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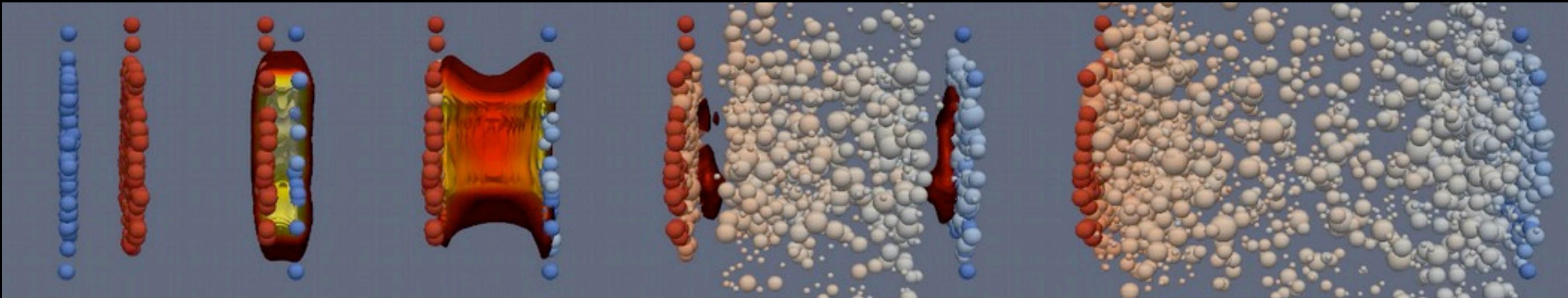
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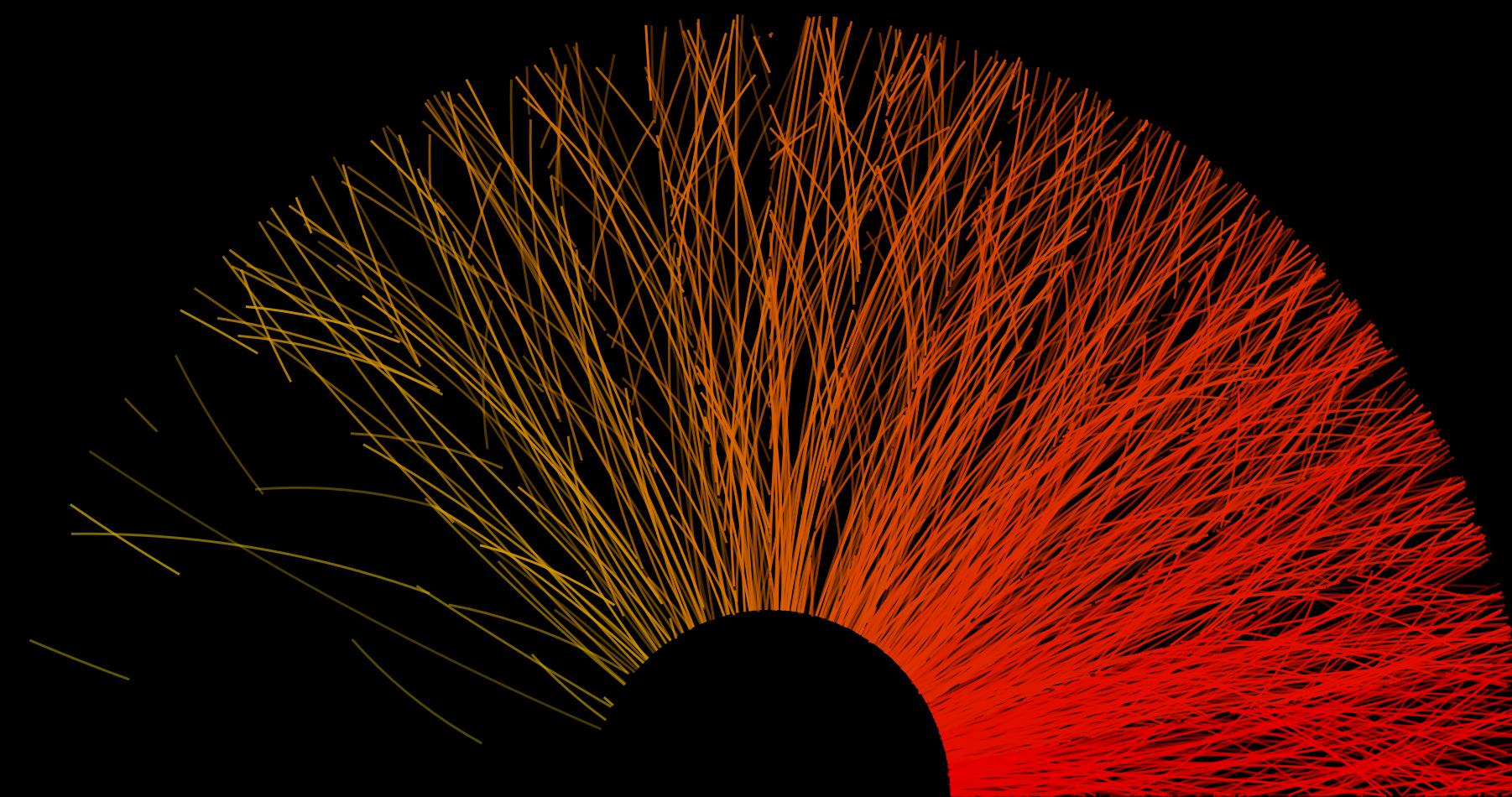
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# Highlights from ALICE

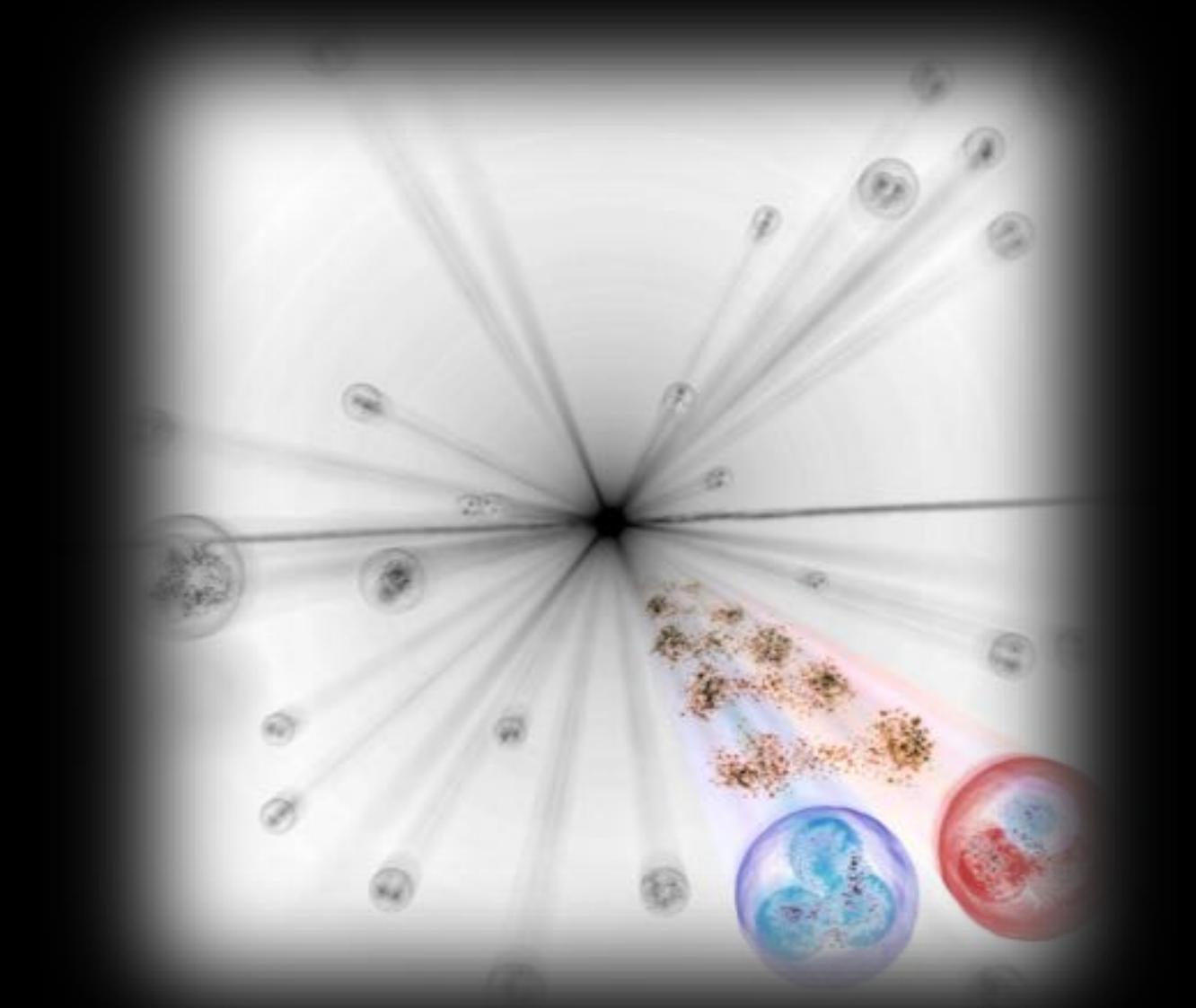
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## Properties and evolution of a heavy ion collision



**Small systems and hadronisation**



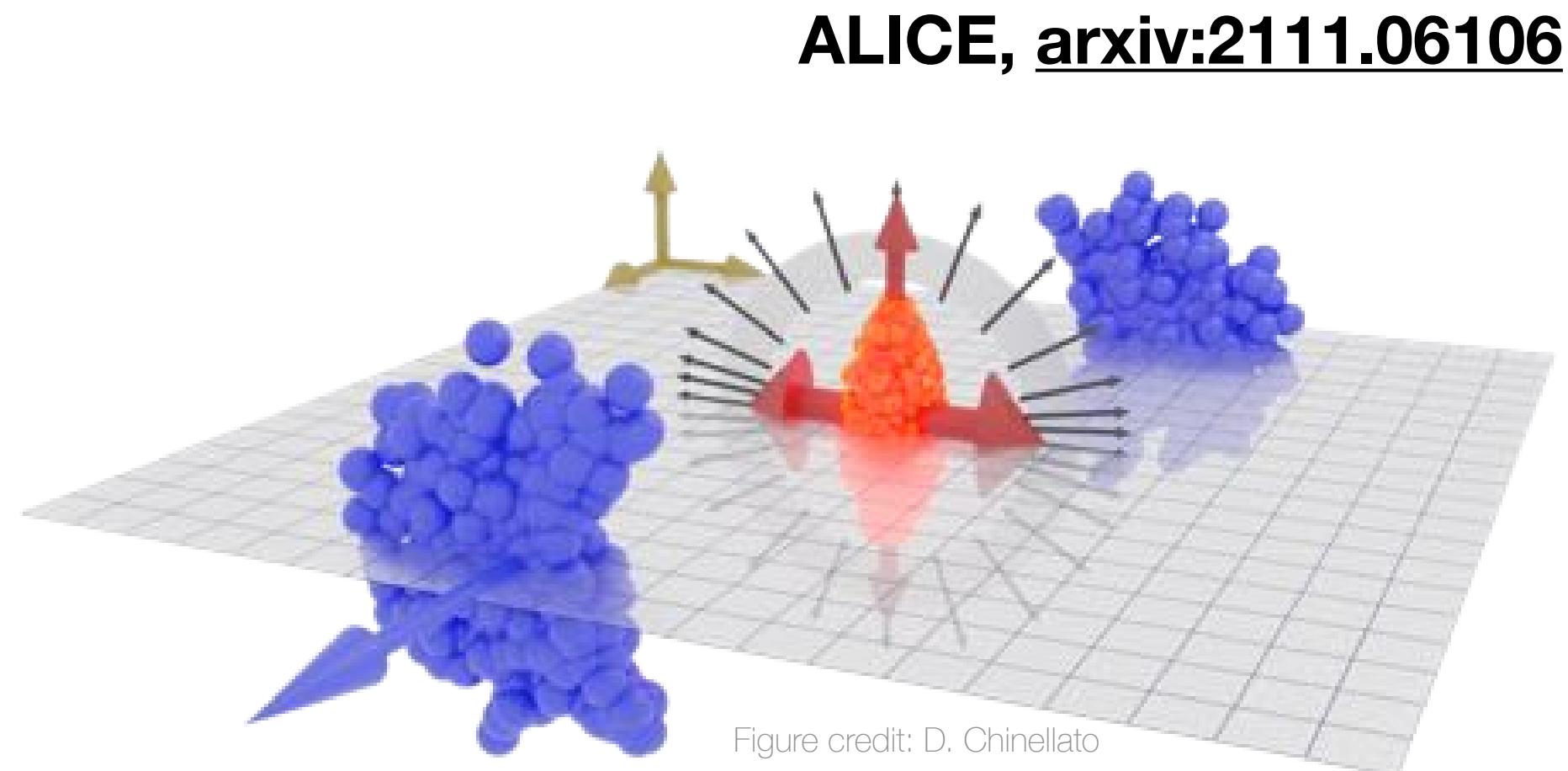
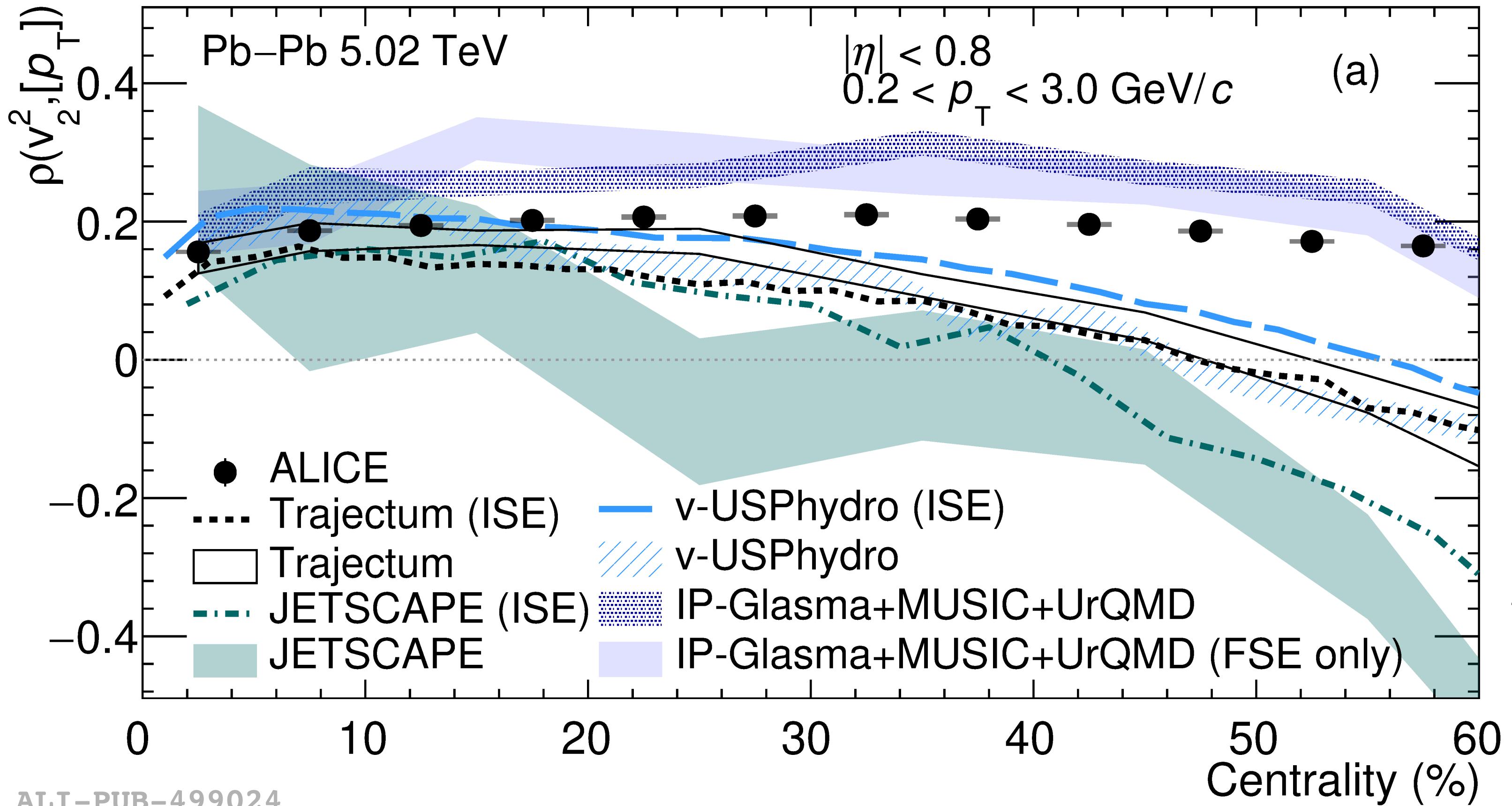
**Hadron-hadron interactions**

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# Initial conditions

# Investigating the initial stages with correlations

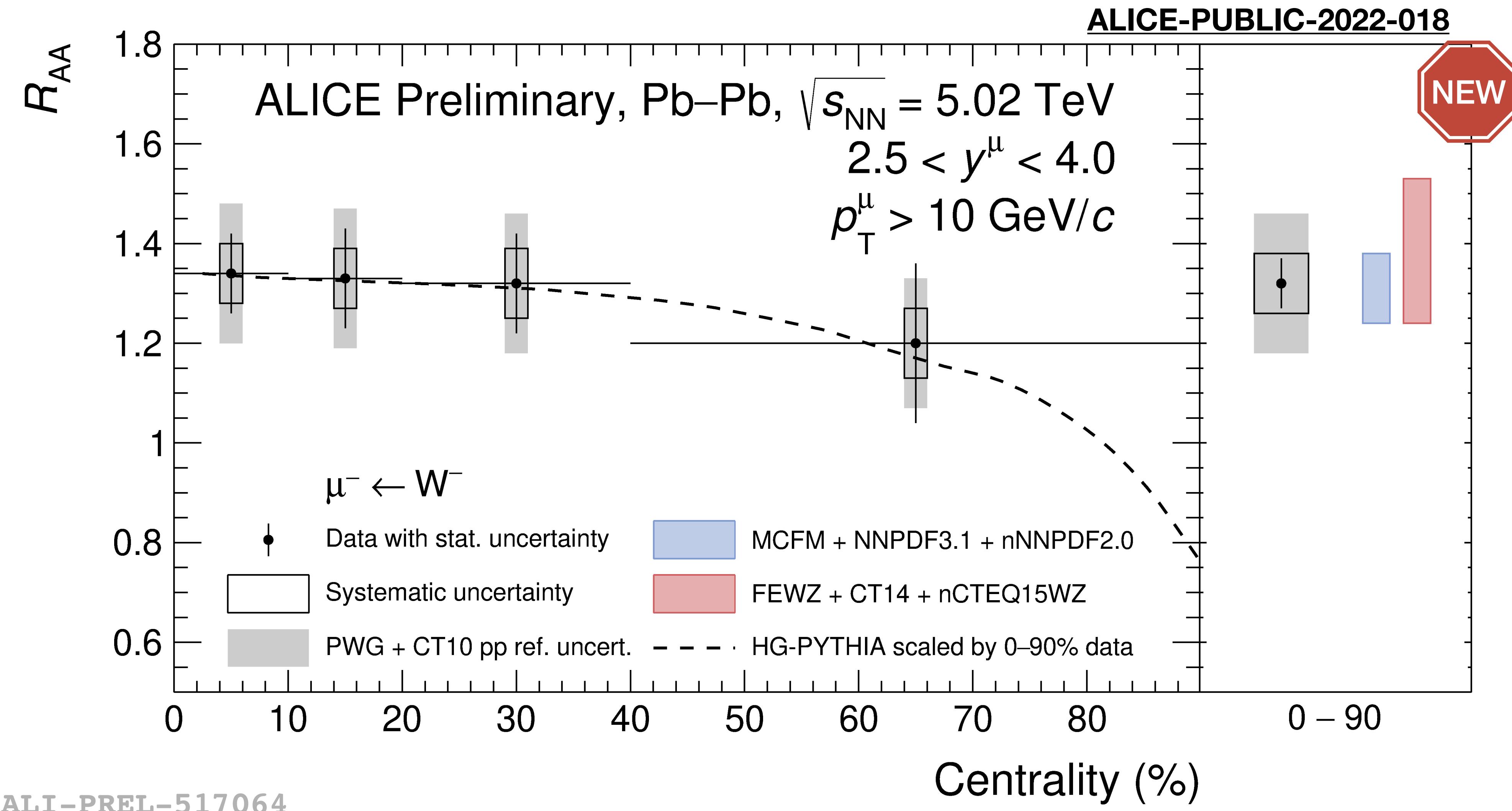


$$\rho_n(v_n^2, [p_T]) = \frac{\text{cov}(v_n^2, [p_T])}{\sqrt{\text{var}(v_n^2)} \sqrt{\text{var}([p_T])}}$$

Study of the correlation between the shape of the fireball ( $v_2$ ) and its size ( $[p_T]$ )

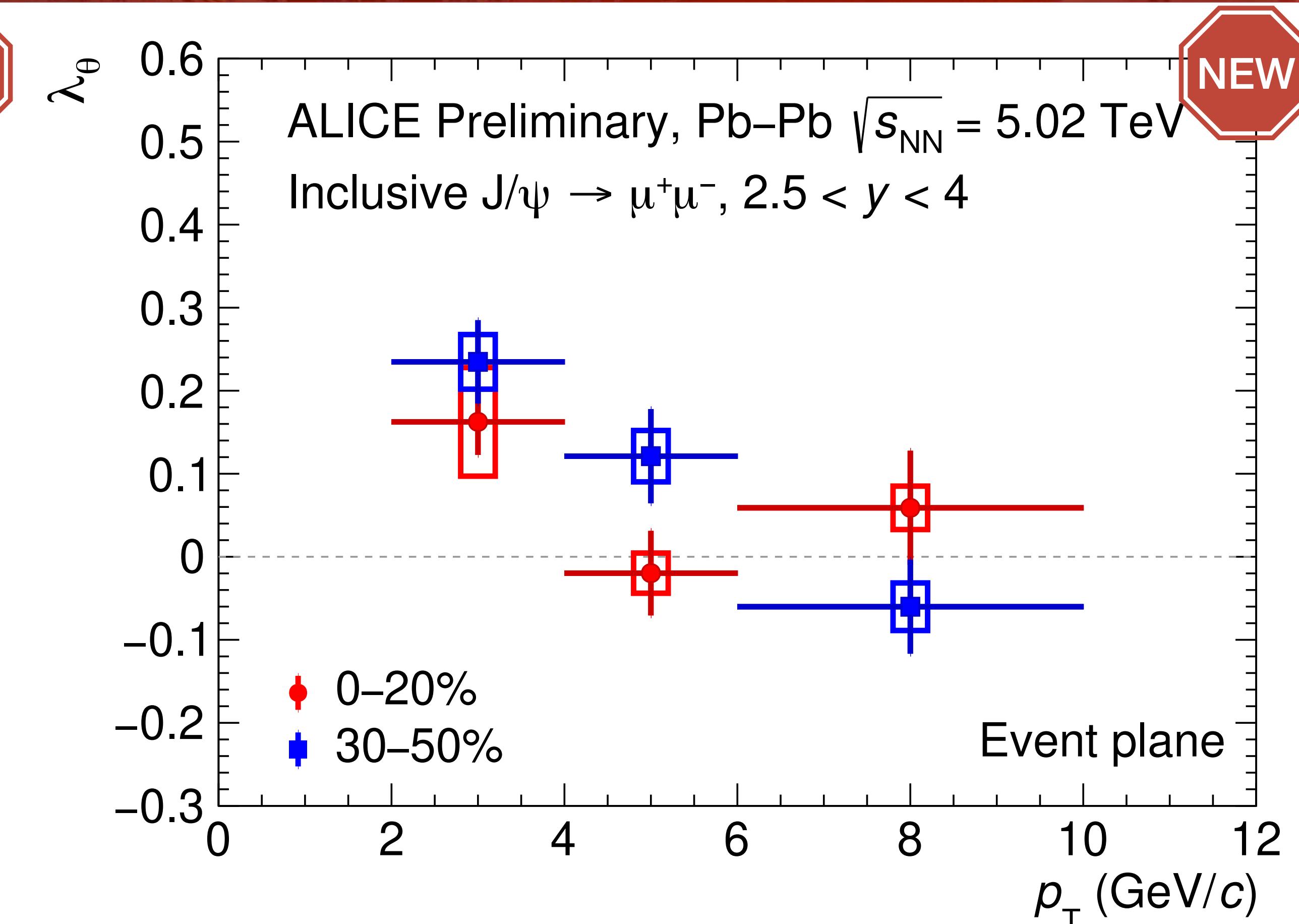
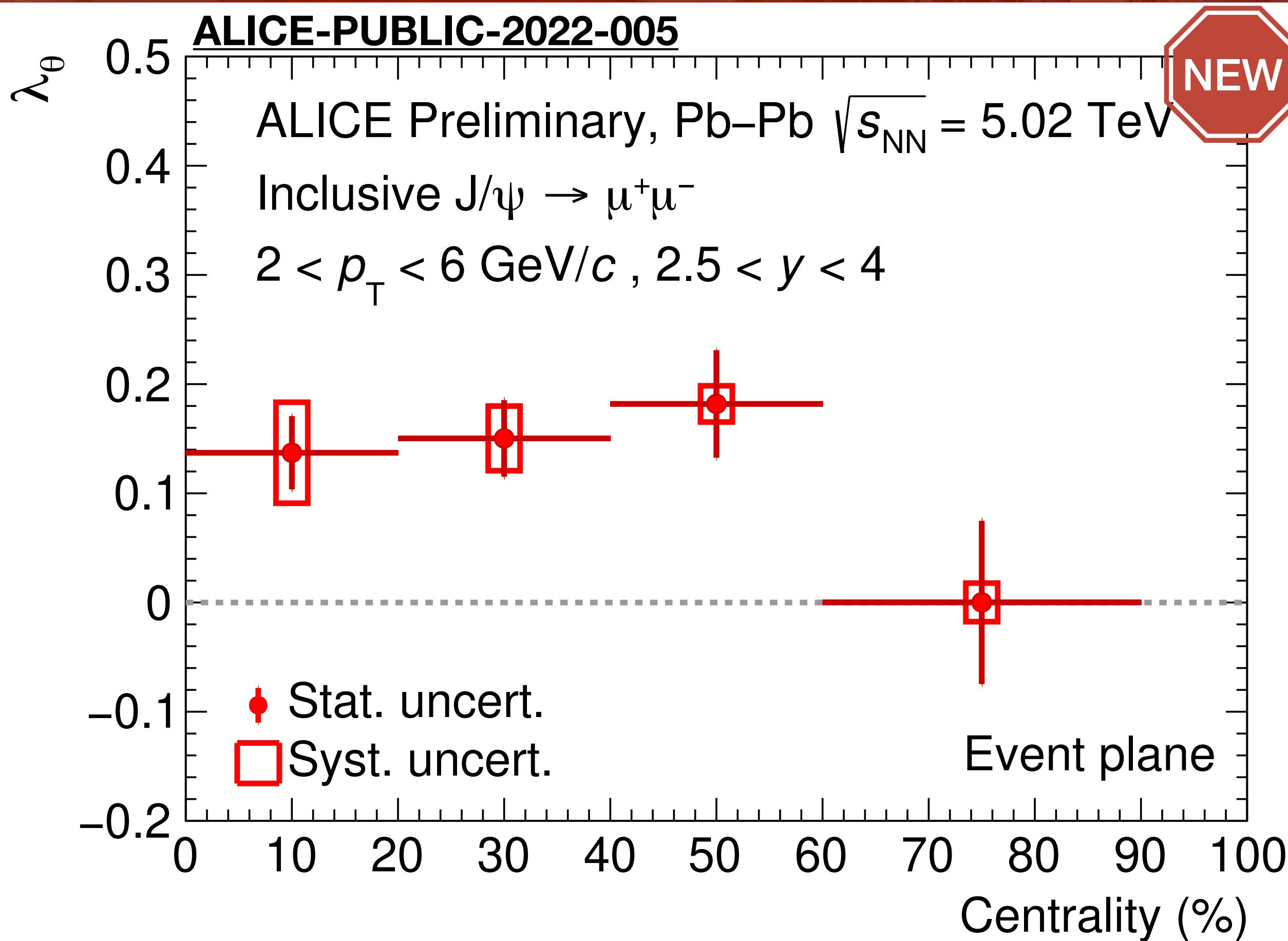
- Access to the initial conditions through bulk observables
- No quantitative description of the data
  - Slightly better agreement with models using IP-Glasma initial conditions

# Production of W boson in Pb-Pb collisions



→ First ALICE measurement in Pb-Pb at 5 TeV: consistent with  $N_{coll}$  scaling in all centralities

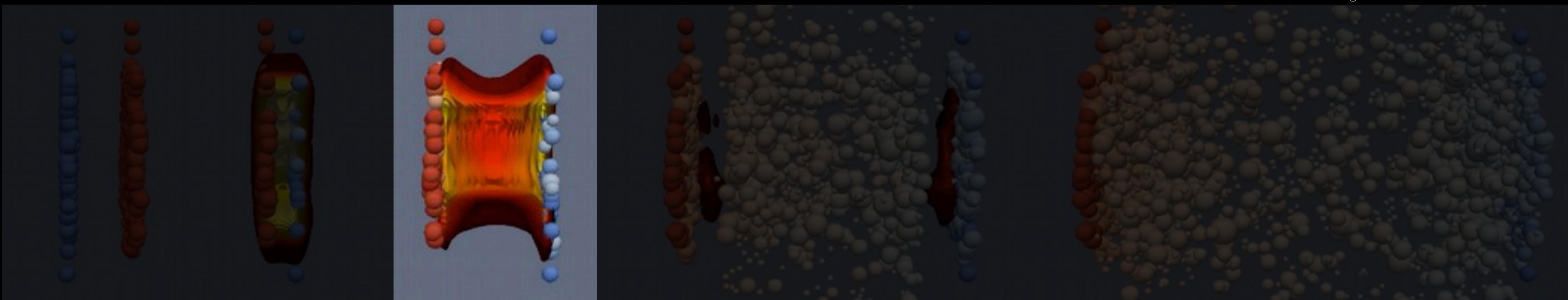
# Polarisation of quarkonia in Pb-Pb collisions



Evidence of inclusive  $J/\psi$  polarisation with respect to the event plane at low  $p_T$

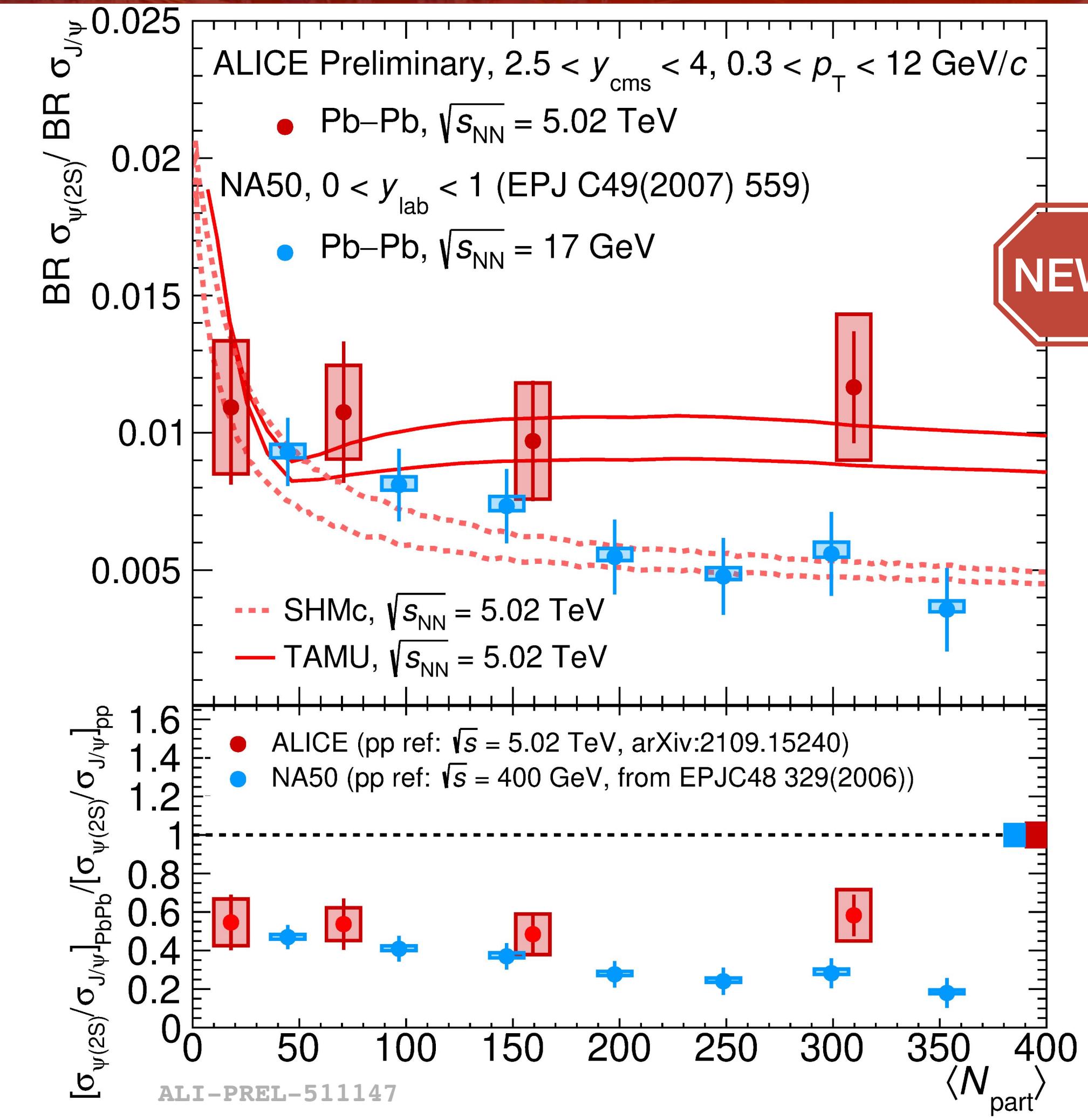
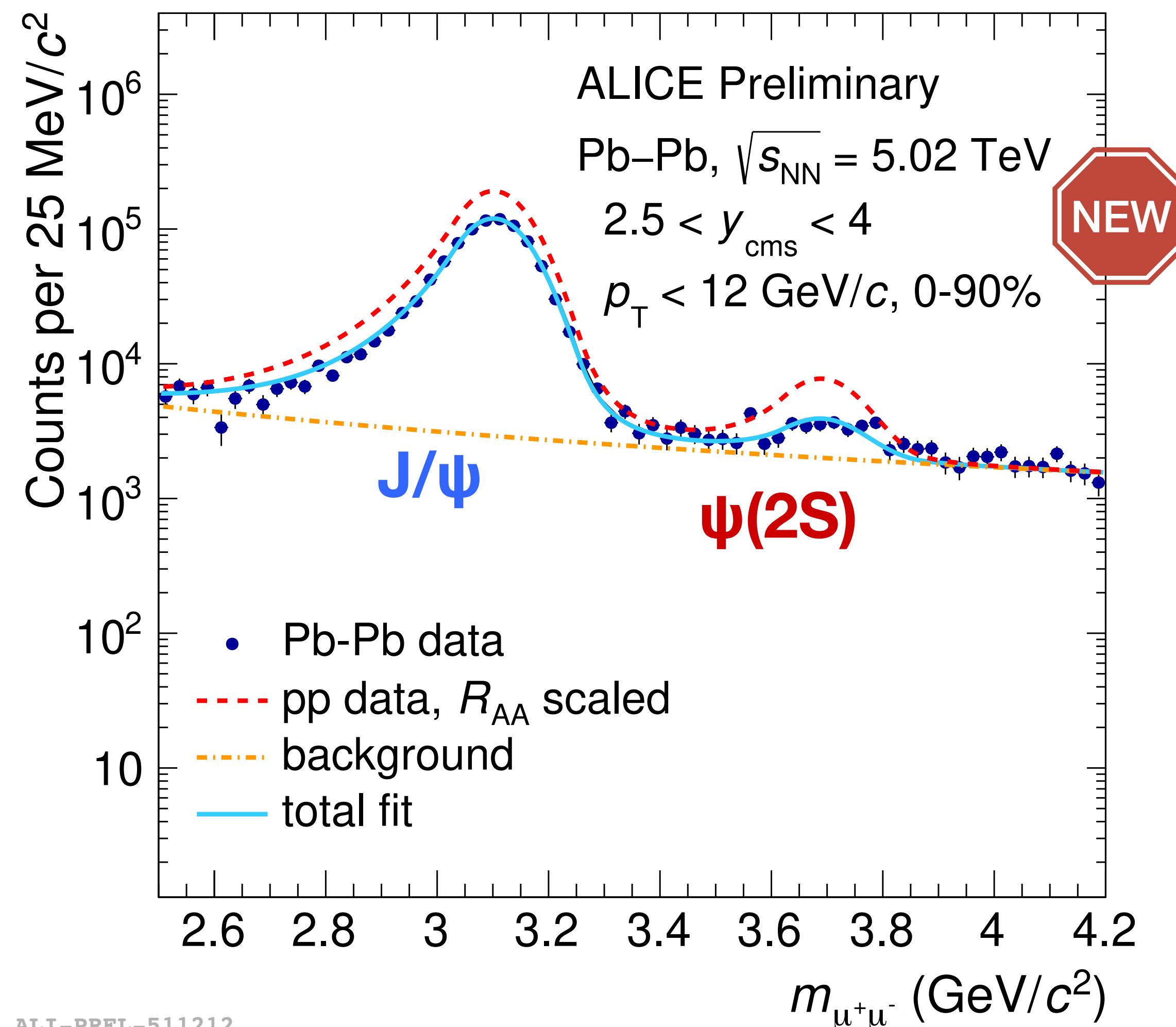
- Significant effect up to semicentral
- Vanishing polarisation at larger momenta: sensitive to vorticity and magnetic field?

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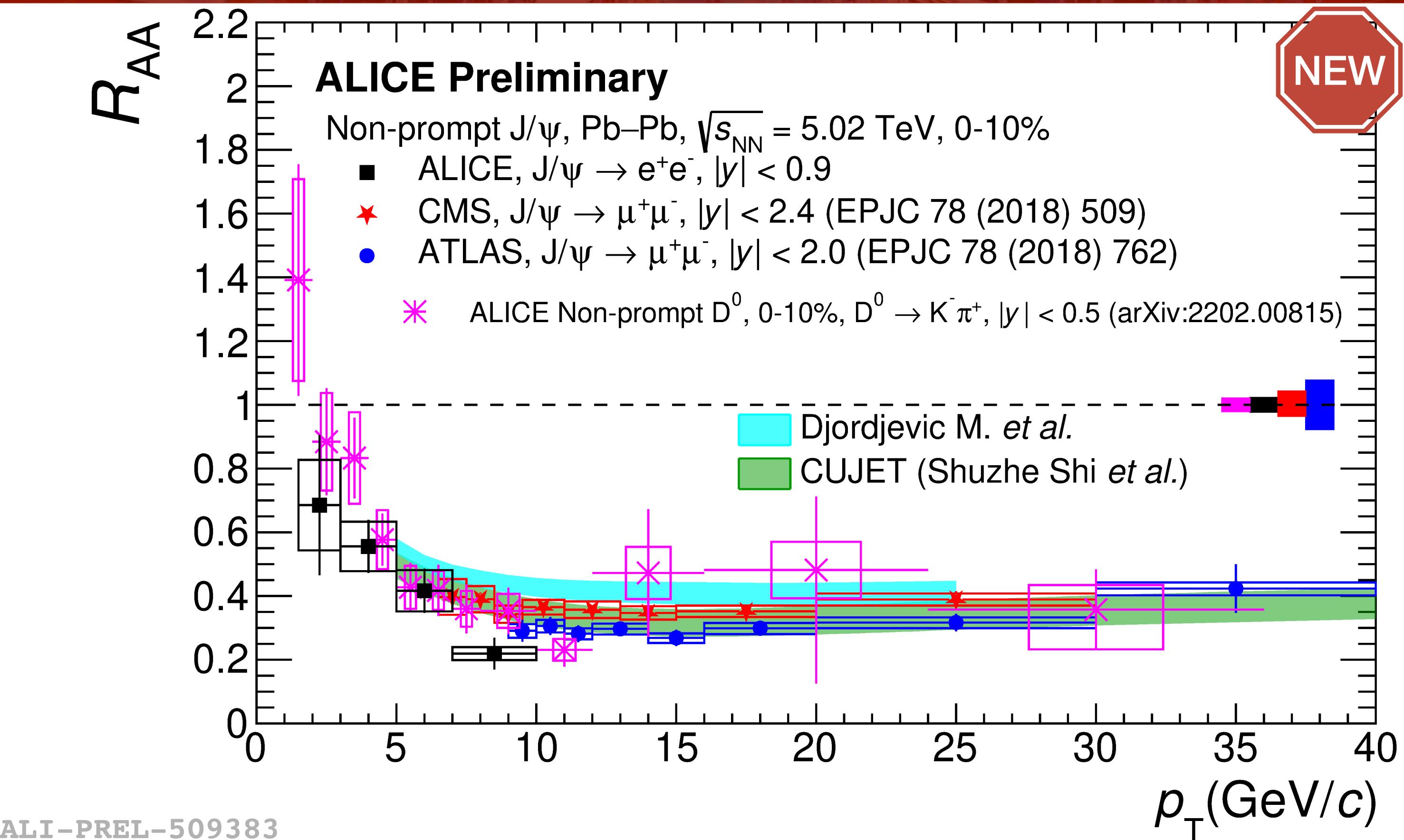
# Medium properties

# $\Psi(2S)$ production in Pb-Pb collisions



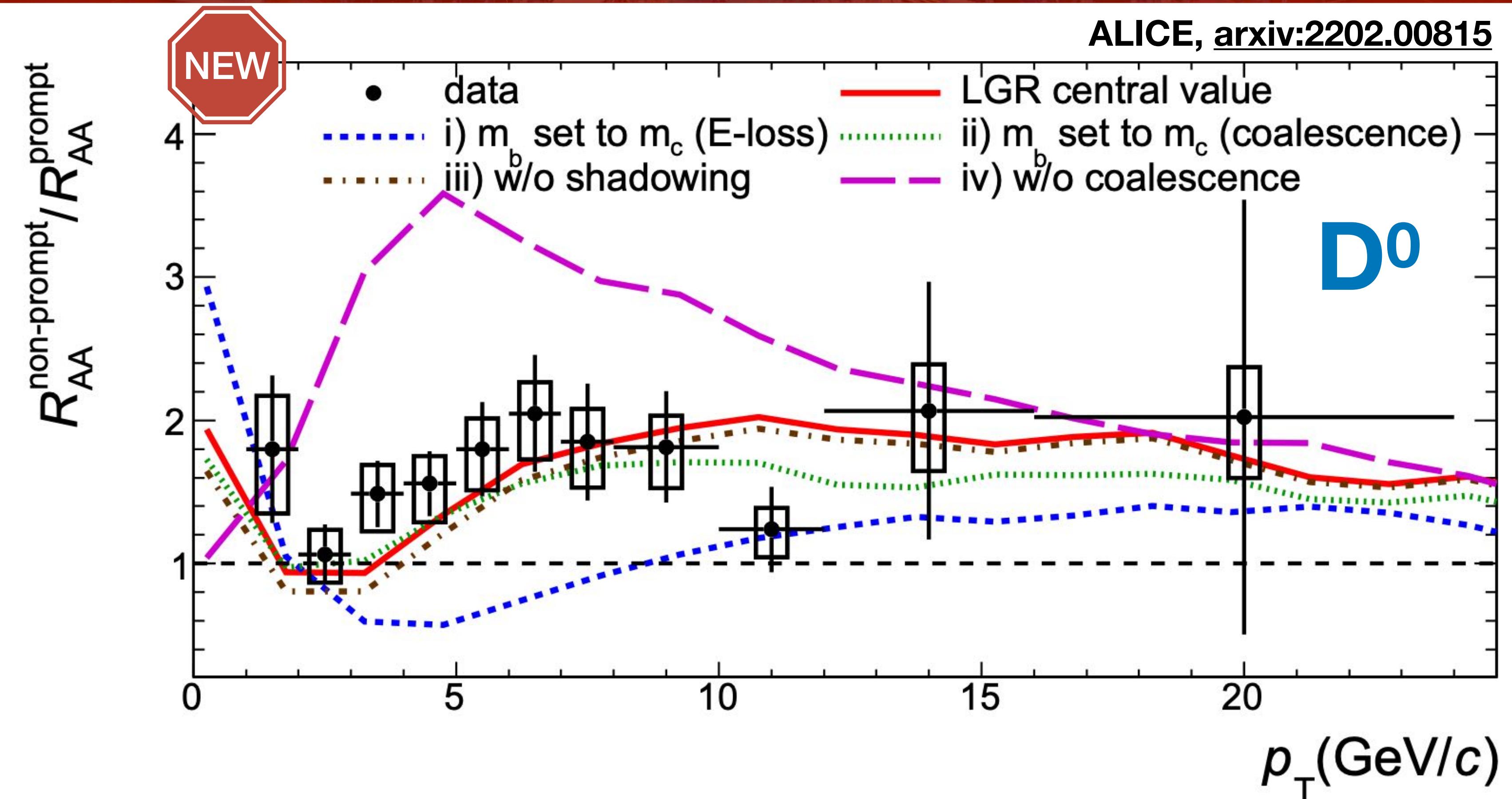
- Extension of the  $\Psi(2S)$  measurement down to 0 transverse momentum
- Clear hierarchy of suppression between  $J/\Psi$  and  $\Psi(2S)$  over all the  $p_T$  and for all centralities.

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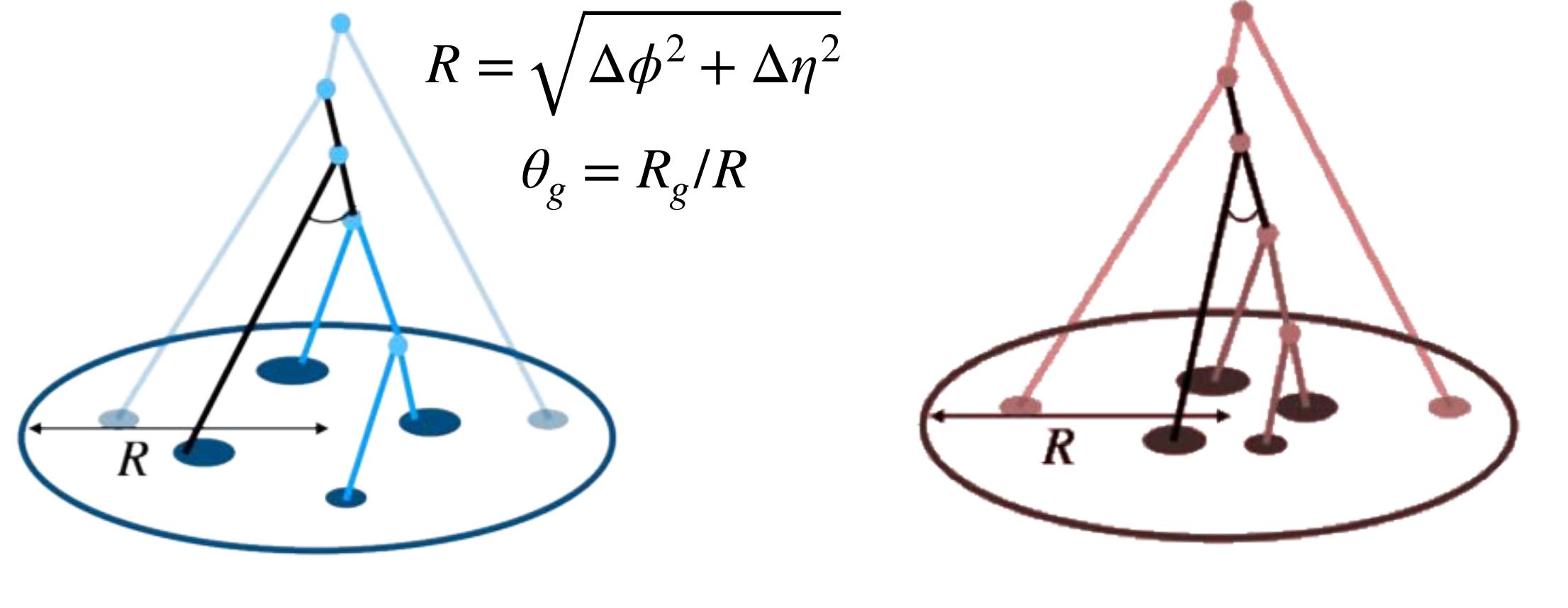
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  - Model description requires mass-dependent energy loss and coalescence

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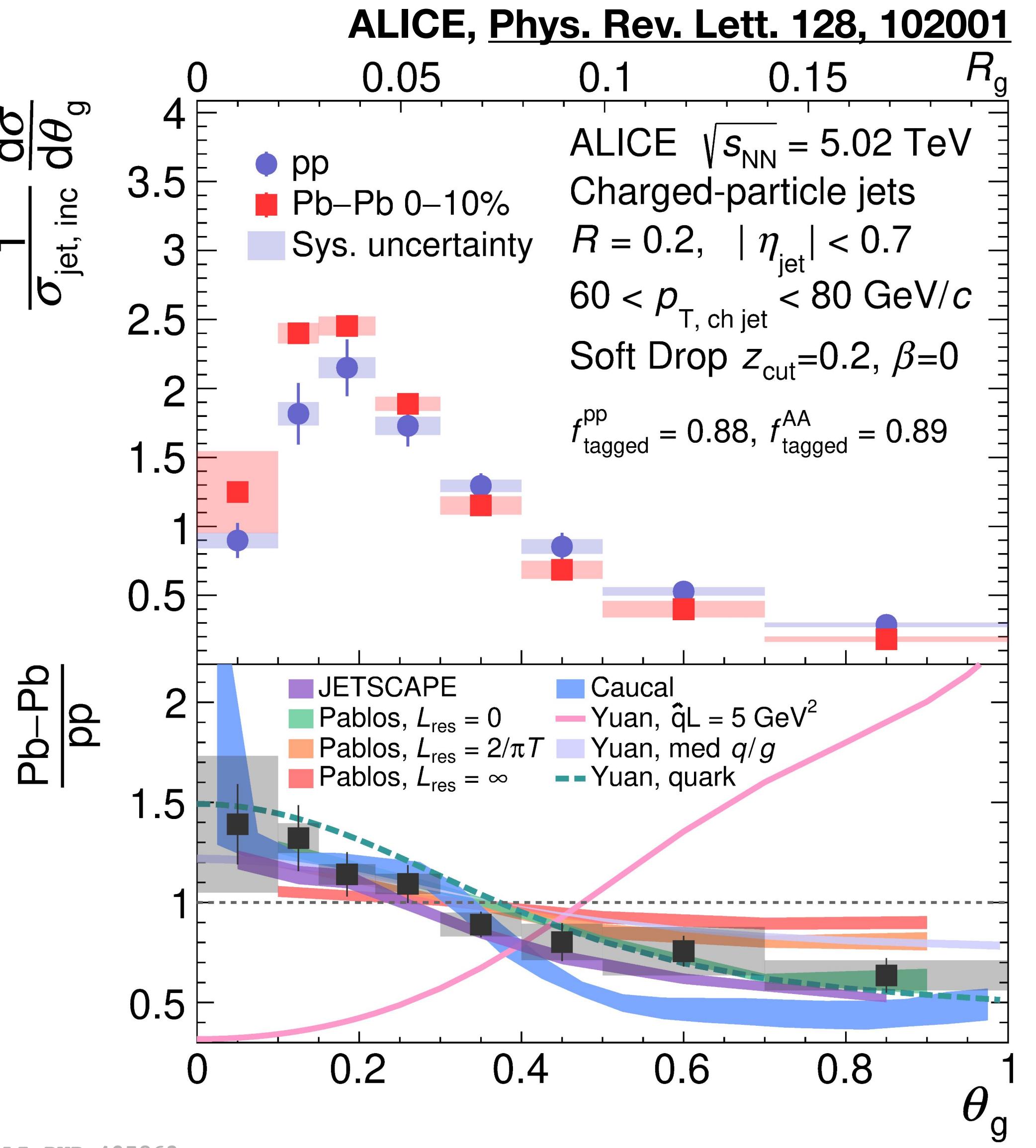


pp

Pb-Pb

$$R = \sqrt{\Delta\phi^2 + \Delta\eta^2}$$

$$\theta_g = R_g/R$$

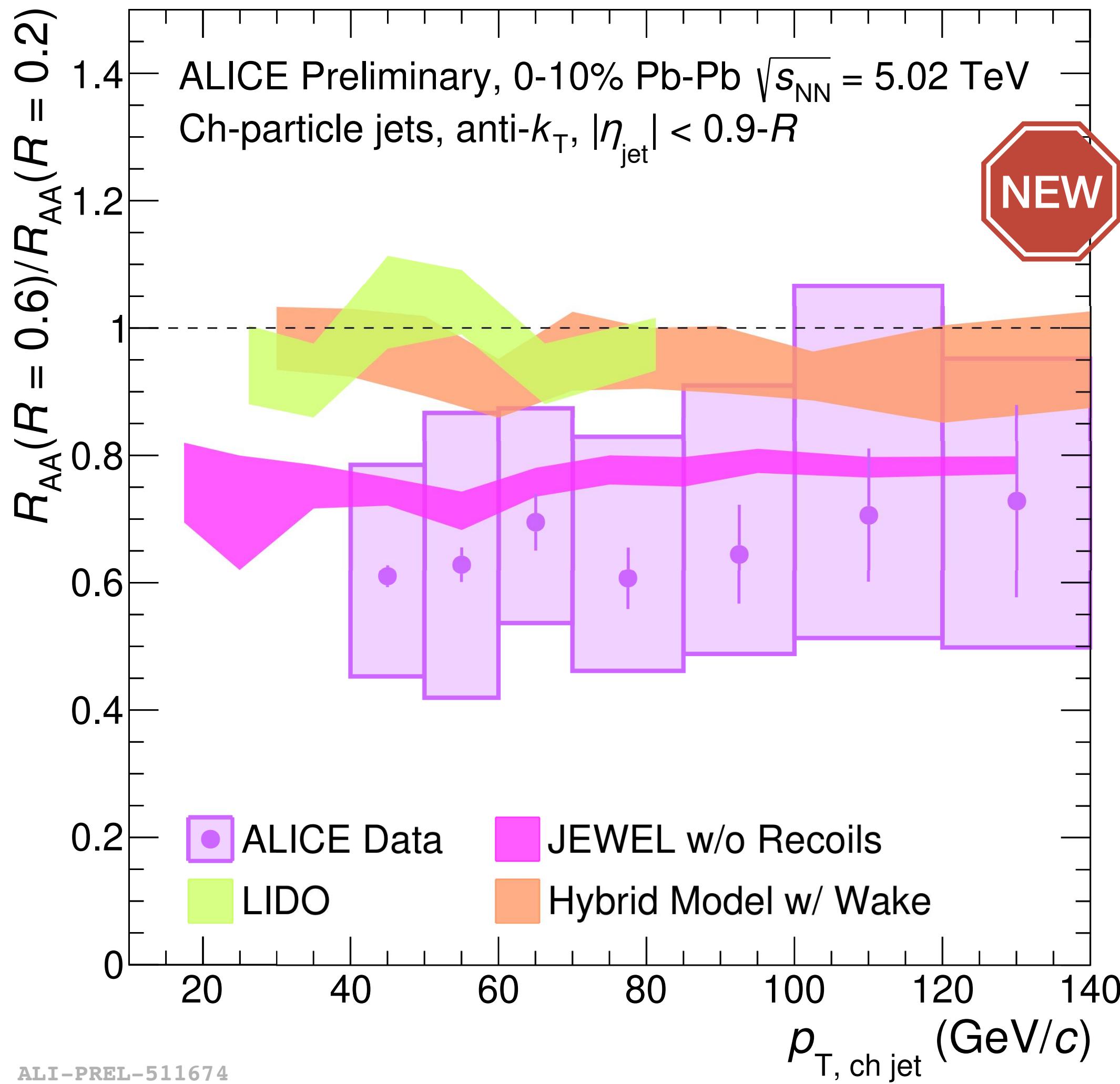


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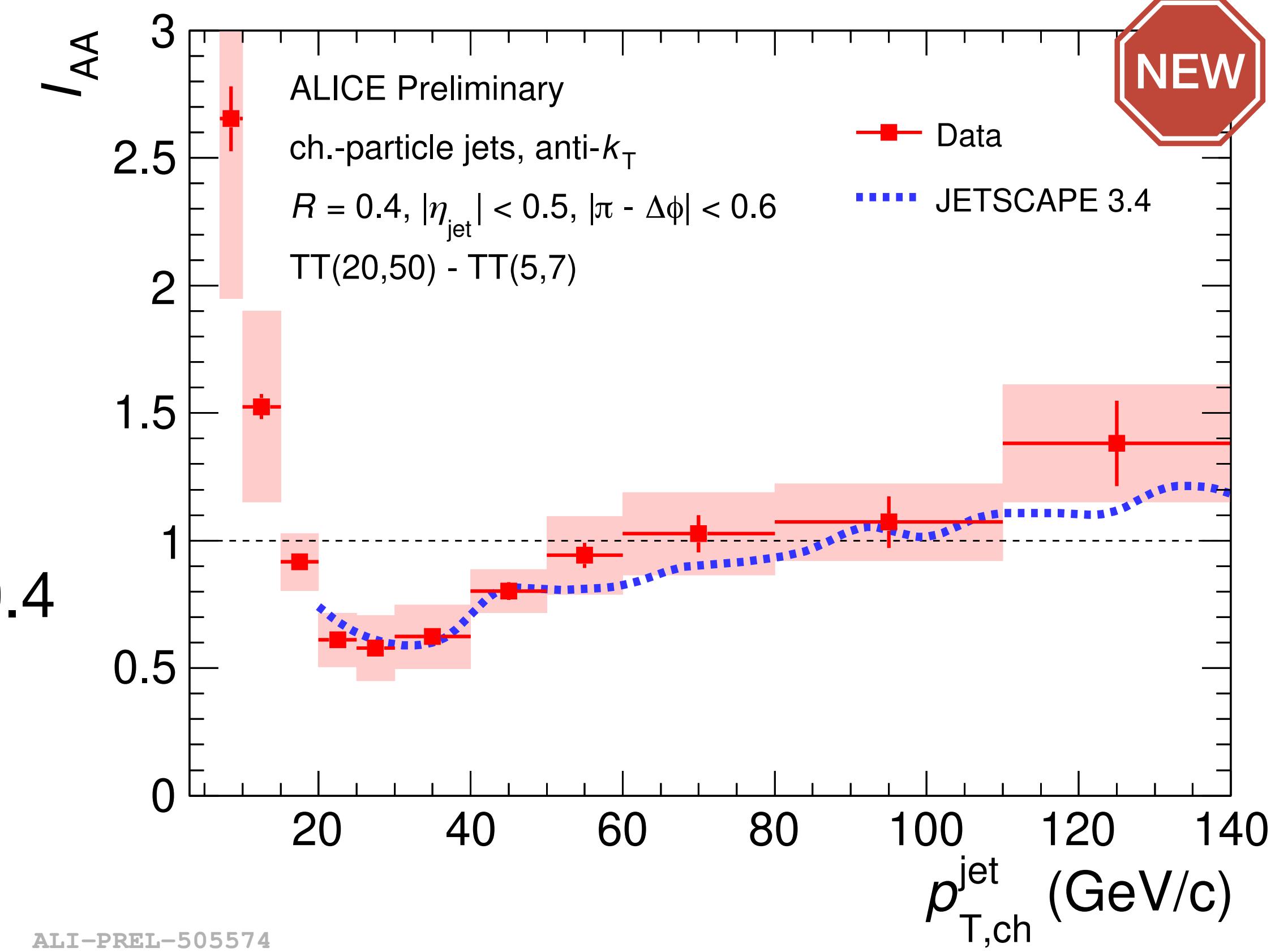
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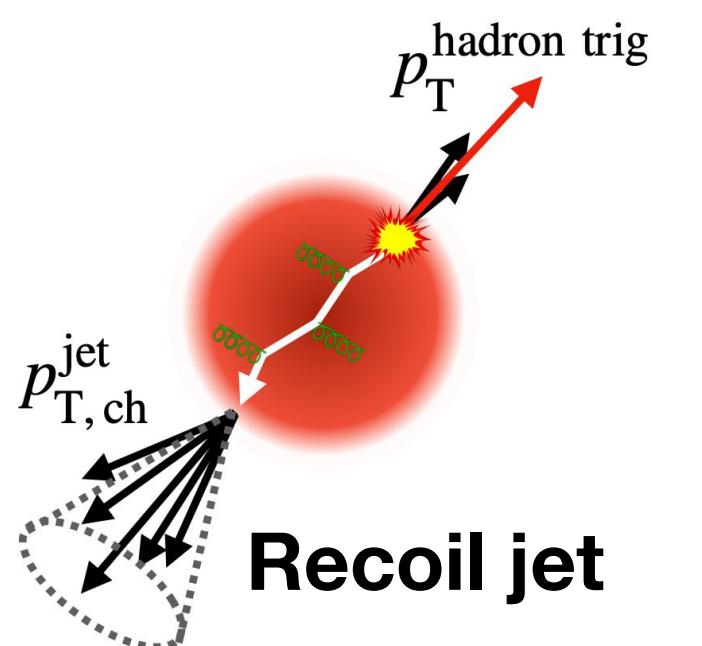
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$I_{AA}$  measurement shows how the jet energy is redistributed in heavy ion collisions

- JETSCAPE prediction in agreement with data
- Hint of energy recovery at low jet momenta
  - In association with azimuthal broadening



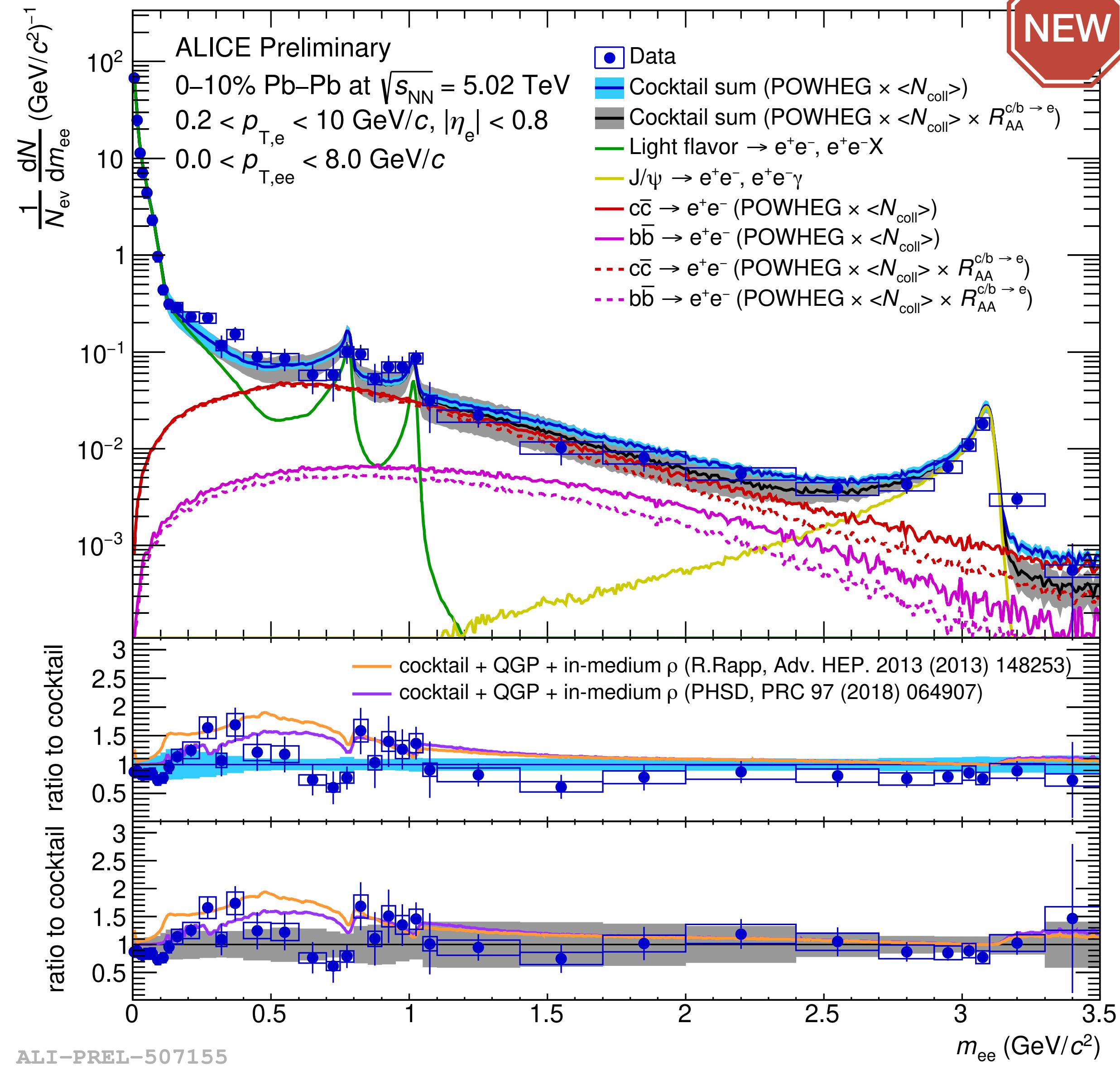
$$I_{AA} = \frac{\Delta_{\text{recoil}}(\text{Pb} - \text{Pb})}{\Delta_{\text{recoil}}(\text{pp})}$$



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- First measurement of direct  $\gamma$  in Pb-Pb at 5.02 TeV
  - Virtual photon method 0–10%
  - Real photons with conversion reconstruction (other centralities)
- High  $p_T$ : prompt photons consistent with pQCD expectation
- Low  $p_T$ : data consistent with model containing in addition pre-equilibrium and thermal photons

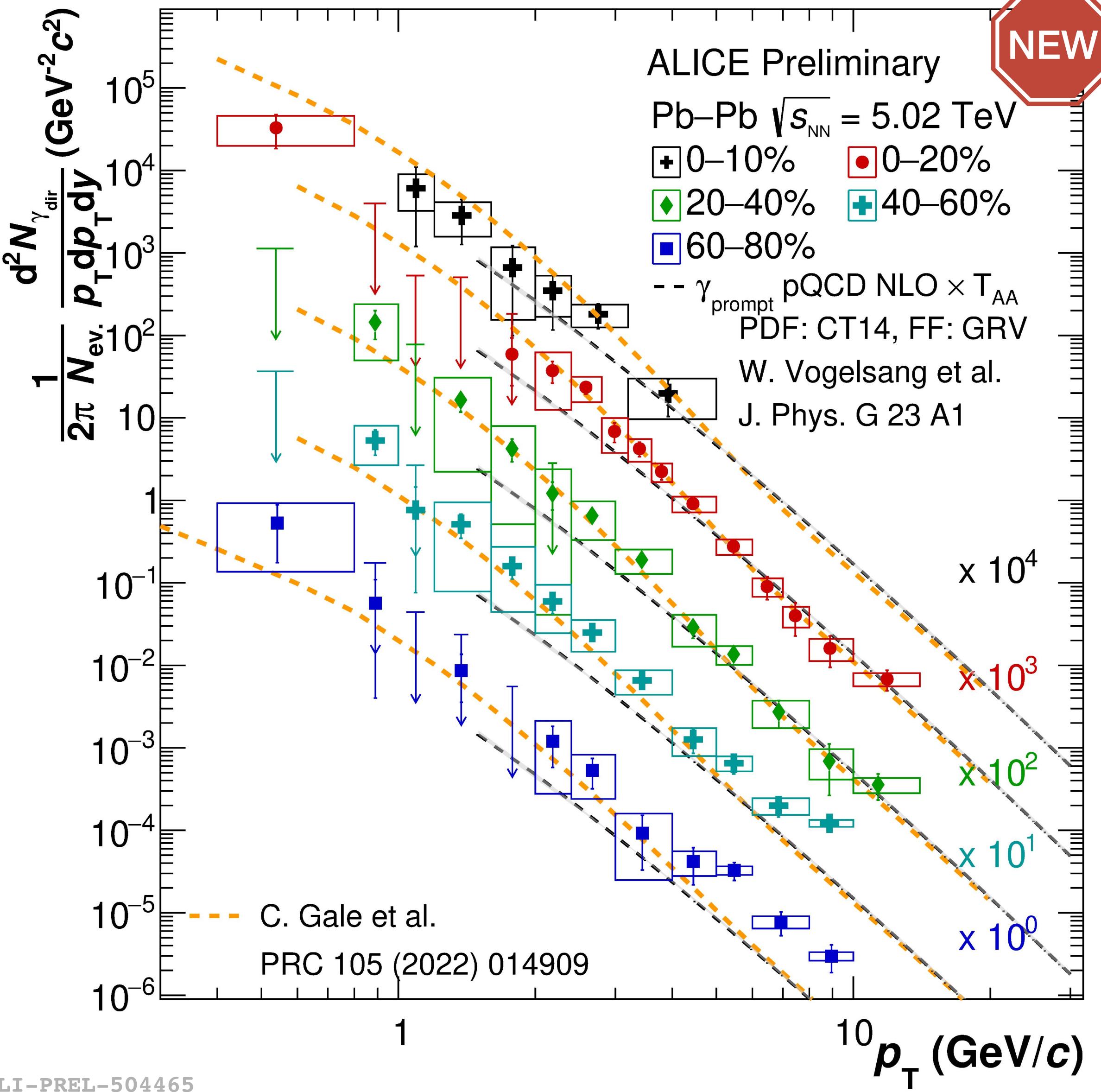
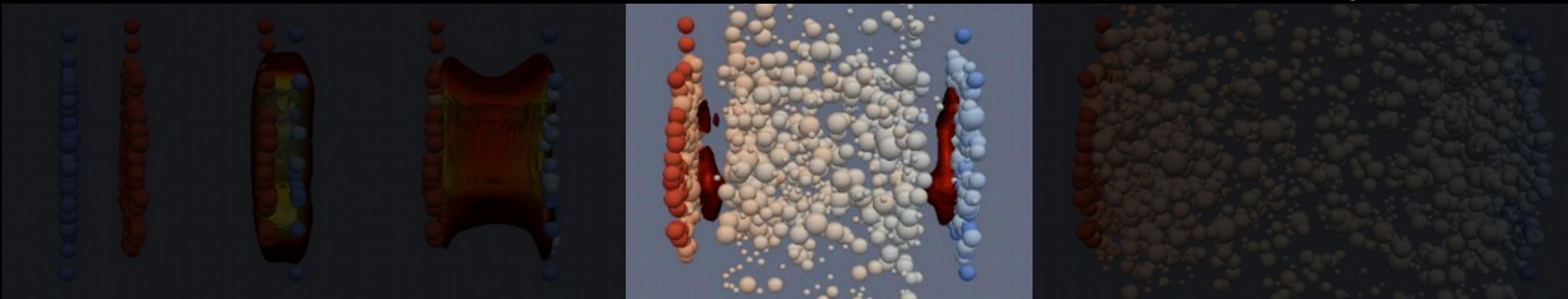


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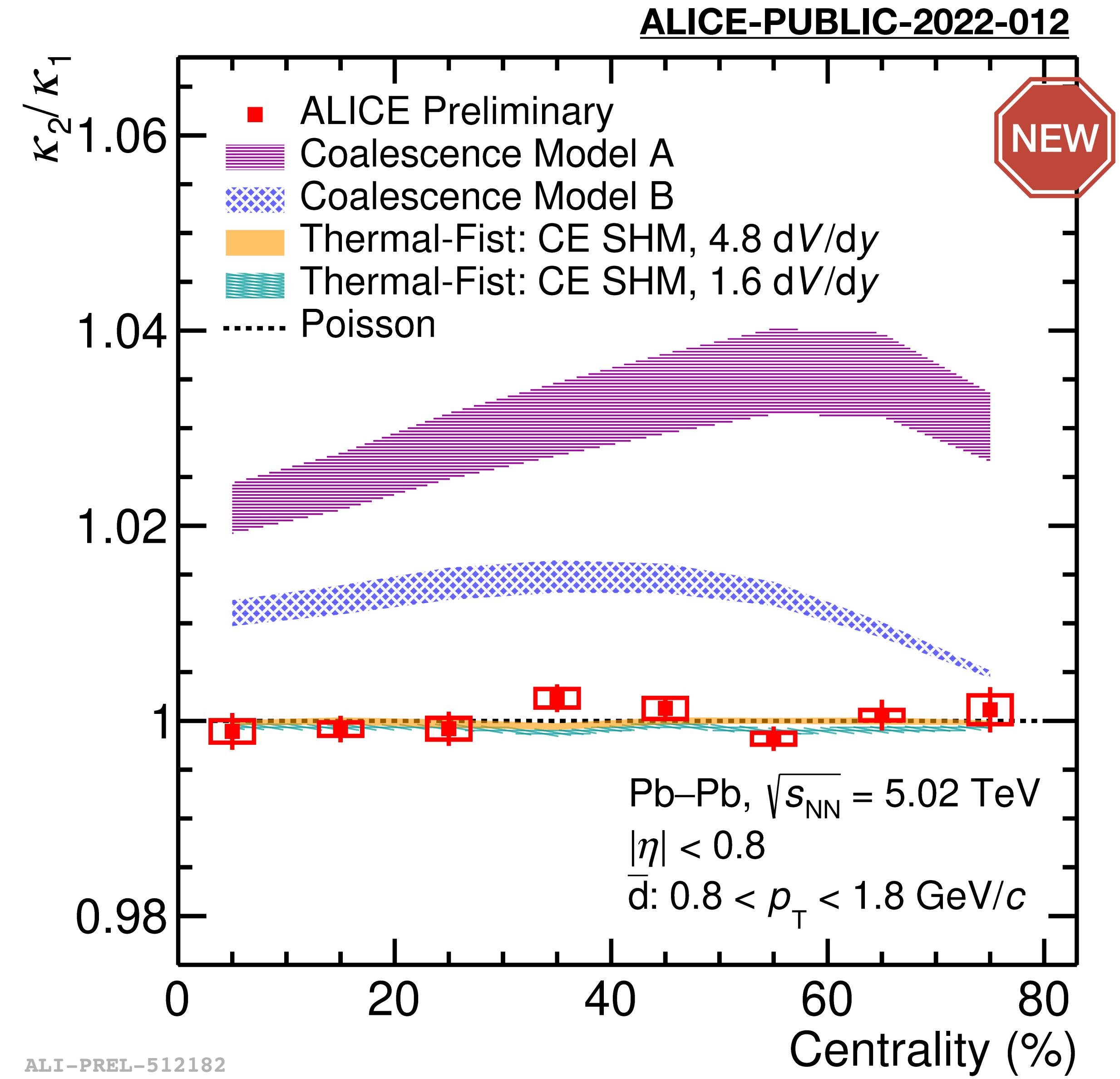
## Freeze-out and rescattering

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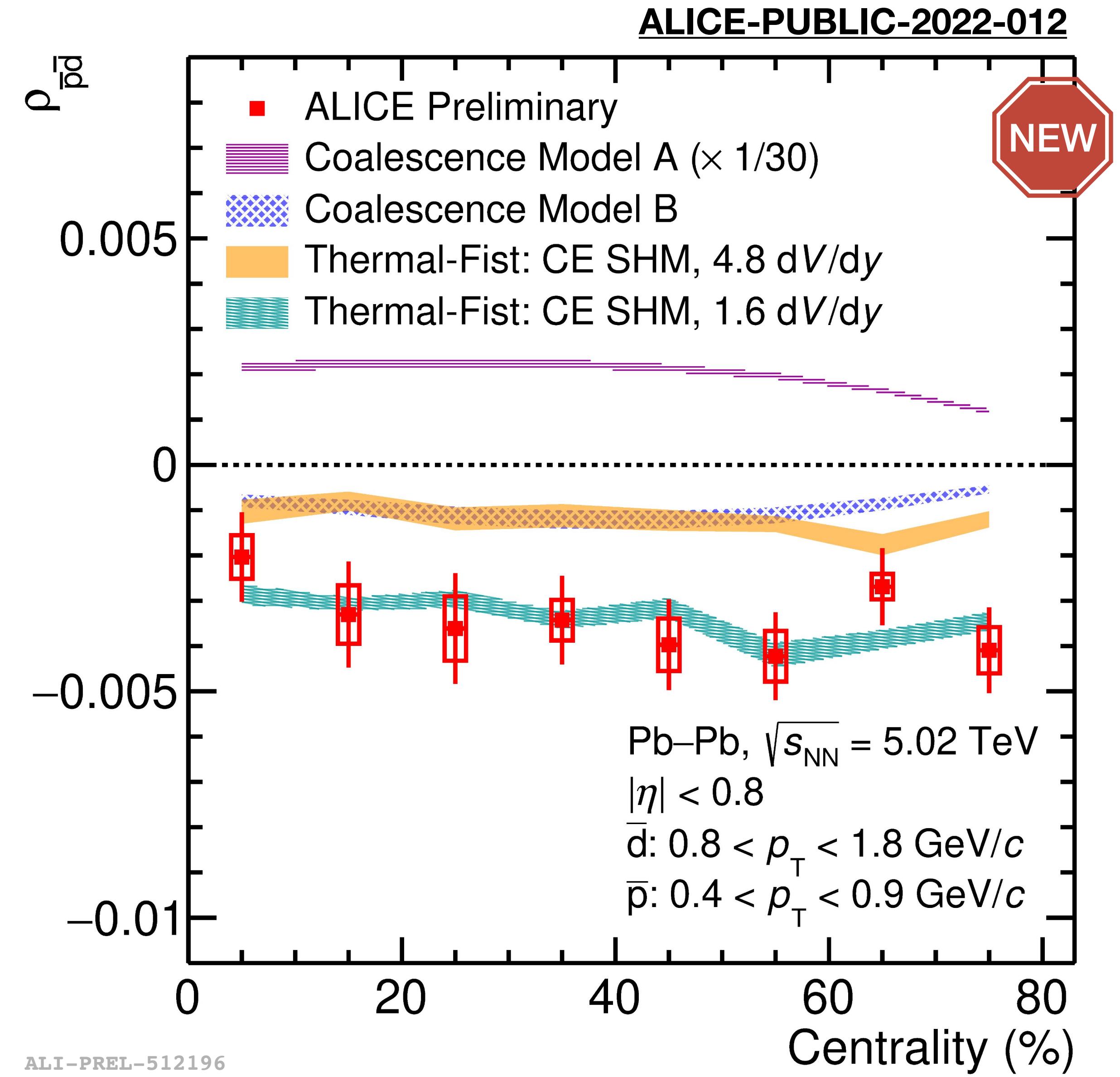
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- Pearson correlation constrains the correlation volume for baryon number
  - Agrees with results from (anti)nuclei yields
  - Different wrt results from (anti)proton yields and fluctuations



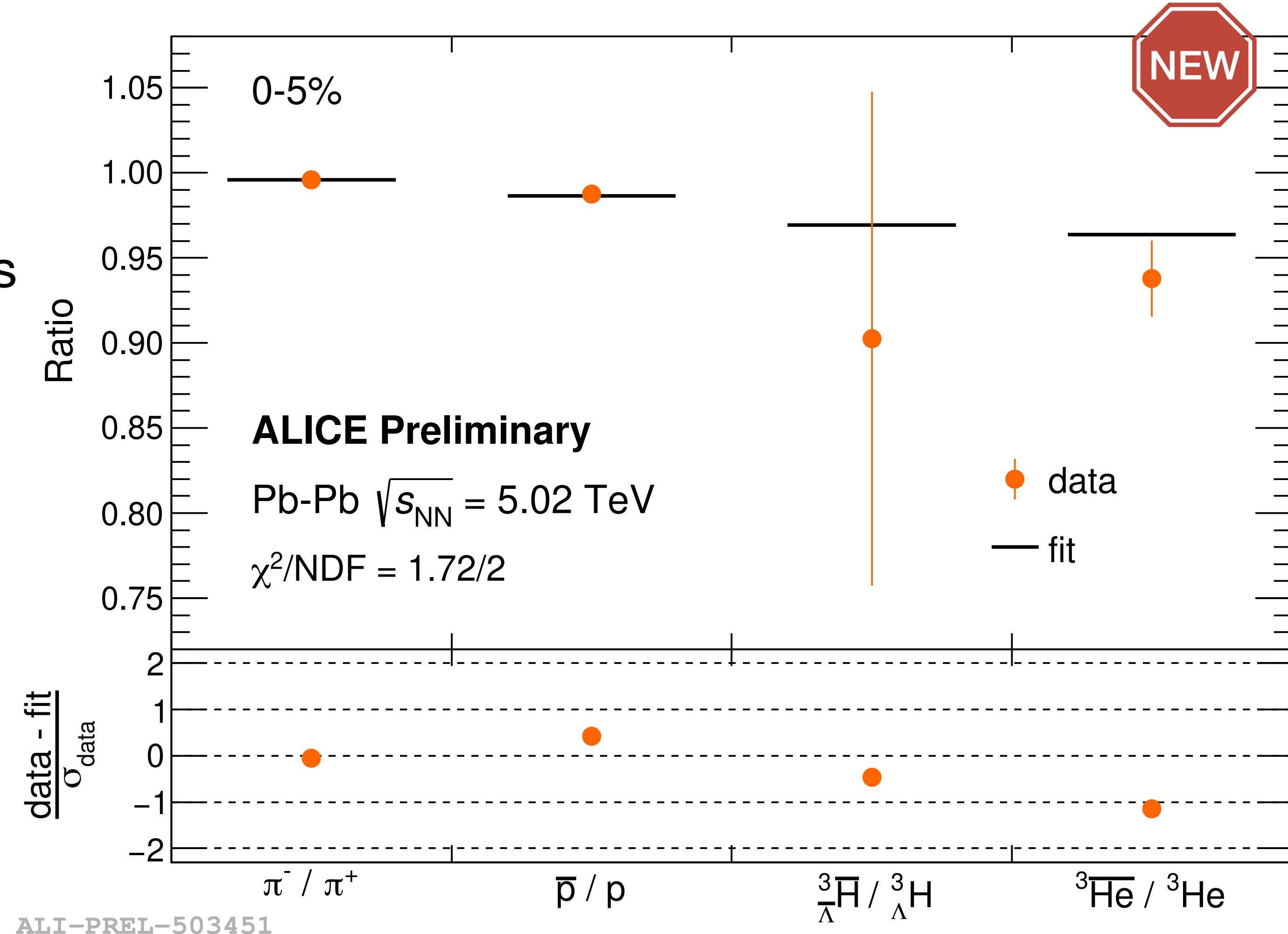
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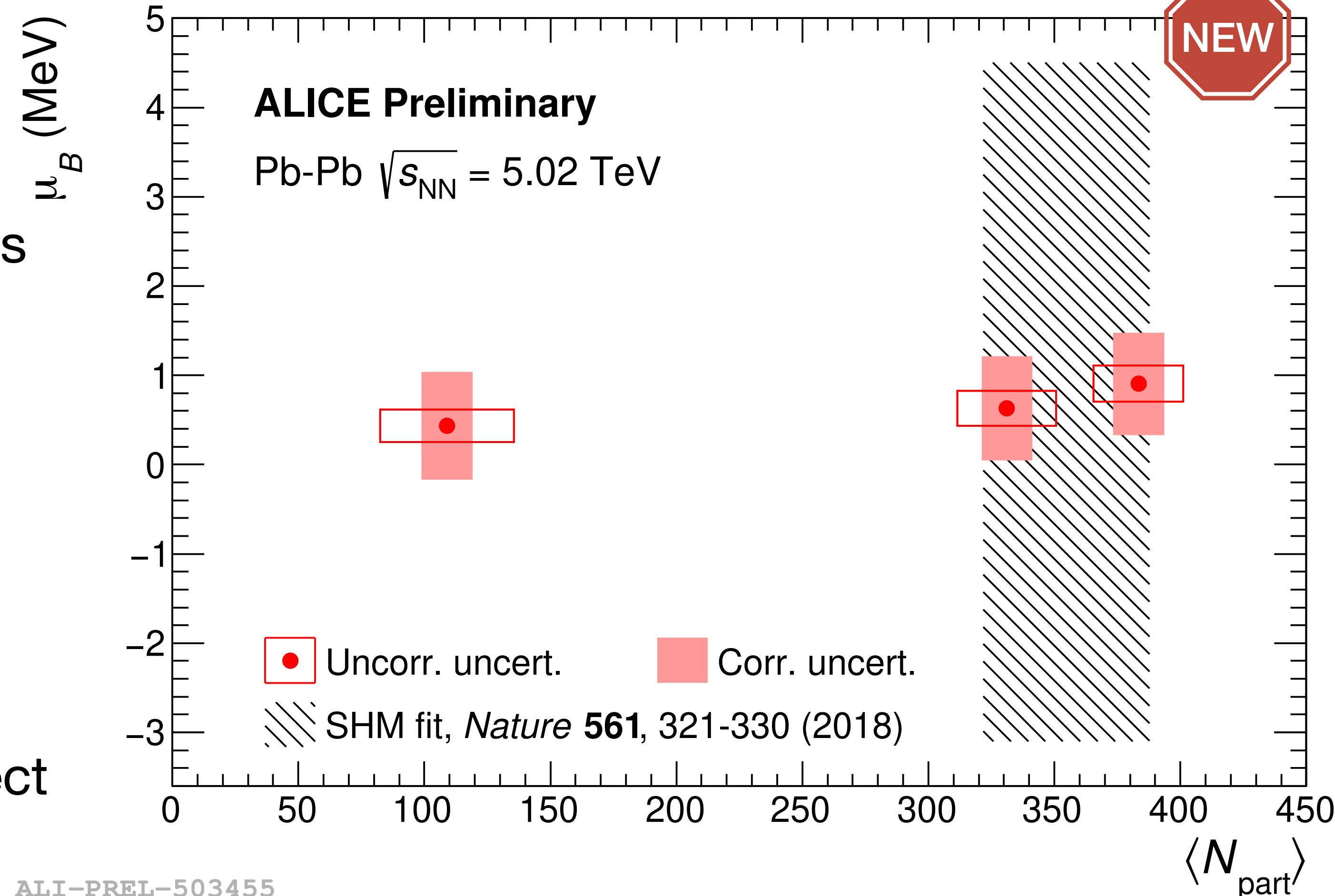
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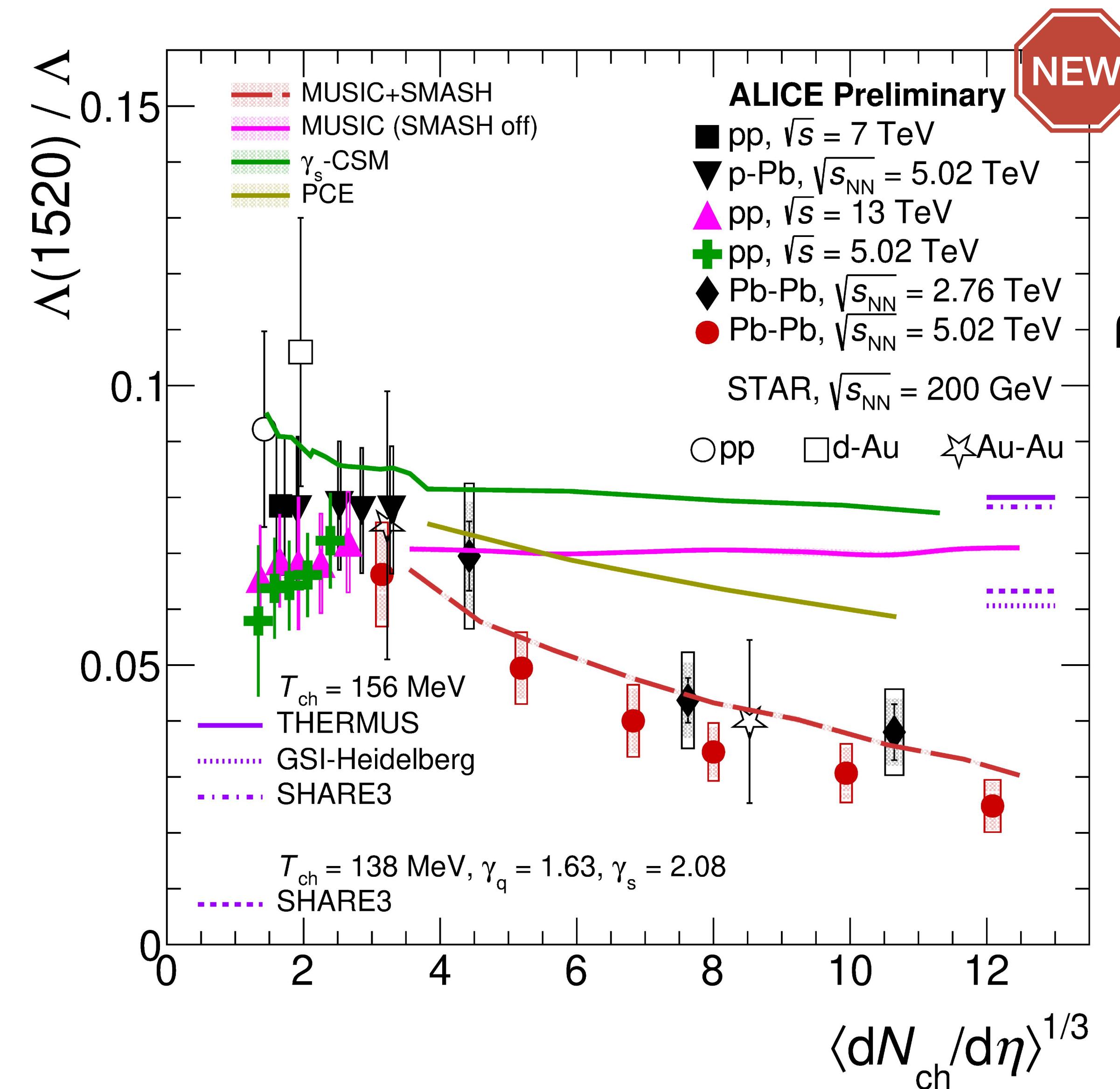
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From the fits new determination of the **baryochemical potential at hadronisation**

- Far smaller uncertainties thanks to the direct cancellation of uncertainties in the ratios



# Gauging the rescattering: $\Lambda(1520)$ in Pb-Pb

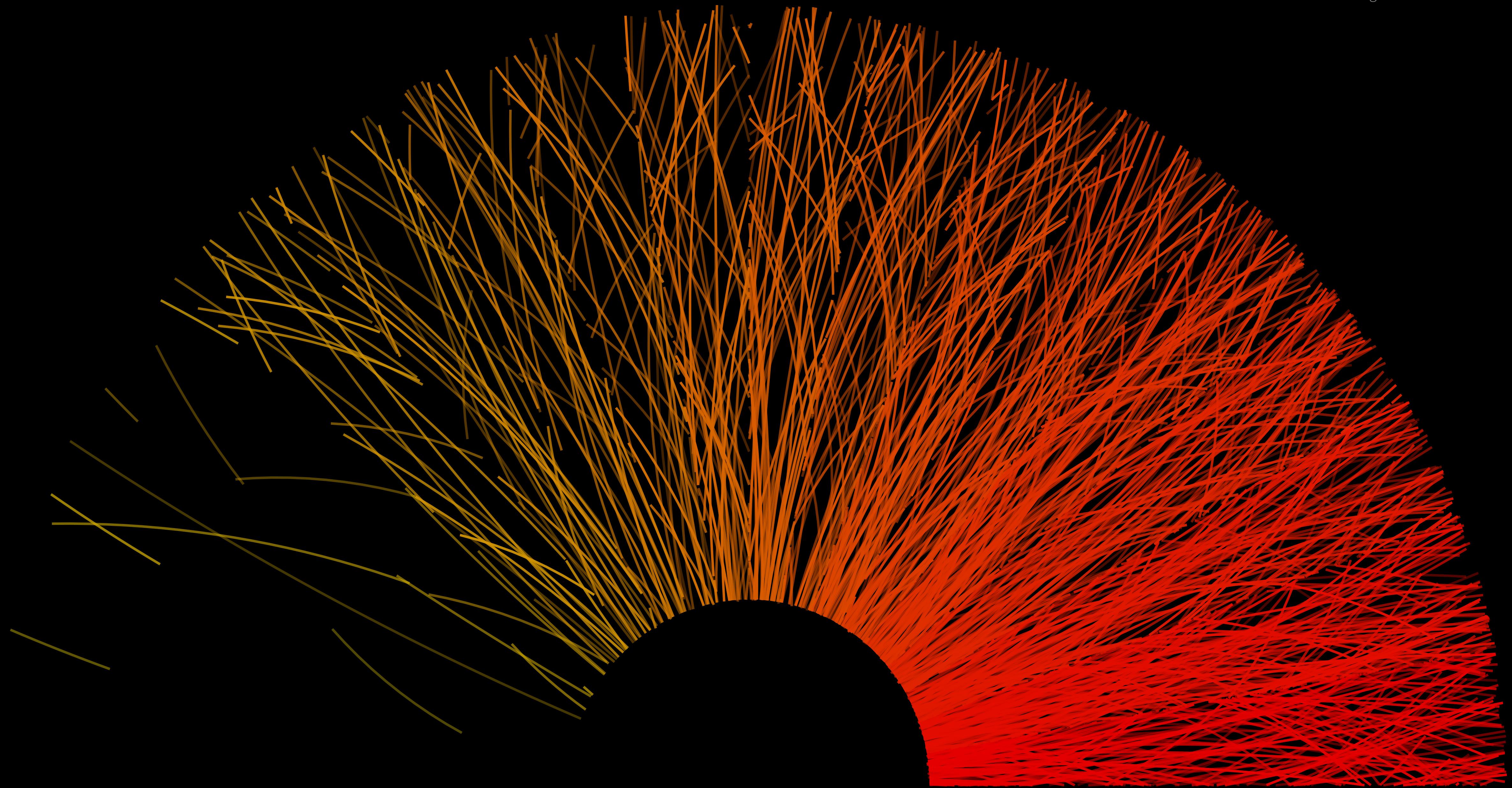


Resonance lifetime (fm/c)

$$\rho (1.3) < K^* (4.2) < \Sigma^* (5.5) < \Lambda^* (12.6) < \Xi^* (21.7) < \Phi (46.2)$$

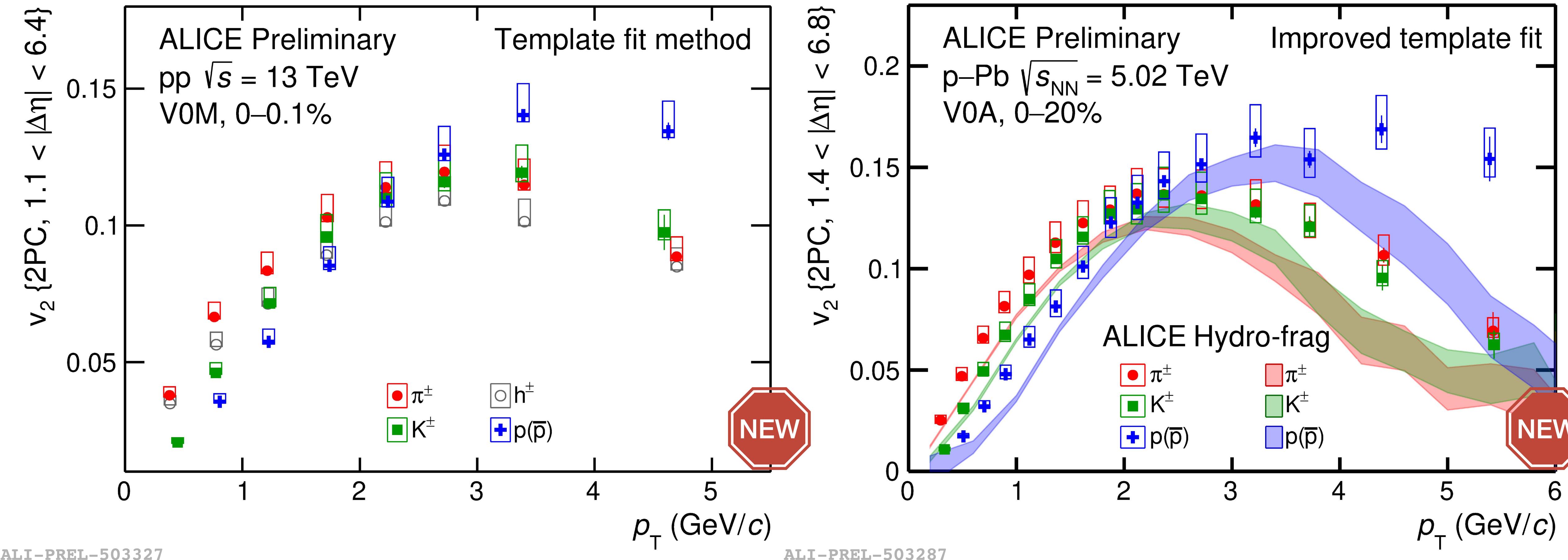
Very precise measurement of the yield of  $\Lambda(1520)$

- Suppression in central Pb-Pb collisions wrt peripheral established with  $\sim 7\sigma$  significance
- Trend with centrality reproduced by hydro with the SMASH hadronic phase afterburner



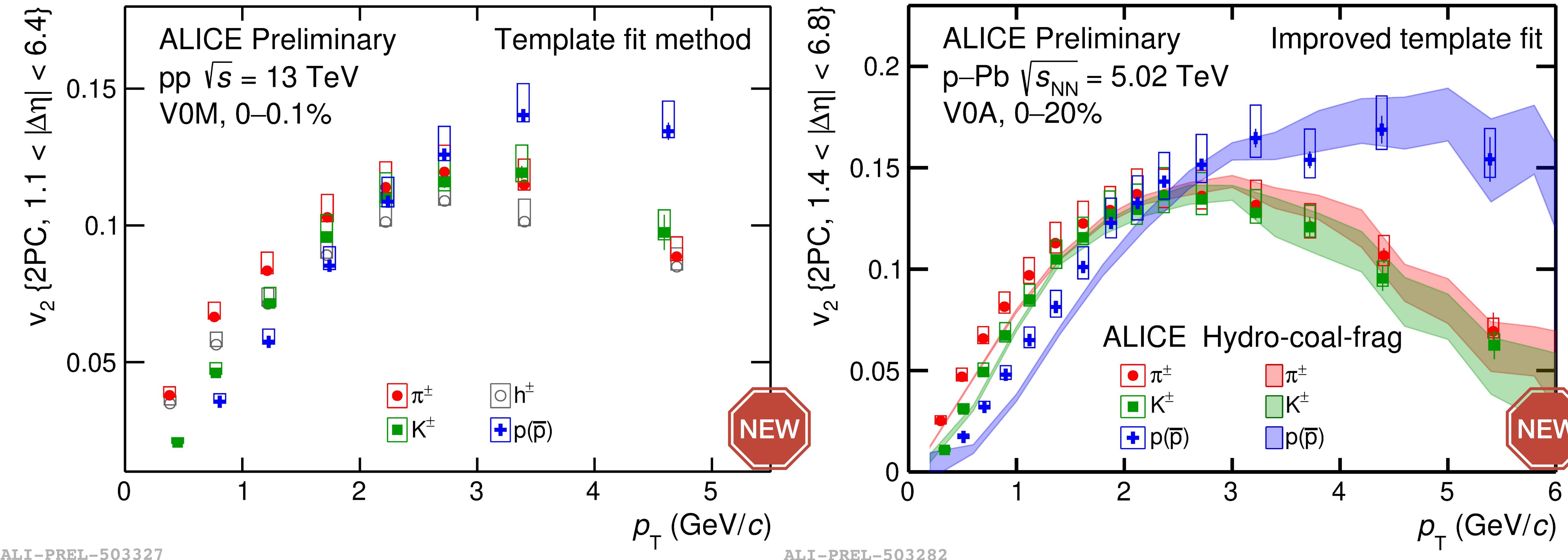
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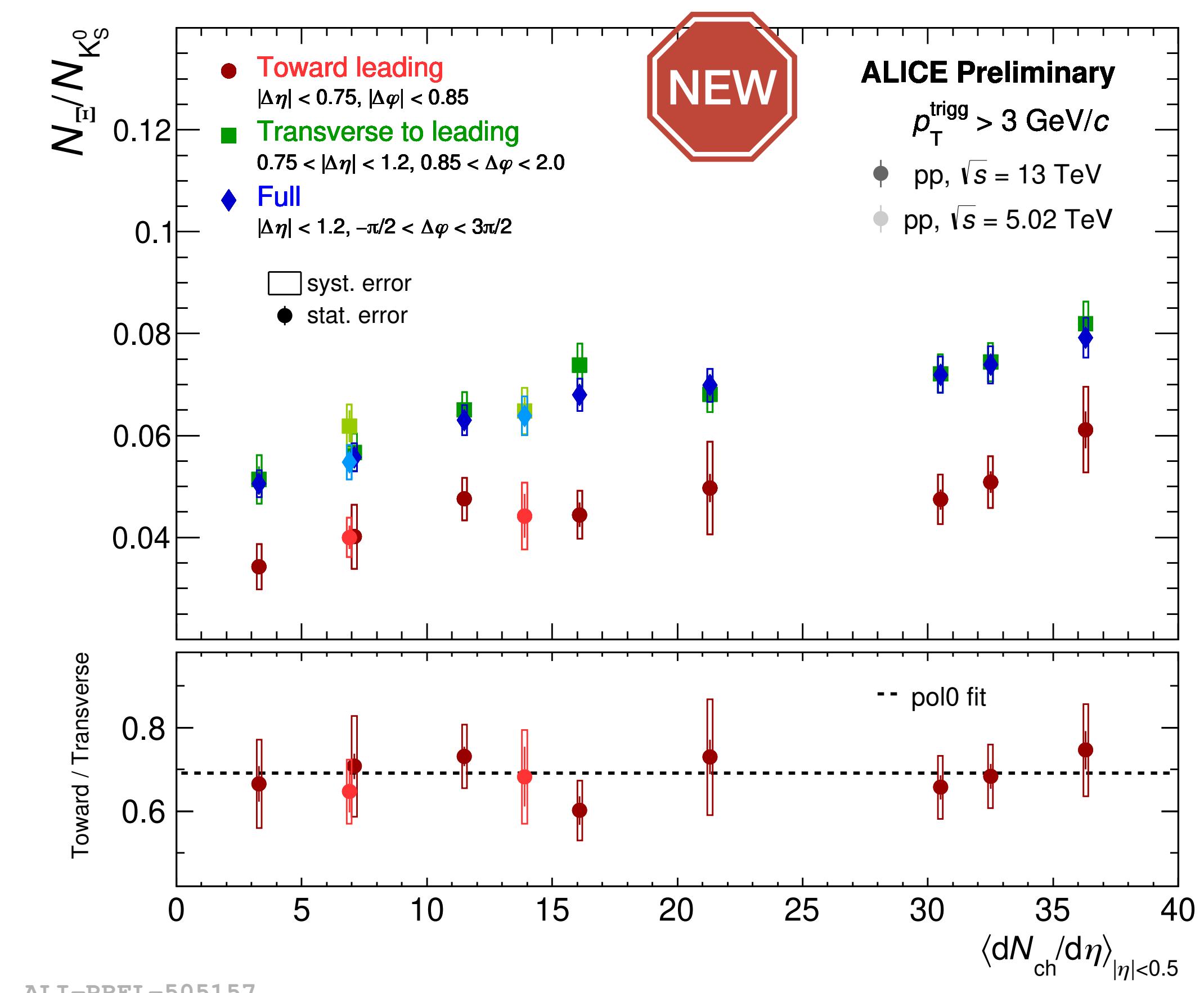
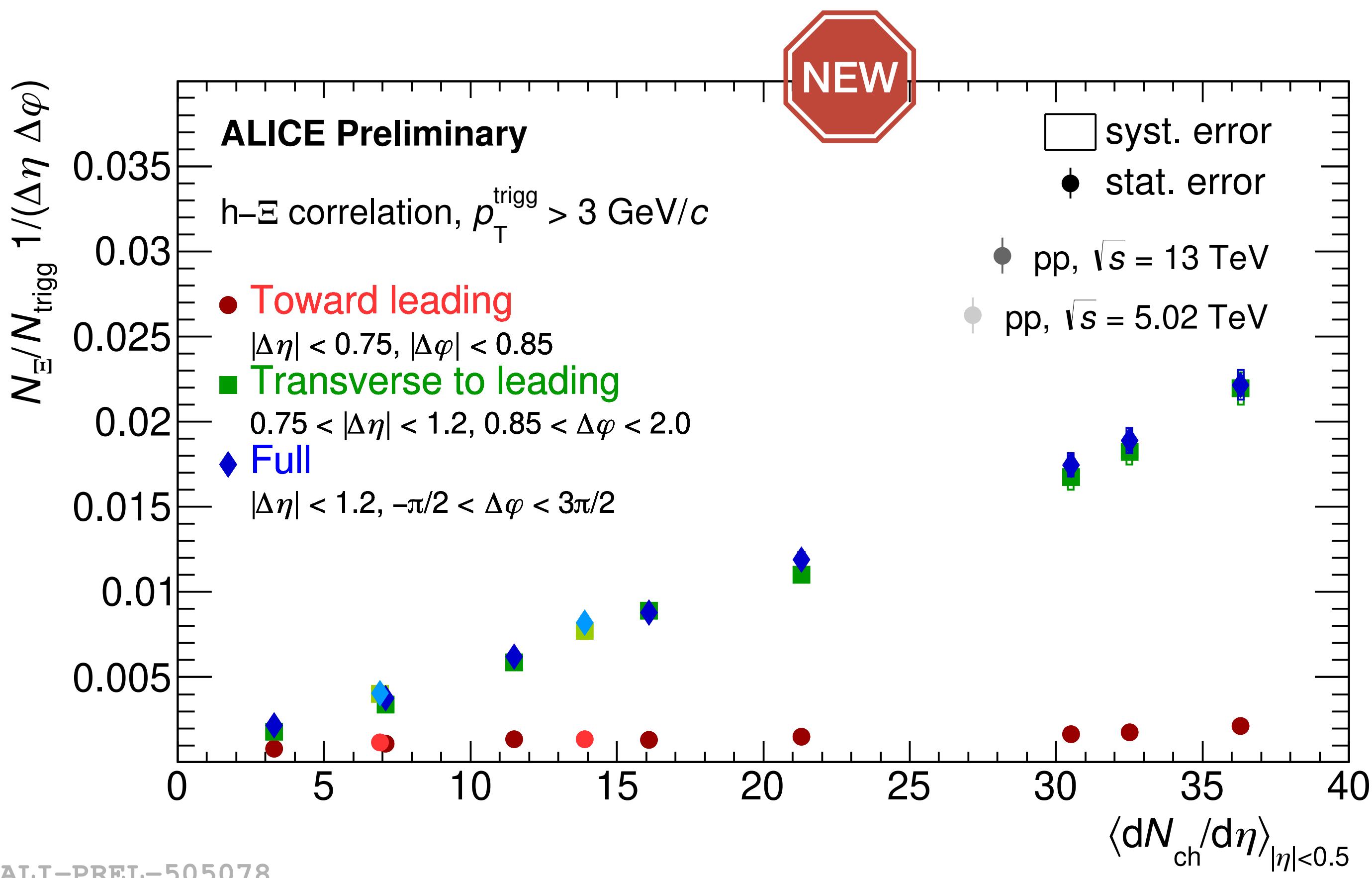
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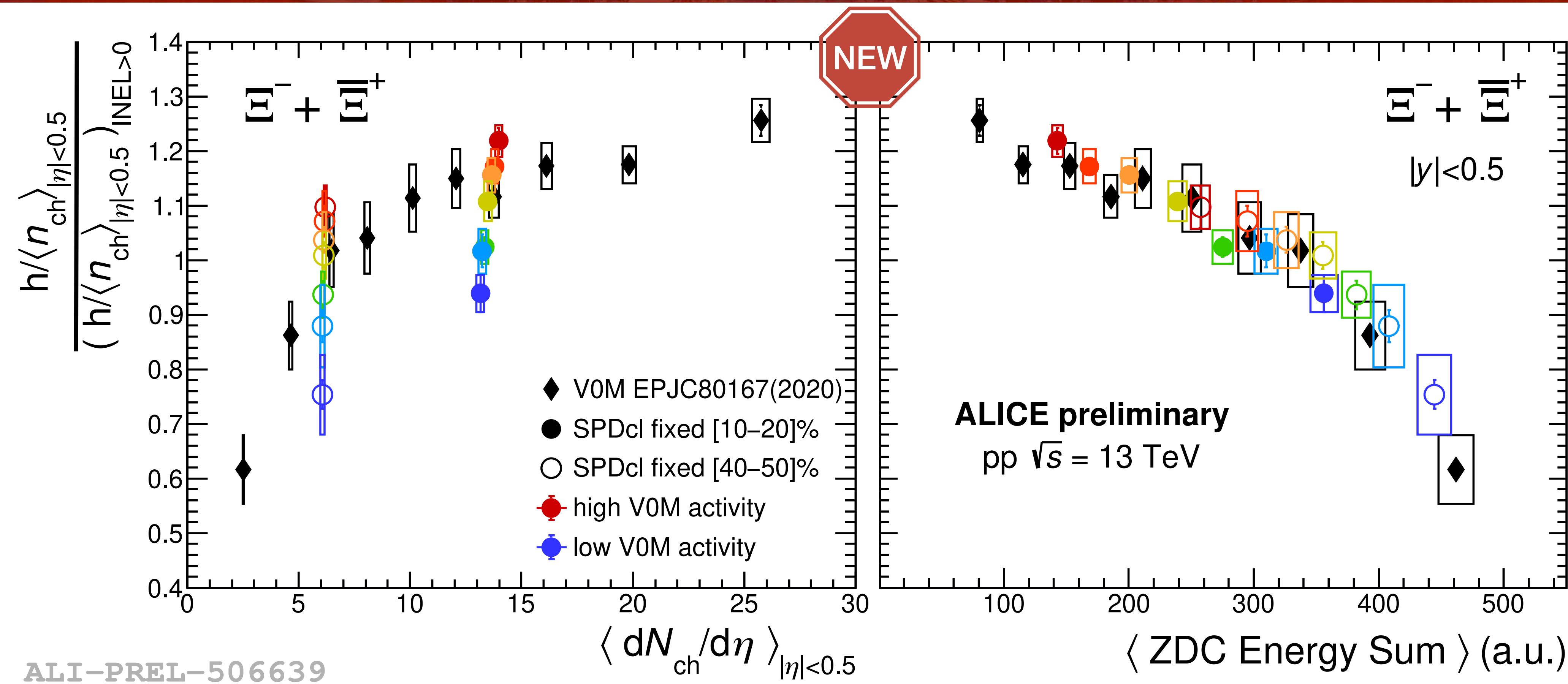
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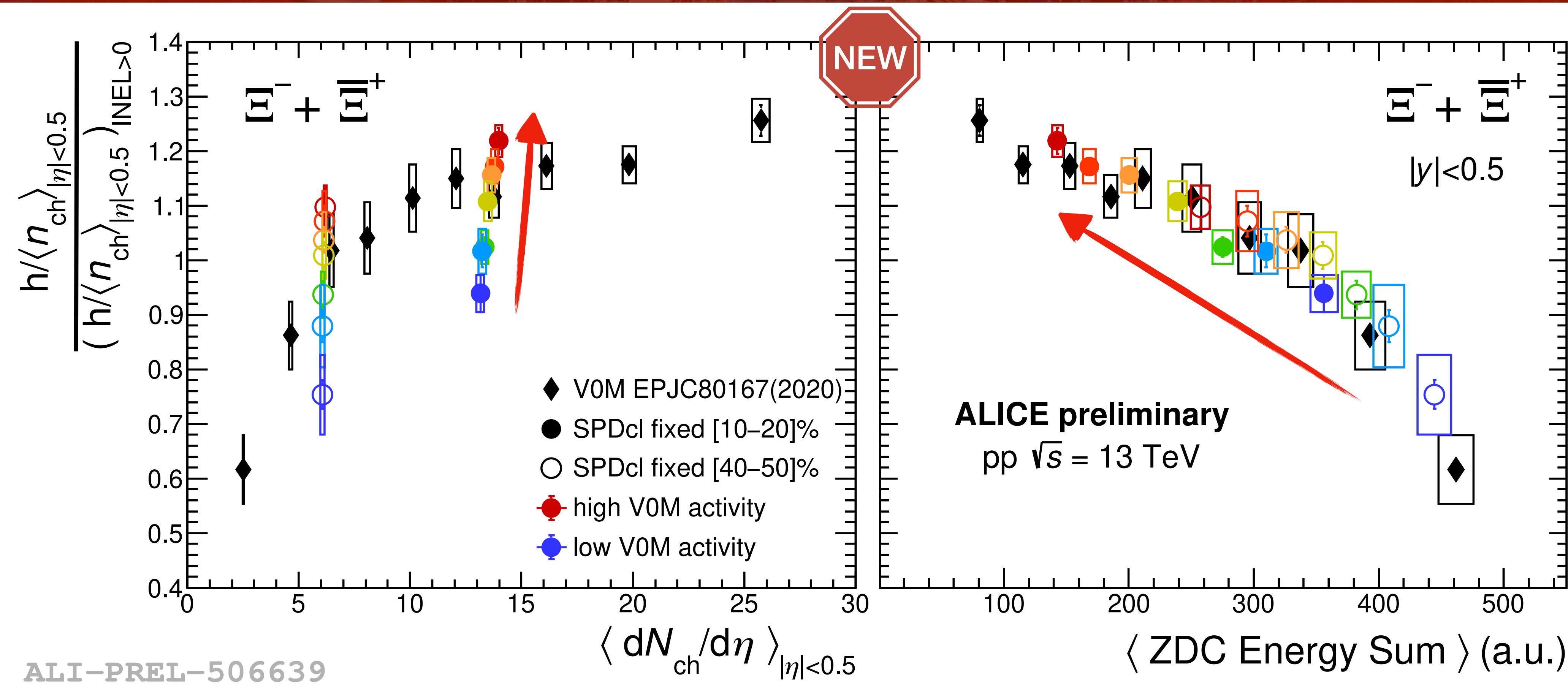
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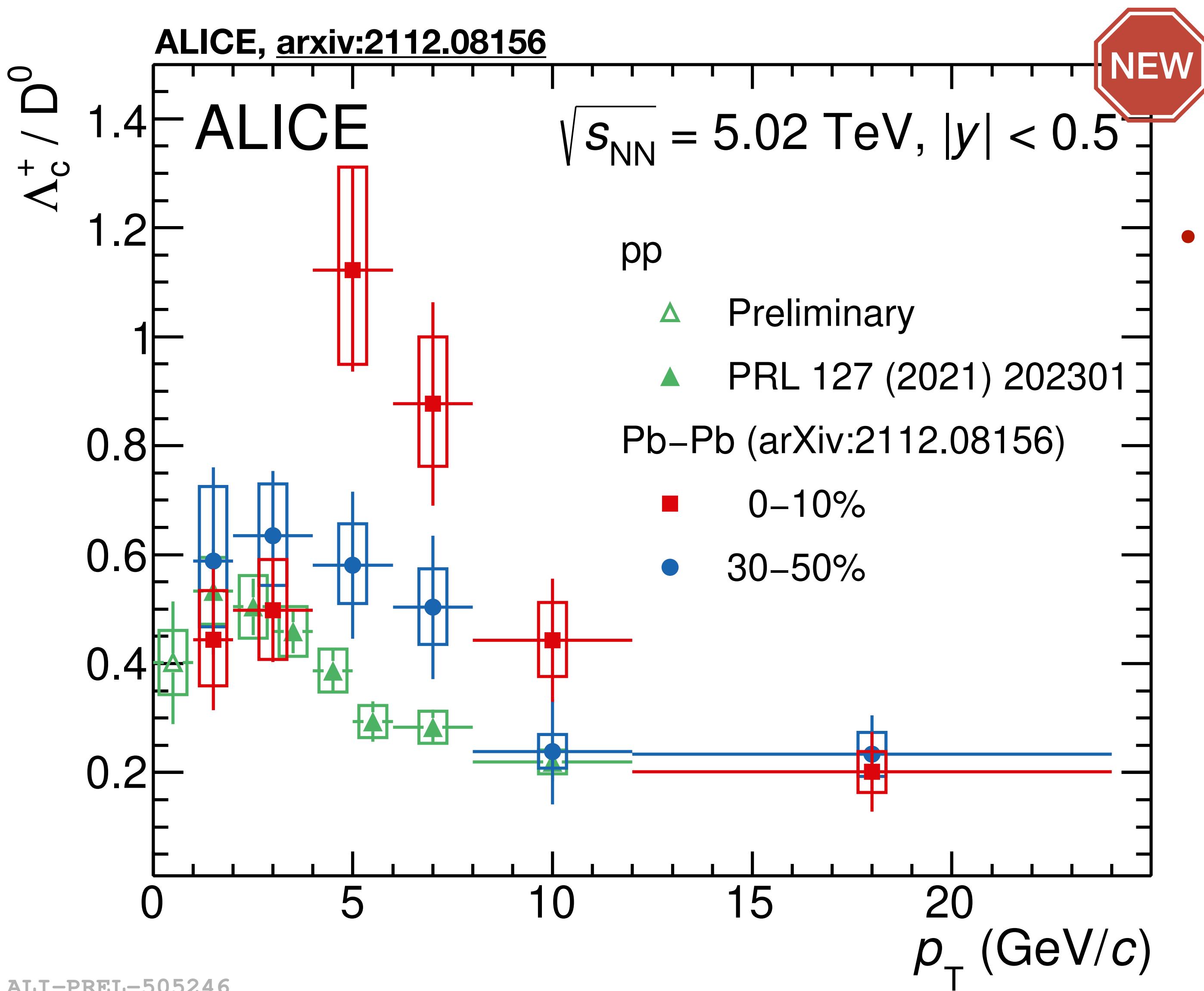
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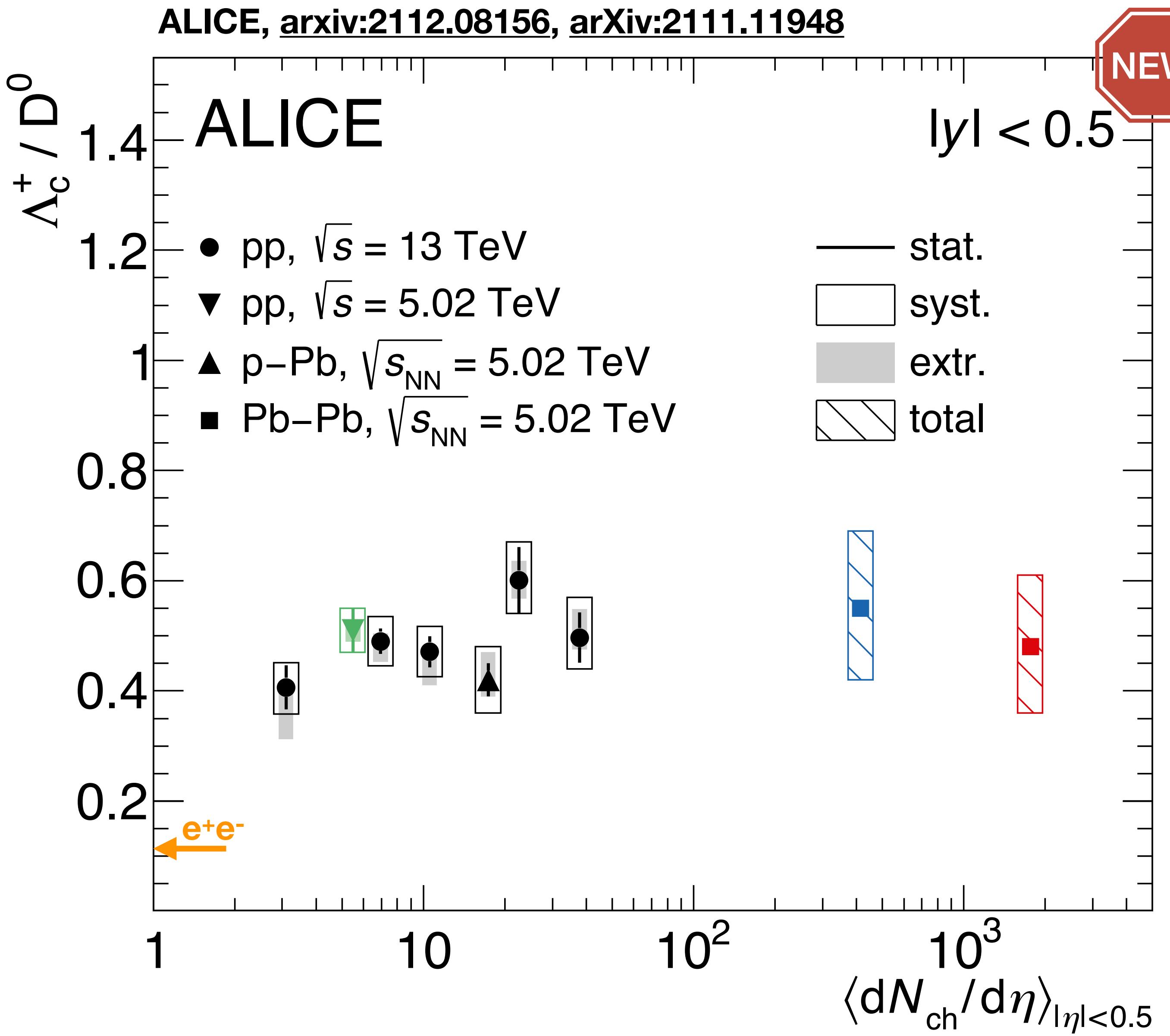
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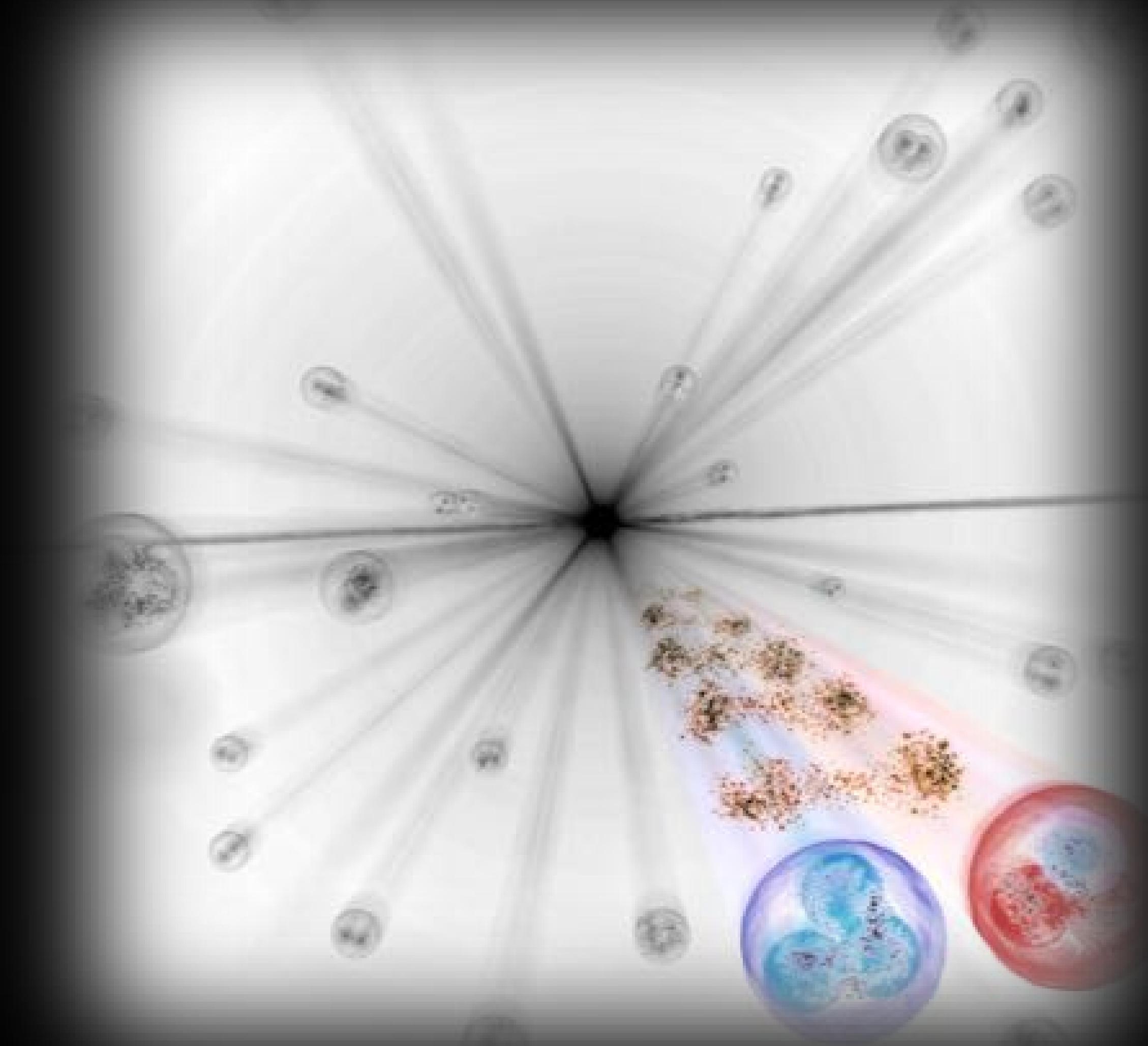
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ALICE, [arxiv:2112.08156](https://arxiv.org/abs/2112.08156), [arXiv:2111.11948](https://arxiv.org/abs/2111.11948)



NEW

- Enhancement of  $\Lambda_c/D^0$  at intermediate momentum increasing going from pp to larger systems
- However the  $p_T$ -integrated  $\Lambda_c/D^0$  does not show a significant multiplicity dependence
  - Similar to what observed in the light flavour sector ( $\Lambda/K^0_s$ ): significant change in the dynamics but similar chemistry across systems
  - Charm recombination + radial flow?

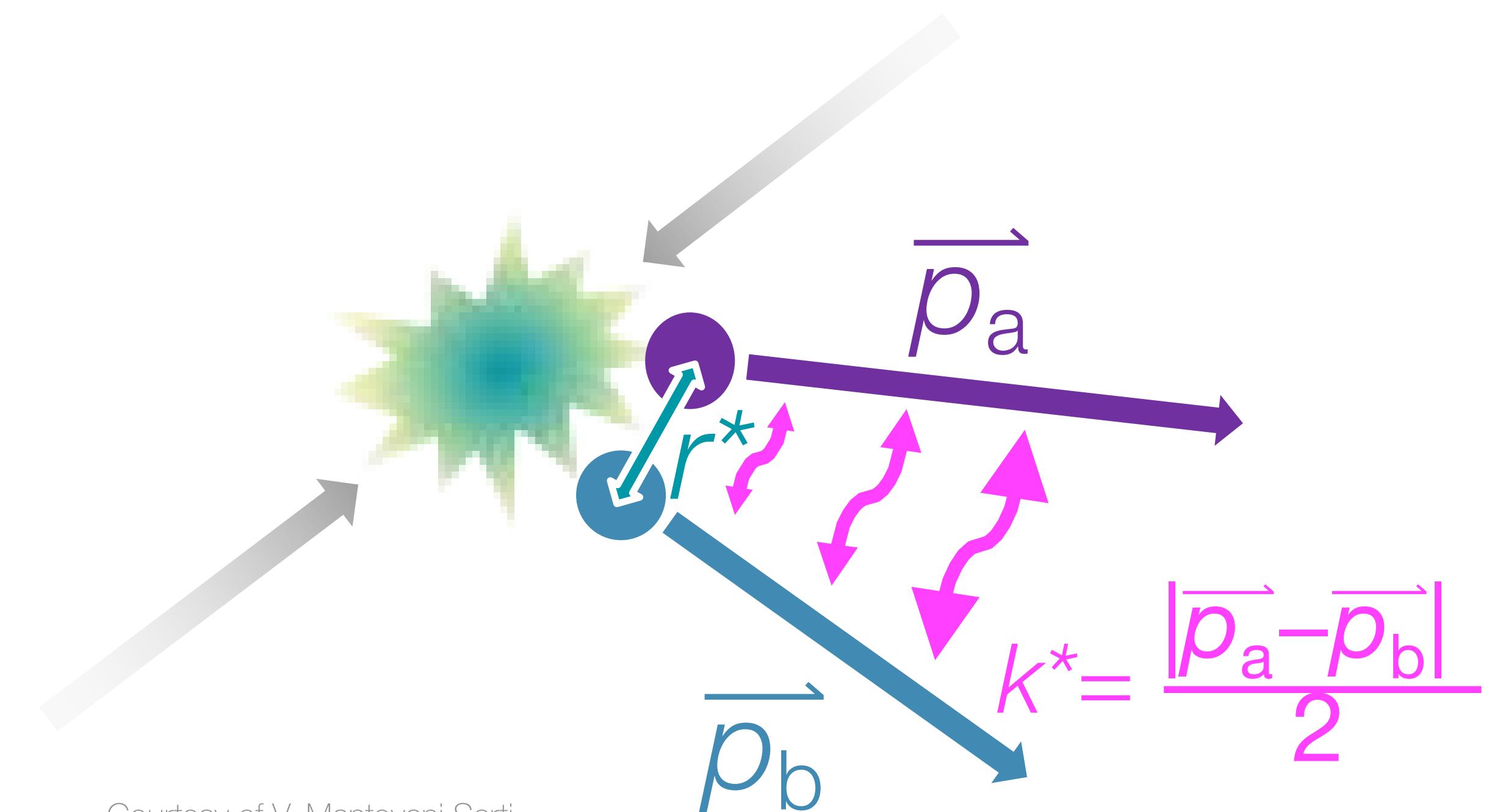


**Study of hadron-hadron(-hadron) interaction**

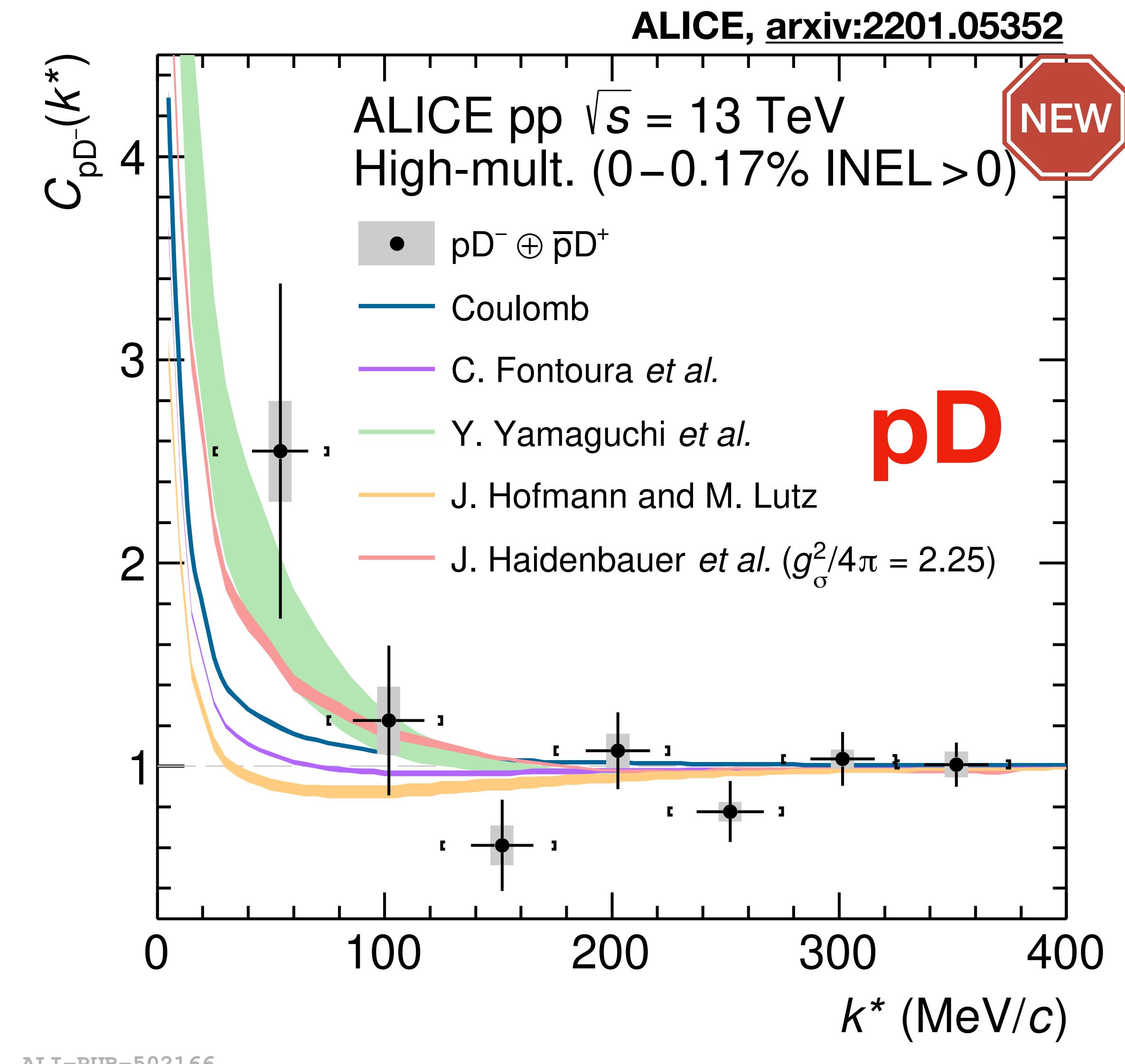
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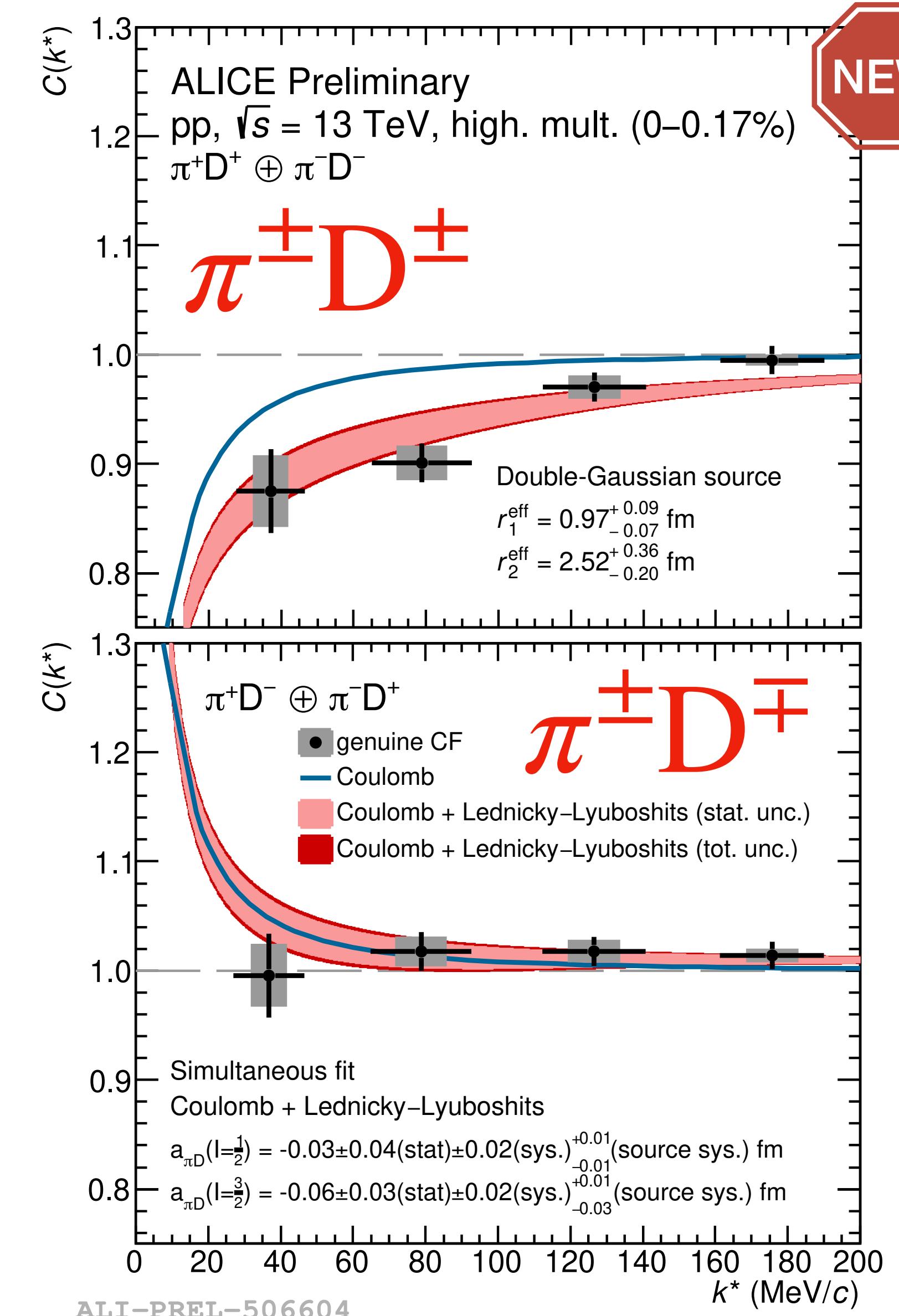
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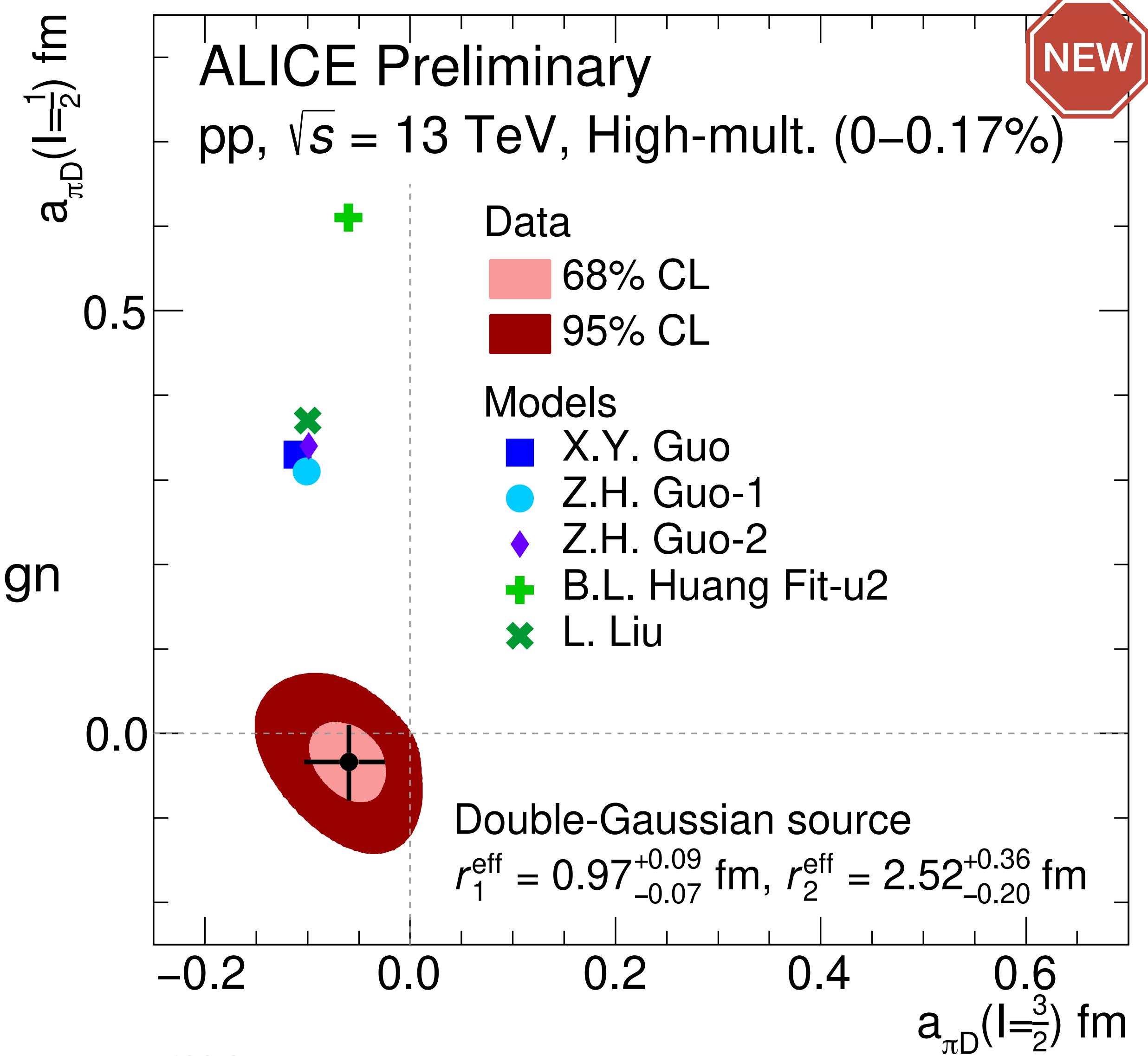
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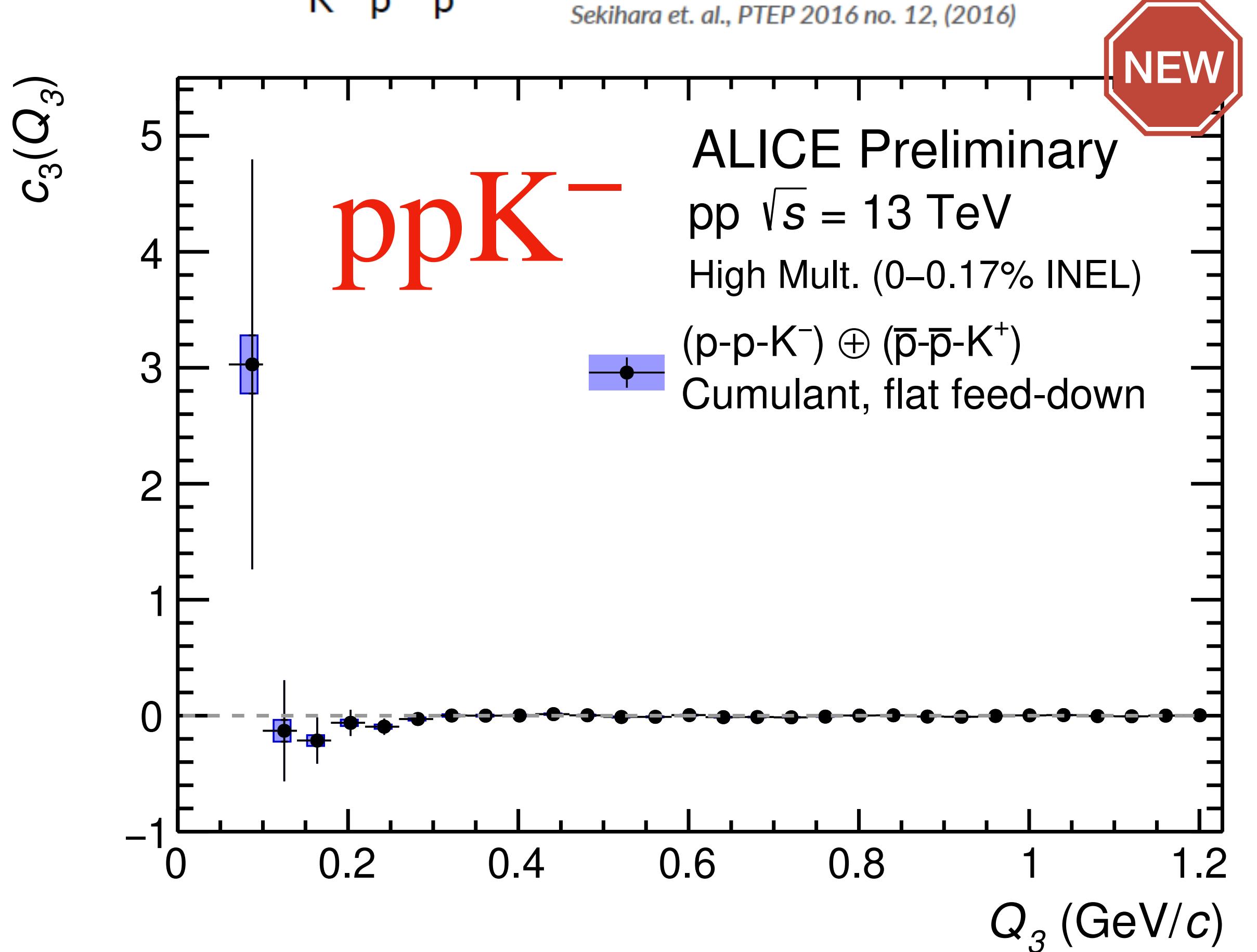
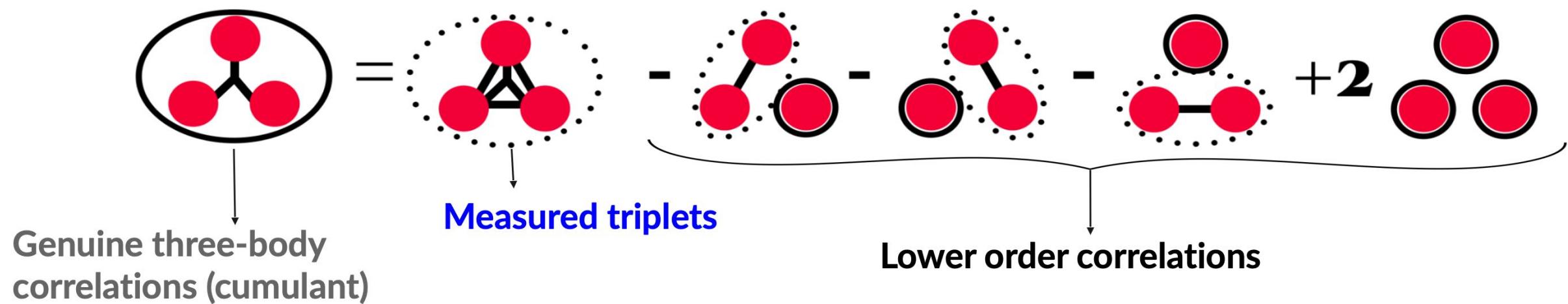
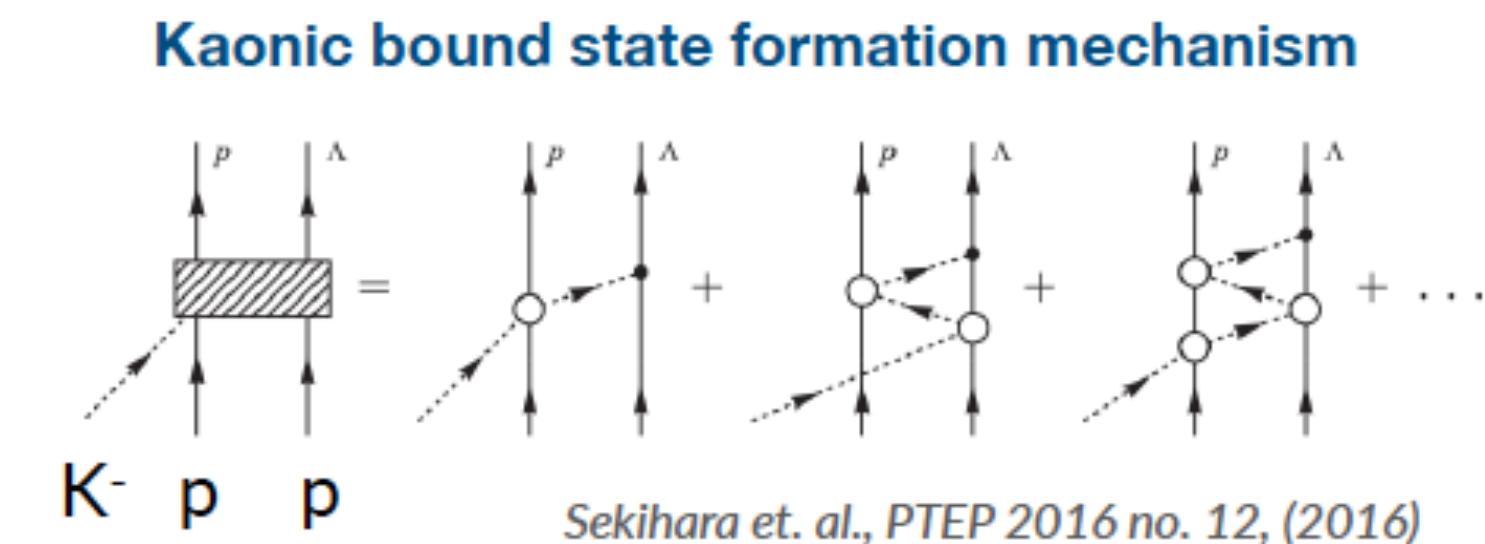
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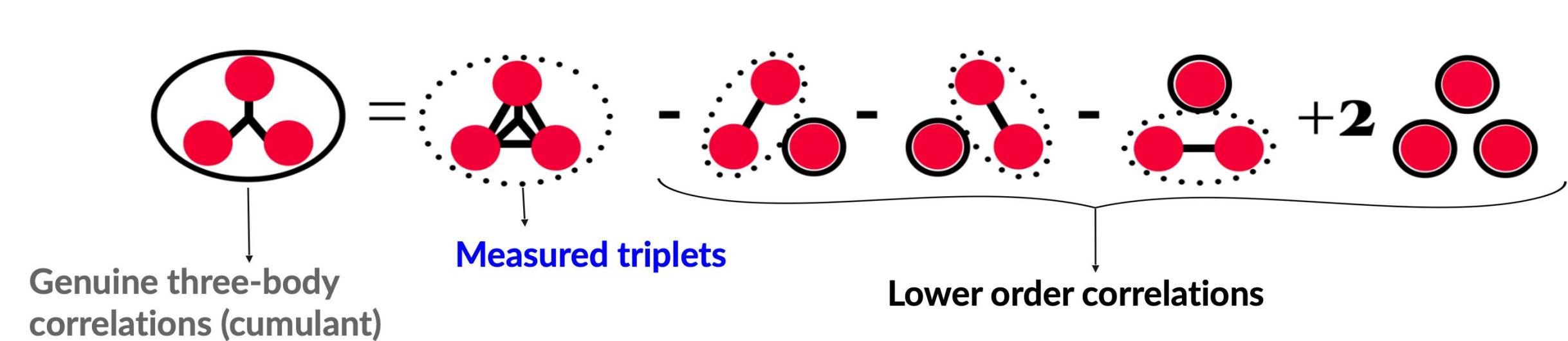
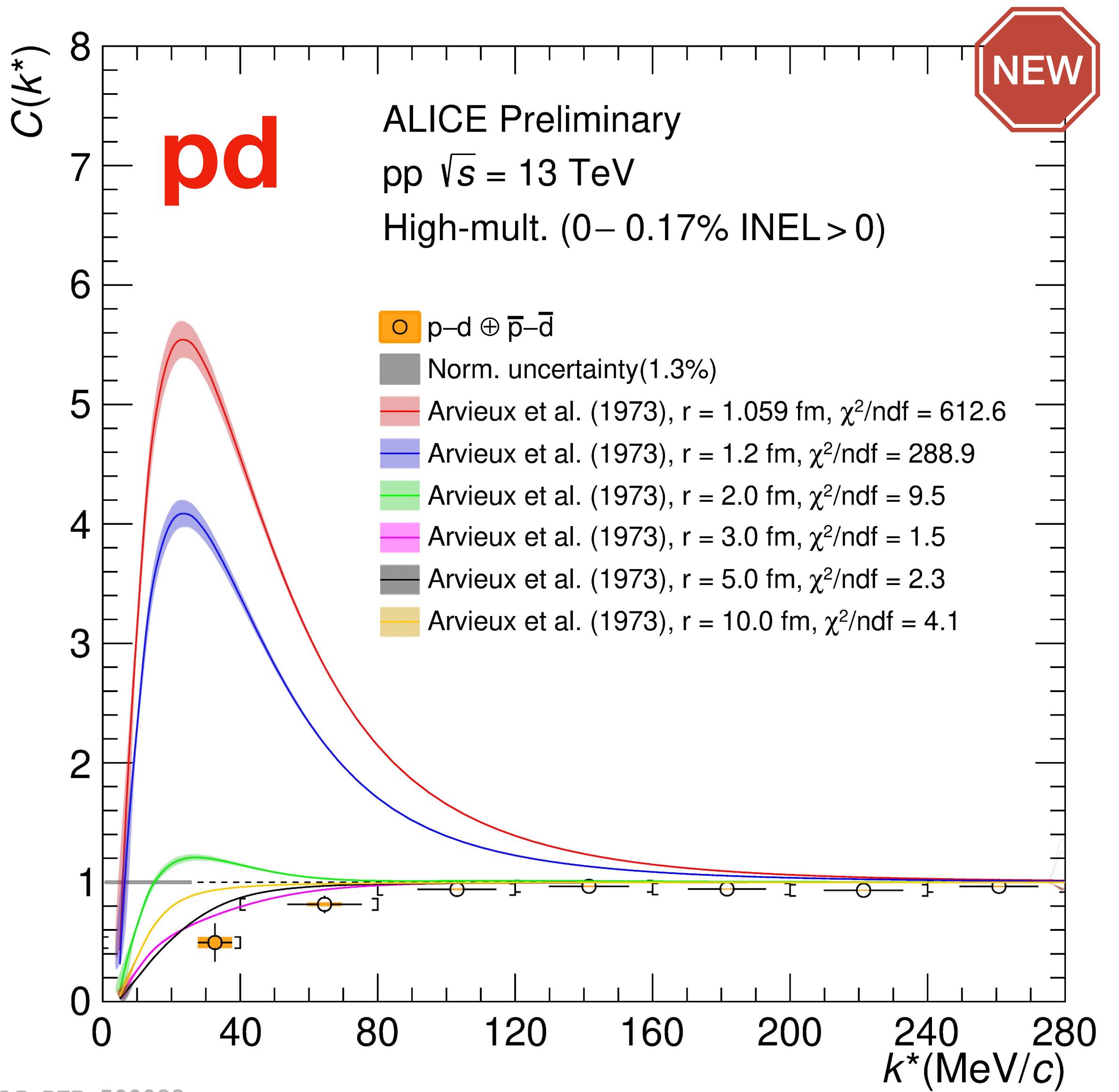
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  - Model fits the data only for large source radii
  - Insights into the production time of nuclei?

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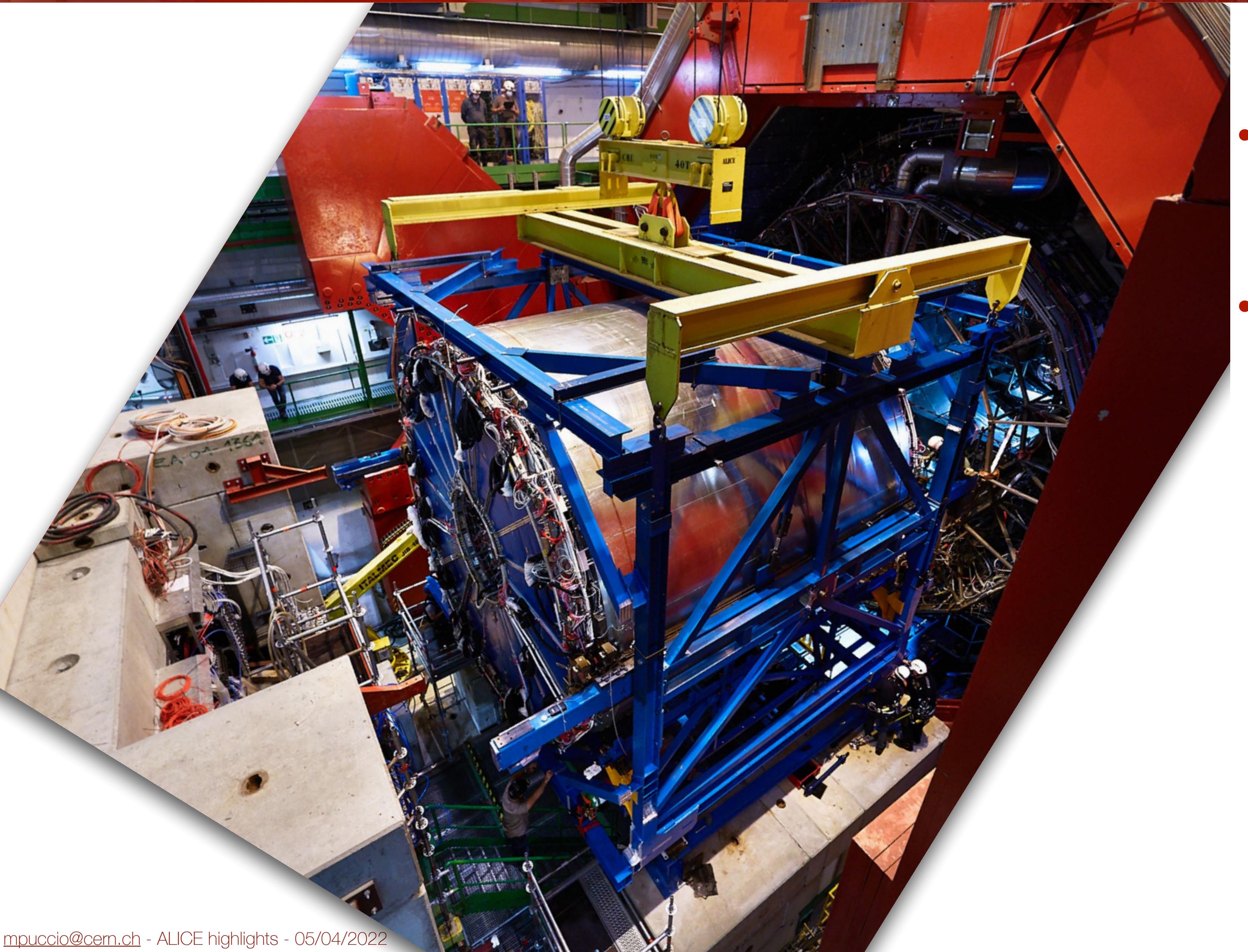
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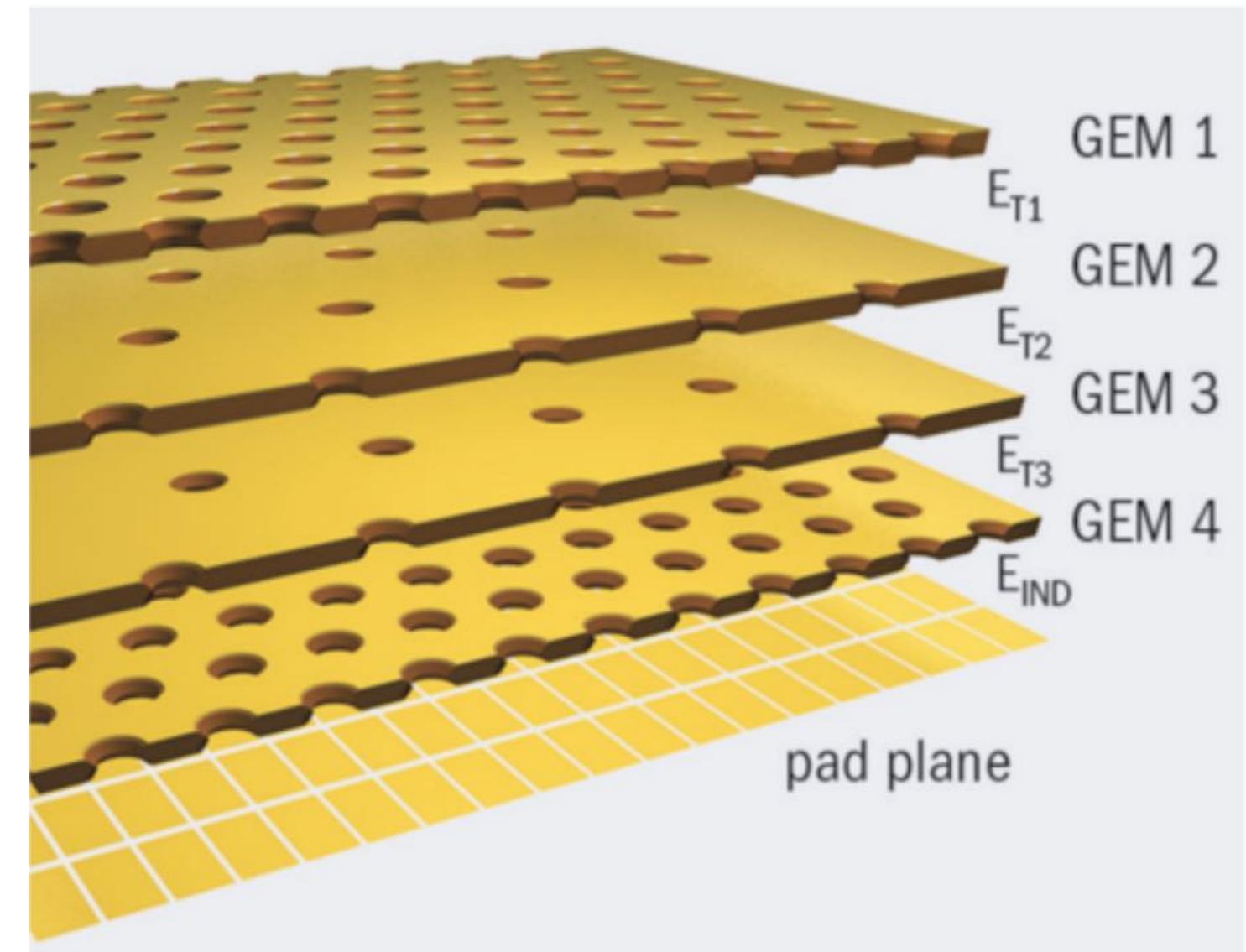


Last QM: farewell ALICE 1!

# The Upgraded TPC back in ALICE

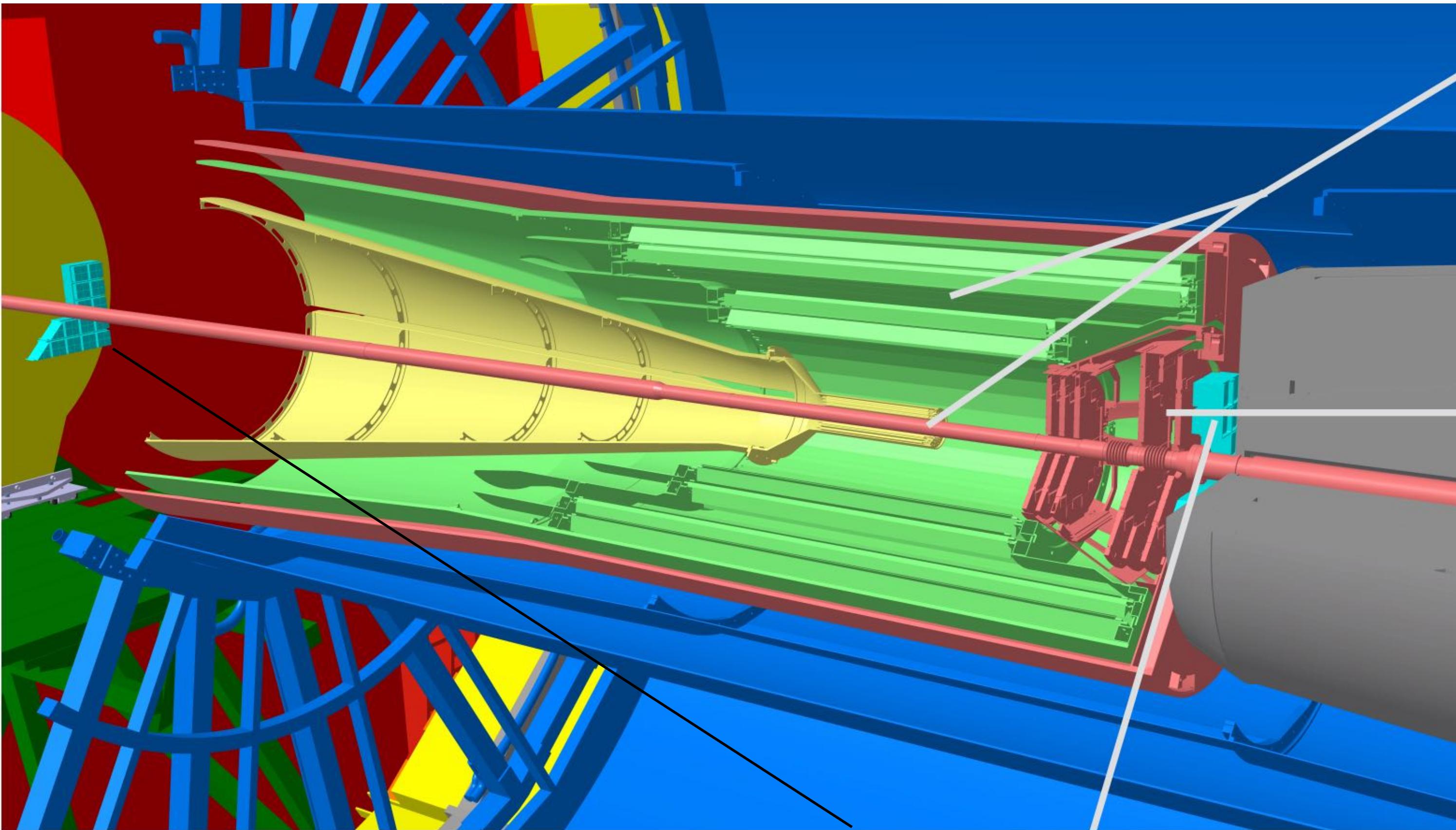


- MWPCs replaced with GEMs
  - Enabling continuous readout @50 kHz Pb-Pb interaction rate
- Fully installed in August 2020



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# The innermost detectors



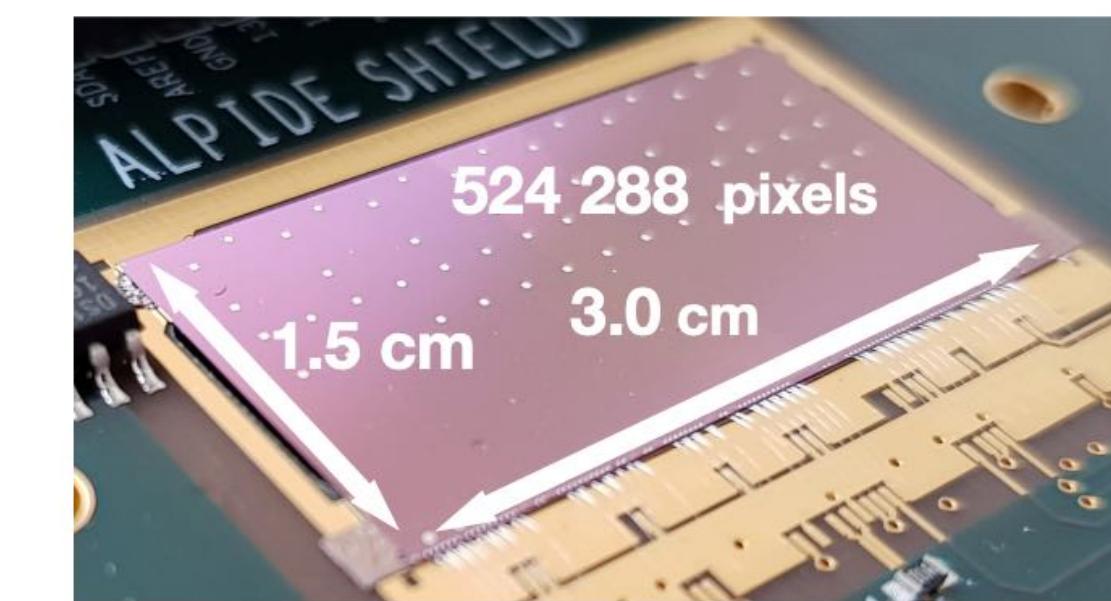
New fast interaction trigger (FIT)

## ITS2: new inner tracking system

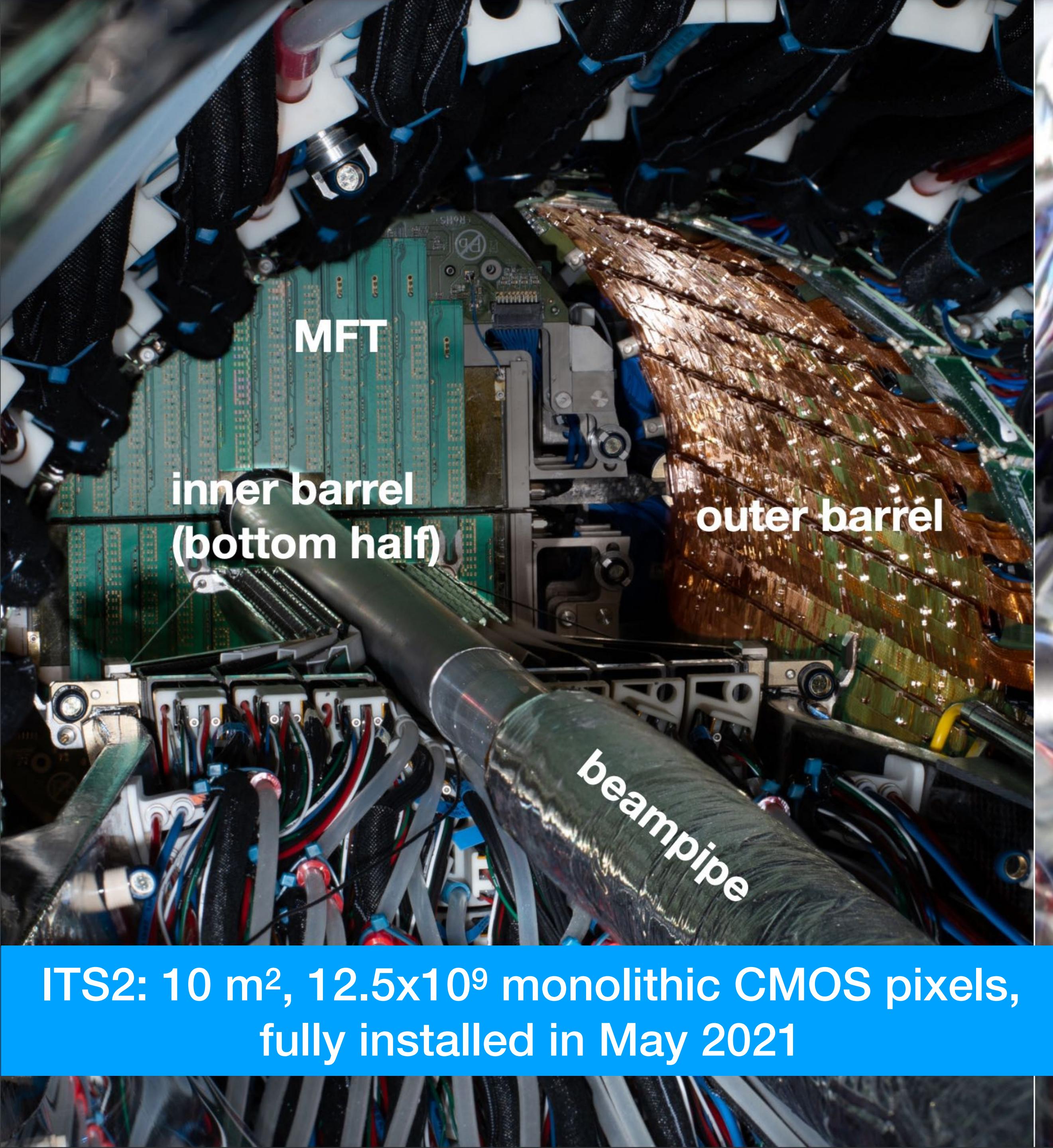
- Improved pointing resolution ( $\times 3$ )
- Inner barrel:  $0.35\% X_0$  per layer
- Smaller beam pipe, 1st layer closer (22 mm)

## MFT: muon forward tracker

- New tracker based on ALPIDE
- Now tracking before the absorber: improved muon pointing



ALPIDE chip



ITS2: 10 m<sup>2</sup>, 12.5x10<sup>9</sup> monolithic CMOS pixels,  
fully installed in May 2021



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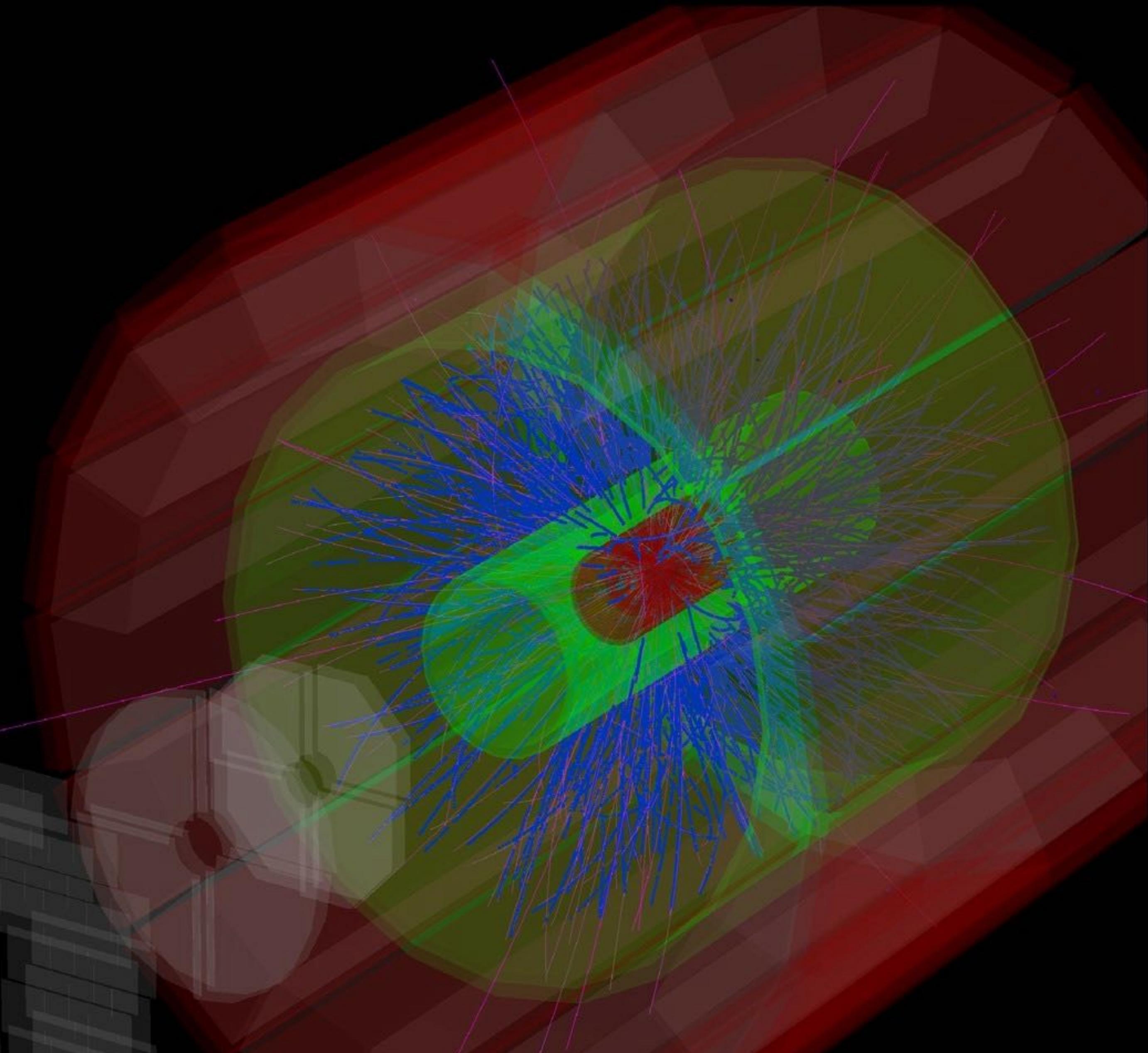
Summer 2021: welcome ALICE 2!



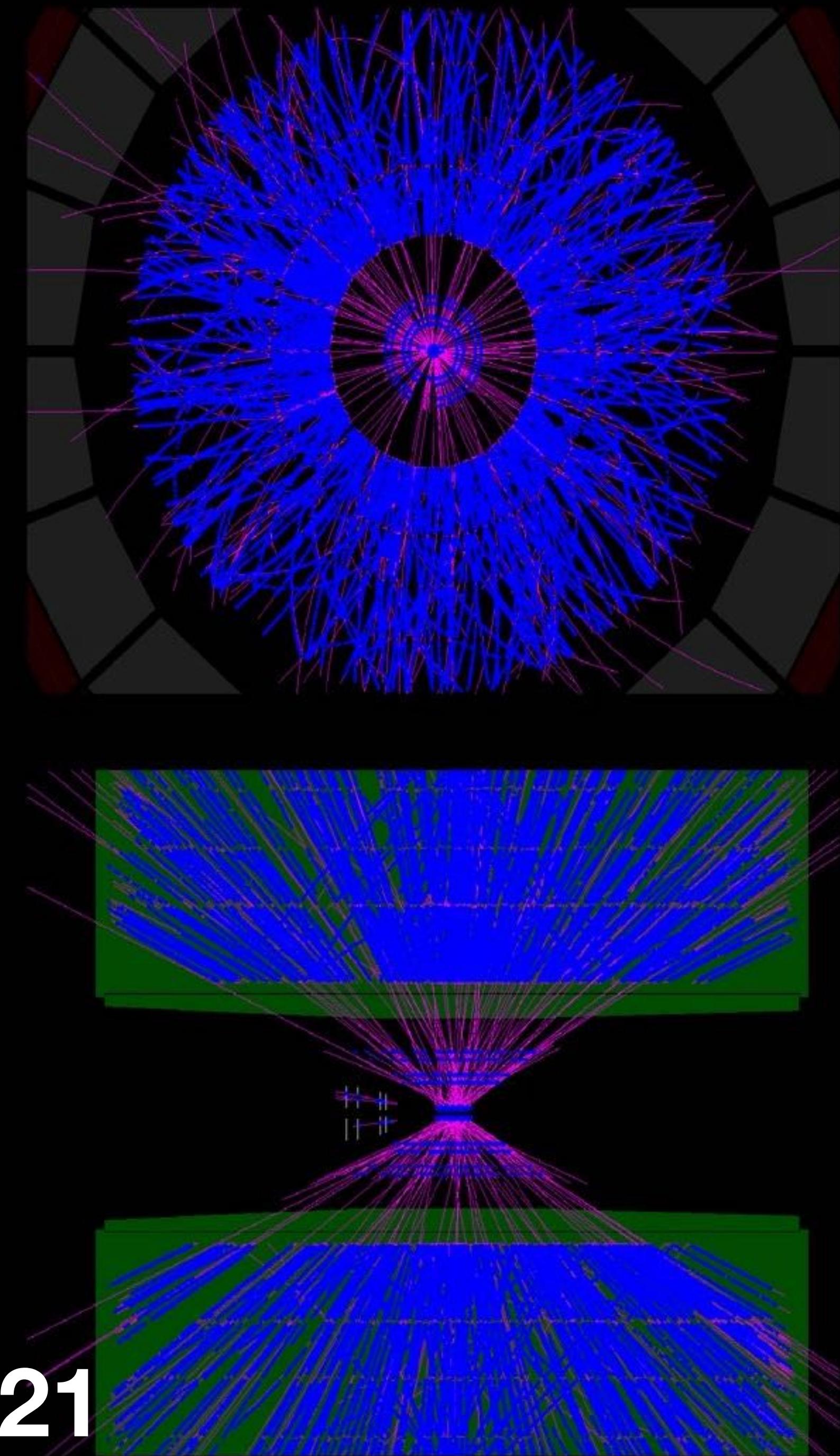
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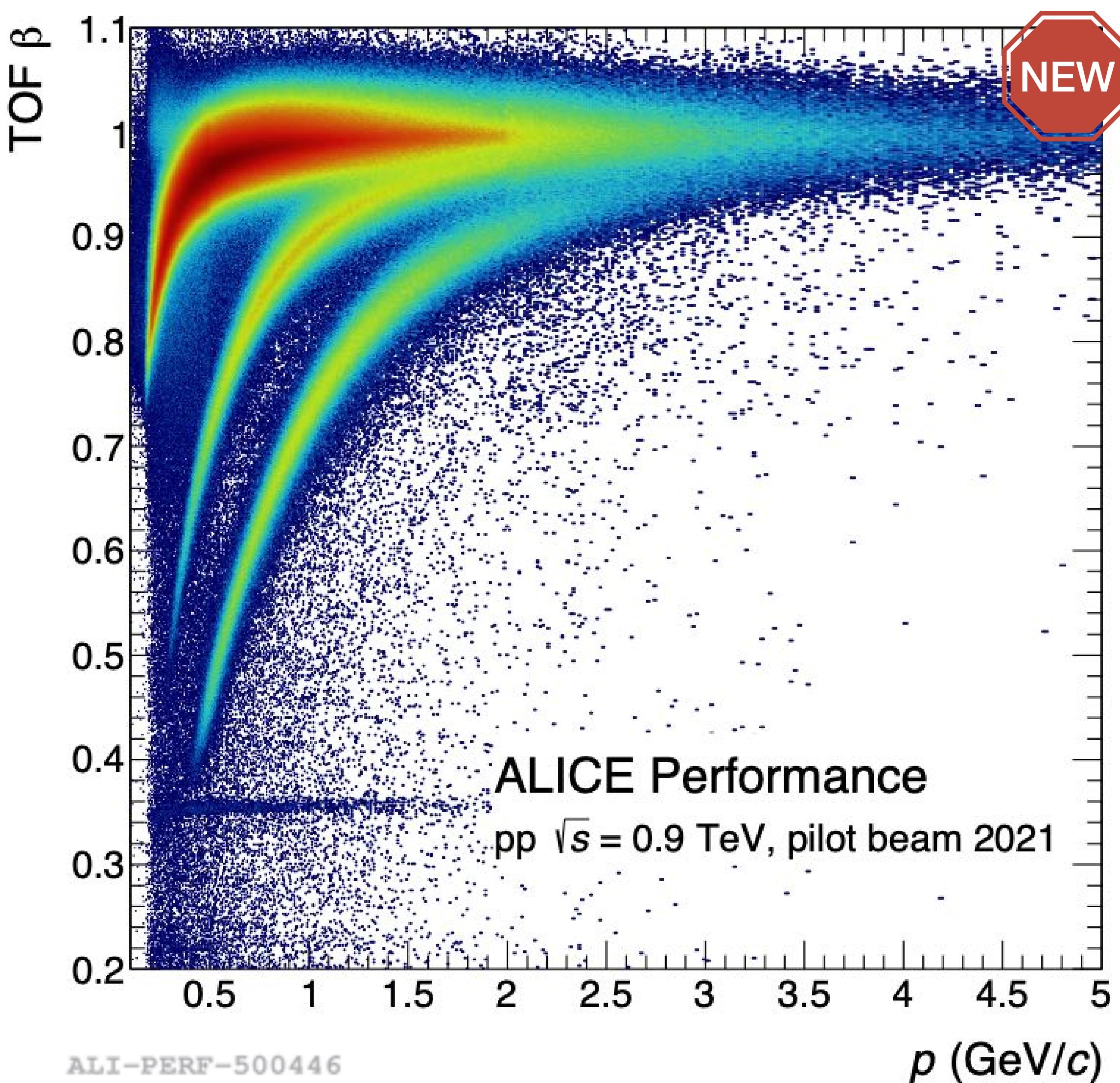
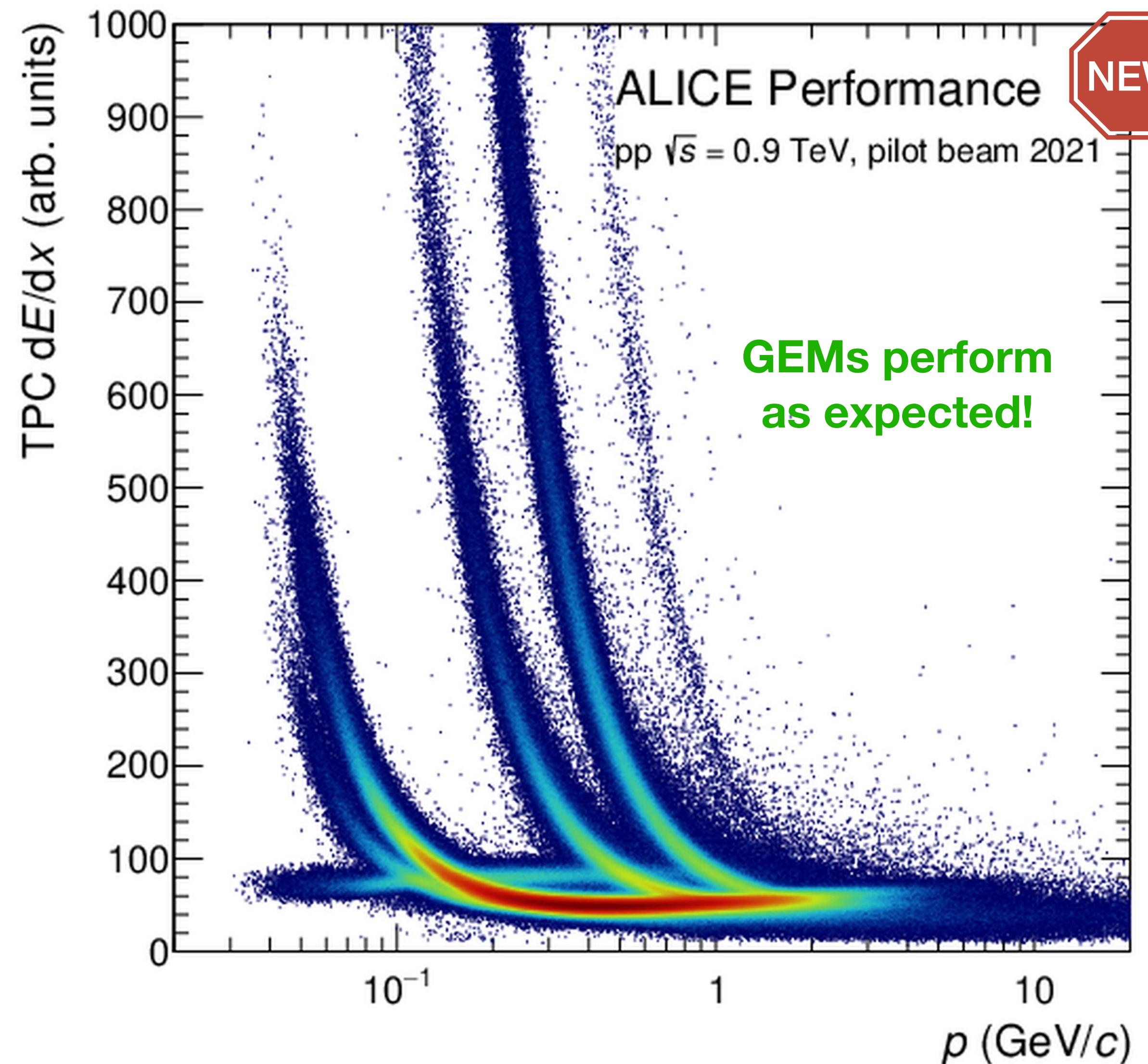
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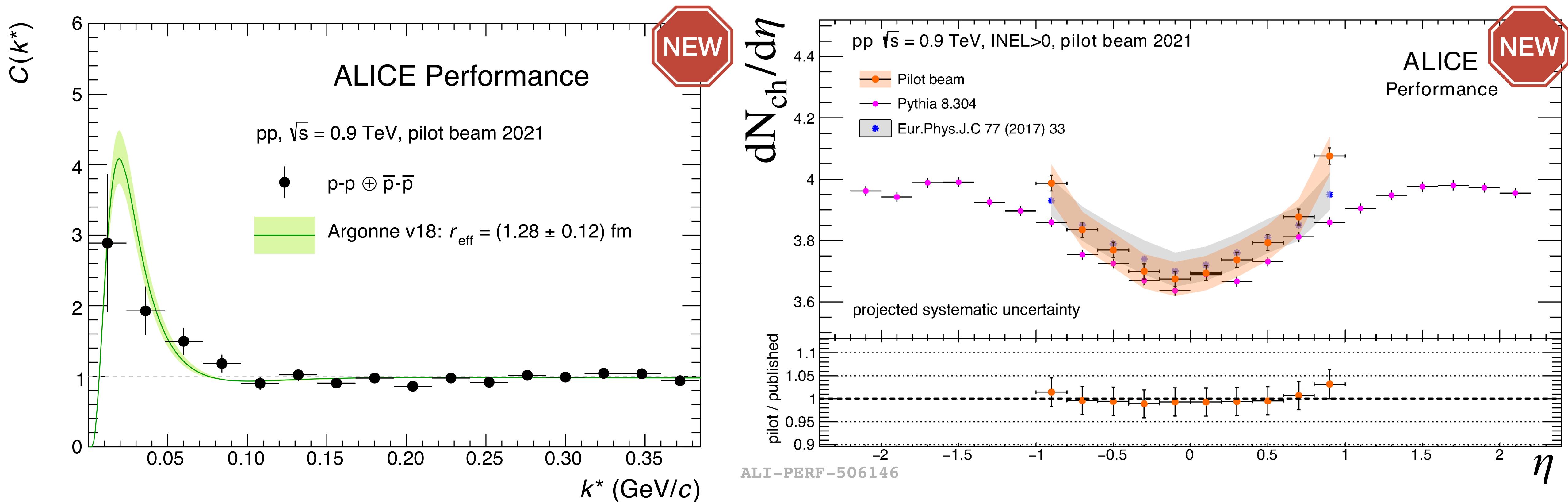


# ALICE 2 first collisions: pilot beam 2021



**Full PID capabilities already available!**

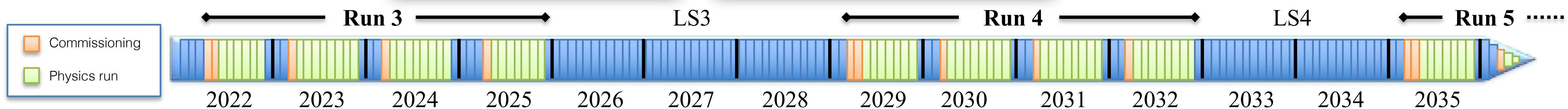
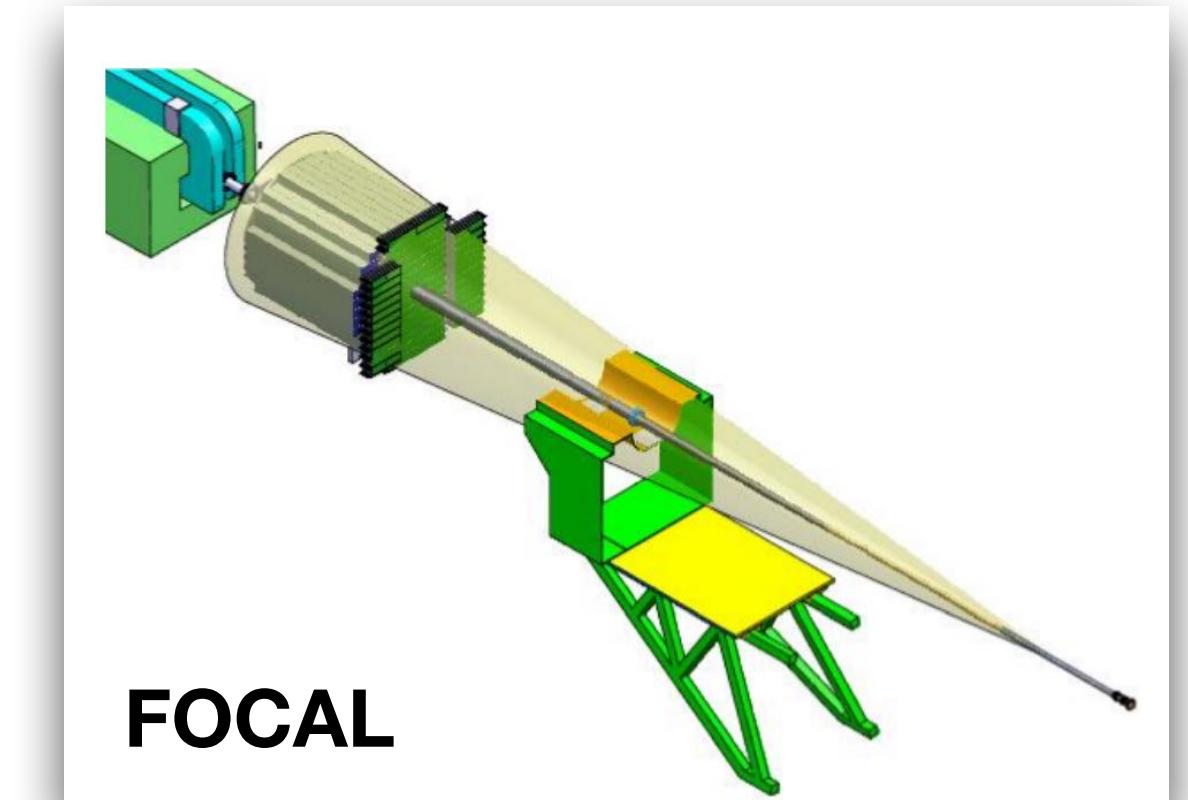
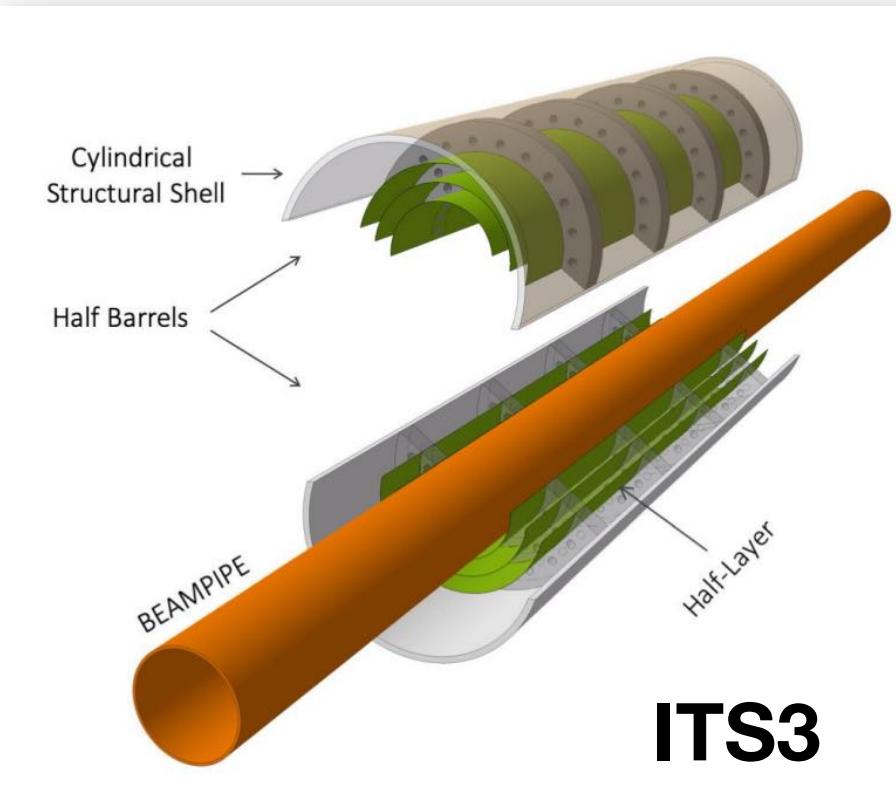
# ALICE 2 first collisions: pilot beam 2021



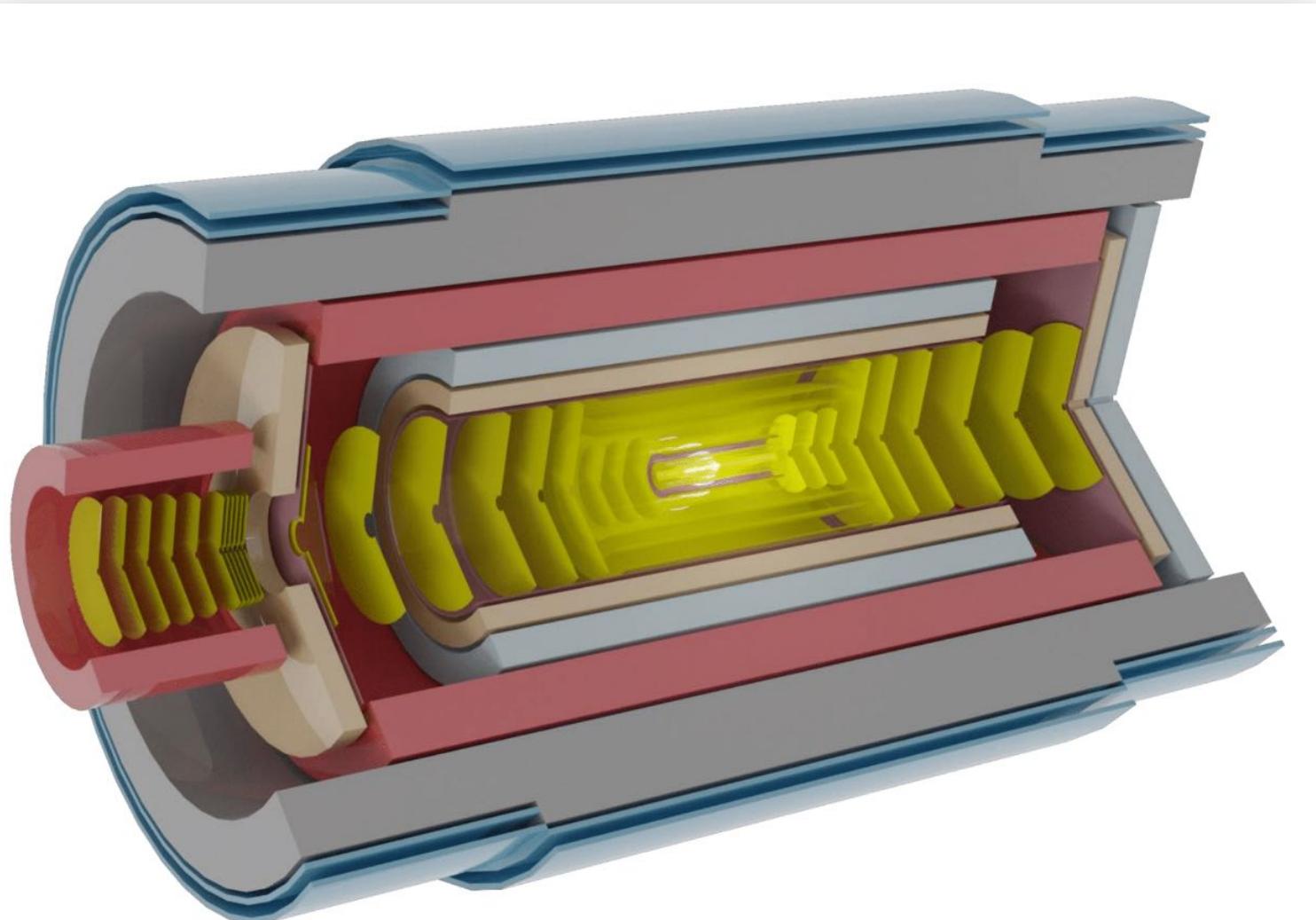
- First look at the **pp correlation function** in pp collisions at 900 GeV
- Measured **dN<sub>ch</sub>/d $\eta$**  compatible with previous results!
- ✓ Detector, simulation, reconstruction and analysis software **ready for physics!**

# The future of ALICE

H.S. Scheid - 07/04/2022, 16:00



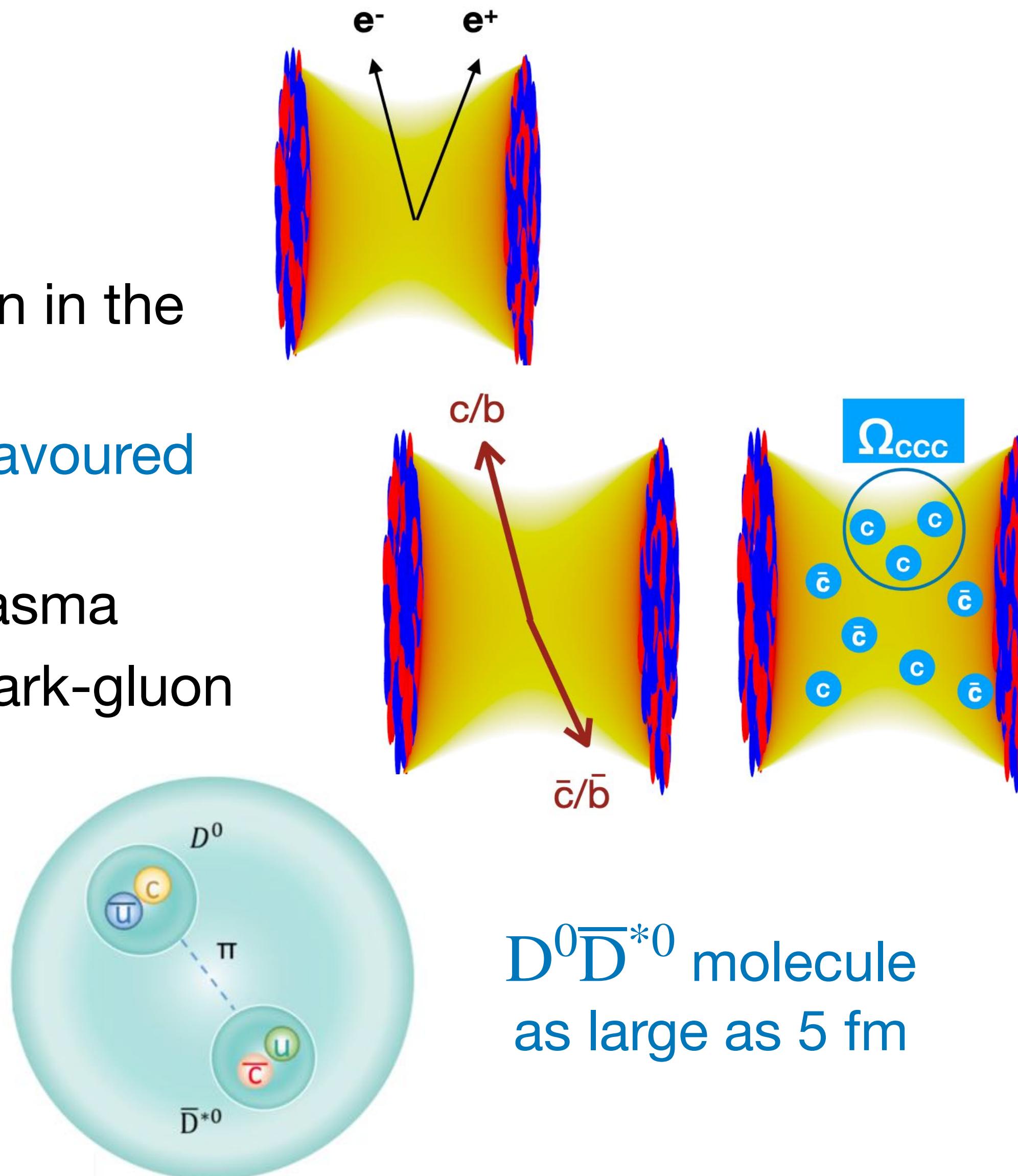
**Heavy ion  
programme for  
LHC Run 5 and 6**



# Physics beyond LHC Run 4

Progress beyond Run 3 and 4 relies on

- precision measurements of dileptons
  - ▶ evolution of the quark-gluon plasma
  - ▶ mechanisms of chiral symmetry restoration in the quark-gluon plasma
- systematic measurements of (multi-)heavy-flavoured hadrons
  - ▶ transport properties in the quark-gluon plasma
  - ▶ mechanisms of hadronisation from the quark-gluon plasma
- hadron correlations
  - ▶ interaction potentials
  - ▶ susceptibility to conserved charges
- ...

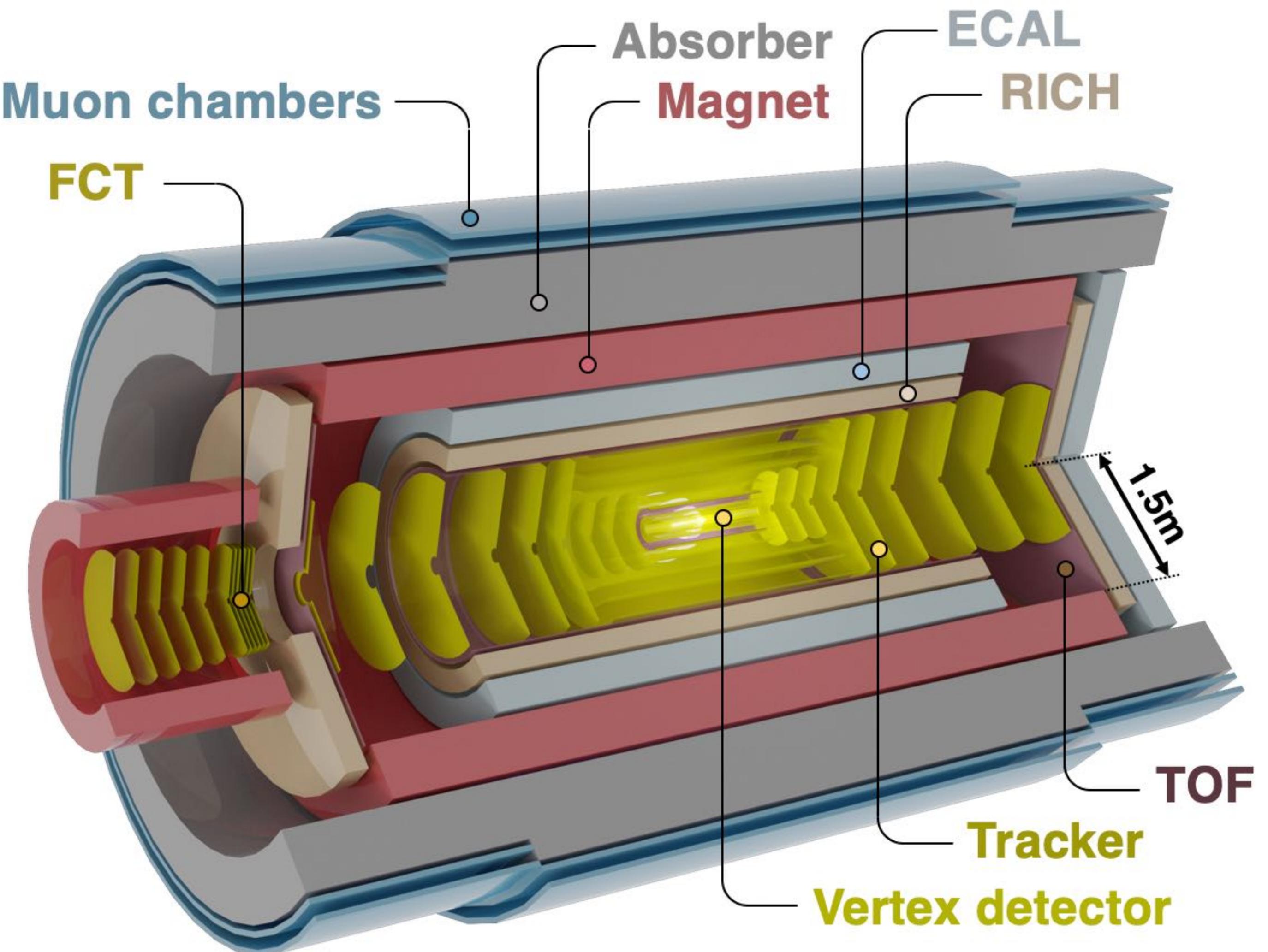


# ALICE 3

- All silicon tracker with  $\sigma_p/p \sim 1\%$  over large acceptance
  - $\sim 10\% X_0$  overall material budget
- Excellent hadron and lepton PID
  - Silicon-based TOF and RICH
  - Muon chambers with absorber
- Impact parameter resolution:  
 $10 \mu\text{m}$  at  $p_T = 200 \text{ MeV}/c$ 
  - First tracking layer at 5 mm from primary vertex
  - $1\% X_0$  for the innermost layers

Letter of Intent reviewed by the LHCC  
([LHCC-2022-009](#))

✓ **Recommendation to proceed with the R&D programme**

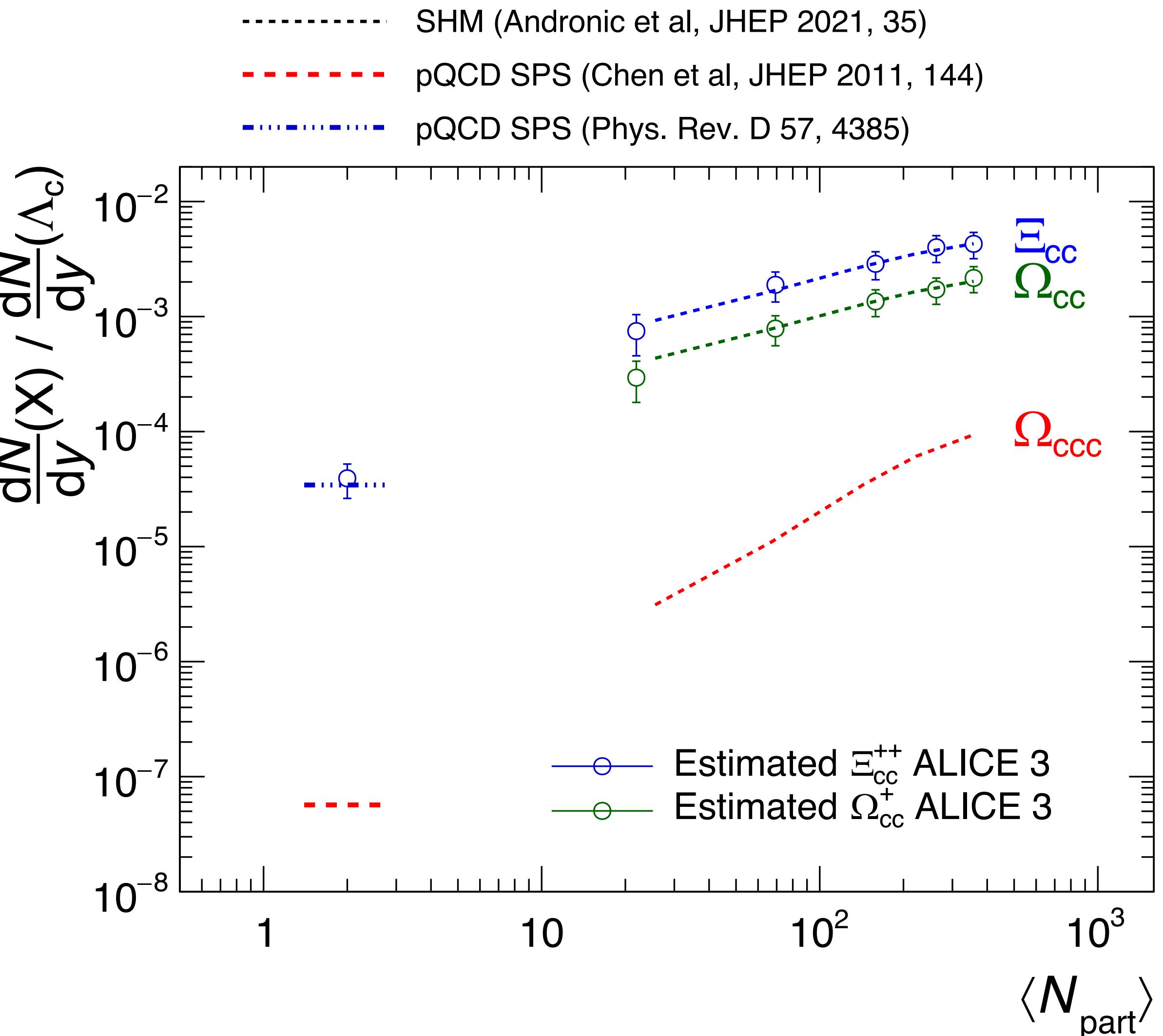


High rate capabilities: fully exploit LHC potential  
→ x5 more AA luminosity than Run 3&4

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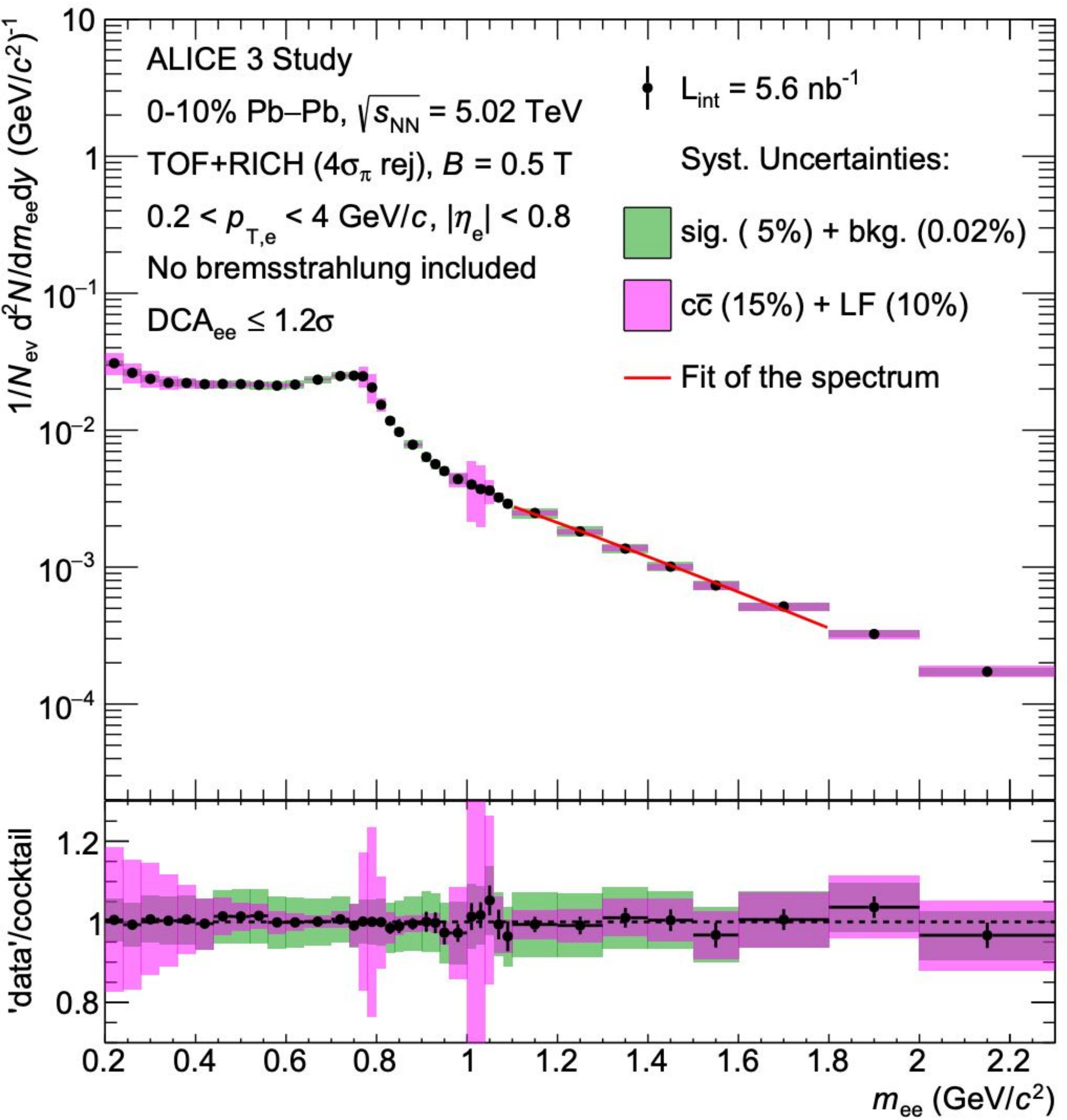
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**Excellent electron PID and rejection of hadronic electrons and photon conversion**

- Temperature determination with dileptons as a function of momentum will be possible
  - Probe different times in the fireball evolution
- Dilepton  $v_2$  and correlations
- Study of  $\rho - a_1$  mixing



# Come to see all ALICE contributions

- **Isolated-photon production and photon-jet correlations in pp and Pb-Pb collisions at 5.02 TeV in ALICE**  
Alwina Liu (UC Berkeley) - 05/04/2022, 16:30
- **Probing the initial state with isolated-photon production and dijet invariant mass distributions in small collision systems with ALICE**  
Sinjini Chandra (Department of Atomic Energy (IN)) - 05/04/2022, 16:30
- **Quarkonium polarization in Pb-Pb and pp collisions with ALICE**  
Luca Micheletti (Universita e INFN Torino (IT)) - 05/04/2022, 16:50
- **Anisotropic flow fluctuations relative to participant and spectator planes in heavy-ion collisions with ALICE**  
Lukas Kreis (GSI - Helmholtzzentrum für Schwerionenforschung GmbH (DE)) - 06/04/2022, 08:40
- **Study of path-length dependent energy loss of jets in p-Pb and Pb-Pb collisions with ALICE**  
Caitlin Beattie (Yale University (US)) - 06/04/2022, 08:40
- **Jet angularity and fragmentation measurements in heavy-ion collisions with ALICE**  
James Mulligan (University of California, Berkeley (US)) - 06/04/2022, 10:00
- **Precision studies of the strong interaction in  $\Lambda$ -hadron systems up to  $S=-3$  with ALICE**  
Valentina Mantovani Sarti (Technische Universitaet Muenchen (DE)) - 06/04/2022, 10:00
- **Observation of partonic flow in small collision systems with ALICE at the LHC**  
Zuzana Moravcova (University of Copenhagen (DK)) - 06/04/2022, 11:50
- **Beauty production in heavy-ion collisions with ALICE at the LHC**  
Xinye Peng (China University of Geosciences) - 06/04/2022, 12:10
- **Search for jet quenching in high-multiplicity pp collisions using inclusive and semi-inclusive jet production in ALICE**  
Filip Krizek (Czech Academy of Sciences (CZ)) - 06/04/2022, 12:50
- **Heavy-flavour jet properties and correlations from small to large systems measured with ALICE**  
Marianna Mazzilli (CERN) - 06/04/2022, 14:40
- **New experimental frontiers in the study of many-body nuclear interactions with ALICE**  
Raffaele Del Grande (Technische Universitaet Muenchen (DE)) - 06/04/2022, 15:00
- **ALICE determines the scattering parameters of D mesons with light-flavor hadrons**  
Fabrizio Grossa (CERN) - 06/04/2022, 15:40
- **Particle production as a function of underlying-event activity in pp, p-Pb, and Pb-Pb collisions and search for jet-like modifications with ALICE**  
Antonio Ortiz Velasquez (Universidad Nacional Autonoma (MX)) - 06/04/2022, 15:40
- **Open and hidden heavy-flavor production in small systems with ALICE**  
Sebastien Perrin (Université Paris-Saclay (FR)) - 06/04/2022, 16:00
- **Understanding the nature of f0(980) via K+K- correlation and production yield with ALICE**  
Neelima Agrawal (Universita e INFN, Bologna (IT)) - 06/04/2022, 16:40
- **Charm production: constraint to transport models and charm diffusion coefficient with ALICE**  
Lucas Anne Vermunt (Utrecht University (NL)) - 07/04/2022, 09:00
- **J/ $\psi$  photoproduction and the production of dileptons via photon-photon interactions in hadronic Pb-Pb collisions measured with ALICE**  
Alexandra Neagu (University of Oslo (NO)) - 07/04/2022, 09:20
- **Constraining hadronization processes with charm baryons in pp and p-Pb collisions with ALICE**  
Mattia Faggin (Universita e INFN, Padova (IT)) - 07/04/2022, 11:10
- **J/ $\psi$  photoproduction results from ALICE**  
Tomas Herman (Czech Technical University in Prague (CZ)) - 07/04/2022, 11:30
- **Accessing the initial conditions of heavy-ion collisions with correlations and fluctuations of anisotropic flow in ALICE**  
Vytautas Vislavicius (University of Copenhagen (DK)) - 07/04/2022, 12:50
- **Charmonium production in Pb-Pb collisions with ALICE**  
Jon-Are Saetre (University of Bergen (NO)) - 07/04/2022, 14:40
- **Direct photon production and HBT correlations in Pb-Pb collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 5.02 \text{ TeV}$  with the ALICE experiment**  
Meike Charlotte Danisch (Ruprecht Karls Universitaet Heidelberg (DE)) - 07/04/2022, 14:40
- **Thermal radiation and direct photon production in Pb-Pb and pp collisions with dielectrons in ALICE**  
Jerome Jung (Goethe University Frankfurt (DE)) - 07/04/2022, 15:20
- **ALICE upgrades and preparations for physics in Run 3**  
Anton Alkin (CERN) - 07/04/2022, 15:40
- **Future ALICE upgrades for Run 4 and beyond**  
Horst Sebastian Scheid (Goethe University Frankfurt (DE)) - 07/04/2022, 16:00
- **Heavy-flavour production as a function of the event activity with ALICE**  
Luigi Dello Stritto (Universita e INFN, Salerno (IT)) - 07/04/2022, 16:00
- **Electroweak-boson production from small to large collision systems with ALICE at the LHC**  
Shingo Sakai (University of Tsukuba (JP)) - 07/04/2022, 17:10
- **The dark side of ALICE: from antinuclei interactions to dark matter searches in space**  
Stephan Alexander Konigstorfer (Technische Universitaet Muenchen (DE)) - 07/04/2022, 17:30
- **ALICE search for the collective origin of strangeness enhancement**  
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Hannah Bossi (Yale University (US)) - 07/04/2022, 18:10
- **Jet acoplanarity and energy flow within jets in Pb-Pb and pp collisions with ALICE**  
Reynier Cruz Torres (Lawrence Berkeley National Lab. (US)) - 07/04/2022, 18:30
- **Latest results on resonance production from small to large systems with ALICE**  
Bong-Hwi Lim (Pusan National University (KR)) - 07/04/2022, 18:30
- **New experimental observables to probe (anti)nucleosynthesis at the LHC with ALICE**  
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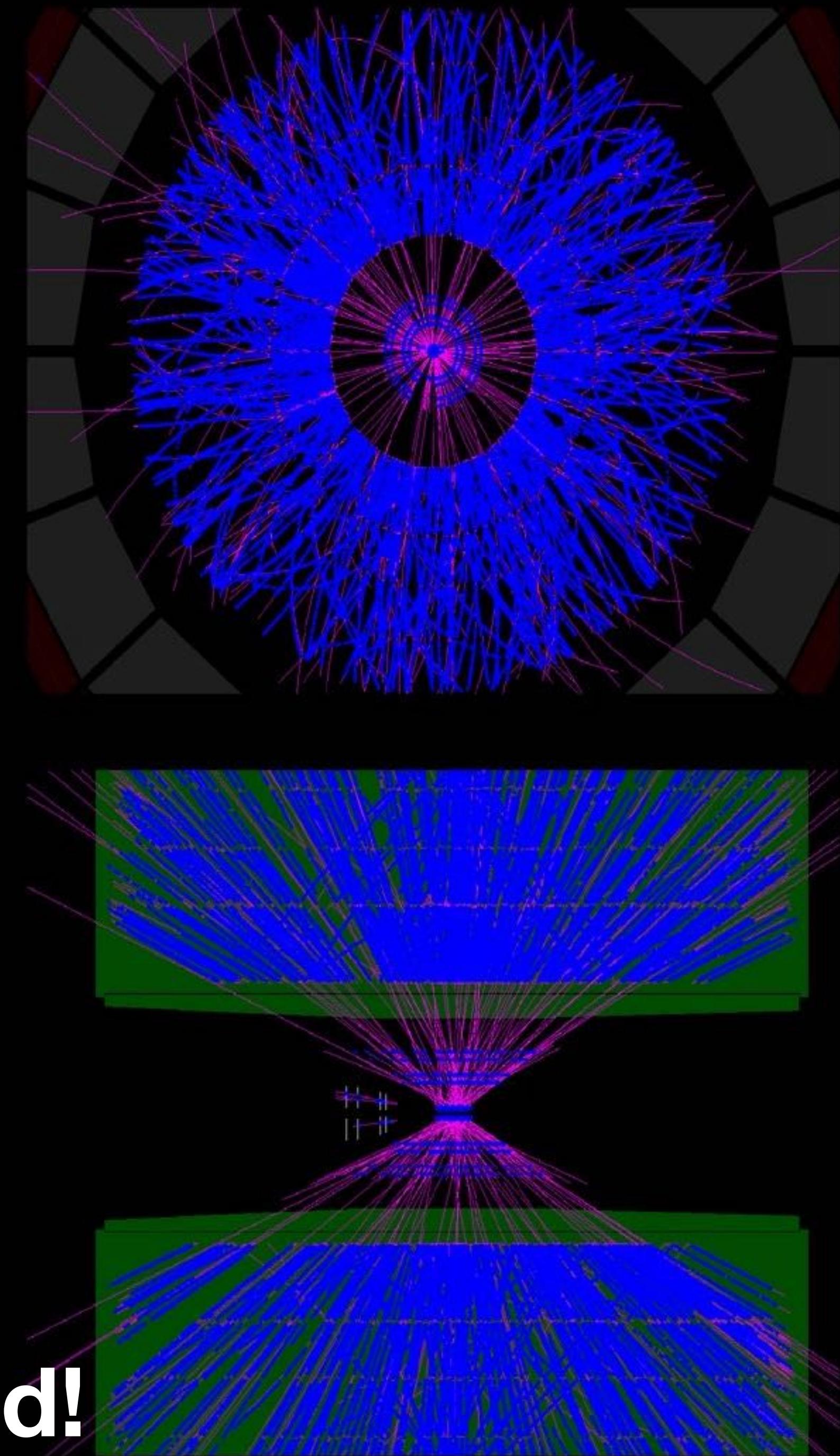
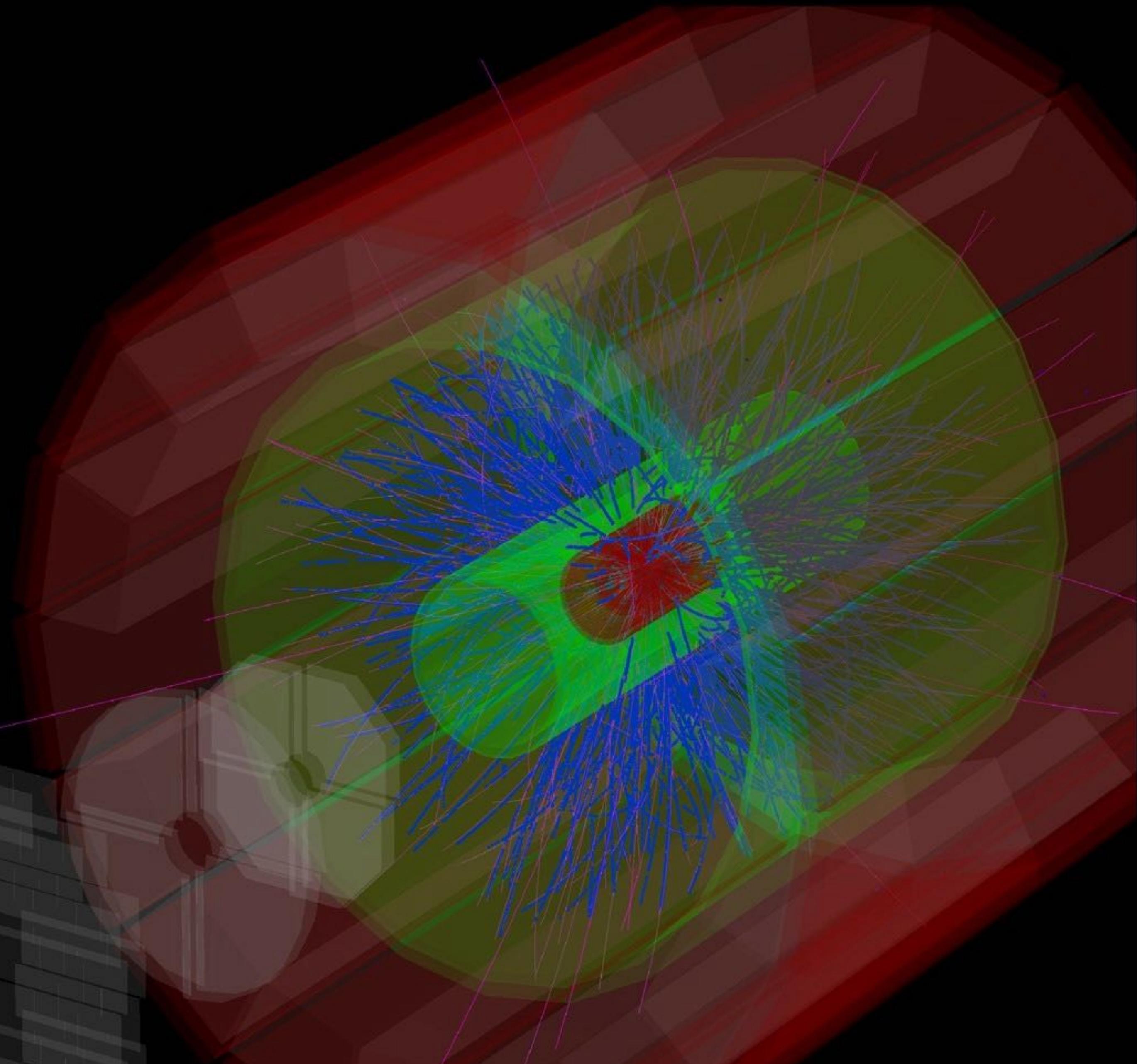
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ALICE



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Detectors: ITS, TPC, MFT



... to Run 3 and beyond!