

# Charm production in PbPb collisions with LHCb

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# Introduction

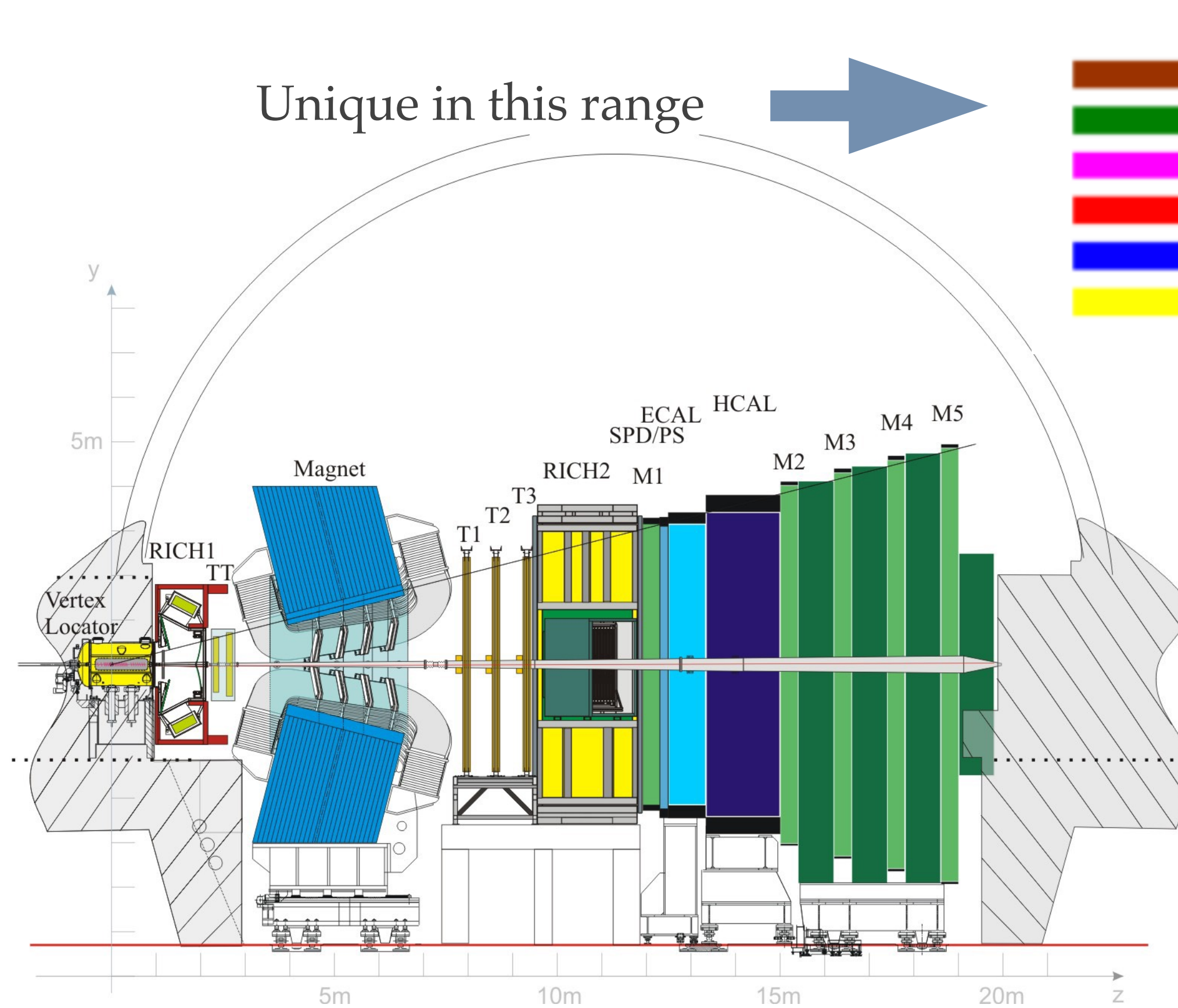
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- ❖ Recent charm analyses thanks to the 2018 PbPb data sample
- ❖ Investigate the forward region **complementary** to the other LHC experiments.
- ❖ Precise identification of  $\mu, \pi, K, p, e$  **many analyses possible!**
- ❖ Outline:
  - ❖  $\Lambda_c/D^0$  in peripheral PbPb collisions
  - ❖  $J/\psi, \psi(2S)$  production in PbPb Ultra-Peripheral Collisions (UPC)
  - ❖ Photo-production  $J/\psi$  in peripheral PbPb collisions

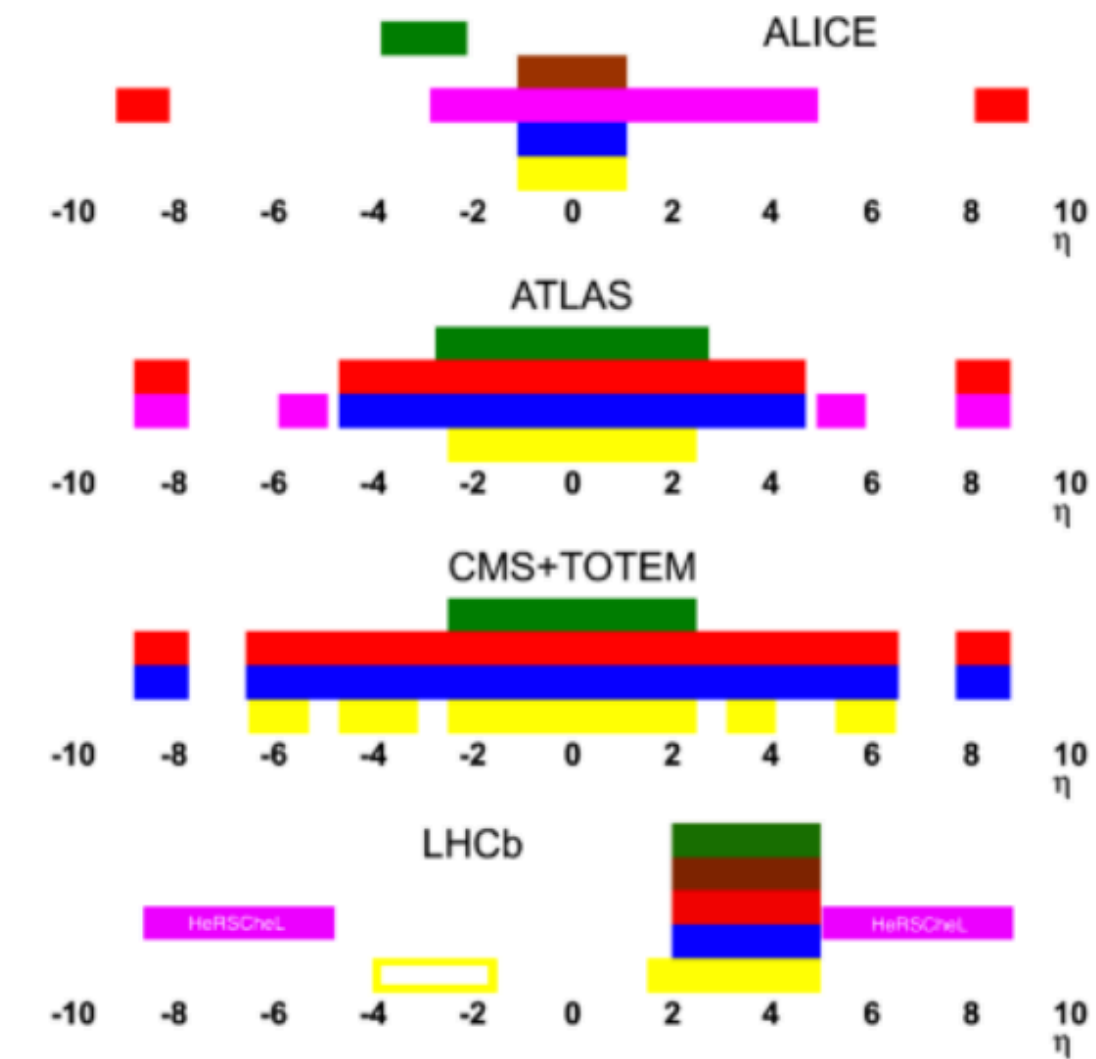
**CAVEAT: Measurement limited to 60% centrality (see Benjamin's talk to see how it will improve)**

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- hadron PID
- muon system
- lumi counters
- HCAL
- ECAL
- tracking

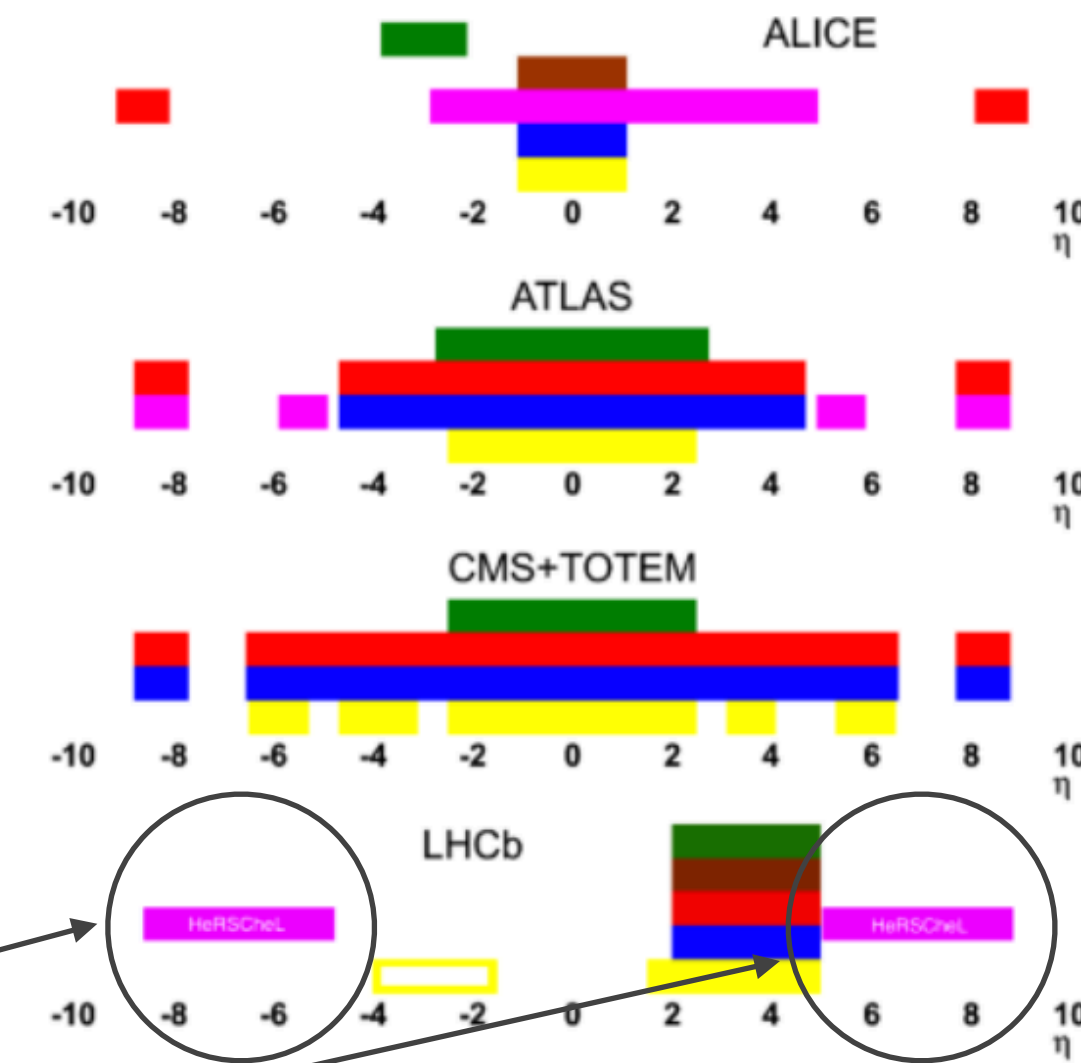
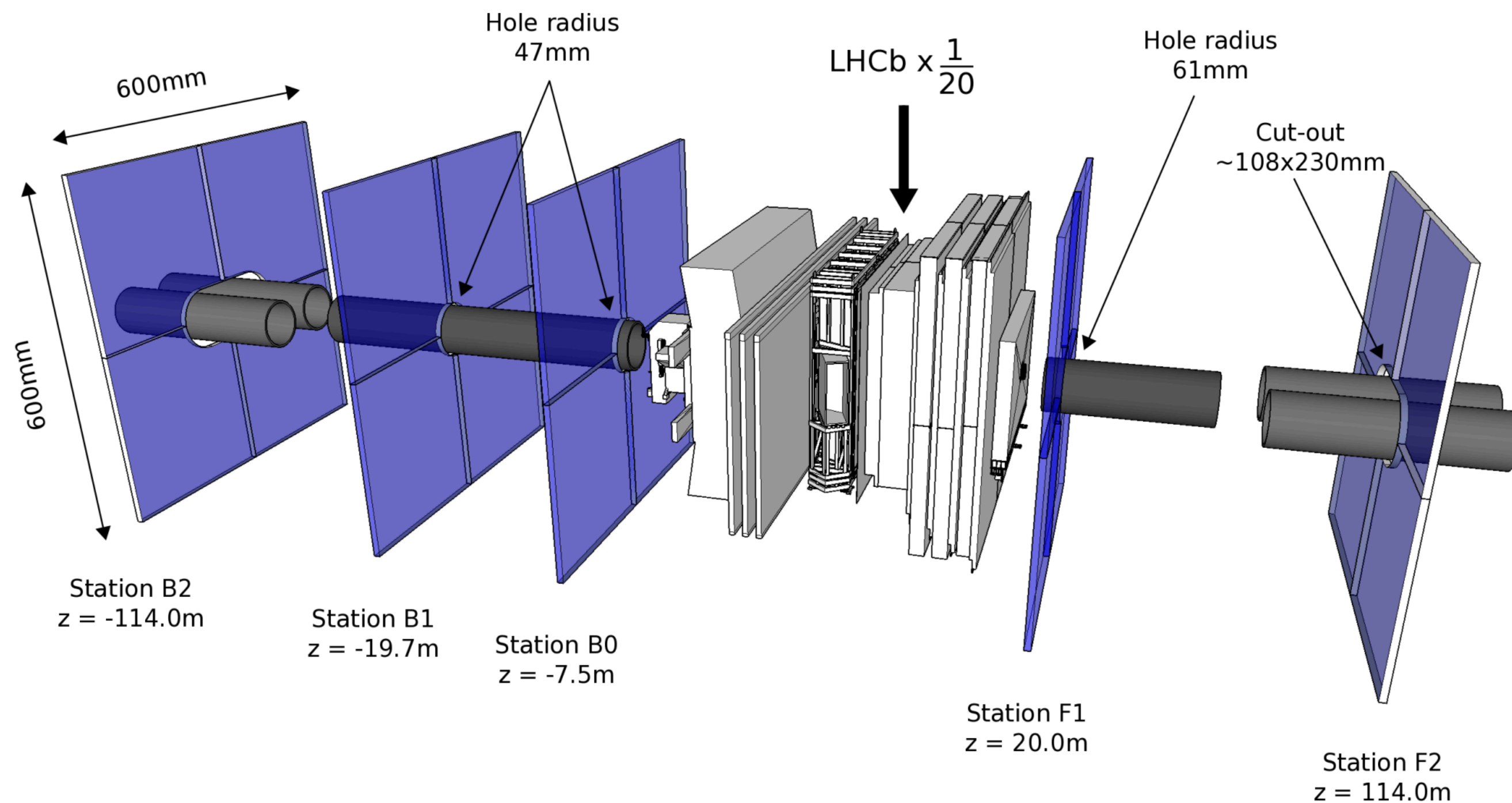


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2018 JINST 13 P04017 HeRSChEL detector, high-rapidity shower counters



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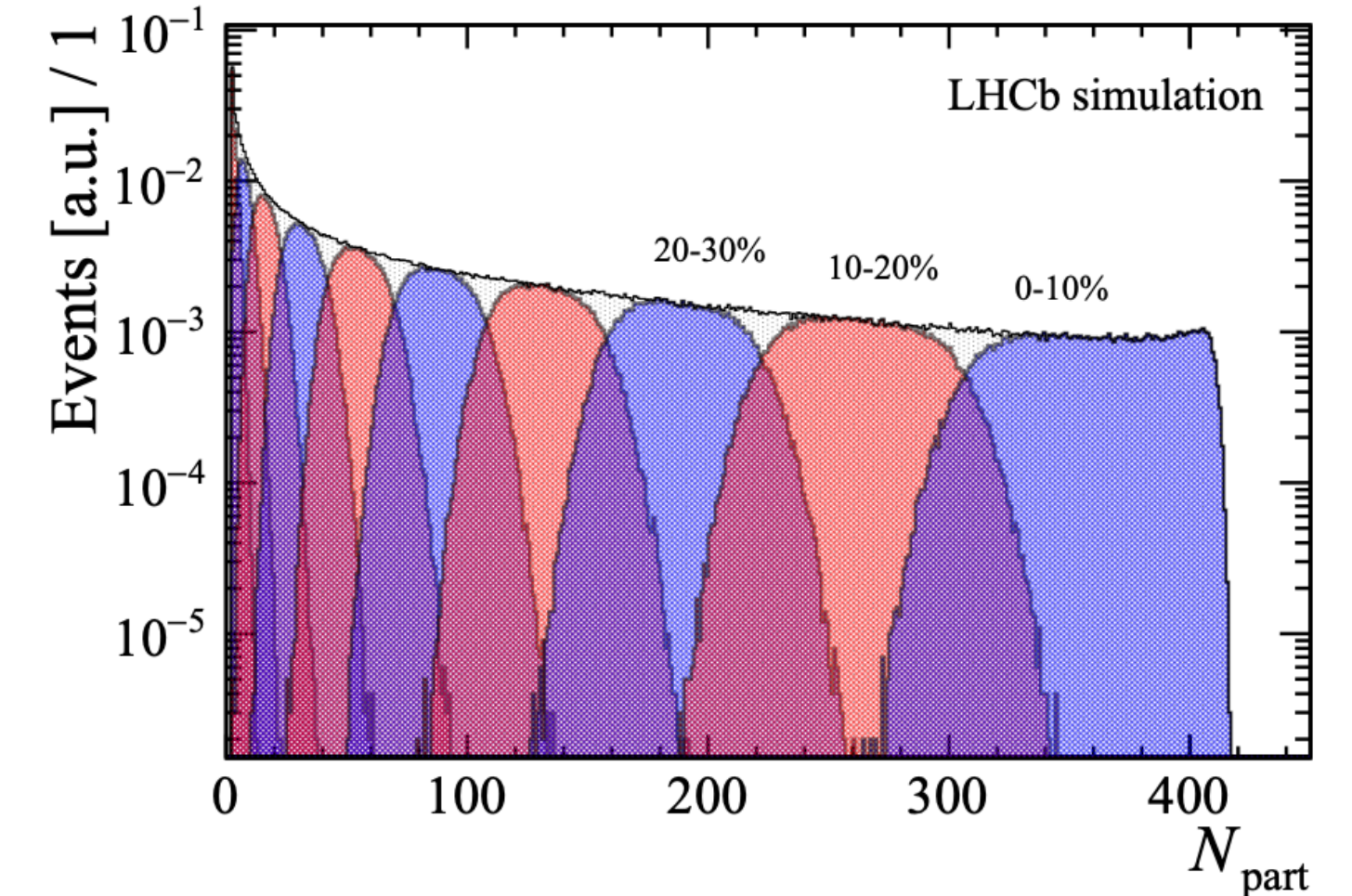
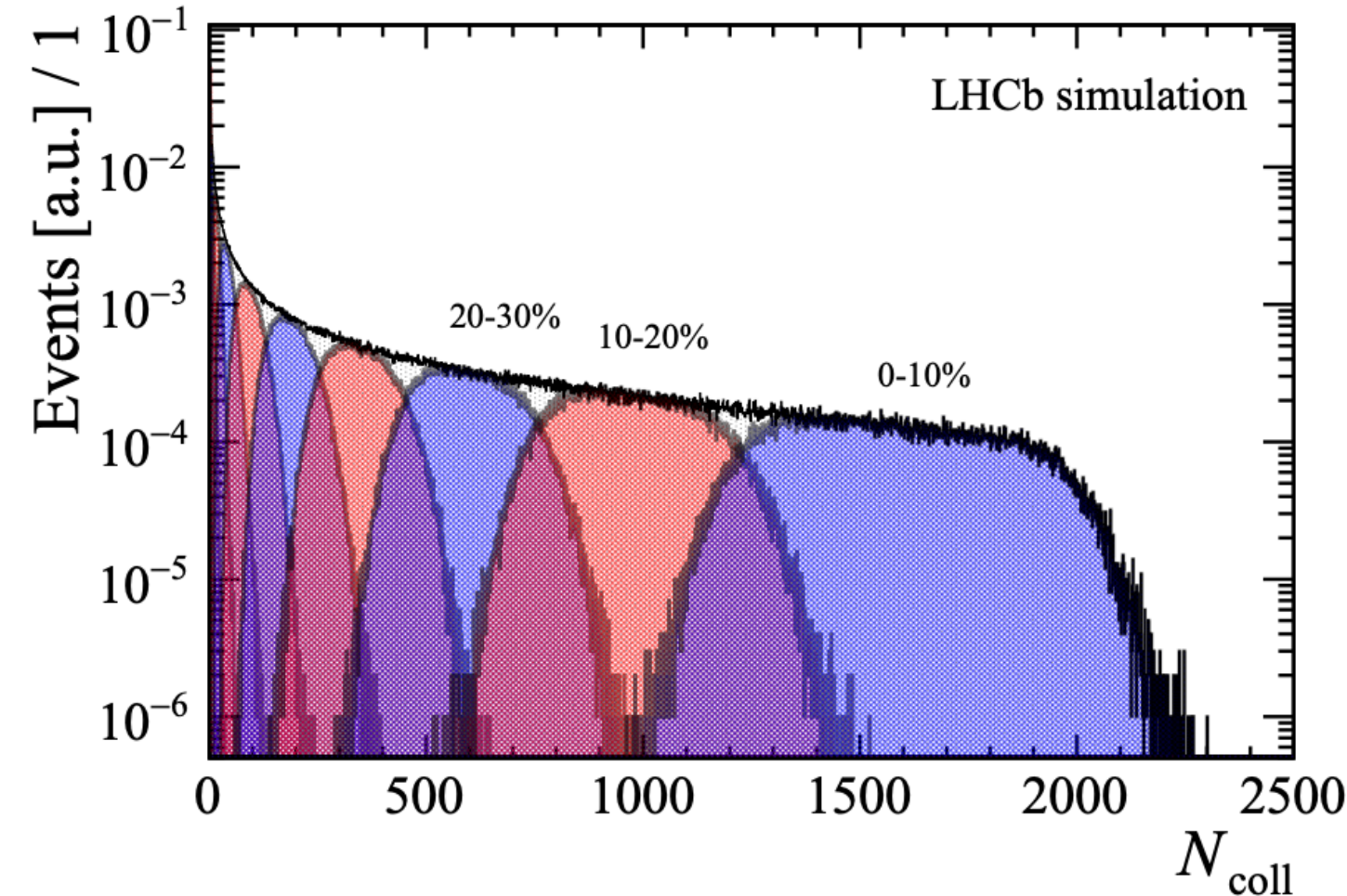
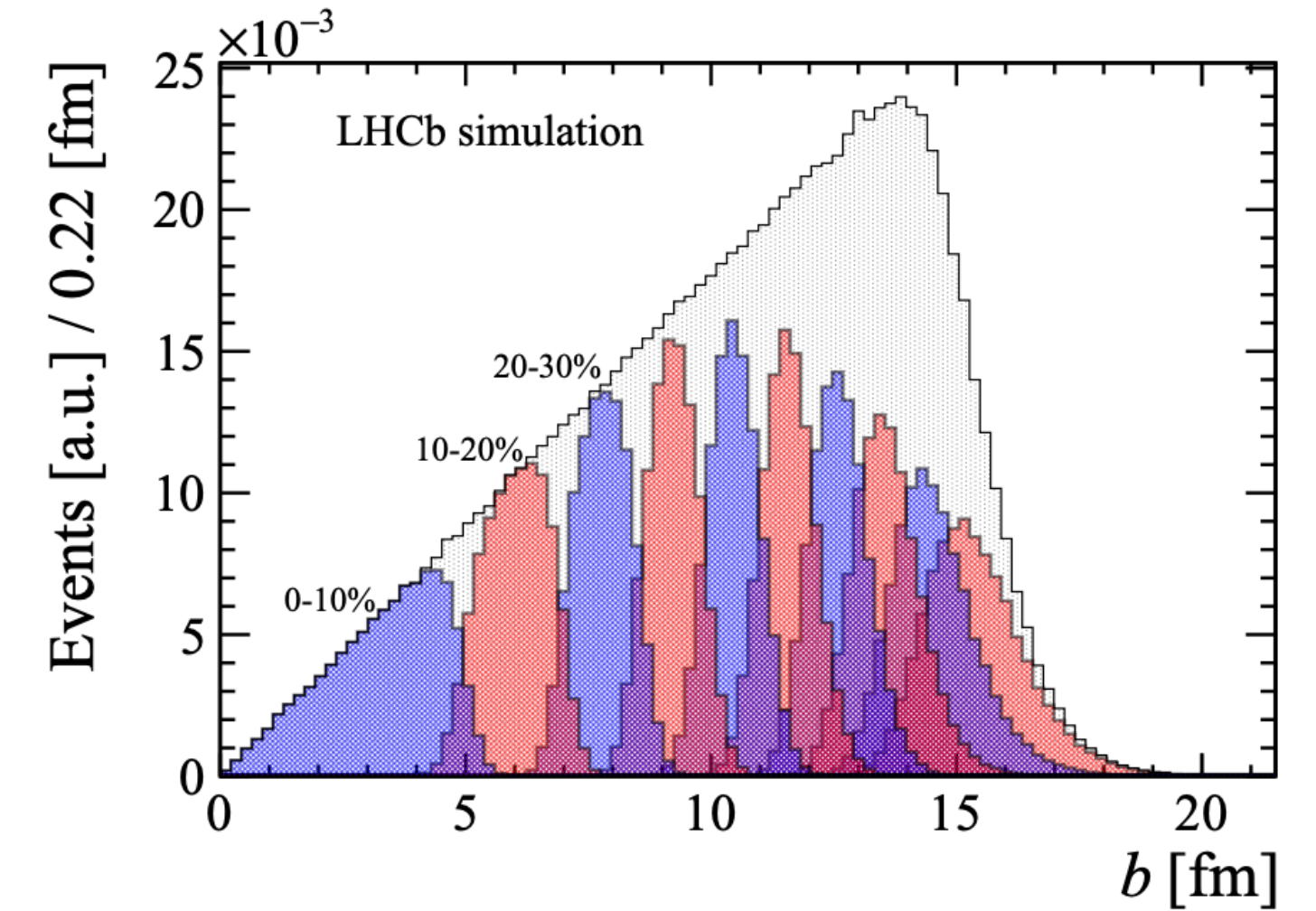
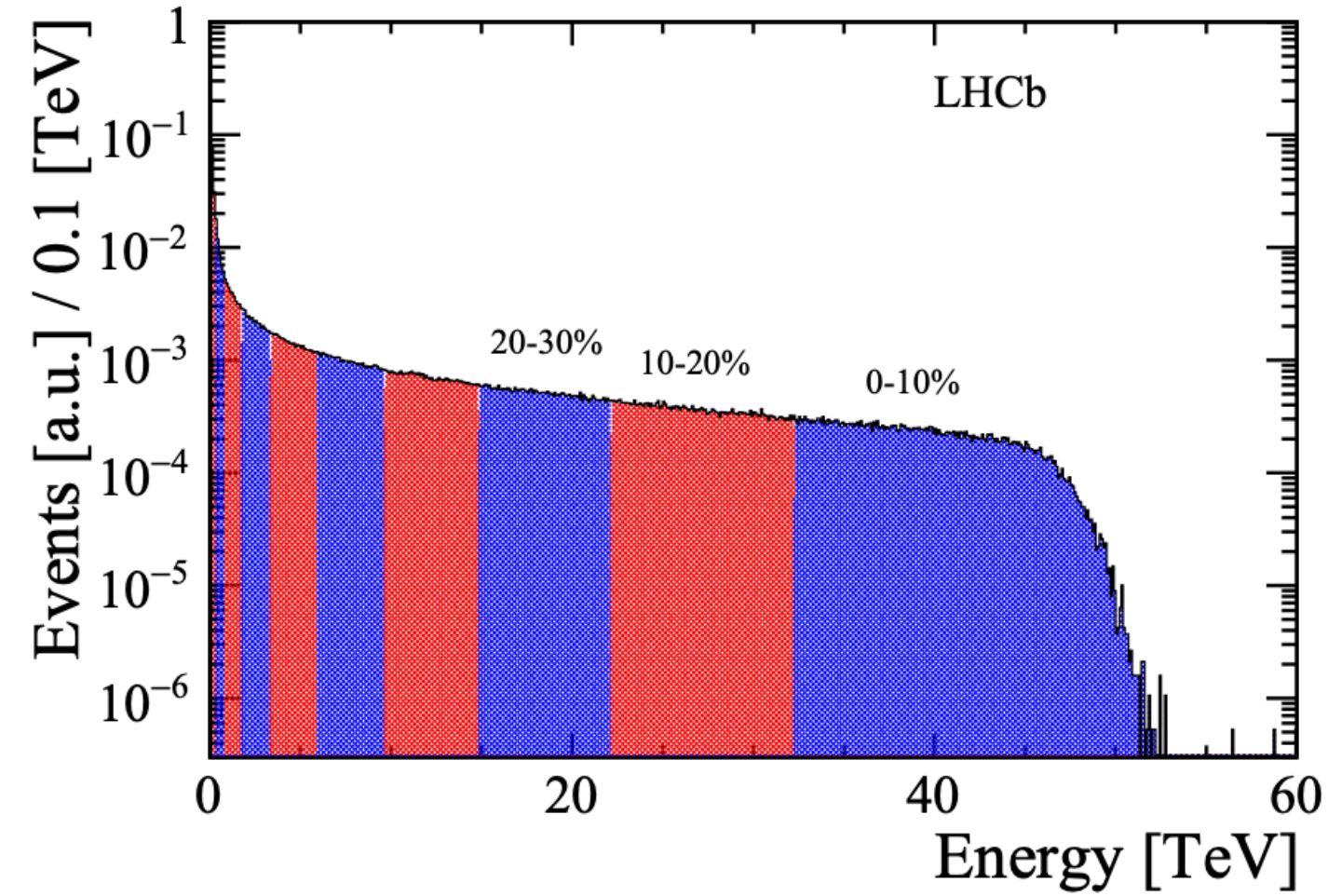
Great detector for UPC!

# Centrality determination

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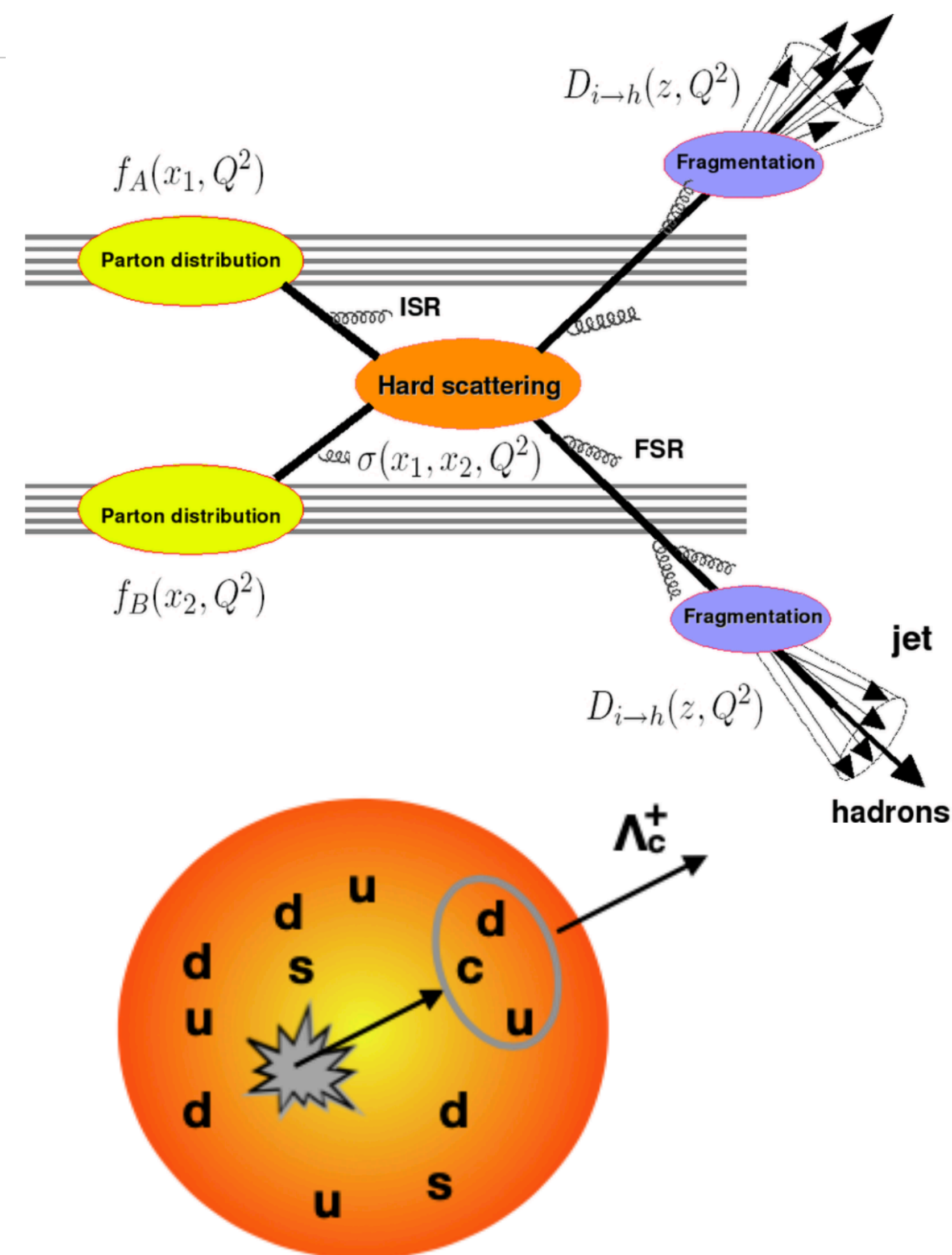
Centrality determination using MCGlauber model

Centrality %	$N_{\text{part}} \pm \sigma$	$N_{\text{coll}} \pm \sigma$	$b \pm \sigma$
100 – 90	$2.91 \pm 0.54$	$1.83 \pm 0.34$	$15.41 \pm 2.96$
90 – 80	$7.03 \pm 0.78$	$5.77 \pm 0.64$	$14.56 \pm 1.80$
80 – 70	$15.92 \pm 0.64$	$16.44 \pm 0.69$	$13.59 \pm 0.52$
70 – 60	$31.26 \pm 0.67$	$41.28 \pm 0.93$	$12.61 \pm 0.28$
60 – 50	$54.65 \pm 1.13$	$92.59 \pm 2.01$	$11.59 \pm 0.24$
50 – 40	$87.54 \pm 1.01$	$187.54 \pm 2.43$	$10.47 \pm 0.14$
40 – 30	$131.24 \pm 1.15$	$345.53 \pm 3.89$	$9.23 \pm 0.08$
30 – 20	$188.02 \pm 1.49$	$593.92 \pm 6.62$	$7.80 \pm 0.06$
20 – 10	$261.84 \pm 1.83$	$972.50 \pm 10.37$	$6.02 \pm 0.04$
10 – 0	$357.16 \pm 1.70$	$1570.26 \pm 15.56$	$3.31 \pm 0.01$

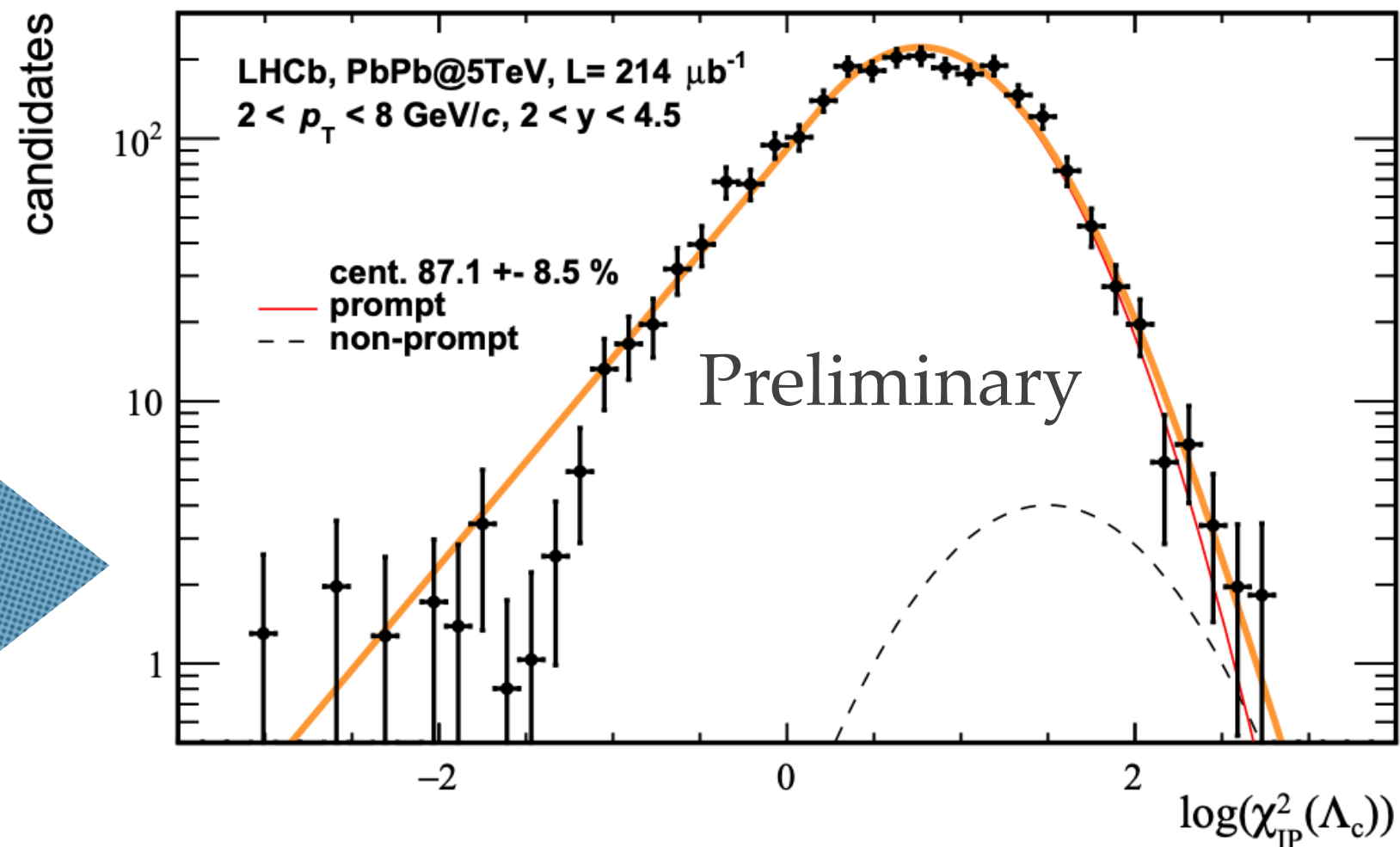
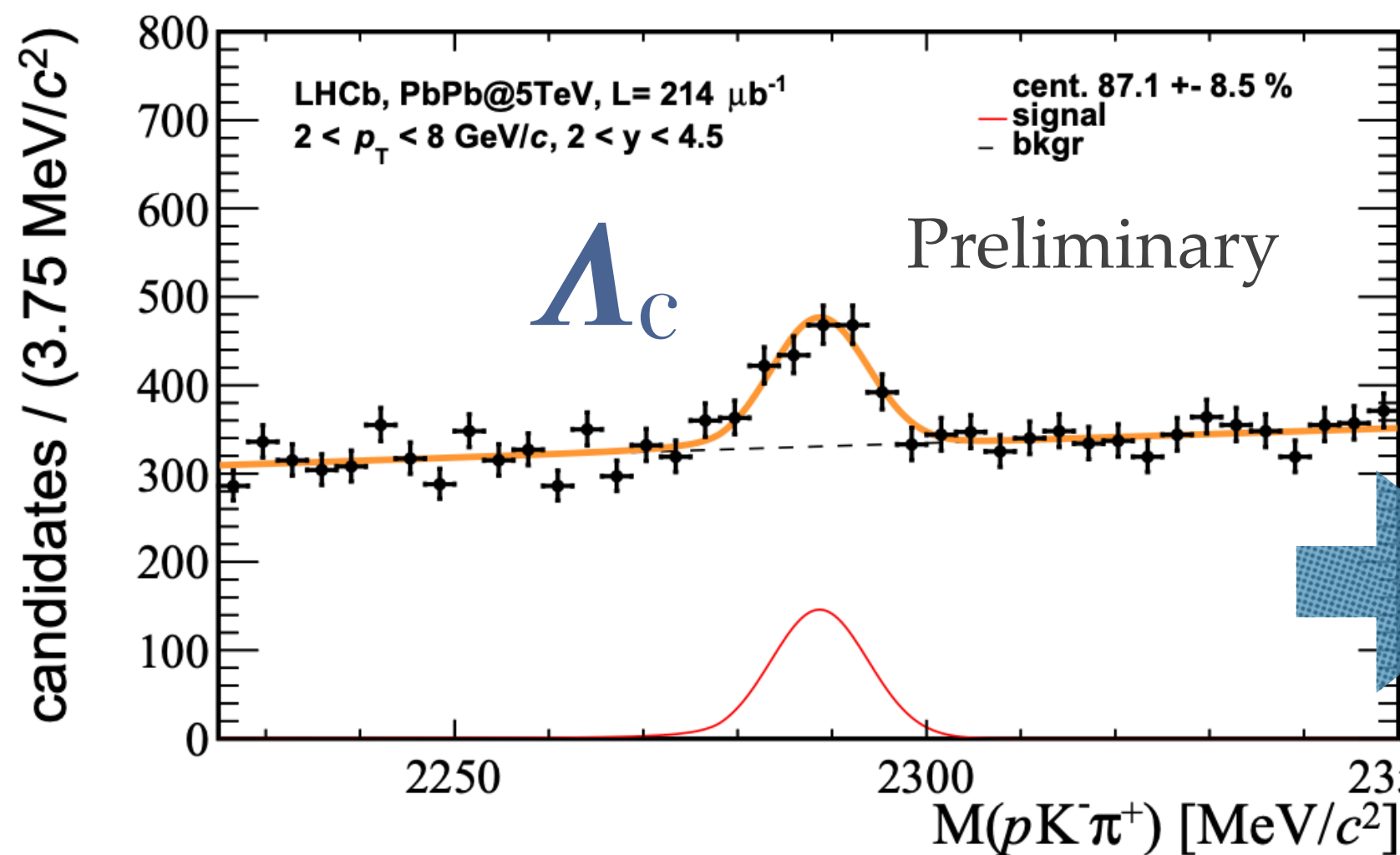
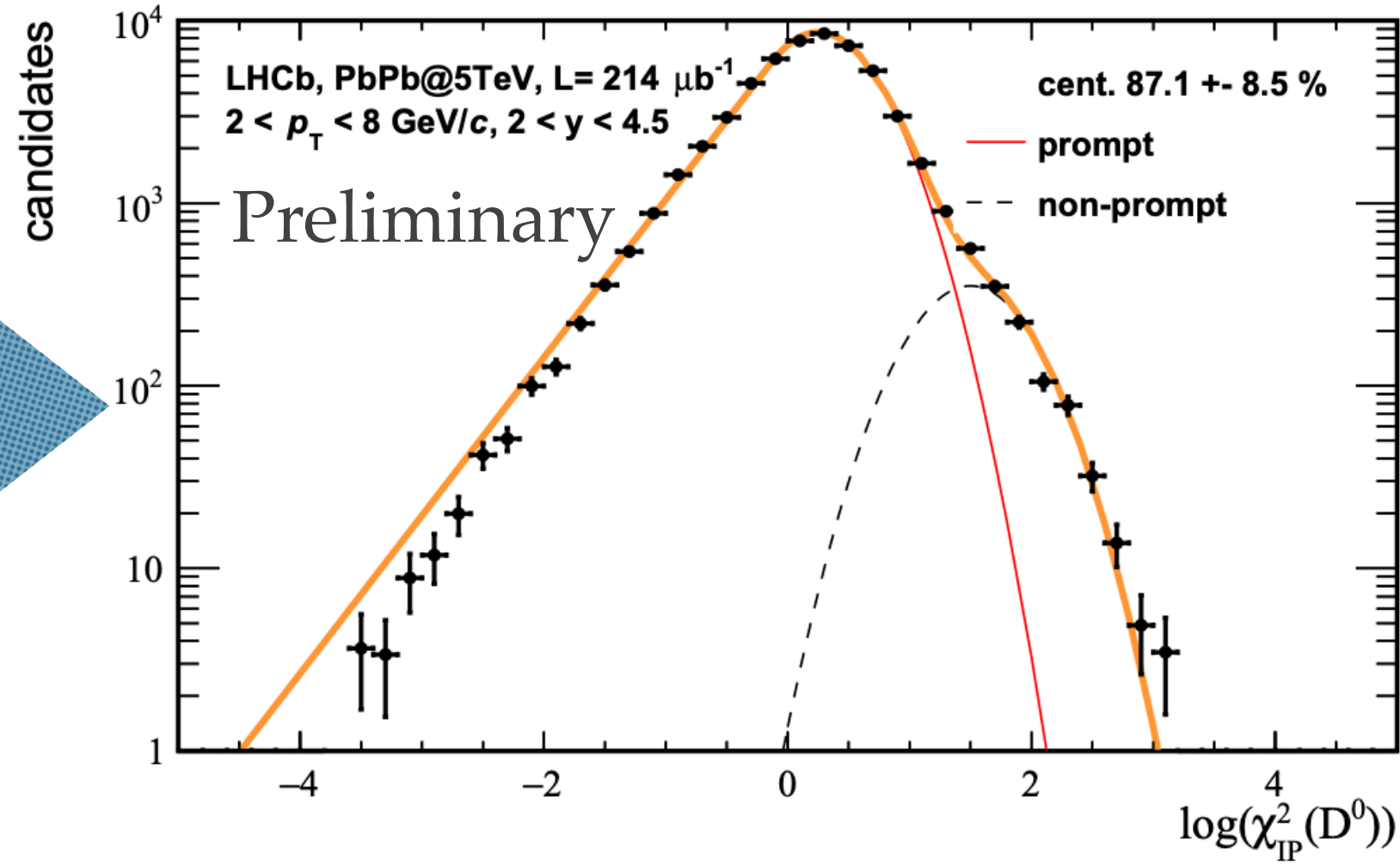
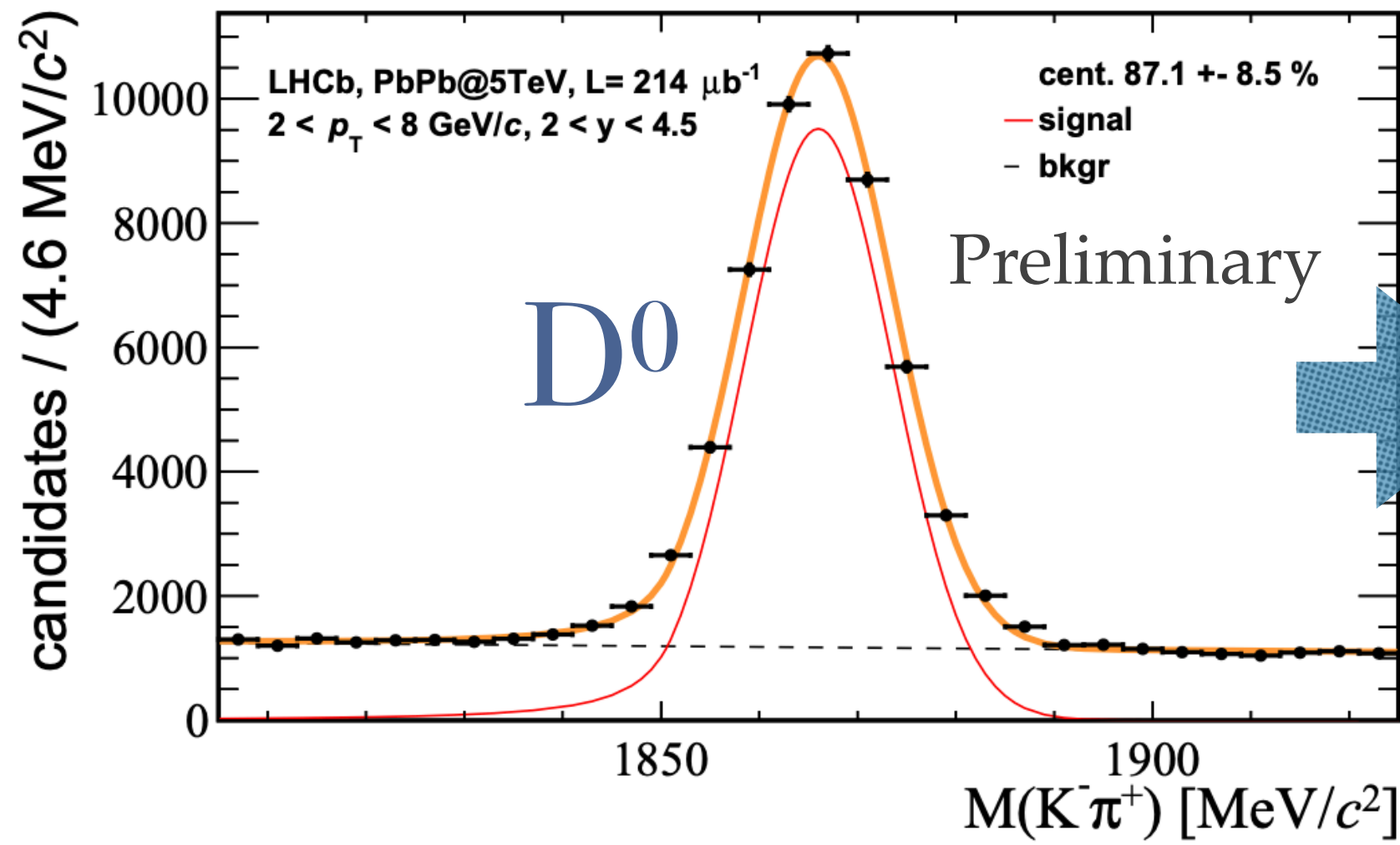


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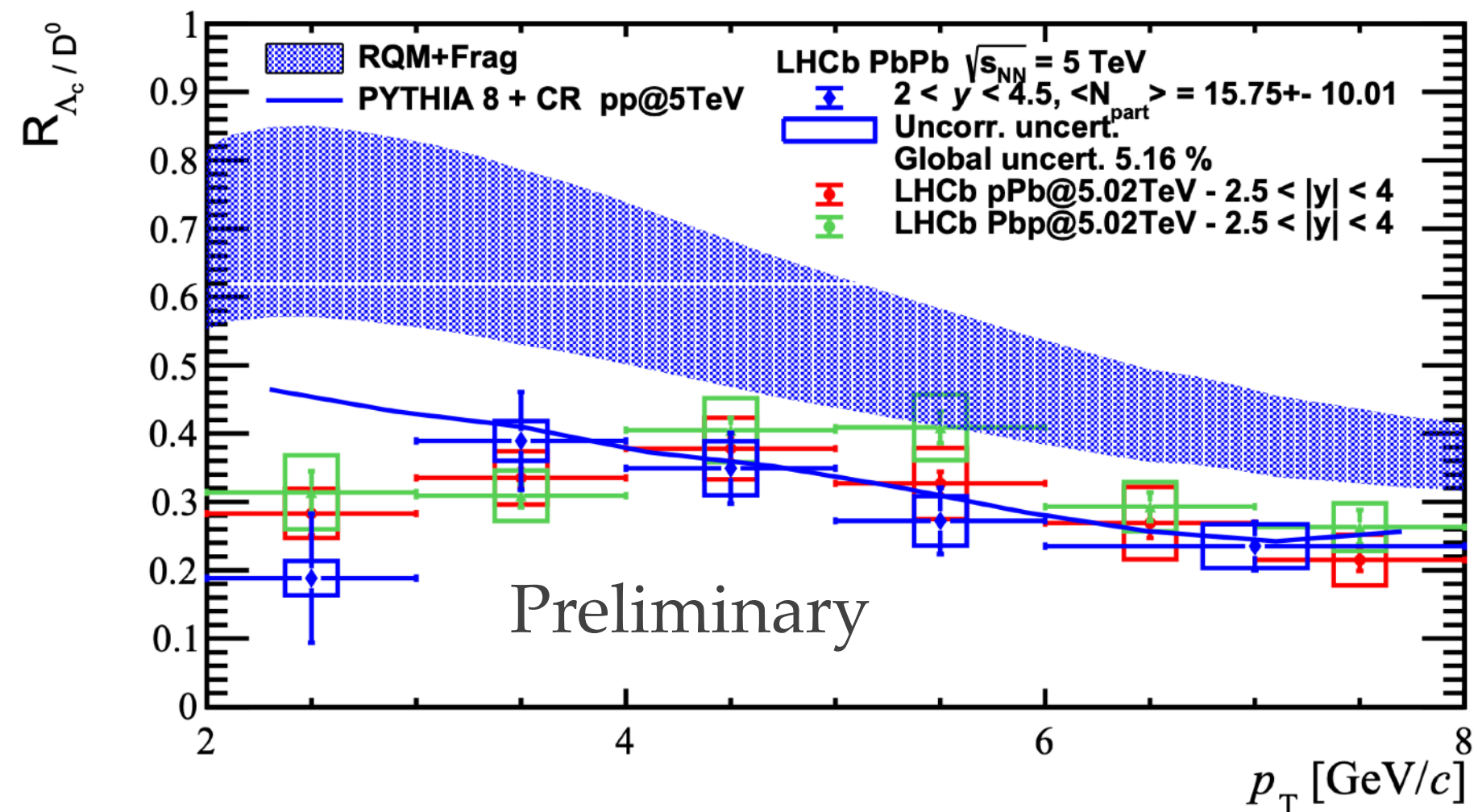
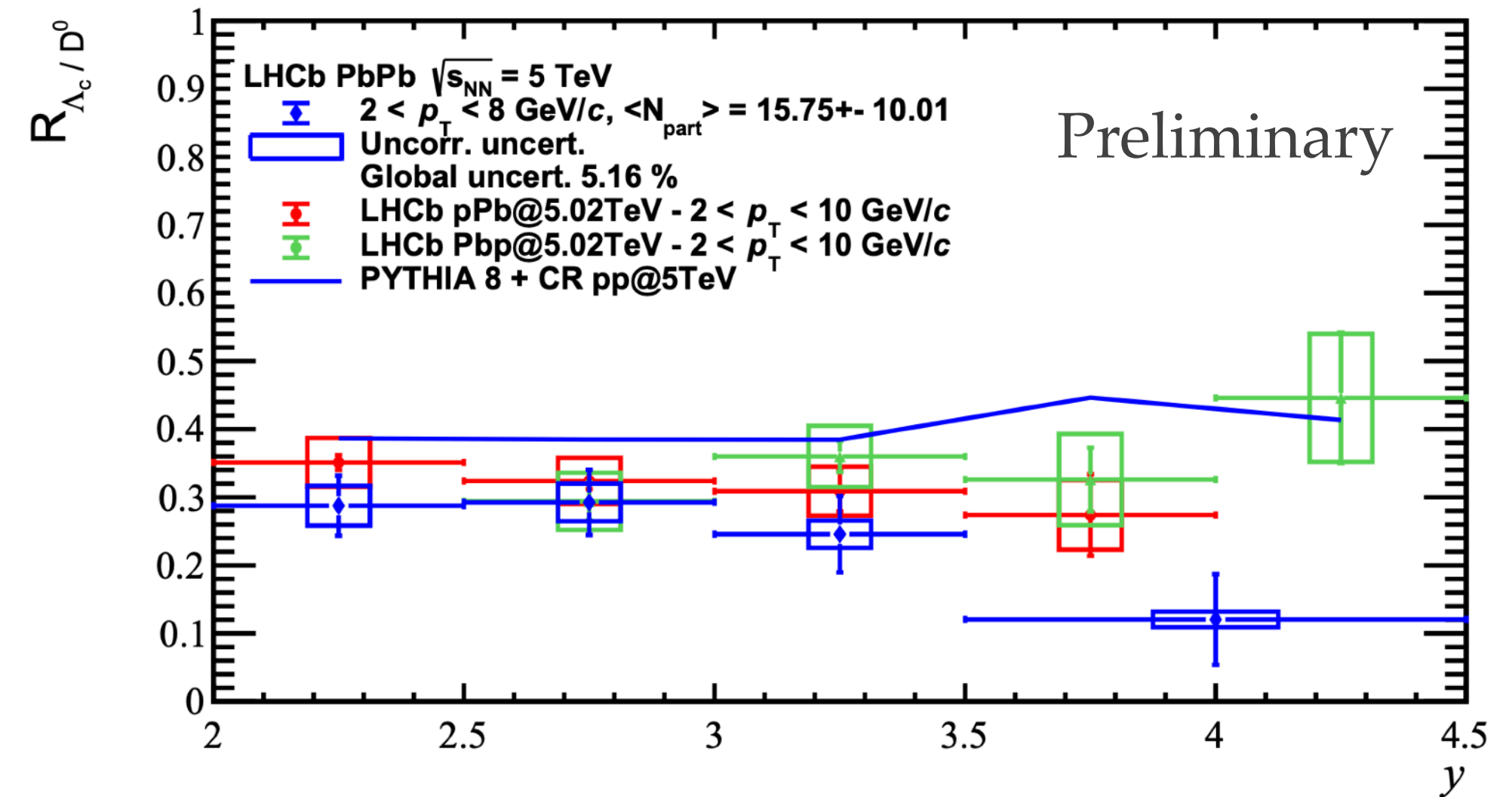
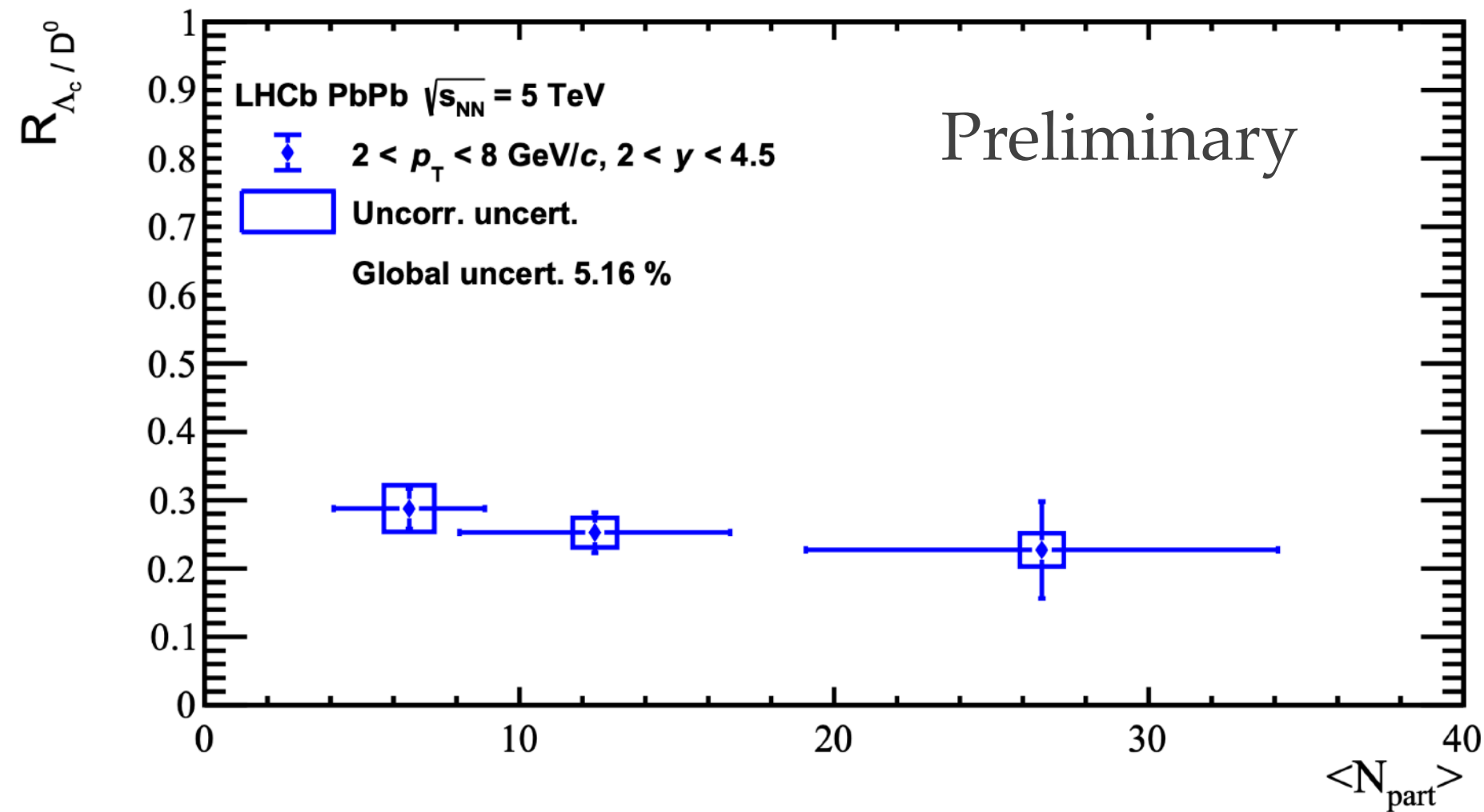


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- ❖  $D^0 \rightarrow K\pi$
- ❖  $\Lambda_c \rightarrow pK\pi$
- ❖ Fit to the invariant mass spectrum
- ❖ Fit to the  $\log(\chi^2_{\text{IP}})$  (decay vertex compatibility with the primary vertex)

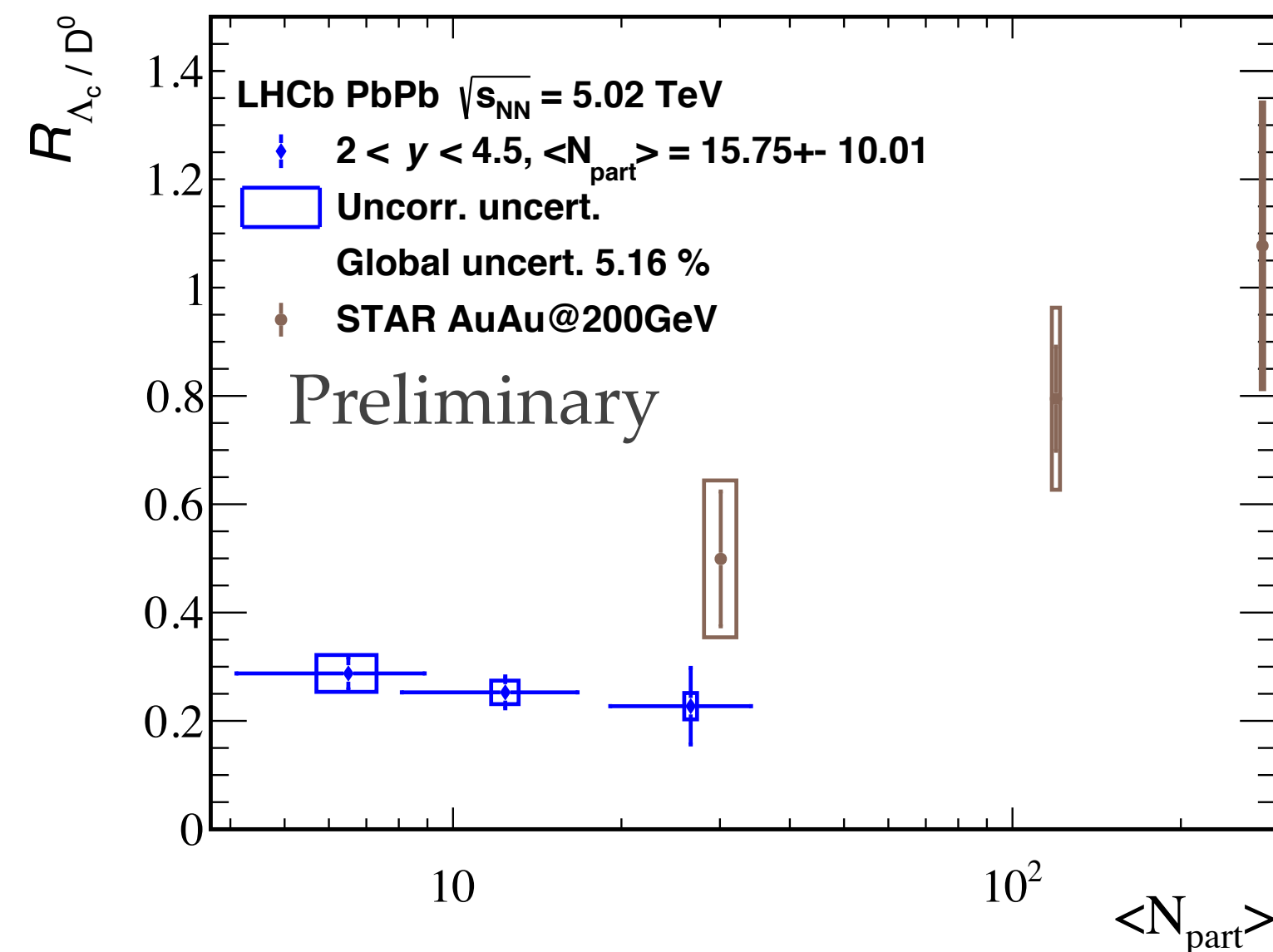
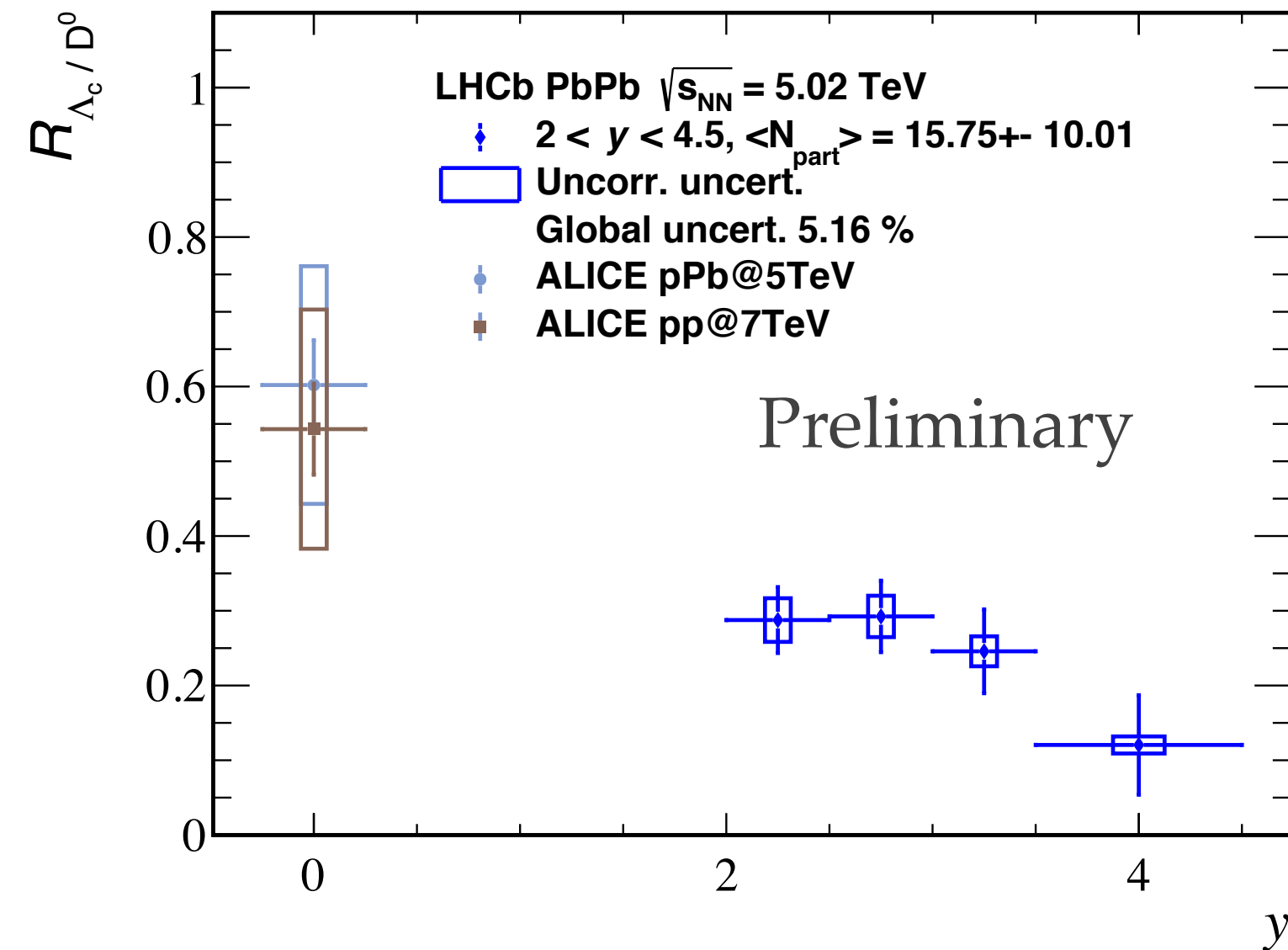
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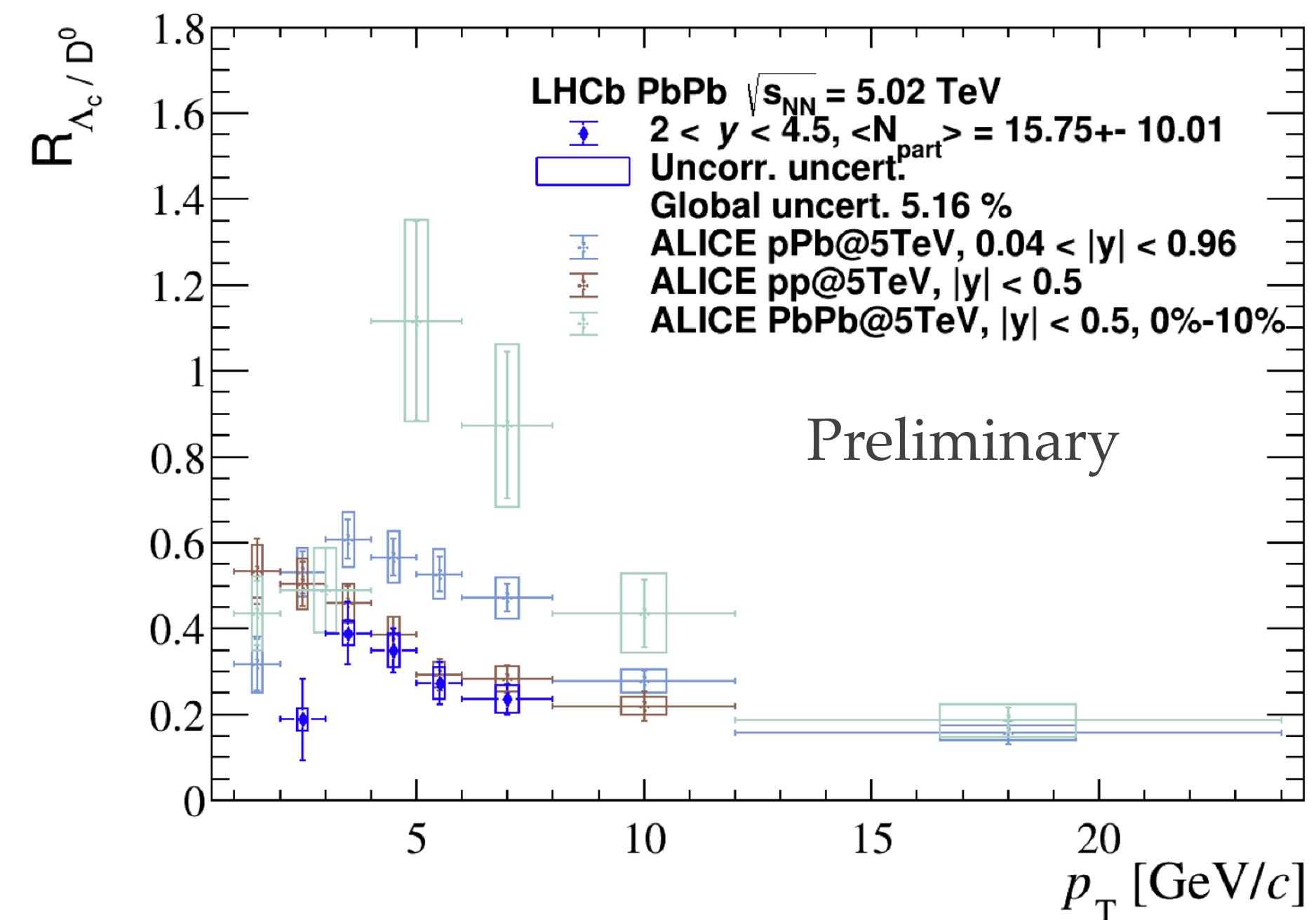
- ❖ Flat dependence vs  $N_{part}$
- ❖ Results compatible with pPb results at same energy
- ❖ Decreasing trend toward high  $p_T$
- ❖ Compatible with pythia8 and color reconnection (pp@5TeV)



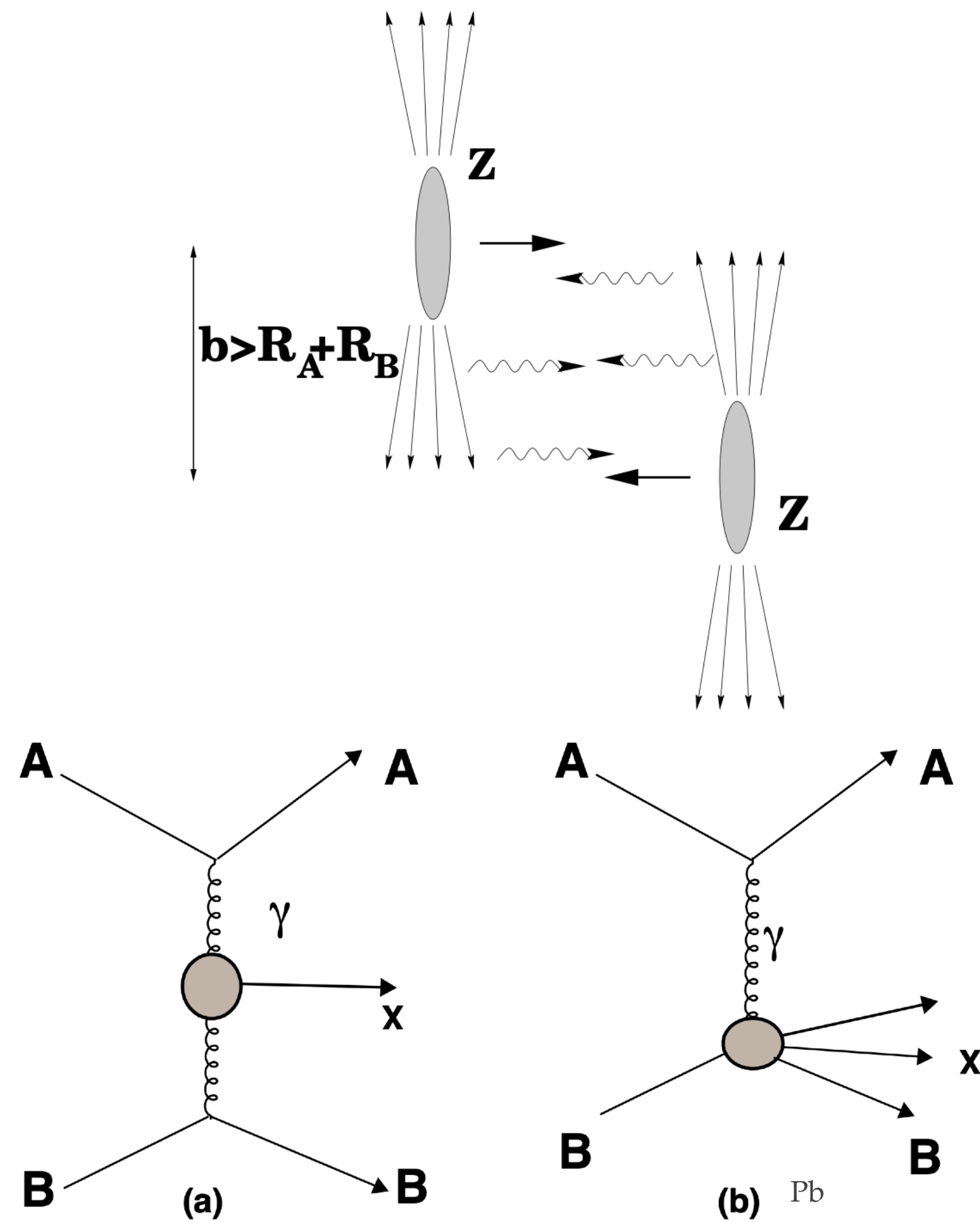
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- ❖ Confirm tension with ALICE results
- ❖ Rapidity dependence?
- ❖ New results in central PbPb from ALICE
- ❖ Ratio enhanced with QGP formation ?



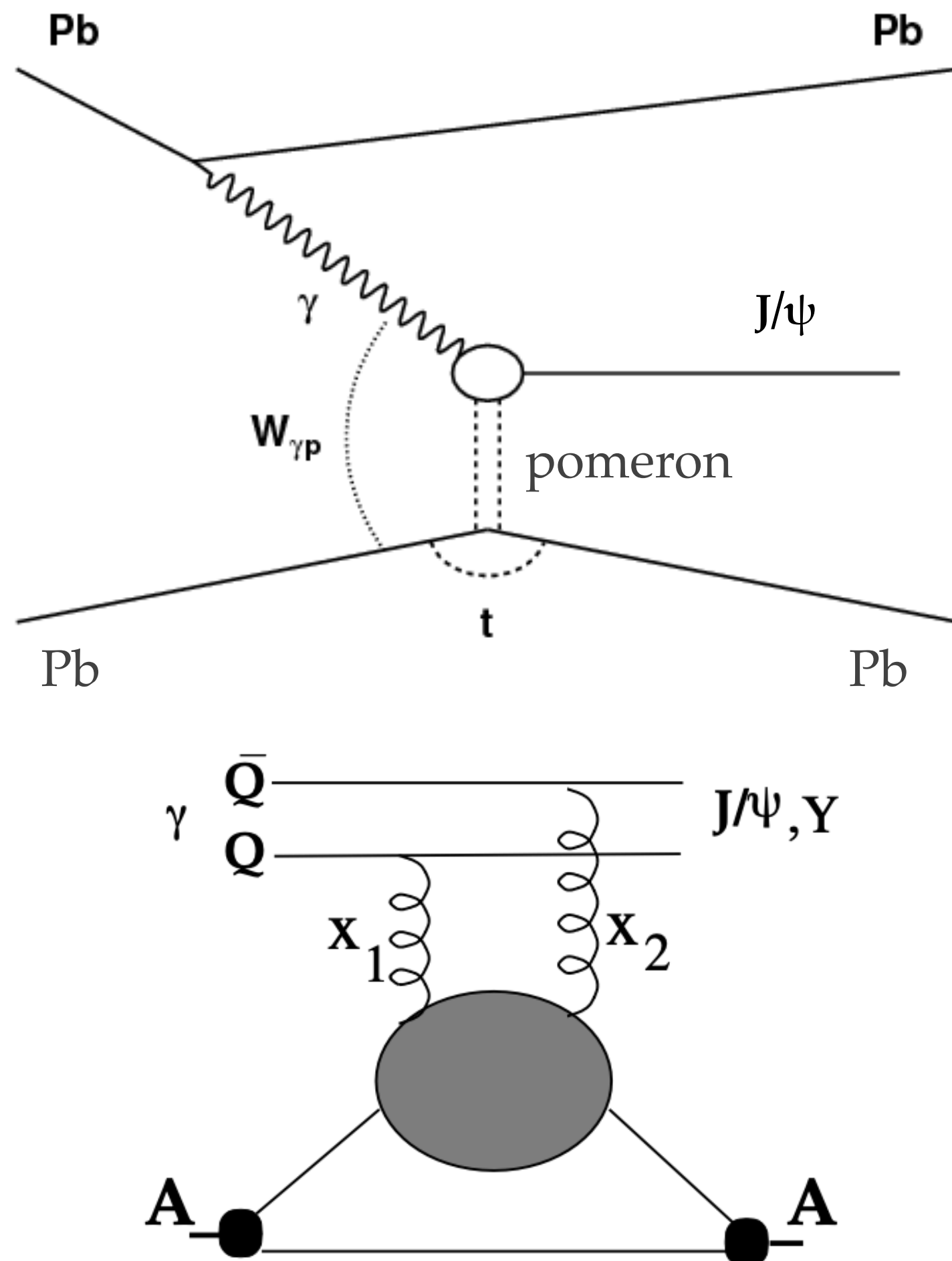
# J/ $\psi$ , $\psi(2S)$ PbPb UPC @5TeV



- ❖ Impact parameter  $b > R_1 + R_2$
- ❖ Interaction between two nuclei with no actual **hadronic collisions**
- ❖ No destruction of the nuclei  $A + A \rightarrow A + A + X$
- ❖ Interaction through the quasi real-photon cloud from one or both nuclei.
- ❖ Large reaction rate as photon flux  $\propto Z^2$
- ❖ Production of dileptons, vector mesons...

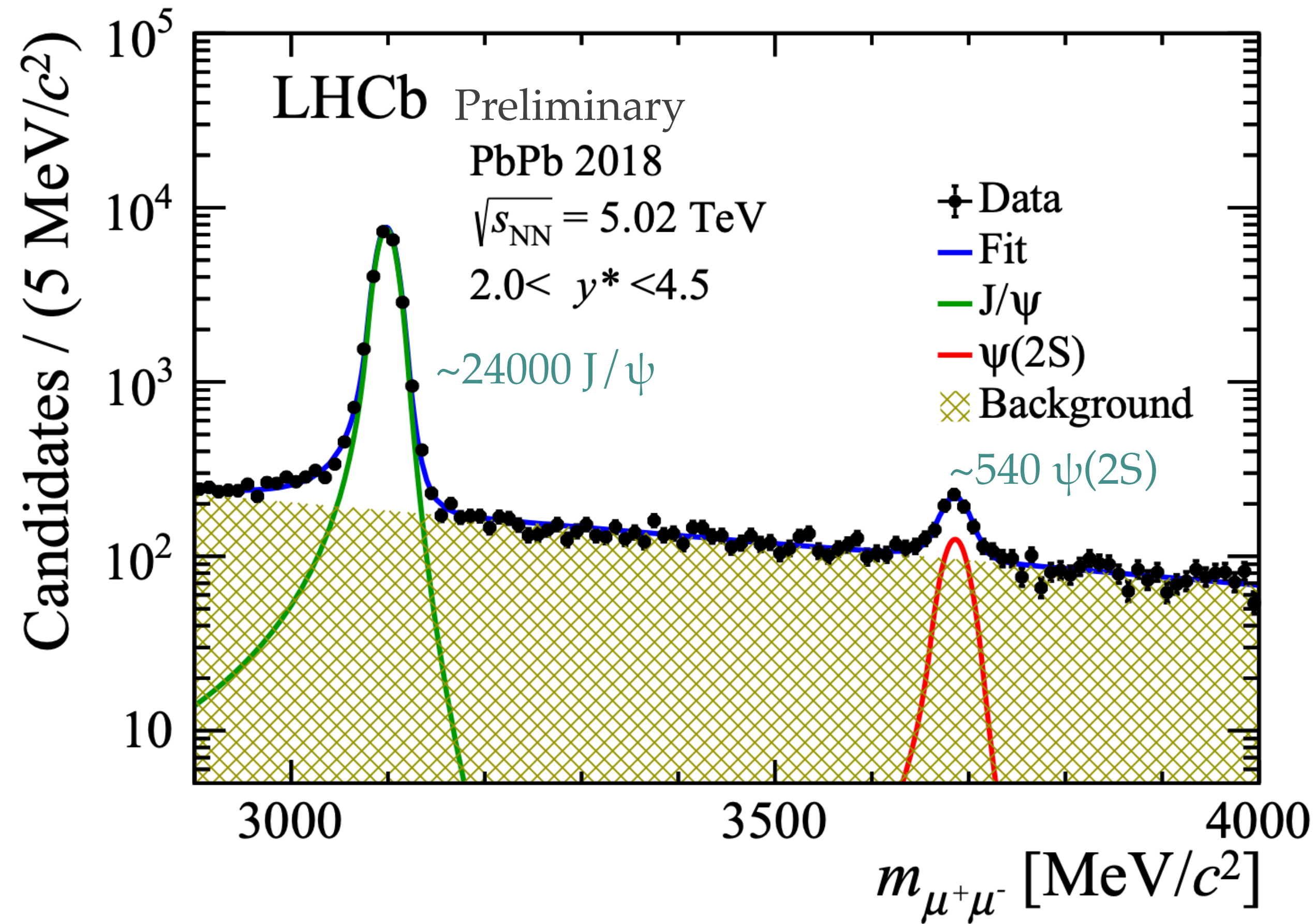
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Coherent photo-production

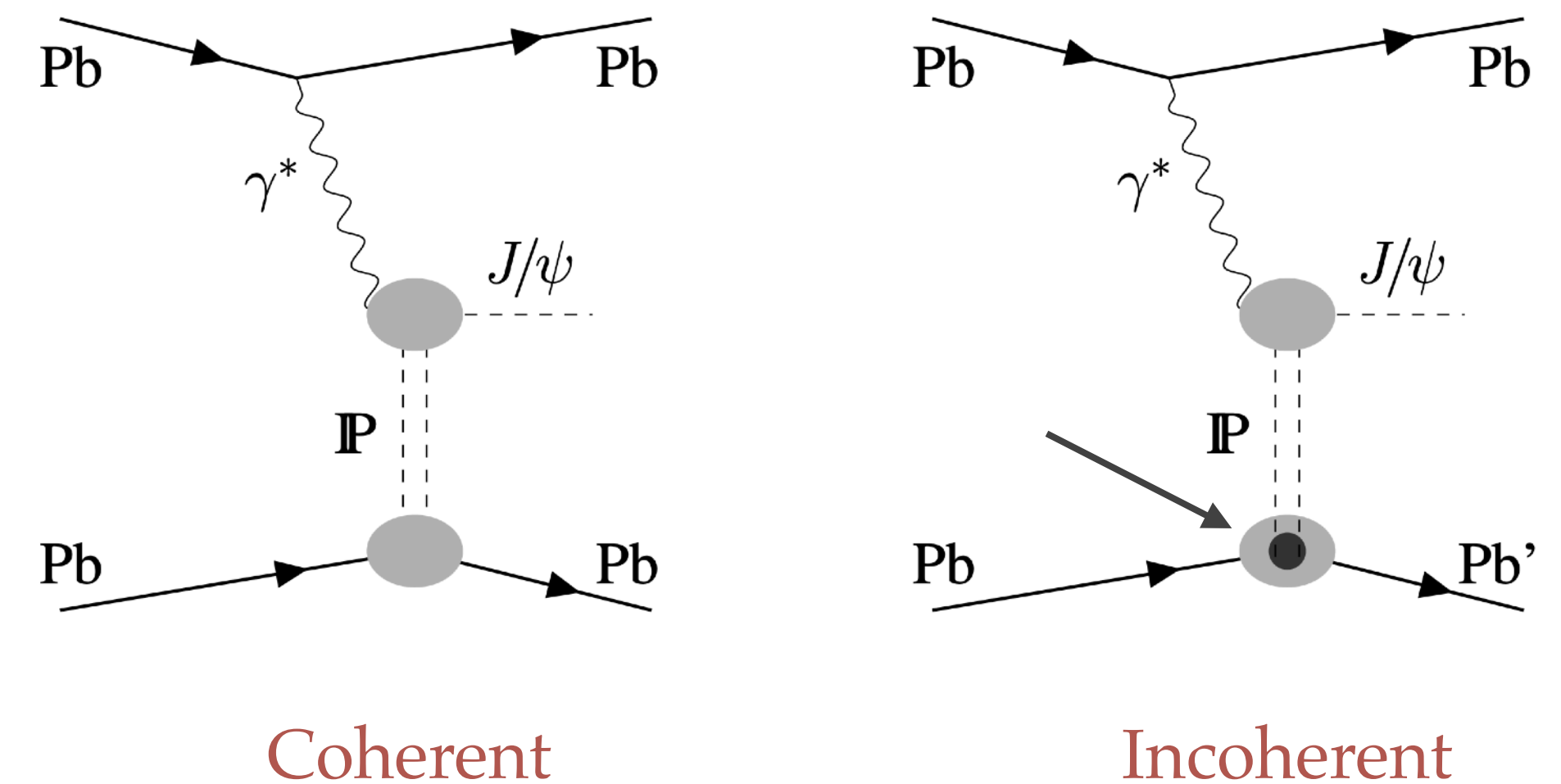


- ❖ Production of vector mesons through the interaction of a photon and a pomeron
- ❖ Amplitude of quarkonium production proportional to the Generalized Parton Distribution functions (GPDs) of the target nucleus  $G_A(x_1, x_2, t, Q_{eff}^2)$  at large momentum transfer  $Q_{eff}^2 \propto m_Q^2/4$  and low x-Bjorken  $10^{-5} < x < 10^{-2}$

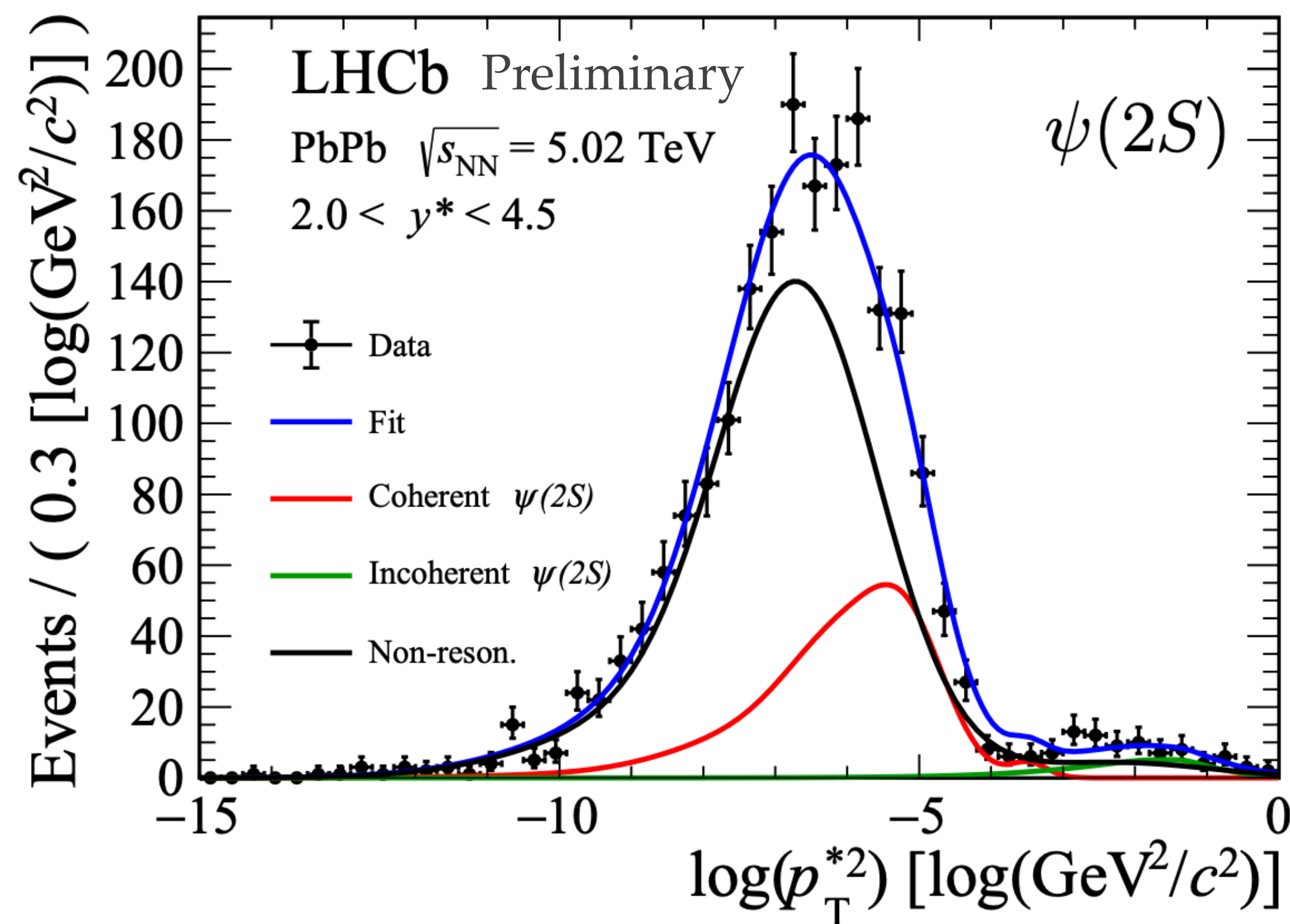
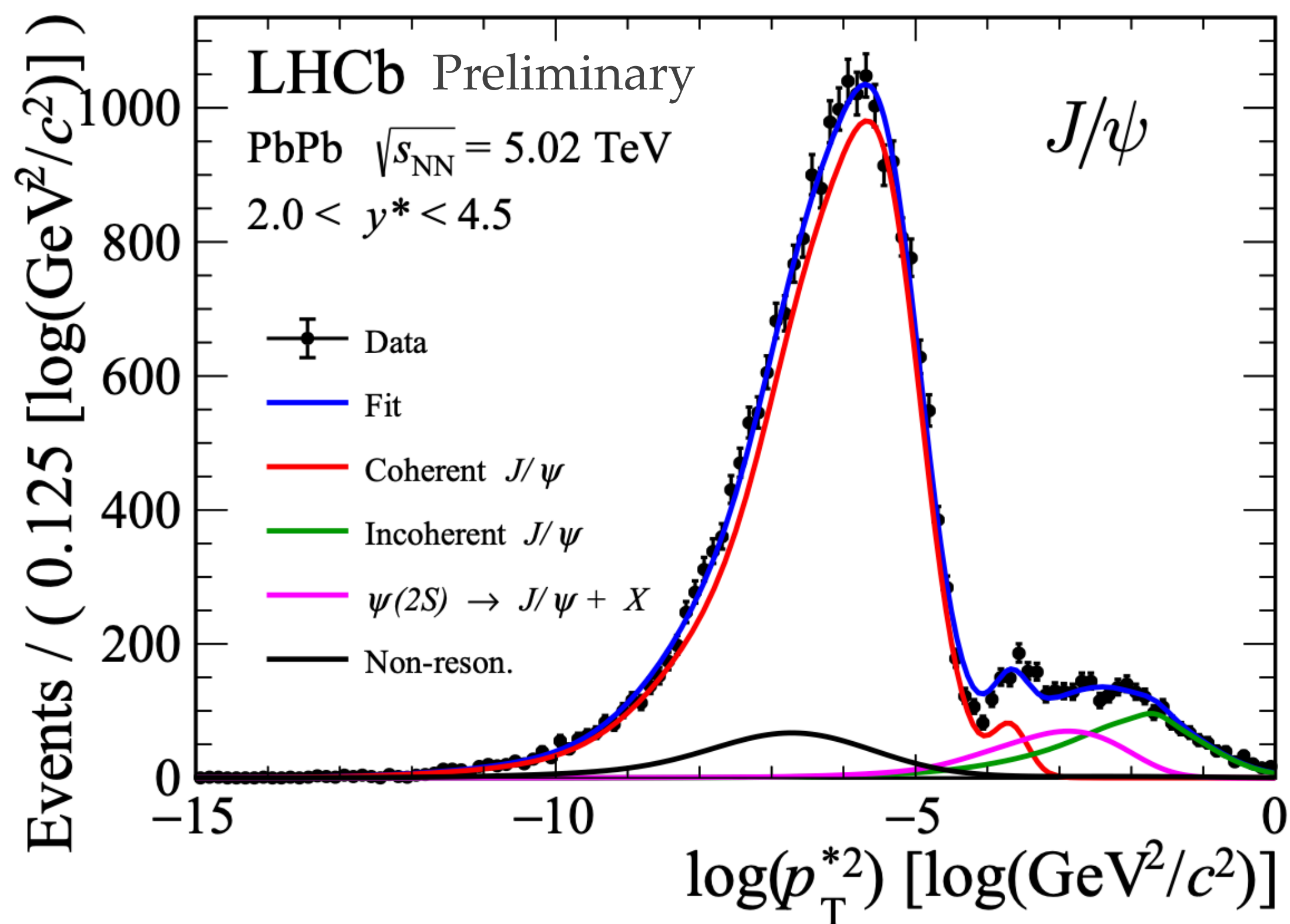
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- ❖ Both signal contain coherent and incoherent produced candidates
- ❖ J/ $\psi$  from feed-down from  $\psi(2S)$
- ❖ Background from  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu\mu$  non-resonant



# $J/\psi$ , $\psi(2S)$ PbPb UPC @5TeV

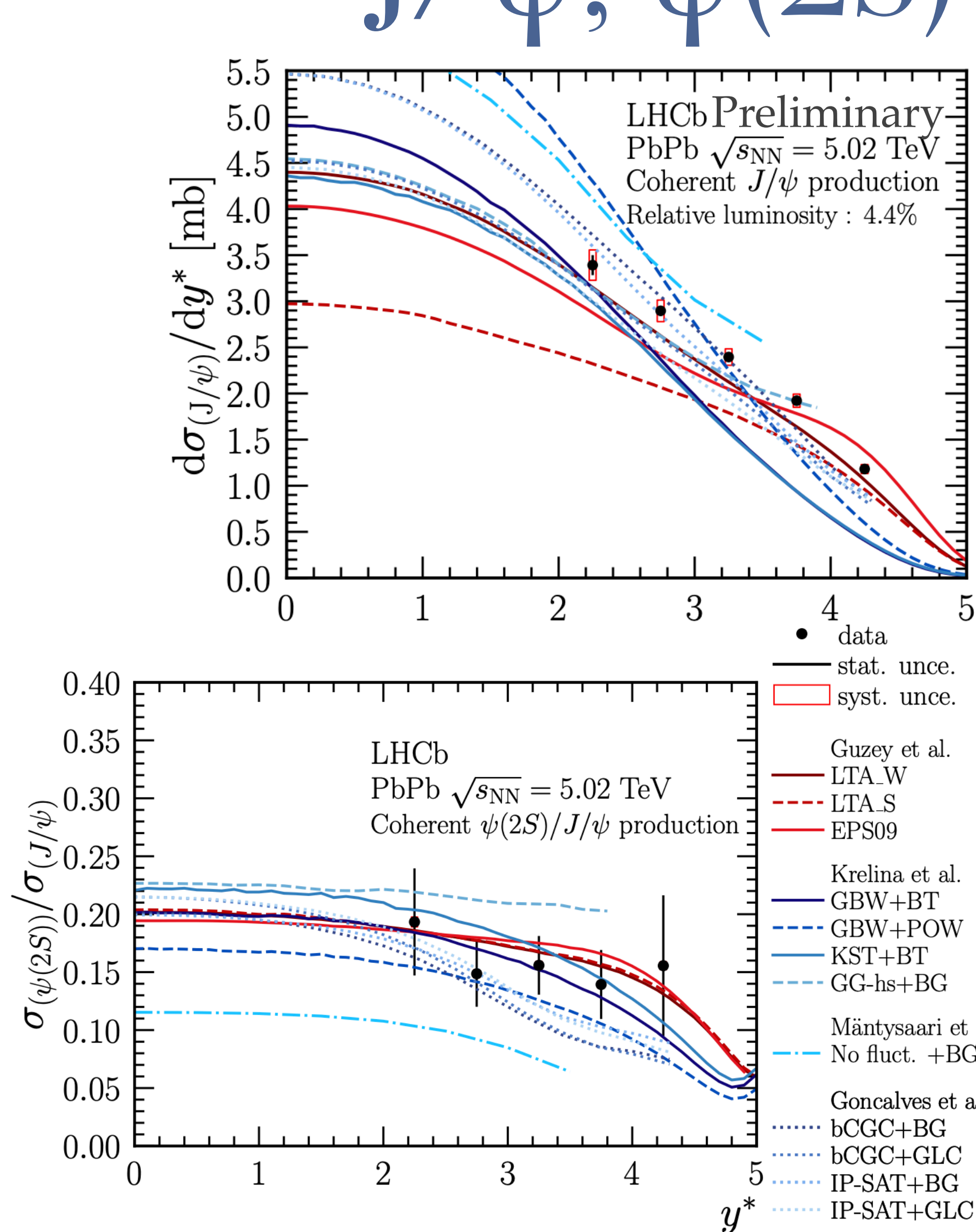


STARLight

- ❖ Template fit based on the STARLight model
- ❖ Shape of the background taken from the side band method

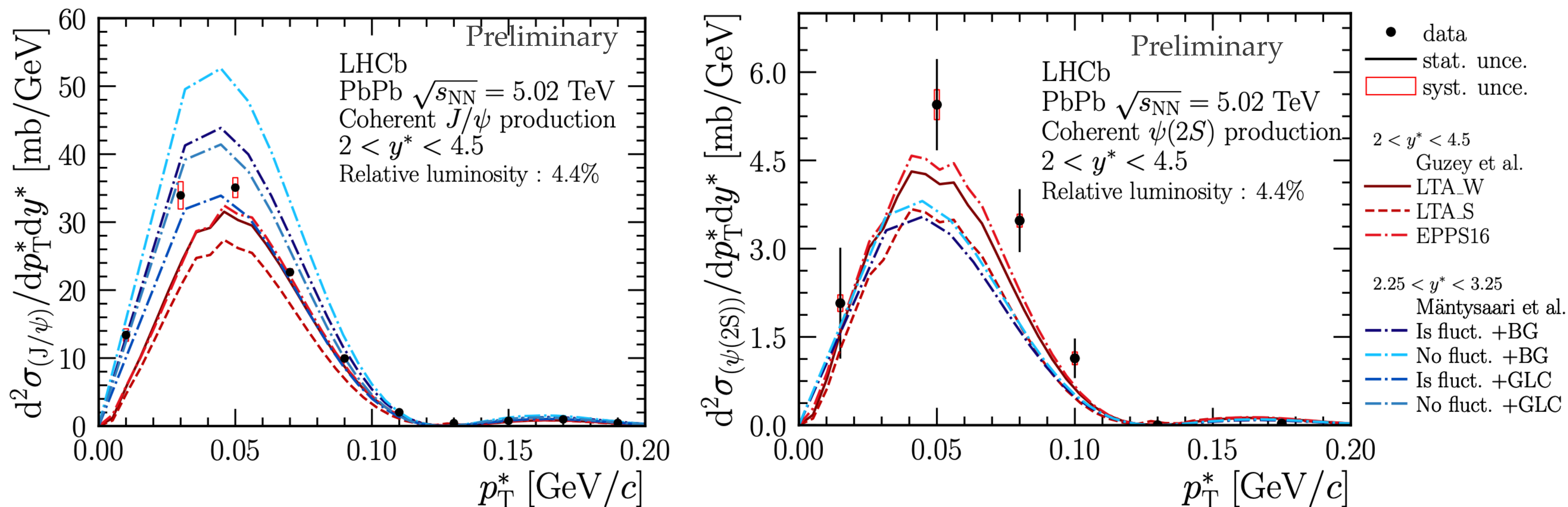
Excellent resolution !

# J/ $\psi$ , $\psi(2S)$ PbPb UPC @5TeV



- ❖ Results compared with color-dipole and perturbative QCD based model
- ❖ No model precisely reproduces the data
- ❖ pQCD models have a slightly better agreement with the cross section ratio

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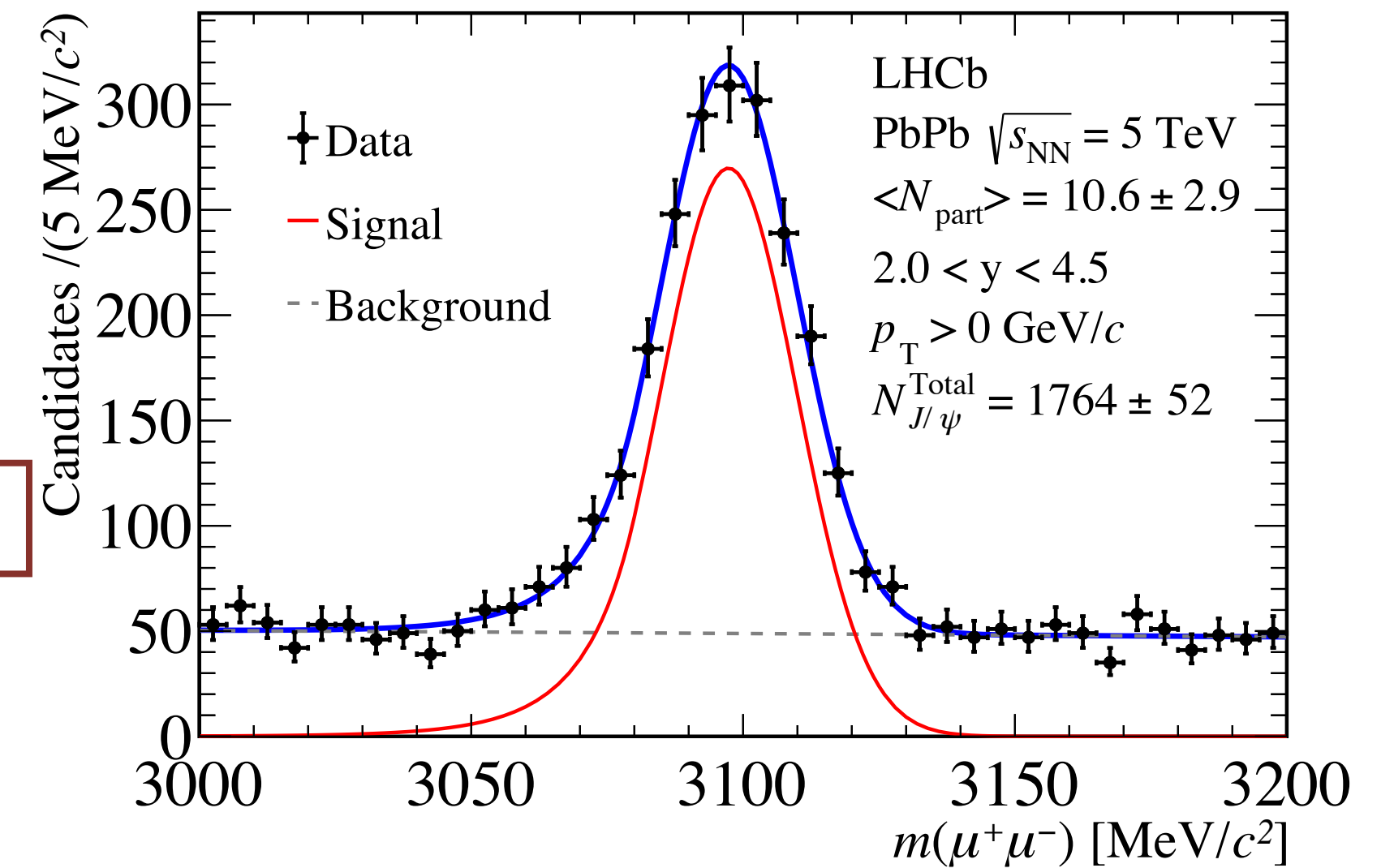
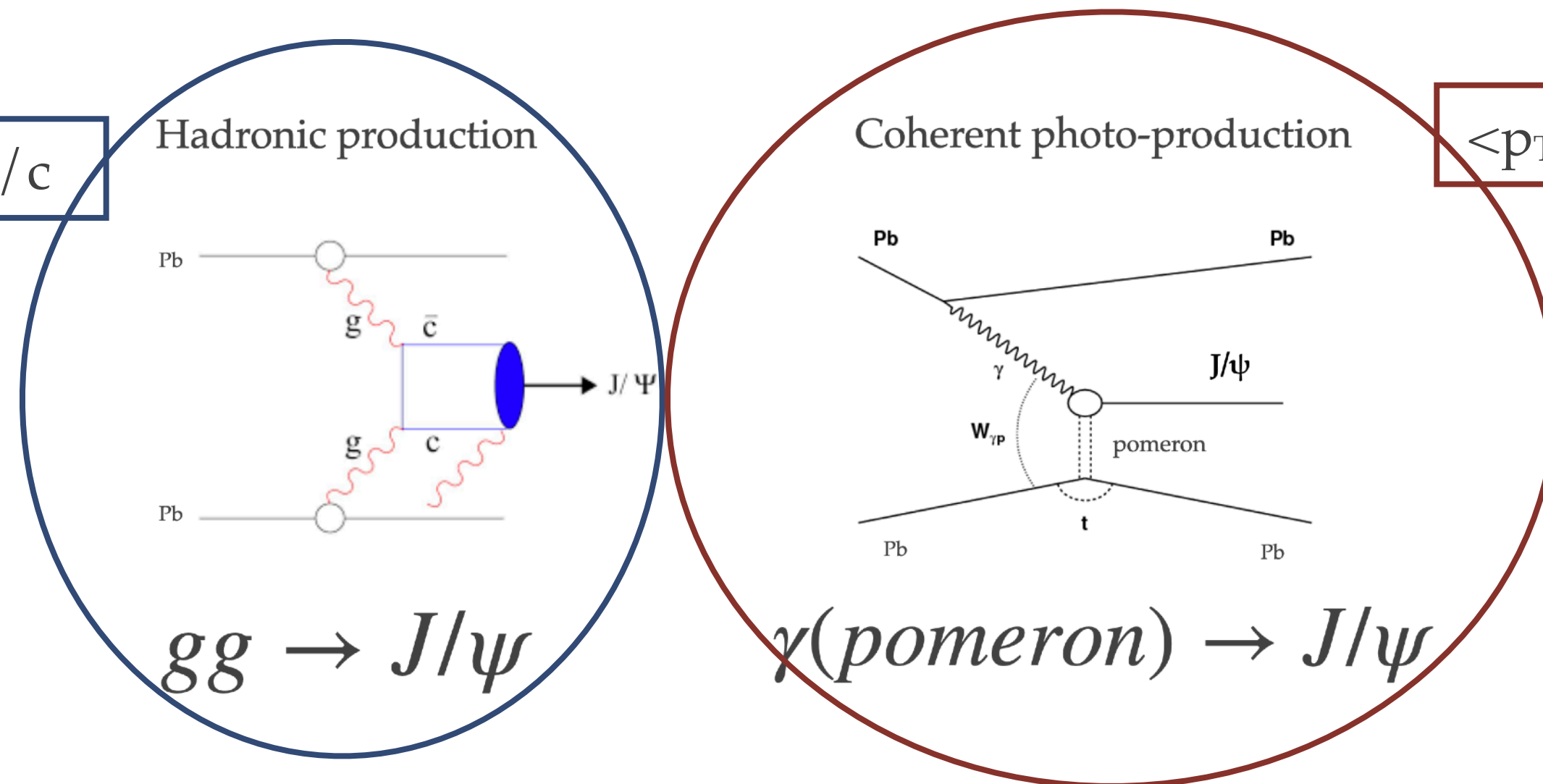


- ❖ Overall shape well reproduced by models but the normalization is less accurate
- ❖ Peaking structure due to destructive interferences (cannot distinguish the photon emitter).

# Coherent $J/\psi$ in PbPb peripheral collisions

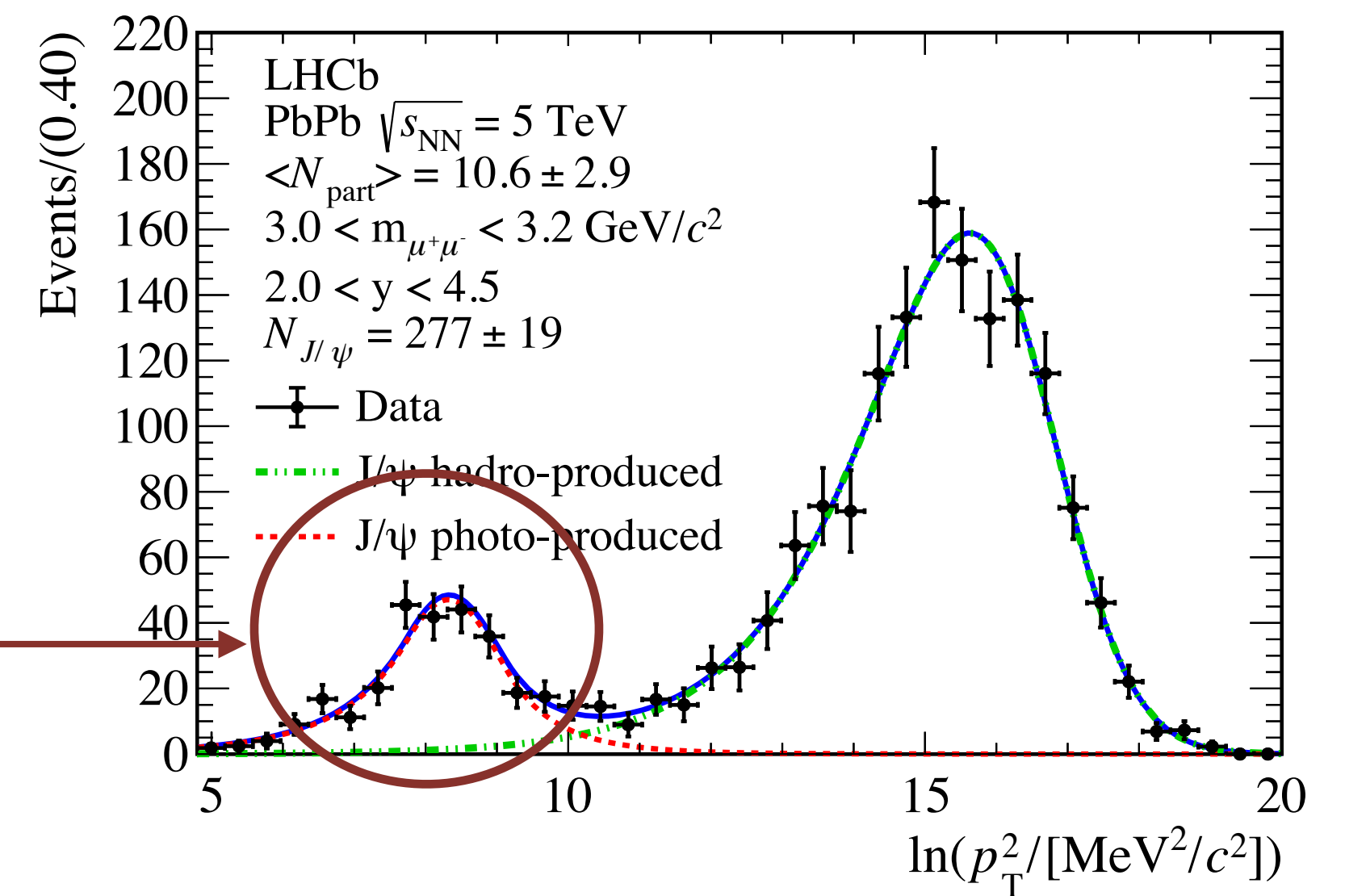
## Coherent photo-production in peripheral collisions ? ( $b < 2R_{Pb}$ )

- 2018 PbPb sample at 5.02 TeV, limited to 60-90% centrality



Separate the two contributions through the  $p_T$  distribution of the  $J/\psi$

« Excess » of  $J/\psi$  with mean  $p_T$  around  $\sim 70 \text{ MeV}/c$   
 Compatible with coherent photo-production

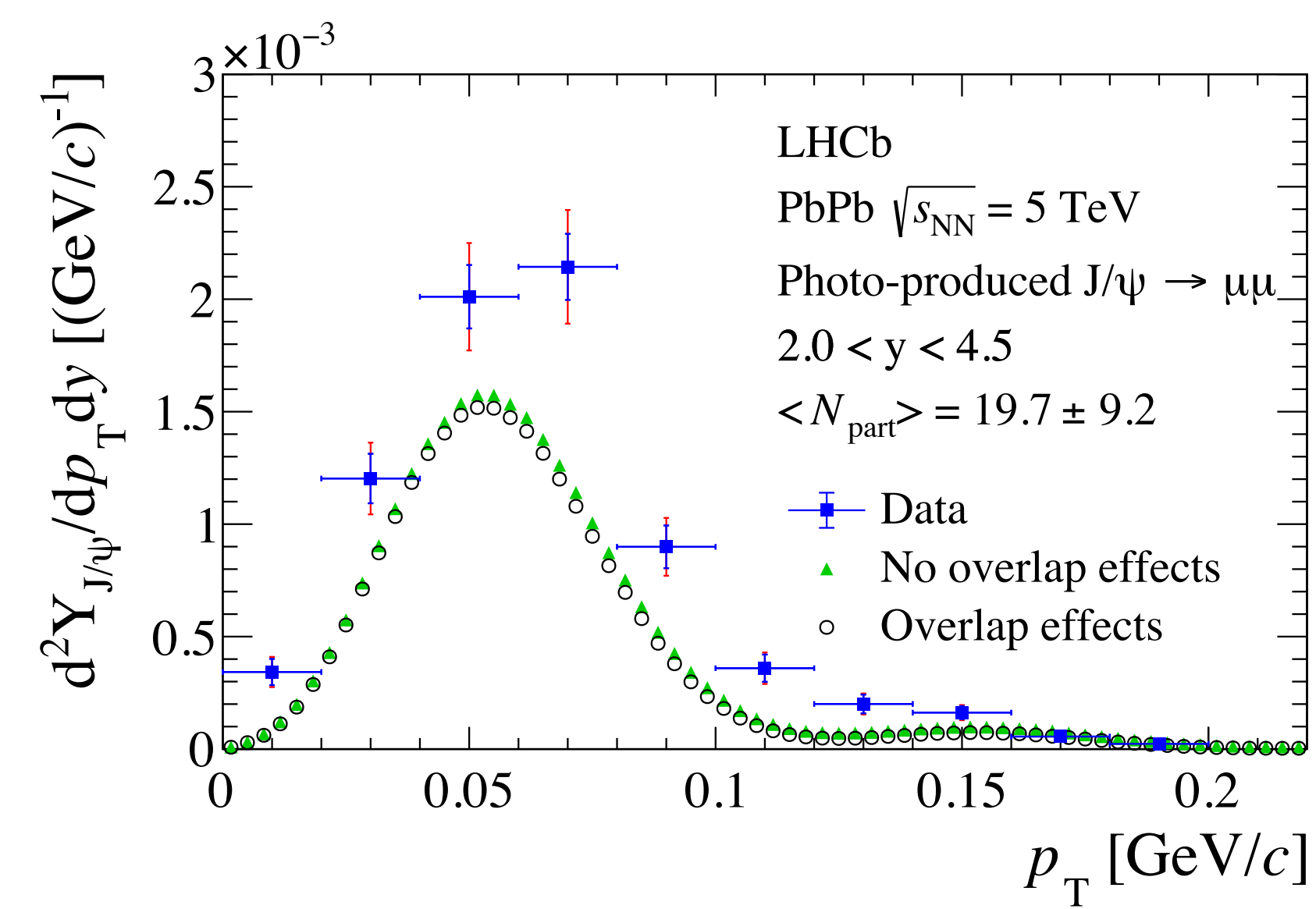
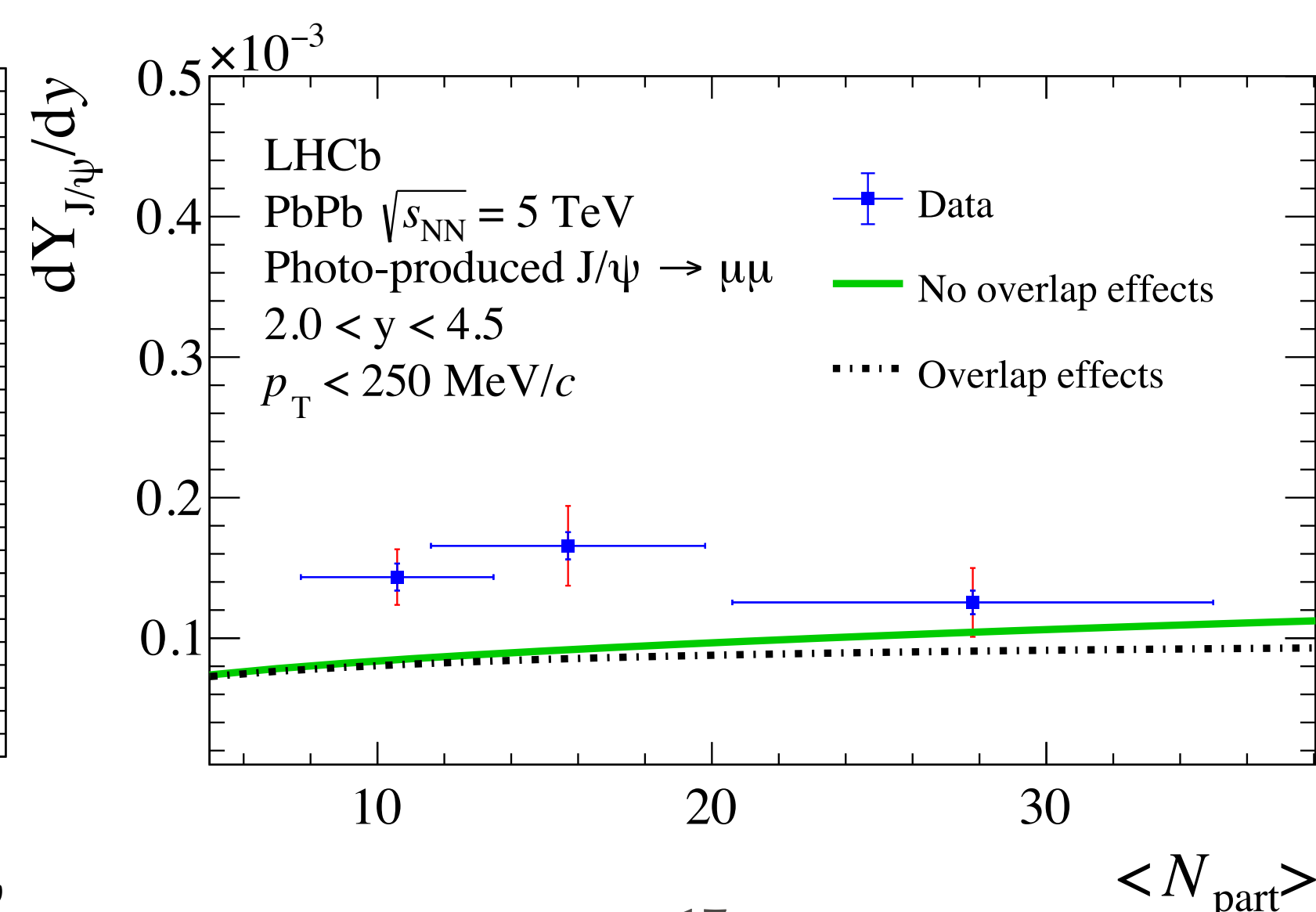
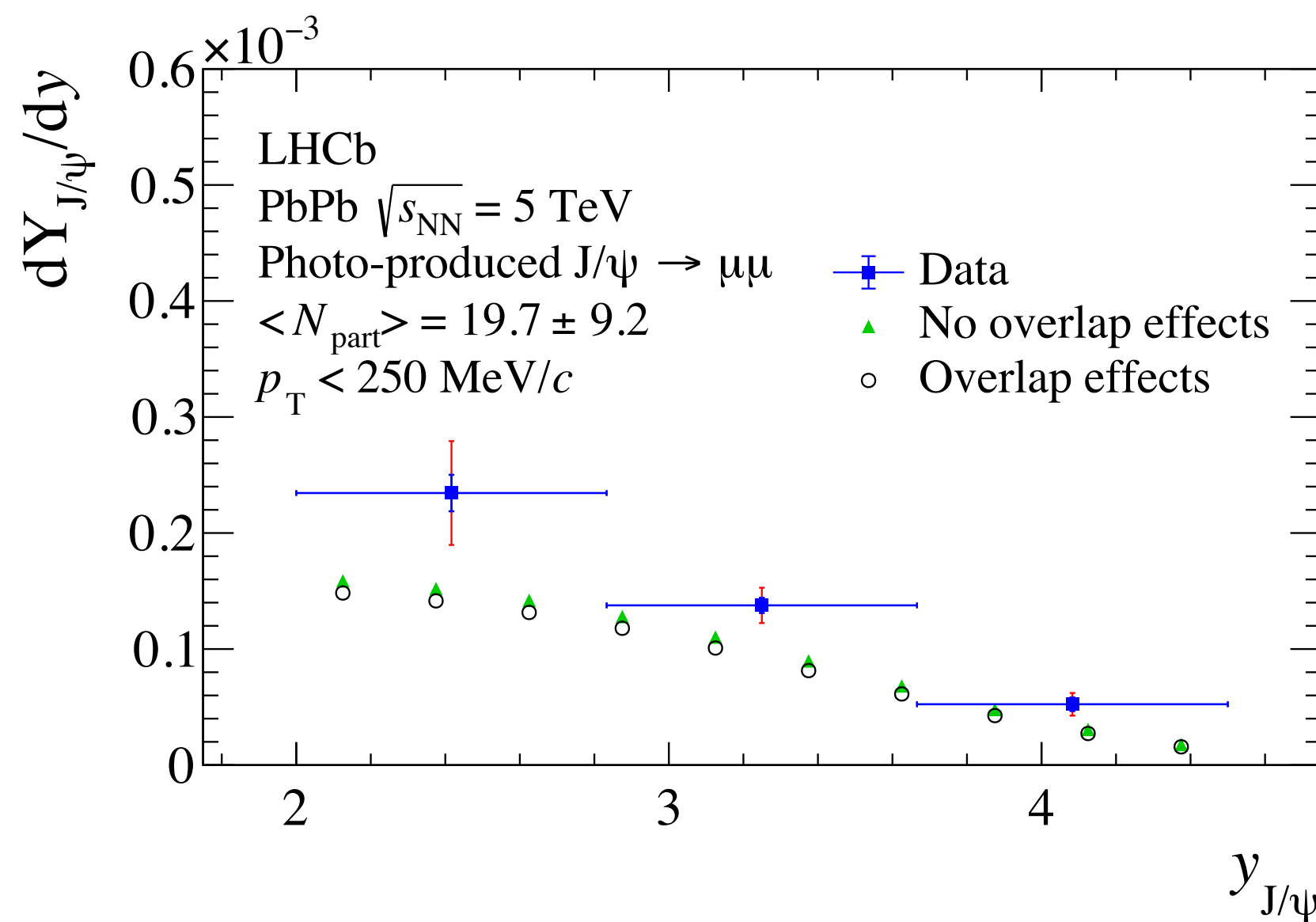




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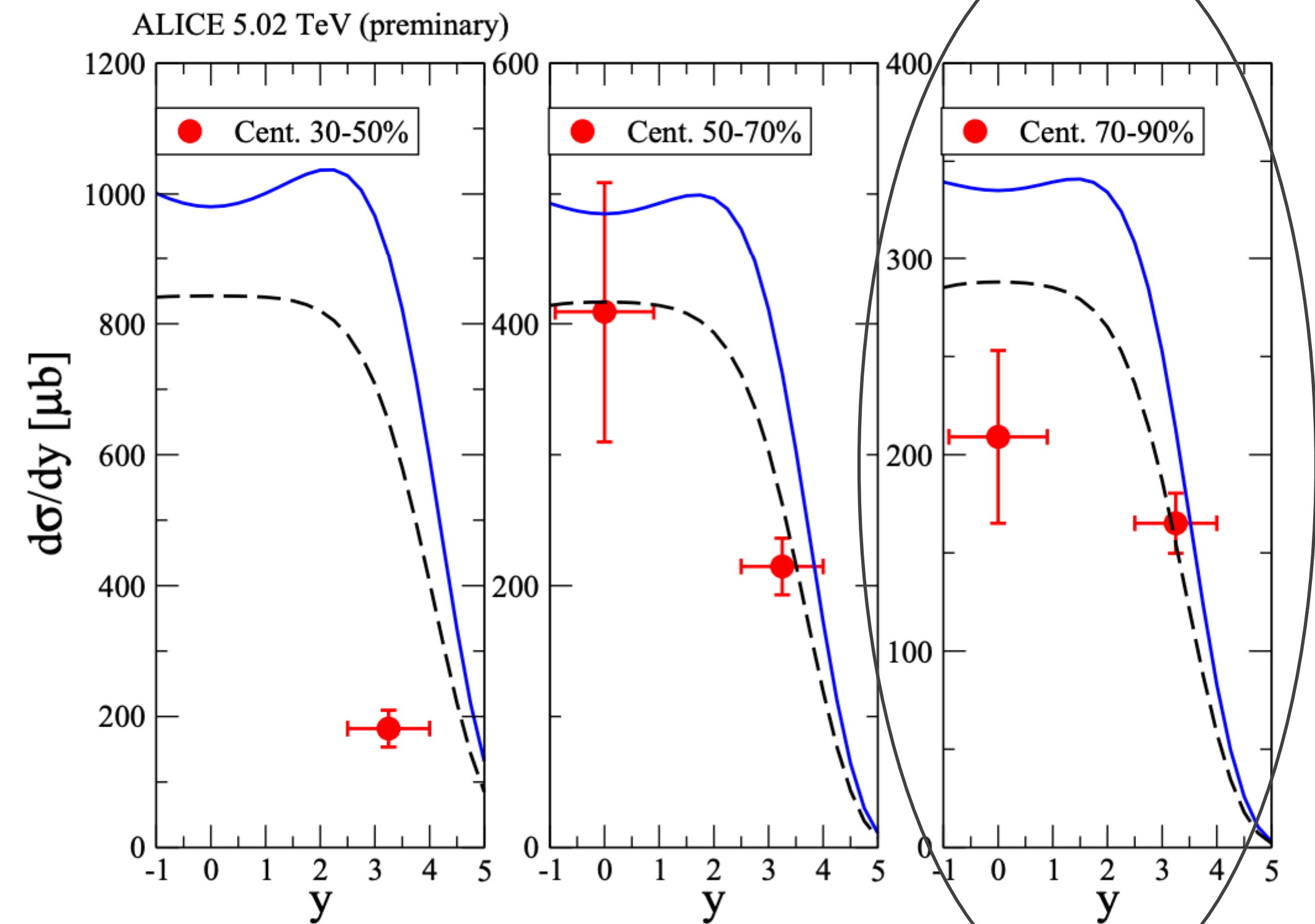
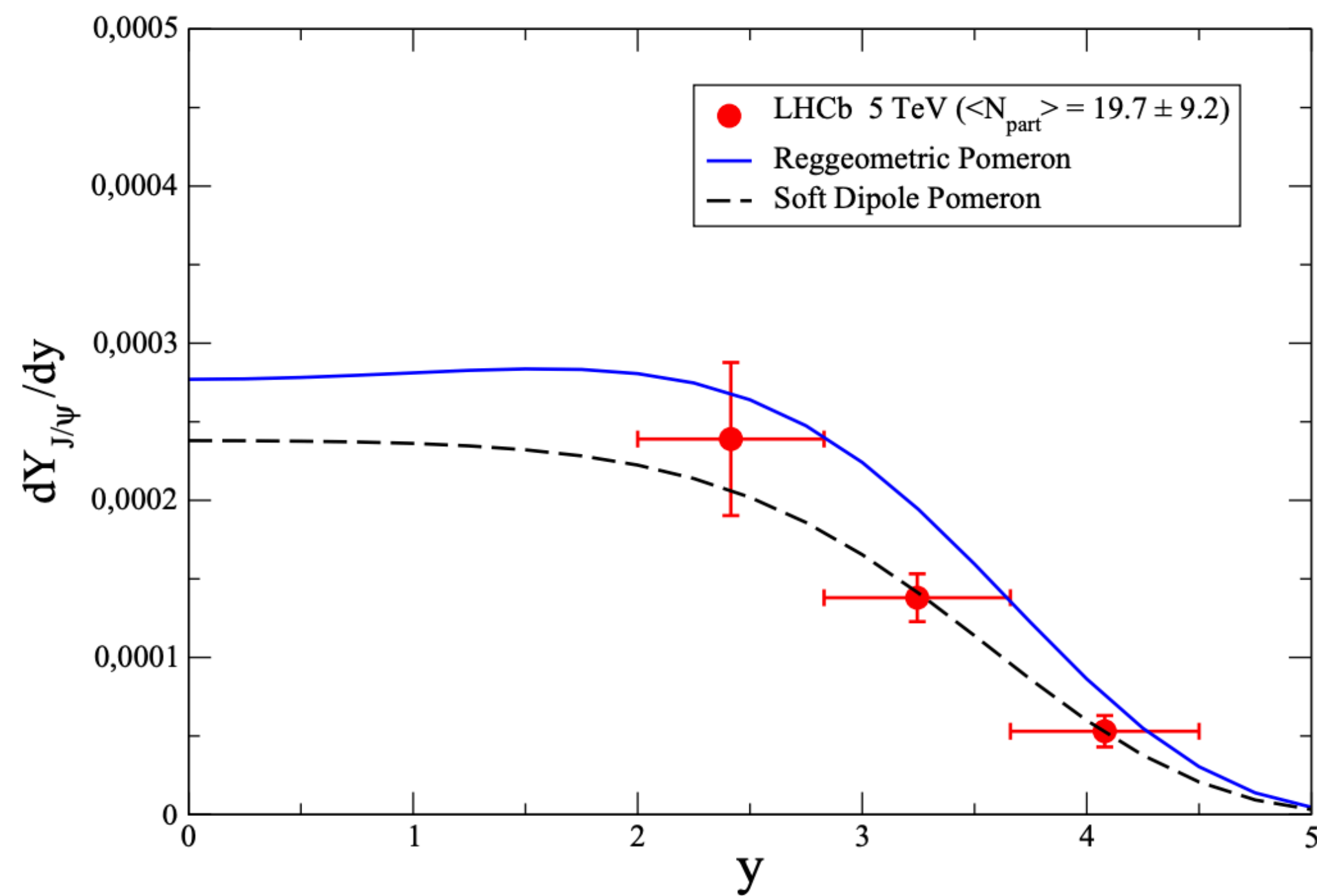
- ❖ Consistent with  $J/\psi$  photo-production in PbPb hadronic collisions
- ❖ Most precise  $p_T$  measurement to date
- ❖ Shape compatible with model, two assumptions:
  - ❖ No effect of the overlap between the nuclei (UPC-like but small IP)
  - ❖ Effect of the overlap

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# Coherent $J/\psi$ in PbPb peripheral collisions

Vector Dominance Model + Glauber multiple scattering formalism



- ❖ Recent preprint shows **good agreement** with the soft dipole pomeron model
- ❖ Agreement with corresponding results from ALICE

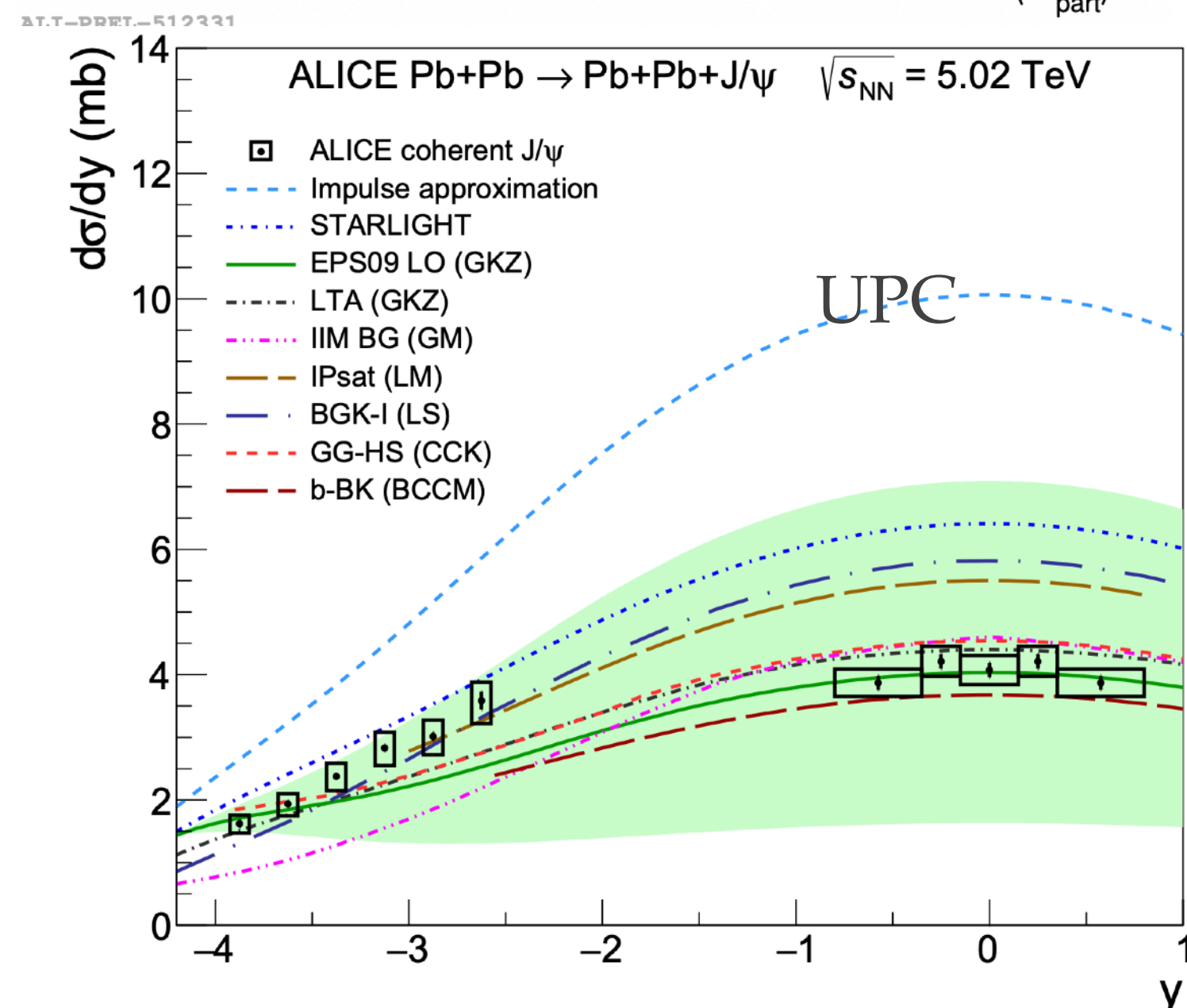
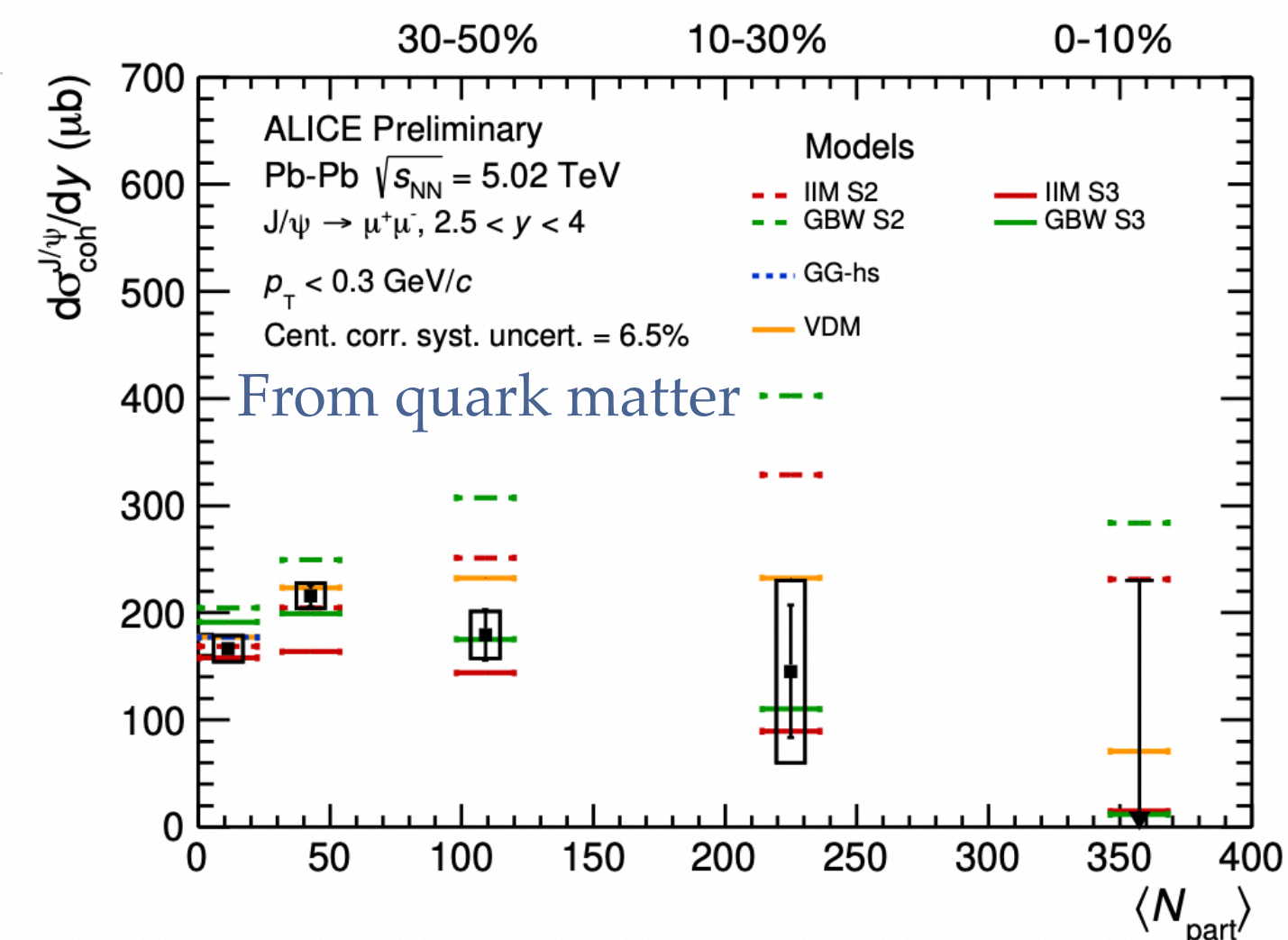
# Coherent J/ $\psi$ in PbPb peripheral collisions

- ❖ ALICE as a lesser precision but central measurement
- ❖ Decrease here could be explain by:
  - ❖ Less accessible aera for the photon to interact
  - ❖ Melting of the photo produced J/psi, low-pt spectrum not repopulated by (re)combined

Better thermometer for QGP ?

- ❖ Precise measurement with LHCb in run3/4
- ❖ However behavior not clearly understood even in UPC

Precise measurement with run3/4 !



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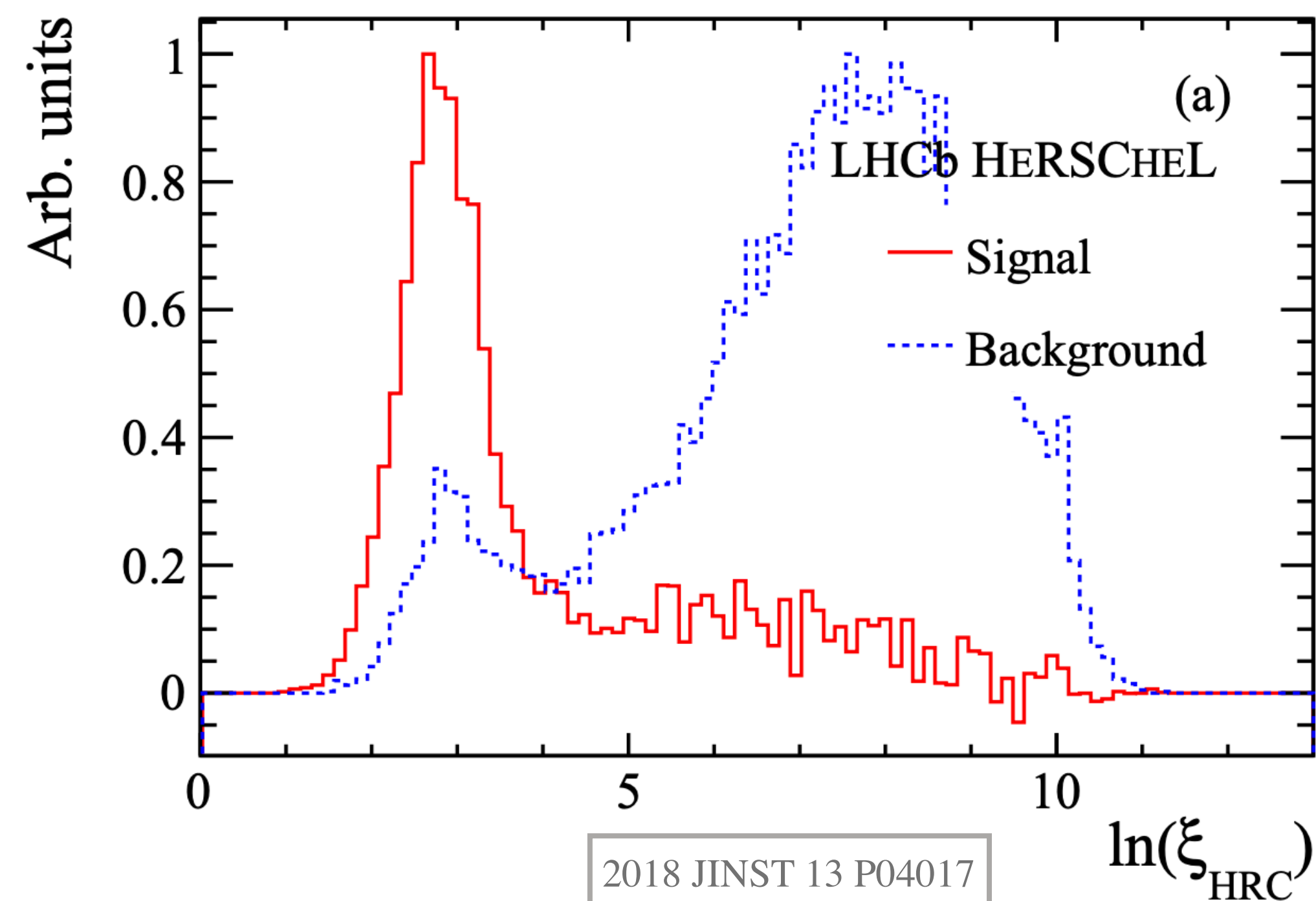
# Conclusion

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- ❖ First measurement of  $\Lambda_c/D^0$  in PbPb collisions at forward rapidity
- ❖ In agreement with previous LHCb results in pPb/Pbp
- ❖ Confirm the difference between mid and forward rapidity
- ❖ **Really precise** measurement of coherent  $J/\psi$  and  $\psi(2S)$  production in UPC PbPb collisions.
- ❖ Measurement of photo-produced  $J/\psi$  in peripheral PbPb collisions.
- ❖ **Consistent with** photo-production in PbPb peripheral collisions.
- ❖ Agreement with last model and ALICE results

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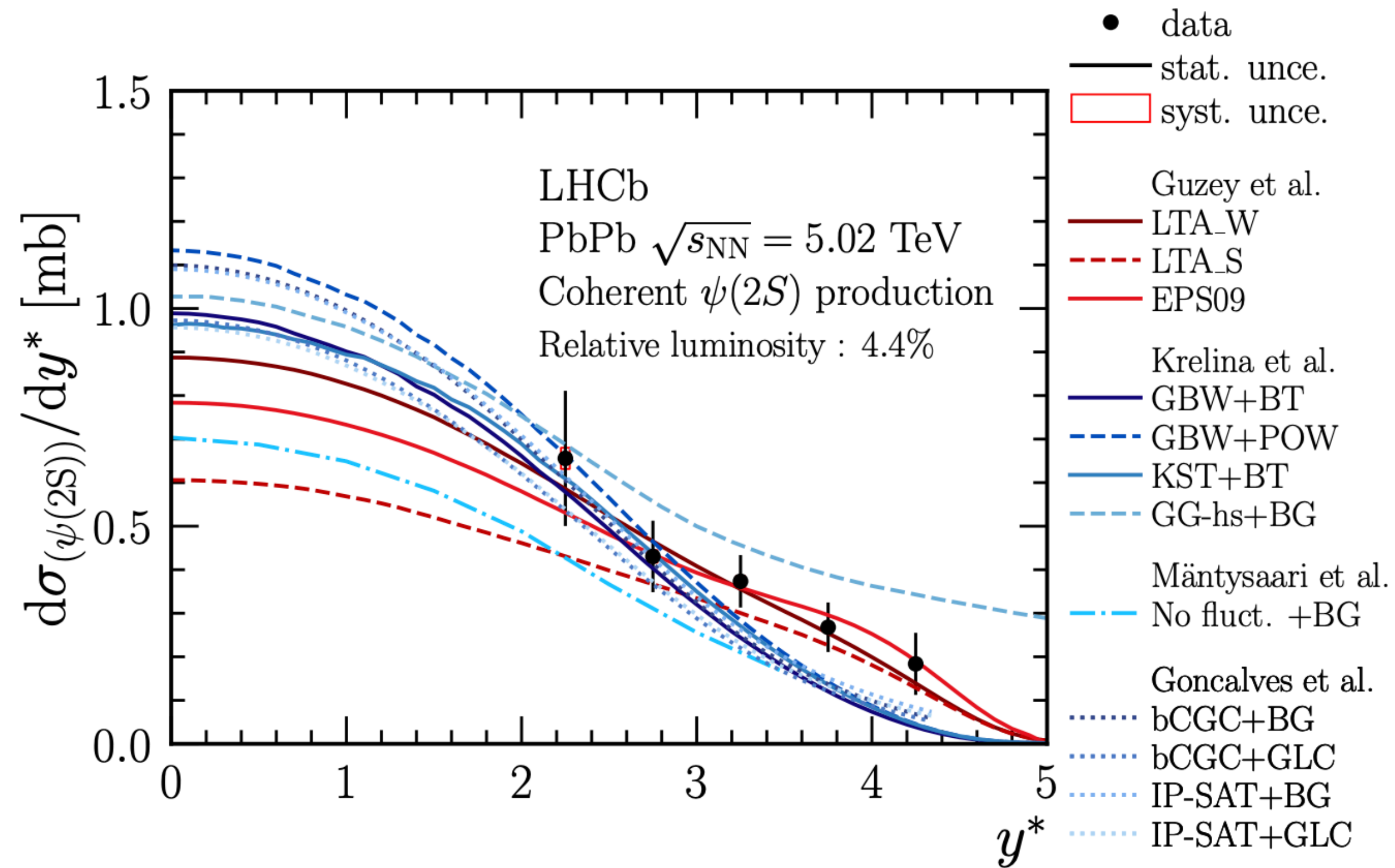
- ❖ PbPb data recorded by the LHCb detector in 2018 with in integrated luminosity of about  $\mathcal{L}=228\pm 10\mu\text{b}$
- ❖ UPC Event selection:
  - ❖ Veto events with more than 20 hits in the SPD calorimeter
  - ❖ Selection thanks to the HeRSChEL detector
- ❖ Candidates reconstructed with the dimuon channel
  - ❖ Two opposite sign  $\mu$  with  $p_T > 700 \text{ MeV}/c$
  - ❖  $p_T^{\mu\mu} < 1 \text{ GeV}/c$  and  $\Delta\varphi^{\mu\mu} > 0.9\pi$



$\xi_{\text{HRC}}$  is a  $\chi_2^2$  variable,  $\xi_{\text{HRC}} \rightarrow 0$  corresponding to zero or little activity in HeRSChEL, compatible with UPC

# Backup

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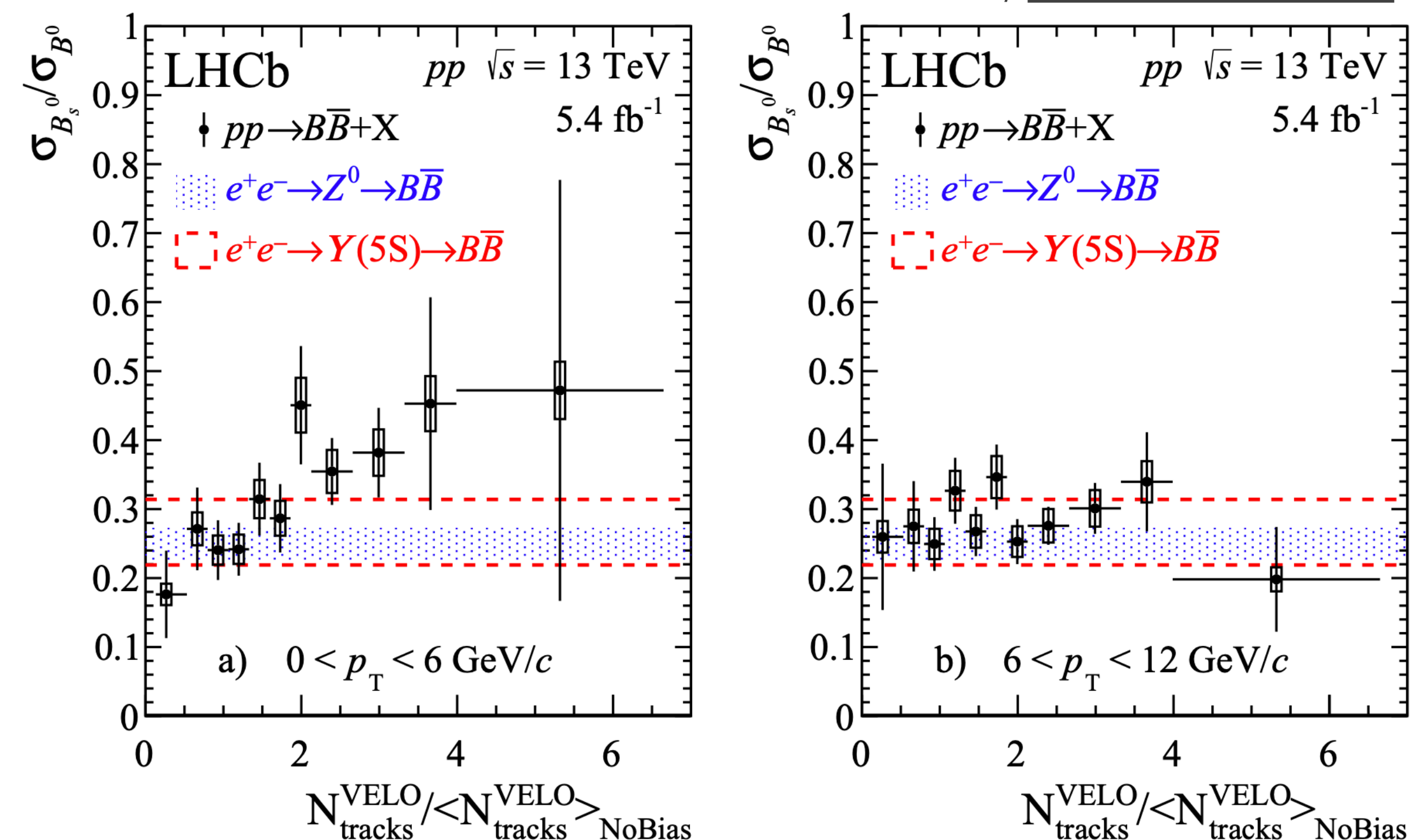
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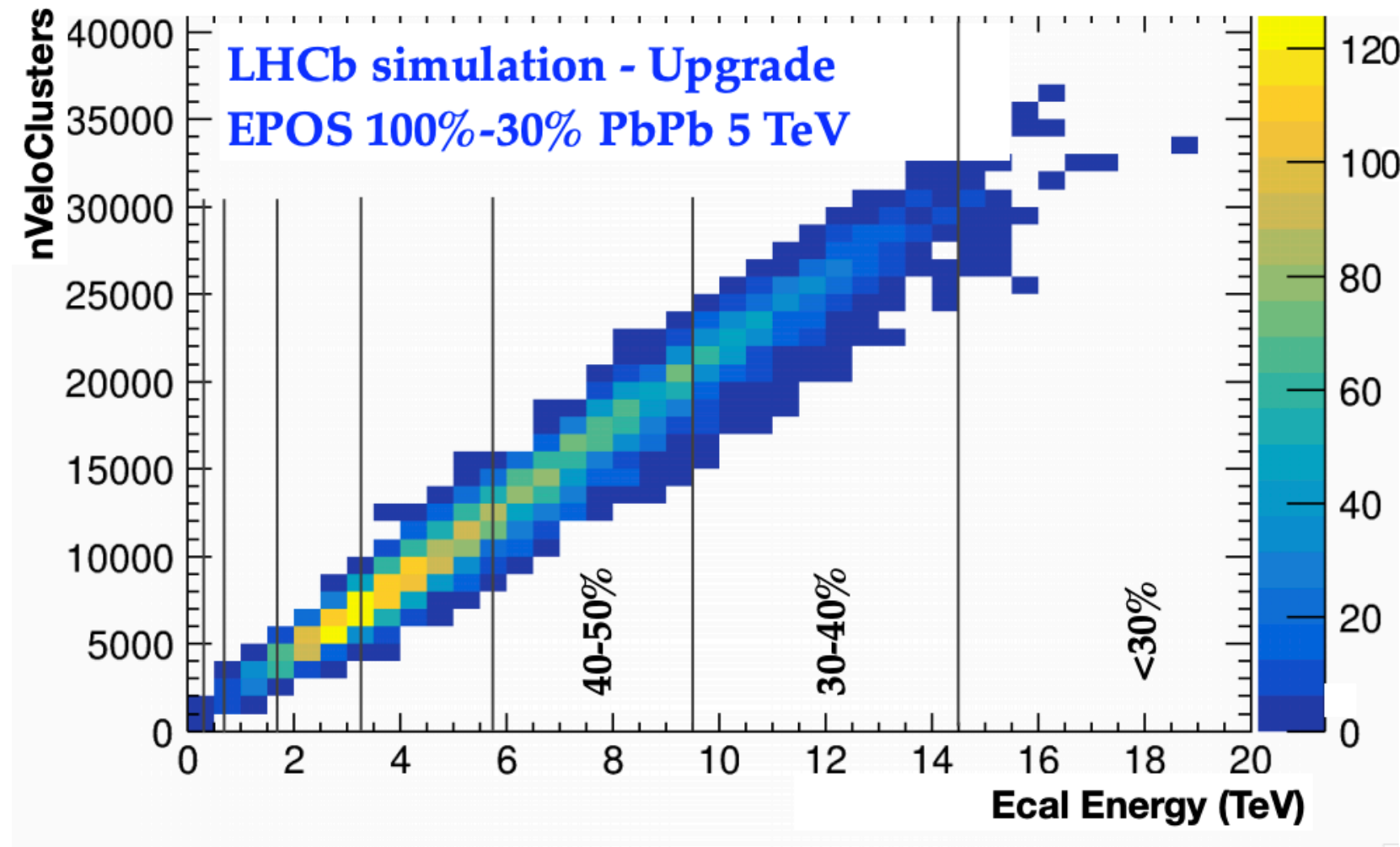
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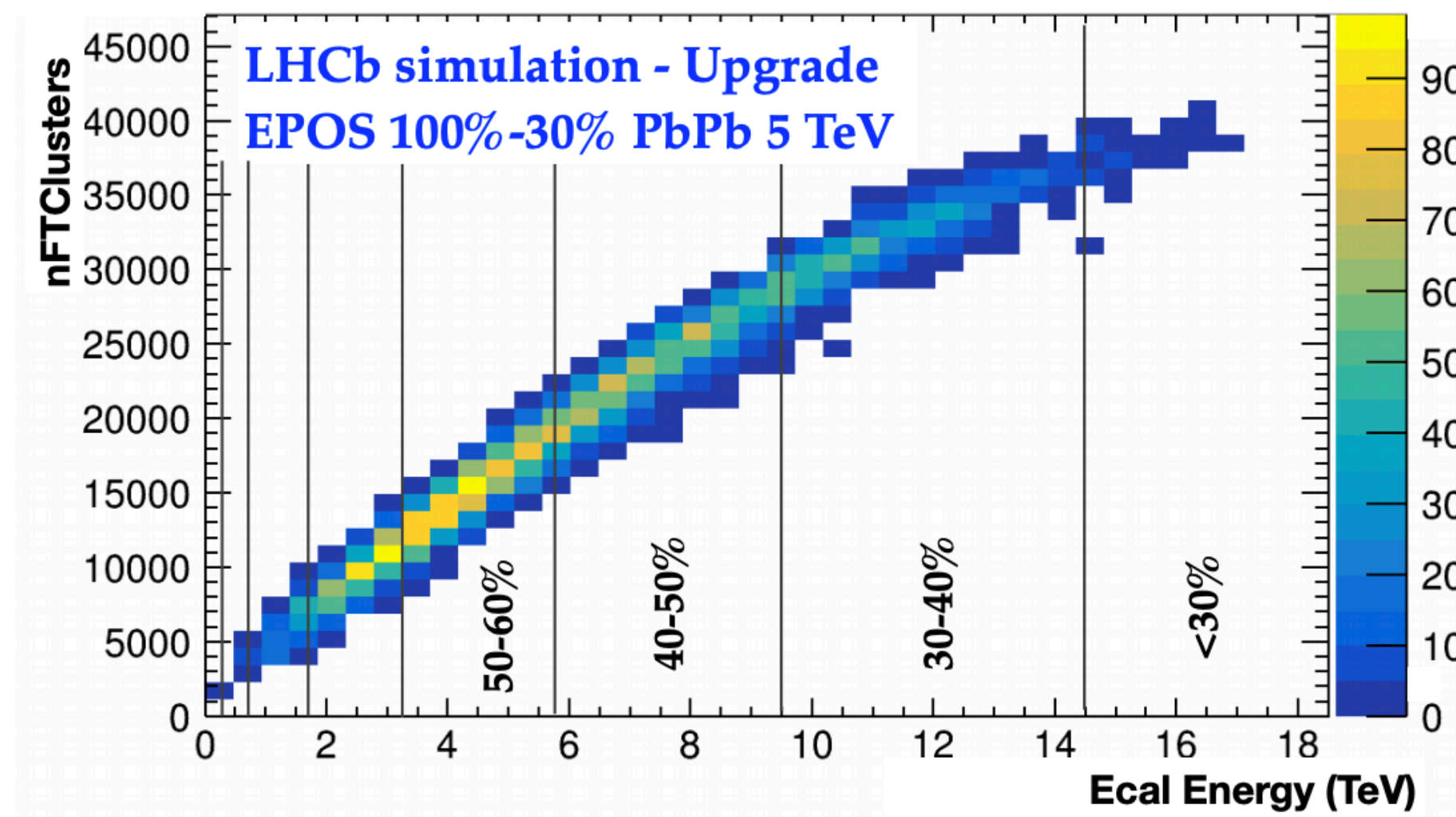
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# Performances Run 3 PbPb

PbPb collisions



LHCb-FIGURE-2019-019



- ❖ No significant saturation for 70% most peripheral collisions (simulation for higher centralities are being produced), expect almost no saturation for Run4 (90% most peripheral) and no saturation for Run5.
- ❖ Semi-central PbPb collisions soon available : QGP studies for LHCb in run 3 !
- ❖ Increased statistics: improvement of UPC studies.

