

New heavy ion and fixed-target results at LHCb

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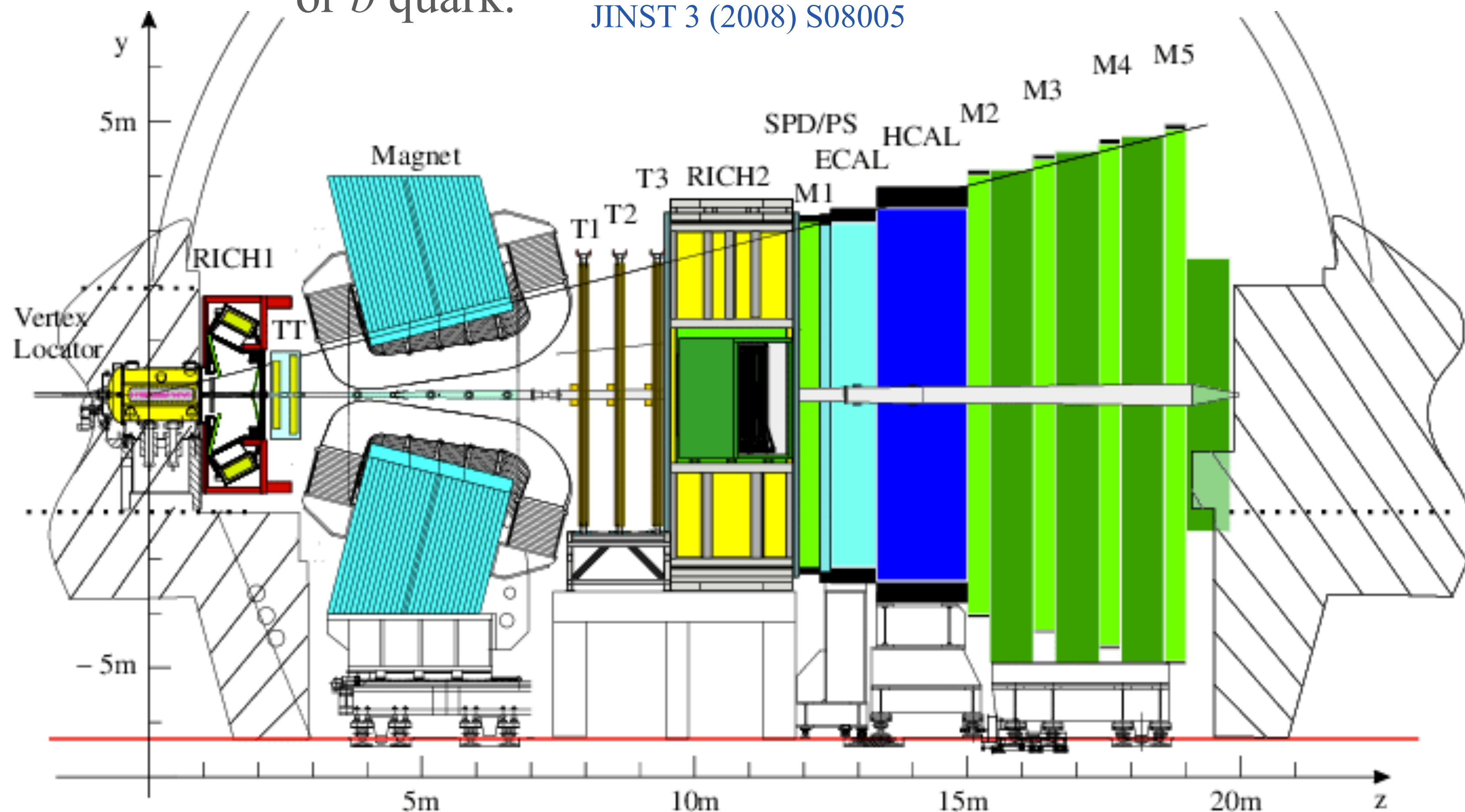
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LHCb detector

- Acceptance: $2 < \eta < 5$
- Vertex detector (VELO)
 - IP resolution $\sim 20\mu\text{m}$
- Tracking system
 - $\frac{\Delta p}{p} = 0.5 - 1\%$
(5-200 GeV/c)
- RICH
 - K/ π /p separation
- Electromagnetic + hadronic calorimeters
- Muon system
- Results presented in this talk are based on this configuration

- A single arm spectrometer in forward rapidity, optimized in measuring particles containing c or b quark.

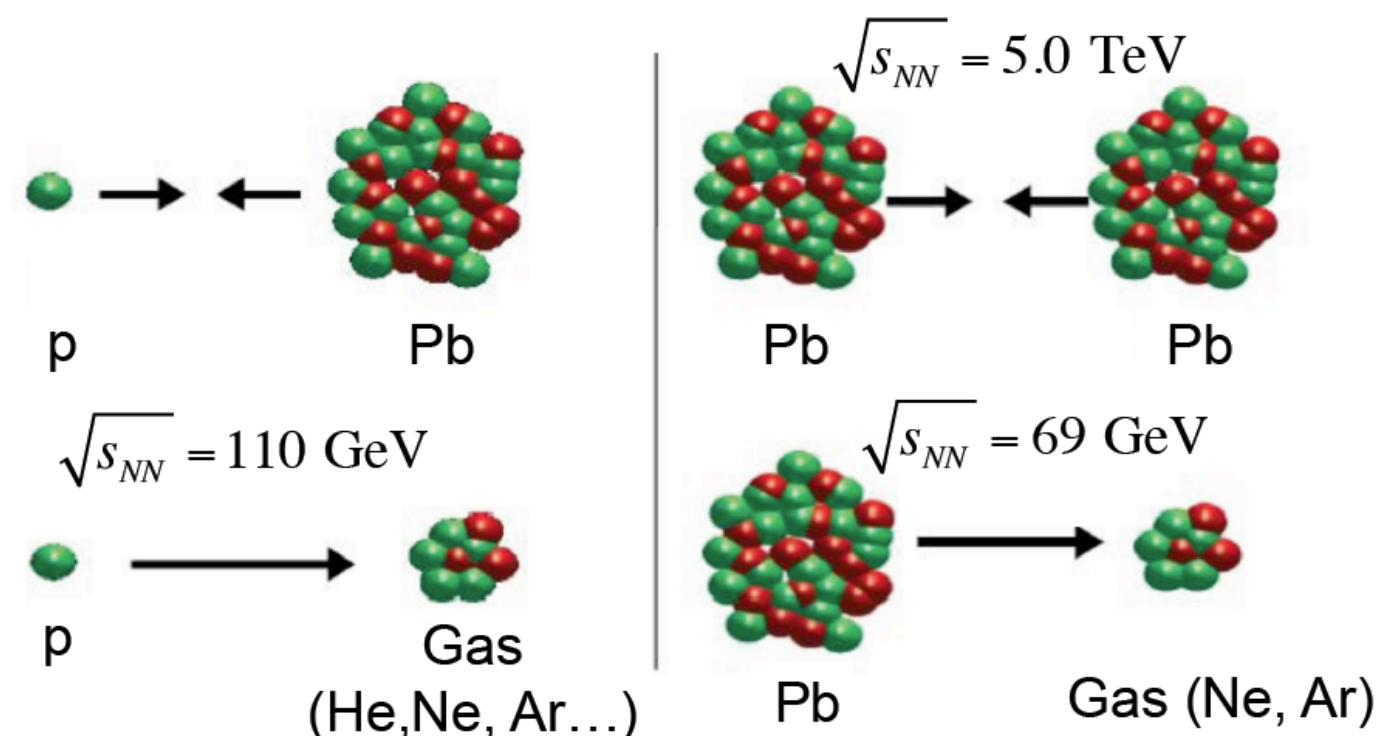
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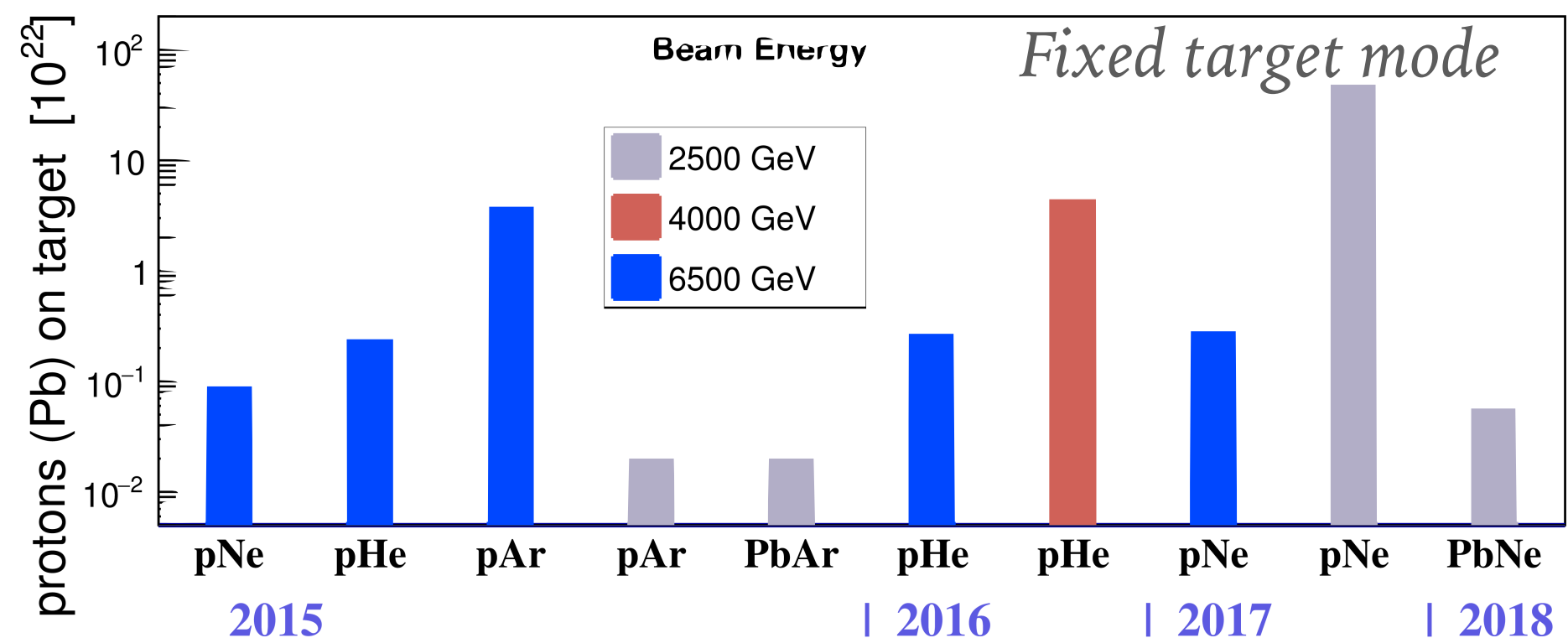
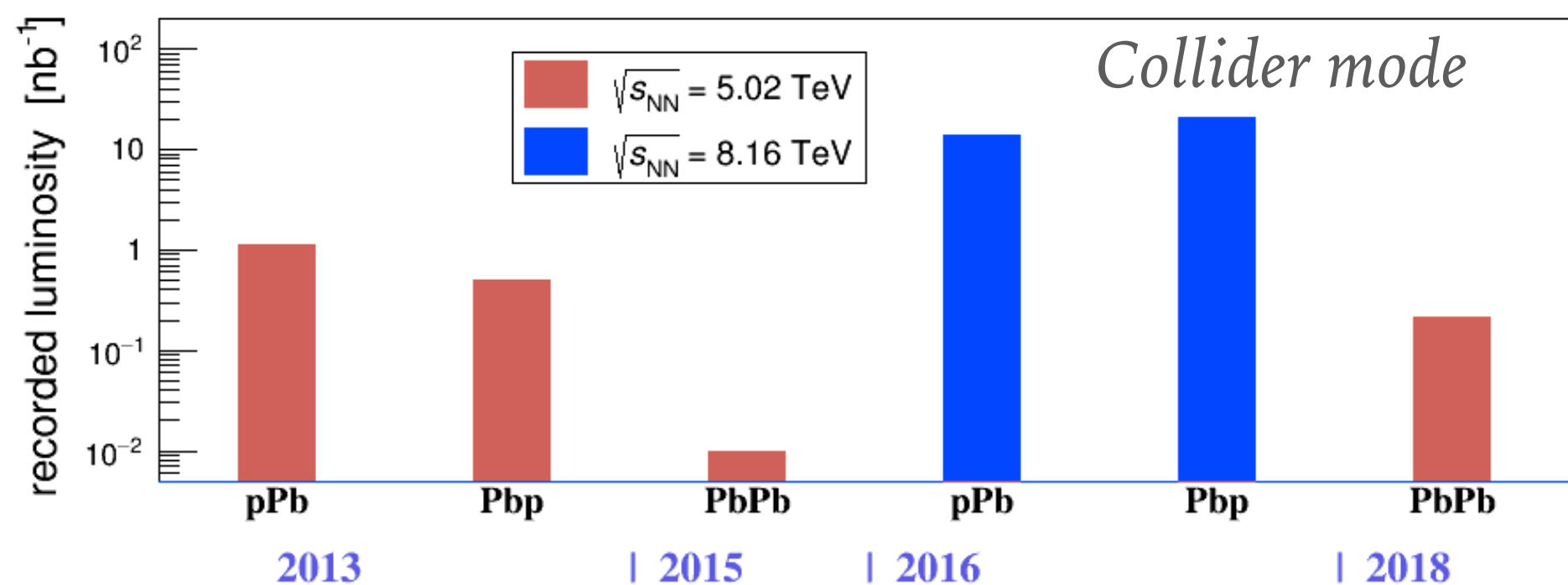
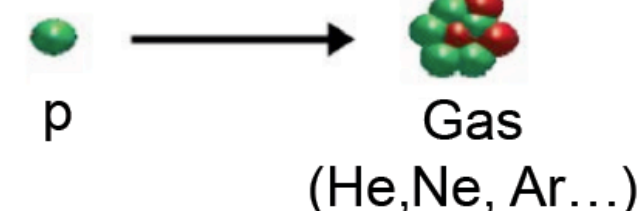
Already upgraded for Run3! more later

LHCb heavy ion collision modes and datasets

Collider mode



Fixed target mode



Collider mode

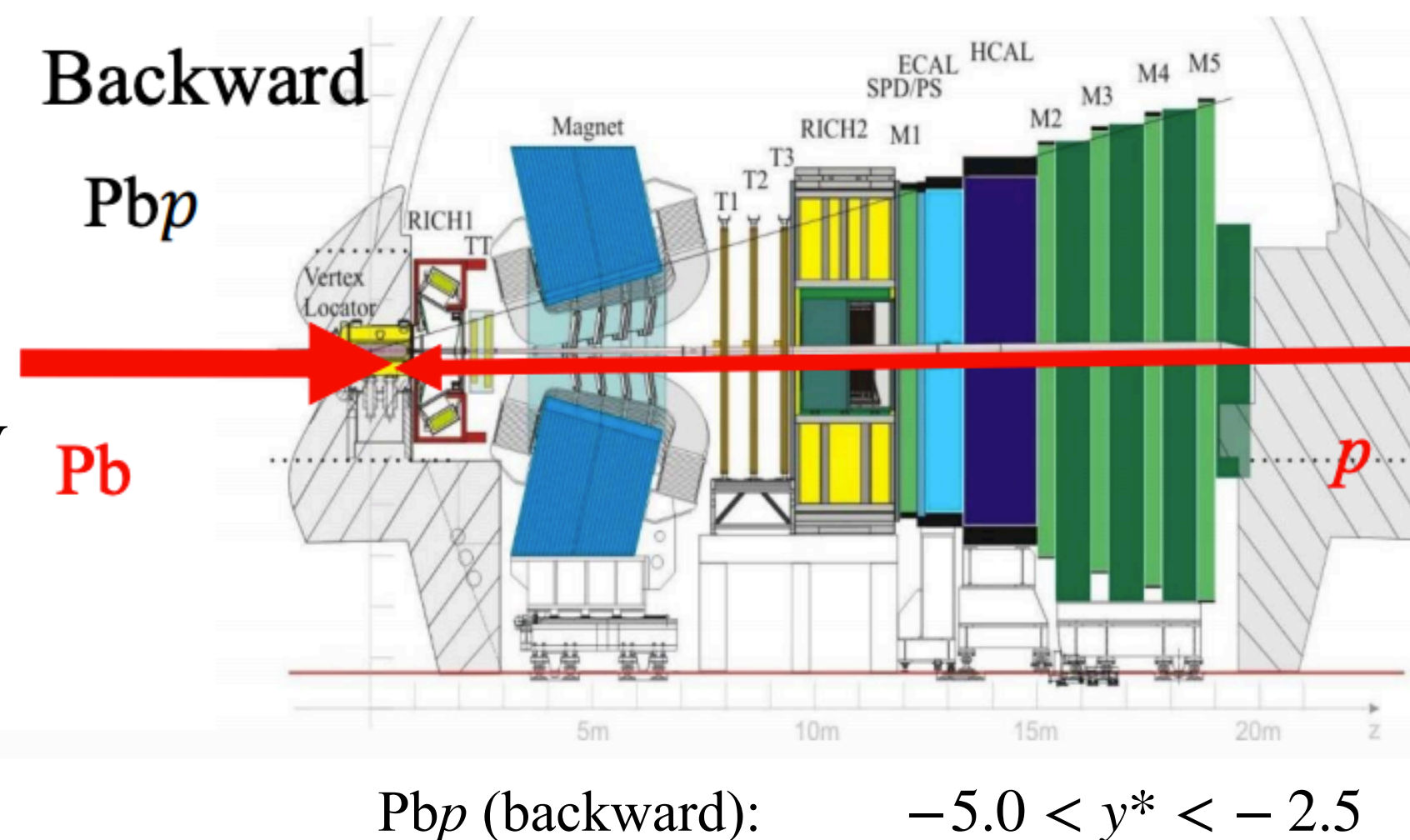
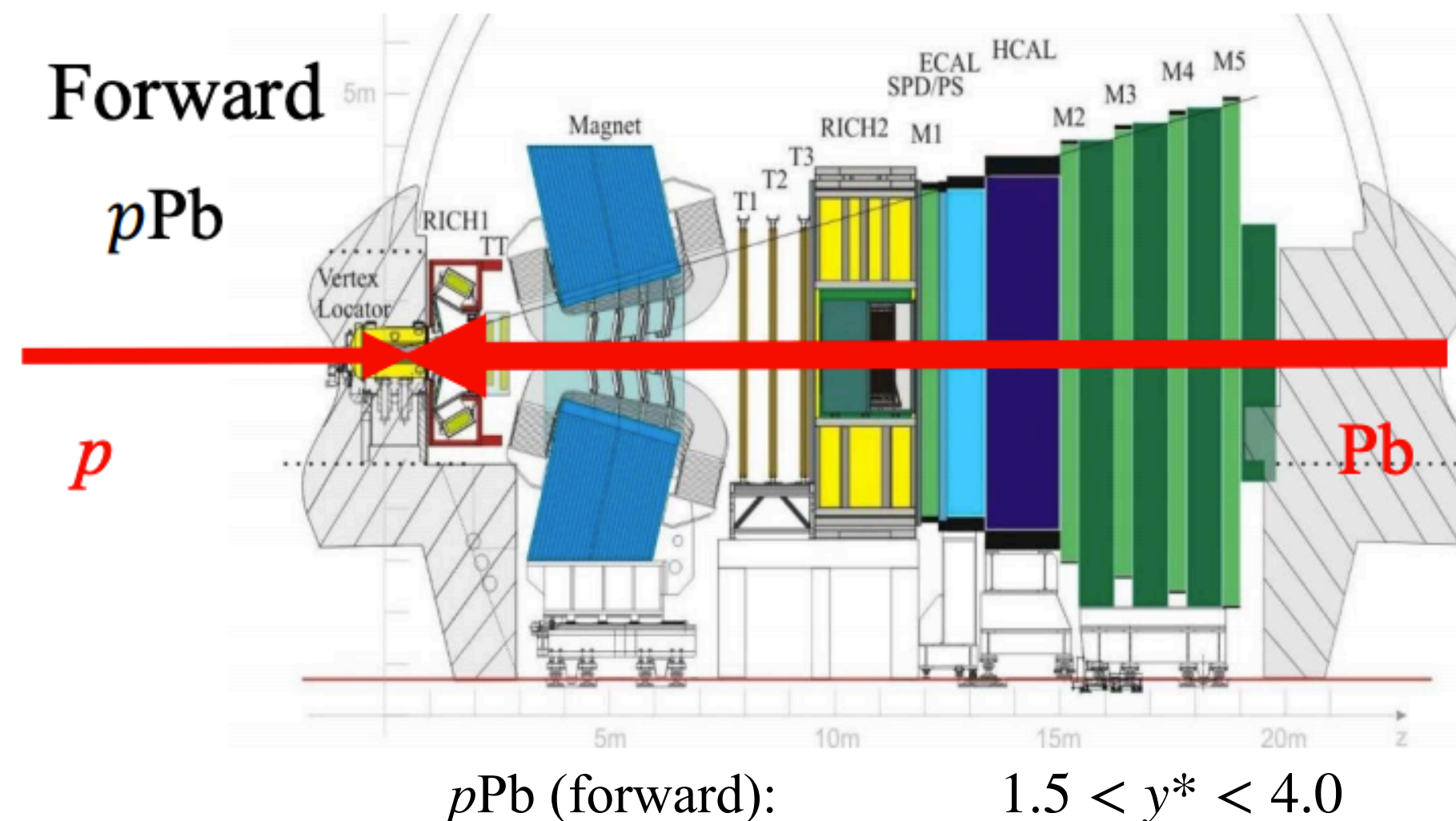
- pPb/Pbp:
 - 5.02 TeV and 8.16 TeV
- PbPb:
 - 5 TeV
 - centrality-limited to 60%

Fixed-target mode (SMOG)

- pHe, pNe, pAr: $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \sim 100$ GeV
- PbNe: $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \sim 68.6$ GeV

Collider mode rapidity coverage

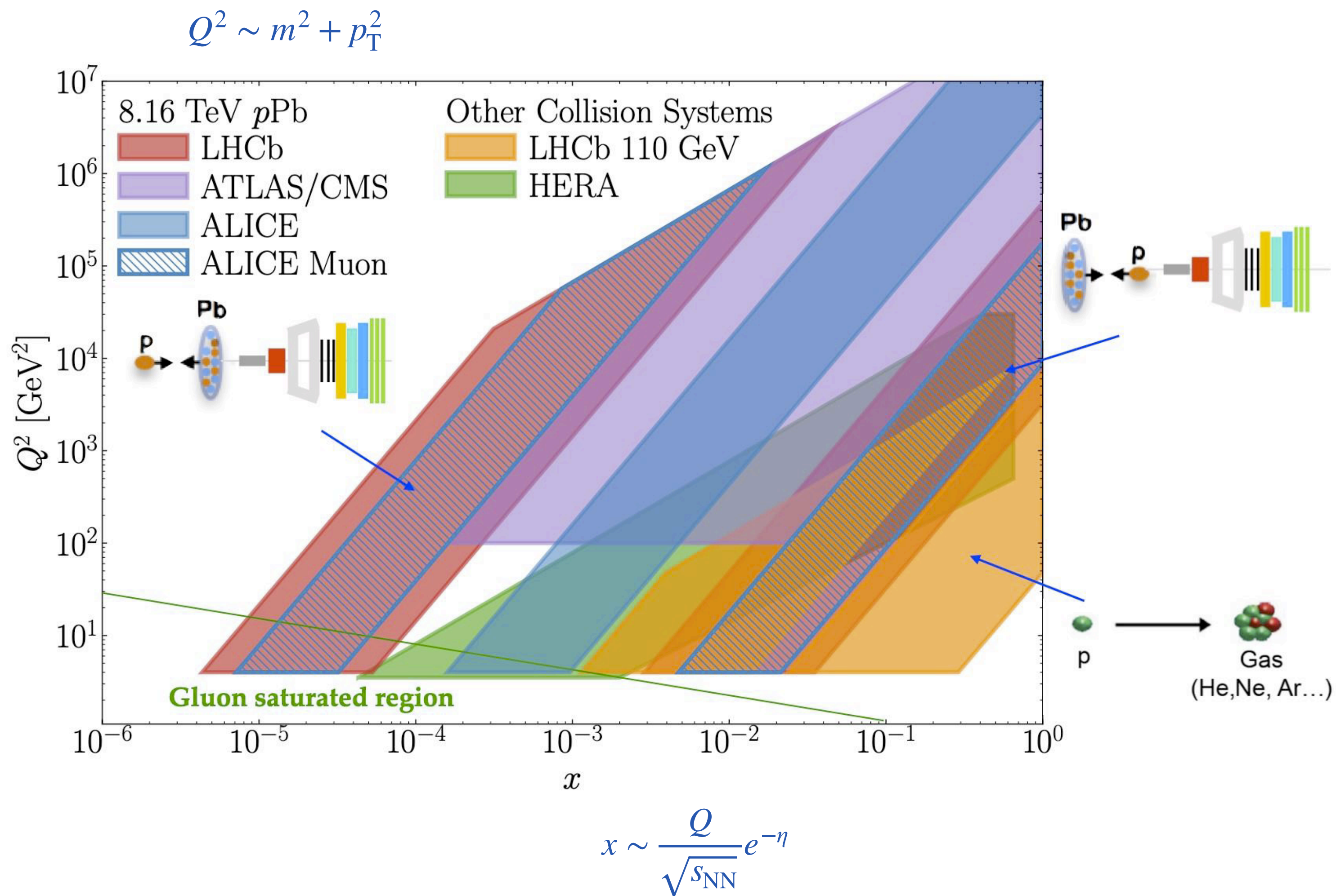
- y^* : rapidity in nucleon-nucleon cms



LHCb in heavy ion physics

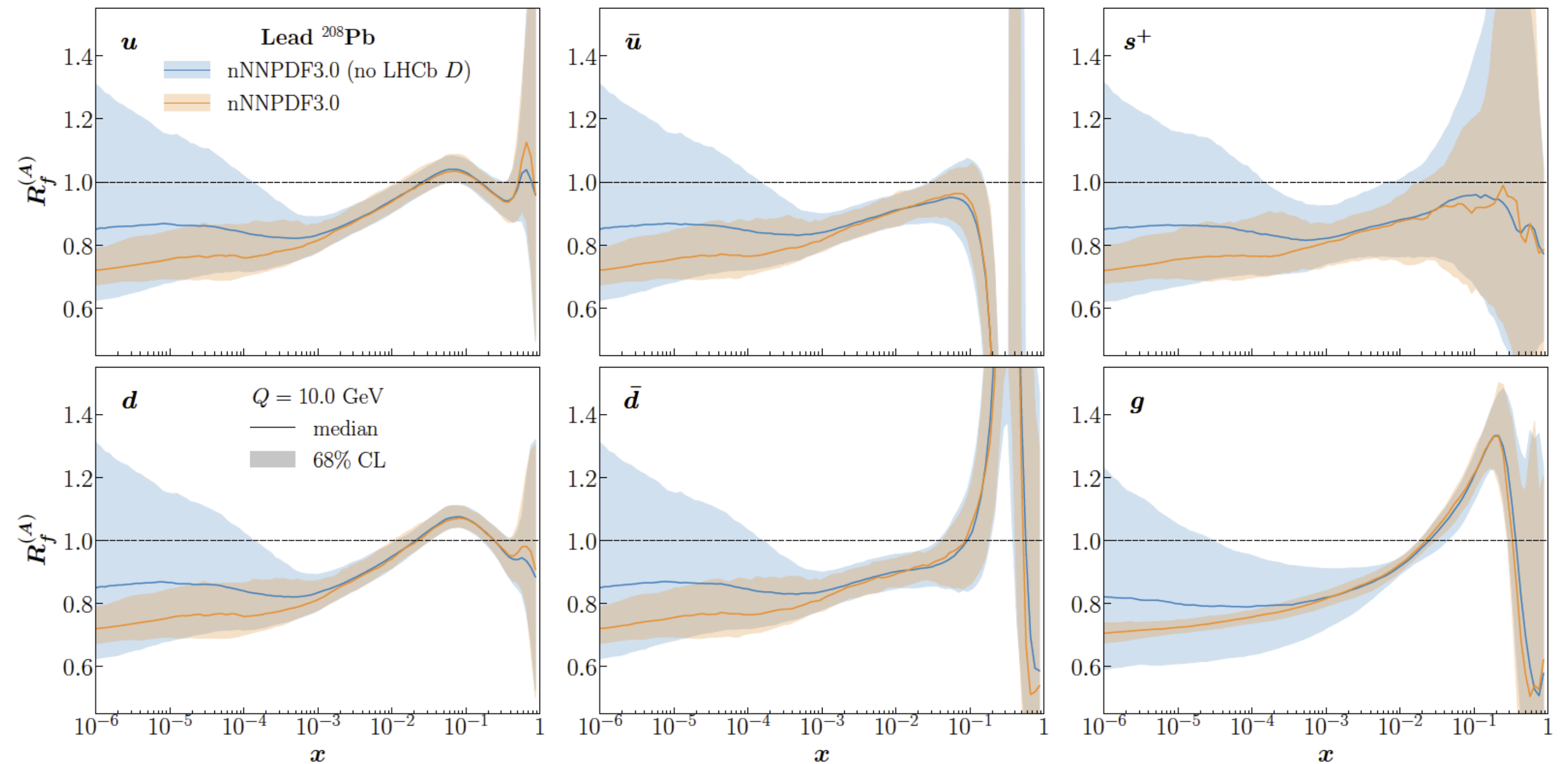
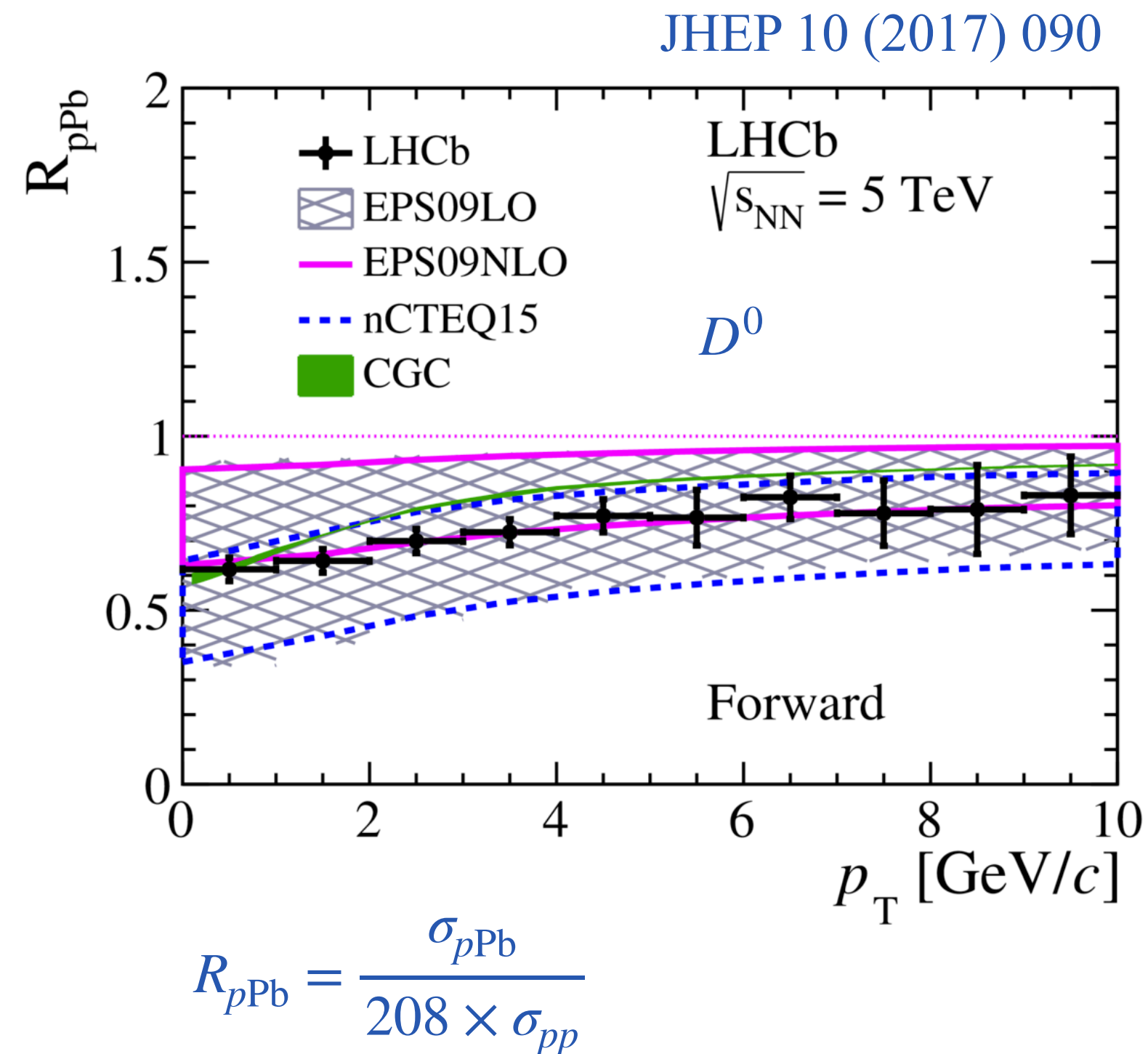
Collider mode centered

- Excellent for studying pp/pPb collisions
 - Constrain nPDF at small and large Bjorken- x
 - Probe gluon saturation in low x and low Q^2 region
 - Test hadronization mechanisms in medium
 - Study final state effects in medium
 - Search for possible QGP droplet formation in small systems
- Promising at PbPb with the upgrade!



An example

- nNNPDF3.0 [arXiv:2201.12363](https://arxiv.org/abs/2201.12363)
- LHCb measurement of prompt D^0 production in $p\text{Pb}$ collisions at 5 TeV makes an impressive impact on reducing nPDF uncertainty down to $x \sim 10^{-6}$



New heavy ion results in this talk

[Link to all publications \(with references\)](#)

- ***pp, pPb* results**
 - **Light flavor:**
 - charged hadron in *pPb* 5TeV PRL 128 (2022) 142004
 - π^0 production in *pPb* 8.16 TeV arXiv:2204.10608, submitted to PRL
 - **Open heavy flavor:**
 - prompt D^0 in *pPb* 8.16TeV LHCb-PAPER-2022-007, in preparation
 - *b*-hadrons in *pp* 13TeV arXiv:2204.13042, submitted to PRL
 - **Z boson** in *pPb* 8.16TeV LHCb-PAPER-2022-009, in preparation
 - **Exotica:** $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ in *pp* 8TeV and *pPb* 8.16TeV LHCb-CONF-2022-001
- **PbPb results**
 - Λ_c^+/D^0 ratio in PbPb collisions LHCb-PAPER-2021-046, in preparation
 - Quarkonia photoproduction in UPC collisions LHCb-PAPER-2022-012, in preparation
- **Fixed-target (SMOG) results**
 - Antiproton in *pHe* 110 GeV (detached) LHCb-PAPER-2022-006, in preparation
 - Charm production in *pNe* and *PbNe* at 68 GeV) LHCb-PAPER-2022-011, in preparation
LHCb-PAPER-2022-014, in preparation

► Inclusive prompt charged particle spectra shed light on the initial state of the collision

► LHCb probes unprecedented Bjorken- x range with forward coverage:

- Forward: $10^{-6} \leq x \leq 10^{-4}$
- Backward: $10^{-3} \leq x \leq 10^{-1}$

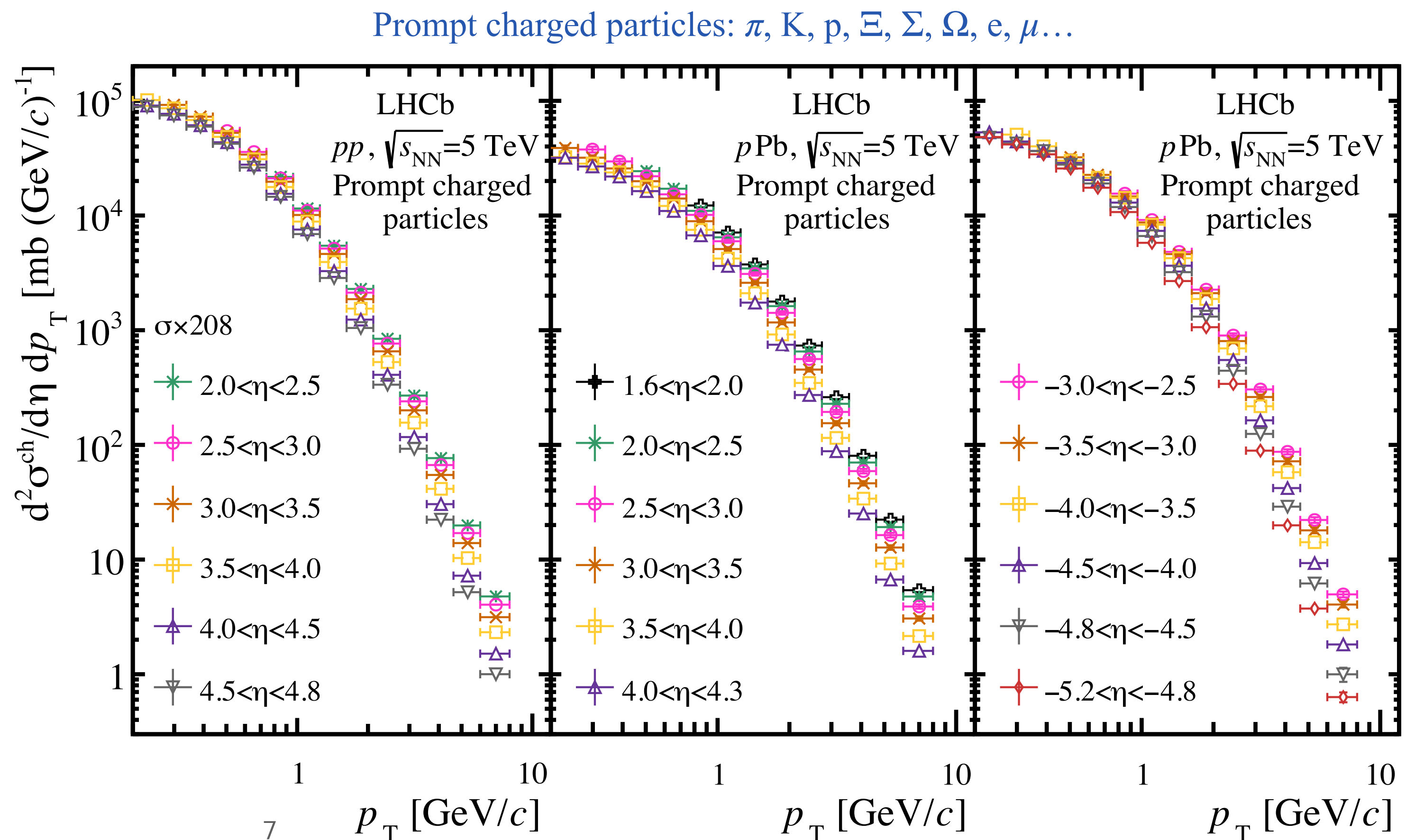
► Prompt charged particle yields measured with tracking system

► Kinematic coverage:

- $p > 2\text{GeV}/c, 0.2 < p_T < 8\text{GeV}/c$
- pp : $2 < \eta < 4.8$
- $p\text{Pb}$: $1.6 < \eta < 4.3$
- $\text{Pb}p$: $-5.2 < \eta < -2.5$

► Total uncertainty

- Down to 2.8% in $d^2\sigma/d\eta dp_T$
- Down to 4.2% in $R_{p\text{Pb}}$

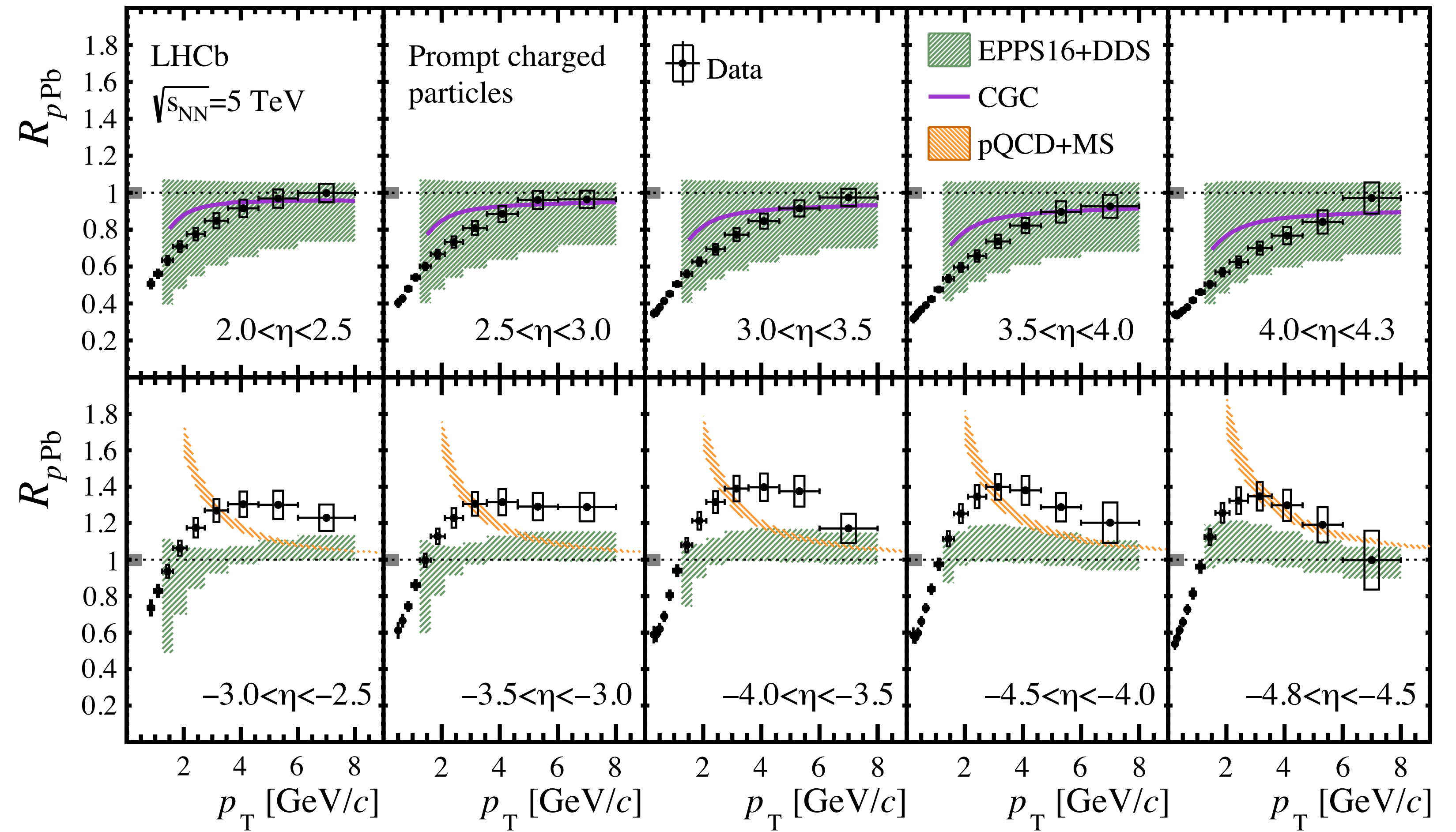


- Nuclear modification factor:

$$R_{p\text{Pb}} = \frac{1}{A} \frac{d^2\sigma_{p\text{Pb}}(\eta, p_T)/d\eta dp_T}{d^2\sigma_{pp}(\eta, p_T)/d\eta dp_T}$$

$$A = 208$$

- Strong suppression at forward rapidity
- Enhancement at backward rapidity for $p_T > 1.5\text{GeV}/c$
- pQCD+Multiple Scattering model can describe PHENIX backward data, but is unable to reproduce backward data from this measurement
- **No model can successfully describe the data across the full rapidity range**



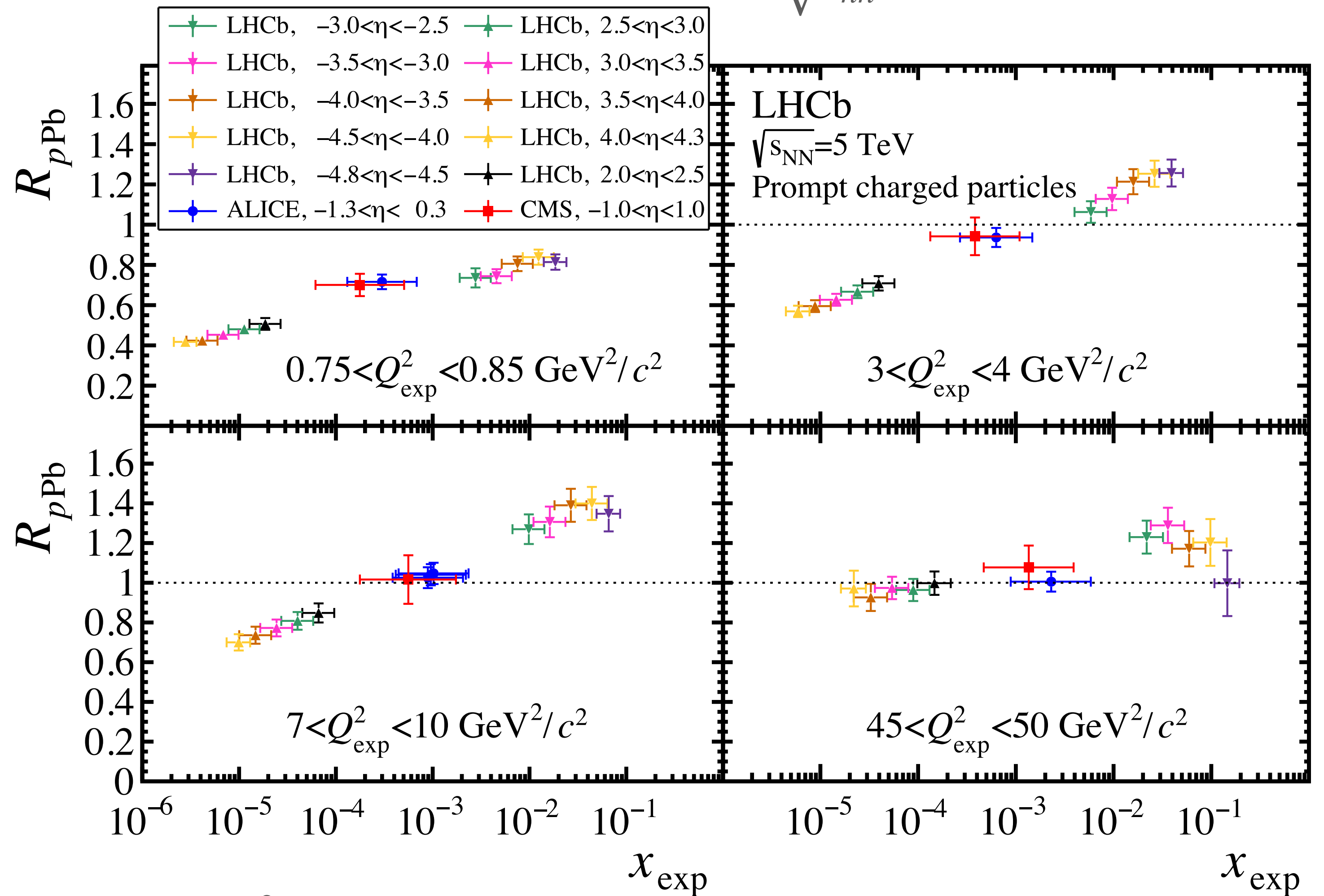
$R_{p\text{Pb}}$ vs. x_{exp}

ALICE: JHEP1811(2018)013

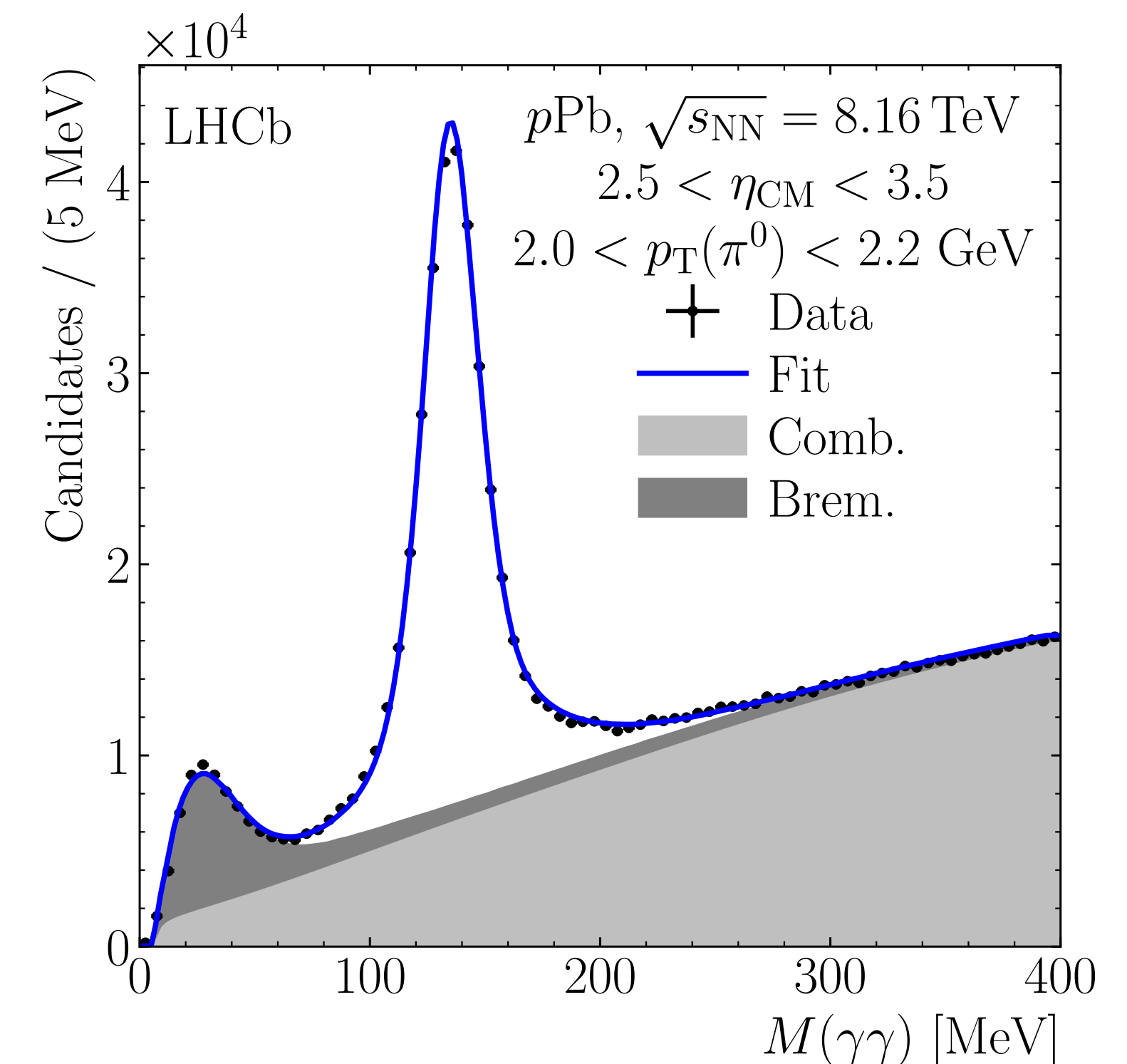
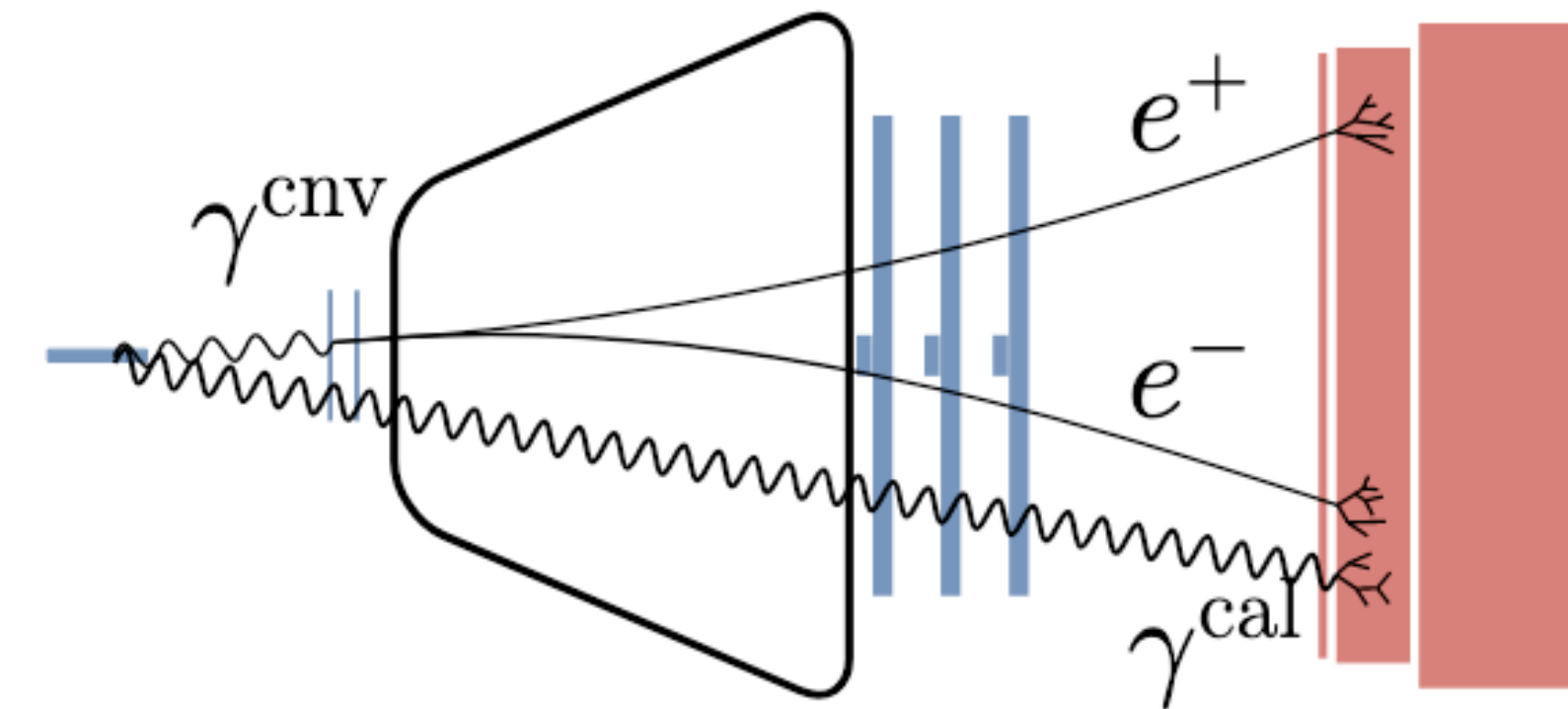
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$$Q_{\text{exp}}^2 \equiv m^2 + p_{\text{T}}^2 \quad x_{\text{exp}} \equiv \frac{Q_{\text{exp}}}{\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}}} e^{-\eta}$$

- Auxiliary variables x_{exp} and Q_{exp}^2
 - η and p_{T} the center of each bin
 - $m = 256 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
 - Indirect study of the evolution of $R_{p\text{Pb}}$ with x and Q^2
- Continuous trend of $R_{p\text{Pb}}$ with x_{exp} at different Q_{exp}^2 across forward, middle and backward rapidity regions.



- First π^0 result in forward rapidity at LHC.
- π^0 production in $p\text{Pb}$ sensitive to nPDF at low and high x
- By constraining nPDFs, study nuclear effects beyond nPDFs
- Charged hadron in $p\text{Pb}$: large enhancement at backward rapidities
- Disentangle effects from different hadrons, help differentiate between contributions from nPDFs, initial state multiple scattering and final-state effects
- **Gateway to direct photon production measurement**
- Construct $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma^{cnv} \gamma^{cal}$
- $1.5 < p_T < 10.0 \text{ GeV}/c$
- $p\text{Pb}$: $2.5 < \eta_{CM} < 3.5$; $\text{Pb}p$: $-4.0 < \eta_{CM} < -3.0$

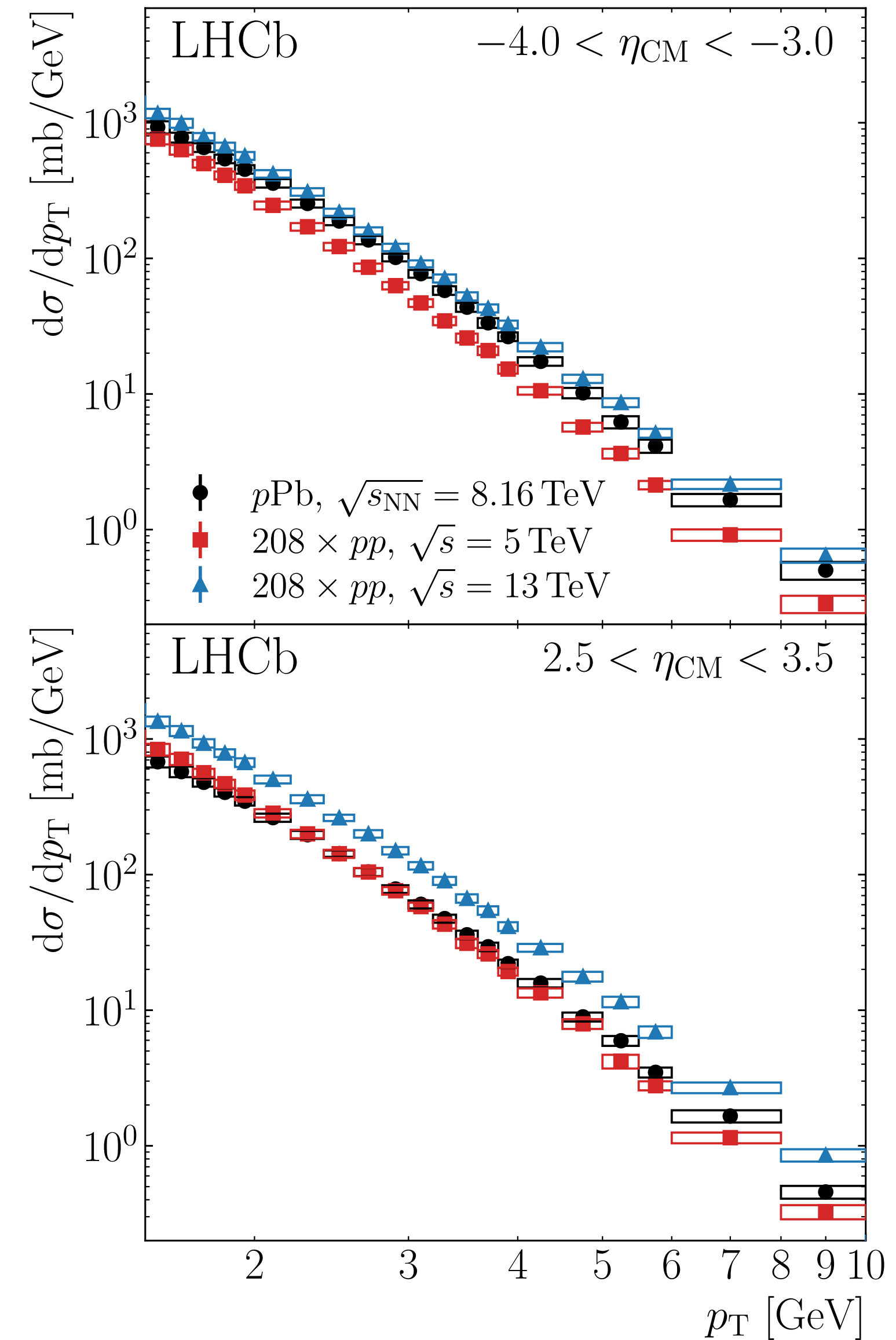


π^0 production in $p\text{Pb}$ collisions at 8.16 TeV

π^0 differential cross-sections

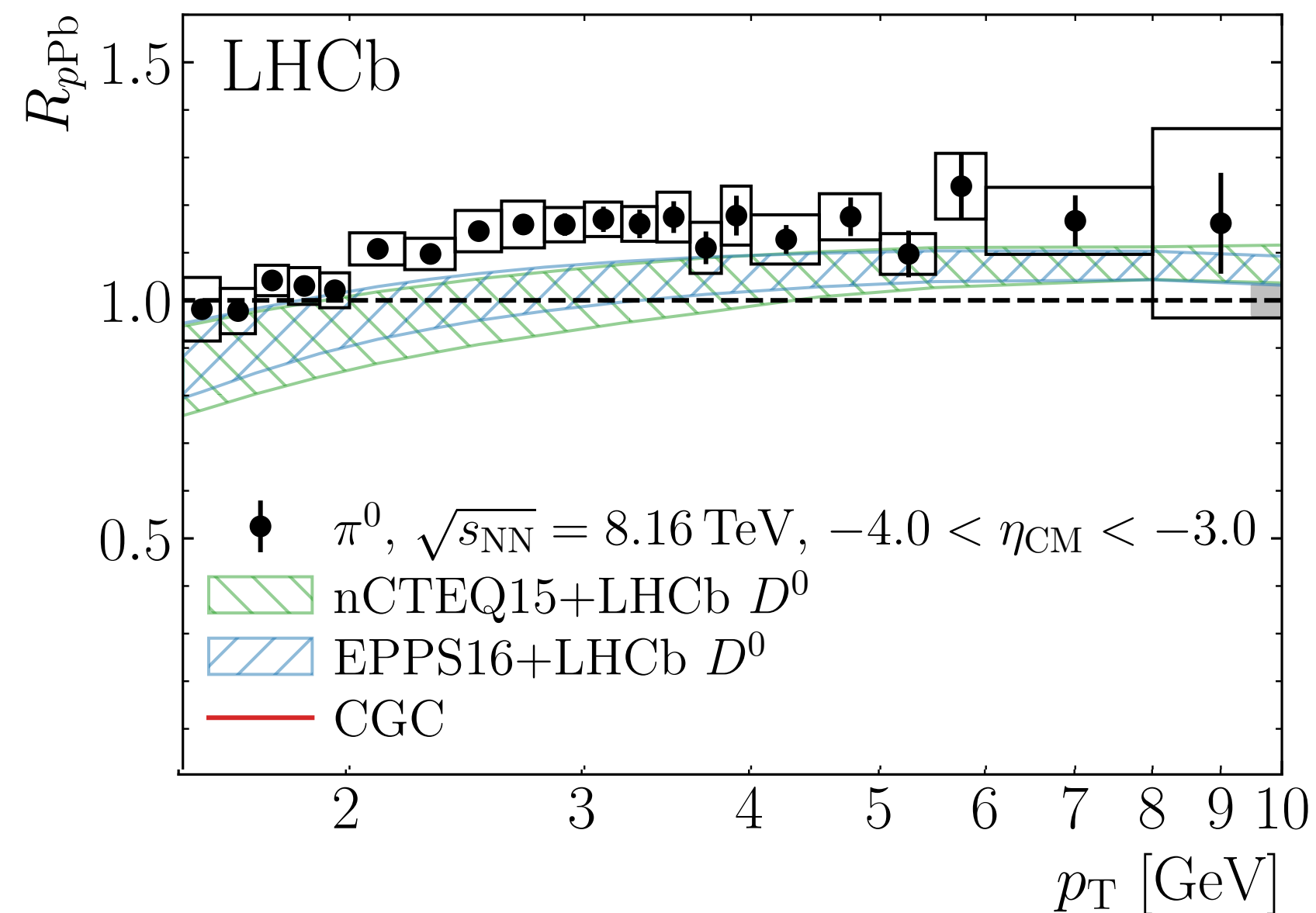
- pp reference for $R_{p\text{Pb}}$: interpolation between 5 and 13 TeV

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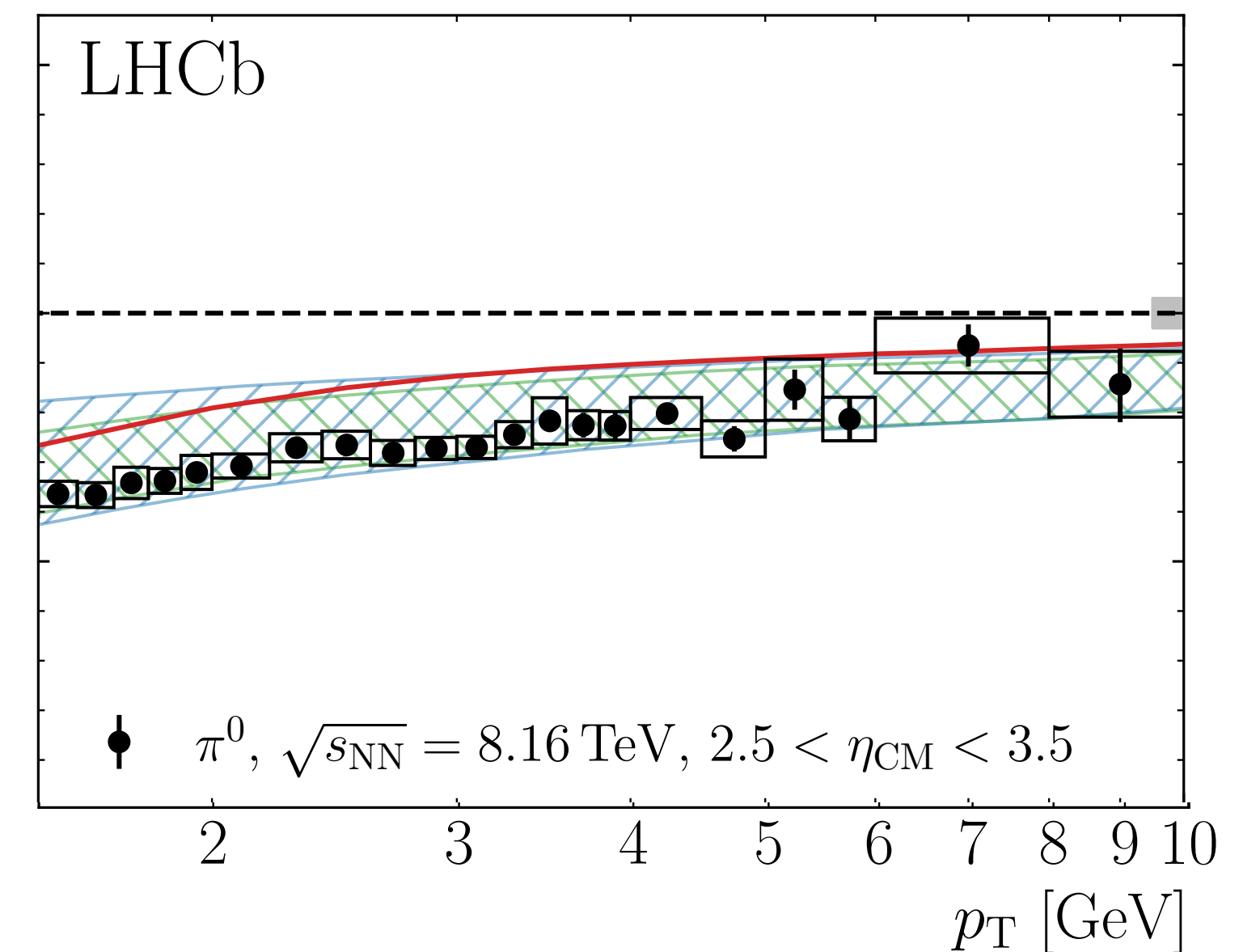


- pp reference: interpolation between 5 and 13 TeV
- Forward ($p\text{Pb}$):
 - Strong suppression
 - Data smaller uncertainties than the nPDF uncertainties
 - Lower than CGC calculation
- Backward ($\text{Pb}p$):
 - Cronin-like enhancement
 - Larger than nPDF calculations, similar to the charged hadron result

Backward rapidity



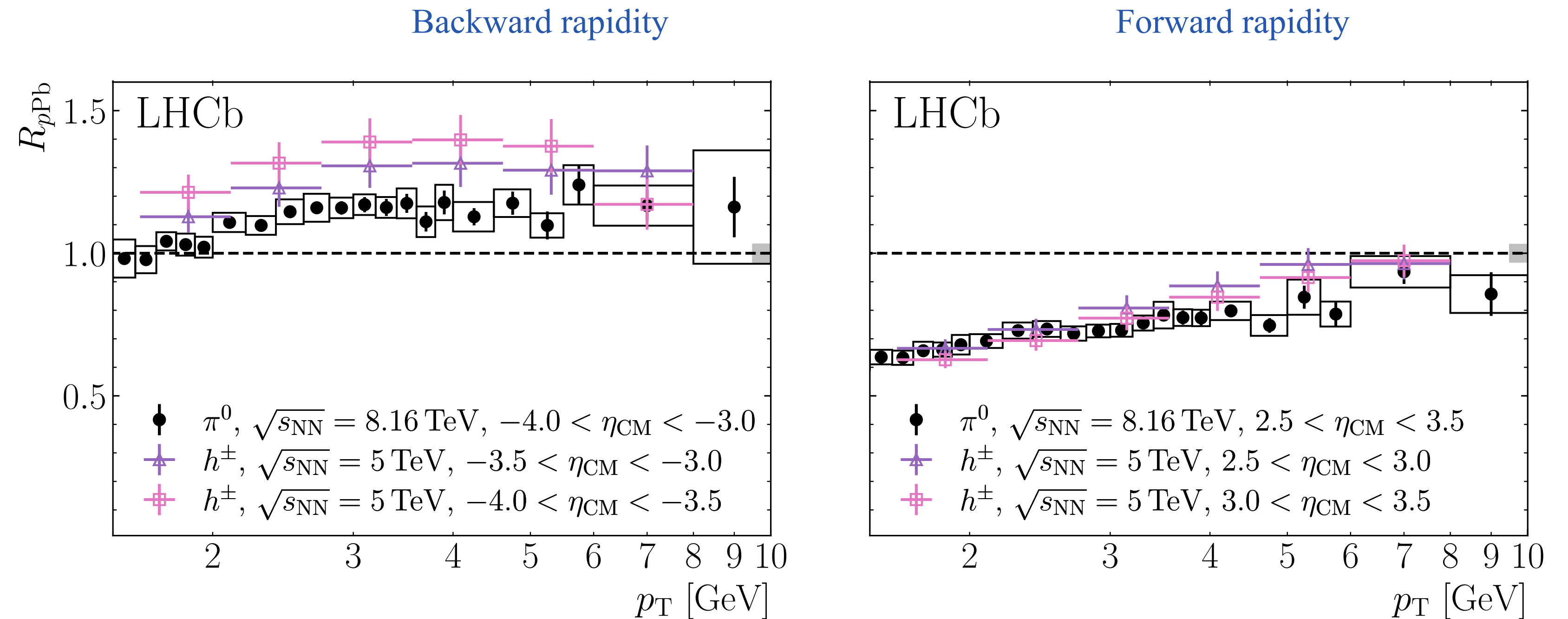
Forward rapidity



$$R_{p\text{Pb}} = \frac{\sigma_{p\text{Pb}}}{208 \times \sigma_{pp}}$$

Nuclear modification factor $R_{p\text{Pb}}$

- pp reference: interpolation between 5 and 13 TeV
- Forward ($p\text{Pb}$):
 - Consistent with charged hadron result
- Backward ($\text{Pb}p$):
 - Enhancement less pronounced than charged hadrons
 - Indicating a mass-ordering effect

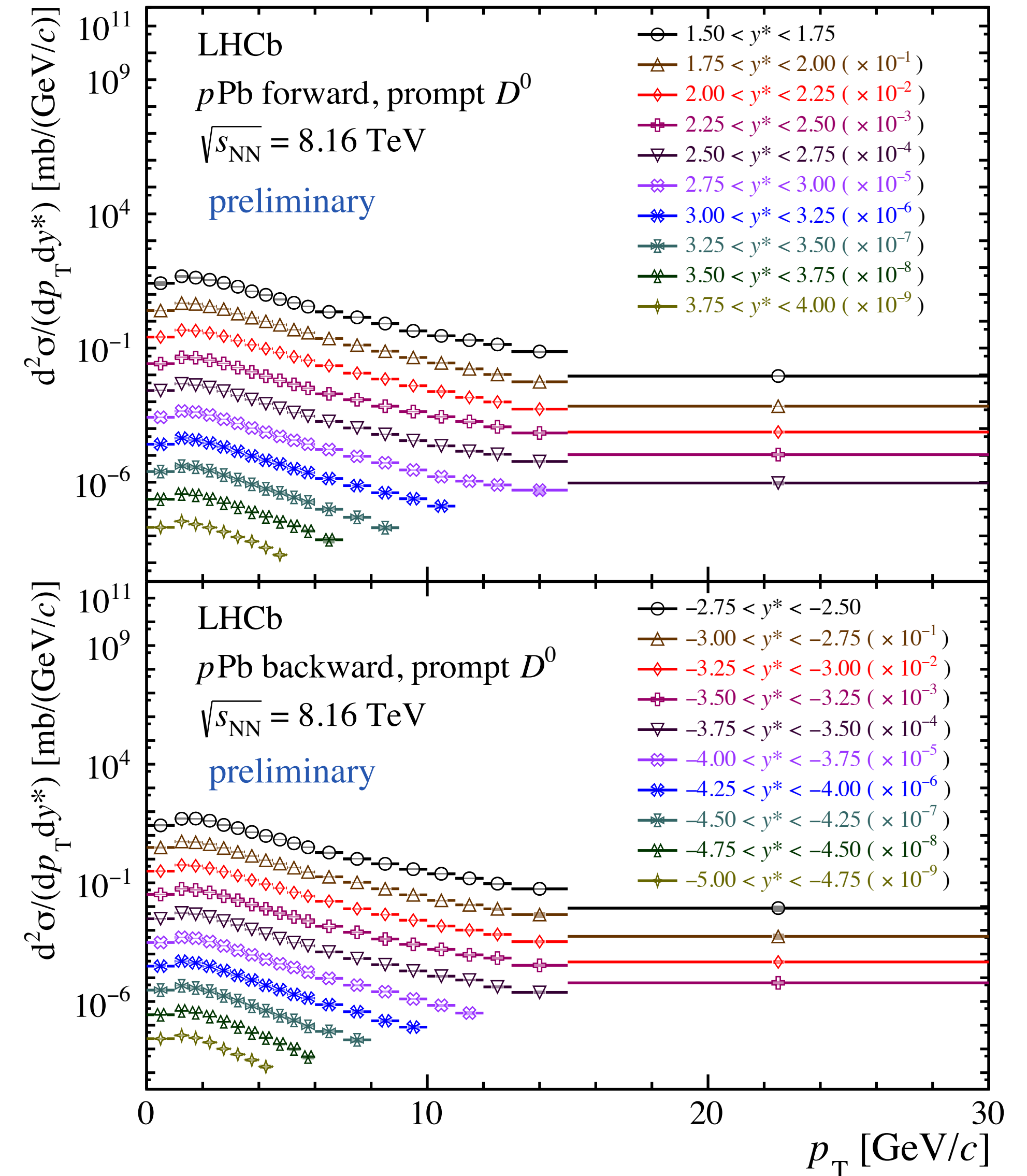
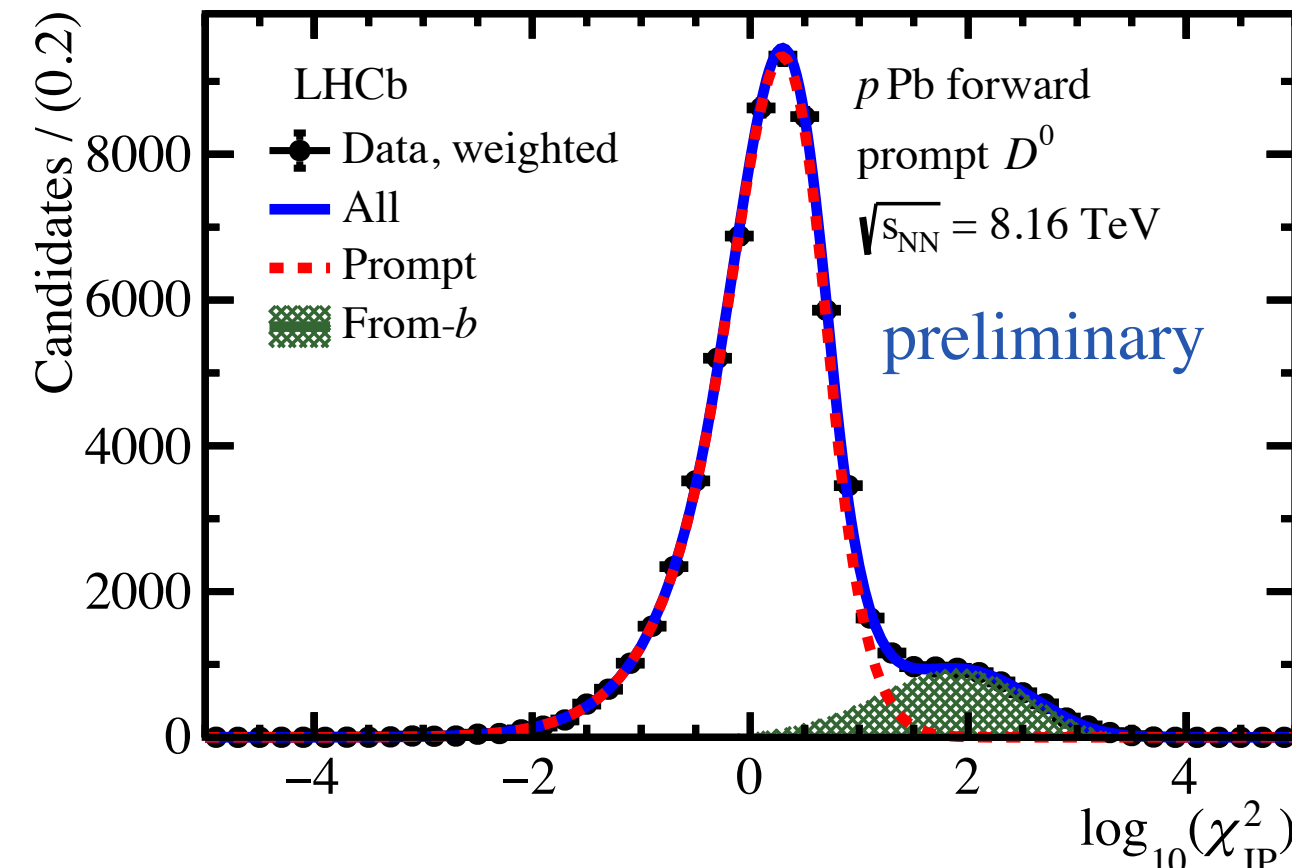
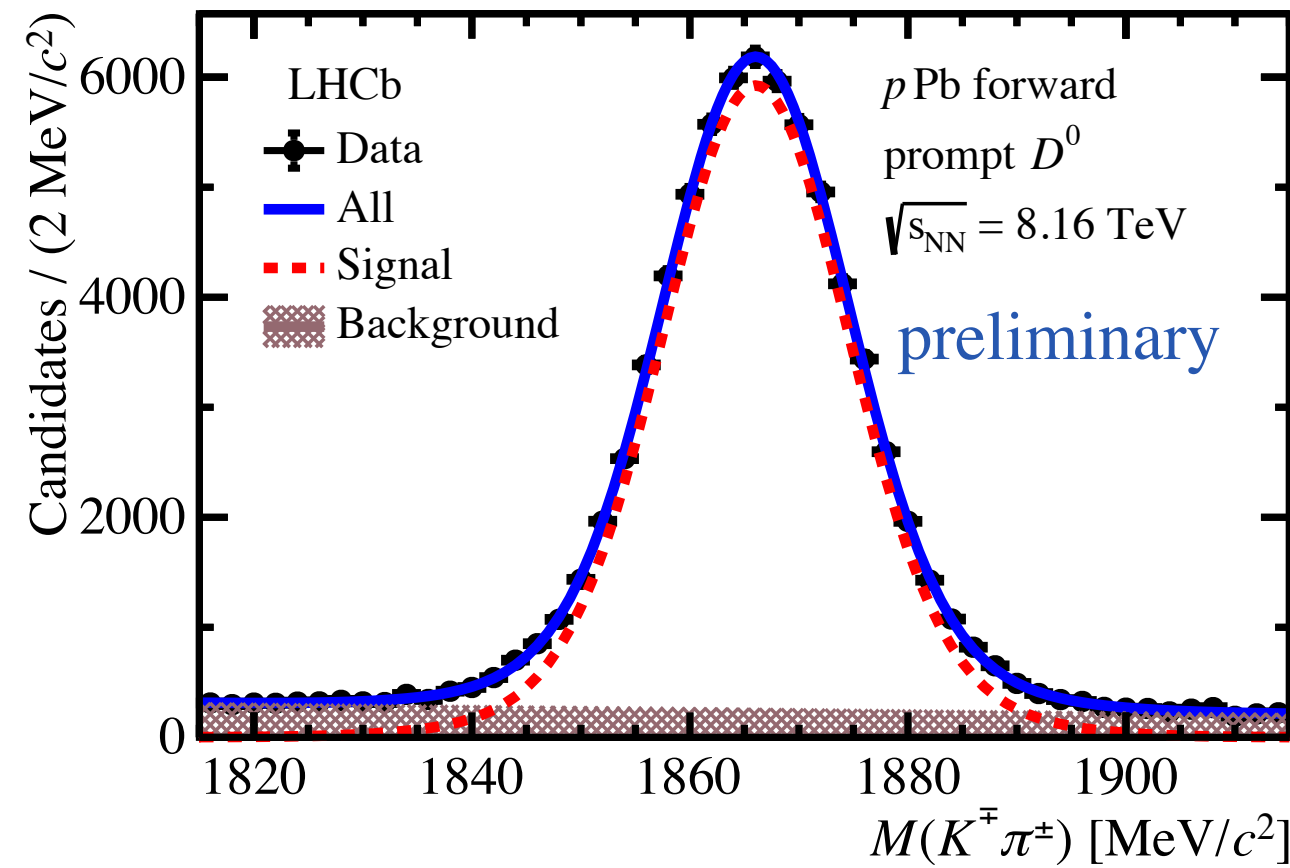


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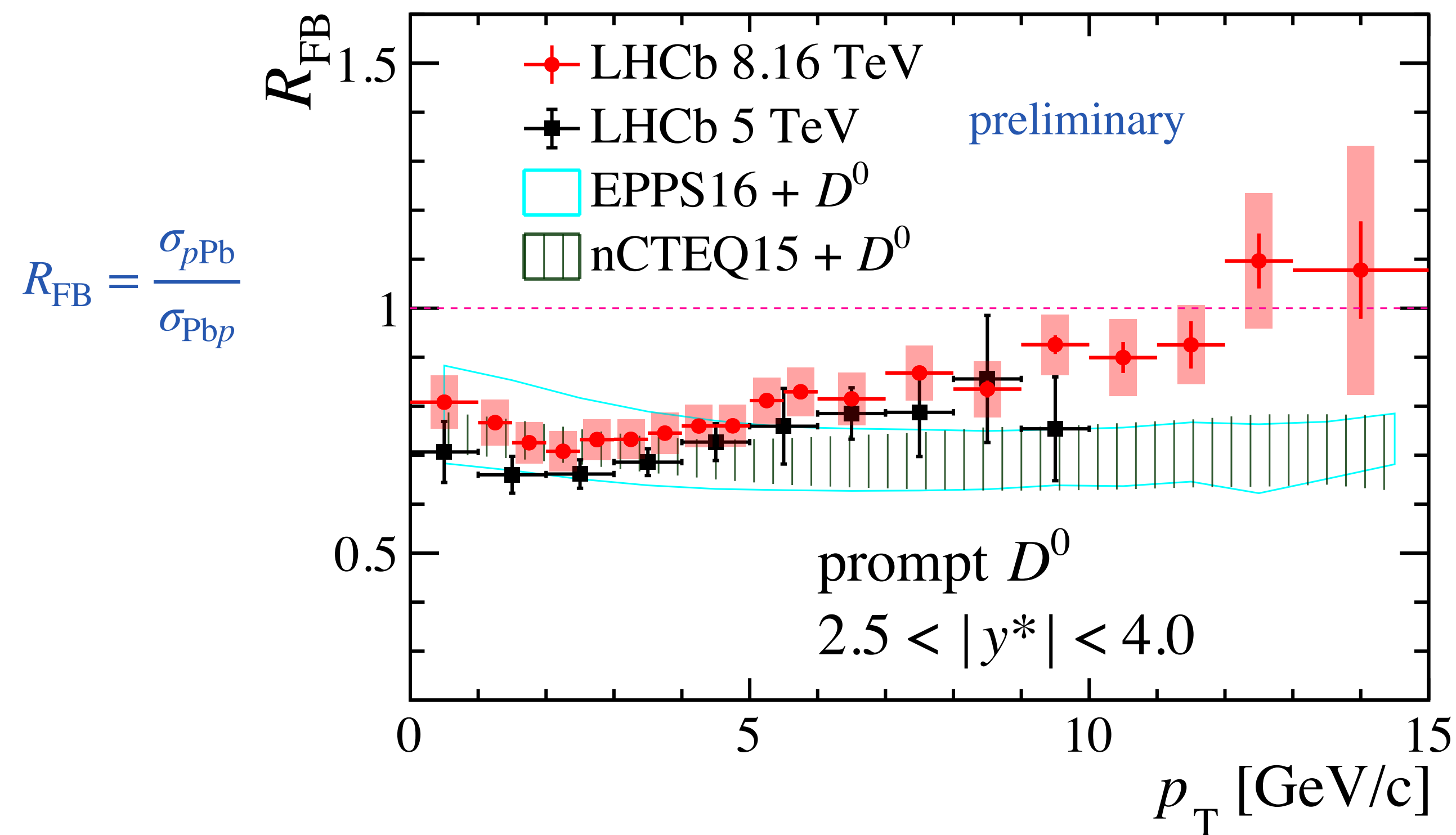
Prompt D^0 production in p Pb collisions at 8.16 TeV

signals and differential cross-section

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- Precise measurement of prompt D^0 production in p Pb collisions
- 20 times larger statistics than previous LHCb D^0 result at 5 TeV
- $D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$
- Use impact parameter to separate the prompt and b -decay components
- $0 < p_T < 30 \text{ GeV}/c$
- p Pb: $1.5 < y < 4.0$; Pbp: $-5.0 < y < -2.5$

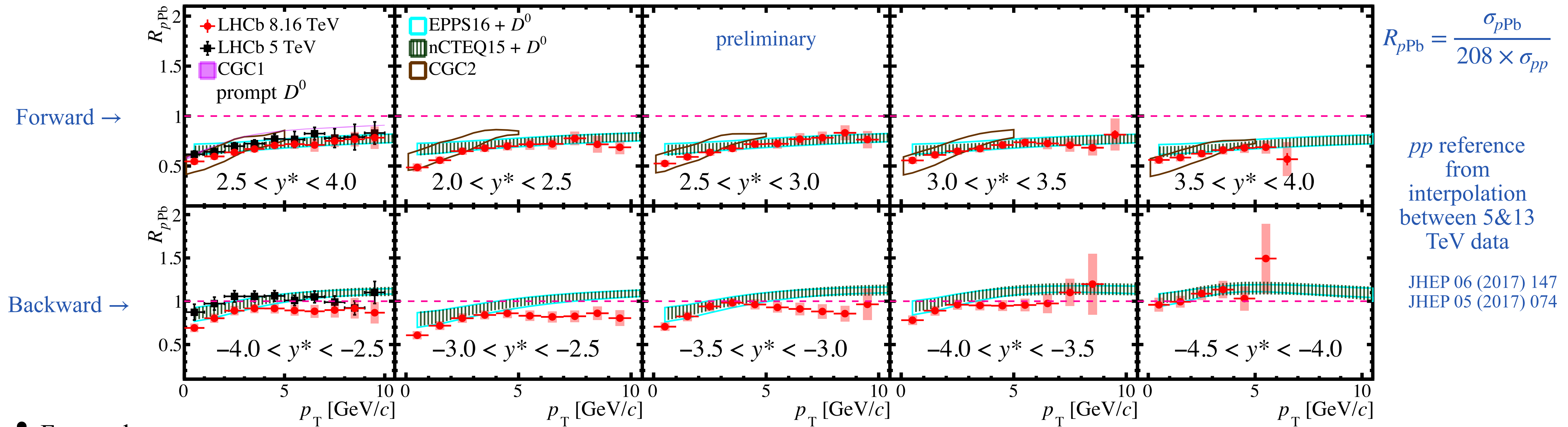


- Forward-backward production ratio R_{FB}
 - Low p_{T} : **consistent with nPDF expectations**
 - High p_{T} : **data > nPDF**

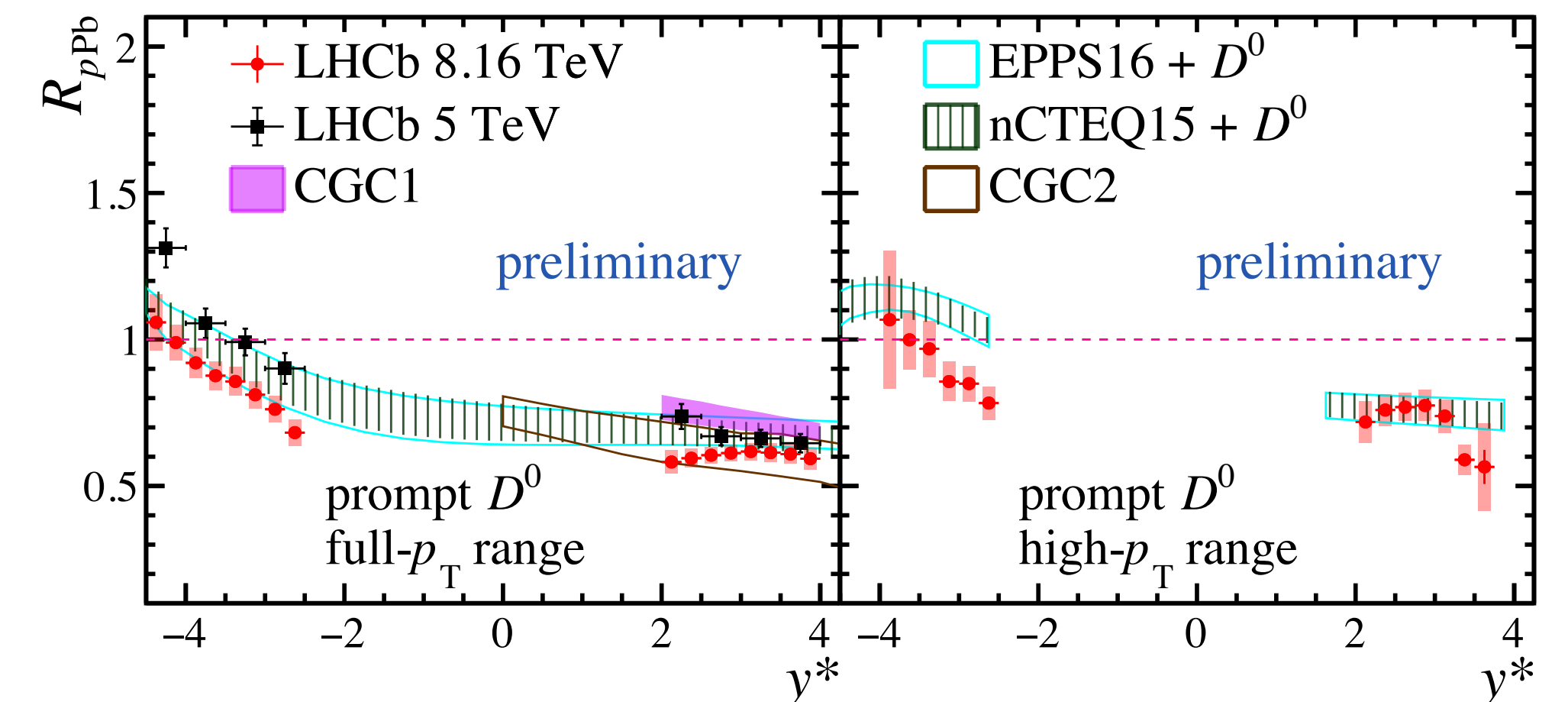
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Nuclear modification factor

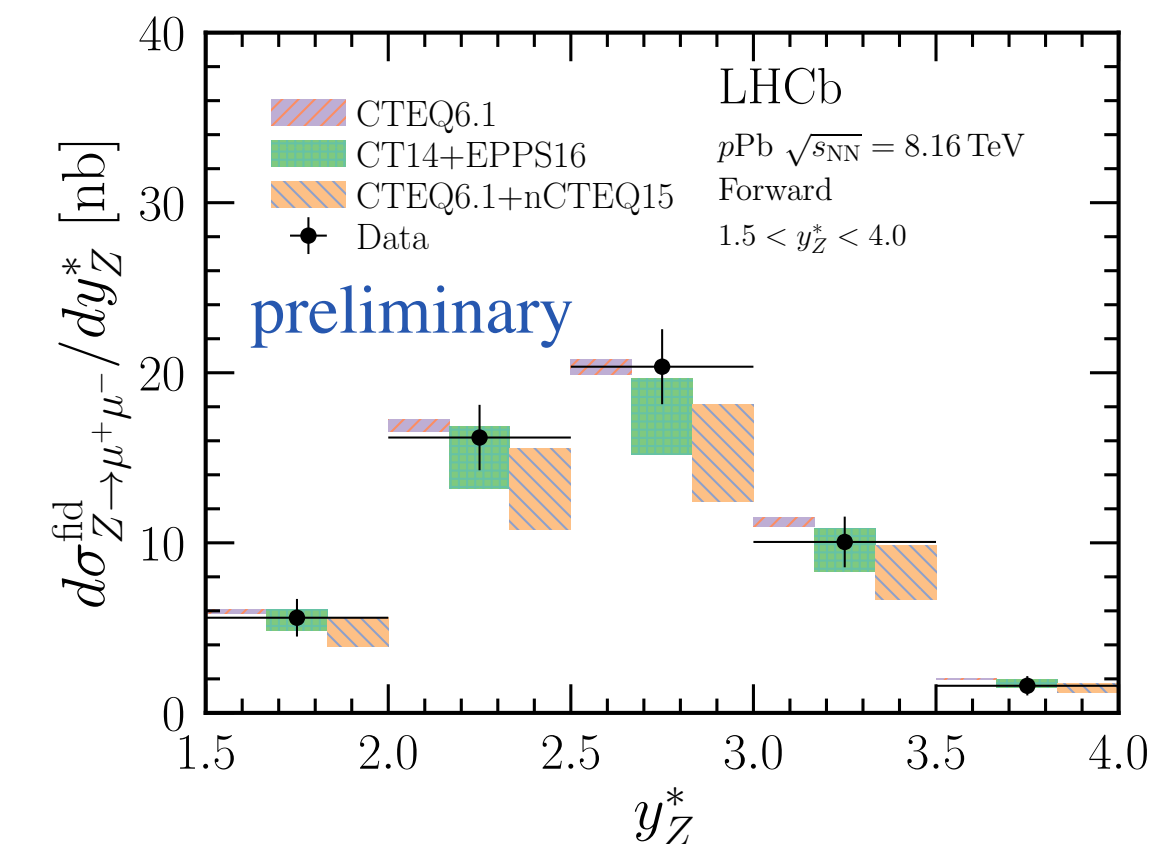
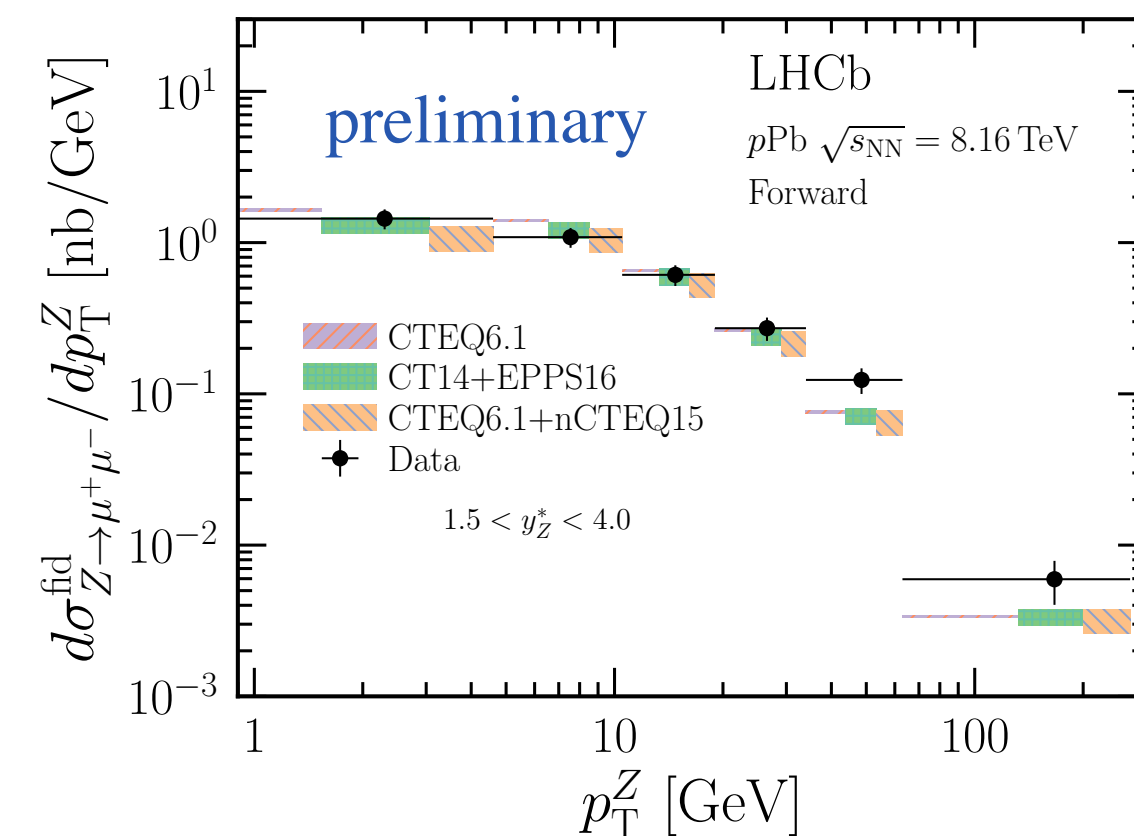
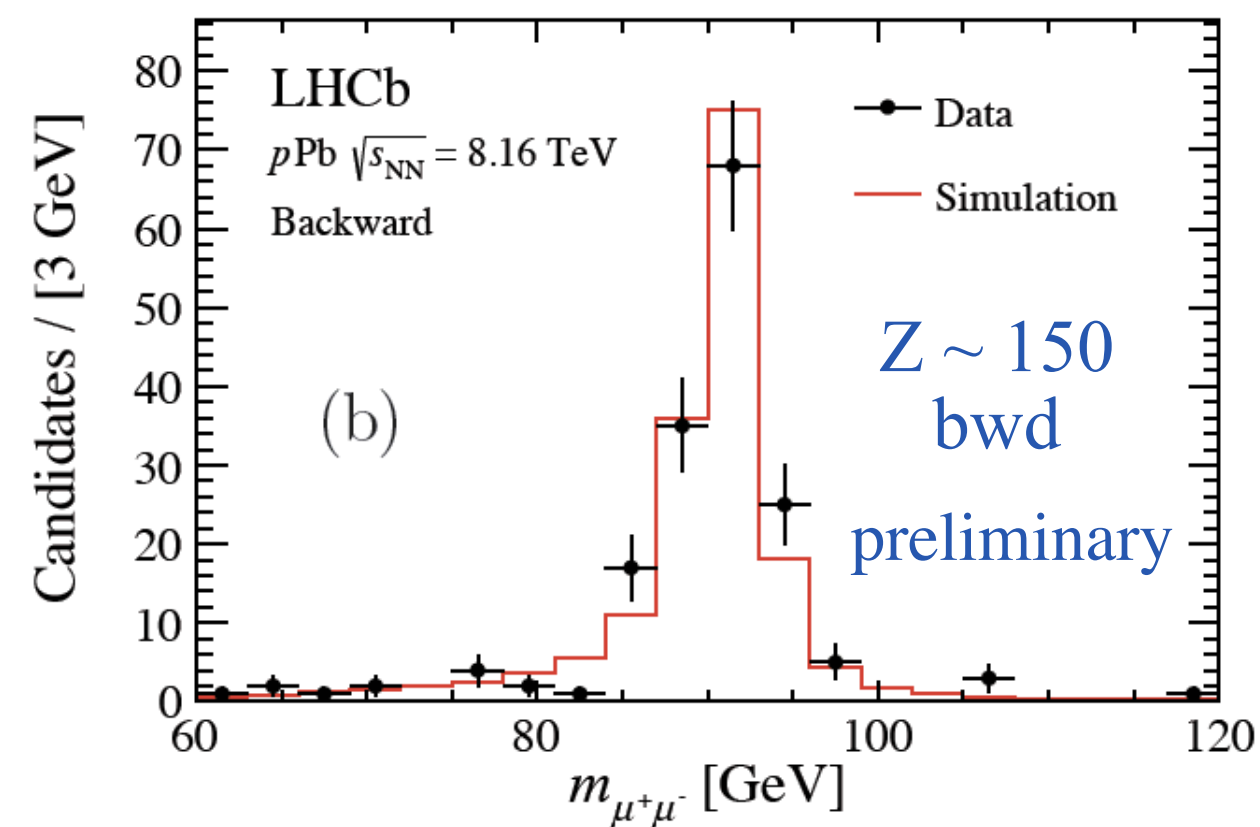
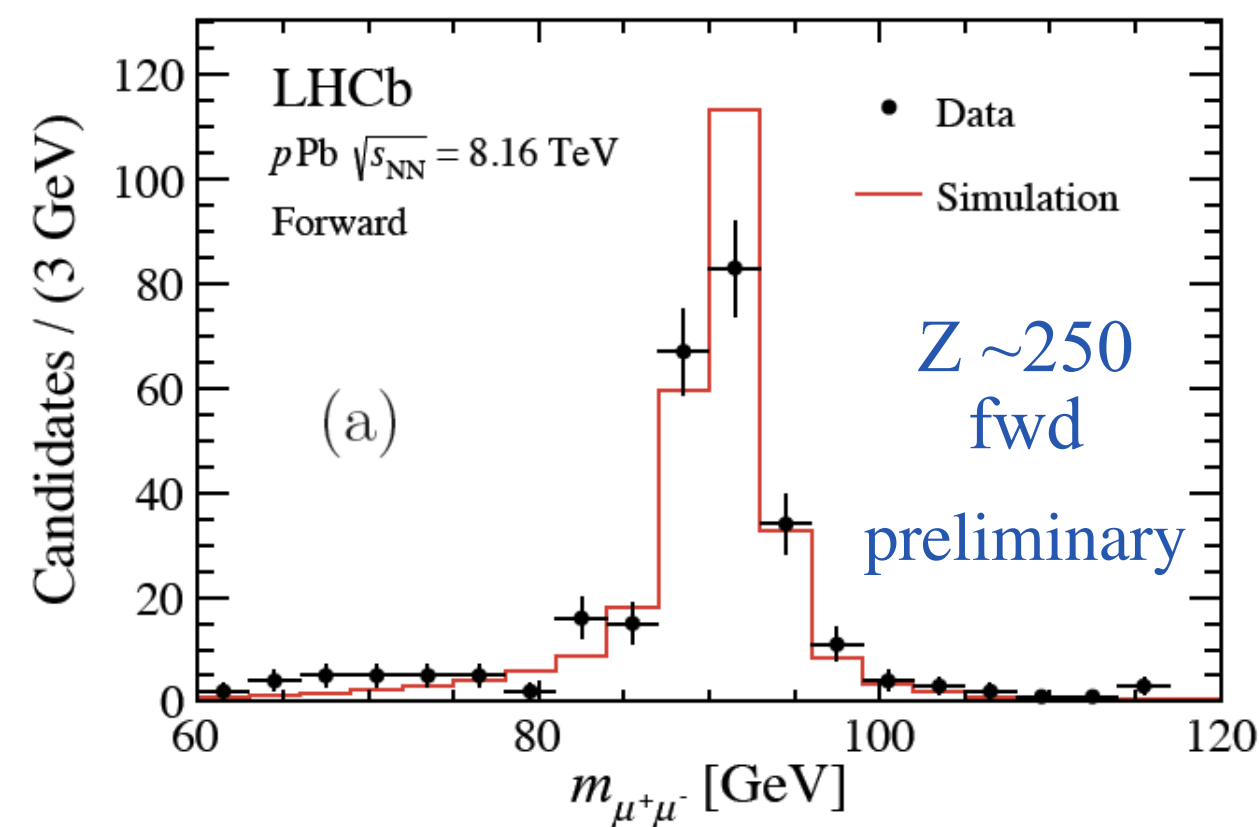
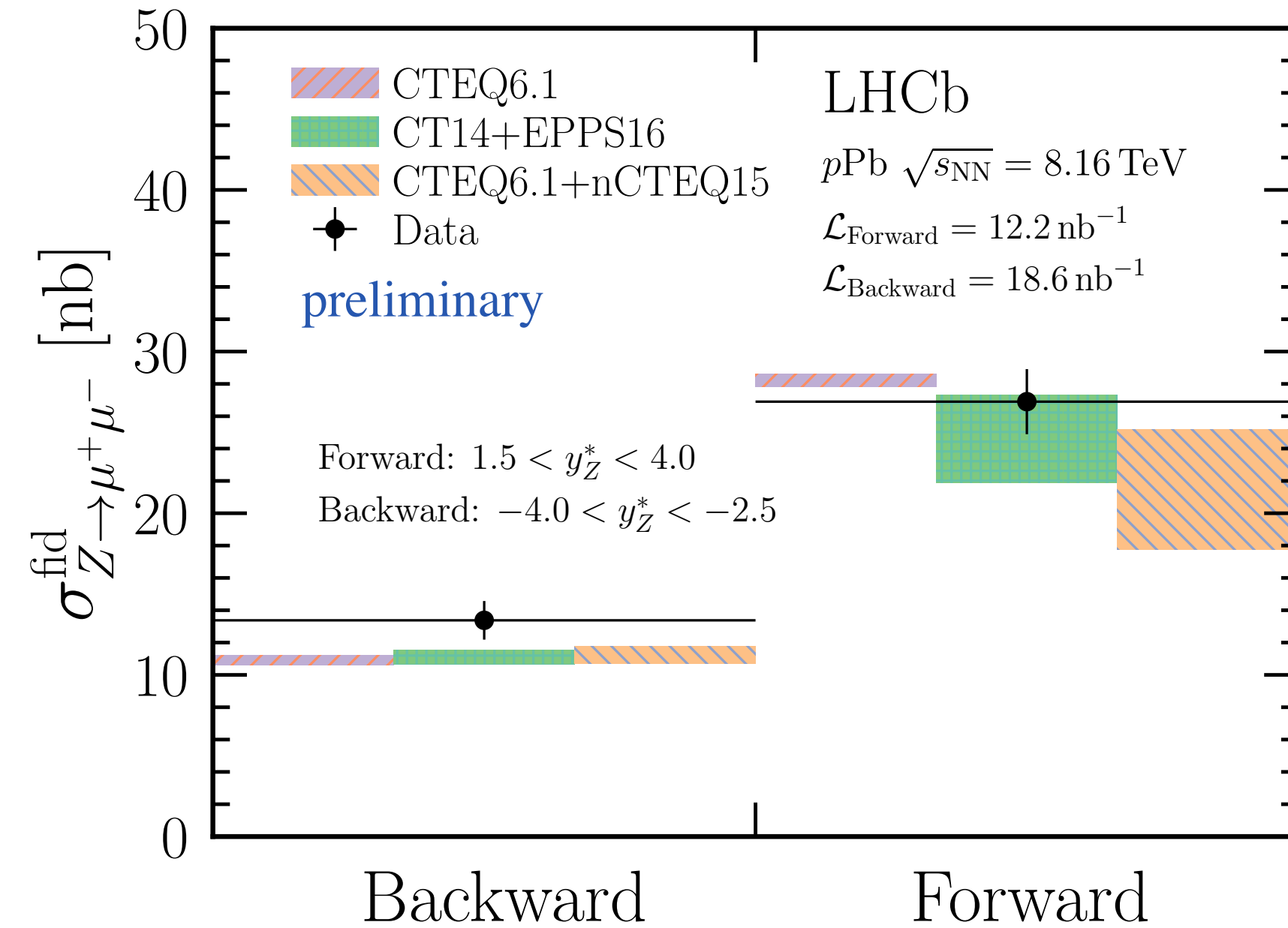
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- Forward:
 - Suppression consistent with 5 TeV D^0 result
 - Consistent with nPDF and CGC
- Backward:
 - Data lower than nPDF at high p_T
 - Room for additional effects in the backward rapidity
 - **nPDF calculations do not describe data for h^\pm , π^0 and D^0**

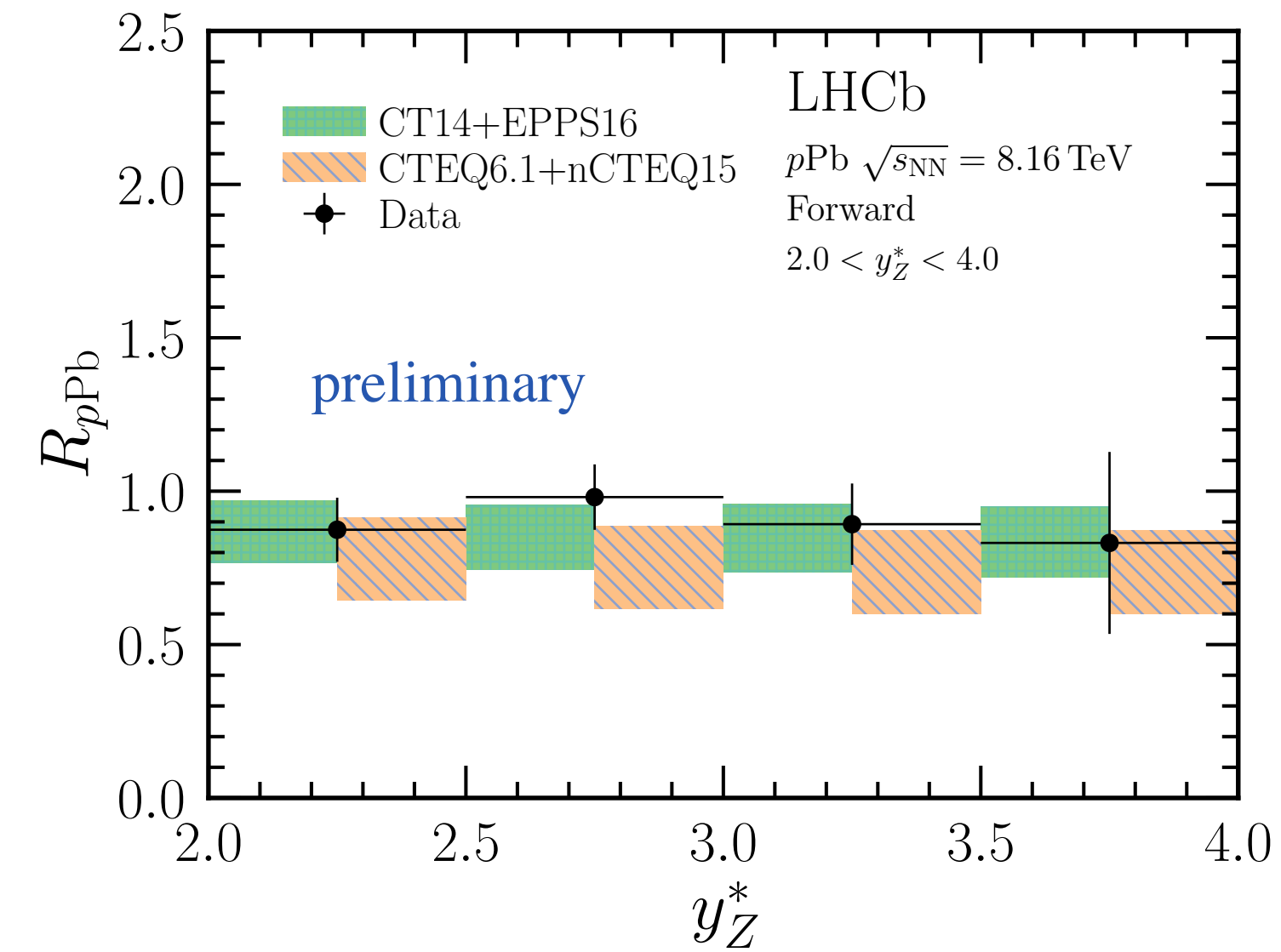
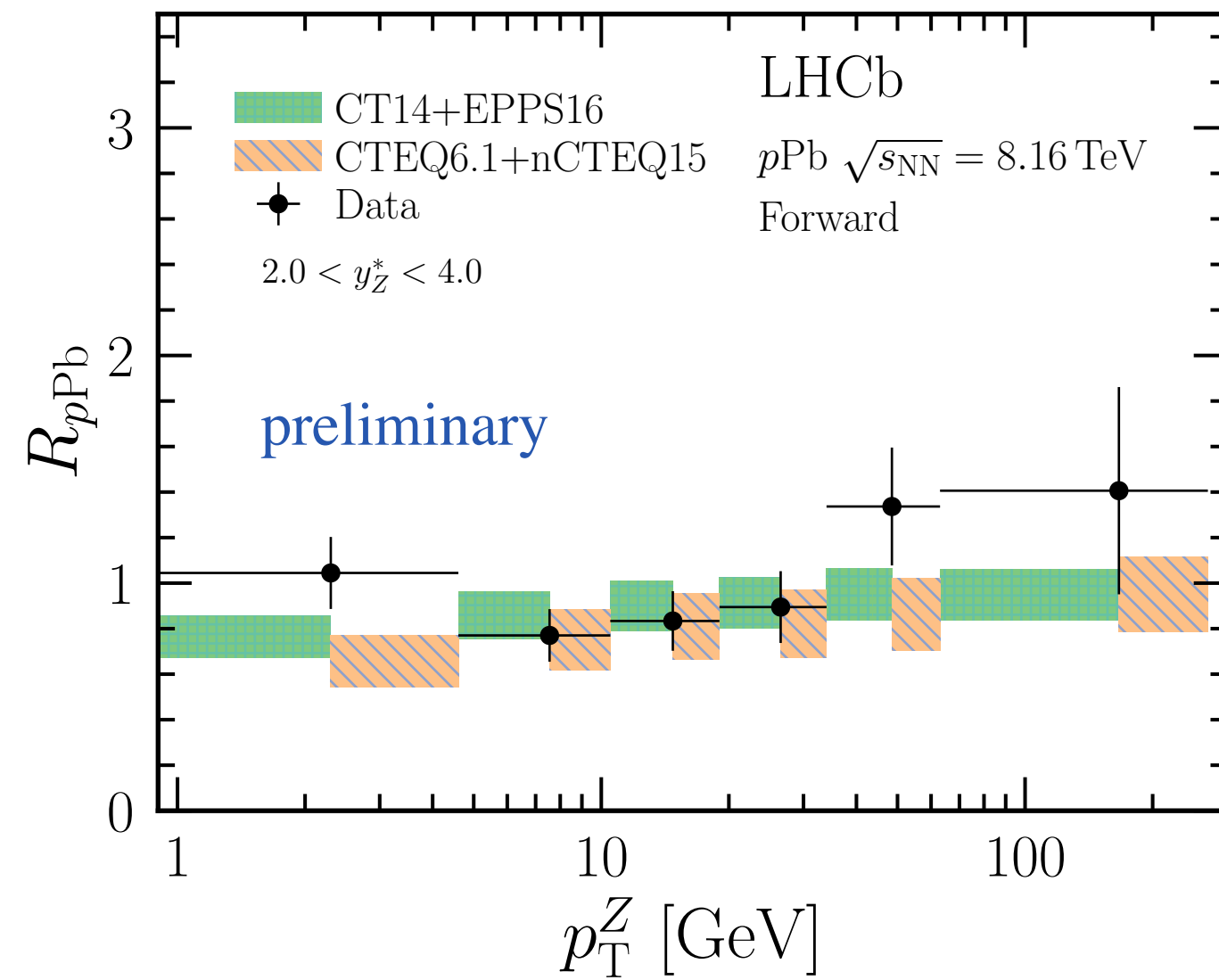


- Z boson negligible interaction with the nuclear medium
 - Sensitive only to initial-state with a well constrained final-state
- Clean probes of nuclear matter effects on the initial state.
- **Compatible with nPDFs EPPS16 and nCTEQ15**



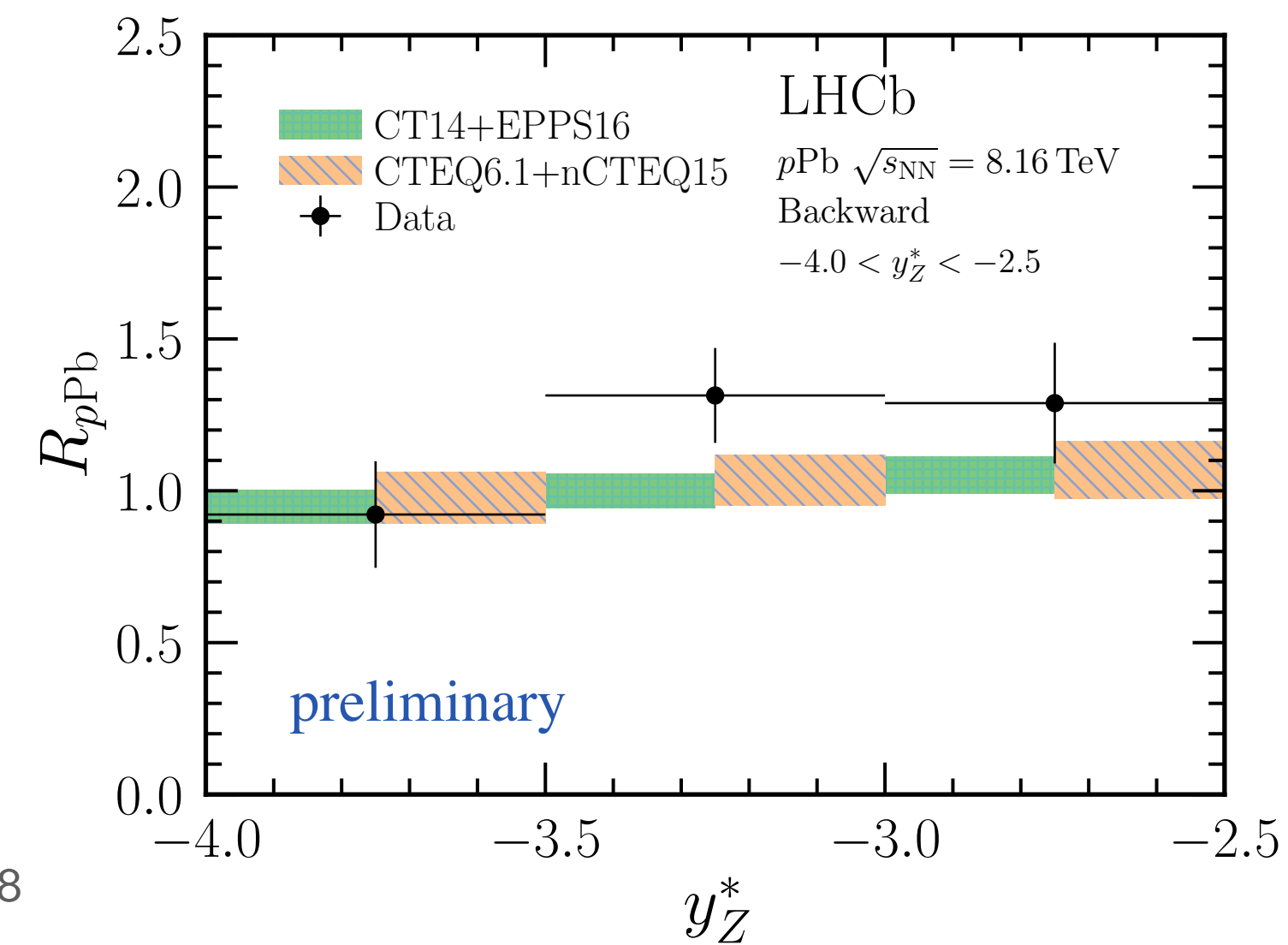
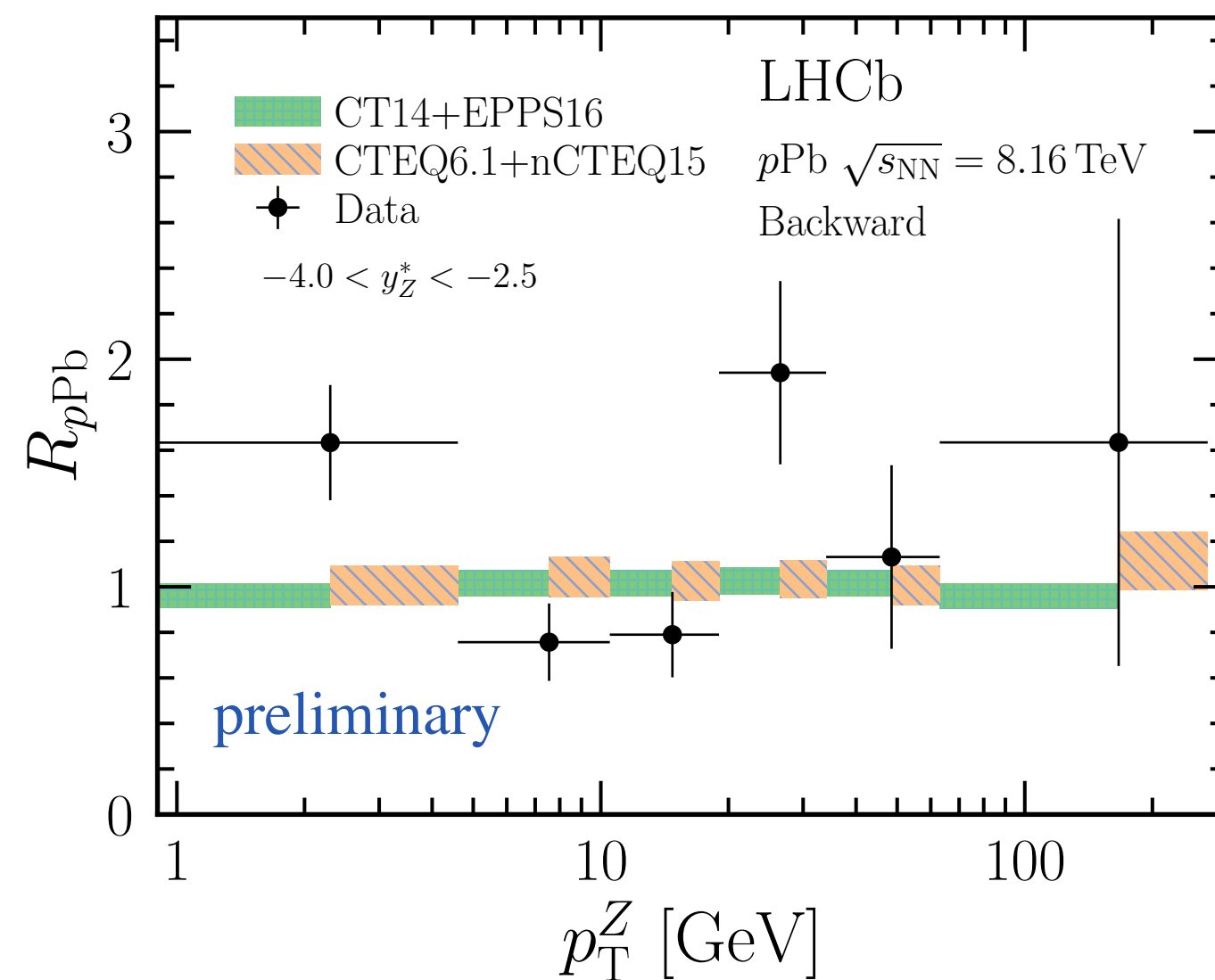
- General good agreement between data and nPDFs EPPS16 and nCTEQ15

Forward →



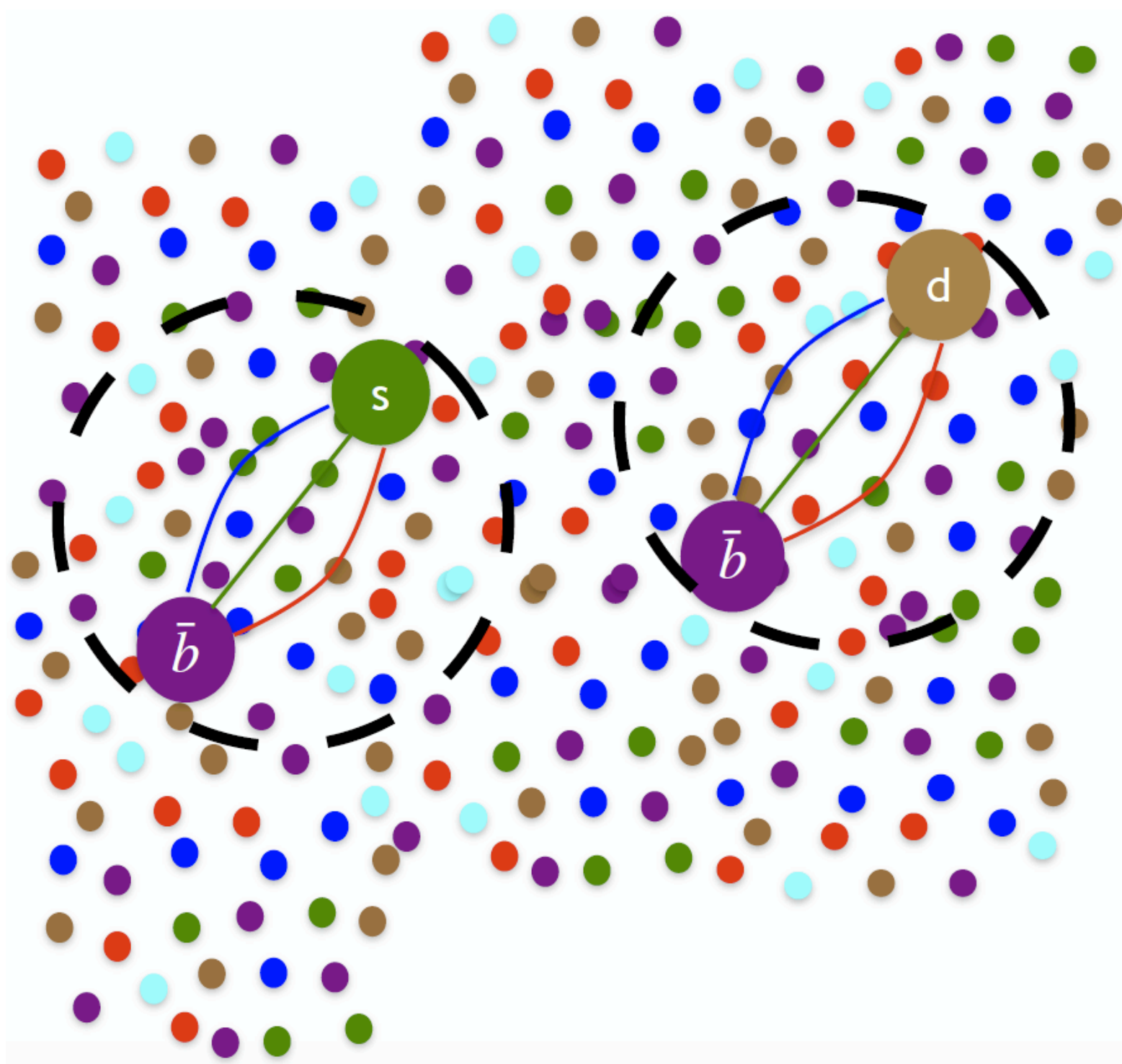
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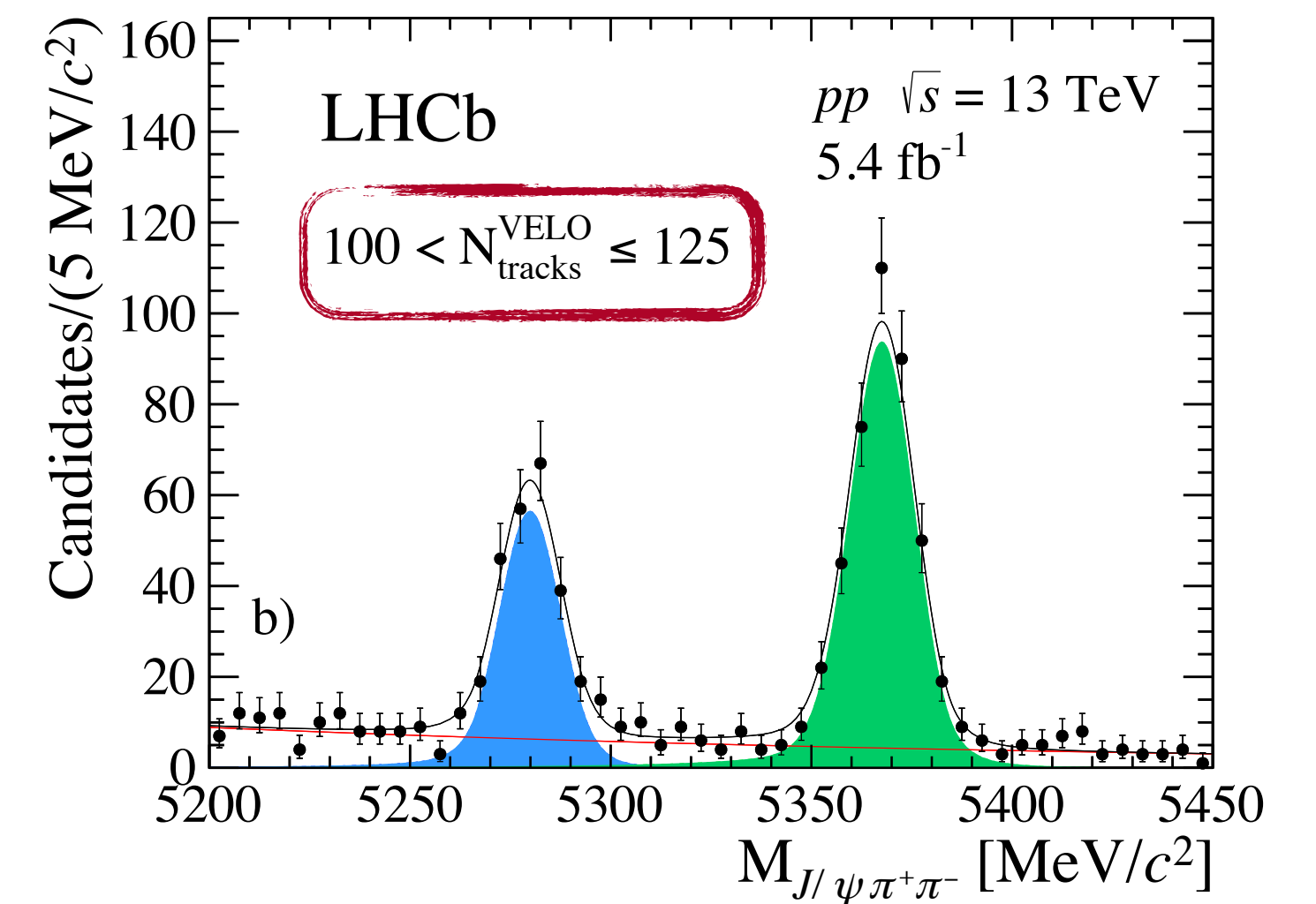
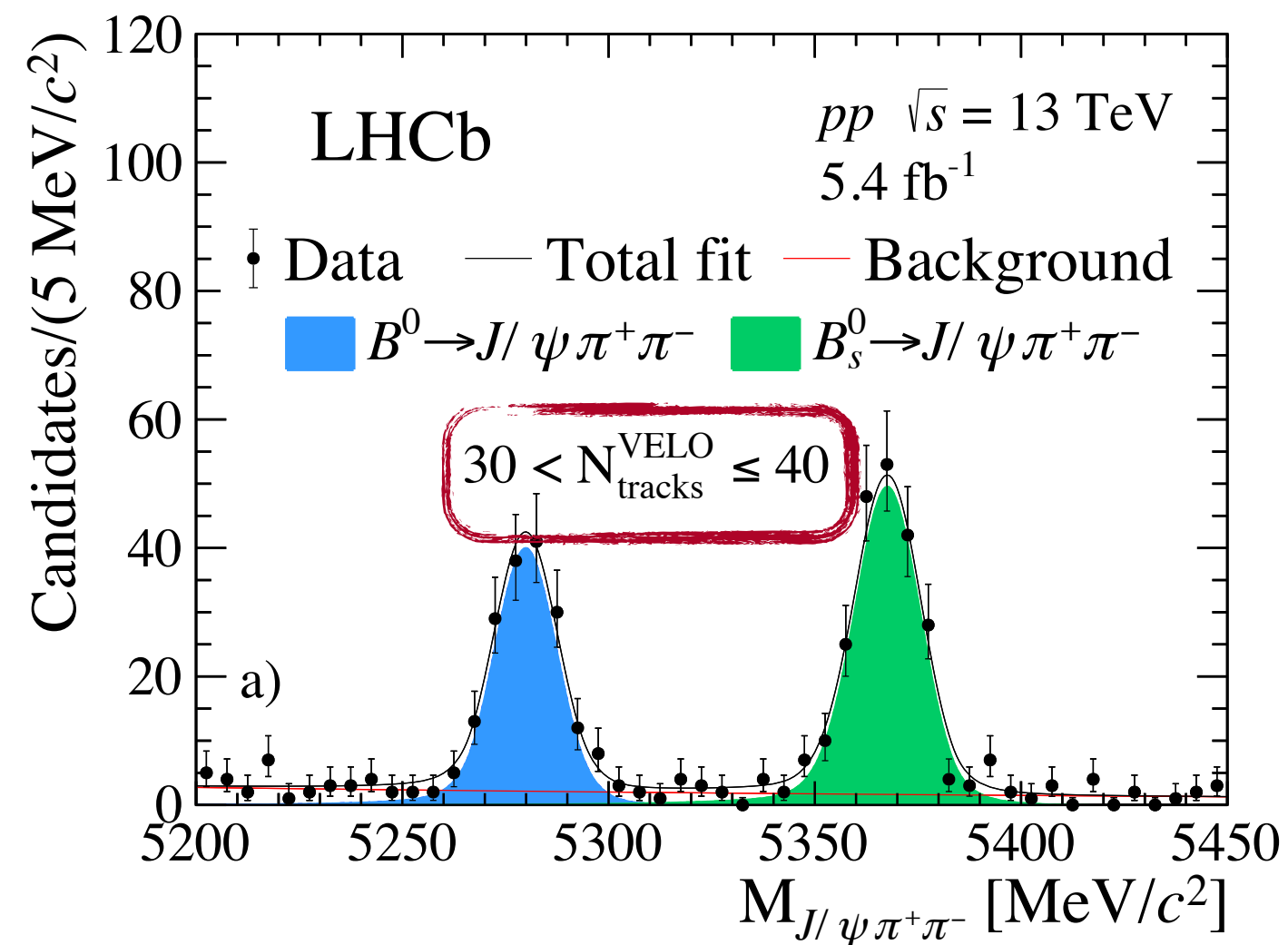


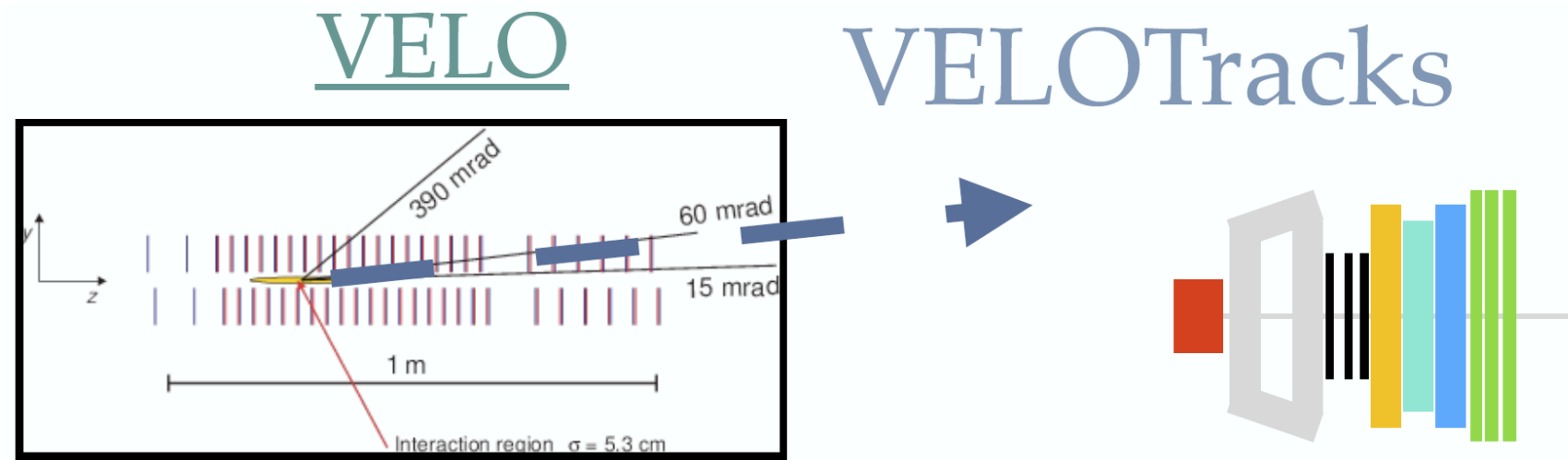
$$B_s^0/B^0$$

- Production of $b\bar{b}$ pairs at hadron colliders dominated by hard parton-parton interactions in the initial stages, well described by pQCD calculations
- Enhanced strangeness production in light-quark baryons and mesons observed by ALICE [Nature Phys. 13 \(2017\) 535](#)
- Possible quark coalescence \rightarrow enhanced B_s^0/B^0 ratio with increasing particle multiplicity, especially at low p_T

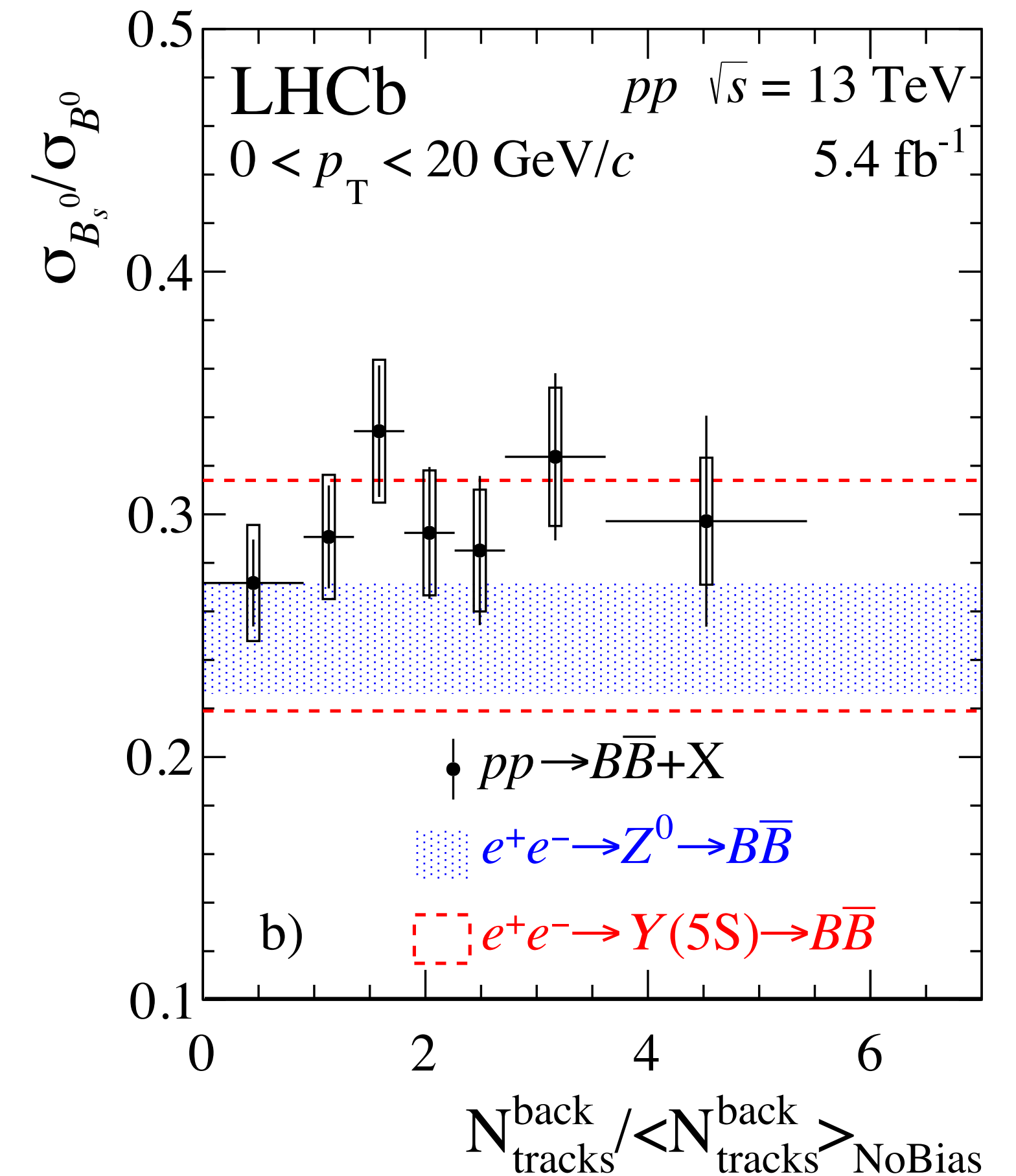
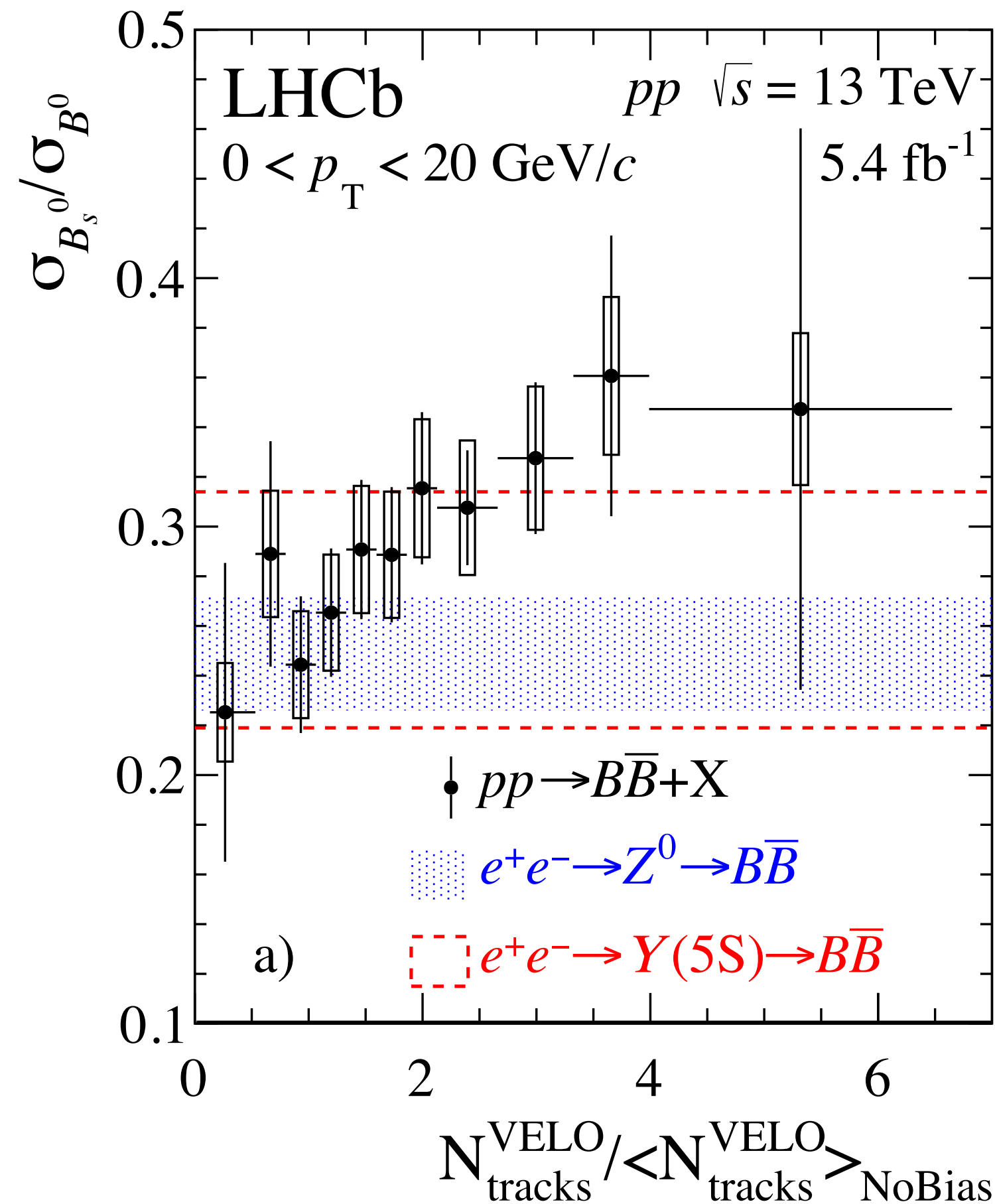


$$B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow (J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)\pi^+\pi^-$$

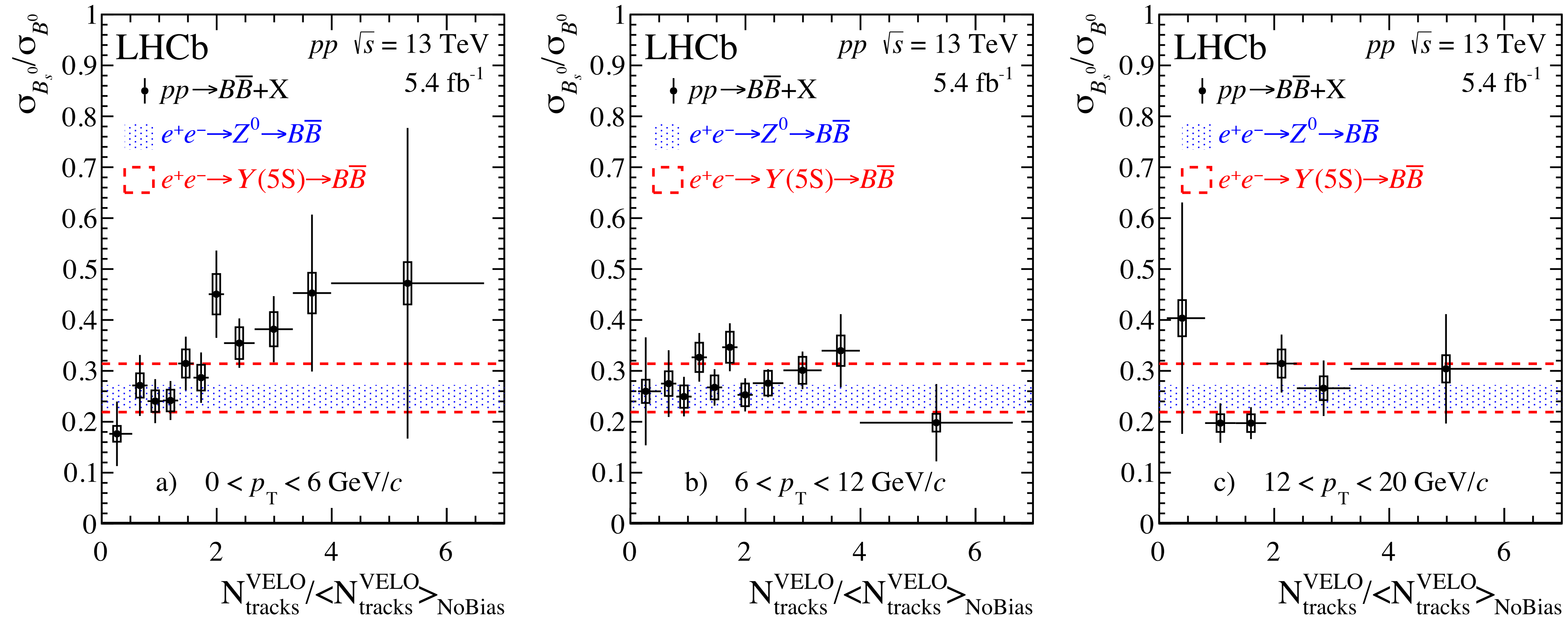




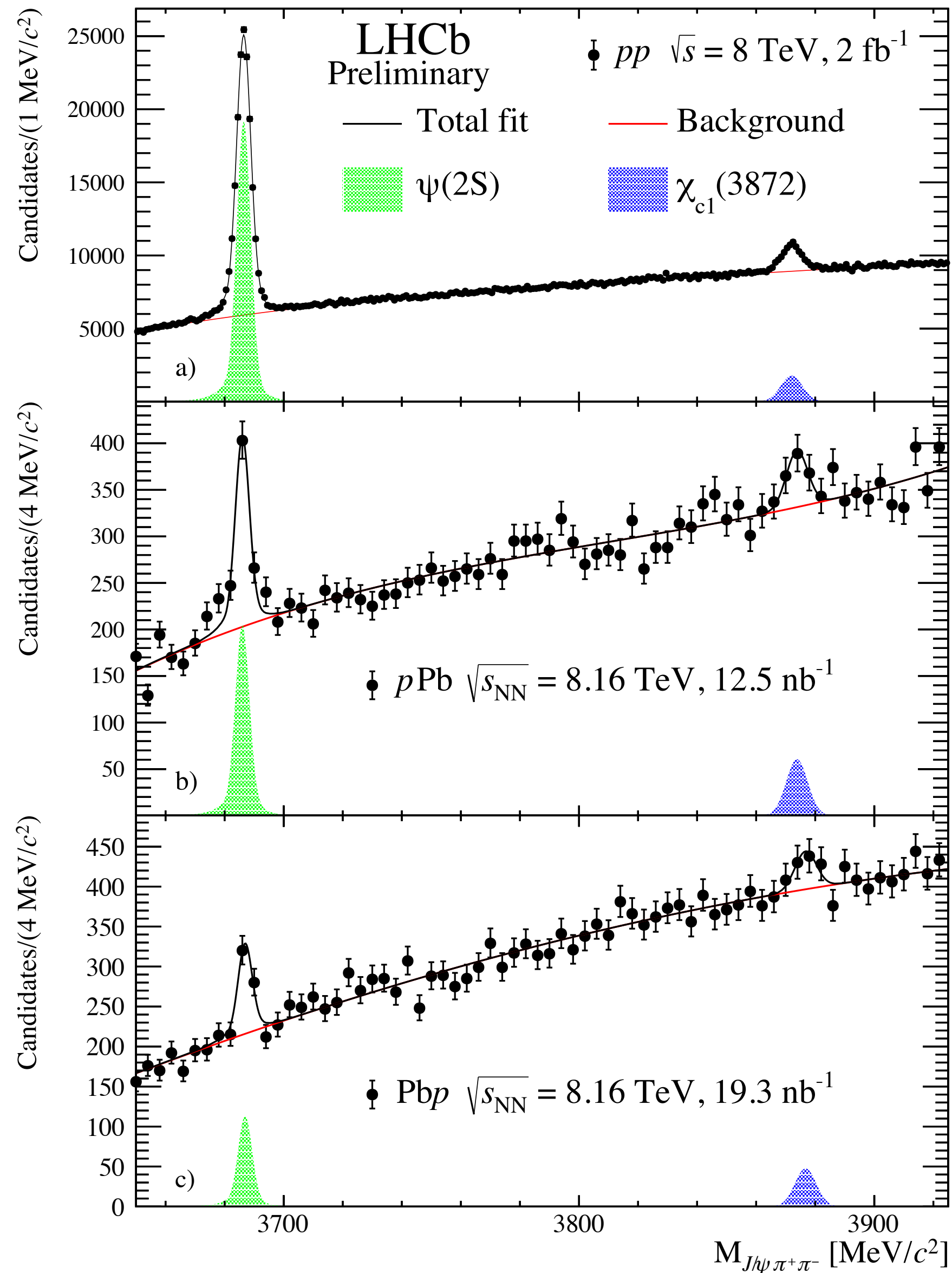
- Total VELO multiplicity:
 - Increasing trend
- Multiplicity measured in backward region:
 - No significant dependence
- Indicates B_s^0/B^0 increase related to the local particle density around the B mesons
- Compatible with expectations of coalescence



B_s^0/B^0 vs. multiplicity in p_T intervals

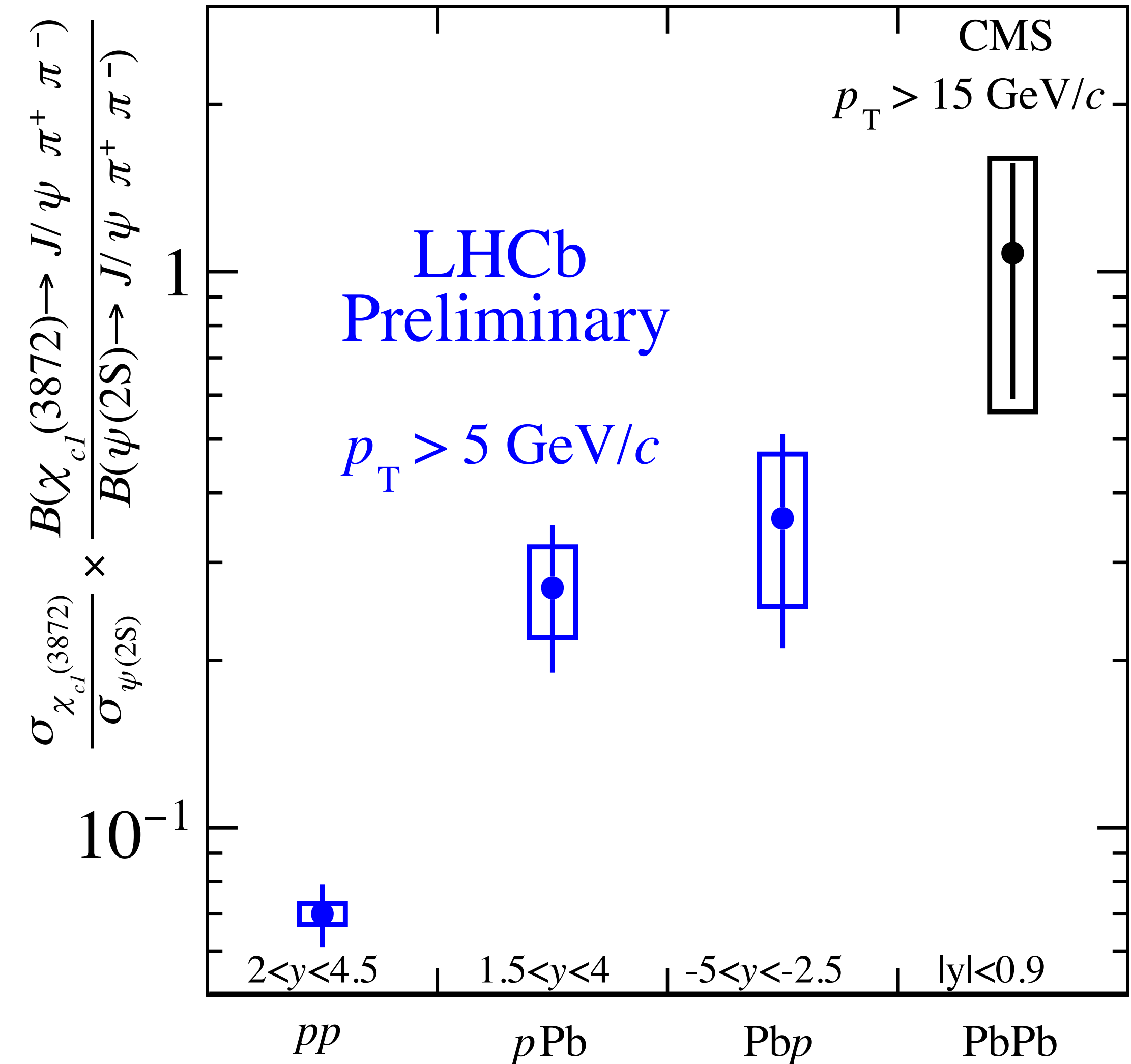
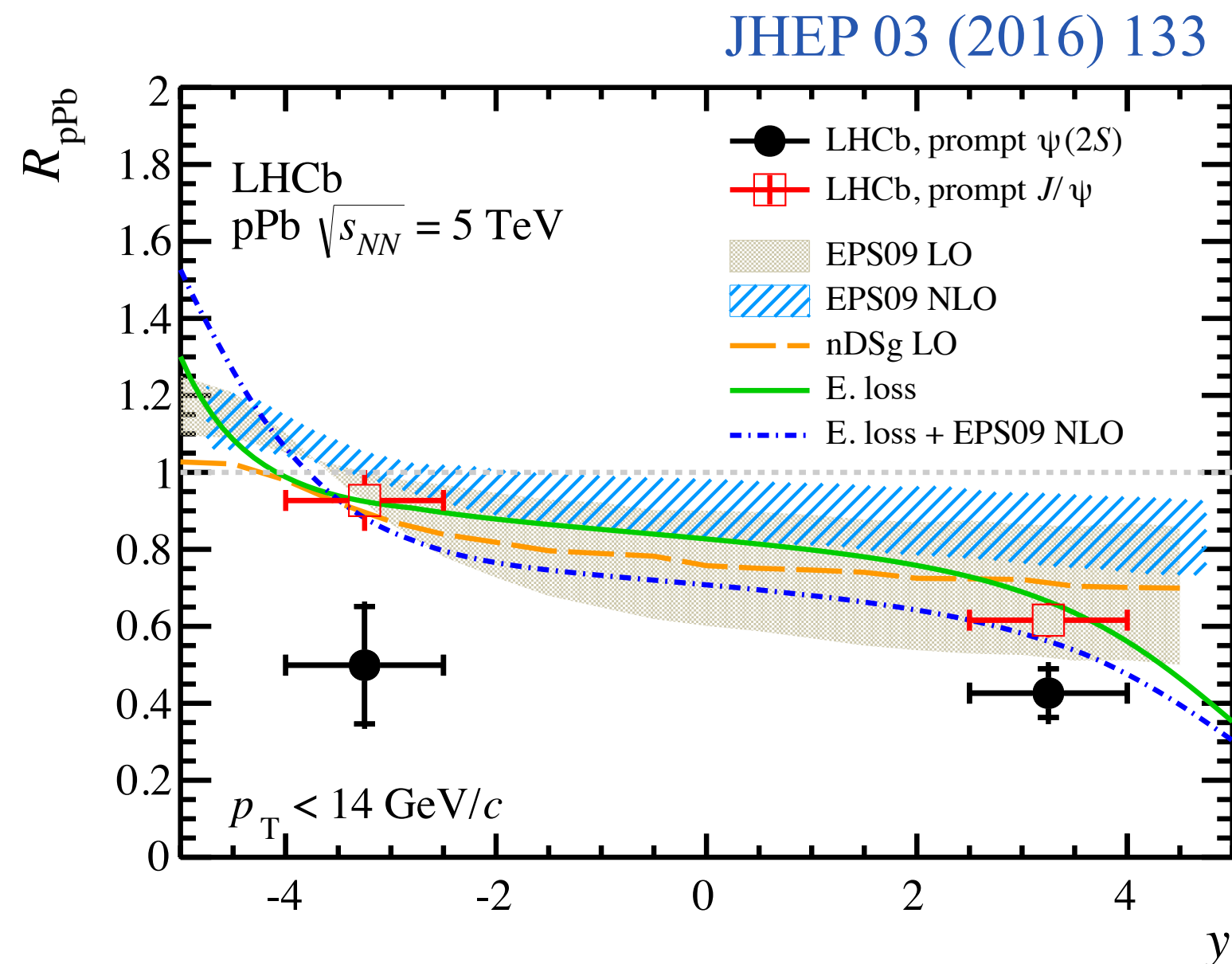


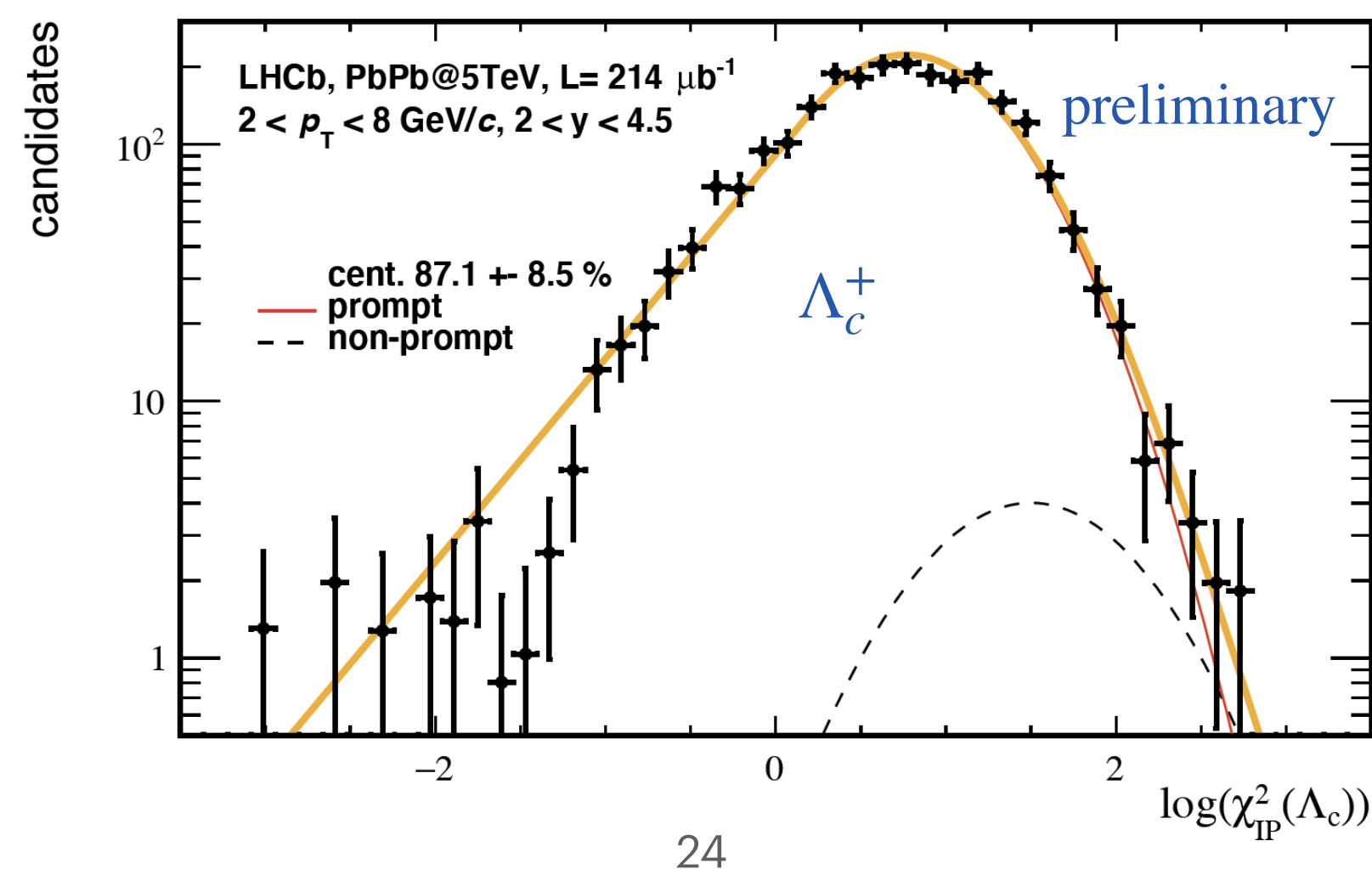
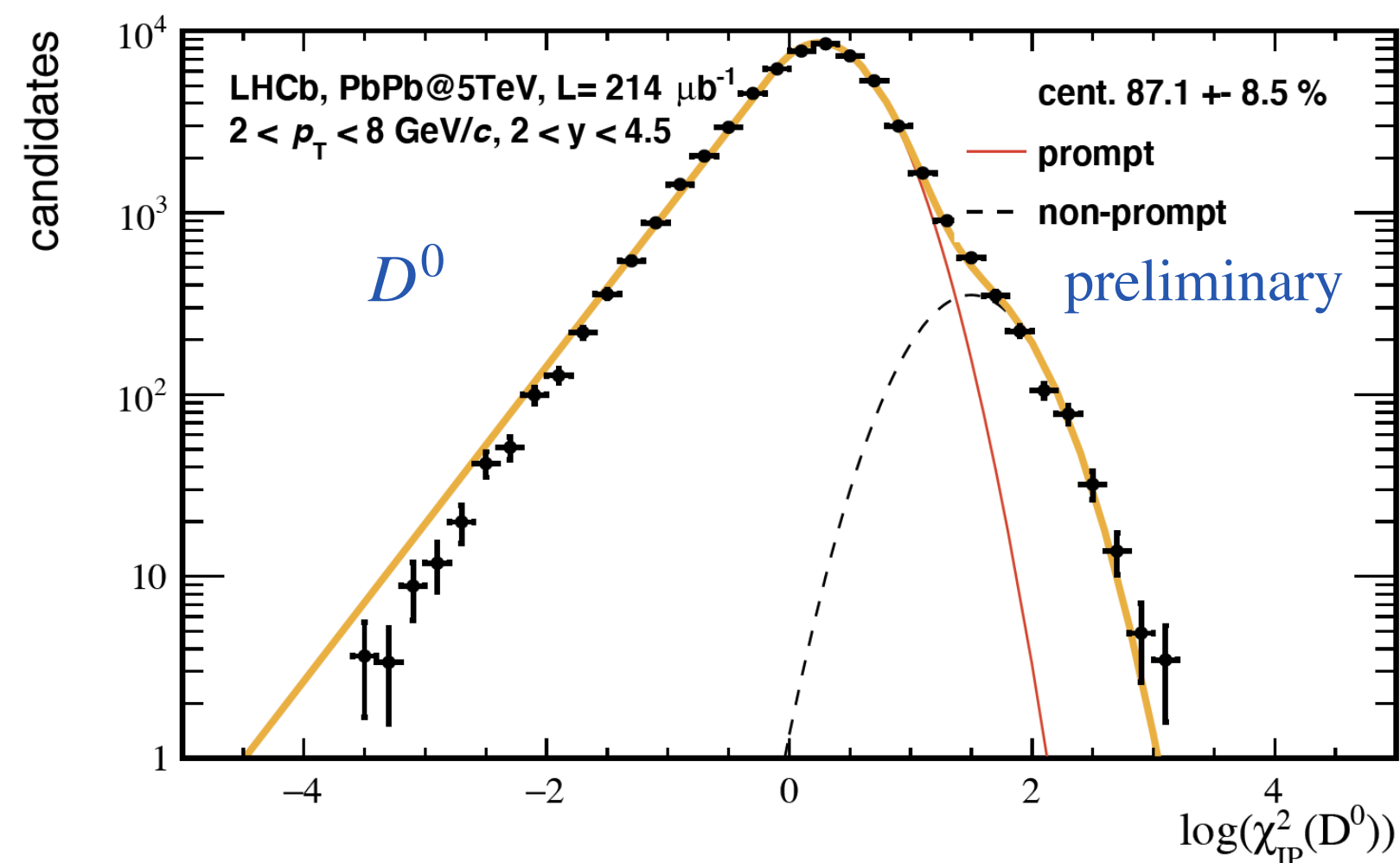
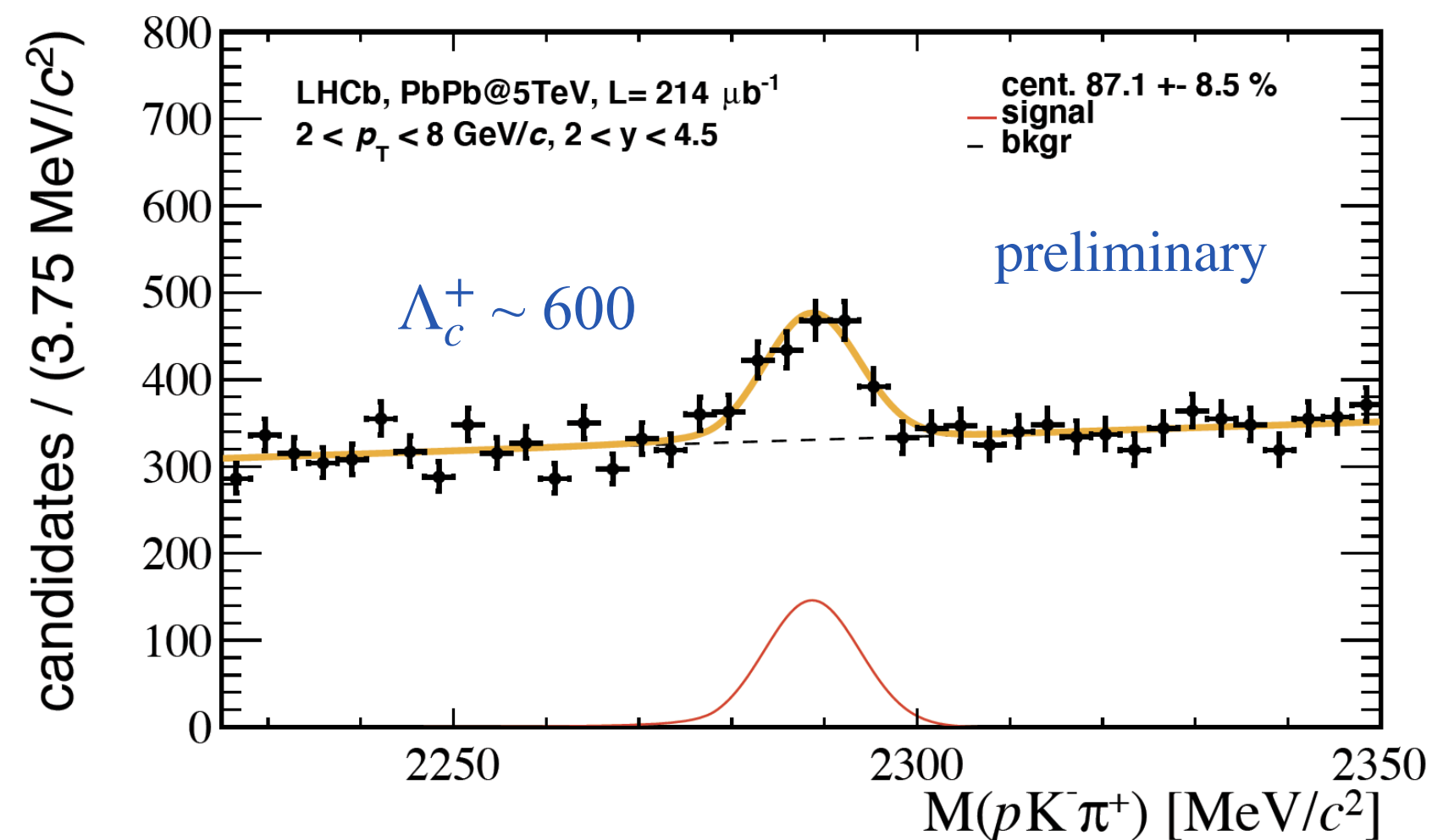
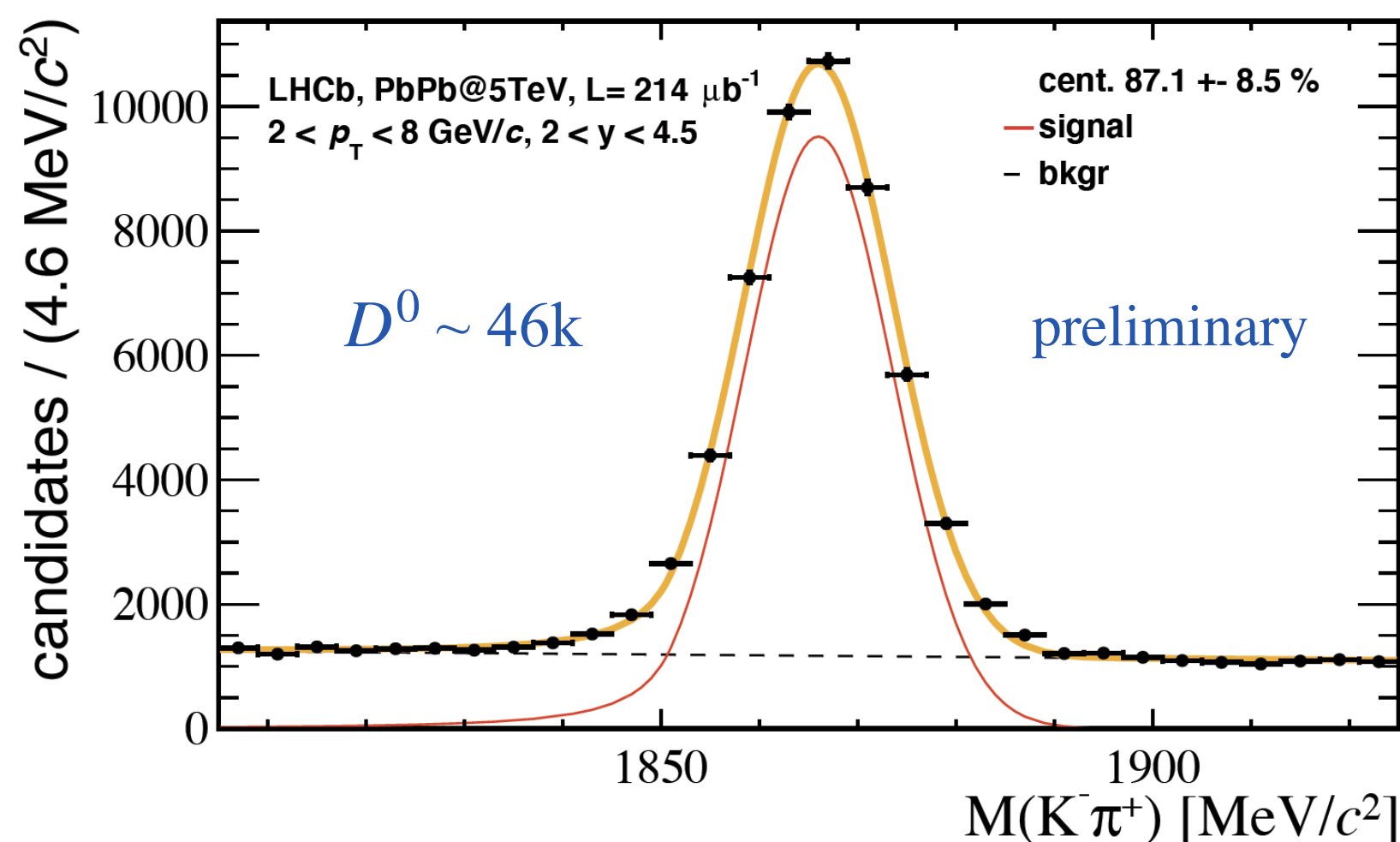
- Low multiplicity: consistent with values in e^+e^- collisions
- $0 < p_T < 6$: increases with increasing multiplicity, slope 3.4σ deviations from constant
- Higher p_T intervals: no significant dependence, consistent with e^+e^- data
- **Qualitatively consistent with expectations of coalescence**



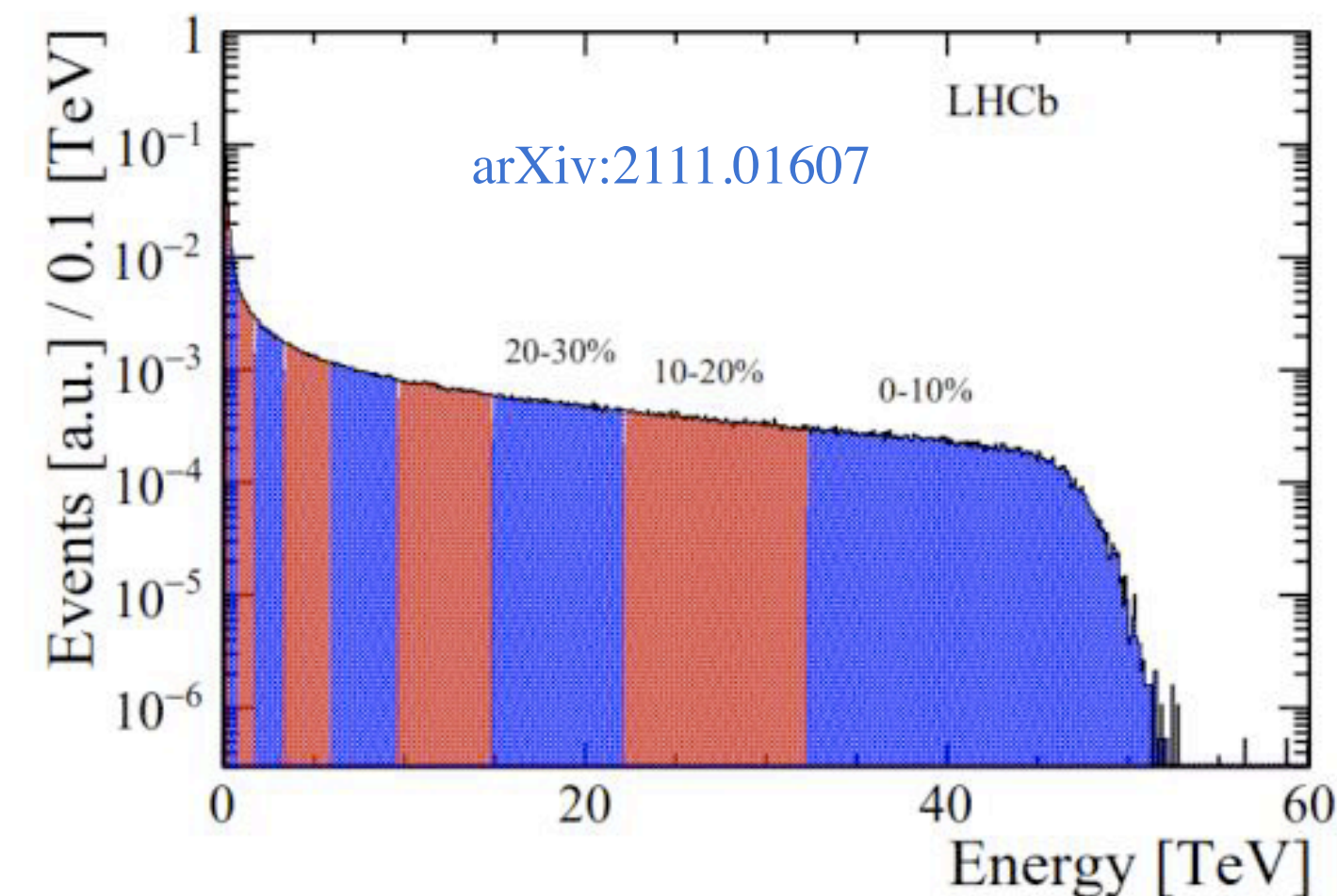
- First $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ result in $p\text{Pb}$ collisions
- Testing $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ breaking up in higher multiplicity environment \rightarrow probe inner structure
- Testing coalescence with 4 valence quarks with increasing particle multiplicity
- Prompt $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ and $\psi(2S)$ reconstructed via $J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^-$ decay channel in pp , $p\text{Pb}$ and $\text{Pb}p$ collisions
- $p_{\text{T}} > 5 \text{ GeV}/c$

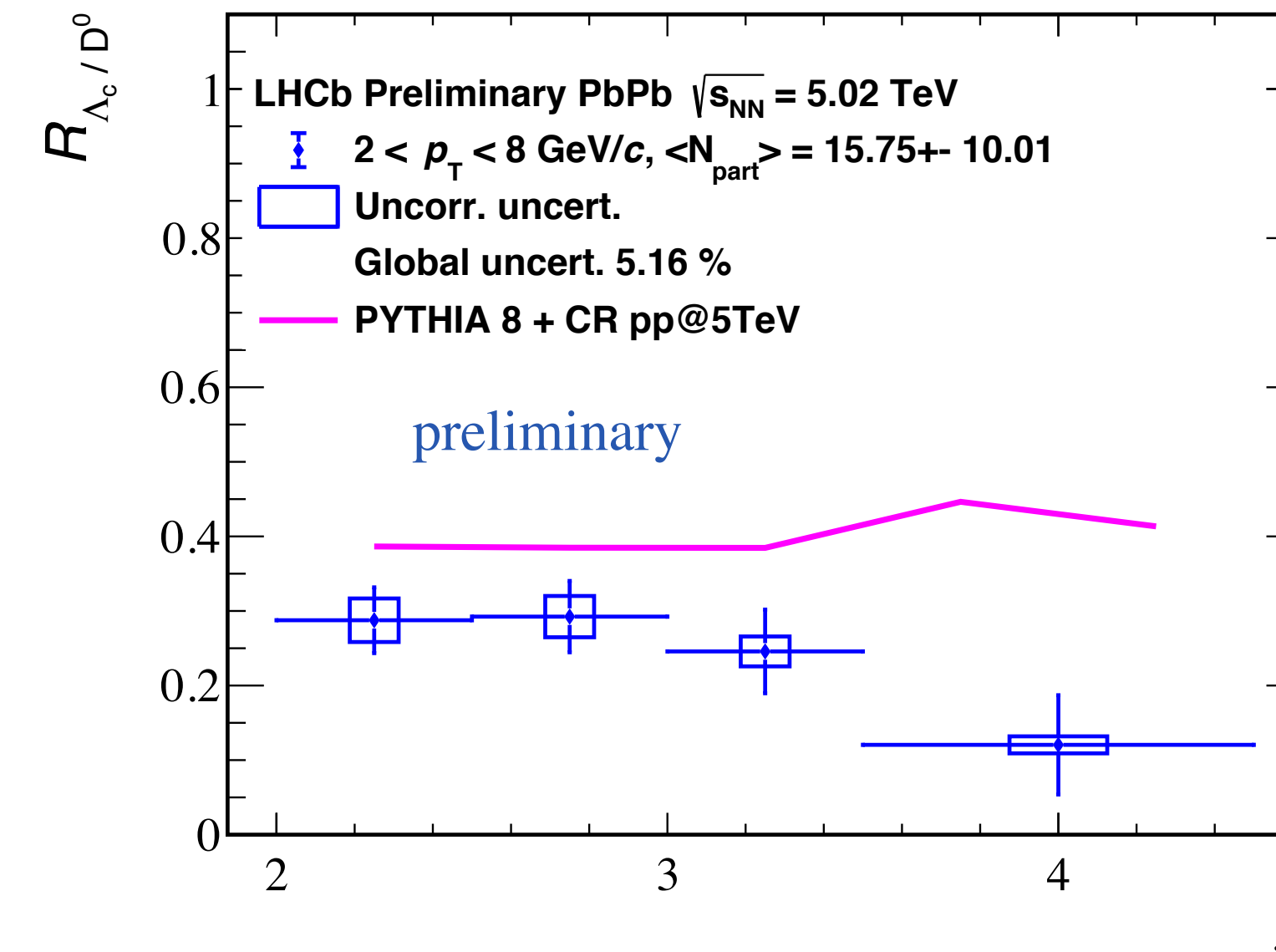
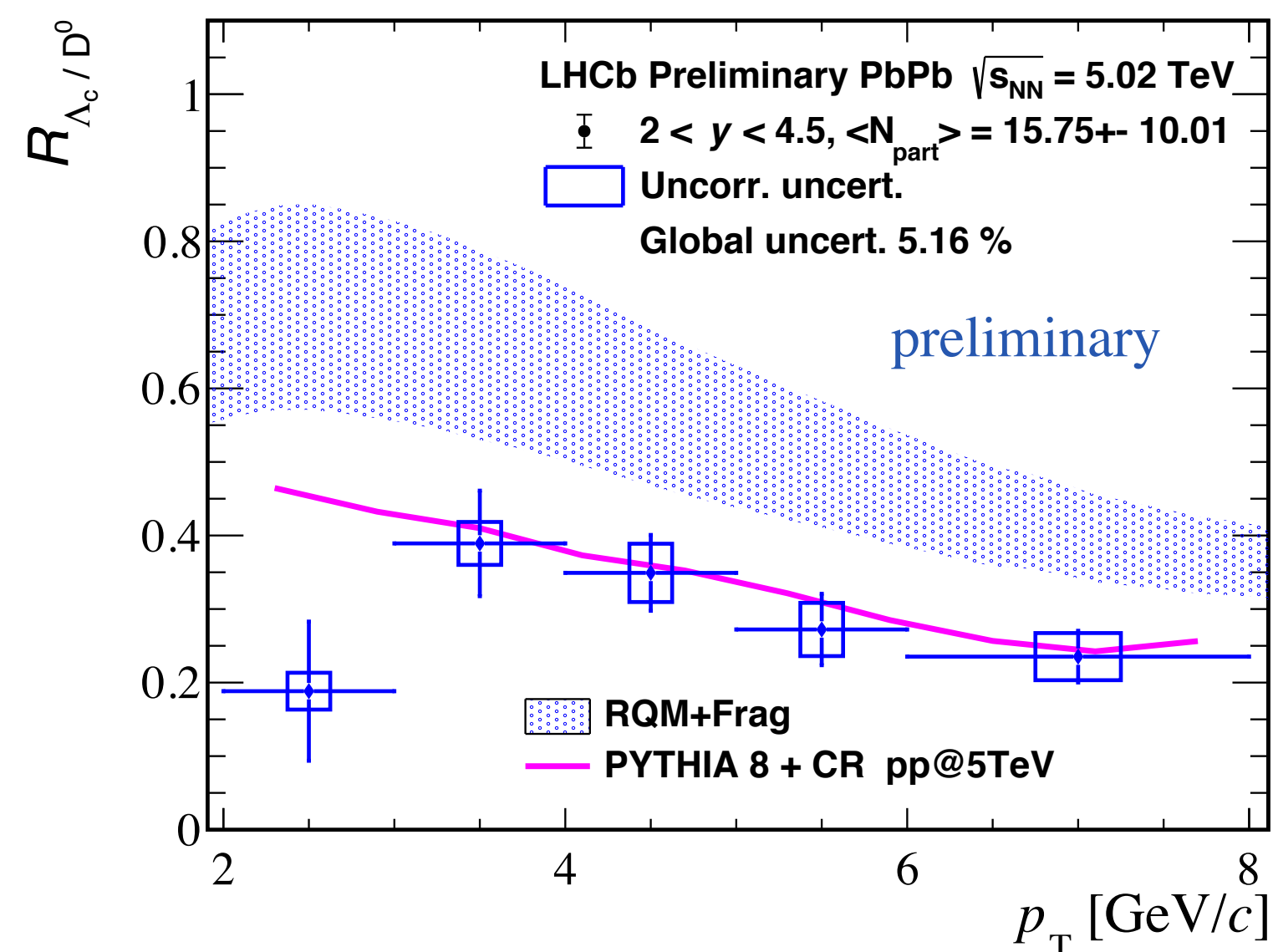
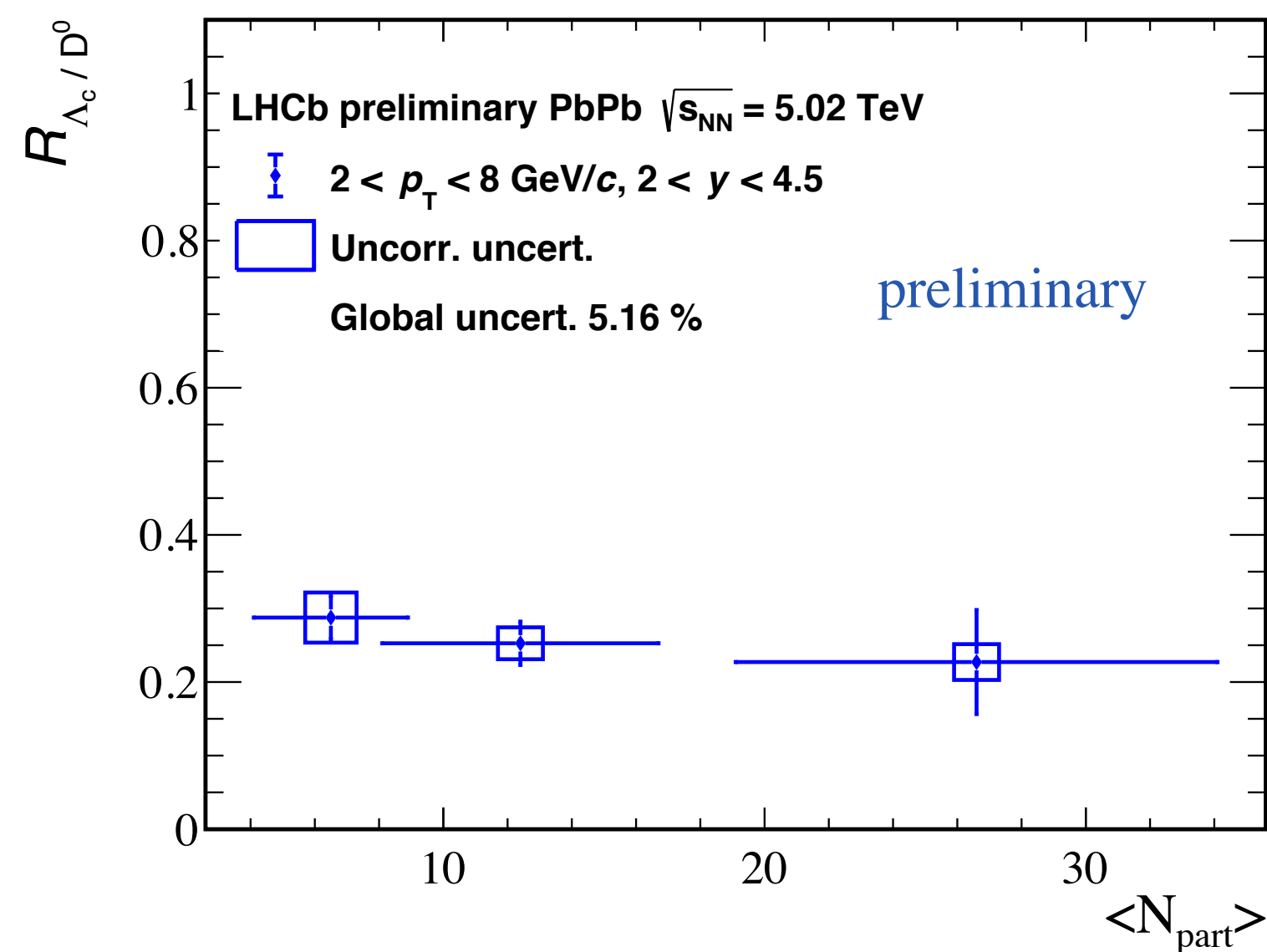
- $\chi_{c1}(3872)/\psi(2S)$ ratio increases with system size
- nPDF effects largely cancel in the ratio, final state effects dominant
- $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ behaves differently than $\psi(2S)$: coalescence dominates over break-up in $p\text{Pb}$?
- $\psi(2S)$ suppressed in $p\text{Pb}$ system \rightarrow necessary to study $R_{p\text{Pb}}(\chi_{c1}(3872))$





- **One of the first LHCb PbPb results in hadronic collisions**
- PbPb data collected in 2018
- Centrality determined by energy in Ecal
- Up to 60% centrality in hadronic collisions
- Separation of the prompt and b -decay components by impact parameter





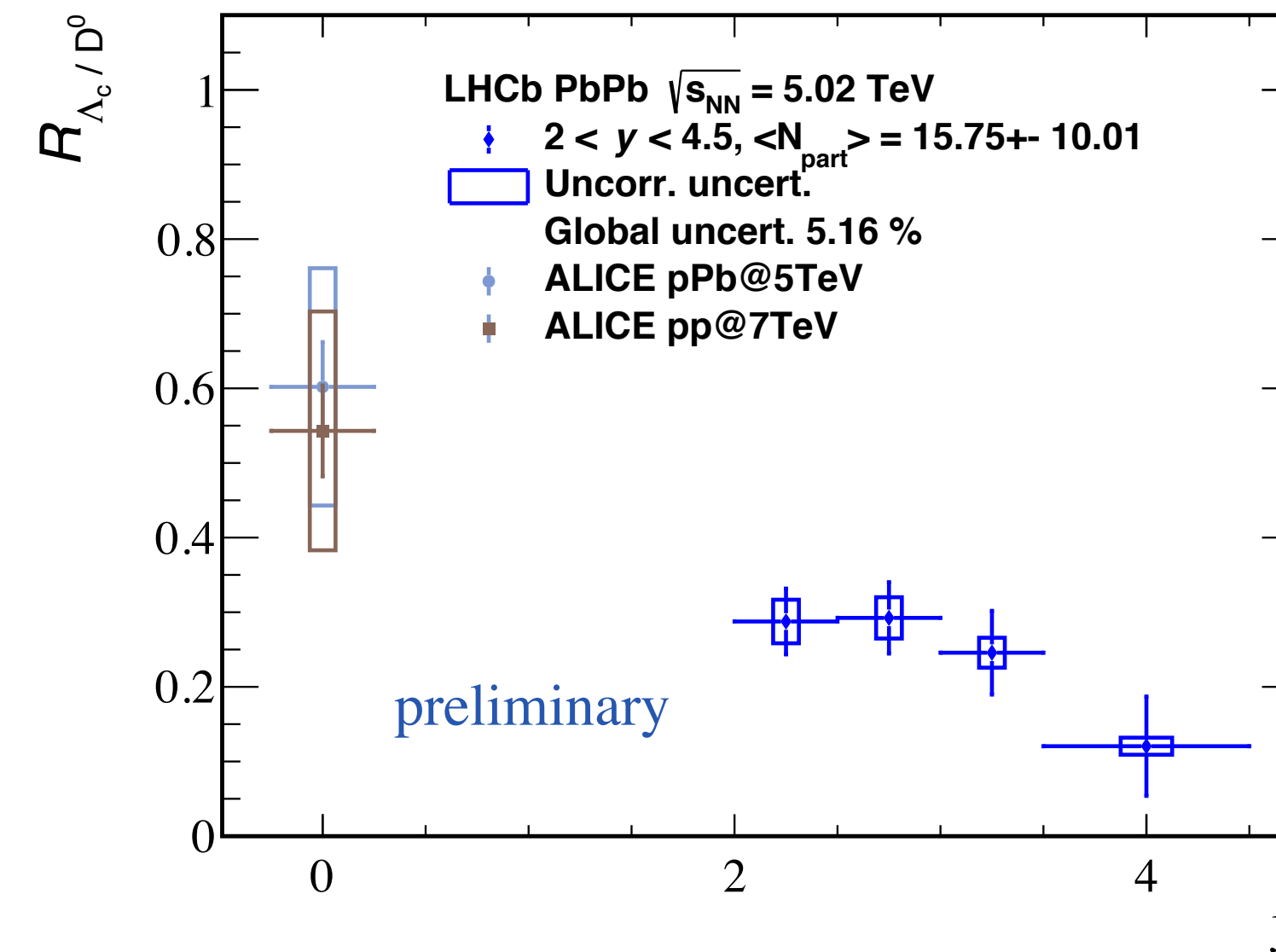
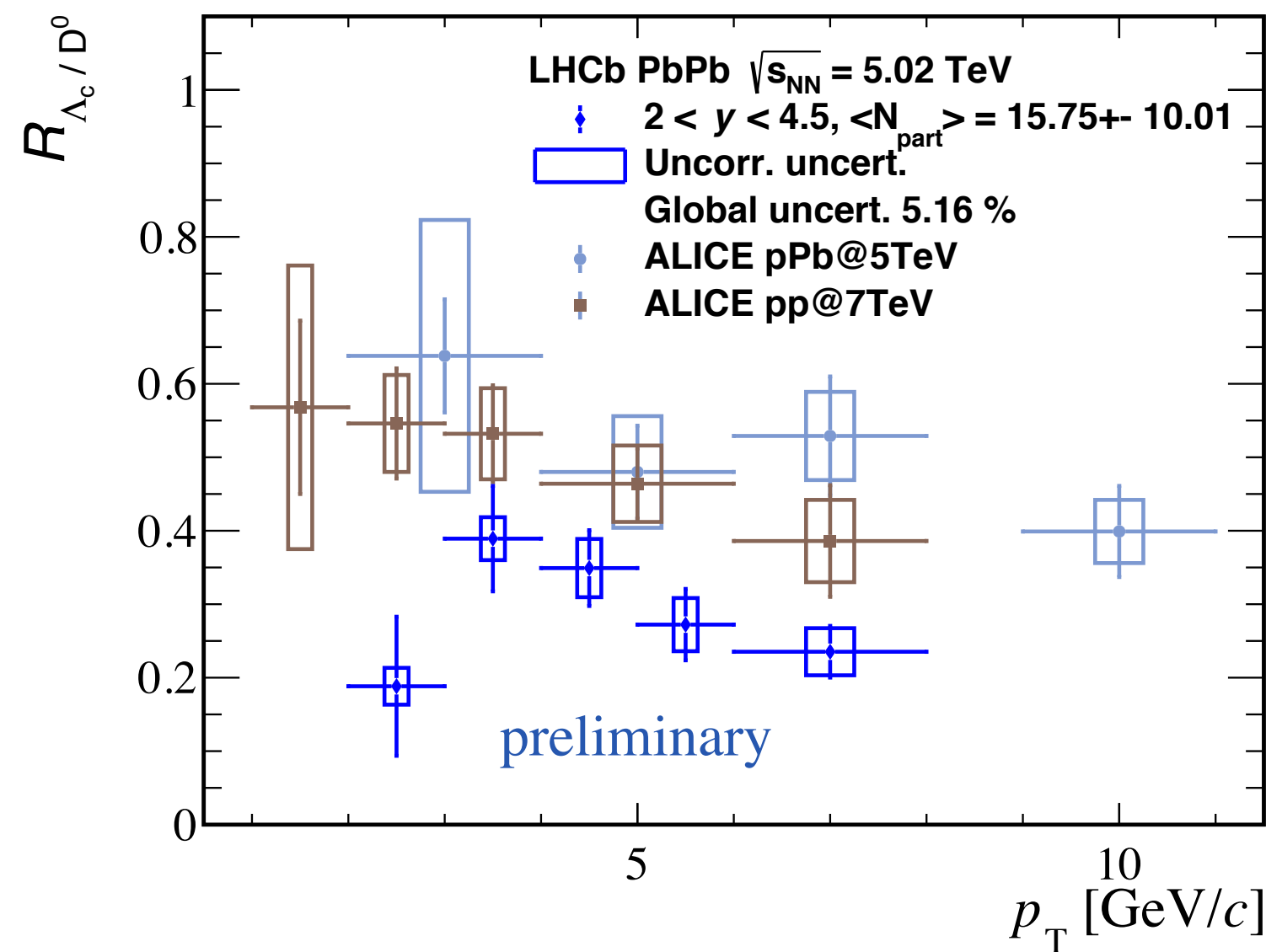
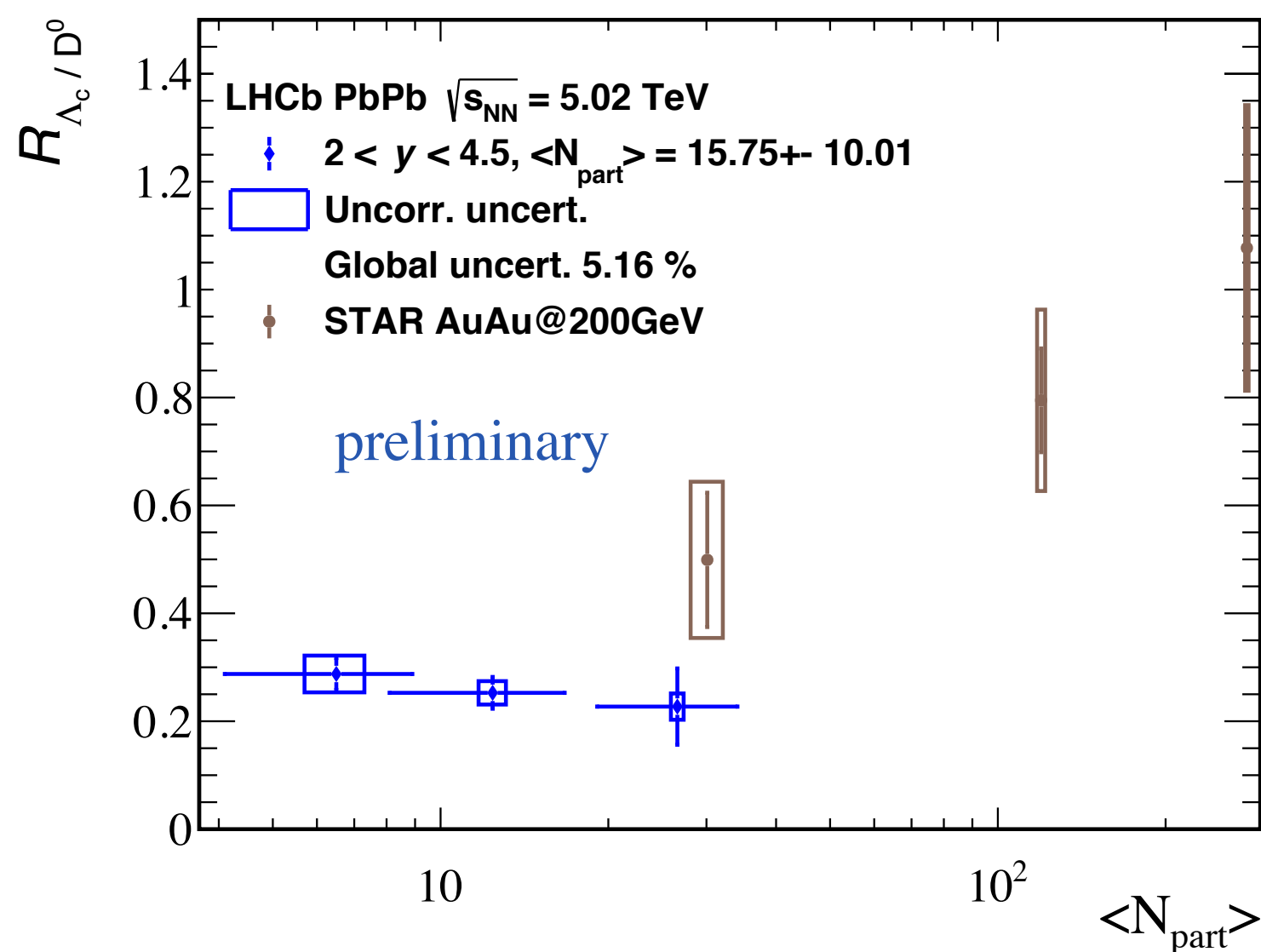
- Flat dependence vs. $\langle N_{part} \rangle$

- $\langle \Lambda_c^+/D^0 \rangle \sim 0.27$

- PYTHIA8 + Color Reconnection: compatible with data within 3σ
- Standard Hadronization Model is above the data
- Needs better understanding of charm hadronization

- Enhancement at intermediate p_T

- Compatible with flat dependence vs. rapidity



- Compatible with STAR at overlapping $\langle N_{part} \rangle$ values

- Similar decreasing trend at $p_T > 4$ GeV/c

- Lower values than ALICE in midrapidity

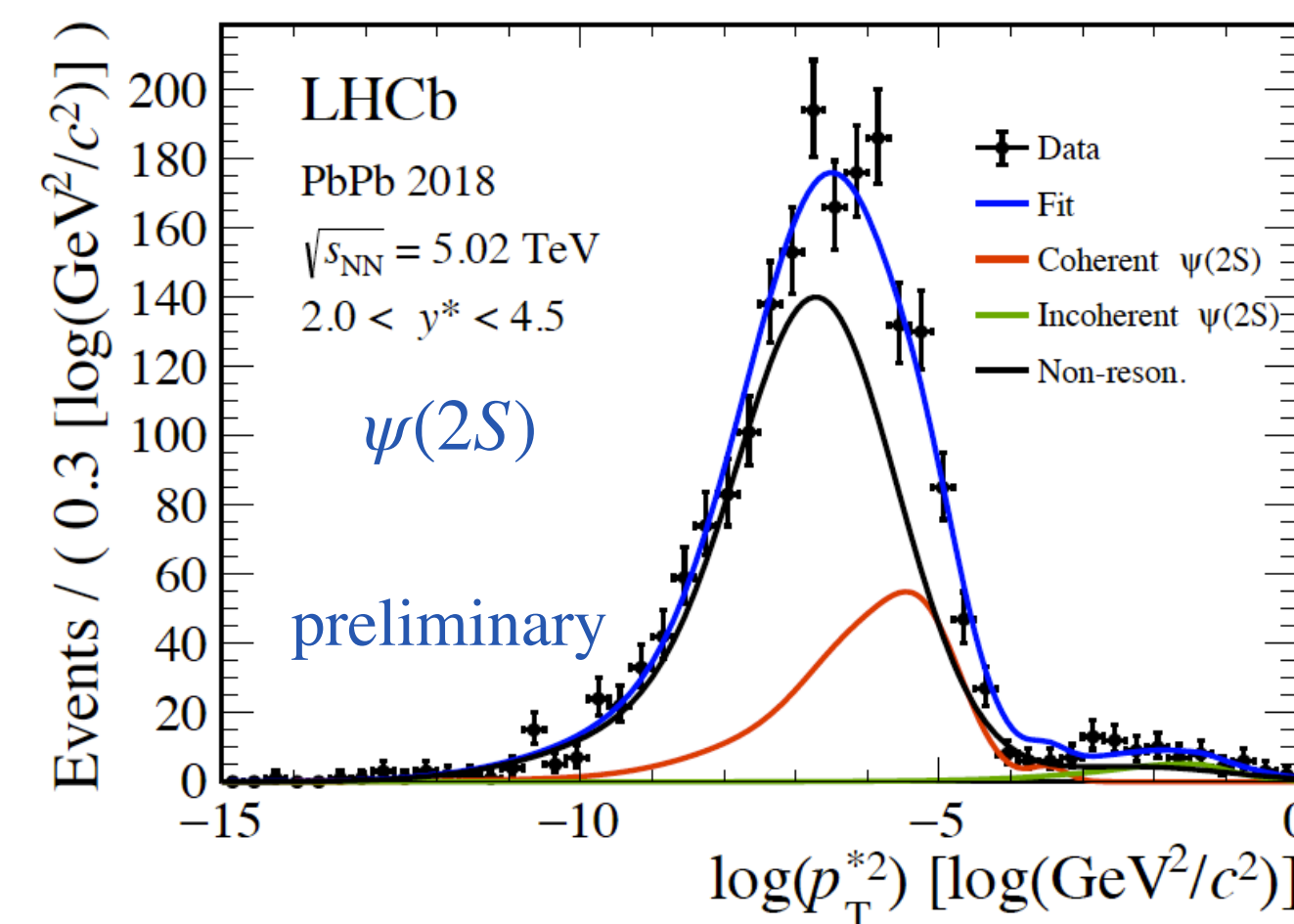
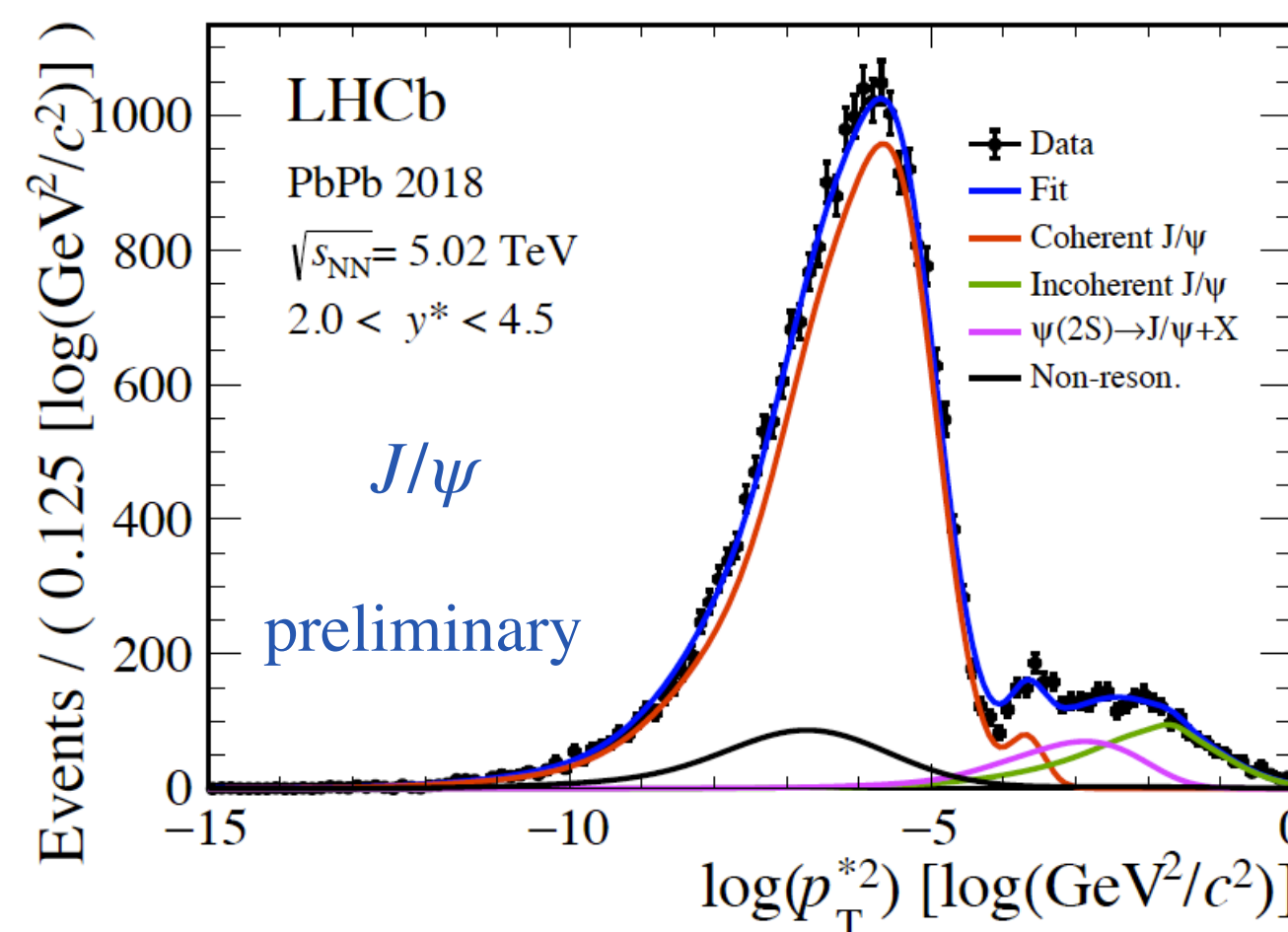
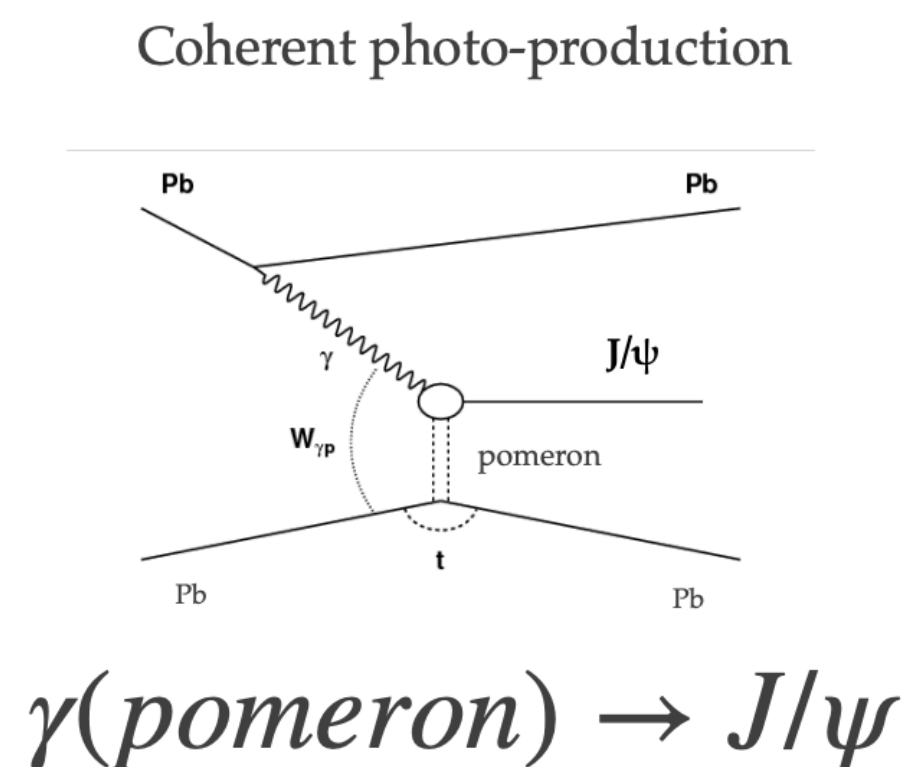
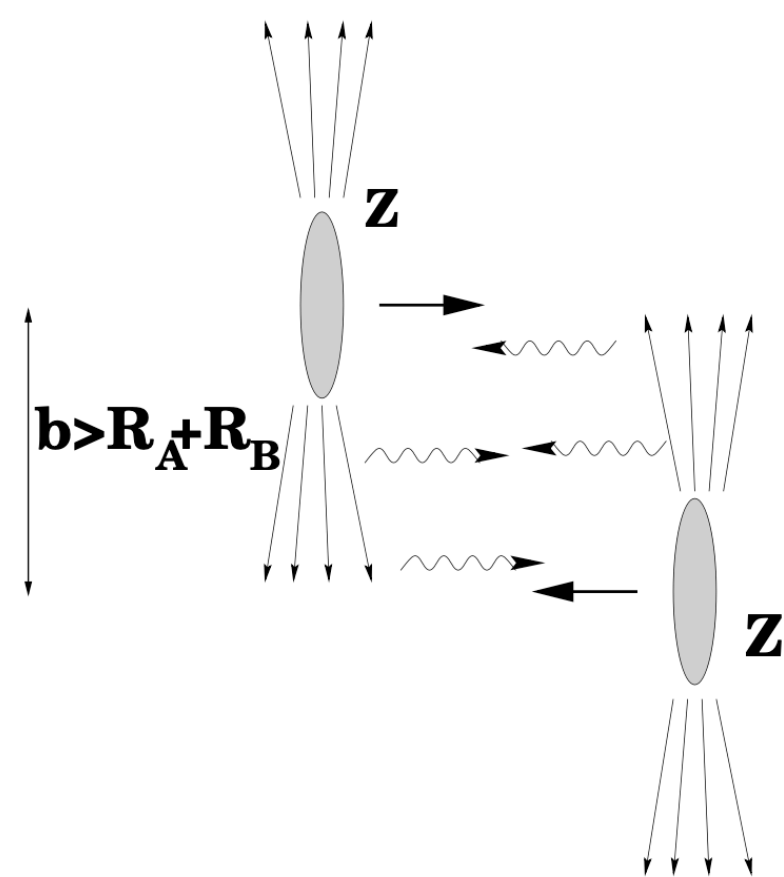
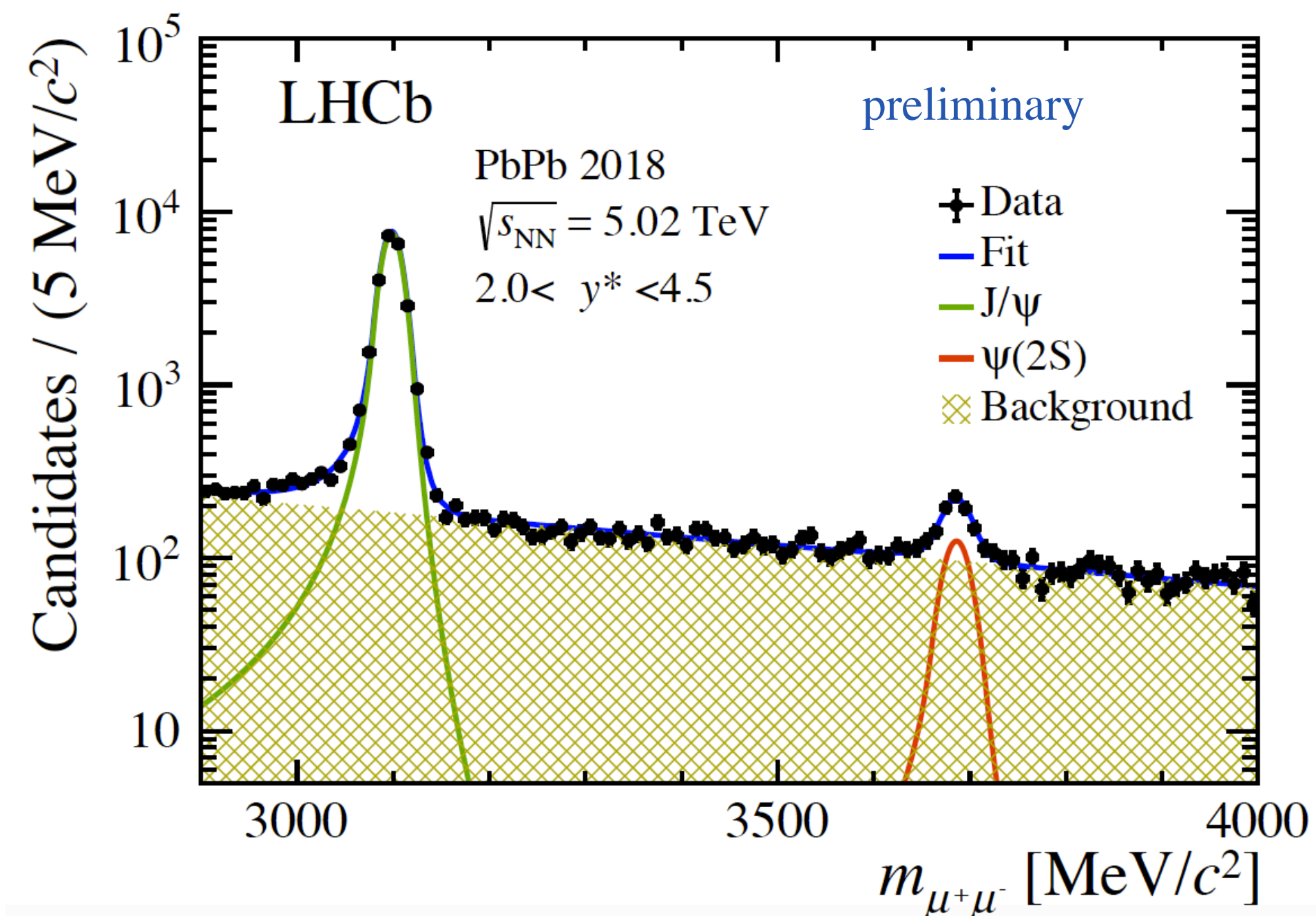
- Λ_c^+/D^0 ratio systematically lower than ALICE measurements in midrapidity
- Λ_c^+/D^0 ratio dependence on rapidity?

J/ψ photoproduction in ultra peripheral PbPb collisions at 5 TeV

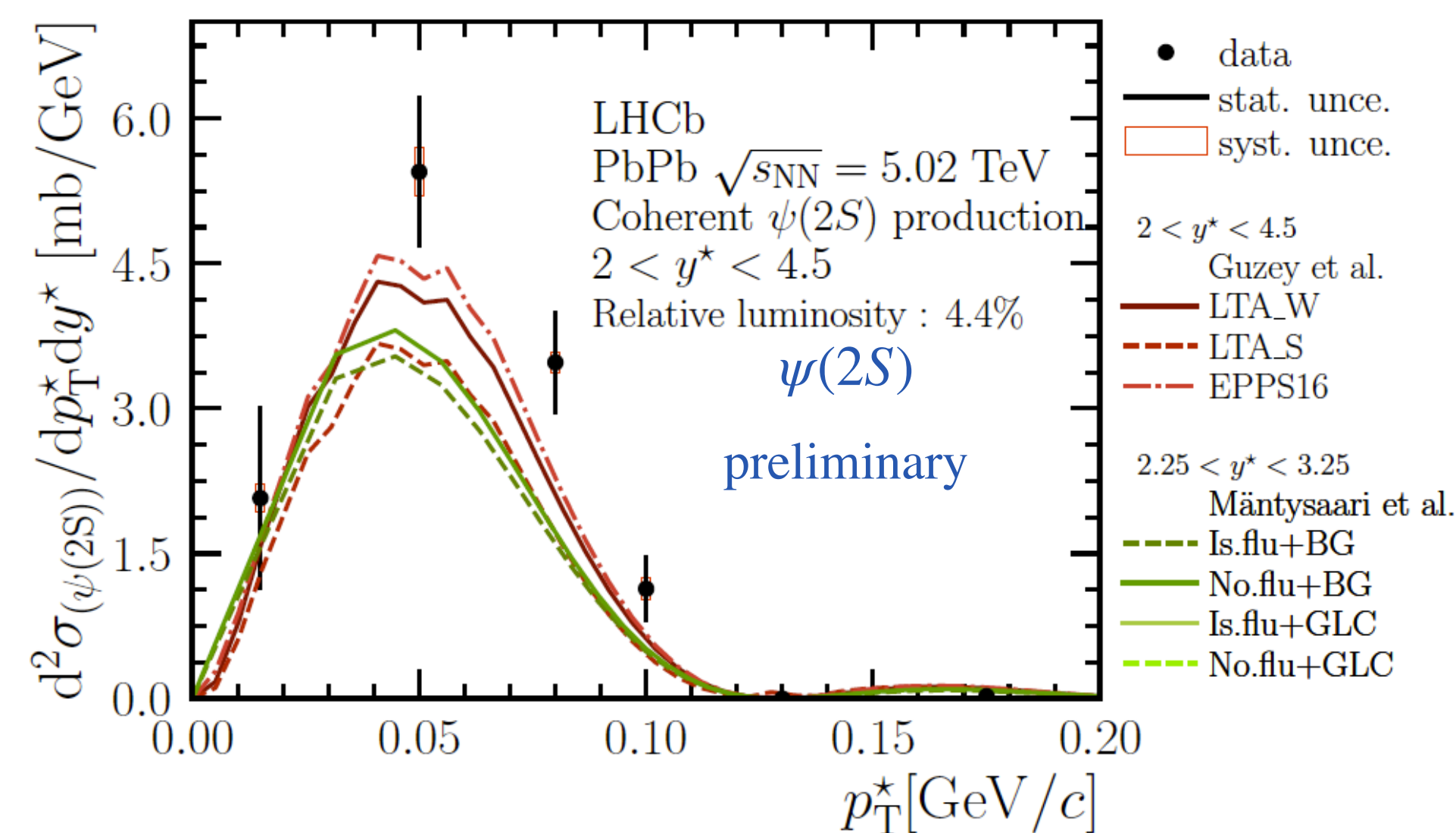
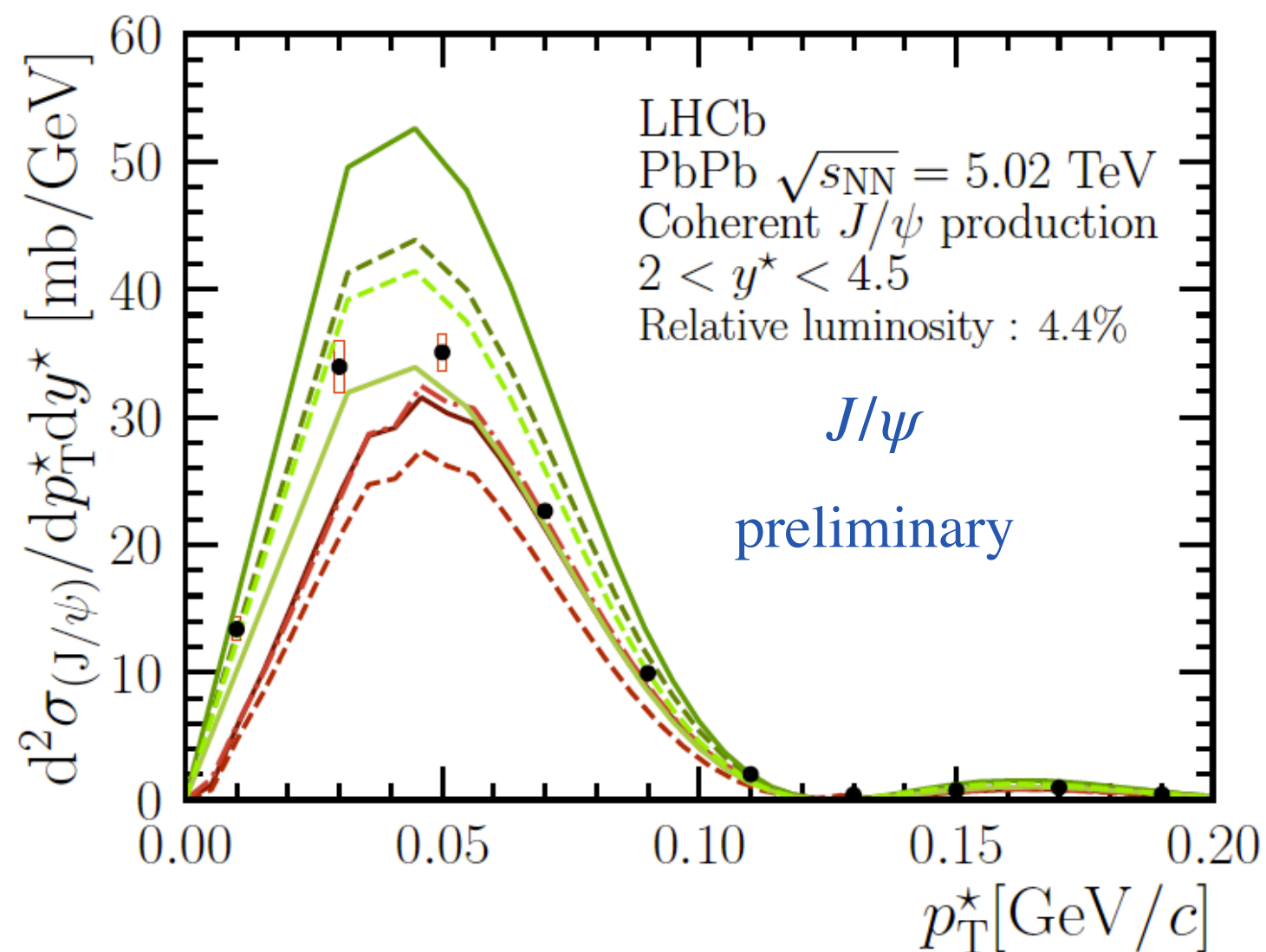
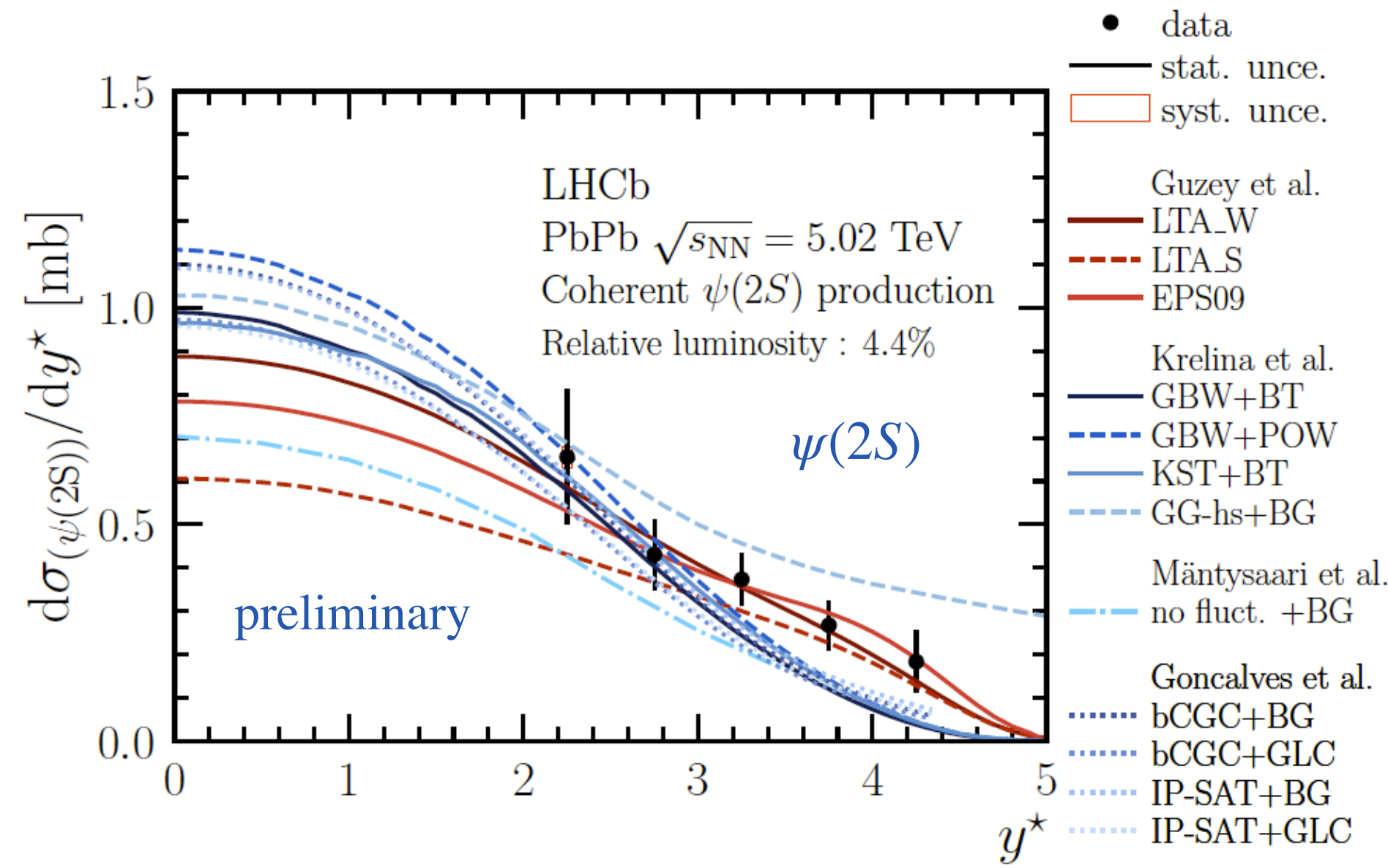
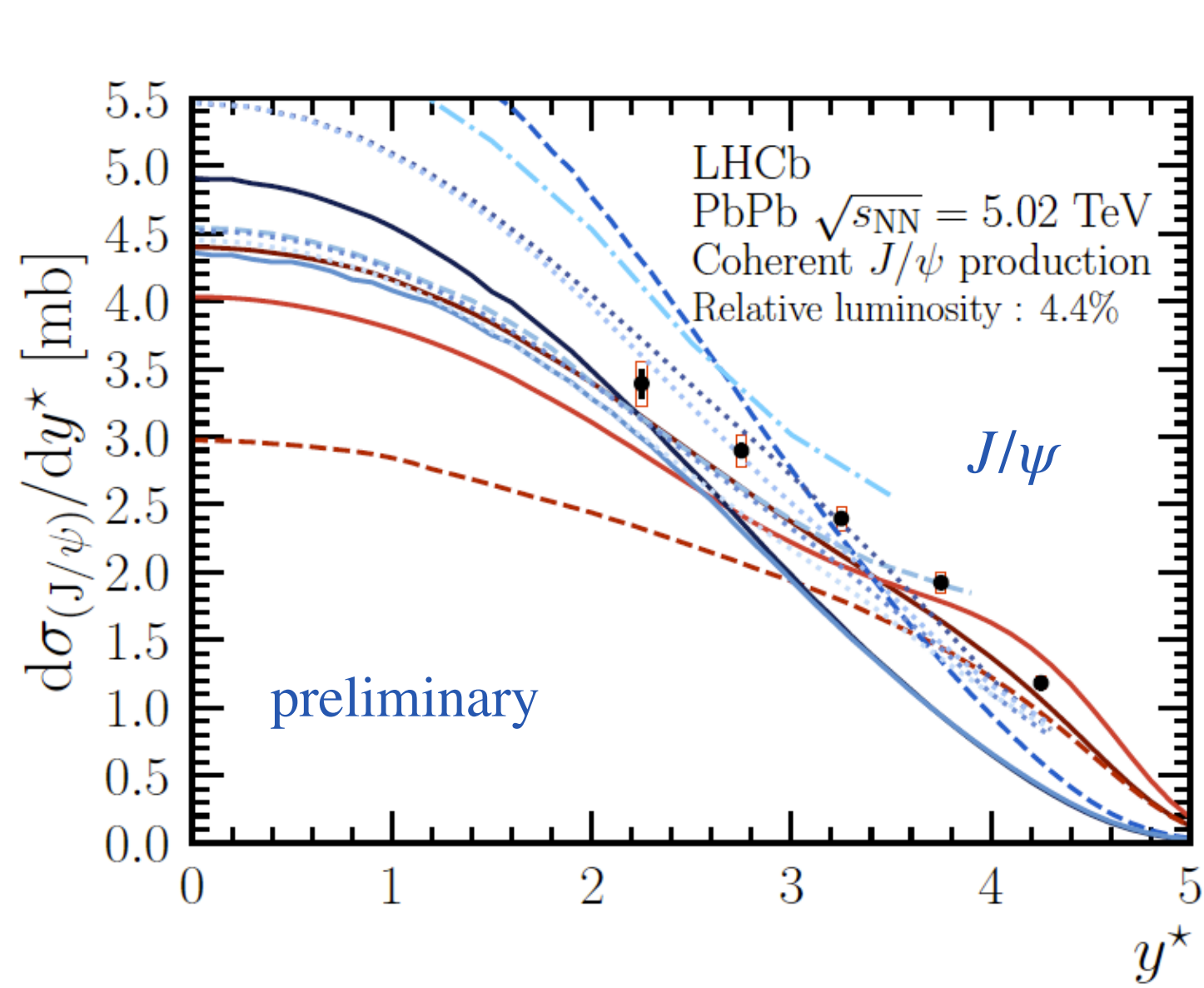
New measurement using PbPb data taken in 2018

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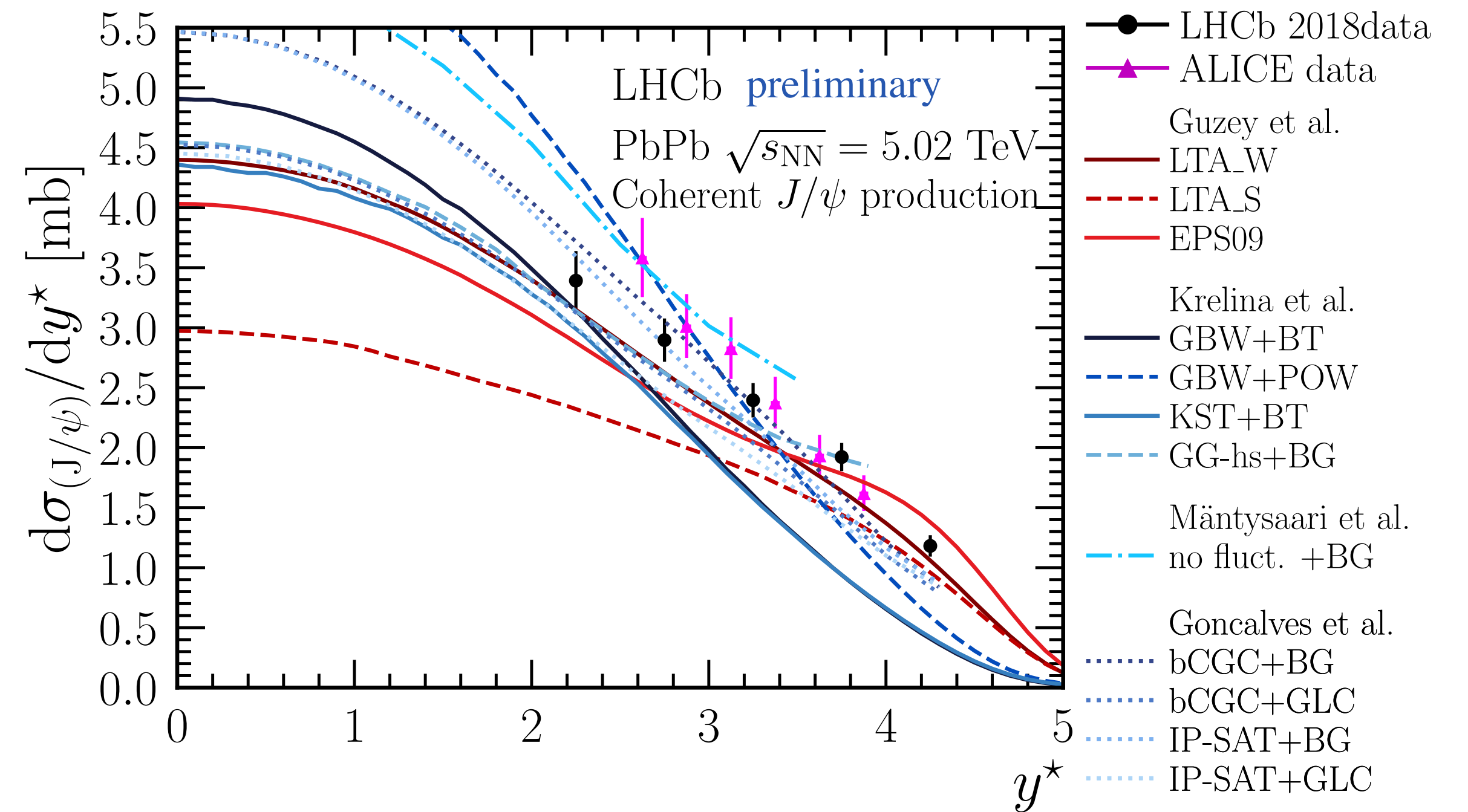
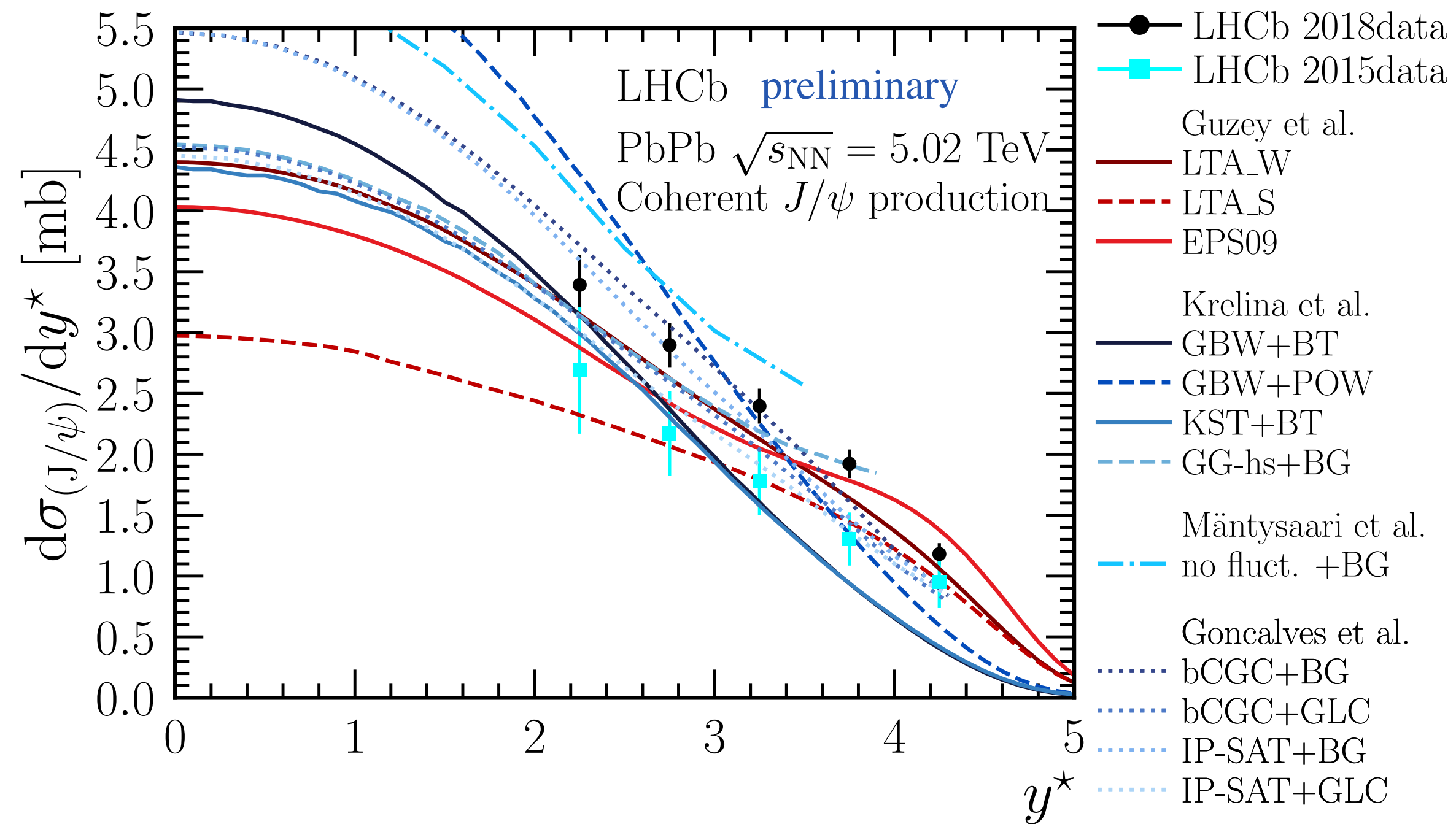
- Impact parameter $b > R_1 + R_2$
- No actual hadronic collisions
- Interaction through the quasi real-photon cloud from one or both nuclei
- Photon flux $\propto Z^2 \rightarrow$ reaction rate $\propto Z^4$
- Vector meson produced with the interaction between a photon and a pomeron
- Probe the nuclear gluon distribution functions at a hard scale $Q^2 \approx m^2/4$



Differential cross-section



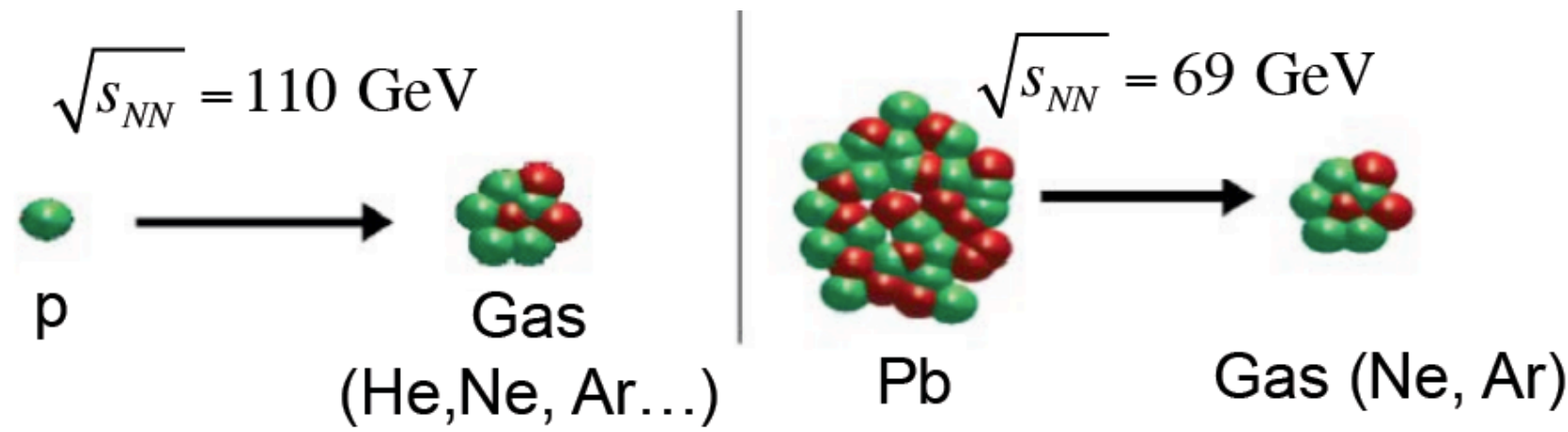
- First coherent $\psi(2S)$ measurement in forward rapidities at the LHC
- First measurement of coherent charmonia cross-section vs. p_T in PbPb UPC
- Reasonable description of data by models based on nPDF/CGC.



- New results is above the older 2015 measurement by 2.0σ
- Compatible with ALICE data

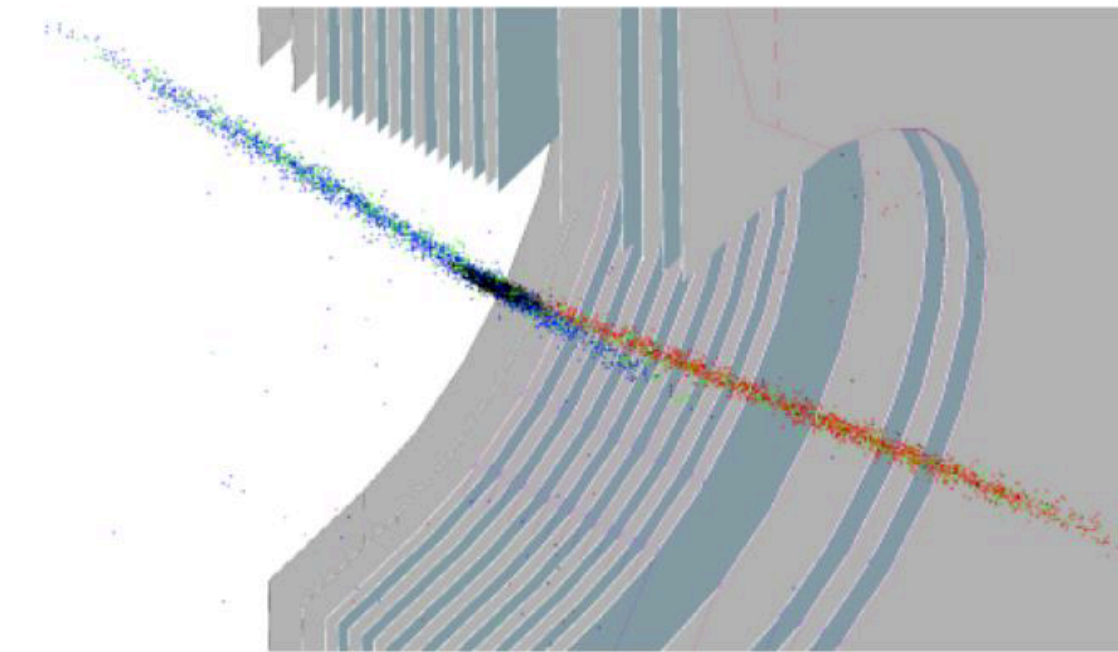
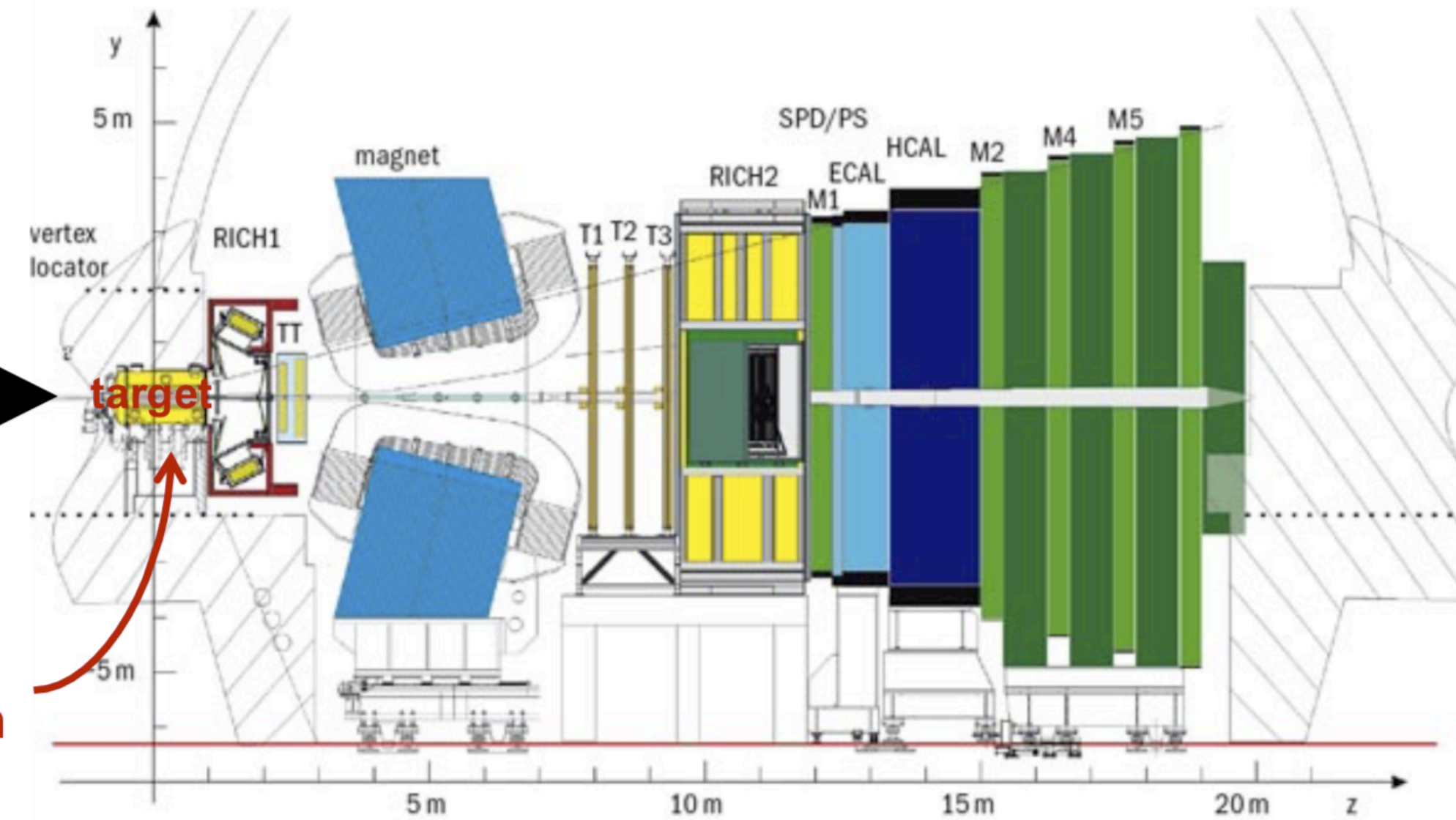
SMOG: fixed-target program

Fixed target mode

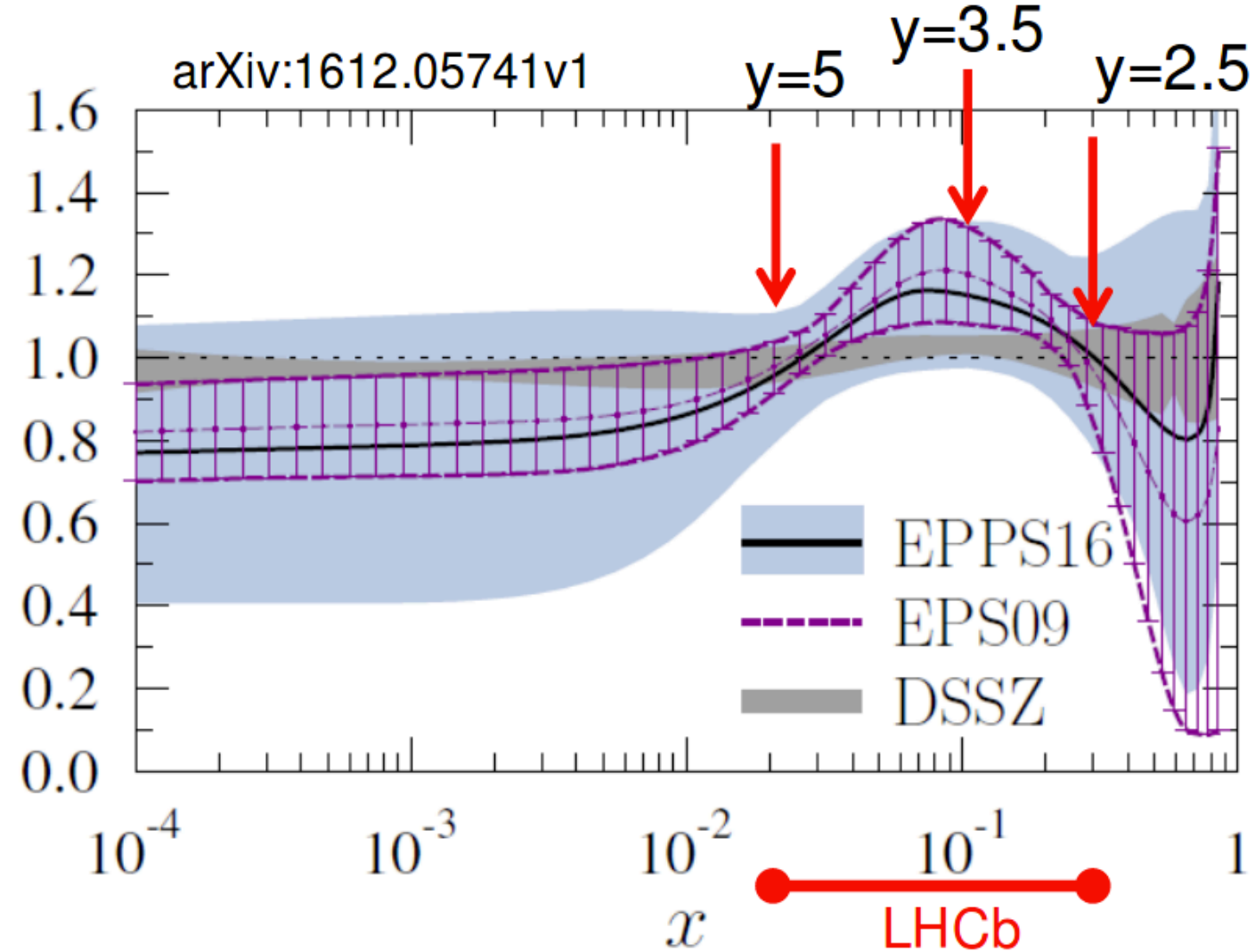


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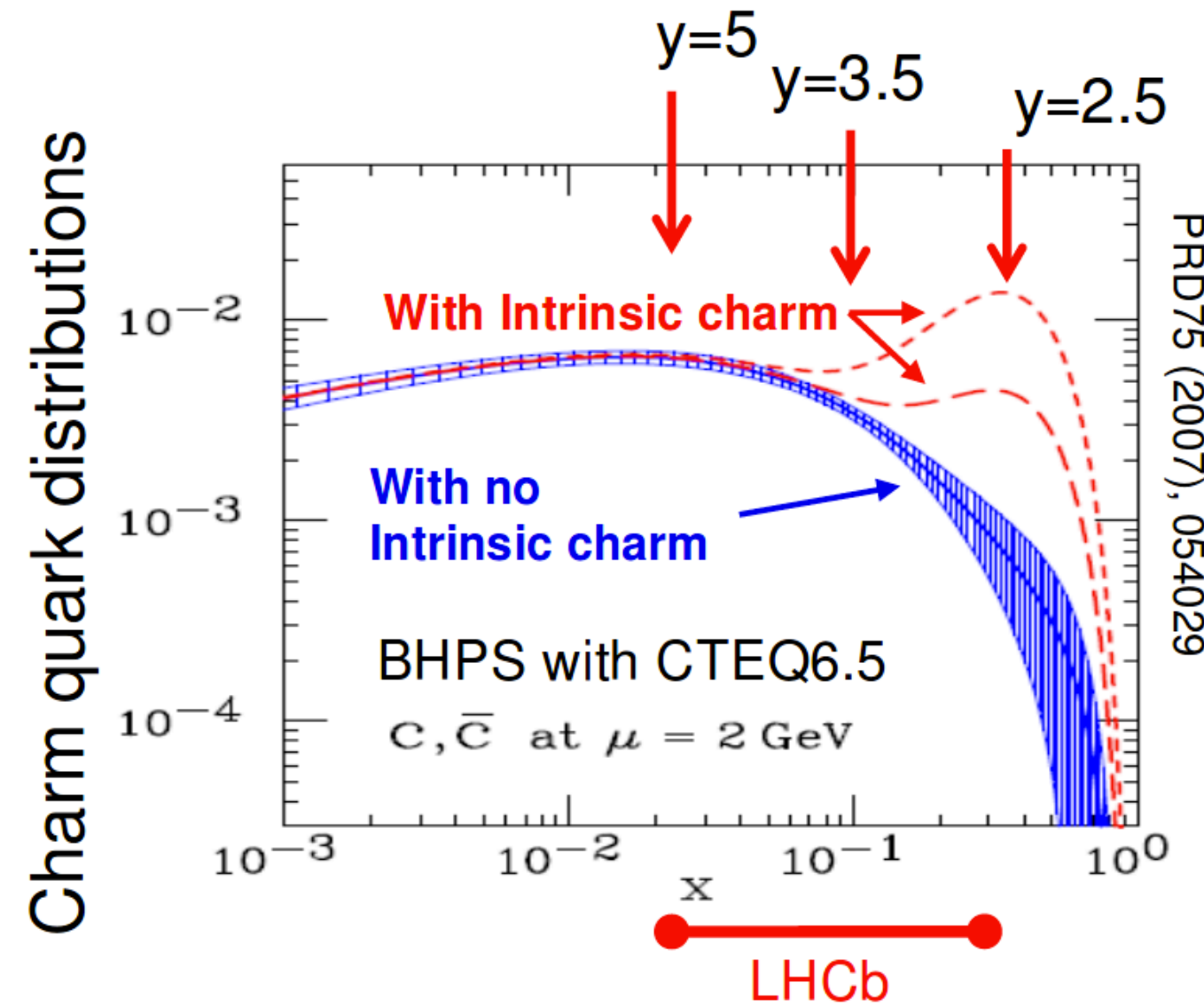
Gas injection



- SMOG: System for Measuring Overlap with Gas
- A noble gas (He, Ne, Ar) at $\sim 2 \times 10^{-7}$ mbar pressure injected into the LHC vacuum around the LHCb interaction region
- Originally used to determine luminosity, since 2015 started to collect fixed-target collision data

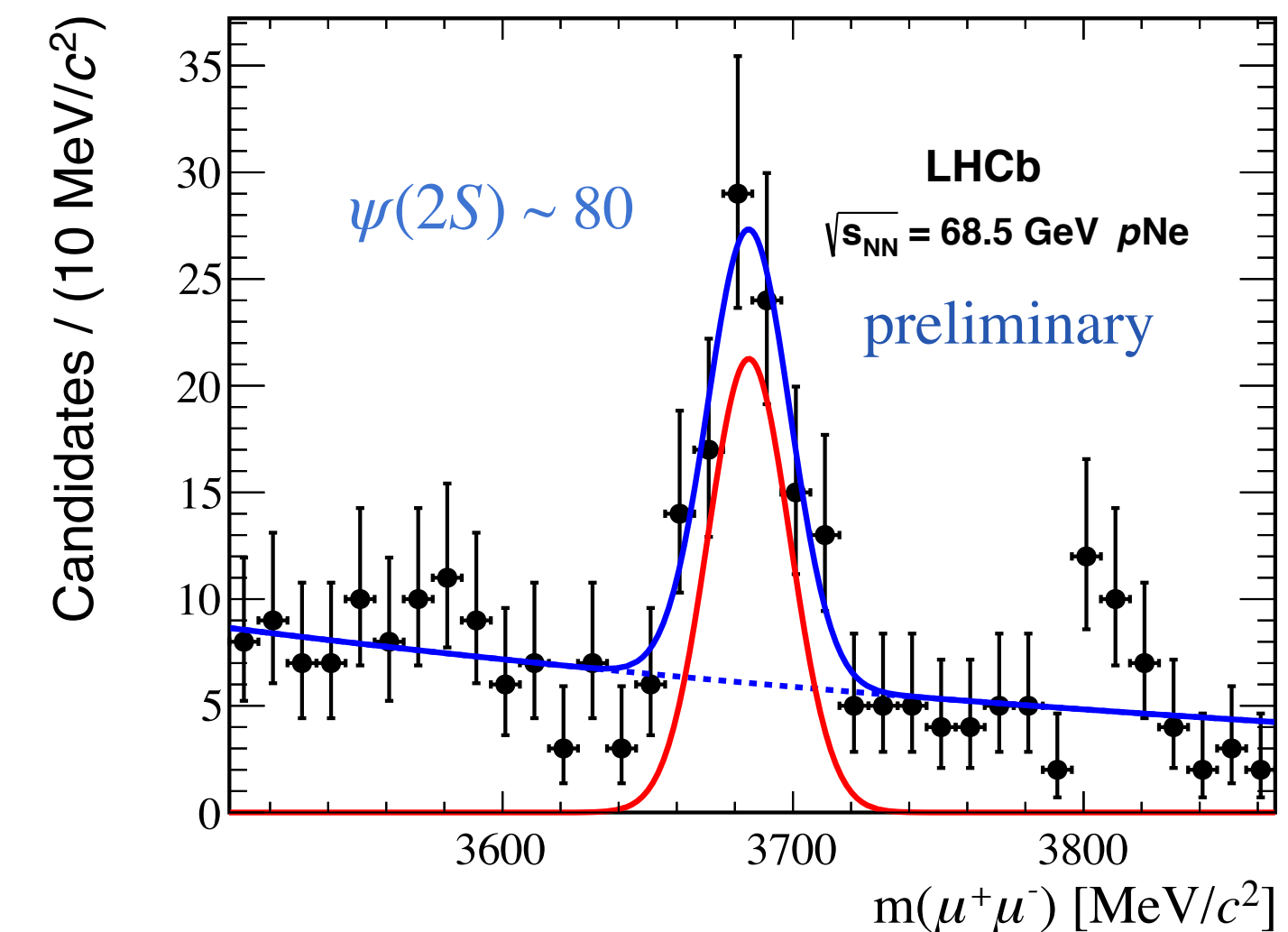
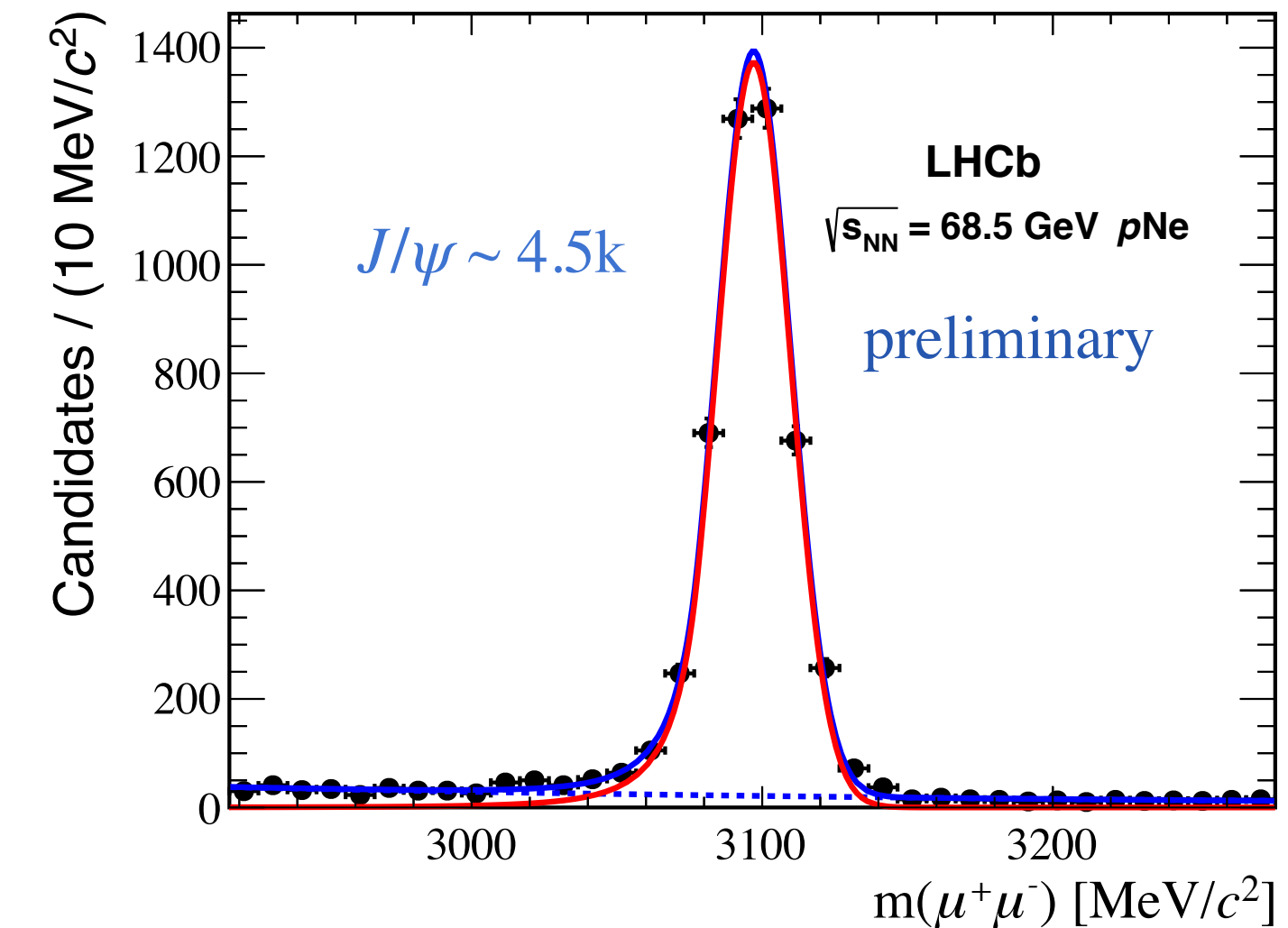


Bjorken-x = fraction of the nucleon momentum carried by a parton

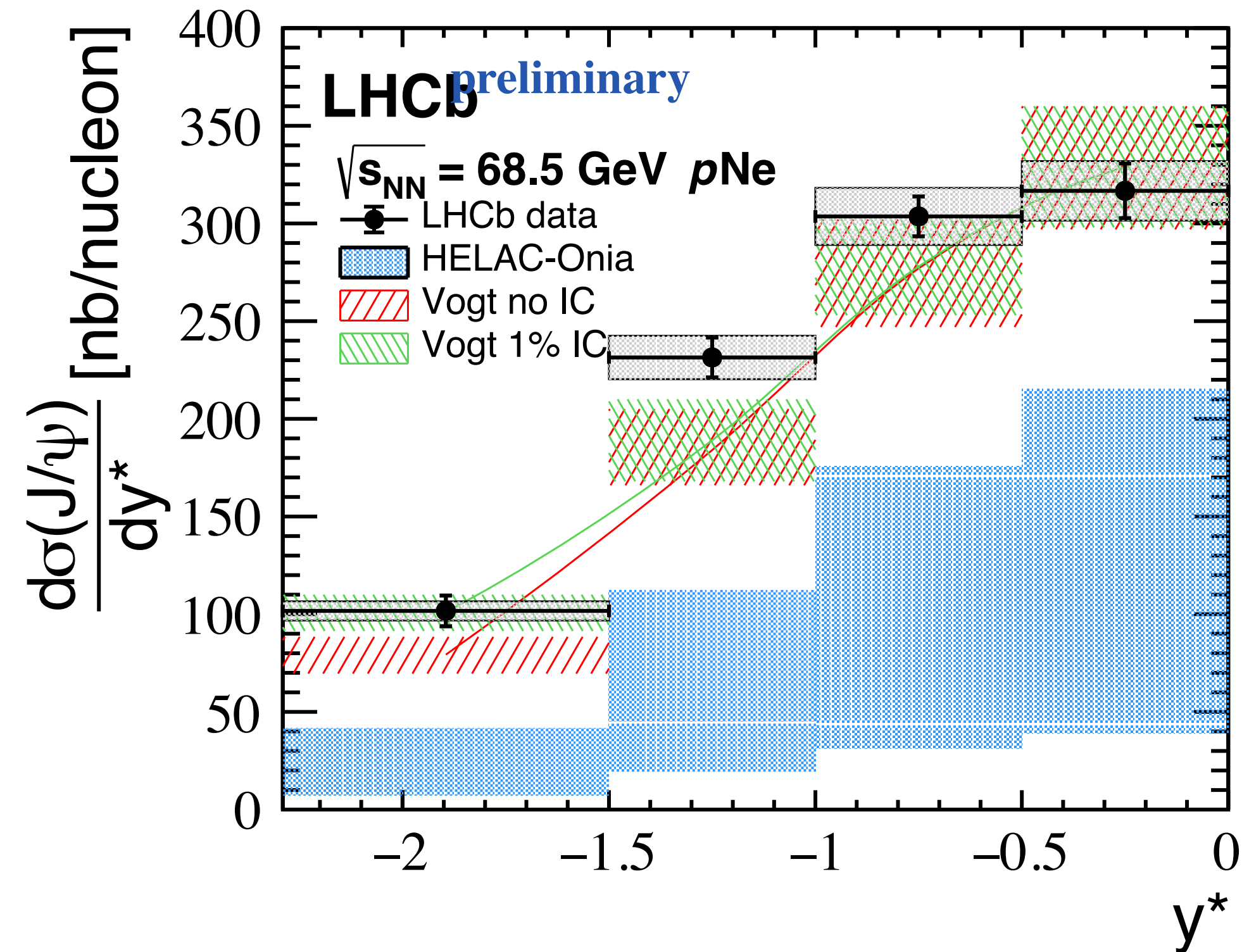
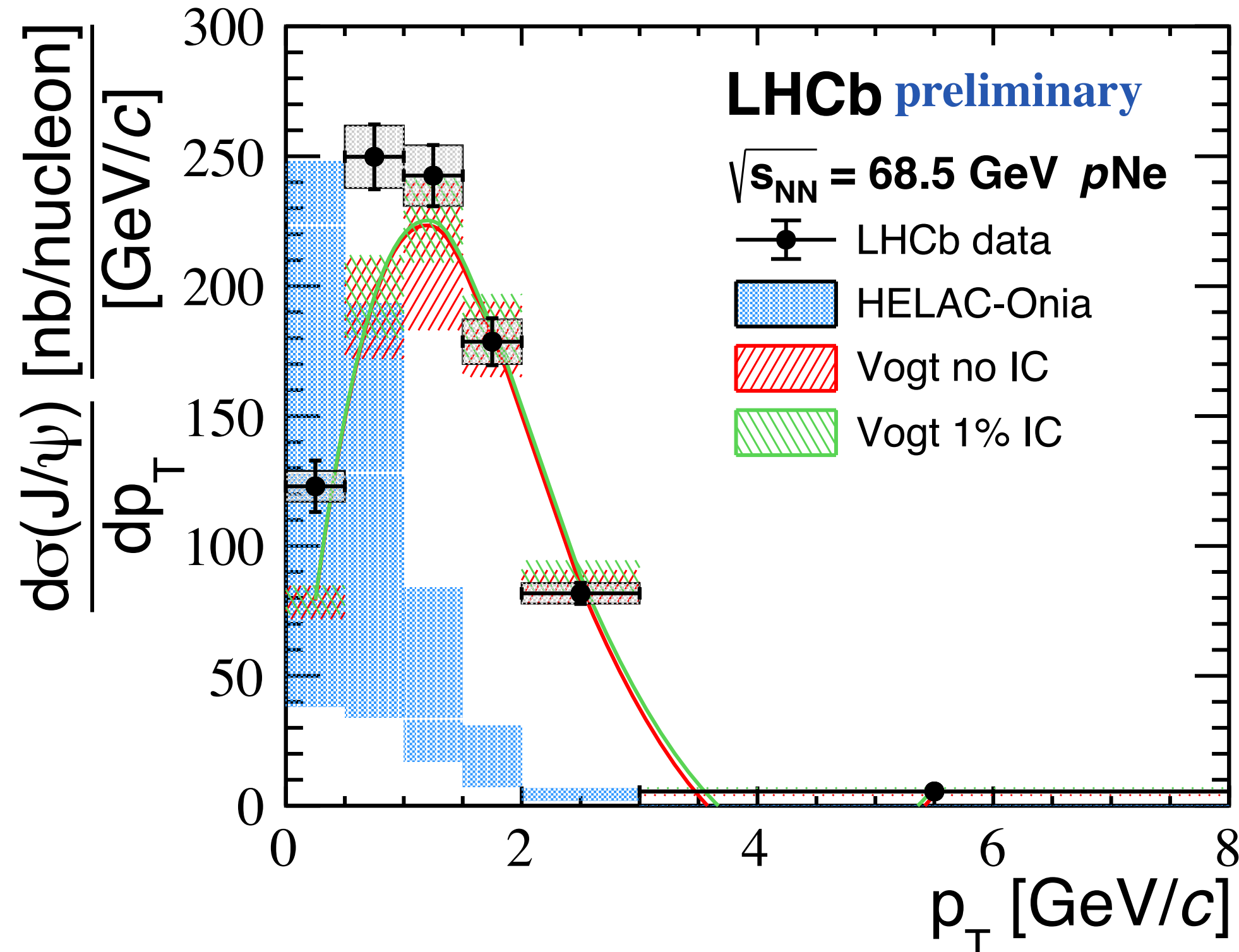


- $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 69-110$ GeV between SPS & RHIC
- $-3.0 < y^* < 0$
- Access nPDF anti-shadowing region
- Probe intrinsic charm content in the nucleon
- **Inputs to astrophysics**

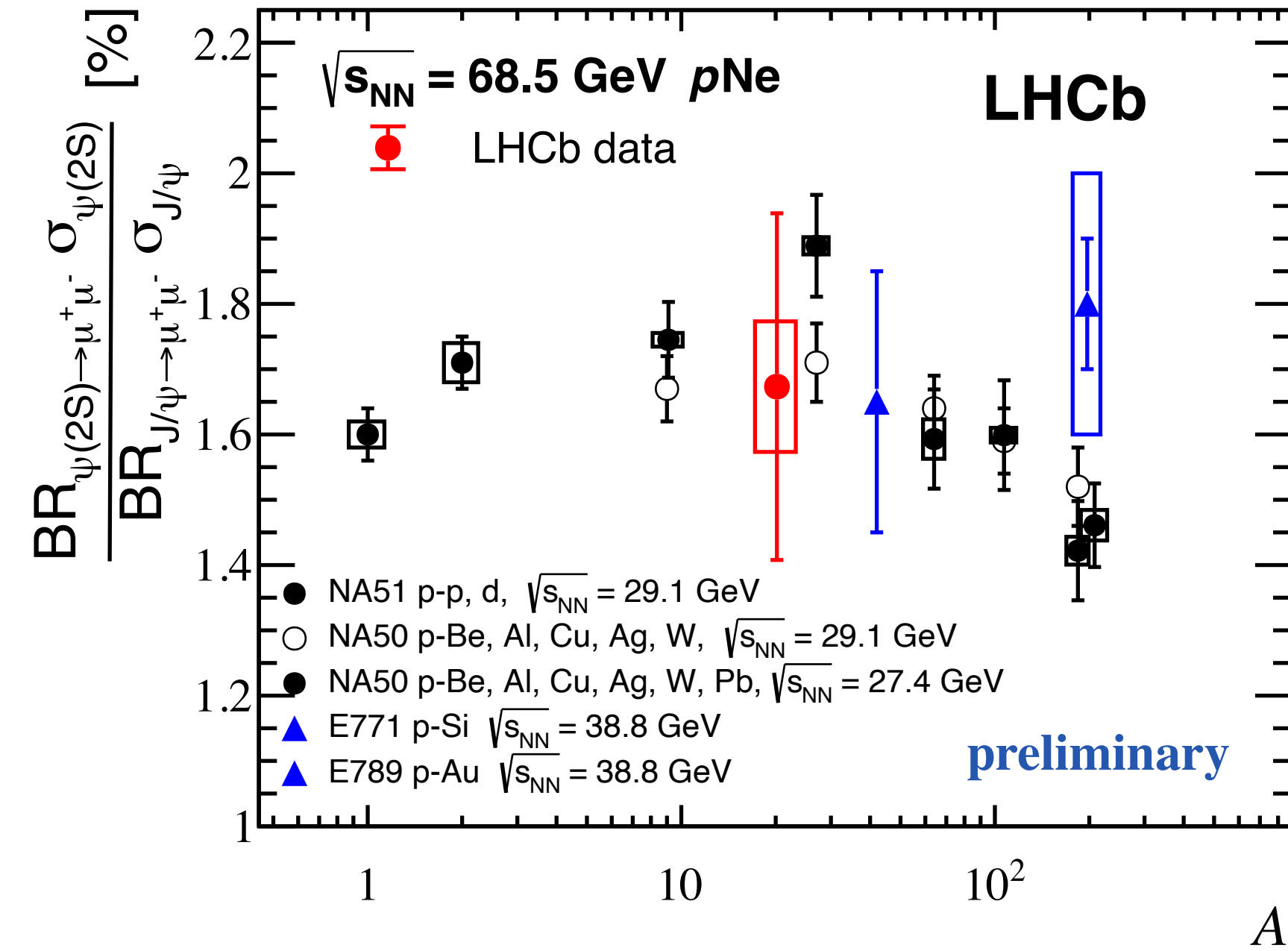
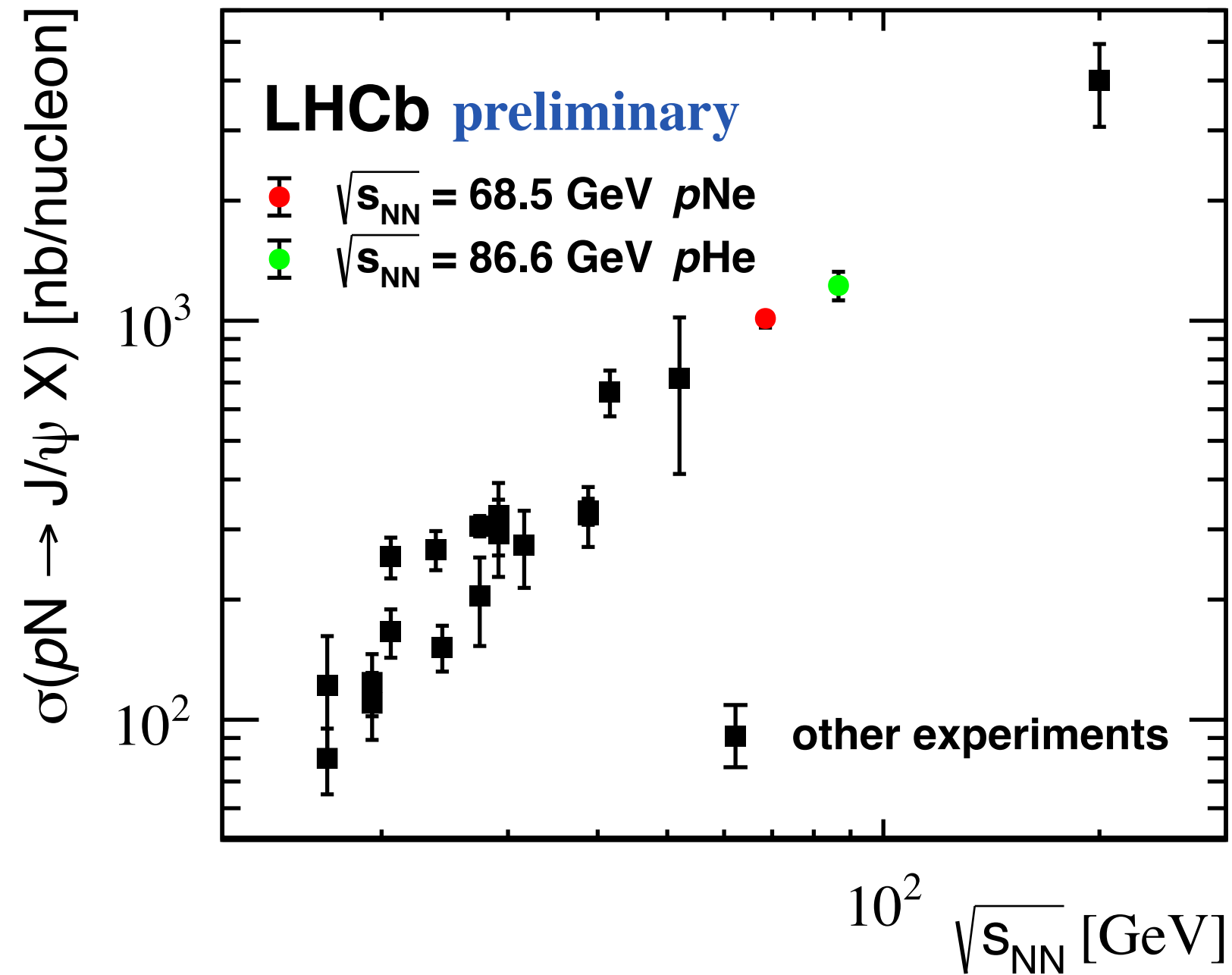
- Charmonium production modified by initial and final state effects in proton-nucleus collisions
 - Modification of PDFs inside nuclei, CGC
 - Nuclear absorption, multiple scattering, energy loss
 - Comovers
- Dataset: collisions of 2.5 TeV protons and neon nuclei at rest $\implies \sqrt{s_{NN}} = 68.5$ GeV
- Luminosity $21.7 \pm 1.4 \text{ nb}^{-1}$
- Center-of-mass rapidity coverage: $-2.3 < y^* < 0$



Differential J/ψ production cross-section



- HELAC-ONIA using CT14NLO and nCTEQ15 under predicts the data
- **Good agreement with predictions with (1%) and without an Intrinsic Charm contribution** [PRC103 (2021) 035204]

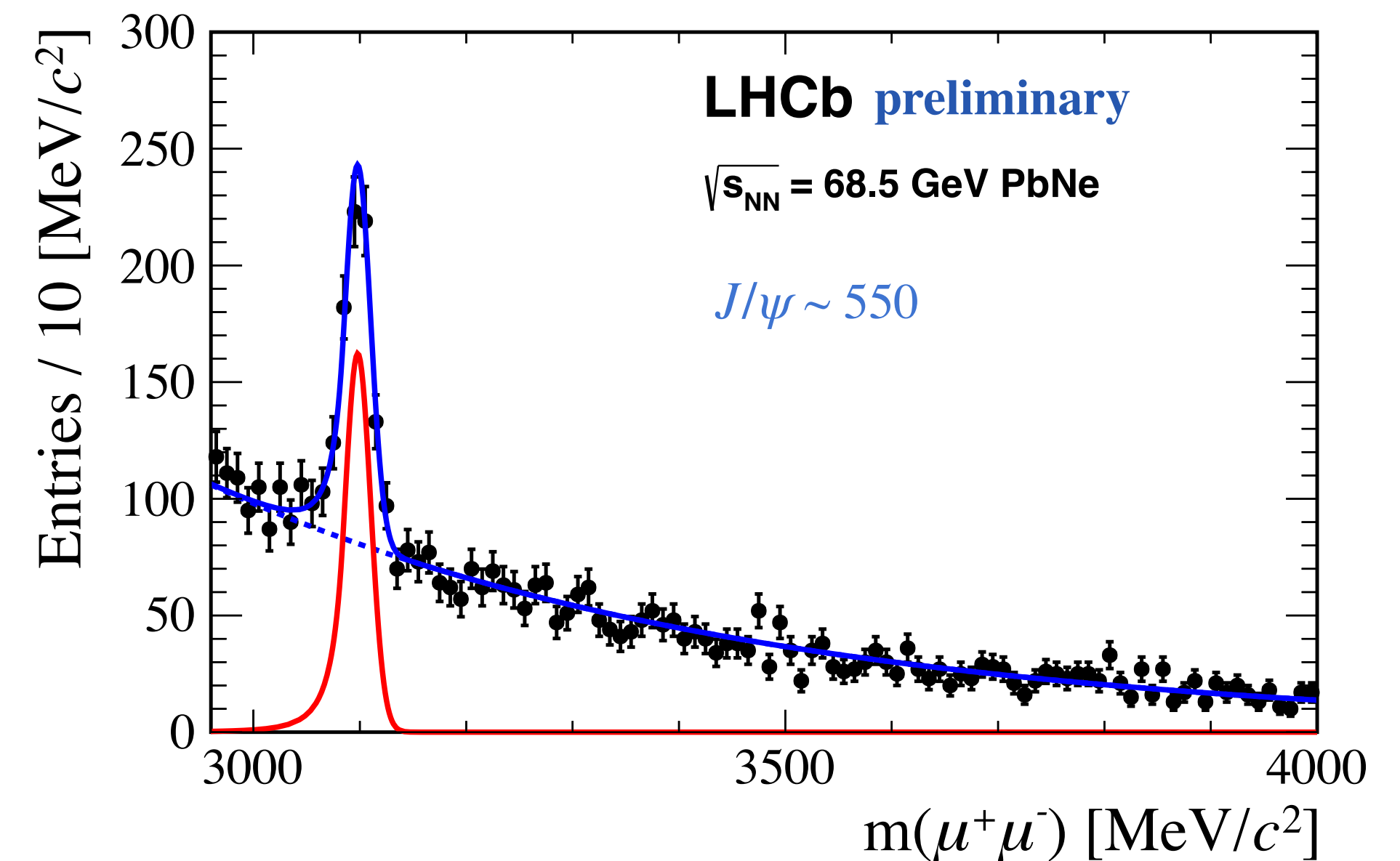
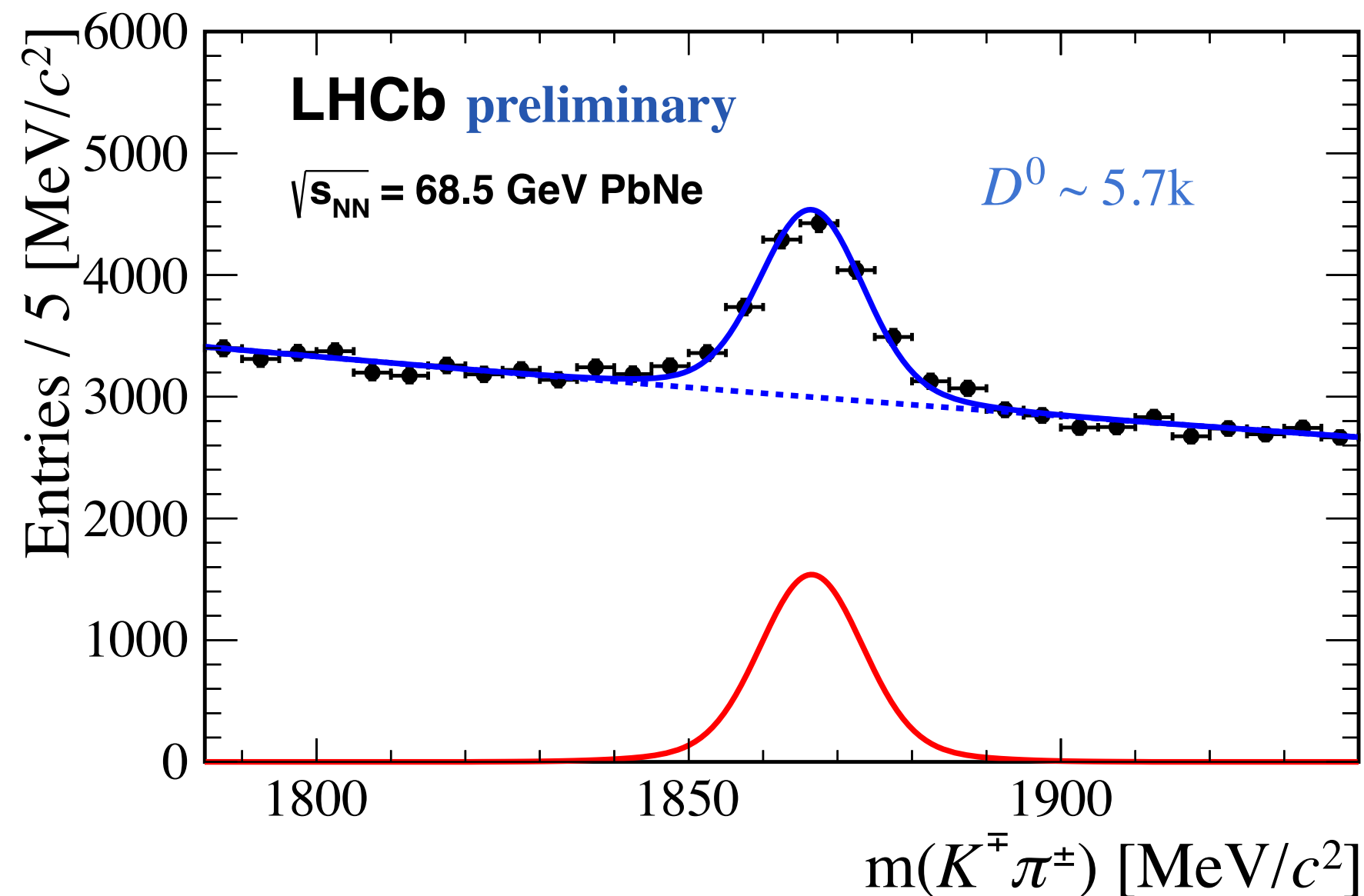
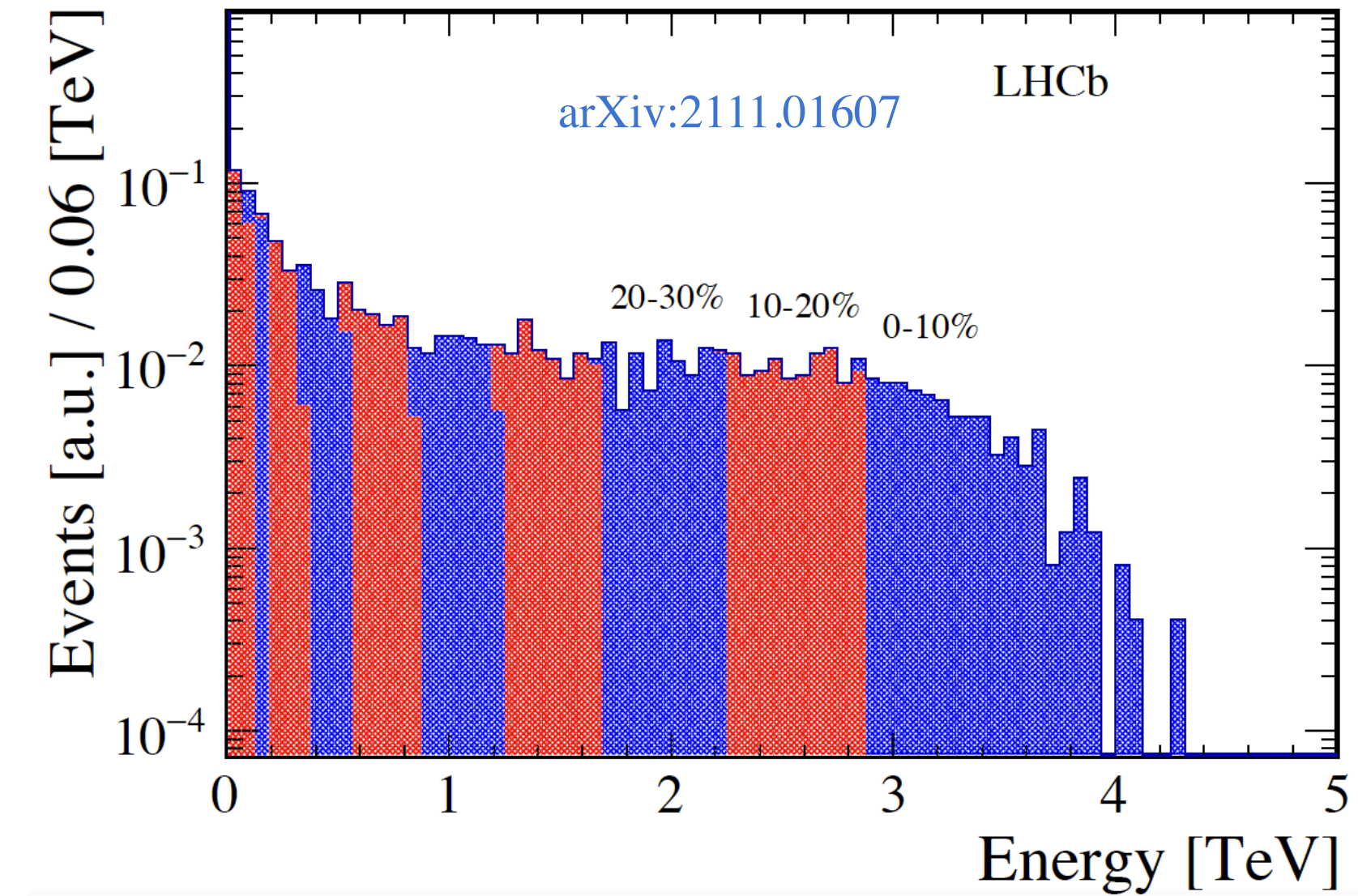


- Total J/ψ cross-section: extrapolation to full phase space using Pythia8+CT09MCS PDF, assuming forward-backward symmetry.
 - shows a power-law dependency with the center-of-mass energy $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$
- $\psi(2S)$ to J/ψ production ratio in good agreement with other proton-nucleus measurements at small values of target atomic mass number, A .
- **The first measurement of $\psi(2S)$ to J/ψ production ratio with SMOG**

D^0 and J/ψ in PbNe collisions at 68.5 GeV

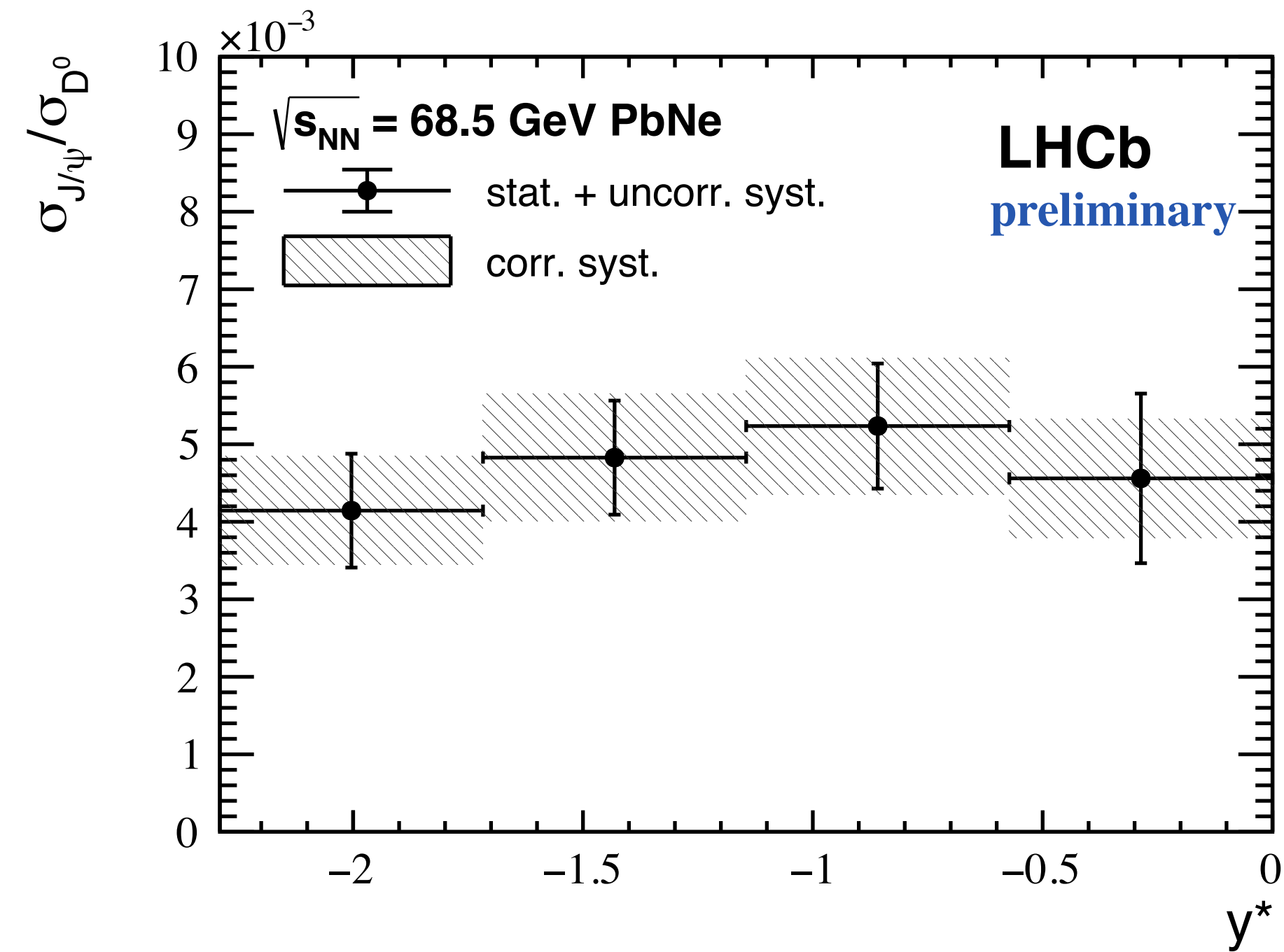
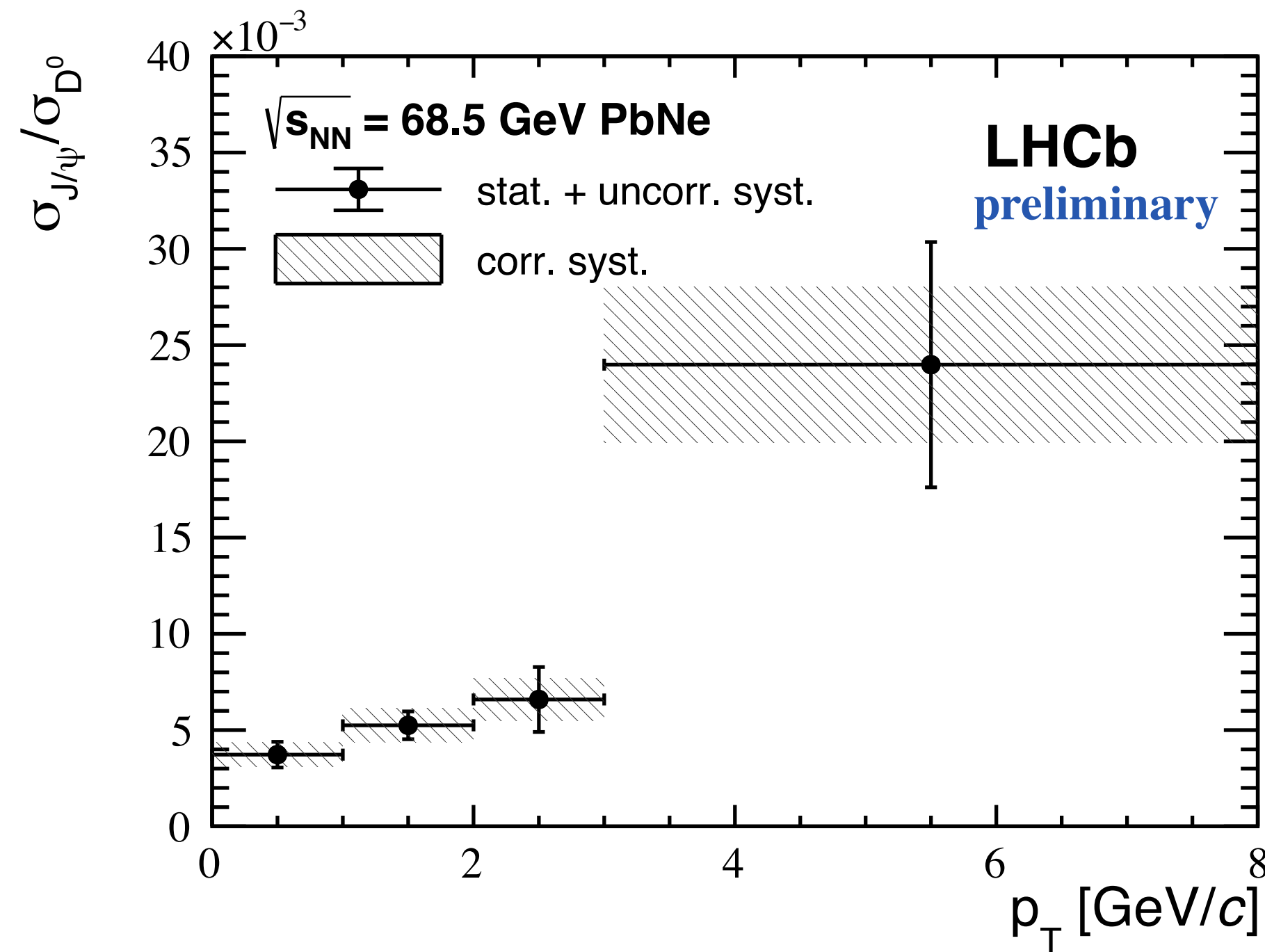
LHCb-PAPER-2022-011, in preparation

- **The first measurement in fixed-target nucleus-nucleus collisions at the LHC, a milestone for the SMOG program**
- Search for the potential formation of quark-gluon plasma. Look for the onset of the transition from ordinary hadronic matter to the QGP.
- Suppression of charmonium $c\bar{c}$ bound states due to presence of the hot and dense medium
- Dataset: 2.5 TeV lead ions incident on neon nuclei $\implies \sqrt{s_{NN}} = 68.5$ GeV
- PbNe centrality determined by energy in ECal



D^0 and J/ψ in PbNe collisions at 68.5 GeV

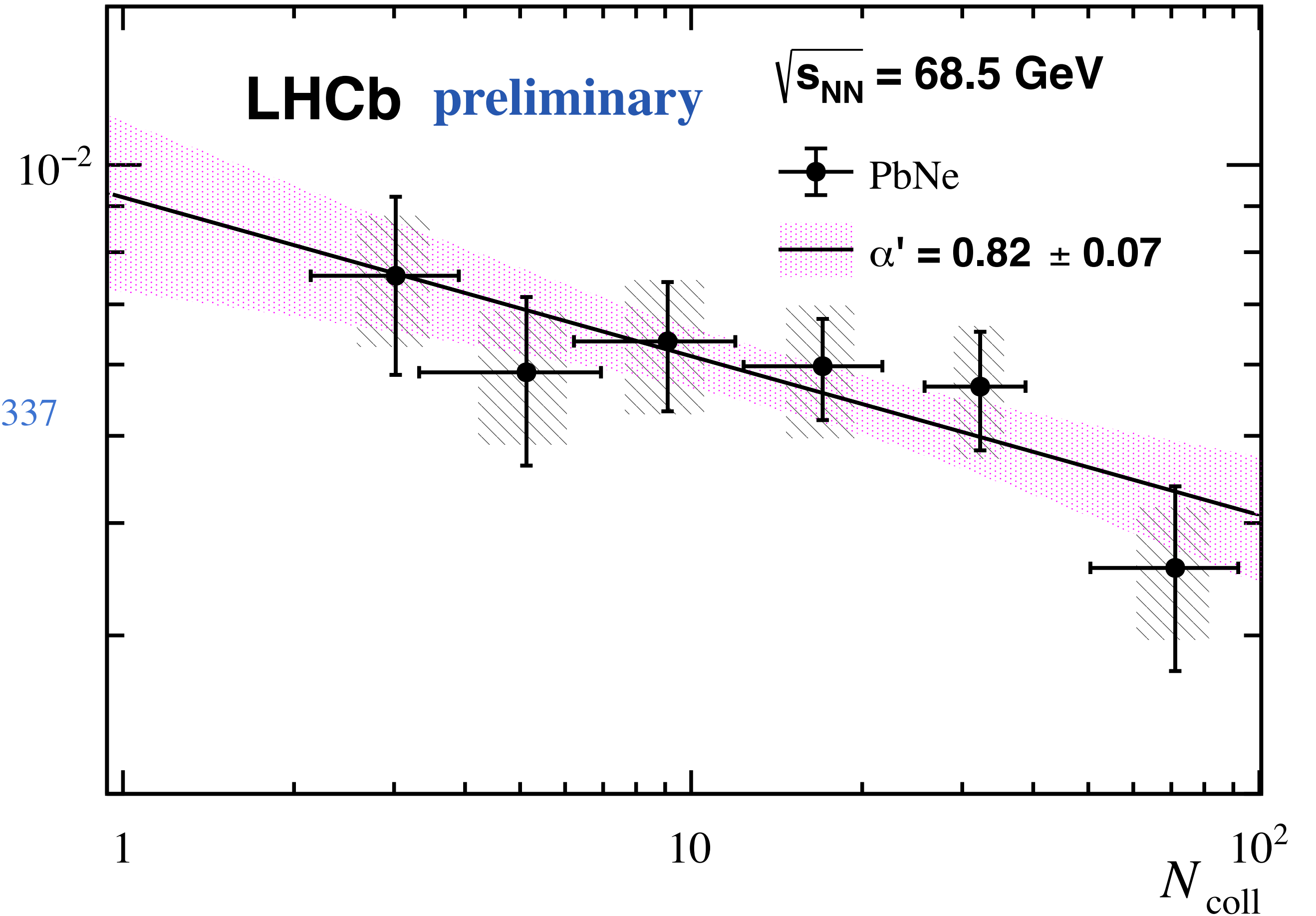
Production ratio $J/\psi / D^0$ vs. p_T and y^*



- Depends strongly on p_T
- Compatible with no dependence on rapidity
- Suppression of $c\bar{c}$ bound states: measure charmonium together with the overall charm quark production
- The production of D^0 mesons reflects a large fraction of the overall charm quark production
- D^0 acts as a reference for studying quarkonium modification inside nuclear medium

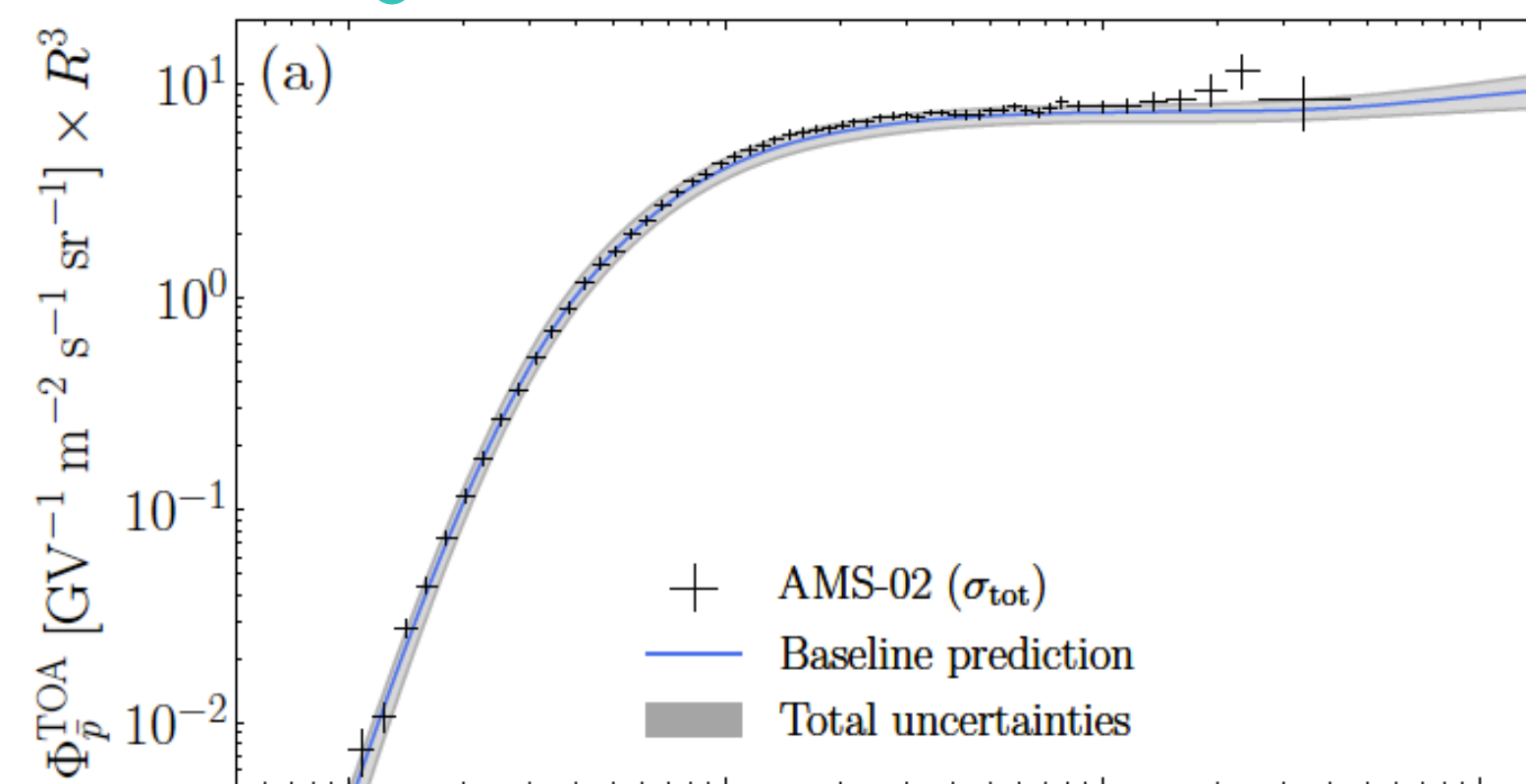
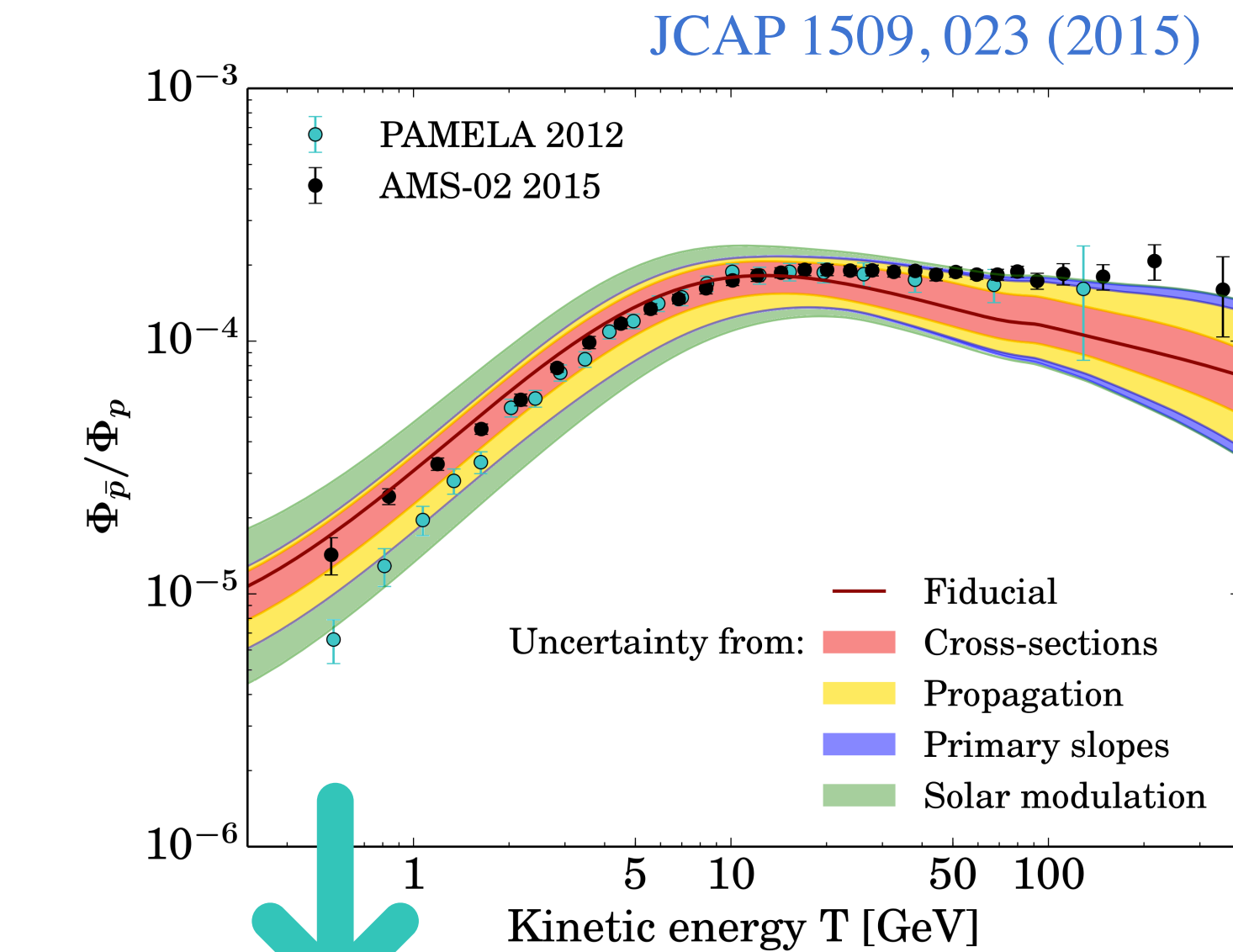
$J/\psi / D^0$ ratio as a function of N_{coll}

- Assuming $\sigma_{J/\psi} \propto \langle N_{coll} \rangle^{\alpha'}$ and $\sigma_{D^0} \propto \langle N_{coll} \rangle$
 $\implies \sigma_{J/\psi} / \sigma_{D^0} \propto \langle N_{coll} \rangle^{\alpha'-1}$
- $\alpha' = 0.82 \pm 0.07$
- Agree with measurements from proton-nucleus collisions by NA50 [Phys. Lett. B 410 \(1997\) 337](#)
- J/ψ production affected by additional nuclear effects compared to D^0
- No anomalous J/ψ suppression is observed that could indicate the formation of QGP**



SMOG input to astrophysics

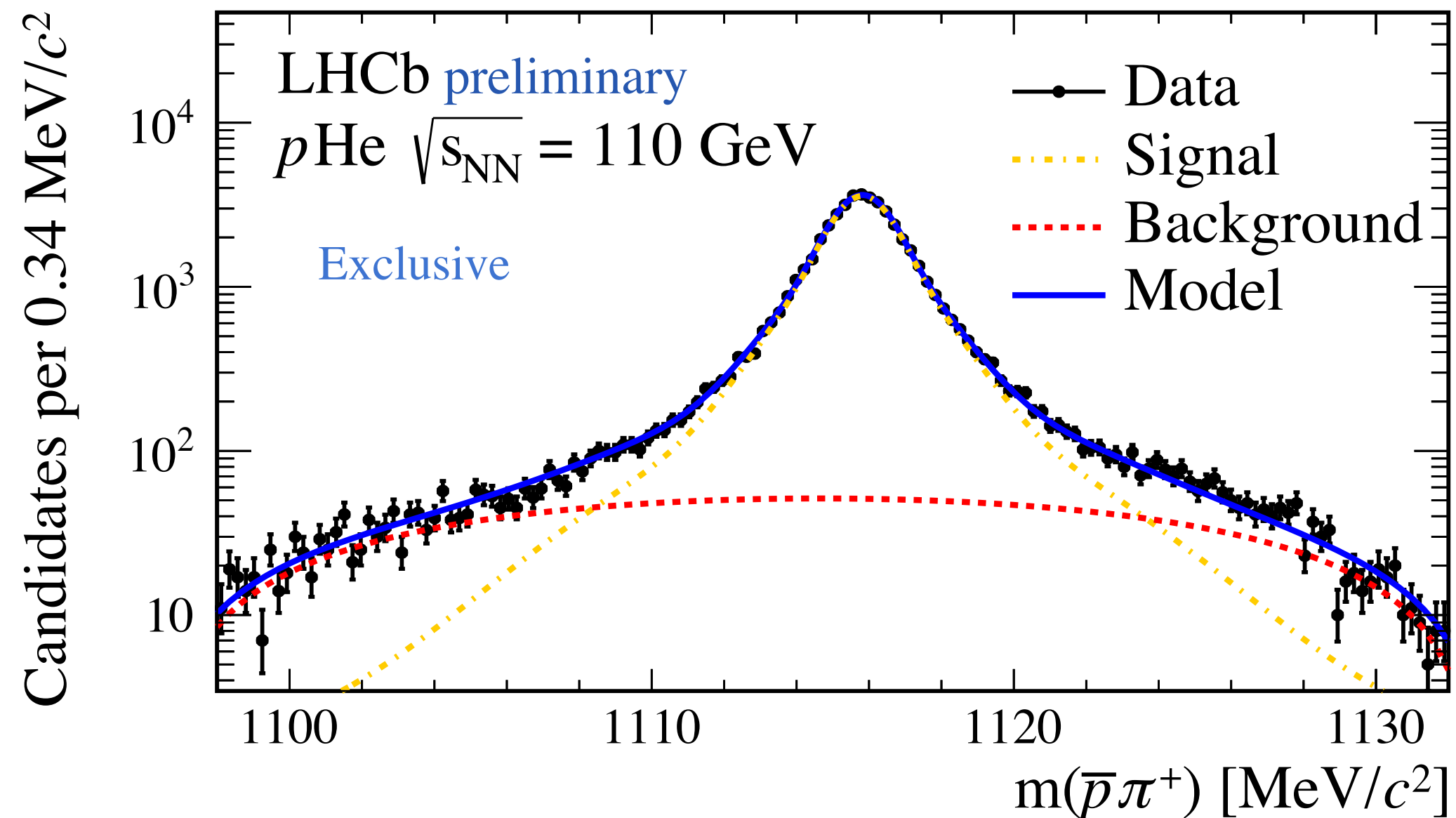
- \bar{p}/p in cosmic rays sensitive to a possible dark matter contribution contribution
- Precise \bar{p} production cross-section in interstellar medium (H and He) necessary to interpretation data
- A first measurement of prompt \bar{p} production in $p\text{He}$ collisions at 110 GeV using SMOG [PRL 121 \(2018\) 222001](#)
- Extending the first measurement: antiproton from anti-hyperon decays (detached \bar{p})



Exclusive measurement (signal based):

- Dominant anti-hyperon contribution from $\bar{\Lambda}$ exclusively reconstructed
- $\bar{\Lambda} \rightarrow \bar{p}\pi^+$: $(50.7 \pm 0.3) \times 10^3$ candidates

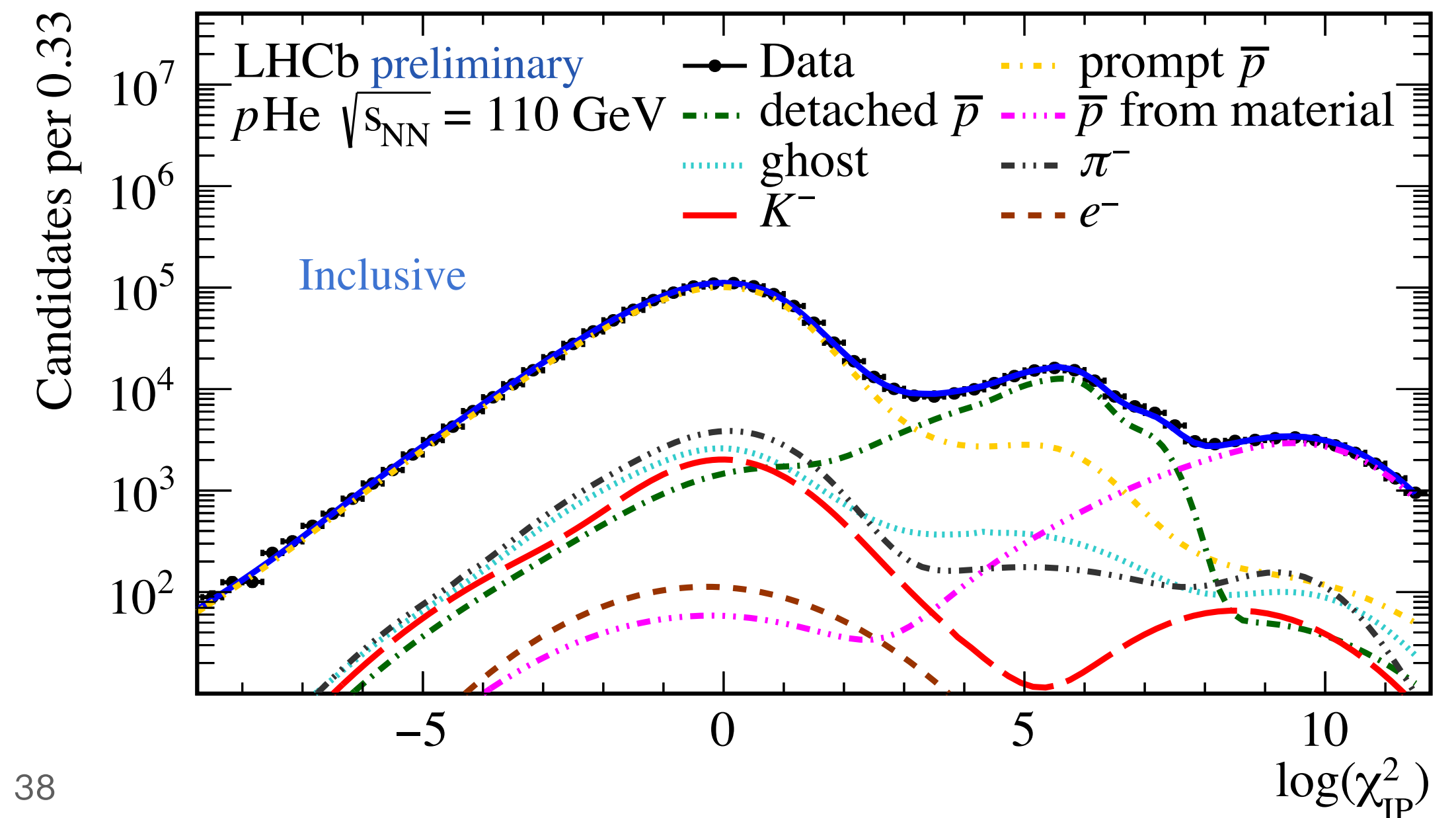
$$R_{\bar{\Lambda}} \equiv \frac{\sigma(p\text{He} \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda}X \rightarrow \bar{p}\pi^+X)}{\sigma(p\text{He} \rightarrow \bar{p}_{\text{prompt}}X)}$$



Inclusive measurement (track based):

- Anti-hyperon $\bar{H} = \bar{\Lambda}, \bar{\Sigma}, \bar{\Xi}, \bar{\Omega}$
- template fit of \bar{p} impact parameter:
 - Prompt, detached, secondary collisions from materials

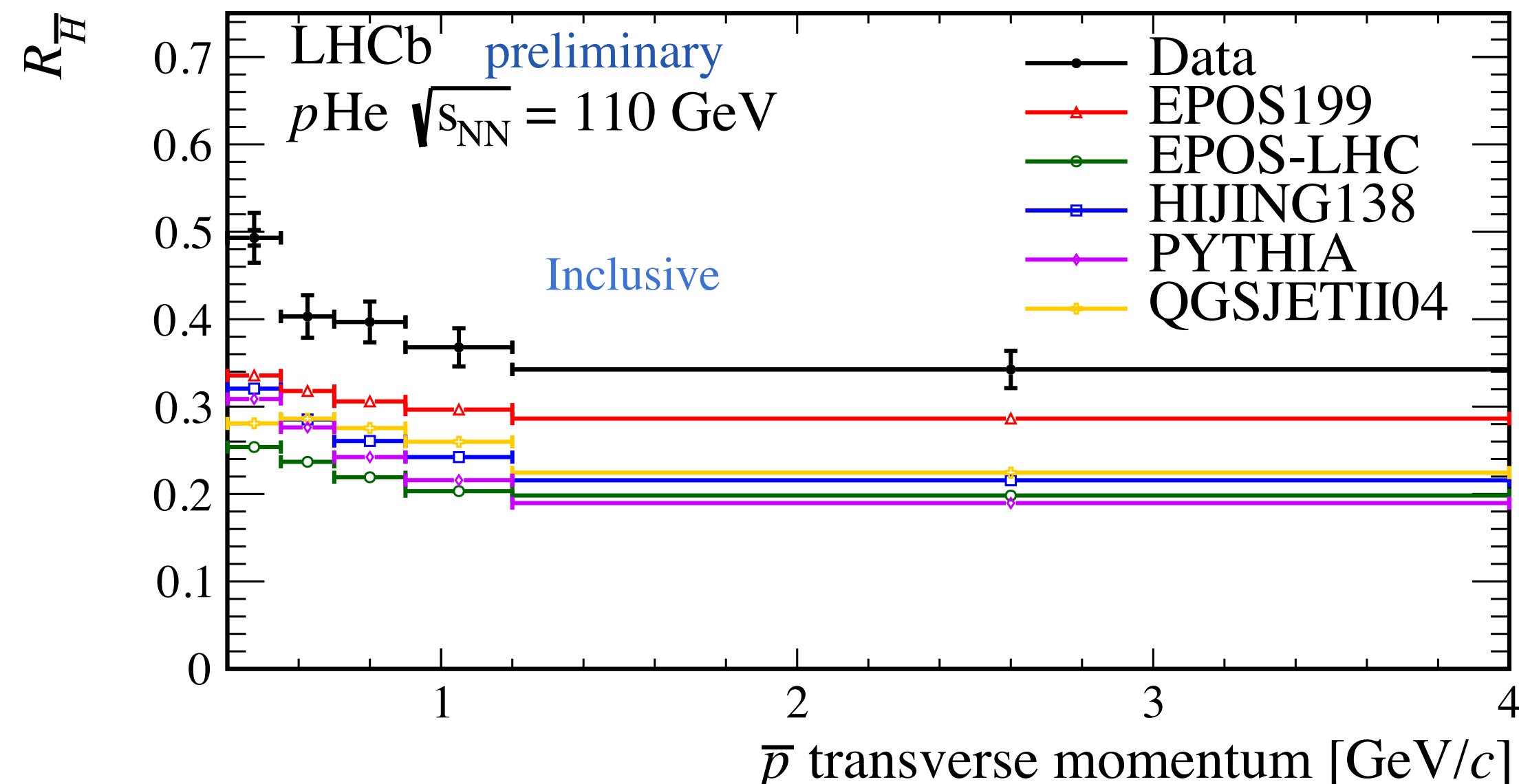
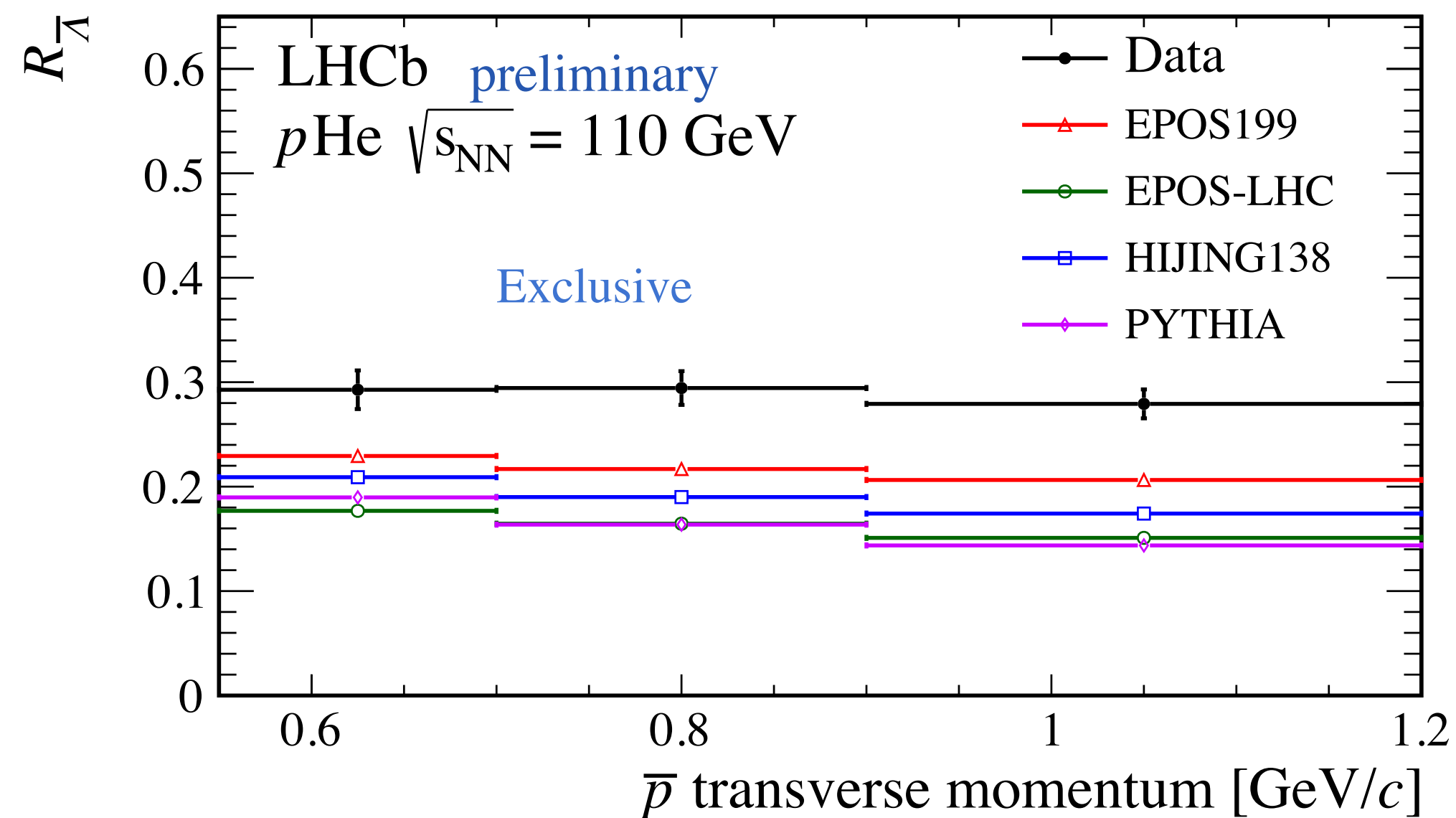
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Detached antiproton in $p\text{He}$ collisions at 110 GeV

$$R_{\bar{\Lambda}} \equiv \frac{\sigma(p\text{He} \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda} X \rightarrow \bar{p}\pi^+ X)}{\sigma(p\text{He} \rightarrow \bar{p}_{\text{prompt}} X)}$$

$$R_{\bar{H}} \equiv \frac{\sigma(p\text{He} \rightarrow \bar{H} X \rightarrow \bar{p} X)}{\sigma(p\text{He} \rightarrow \bar{p}_{\text{prompt}} X)}$$



- Indicate a sizable underestimation of detached \bar{p} contribution in most hadronic production models used in cosmic ray physics

Full software trigger

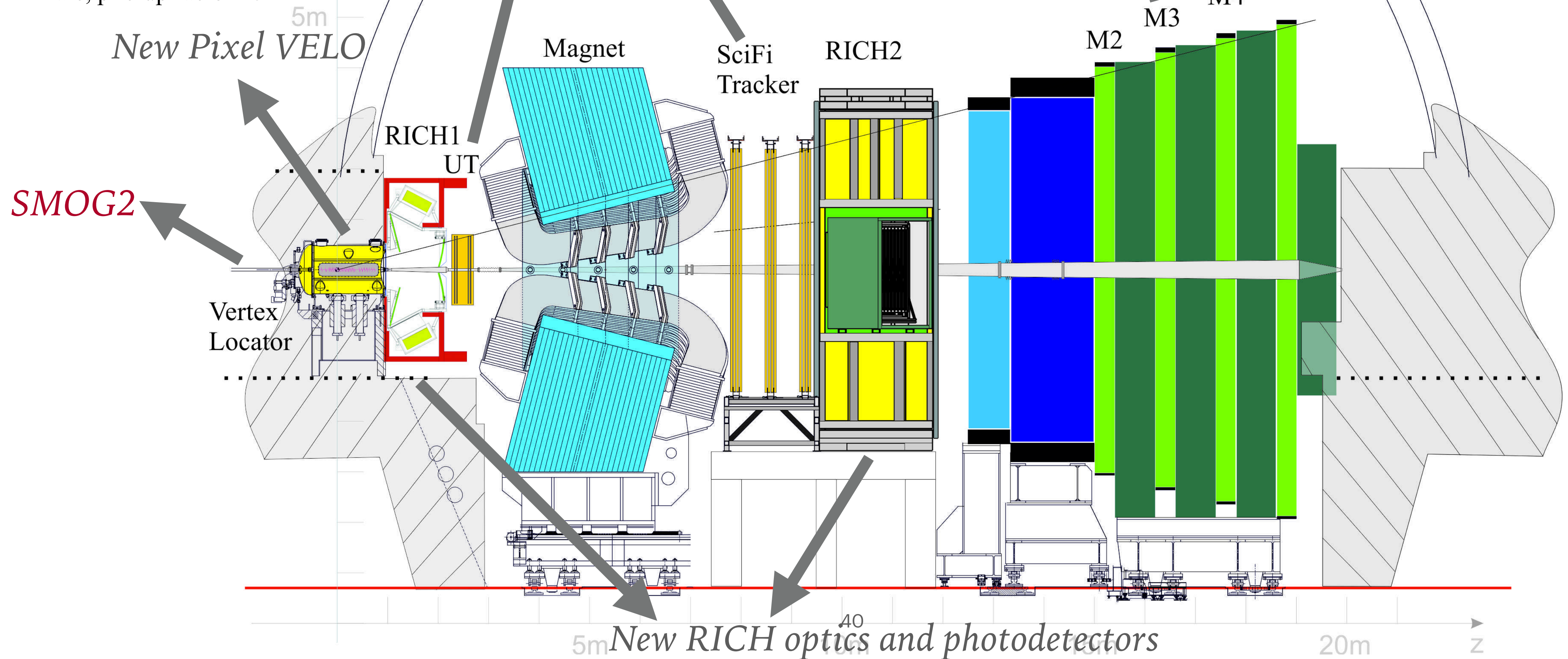
- Remove L0 hardware triggers
- Read out full detector at 40MHz
- *pp* requirements: 40MHz collision rate, pile-up factor ~5

New tracking systems:

- Silicon upstream tracker (UT)
- Scintillating tracking fiber (SciFi)

New electronics for calorimeter and muon chambers

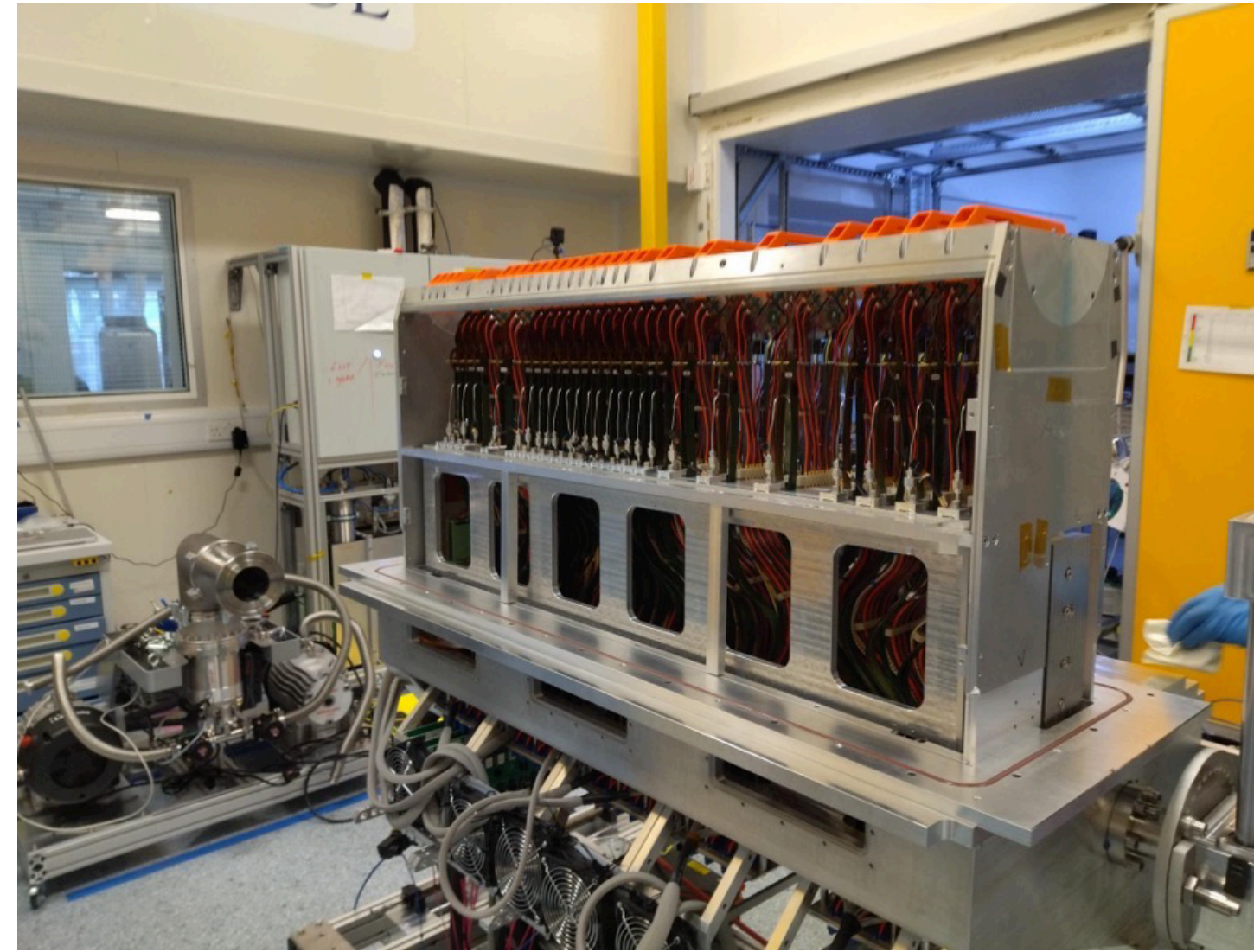
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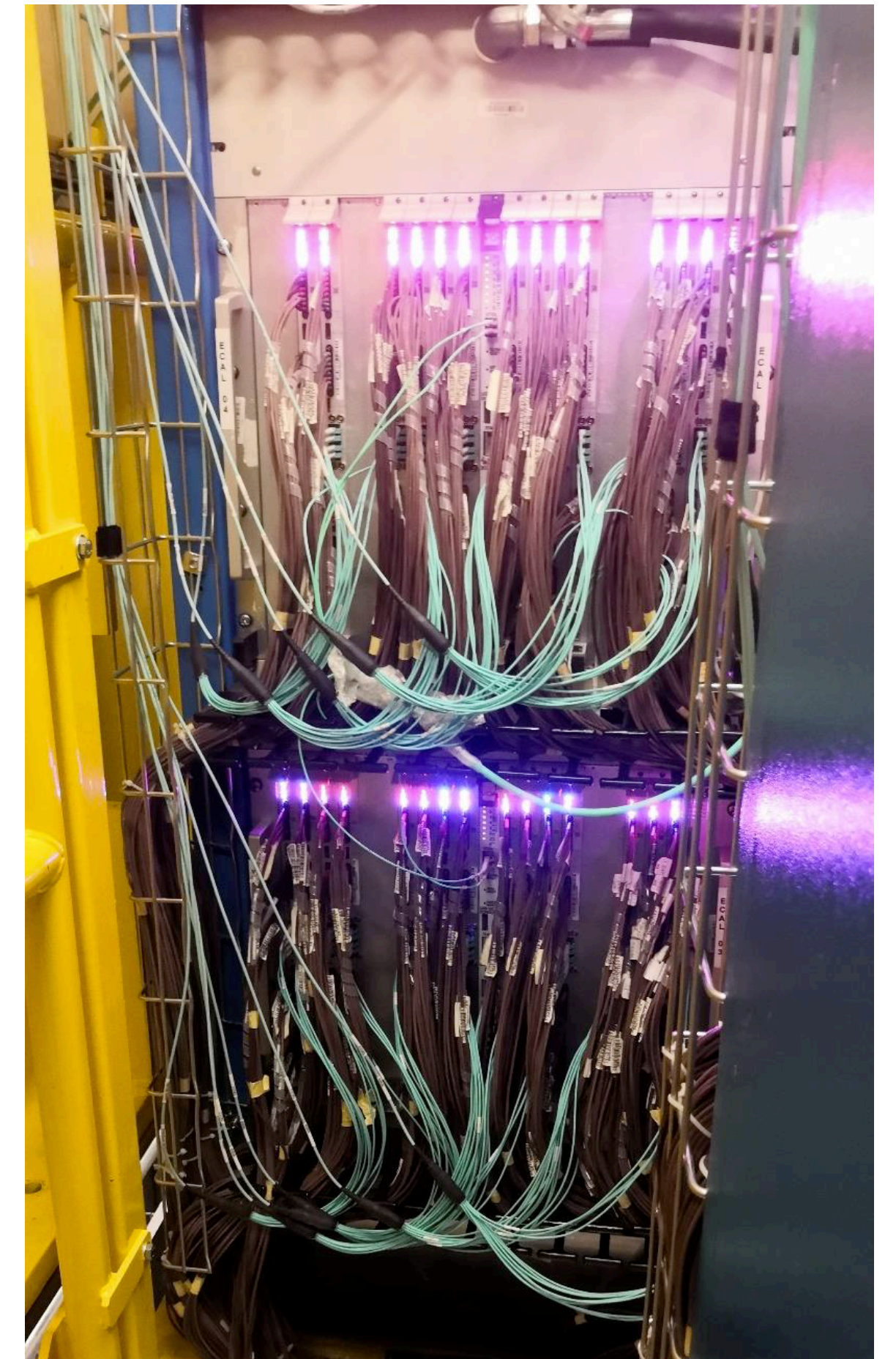
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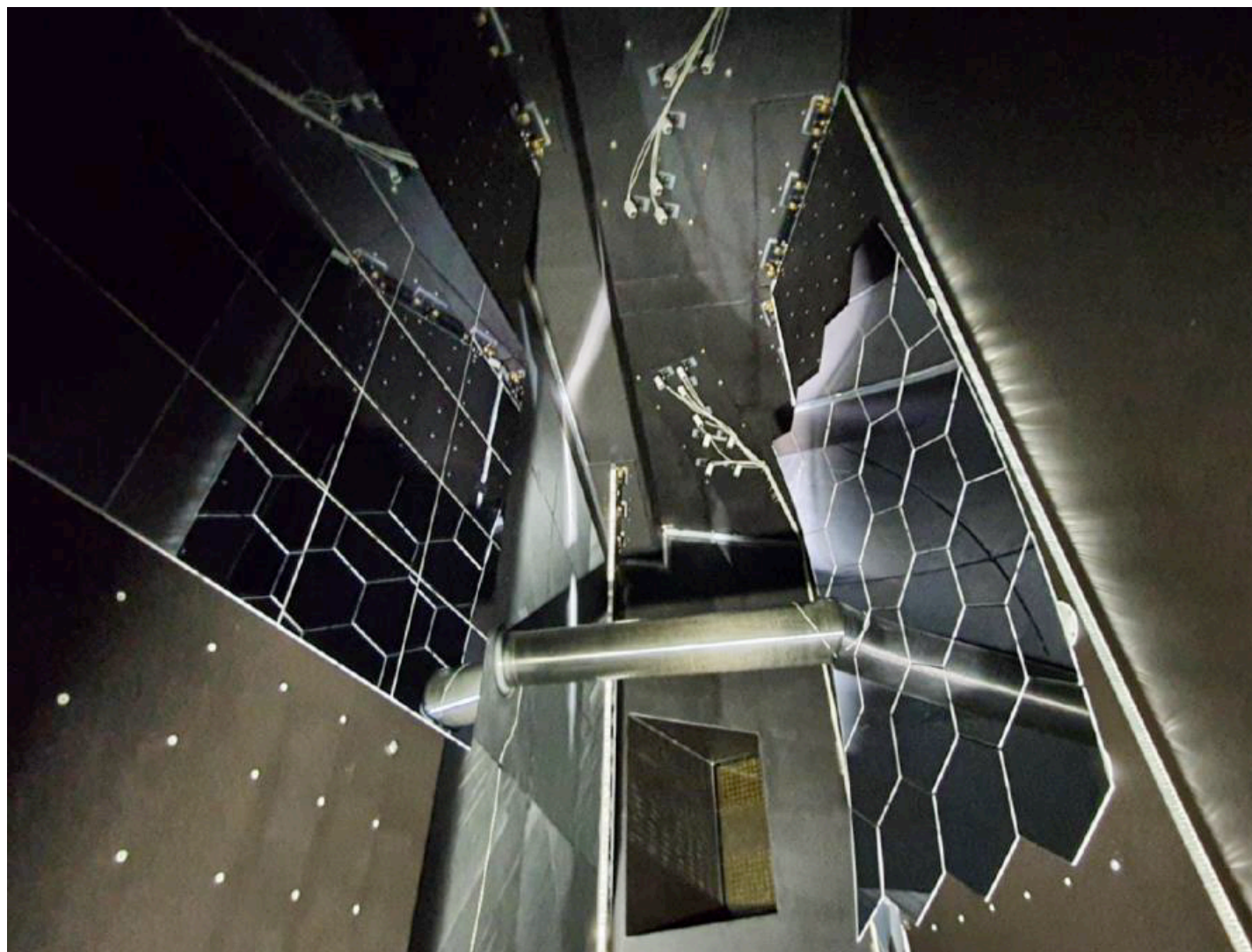
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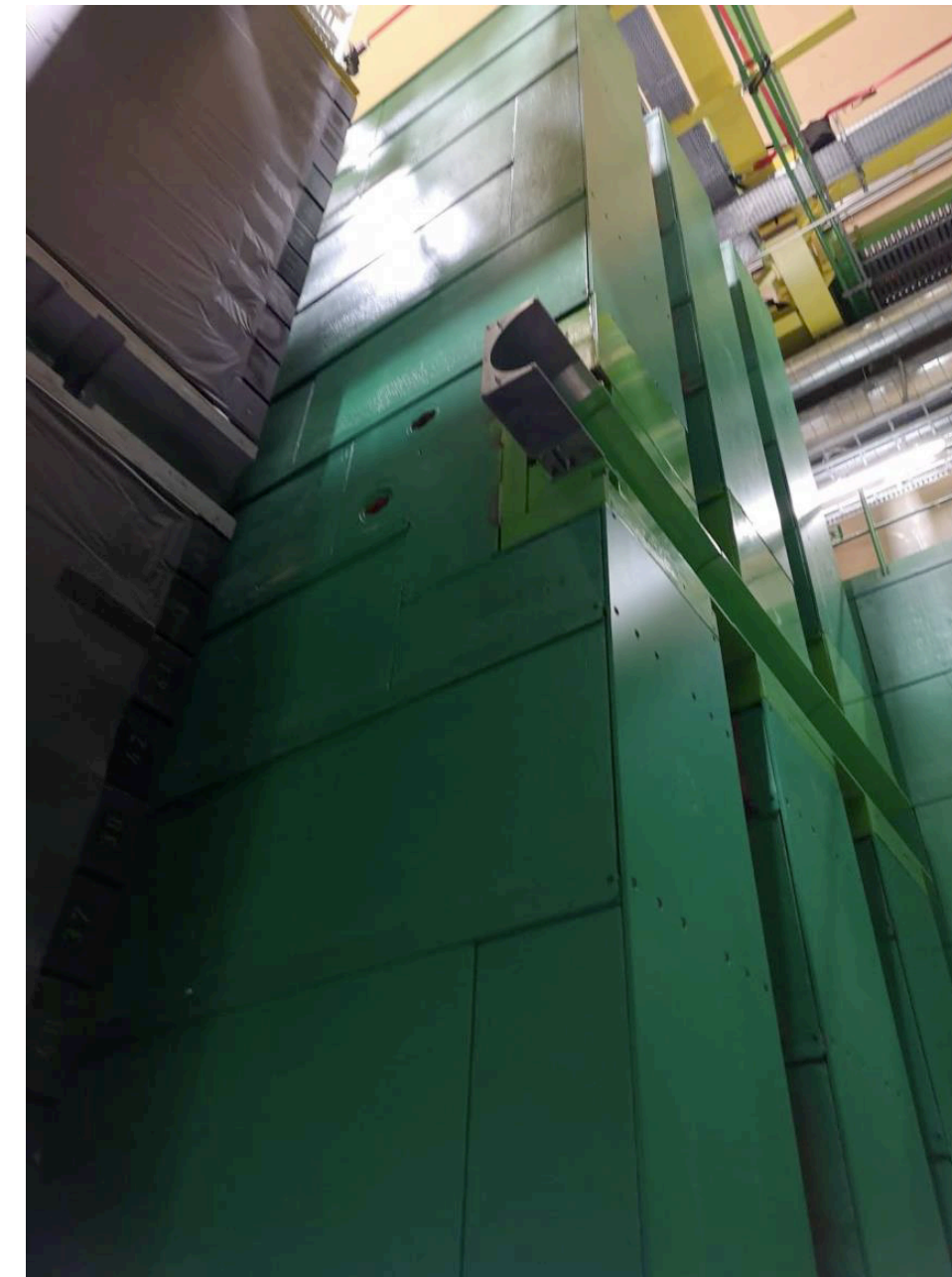
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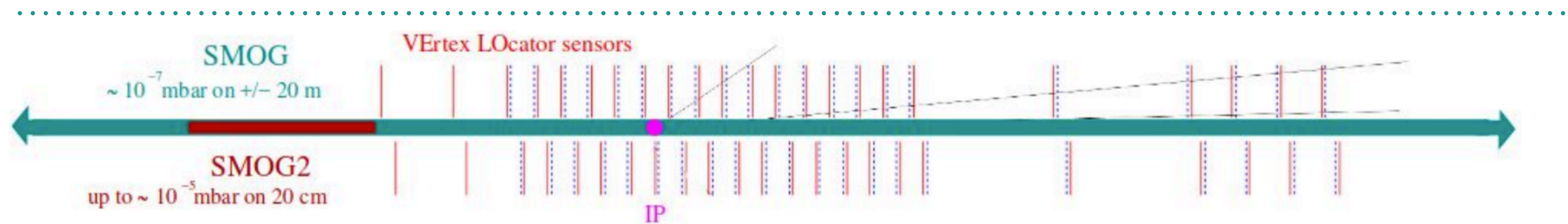
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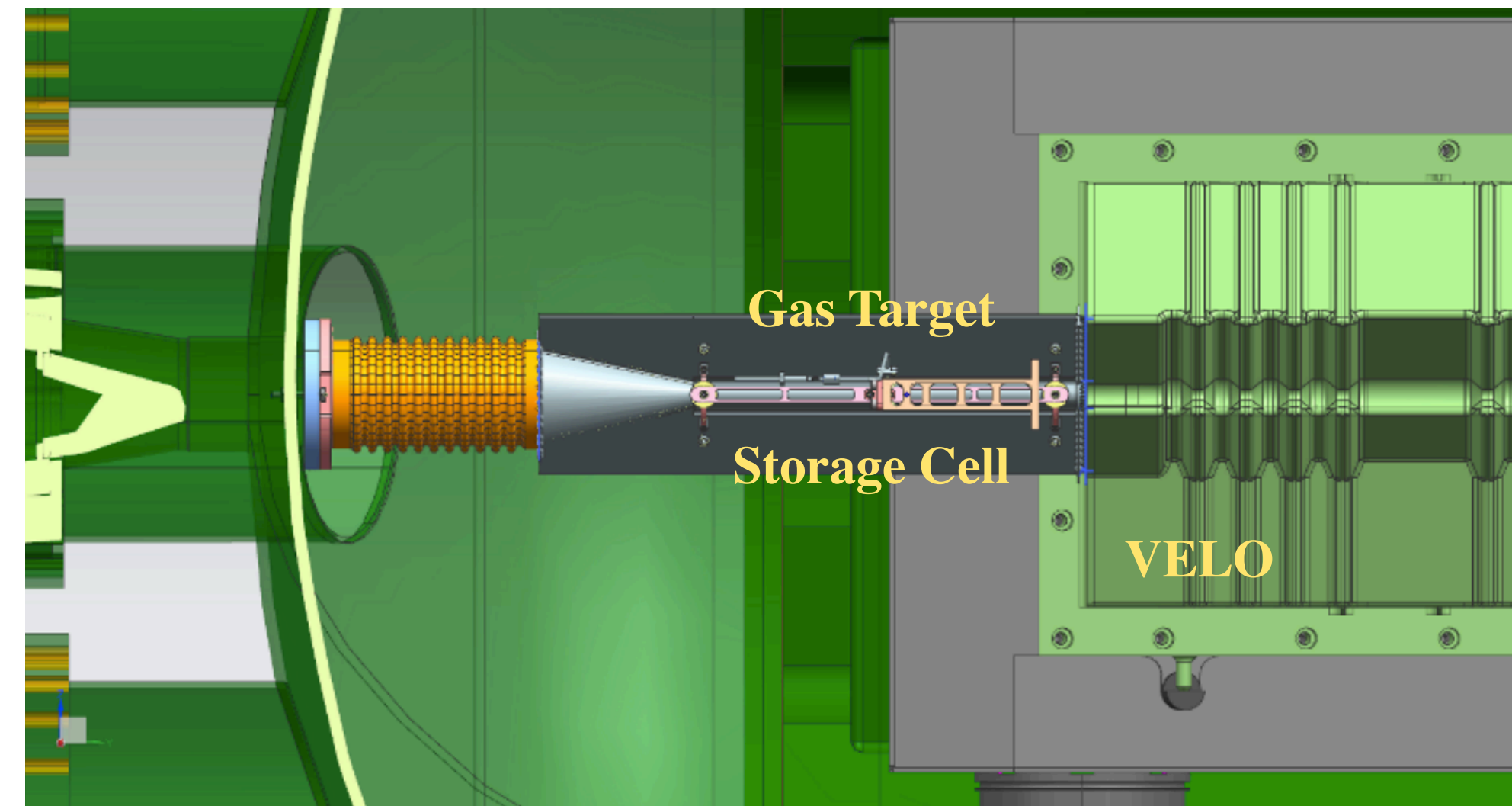


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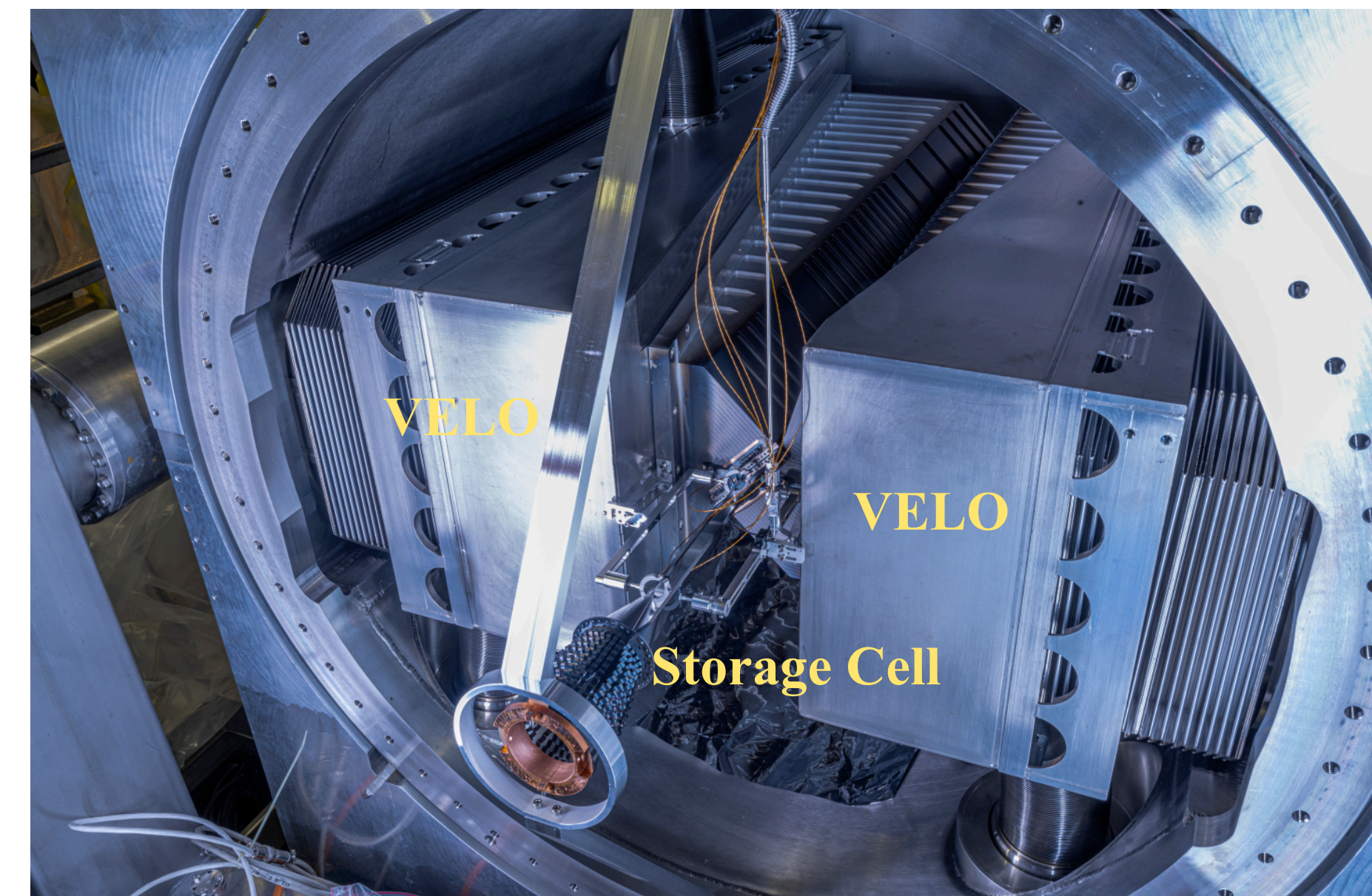


- SMOG2: Storage Cell for the gas upstream of the nominal IP (z in $[-500, -300]$ mm) and precisely calibrated Gas Feed System.
 - Gas density increased by up to two orders of magnitude \rightarrow much higher luminosity
 - More gas targets: H_2 , D_2 , He, N_2 , O_2 , Ne, Ar, Kr, Xe
- beam-beam and beam-gas separate luminous regions:
 - \rightarrow simultaneous pp -SMOG2 data-taking
 - \rightarrow large statistics
- Physics: LHCb-PUB-2018-015
 - Intrinsic heavy-quark
 - p -Gas collisions: nPDFs, gluon anti-shadowing at large x , cold nuclear matter effects
 - Pb-Gas collisions: QGP formation, rapidity scan at lower energy
 - Astrophysics

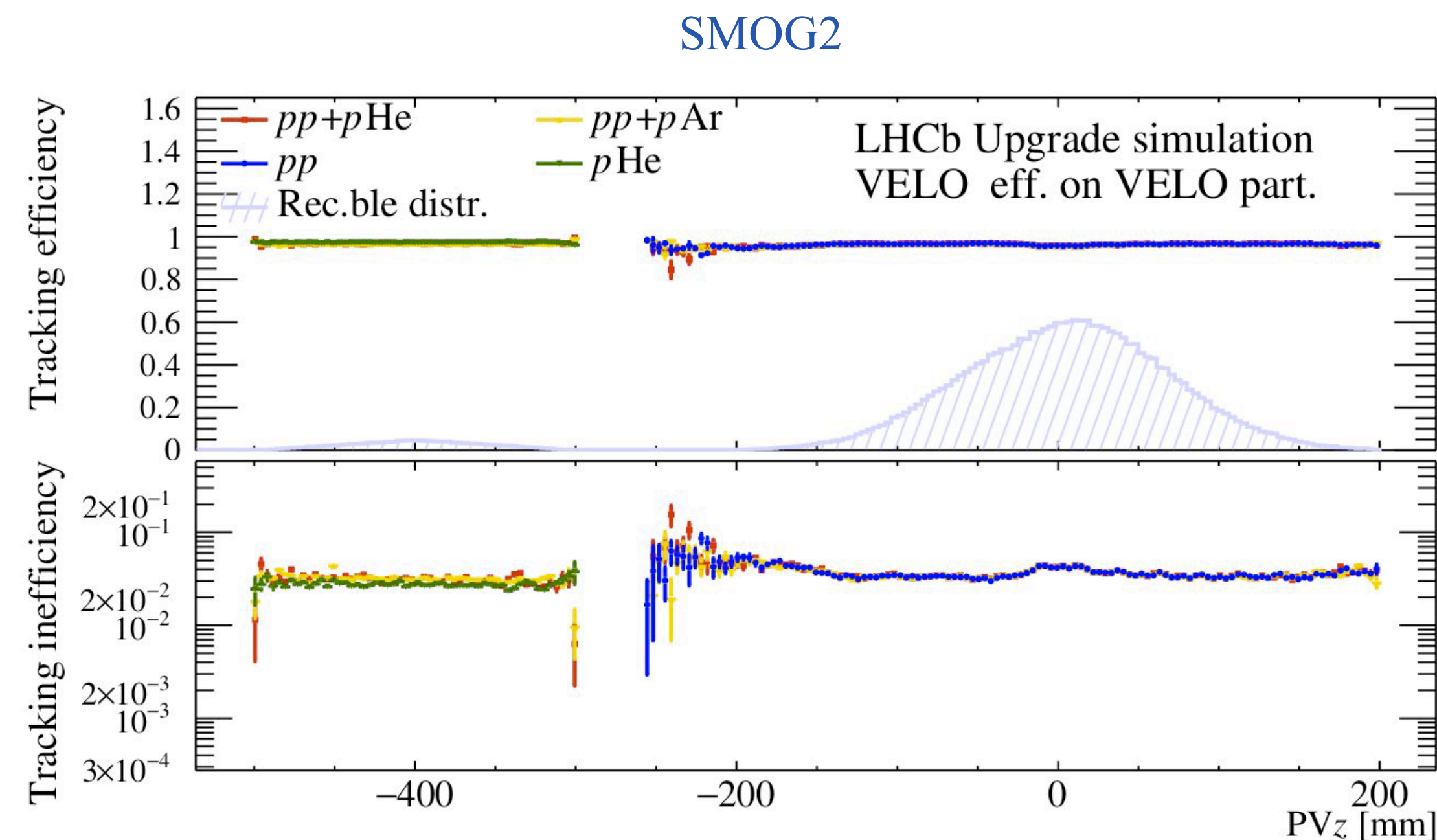
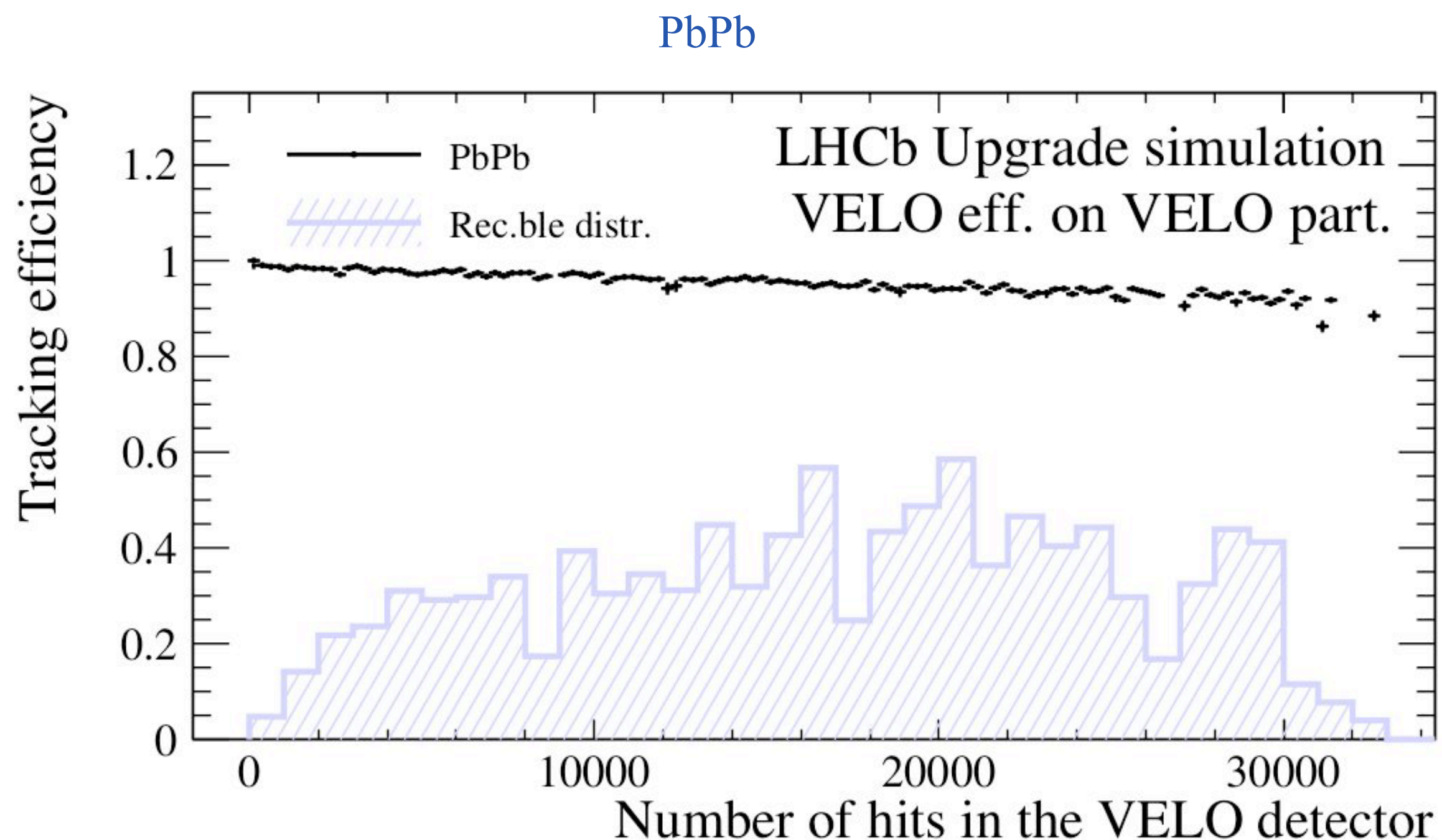
No centrality limitation!



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- PbPb: track reconstruction up to 30% centrality in PbPb collisions → study QGP effects
- SMOG2: simulation studies of simultaneous beam-beam and SMOG2 data taking find no show stopper so far



Conclusion

A few highlights

- Precision measurements of h^\pm , π^0 and D^0 production in $p\text{Pb}$ collisions
 - Forward rapidity: precisely pin down nPDF at small x
 - Backward rapidity: models cannot reproduce data, additional effects beyond nPDF
- Enhanced B_s^0/B^0 ratio in high multiplicity pp collisions
- First exotic $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ measurement in $p\text{Pb}$
- Λ_c^+/D^0 ratio in PbPb
- First and precise measurement of coherent charmonia p_T spectra in UPC PbPb collisions
- First SMOG nucleus-nucleus result!

Conclusion

Thanks for your attention!

- LHCb has a rich heavy ion physics program, with excellent detector performance and unique kinematic coverage.
- After the current upgrade:
- Unlock PbPb collisions up to mid-central events, enabling QGP studies at LHCb
- SMOG2:
 - rich program in unexplored energy and kinematic regions with varying system size
 - high statistics without centrality limitation



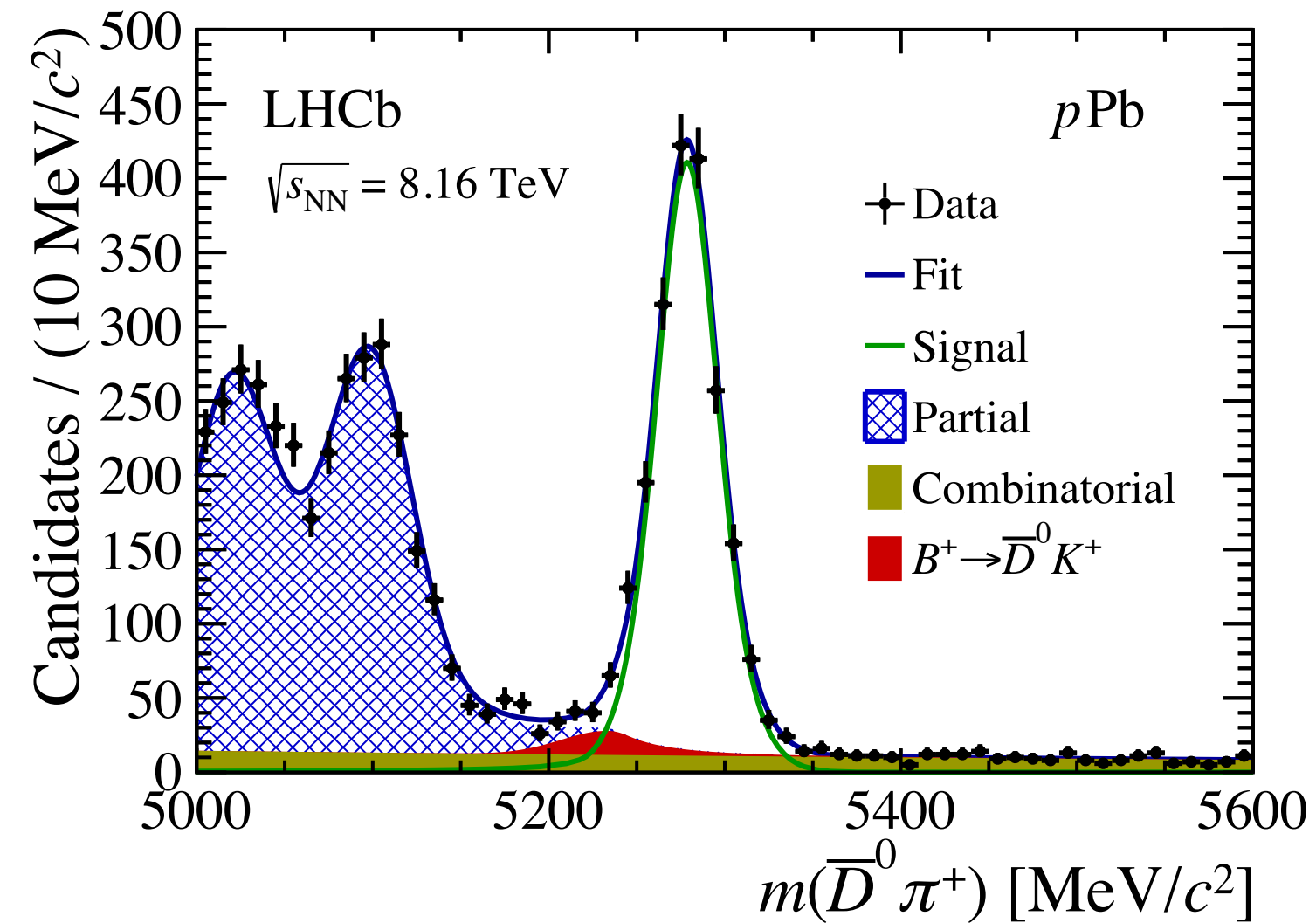
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LHCb in heavy ion physics

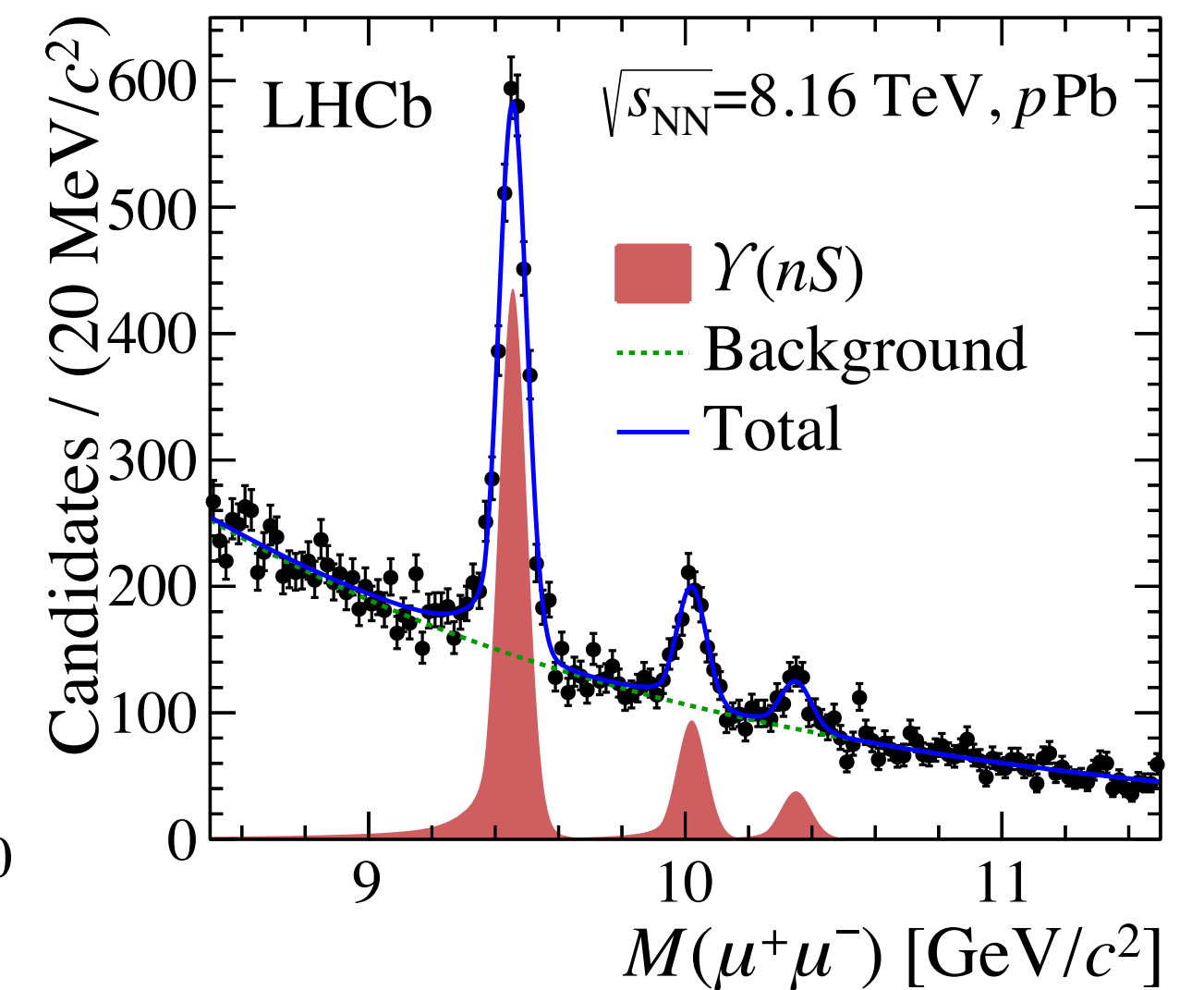
Collider mode centered

- Unique forward rapidity coverage
 - Complementary to experiments at midrapidity
- Precise vertexing, full particle identification, excellent tracking
 - Separation of hadrons originating from c and b quarks
 - Hadron reconstruction down to very low p_T
 - Heavy flavor is an LHCb specialty

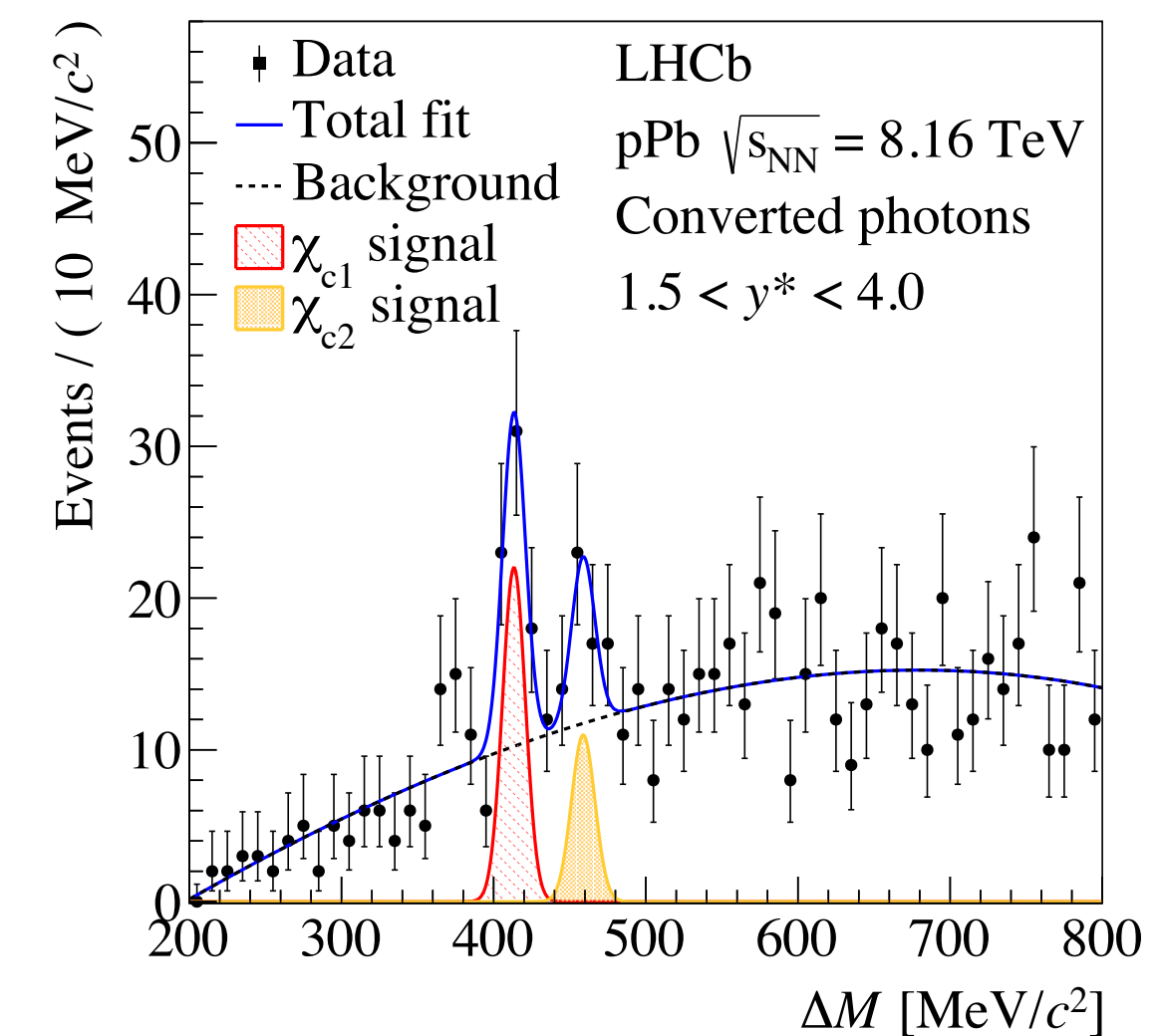
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Overview of heavy ion results

[Link to all publications \(with references\)](#)

- ***pp, pPb* results**

- **Light flavor:** charged hadron, π^0 production in *pPb* collisions at 5 and 8.16 TeV, ridge (*pPb* 5TeV)
- **Open heavy flavor:** prompt D^0 (*pPb* 5TeV, 8.16TeV), Λ_c^+ (*pPb* 5TeV), *b*-hadrons (*pp* 13TeV, *pPb* 8.16TeV), double charm production (*pPb* 8.16TeV)
- **Quarkonia:** J/ψ (*pPb* 5TeV, 8.16TeV), $\psi(2S)$ (*pPb* 5TeV), Υ (*pPb* 5TeV, 8.16TeV), χ_c (*pPb* 8.16TeV)
- **Z boson** (*pPb* 5TeV, 8.16TeV)
- **Exotica:** $\chi_{c1}(3872)$ (*pp* 8TeV, *pPb* 8.16TeV)

- **PbPb results**

- Λ_c^+/D^0 ratio in PbPb collisions
- Quarkonia photoproduction in UPC and PC PbPb collisions

- **Fixed-target (SMOG) results**

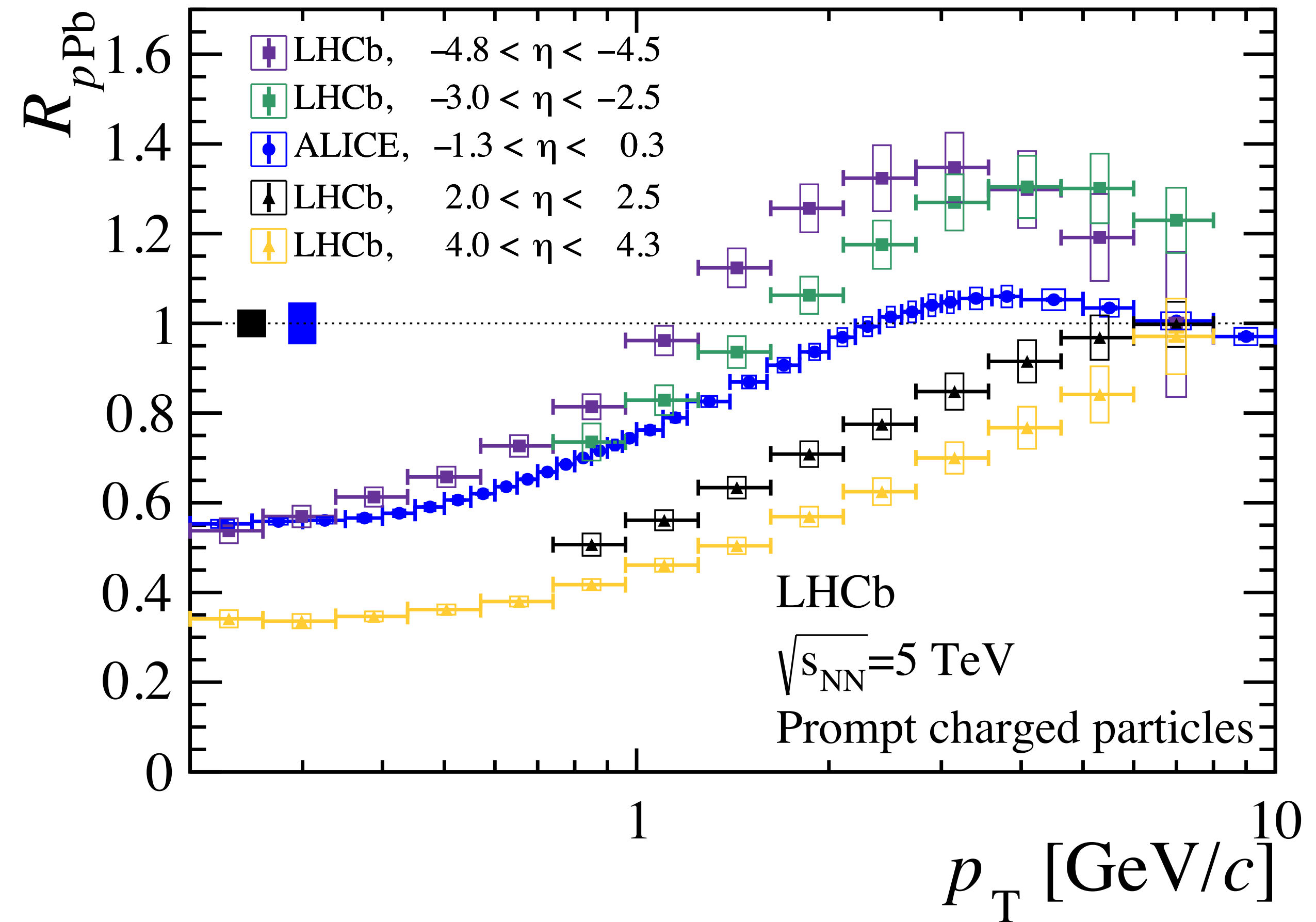
- Antiproton in *pHe* 110 GeV (prompt, detached)
- Charm production in *pHe*, *pNe*, *pAr* and *PbNe* (68-110 GeV)

- Nuclear modification factor:

$$R_{p\text{Pb}} = \frac{1}{A} \frac{d^2\sigma_{p\text{Pb}}(\eta, p_T)/d\eta dp_T}{d^2\sigma_{pp}(\eta, p_T)/d\eta dp_T}$$

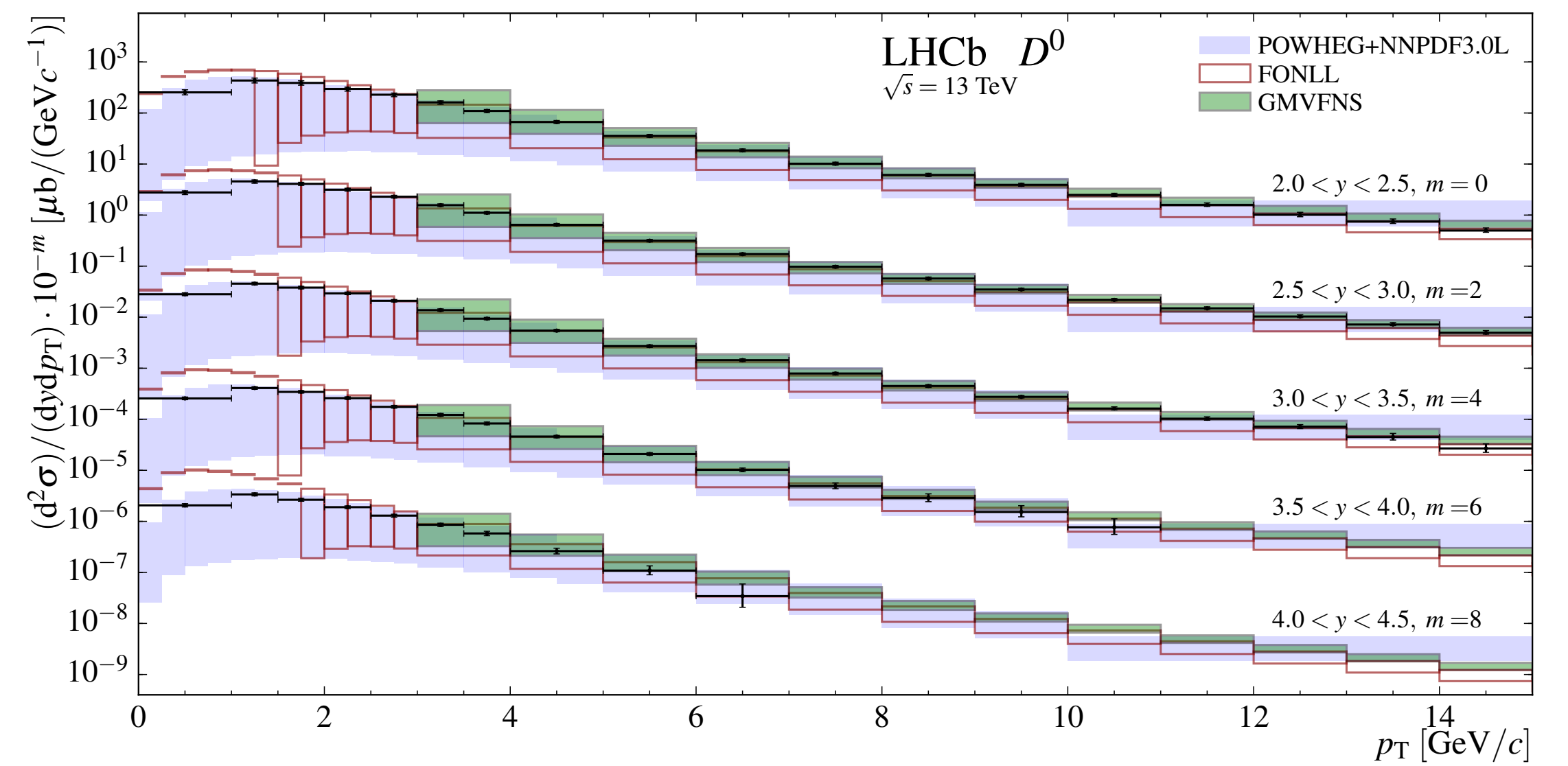
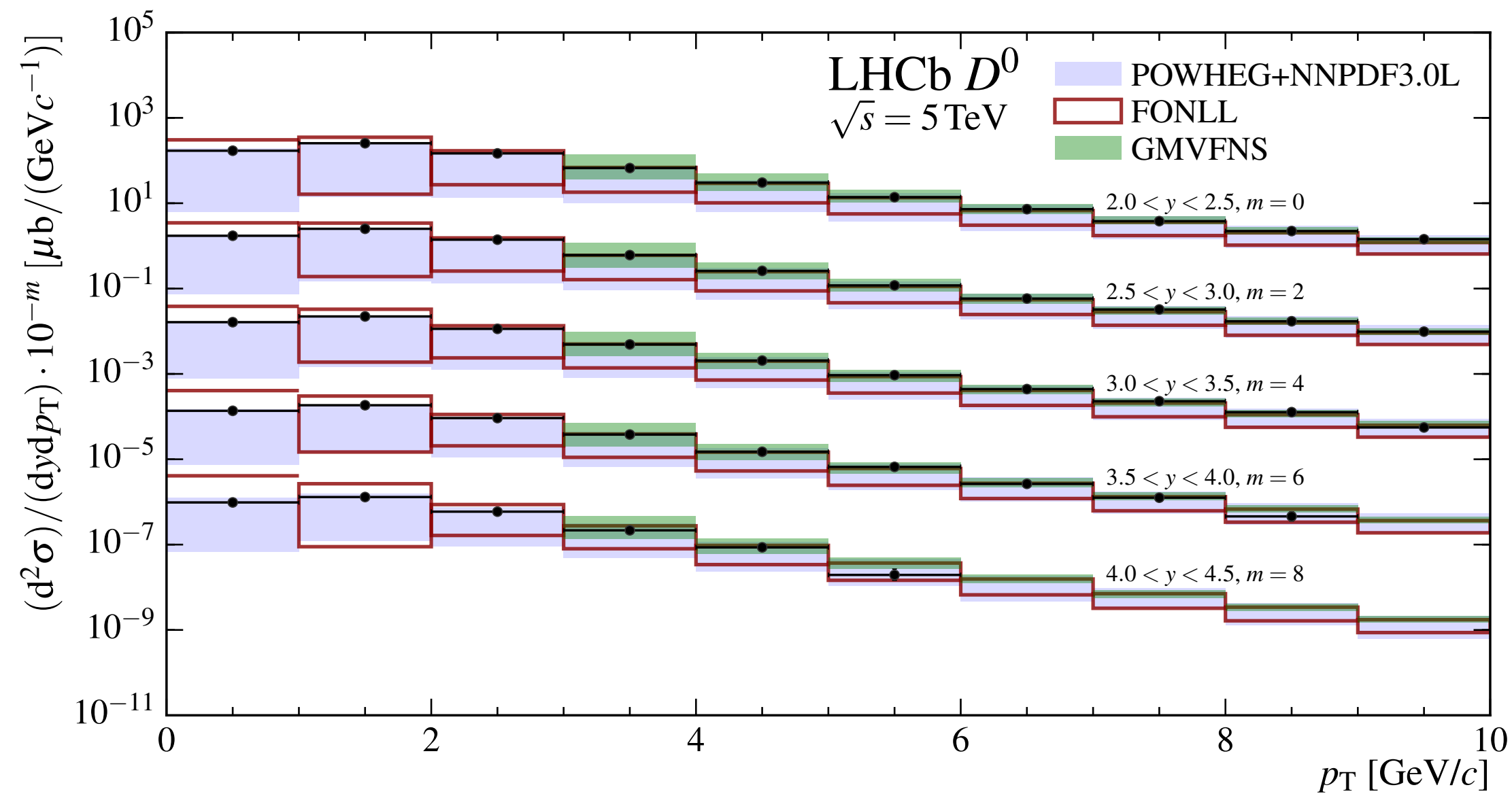
$$A = 208$$

- Strong suppression at forward rapidity
- Enhancement at backward rapidity for $p_T > 1.5\text{GeV}/c$
- Continuous trend from forward to backward rapidity
- Enhancement in the backward region starts at lower p_T for higher $|\eta|$

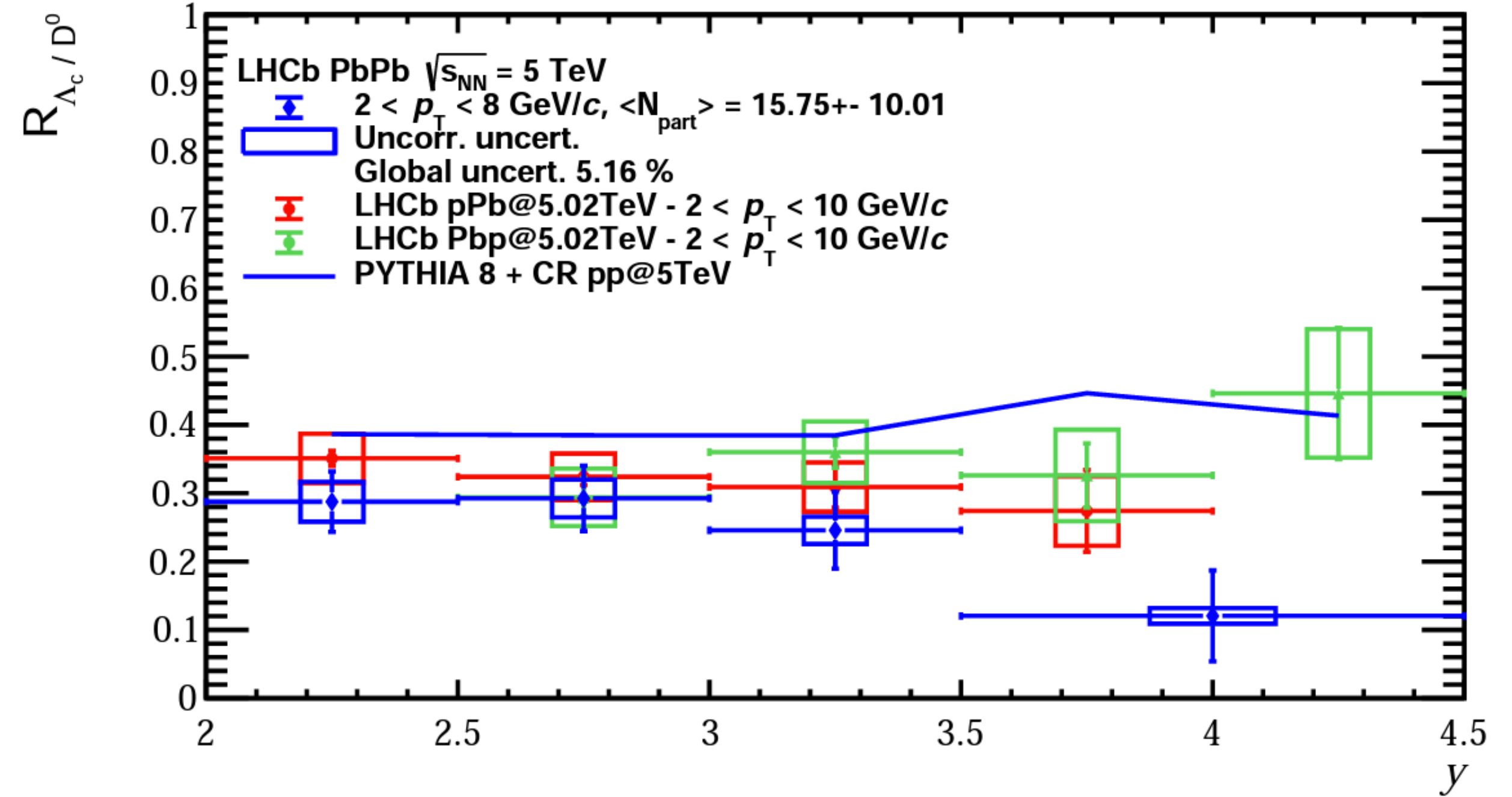
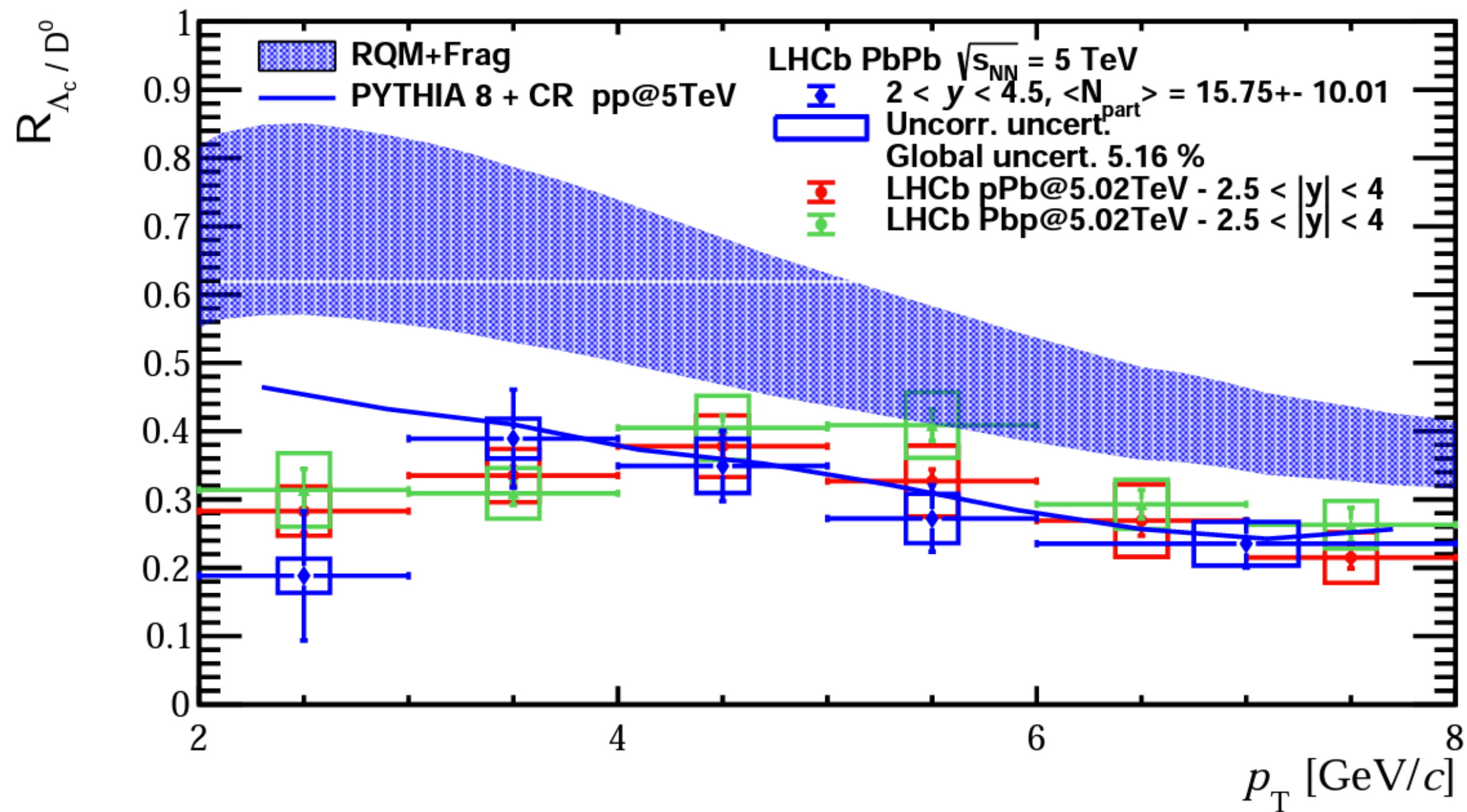


D^0 pp reference

- Calculated with a power law function using 5&13 TeV pp data [JHEP 06 \(2017\) 147](#)
[JHEP 05 \(2017\) 074](#)



Λ_c^+/D^0 ratio in p Pb and PbPb at 5TeV



SMOG2: statistics in 1 year data taking



simultaneous pp -SMOG2 data-taking

Storage cell assumptions	gas type	gas flow (s^{-1})	peak density (cm^{-3})	areal density (cm^{-2})	time per year (s)	int. lum. (pb^{-1})
SMOG2 SC	He	1.1×10^{16}	10^{12}	10^{13}	3×10^3	0.1
	Ne	3.4×10^{15}	10^{12}	10^{13}	3×10^3	0.1
	Ar	2.4×10^{15}	10^{12}	10^{13}	2.5×10^6	80
	Kr	8.5×10^{14}	5×10^{11}	5×10^{12}	1.7×10^6	25
	Xe	6.8×10^{14}	5×10^{11}	5×10^{12}	1.7×10^6	25
	H ₂	1.1×10^{16}	10^{12}	10^{13}	5×10^6	150
	D ₂	7.8×10^{15}	10^{12}	10^{13}	3×10^5	10
	O ₂	2.7×10^{15}	10^{12}	10^{13}	3×10^3	0.1
	N ₂	3.4×10^{15}	10^{12}	10^{13}	3×10^3	0.1

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Sys.error of J/Ψ xsection

J/Ψ yield

D^0 yield

Λ_c yield

Ψ' yield

$Y(1S)$ yield

$DY \mu^+ \mu^-$ yield

80/pb

~3%

28 M

280 M

2.8 M

280 k

24 k

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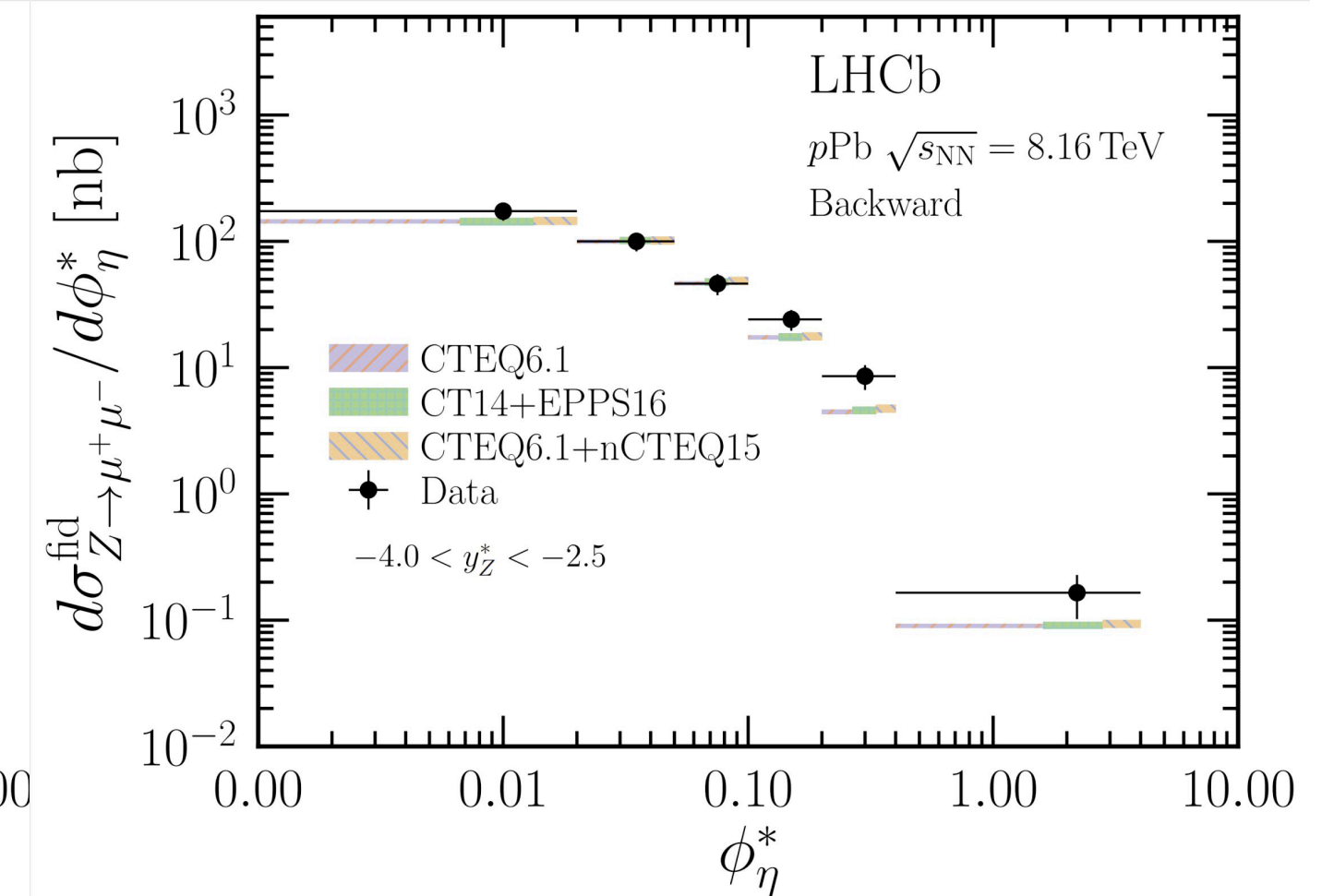
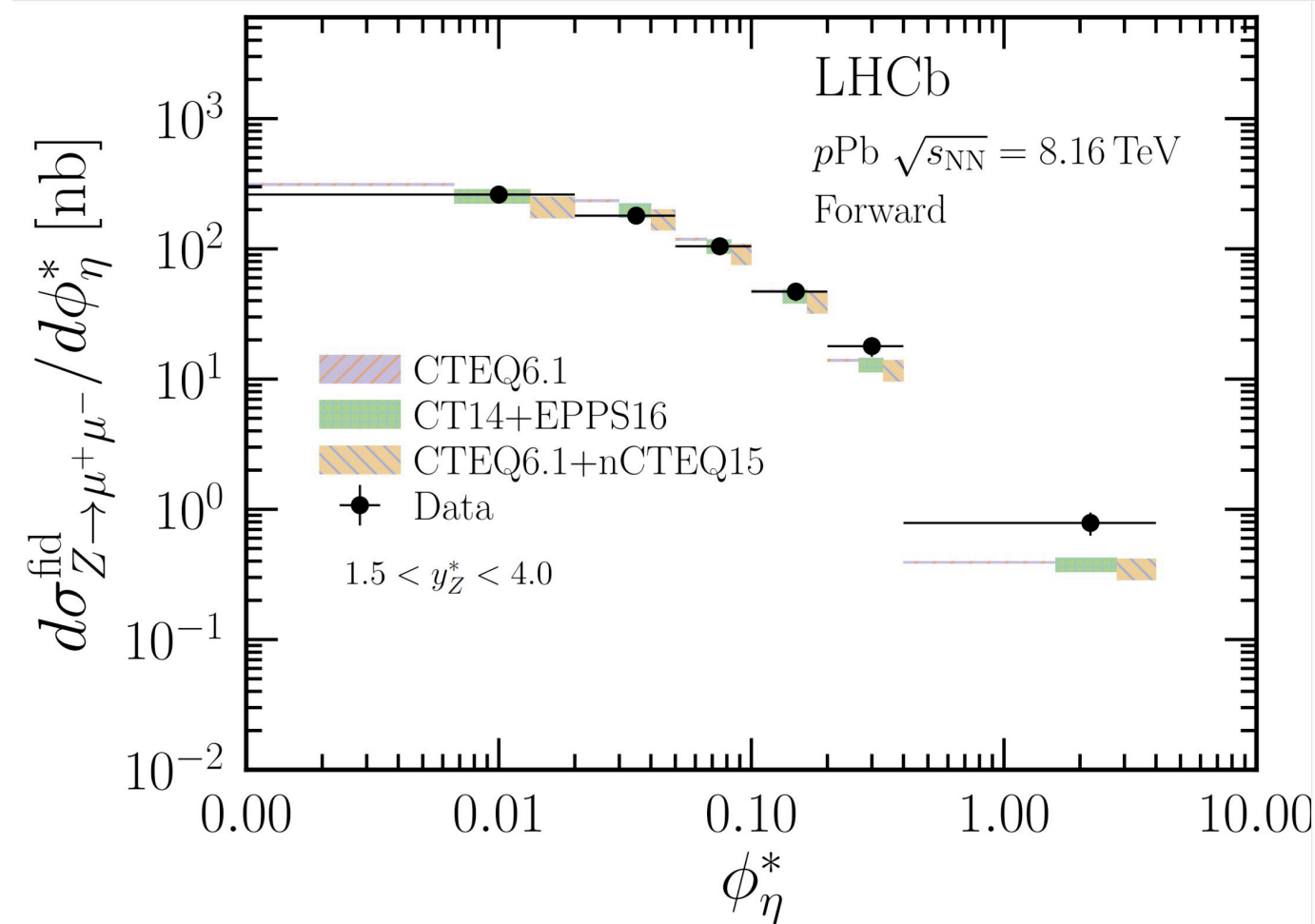
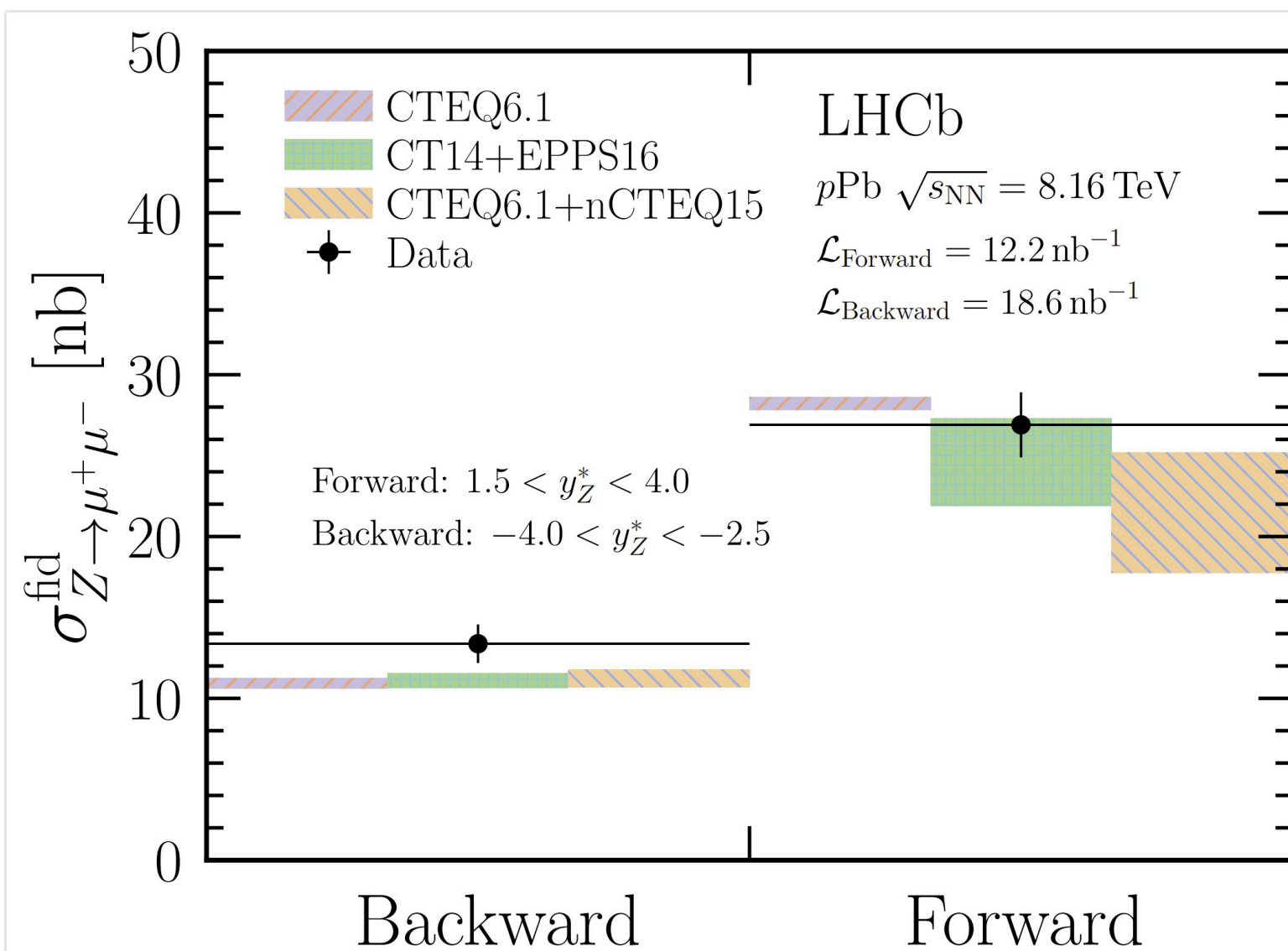
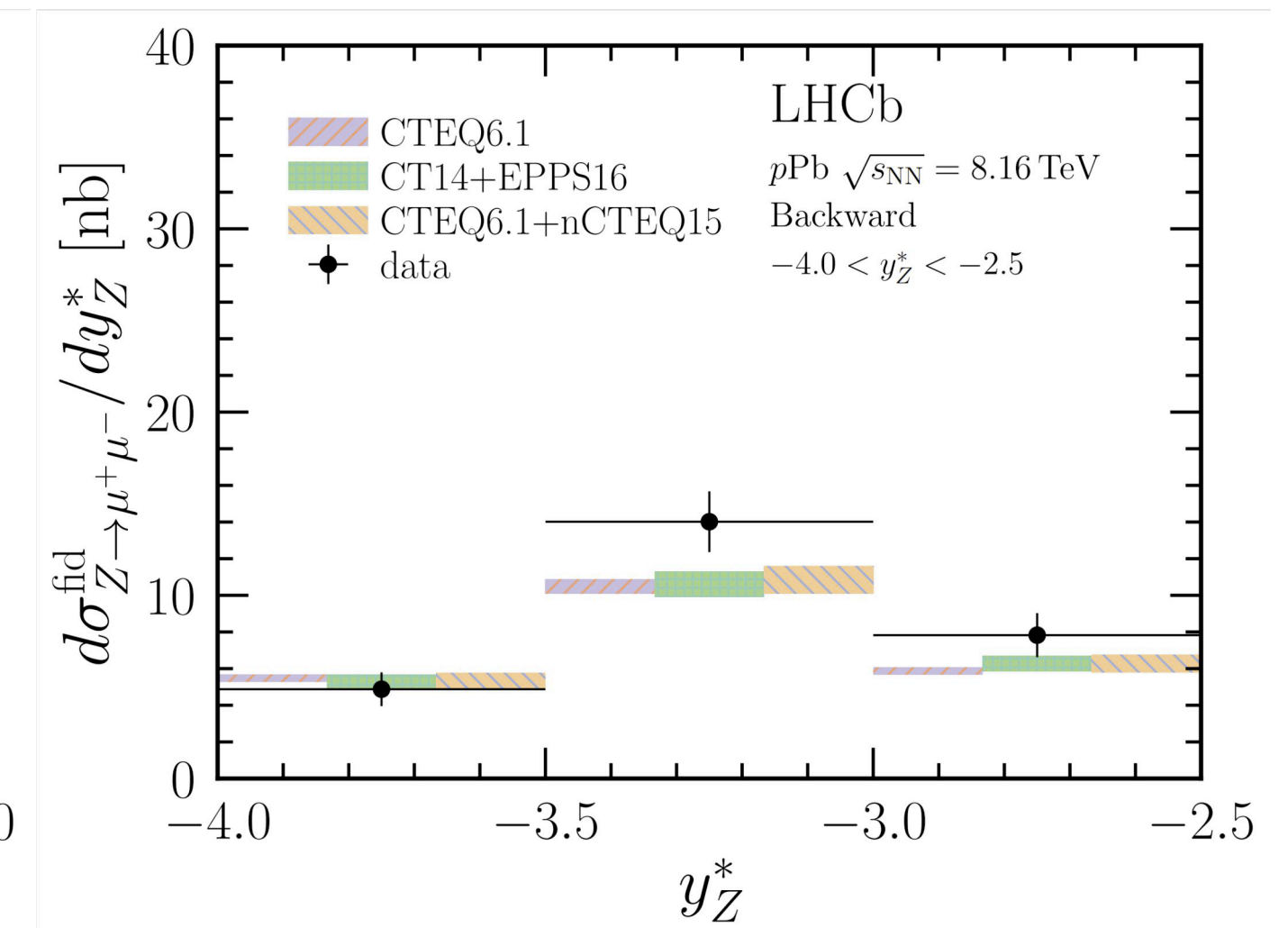
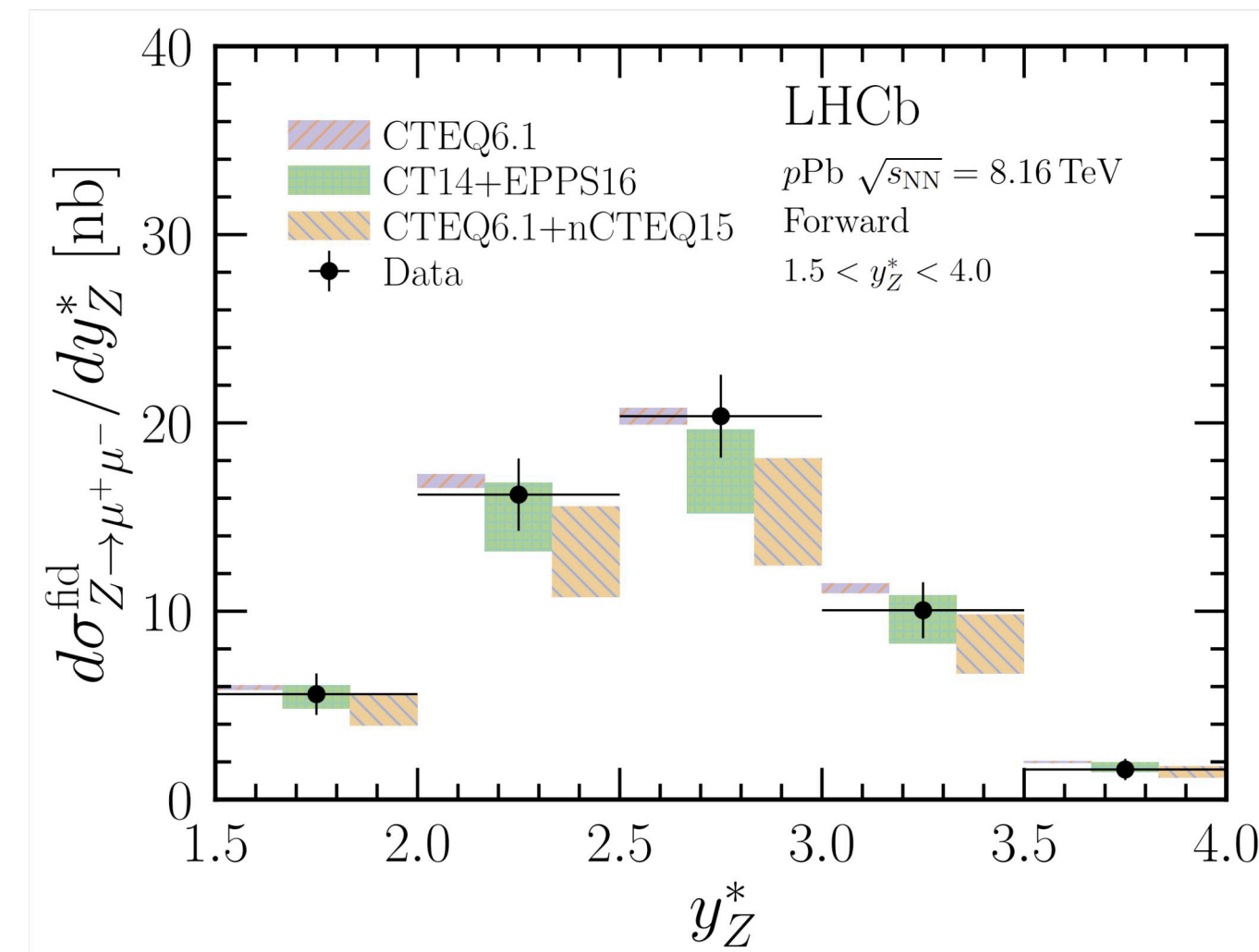
No centrality limitation!

SMOG2 pAr @ 115 GeV

Z^0 boson production in $p\text{Pb}$ collisions at 8.16 TeV

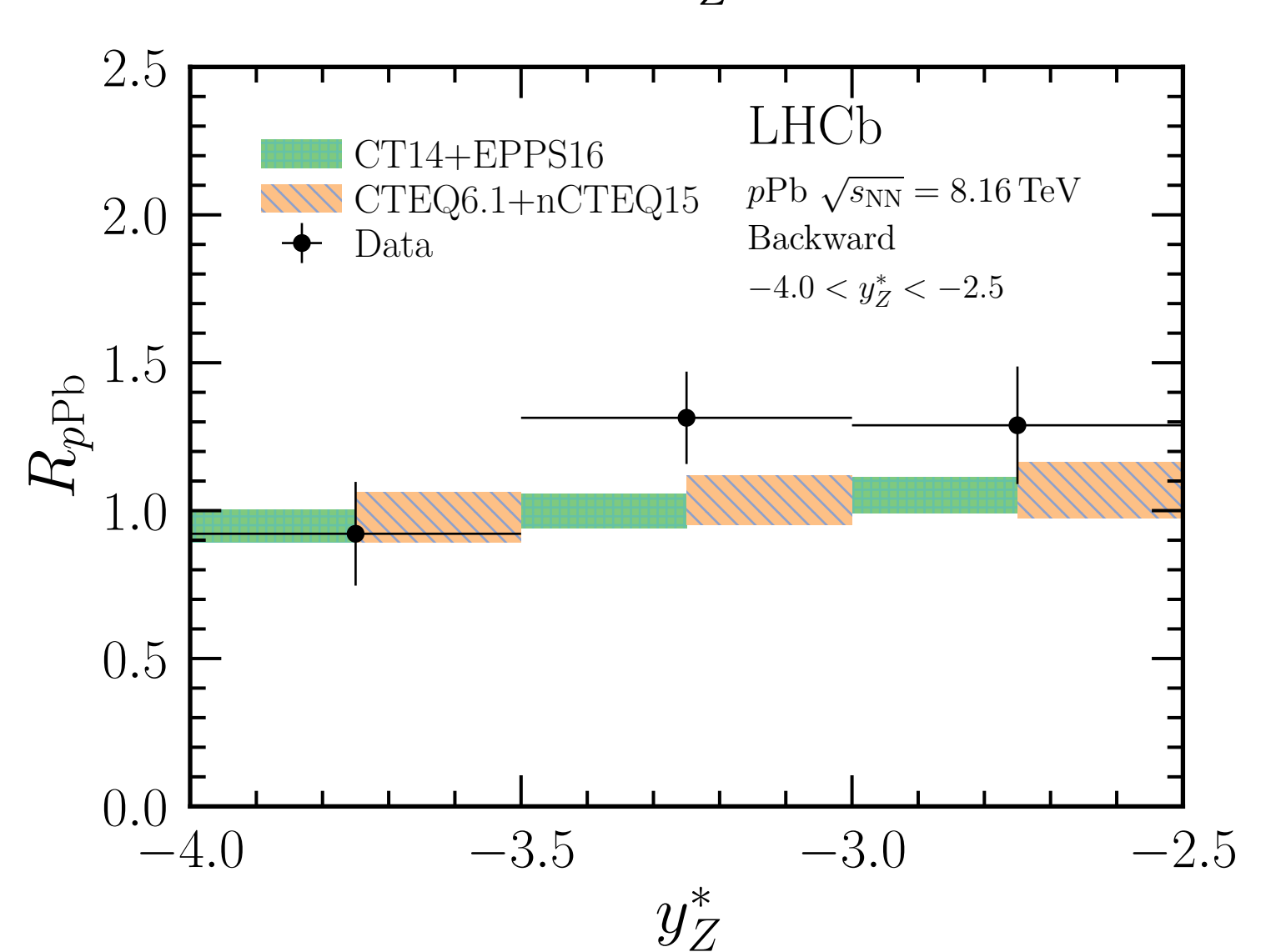
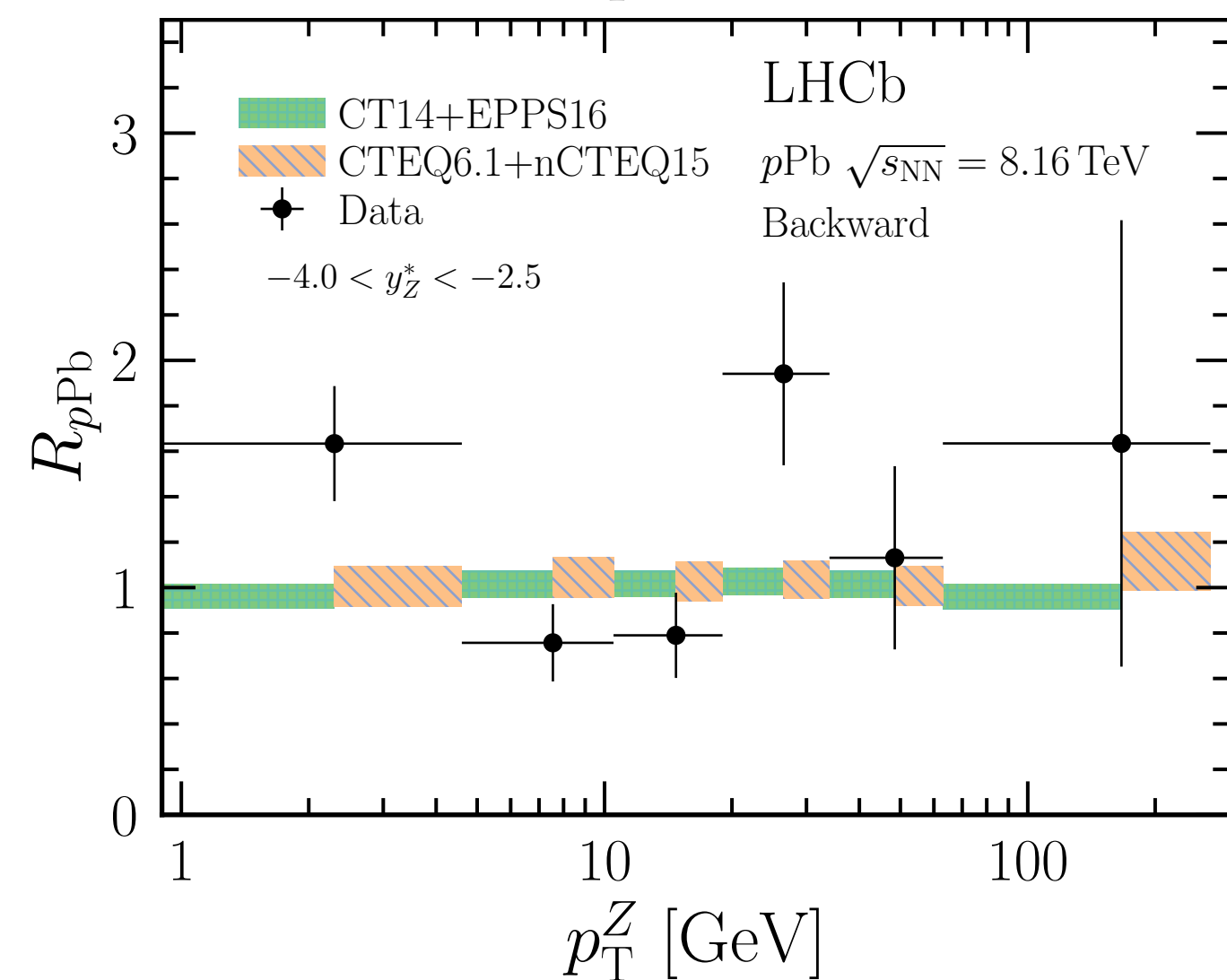
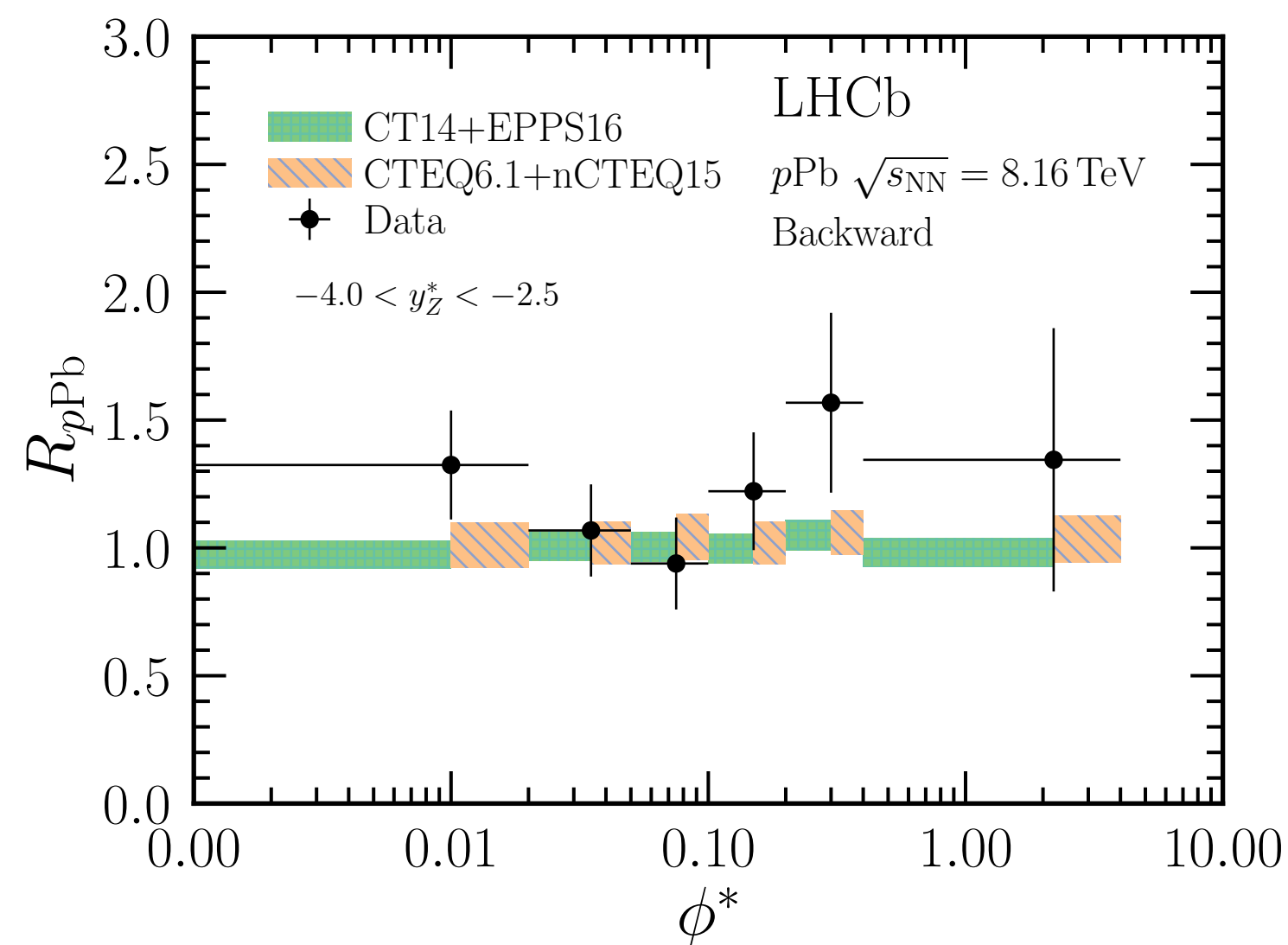
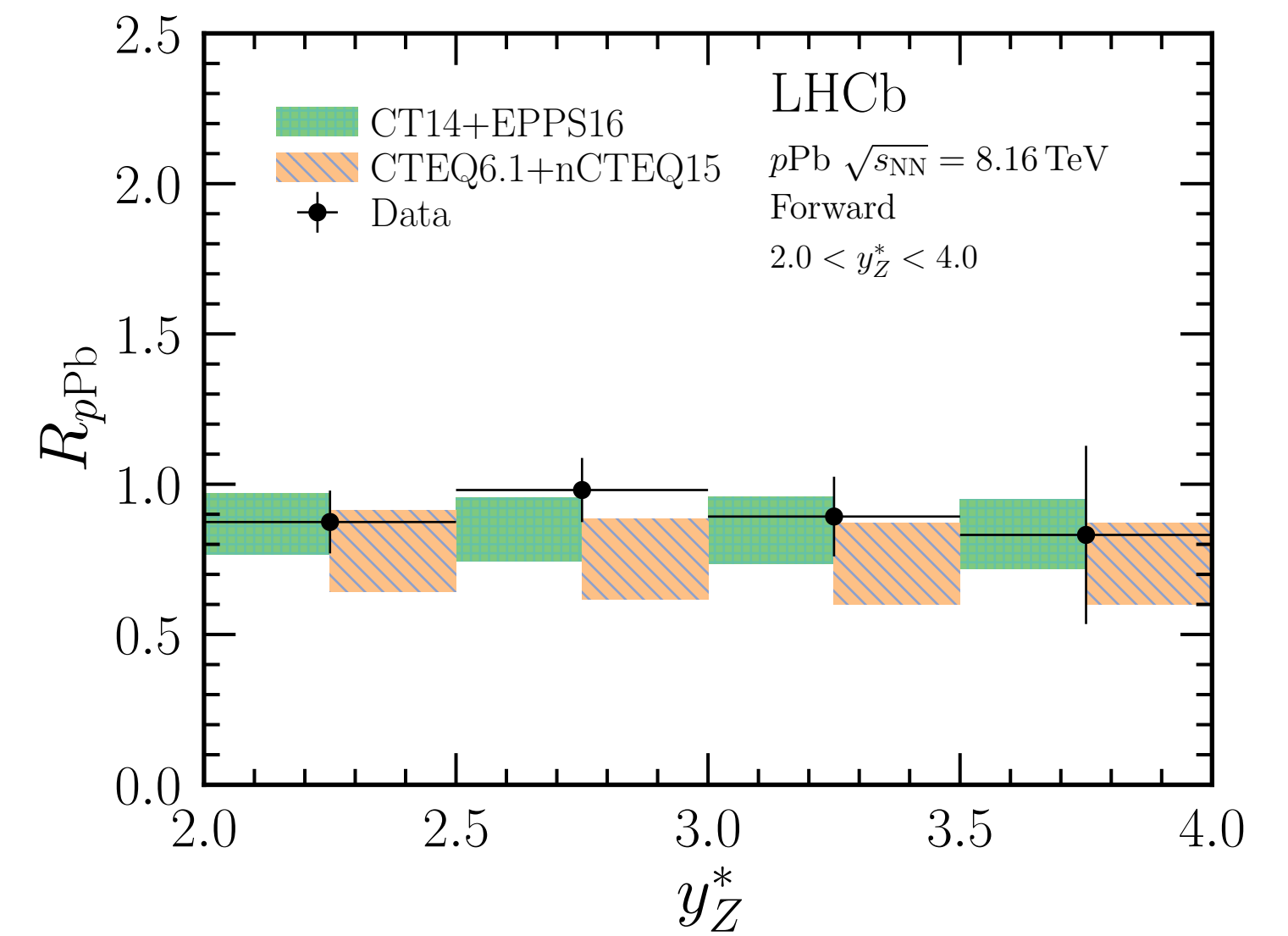
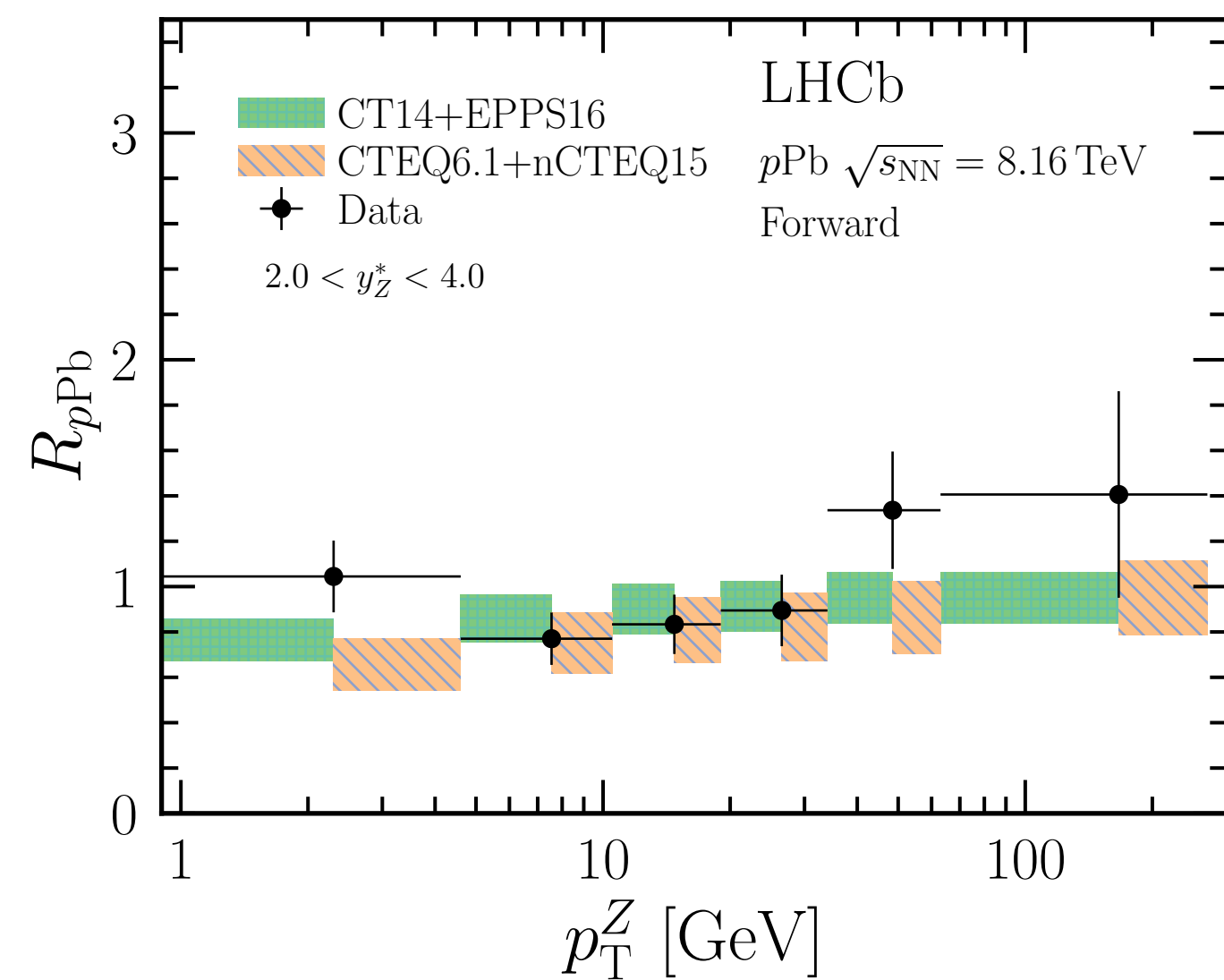
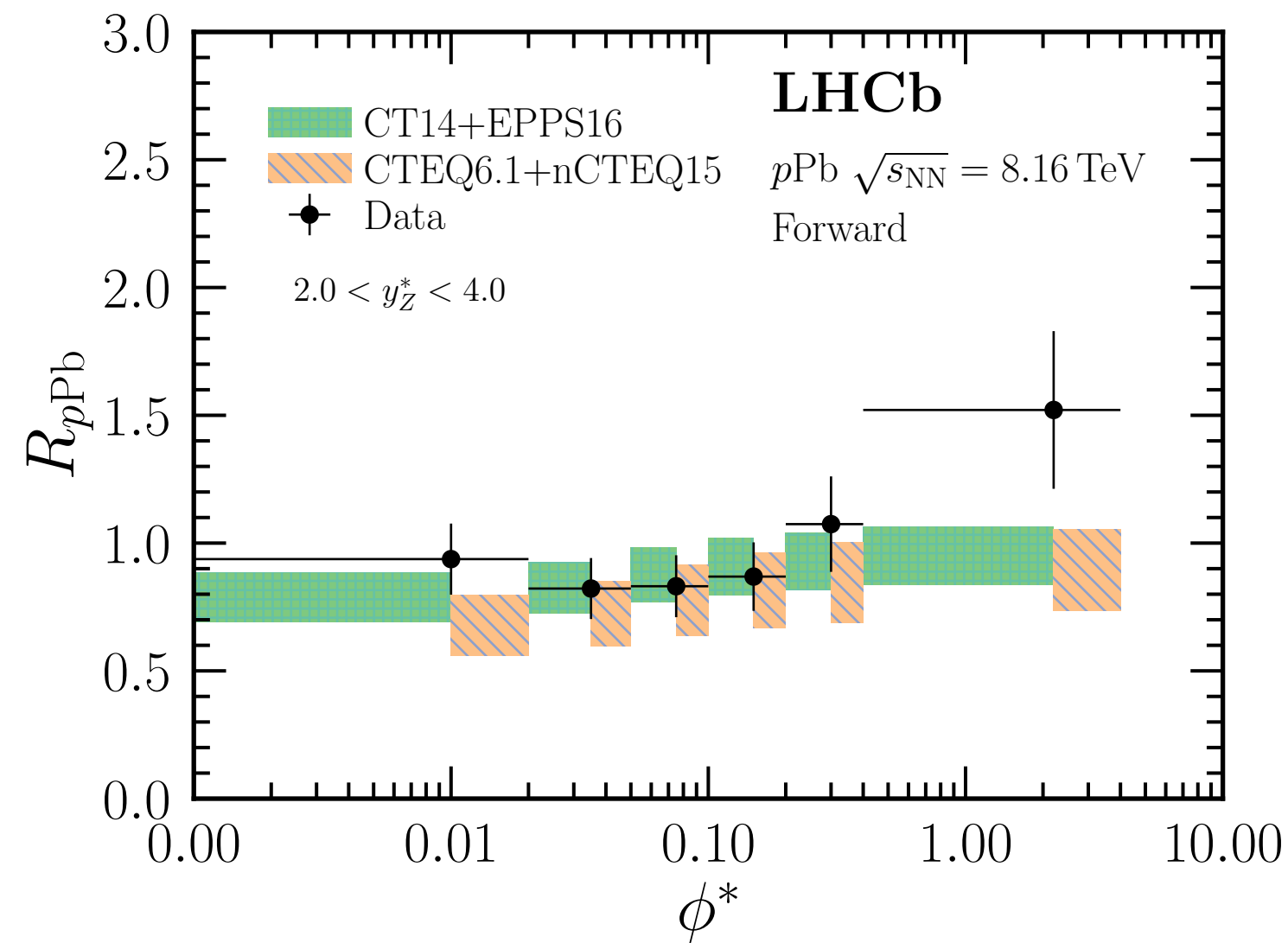
Z boson differential cross section

- Z boson negligible interaction with the nuclear medium
 - Sensitive only to initial-state with a well constrained final-state
- \rightarrow clean probes of nuclear matter effects on the initial state.
- $Z \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$



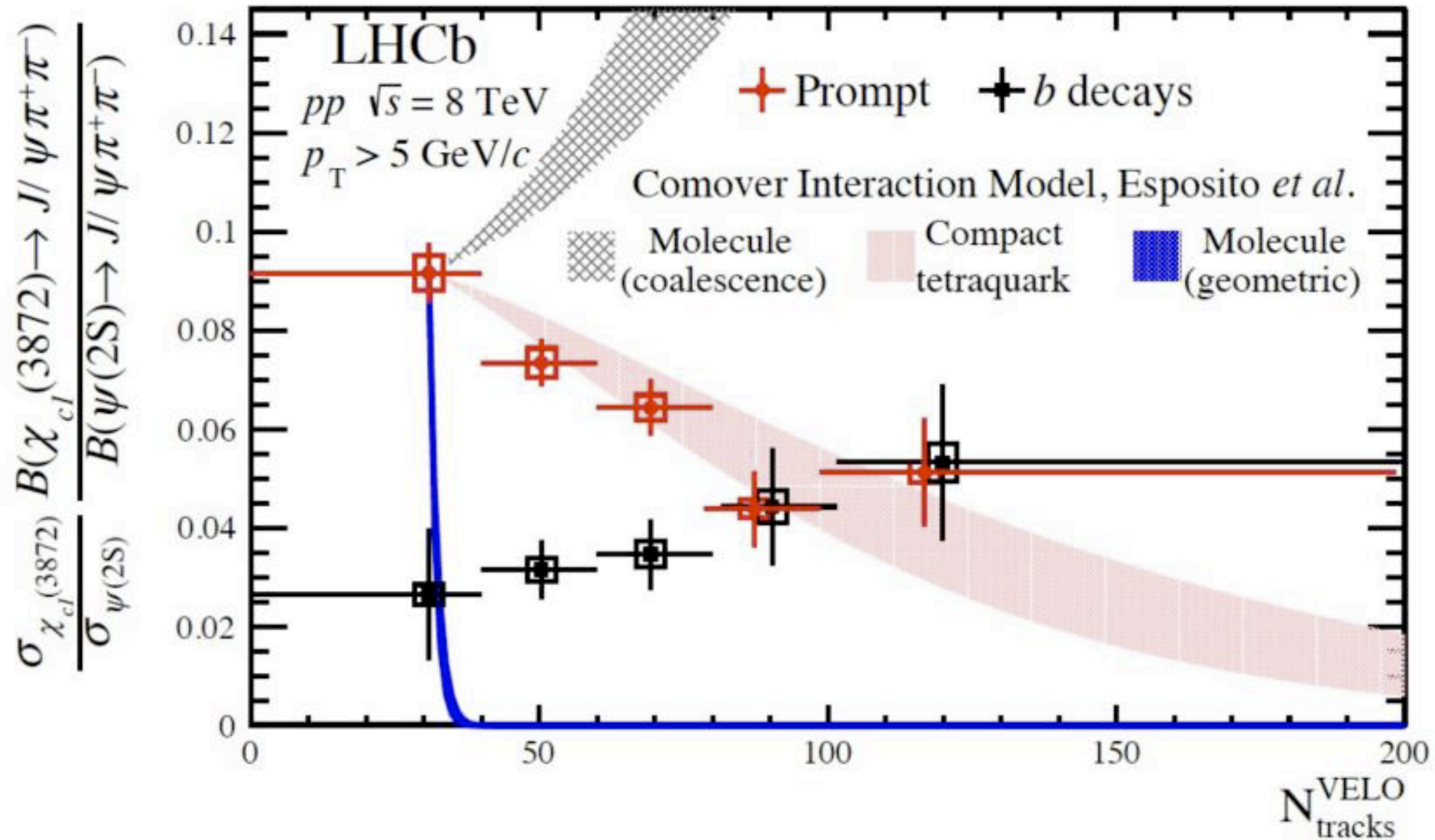
Z^0 boson production in $p\text{Pb}$ collisions at 8.16 TeV

Nuclear modification factor $R_{p\text{Pb}}$

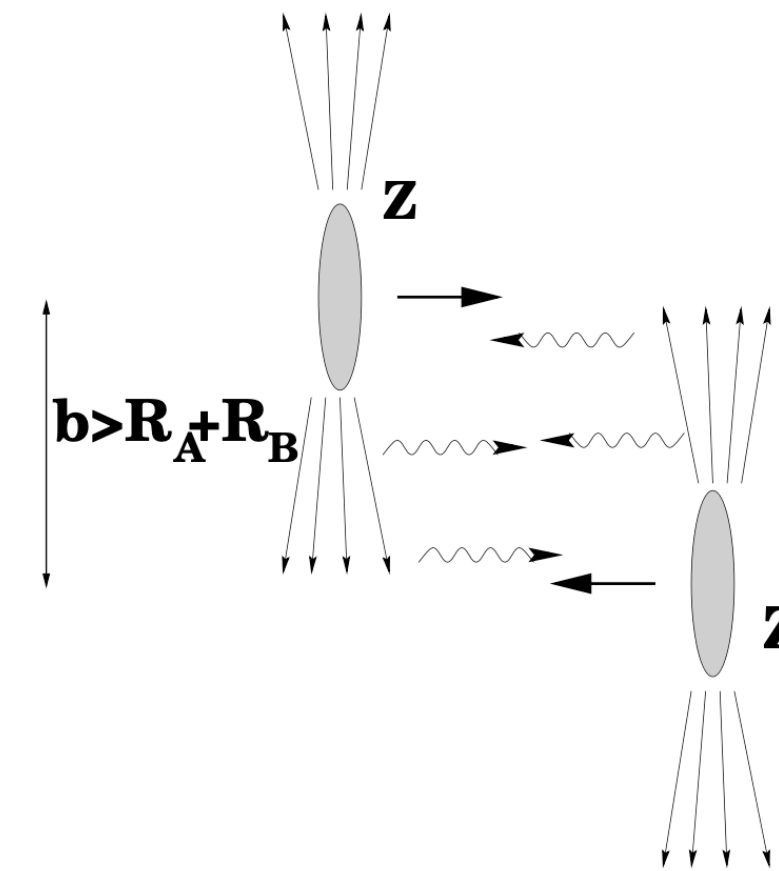


$\chi_{c1}(3872)/\psi(2S)$ ratio in pp collisions

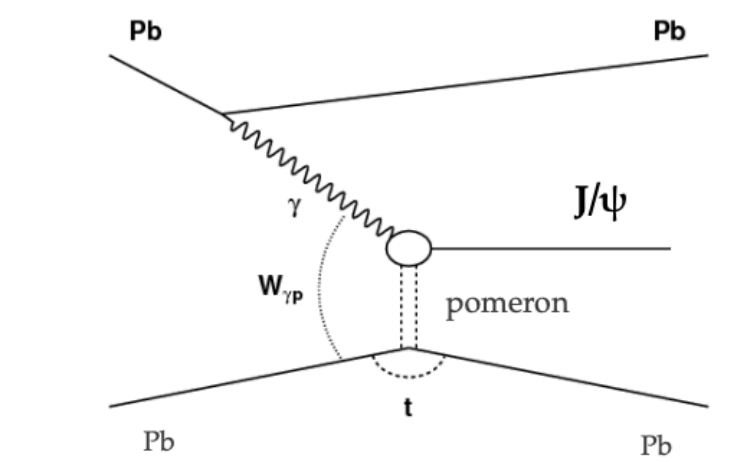
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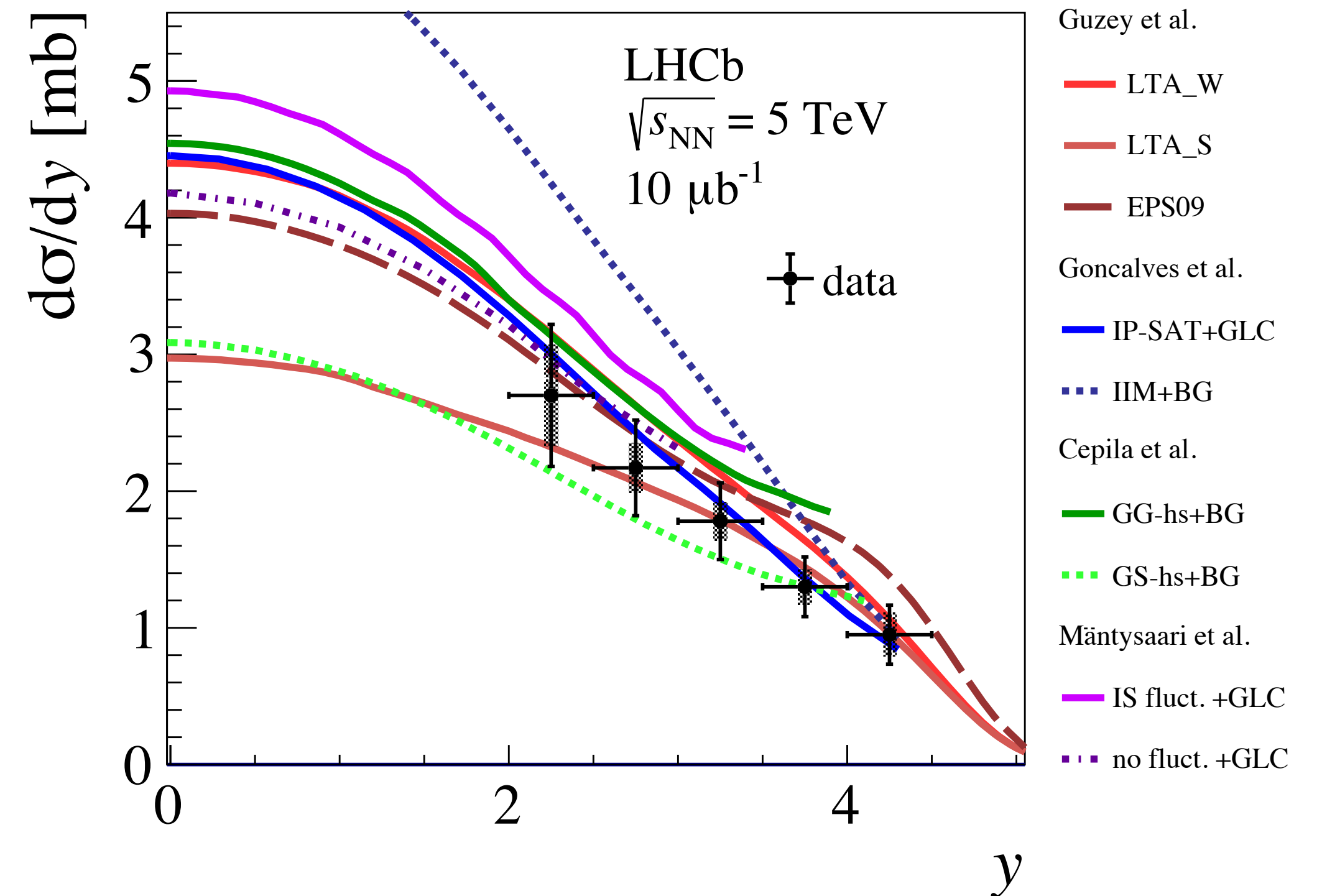
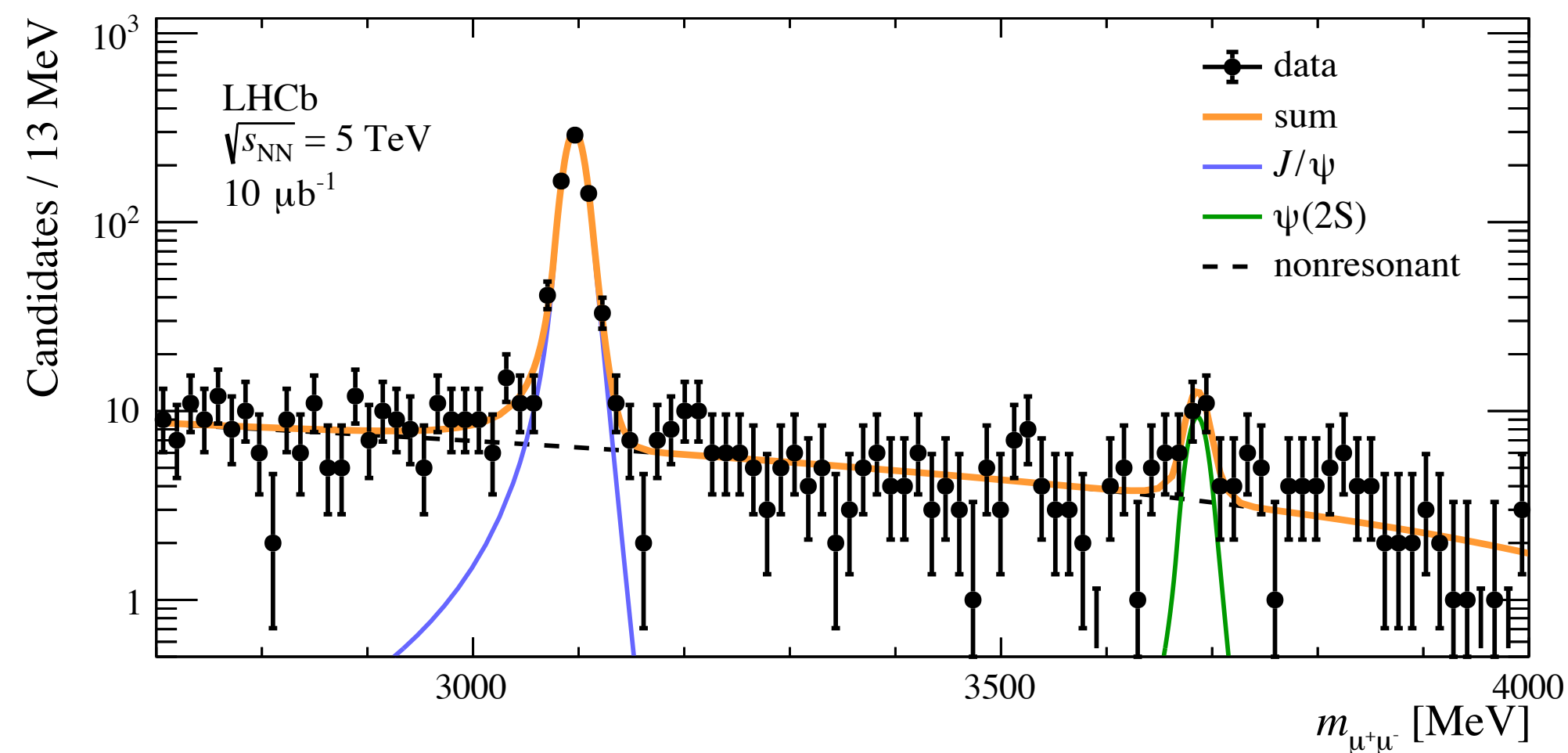
- Impact parameter $b > R_1 + R_2$,
- No actual hadronic collisions
- Interaction through the quasi real-photon cloud from one or both nuclei
- Photon flux $\propto Z^2 \rightarrow$ reaction rate $\propto Z^4$
- Vector meson produced with the interaction between a photon and a pomeron
- Probe the nuclear gluon distribution functions at a hard scale $Q^2 \approx m^2/4$



Coherent photo-production

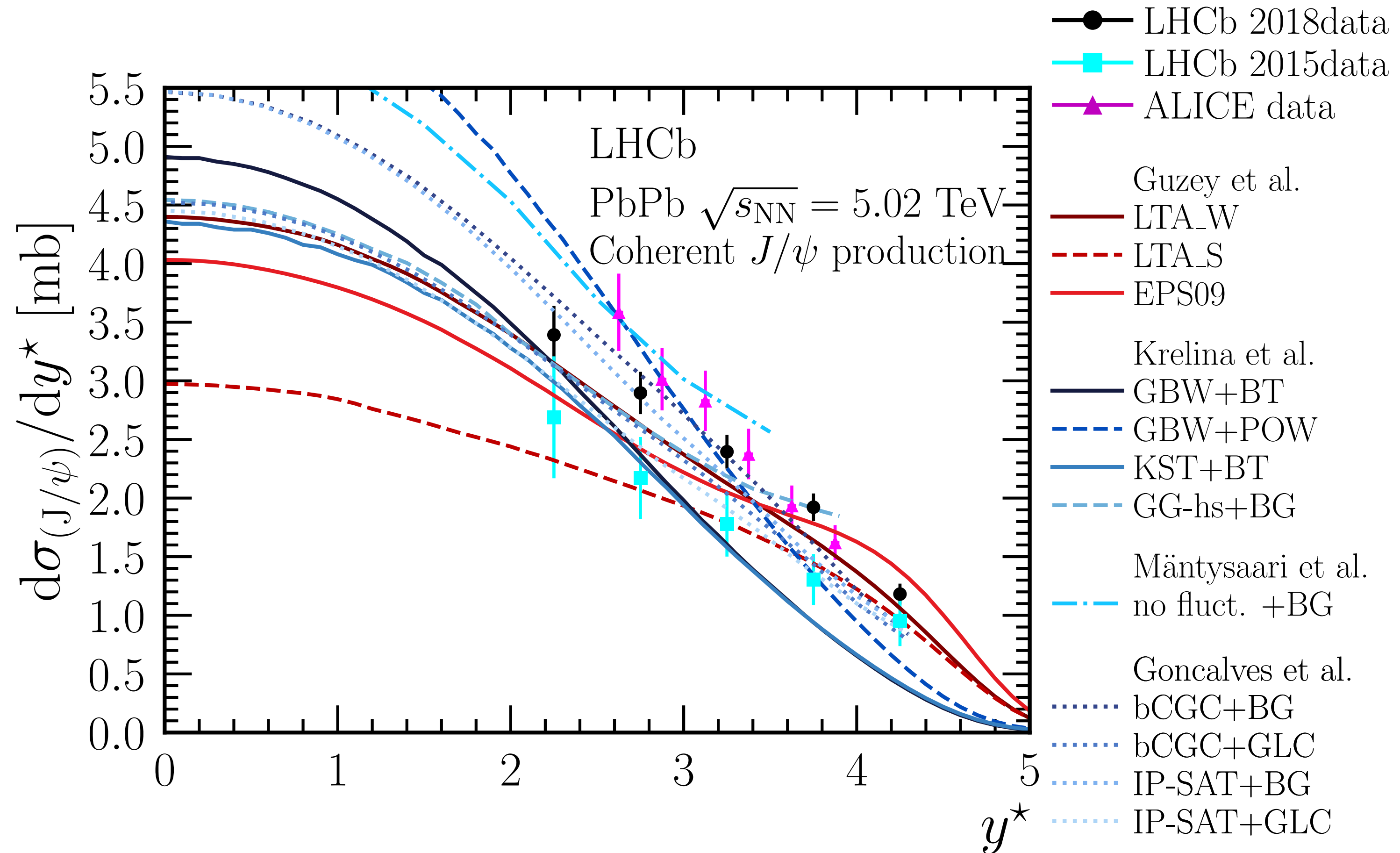


$$\gamma(\text{pomeron}) \rightarrow J/\psi$$



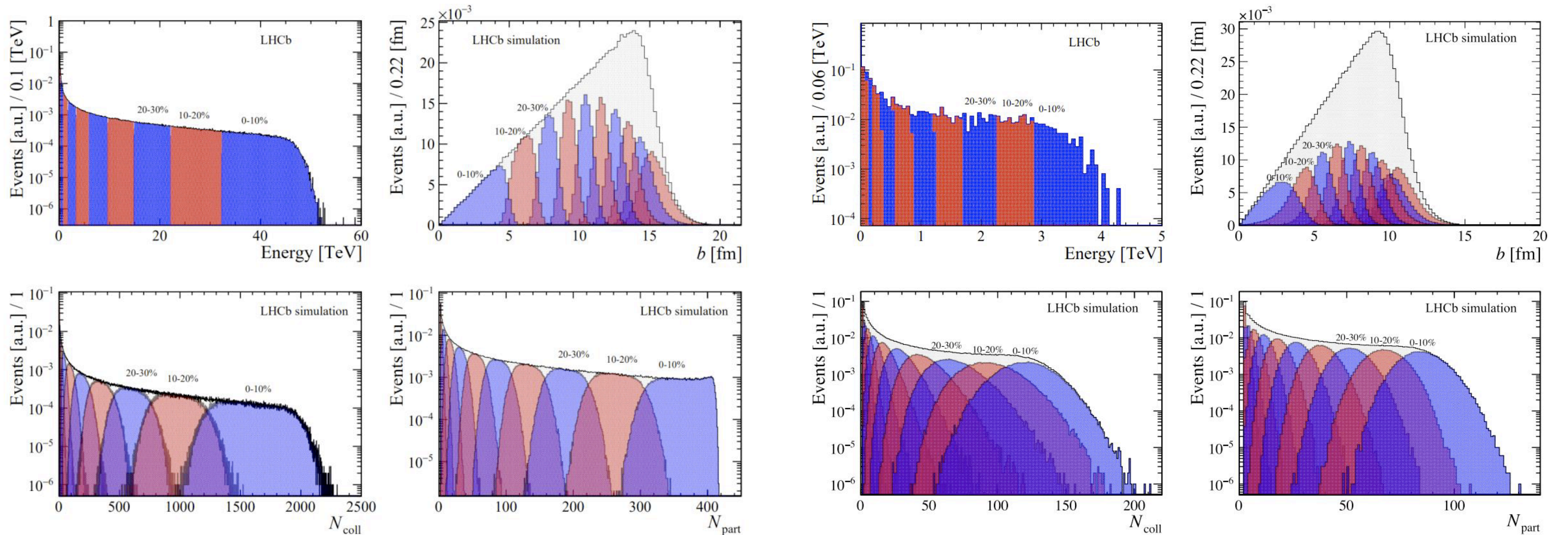
Coherence J/ψ in UPC PbPb at 5TeV

Comparison of results



PbPb PbNe centrality determination

- Centrality determined from Ecal energy using fits to Glauber model



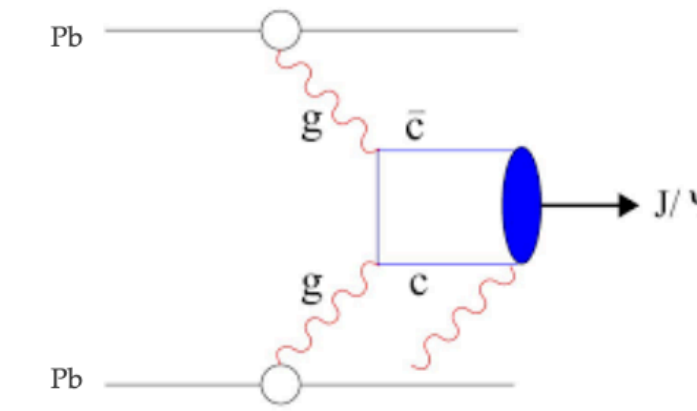
J/ψ photoproduction in peripheral PbPb collisions at 5 TeV

coherent J/ψ signals

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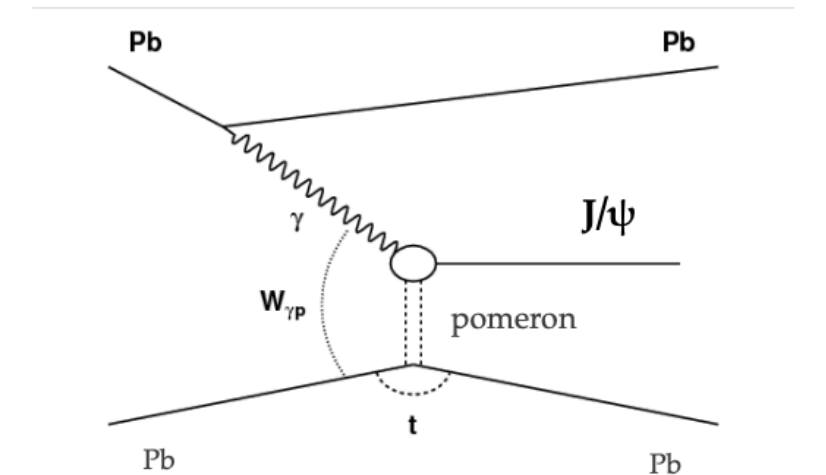
- One of the first LHCb PbPb results in hadronic collisions, using data collected in Nov-Dec 2018, with luminosity $L \sim 230 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$
- Low p_T J/ψ excess observed by ALICE in PbPb and STAR in AuAu (PRL123, 132301, PRL116, 222301)
- Measure the photo-produced J/ψ yield in peripheral PbPb collisions (60-85%)
- The coherent and incoherent J/ψ production can be distinguished from their p_T shapes

Hadronic production



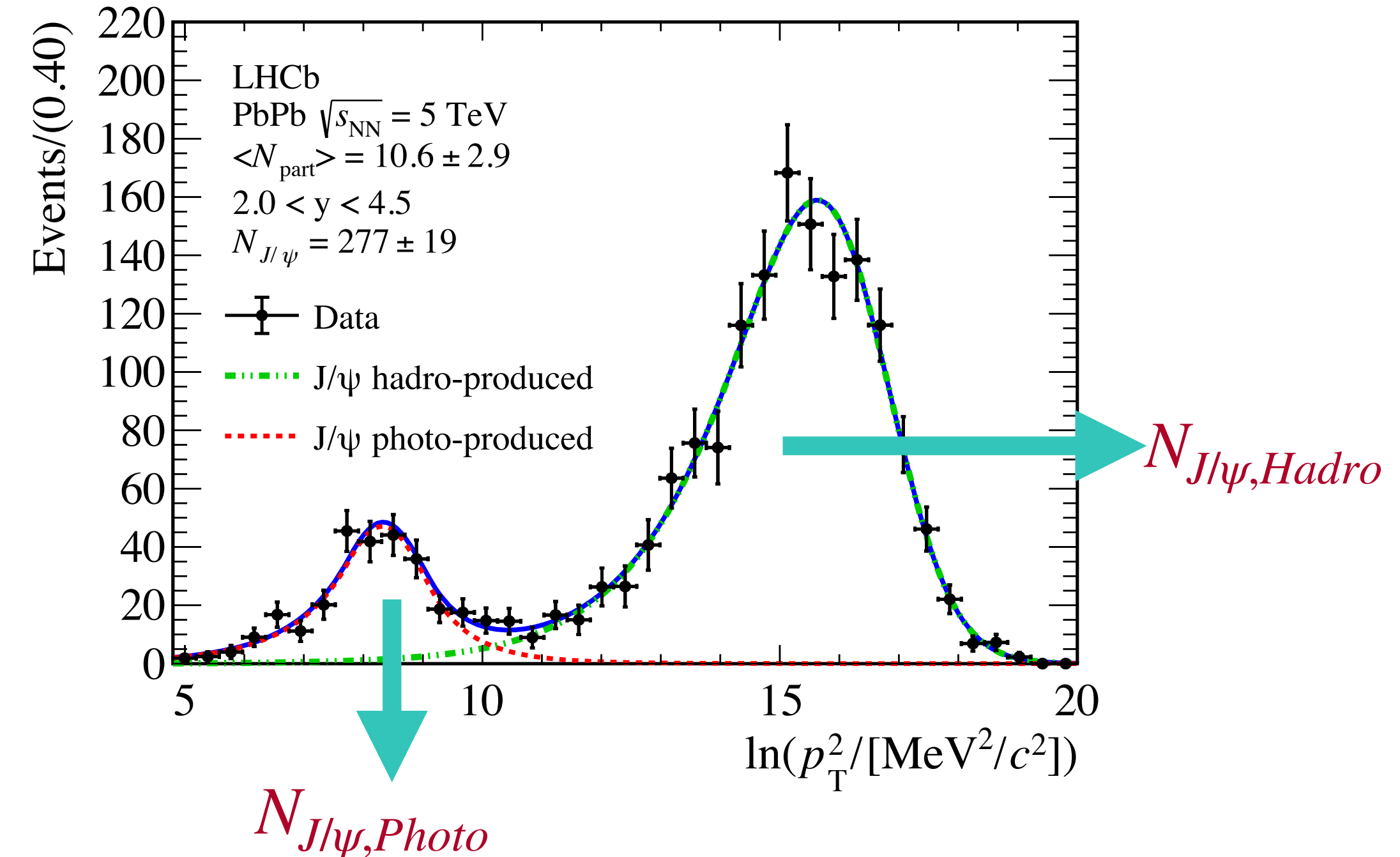
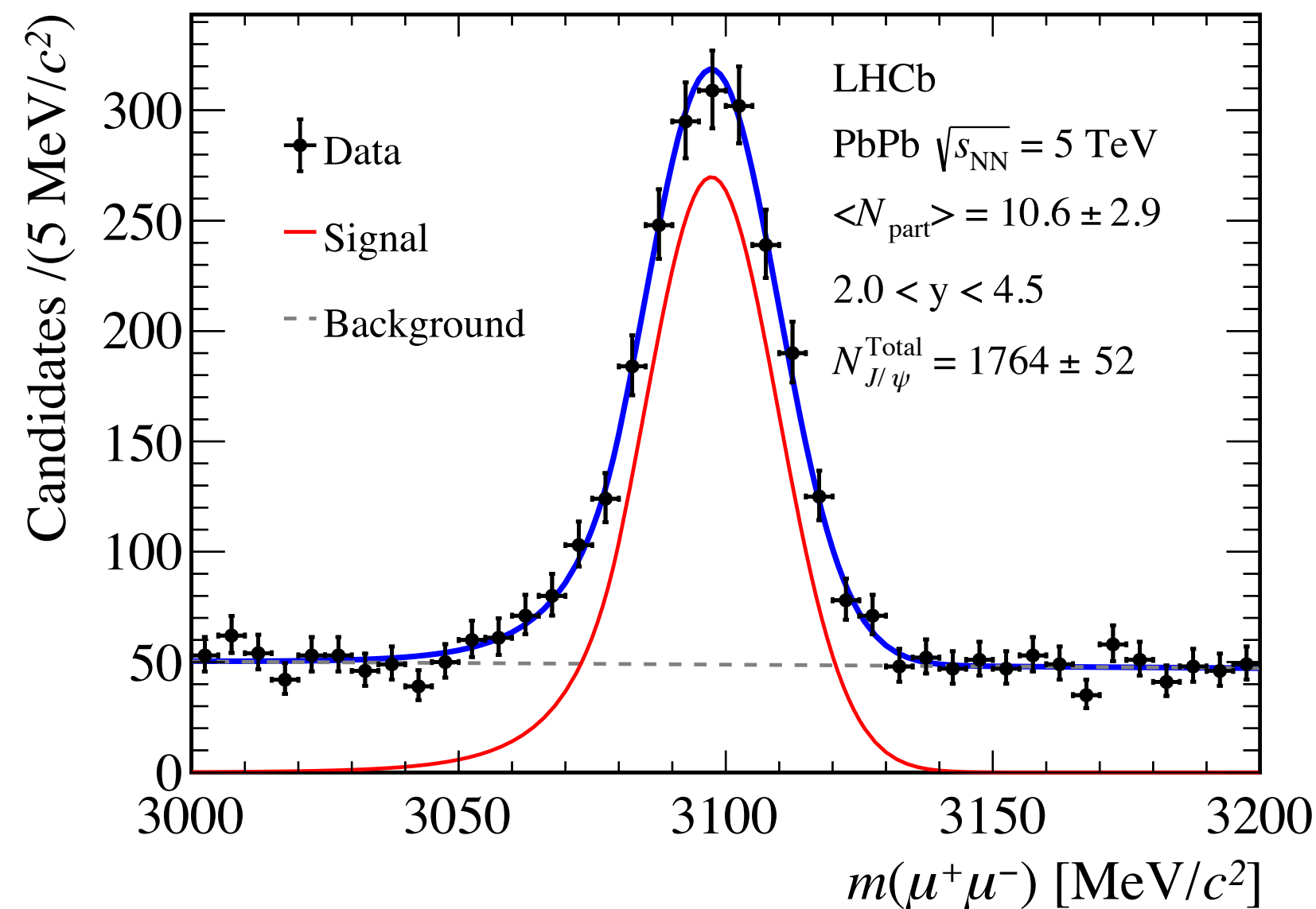
$$gg \rightarrow J/\psi$$

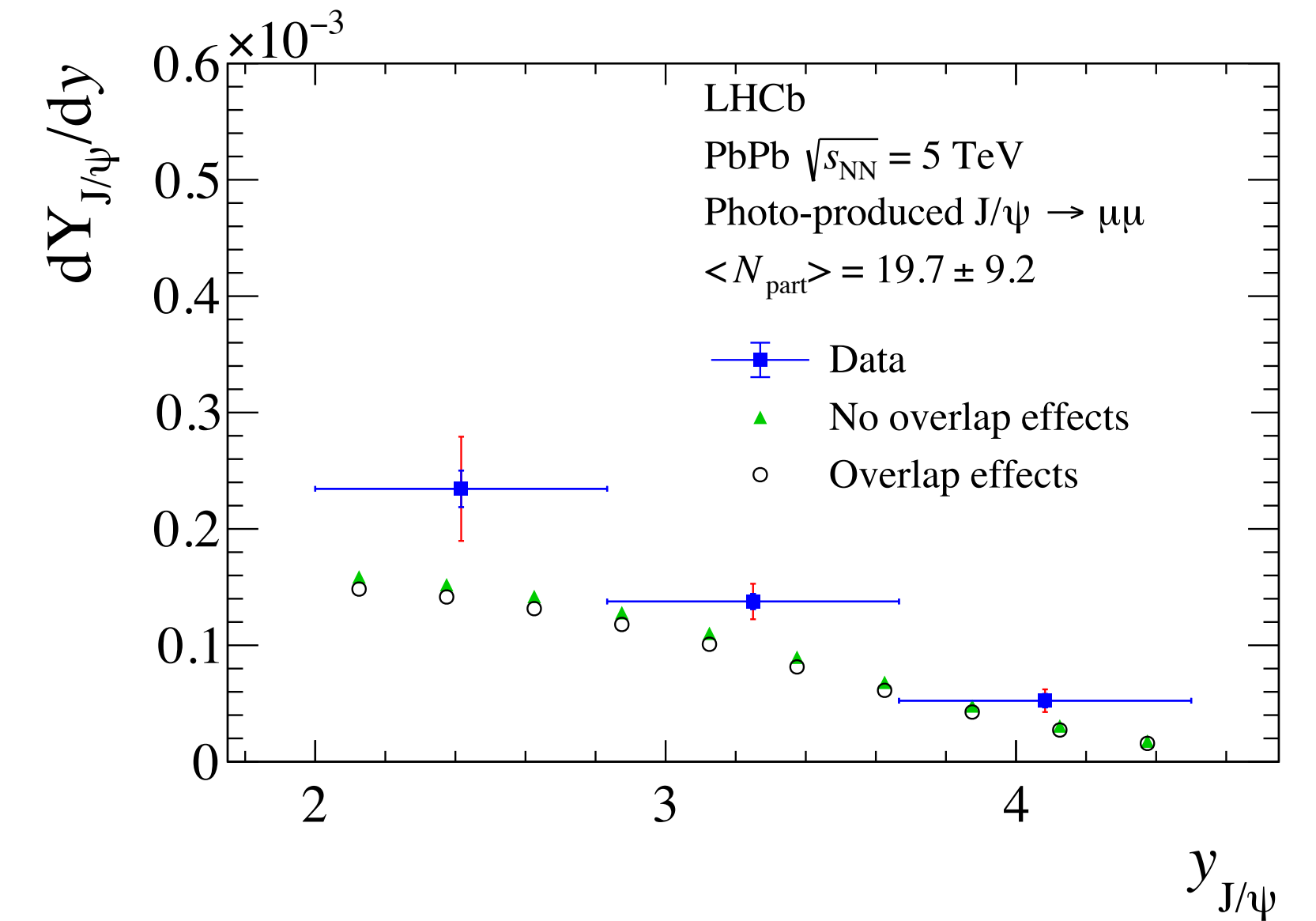
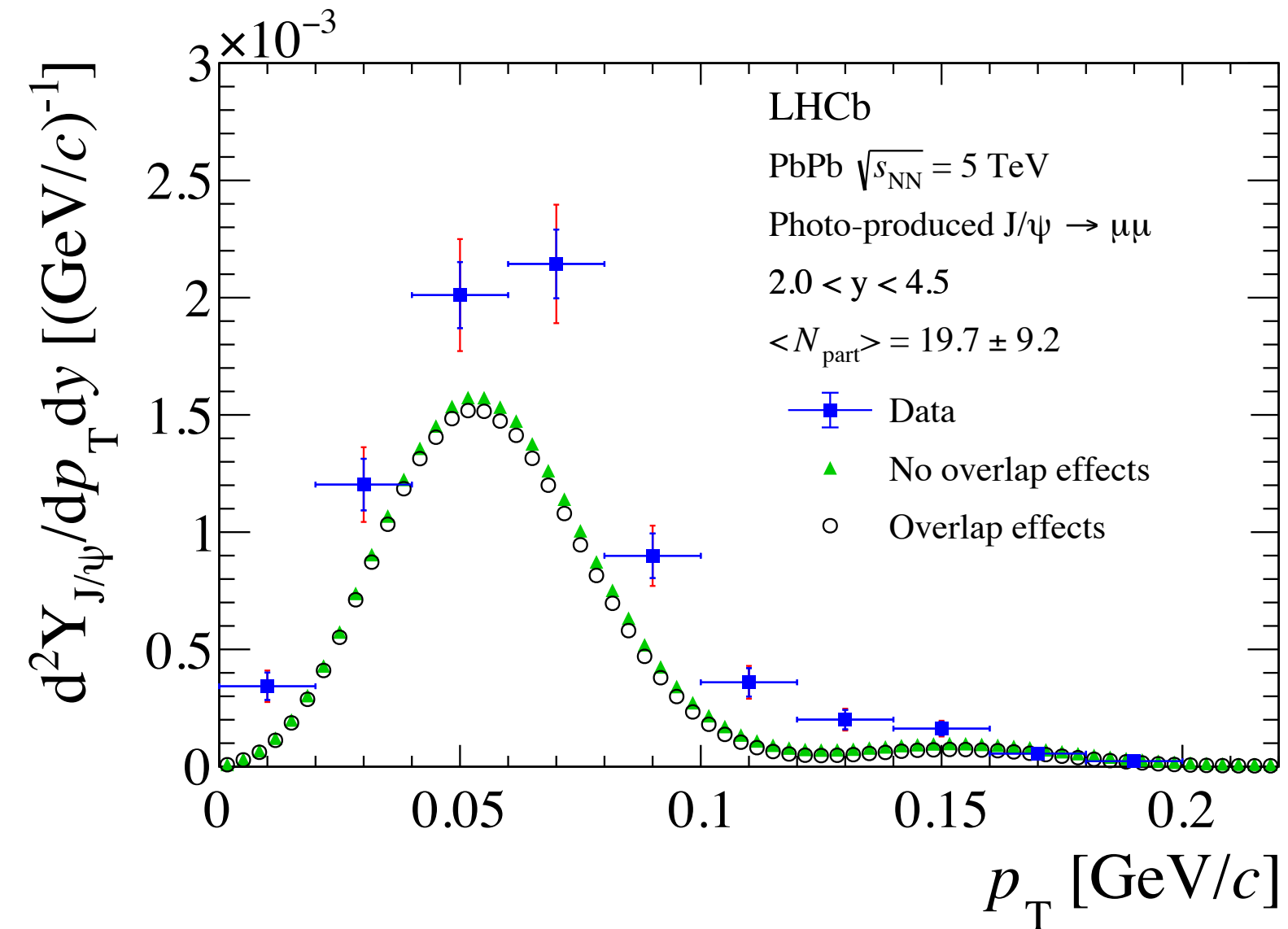
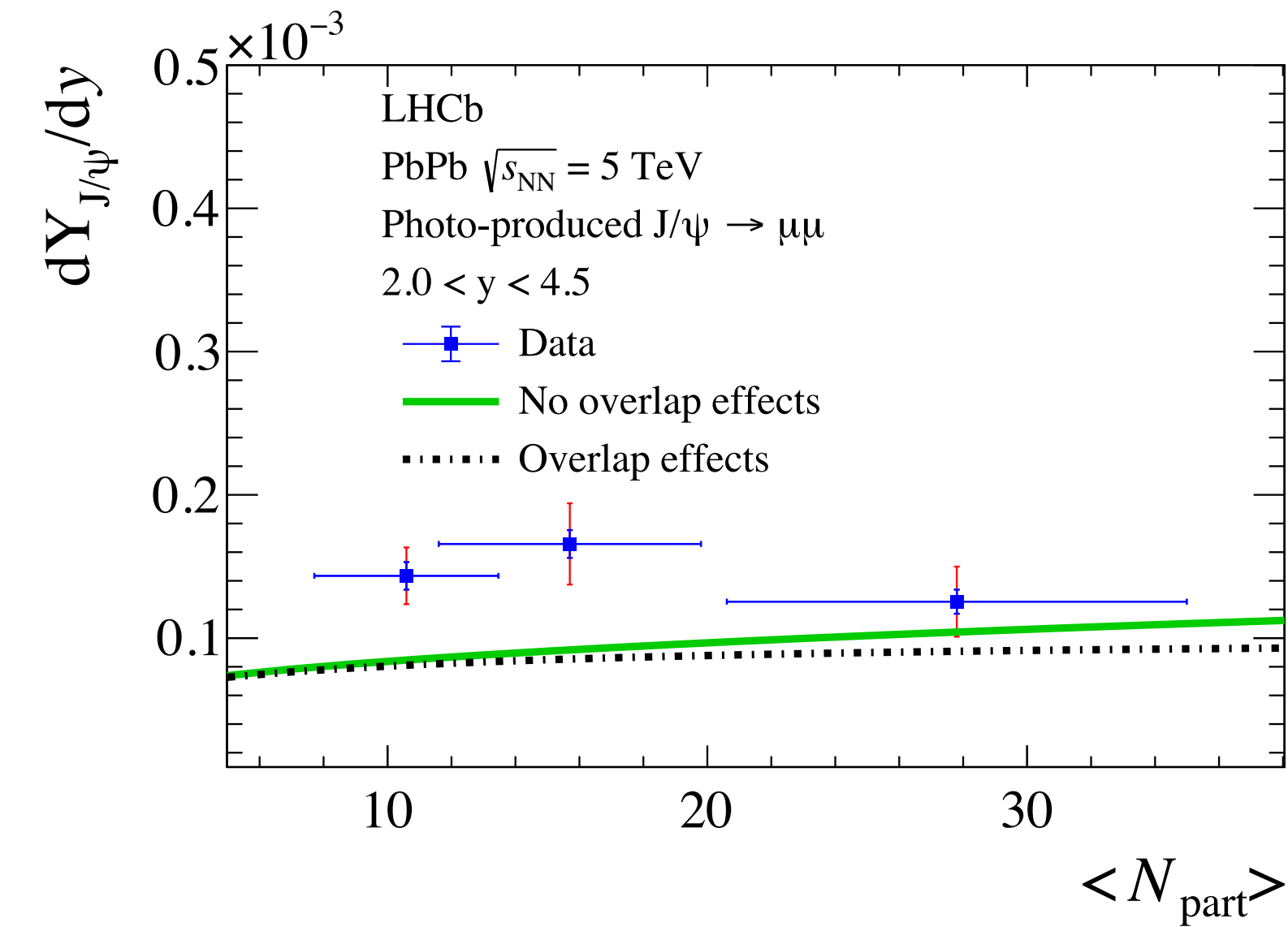
Coherent photo-production



$$\gamma(\text{pomeron}) \rightarrow J/\psi$$

- Non-prompt J/ψ removed with t_z selection.
- Centrality determined by energy deposited in ECAL and Glauber model





► Photo-produced J/ψ yields measured with high precision

- Decreasing at larger rapidity
- Consistent with constant with respect to $\langle N_{part} \rangle$

► The shape of coherent J/ψ transverse momentum distribution is measured for the first time at the LHC, very similar to the p_T shape seen in the UPC result!

► Data qualitatively well reproduced by models, with and without nuclear overlap effects

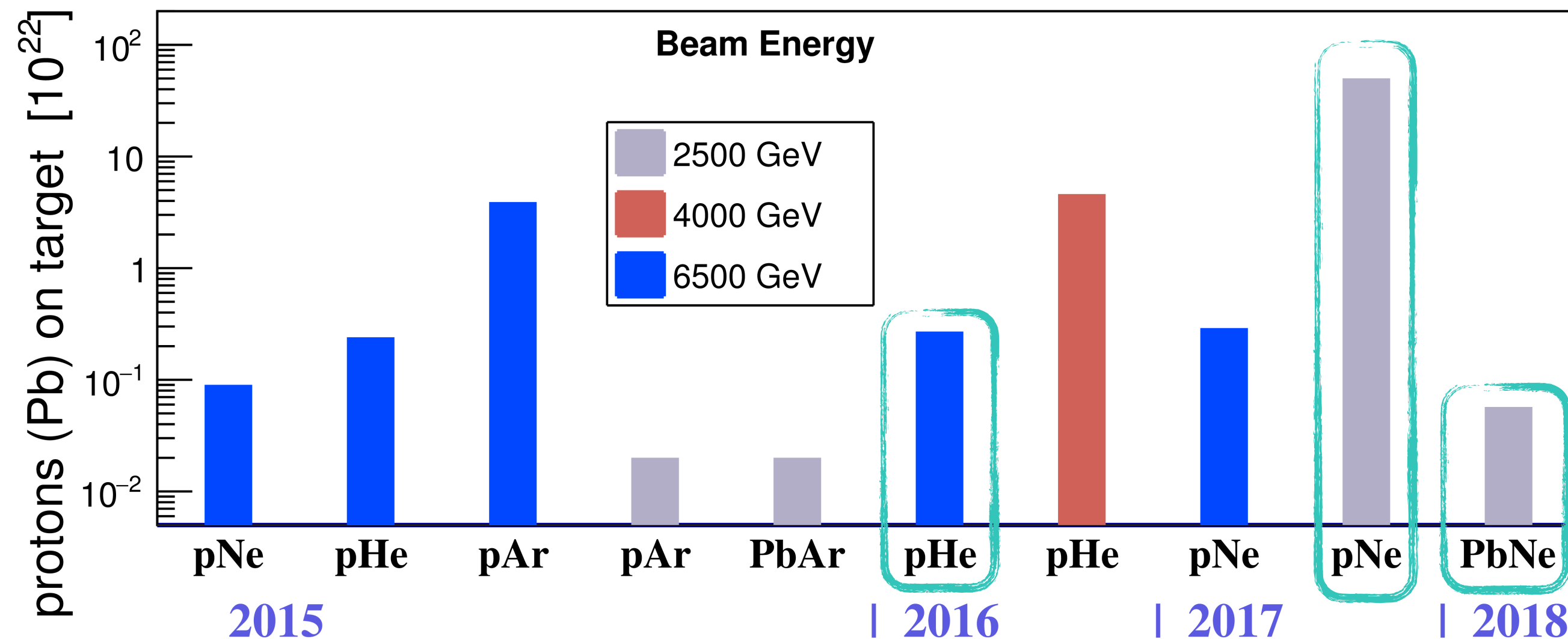
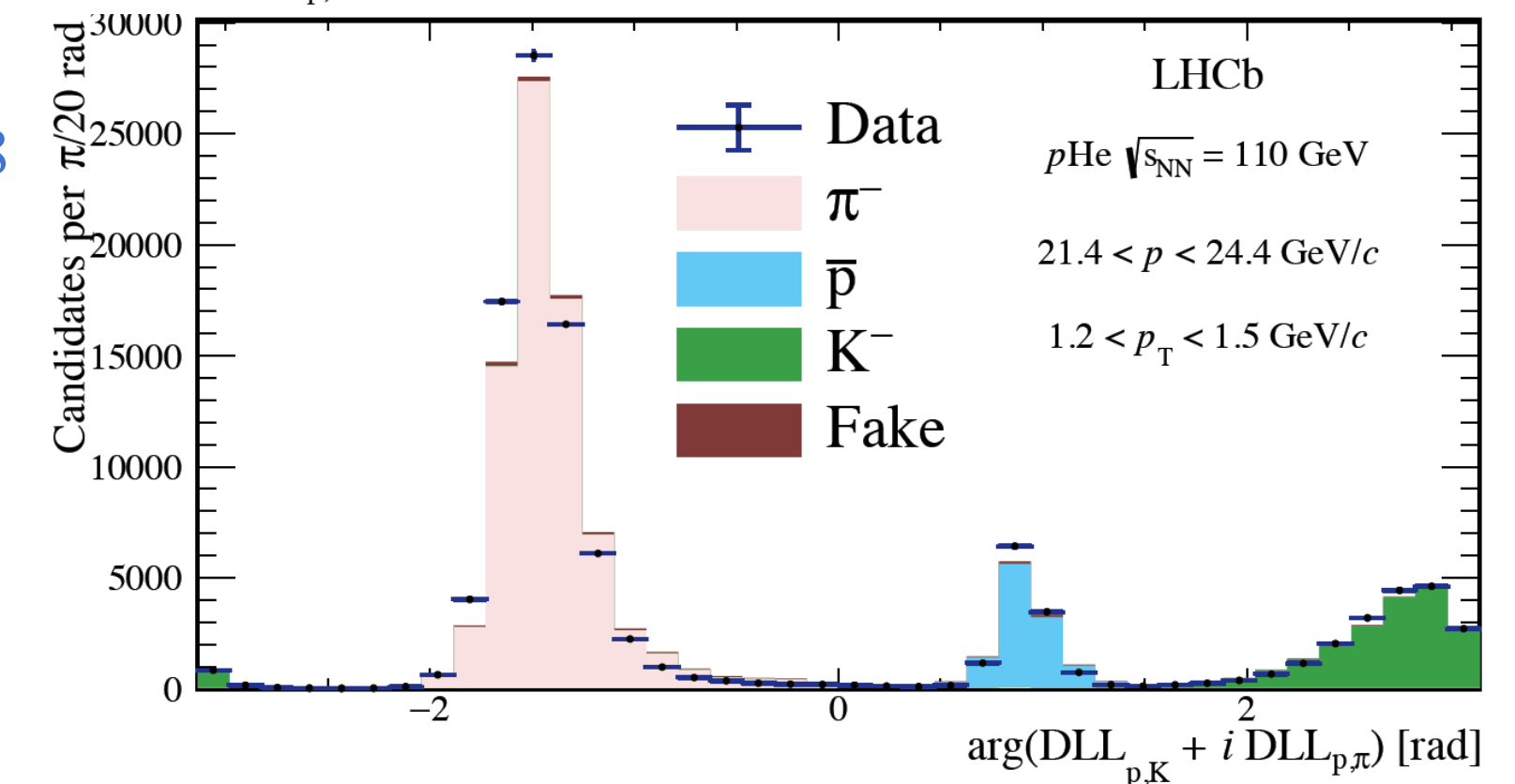
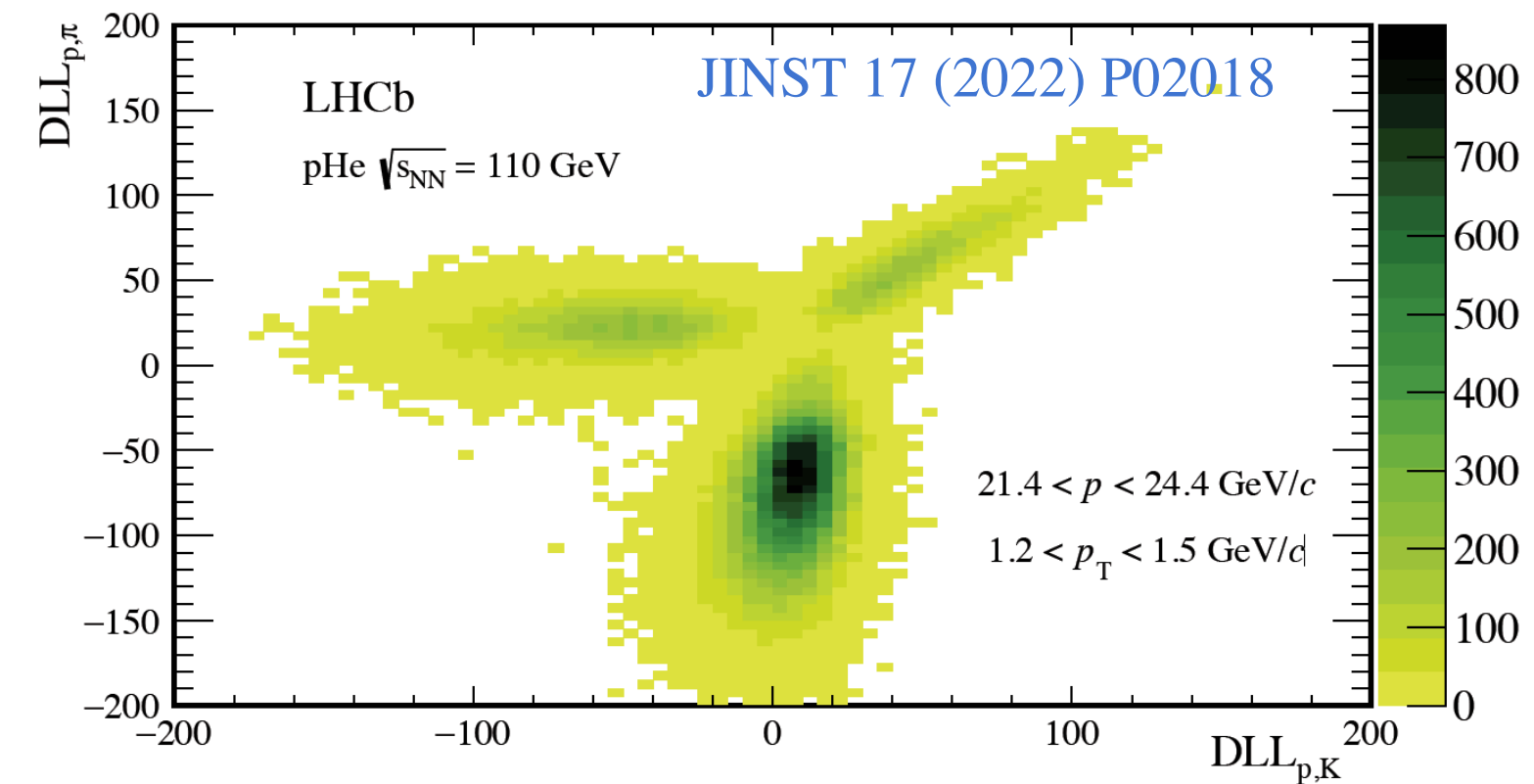
SMOG datasets and results

New results:

- Charmonia production in p Ne collisions at 68.5 GeV
- J/ψ and D^0 production in PbNe collisions at 68.5 GeV
- Detached antiproton production in p He collisions at 110 GeV

New technical publication:

- A Neural-Network-defined Gaussian Mixture Model for PID with SMOG data [JINST 17 \(2022\) P02018](#)
- Centrality determination in heavy-ion collisions with the LHCb detector [arXiv:2111.01607](#)



Previous SMOG results:

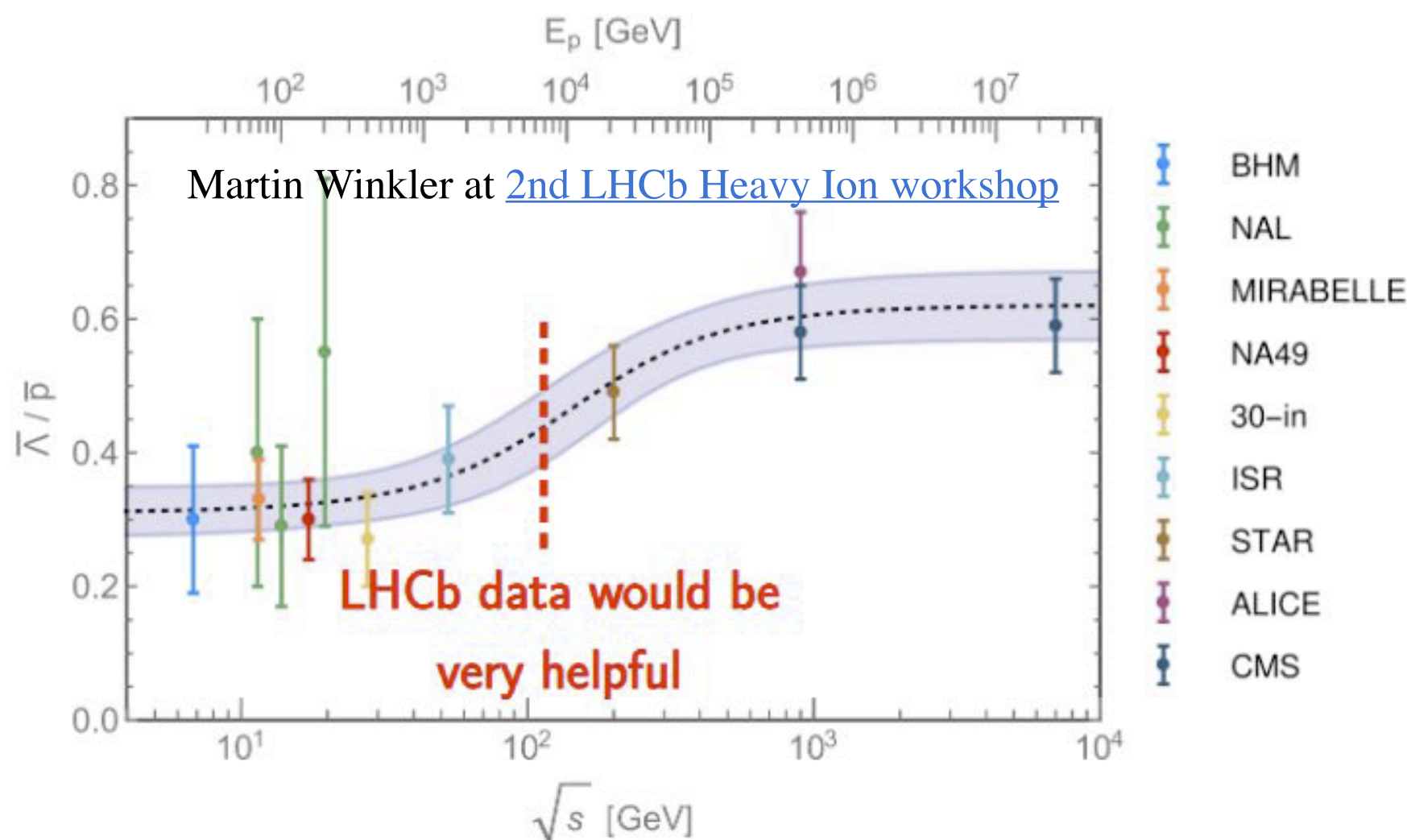
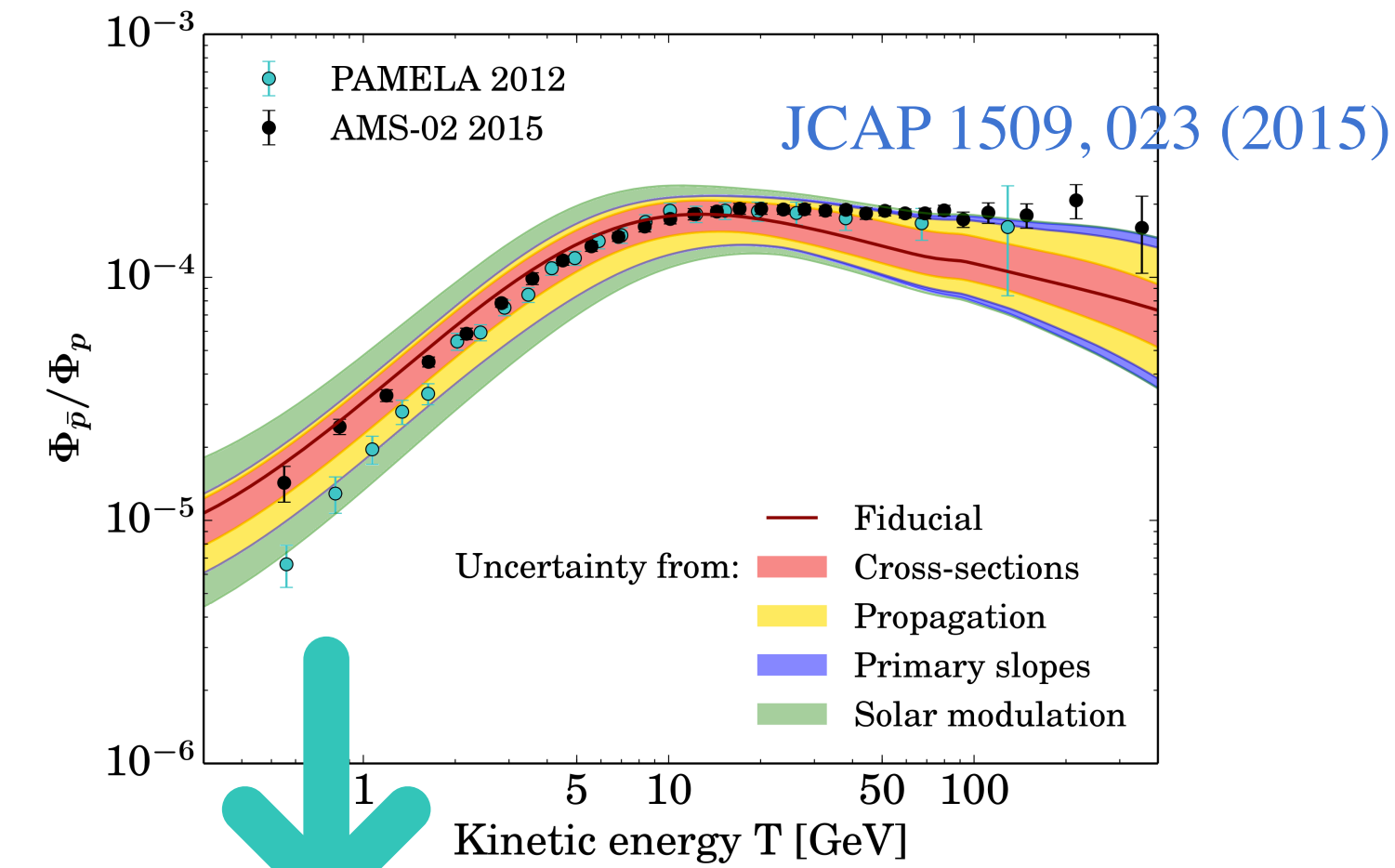
- ▶ Charm production in p Ar, p He collisions
[Phys. Rev. Lett. 122 \(2019\) 132002](#)
- ▶ Prompt antiproton in p He collisions at 110 GeV
[Phys. Rev. Lett. 121 \(2018\) 222001](#)

Detached antiproton in $p\text{He}$ collisions at 110 GeV

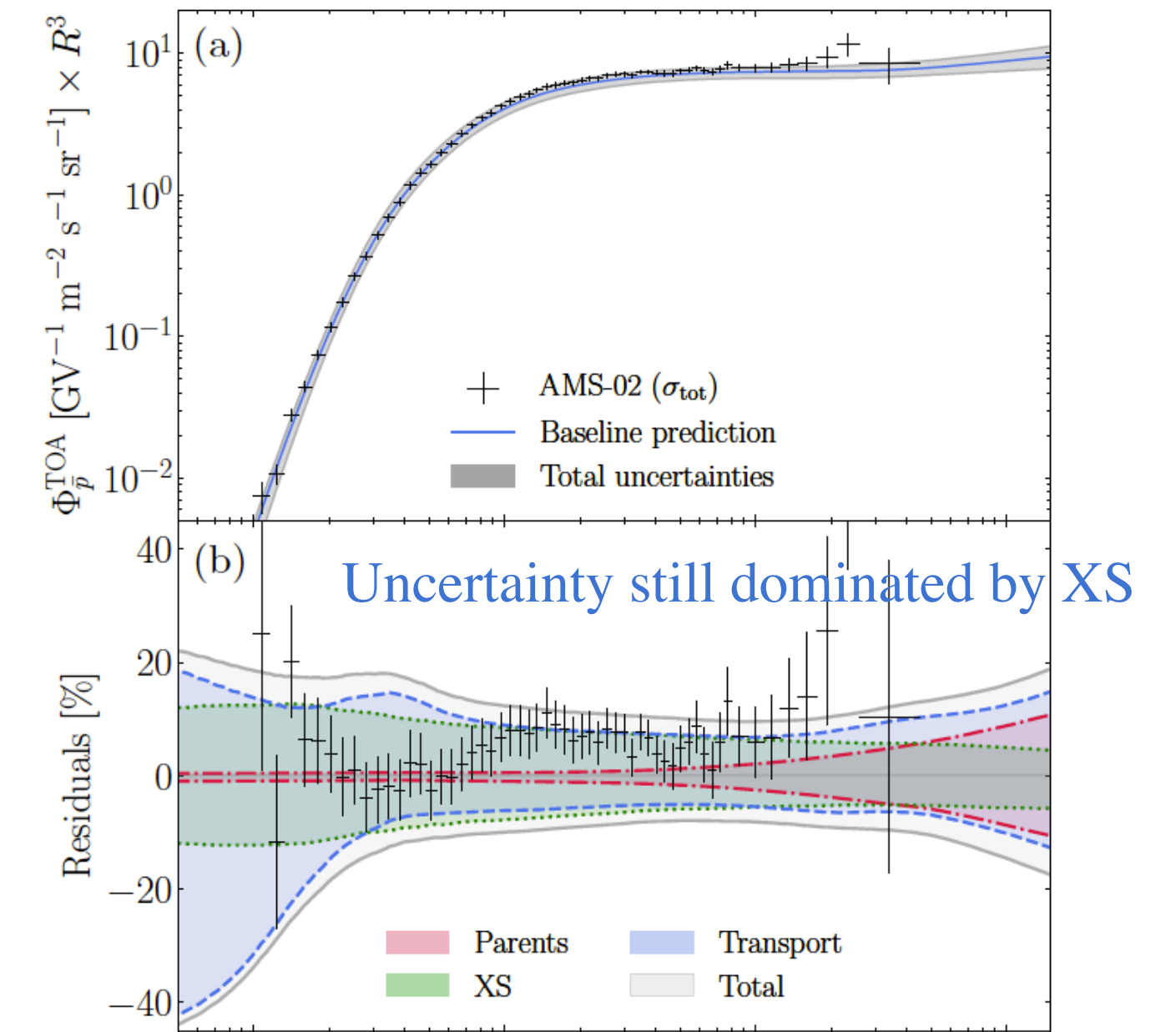
LHCb-PAPER-2022-006, in preparation

SMOG input to astrophysics

- PAMELA and AMS-02 measurements of \bar{p}/p in cosmic rays sensitive to a possible dark matter contribution
- Interpretation of \bar{p}/p measurements require precise \bar{p} production cross-section in spallation of cosmic rays in the interstellar medium (H and He)
- A first measurement of prompt \bar{p} production in $p\text{He}$ collisions at 110 GeV using SMOG [PRL 121 \(2018\) 222001](#)
- Extending the first measurement: antiproton from anti-hyperon decays (detached \bar{p})



- Detached \bar{p} can be distinguished from prompt \bar{p} in LHCb by the separation of their original vertex and the primary $p\text{He}$ collision vertex.
- Study strangeness production enhancement at $\sqrt{s} \sim 100\text{GeV}$



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