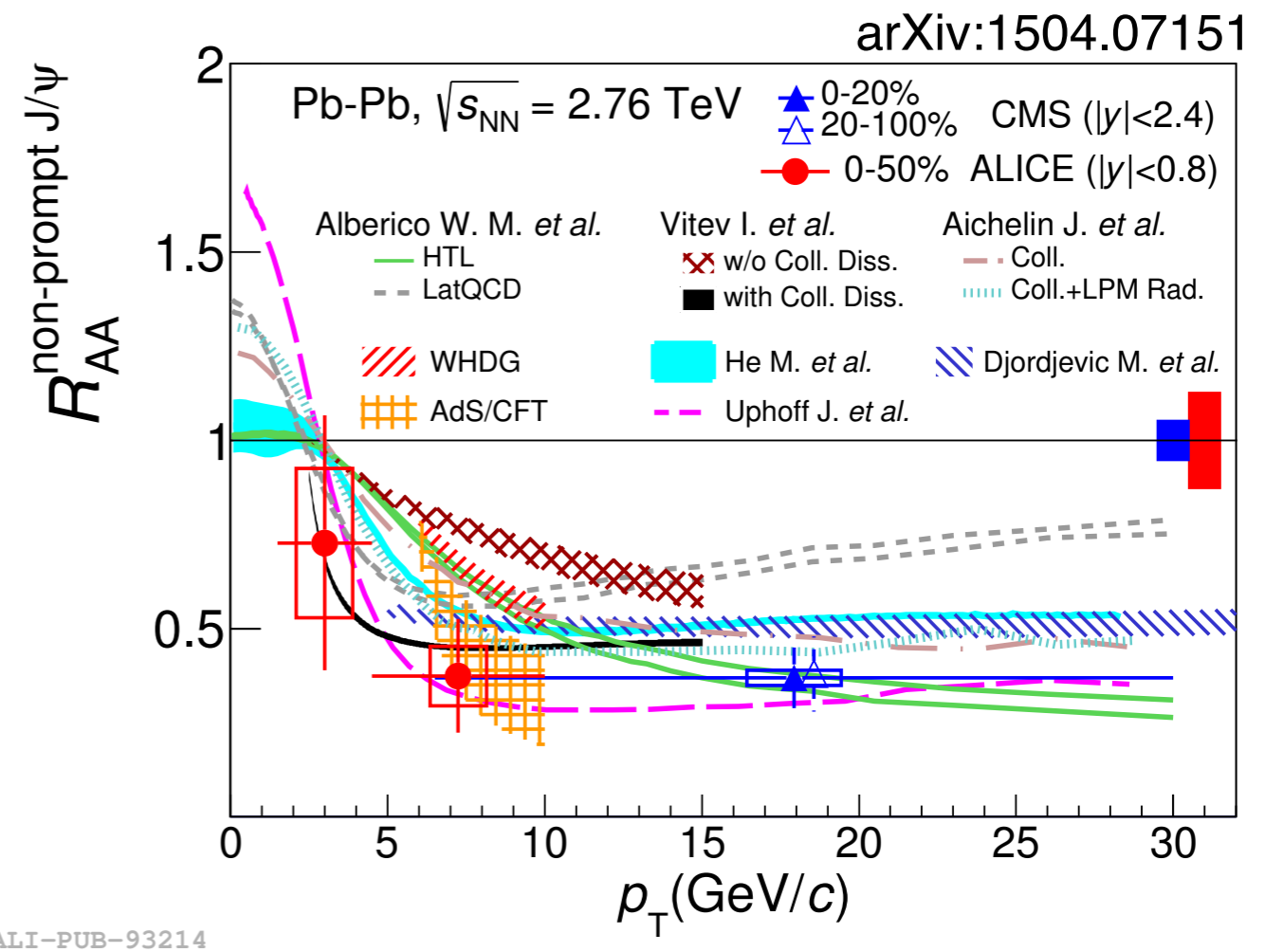
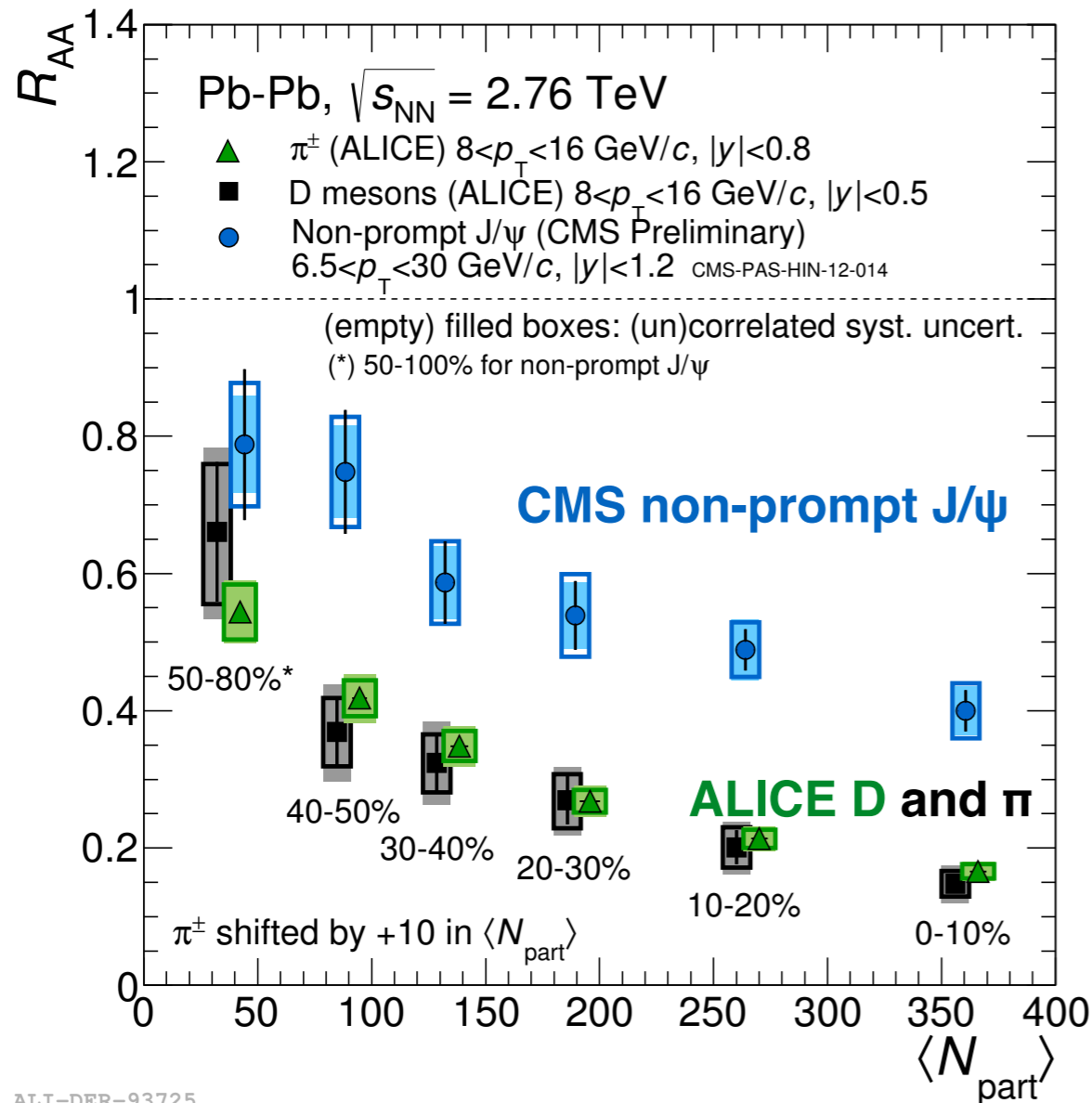


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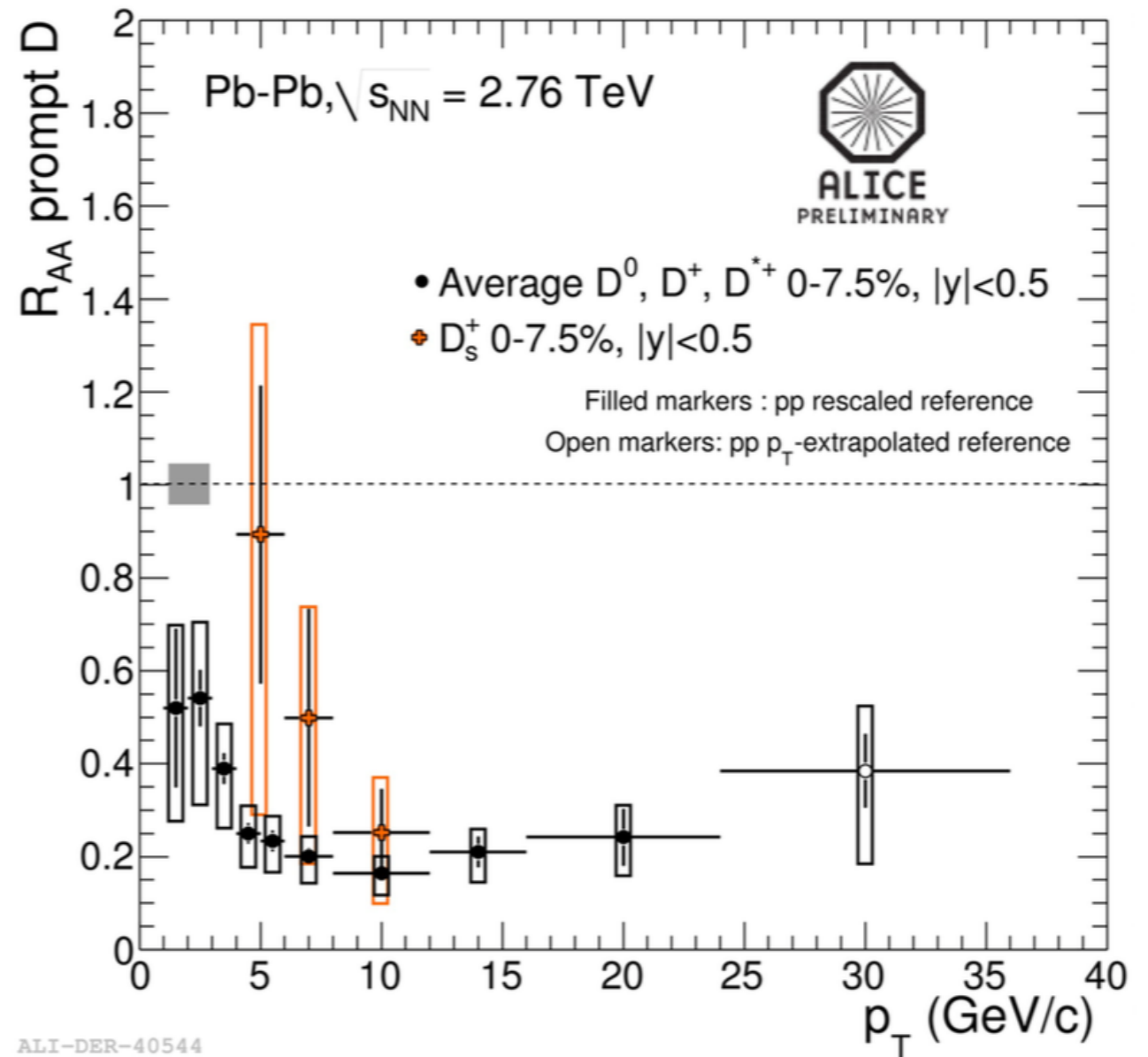
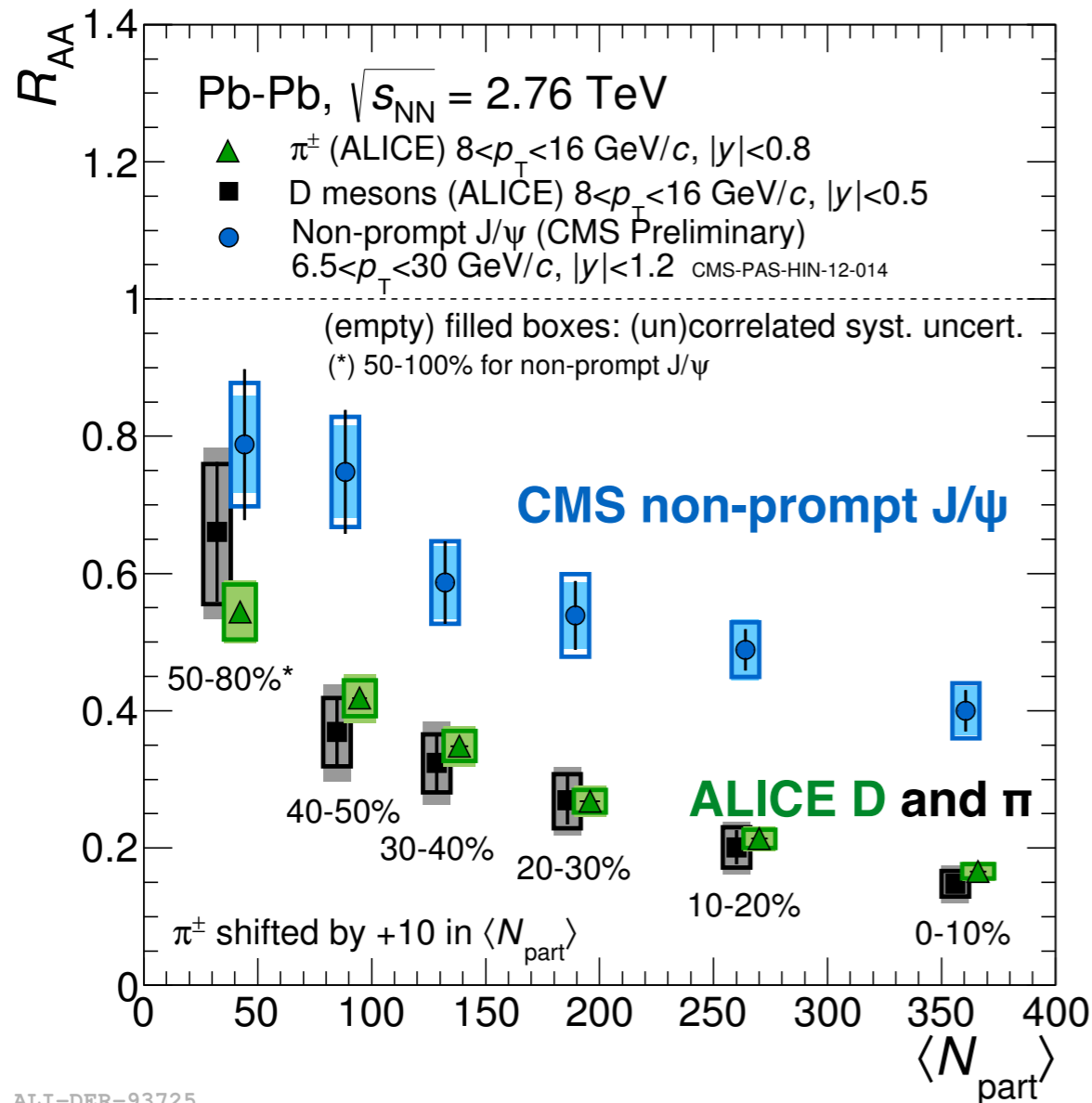
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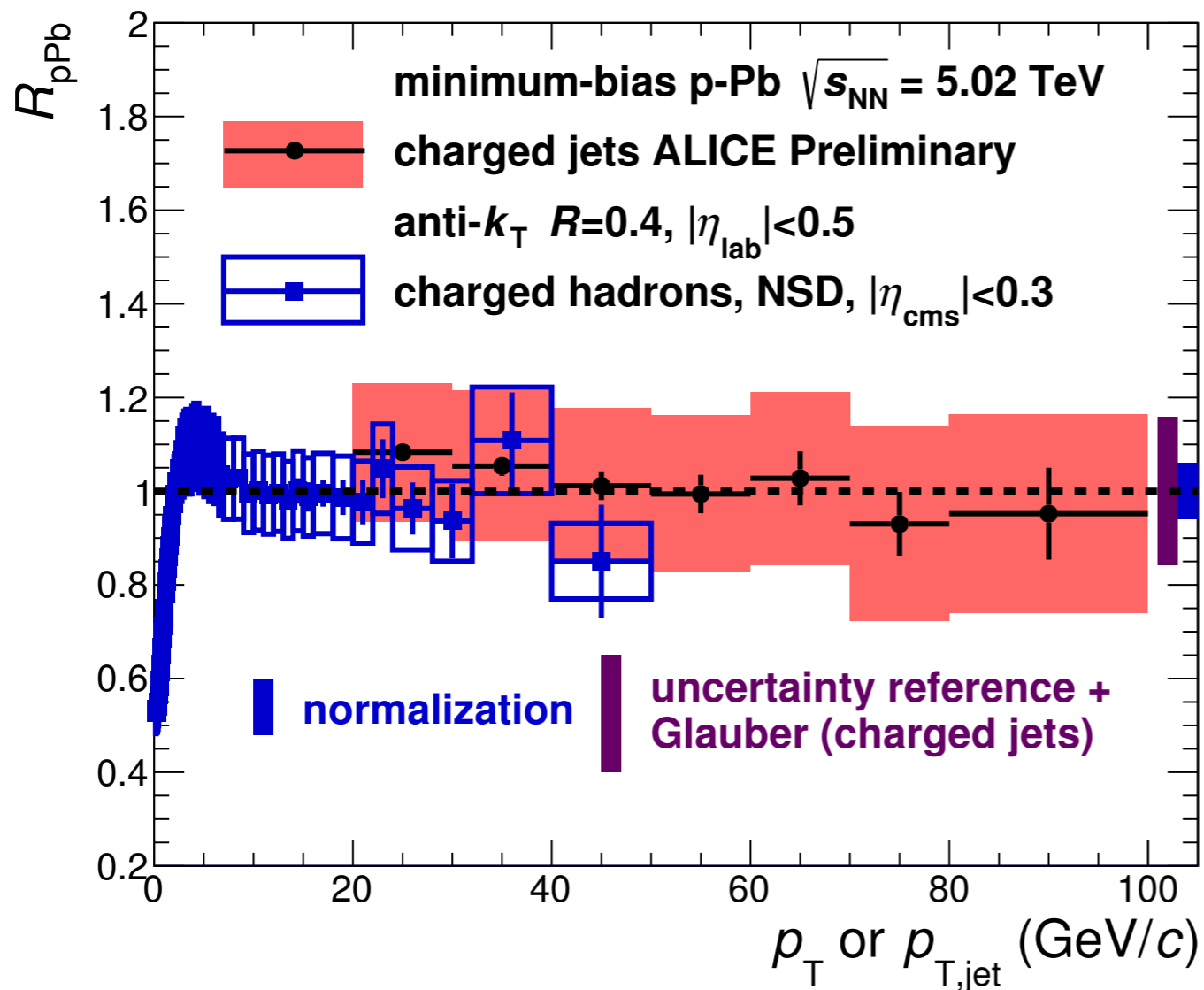
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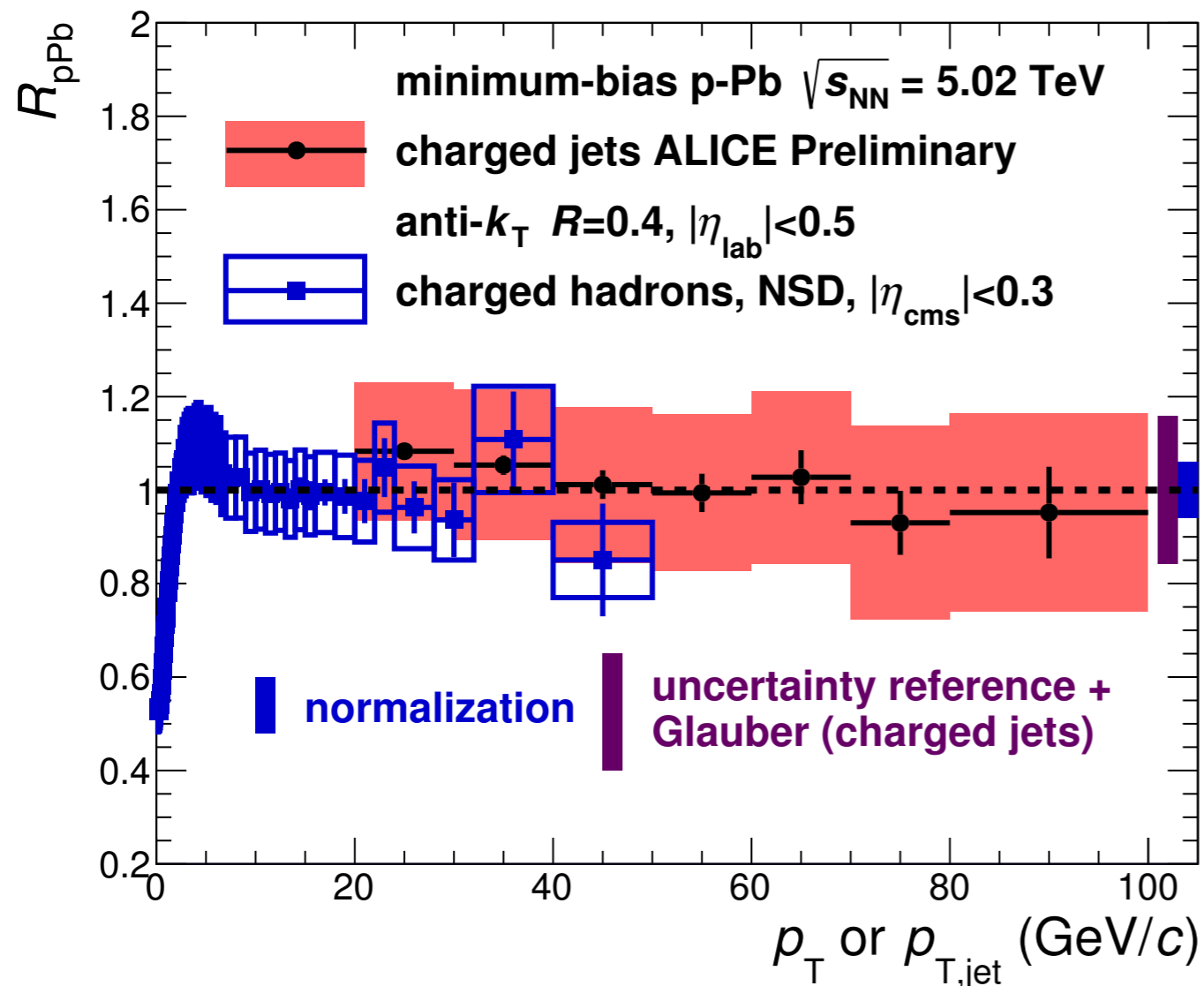
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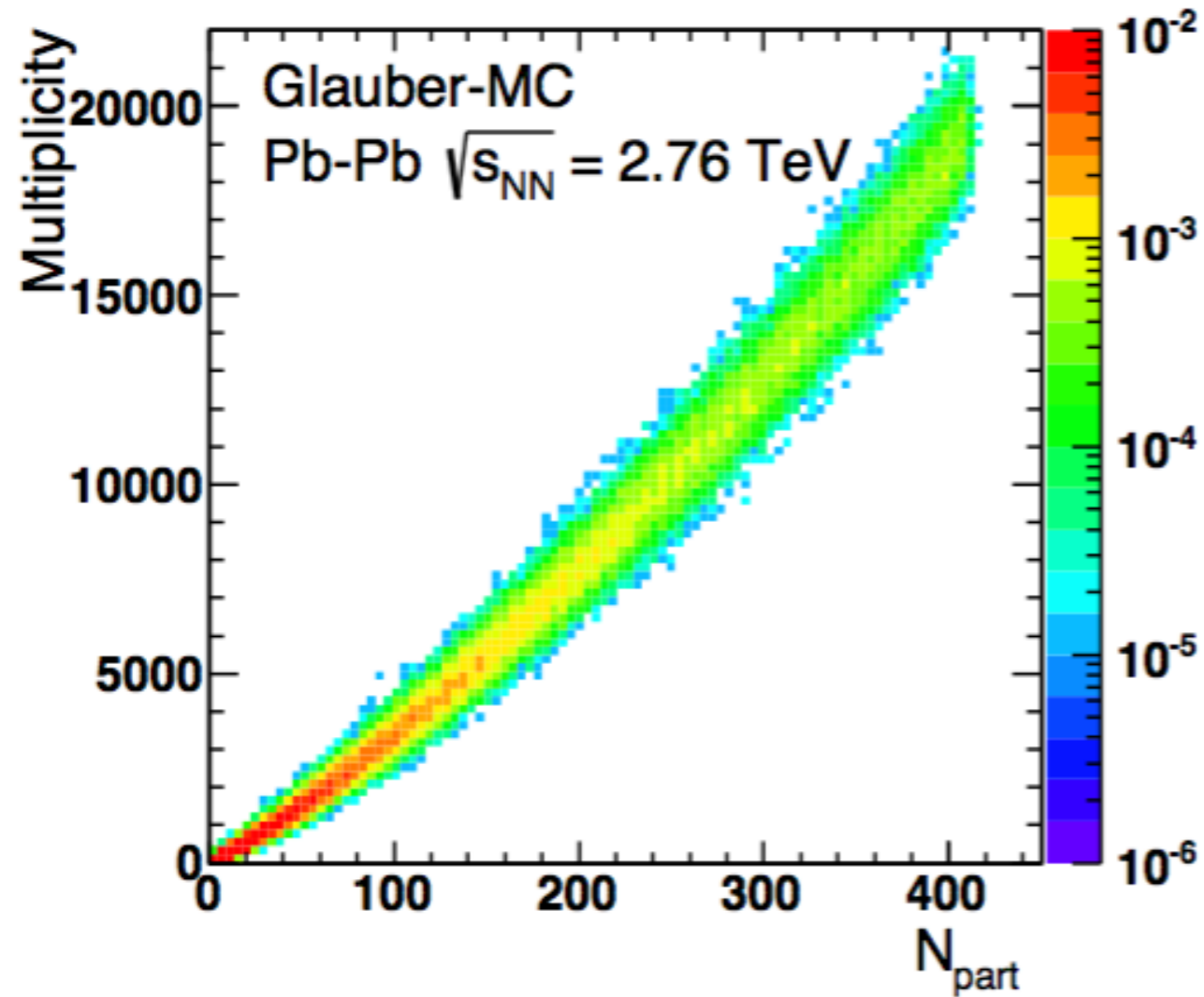
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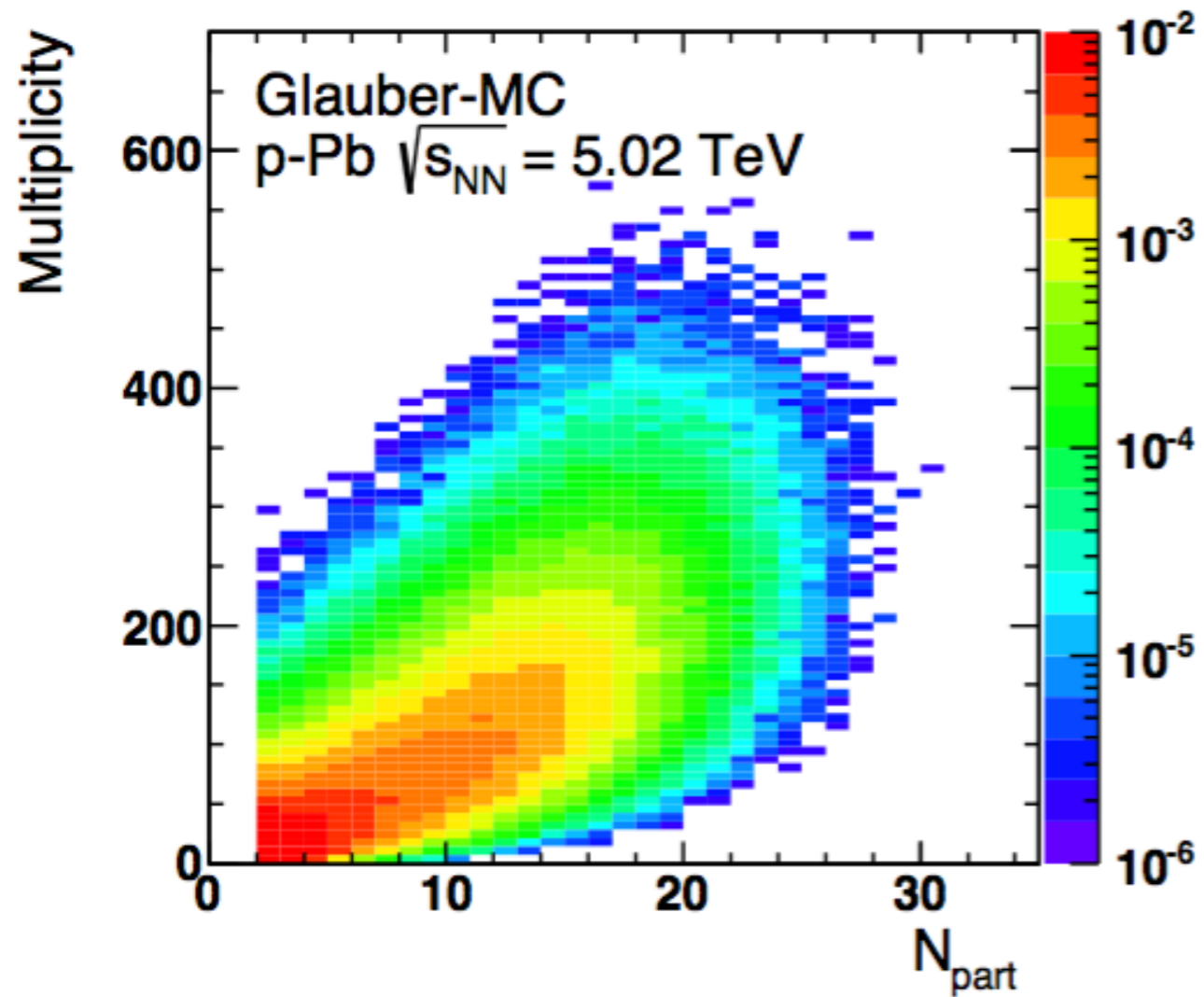
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Multiplicity dependence? \rightarrow understand biases!

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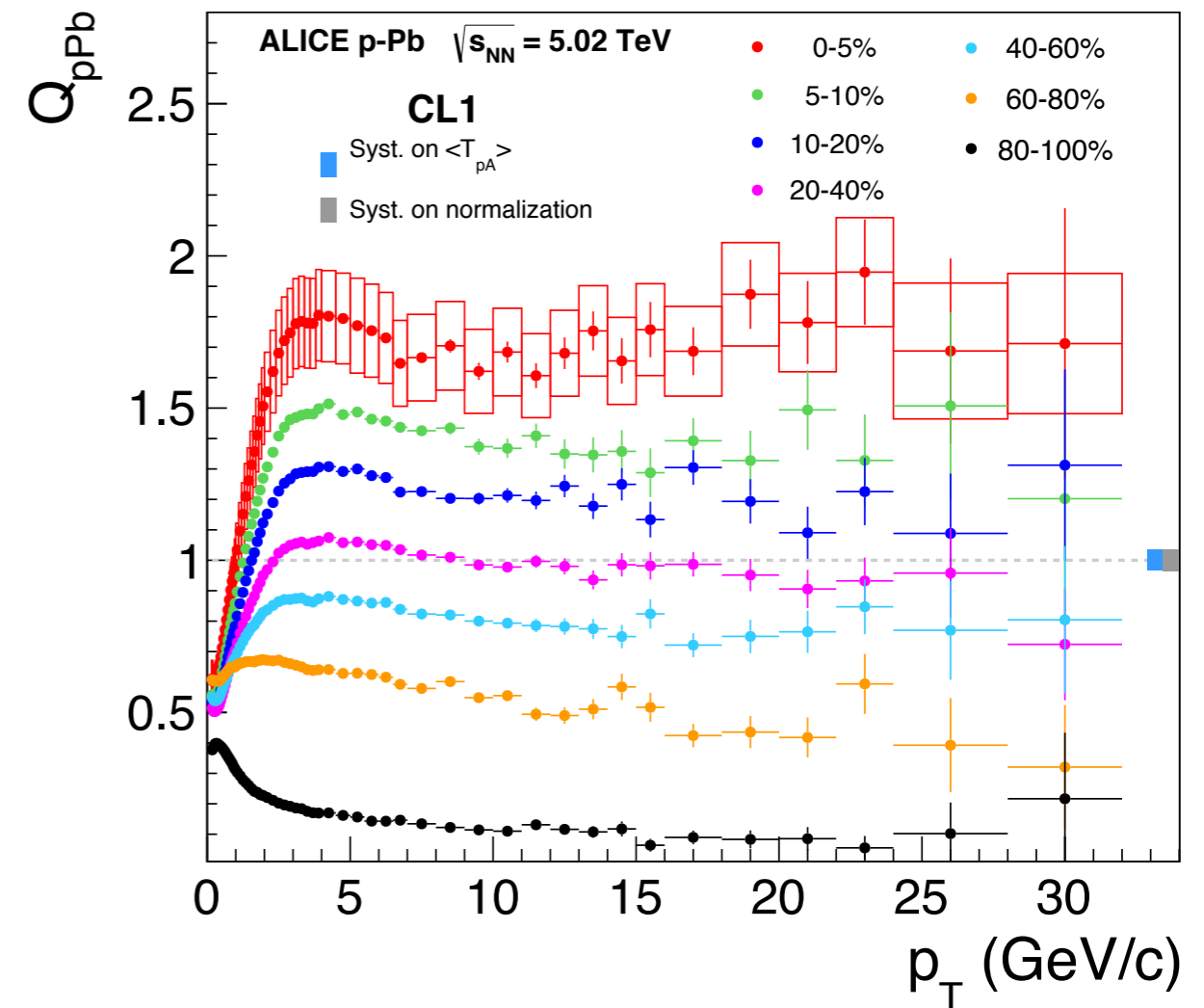
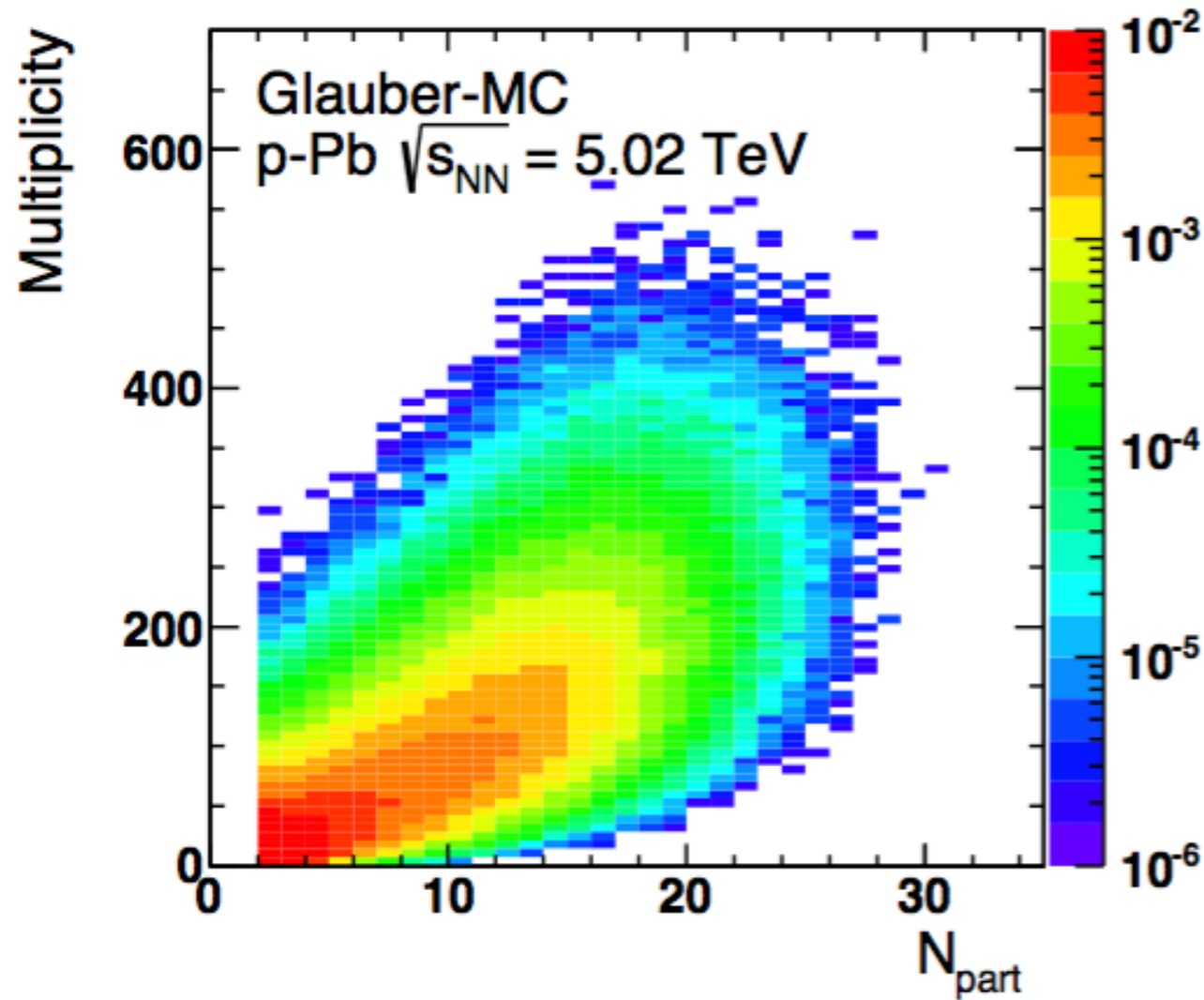
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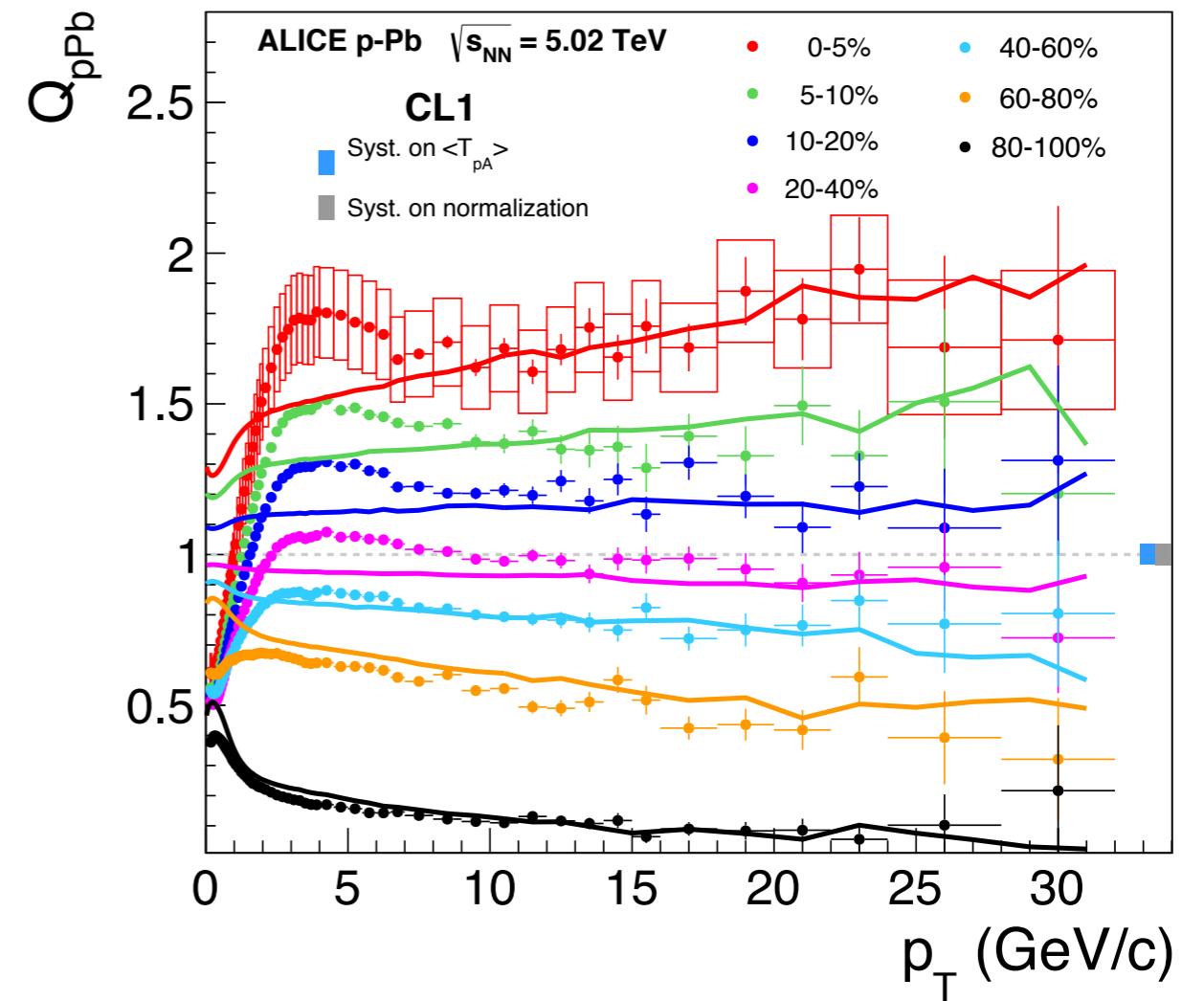
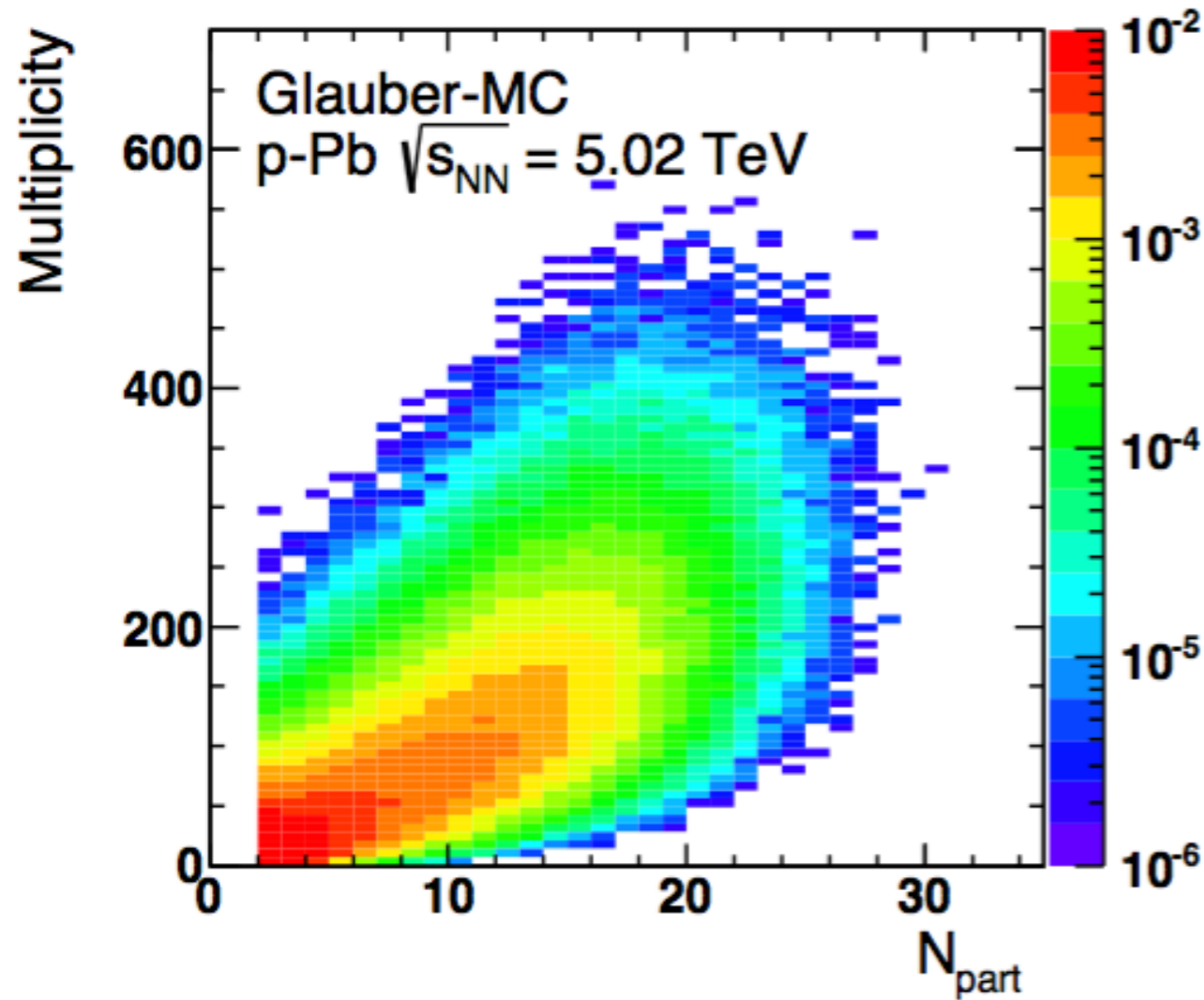


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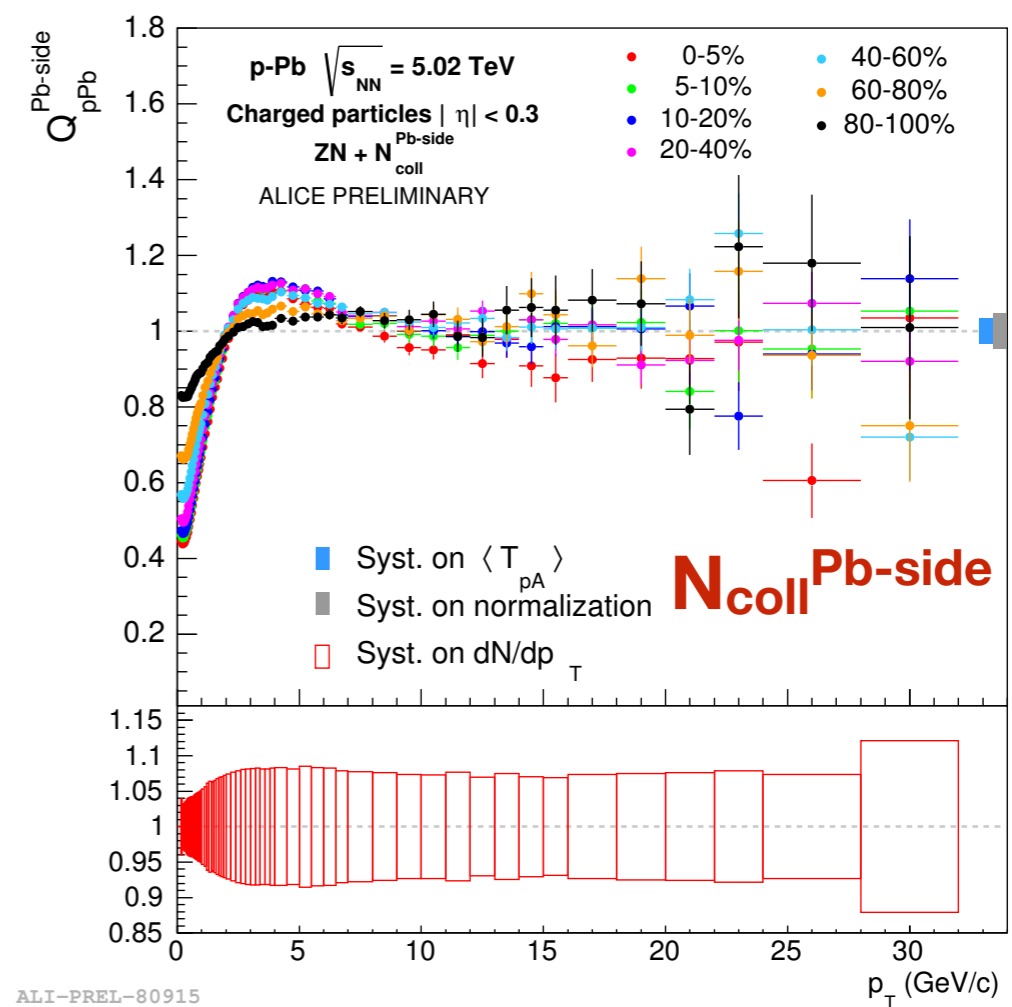
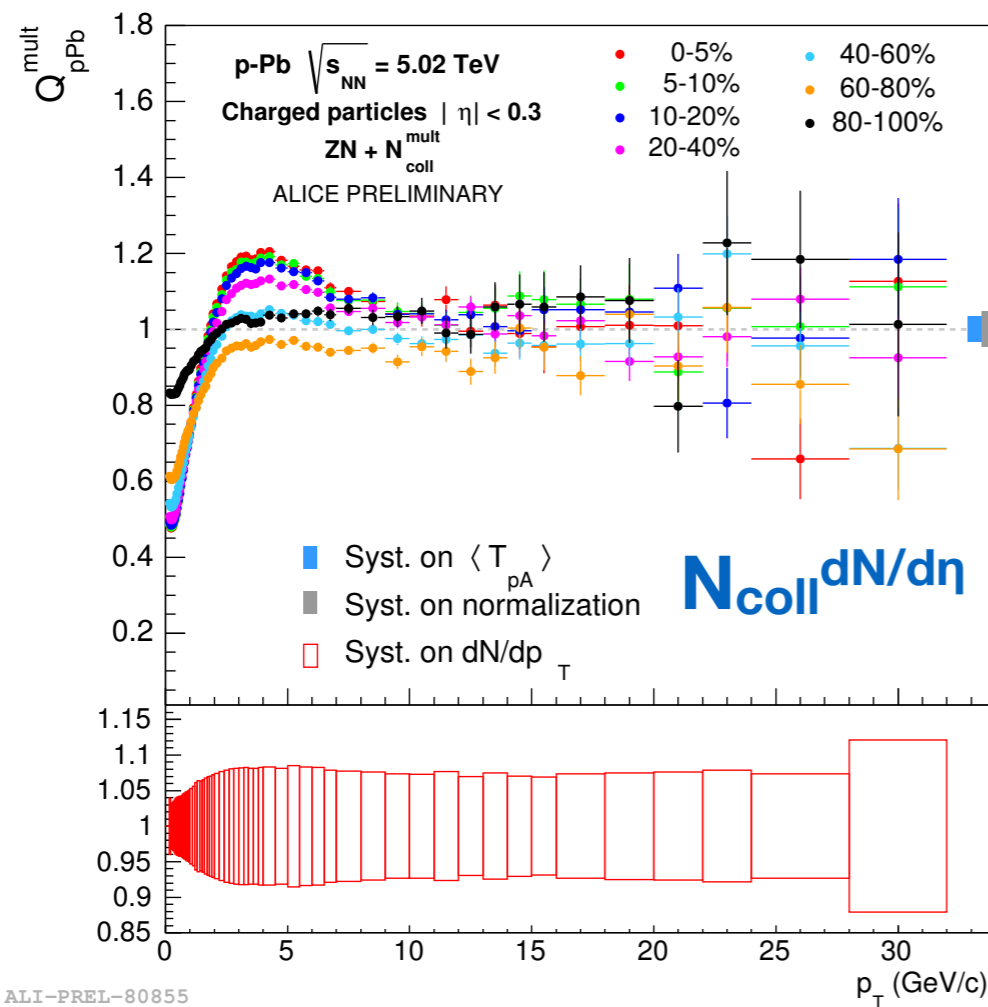
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Least biased estimator:

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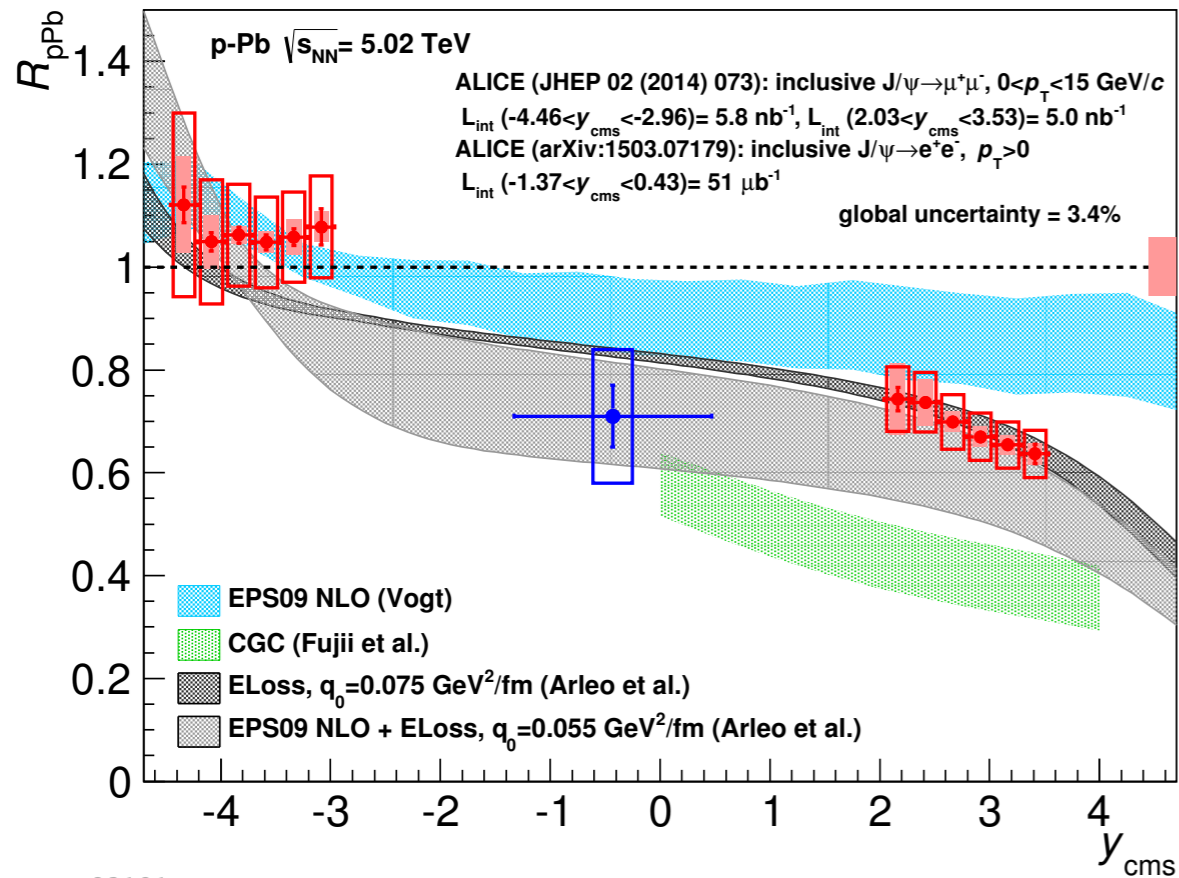
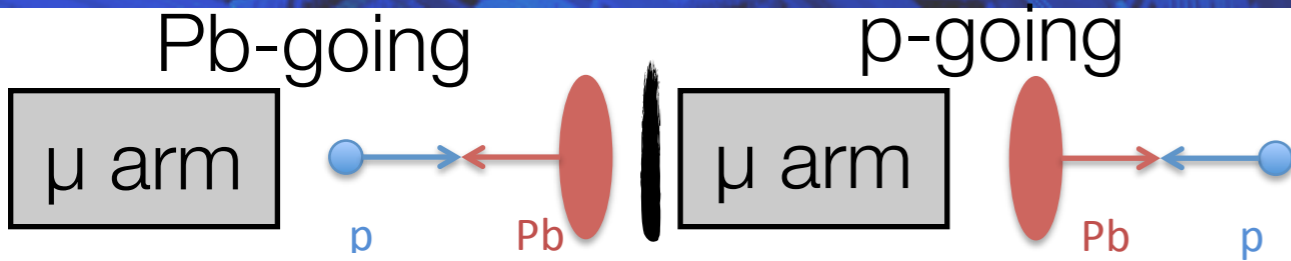
2. $\langle N_{\text{coll}} \rangle$ estimated with:

$dN/d\eta$, yield at high p_T , **yield on Pb side**



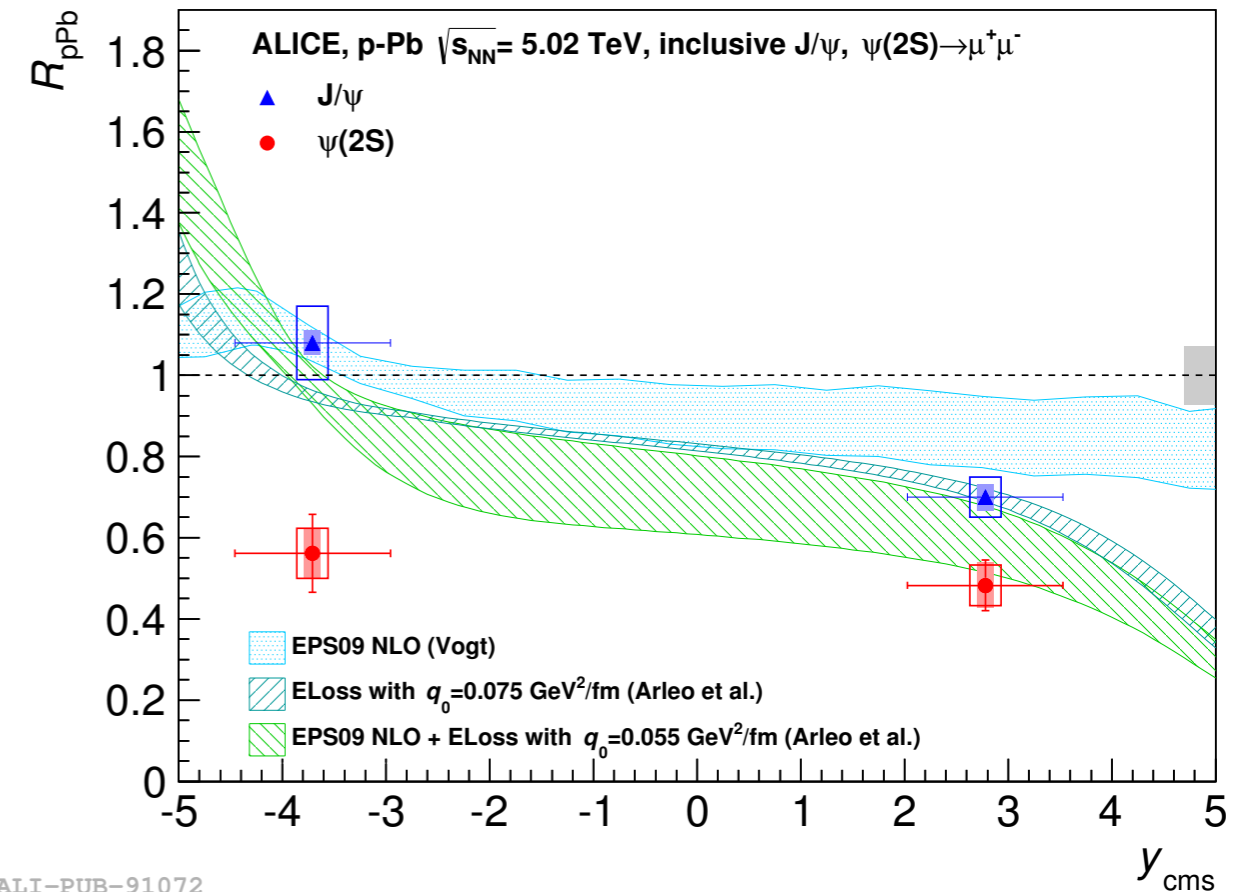
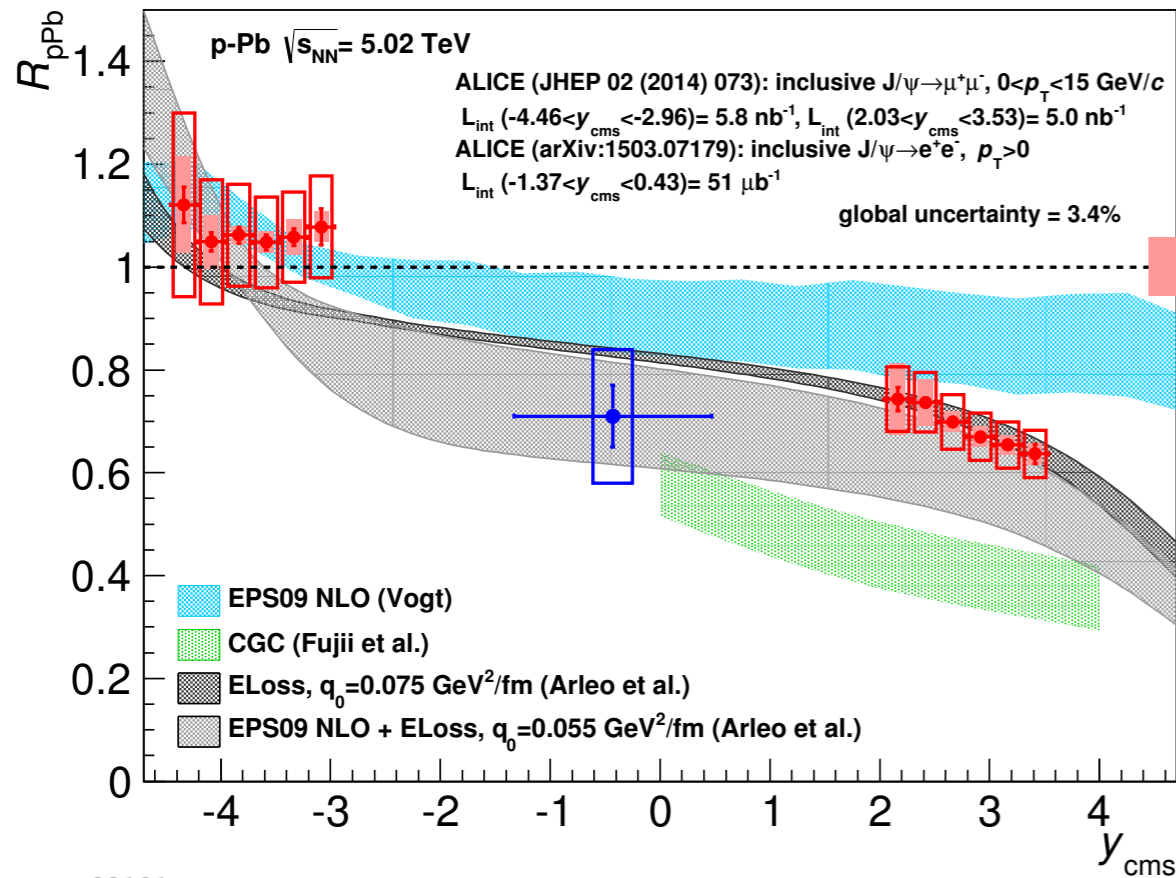
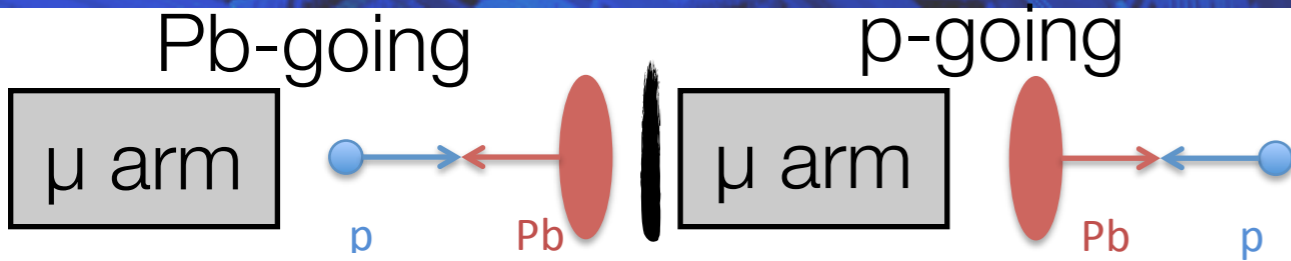
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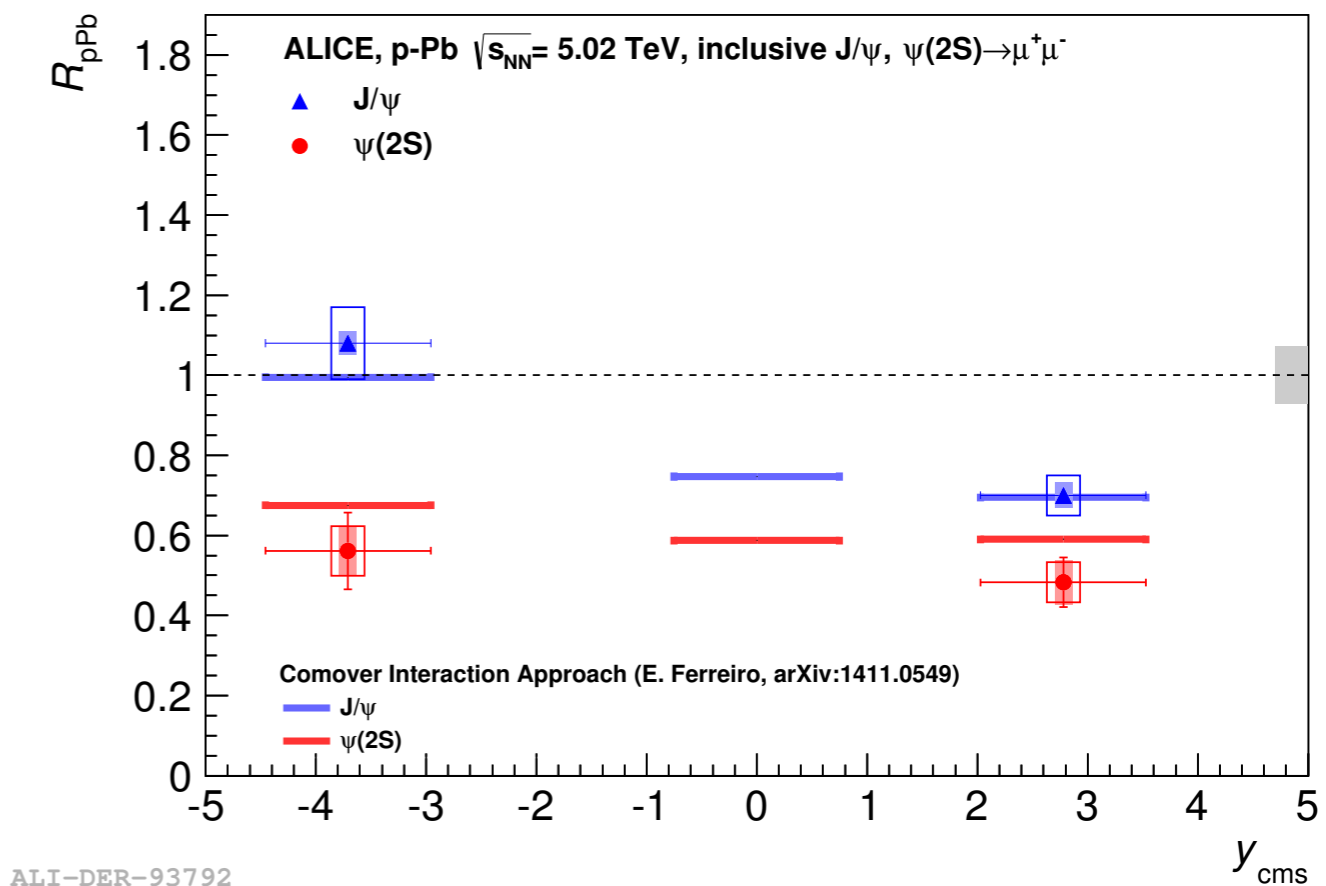
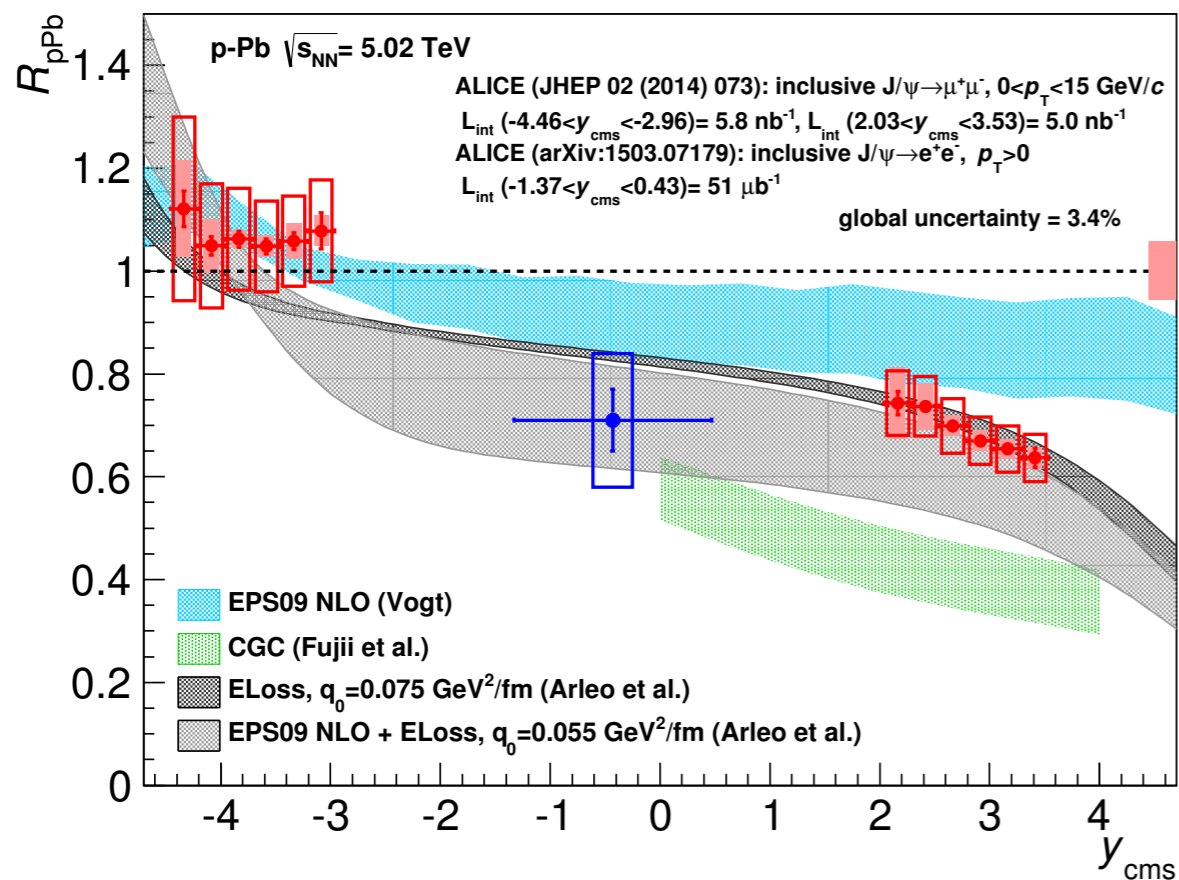
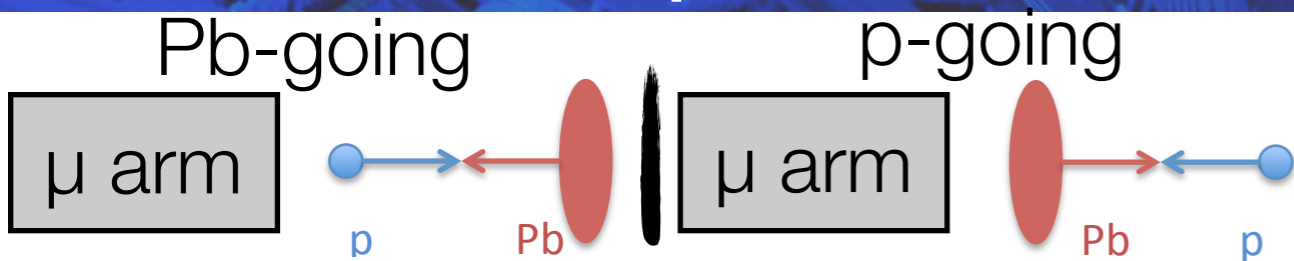
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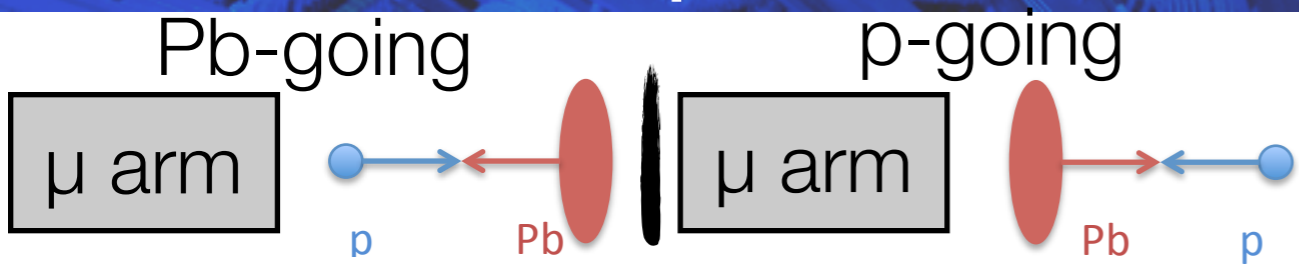
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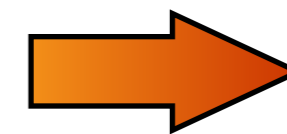


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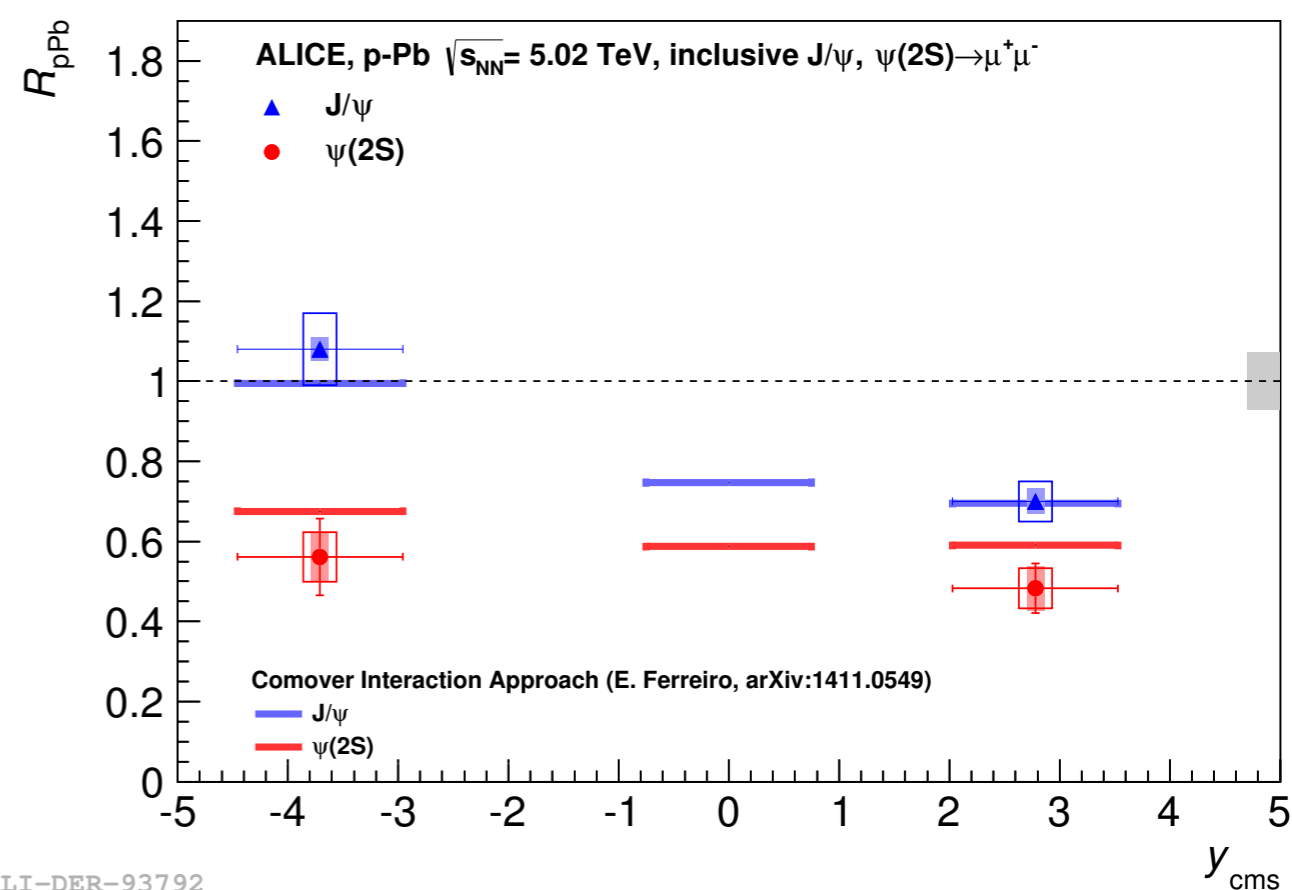
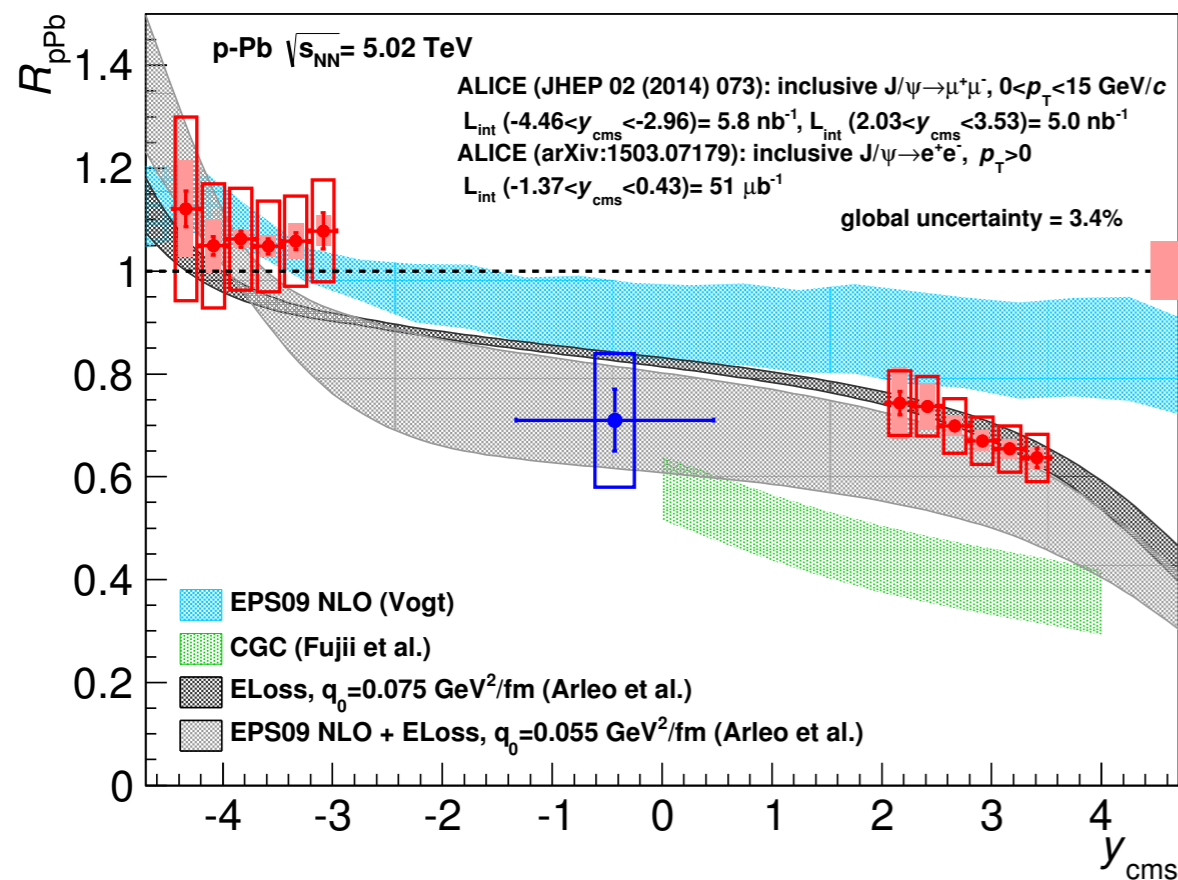
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no shadowing
strong co-movers



shadowing
little co-movers



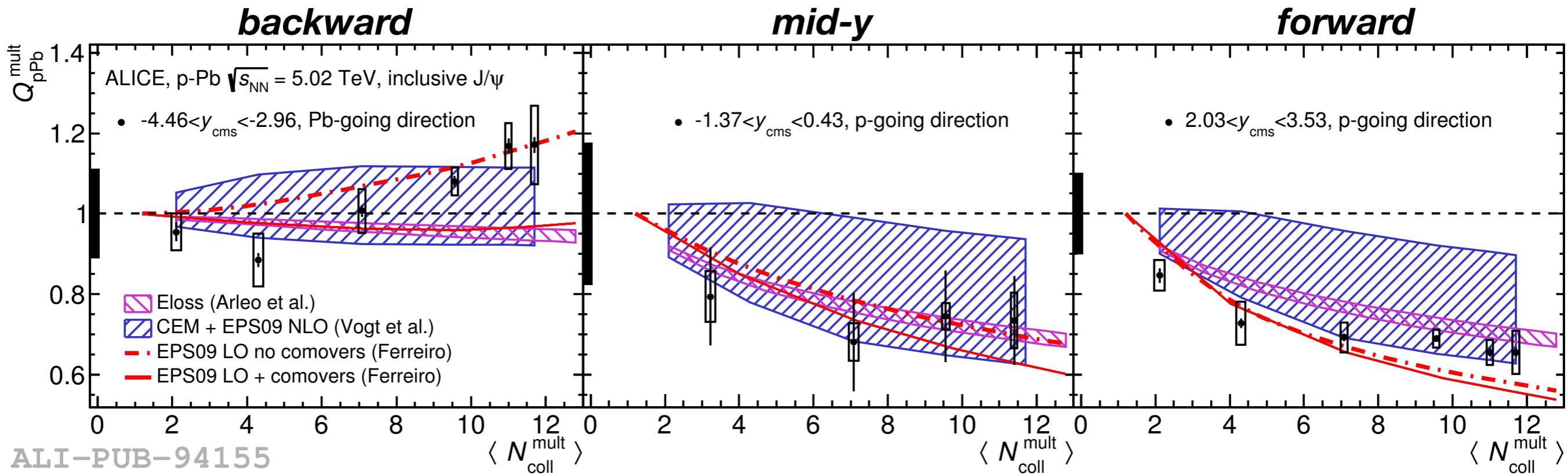
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Anti-Shadowing

Shadowing

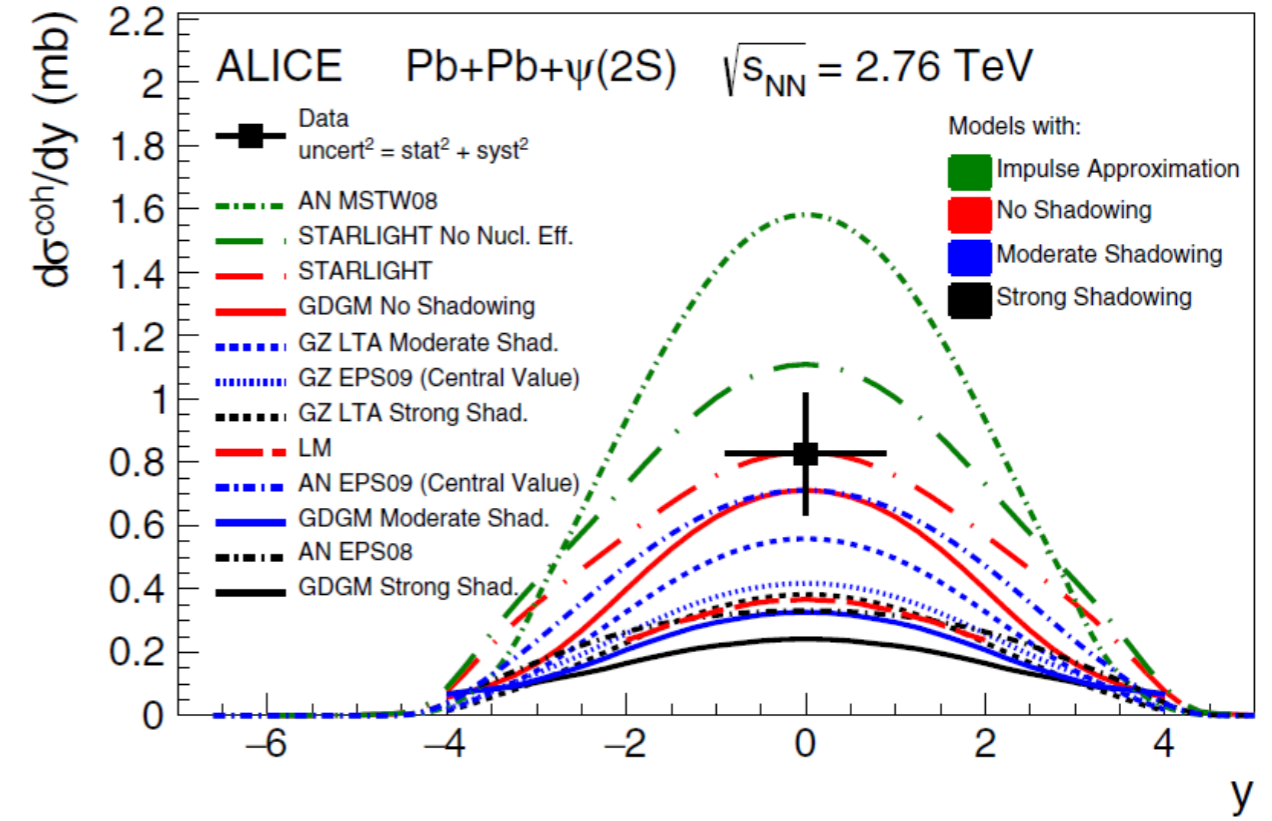
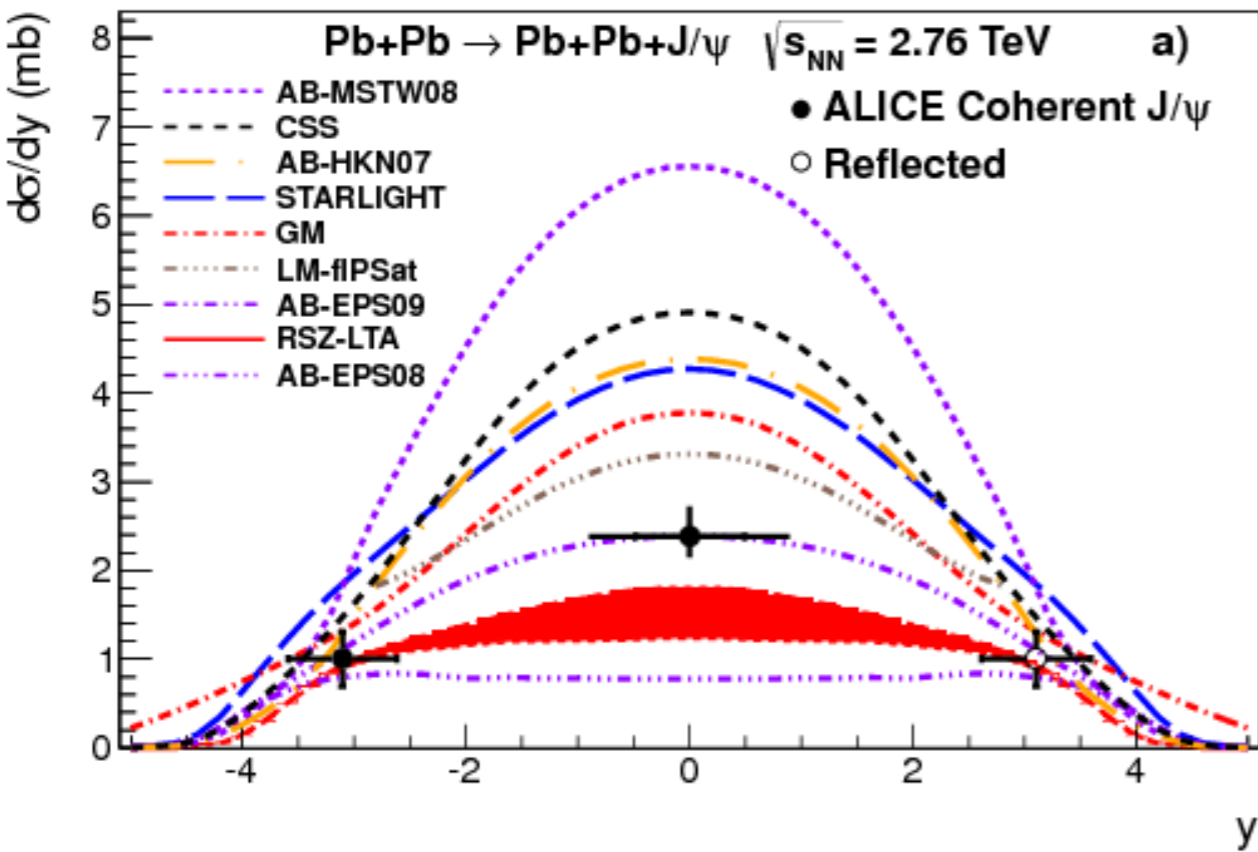
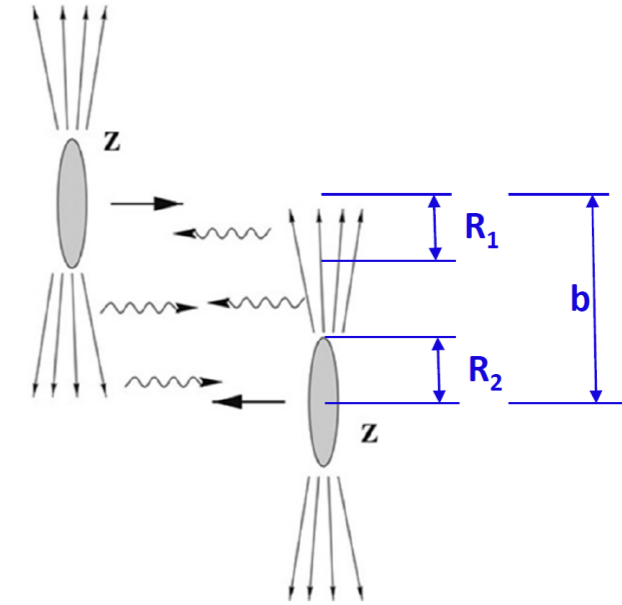


Shadowing effects reproduce the data at forward and backward rapidity

Data better described by models **w/out co-movers**

Pure energy loss scenario predicts a flatter trend at backward rapidity

Another way to get a handle on shadowing

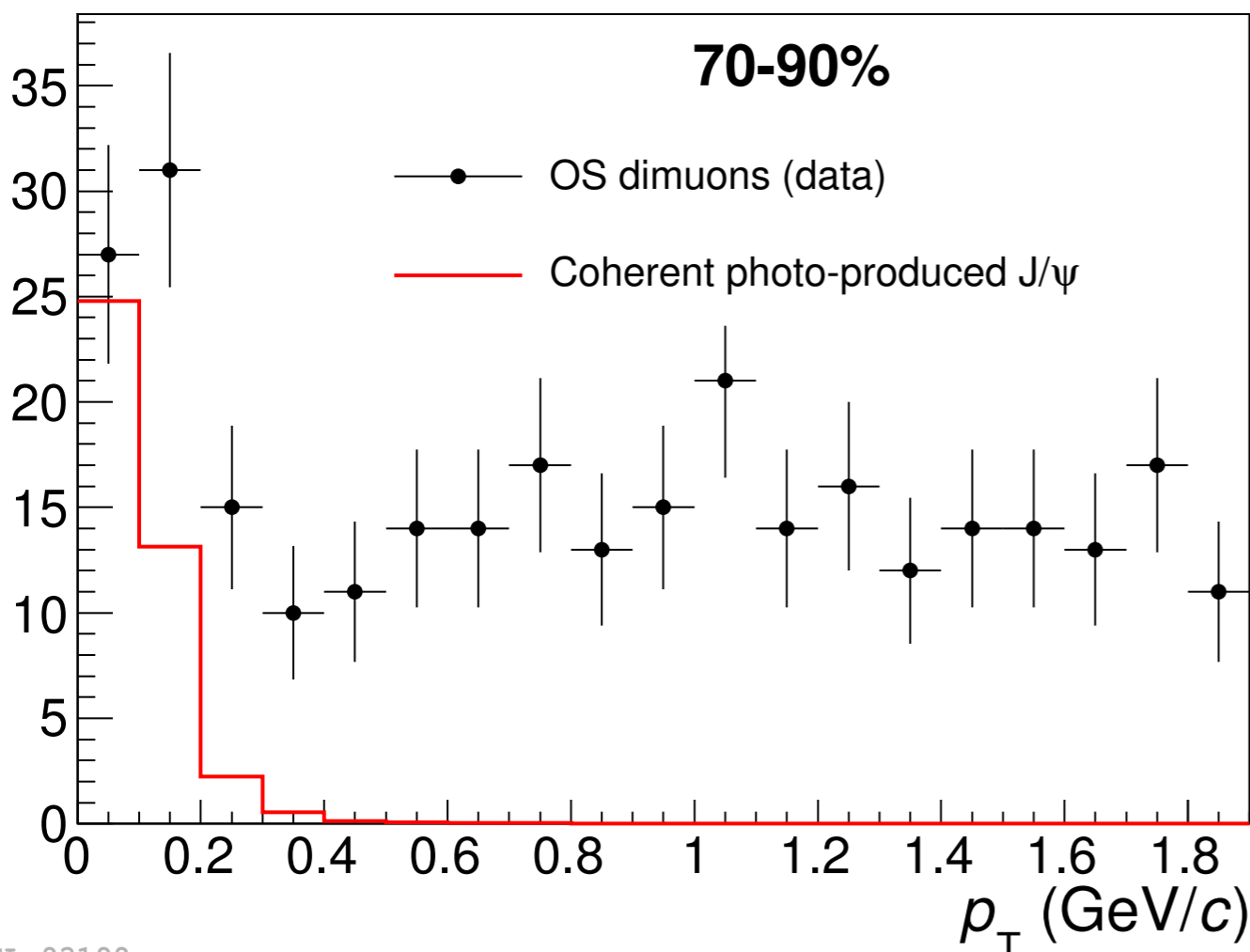
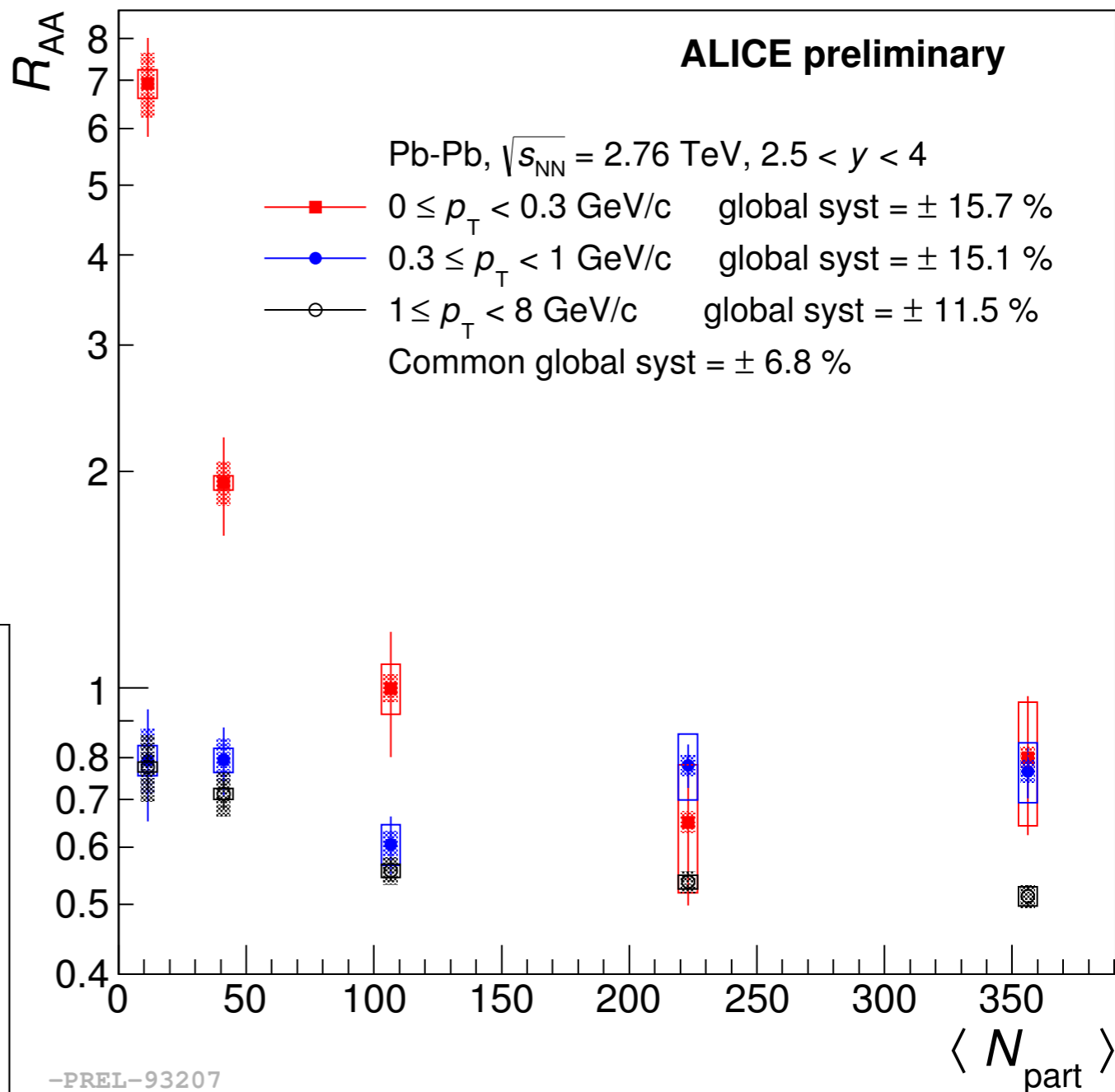


Models incorporating (moderate) shadowing give a better description of data

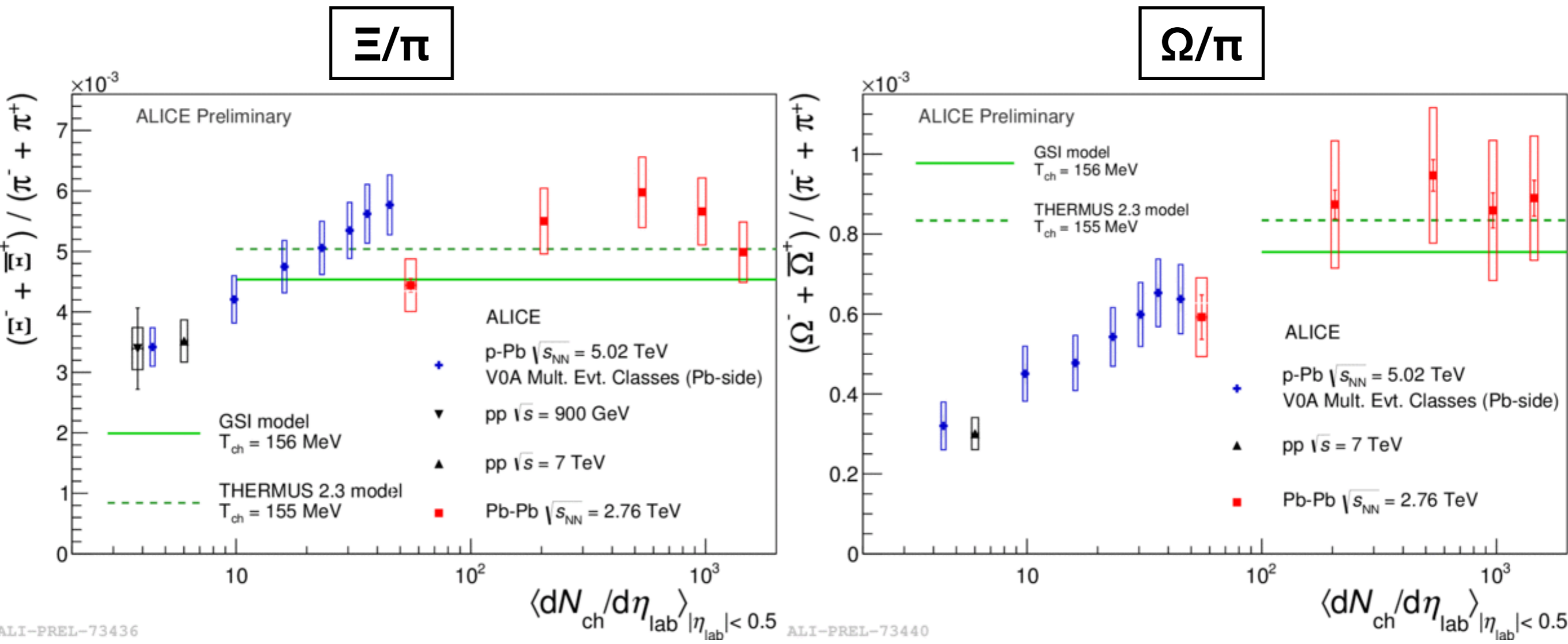


Excess of J/ψ at low p_T in peripheral events

p_T spectrum consistent with photo production



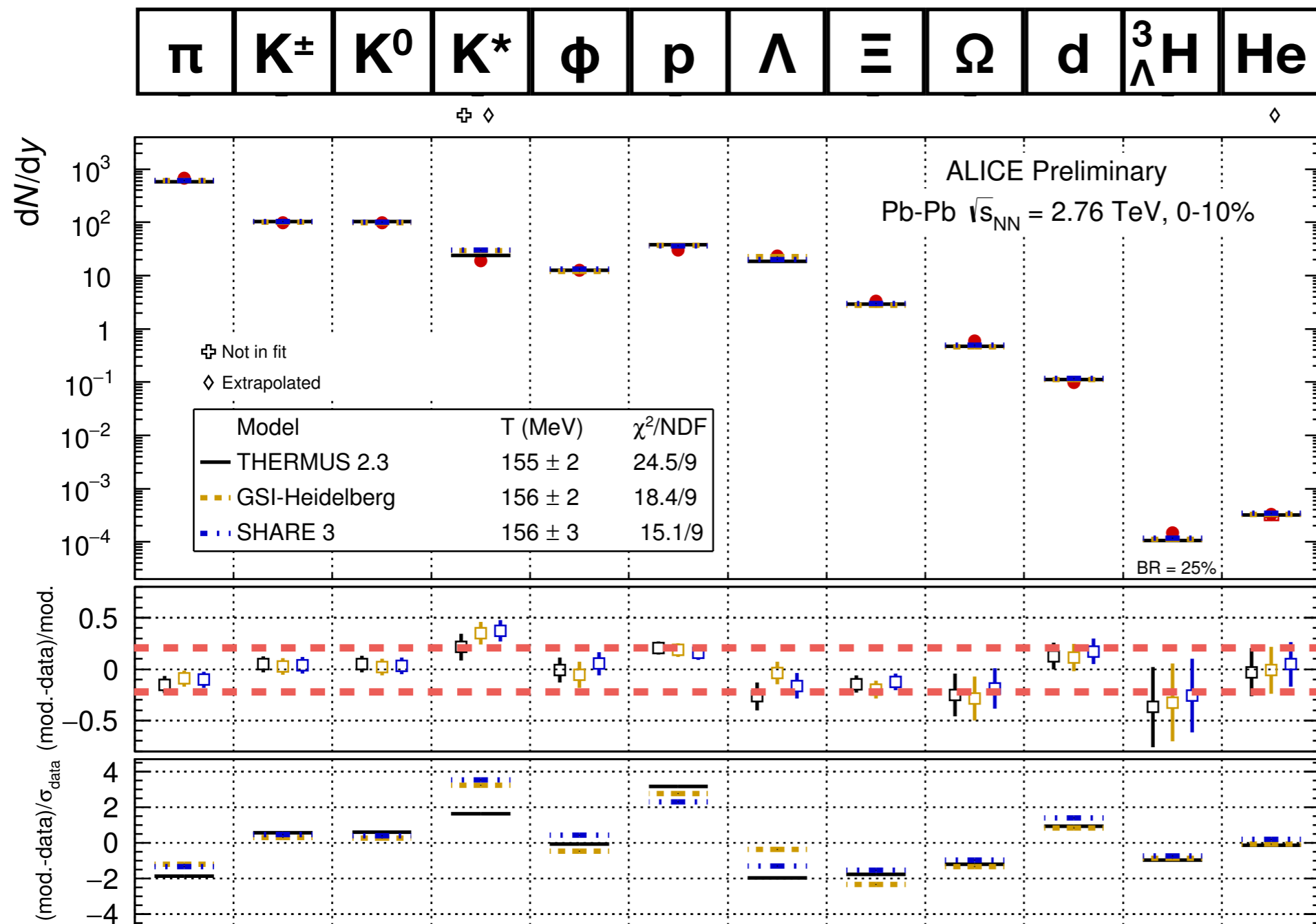
Hadrons



Strangeness enhancement in p-Pb collisions!

- Ξ reaches the Pb-Pb (Grand Canonical?) value
- Lift of canonical suppression? Poor GC fit in p-Pb

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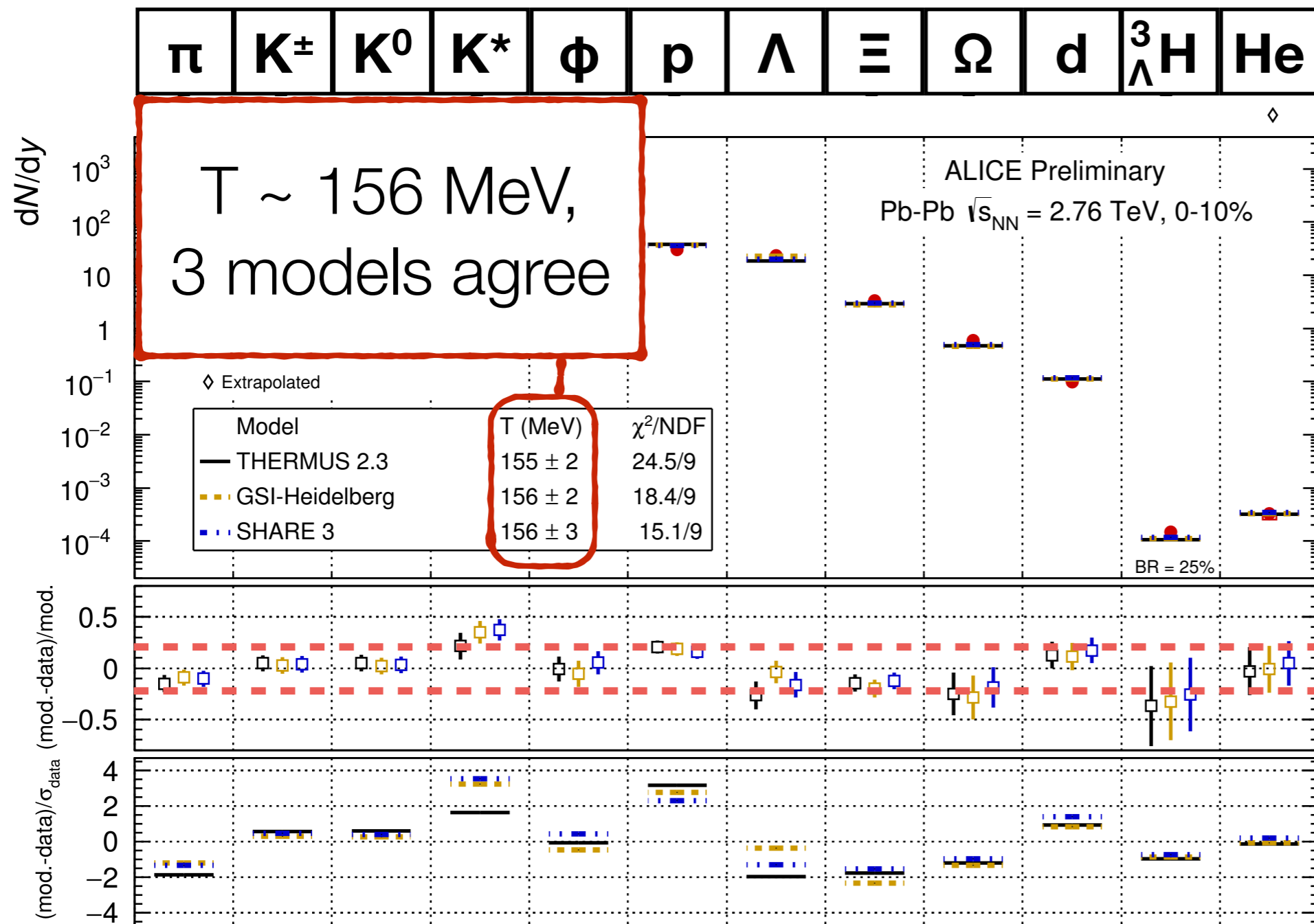
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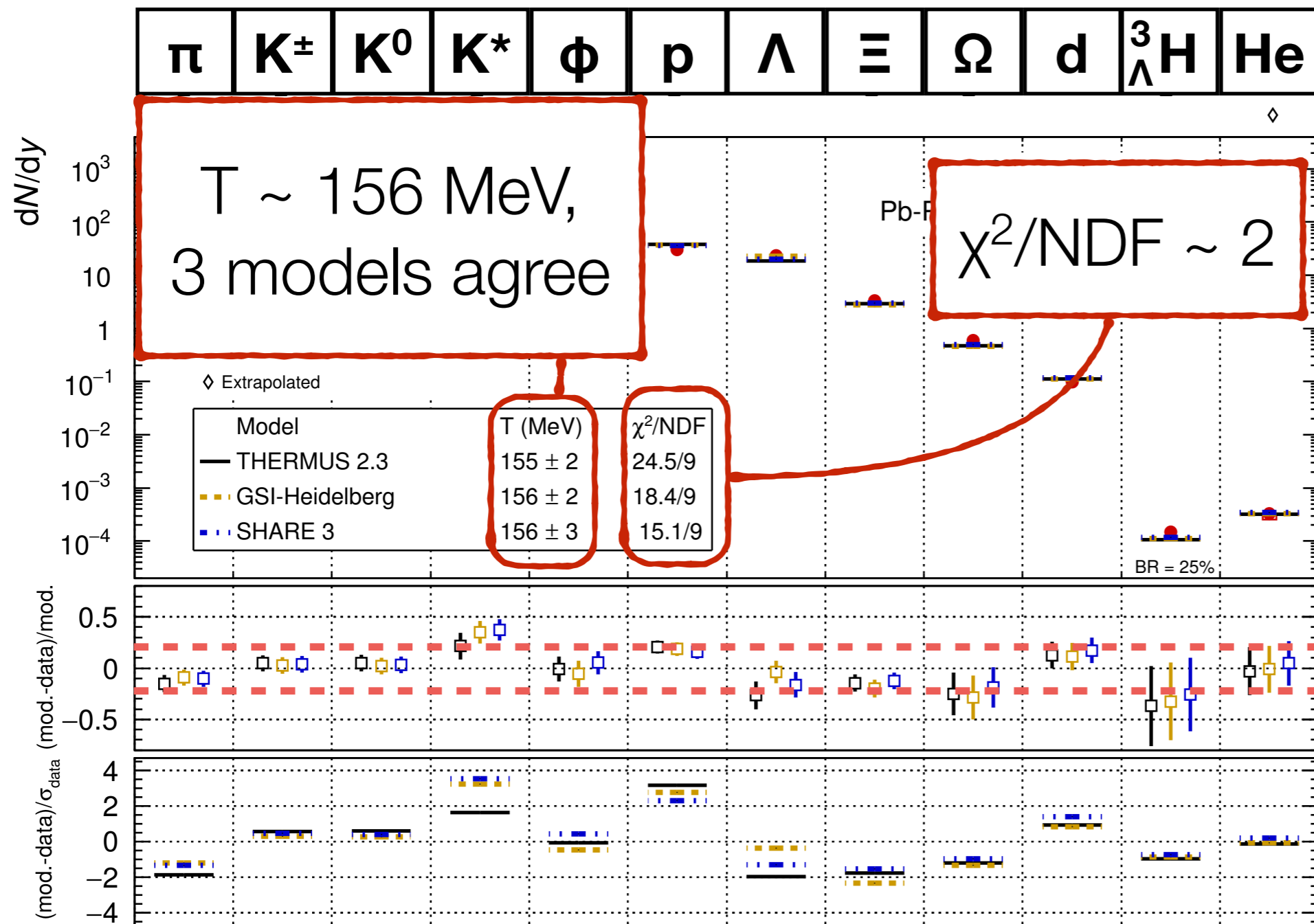
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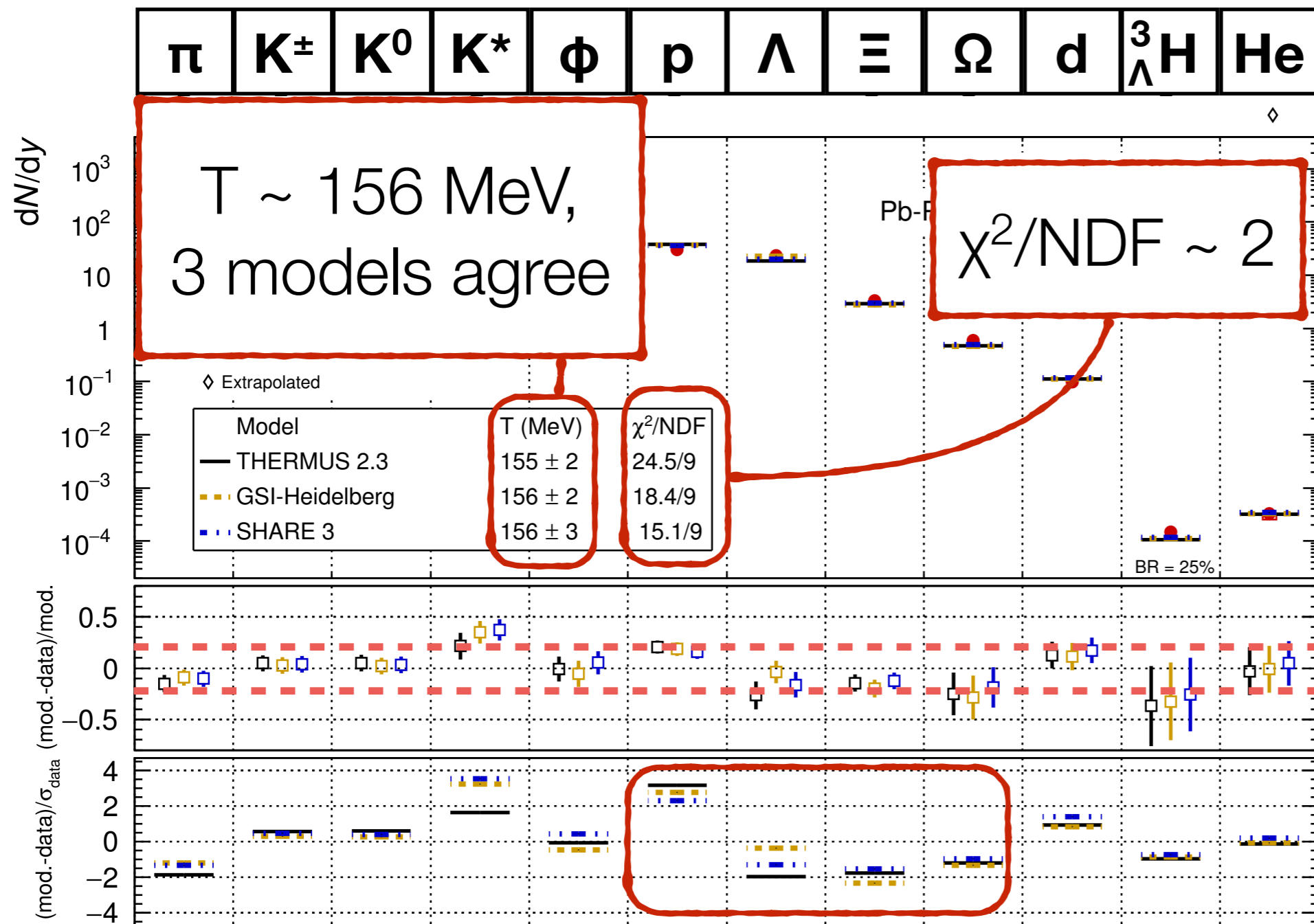
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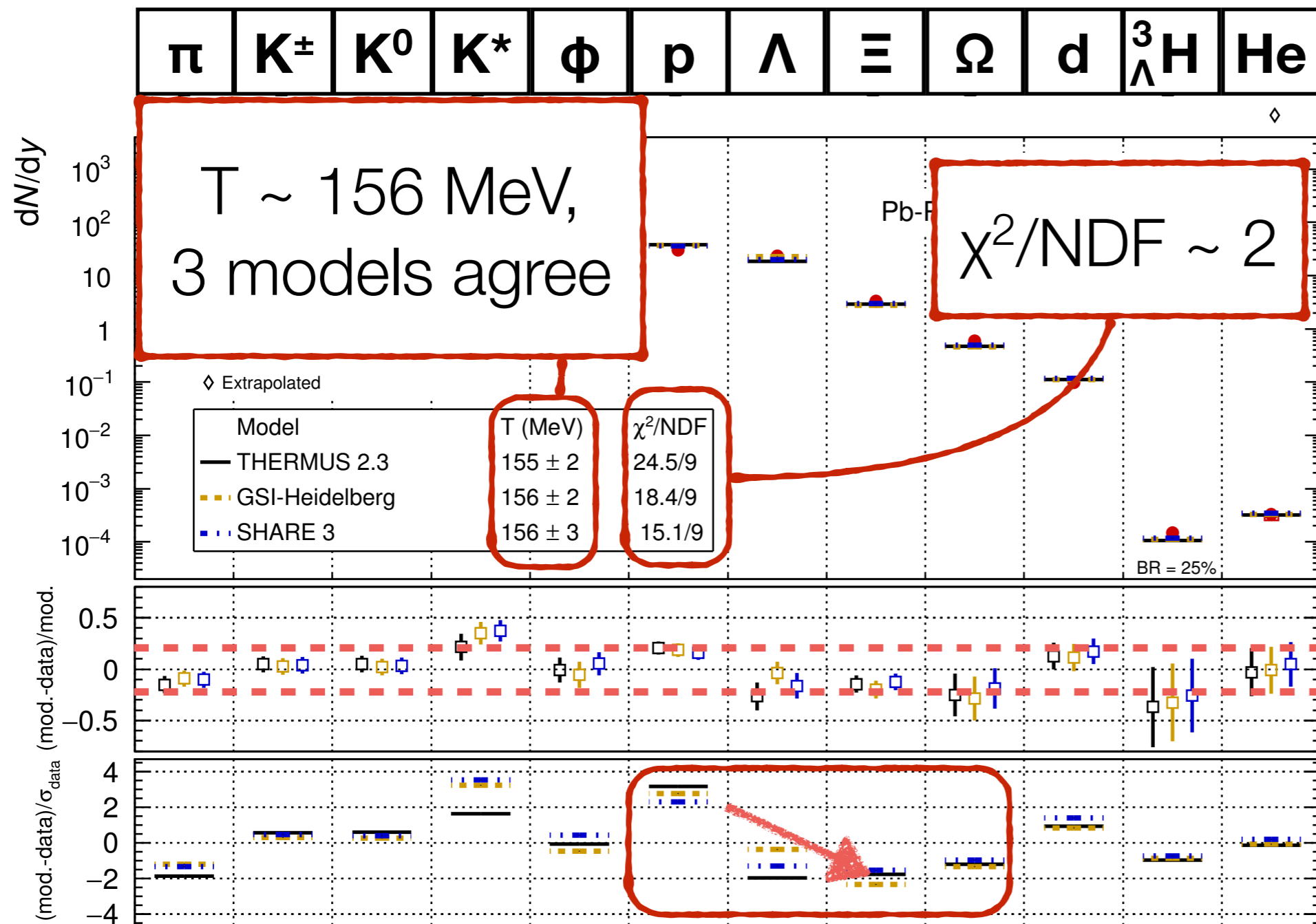
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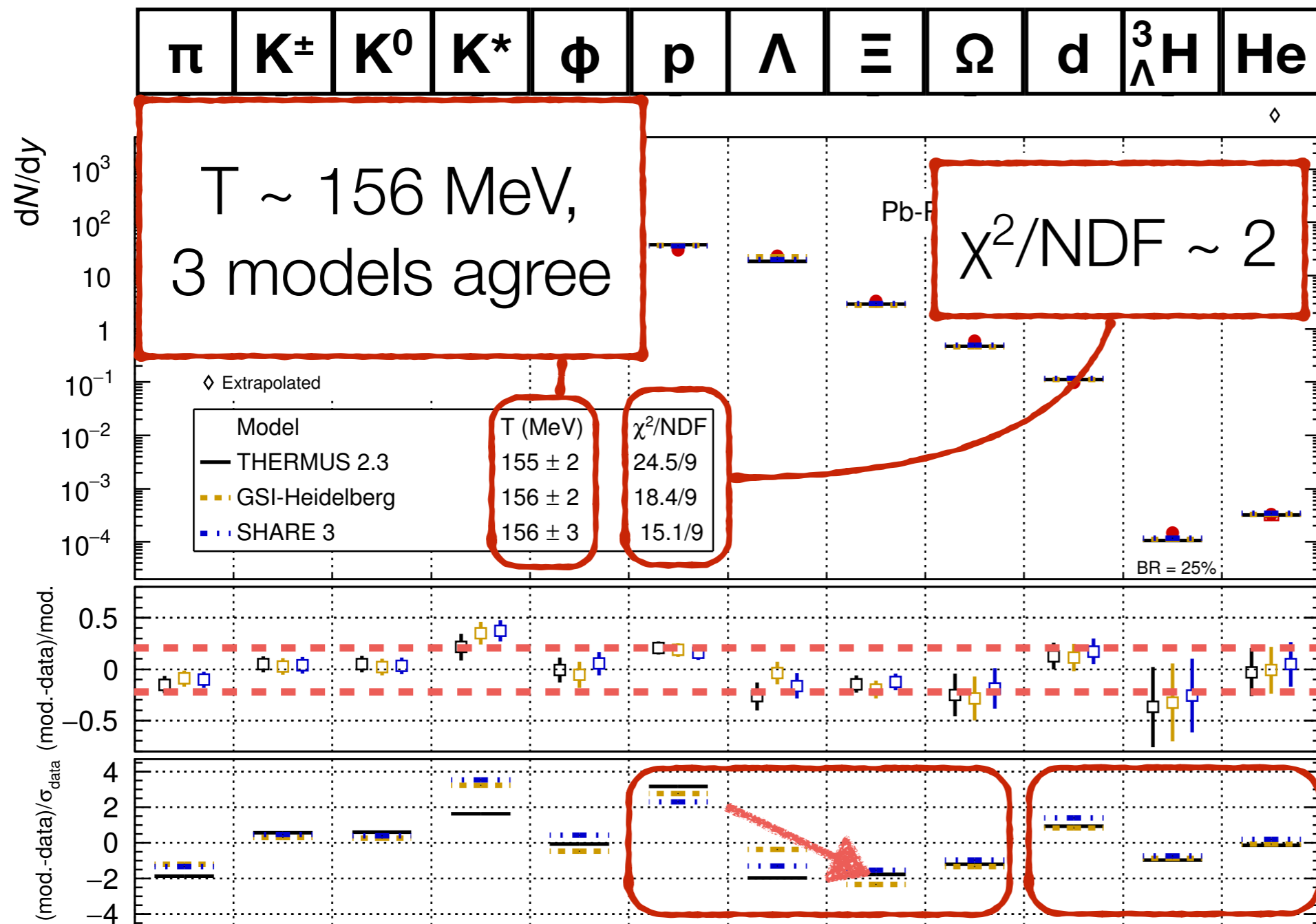
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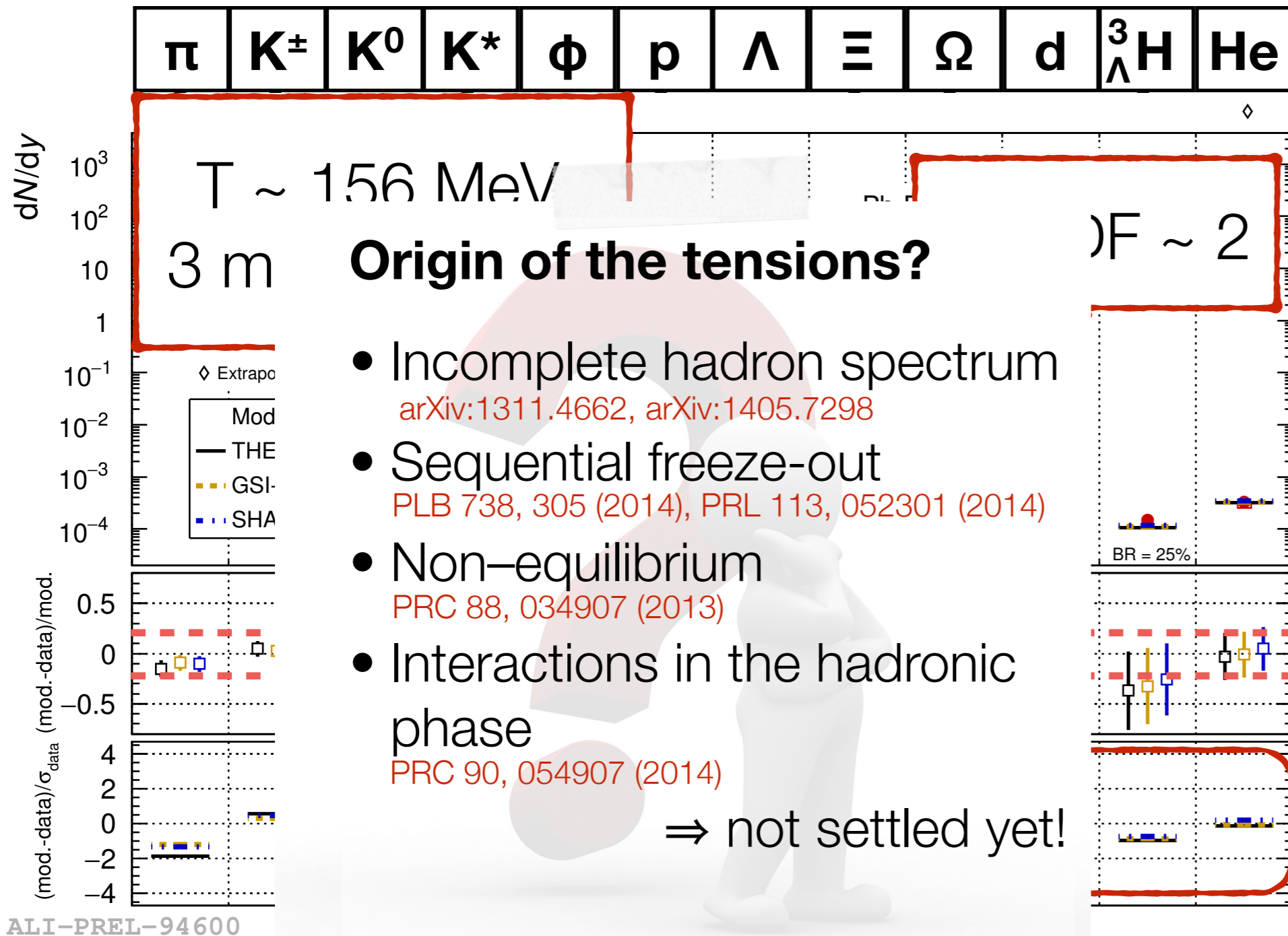


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Origin of the tensions?

- Incomplete hadron spectrum
arXiv:1311.4662, arXiv:1405.7298
- Sequential freeze-out
PLB 738, 305 (2014), PRL 113, 052301 (2014)
- Non-equilibrium
PRC 88, 034907 (2013)
- Interactions in the hadronic phase
PRC 90, 054907 (2014)

⇒ not settled yet!

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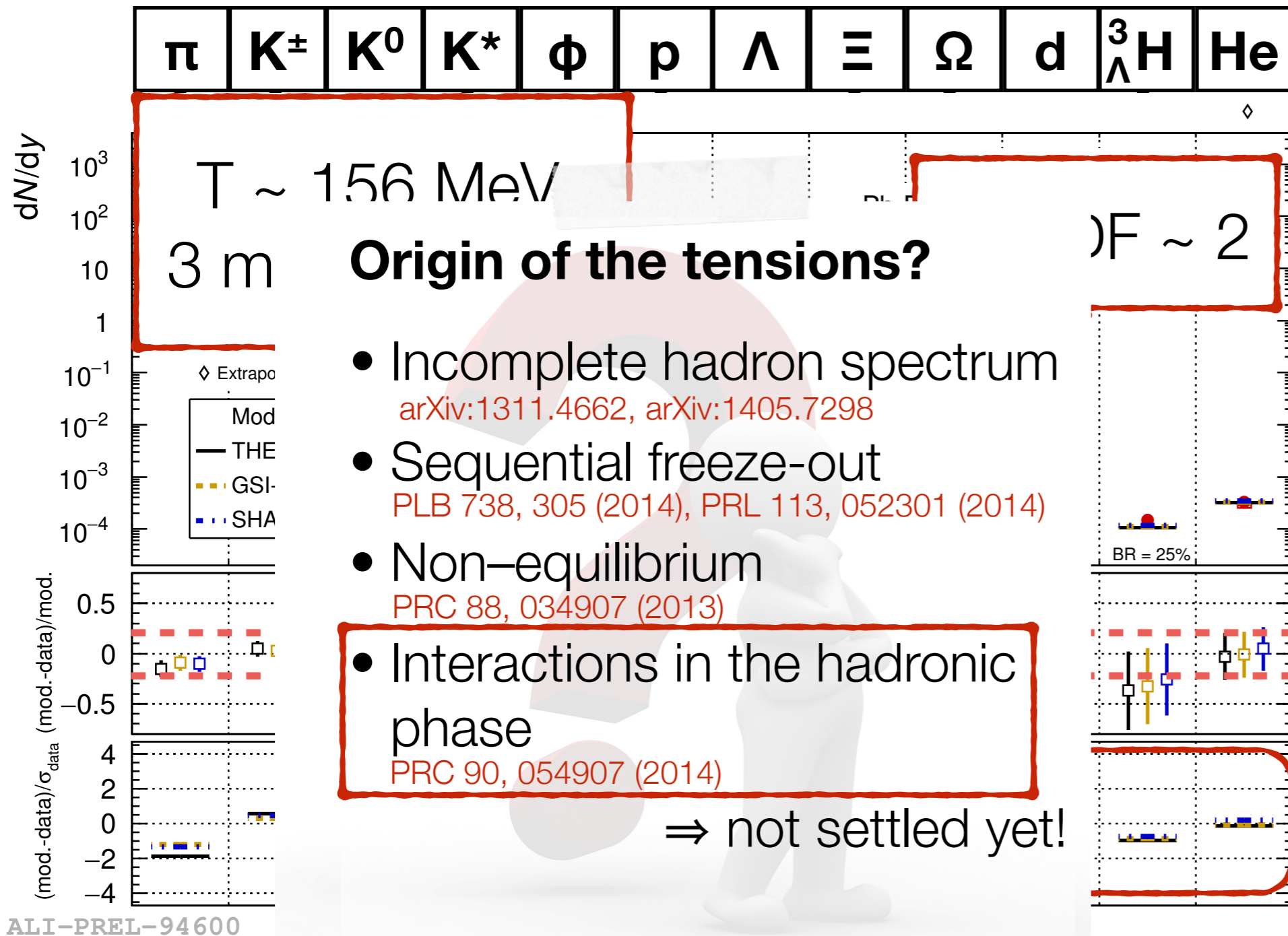
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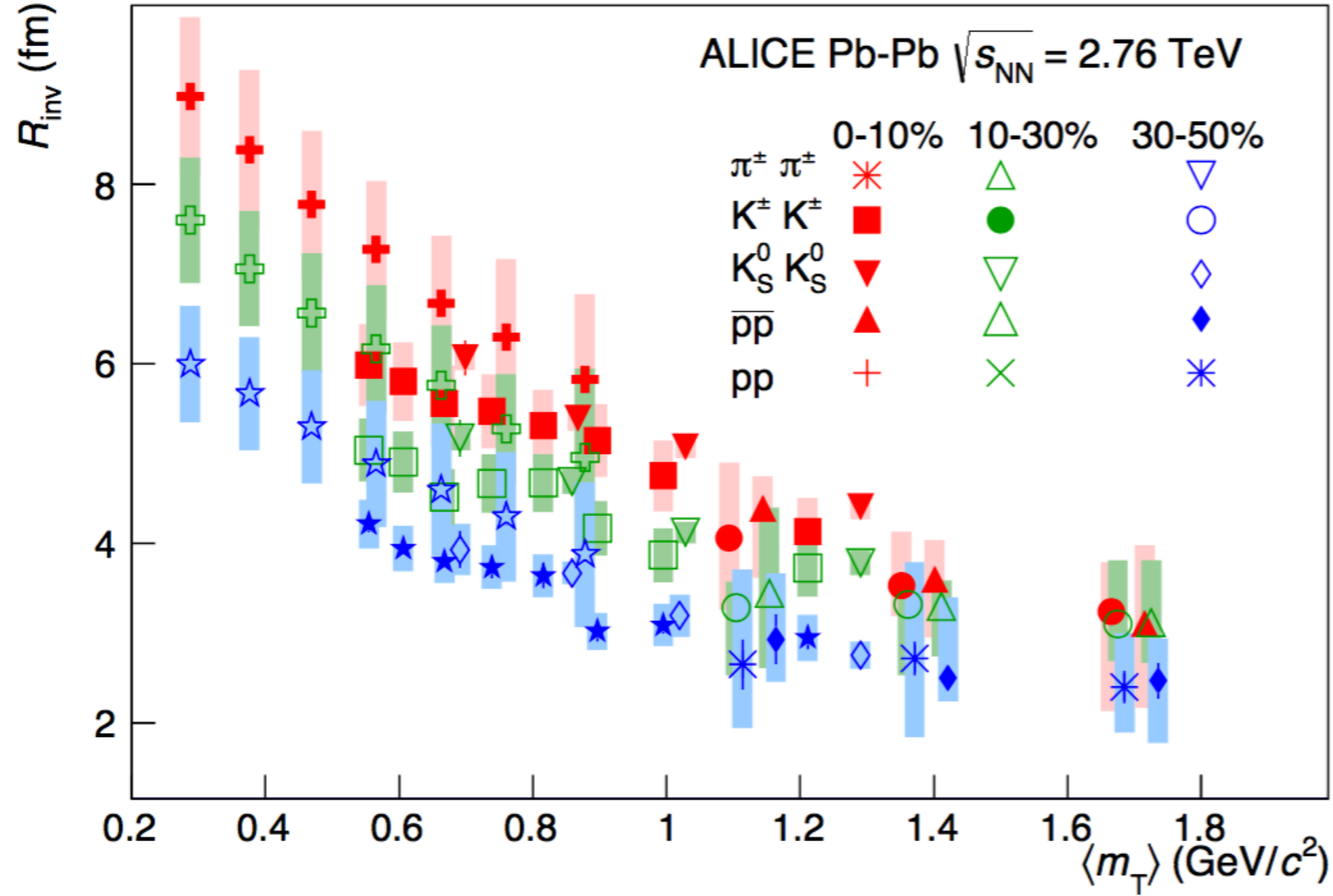


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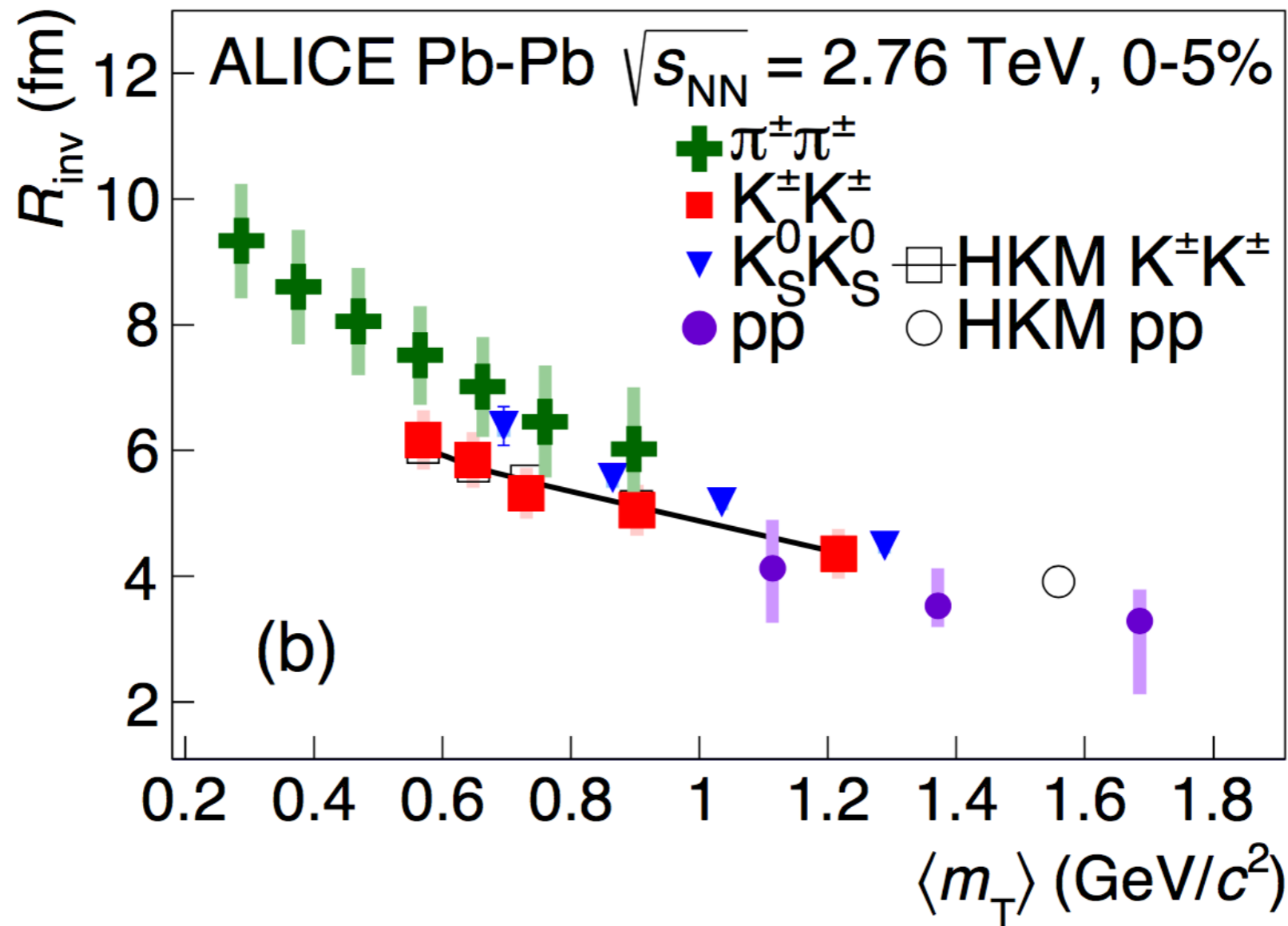
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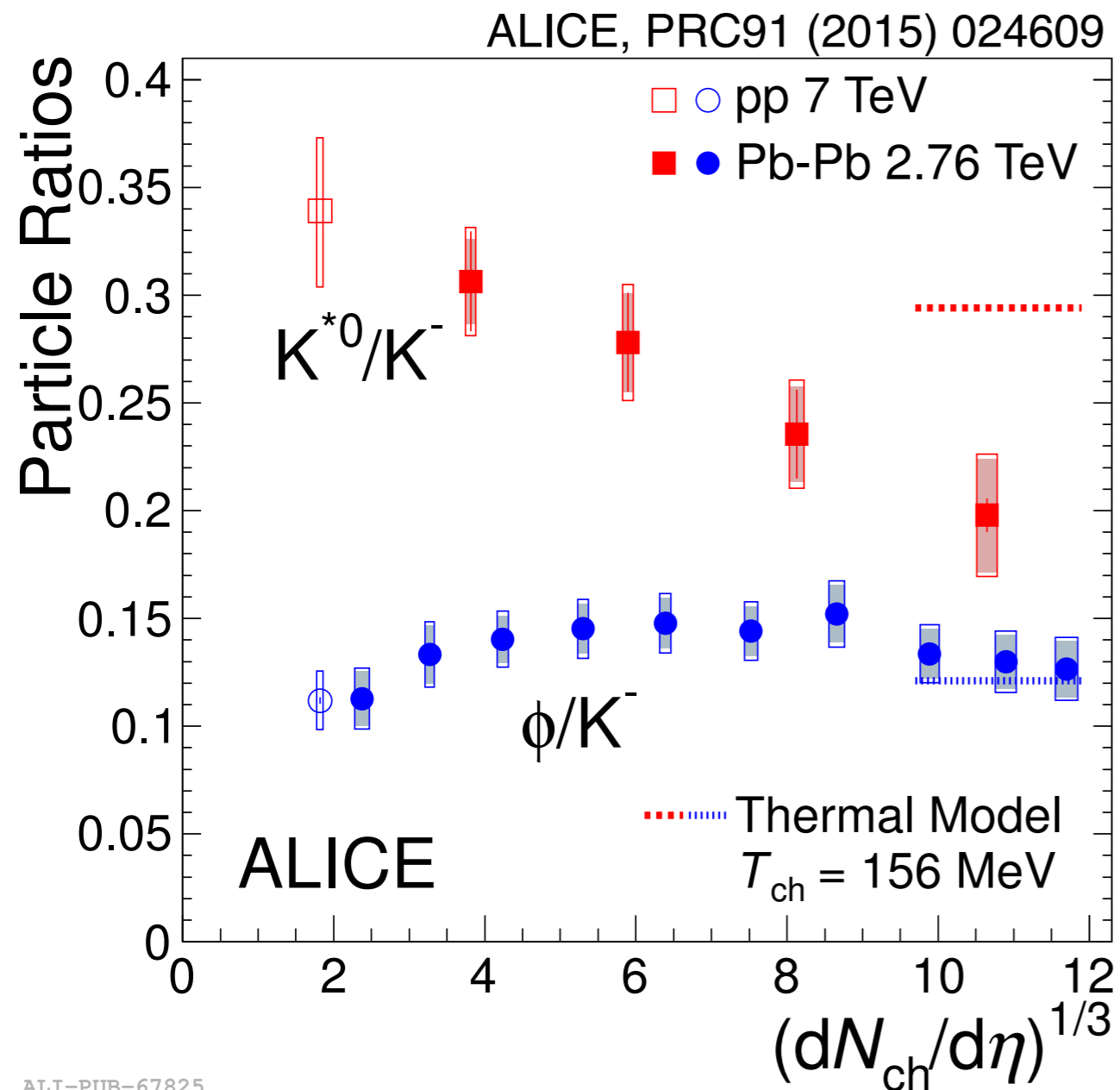


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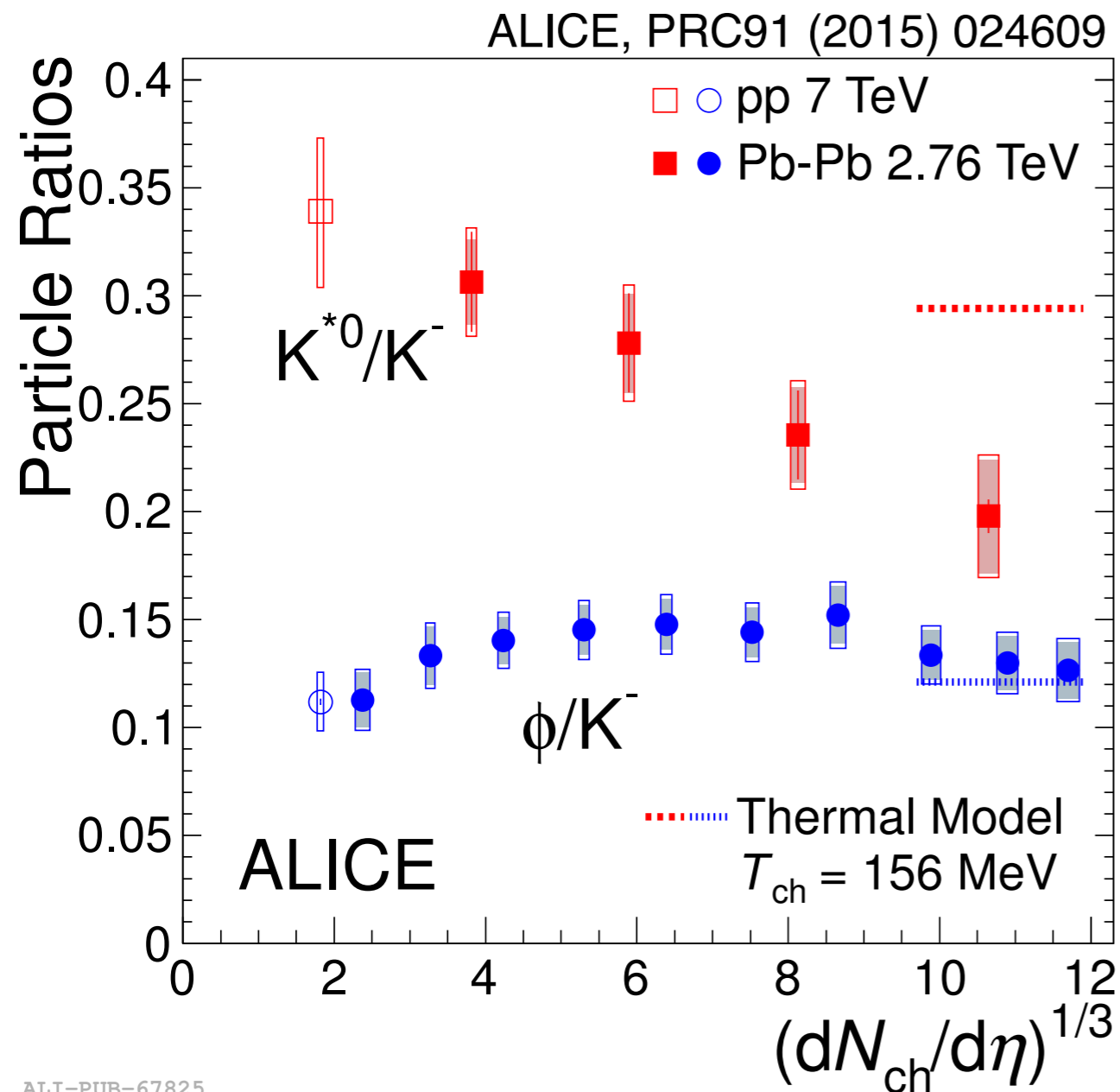
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\Rightarrow Consistent with Hydro, hadronic phase required (HKM)?



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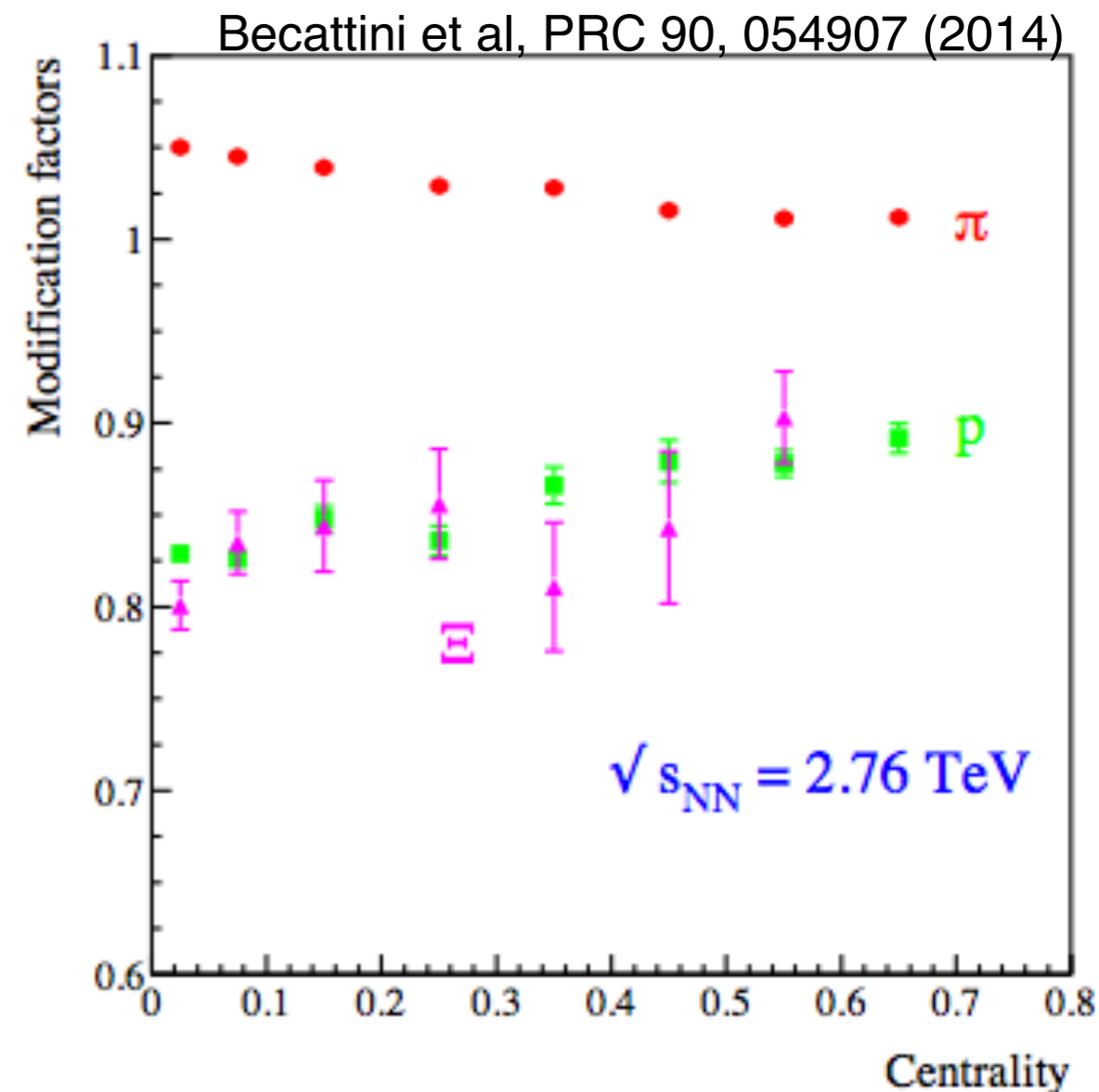
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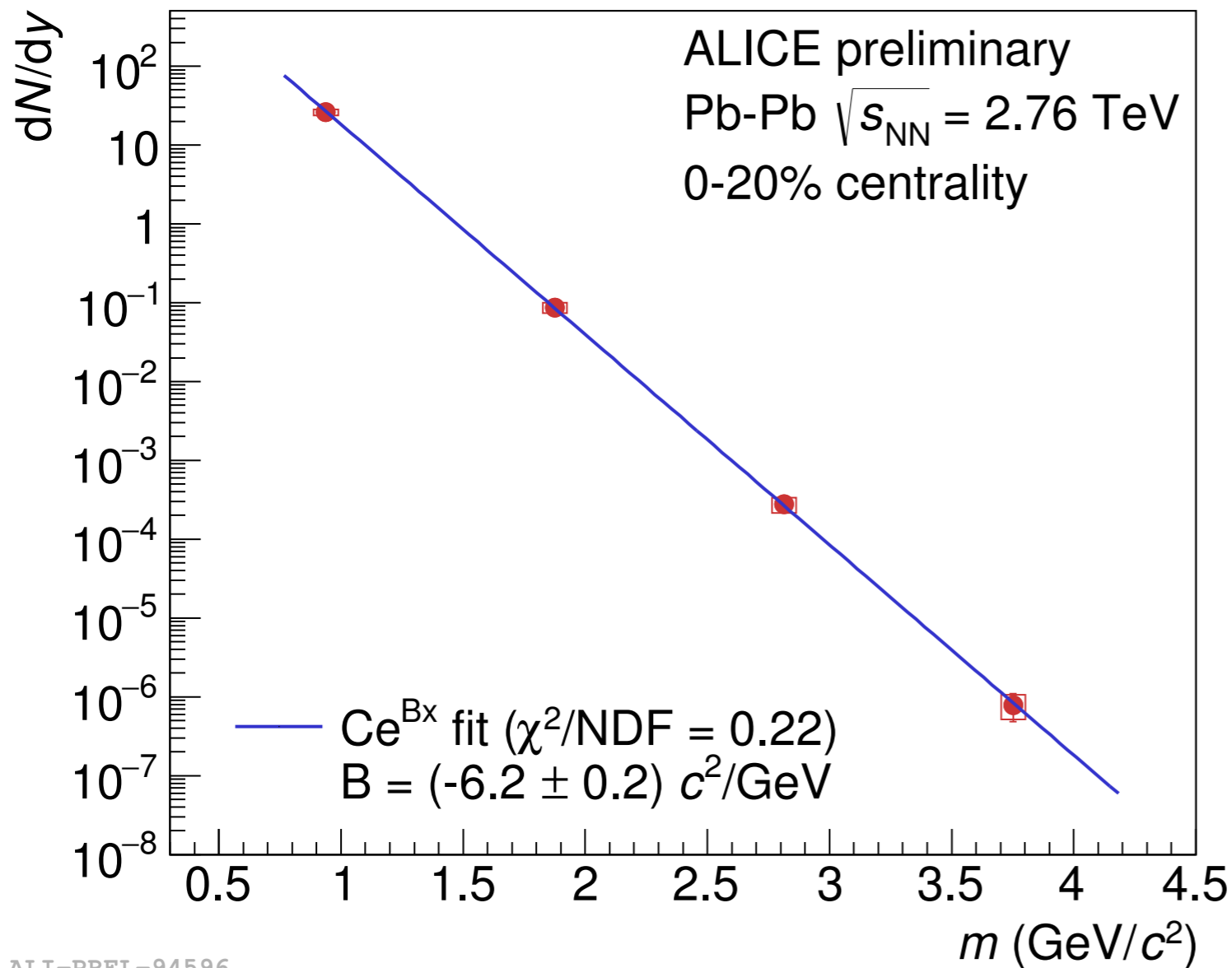


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Also responsible for p depletion (centrality dependence suggestive)?
What about nuclei?





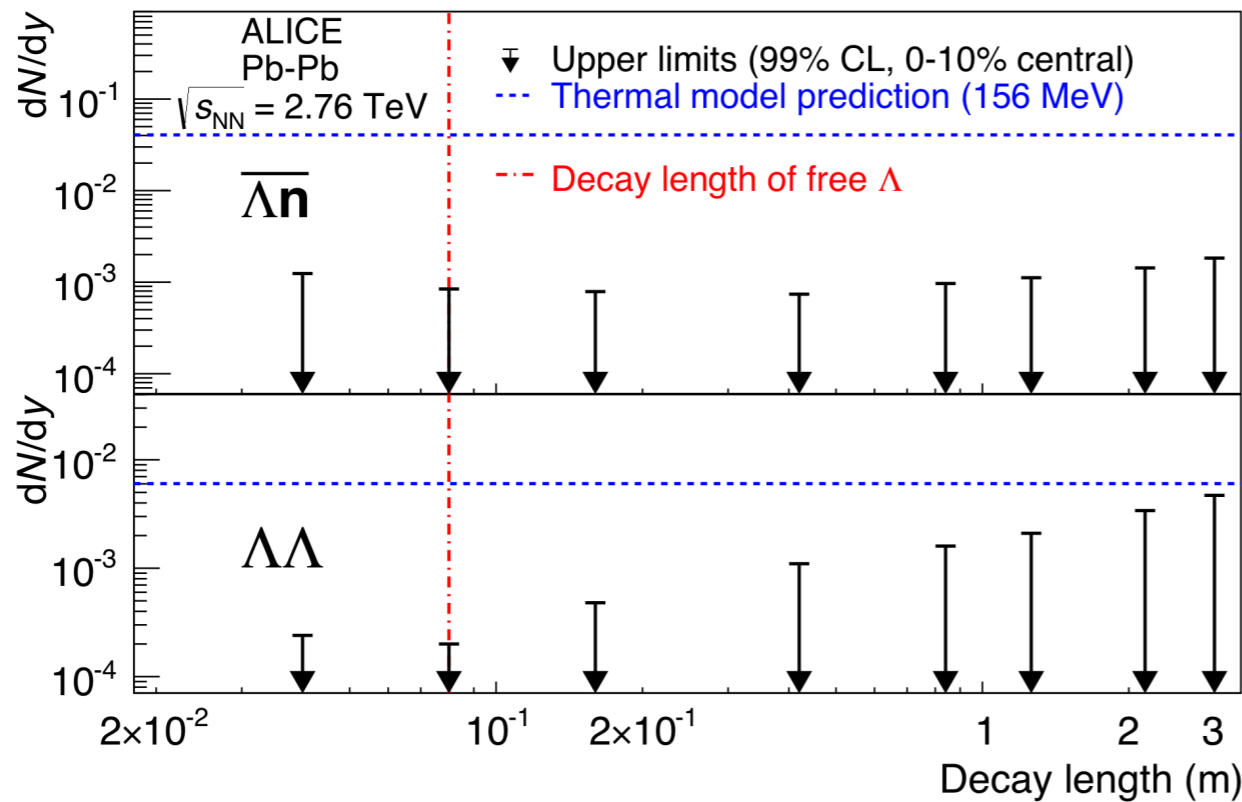
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dN/dy follow **expected exponential fall**

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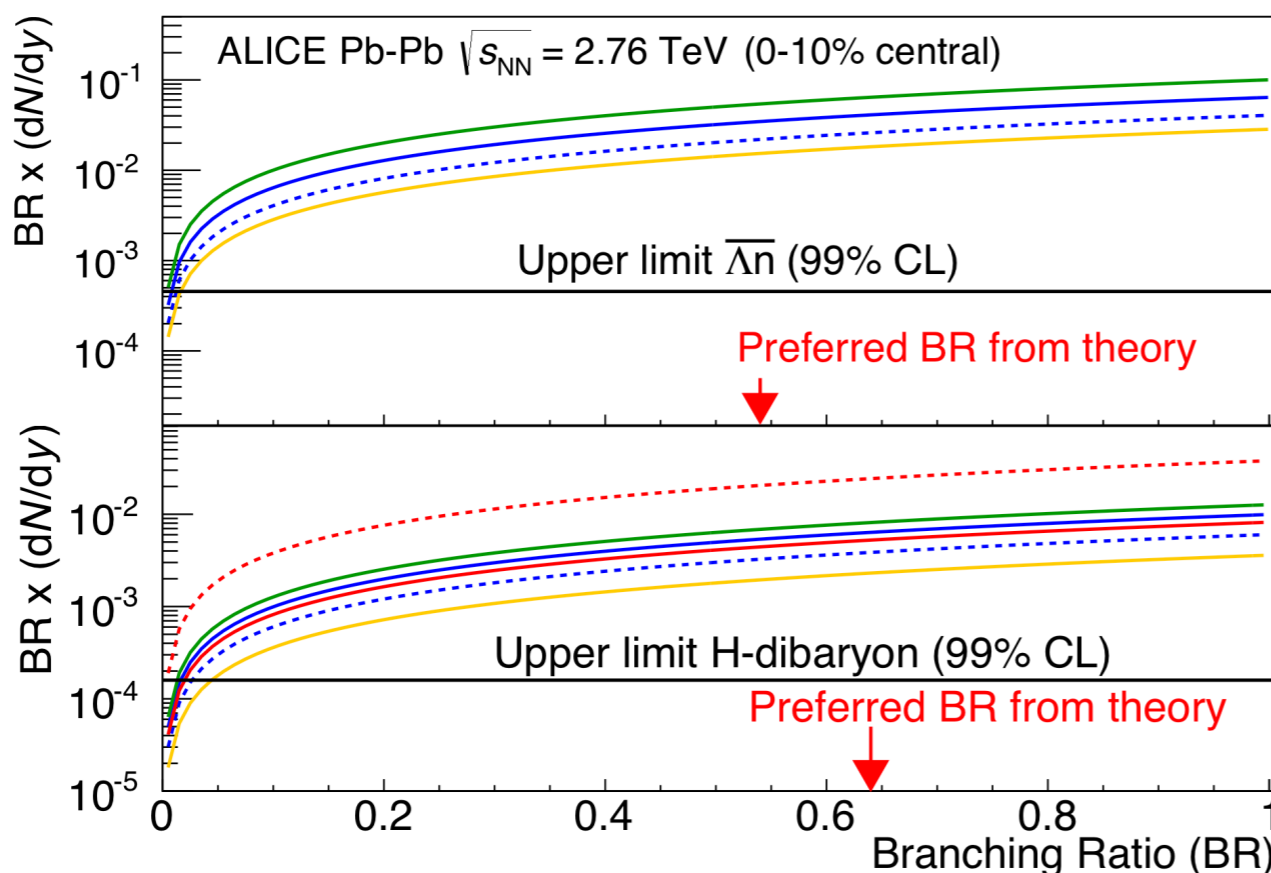
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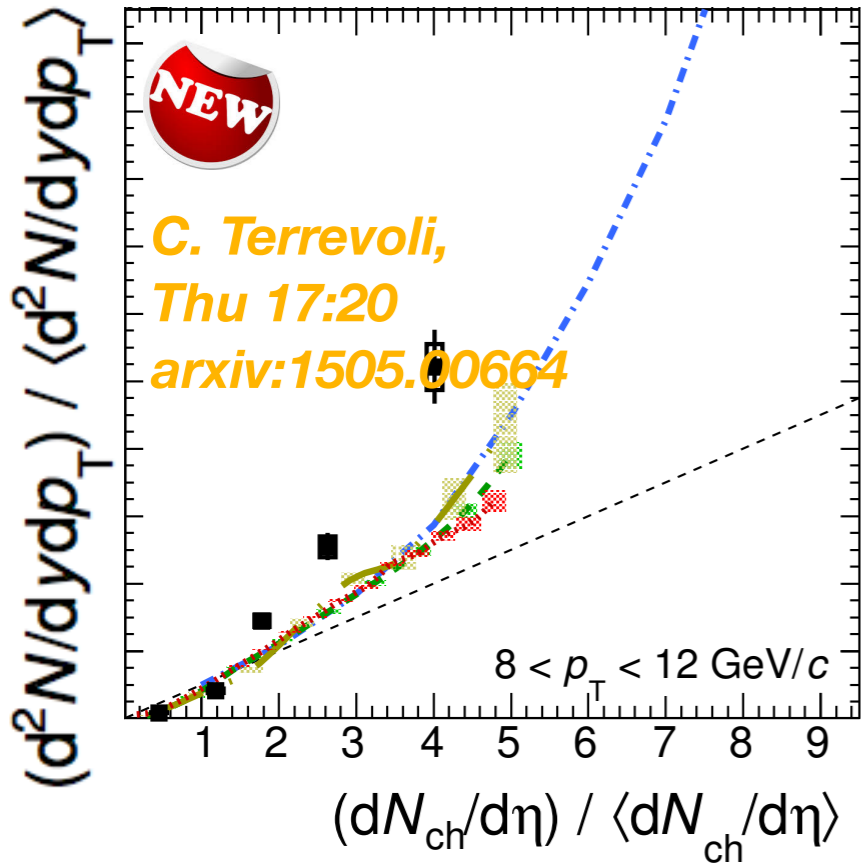
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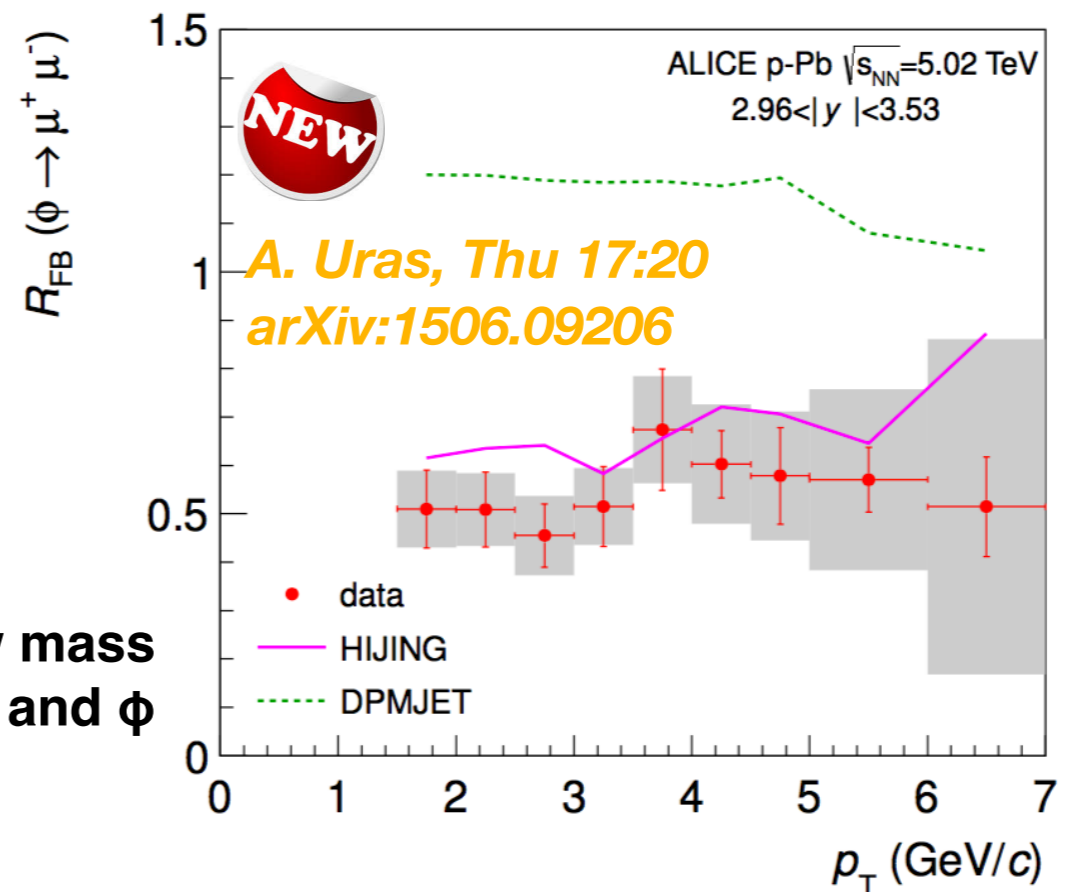


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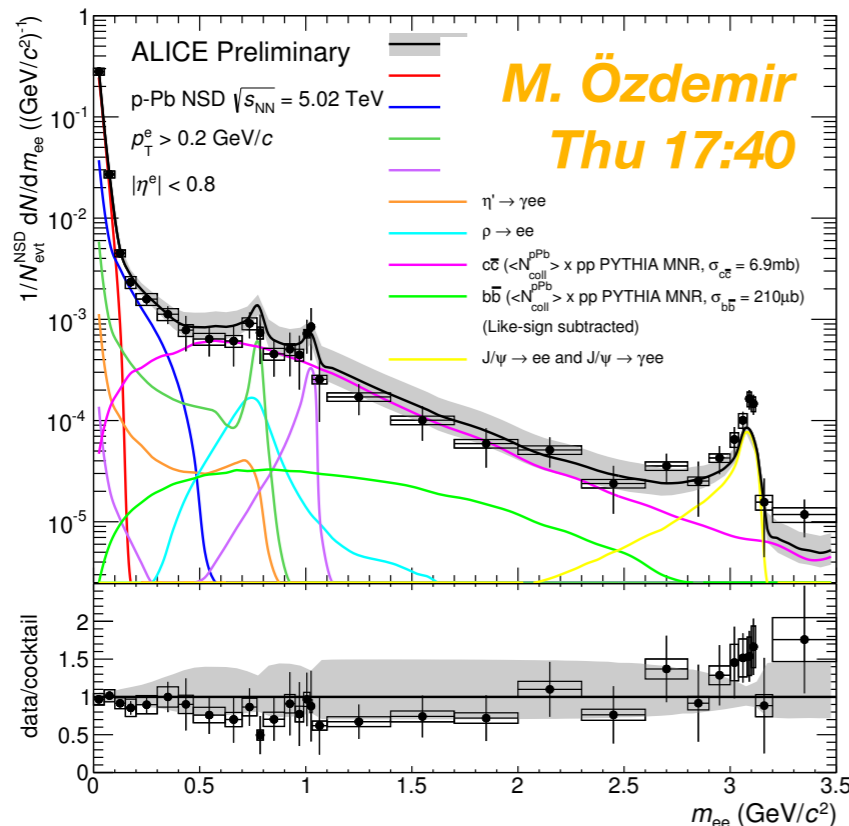
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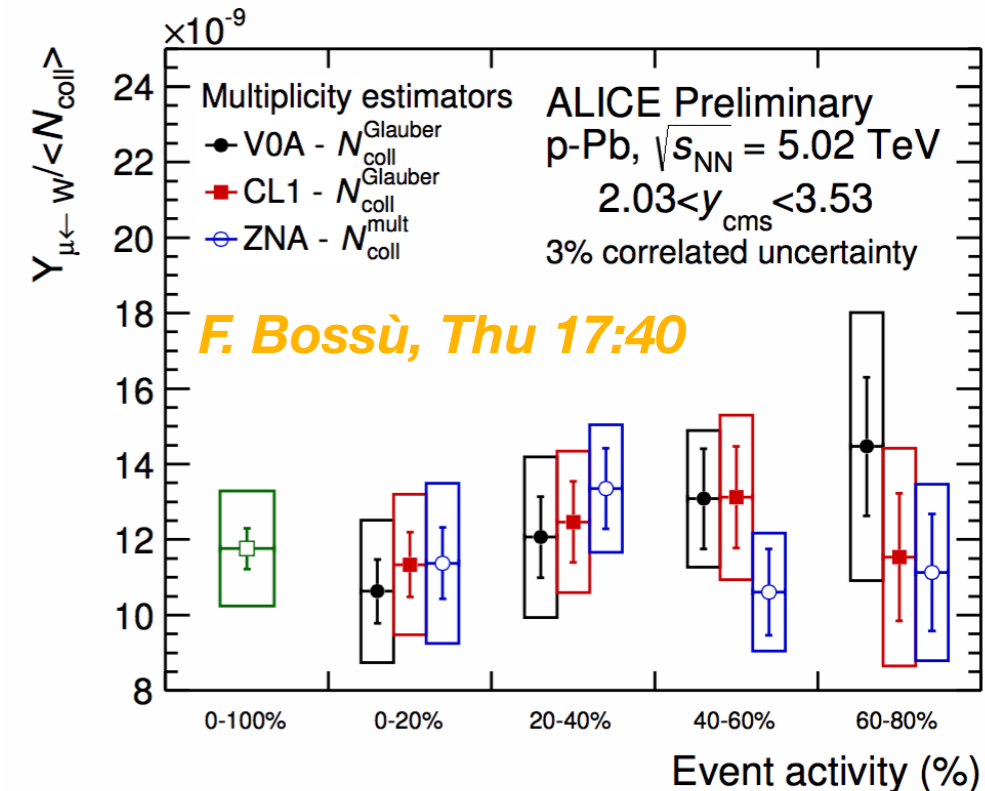


Low mass dielectrons and ϕ



Low mass dielectrons

W in p-Pb



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• Flow & collectivity

- Long range correlations in p-Pb extend to large rapidities
 - Hydro and role of initial state?
- Origin of the baryon/meson enhancement?
 - Driven by mass, not seen in jets

• Small systems and initial state

- CNM effects
- Ultra-peripheral collisions
- Control of biases is crucial

• High p_T suppression

- $R_{AA}^\pi \text{ LHC} \approx R_{AA}^\pi \text{ RHIC}$
- h-jet results: no modification of jet structure ($R < 0.5$) and no evidence for Moliere scattering
 - Despite jet $R_{AA} < 1$
- Indication of mass dependent E_{loss} : $R_{AA}^{\text{D-meson}} < R_{AA}^{\text{non-prompt J}/\psi}$

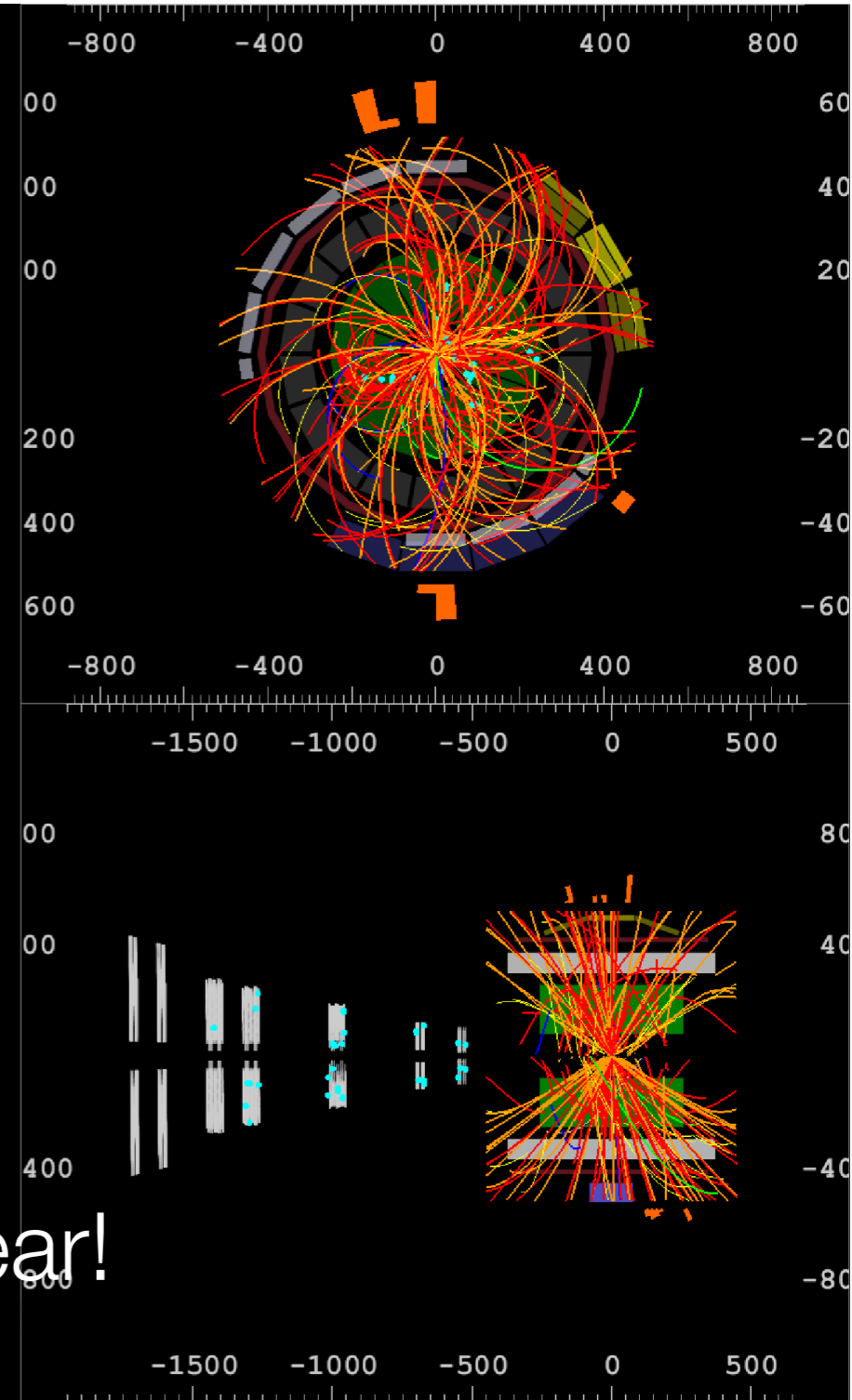
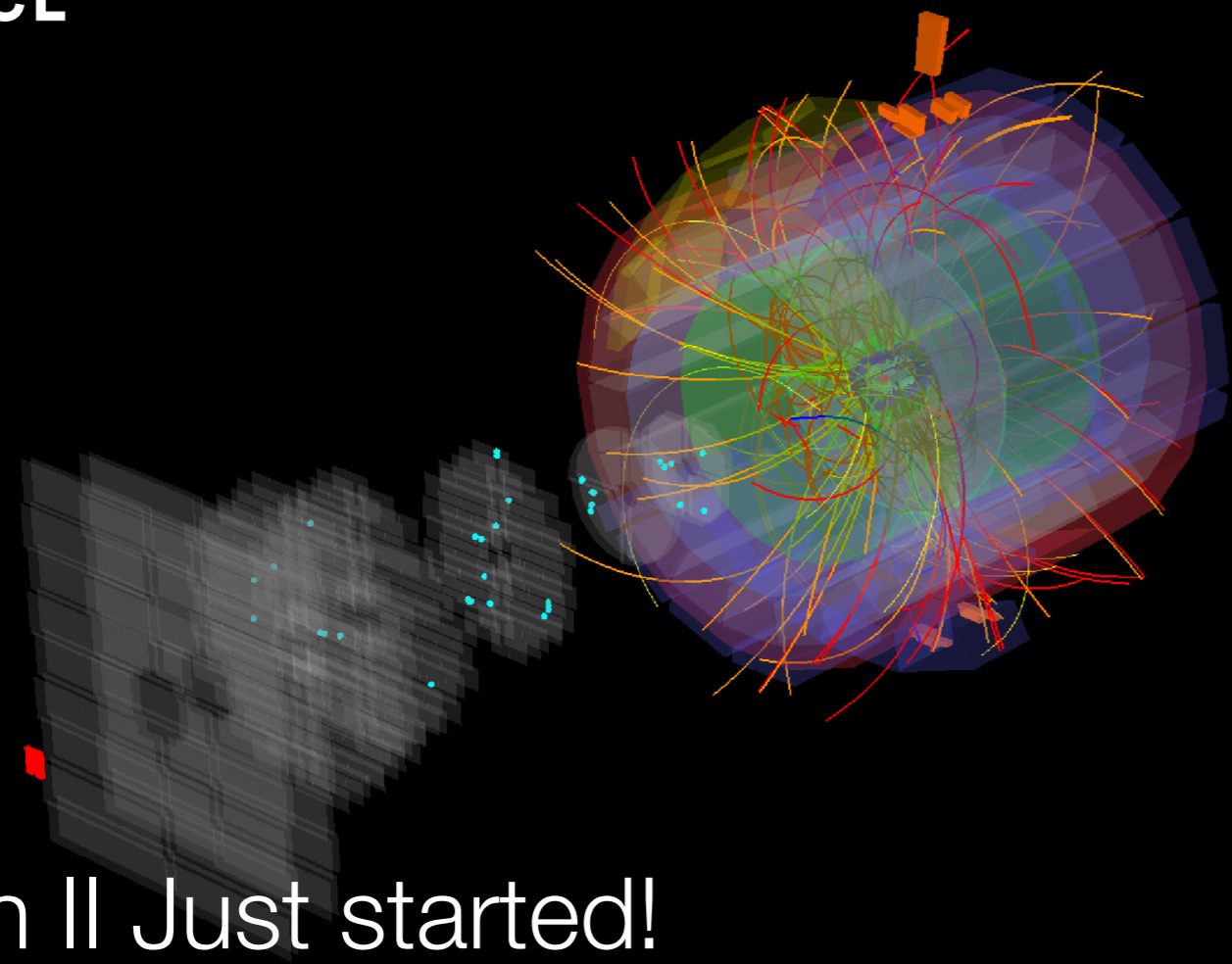
• Bulk particle production

- Strangeness enhancement in small systems
- Constraints on the role of hadronic phase
- Extended study of LF zoo (nuclei and searches for exotica)

Where are we going?



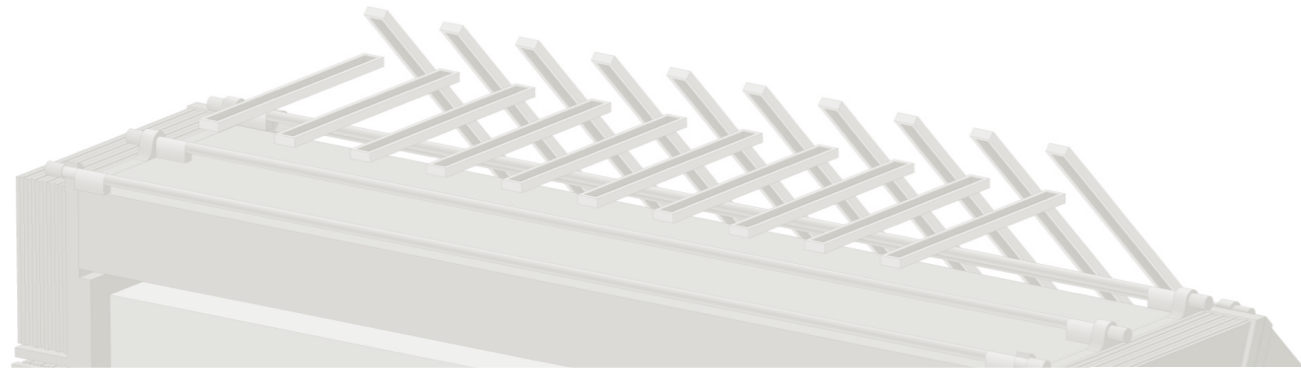
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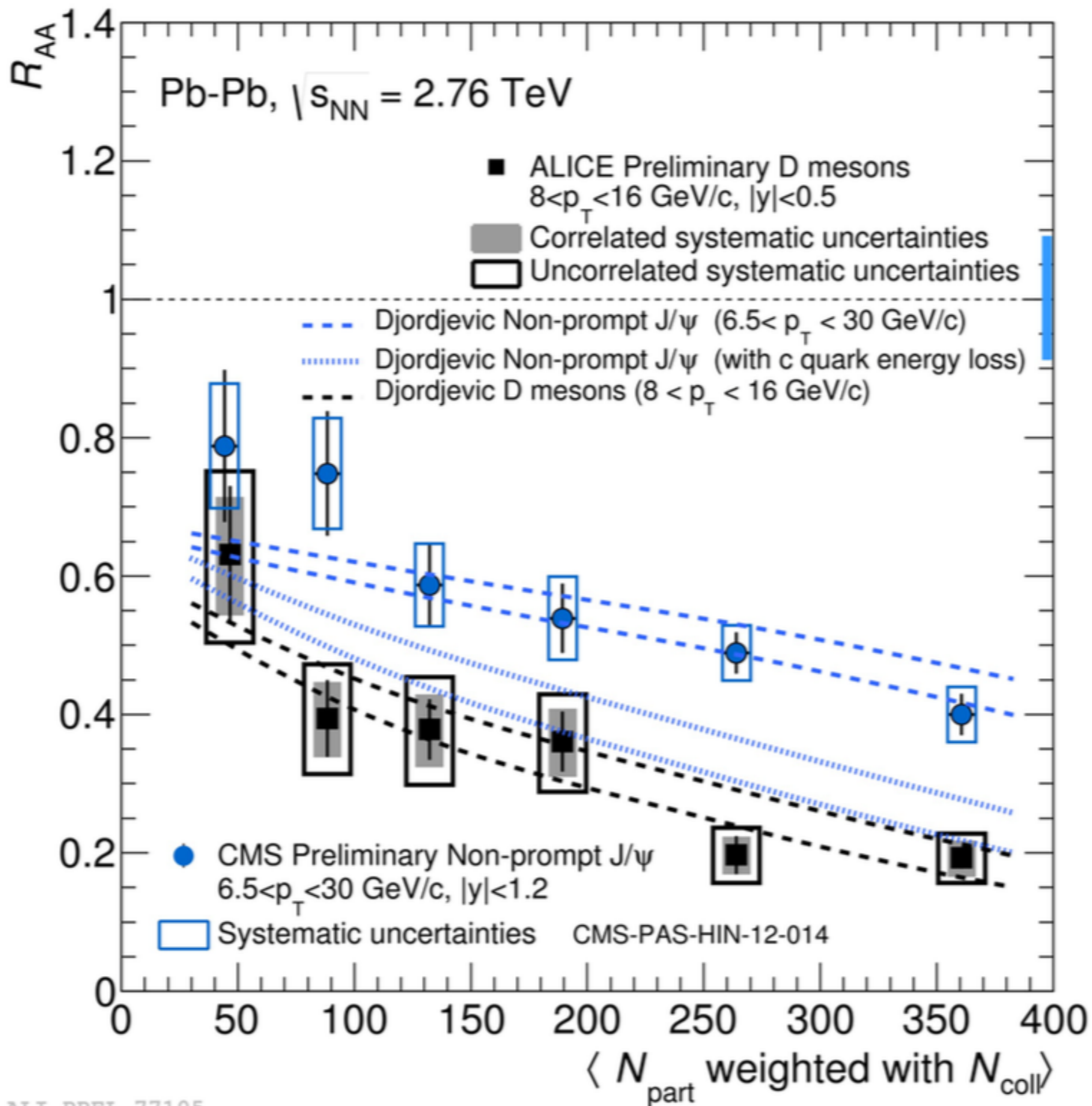
Run II Just started!
Pb-Pb @ $\sqrt{s} = 5$ TeV at the end of the year!

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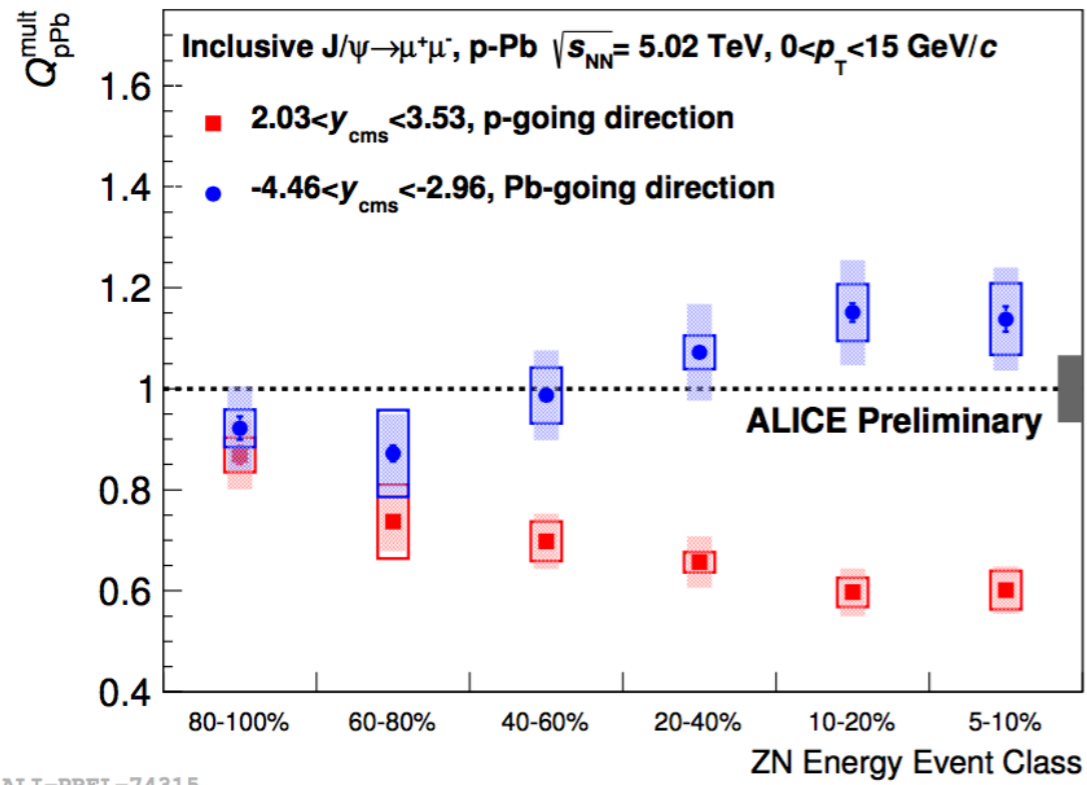
Run III: See ALICE upgrade talks *A. Dainese, Sat 10:00, F. Fiorda, Thu 18:00*



Spare Slides

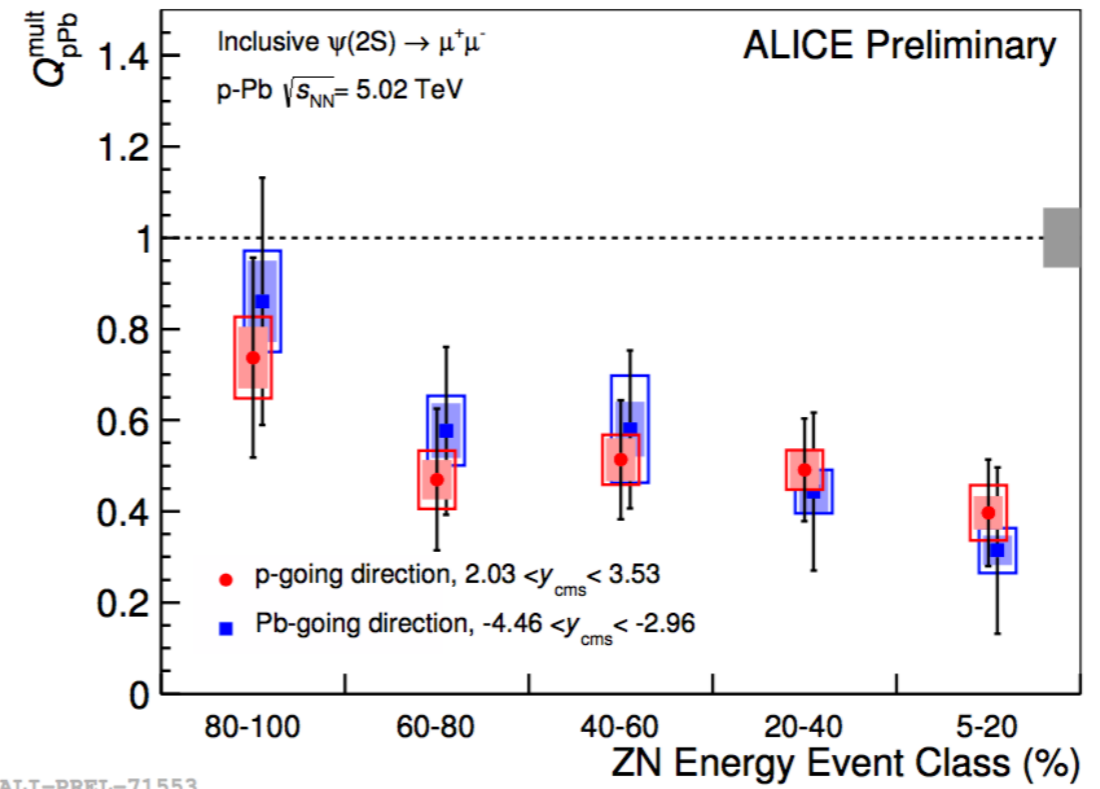


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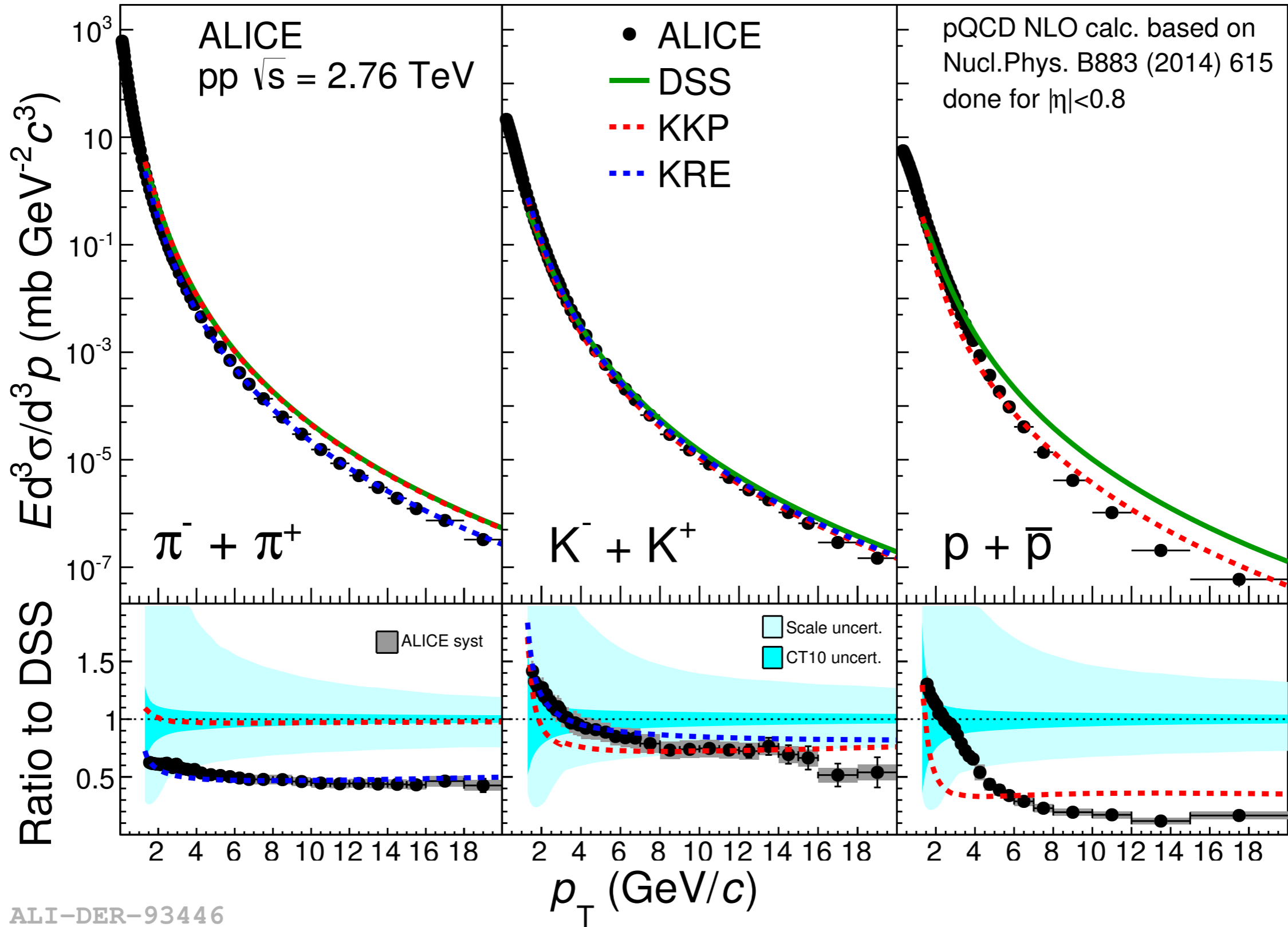


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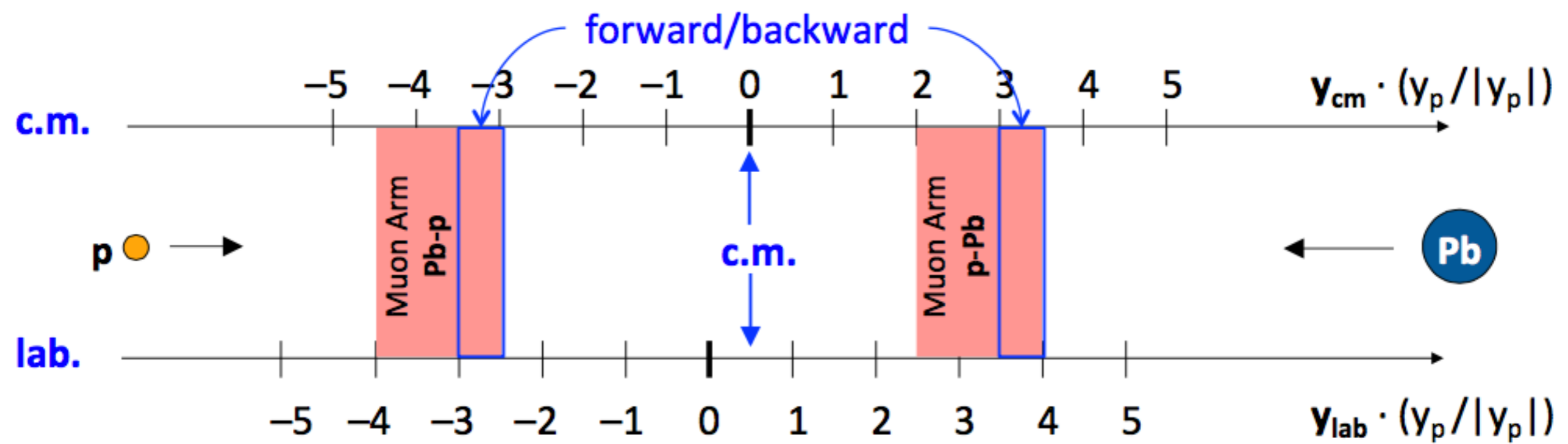
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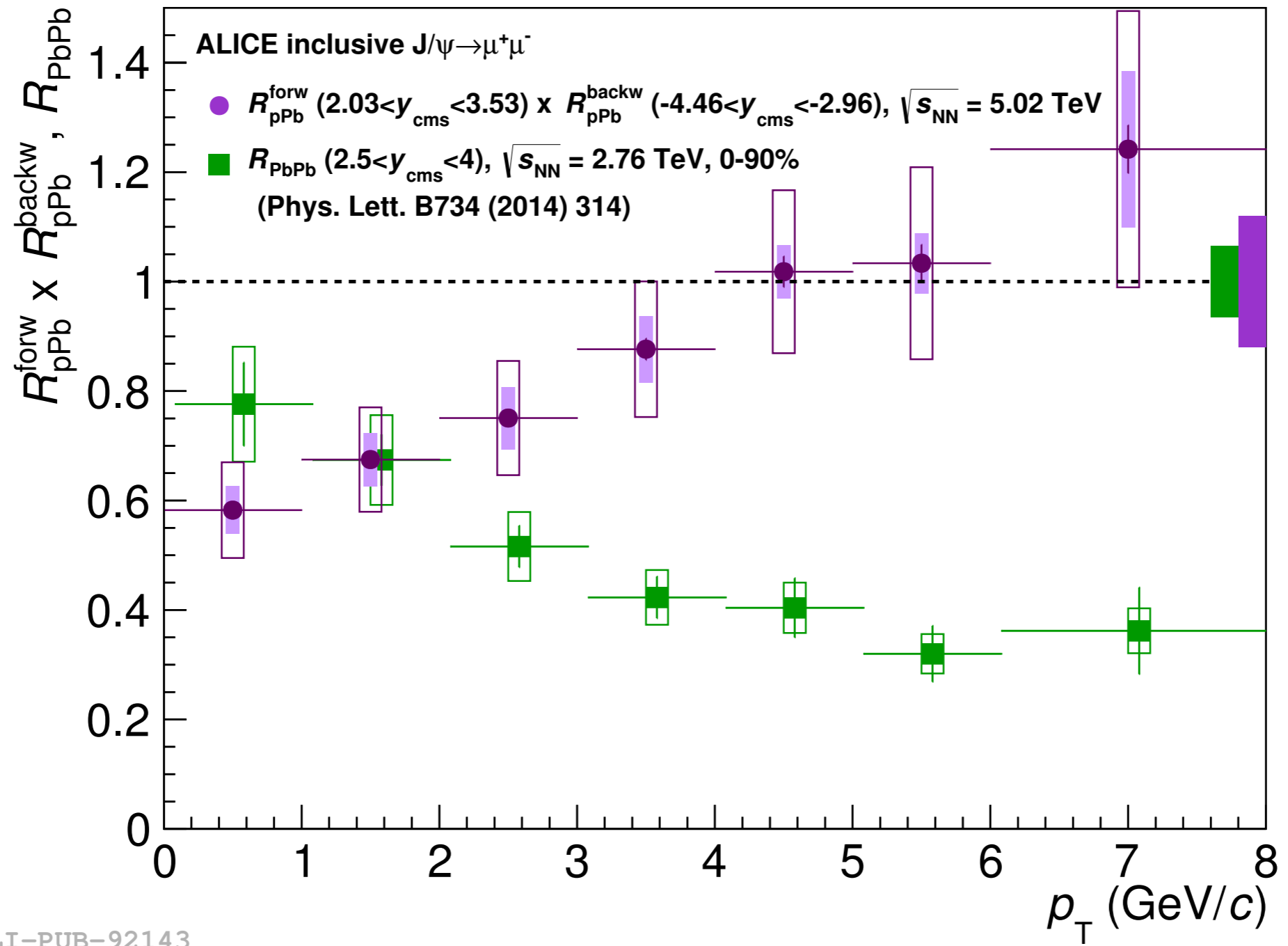


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