

# Exclusive measurements at LHC sensitive to GPDs

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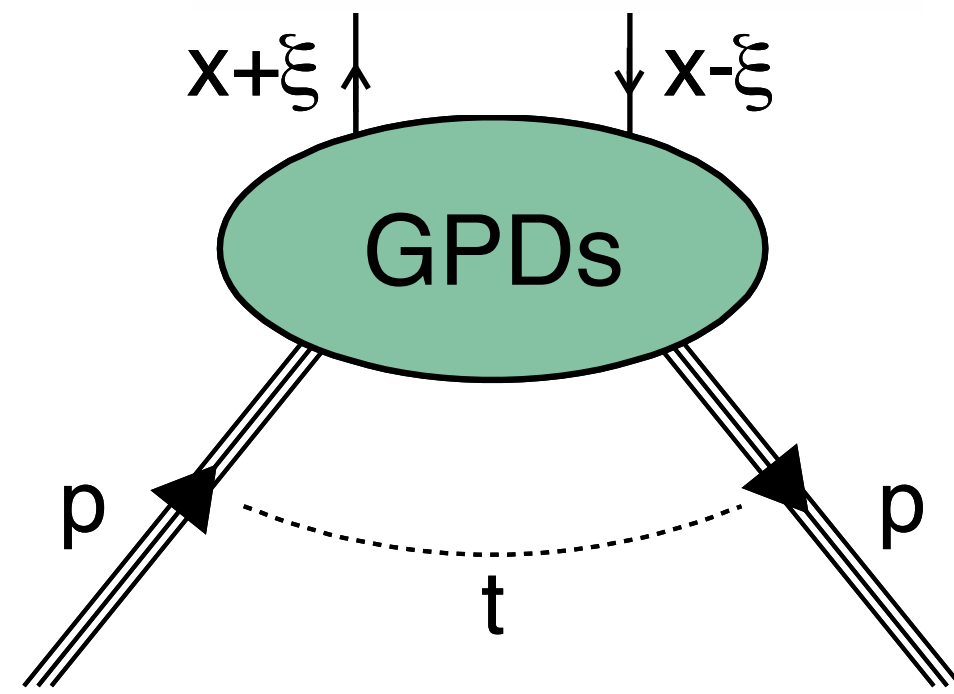
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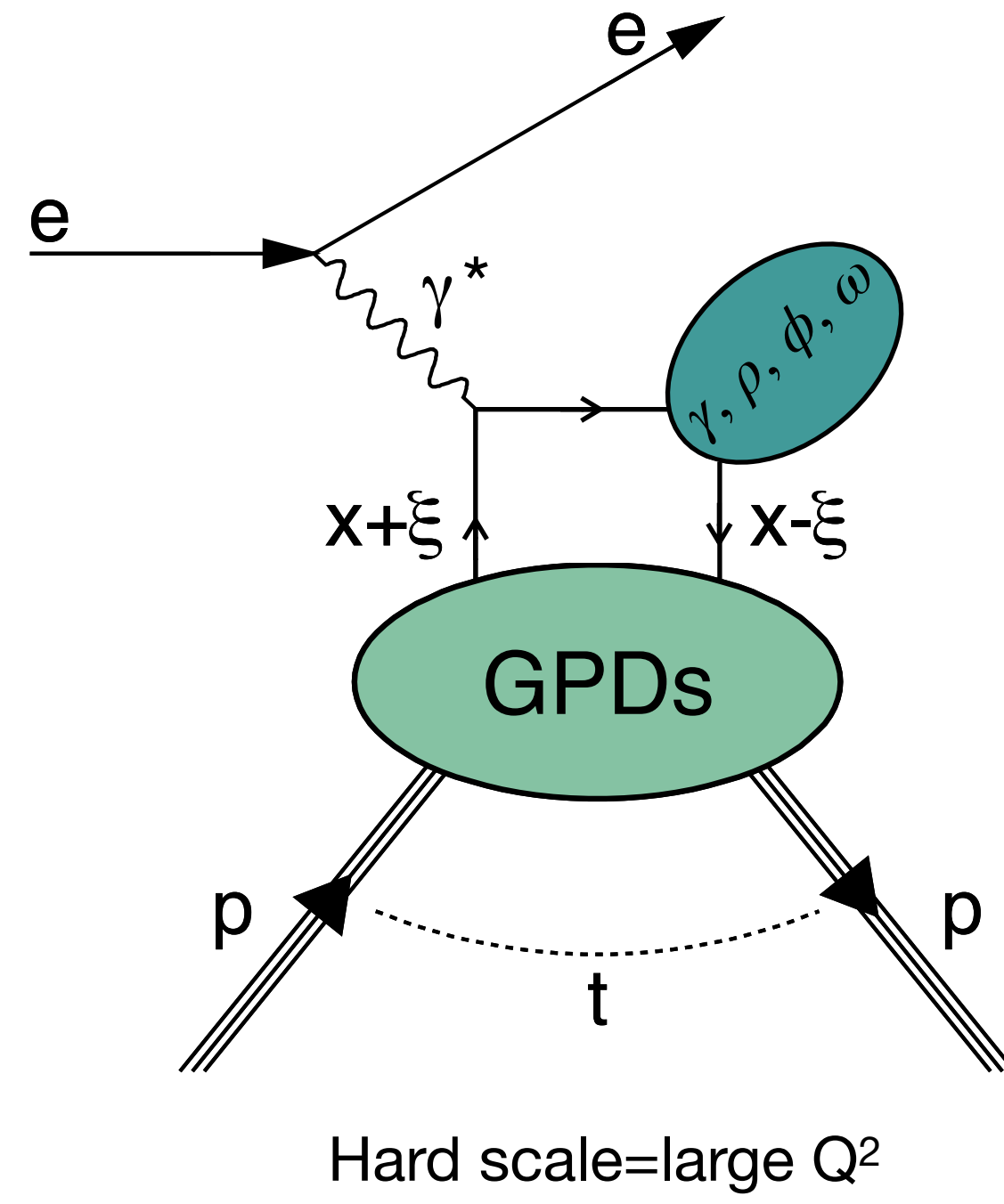
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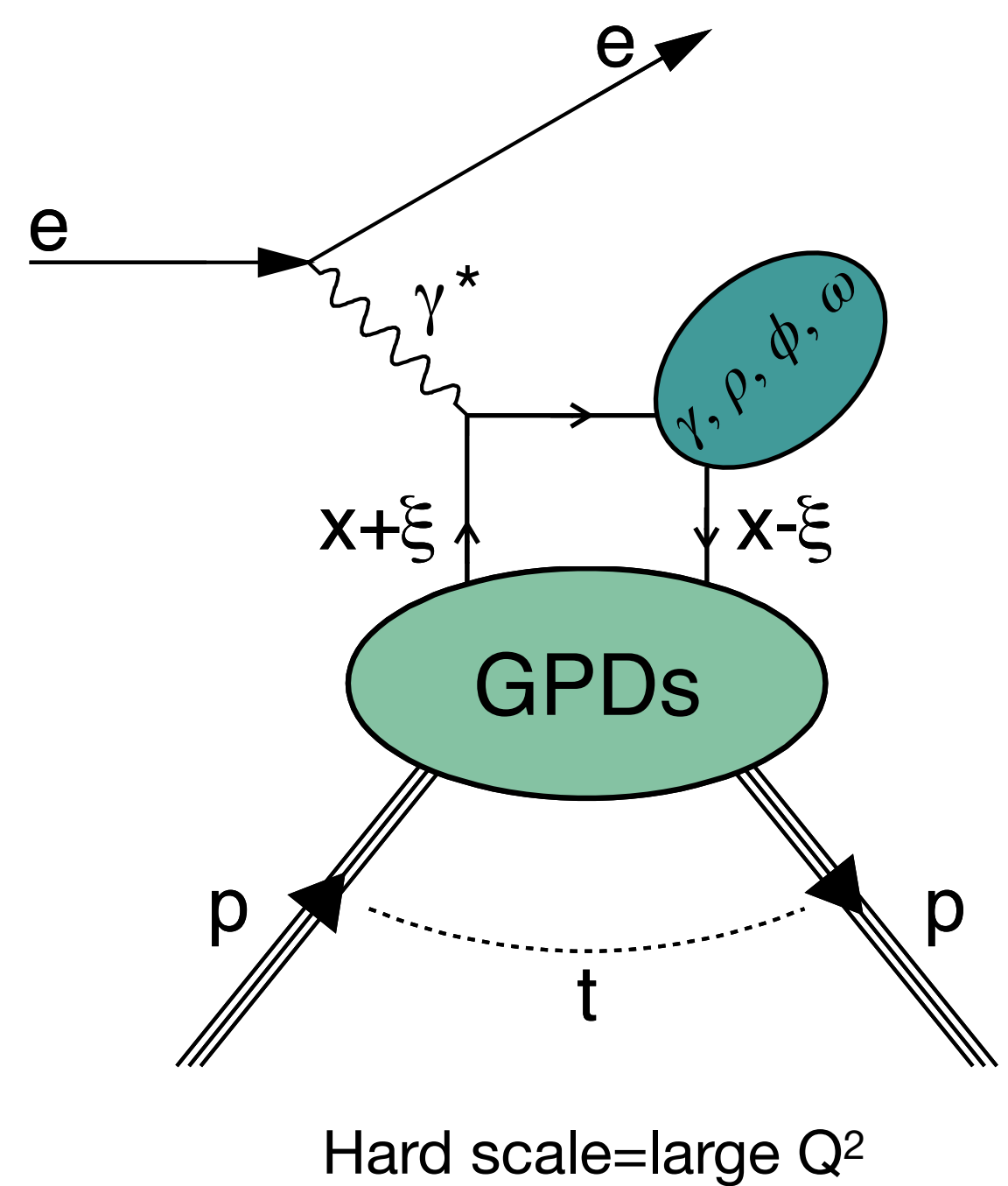
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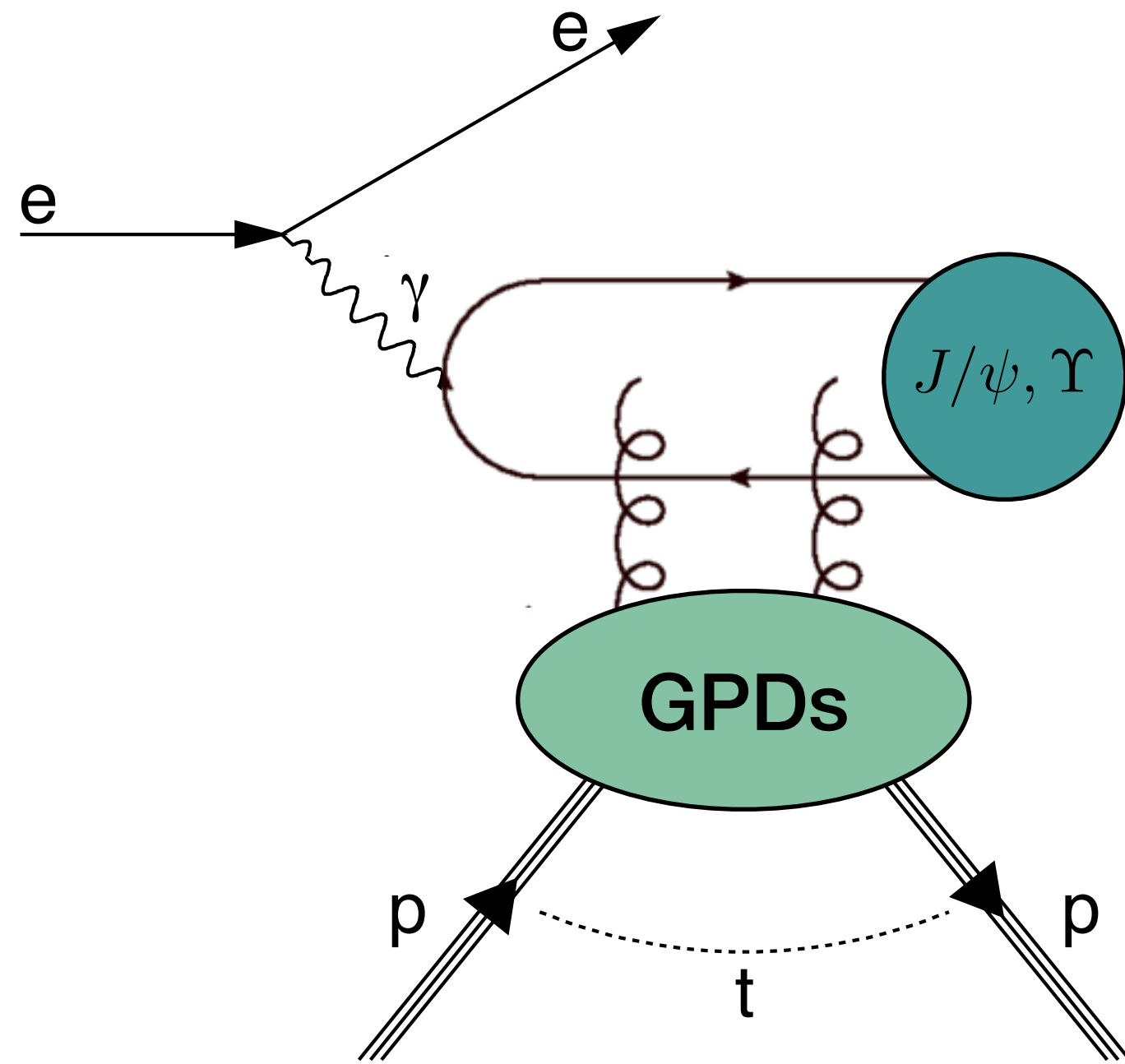


- CLAS – PRC 95 ('17) 035207; 95 (2017) 035202
  - COMPASS – PLB 731 ('14) 19; NPB 915 ('17) 454
  - JLab Hall A Collaboration – PRC 83 ('11) 025201
  - HERMES – EPJ C 74 ('14) 3110; 75 ('15) 600; 77 ('17) 378
  - H1 – JHEP 05('10)032; EPJ C 46 ('06) 585
  - ZEUS – PMC Phys. A1 ('07) 6; NPB 695 ('04) 3
- colliders, small  $x_B$ , gluons
- fixed target: medium/large  $x_B$ , quarks





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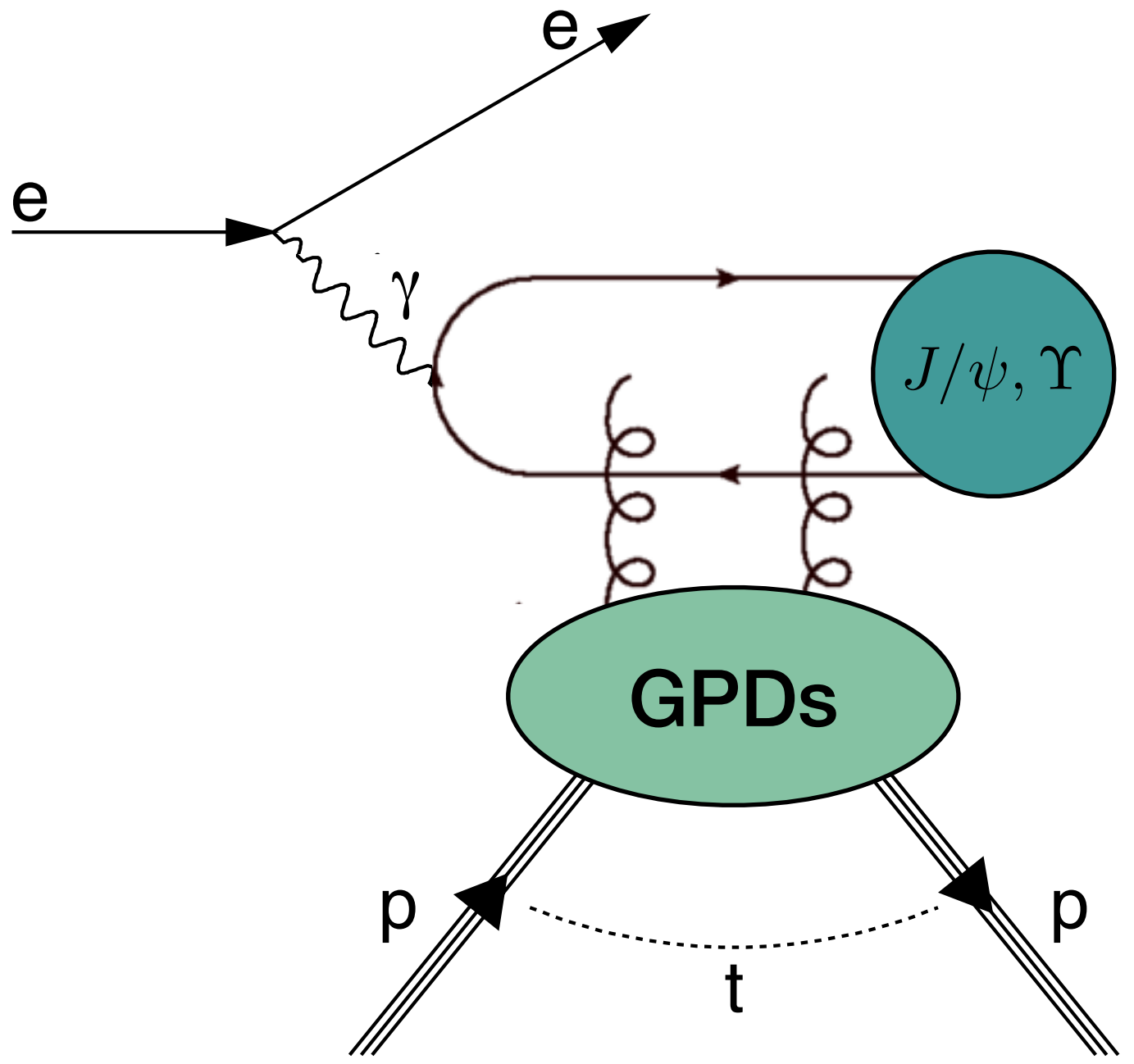
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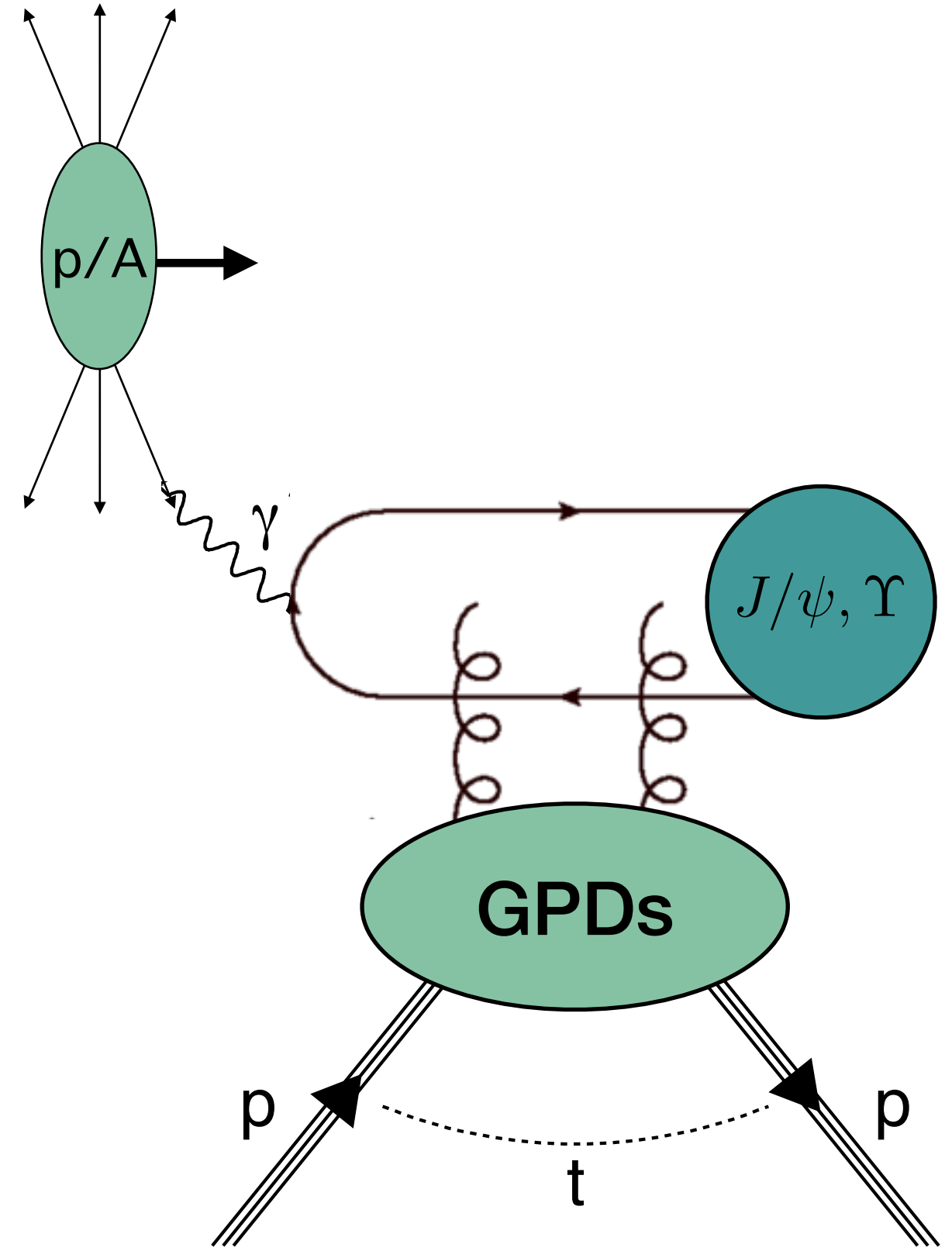


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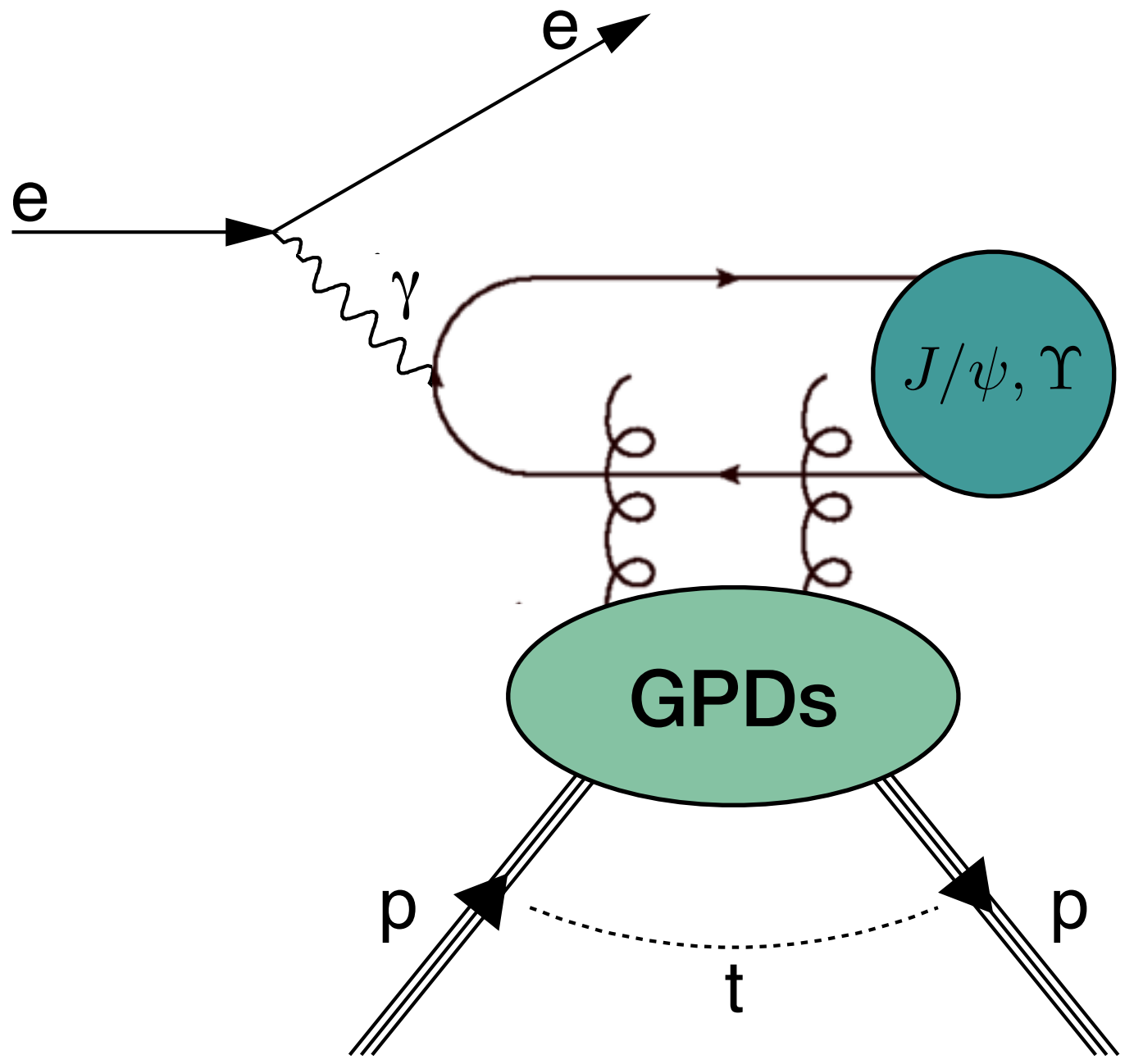
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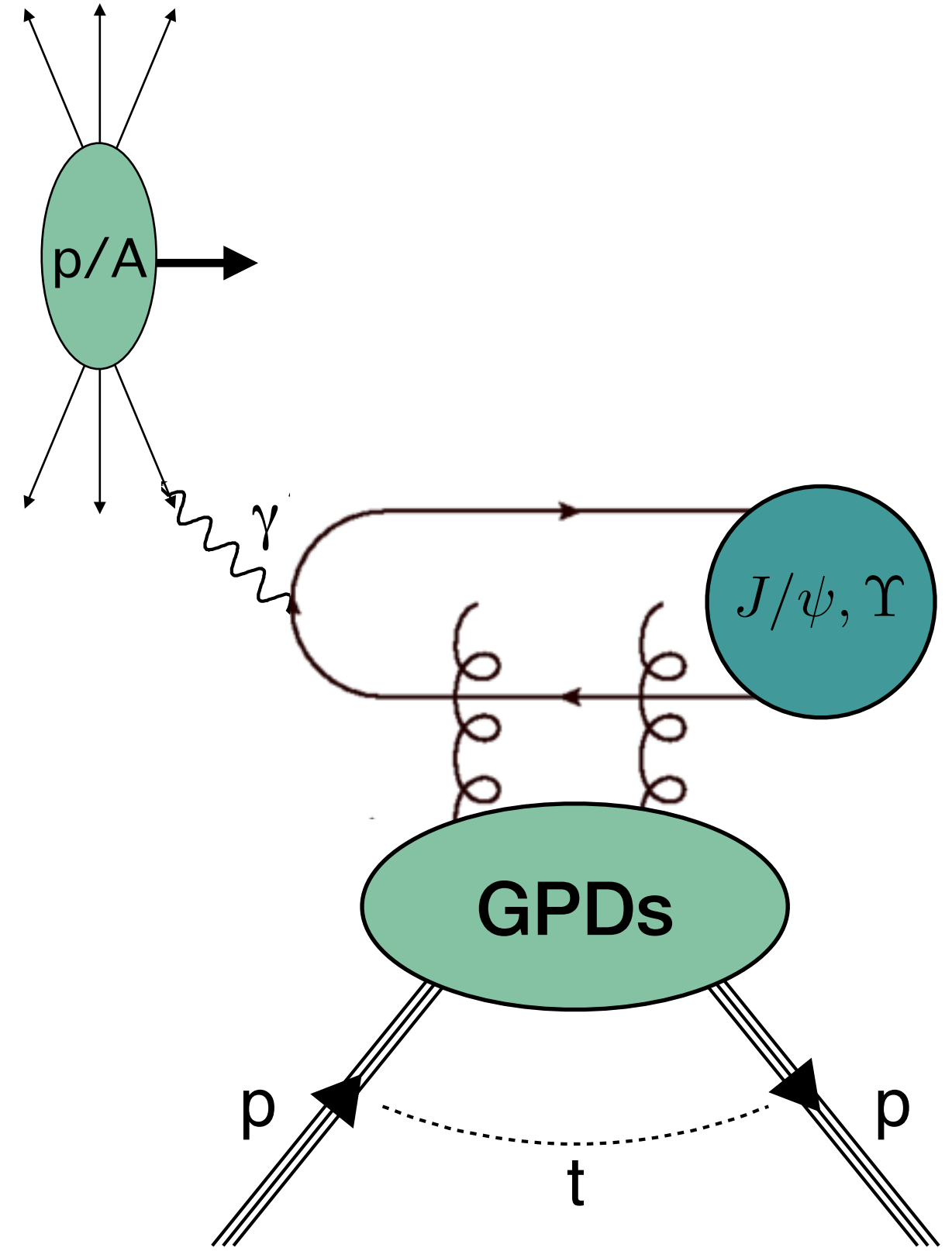


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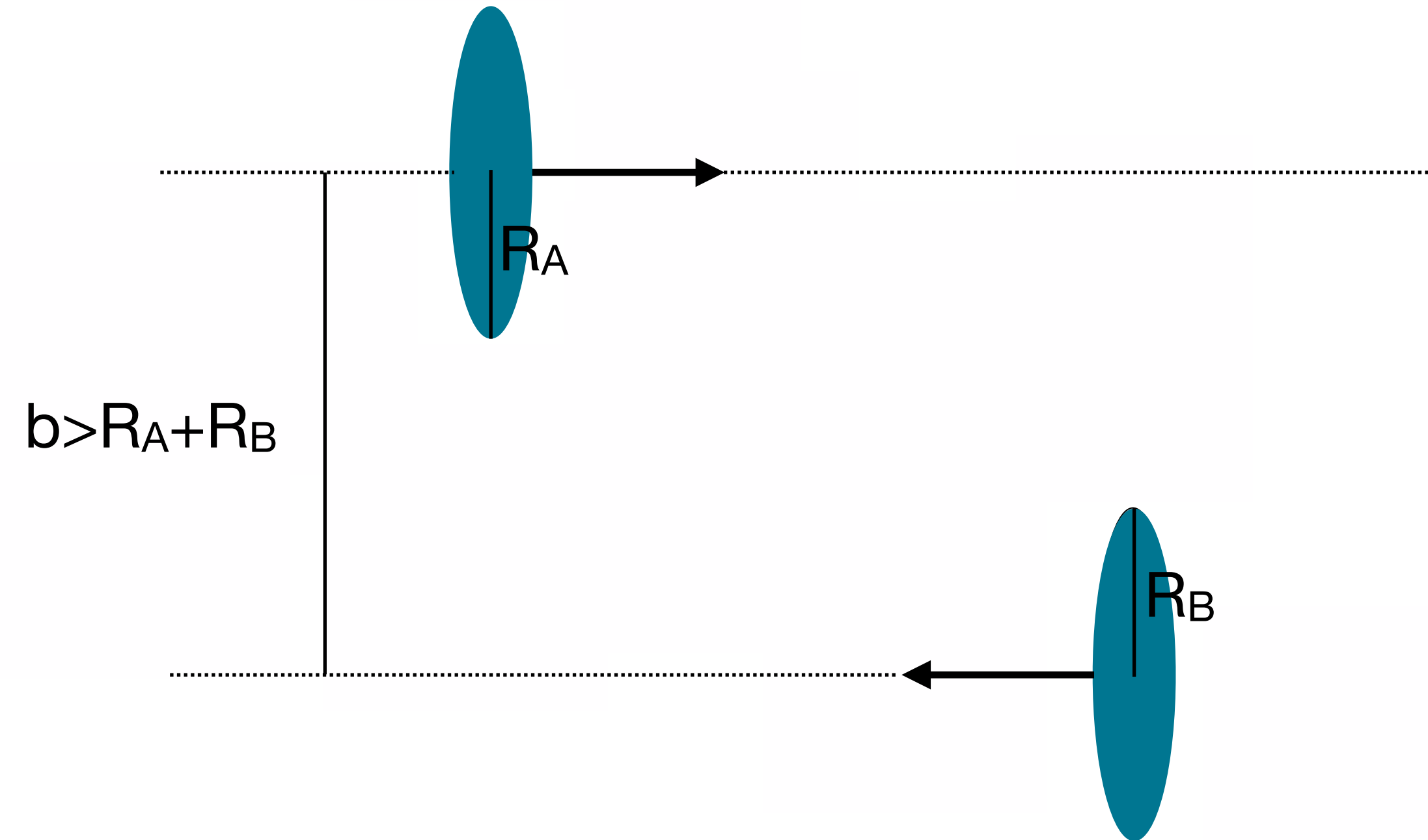
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 CMS, pPb: Eur. Phys. J. C **79** ('19) 277  
 ALICE: Pb-Pb – Eur. Phys. J. C **73** ('13) 2617; Phys. Lett. B **718** ('13) 1273;  
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 ALICE: p-Pb – Phys. Rev. Lett. **113** ('14) 232504; Eur. Phys. J. C **79** ('19) 402  
 LHCb: PbPb – CERN-LHCb-CONF-2018-003  
 LHCb: pp – J. Phys. G: Nucl. Part. Phys. **40** ('13) 045001; **41** ('14) 055002;  
 JHEP 1509 ('15) 084); JHEP10('18)167

$$W_{\gamma p}^{\text{max}} = 1.5 \text{ TeV}$$

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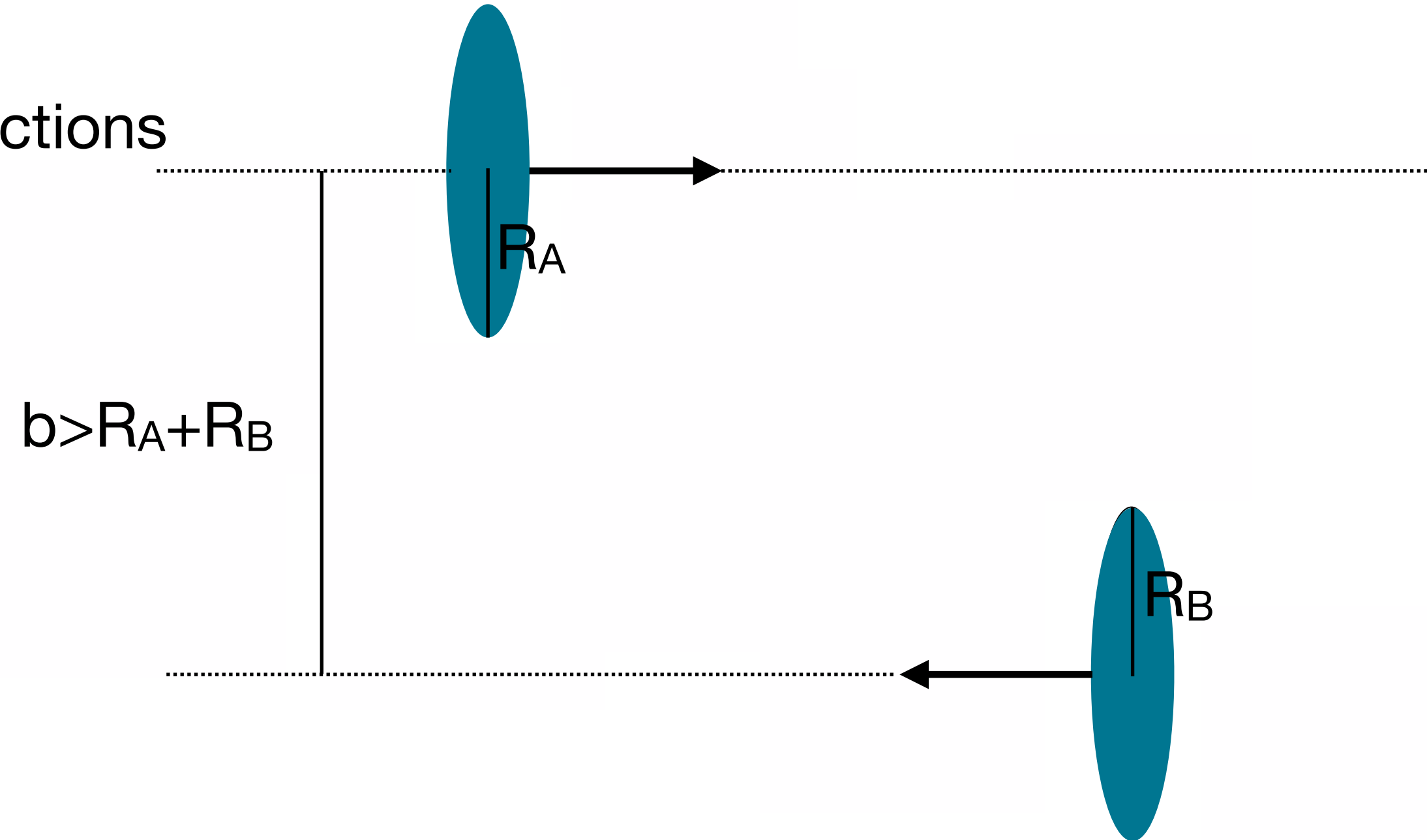


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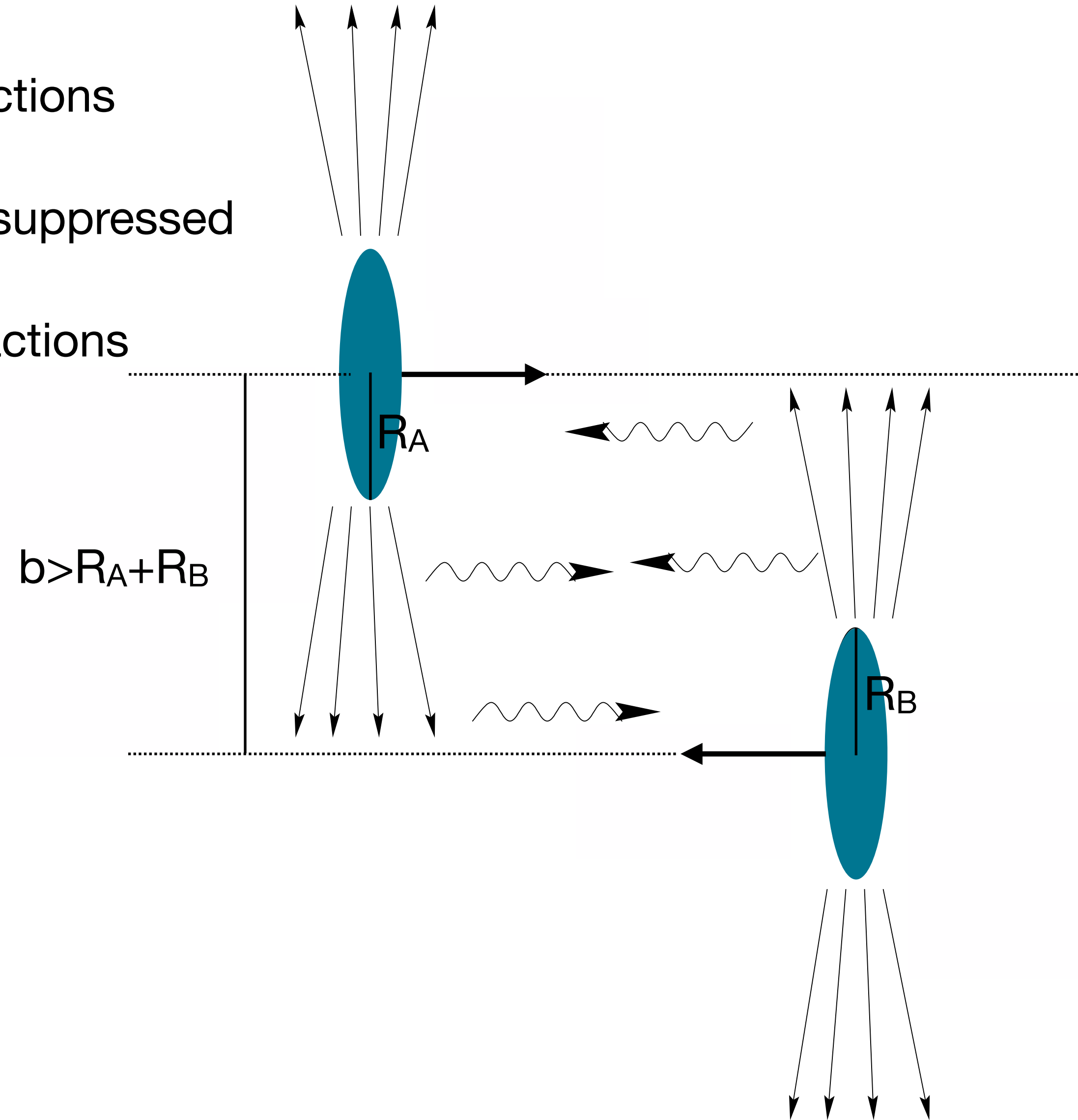


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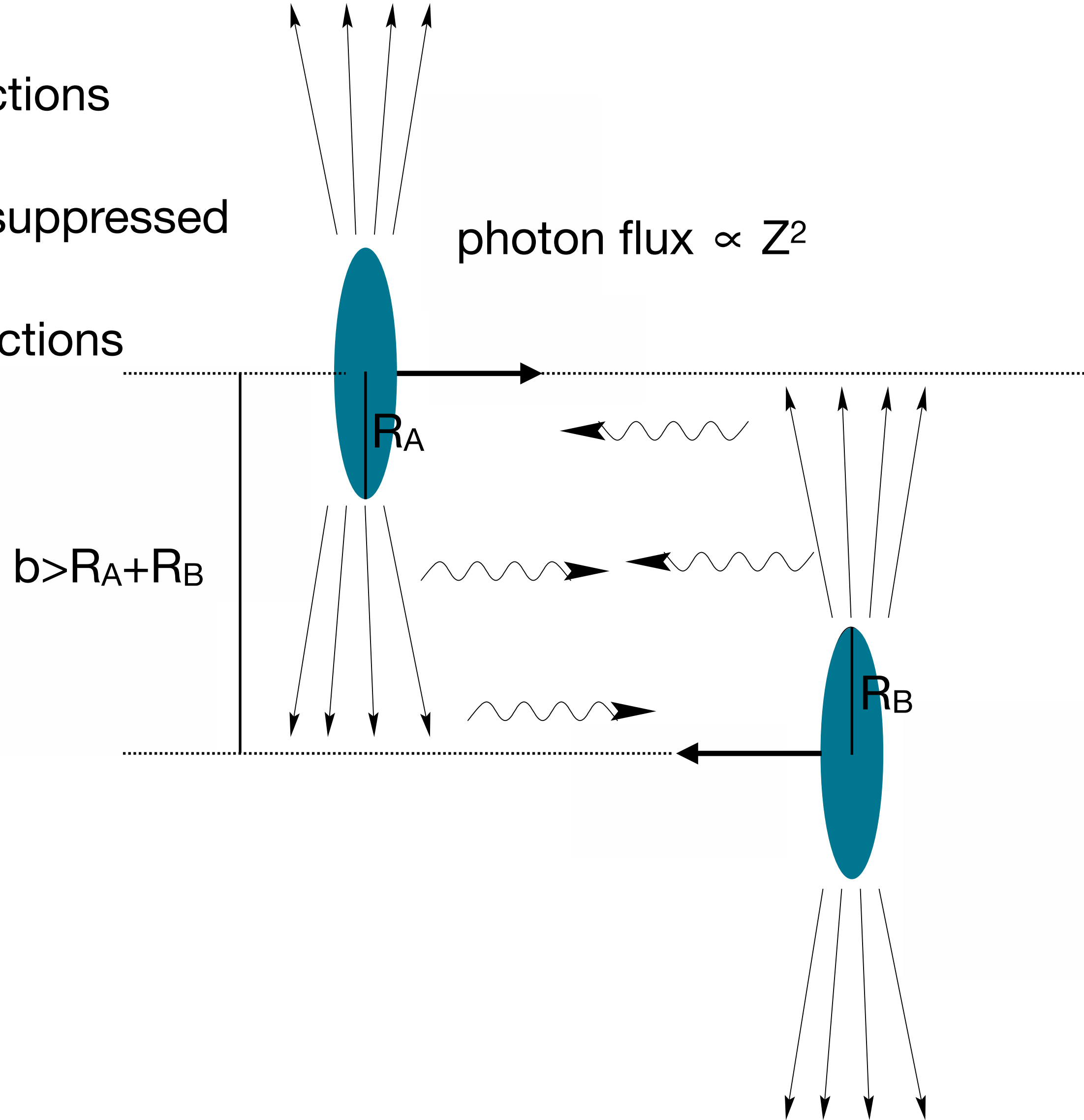


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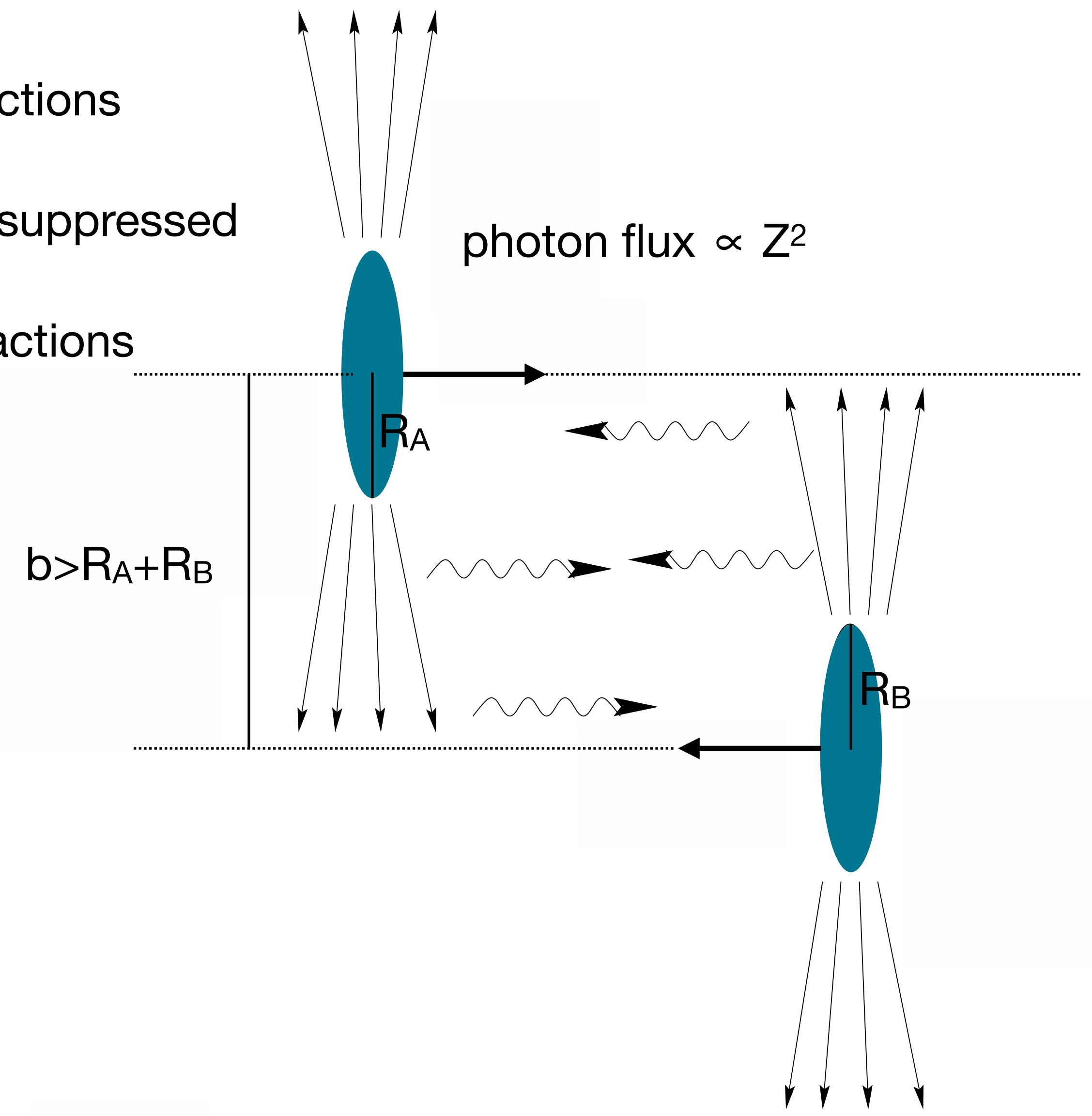


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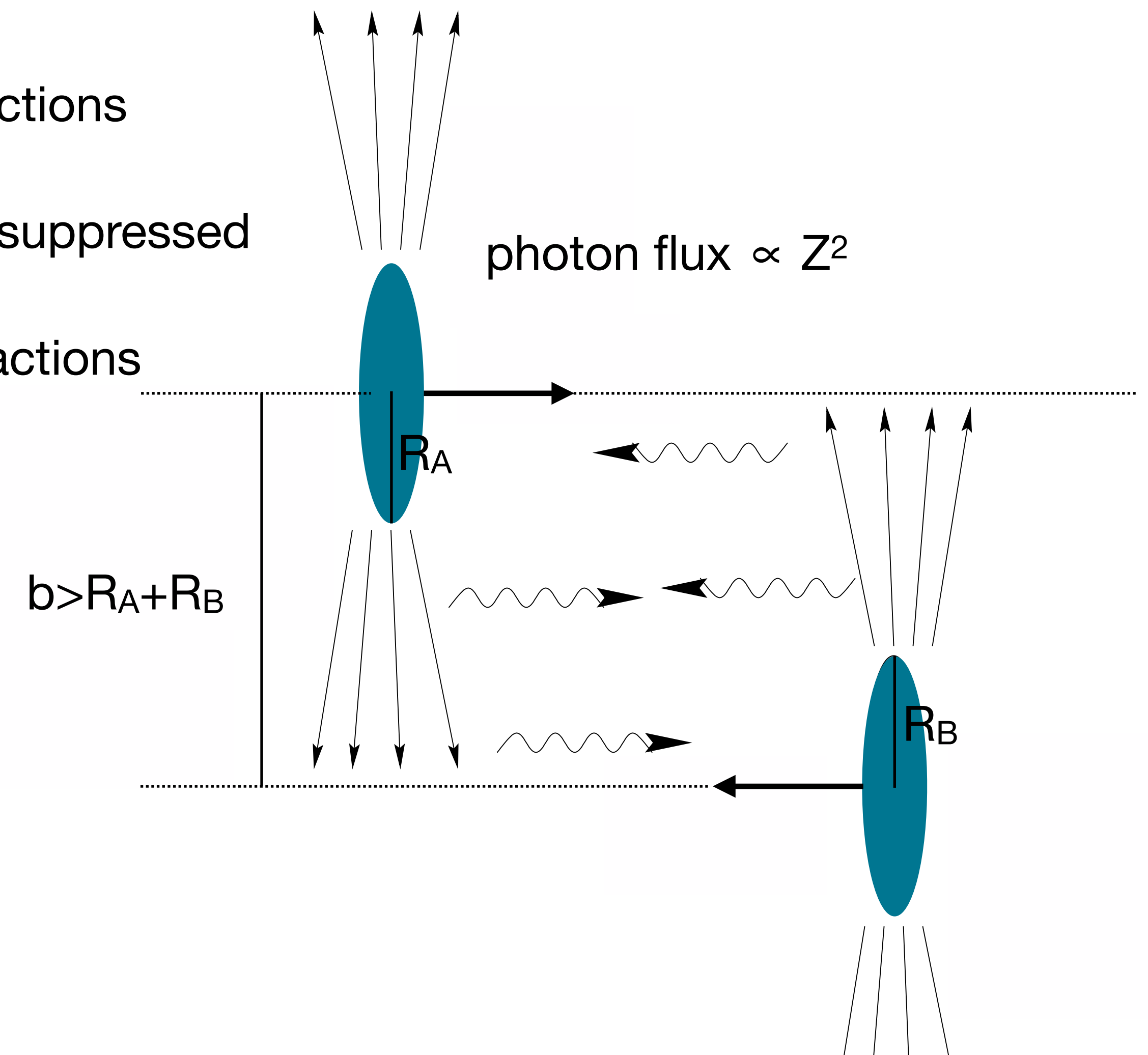
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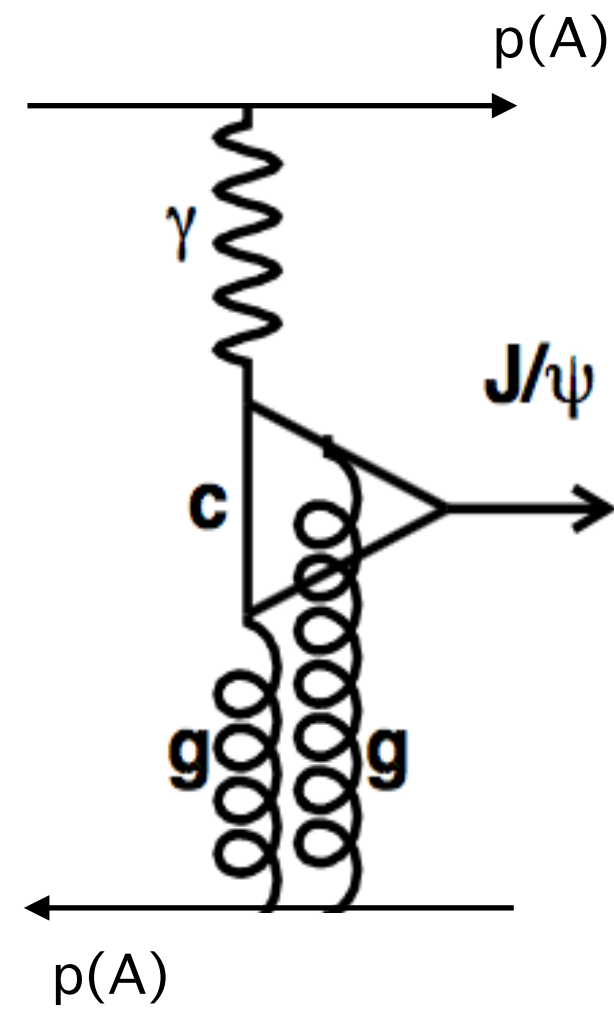
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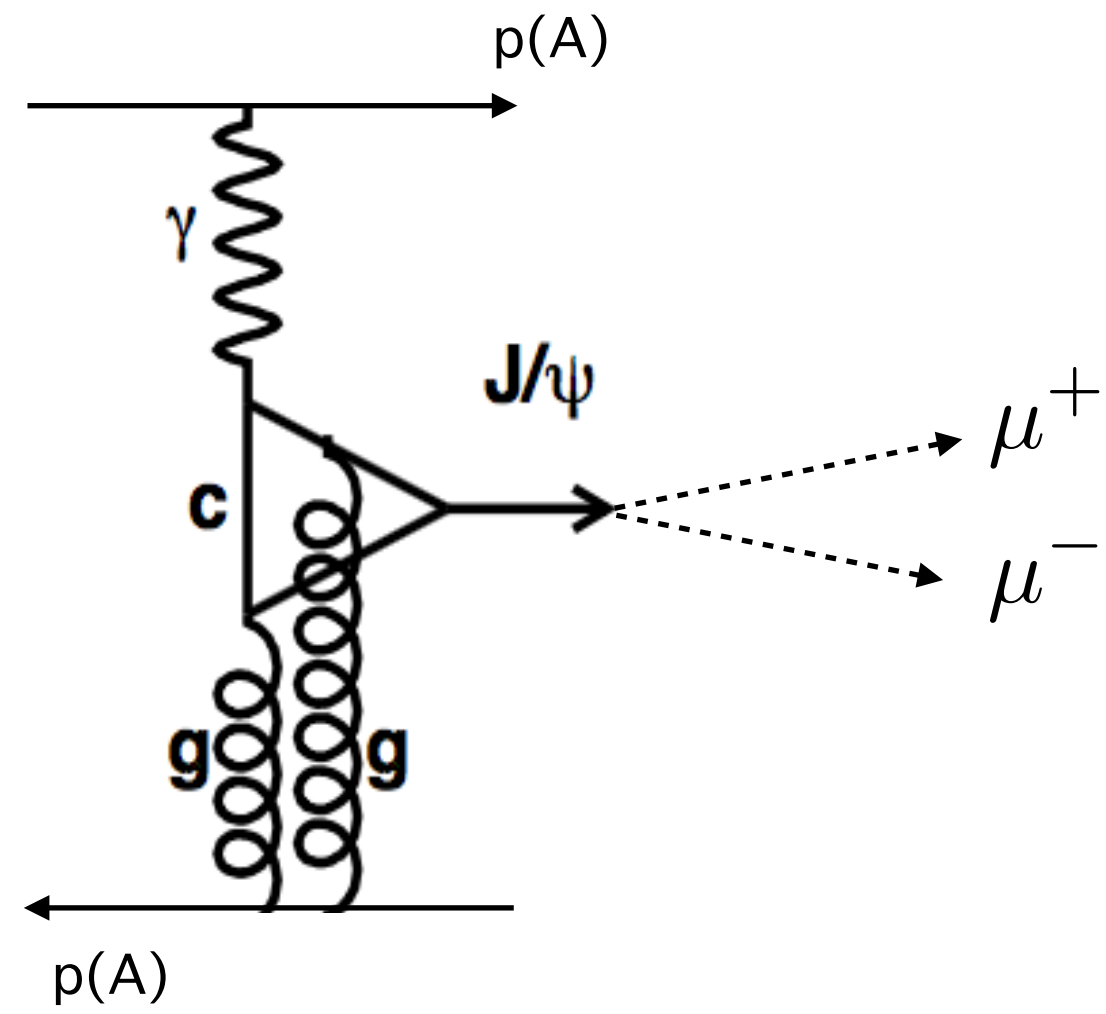
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pPb	5.02 TeV	4 TeV	1.567 TeV	$1.43 \times 10^7$	28 MeV	0.4 PeV	0.86 TeV
pPb	8.16 TeV	6.5 TeV	2.56 TeV	$3.78 \times 10^7$	28 MeV	1 PeV	1.4 TeV
pp	13 TeV	6.5 TeV	6.5 TeV	$9.6 \times 10^7$	116 MeV	11 PeV	4.6 TeV

table: K. Lynch

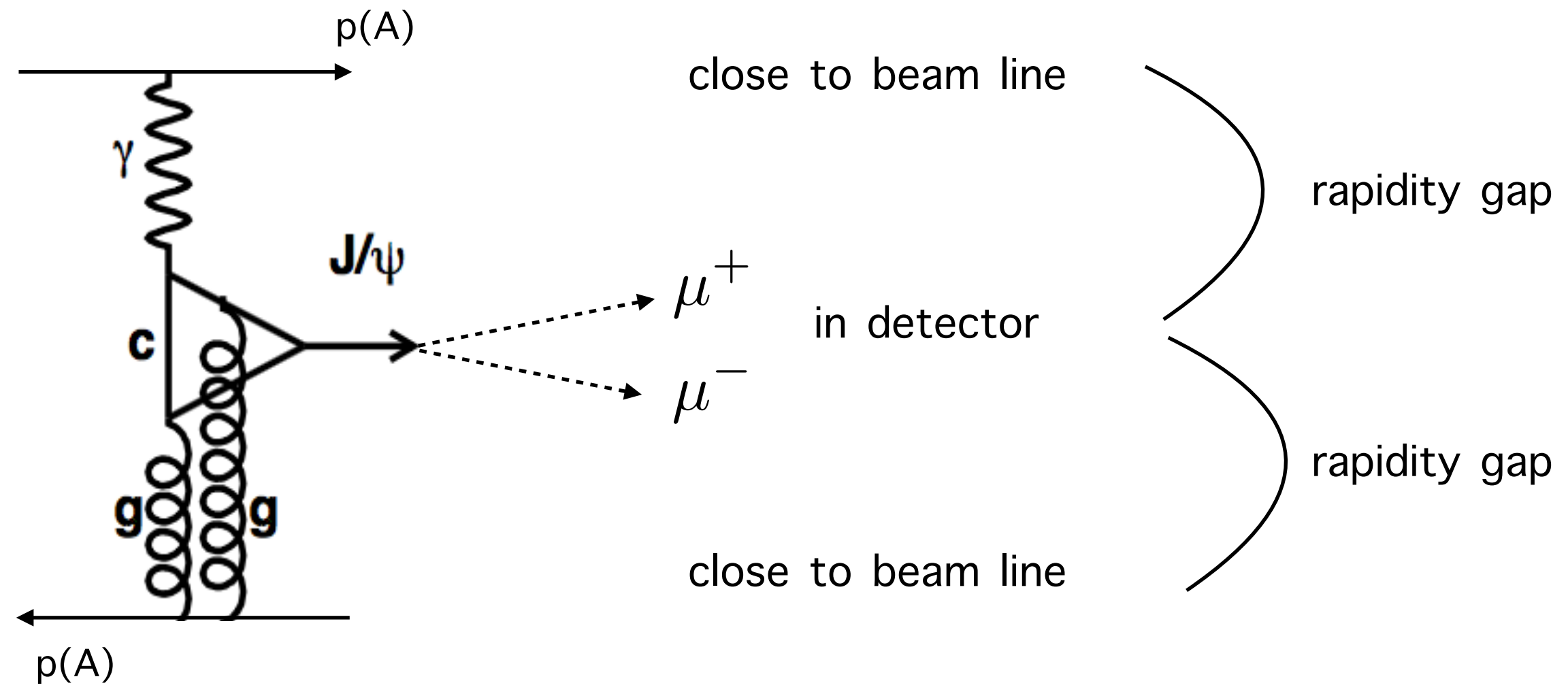
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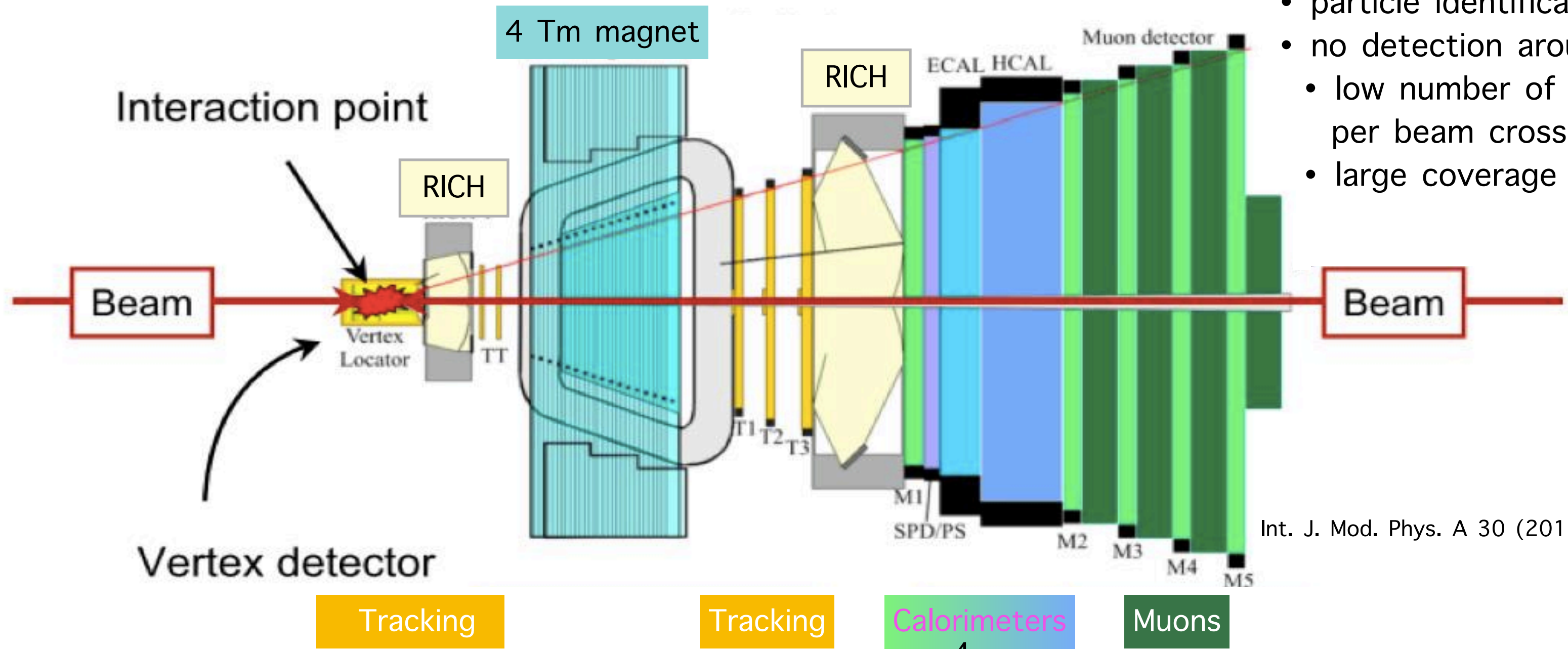
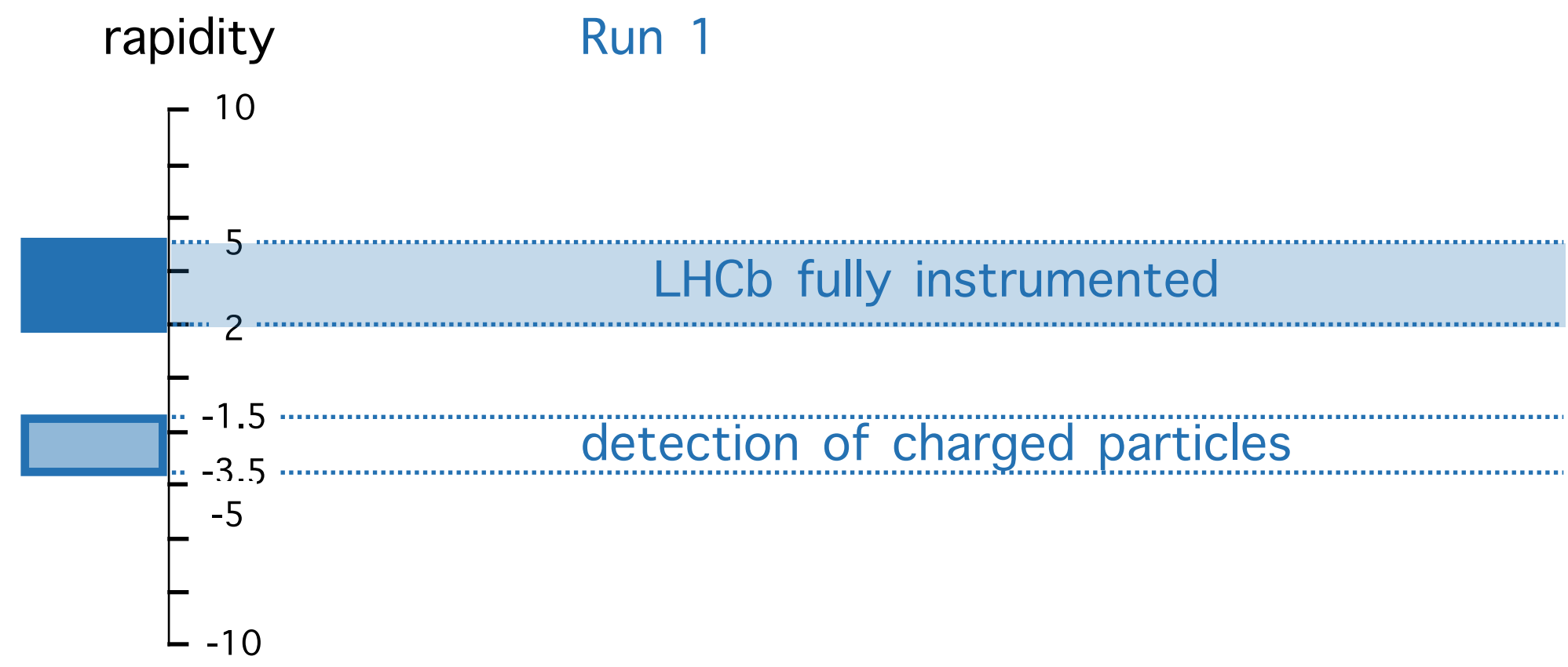
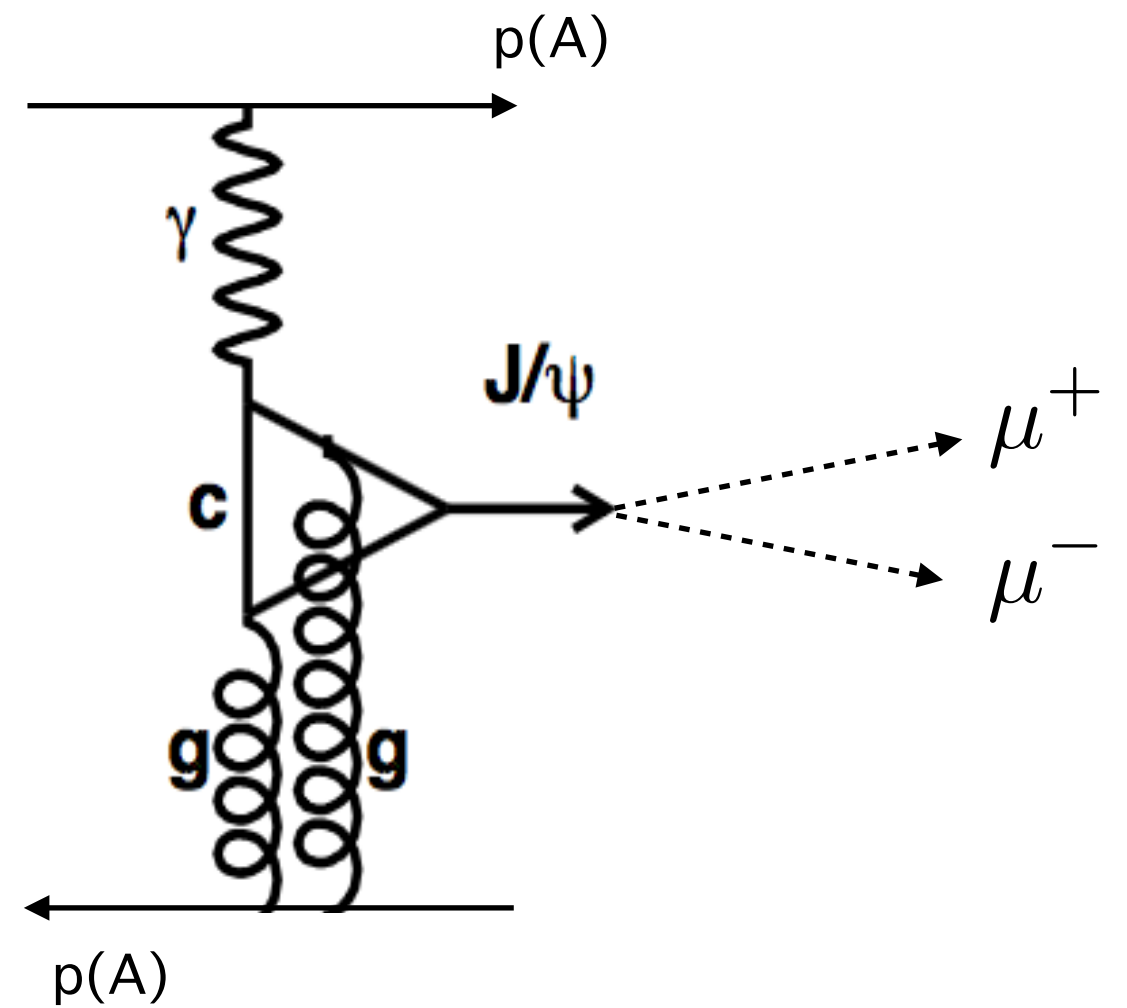
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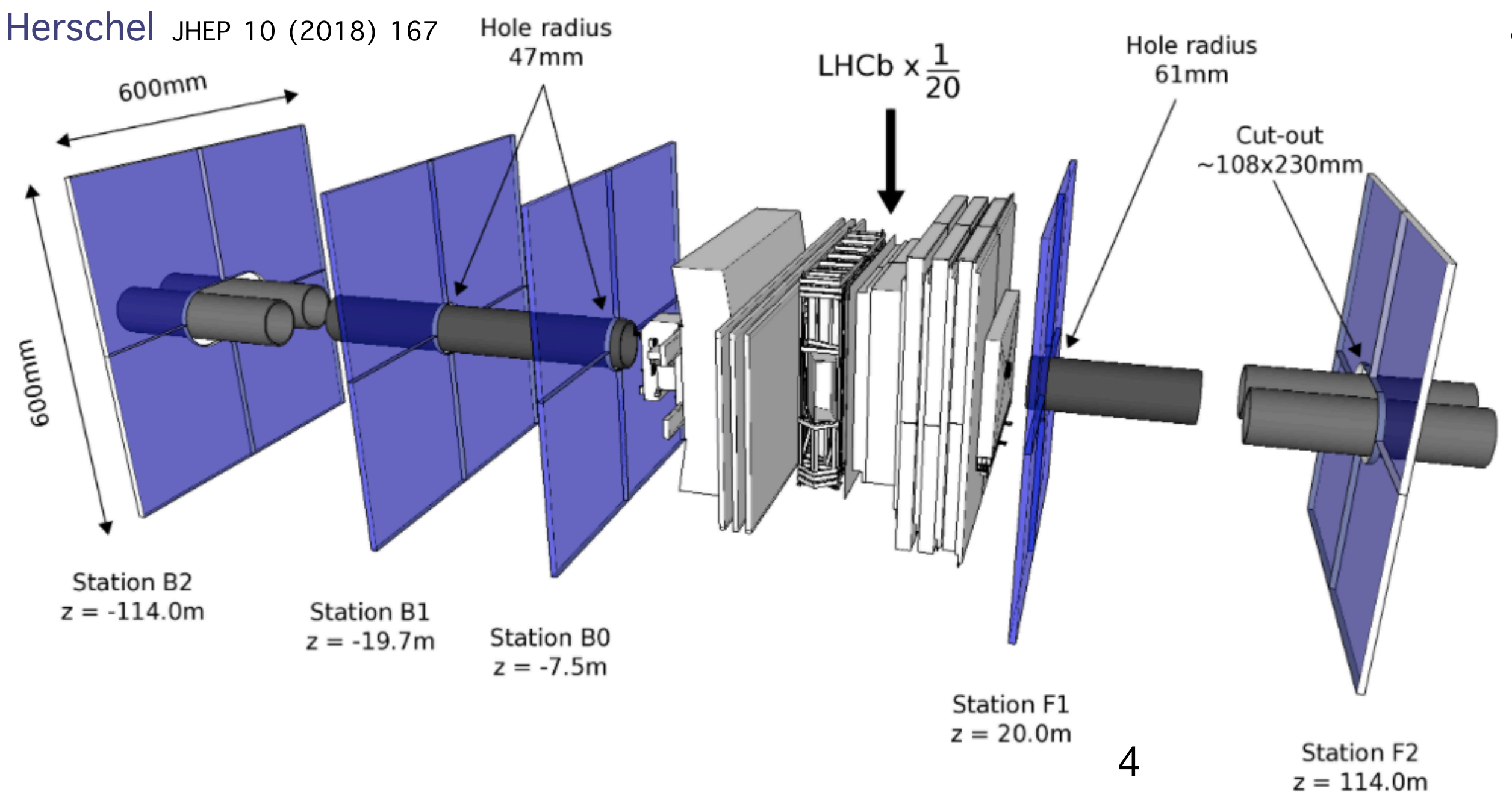
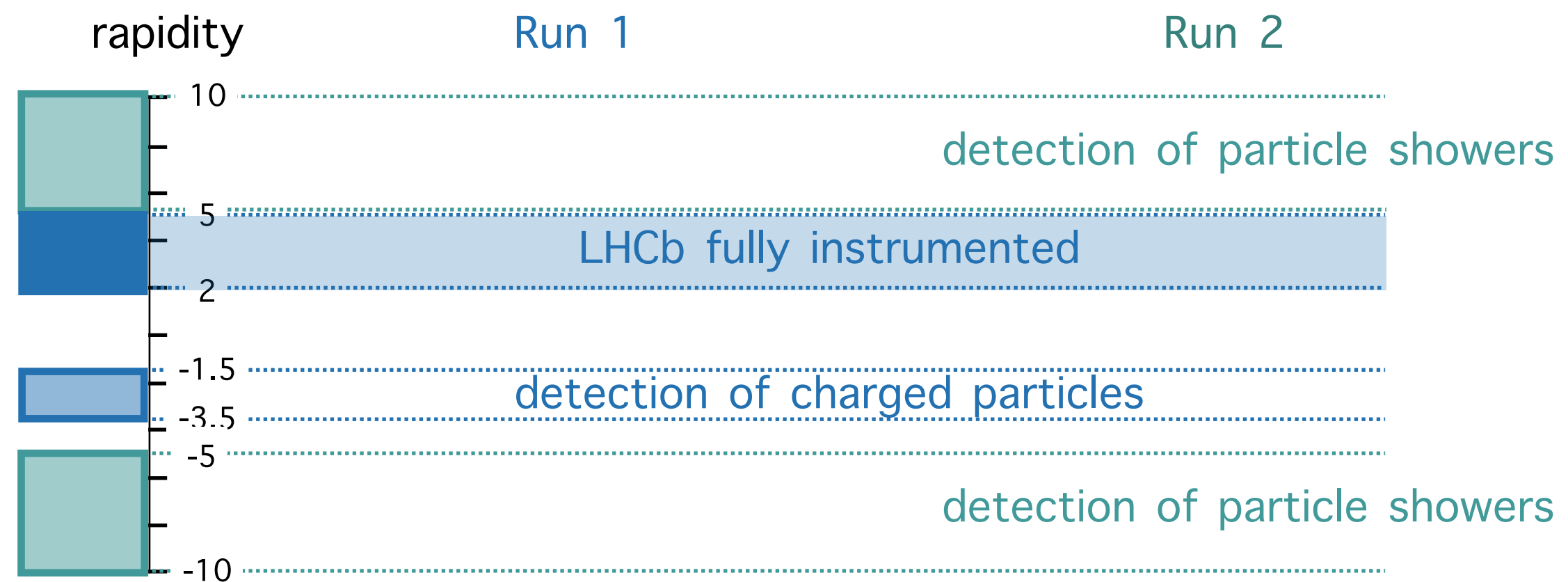
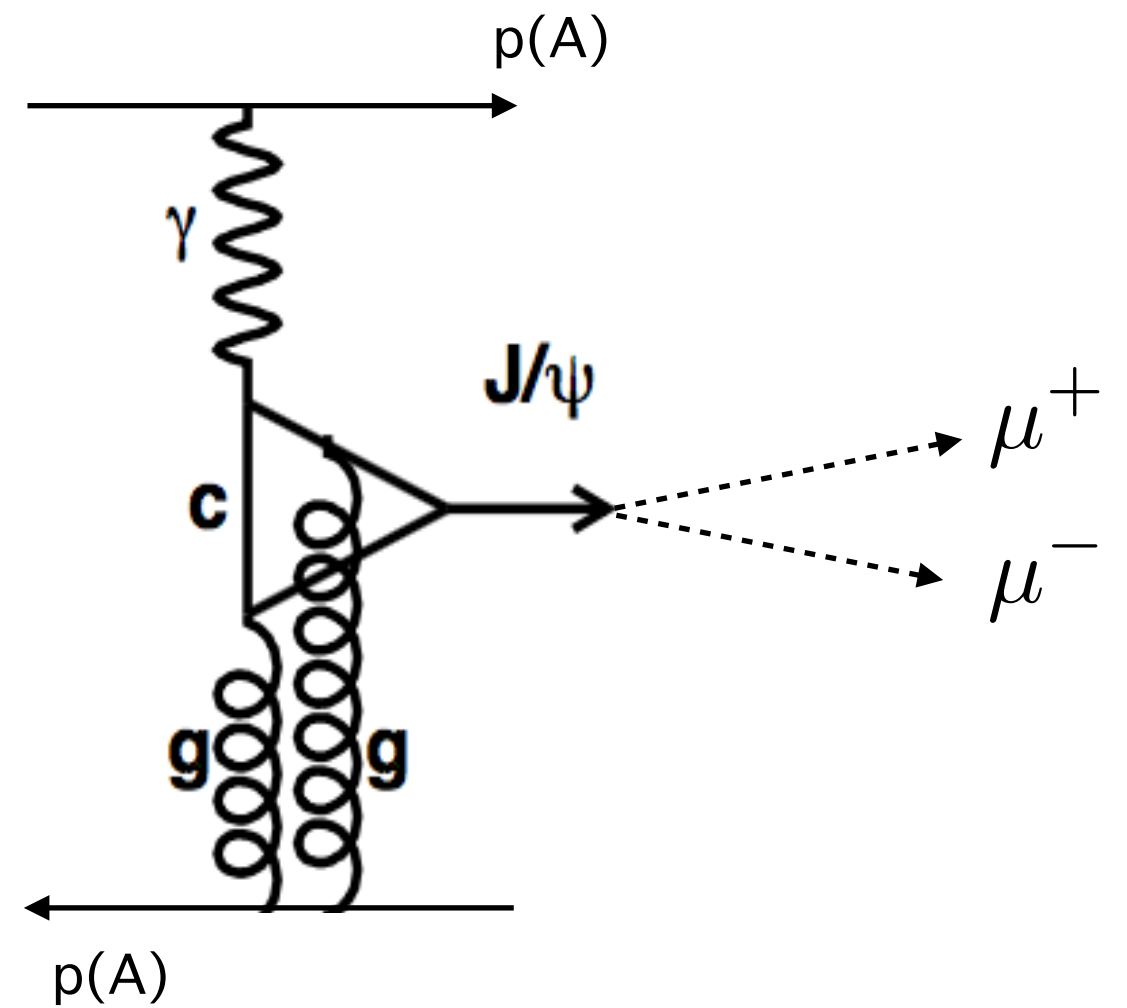


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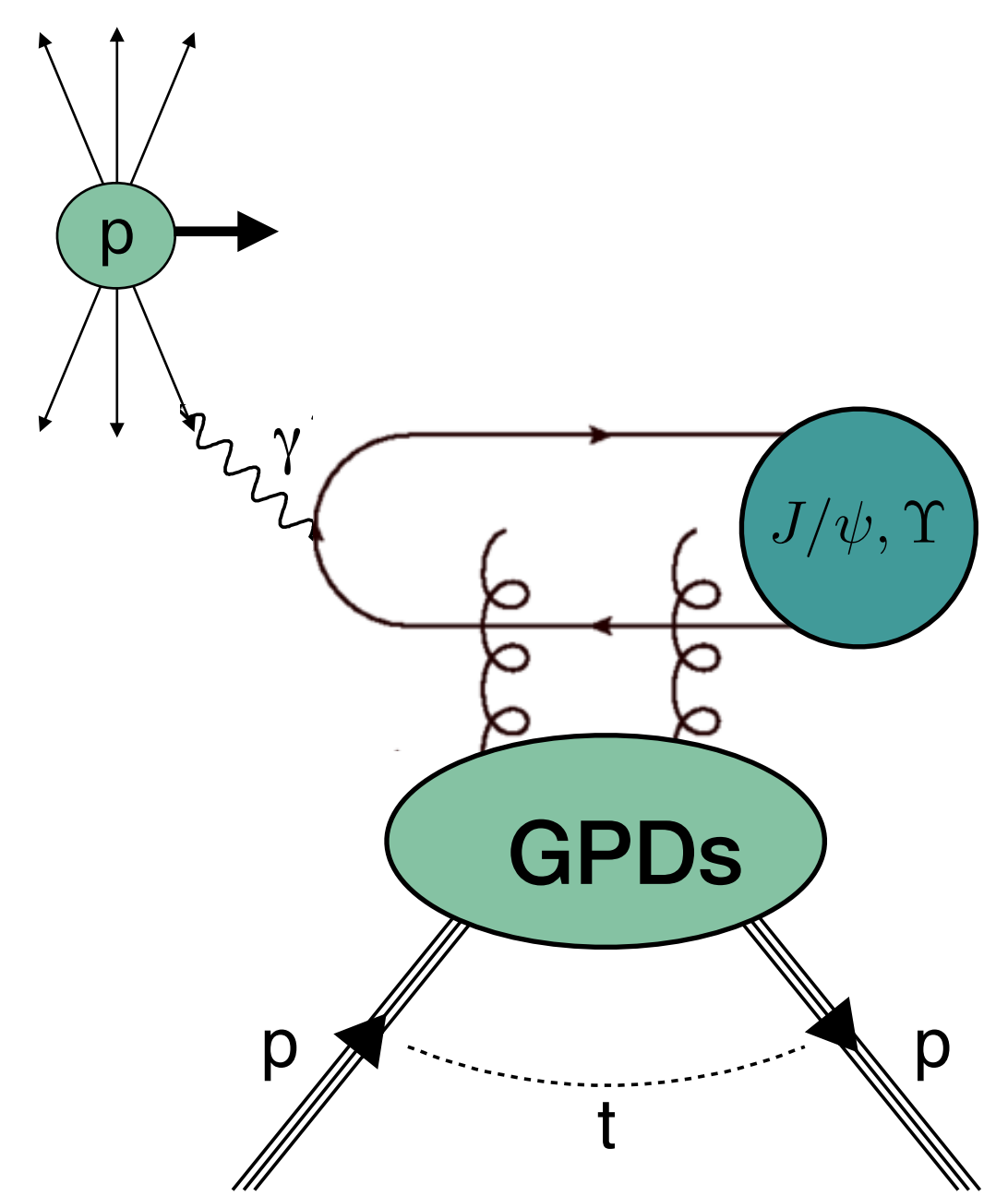
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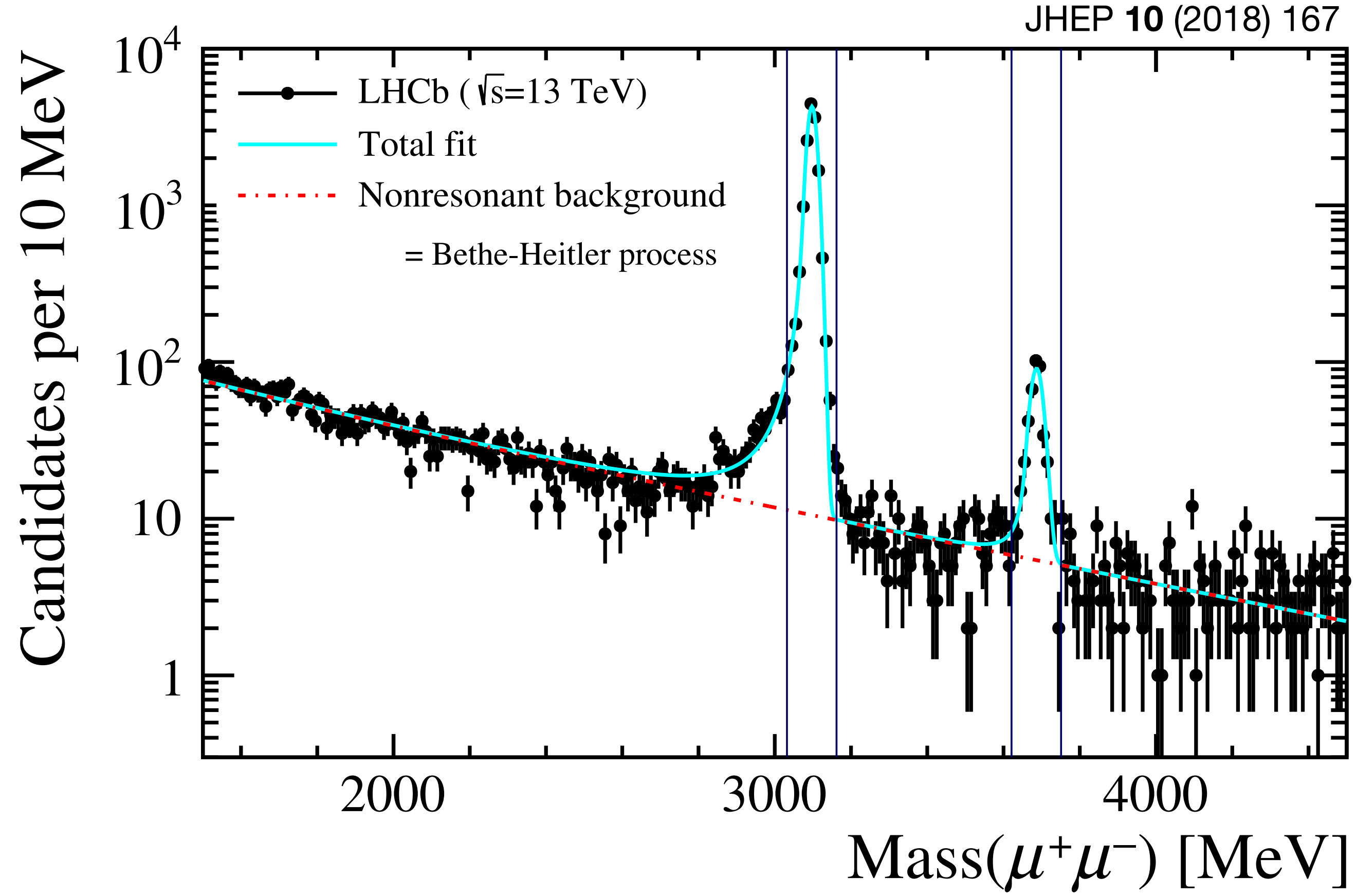
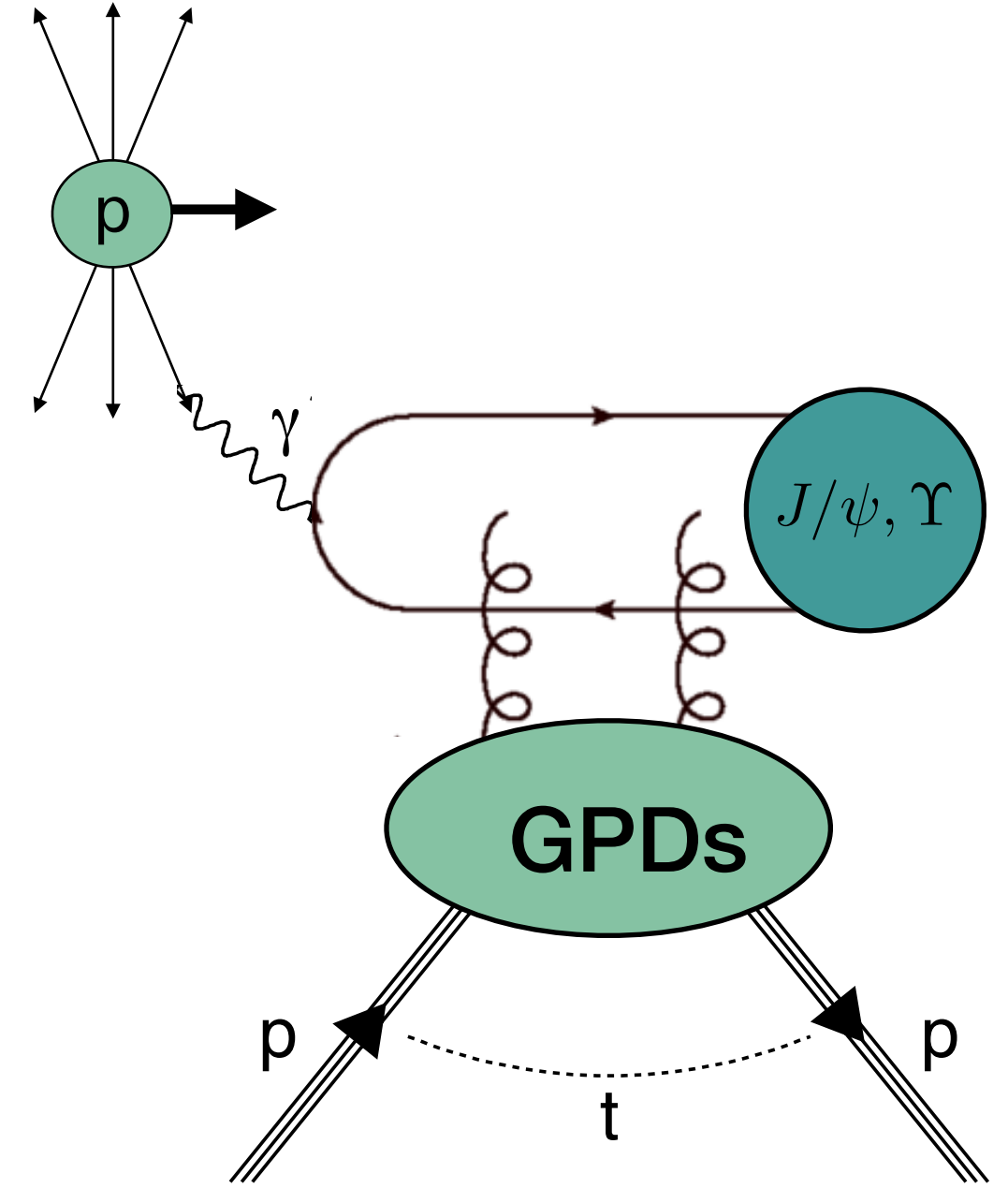
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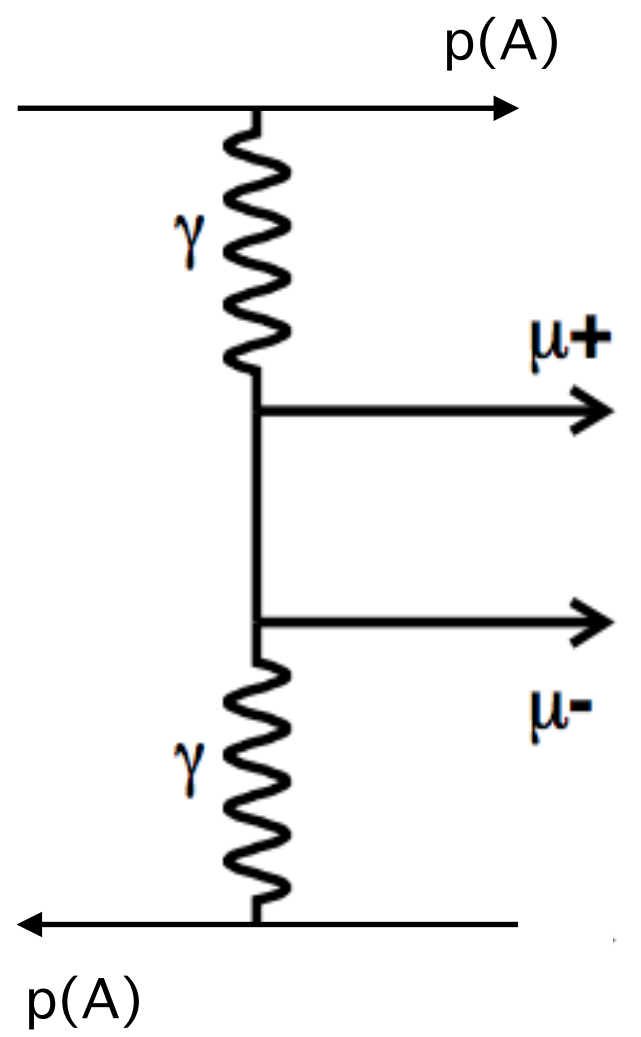
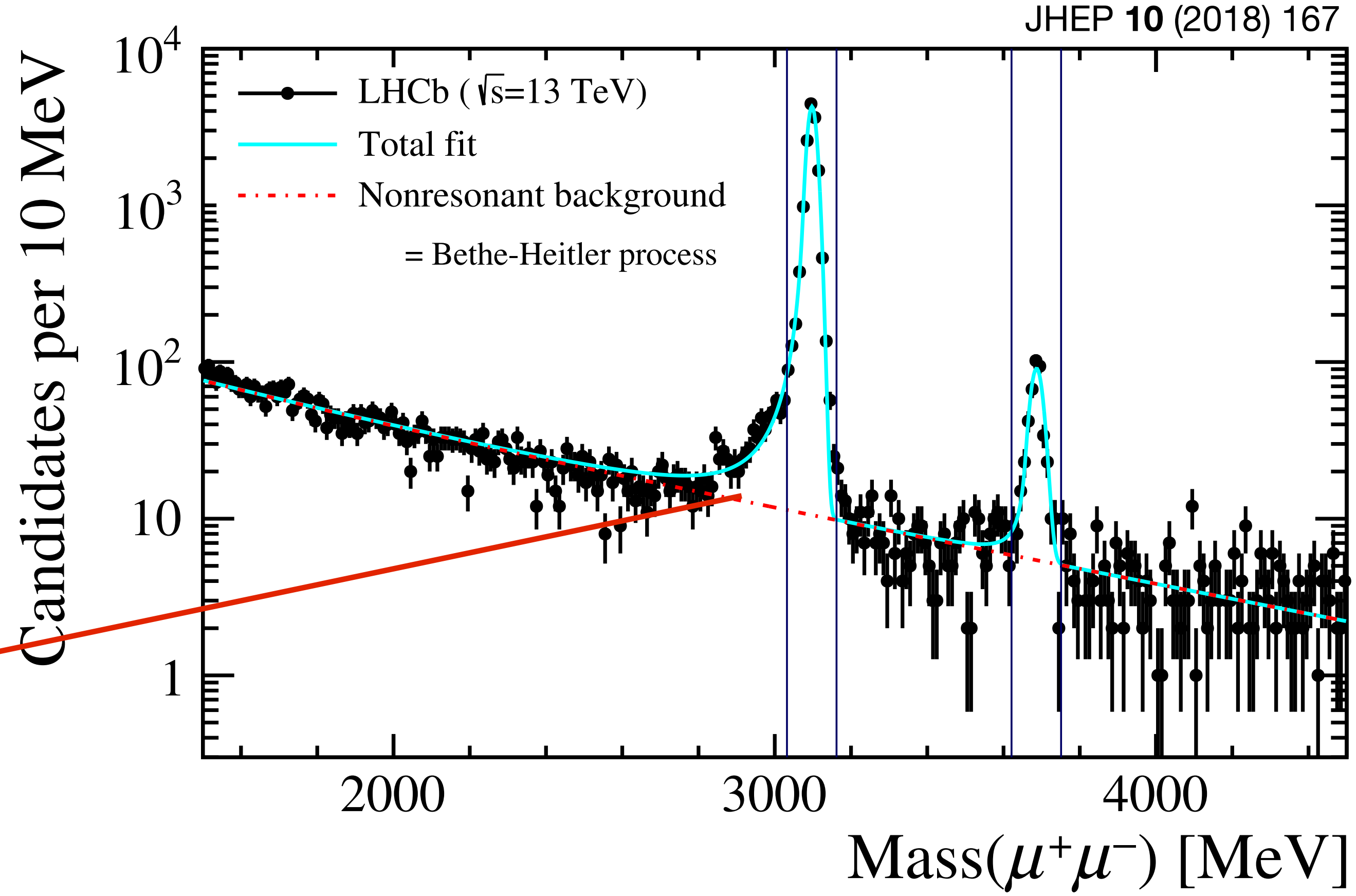
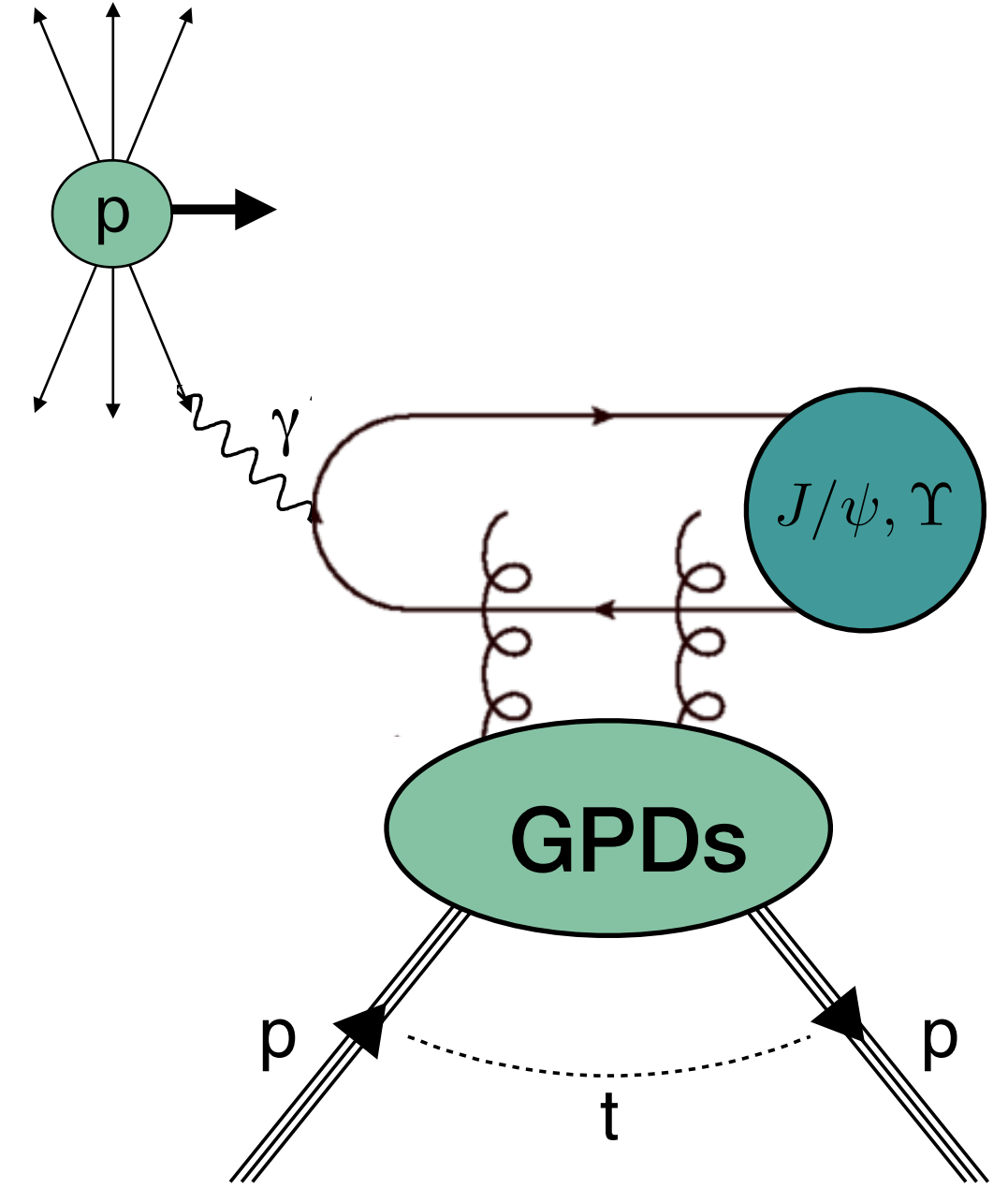
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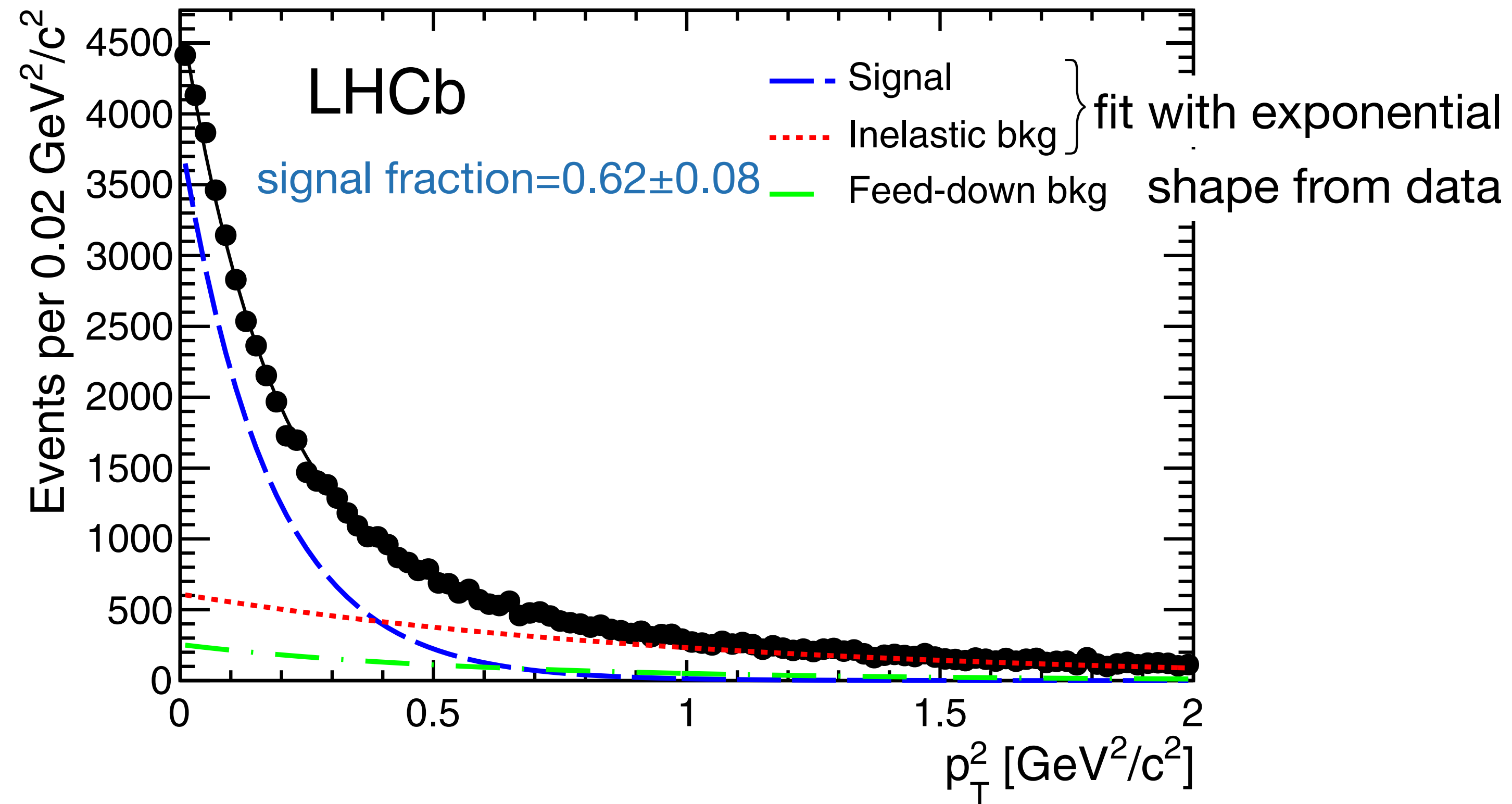


Bethe-Heitler process

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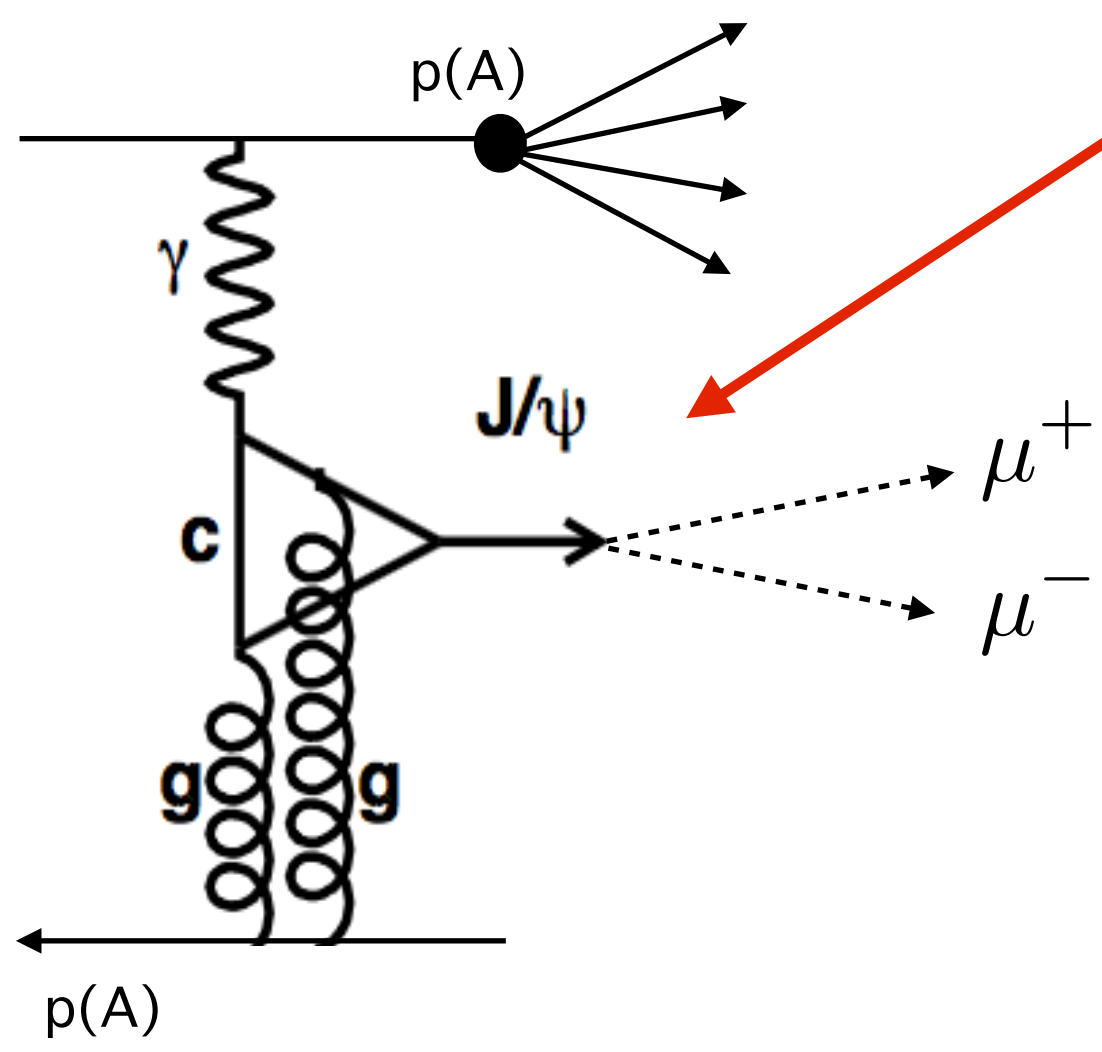
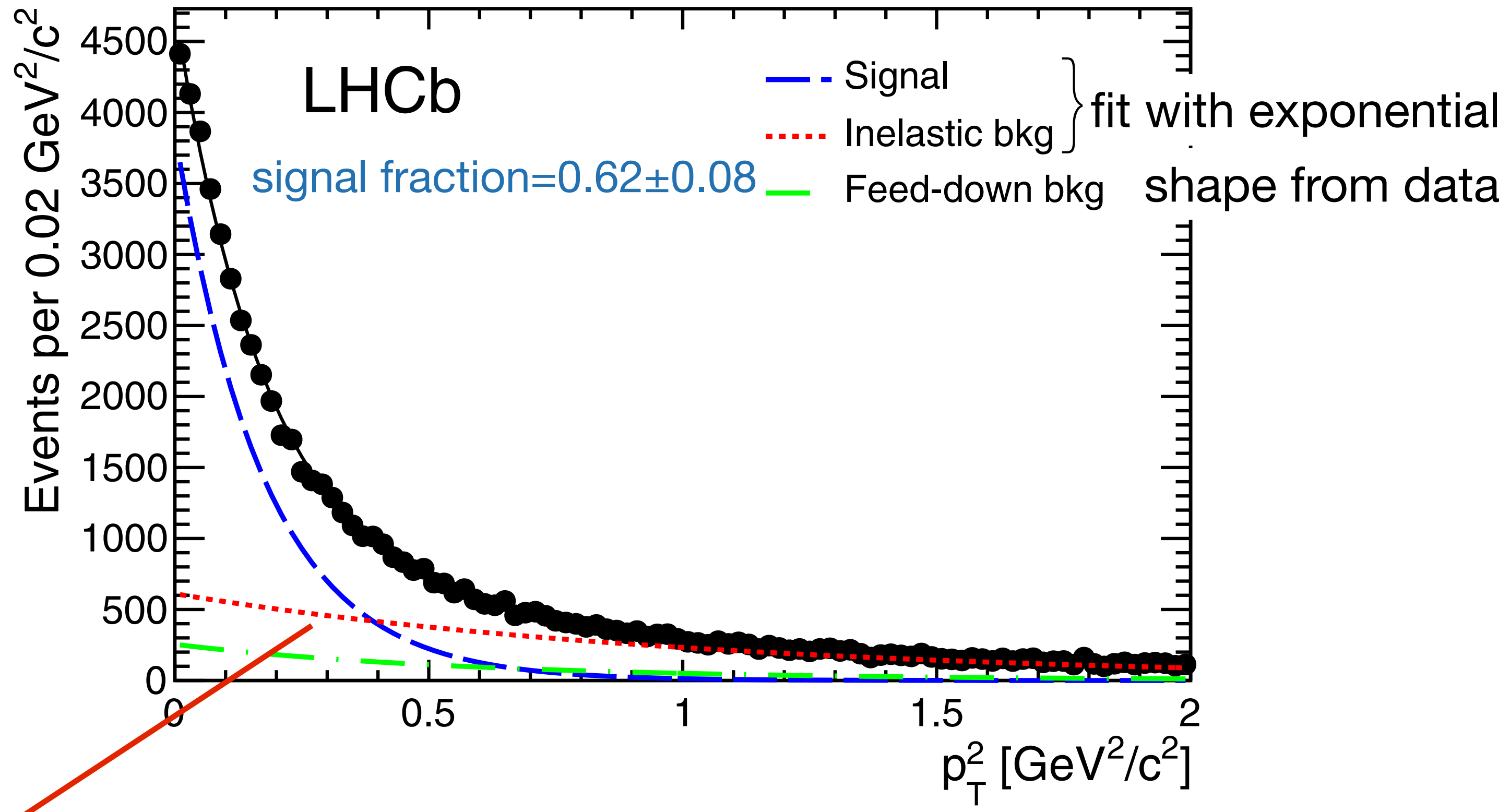
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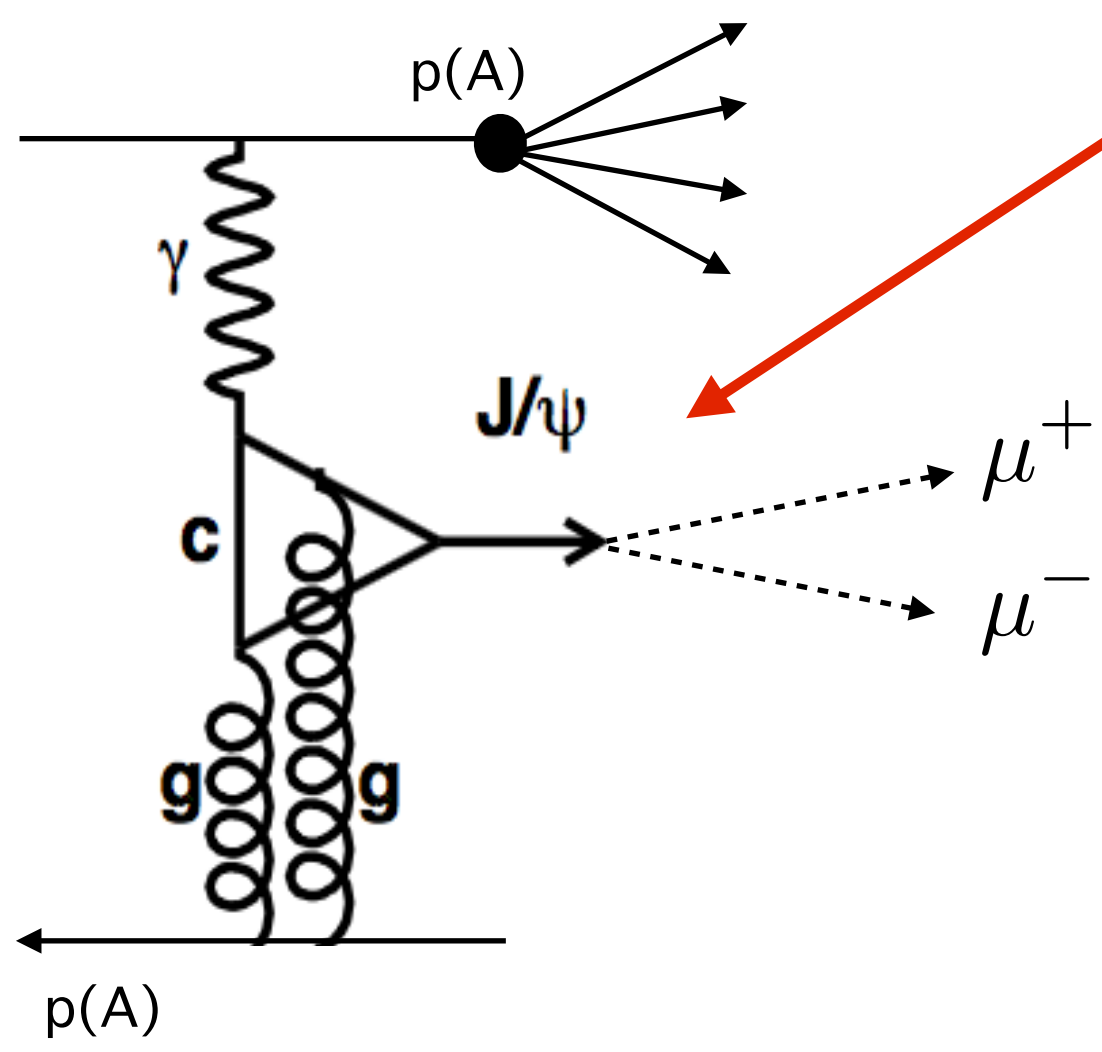
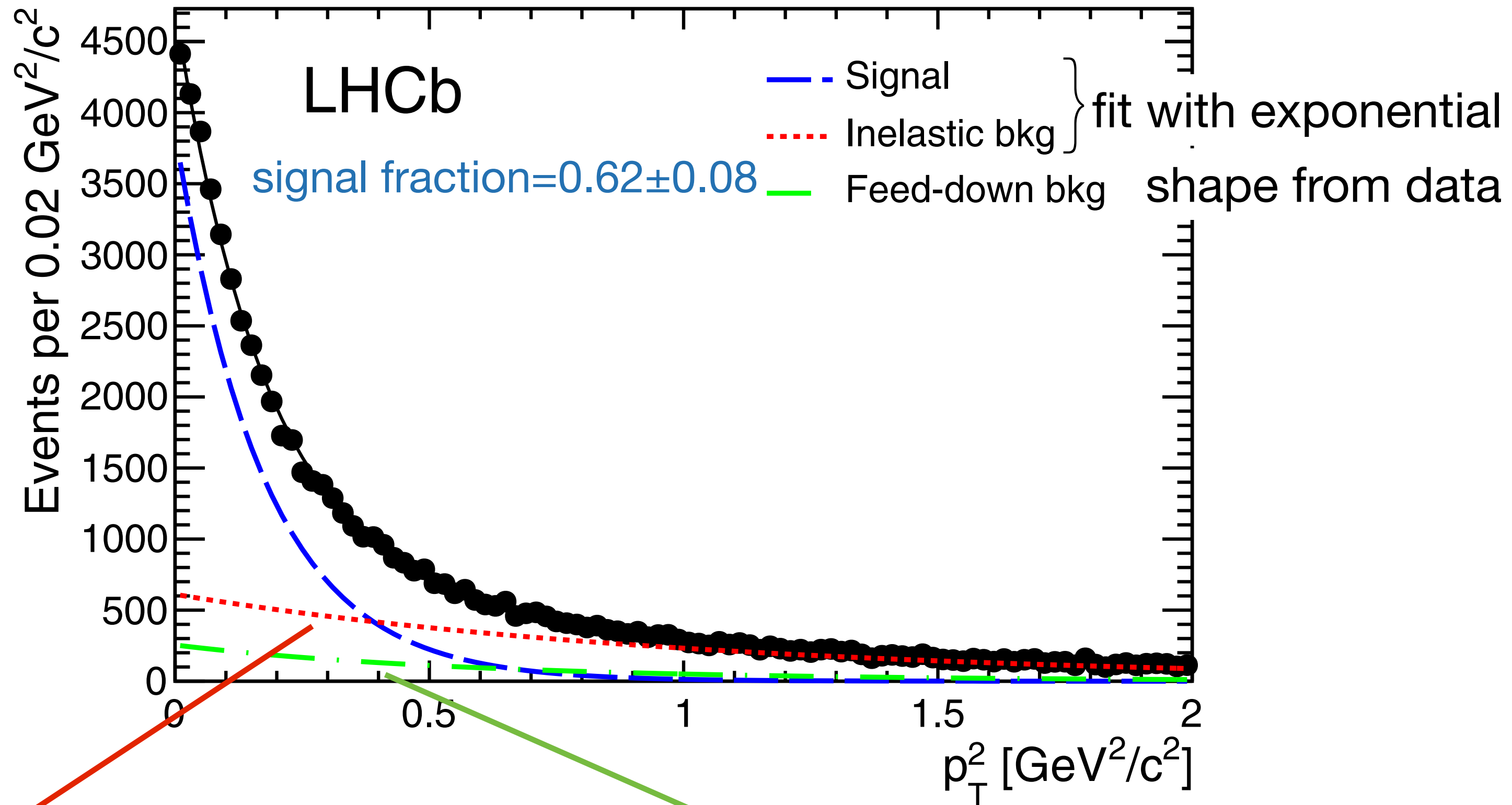


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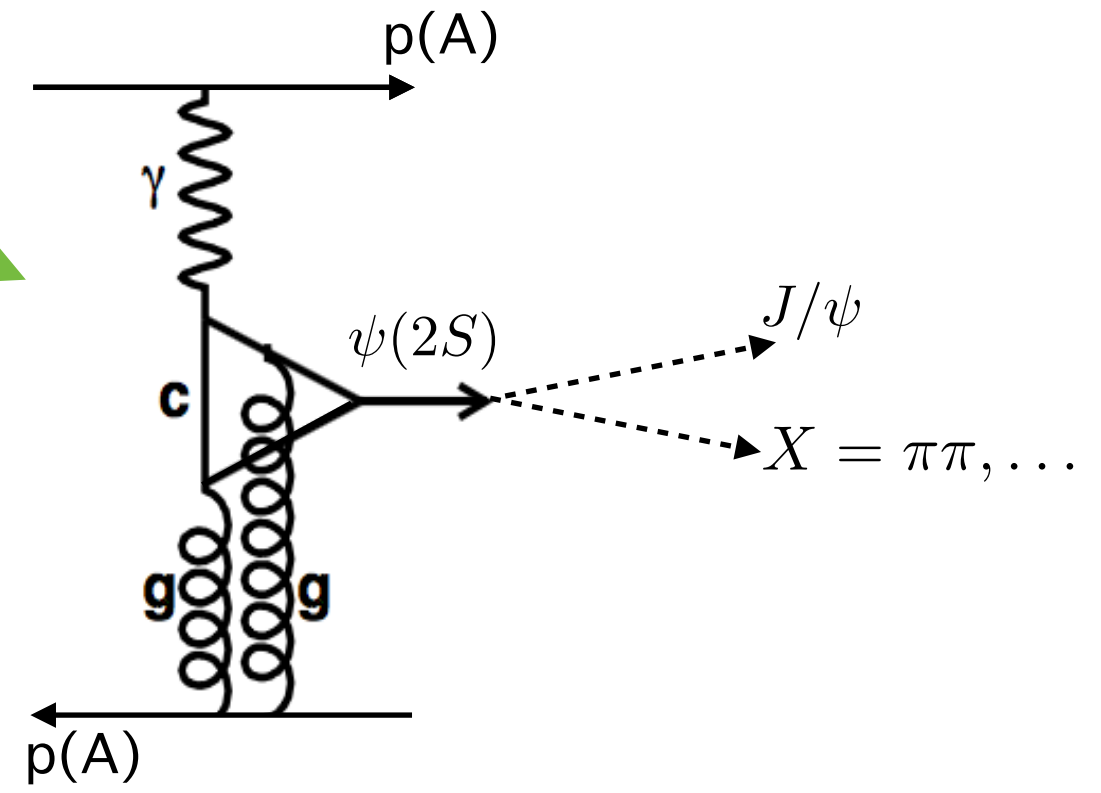
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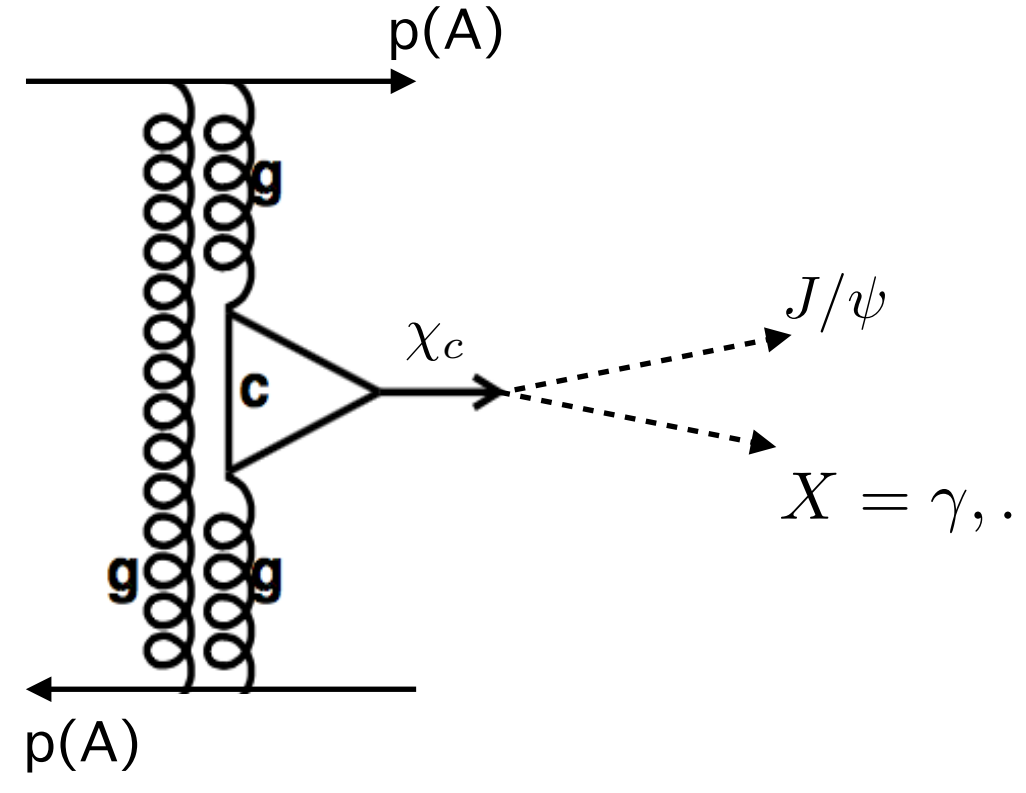
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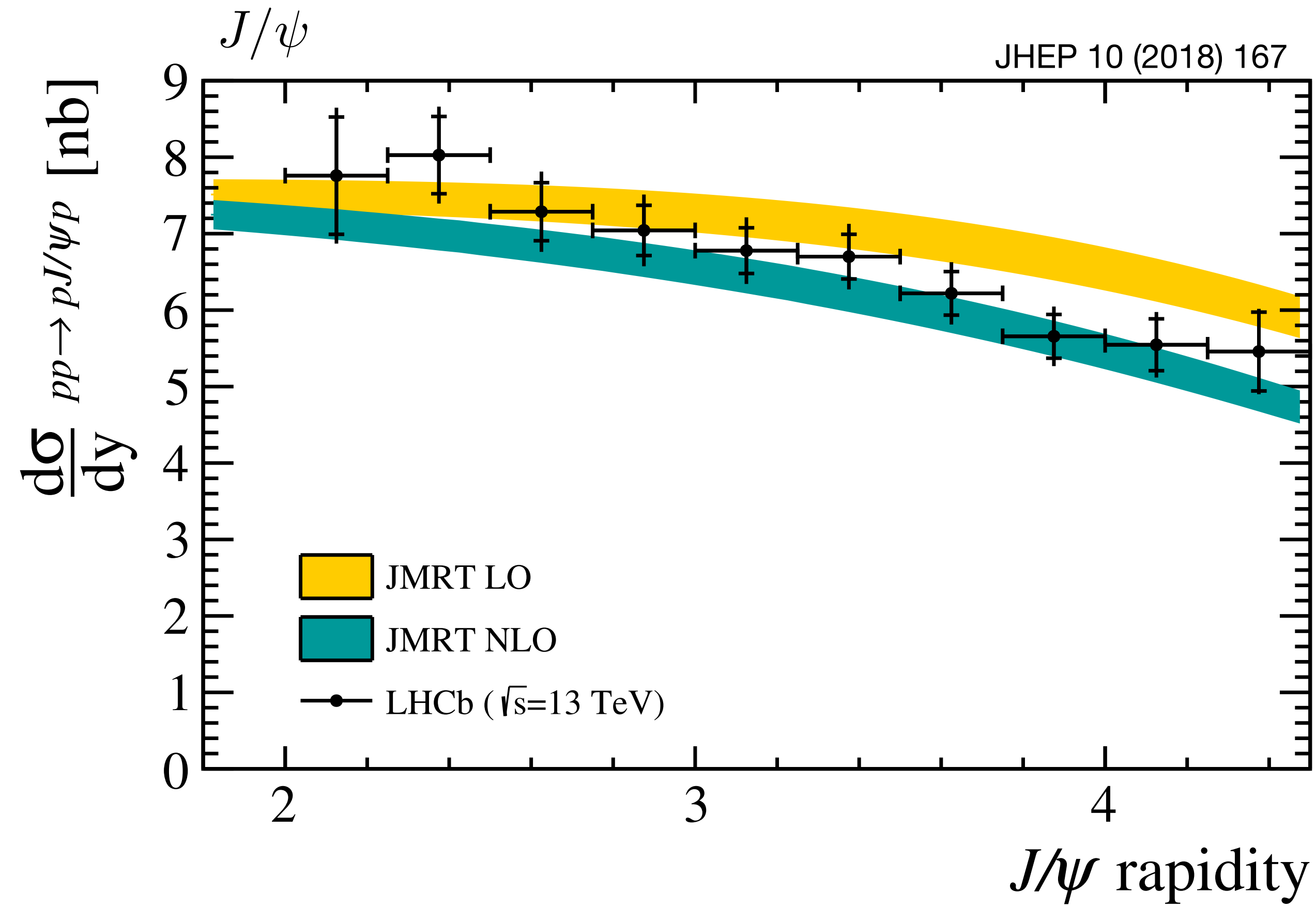
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$J/\psi$  feed-down background



# pp cross section



JMRT prediction, based on gluon PDF:

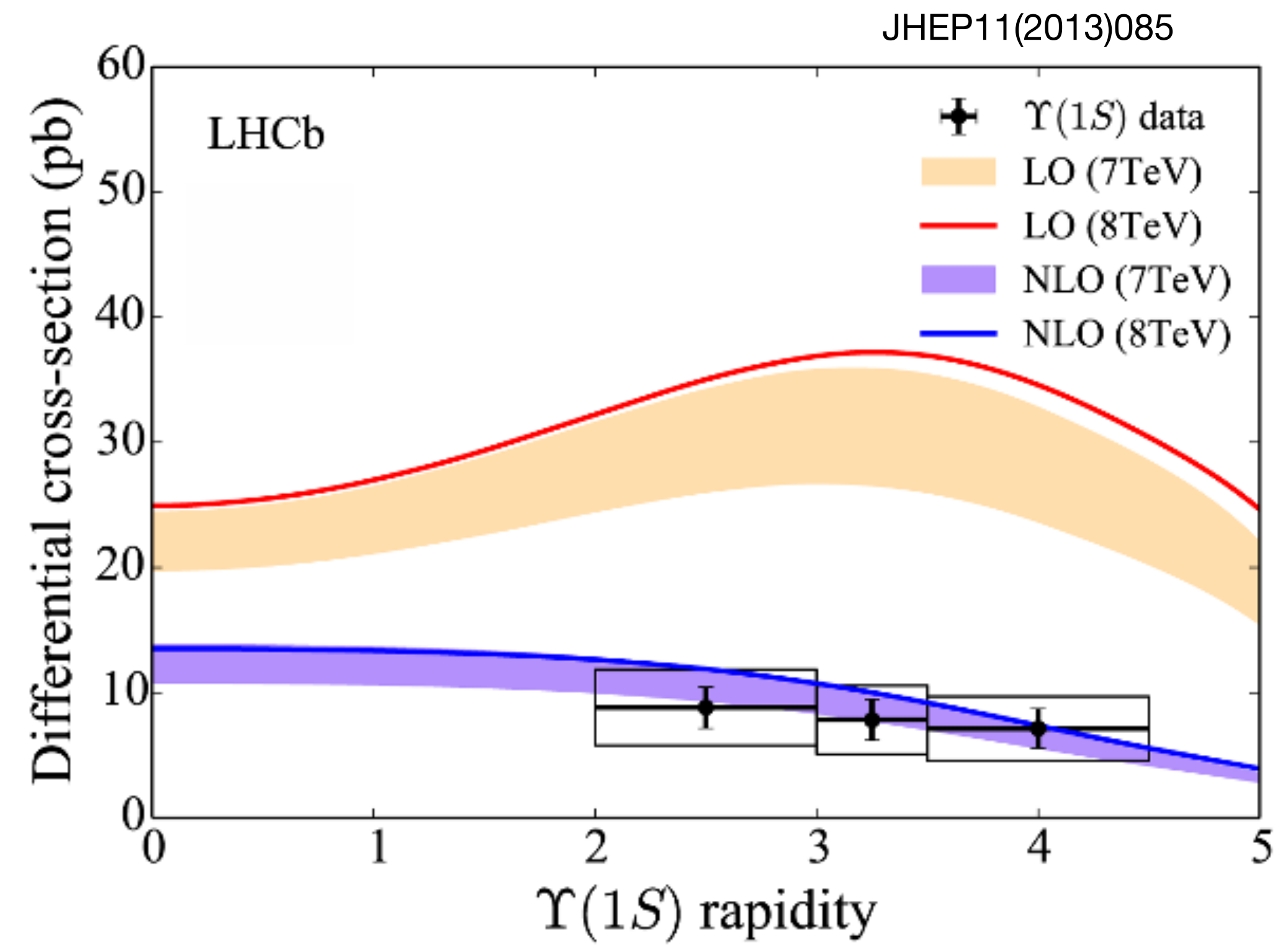
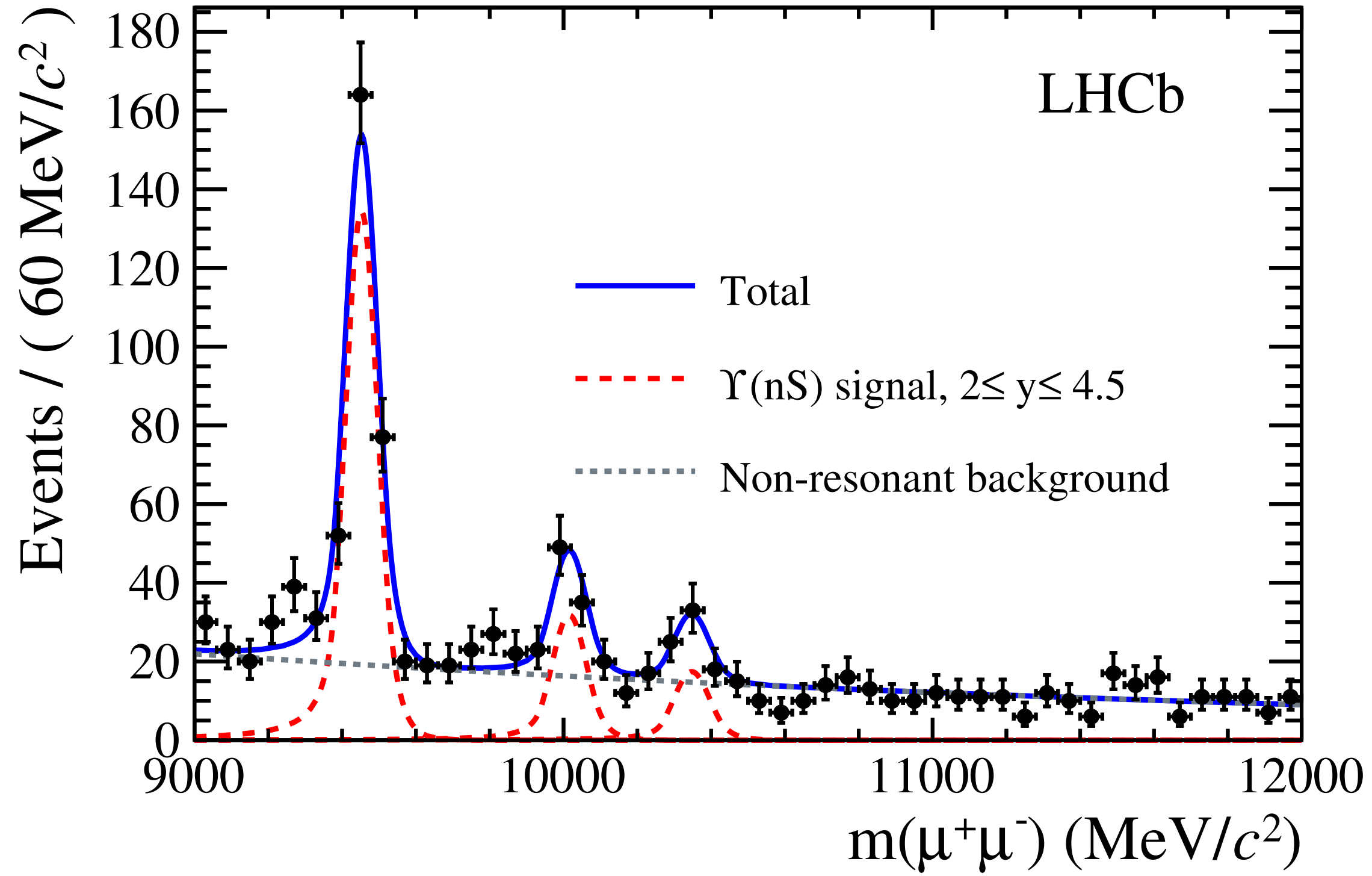
At low  $x_B$ , approximate GPD to gluon PDF

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma}{dt} \right|_{t=0} \propto [g(x_B)]^2$$

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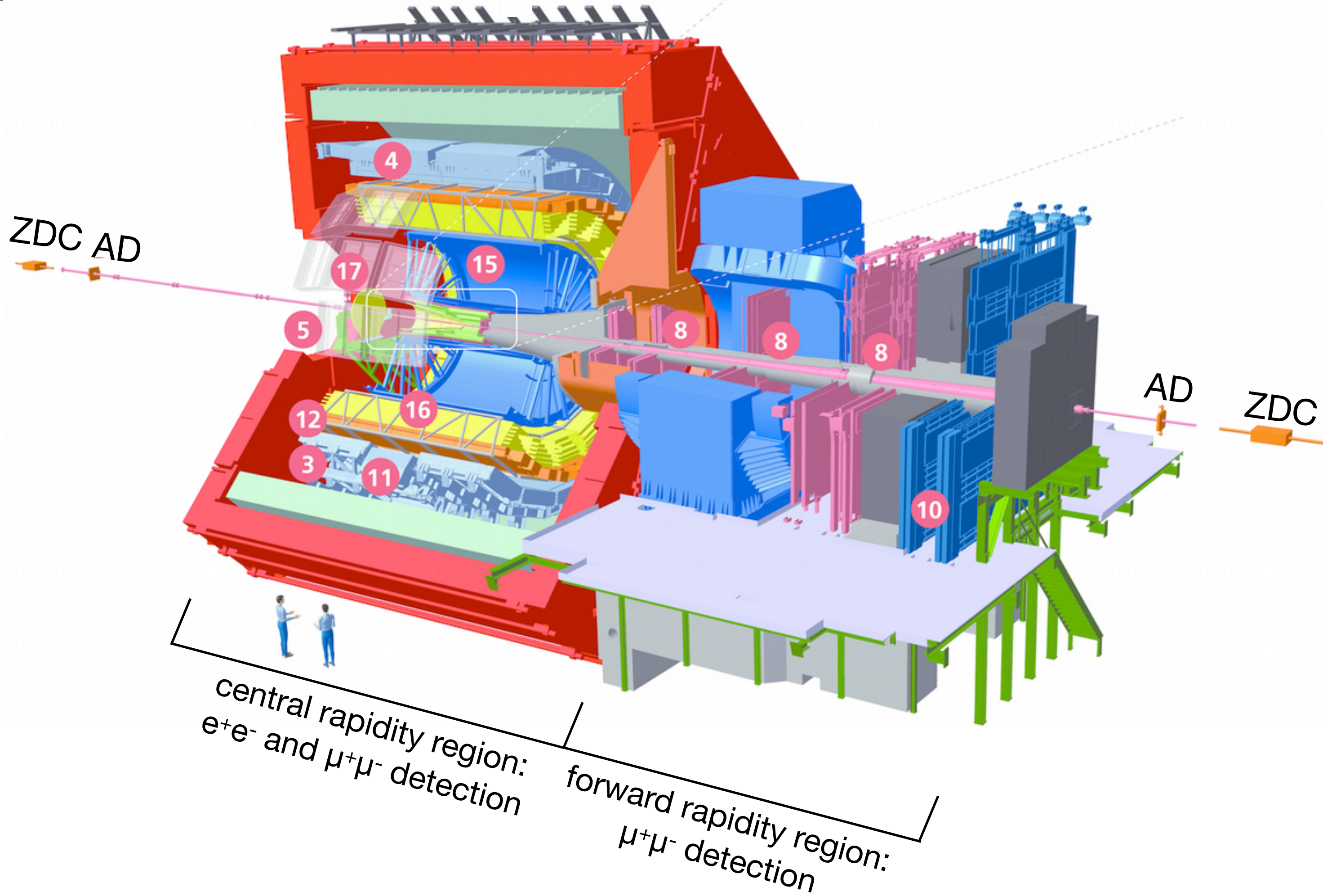


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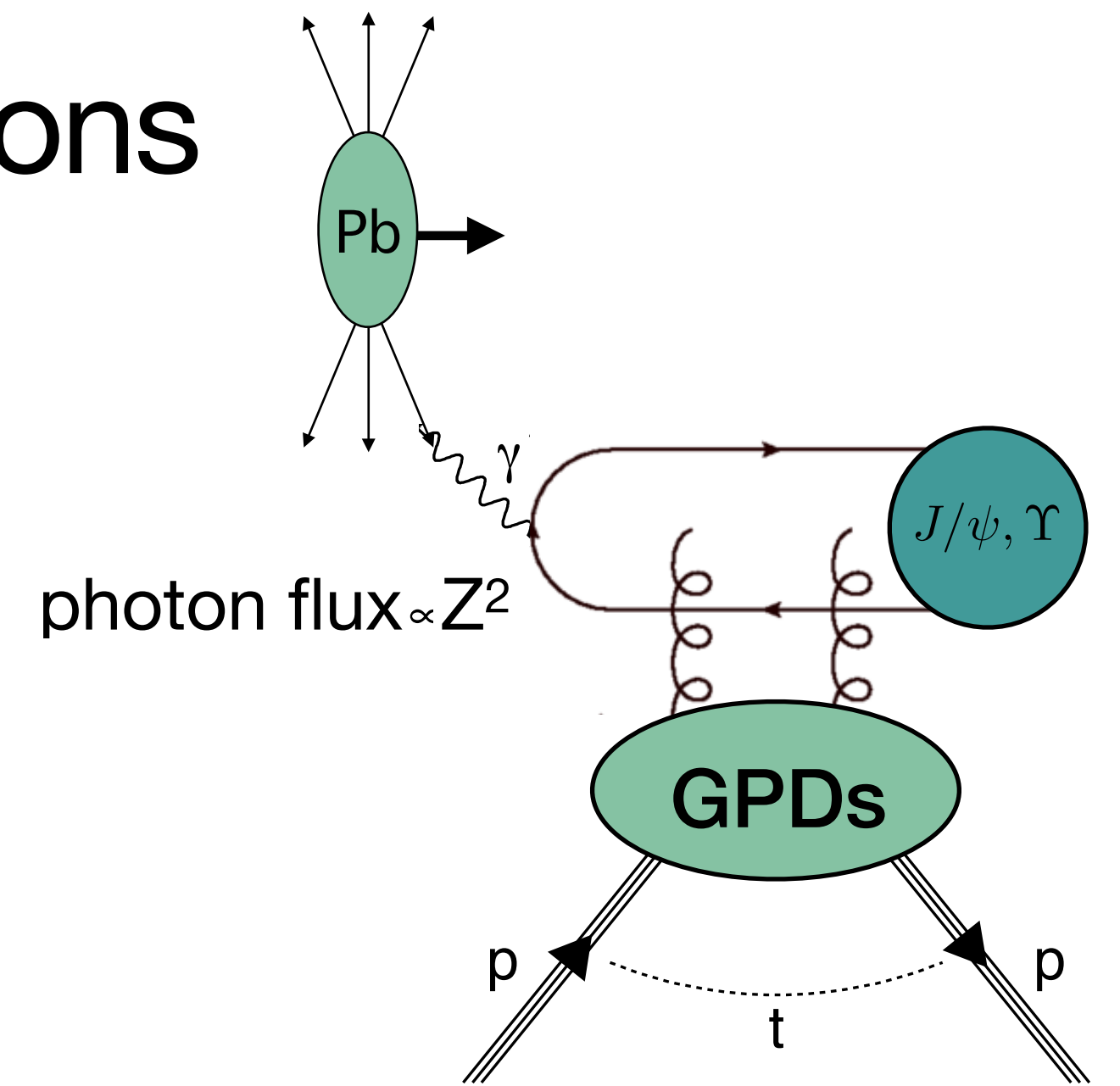


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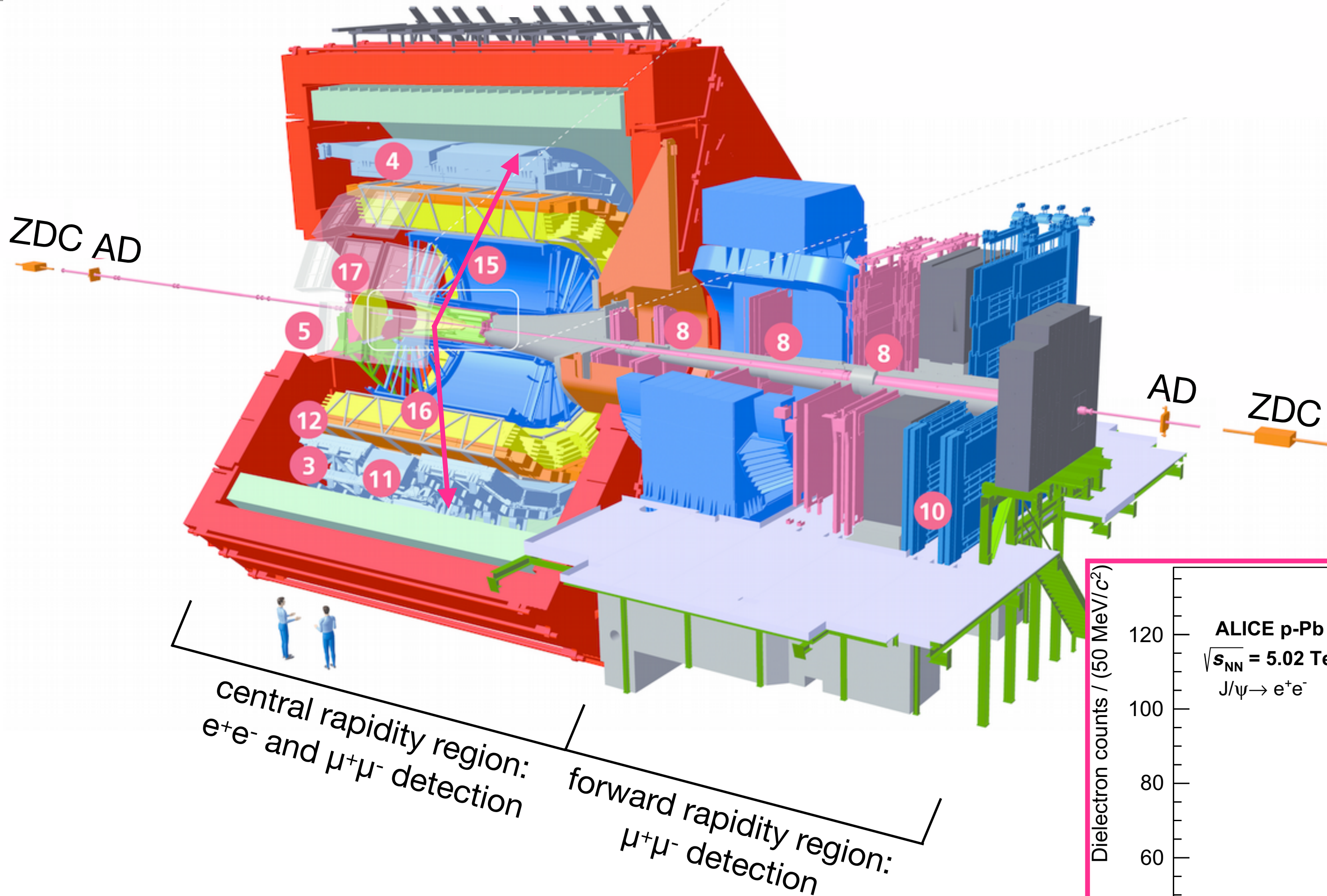


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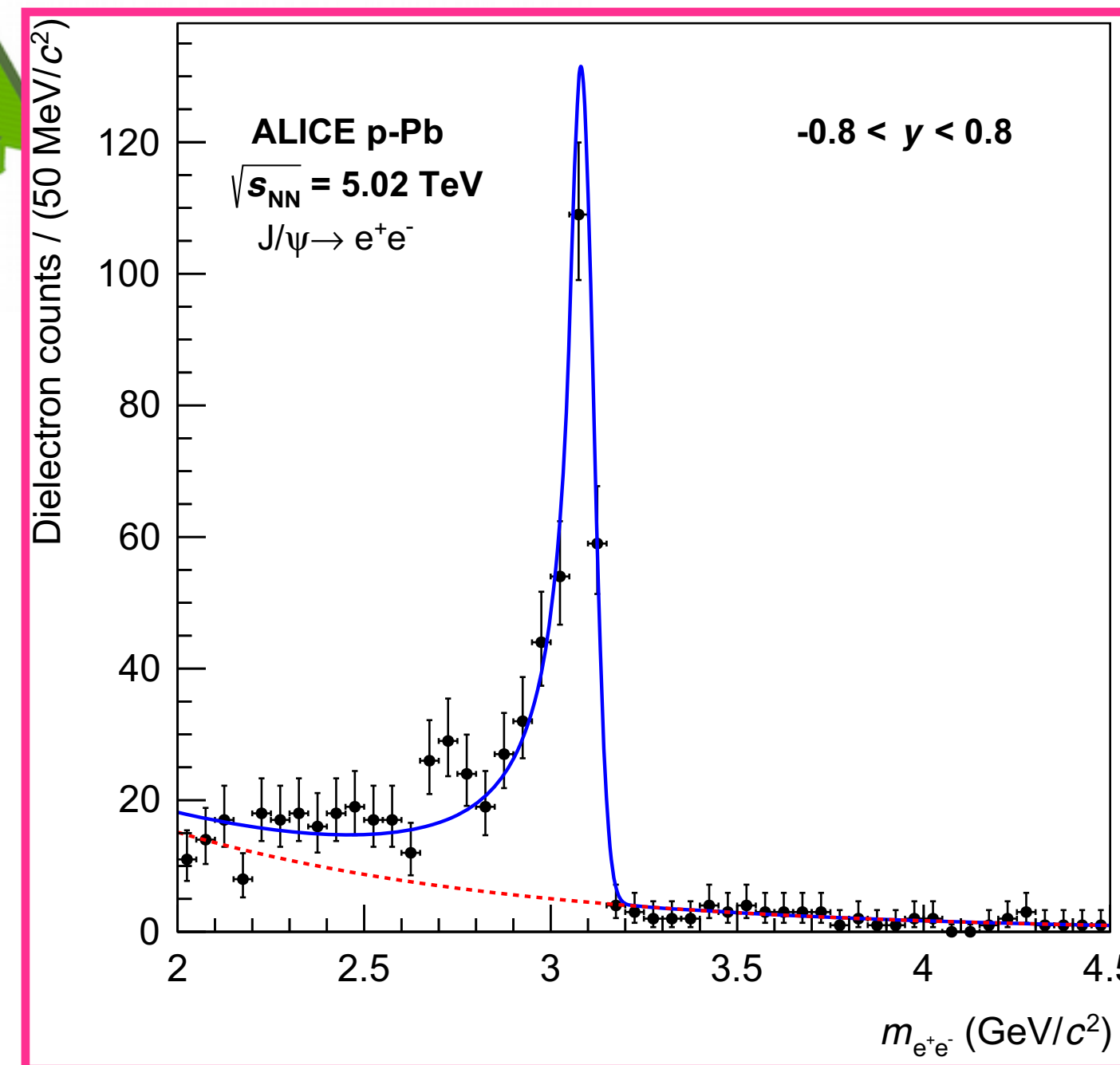
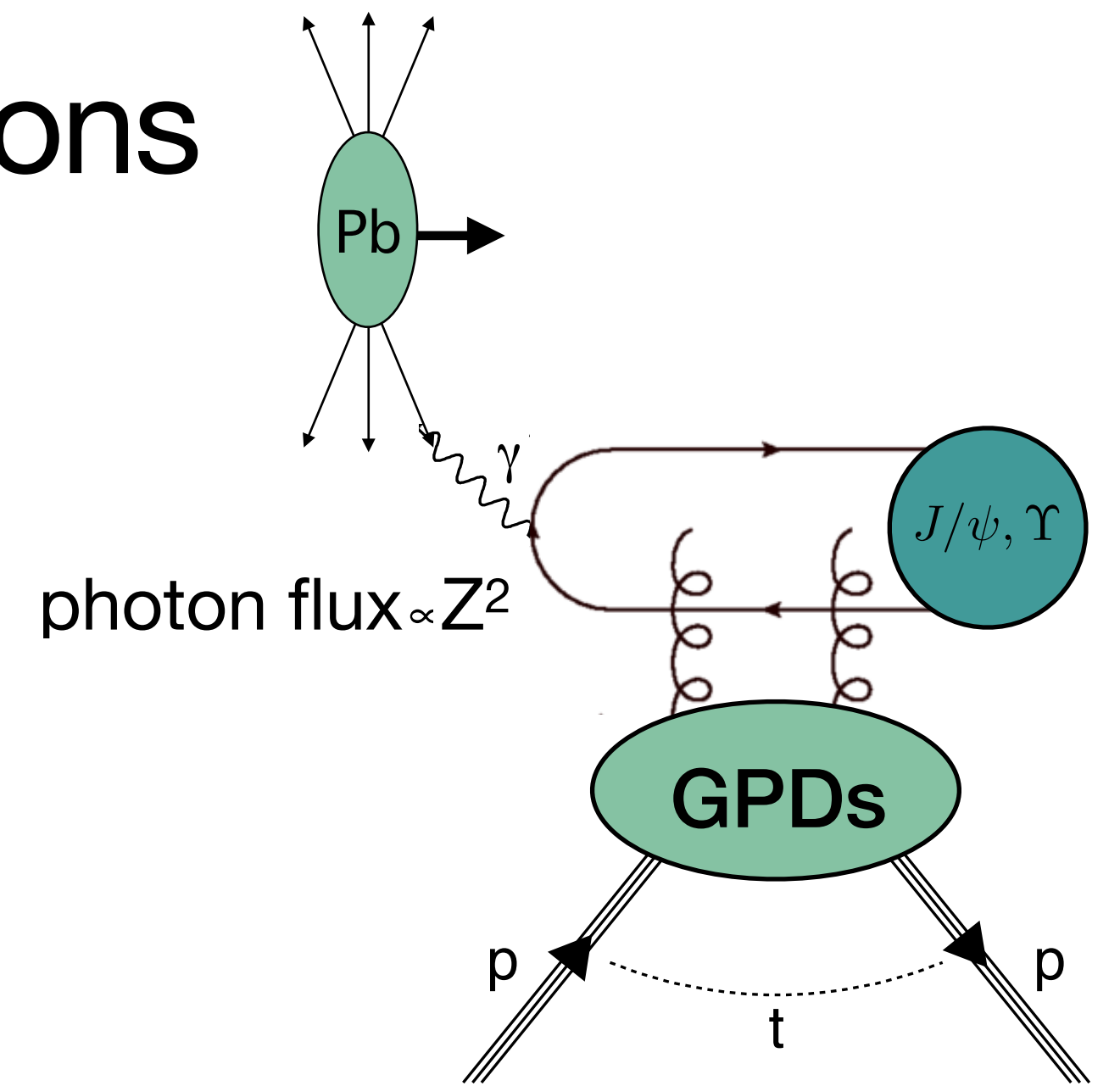




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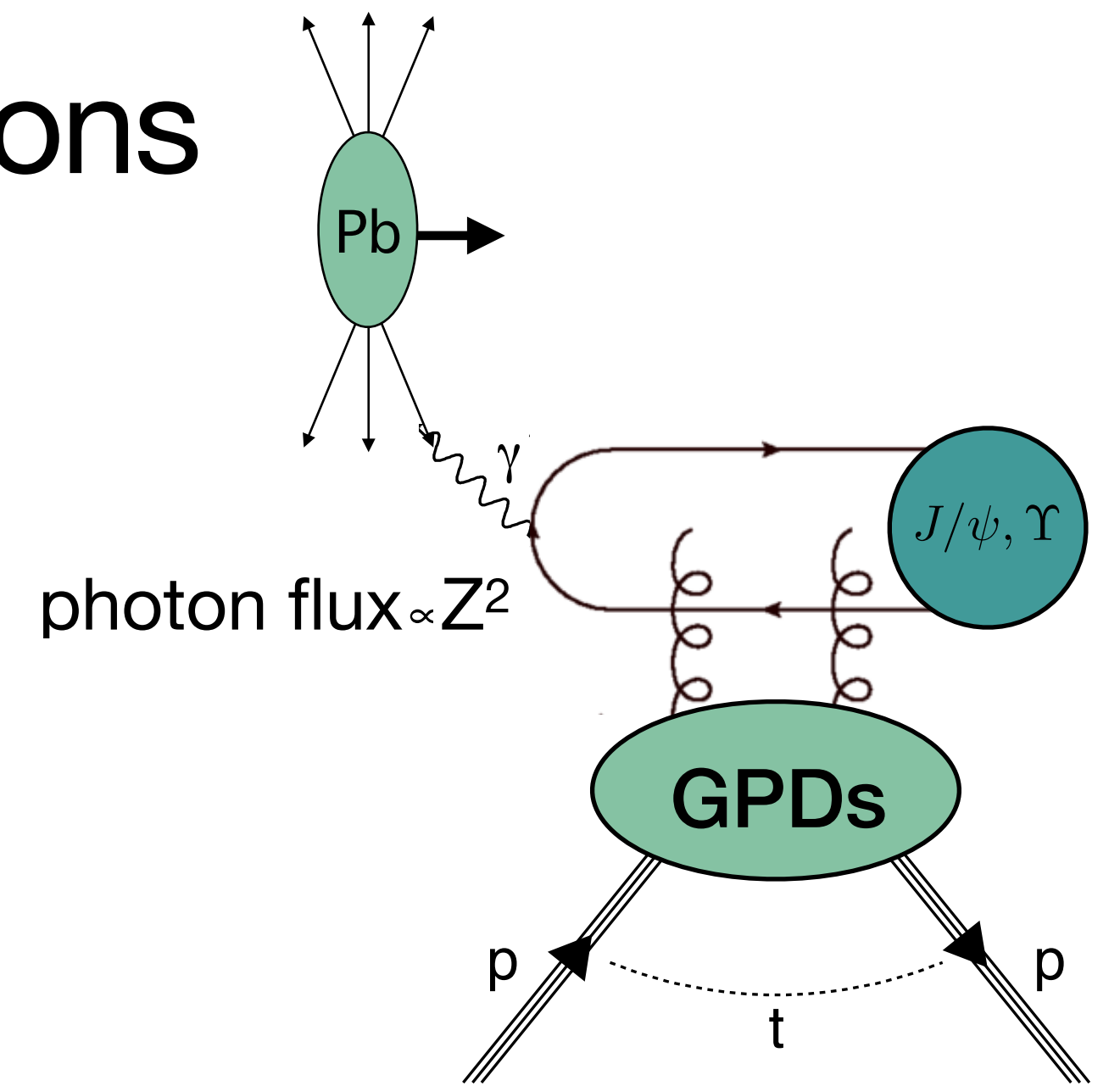
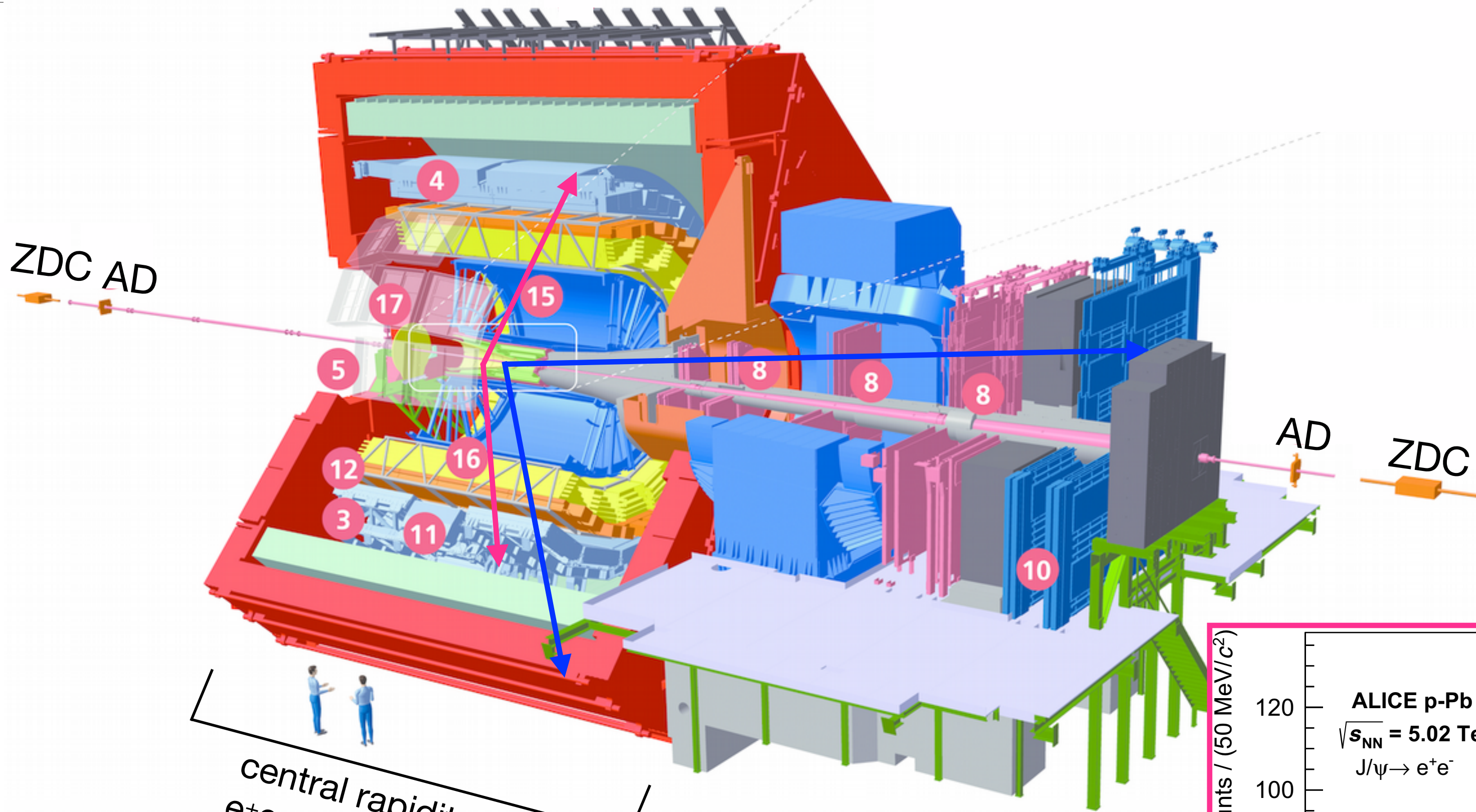


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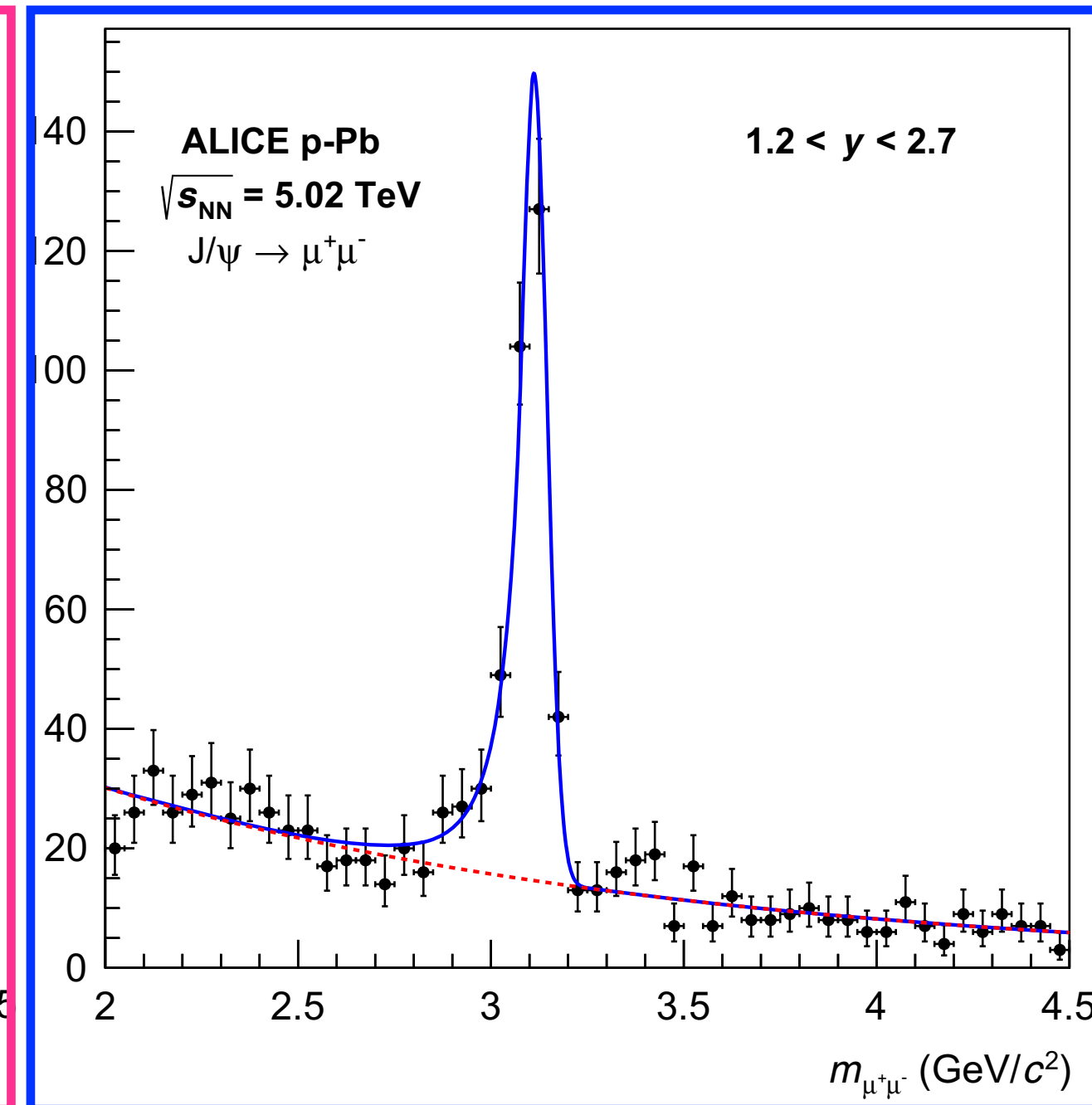
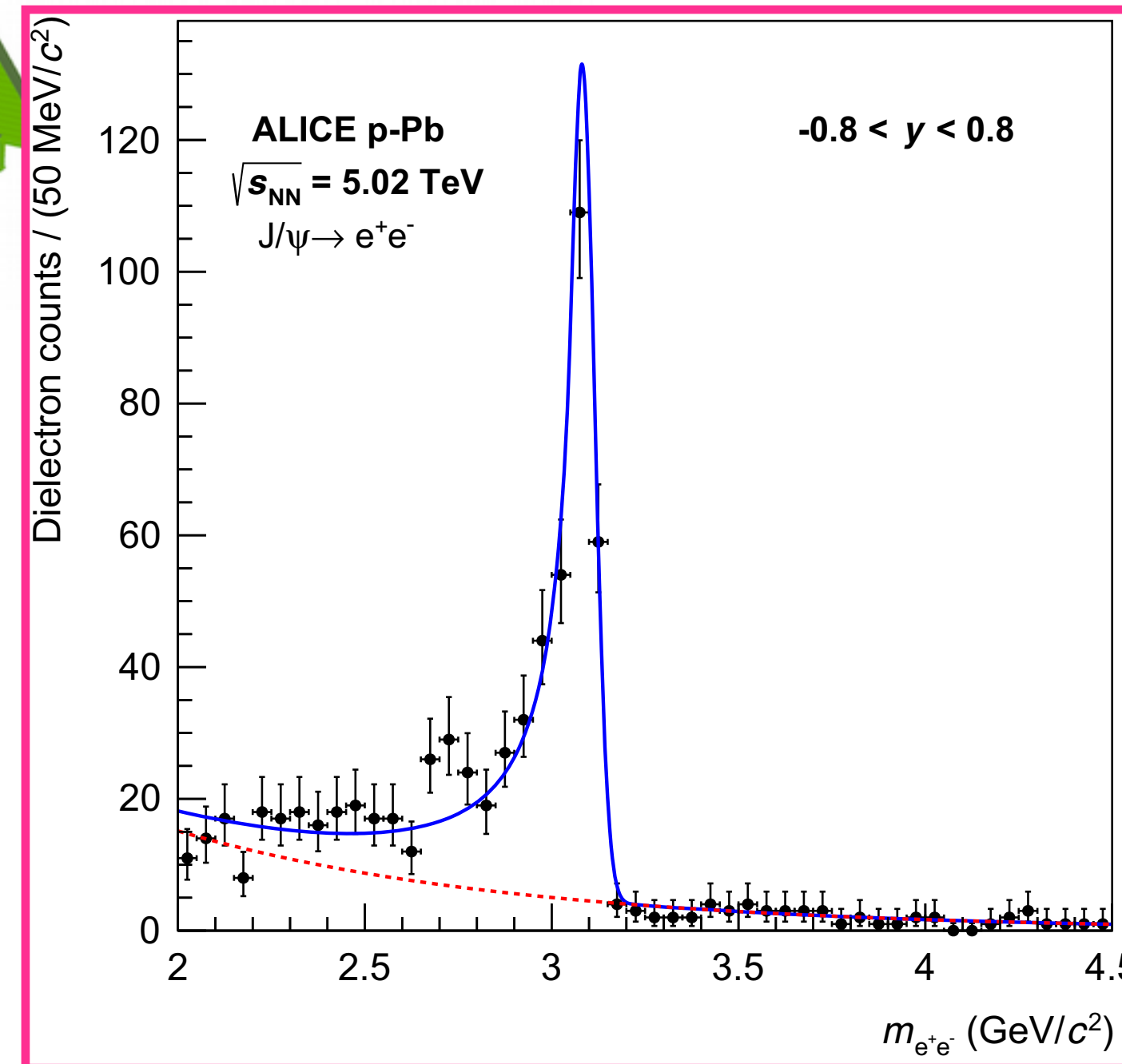




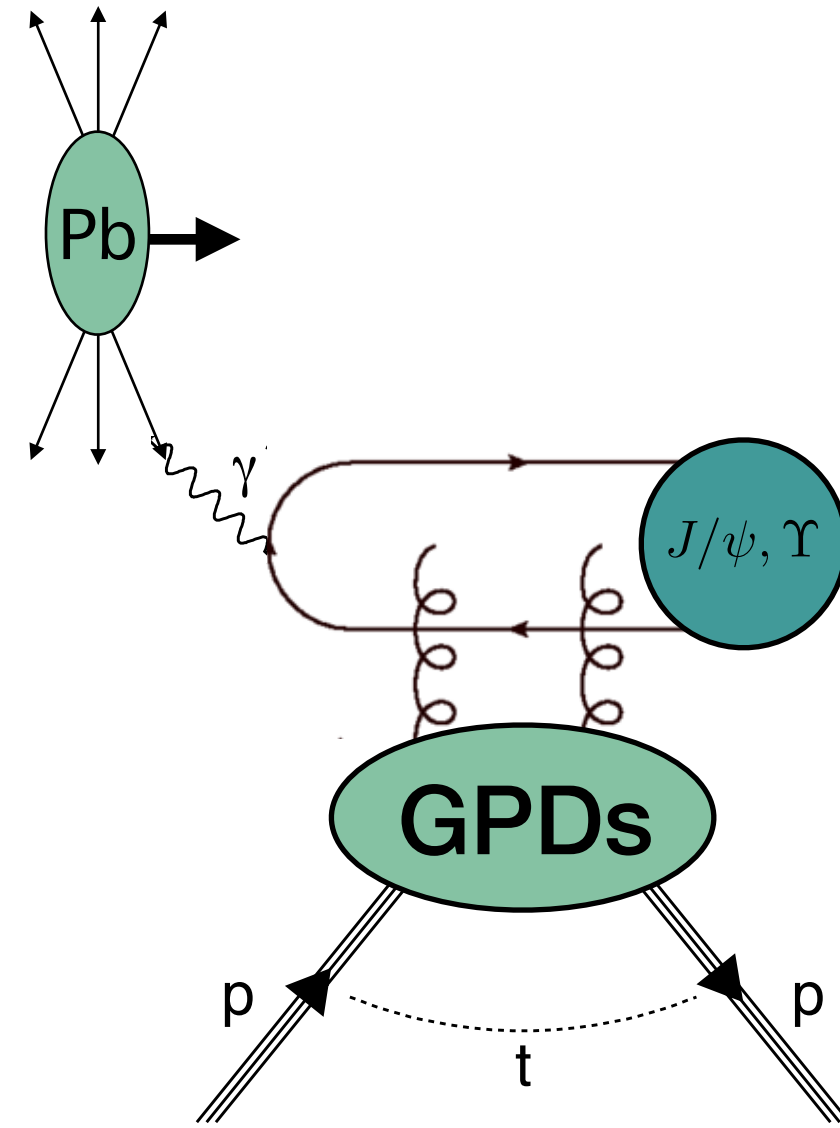
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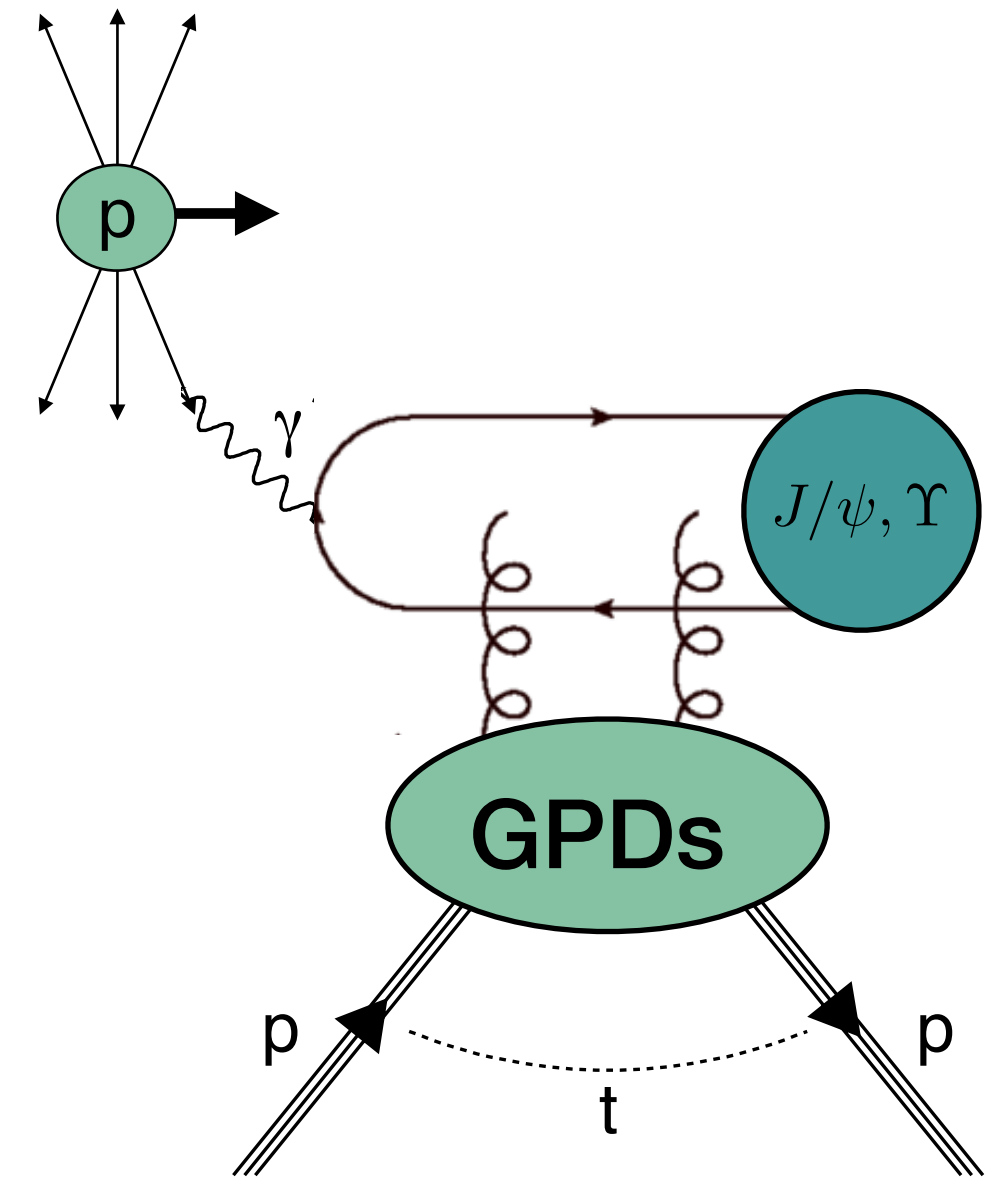
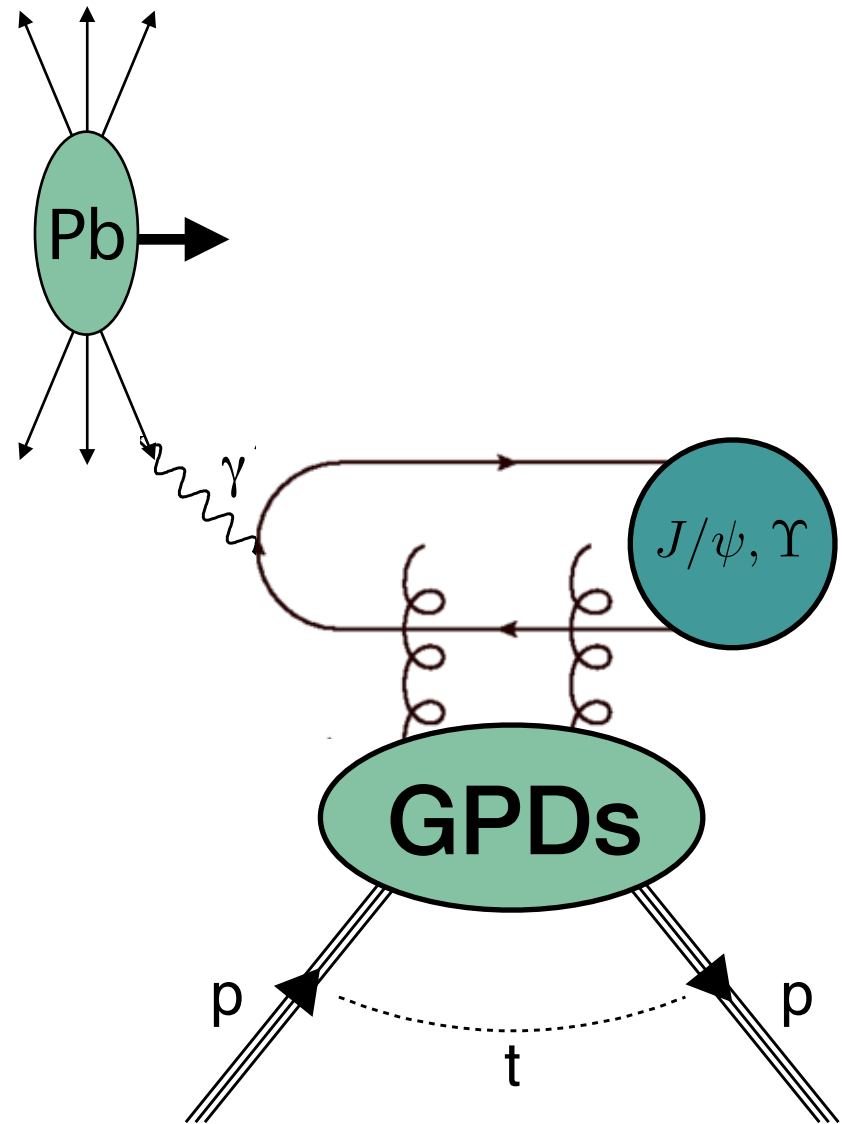


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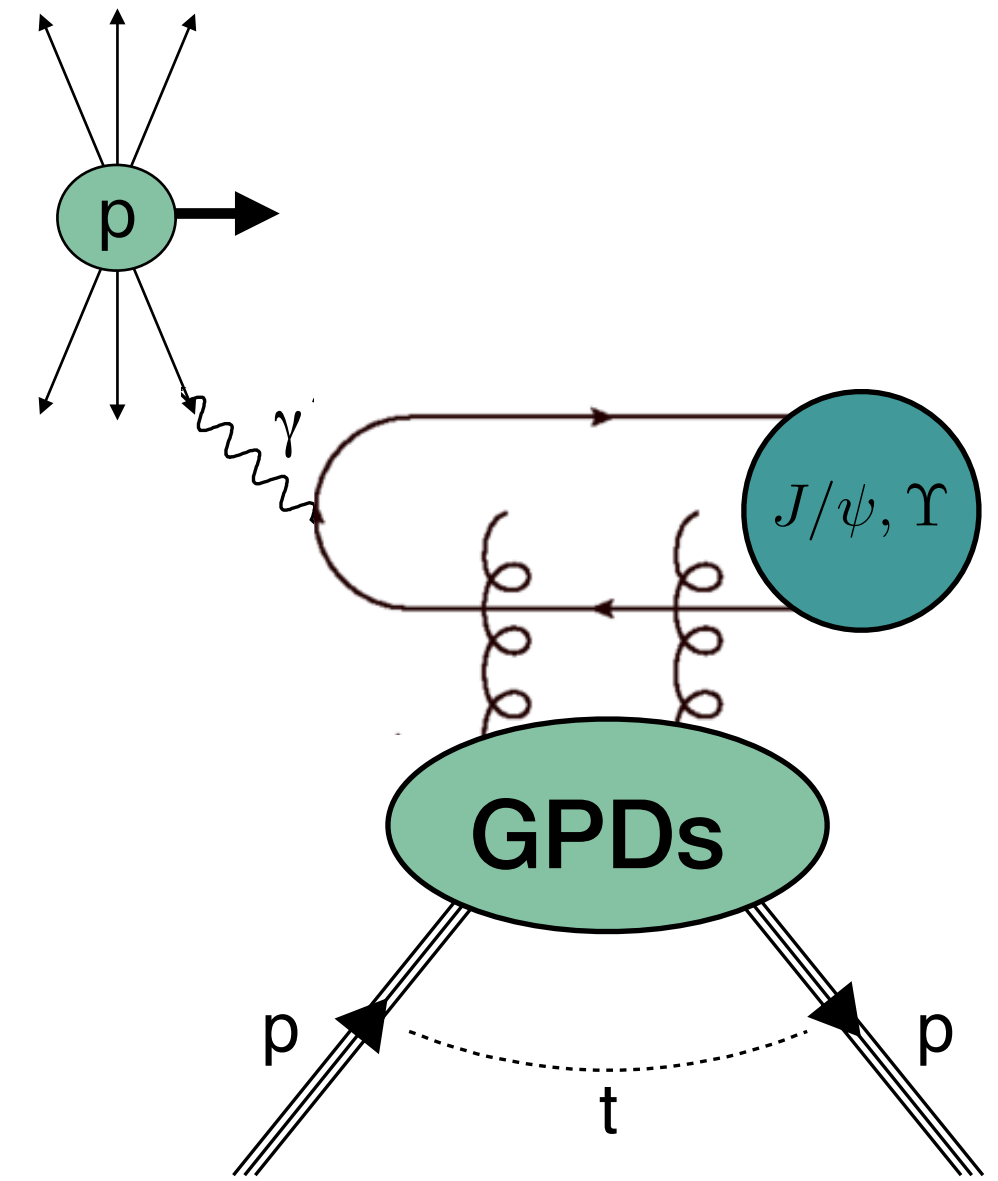
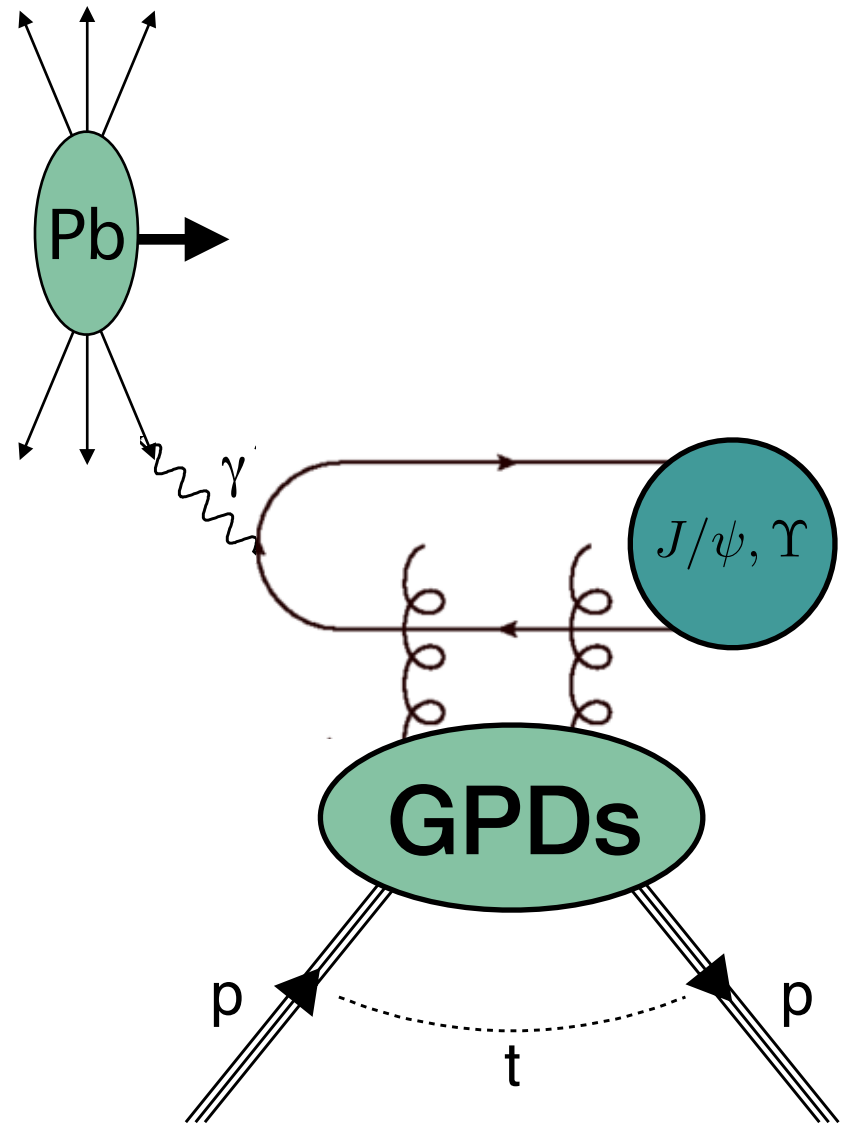
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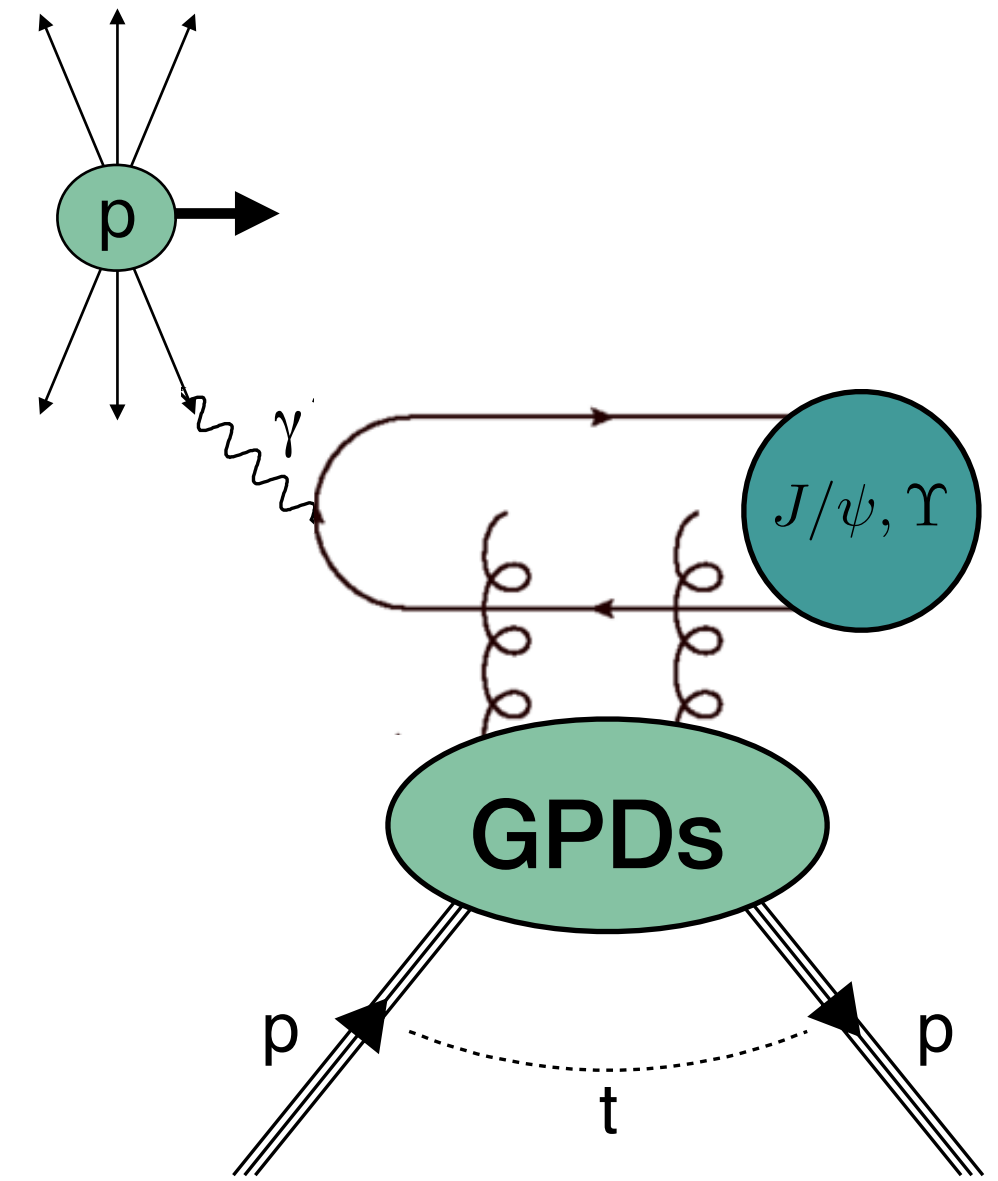
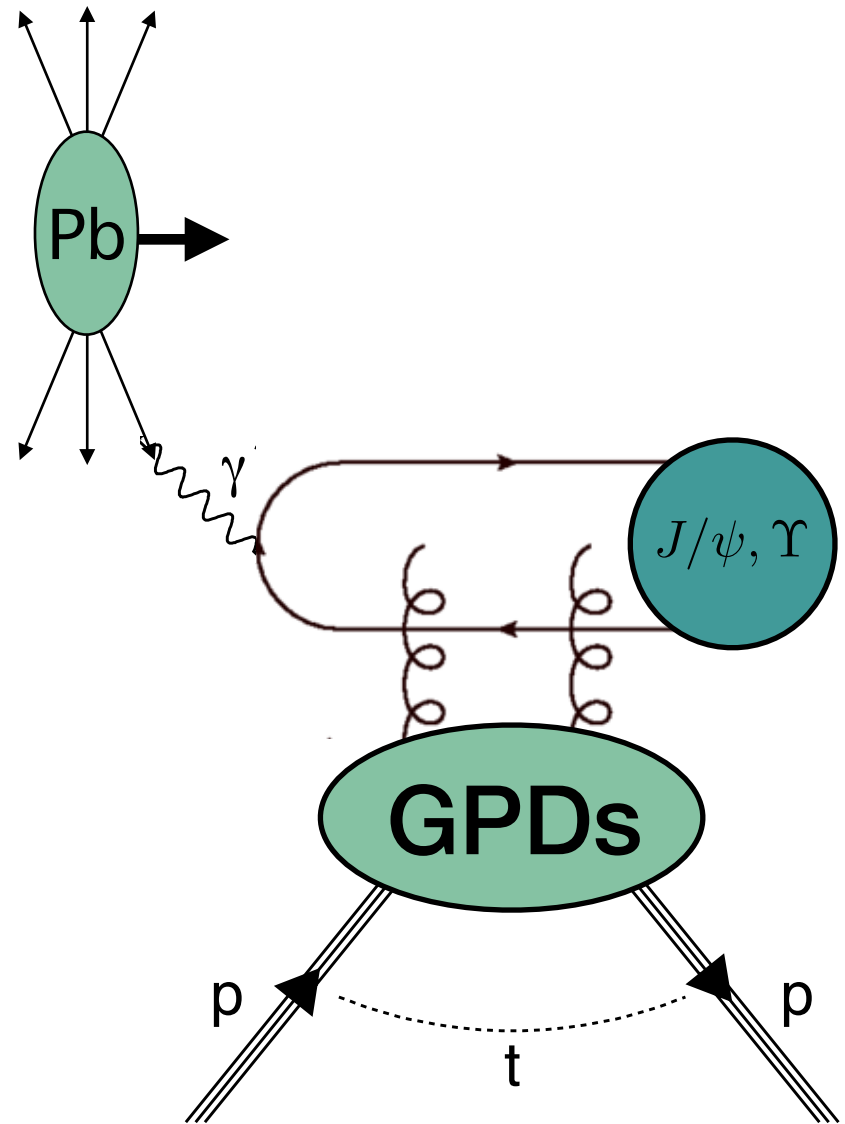
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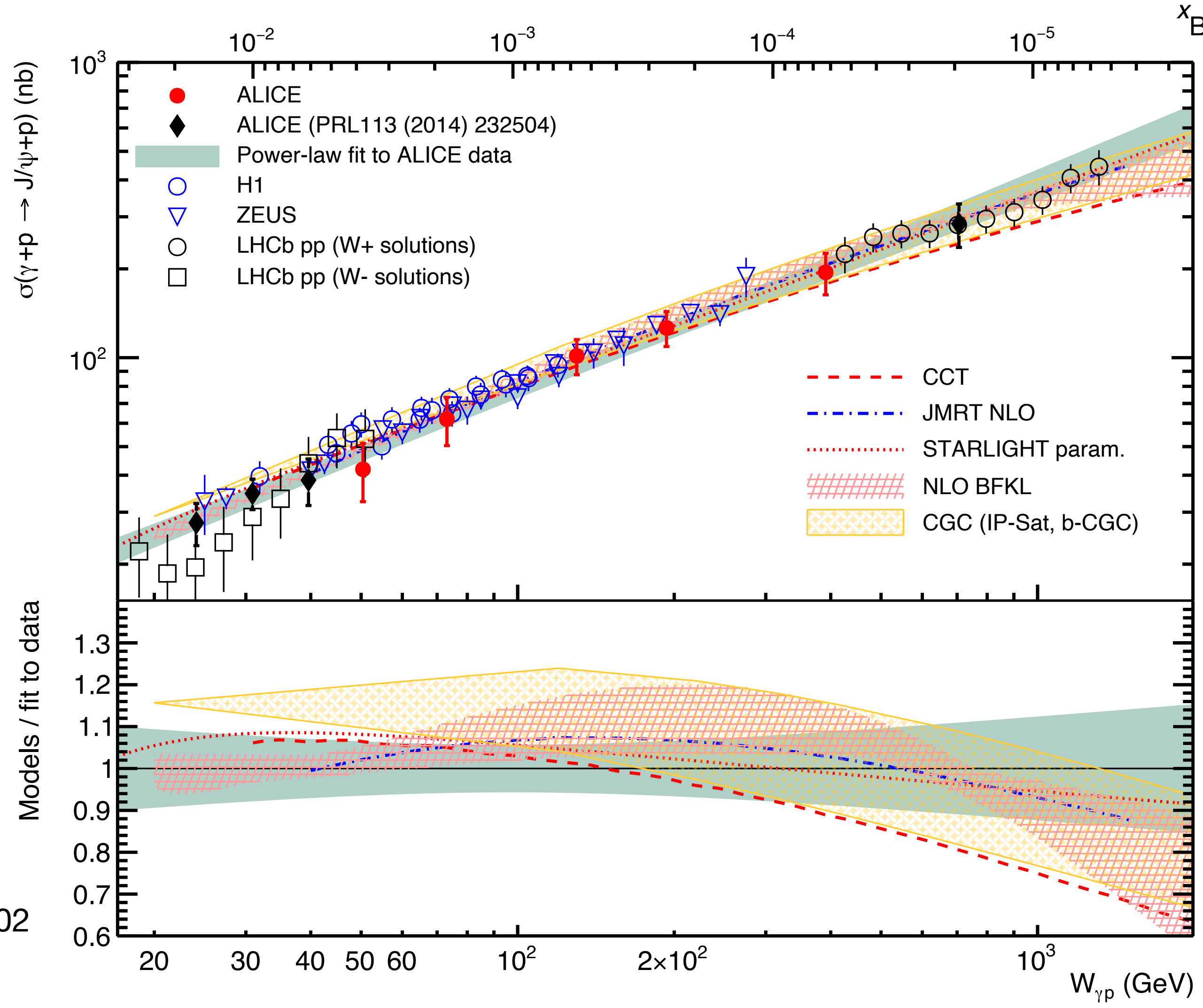
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LHCb used HERA data for low- $E_{\gamma}$  ( $W_-$ ) contribution.

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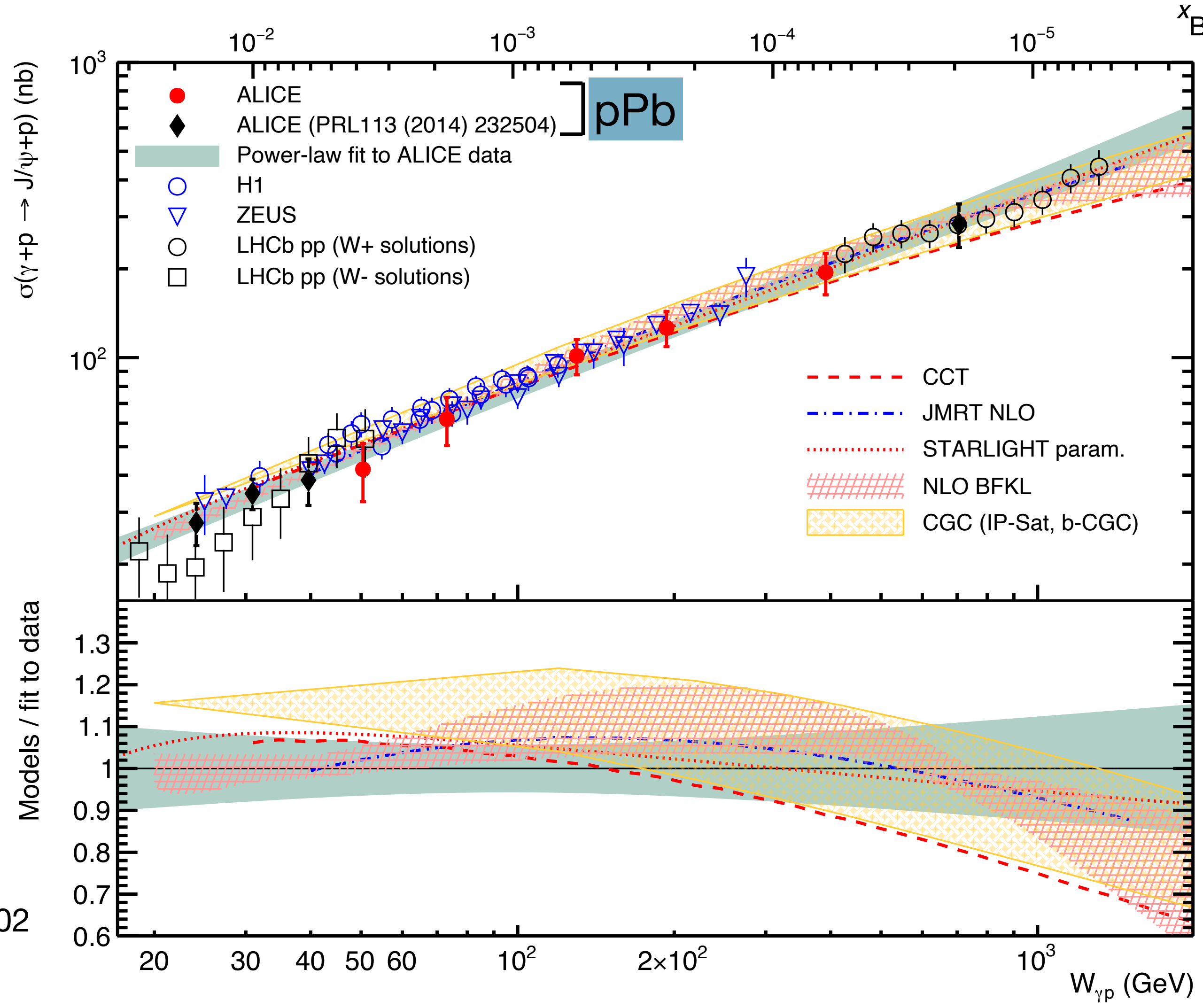
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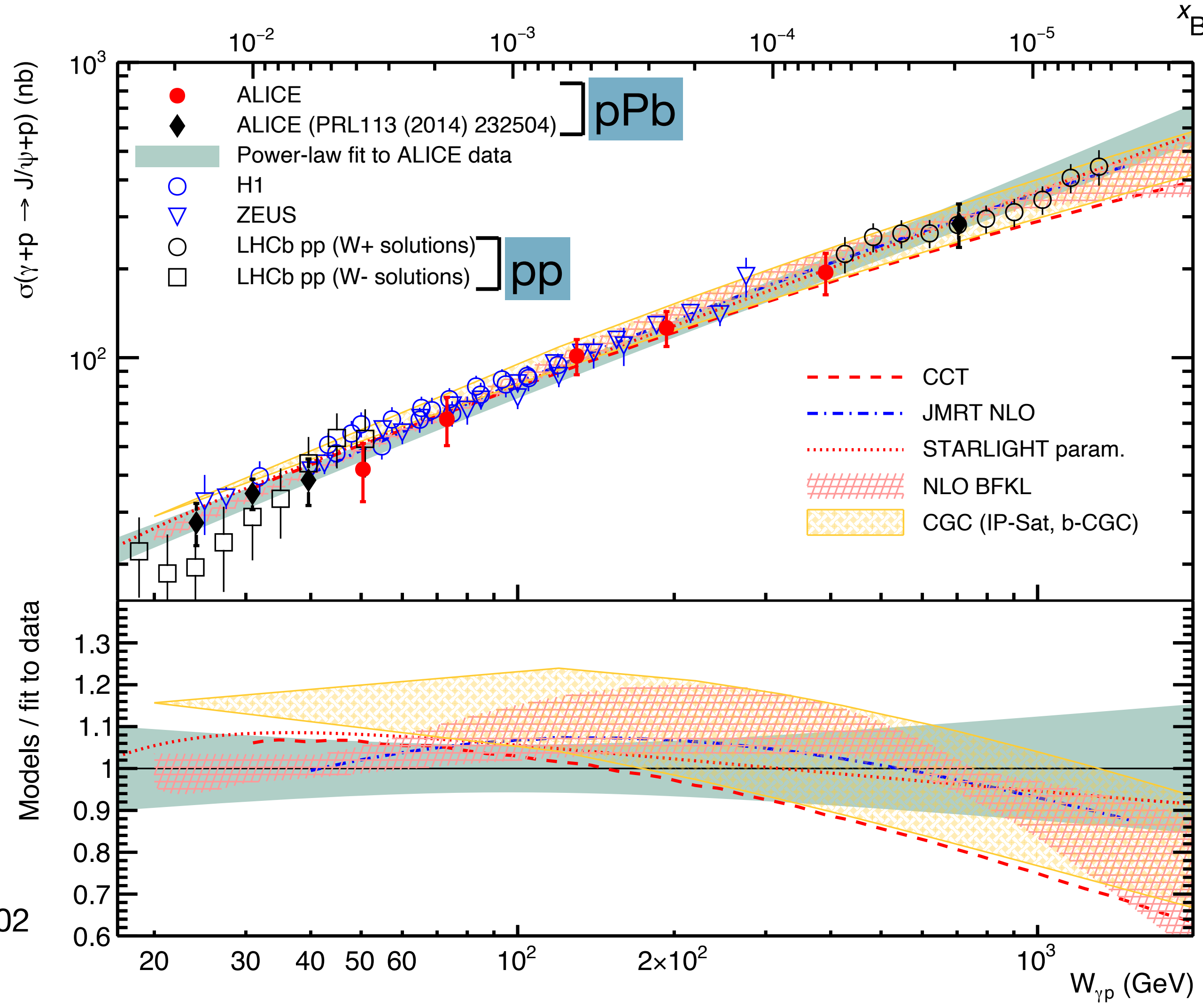


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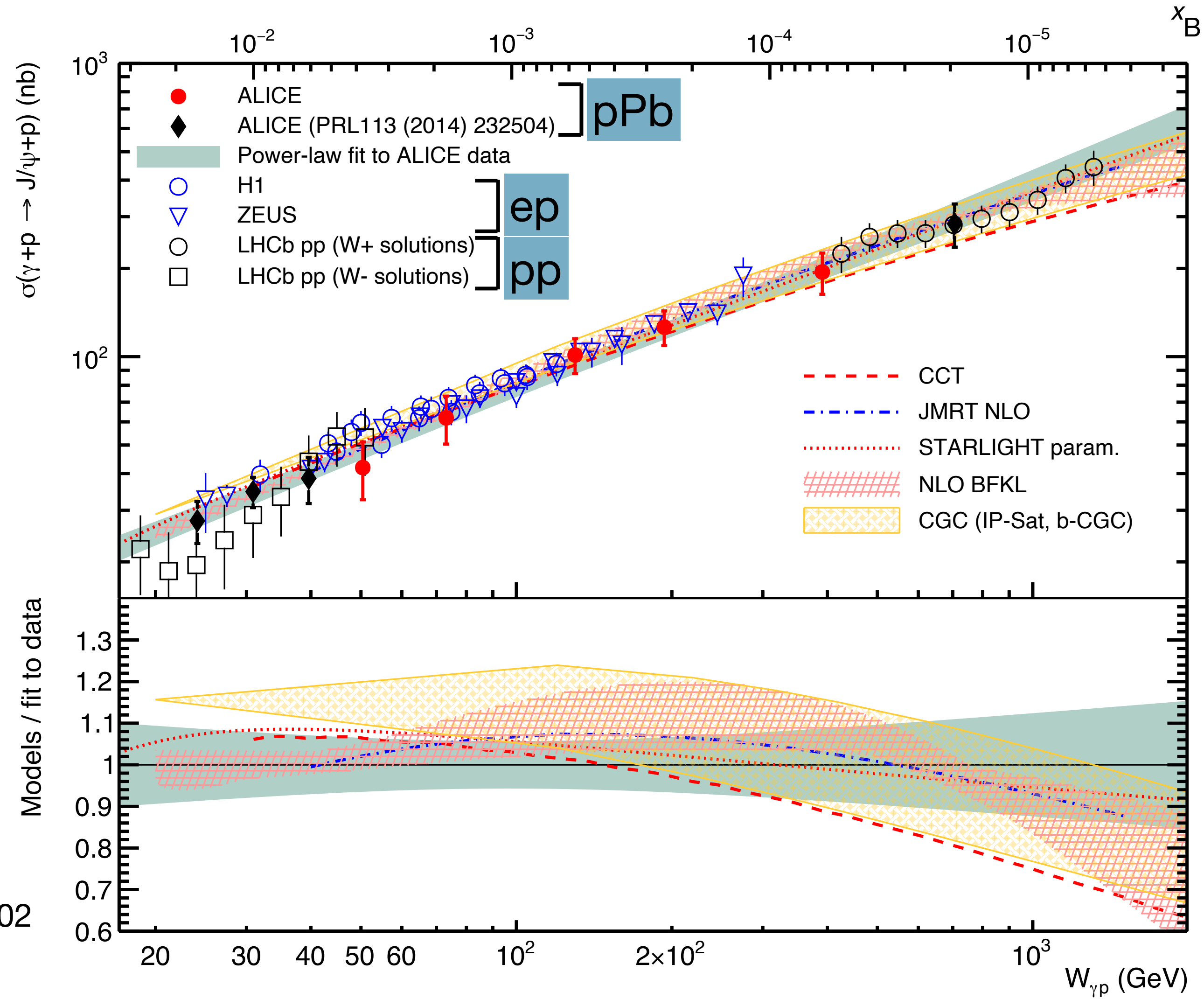
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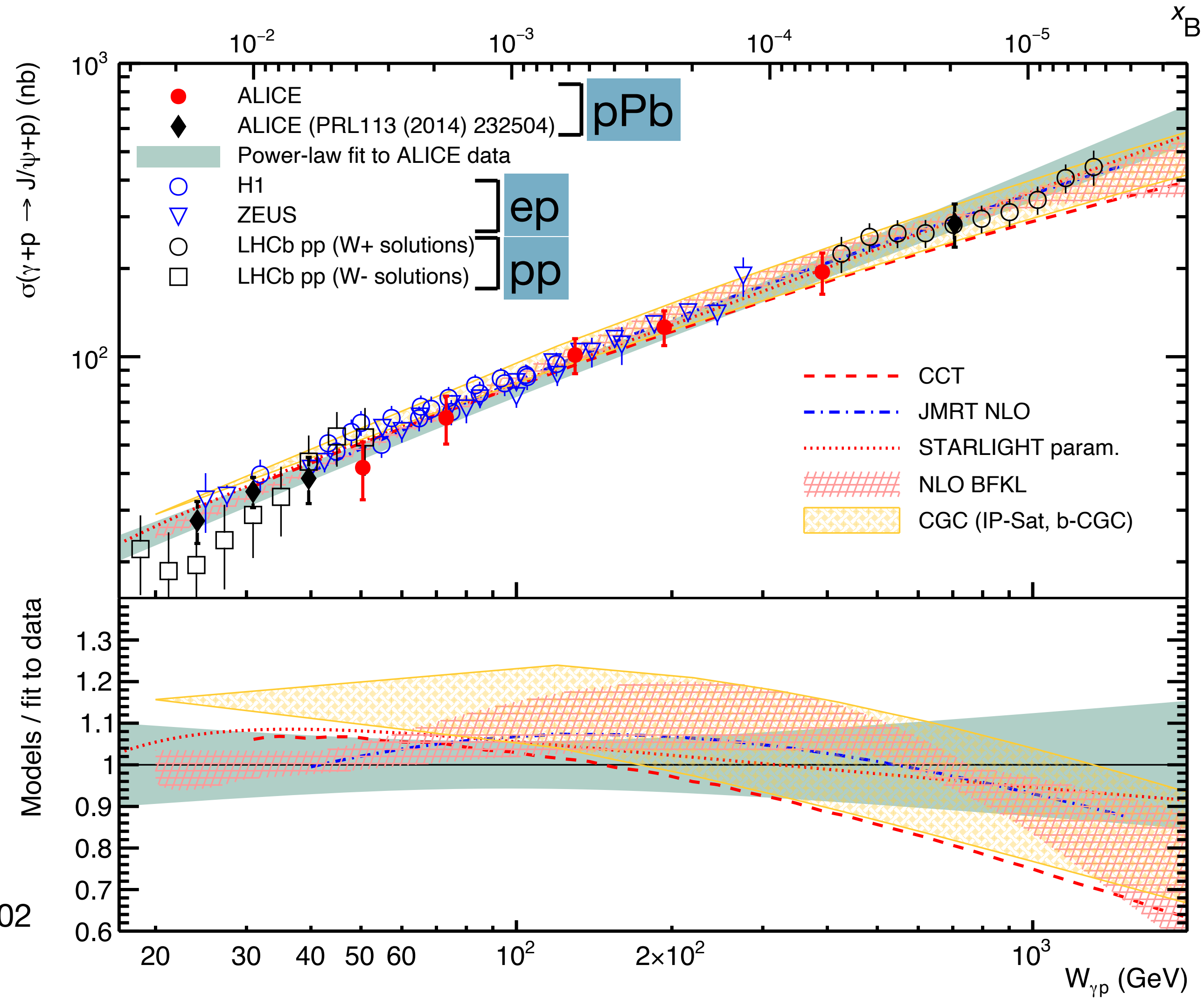
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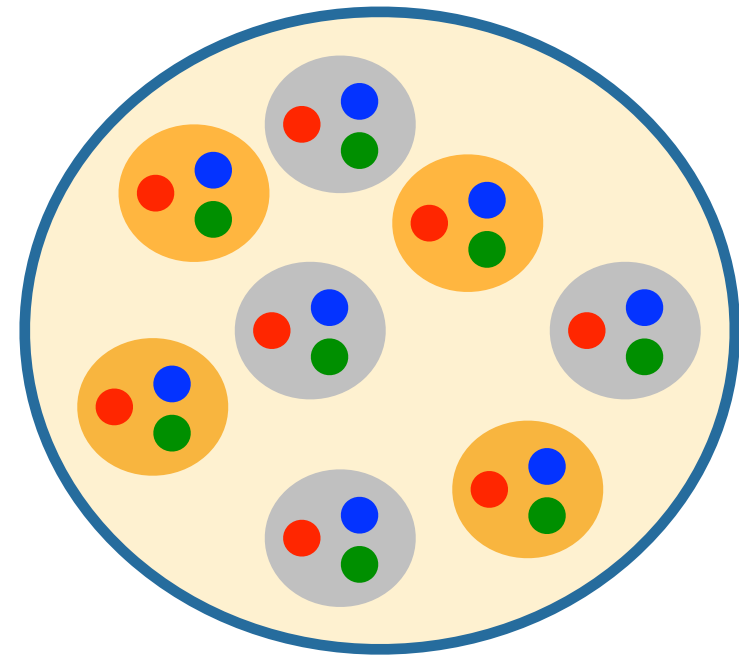
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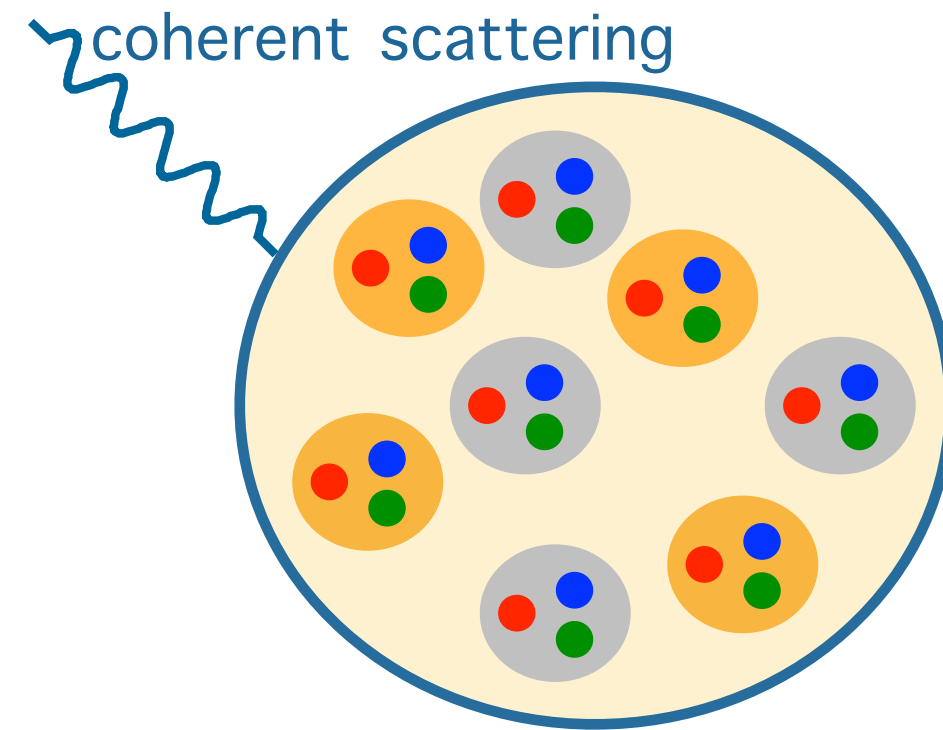
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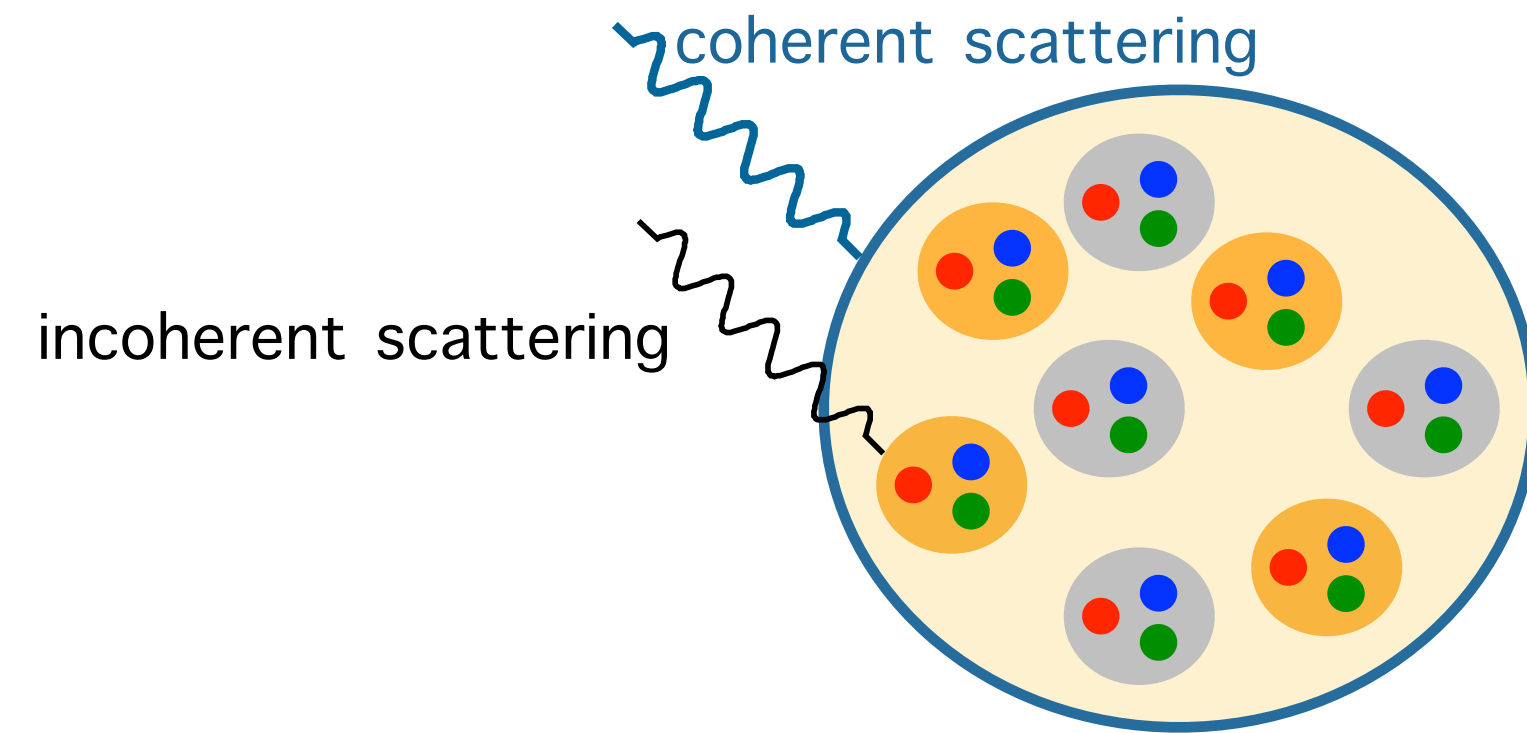
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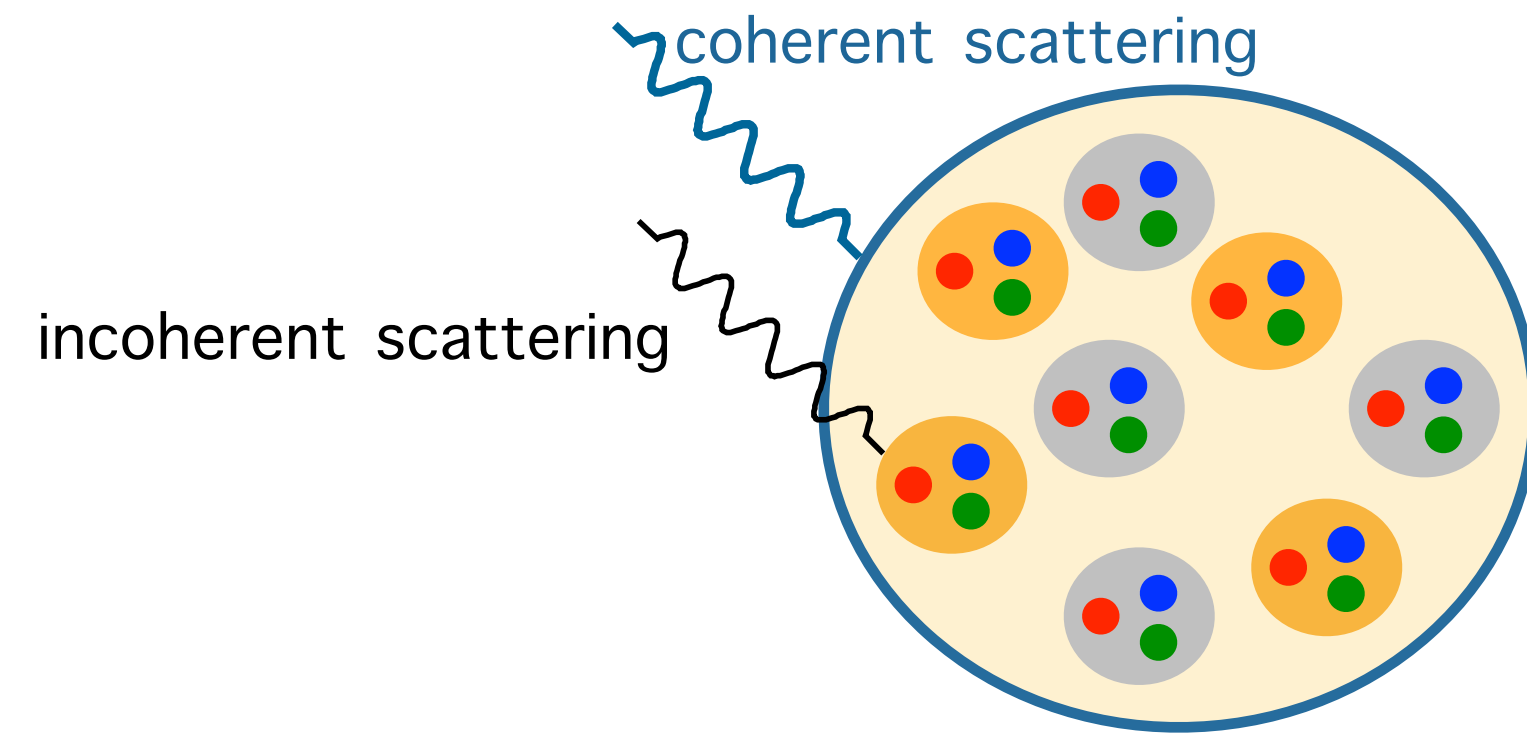
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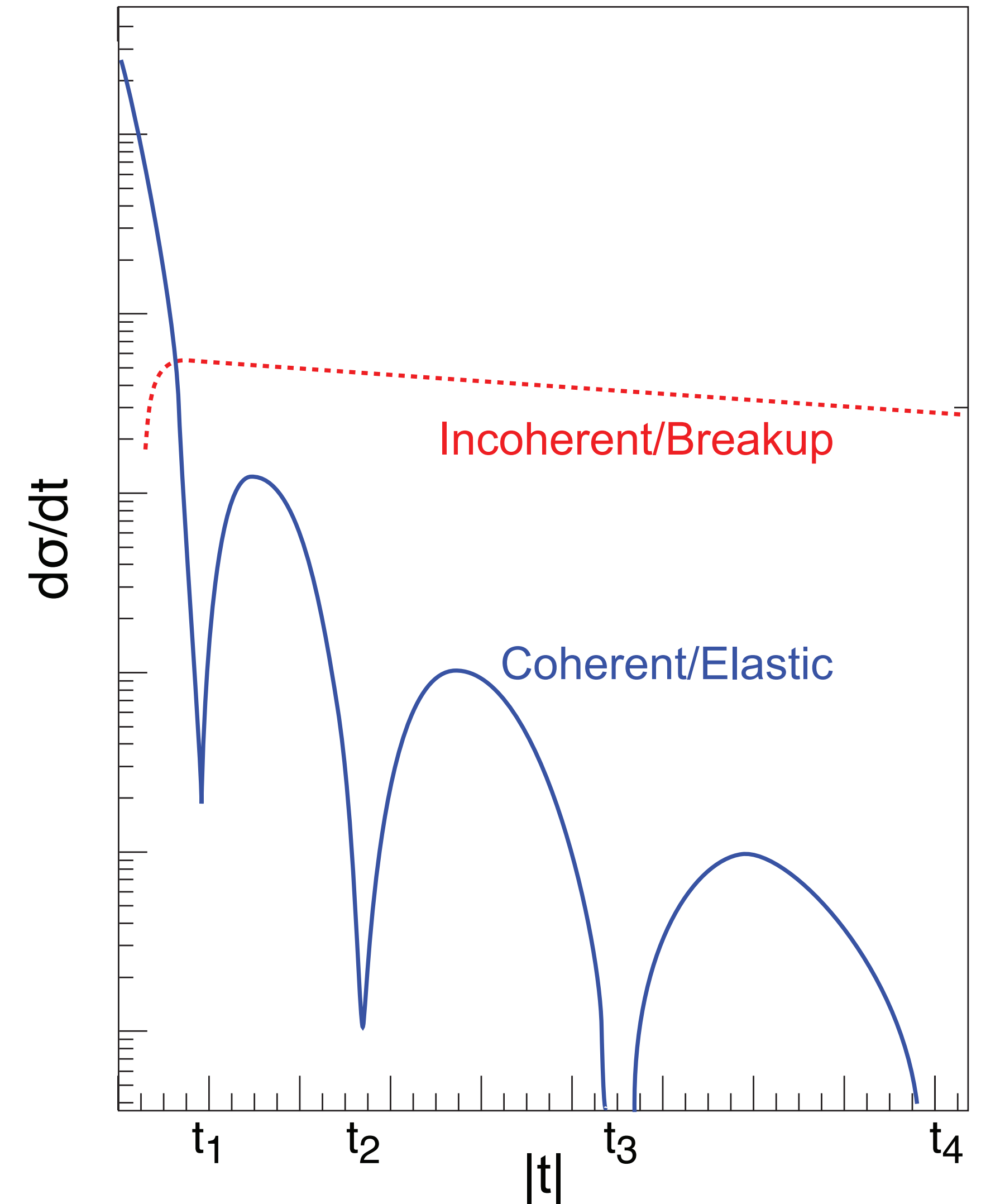
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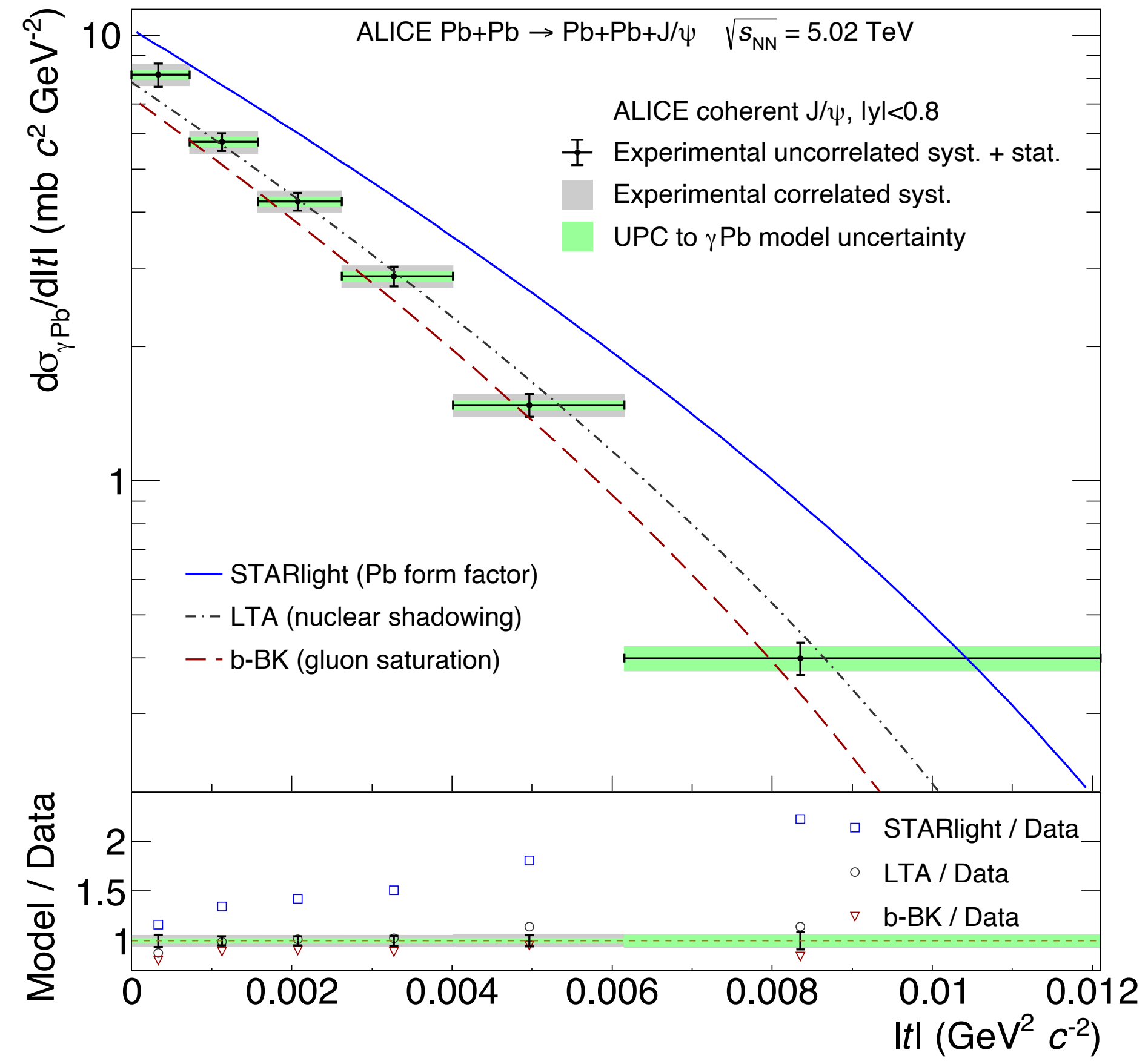
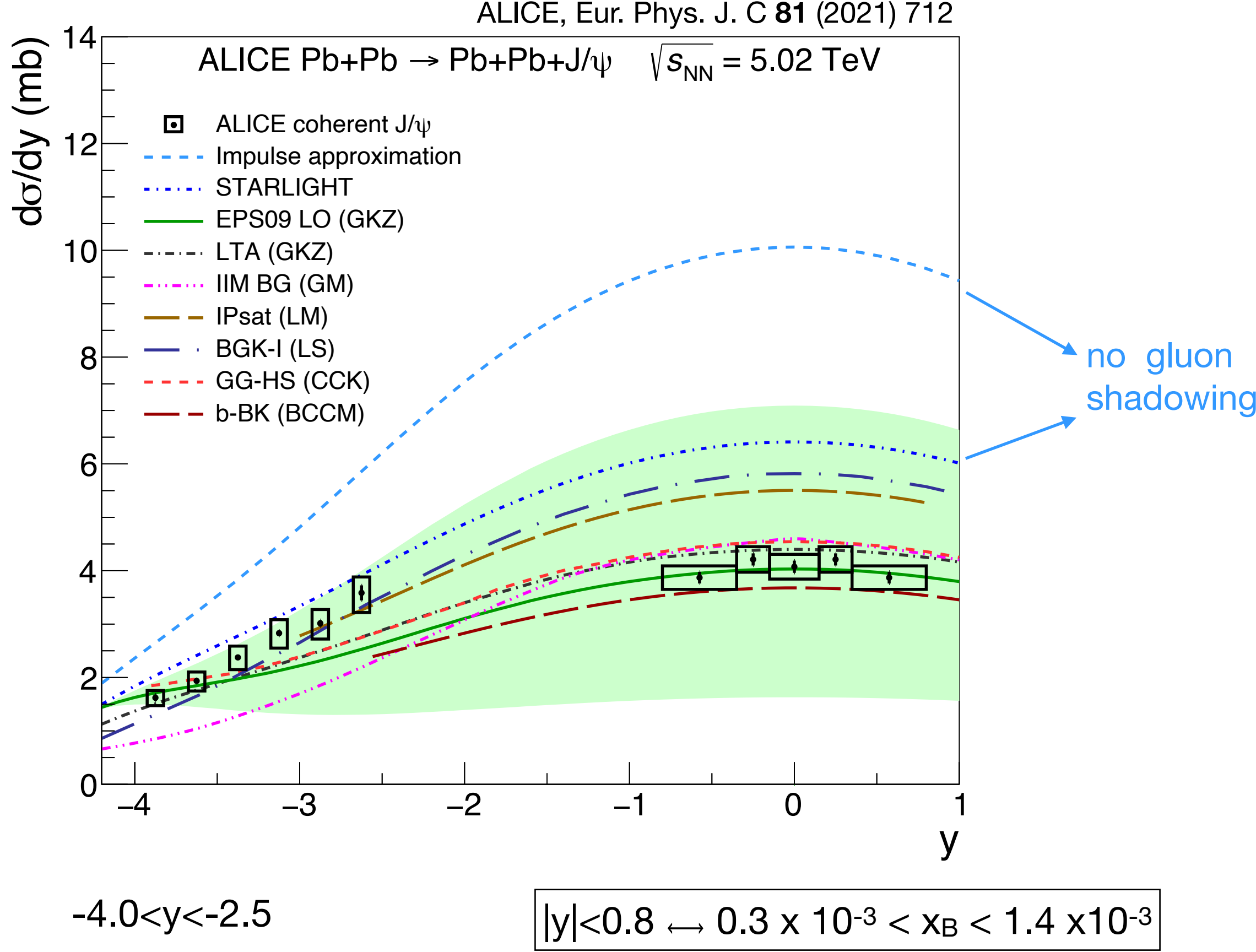
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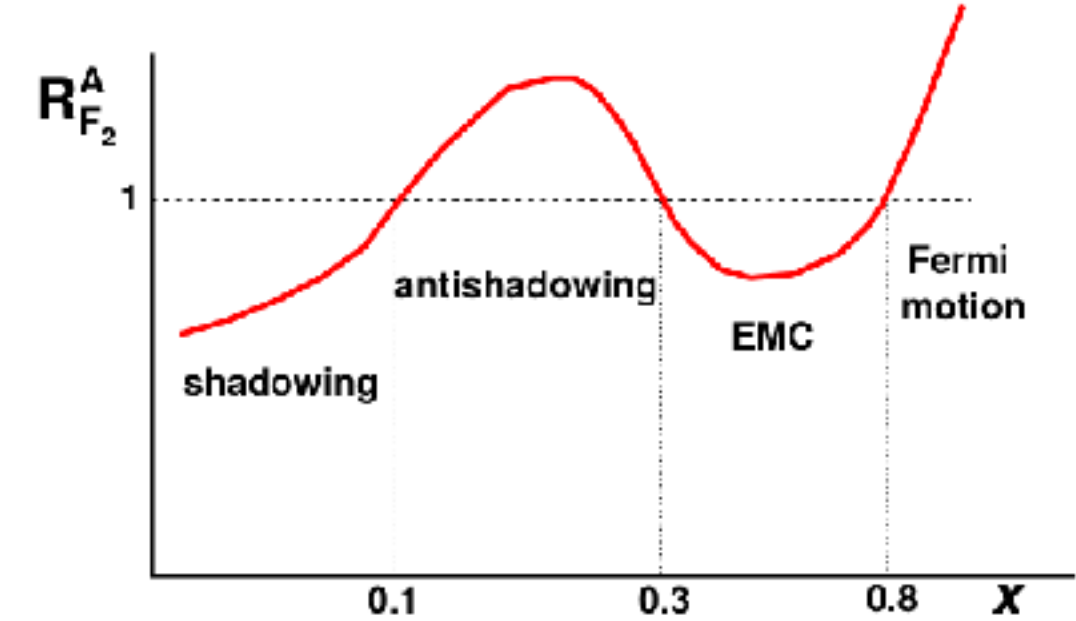
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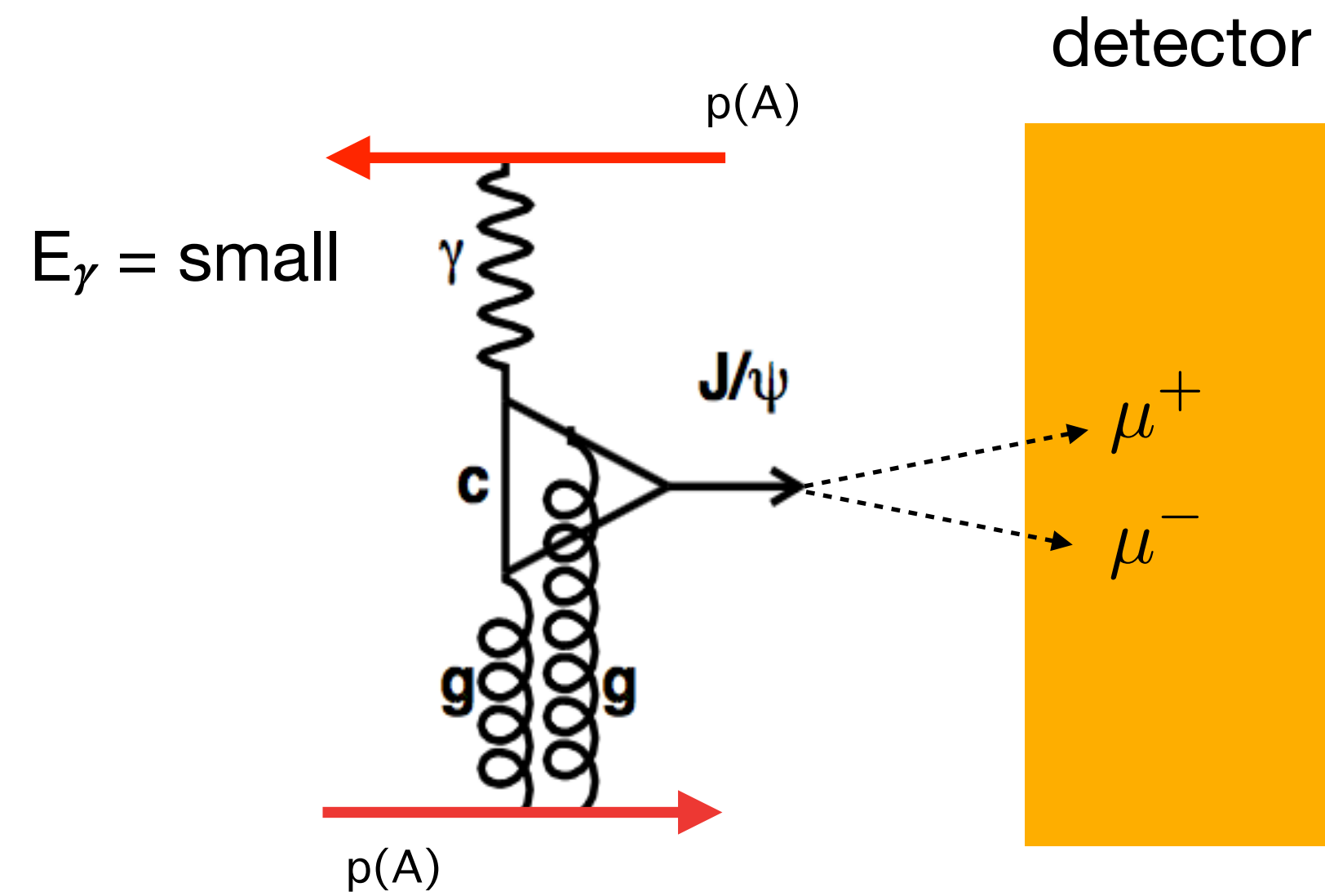
$0.7 \times 10^{-2} < x_B < 3.3 \times 10^{-2}$  (dominant)  
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Results indicate shadowing in gluon PDF:

$$R_g = \frac{g^{Pb}}{A g^p} \approx 0.65 \text{ at } x \approx 10^{-3}$$

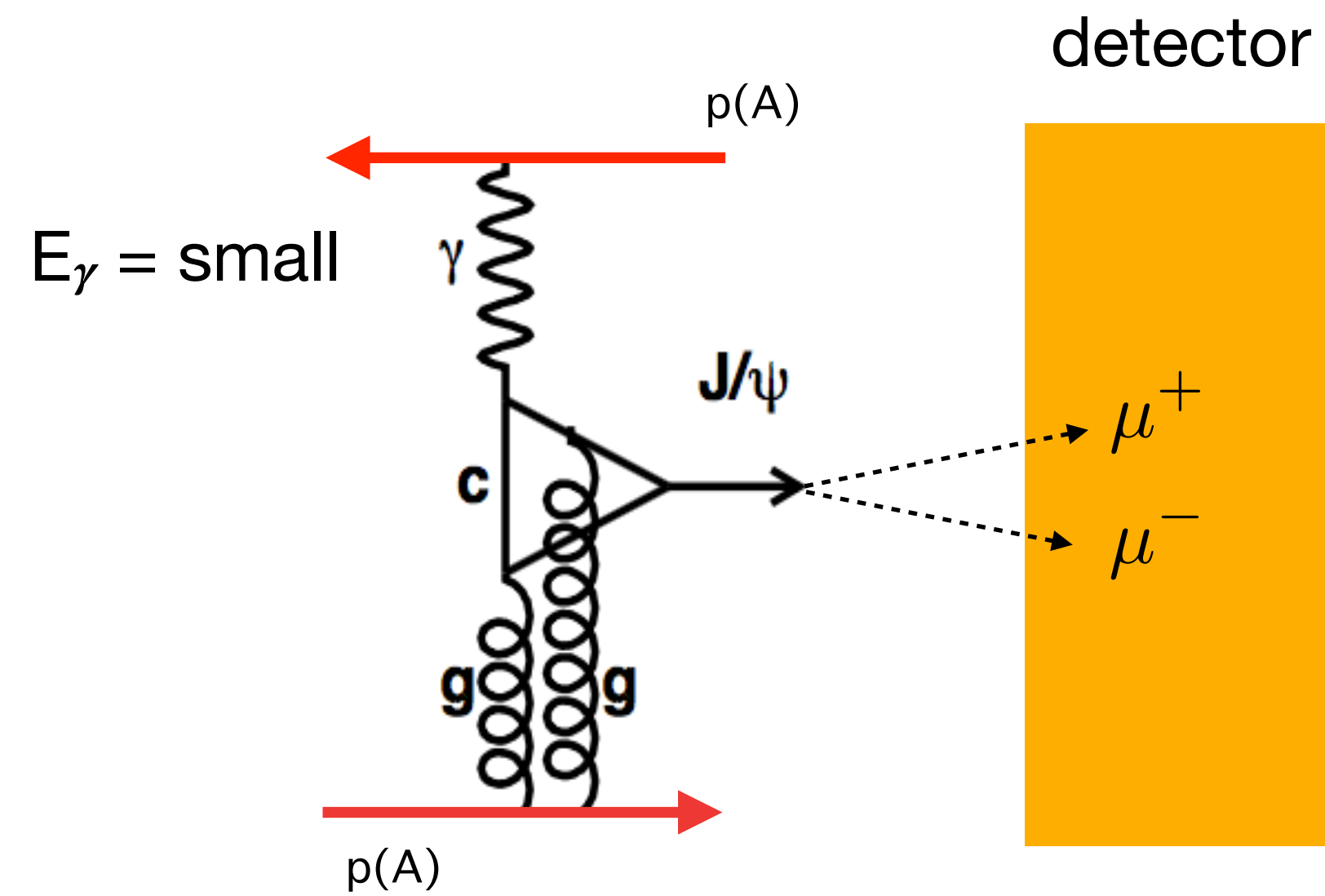


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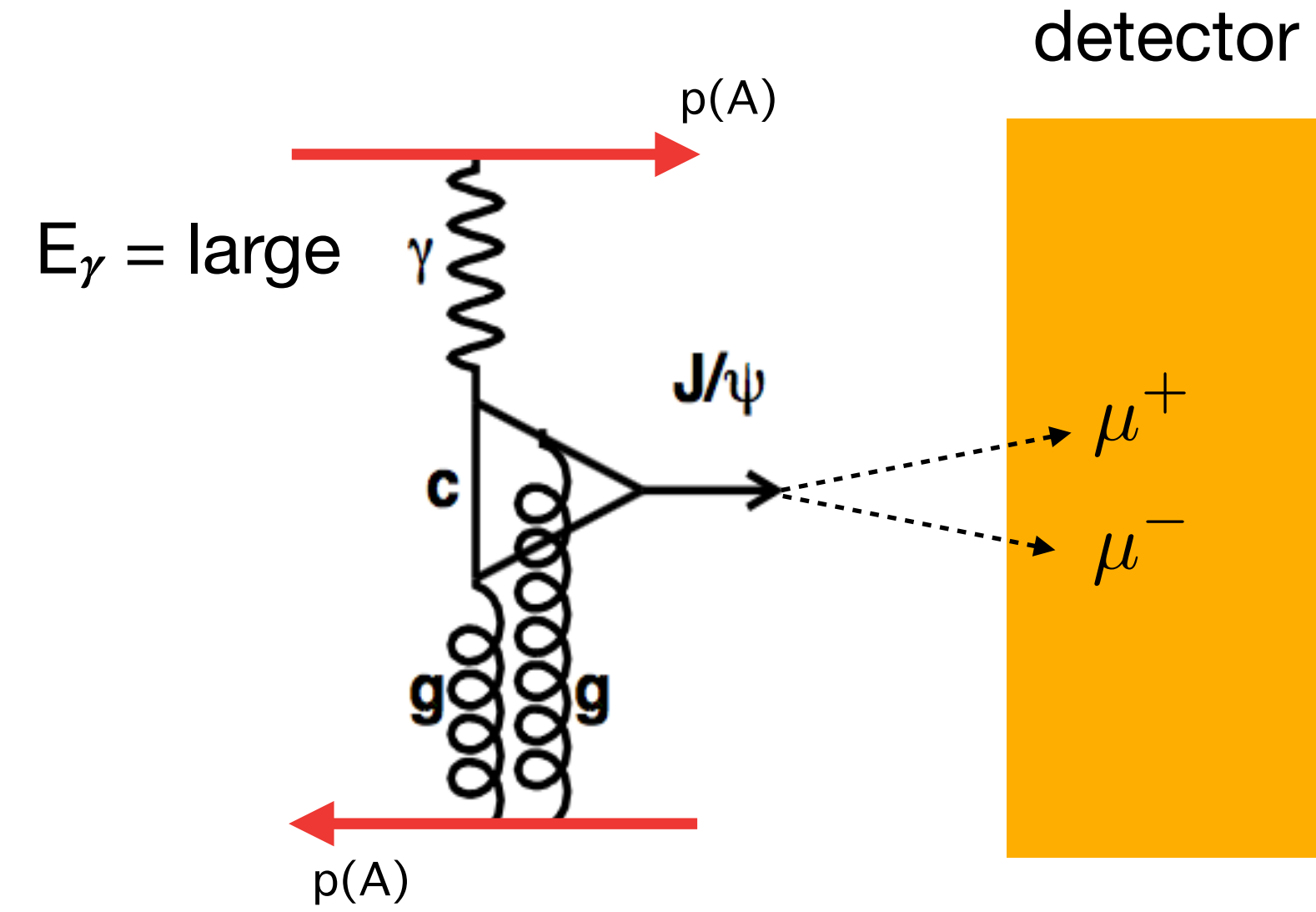


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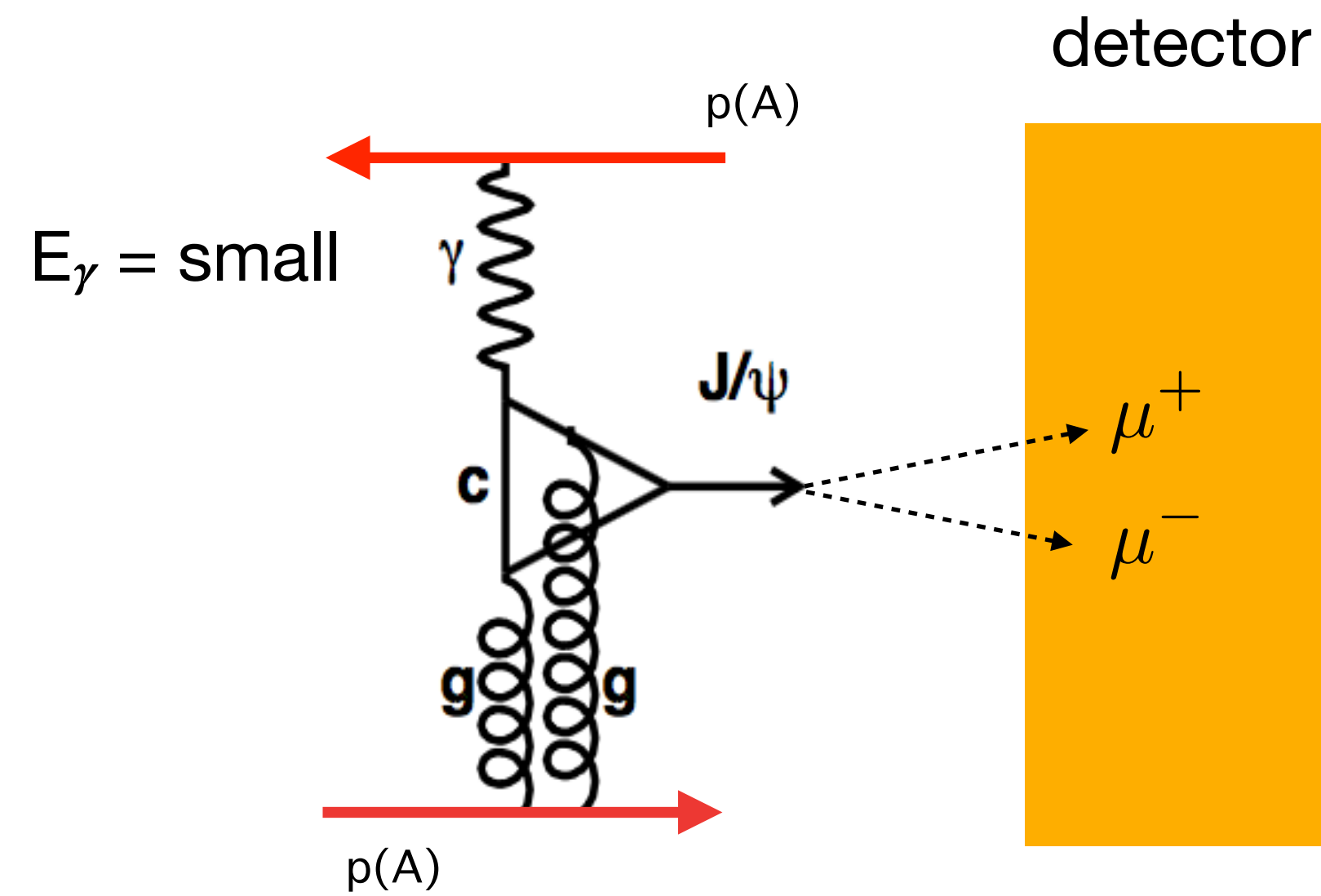


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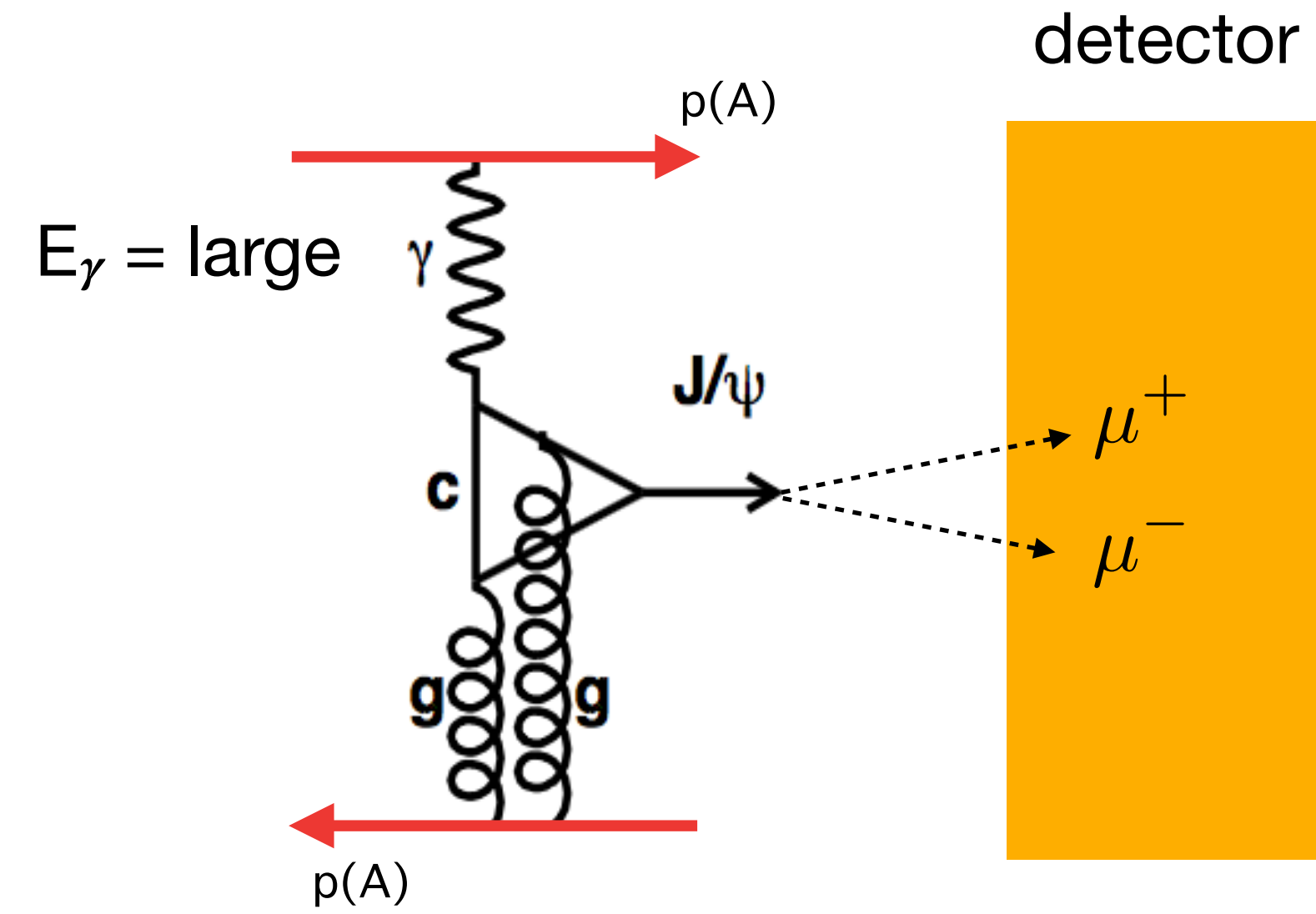


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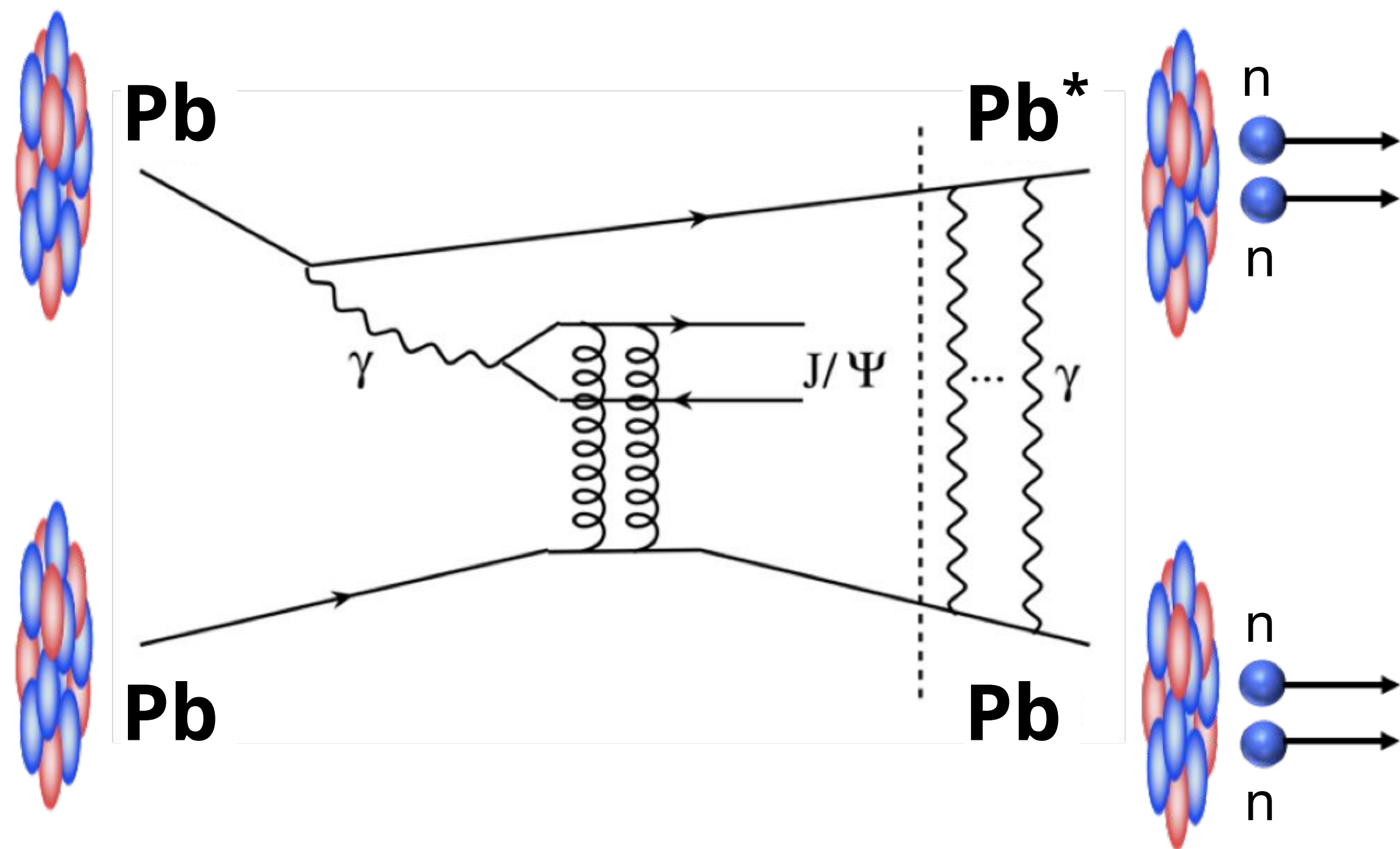


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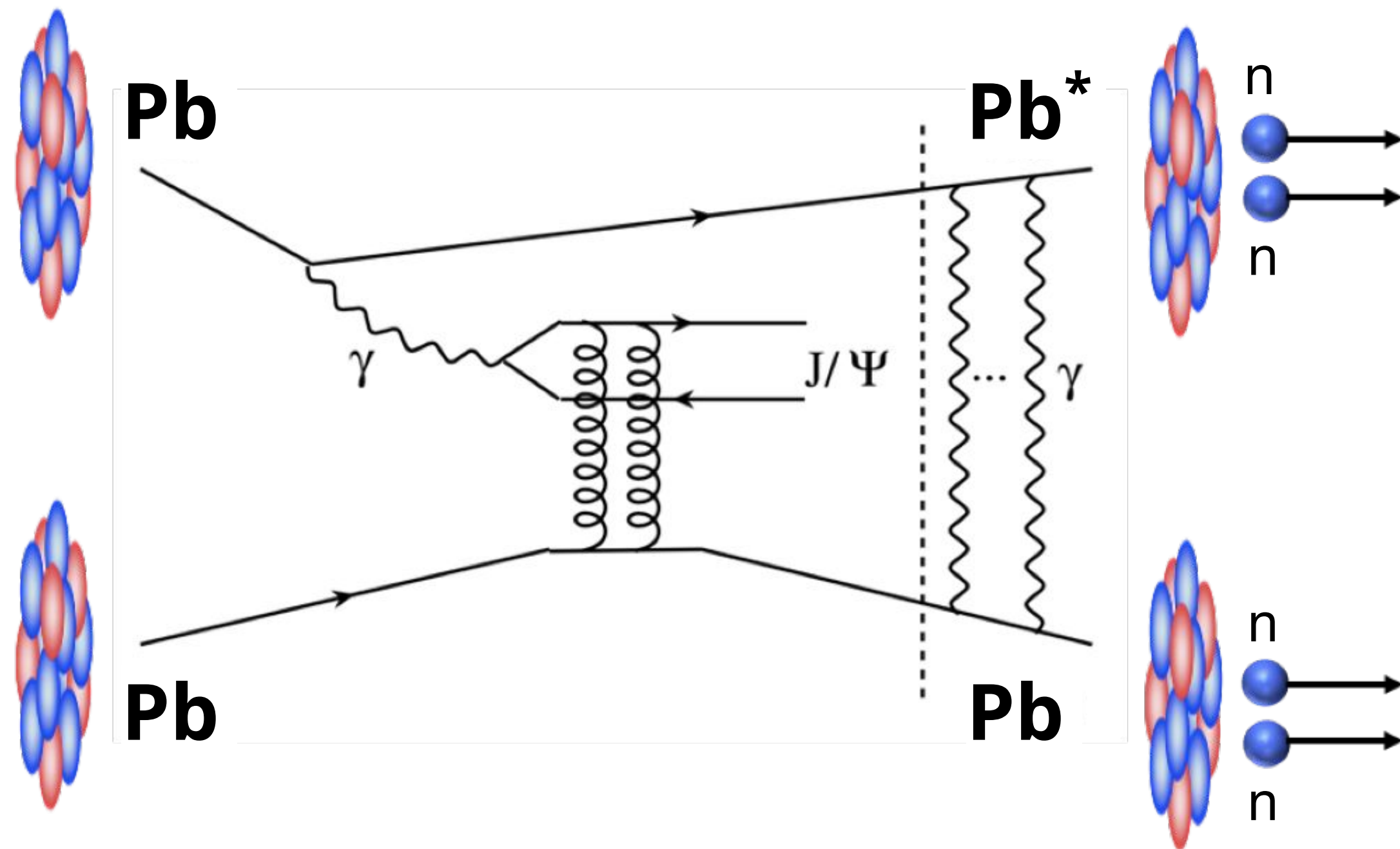


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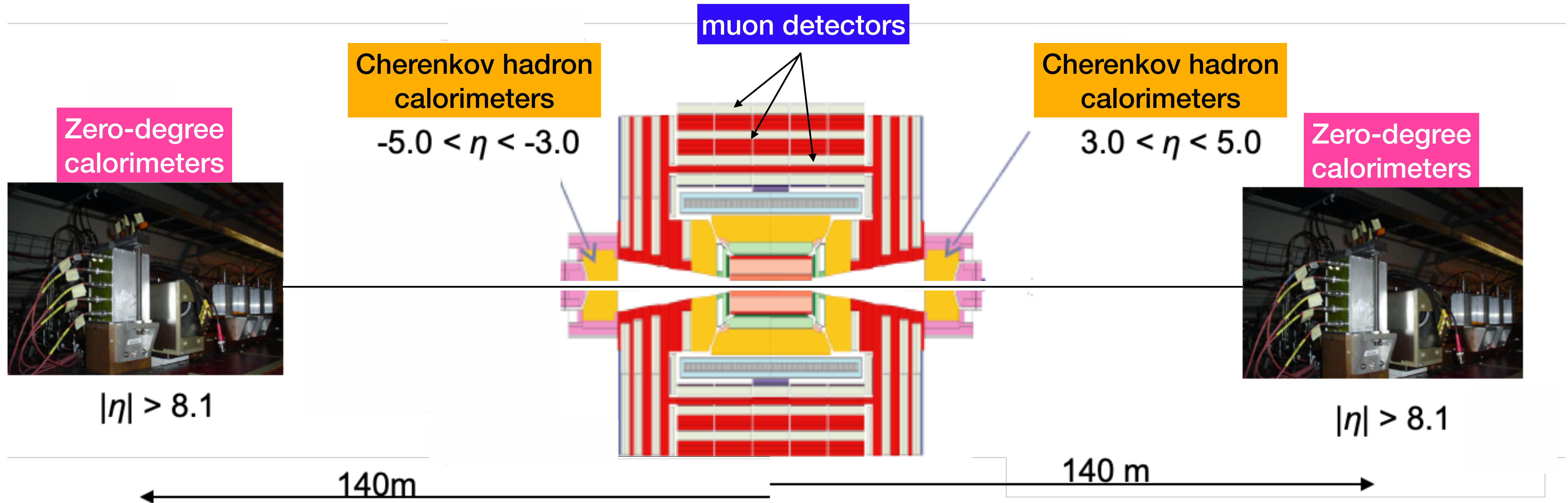
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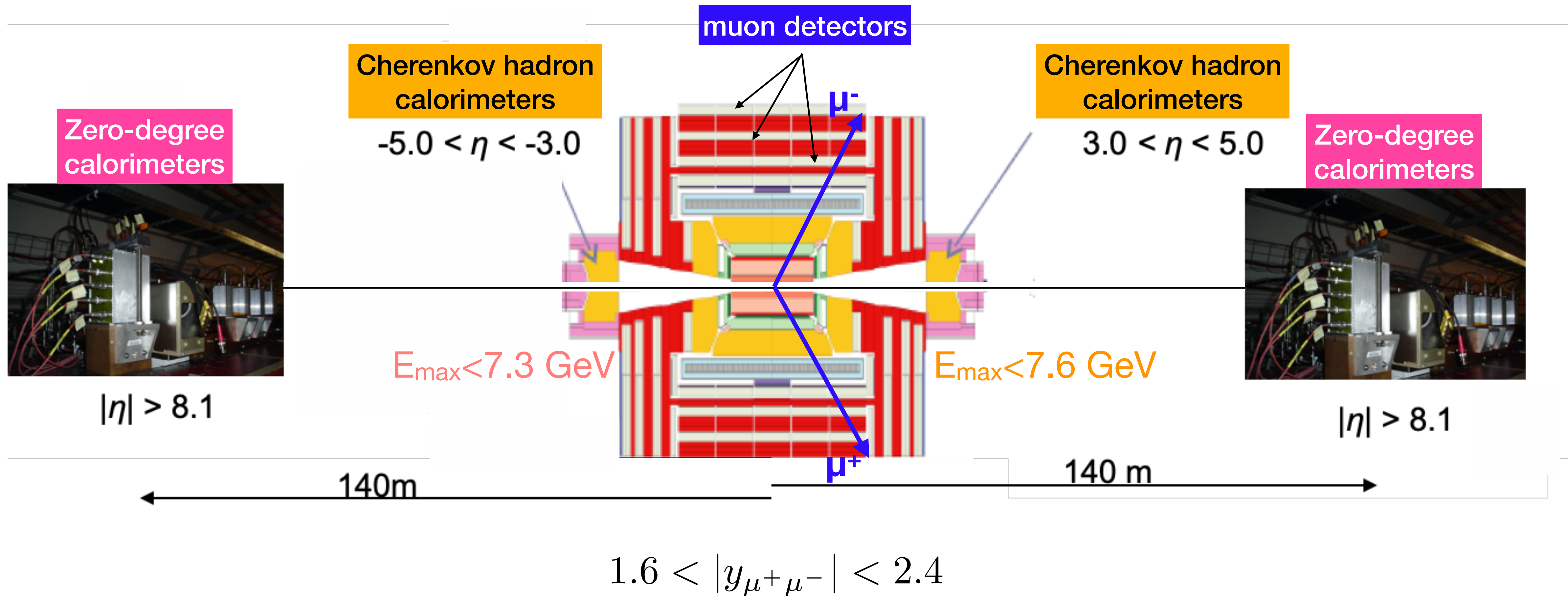
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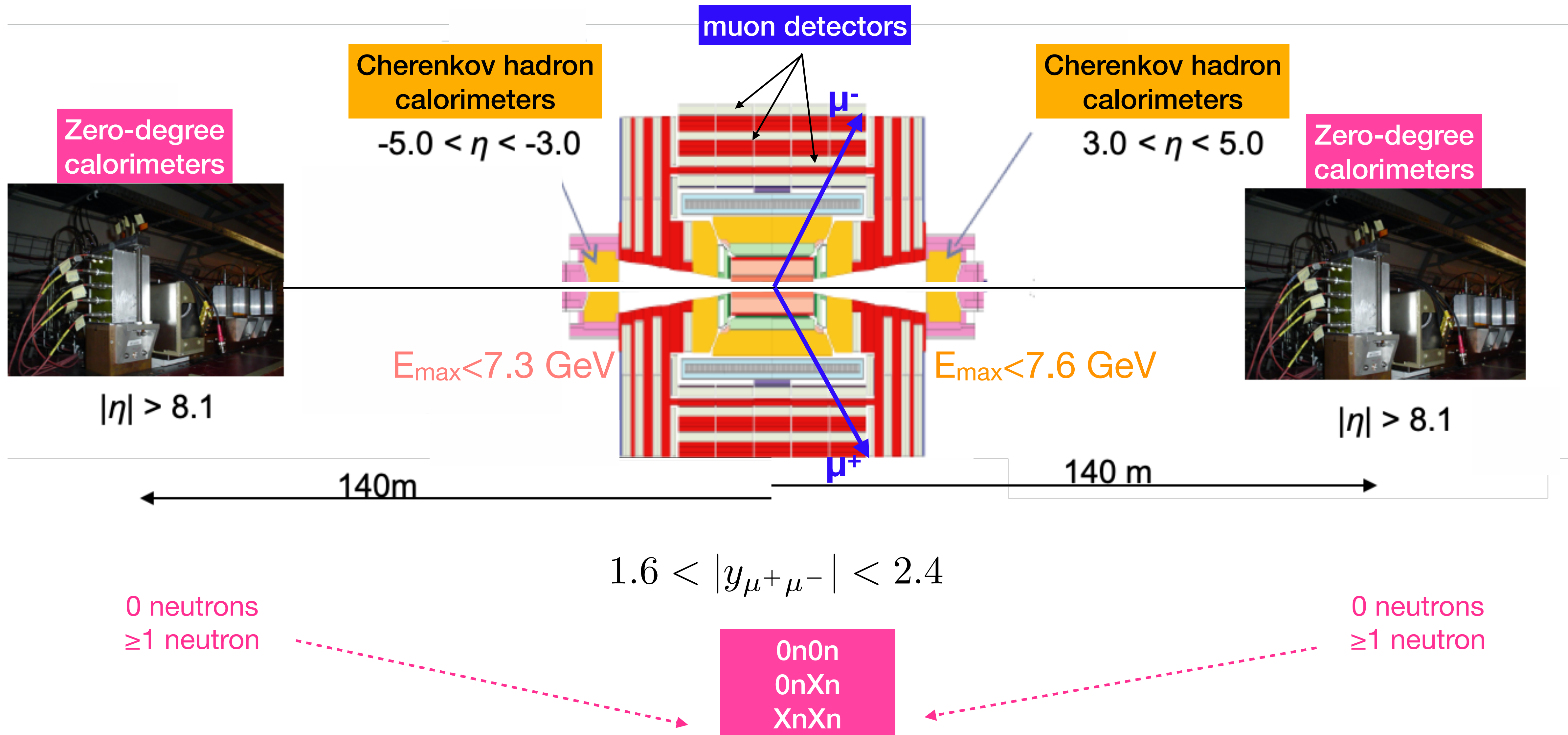




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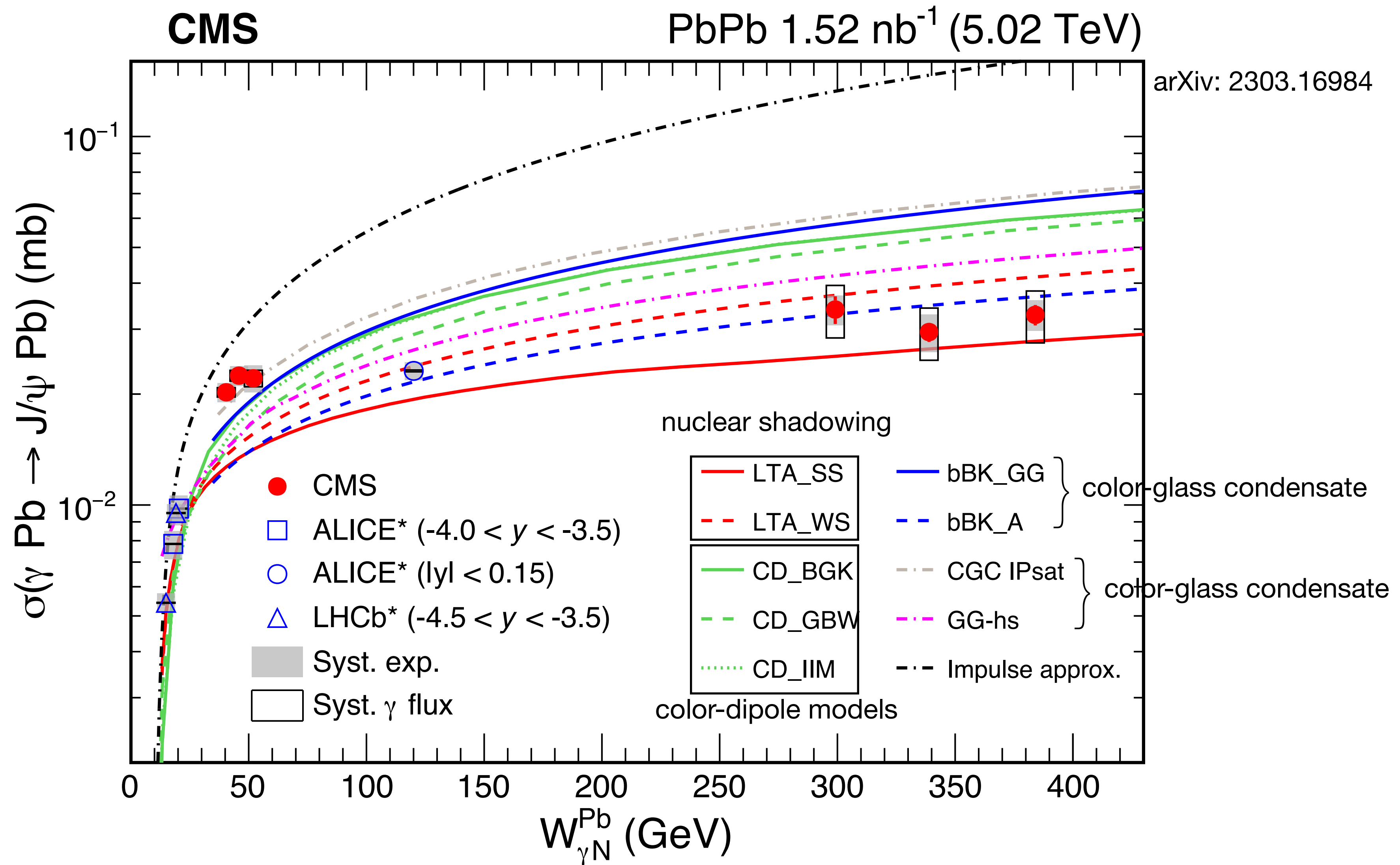


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# CMS: $\gamma$ Pb cross section, energy dependence

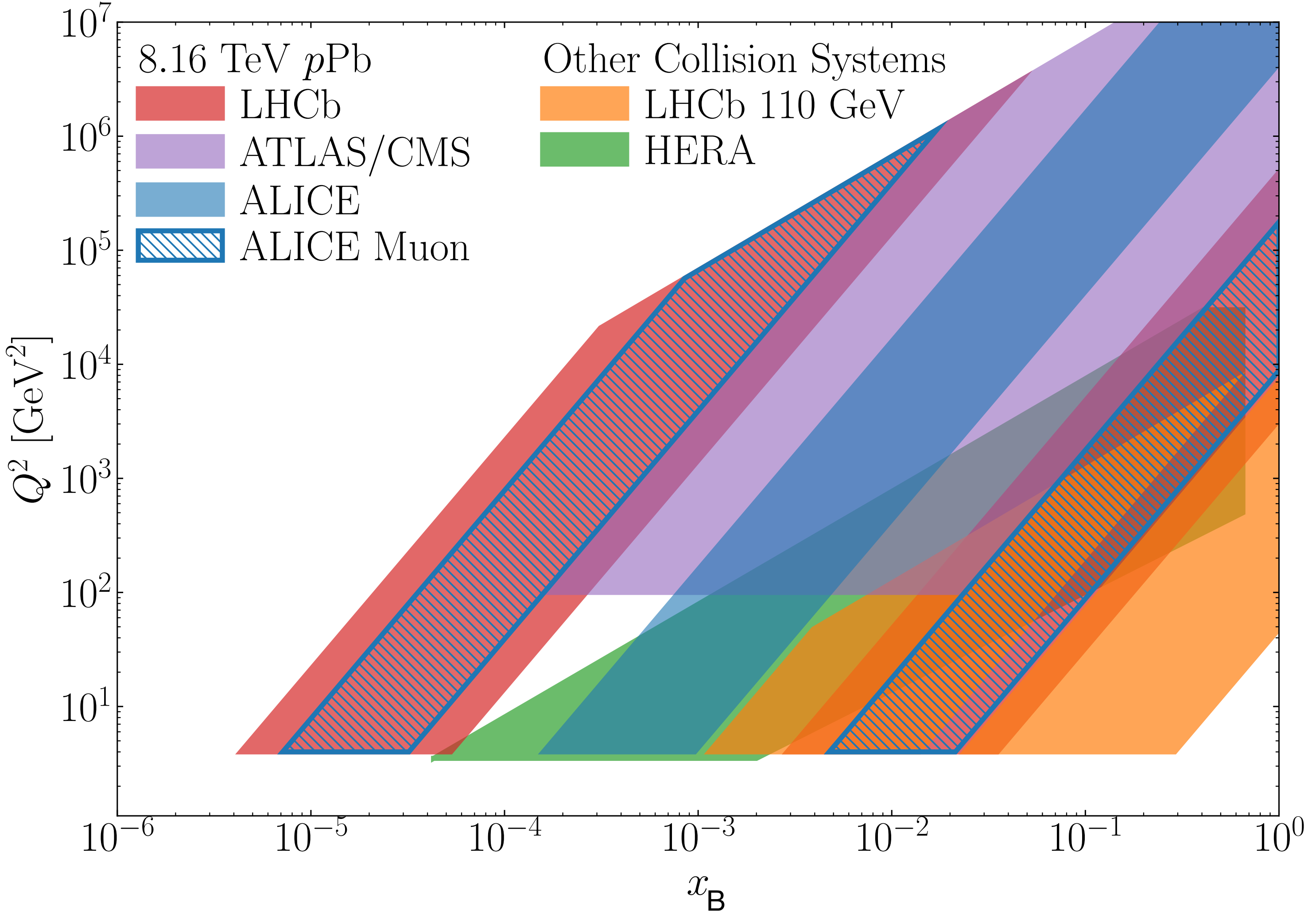


# Summary

- Exclusive single-quarkonium production in pp:
  - unique potential to constrain GPDs at very low  $x_B$ , down to  $10^{-6}$
  - probe universality
- Exclusive single-quarkonium production in pPb:  
cleanest channel to probe the proton in hadron-hadron collisions, since absence of ambiguity
- Exclusive single-quarkonium production in PbPb:
  - access to nuclear GPDs
  - potential to probe saturation effects
  - neutron tagging by CMS: intriguing small linear rise of cross section for  $W_{\gamma N} > 40$  GeV
- For all measurements, need double-differential extractions in  $y$  and  $t$ .

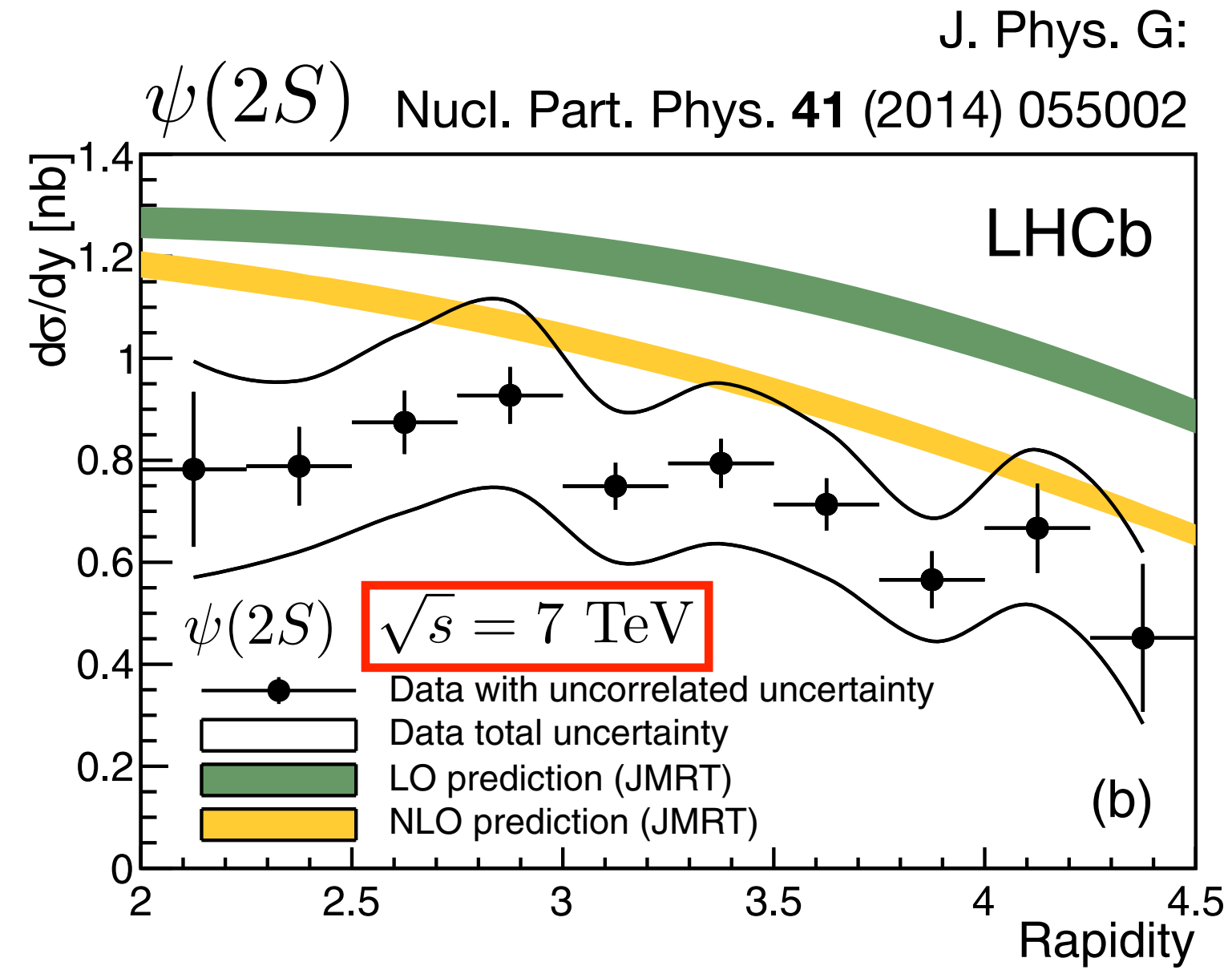
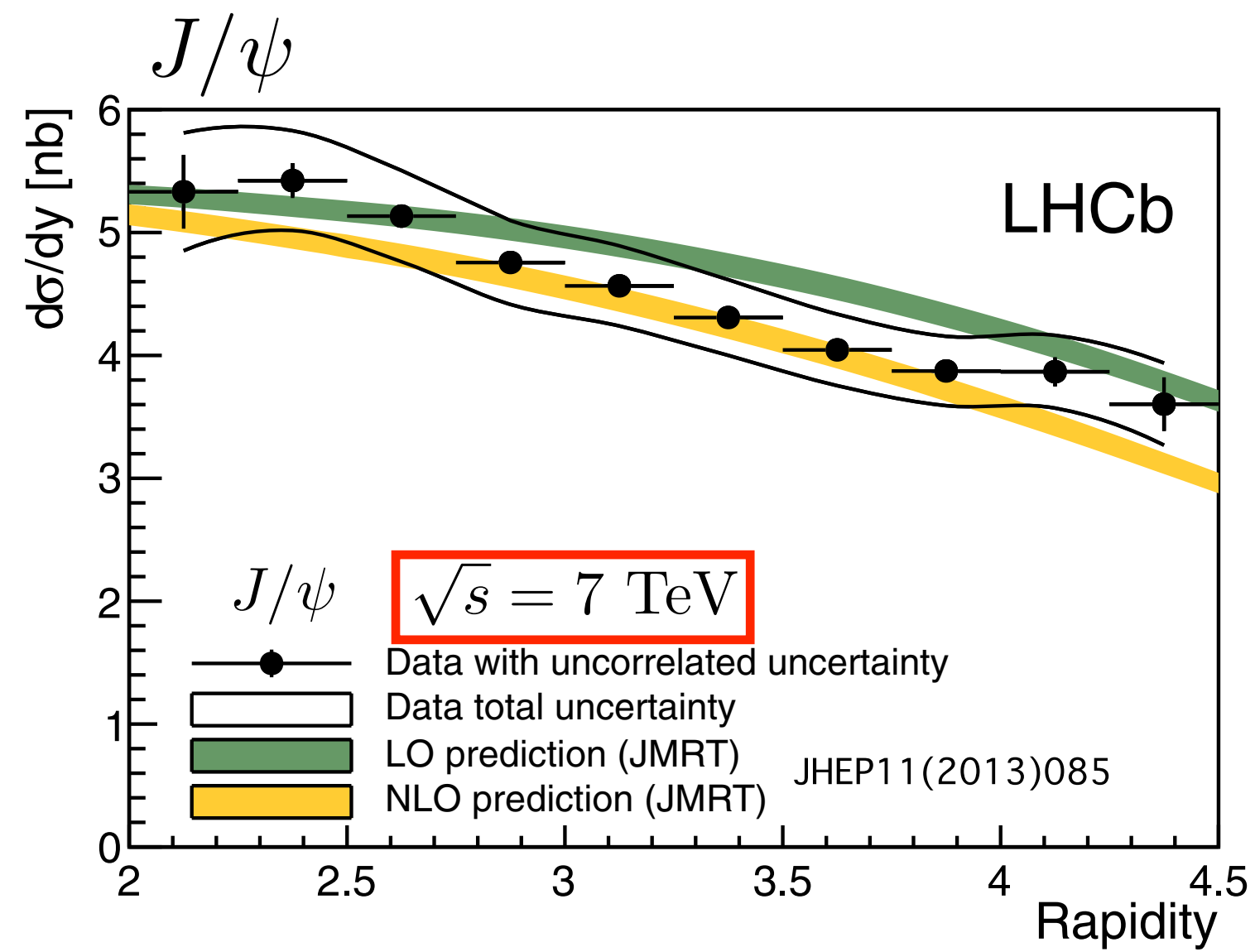
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# Phase-space covered at the LHC





# pp cross section



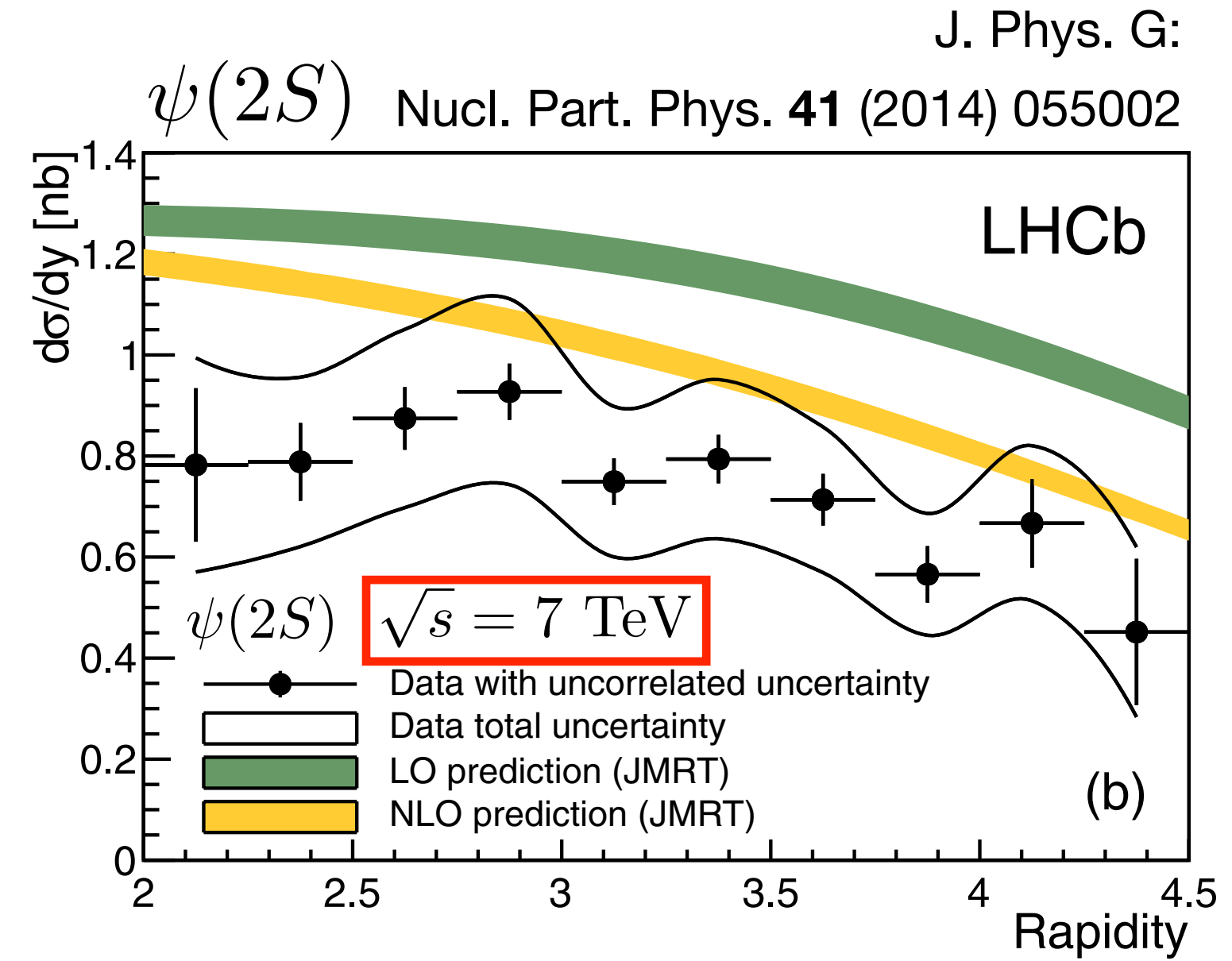
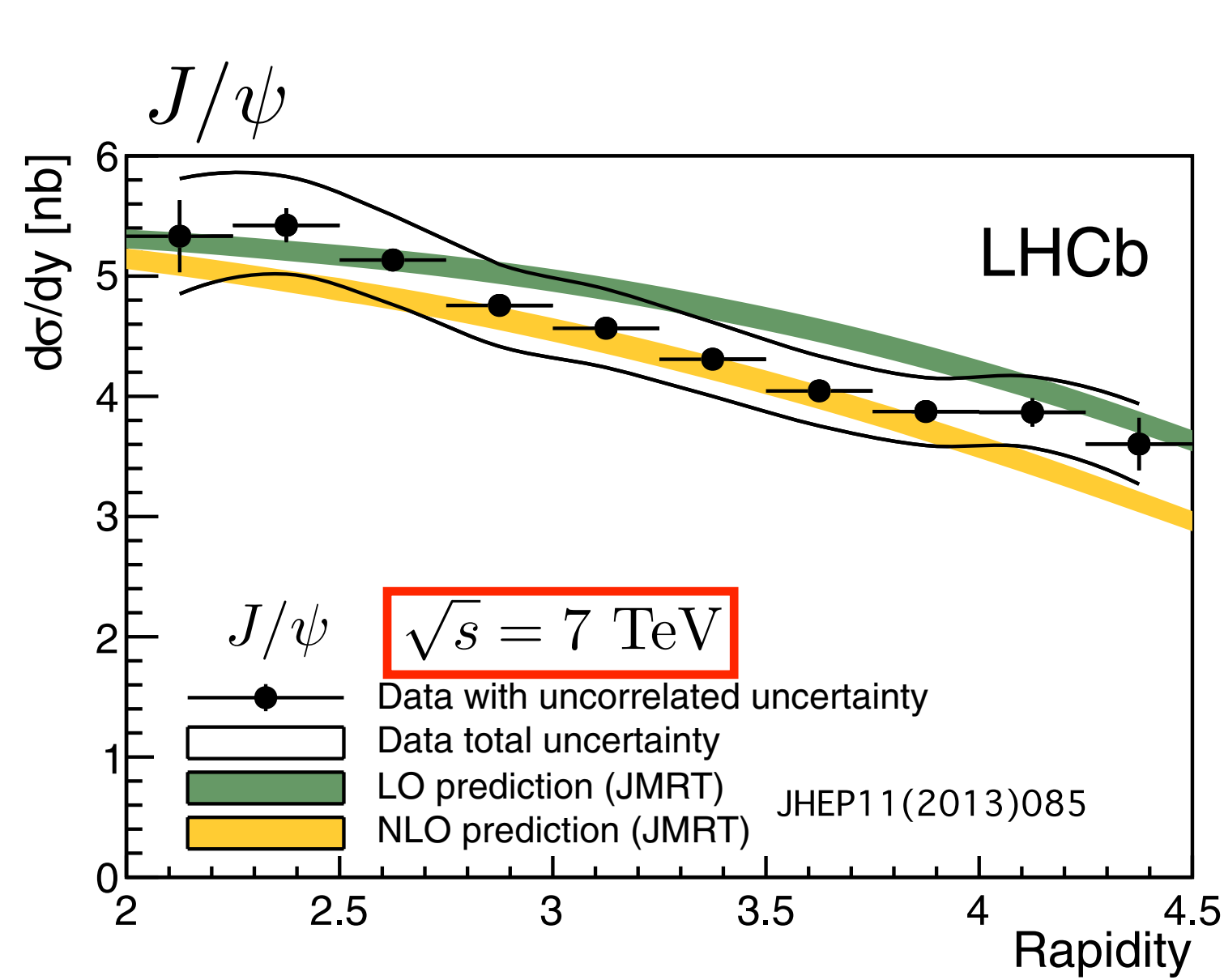
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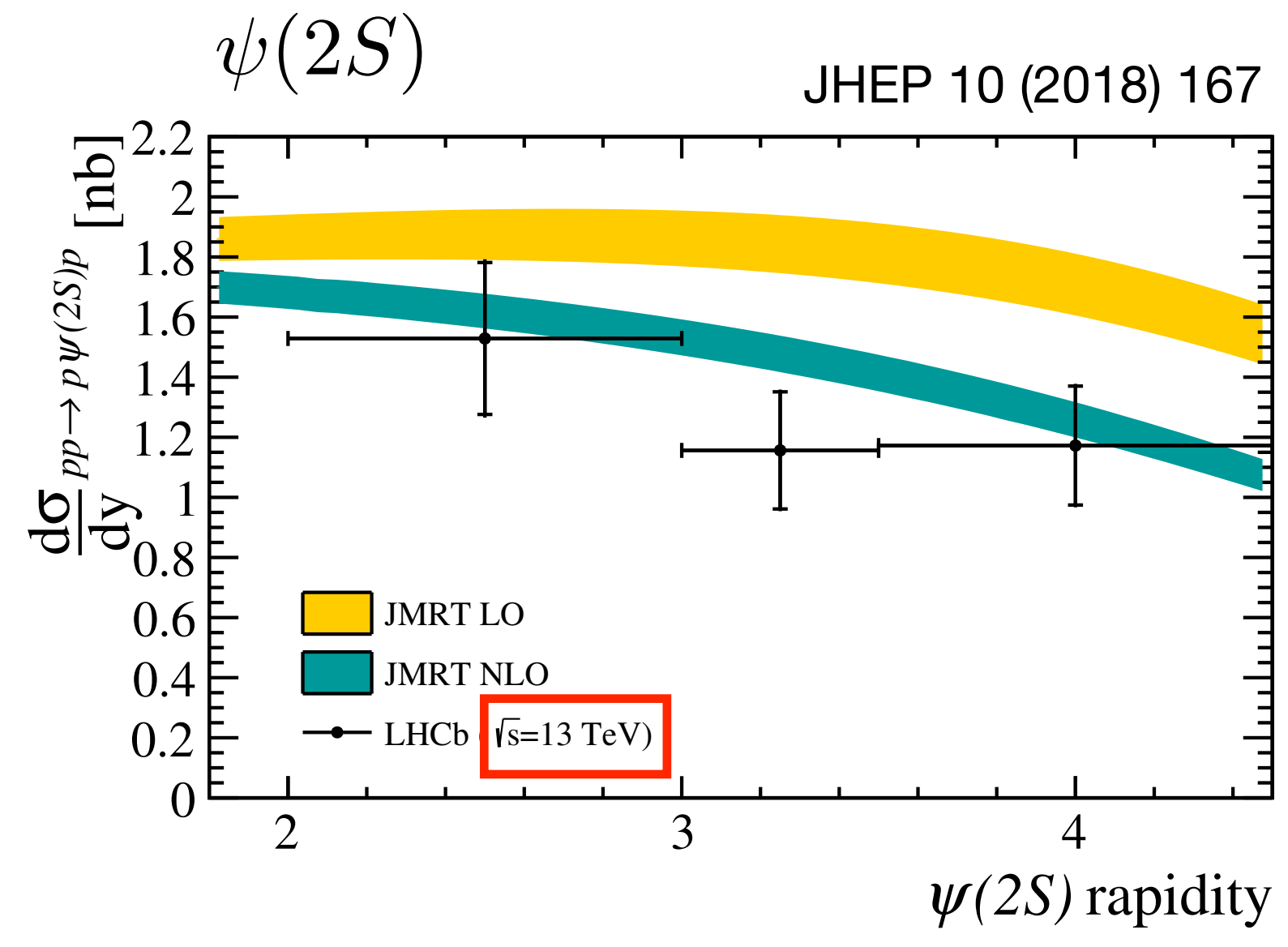
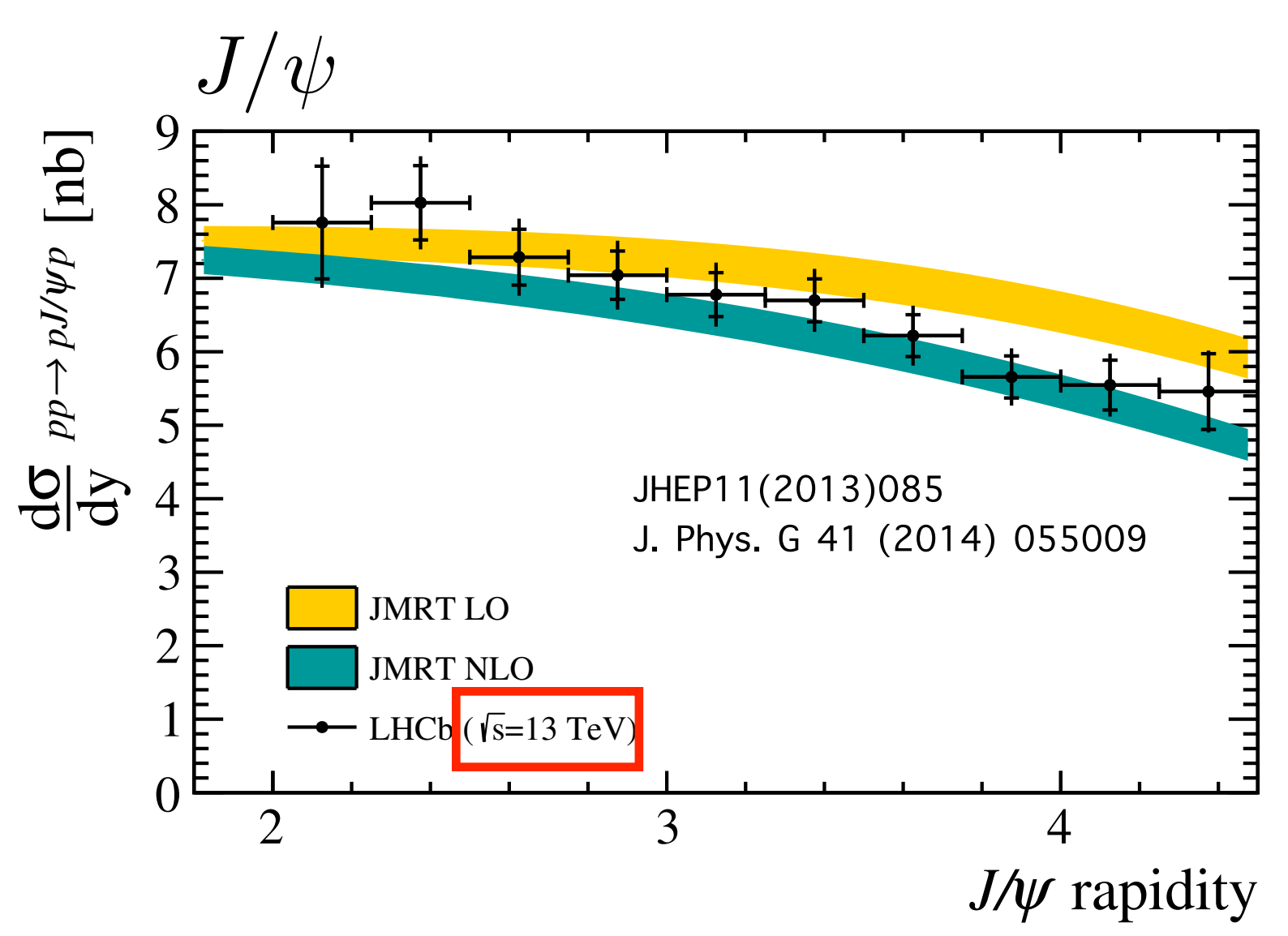
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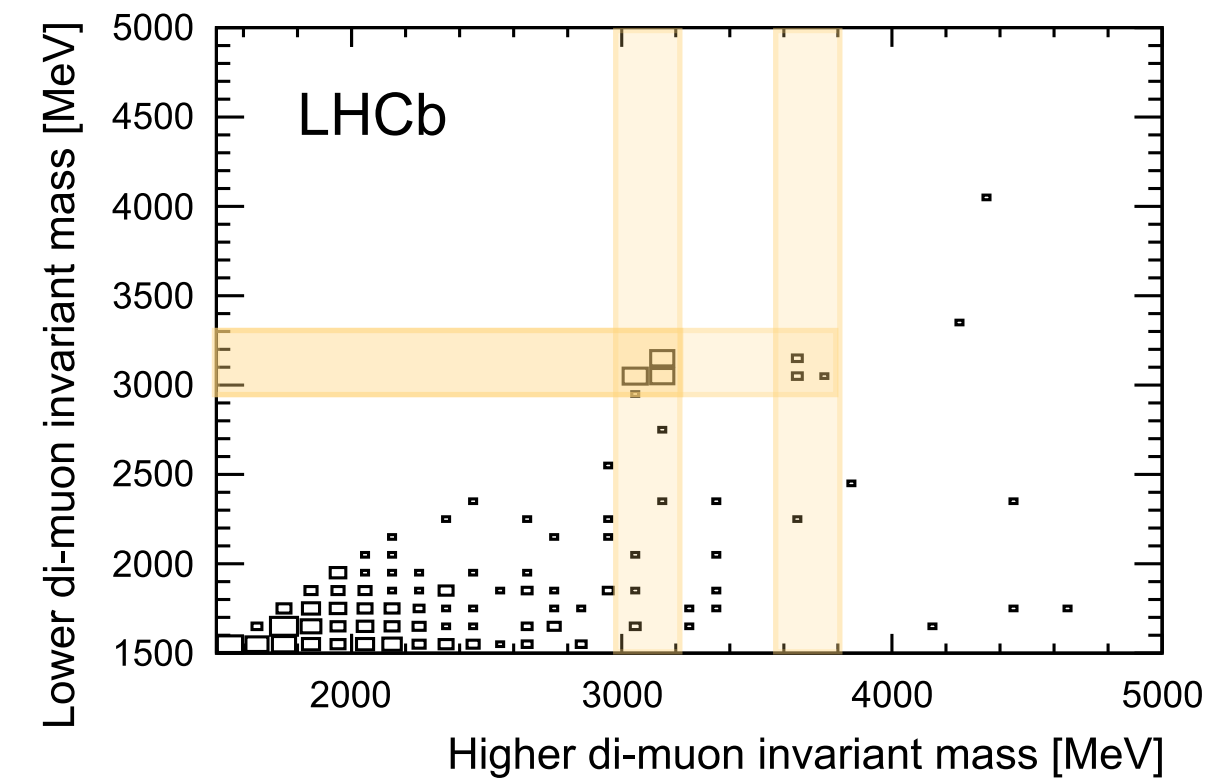
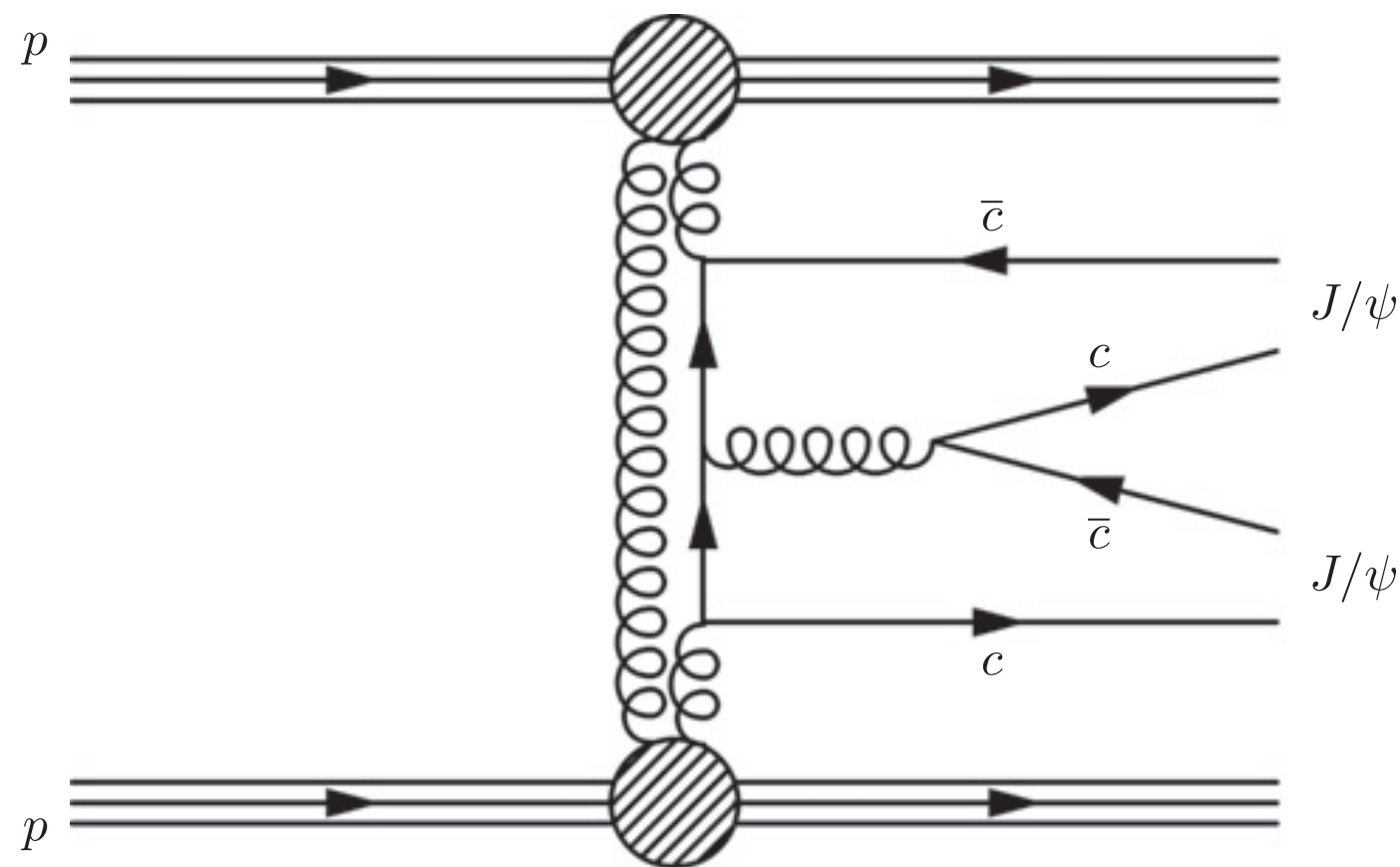


# Production of charmonium pairs in pp at LHCb

- sensitive to glueballs, tetraquarks
- sensitive to gluon distribution  $\propto [g(x_B)]^4$

- 7 and 8 TeV data
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- $\chi_c \rightarrow J/\psi\gamma$
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- $2.0 < \eta_{\mu^+\mu^-} < 4.5$



cross sections: not corrected for proton dissociation

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42% exclusive prod.

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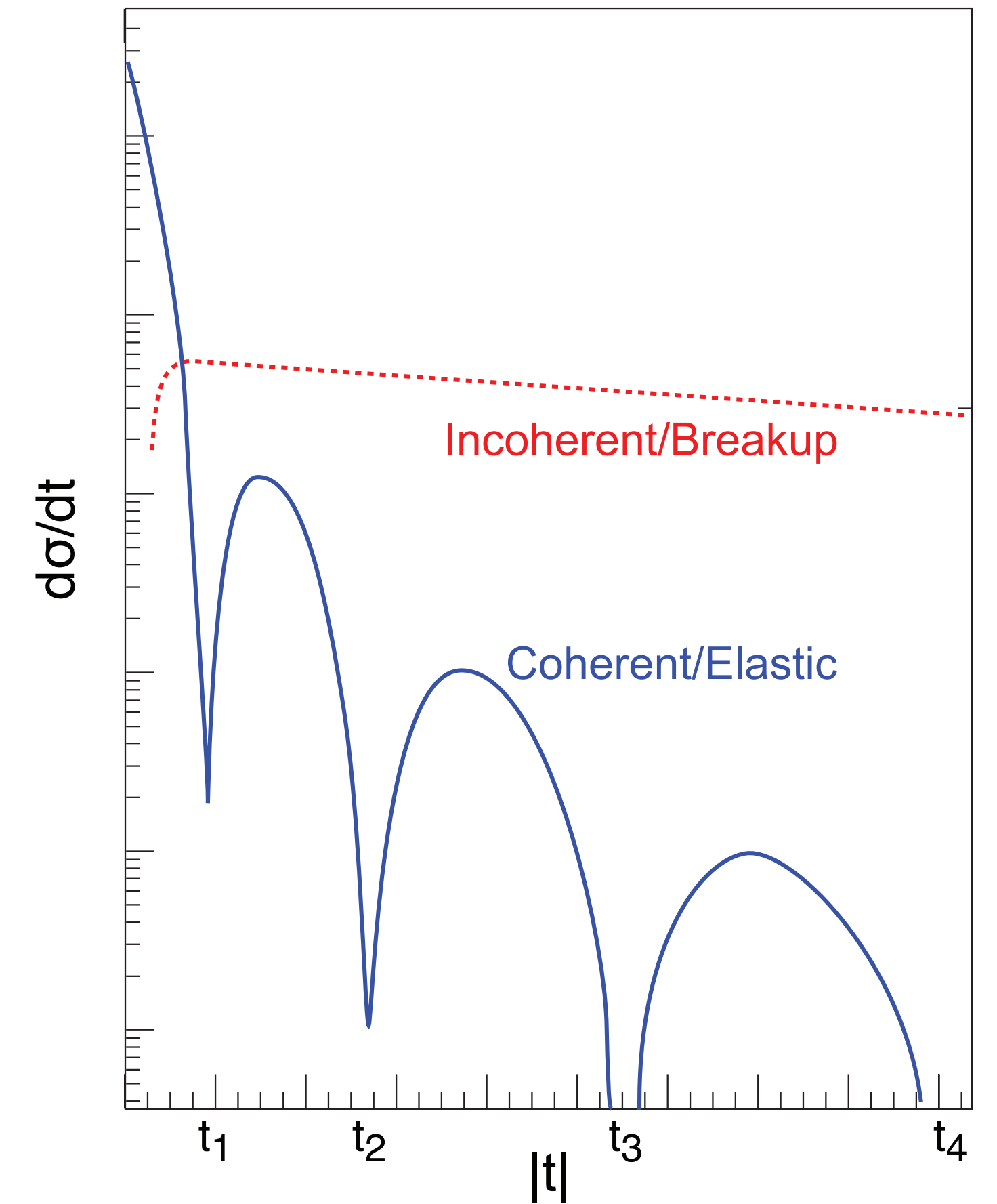
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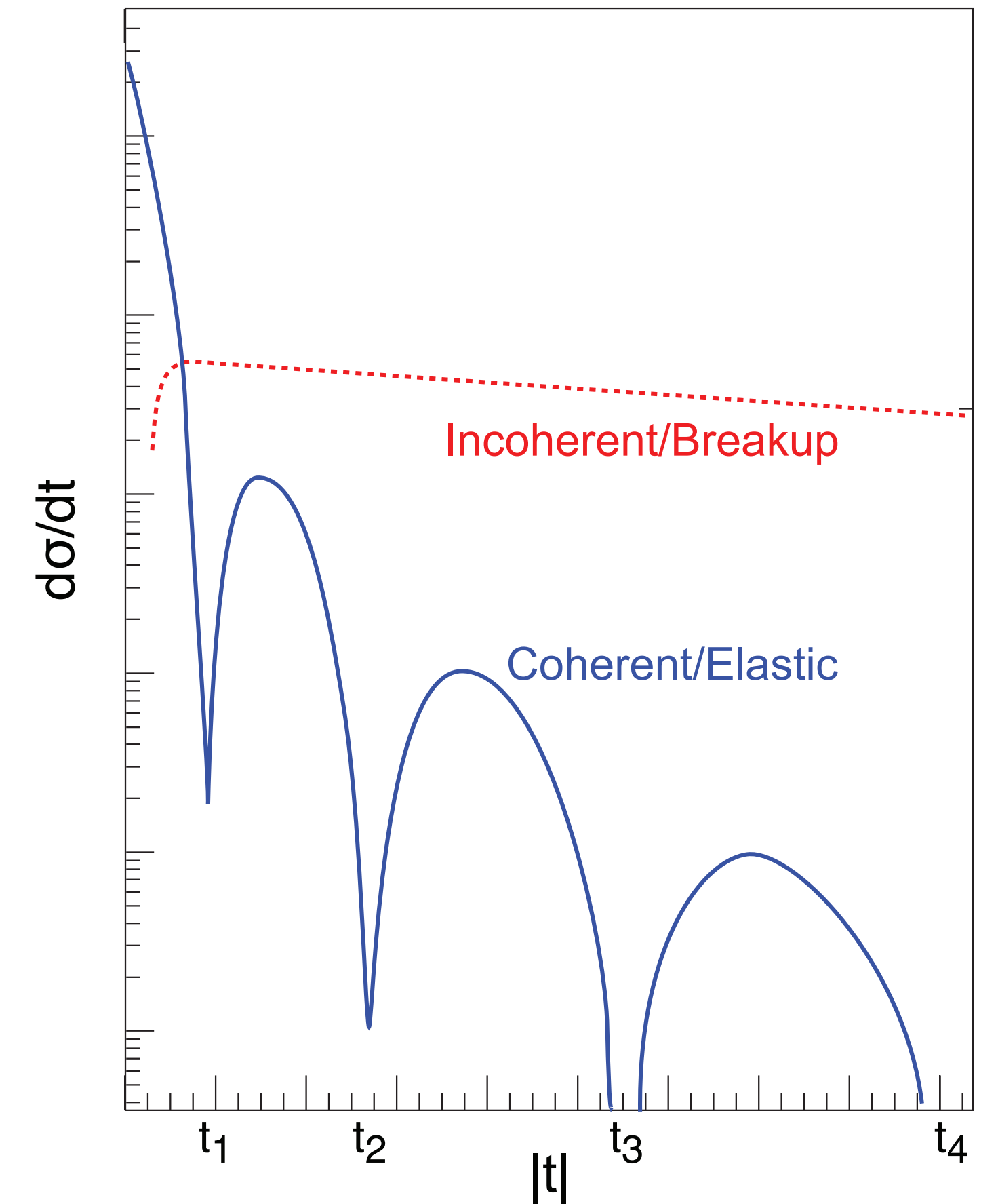
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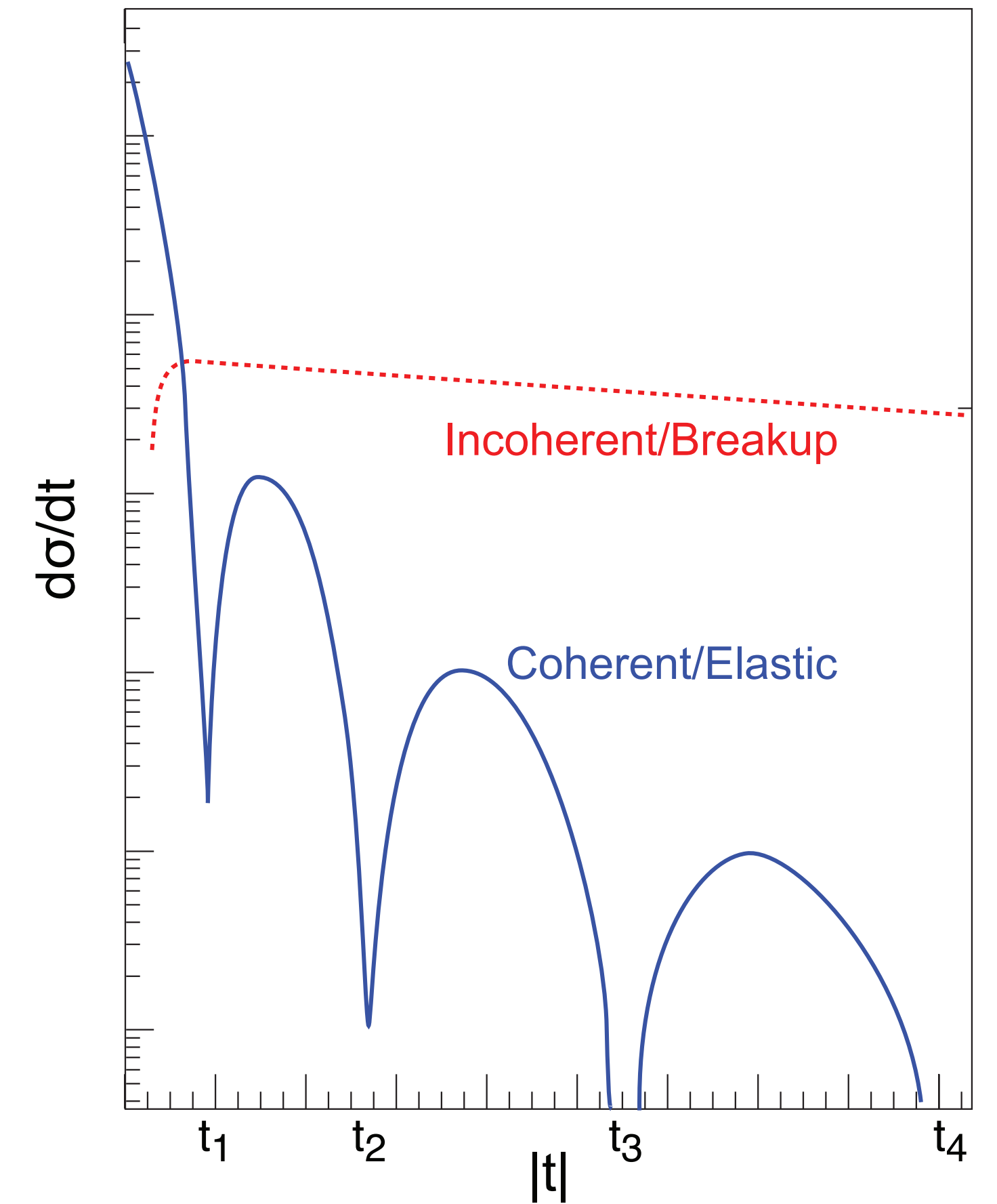
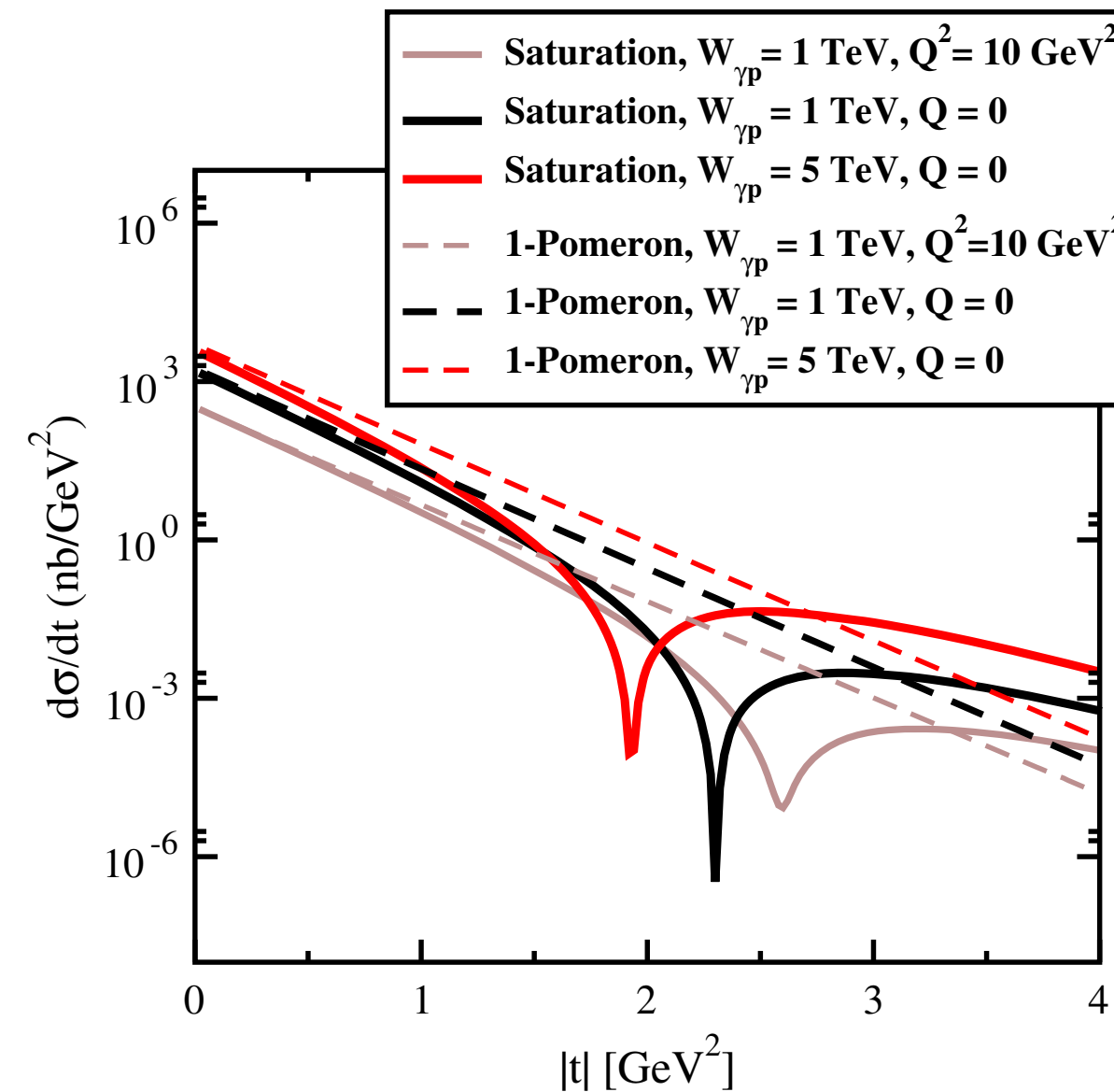
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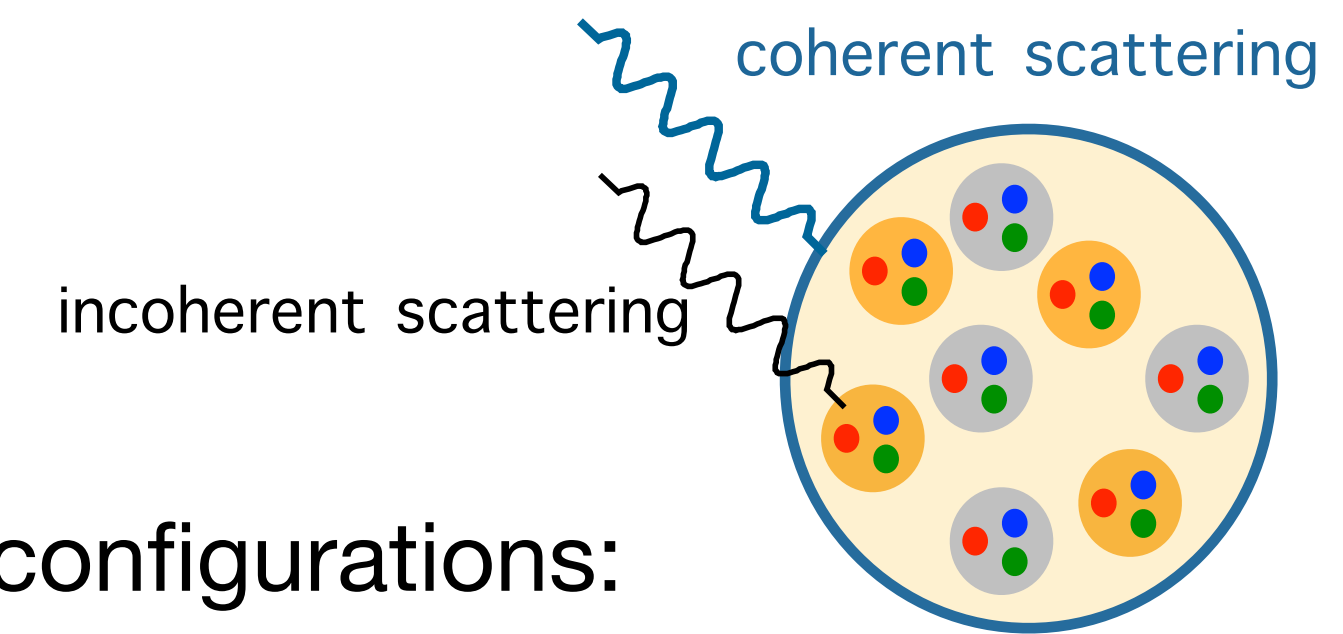
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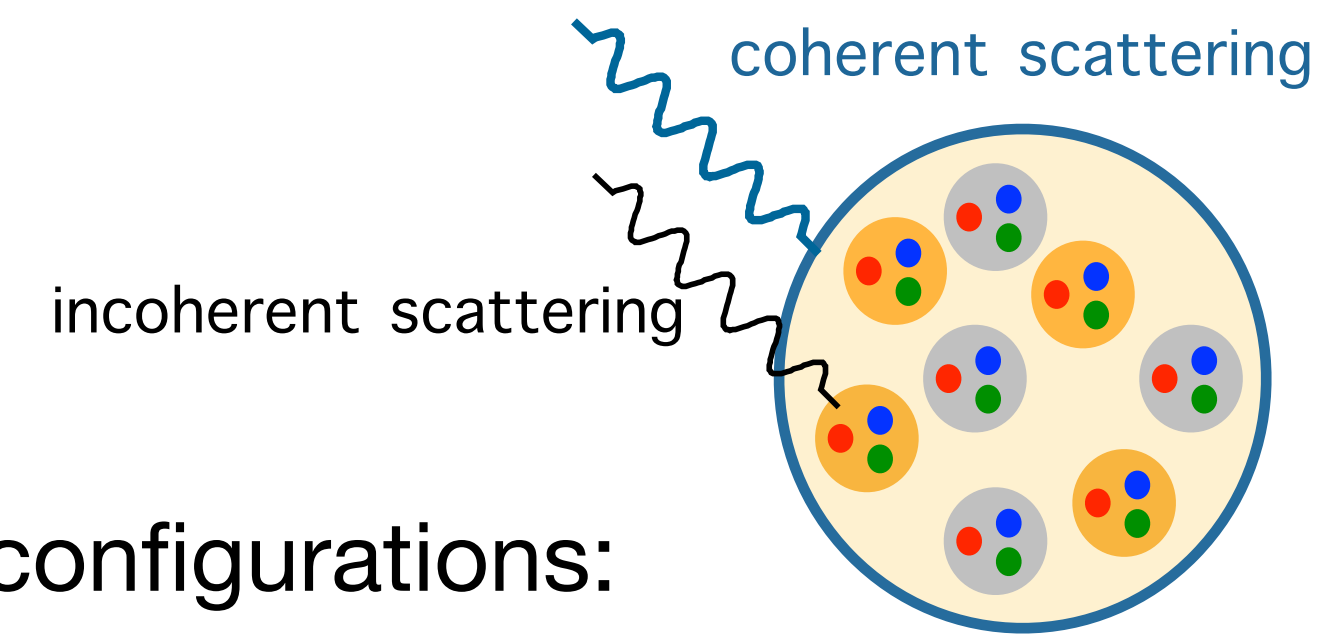
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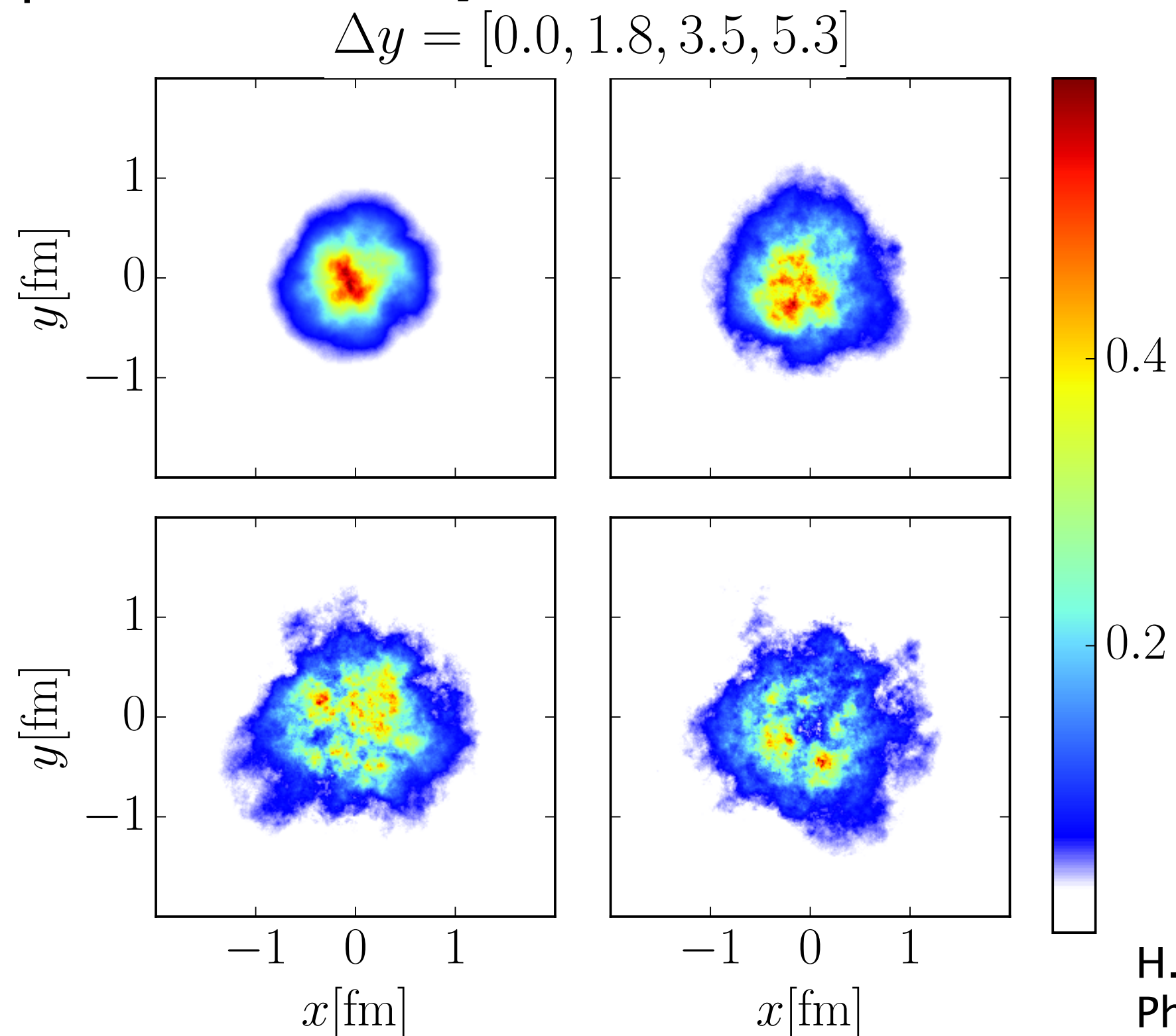
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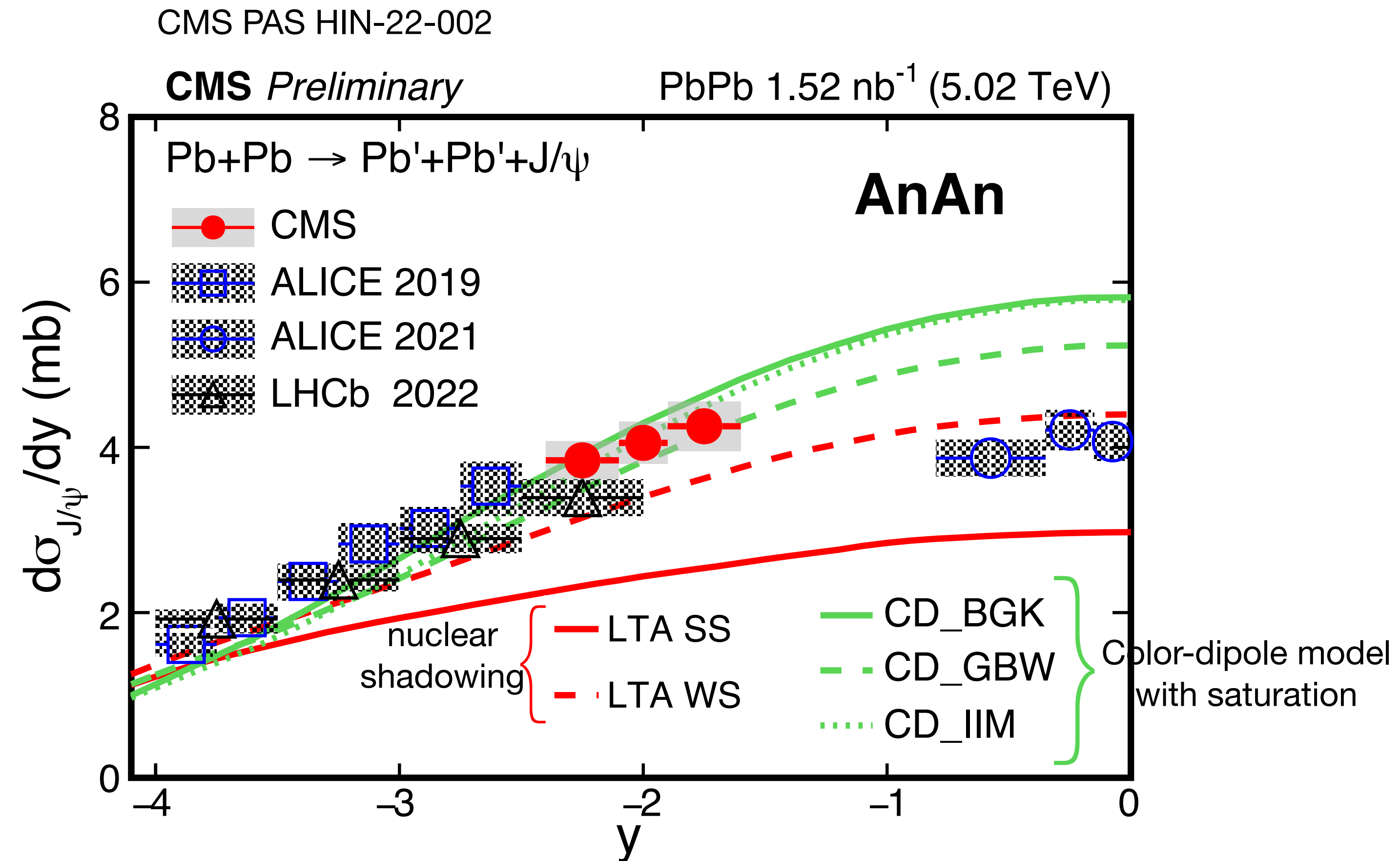
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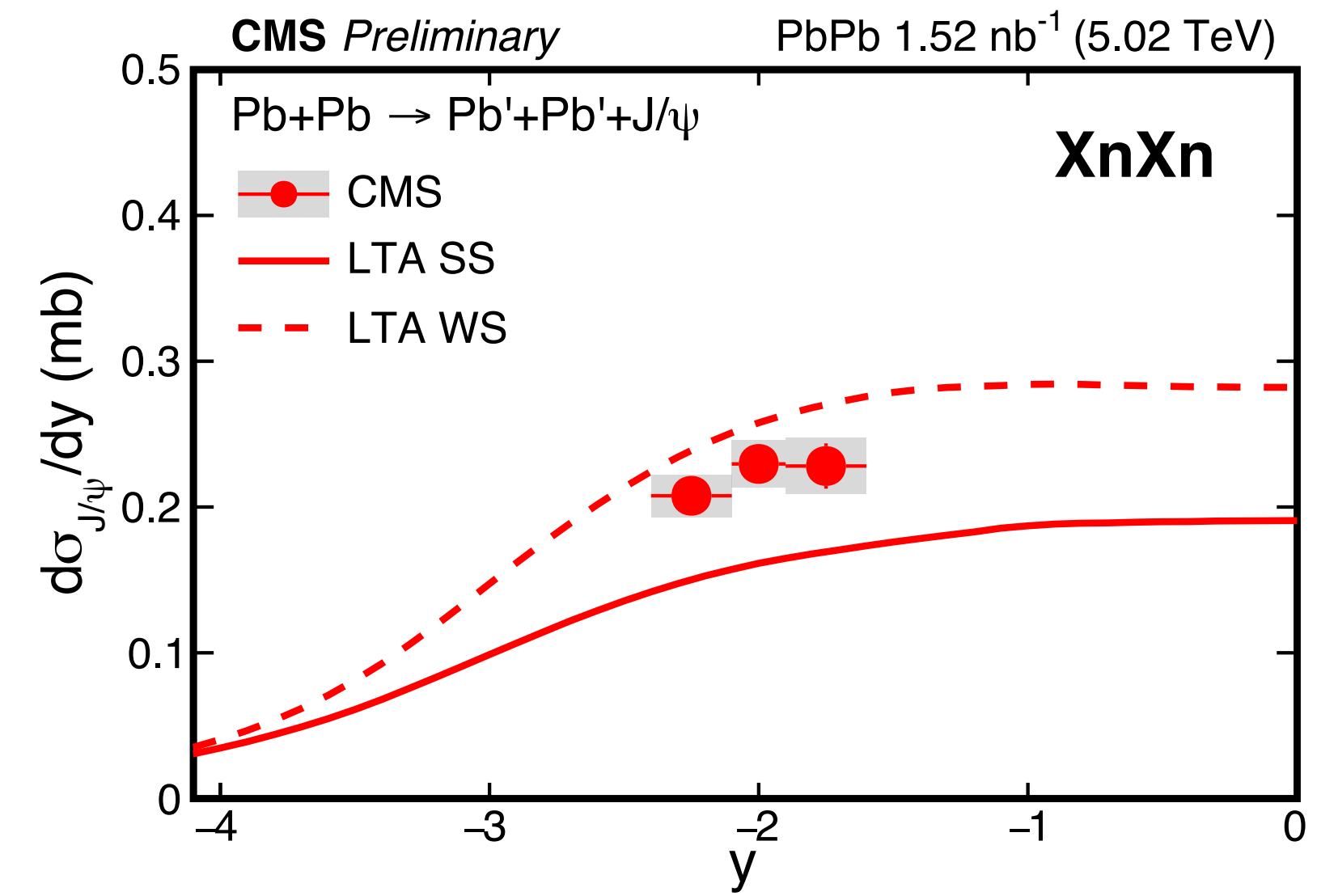
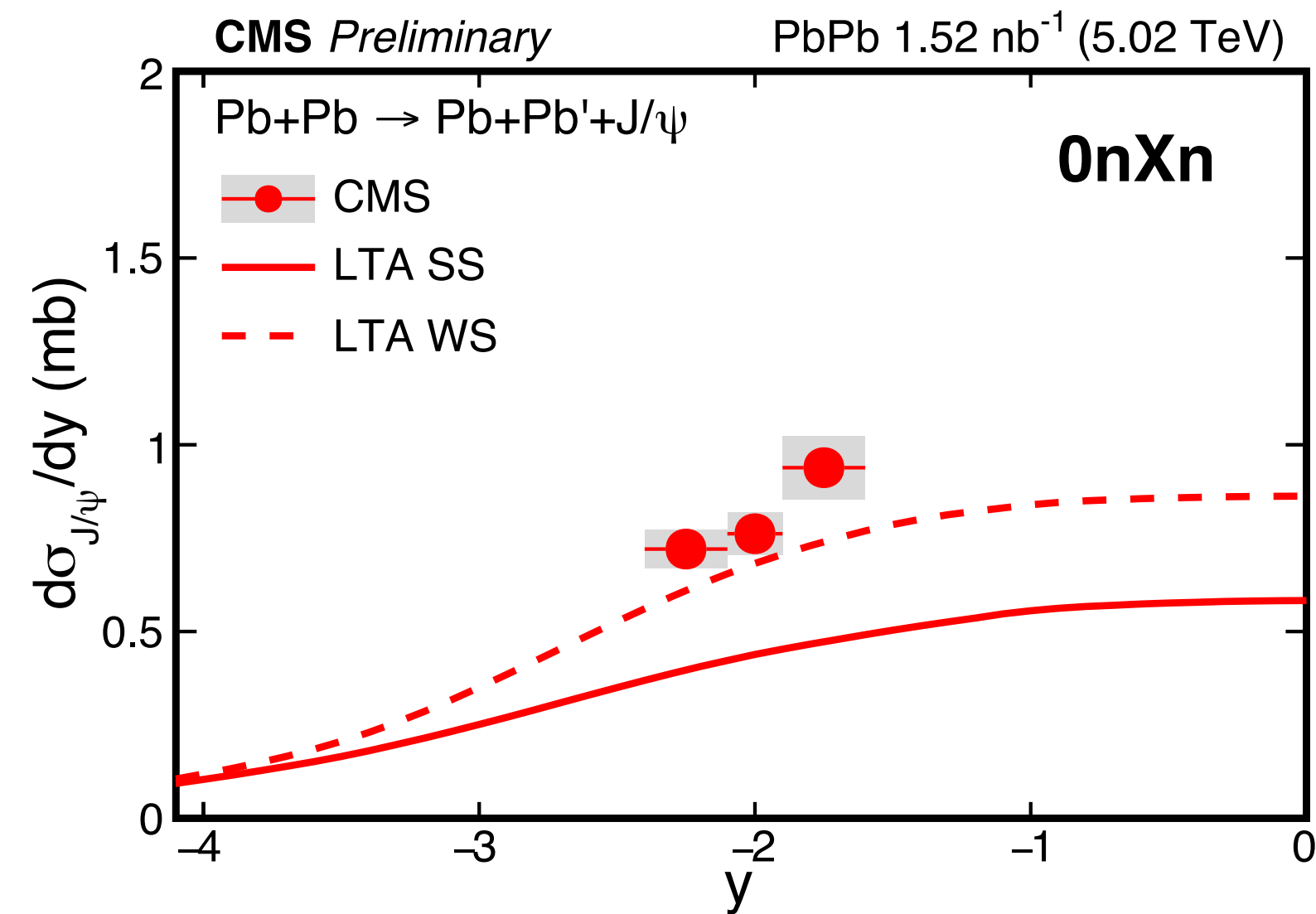
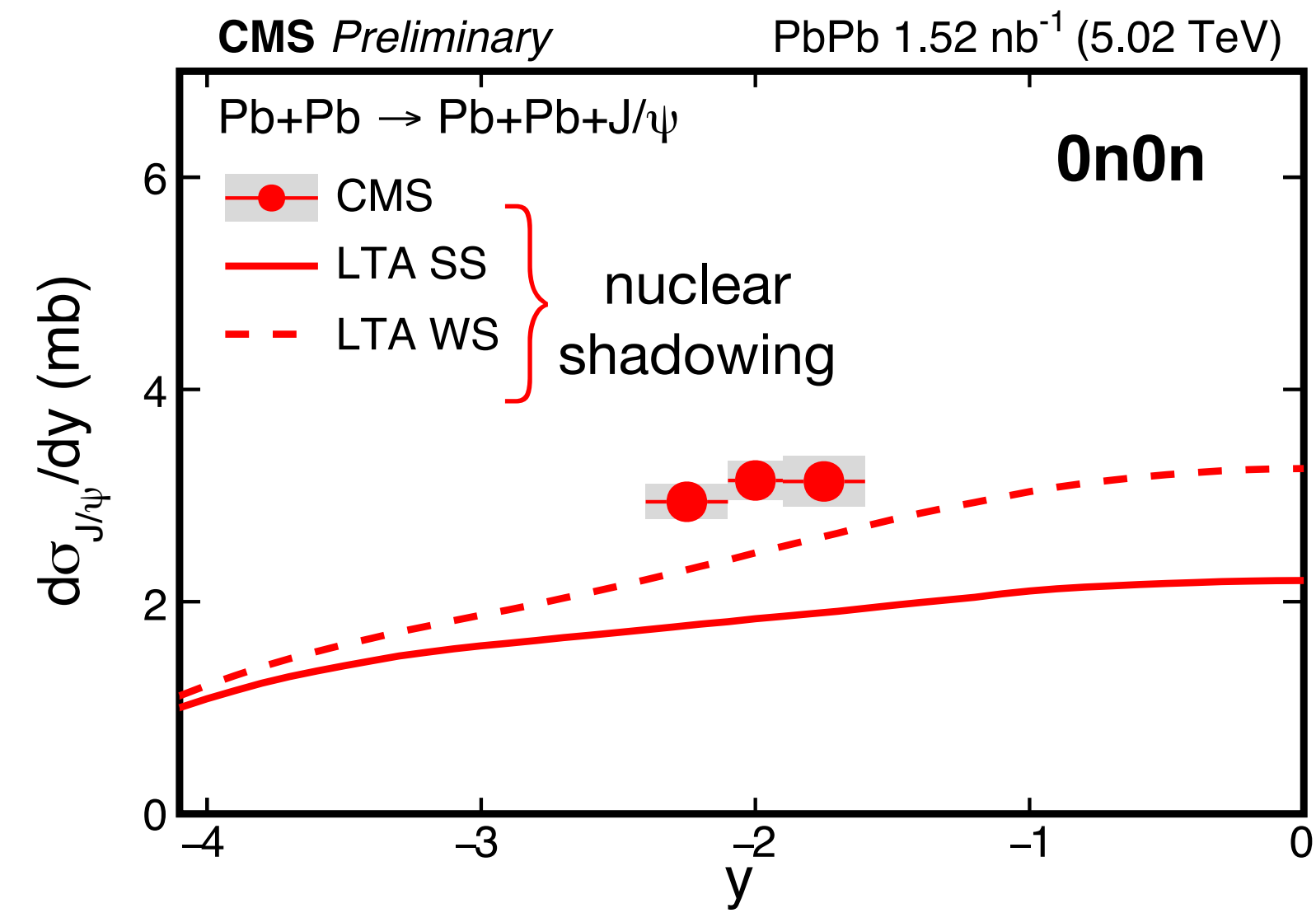


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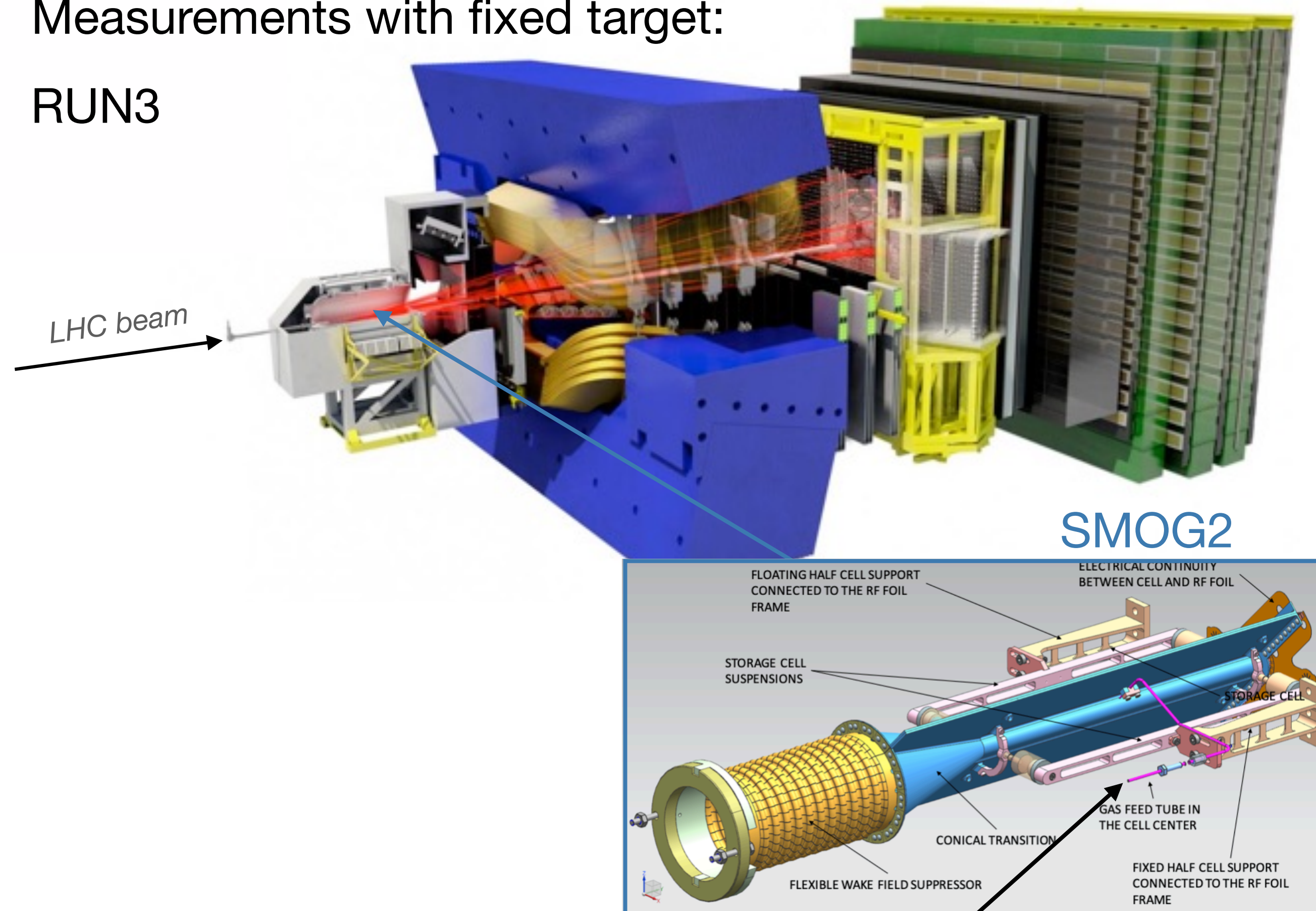
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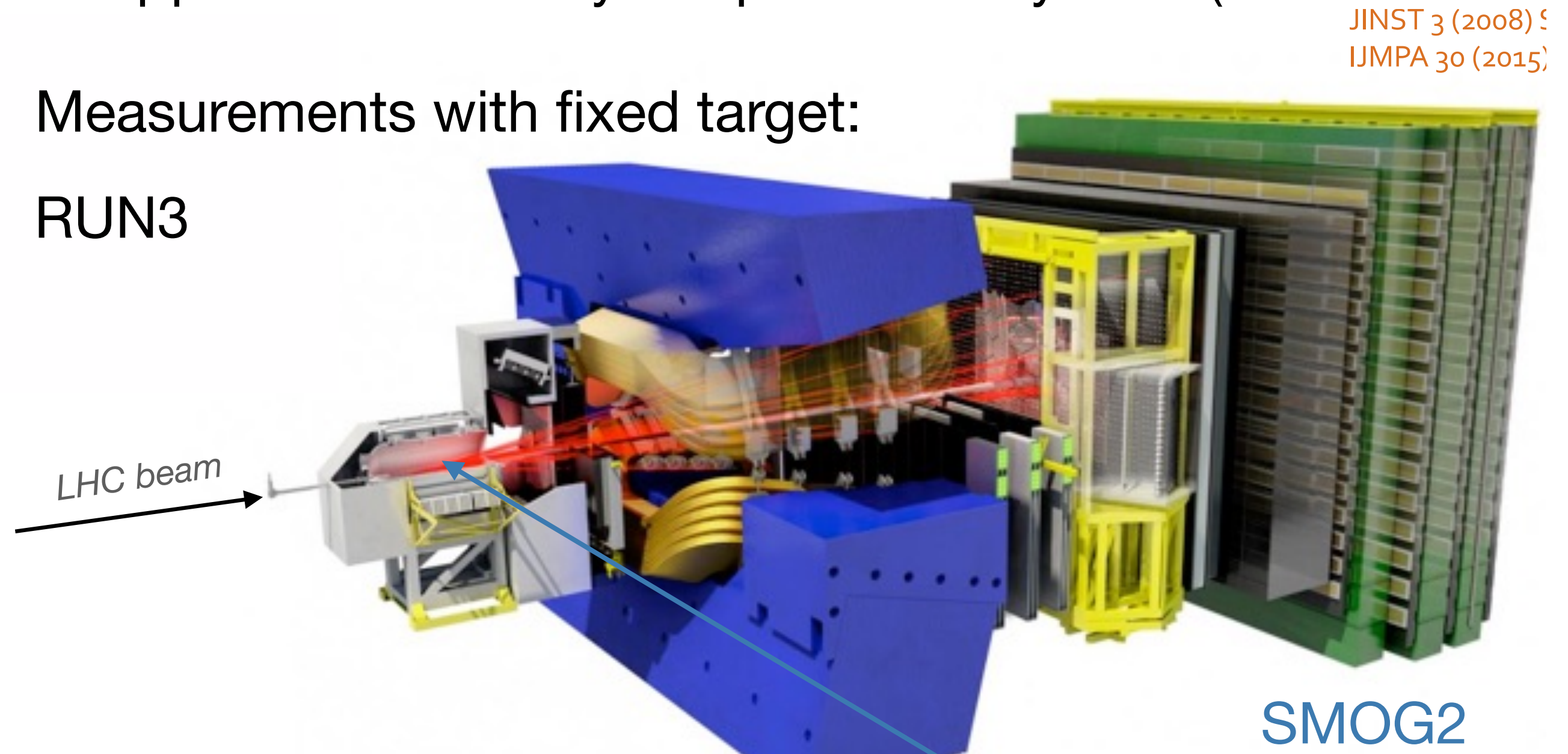


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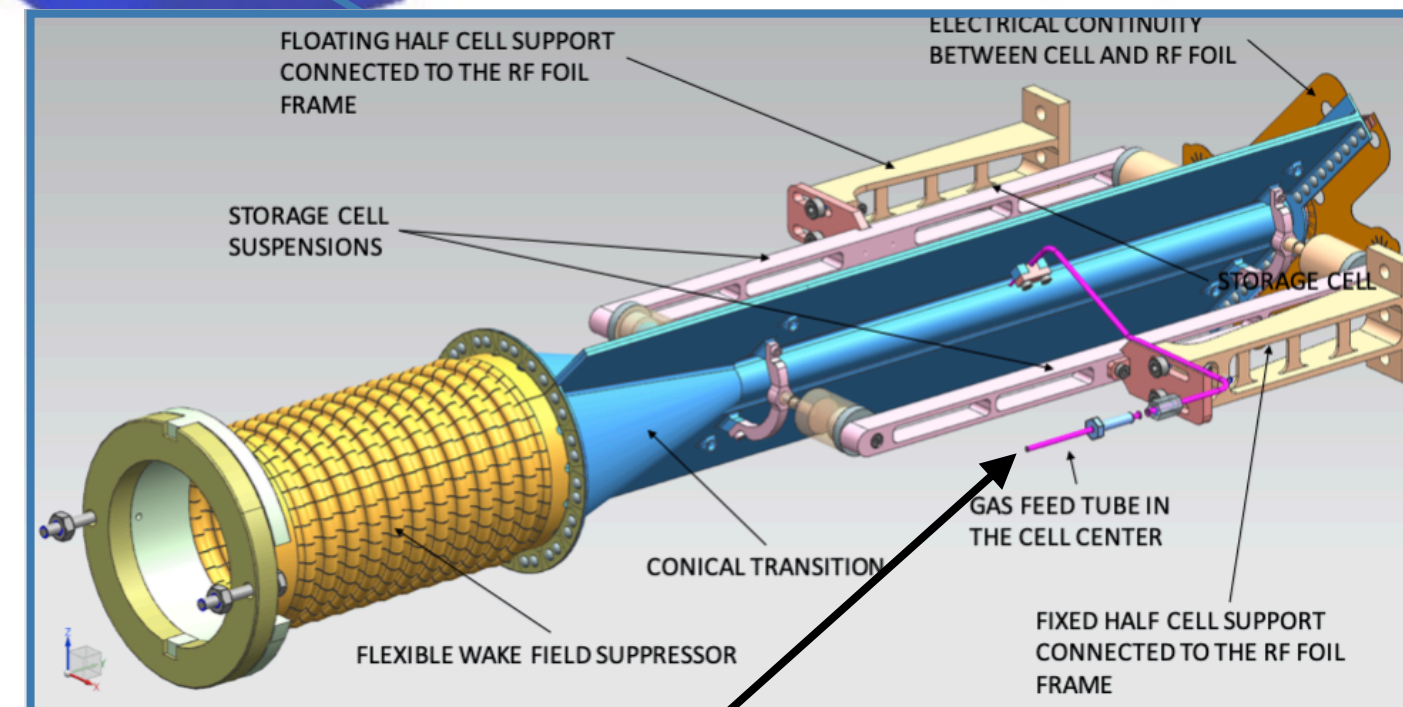
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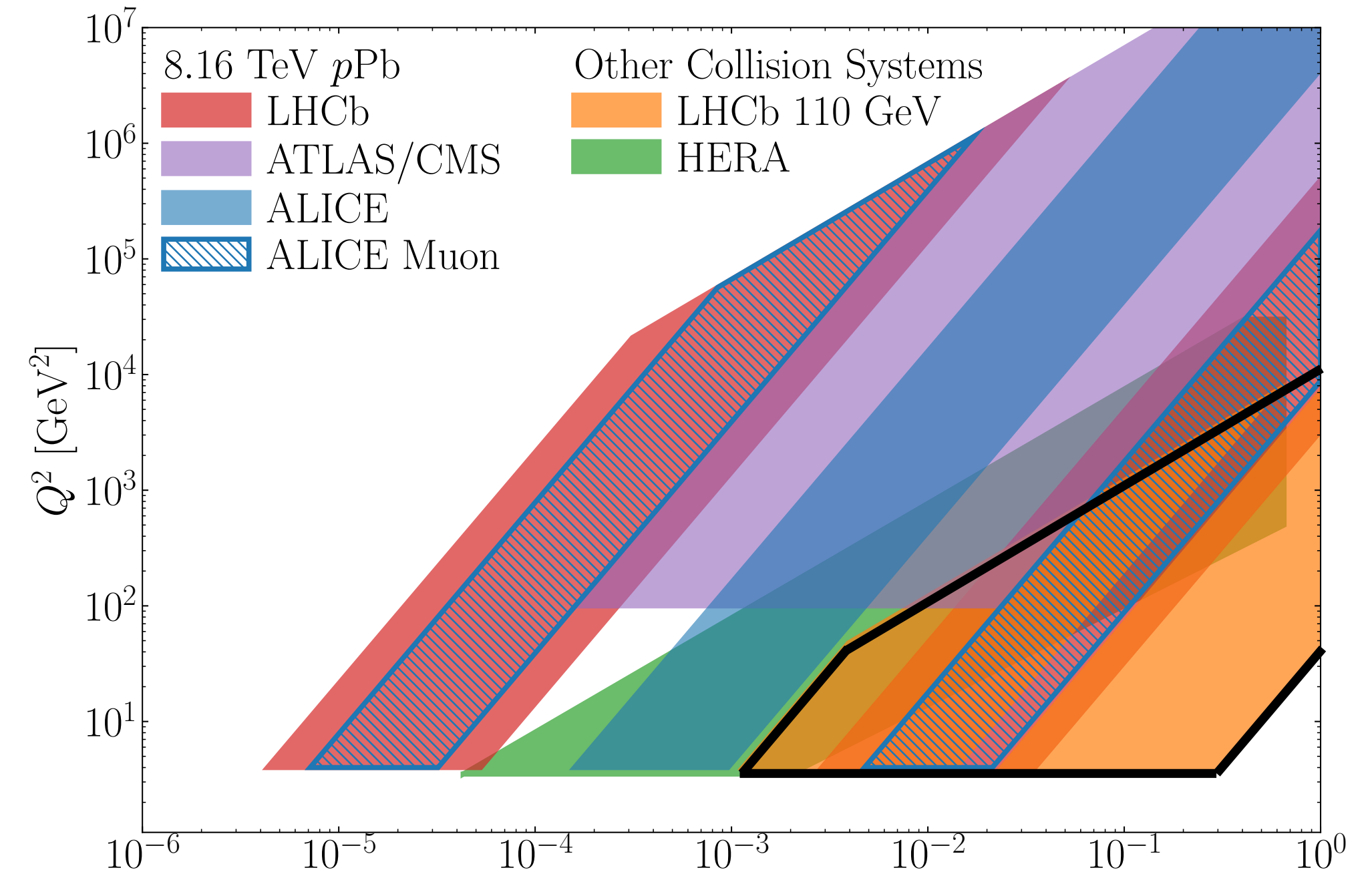


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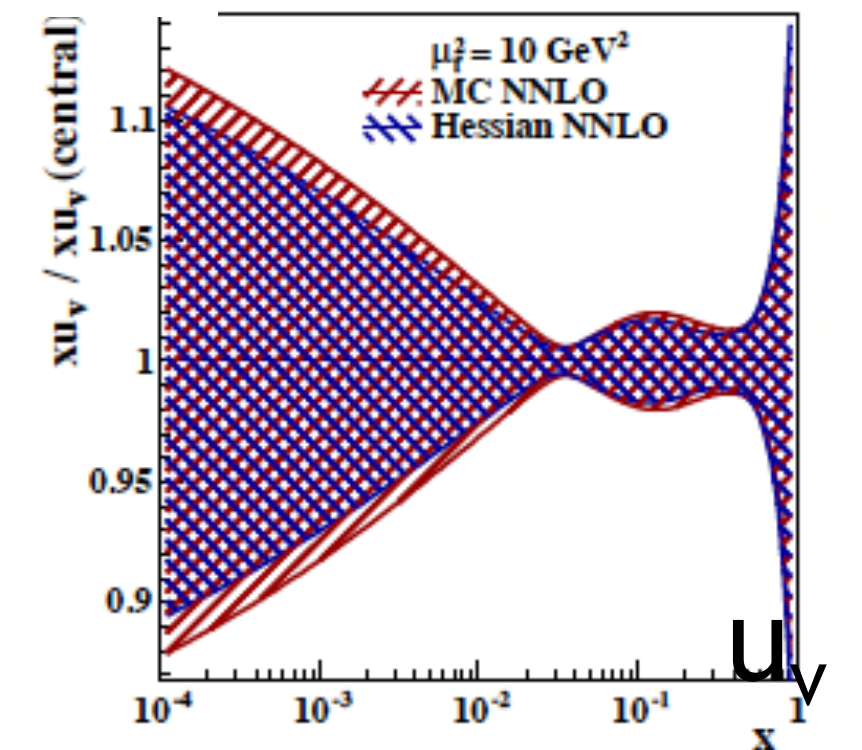
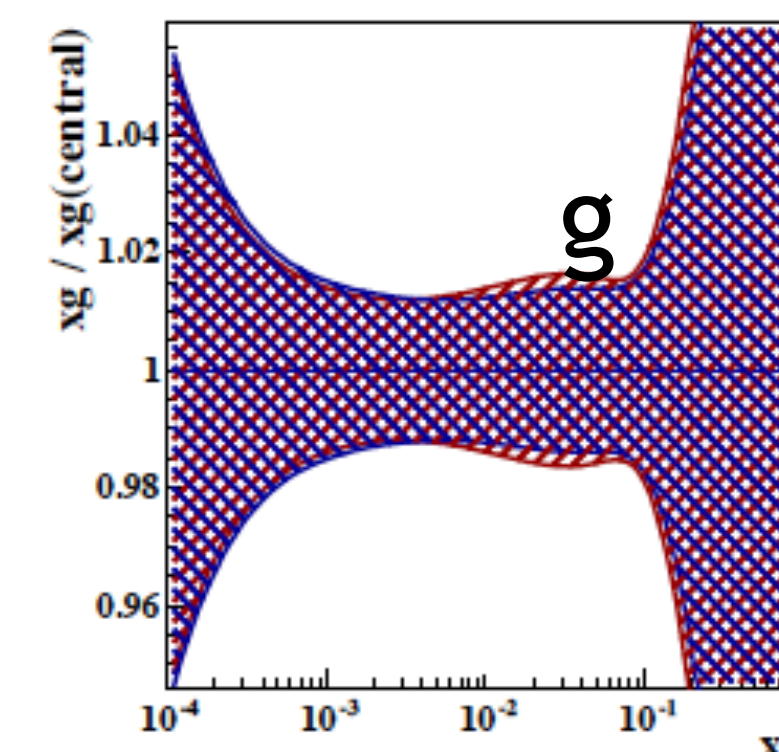
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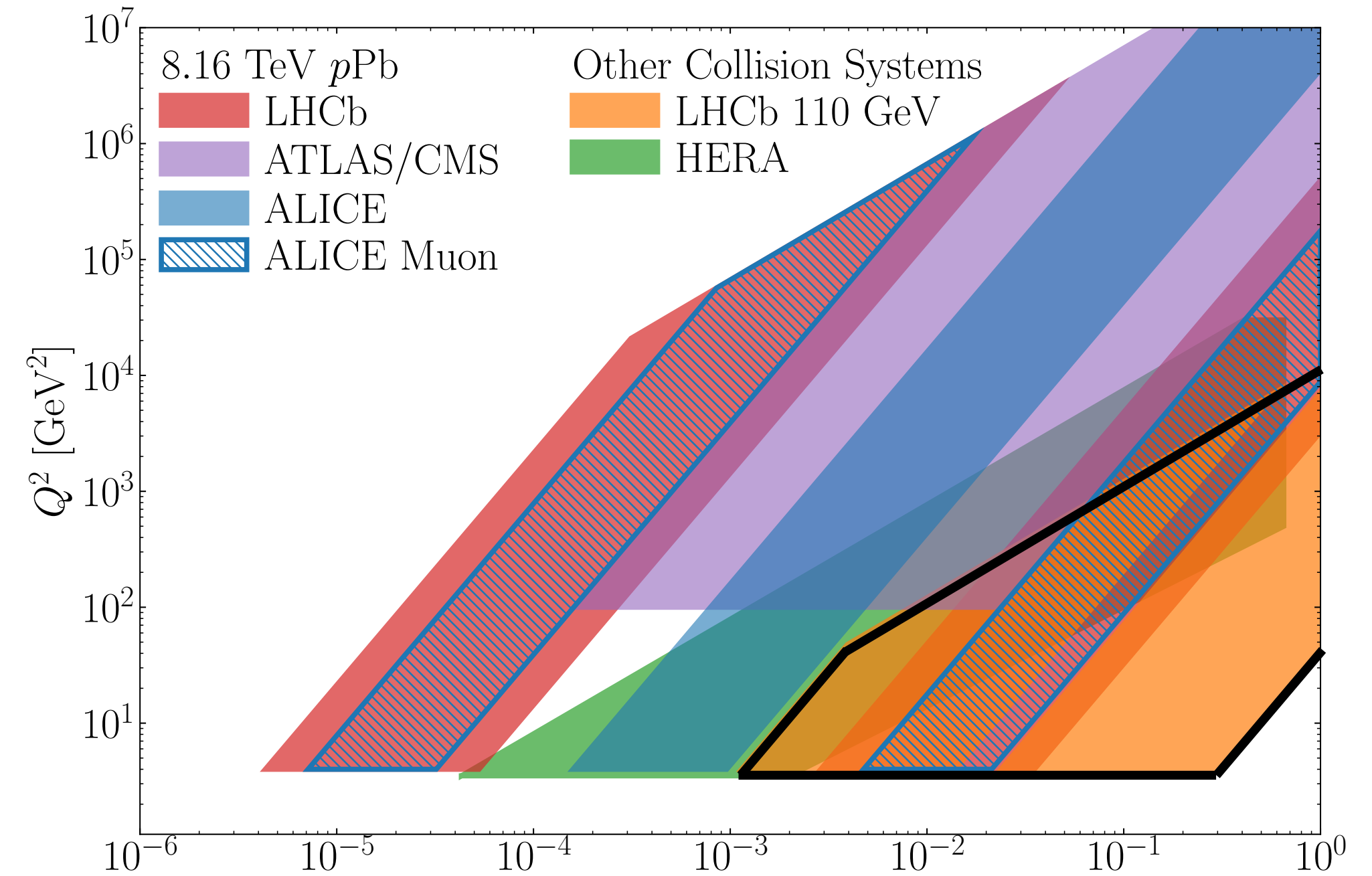
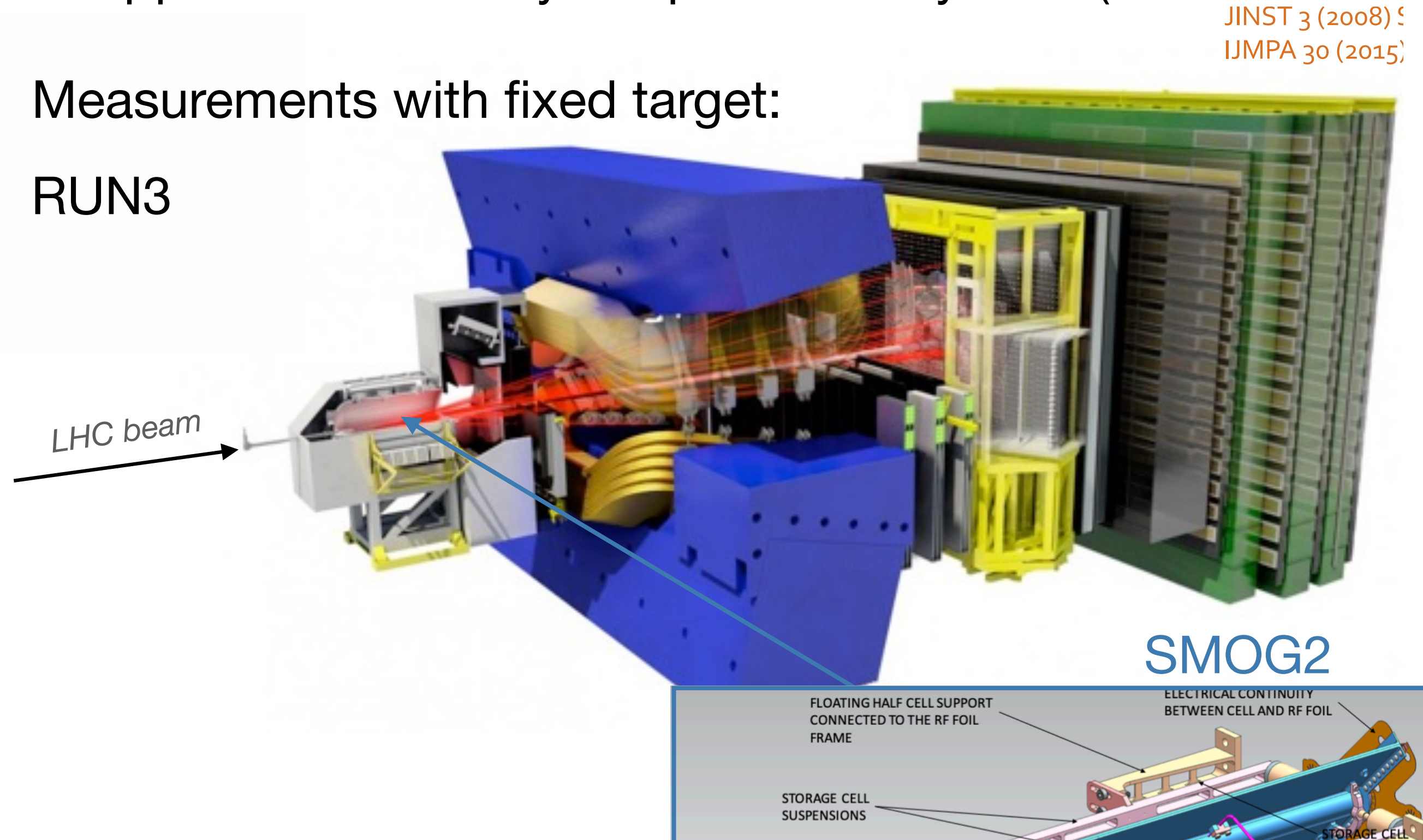


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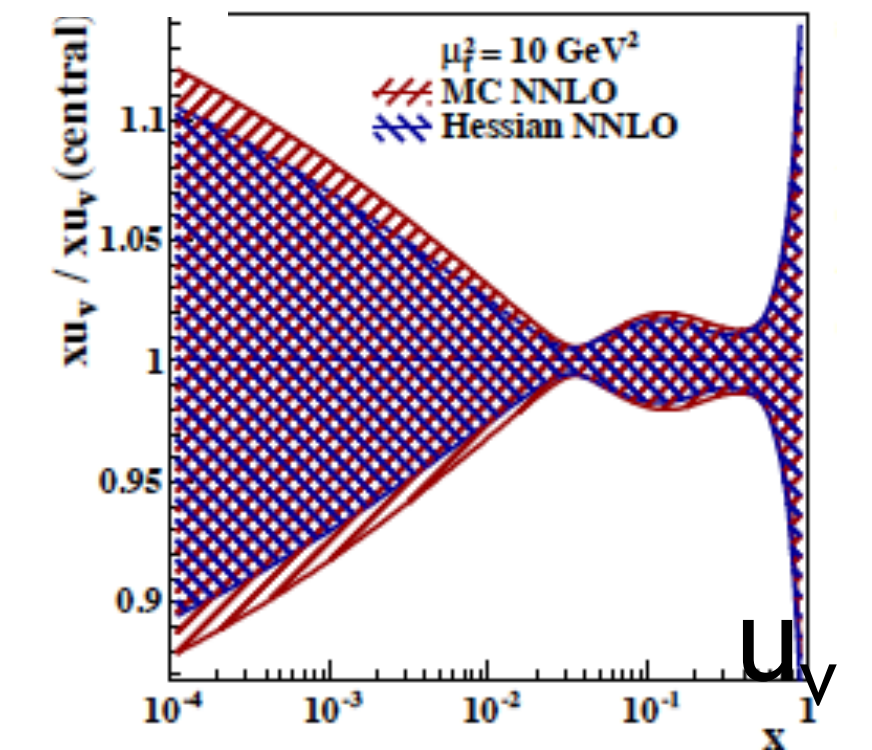
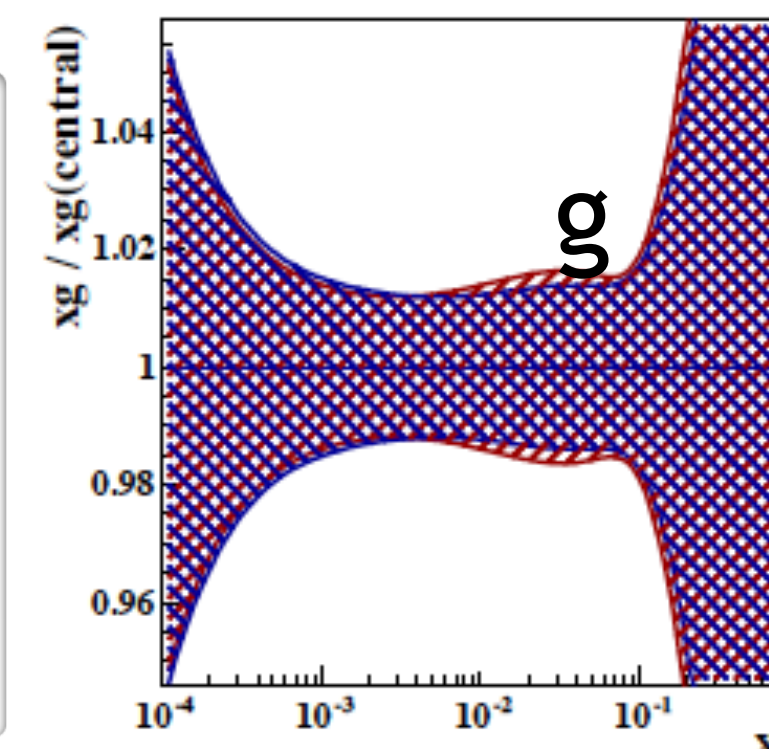
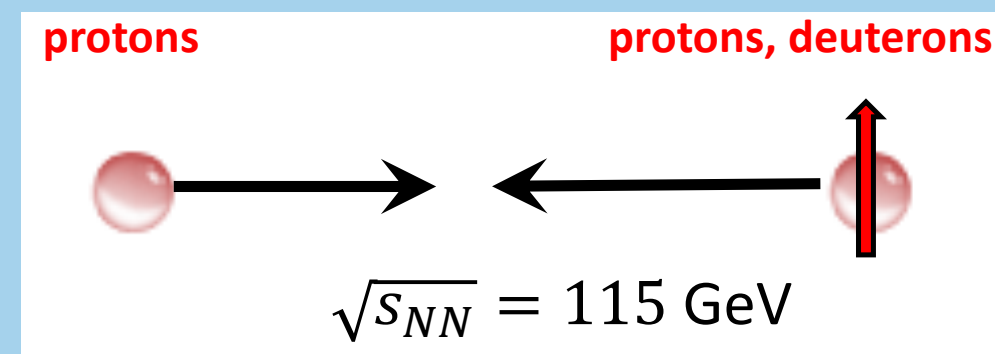
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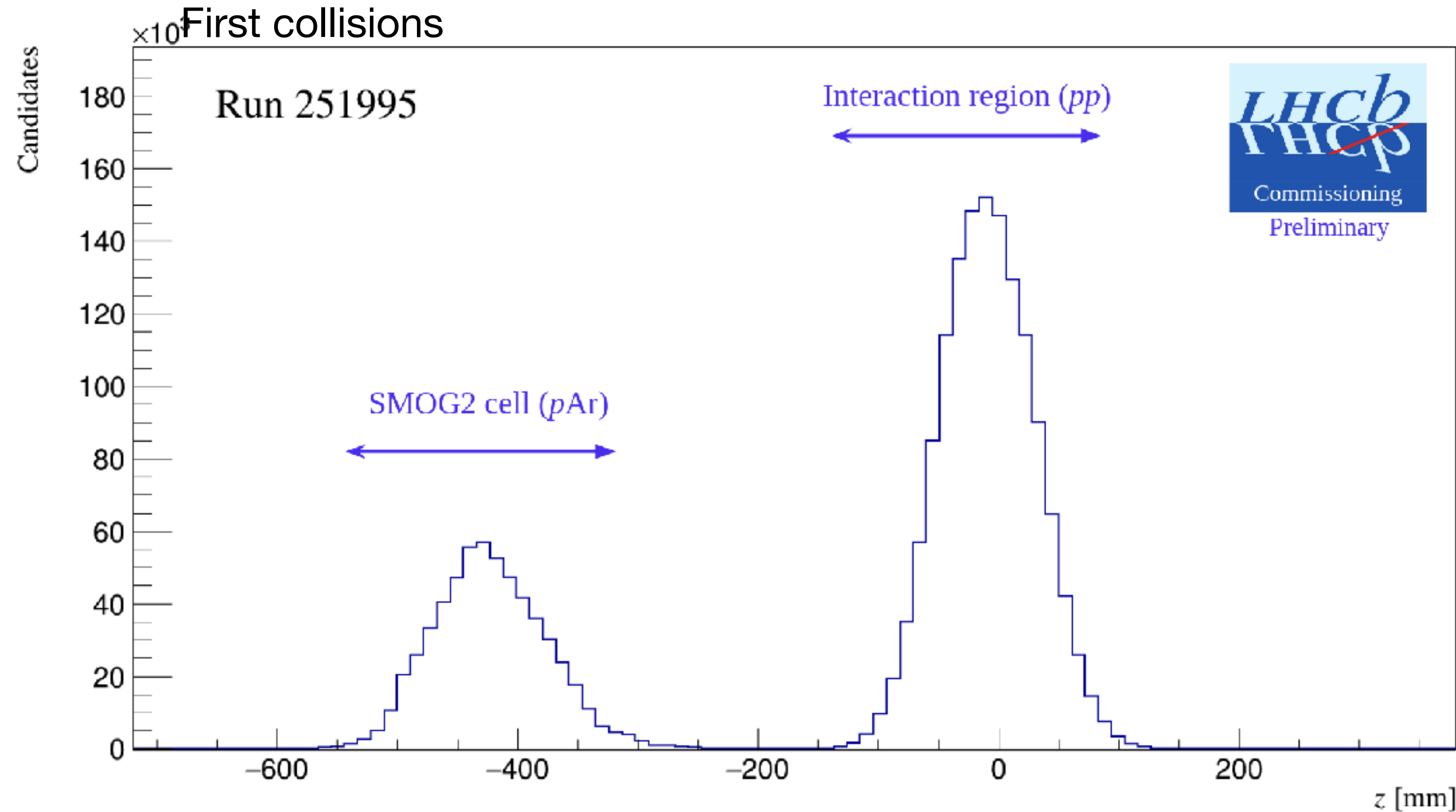


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