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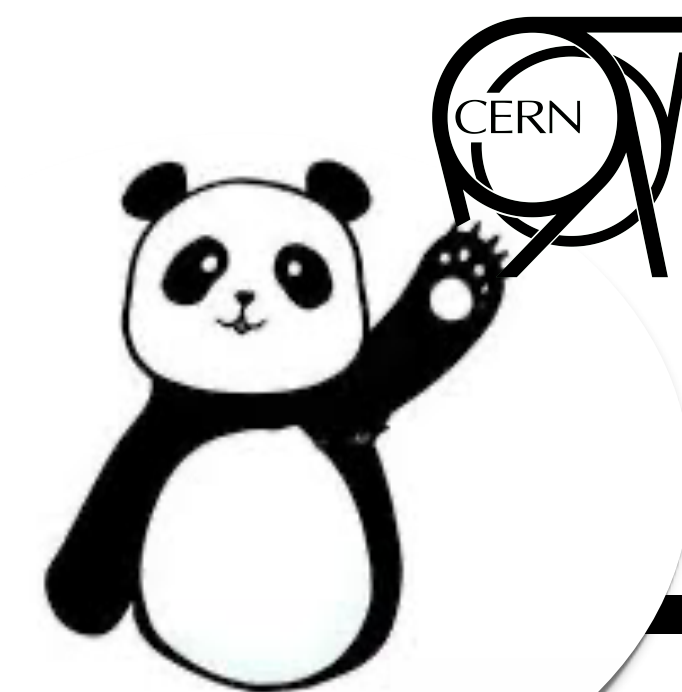
# $\Upsilon$ production and polarization in pp collisions with ALICE at the LHC

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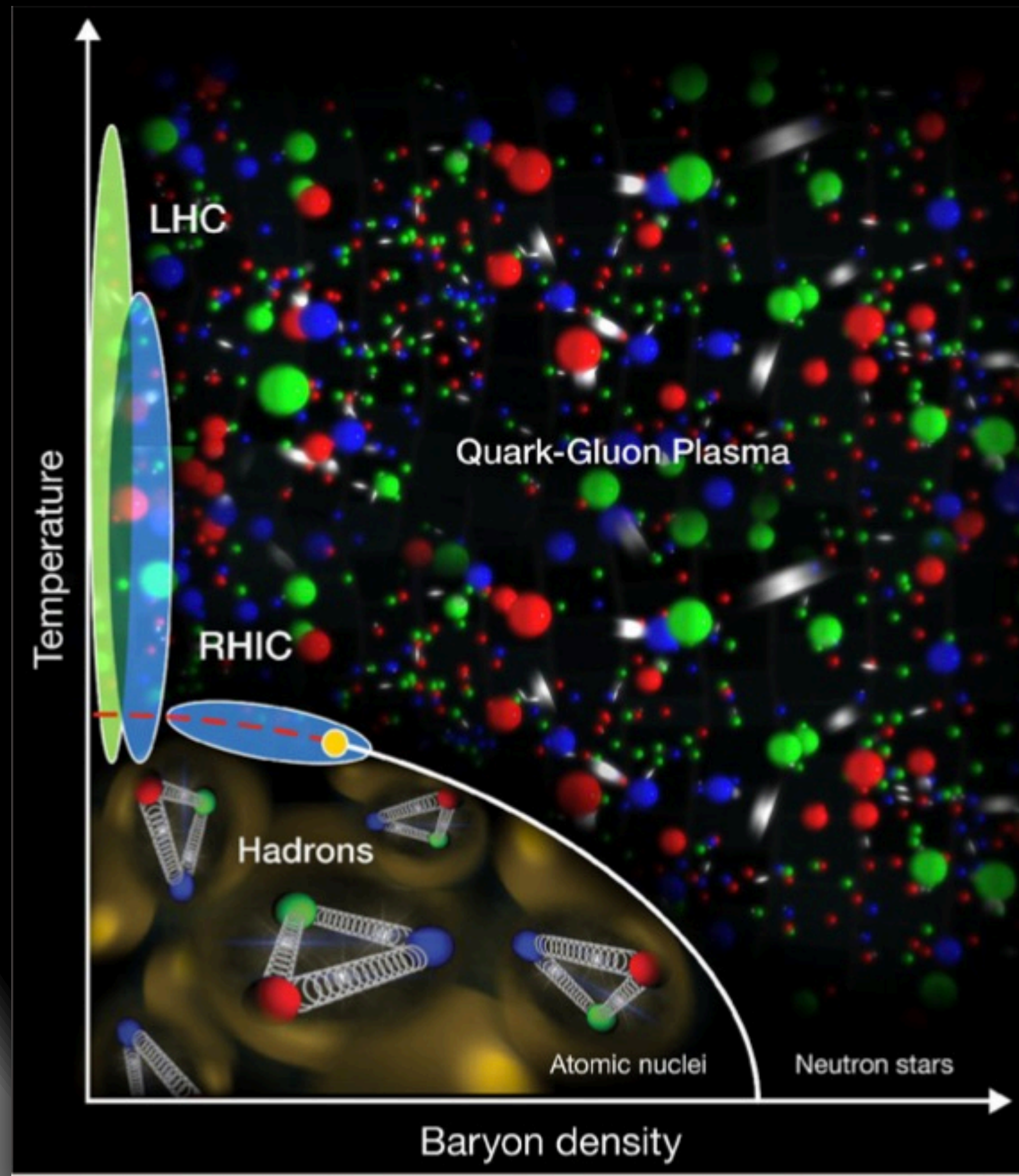
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# Introduction: QGP physics with ALICE



- 🔔 **Quark-gluon plasma (QGP)** is a deconfined state of hadronic matter which can form at high temperatures and/or net baryonic densities
- 🔔 ALICE at the LHC observes QGP produced in ultra-relativistic collisions of heavy ions
- 🔔 Direct observation of QGP is impossible due to the short life of the deconfined phase
- 🔔 QGP is studied indirectly by means of a number of probes
  - 👉 The suppression of high  $p_T$  particles and jets
  - 👉 The enhancement of strange and multi-strange particles
  - 👉 Signatures of a collective motion of the medium
  - 👉 ...



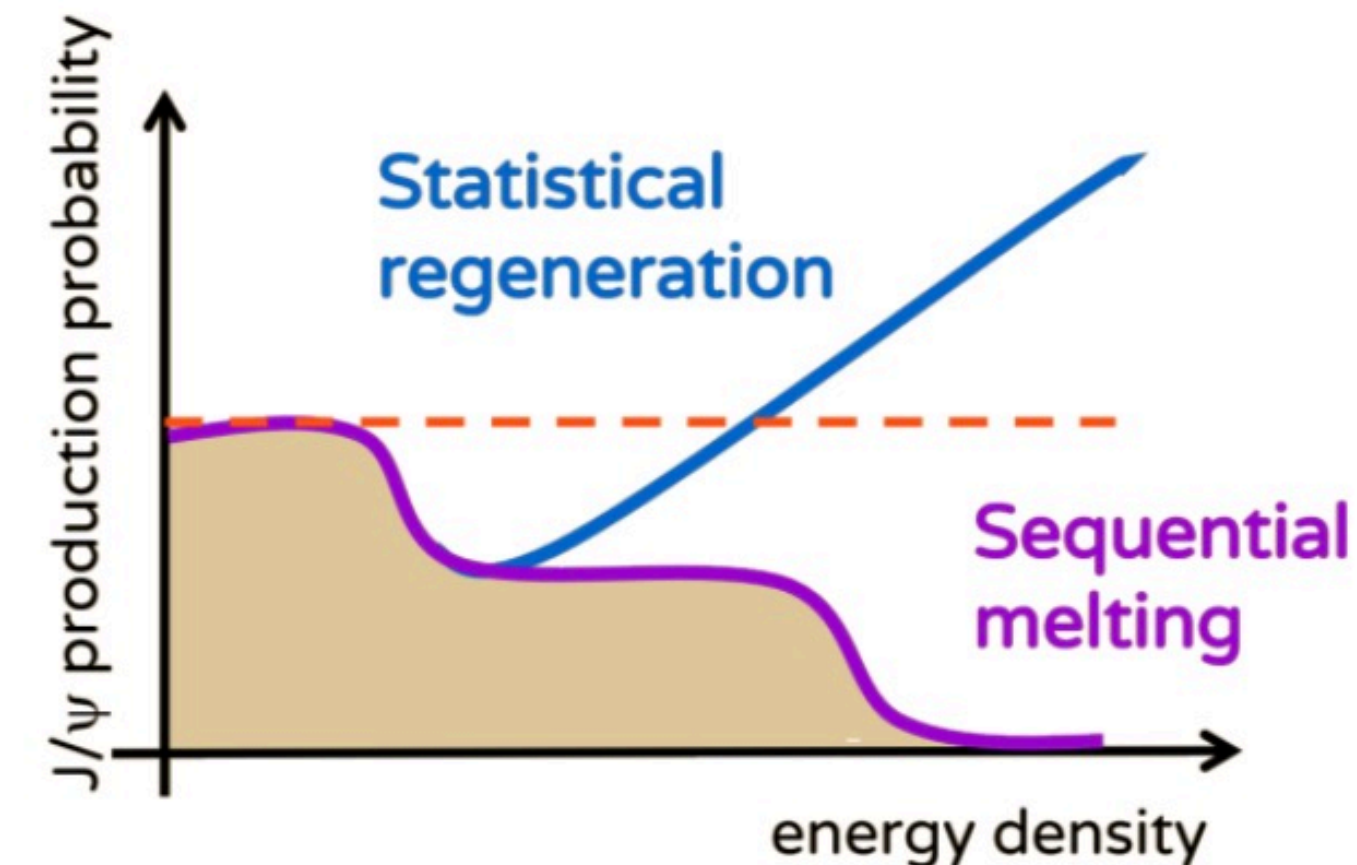


# Introduction: quarkonium as a probe of QGP



🔔 Quarkonium: bound state of a heavy quark and its corresponding antiquark  
 👉 Heavy quarks (charm and bottom): produced at the early stages of the heavy-ion collisions

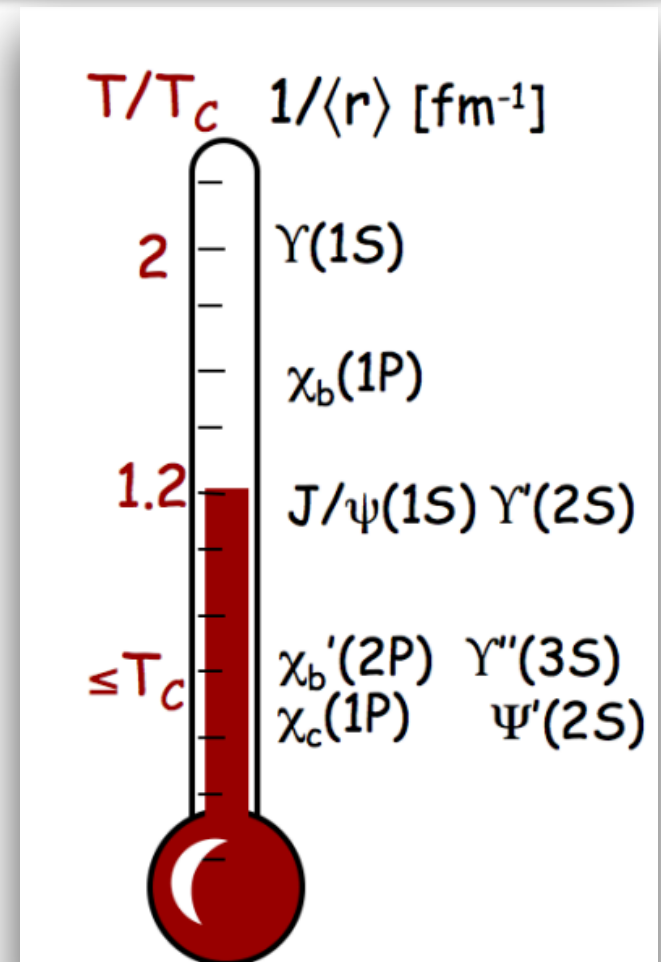
🔔 Quarkonium production inside the QGP  
 👉 **Color screening** and dissociations (**sequential melting**) vs **regeneration** mechanisms  
 👉 **Parton energy loss** (collisional vs radiative processes)



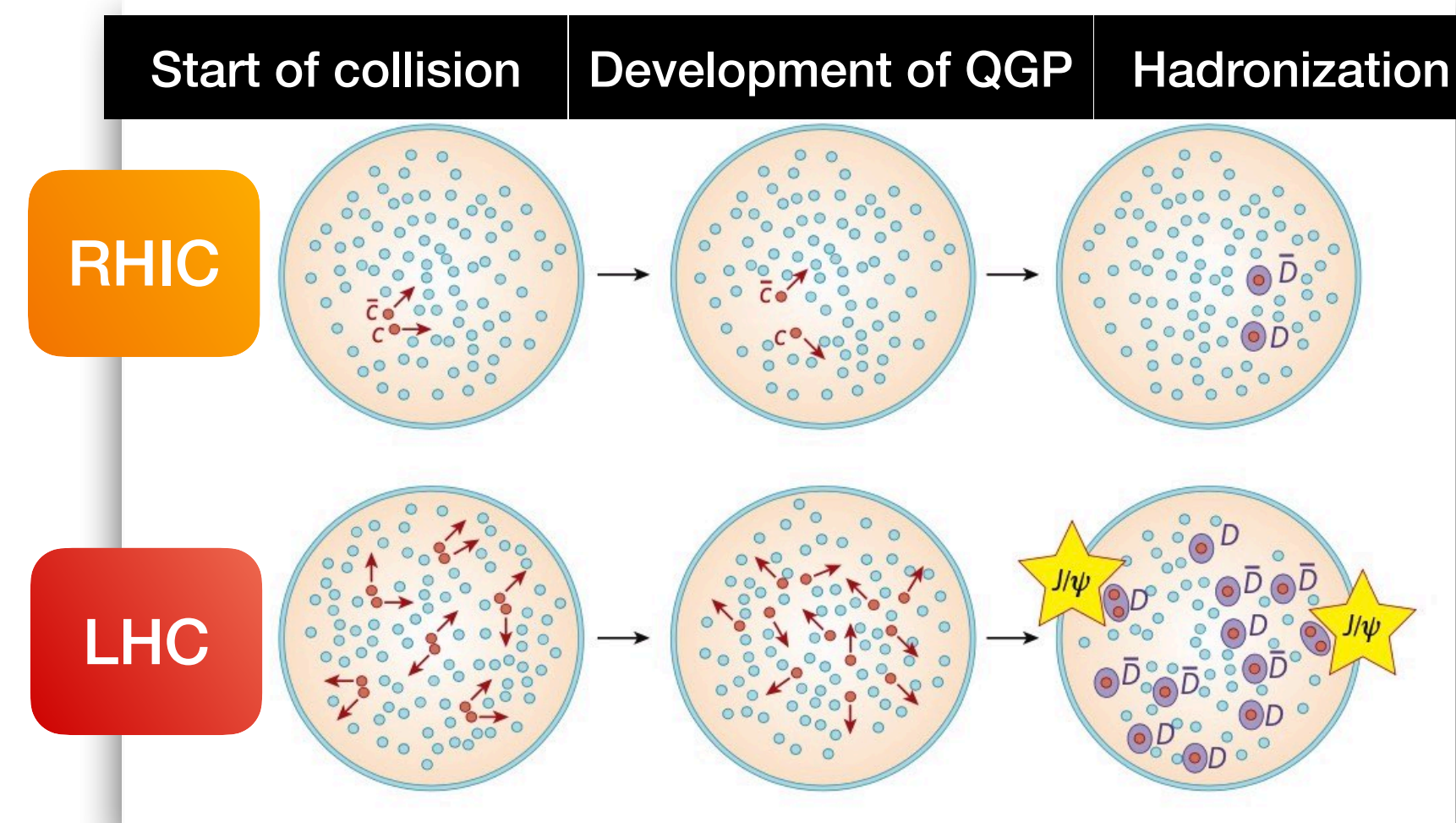
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Mass(GeV)	3.10	3.53	3.69
ΔE (GeV)	0.64	0.20	0.05
r <sub>o</sub> (fm)	0.25	0.36	0.45

state	Y(1S)	Y(2S)	Y(3S)
Mass(GeV)	9.46	10.0	10.36
ΔE (GeV)	1.10	0.54	0.20
r <sub>o</sub> (fm)	0.28	0.56	0.78

## Thermometer of the QGP



*Eur. Phys. J, C61, 2009*



*Nature 448, 302-309 (2007)*



# Introduction: quarkonium in small collision systems



🔔 Small collision systems (pp and p-Pb collisions): no (or very tiny) QGP effect is expected

🔔 Measurements in pp collisions:

👉 Provide a baseline for the measurement in p-Pb and Pb—Pb collisions

👉 Study of quarkonium production mechanisms: both perturbative (i.e. heavy-quark pair formation) and non-perturbative (quarkonium state formation) QCD processes involved

↳ Measurements of quarkonium production in pp allows to constrain QCD based models

🔔 Measurements in p-Pb collisions:

👉 Investigate cold nuclear matter (CNM) effects (shadowing, coherent parton energy loss,...)

↳ Help the interpretation of the measurements in Pb—Pb collisions

🔔 Measurements in high-multiplicity pp/p-Pb collisions:

👉 Study the role of *multiparton interactions* (MPIs)

👉 Observe possible *collective-like* effects







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non-perturbative

↳ Measure

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↳ Help the

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## In this presentation:

🔔 **Multiplicity dependence of  $\Upsilon$  production in pp collisions**

👉 *Understand the particle production mechanisms (MPI)*

👉 *Collective effects in high multiplicity pp collisions?*

🔔  **$\Upsilon(1S)$  polarization in pp collisions**

👉 *Help to understand the particle production mechanisms*

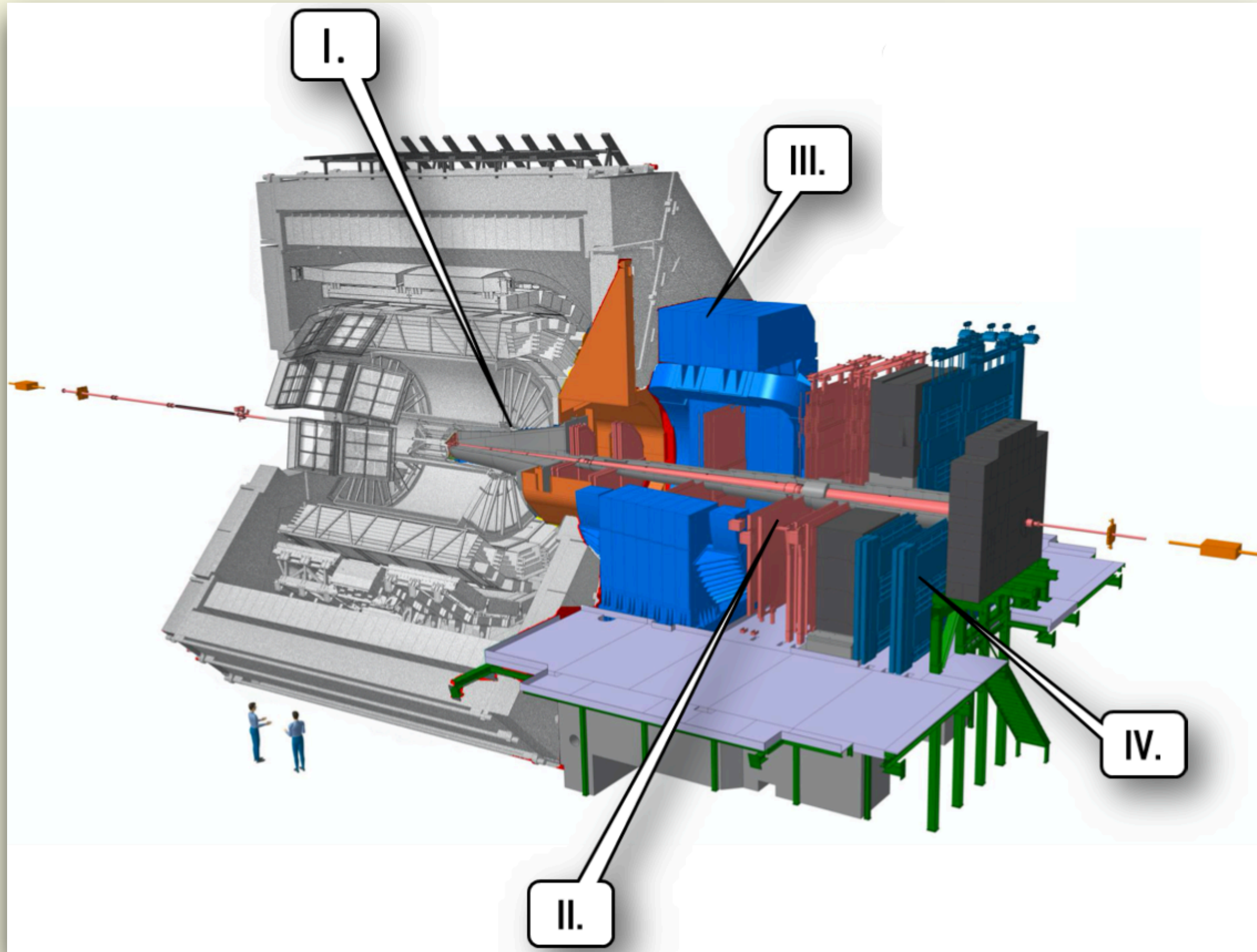
👉 *Constrain the model predictions*







# A Large Ion Collider Experiment



 A dedicated heavy-ion experiment at the LHC

 Muon Spectrometer ( $-4 < \eta < -2.5$ )

- I. Absorbers: efficiently dump  $\pi$ , K and low-momentum muons
- II. Tracking system + III. Dipole magnet: muon track reconstruction, muon momentum and its electric charge measurement
- IV. Trigger system: muon PID and unlike sign dimuon trigger (for the quarkonium analyses)

 Inclusive quarkonium detection down to  $p_T = 0$







# A Large Ion Collider Experiment



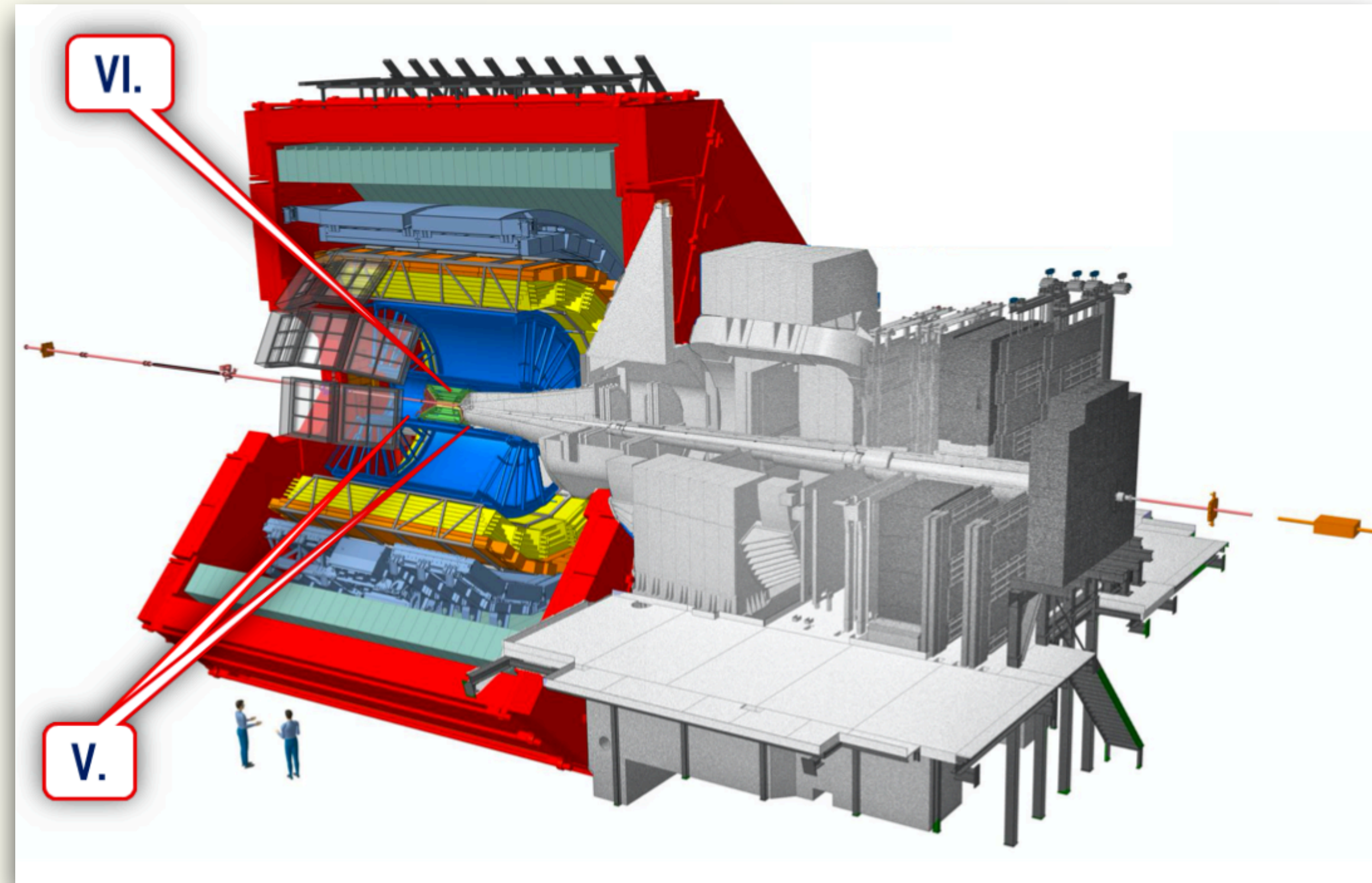
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 **V. Silicon Pixel Detector** (SPD, the two innermost ITS layers)

- ↳ Vertex reconstruction
- ↳ Multiplicity estimation

 **VI. V0 Detectors** ( $-3.7 < \eta < -1.7$  and  $2.8 < \eta < 5.1$ )

- ↳ Event trigger
- ↳ Event characterization
- ↳ Background rejection







# Multiplicity dependence of $\Upsilon$ production in pp collisions





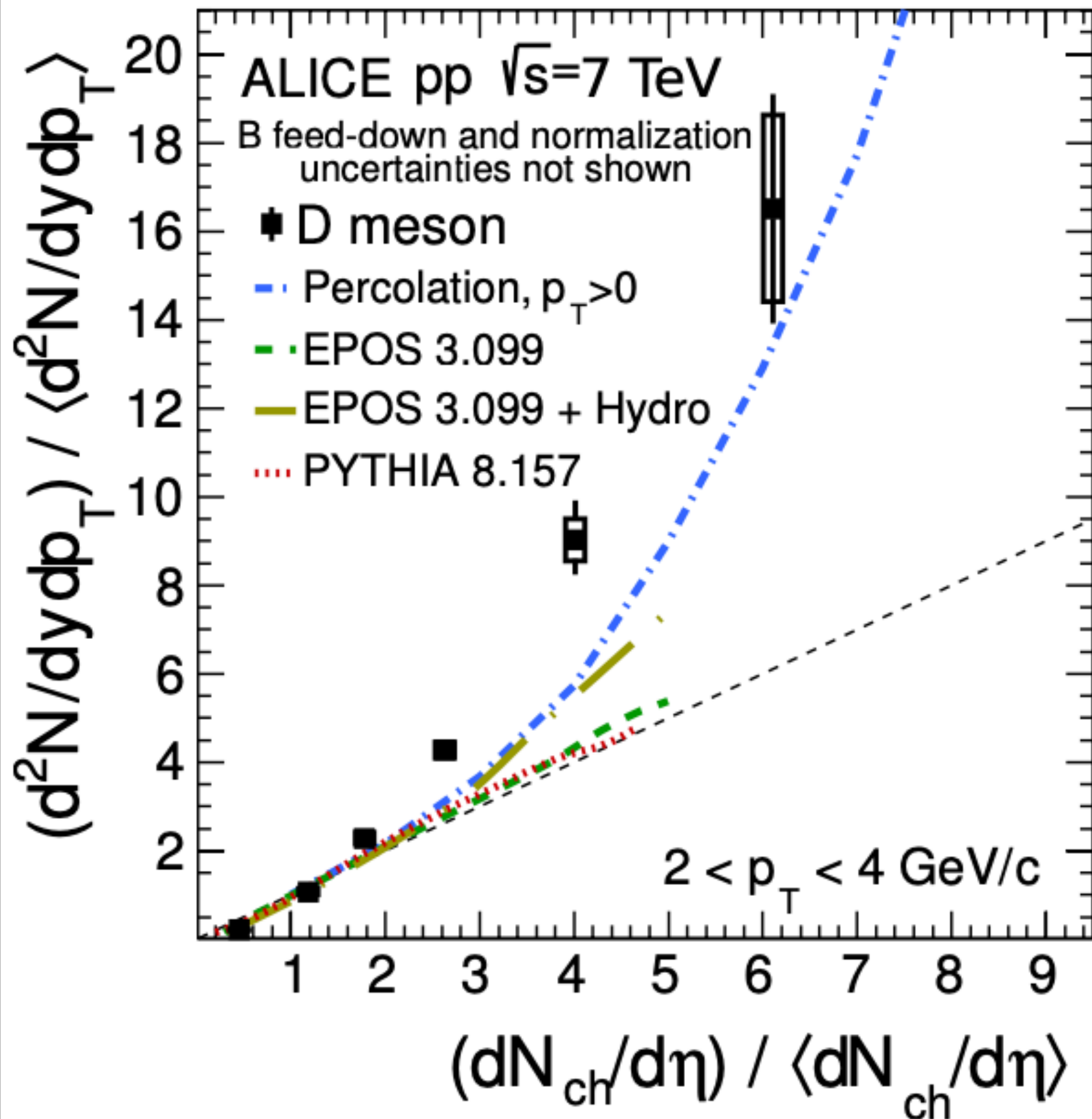
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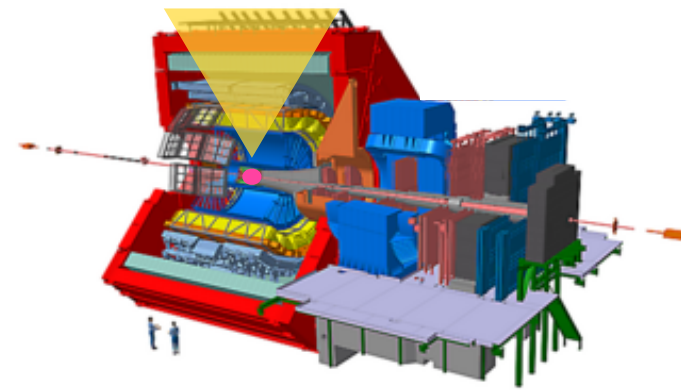
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## Multiplicity dependence of D-meson production in pp collisions

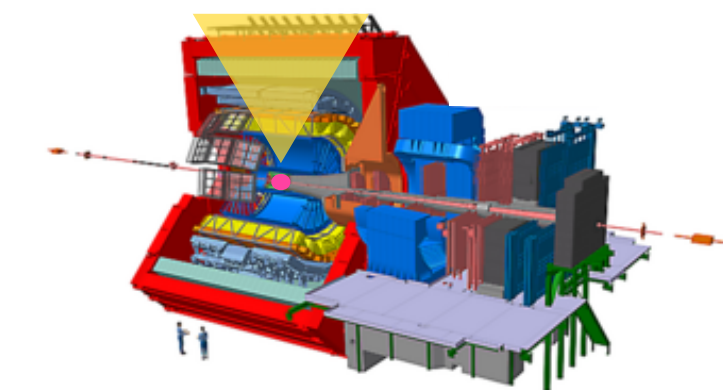
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D-meson



$(dN_{ch}/d\eta) / \langle dN_{ch}/d\eta \rangle$



- 🔔 D-meson self-normalized yields present a **stronger than linear increase** as a function of self-normalized charged-particle multiplicity, both measured at **midrapidity**
- 🔔 Models, including **Percolation** and **EPOS with hydrodynamical expansion**, describe qualitatively the data trend
- 🔔 Hint of **collective effects** in high charged-particle multiplicity events?

What about the multiplicity dependence of quarkonium production in small collision system?

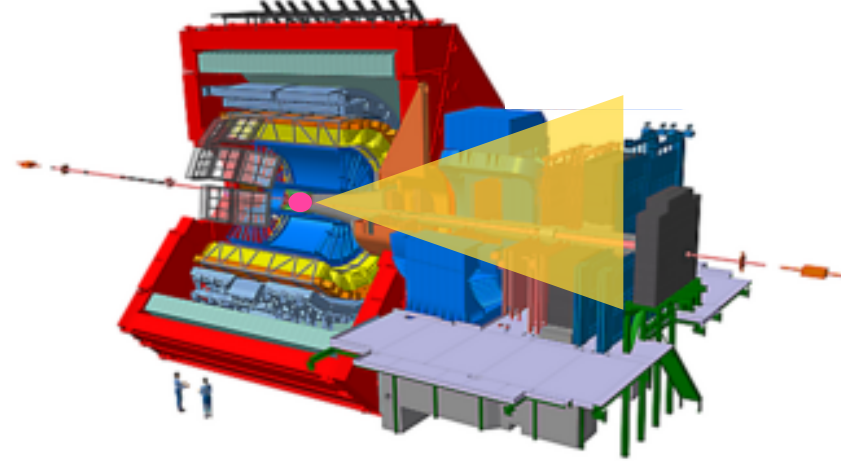


# $\Upsilon$ production as a function of multiplicity

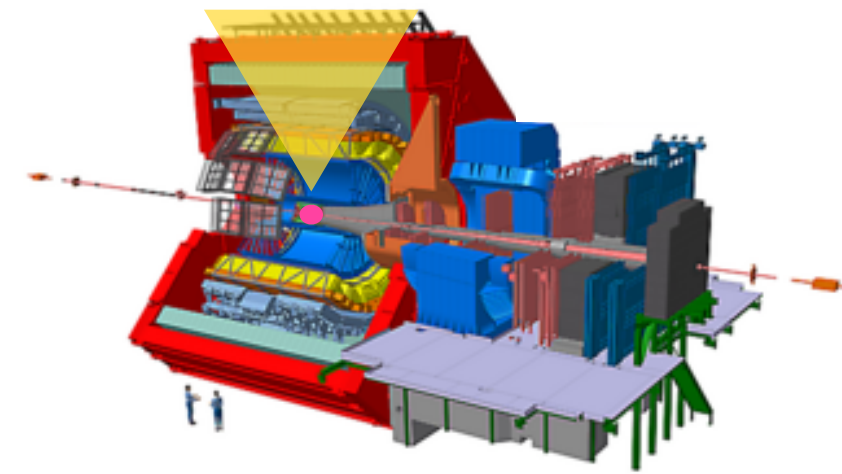


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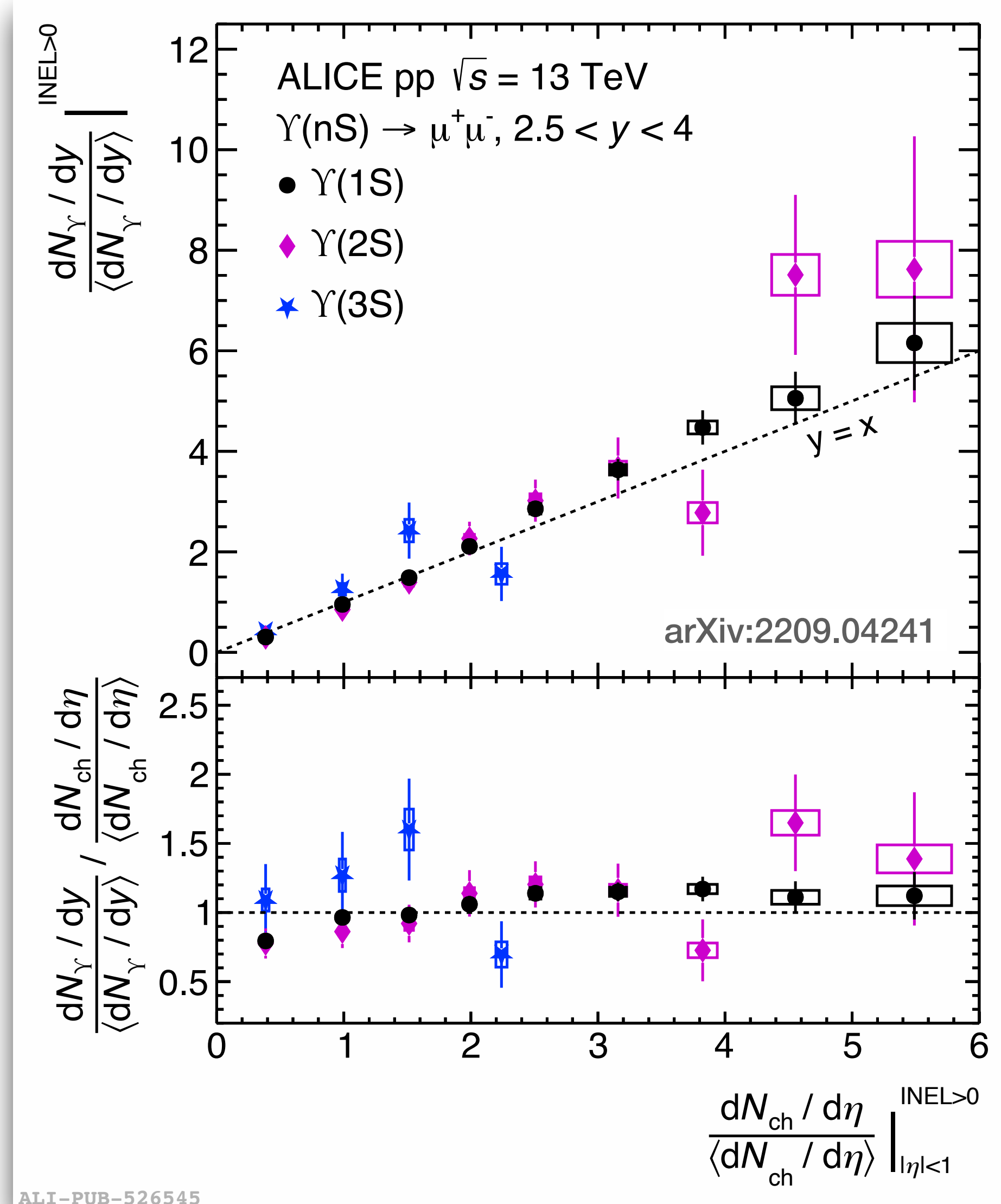
$\Upsilon(nS)$



$(dN_{ch}/d\eta)/\langle dN_{ch}/d\eta \rangle$



- Self-normalized  $\Upsilon(1S)$  yield: *linear increase* with charged-particle multiplicity within uncertainties
- The linear trend results in a *flat trend* of the double ratio of the normalized  $\Upsilon(1S)$  yield to the normalized multiplicity
- No firm conclusion can be drawn for the excited states [ $\Upsilon(2S)$  and  $\Upsilon(3S)$ ] due to the limited data sample



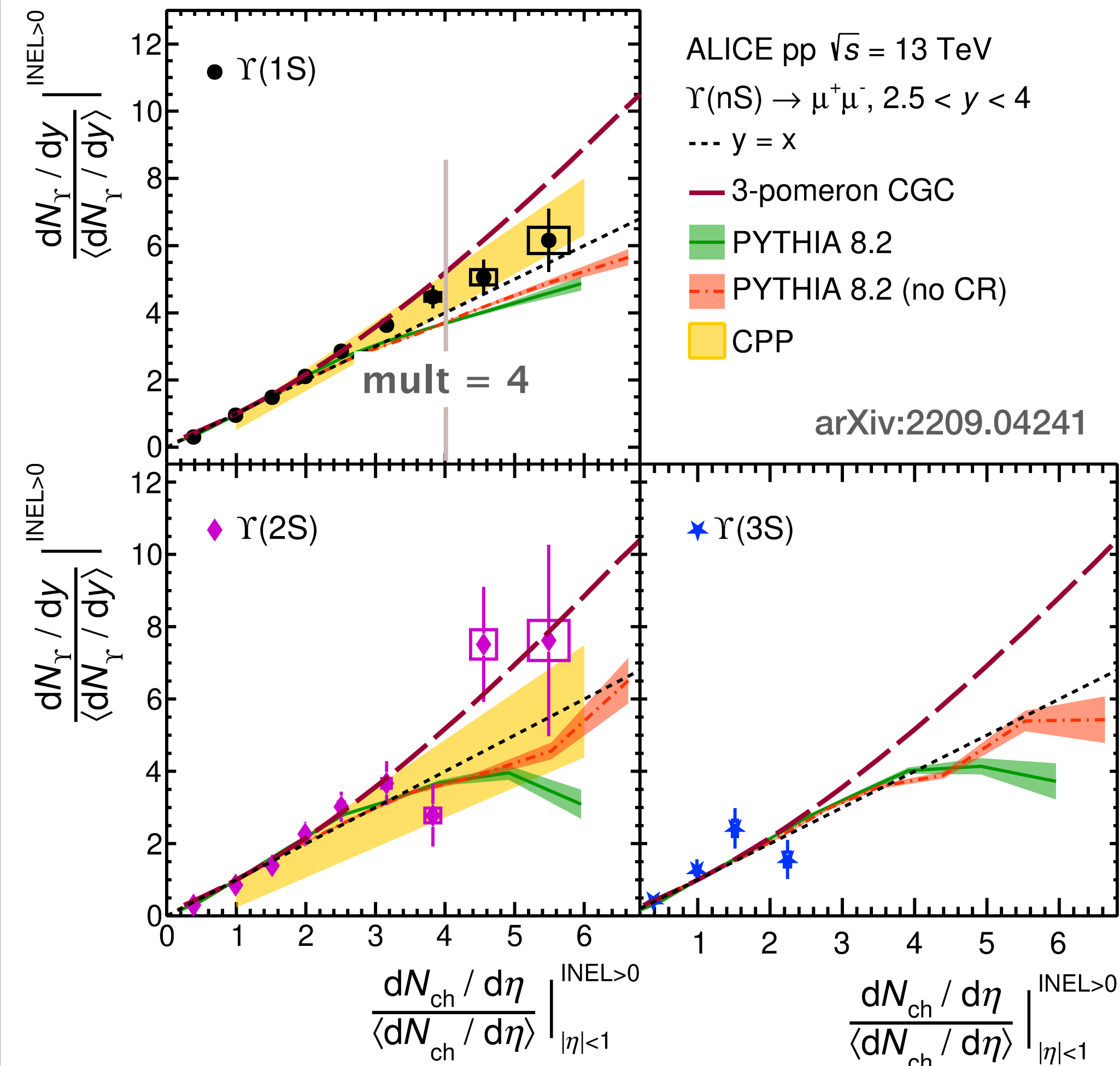




# $\Upsilon$ production as a function of multiplicity



## Model comparison



🔔 The linear increase trend is qualitatively reproduced by **Coherent Particle Production (CPP)** within large uncertainties

🔔 If  $dN_{ch}/dy/\langle dN_{ch}/dy \rangle < 4$ : the linear increase behavior is qualitatively reproduced by **PYTHIA 8.2** (with or without CR), and **3-pomeron CGC** approach

🔔 If  $dN_{ch}/dy/\langle dN_{ch}/dy \rangle > 4$ : the theoretical computations diverge

- 👉 **3-pomeron CGC** overestimates the observed trend
- 👉 **PYTHIA 8.2** underestimates the data trend

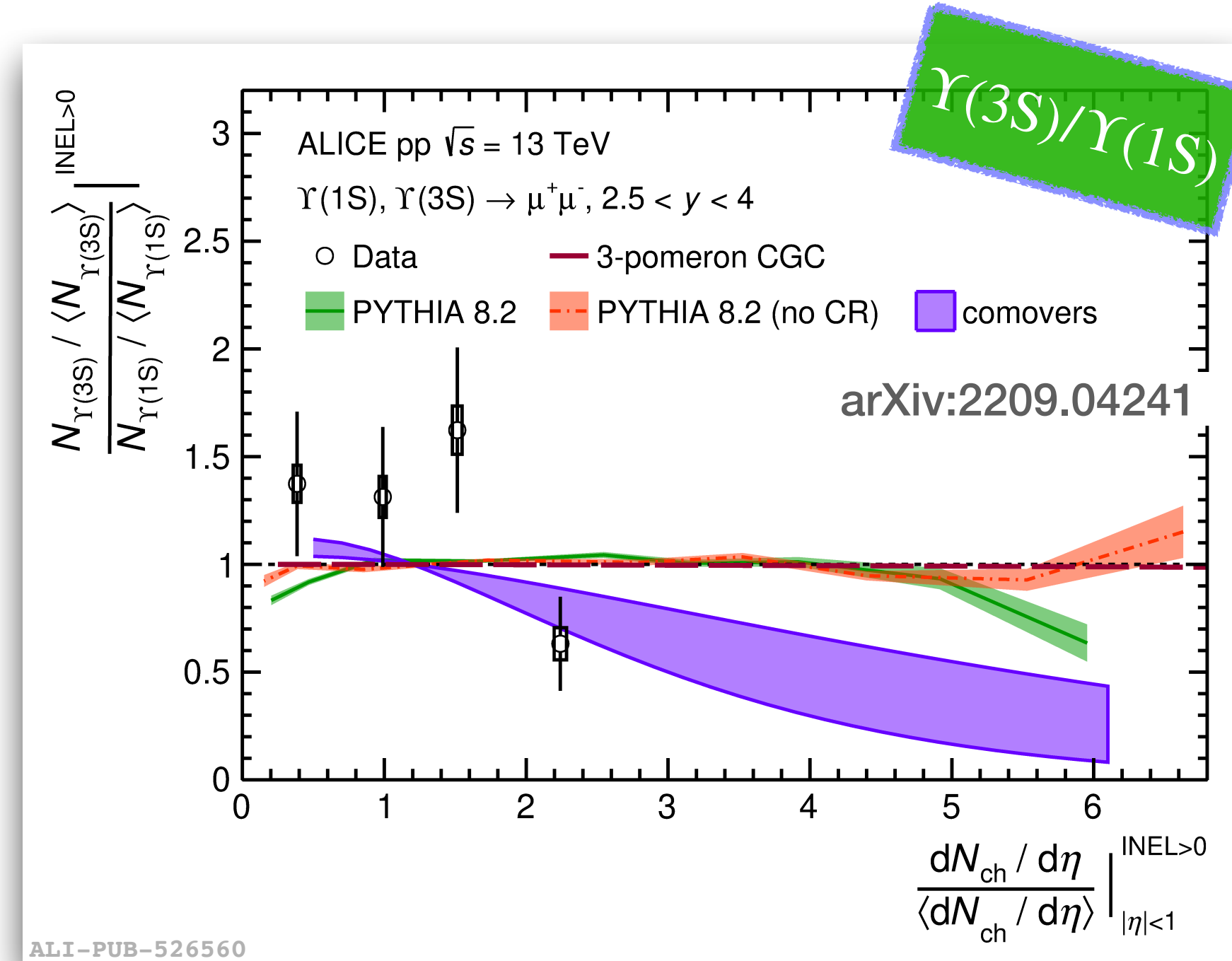
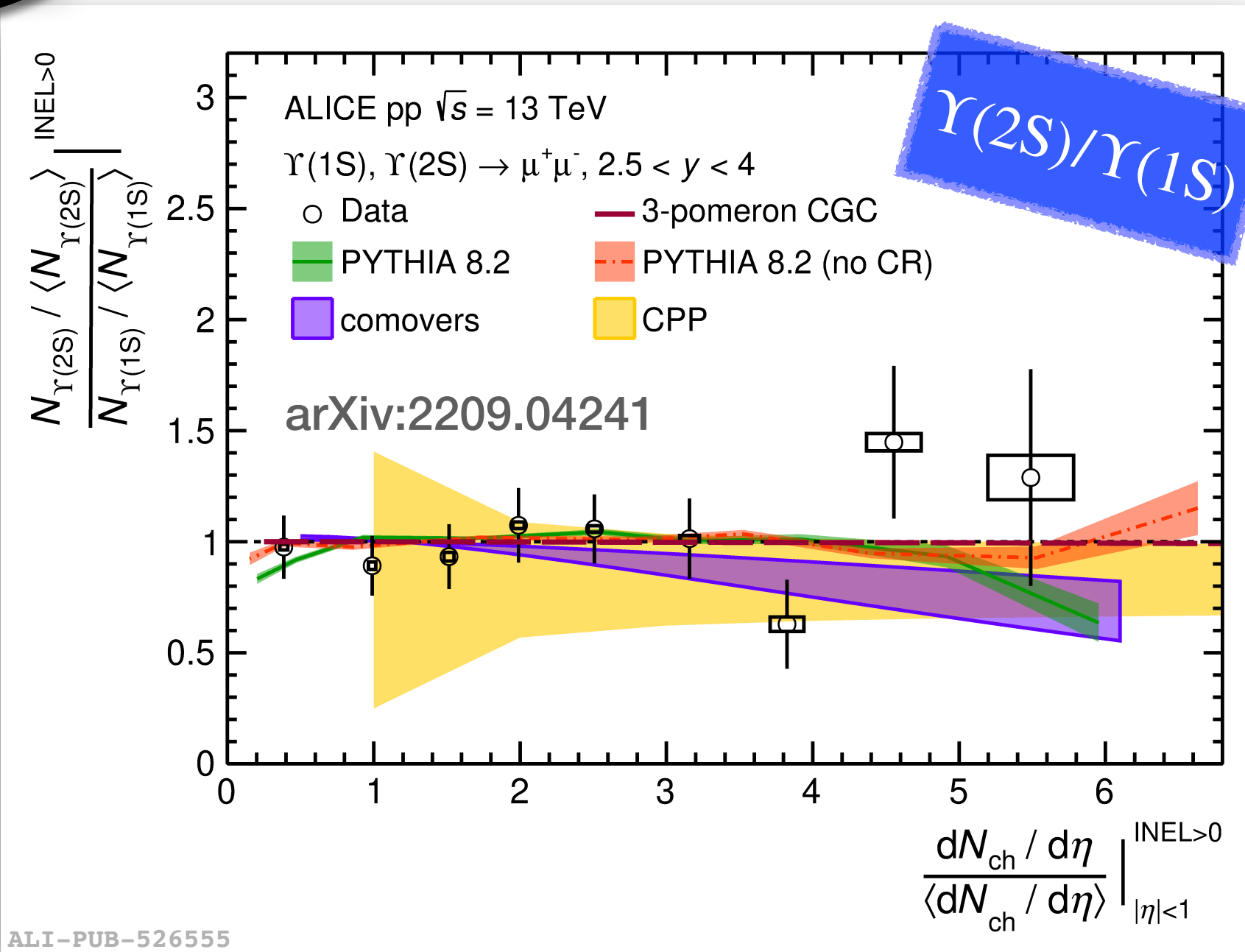
Still lack of predictions for bottomonium studies!



# Self-normalized yield ratio as a function of multiplicity



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🔔 Double ratios (self-normalized signal yield ratios) of  $\Upsilon(2S)/\Upsilon(1S)$  and  $\Upsilon(3S)/\Upsilon(1S)$ :

👉 Compatible with unity within the large uncertainties

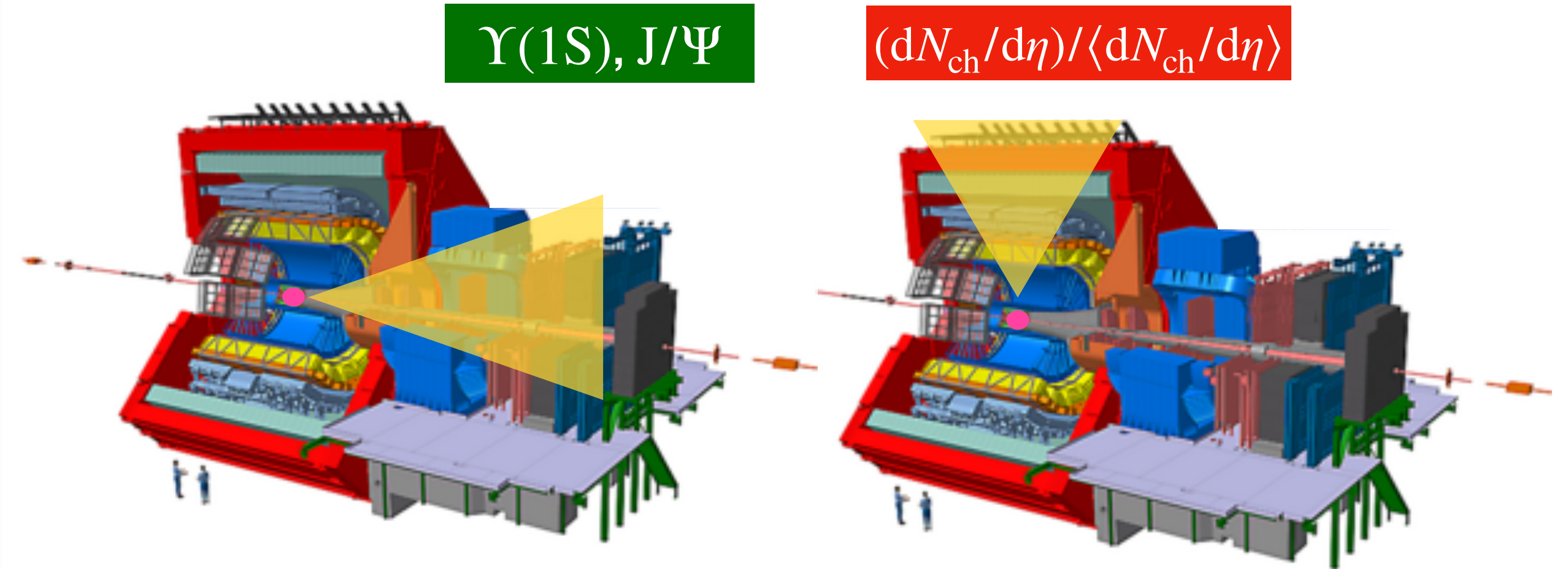
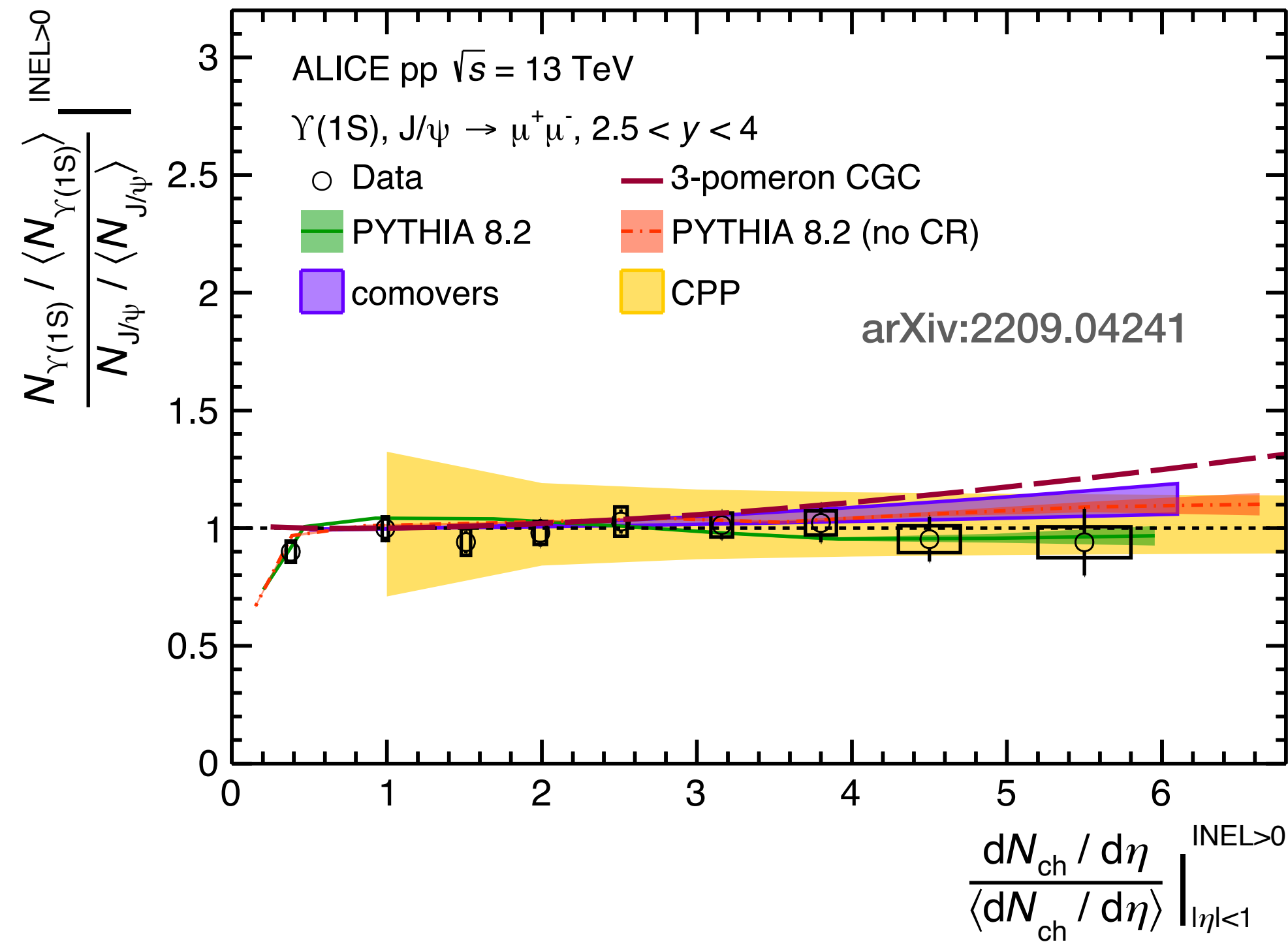
👉 PYTHIA 8.2, CPP and 3-pomeron CGC calculations show a almost flat trend

👉 Comovers approach predicts a **dissociation** of the excited states, leading to a **suppression** at high multiplicity, especially for the  $\Upsilon(3S)$





# Self-normalized yield ratio as a function of multiplicity



## Double ratio of $\Upsilon(1S)/J/\Psi$ :

- 👉 Compatible with unity within the current uncertainties
- 👉 The model computations are comparable with unity with uncertainties, indicating the **initial- and final-effects** act on  $\Upsilon(1S)$  and  $J/\Psi$  in a similar way



# $\Upsilon(1S)$ polarization in pp collisions





# Introduction (II)



## Quarkonium polarization

🔔 Related to the particle spin-alignment with respect to a chosen direction

🔔 Measured via anisotropies in the decay products angular distributions

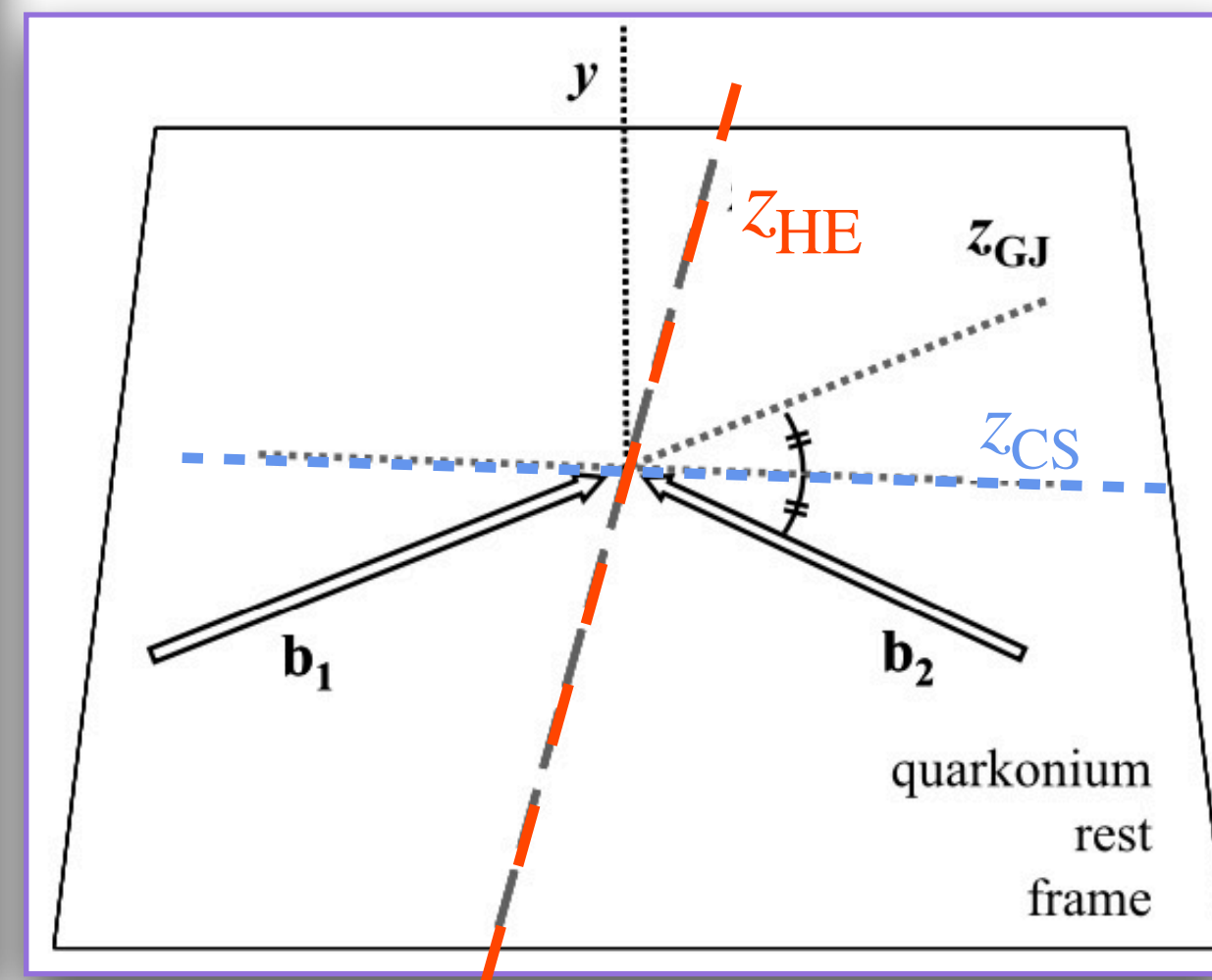
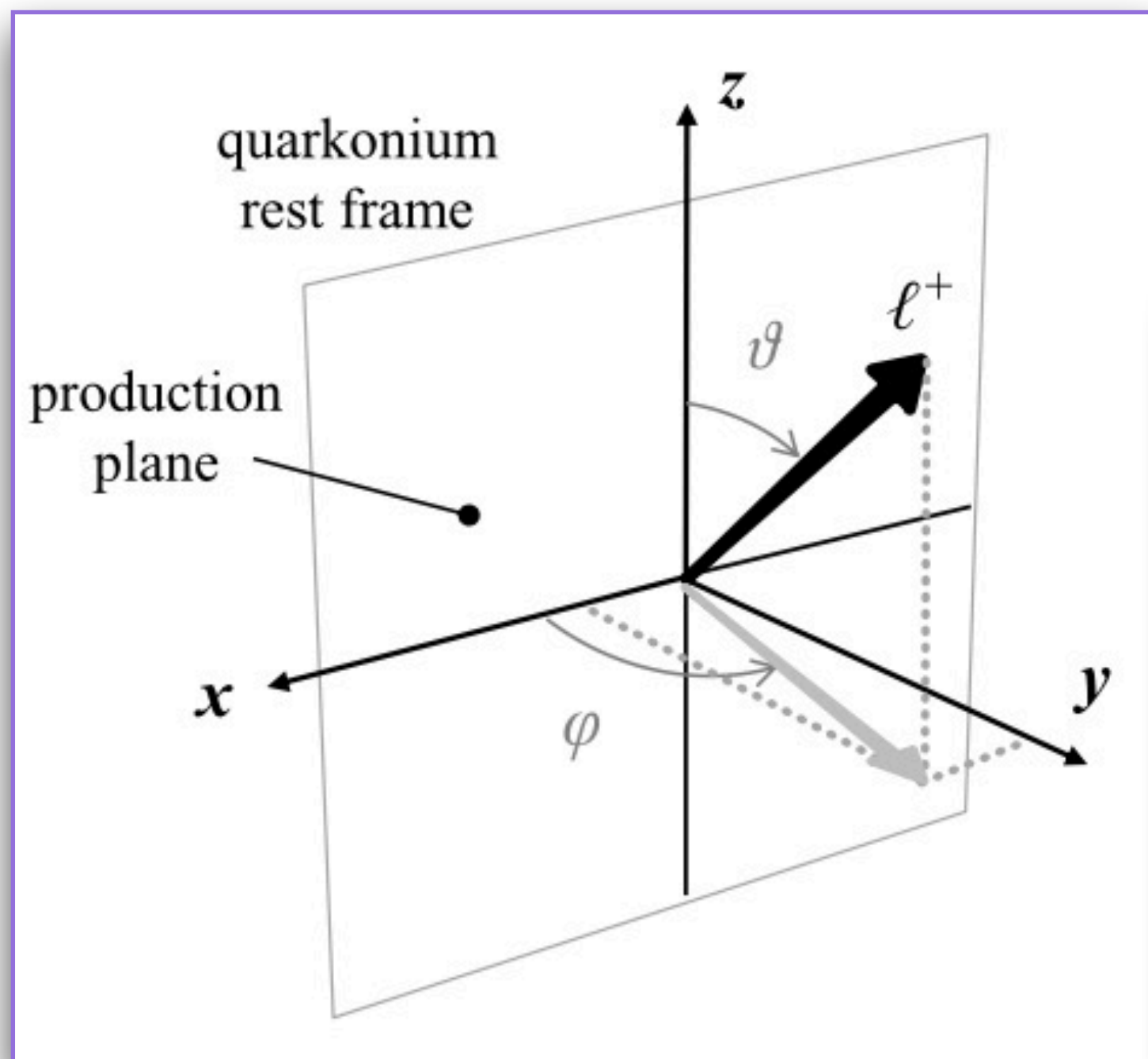
$$W(\cos \theta, \varphi) \propto \frac{1}{3 + \lambda_\theta} (1 + \lambda_\theta \cos^2 \theta + \lambda_\varphi \sin^2 \theta \sin 2\varphi + \lambda_{\theta\varphi} \sin 2\theta \cos \varphi) \longrightarrow \text{obtain } \lambda_\theta, \lambda_\varphi \text{ and } \lambda_{\theta\varphi}$$

$$(\lambda_\theta, \lambda_\varphi, \lambda_{\theta\varphi}) = (0, 0, 0)$$

No polarization

$$(\lambda_\theta, \lambda_\varphi, \lambda_{\theta\varphi}) = (\pm 1, 0, 0)$$

Pure **transverse (+)**/**longitudinal (-)** polarization



🔔 Reference frames:

- 👉 **Helicity (HE)**: the direction of quarkonium in the center-of-mass frame
- 👉 **Collins-Soper (CS)**: the bisector of the angle between the direction of one beam and the opposite of the other beam in the quarkonium rest frame



# Introduction (II)



Polarization in pp collisions: **constrain quarkonium production mechanisms**

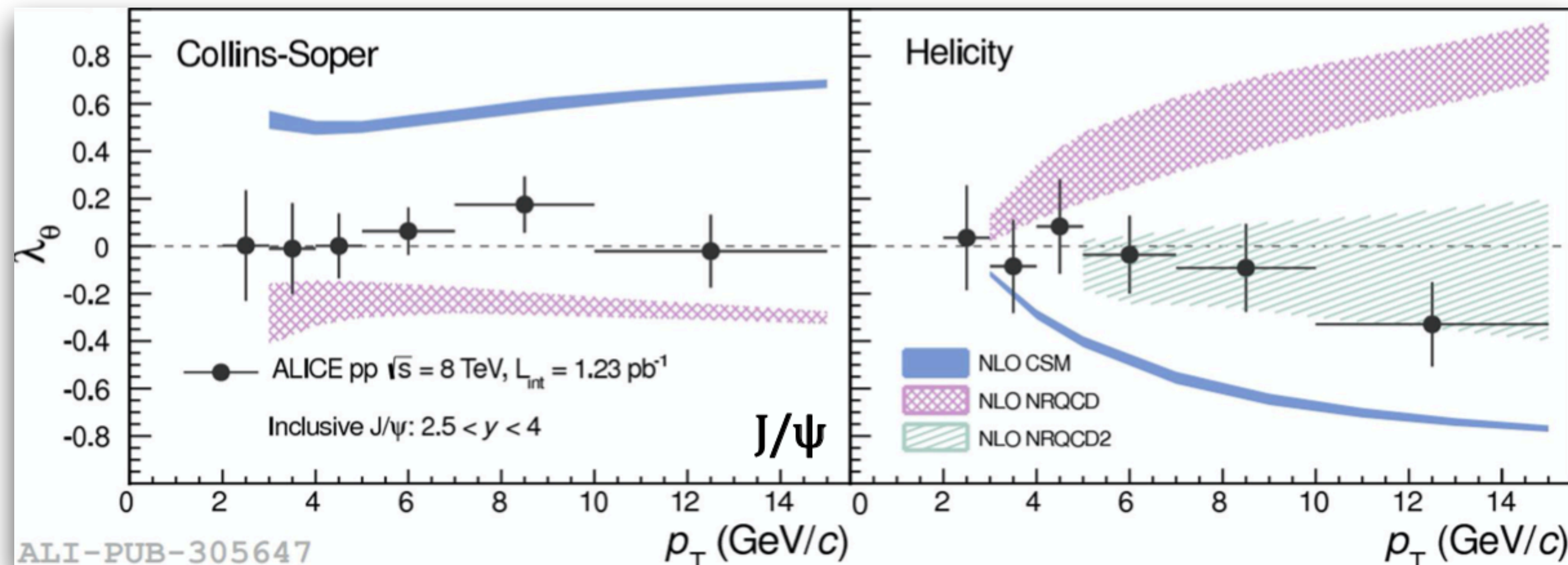
🔔 No sizeable polarization is observed for the  $J/\psi$  polarization measurement in pp collisions

🔔 Theoretical calculations for  $J/\psi$ :

👉 **NLO NRQCD**  $\rightarrow$  **transverse** (**longitudinal**) polarization in Helicity (Collins-Soper) frame

👉 **NLO CSM**  $\rightarrow$  **longitudinal** (**transverse**) polarization in Helicity (Collins-Soper) frame

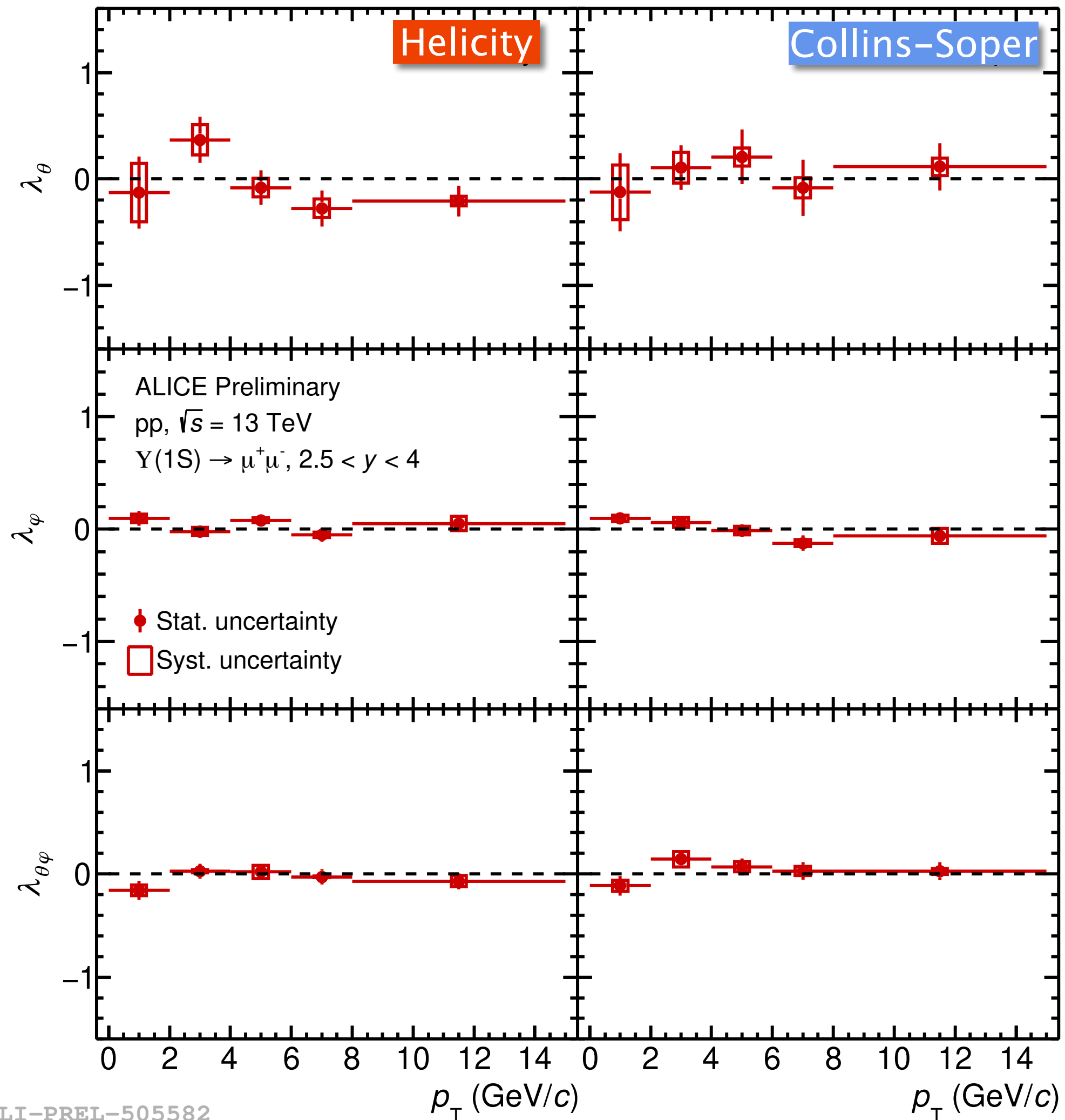
📎 M. Butenschoen et al., *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 108 (2012) 172002







# $\Upsilon(1S)$ polarization as a function of transverse momentum

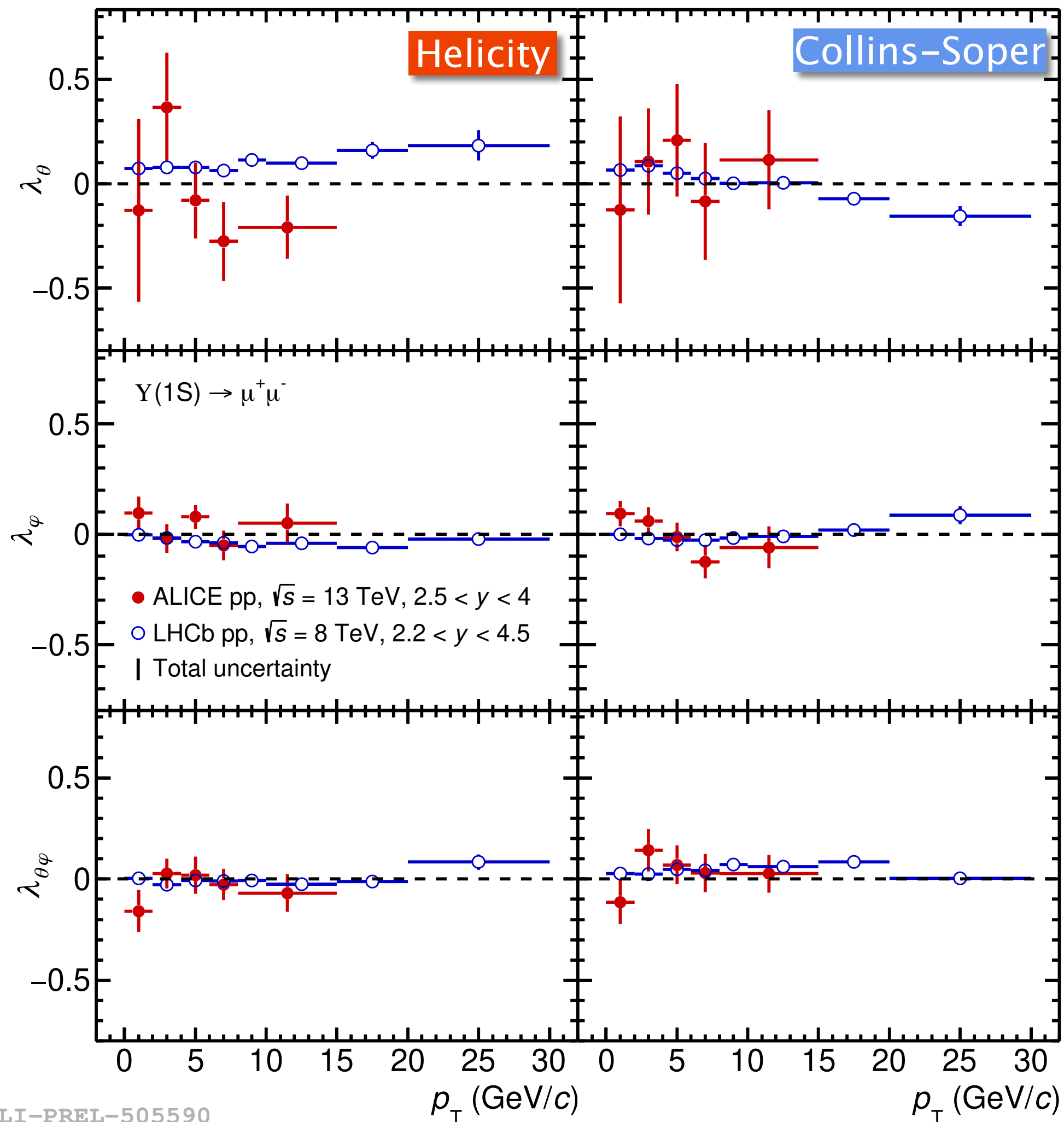


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- 🔔 First ALICE  $\Upsilon(1S)$  polarization measurement in pp collisions
- 👉  $\lambda_\theta$  compatible with zero (maximum deviation of  $1.5\sigma$  w.r.t zero) in both HE and CS frames
- 👉  $\lambda_\phi$  and  $\lambda_{\theta\phi}$  consistent with zero within uncertainties in both frames



# $\Upsilon(1S)$ polarization as a function of transverse momentum



ALI-PREL-505590

🔔 First **ALICE**  $\Upsilon(1S)$  polarization measurement in pp collisions

👉  $\lambda_\theta$ ,  $\lambda_\phi$  and  $\lambda_{\theta\phi}$  consistent with zero within uncertainties in both **HE** and **CS** frames

👉 Good agreement with **LHCb** pp data at  $\sqrt{s} = 8$  TeV, in a similar rapidity range, within the large experimental uncertainties

📎 LHCb Collaboration, *JHEP* 12 (2017) 110

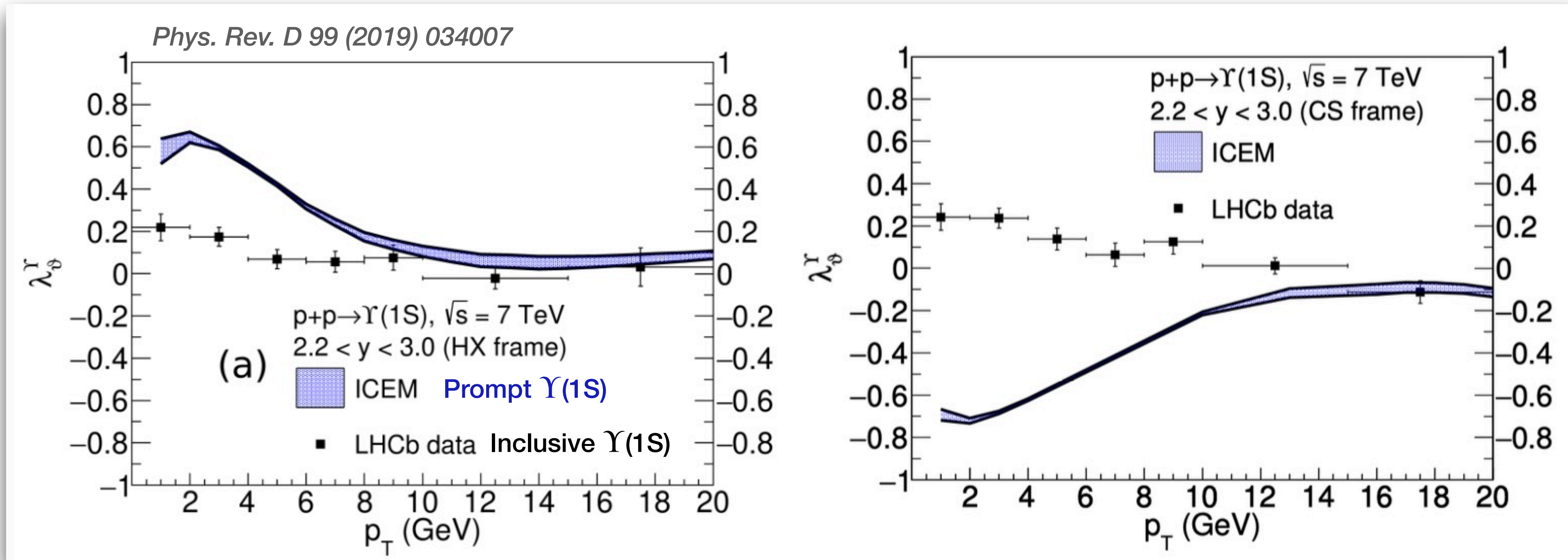
👉 Qualitatively described by **NLO NRQCD** calculations

📎 M. Butenschoen et al., *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 108 (2012) 172002





# $\Upsilon(1S)$ polarization as a function of transverse momentum



Improved Color Evaporation Model (ICEM): using the  $k_T$  factorization approach

At low  $p_T$ , the polarization is slightly transverse in the HX frame, while it is slightly longitudinal in the CS frame

At high  $p_T$ , unpolarization is expected in both frames  $\rightarrow$  consistent with the LHCb data

Full theoretical description is still missing


LHCb Collaboration, *JHEP* 12 (2017) 110



# Summary



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 Multiplicity dependence of  $\Upsilon$  production at forward rapidity has been measured with ALICE

 Self-normalized  $\Upsilon$  yield shows a linear increase with increasing multiplicity

 The results are compared to the model predictions (initial- and/or final-state effects)

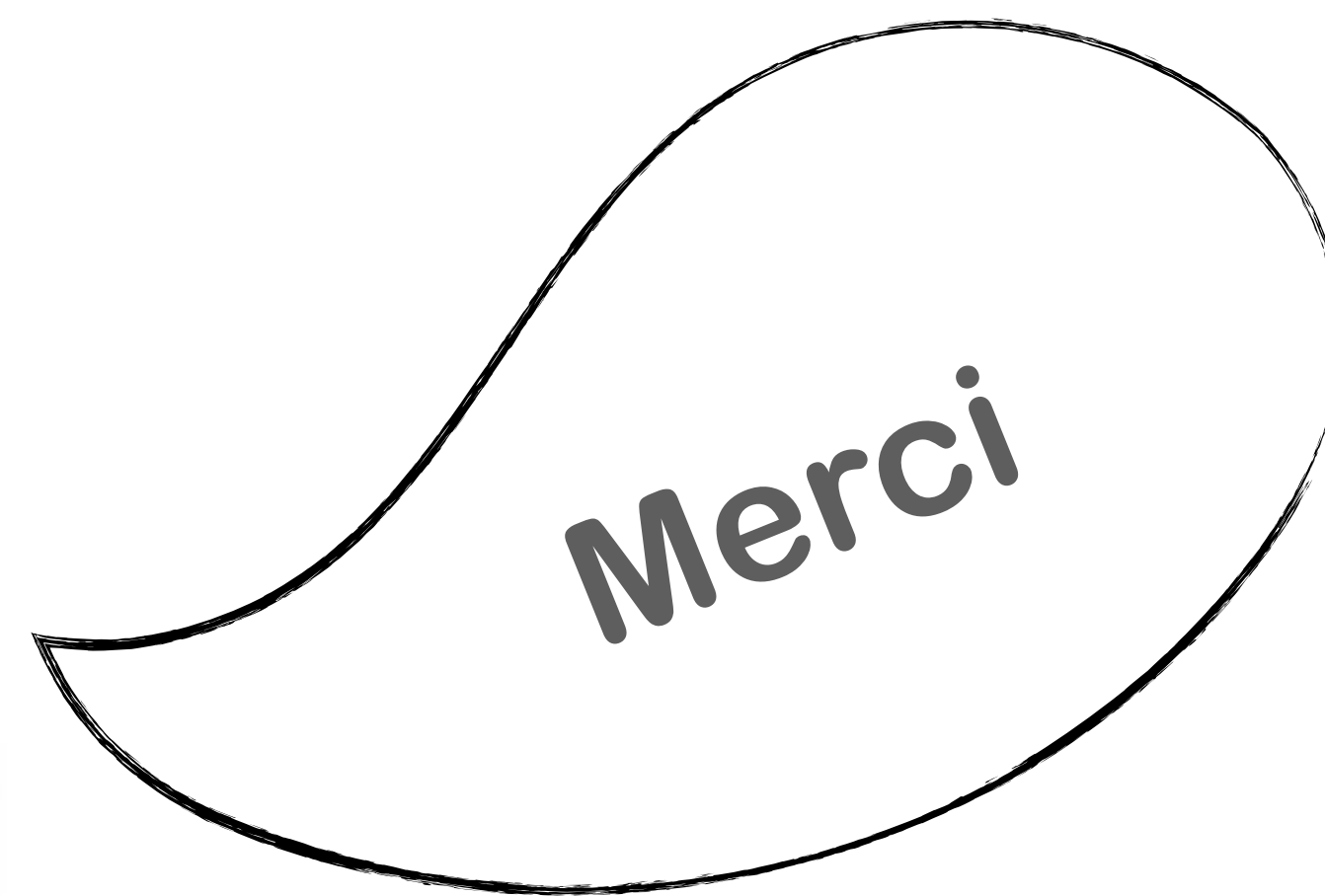
 No significant polarization is observed for  $\Upsilon(1S)$  in pp collisions







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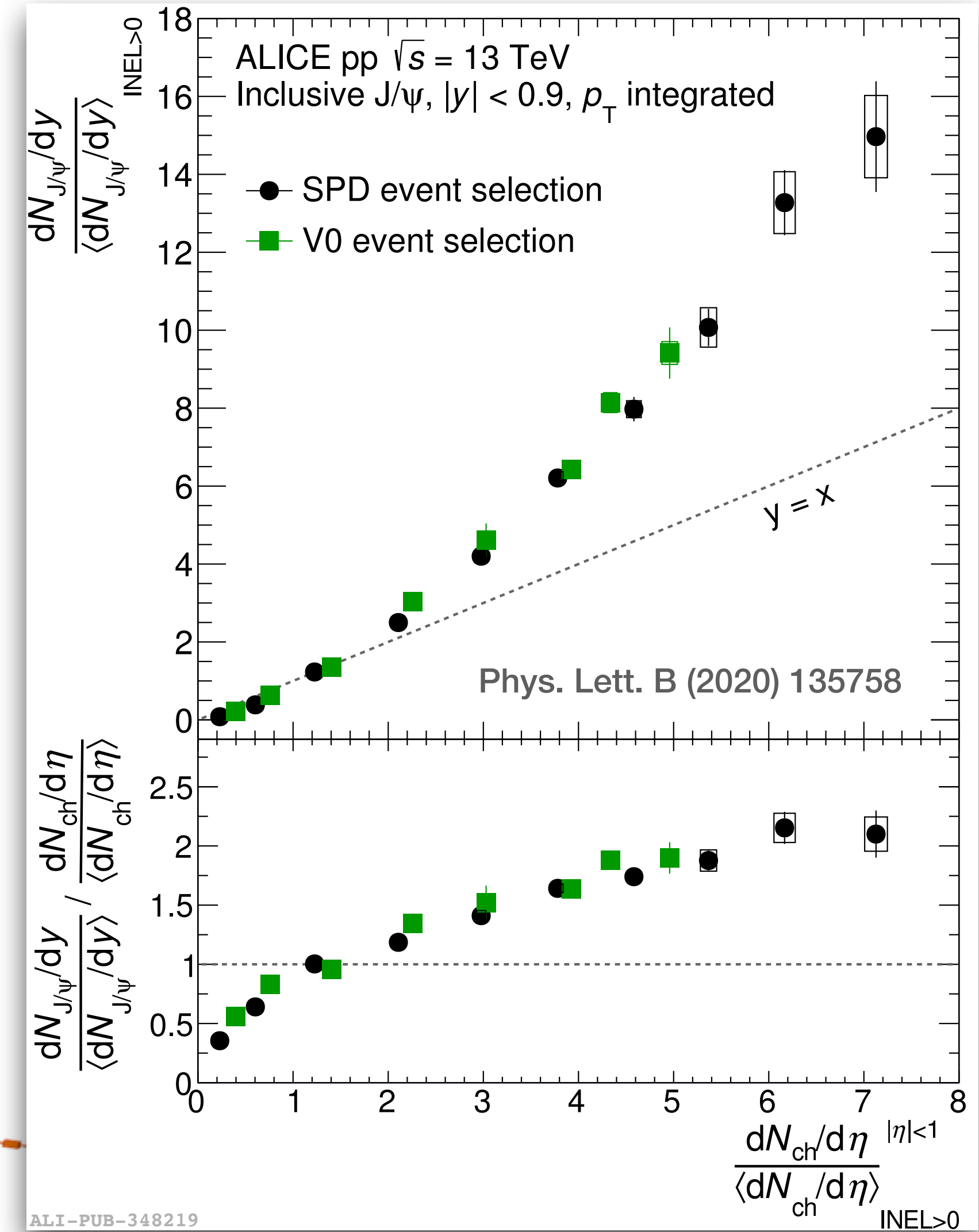
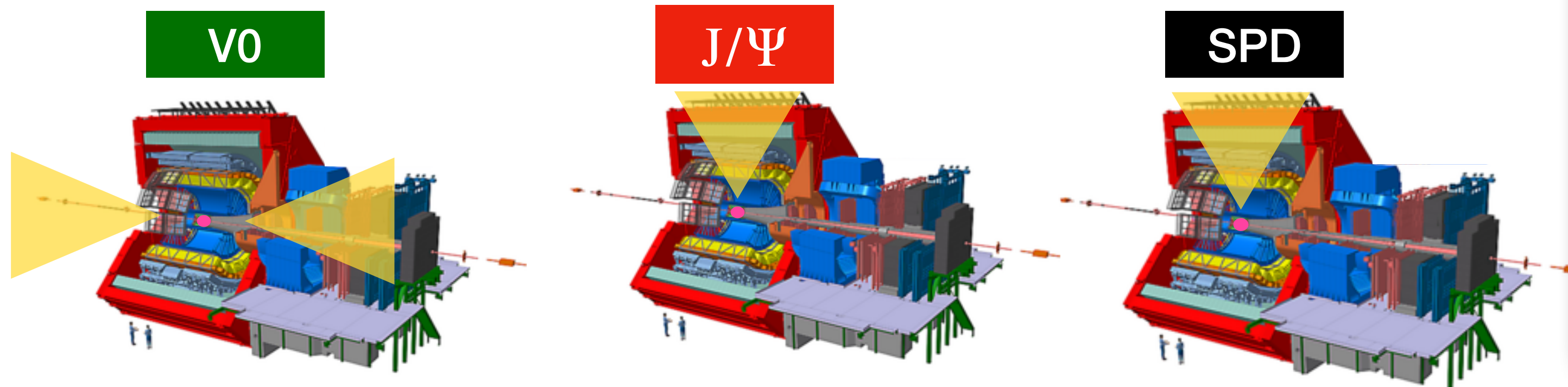




# Midrapidity J/Ψ as a function of multiplicity



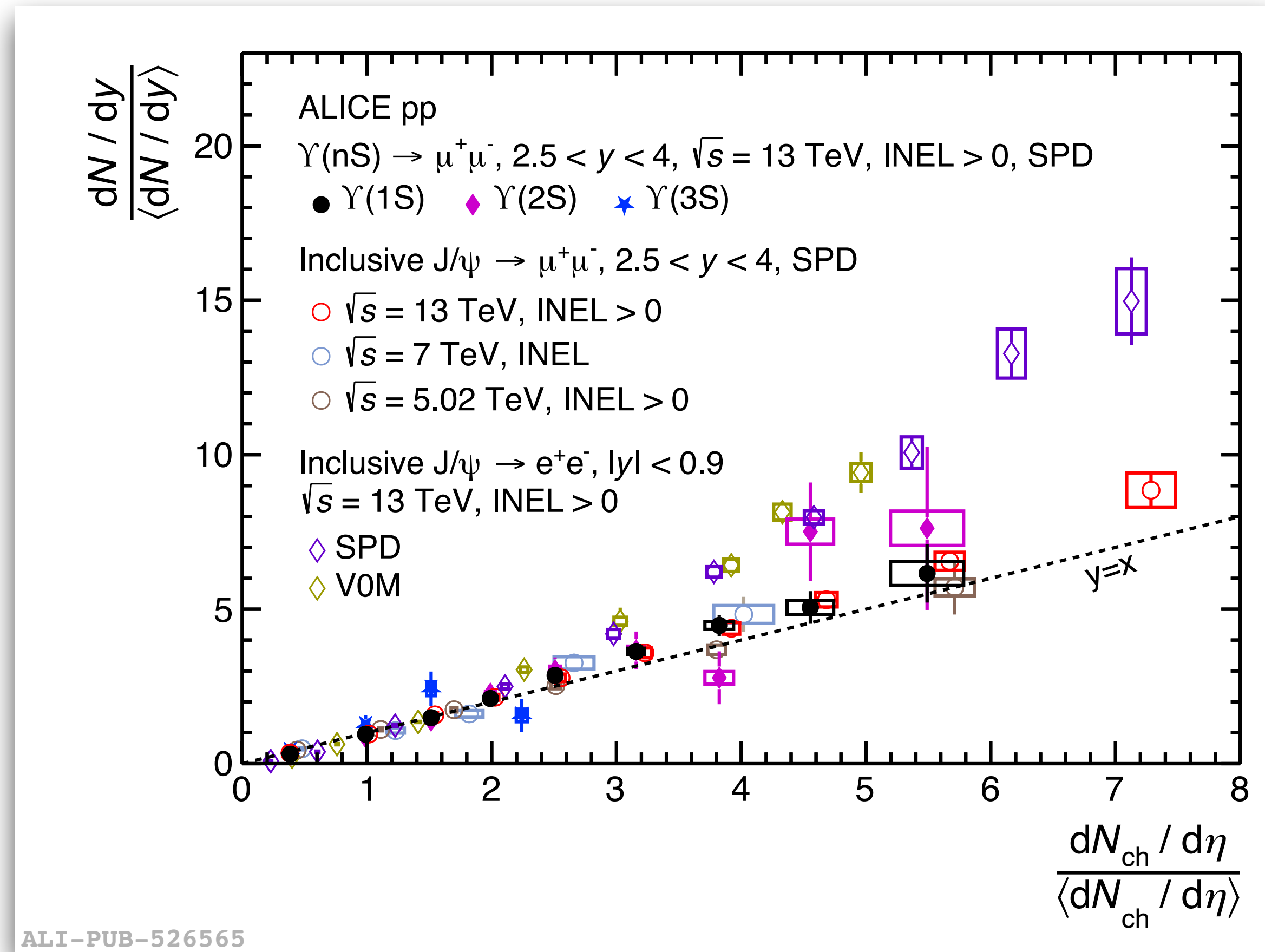
- 🔔 J/Ψ measured at the midrapidity as a function of self-normalized multiplicity
- 👉 **Stronger** than linear increase with multiplicity at *mid-* (SPD) or *forward* (V0) rapidity
- 👉 Unlike what is observed for the J/Ψ measured at the forward rapidity





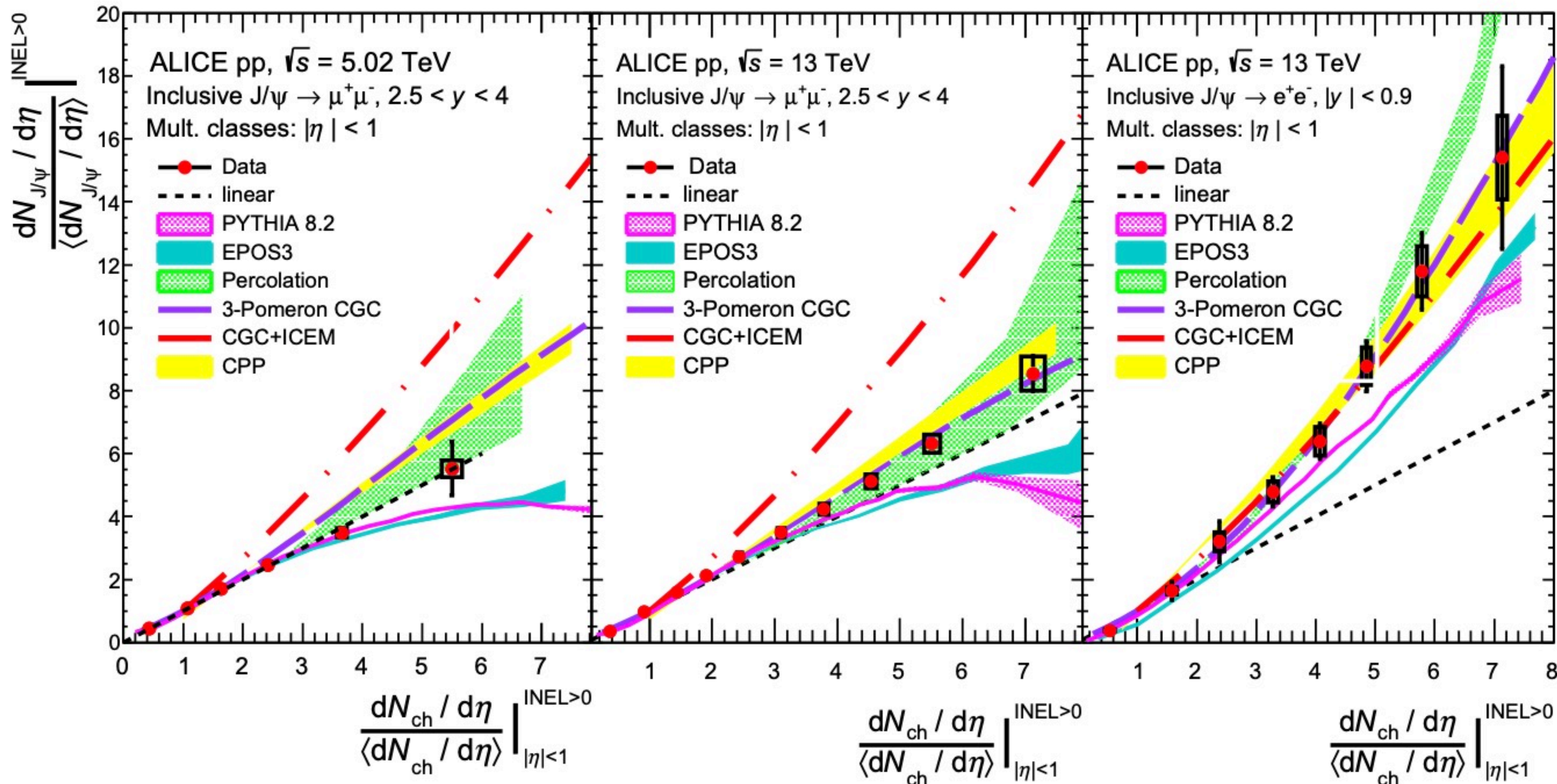


# J/ψ production in pp (ALICE)





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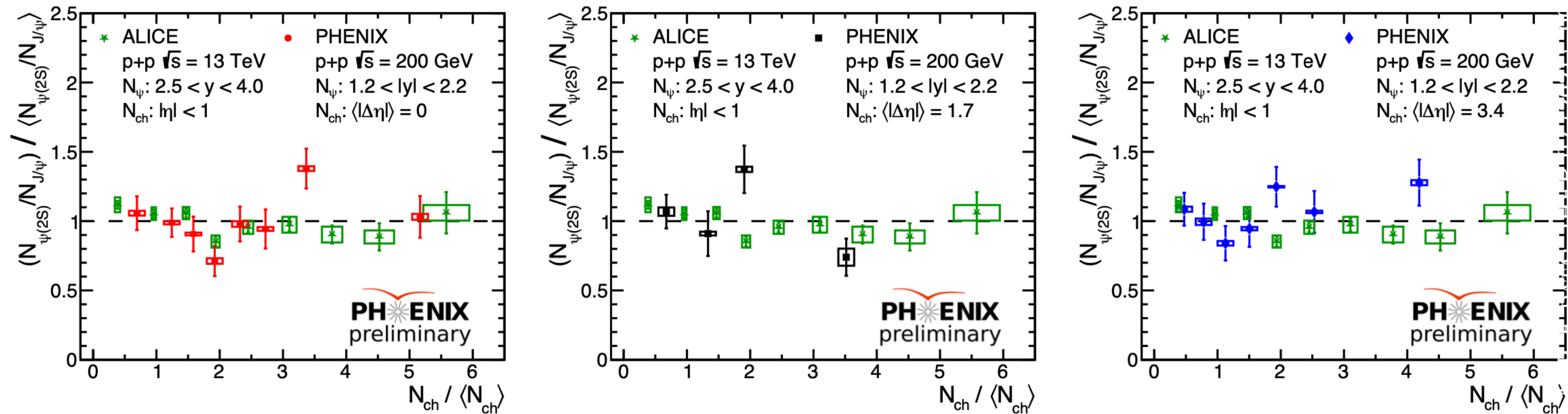


**Percolation** model: color string interactions to describe p+p collisions

*In a high-density environment, the coherence among the sources of the color strings leads to a reduction of their effective number. The total charged-particle multiplicity, which originates from soft sources, is more reduced than heavy-particle production for which the sources have a smaller transverse size*



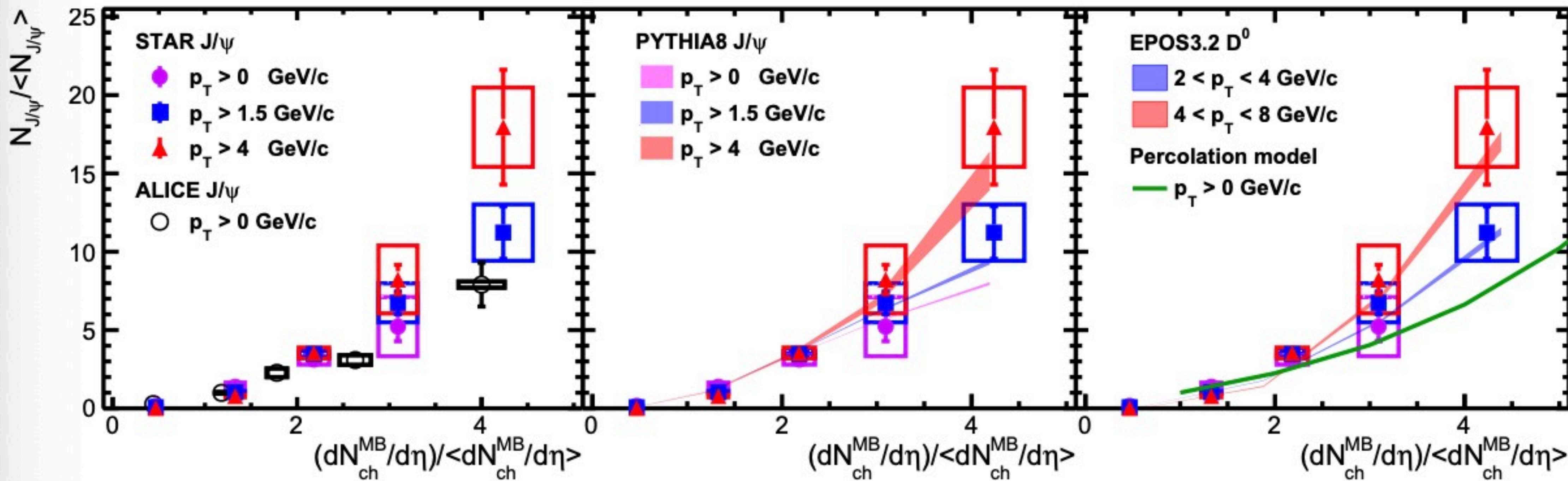
## Multiplicity Dependent $\psi(2S)$ to $J/\psi$



ALICE: JHEP 06 (2023) 147

- Multiplicity-dependent studies in small systems provide a testing ground for examining the onset of QGP-like effects
- PHENIX ( $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=200$  GeV) and ALICE ( $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=13$  TeV) results consistent, with **weak multiplicity dependence more or less consistent with unity**
  - Note that ALICE results have charged particle multiplicity measured at mid-rapidity

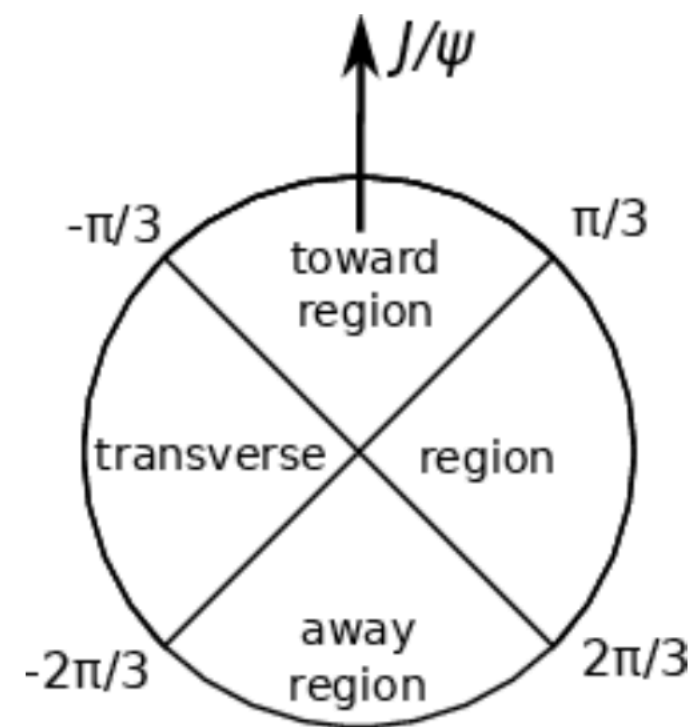
# J/ $\psi$ production in pp (STAR)





## Regions of azimuthal angle

Region for each track defined from angle  $\varphi$  between the track and  $J/\psi$  candidate



Isolate different effects in different regions:

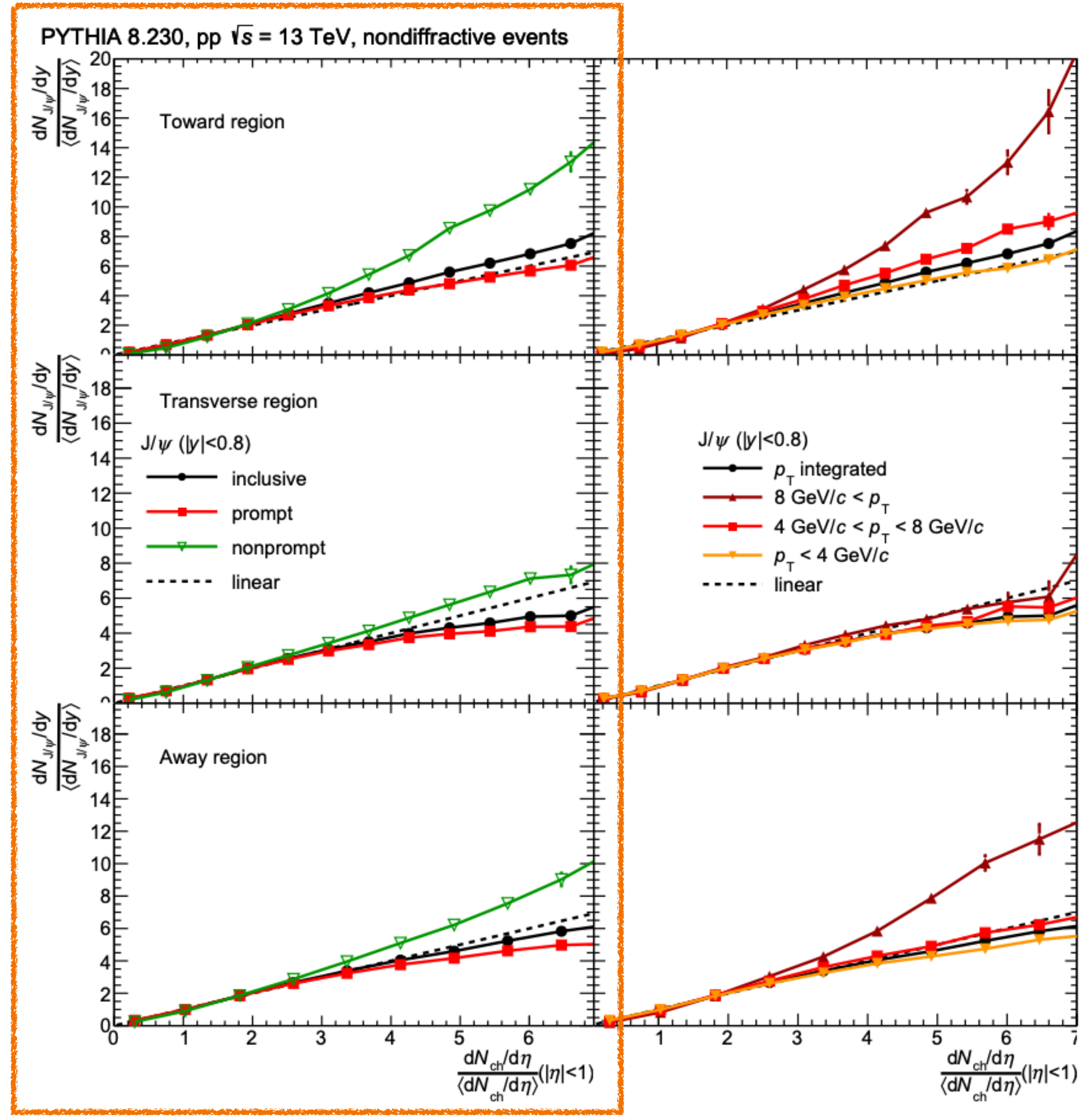
- **Toward:** particles associated to  $J/\psi$  production
- **Transverse:** underlying event
- **Away:** recoil jet

Regions constructed regarding a pair candidate  $J/\psi$  and not precisely a  $J/\psi \rightarrow$  **Would this influence the results?**

# J/ψ production in pp (PYTHIA)

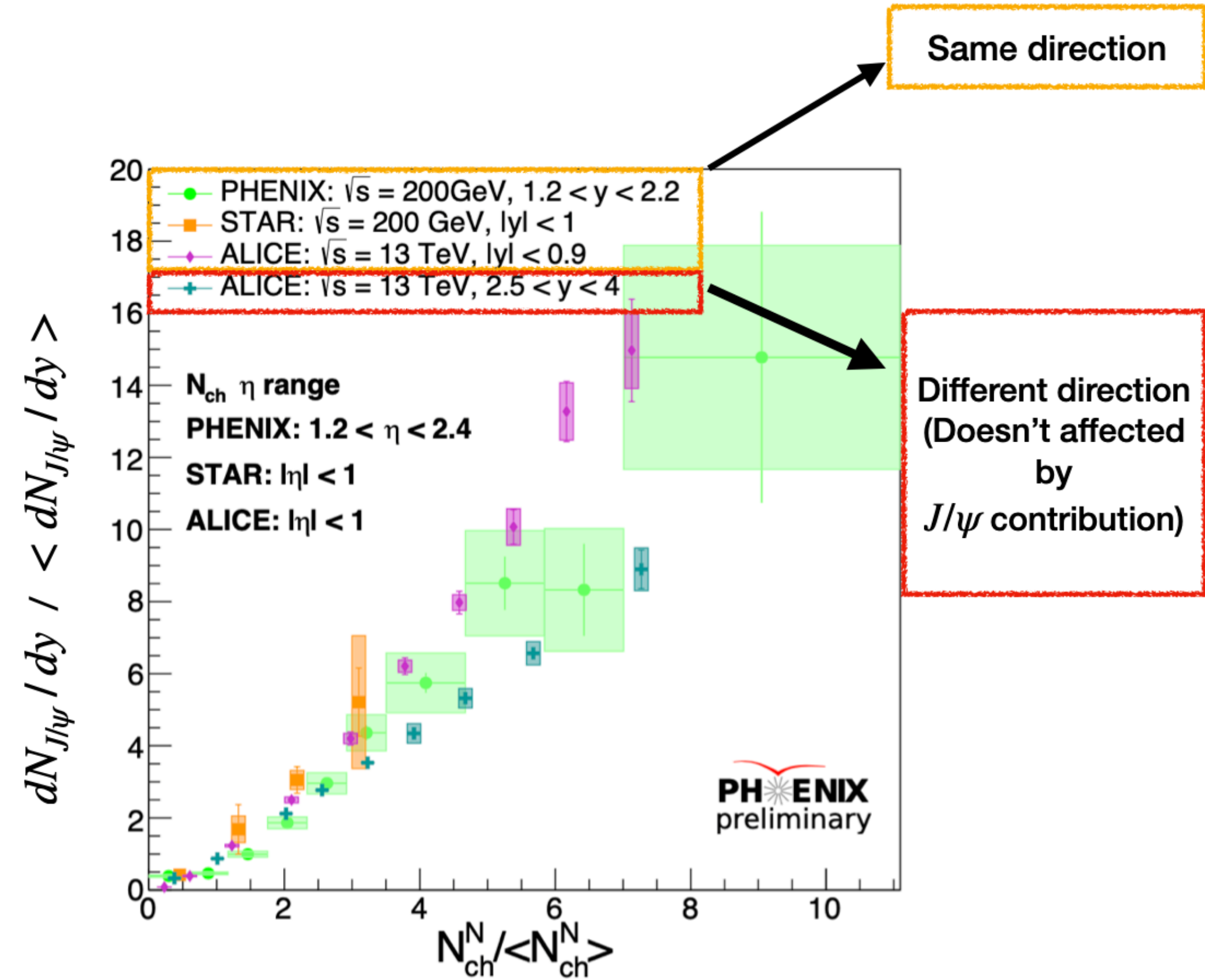
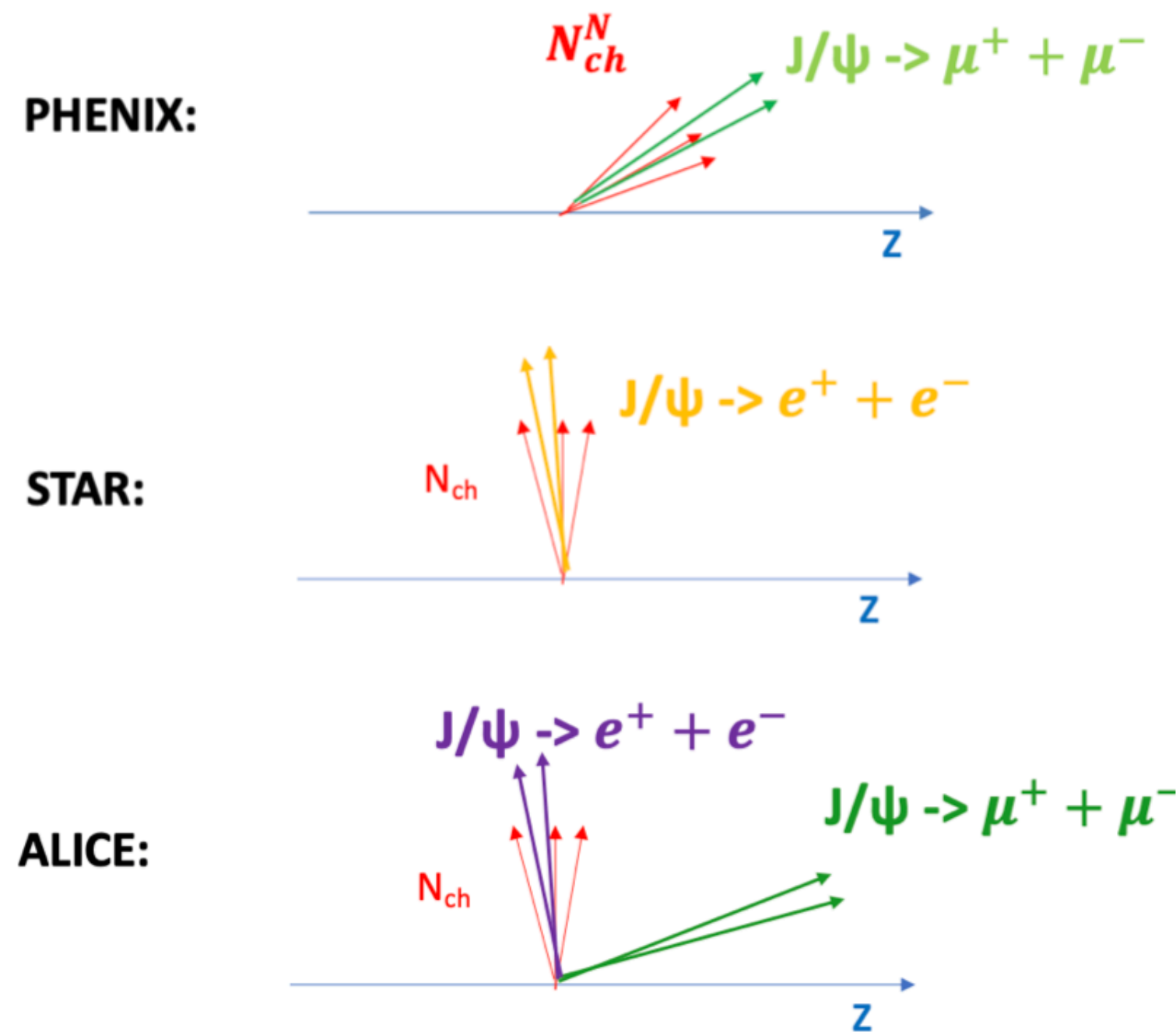


Pythia prediction (only one parsonic interaction activated)  
 Eur. Phys. J. C 79, 36 (2019)





## 3. PHENIX Results



- PHENIX, STAR, ALICE (Measuring multiplicity at the same acceptance with  $J/\psi$ )  
 → Similar multiplicity dependence despite different center-of-mass energy

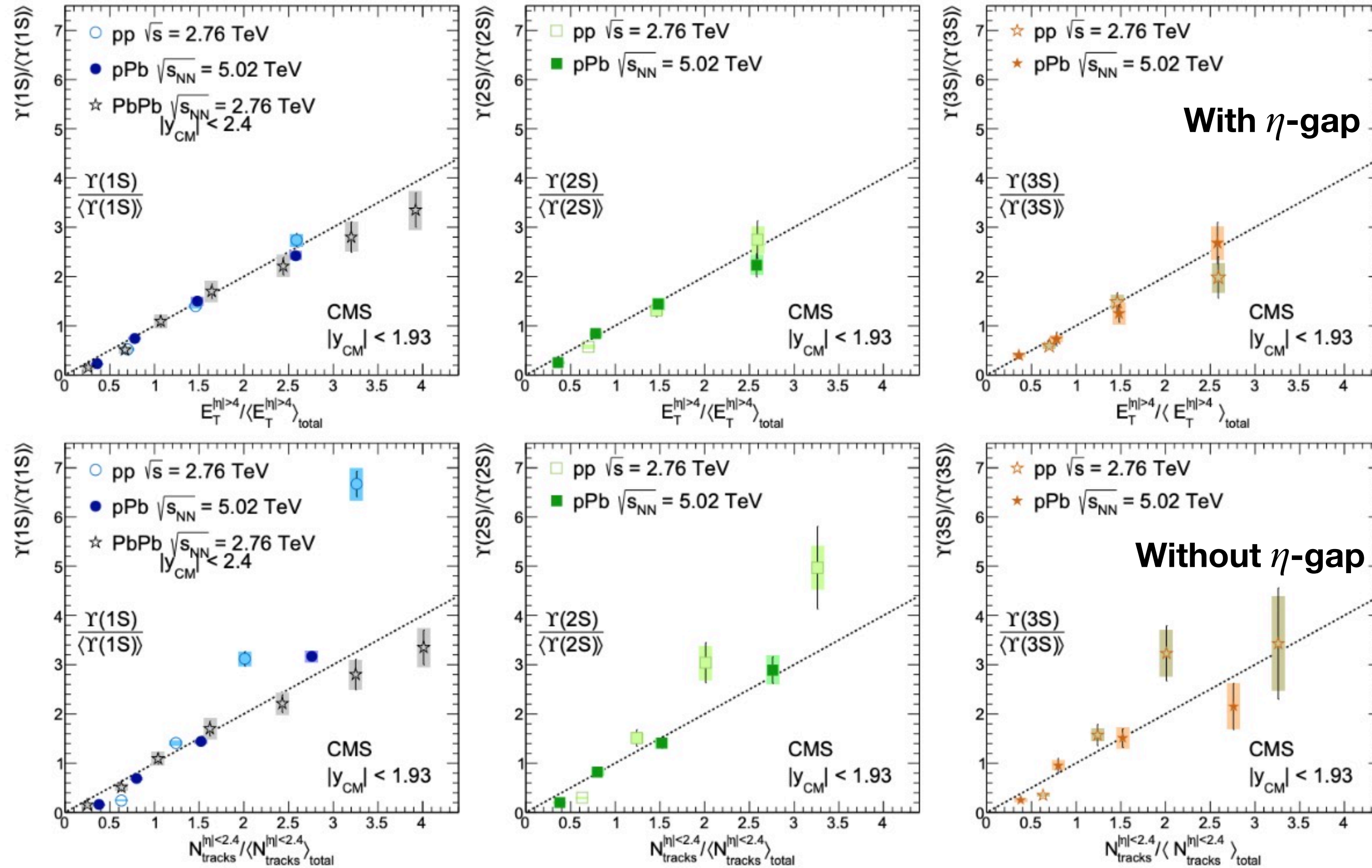


# J/ψ production in pp (CMS)



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## Cross section ratio





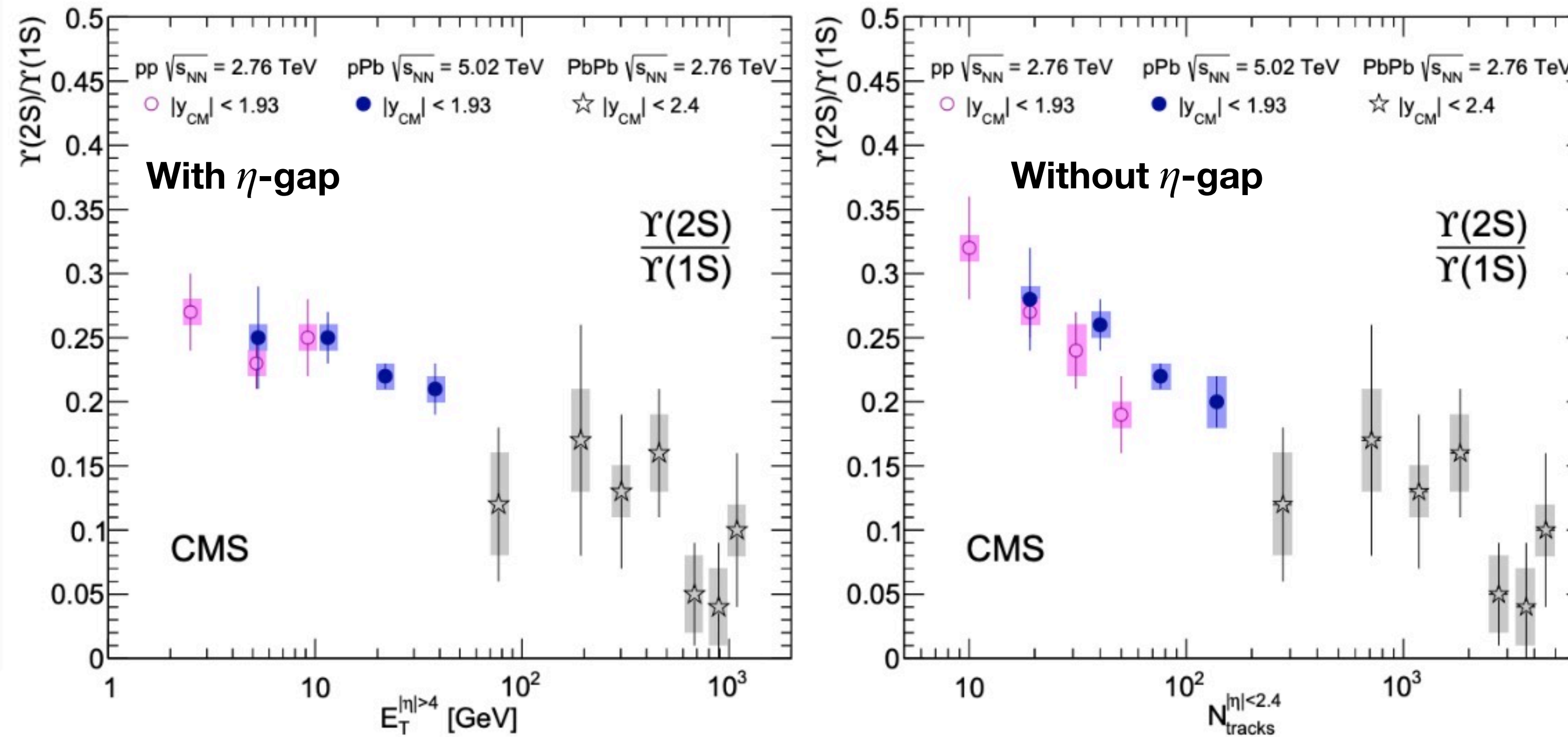


# $J/\psi$ production in pp (CMS)

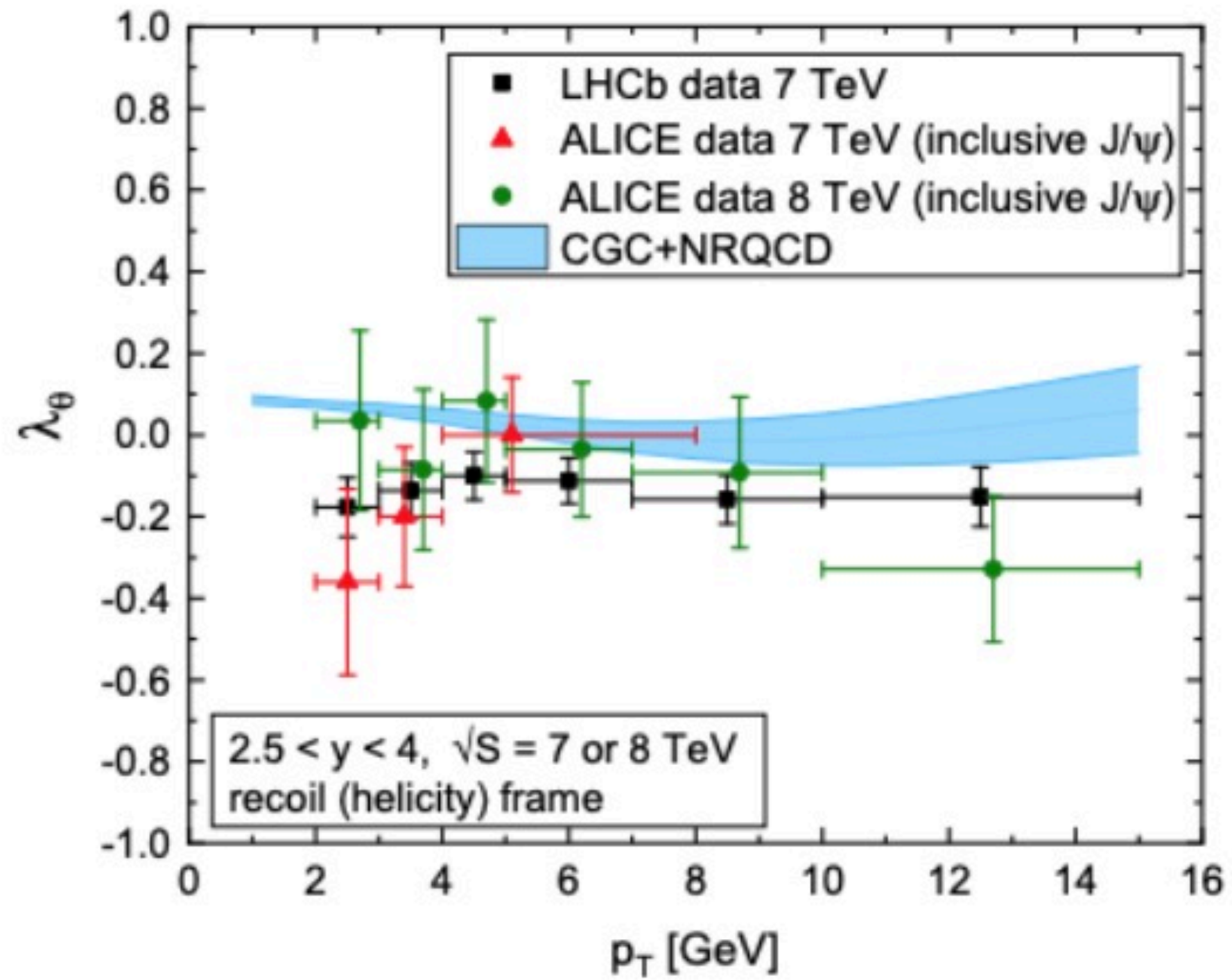
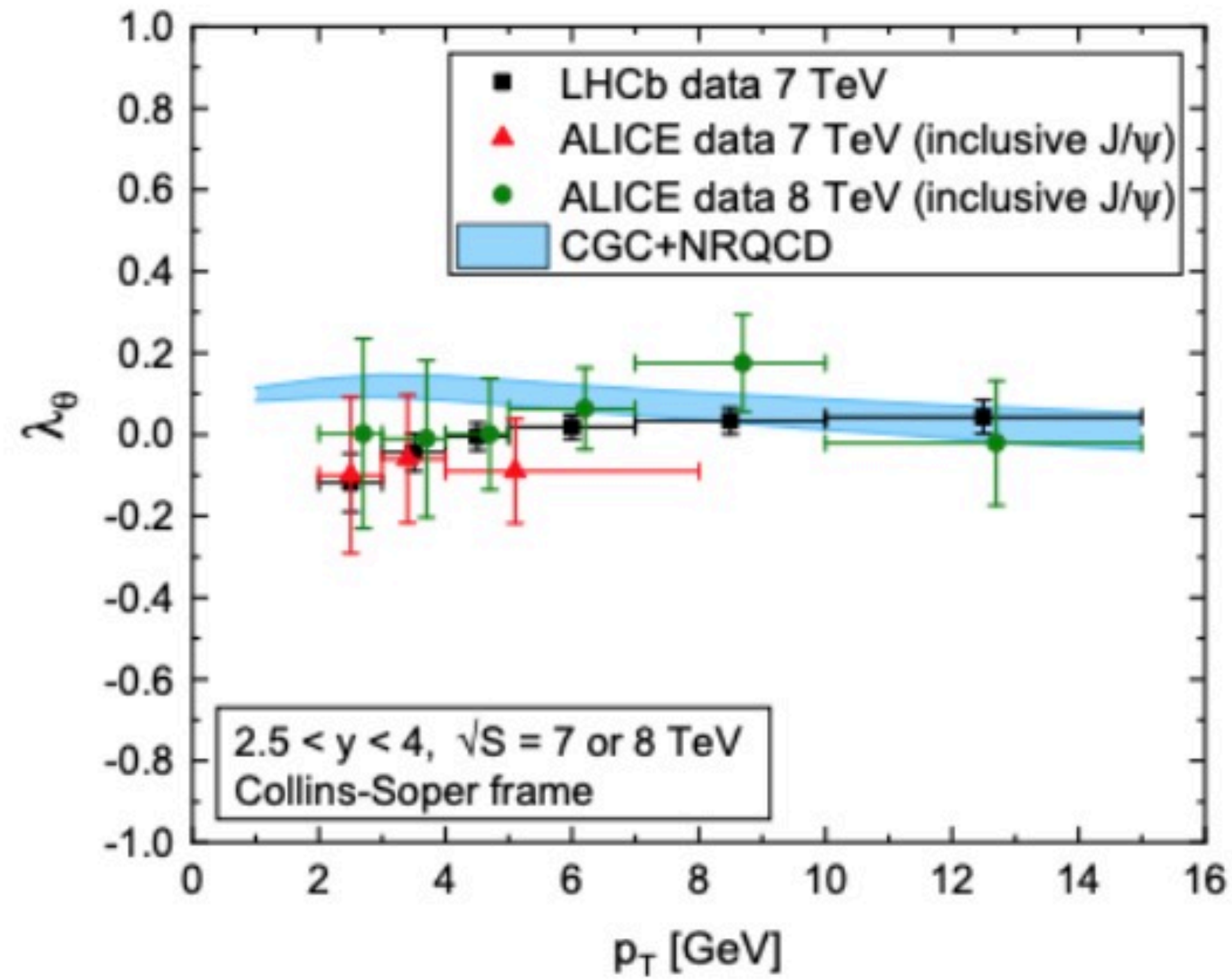


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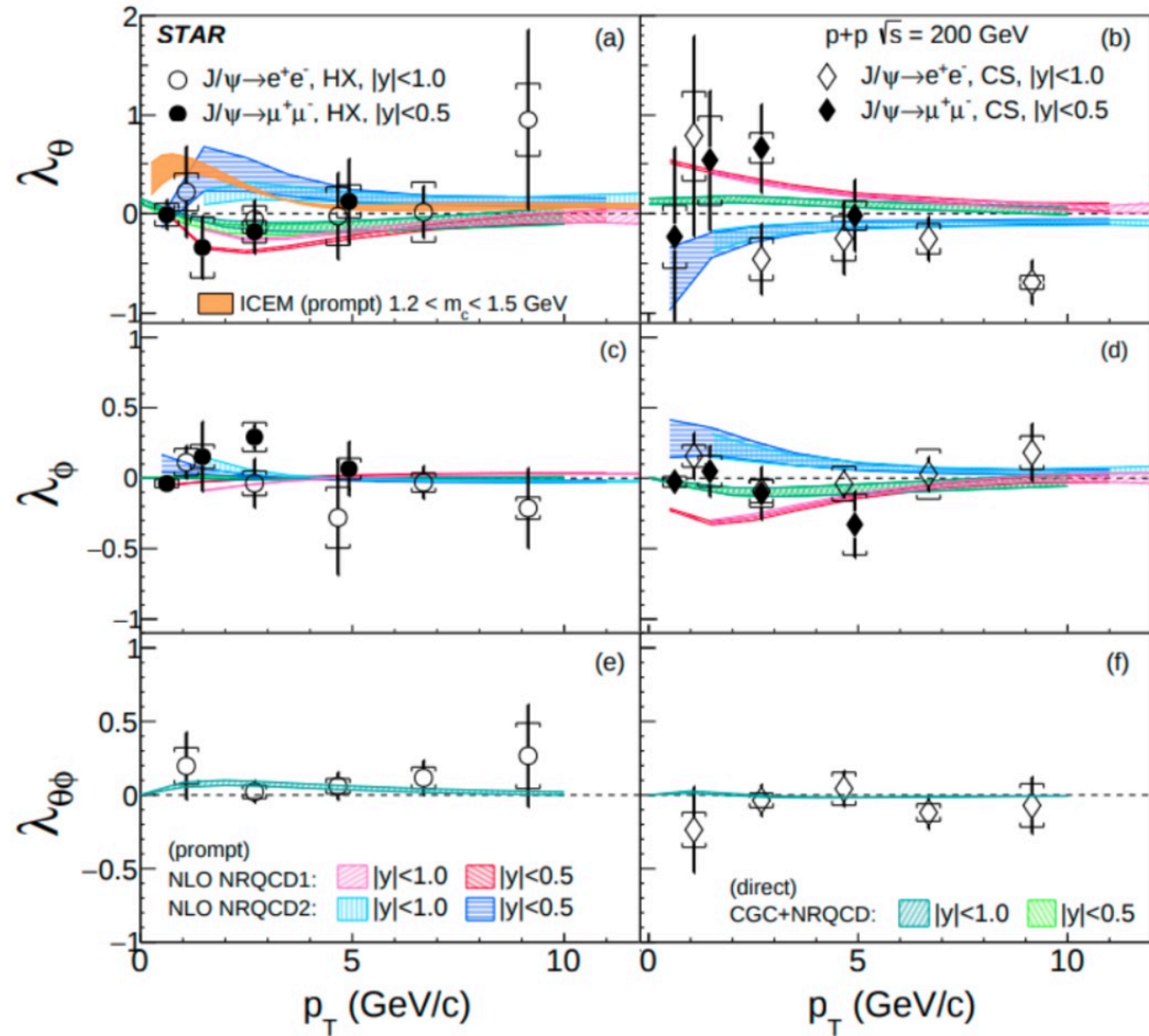
# J/ $\psi$ polarization in pp







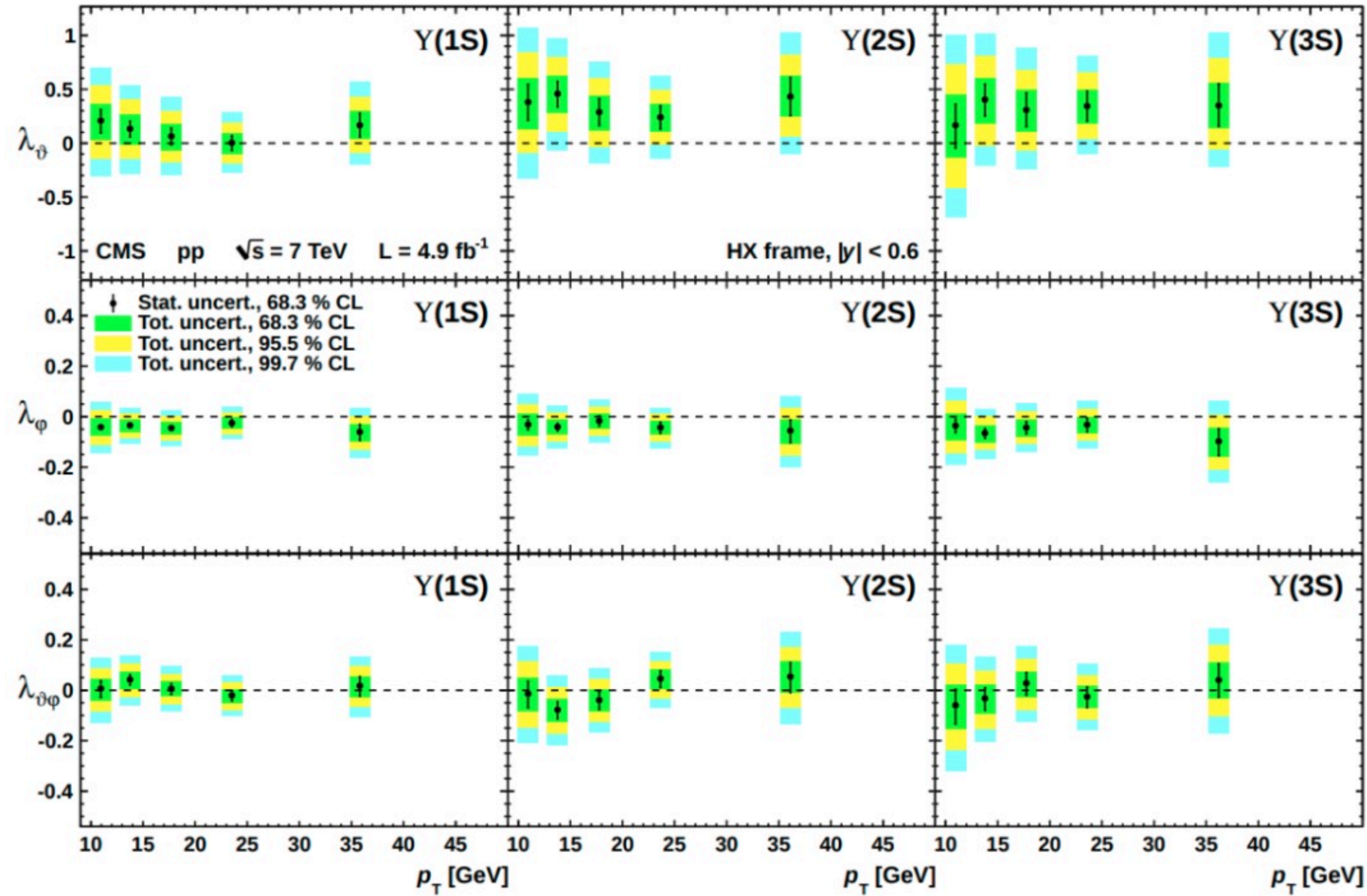
# $J/\psi$ polarization in pp (STAR)







# Upsilon polarization in pp (CMS)





# $\chi_{c2}$ production in pp (CMS)

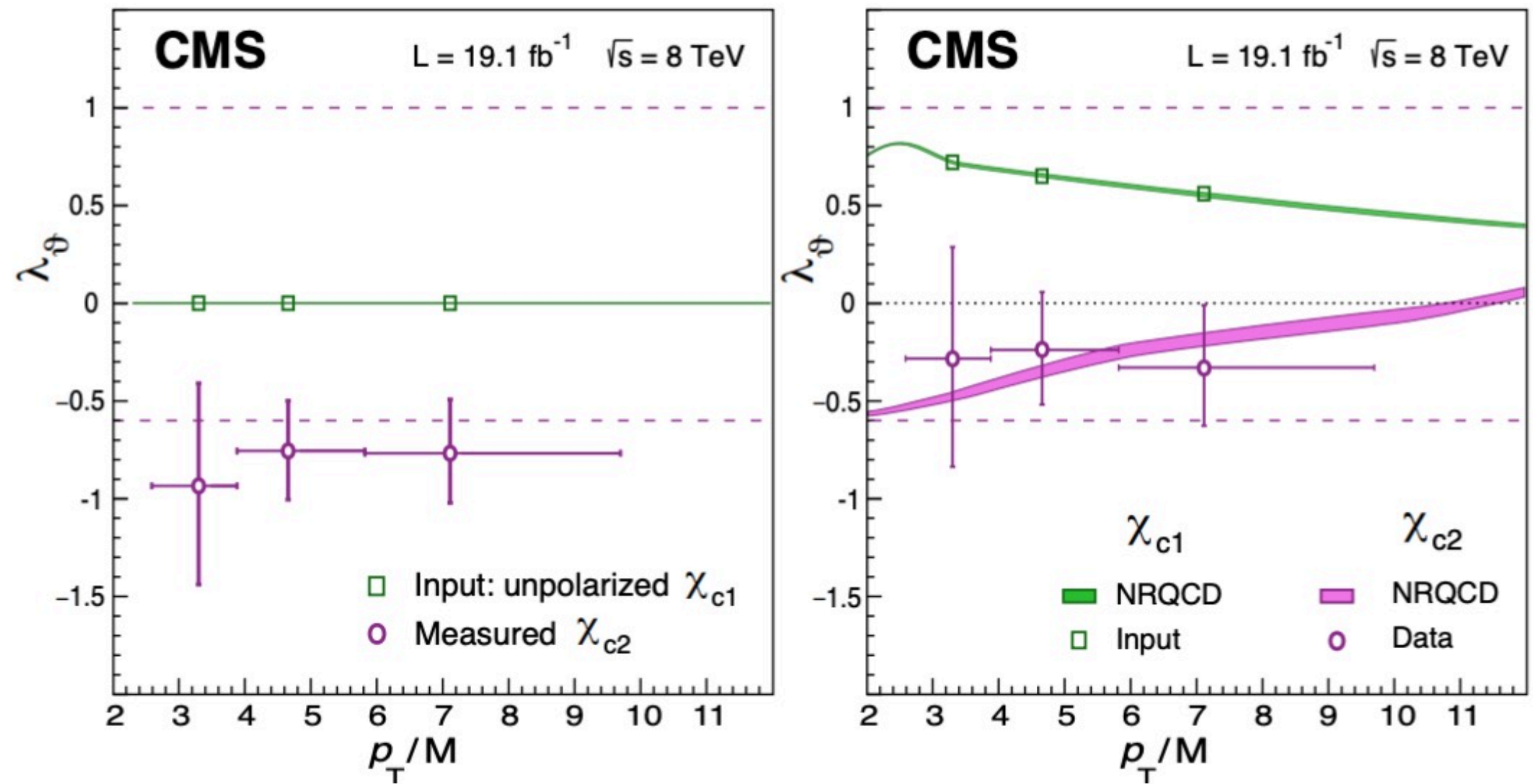
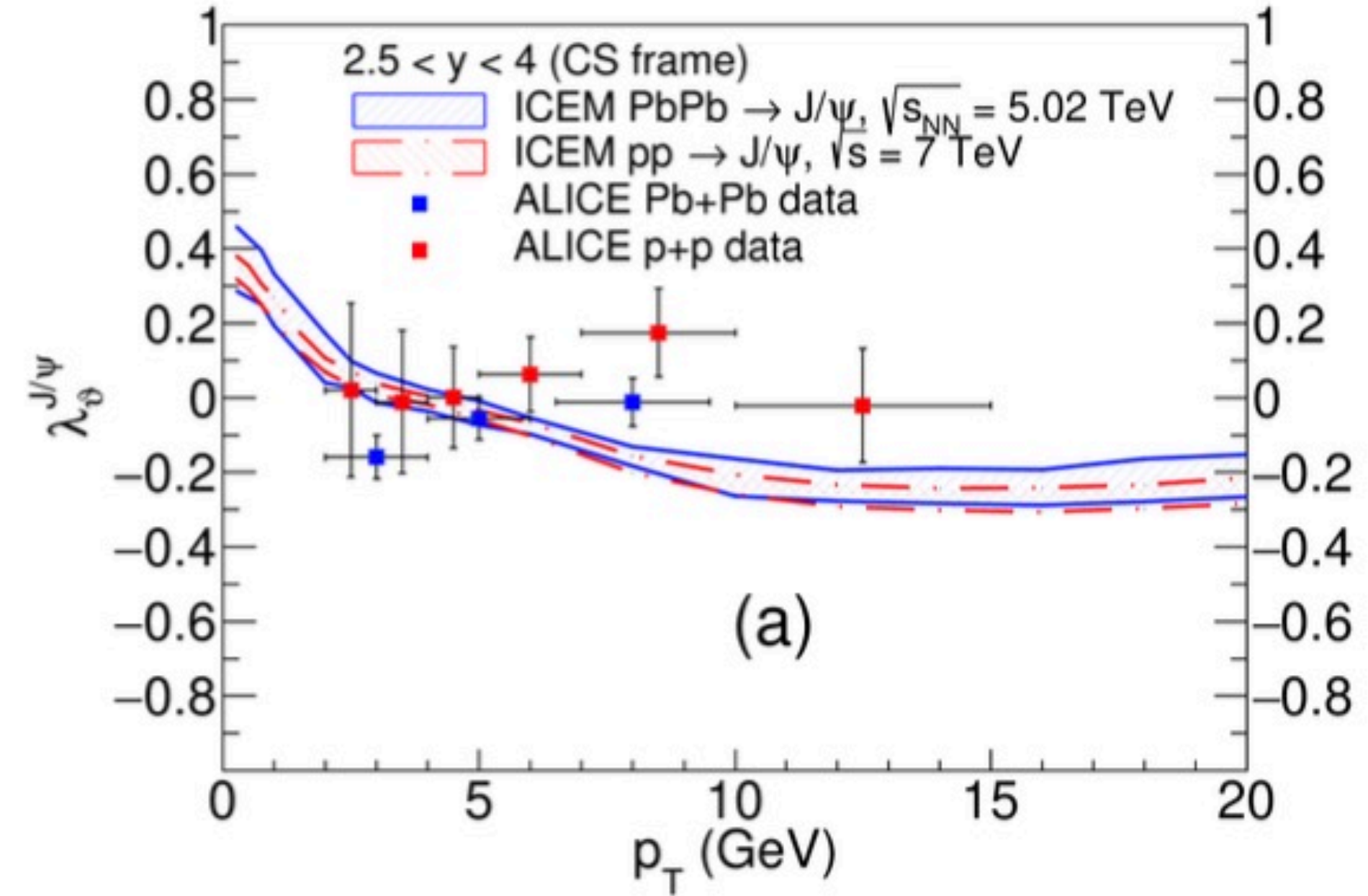
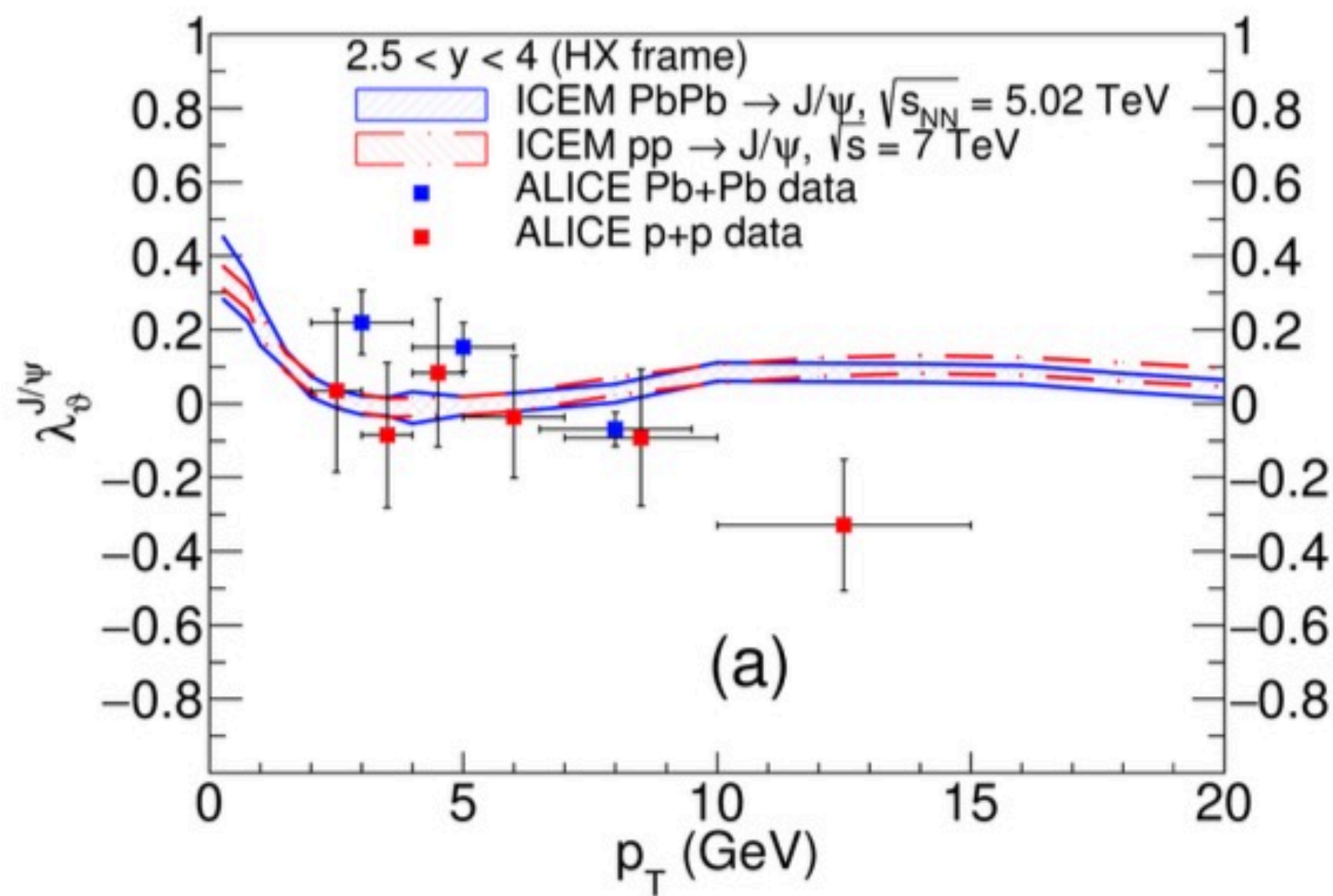


Figure 1.26: The polarization parameter  $\lambda_\theta^{\chi_{c2}}$  values measured when the  $\lambda_\theta^{\chi_{c1}}$  values are fixed to the unpolarized (left) or the NRQCD (right) scenarios as a function of  $p_T/M$  of the  $J/\psi$  [140]. The purple band on the right is the NRQCD prediction for  $\lambda_\theta^{\chi_{c2}}$  [95].



# $J/\psi$ polarization in pp and Pb—Pb (ALICE)



ICEM with the collinear factorization approach for the direct  $J/\psi$  component, compared to the inclusive one  
No significant difference is observed between the Pb—Pb and pp collisions for the ICEM model





# J/ψ polarization in pp and Pb—Pb collisions



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**ALICE** measured J/ψ polarization in Pb—Pb collisions

All polarization parameters are close to zero within uncertainties

$\lambda_\theta$  shows a maximum  $2\sigma$  deviation w.r.t zero in both **HE** and **CS** frames for  $2 < p_T < 4 \text{ GeV}/c$

Compatible with **ALICE** results in **pp** collisions within uncertainties

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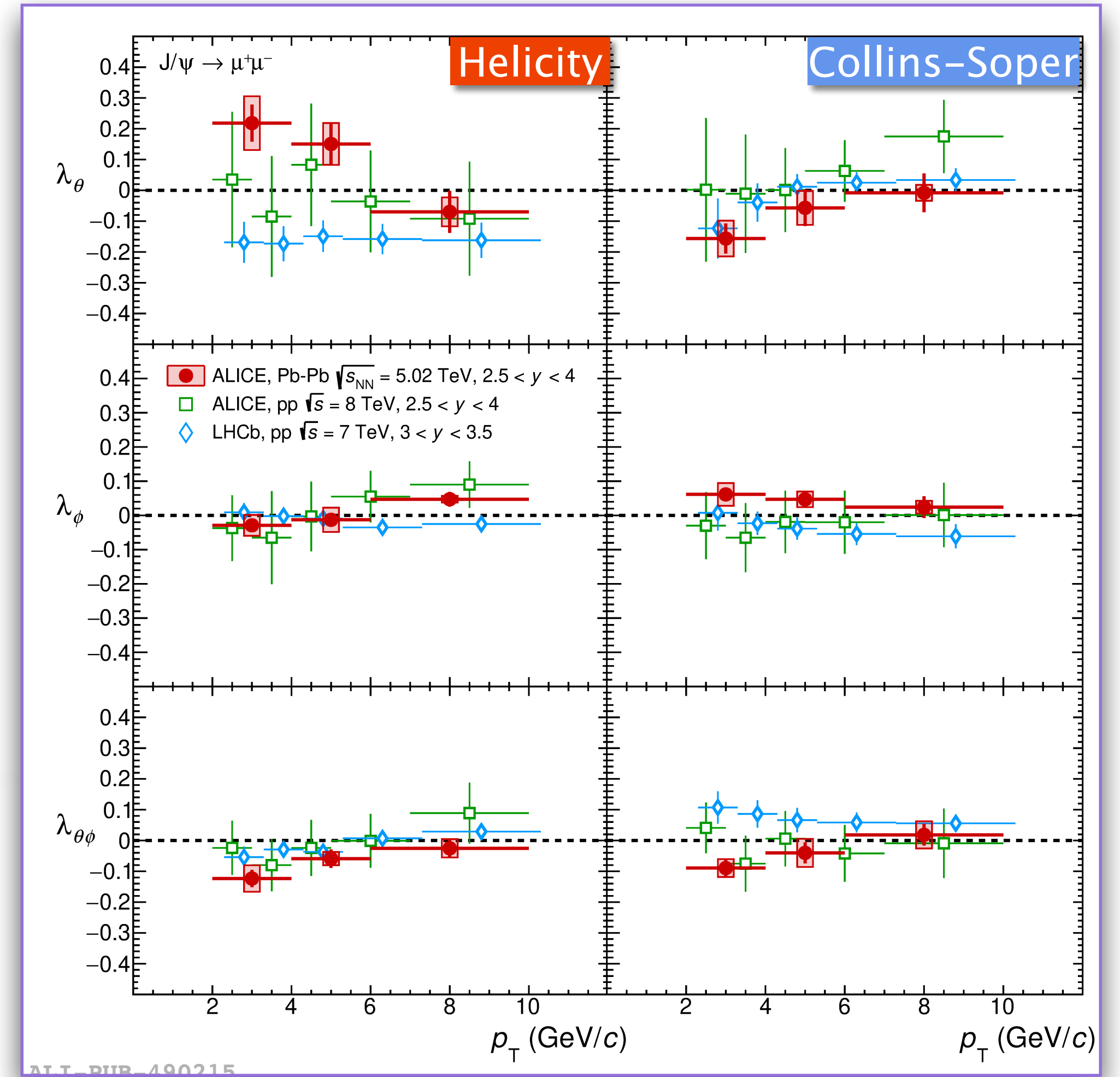
$3\sigma$  difference w.r.t **LHCb** in **pp** collisions in **HE** frame

LHCb Collaboration, EPJC 73 (2013) 11

Difference due to **suppression/regeneration** effects in Pb—Pb w.r.t pp collisions?

What is the role of the angular momentum ( $\vec{L}$ ) and the magnetic fields ( $\vec{B}$ )?

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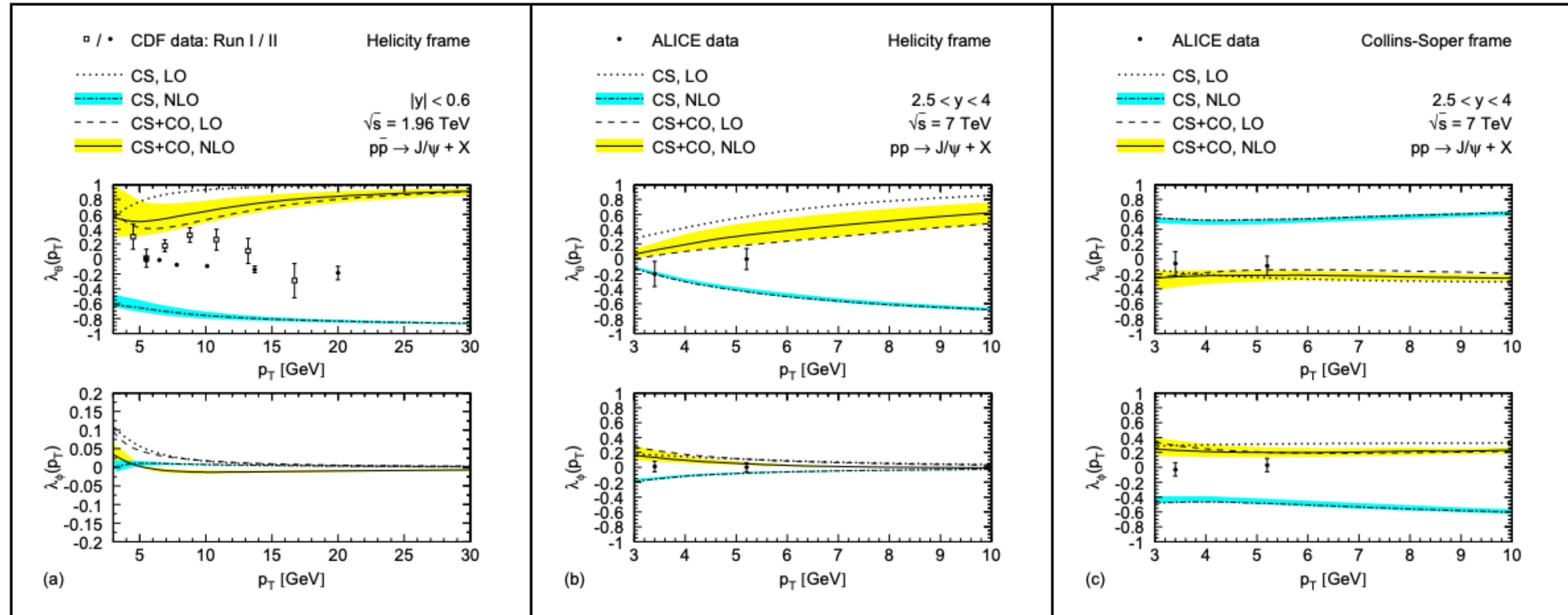


# J/ψ polarization in theory



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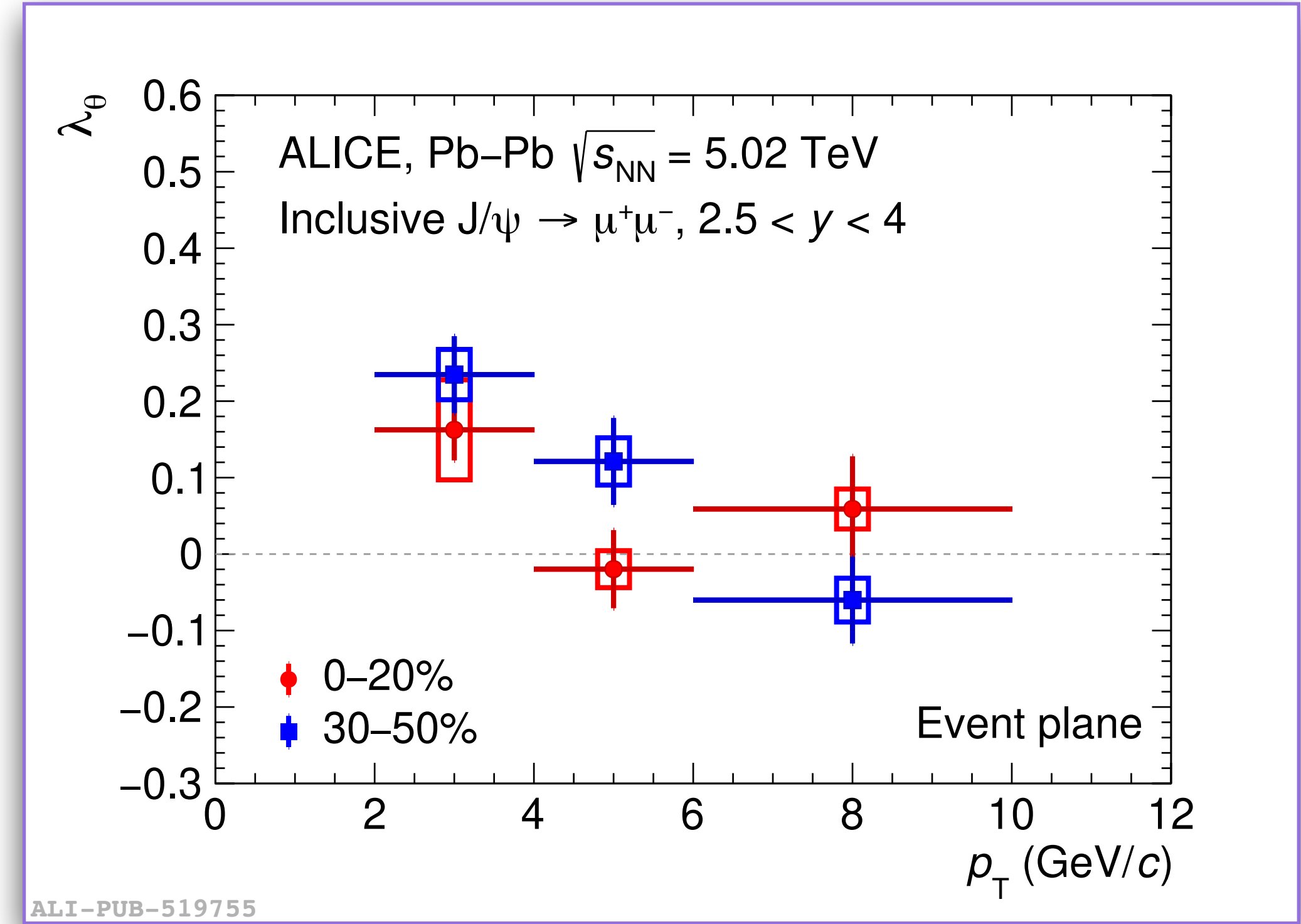
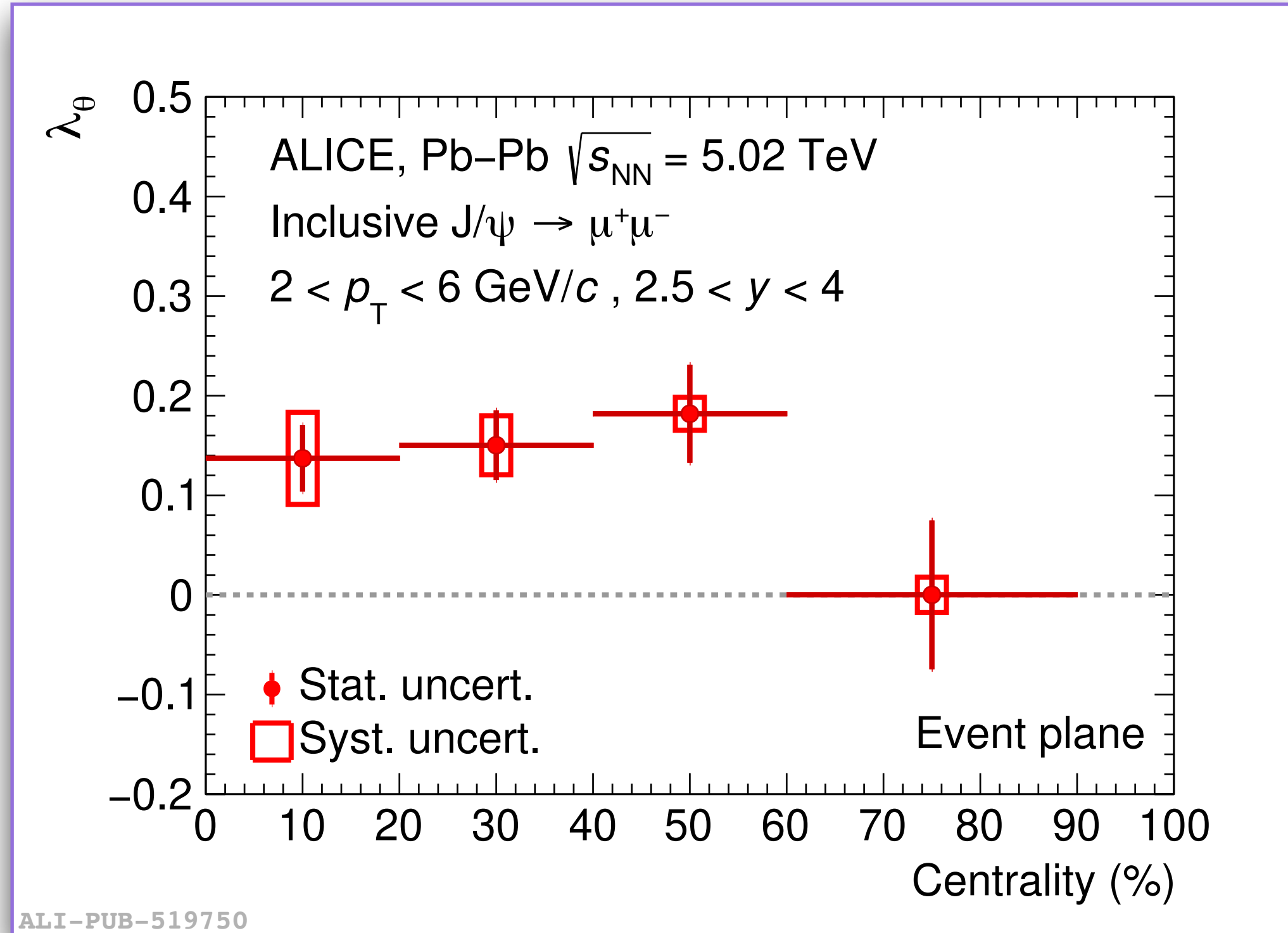
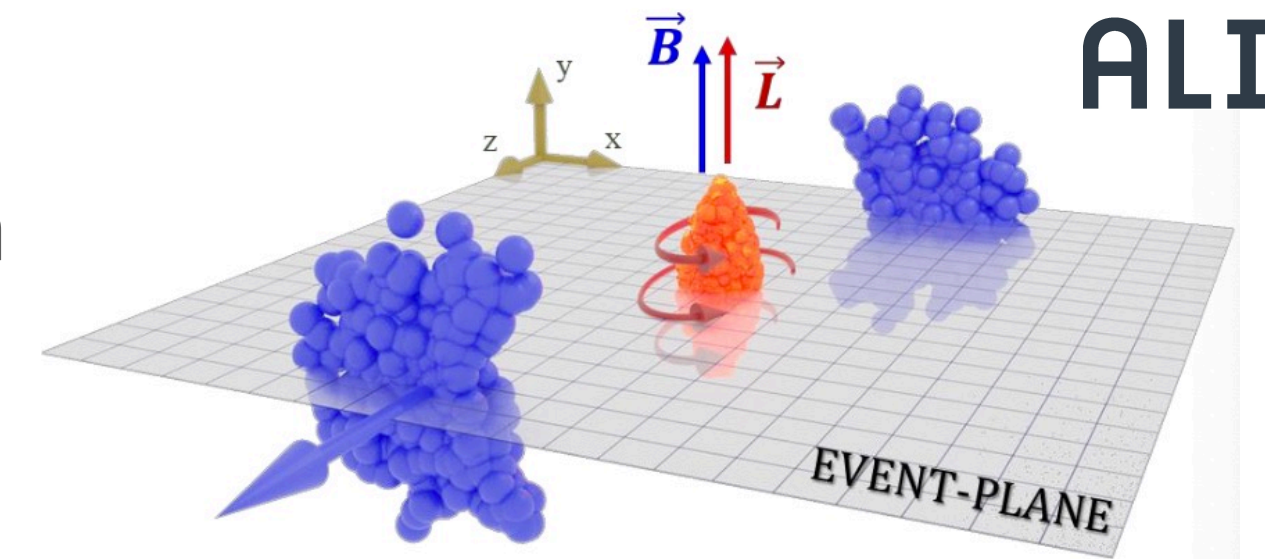
# J/ψ polarization in Pb—Pb



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Reference frame:

- ➡ **Event-plane based frame (EP)**: axis orthogonal to the EP in the collision center-of-mass frame
- ➡ EP normal to  $\vec{B}$  and  $\vec{L}$





# Light flavor hadrons ( $K^{*0}$ , $\Phi$ ) polarization in Pb—Pb

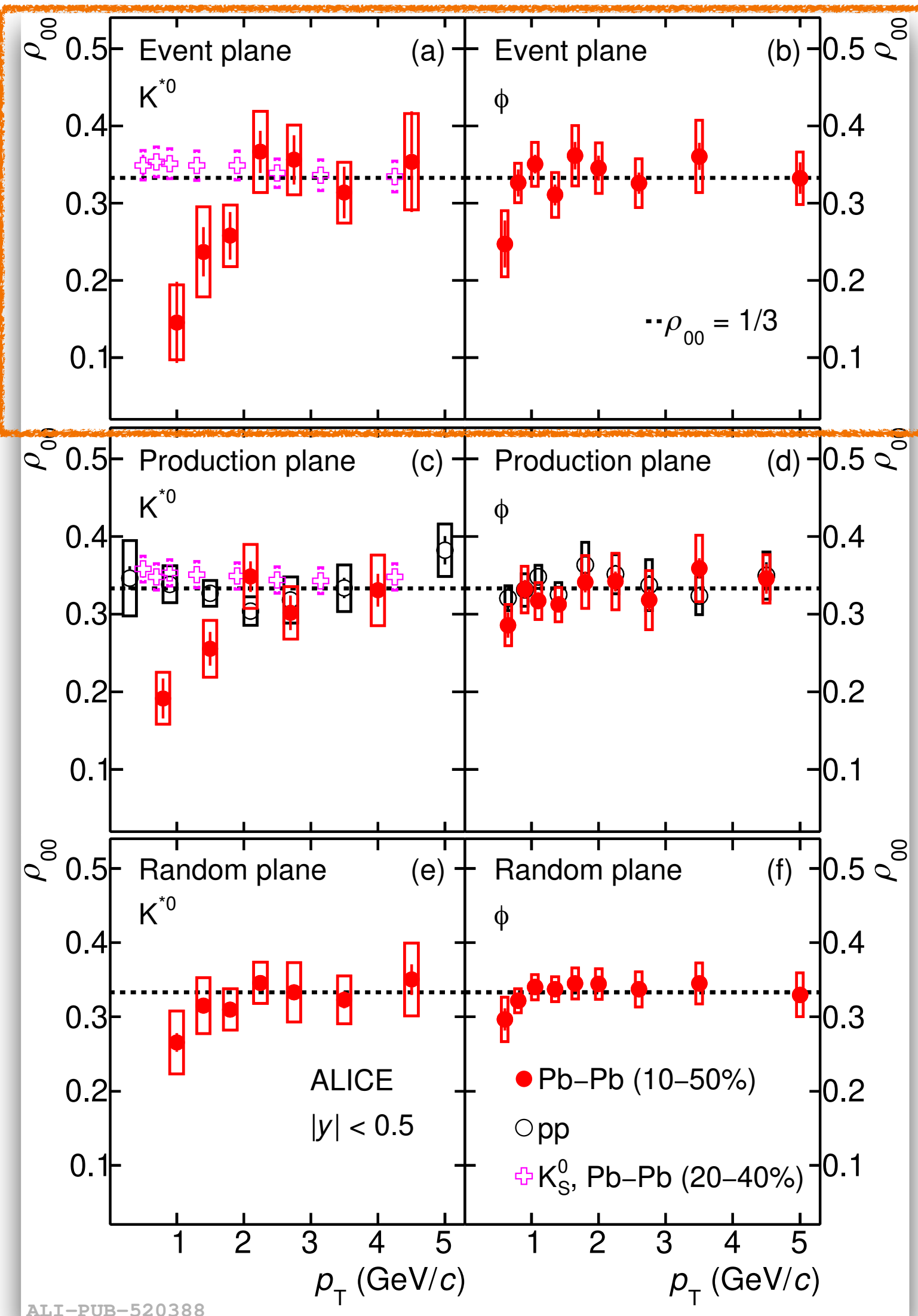


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EP

PP

RP



$\rho_{00}$  measurement for light flavor hadrons in Pb—Pb collisions at

$\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$  TeV and in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV

$p_T$  dependence

$\rho_{00} < 1/3$  for  $K^{*0}$  and  $\Phi$  at low  $p_T$  (smaller central value for  $K^{*0}$ ) in Pb—Pb collisions

$\rho_{00} \sim 1/3$  for:

$p_T^{K^{*0}} > 2$  GeV/c and  $p_T^\Phi > 0.8$  GeV/c

A random event plane (RP)

$K^{*0}$  and  $\Phi$  in pp collisions

**Zero spin hadron  $K_S^0$ : no spin alignment is observed**

The spin-density matrix element  $\rho_{00}$  is determined from the distribution of the angle  $\theta^*$  between the kaon decay daughter and the quantization axis in the decay rest frame [16],[ B],


$$\frac{dN}{d\cos\theta^*} \propto [1 - \rho_{00} + \cos^2\theta^*(3\rho_{00} - 1)]. \quad (1)$$





# Light flavor hadrons ( $K^{*0}$ , $\Phi$ ) polarization in Pb—Pb



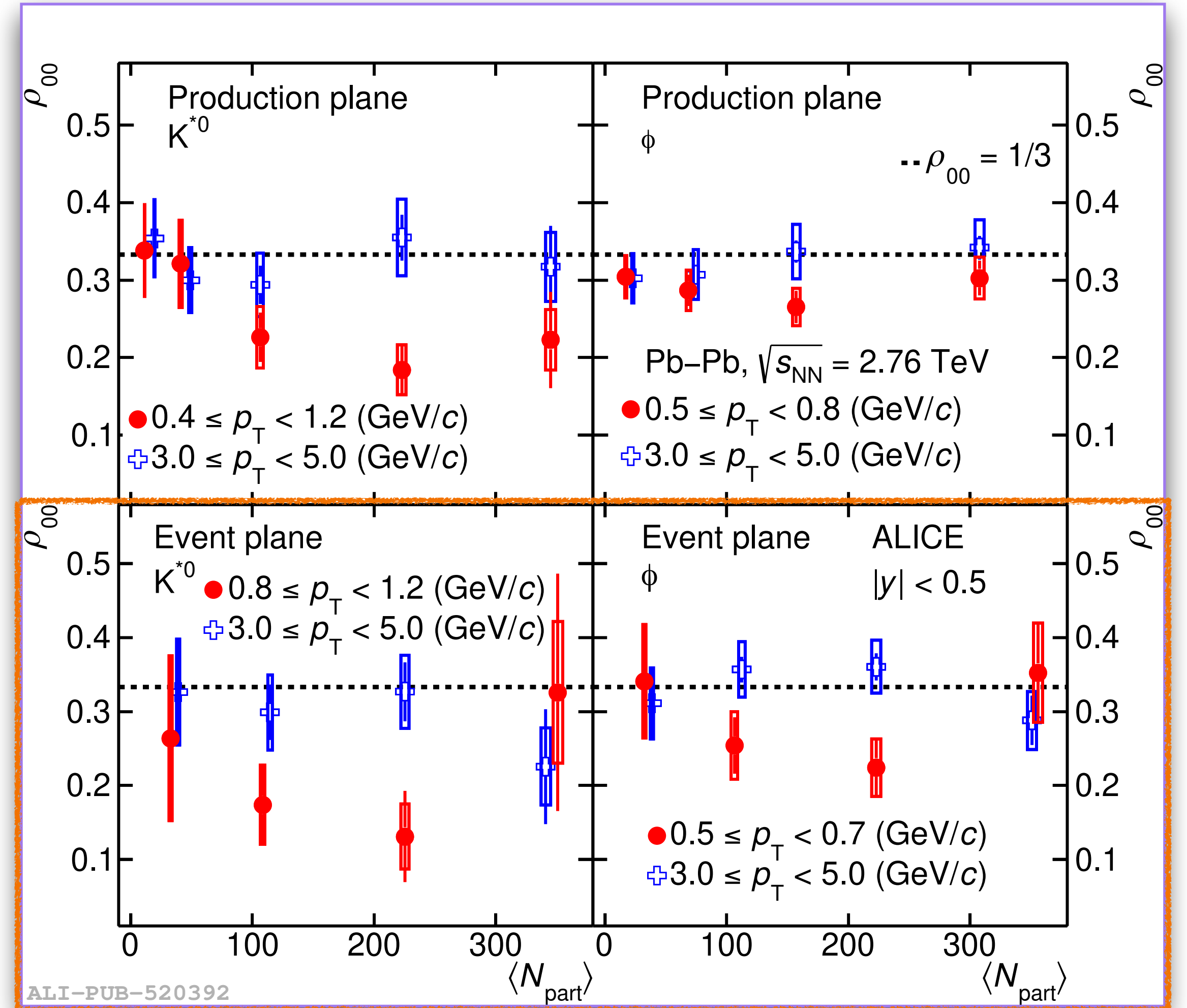
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at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV

 Centrality dependence

  $\rho_{00}$  deviates w.r.t 1/3 **at low  $p_T$  in semi-central collisions**

 No centrality dependence of  $\rho_{00}$  at high  $p_T$

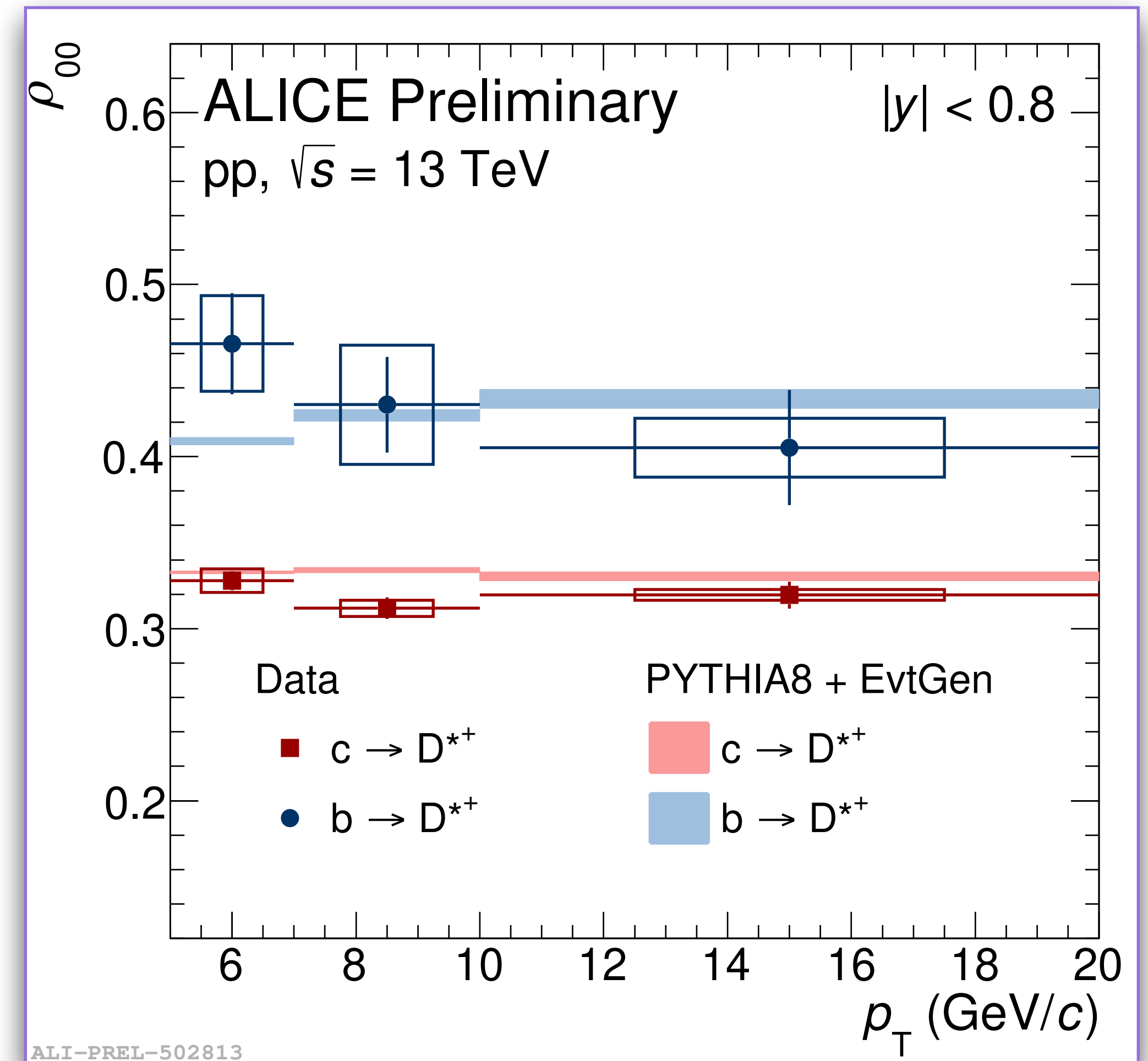




# Charm mesons polarization in pp



- Charmed vector meson ( $D^{*+}$ ) polarization crucial to complete the picture in HICs
- $D^{*+}$  polarization in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV
  - $\rho_{00}$  spin matrix element (1/3 means no polarization)
  - Prompt  $D^{*+}$  ( $c \rightarrow D^{*+}$ ) unpolarized
  - Non-zero polarization for non-prompt  $D^{*+}$  ( $b \rightarrow D^{*+}$ )
  - Both well predicted by PYTHIA 8 + EVTGEN



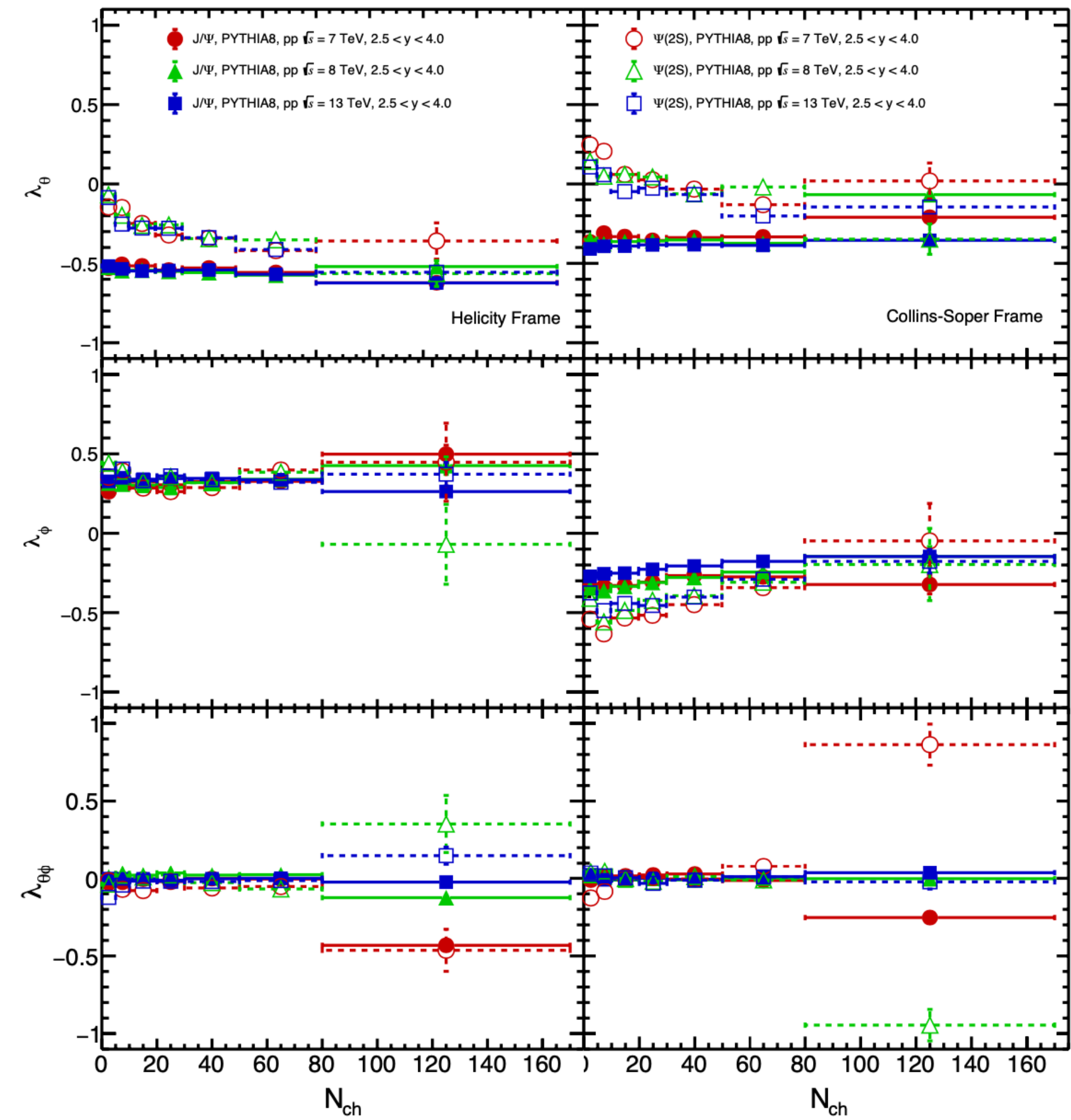
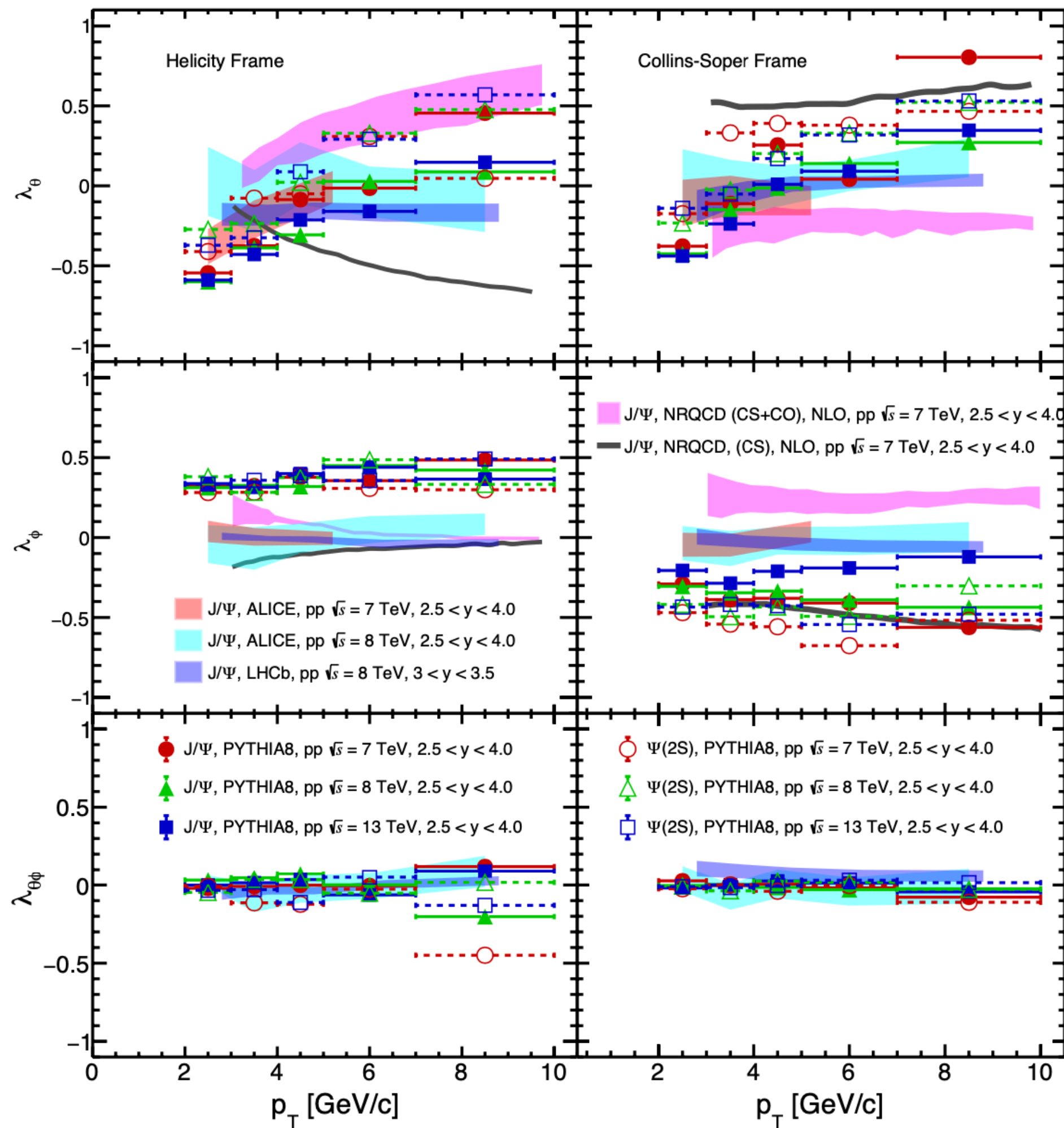




# Charm mesons polarization in pp



PYTHIA 8: only considering the direct component



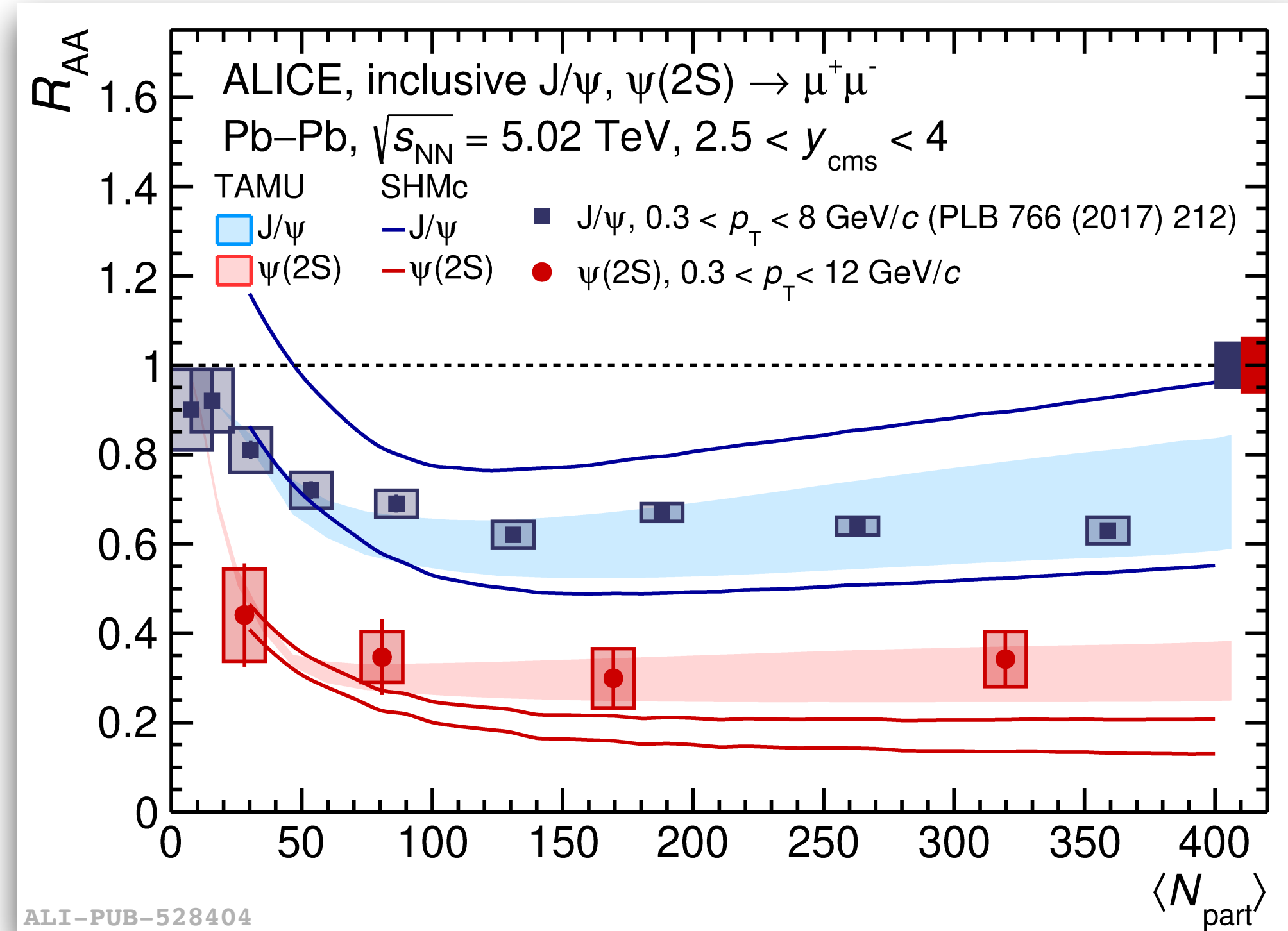
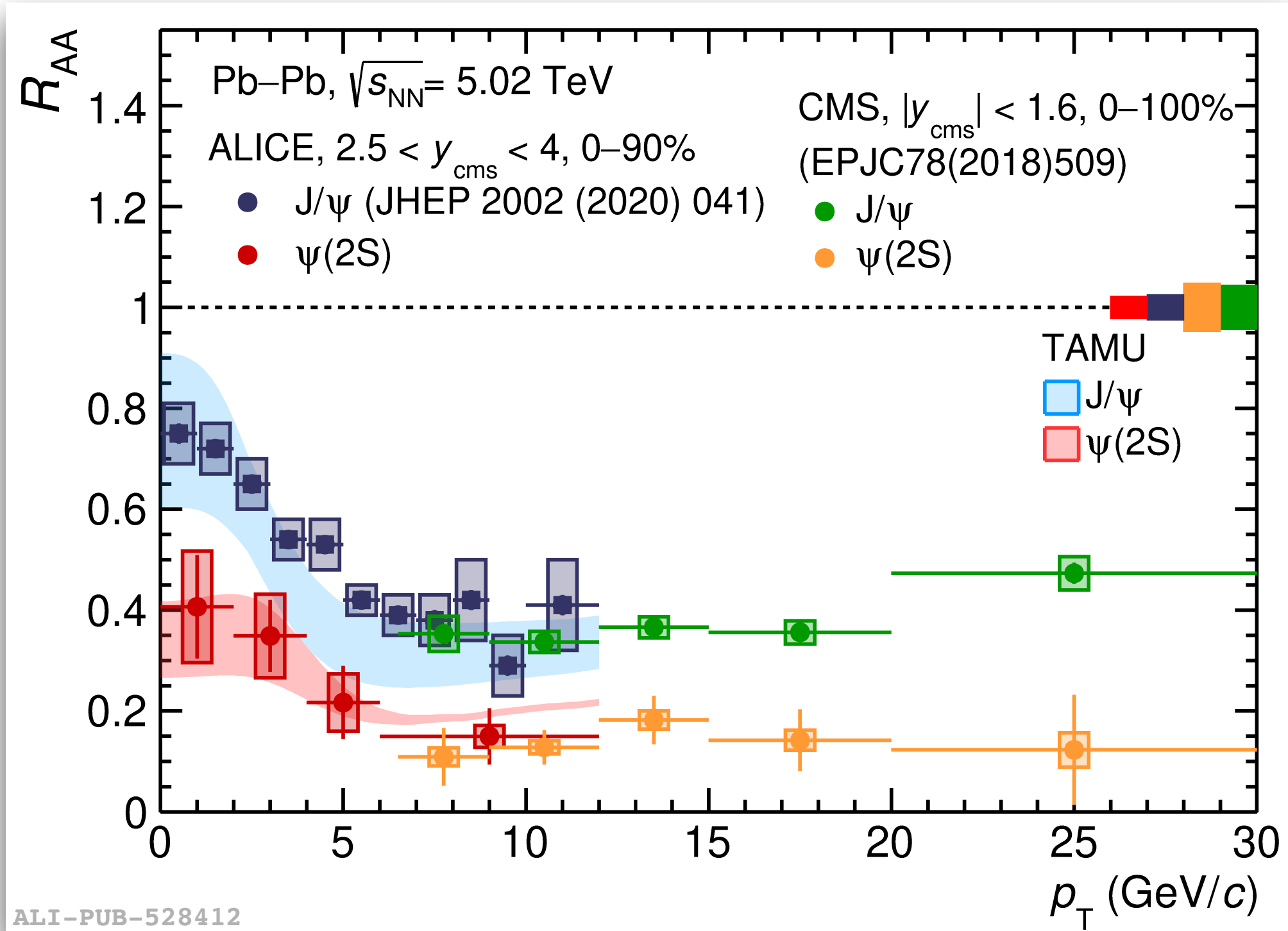


# Introduction: quarkonium as a probe of QGP



## Charmonia nuclear modification factor $R_{AA}$

arXiv:2210.08893



TAMU: Rapp et al, Nucl. Phys. A943 (2015) 147-158  
 SHMc: Andronic et al, Phys. Lett. B 797 (2019) 134836

- Transport model (TAMU) is in good agreement with results as a function of  $p_T$  and centrality
- Statistical hadronization model (SHMc) tends to underestimate  $\psi(2S)$  in central collisions
- In SHMc, charmonia are produced (regenerated) from **deconfined charm quarks** at the QCD phase boundary whereas TAMU includes **regeneration** in the QGP phase



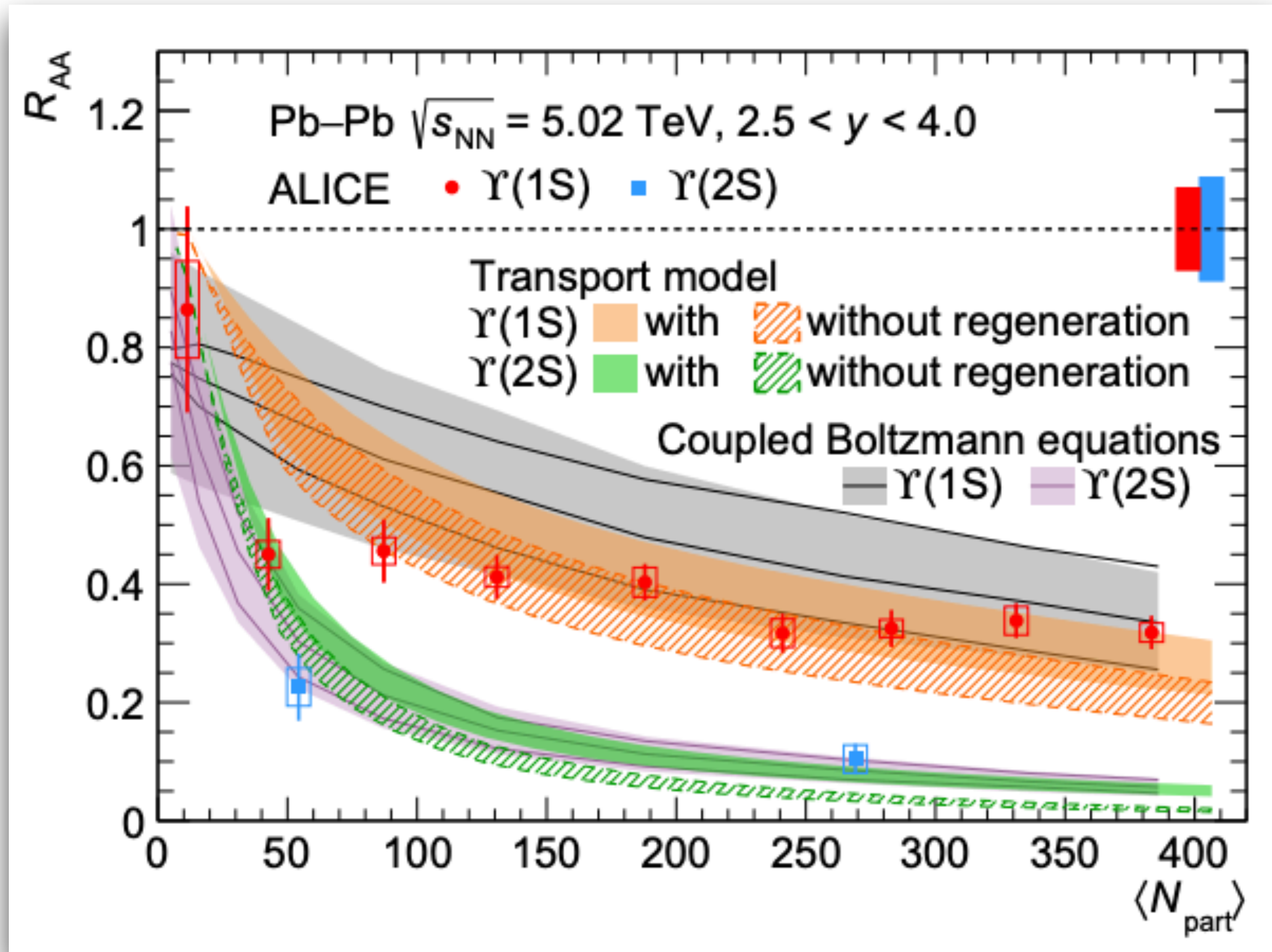


# Introduction: quarkonium as a probe of QGP



## Bottomonia nuclear modification factor $R_{AA}$

ALICE Collaboration, *Phys. Lett .B* 822 (2021) 136579



- Stronger suppression for  $\Upsilon(2S)$  w.r.t  $\Upsilon(1S)$
- The various calculations (e.g. Transport model w/ or w/o *regeneration*) reproduce the trend of the data within the corresponding uncertainties
- Weak regeneration effect expected in the bottom sector



# Data sample



🔔 Dataset: collected in 2016, 2017 and 2018 in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV

🔔 Event selection:

- 👉 Unlike-sign dimuon (CMUL7) trigger and minimum bias (MB) trigger
- 👉 Physics selection with default pileup rejection
- 👉 SPD vertex selection ( $N_{\text{contributors}} > 0$ ,  $\sigma_{z_{\text{vtx}}} < 0.25$  cm,  $|z_{\text{vtx}}| < 10$  cm)

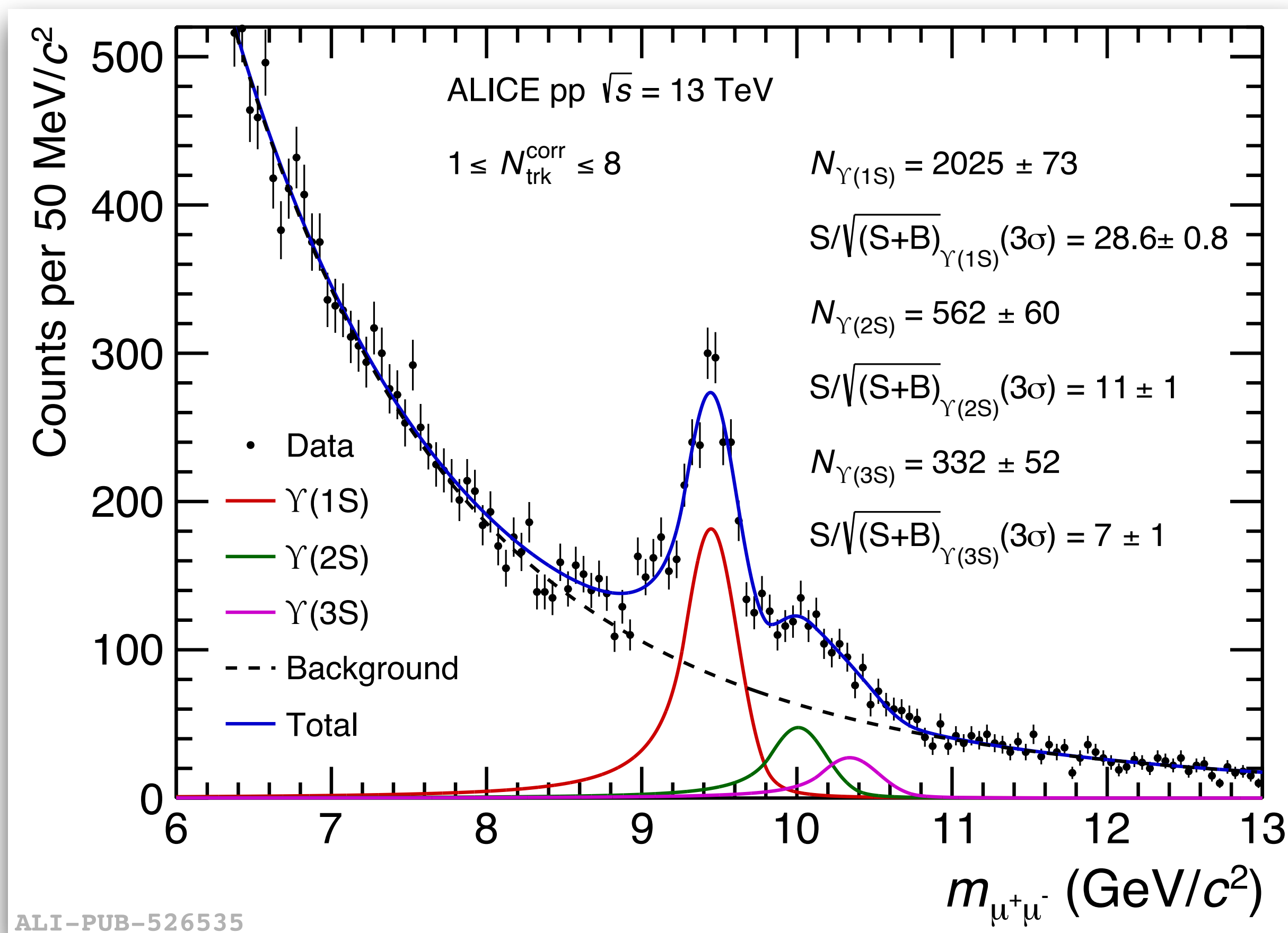
🔔 In this analysis:

- 👉 The signal  $\Upsilon$  is measured at forward rapidity ( $2.5 < y < 4.0$ ), the charged-particle multiplicity is measured at central rapidity ( $|\eta| < 1$ )
- 👉 The  $\Upsilon$  yield ( $dN_{\Upsilon}/dy$ ) and the pseudorapidity charged-particle multiplicity density ( $dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta$ ) are both measured for INEL  $> 0$  events



## Signal extraction

- ✎  $\Upsilon$  analysis is performed measuring the number of produced resonances
- ✎ After the standard muon and dimuon selections, invariant mass spectra muon pairs are built
- ✎ The invariant mass spectra are fitted with a combination of phenomenological functions for peaks and background
- ✎ The number of produced resonances is extracted through the integral of the peak





# Data sample and analysis strategy



- 🔔 Data sample: collected in 2016, 2017 and 2018 in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV, dimuon trigger + quality criteria used to select the events
- 🔔 Analysis procedure:
  - 👉 **Signal extraction:** the number of  $\Upsilon(1S)$  candidates is obtained via a fit procedure on the dimuon invariant mass distribution in each angular interval considered in the analysis
  - 👉 **Acceptance x efficiency correction:** the raw number of  $\Upsilon(1S)$  extracted from the fit procedure is corrected for a factor quantifying the geometrical acceptance and reconstruction efficiency effects, estimated via a MC simulation
  - 👉 **Polarization parameters determination:** the polarization parameters  $\lambda_\theta$ ,  $\lambda_\varphi$  and  $\lambda_{\theta\varphi}$  are extracted by fitting the acceptance- and efficiency-corrected angular distributions of  $\Upsilon(1S)$ , in both the Helicity and Collins-Soper reference frames





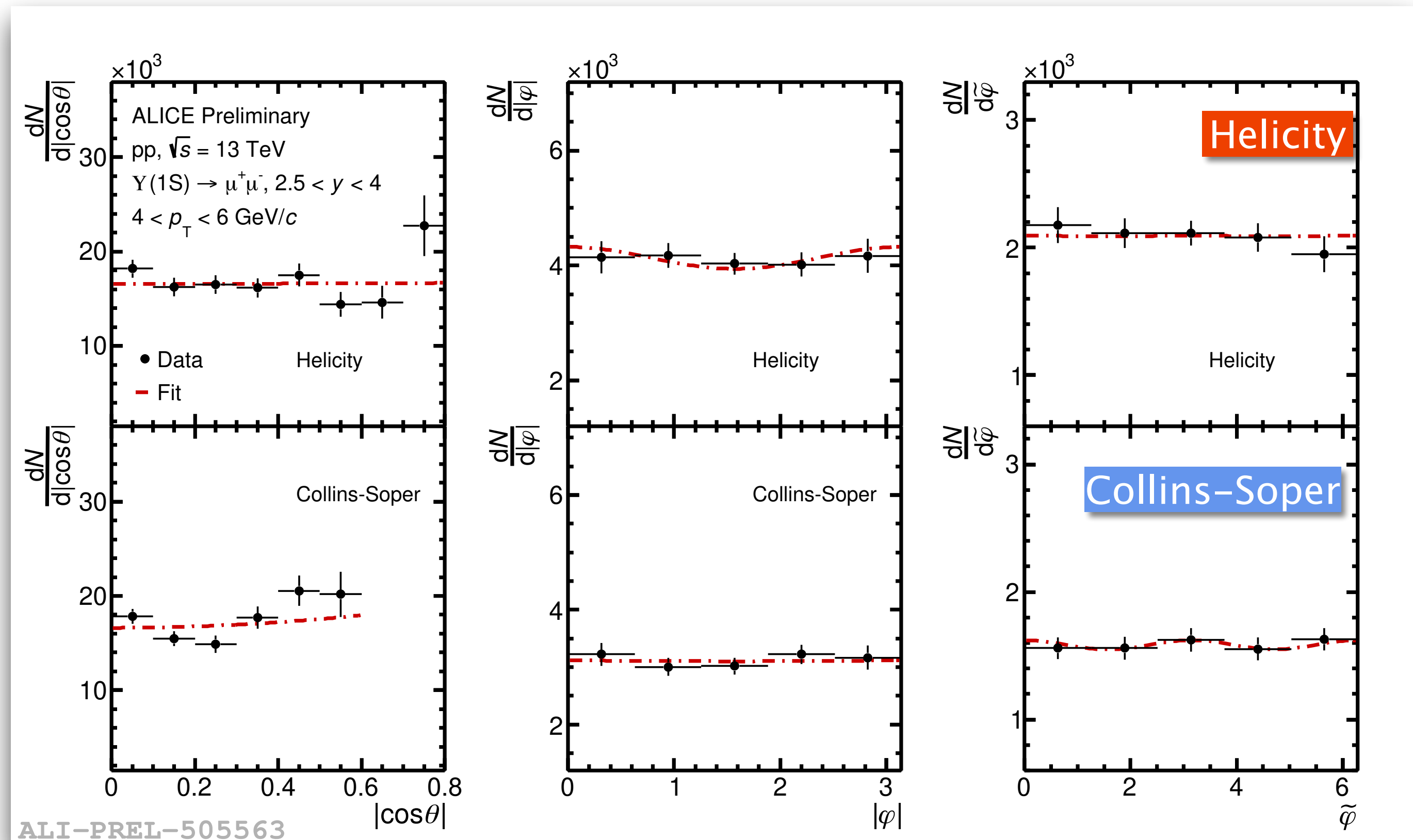
# Analysis strategy



👉 Polarization parameters determination

↳  $\lambda_\theta$ ,  $\lambda_\varphi$  and  $\lambda_{\theta\varphi}$  extracted by fitting the  $A \times \varepsilon$ -corrected  $\Upsilon(1S)$  angular distributions in both frames simultaneously

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} W(\cos \theta) \propto \frac{1}{3 + \lambda_\theta} (1 + \lambda_\theta \cos^2 \theta) \\ W(\varphi) \propto 1 + \frac{2\lambda_\varphi}{3 + \lambda_\theta} \cos 2\varphi \\ W(\tilde{\varphi}) \propto 1 + \frac{\sqrt{2}\lambda_{\theta\varphi}}{3 + \lambda_\theta} \cos 2\tilde{\varphi} \end{array} \right.$$
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \tilde{\varphi} = \varphi - 3\pi/4, \quad \cos \theta < 0 \\ \tilde{\varphi} = \varphi - \pi/4, \quad \cos \theta > 0 \end{array} \right.$$



# ALICE 2 - LS2 upgrade




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LS: Long Shutdown

## Prospects for Run 3:

 Significantly higher statistical data sample compared to Run 1 and 2 is expected ( $L_{\text{int}} = 10 \text{ nb}^{-1}$  in Pb–Pb,  $200 \text{ nb}^{-1}$  in pp)

 During the LS2 in 2019 - 2021, all detectors have been upgraded



# ALICE 2 - LS2 upgrade



## Muon Forward Tracker (MFT, $2.5 < \eta < 3.6$ )

Installed in the forward area near the interaction point

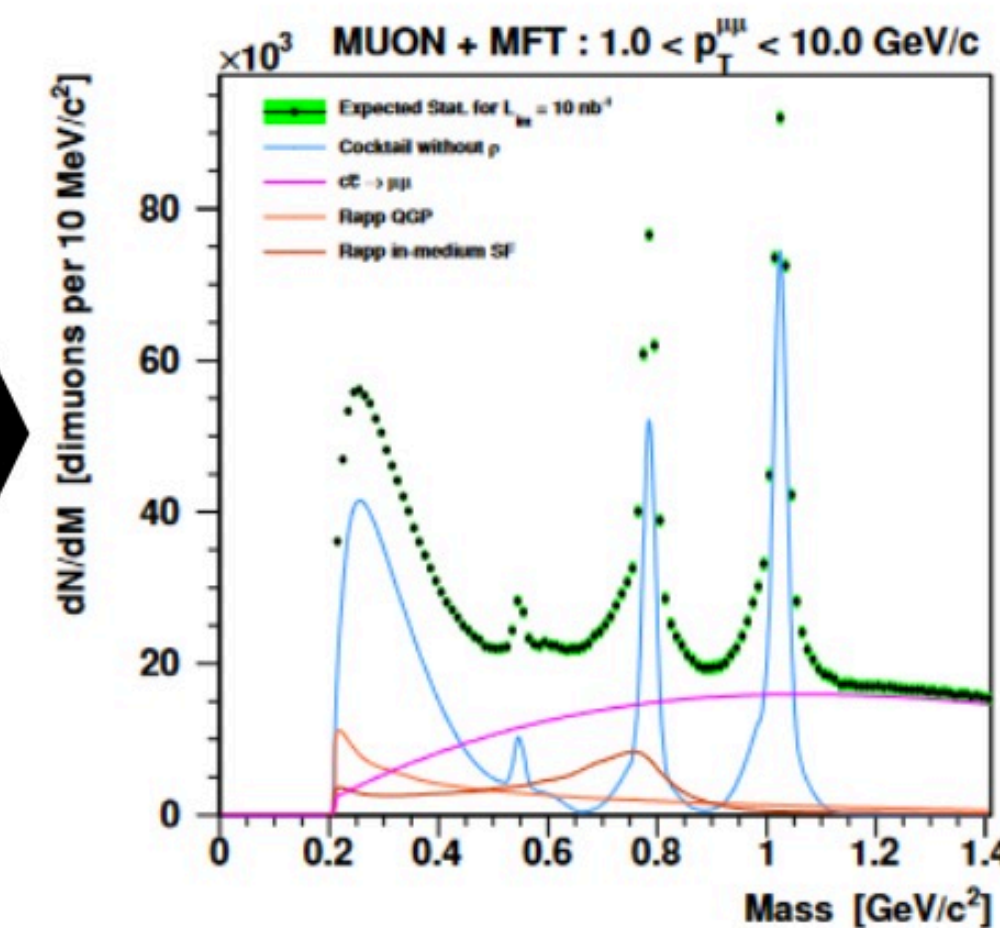
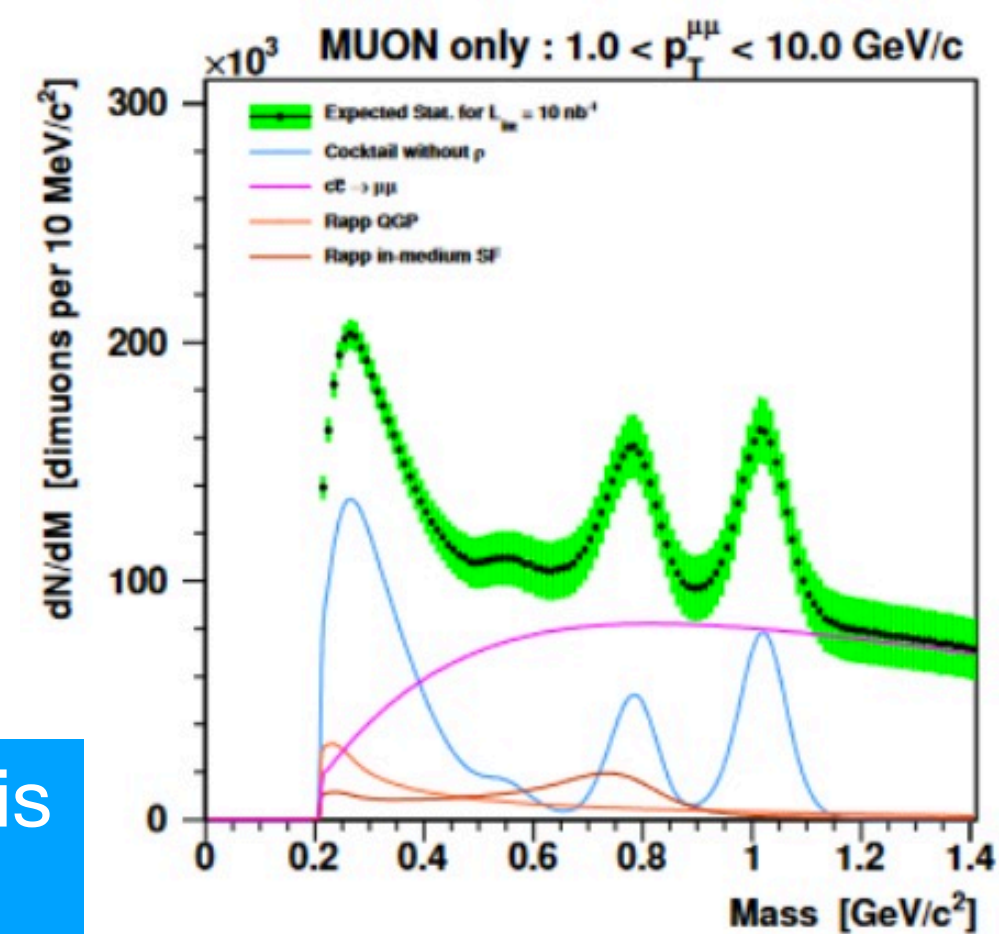
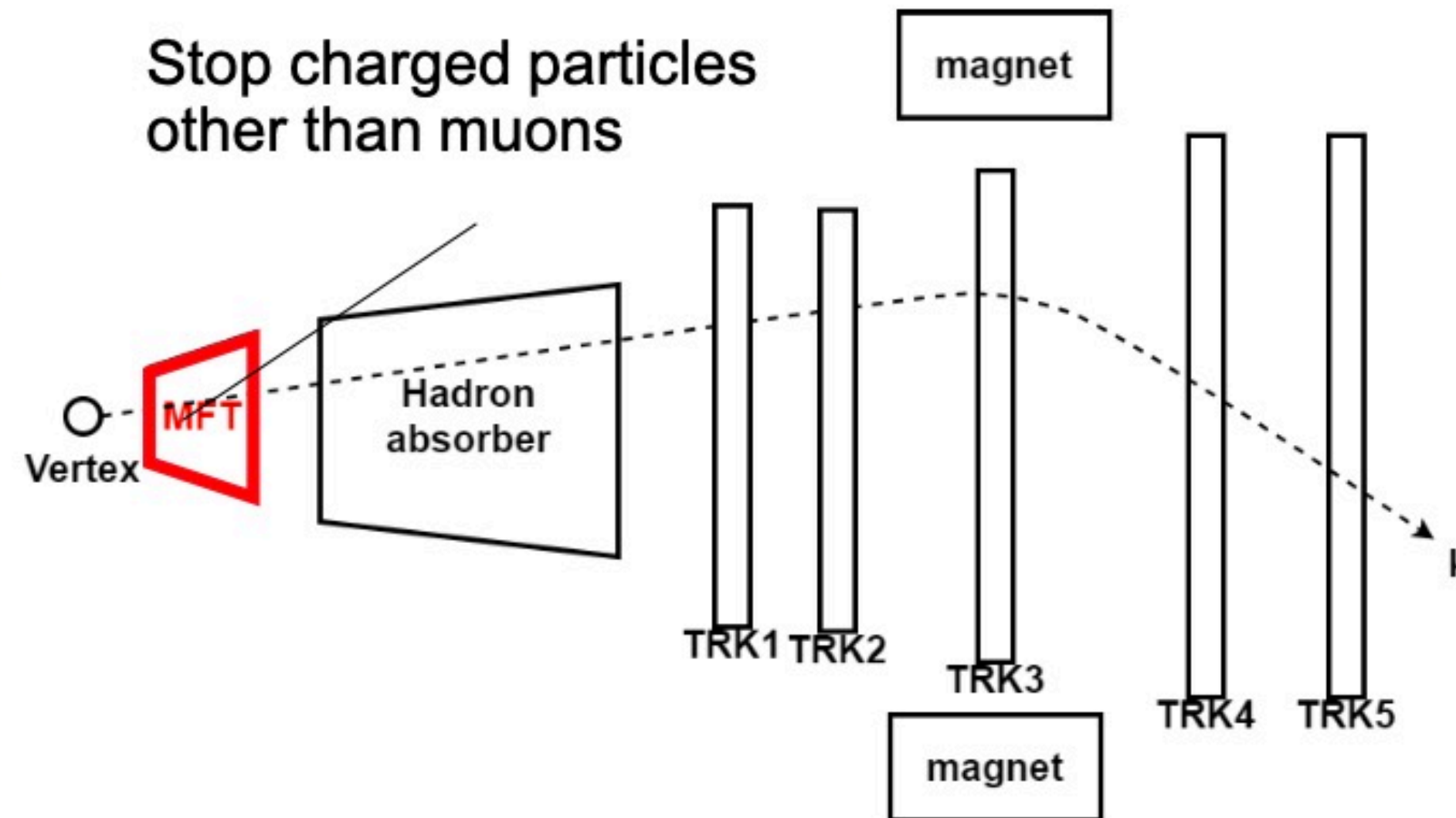
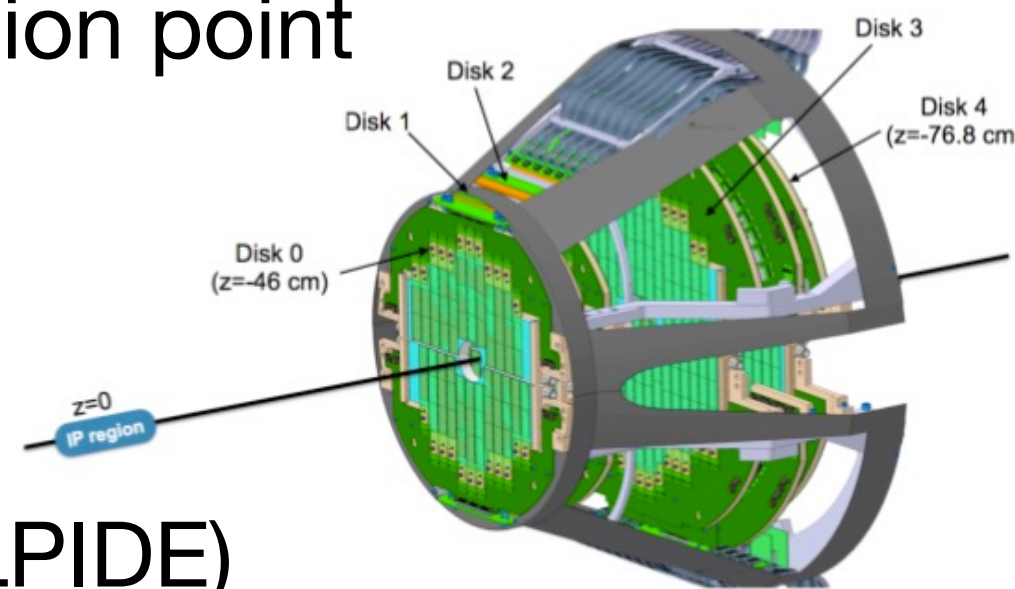
- Matching muon track with MFT tracks
- High-precision vertexing capabilities

New silicon chips with MAPS technology (ALPIDE)

- Pixel size =  $27 \times 27 \mu\text{m}^2$
- Position resolution  $\sim 5 \mu\text{m}$

Physics motivations

- Prompt and non-prompt charmonia disentangling
- Precise measurement of low-mass dimuon



Both Central China Normal University and Institut de Physique des 2 Infinis de Lyon are involved in this MFT project

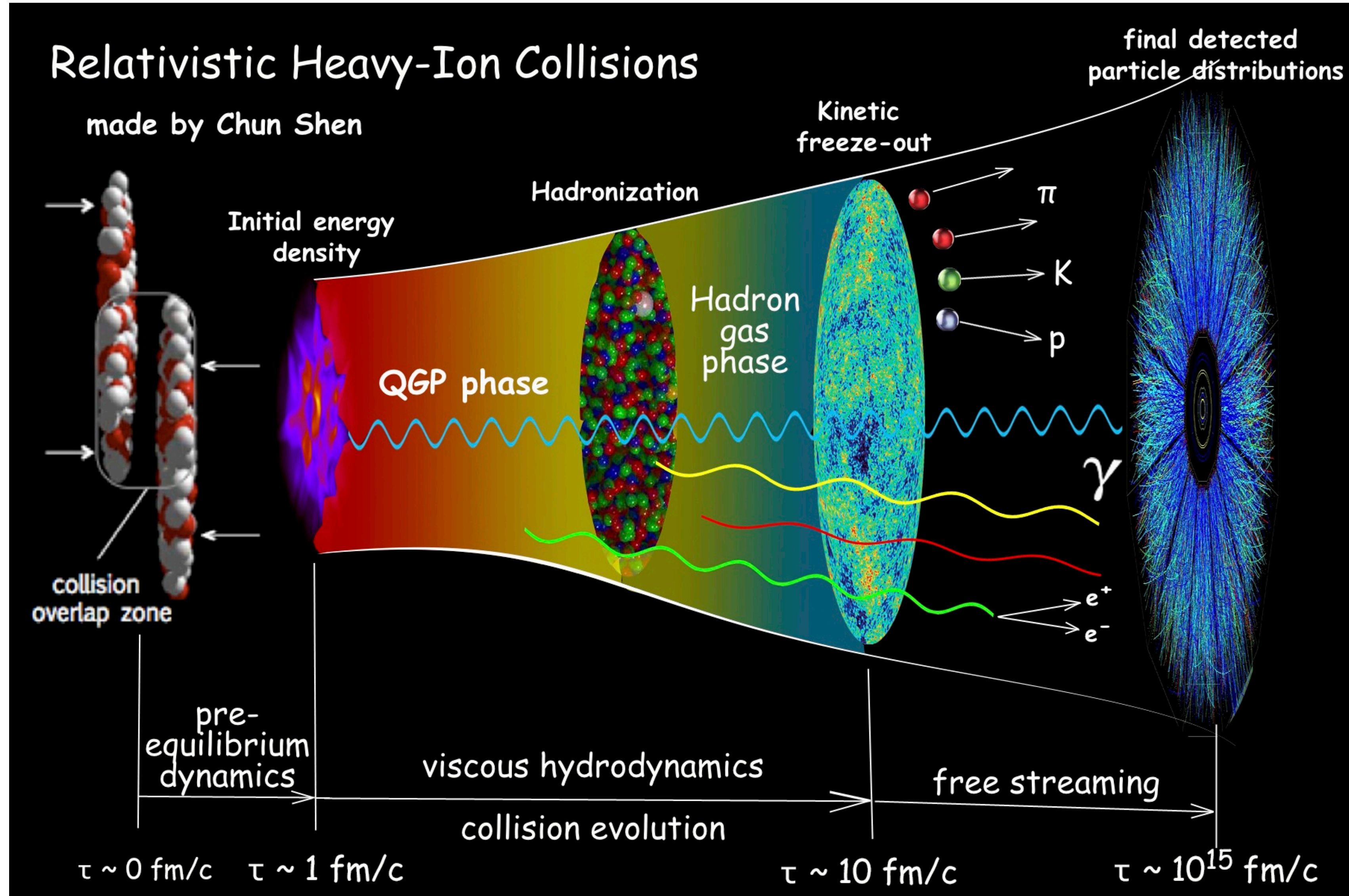




# Ultra-relativistic heavy-ion collisions



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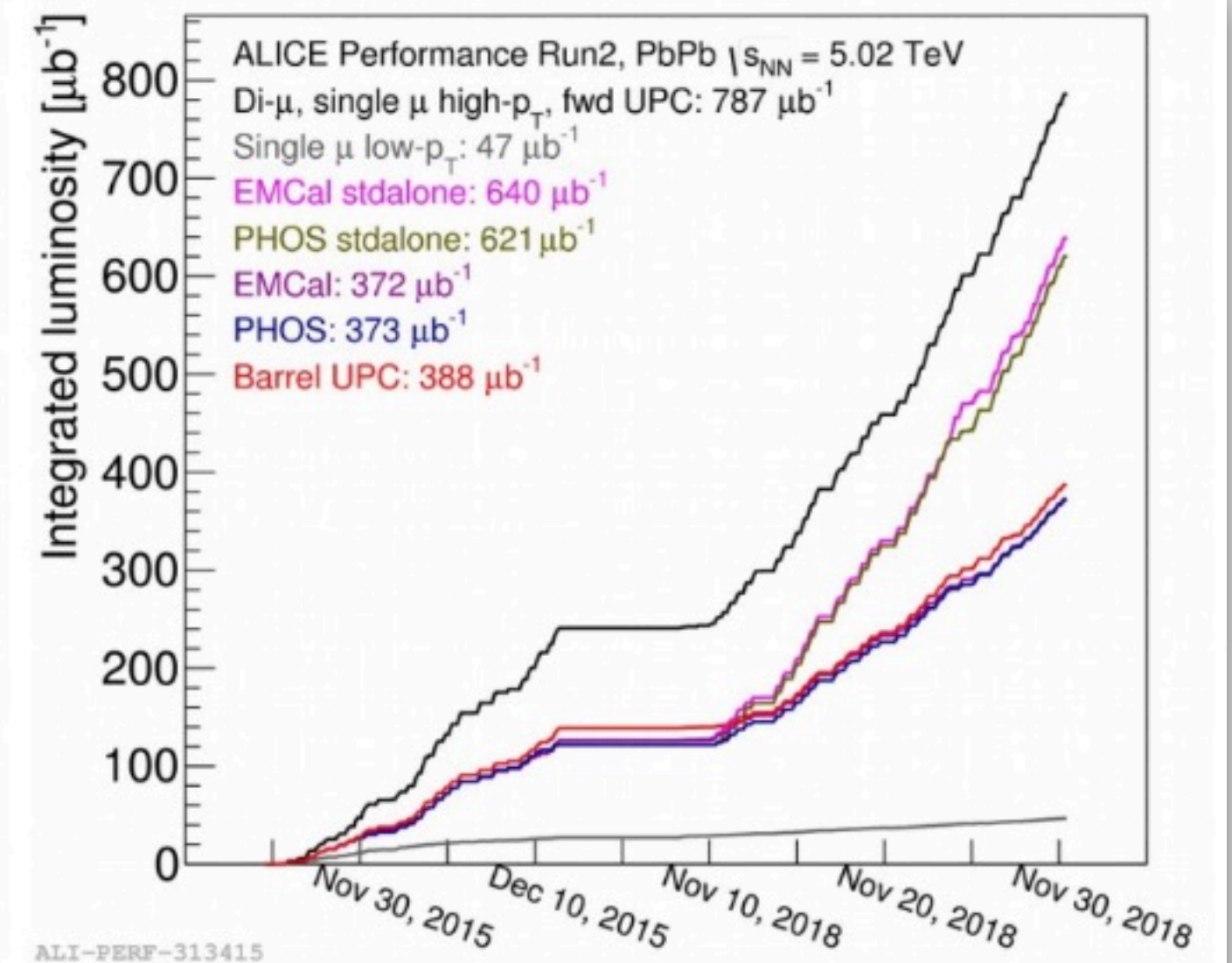
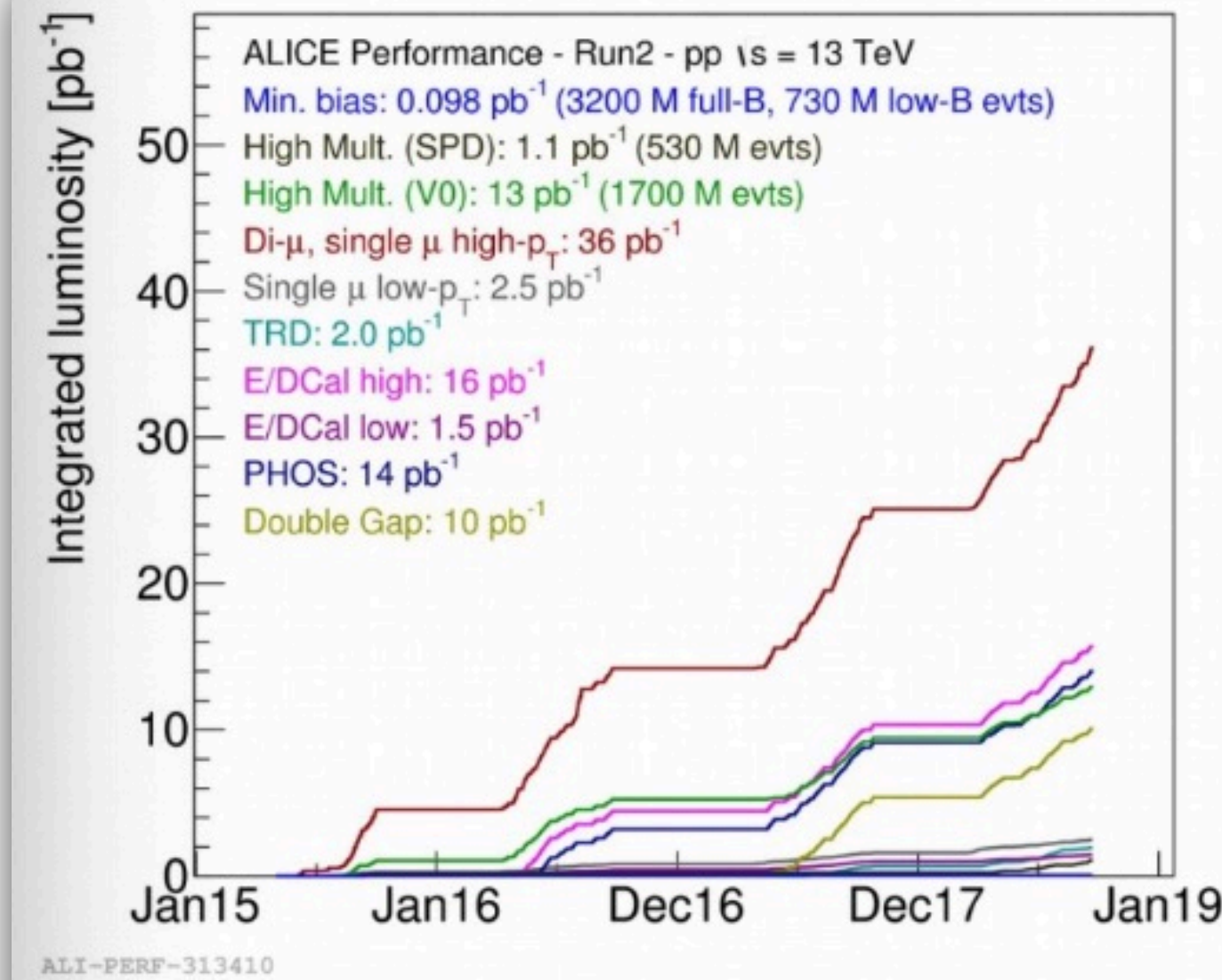


# ALICE data taking history



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System	Year(s)	$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ (TeV)	Recorded $L_{int}$ (for muon triggers)
Pb-Pb	2010,2011	2.76	$\sim 75 \mu b^{-1}$
	2015	5.02	$\sim 0.25 \text{ nb}^{-1}$
	2018	5.02	<b><math>\sim 0.55 \text{ nb}^{-1}</math></b>
Xe-Xe	2017	5.44	$\sim 0.3 \mu b^{-1}$
p-Pb	2013	5.02	$\sim 15 \text{ nb}^{-1}$
	2016	5.02, 8.16	$\sim 3 \text{ nb}^{-1}$ ; $\sim 25 \text{ nb}^{-1}$
pp	2009-2013	0.9, 2.76, 7, 8	$\sim 200 \mu b^{-1}$ ; $\sim 100 \text{ nb}^{-1}$ ; $\sim 1.5 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ ; $\sim 2.5 \text{ pb}^{-1}$
	2015, 2017	5.02	$\sim 1.3 \text{ pb}^{-1}$
	2015-2018	13	<b><math>\sim 36 \text{ pb}^{-1}</math></b>





# Charm mesons polarization in pp



e.g.  $J/\psi, \Upsilon(1S) [J^{PC} = 1^{--}]$

□ For a **vector meson** ( $\mathbf{v}$ ) the total angular momentum ( $J, J_z$ ) state can be expressed as:

$$|\mathbf{v}; J, J_z\rangle = b_{+1}|1, +1\rangle + b_0|1, 0\rangle + b_{-1}|1, -1\rangle$$

Spin-alignment  $\Leftrightarrow$  decay products angular distribution

EPJC 69 (657-673), 2010, Faccioli et al.

**Dilepton decay angular distribution**

$$W(\cos\theta, \phi) \propto \frac{1}{3 + \lambda_\theta} \cdot (1 + \lambda_\theta \cos^2\theta + \lambda_\phi \sin^2\theta \cos 2\phi + \lambda_{\theta\phi} \sin 2\theta \cos\phi)$$

