

# Detection asymmetries *challenges and solutions*

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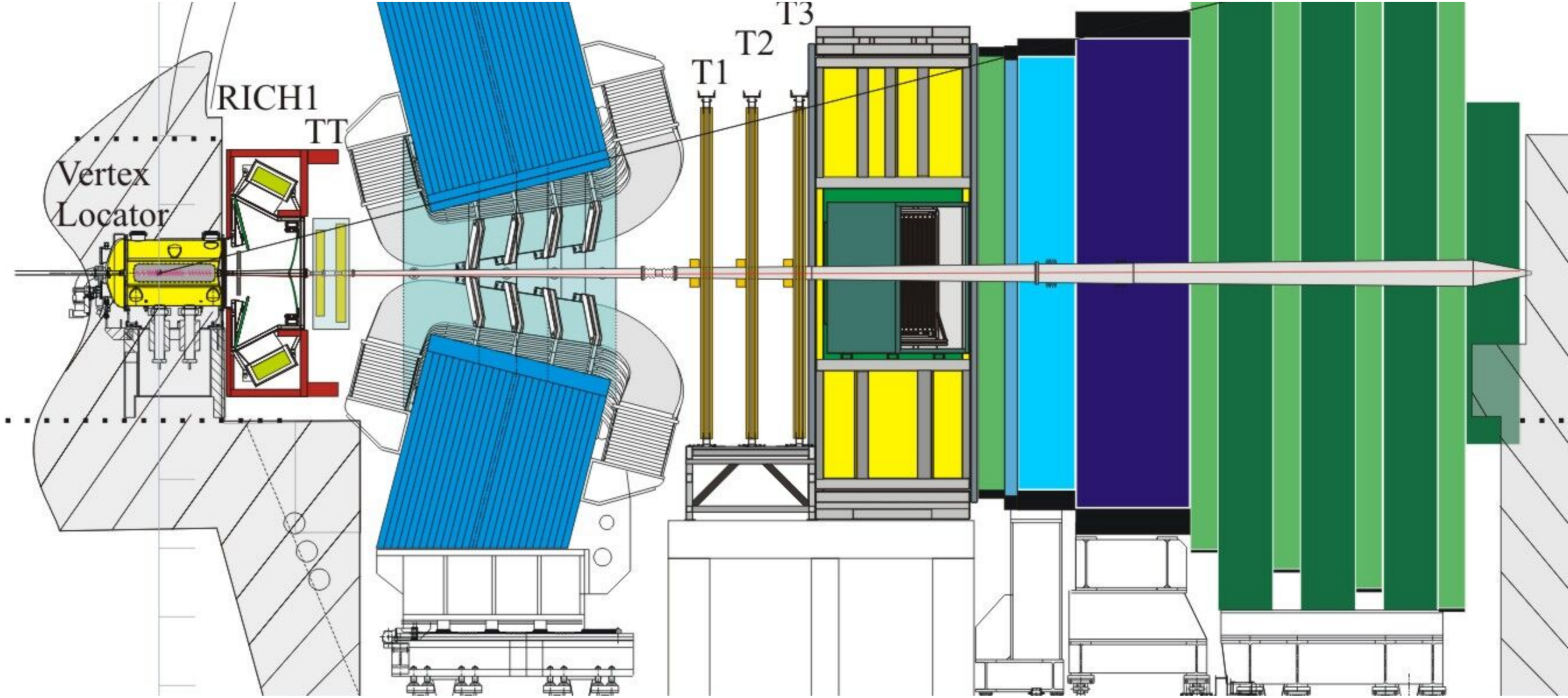
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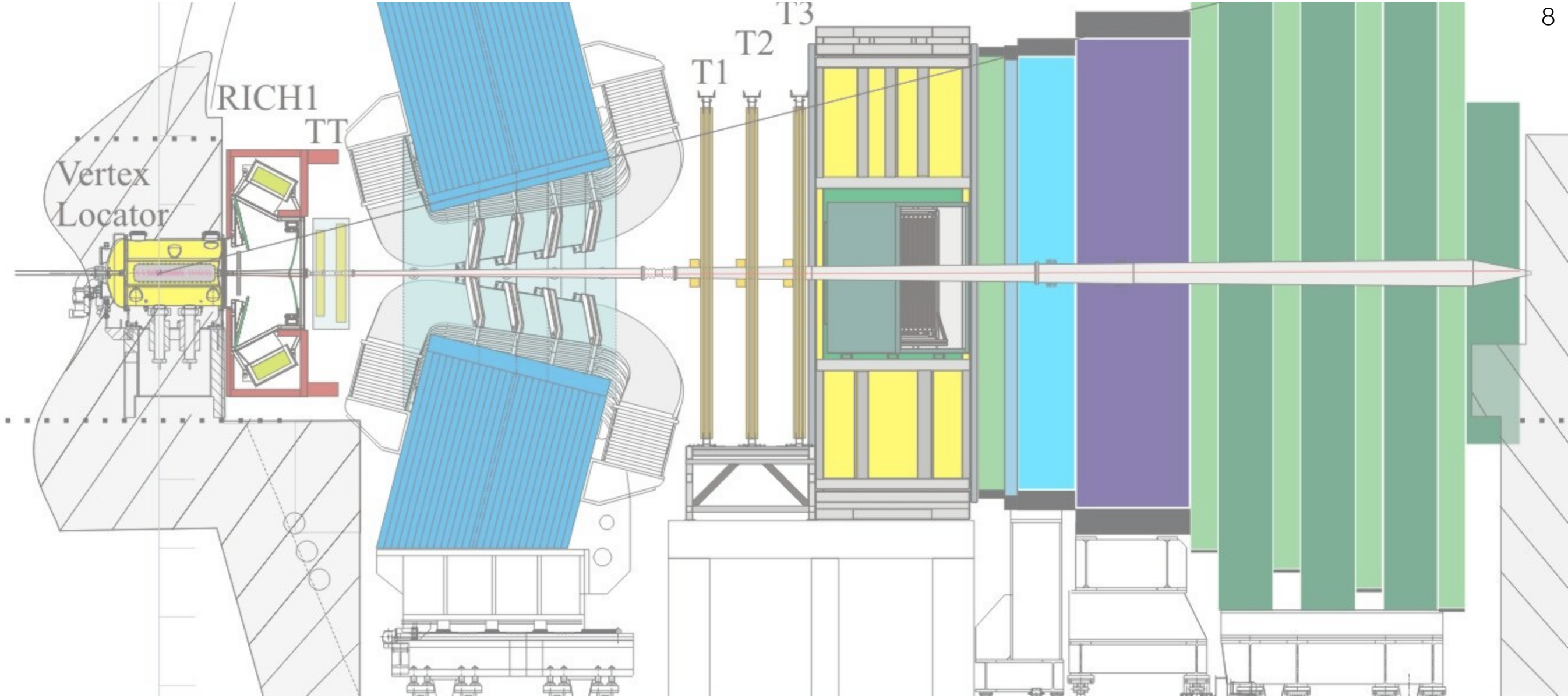
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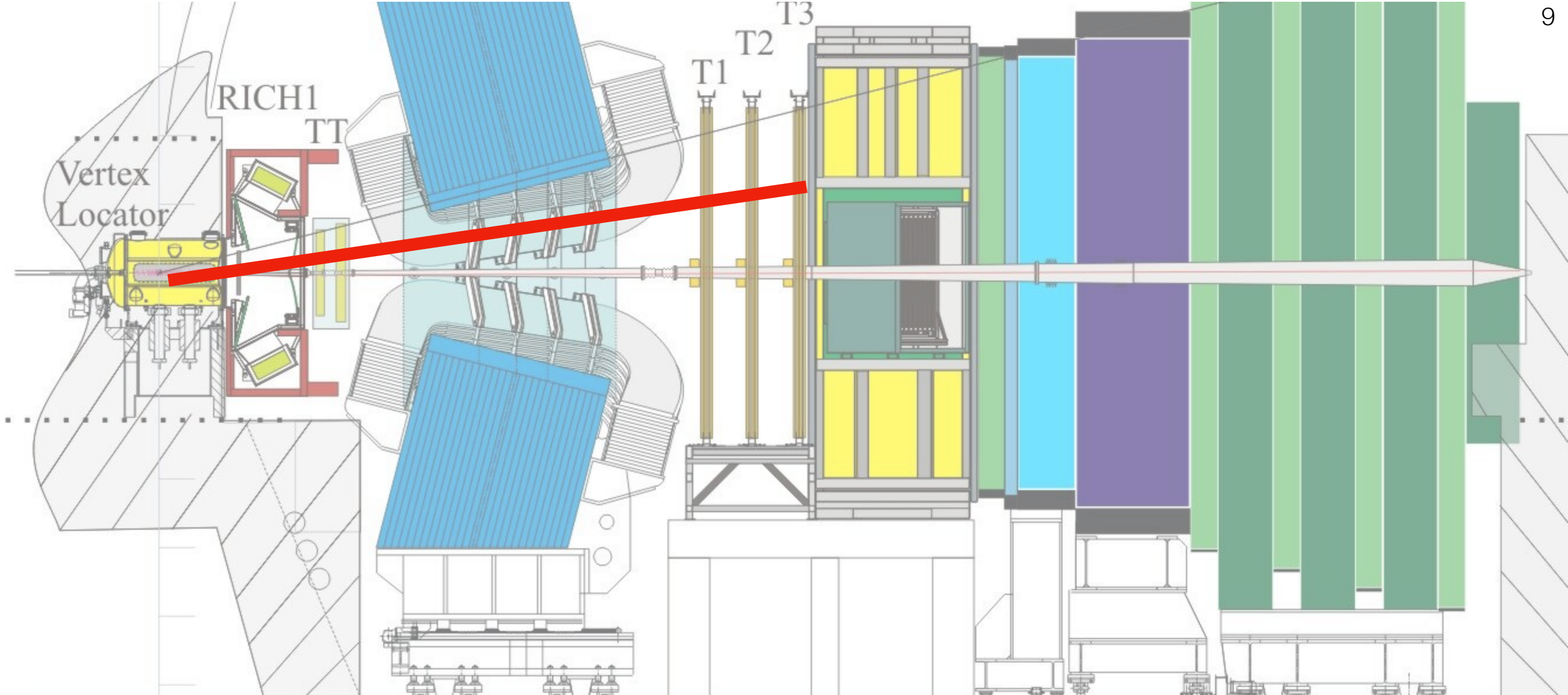
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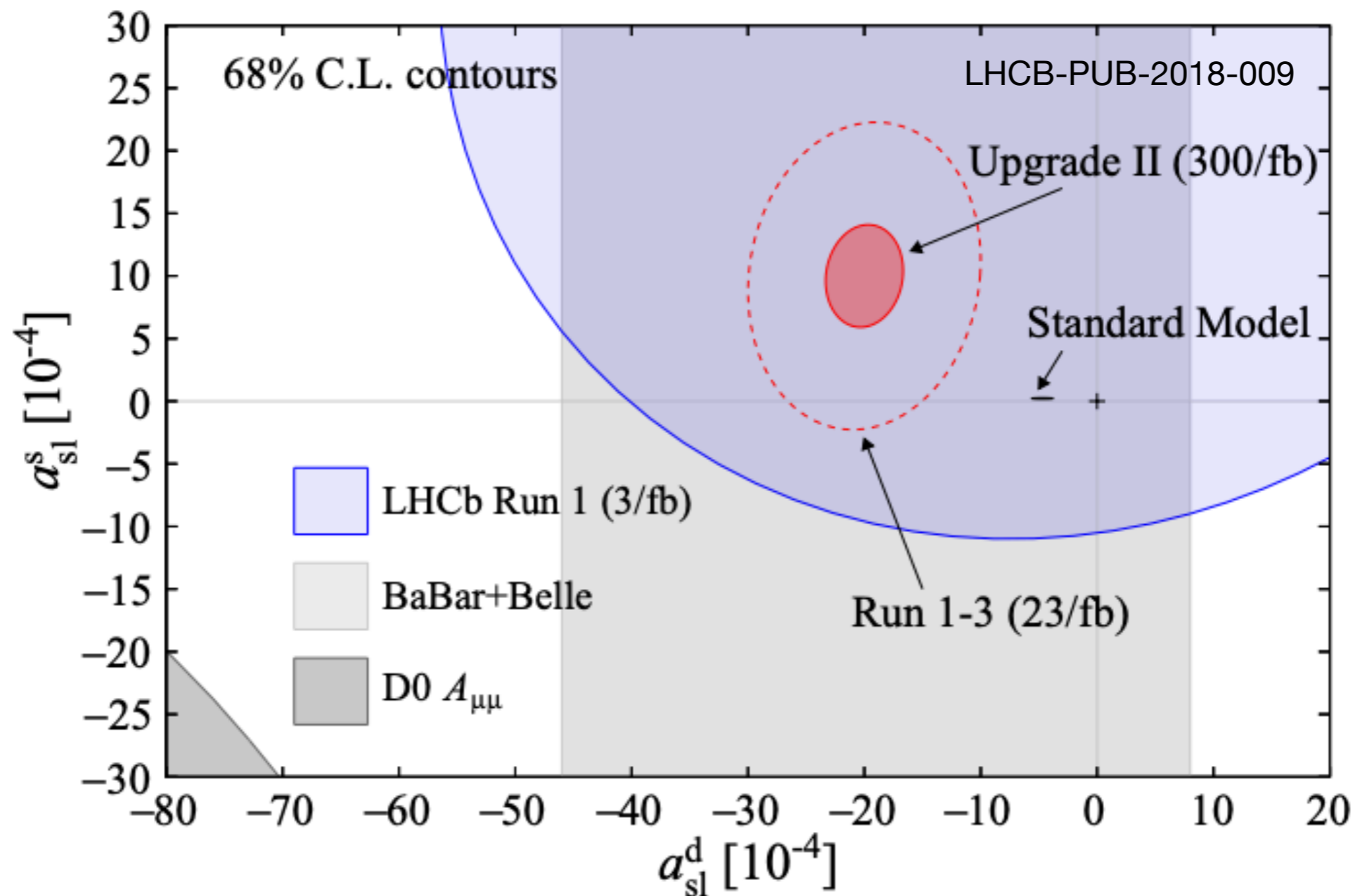
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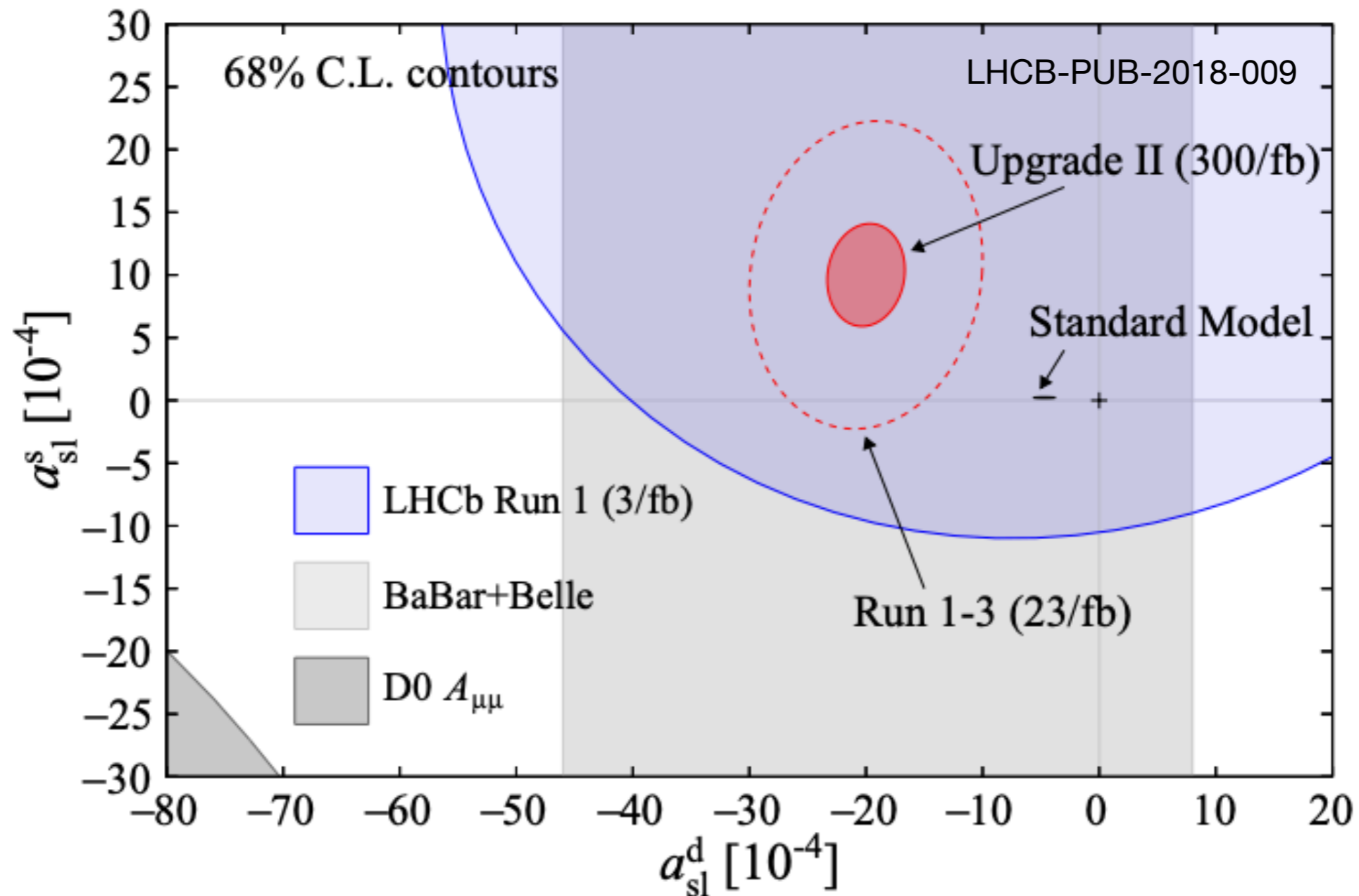
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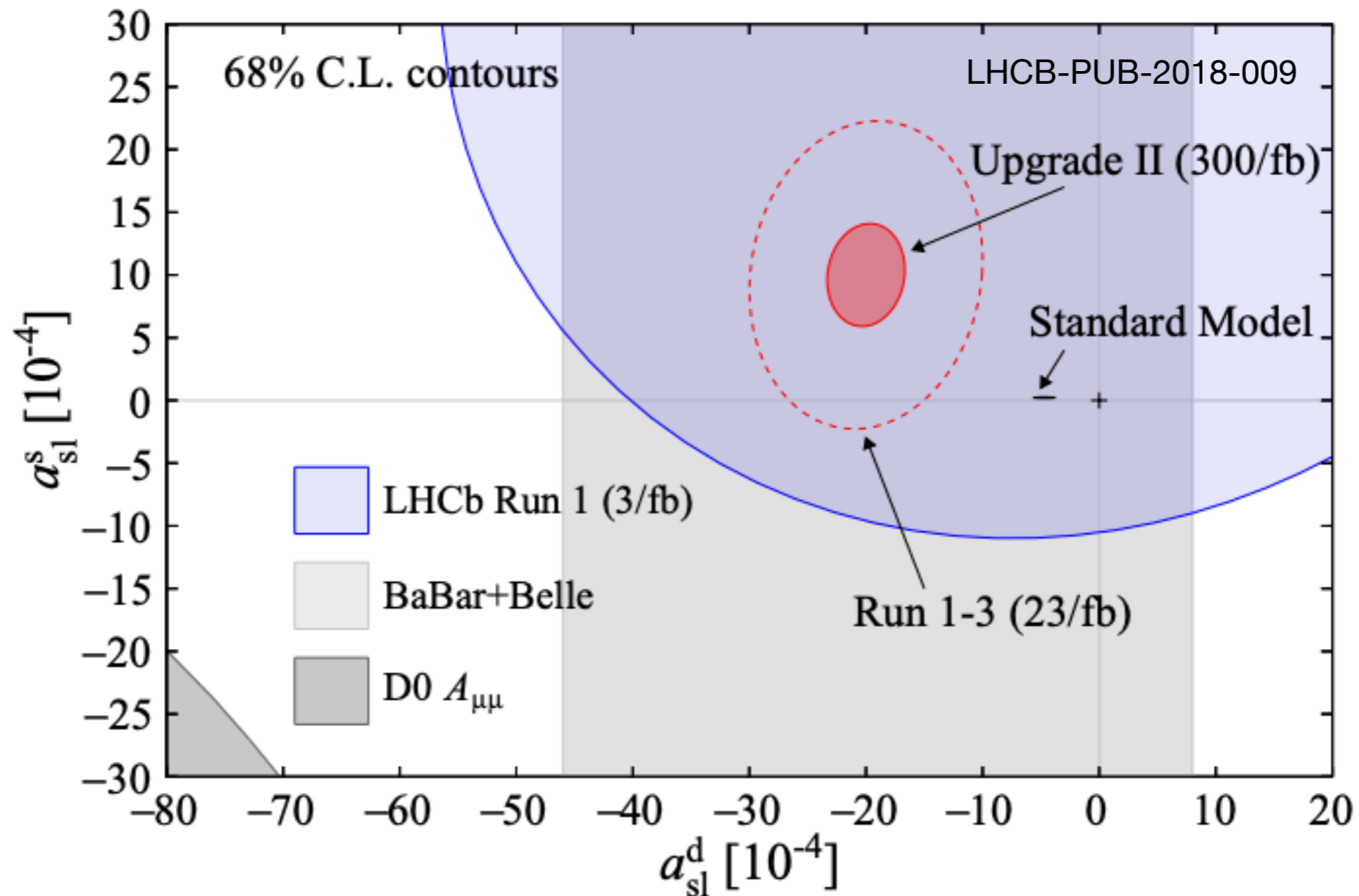


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**$A_{\text{det}}$  almost entirely data-driven.**

**$\sigma_{\text{syst}} / \sigma_{\text{tot}} \sim 1/3$**

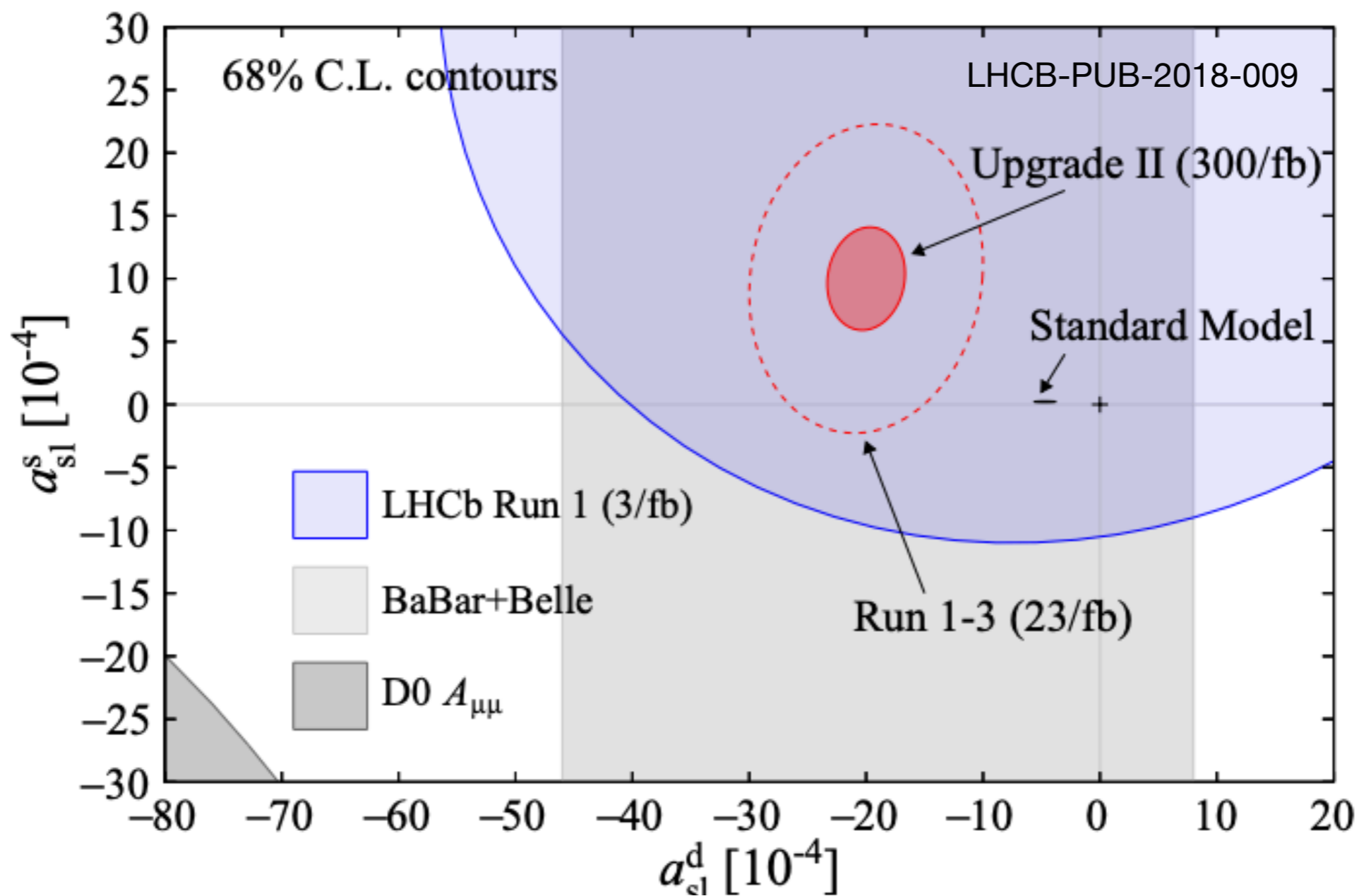
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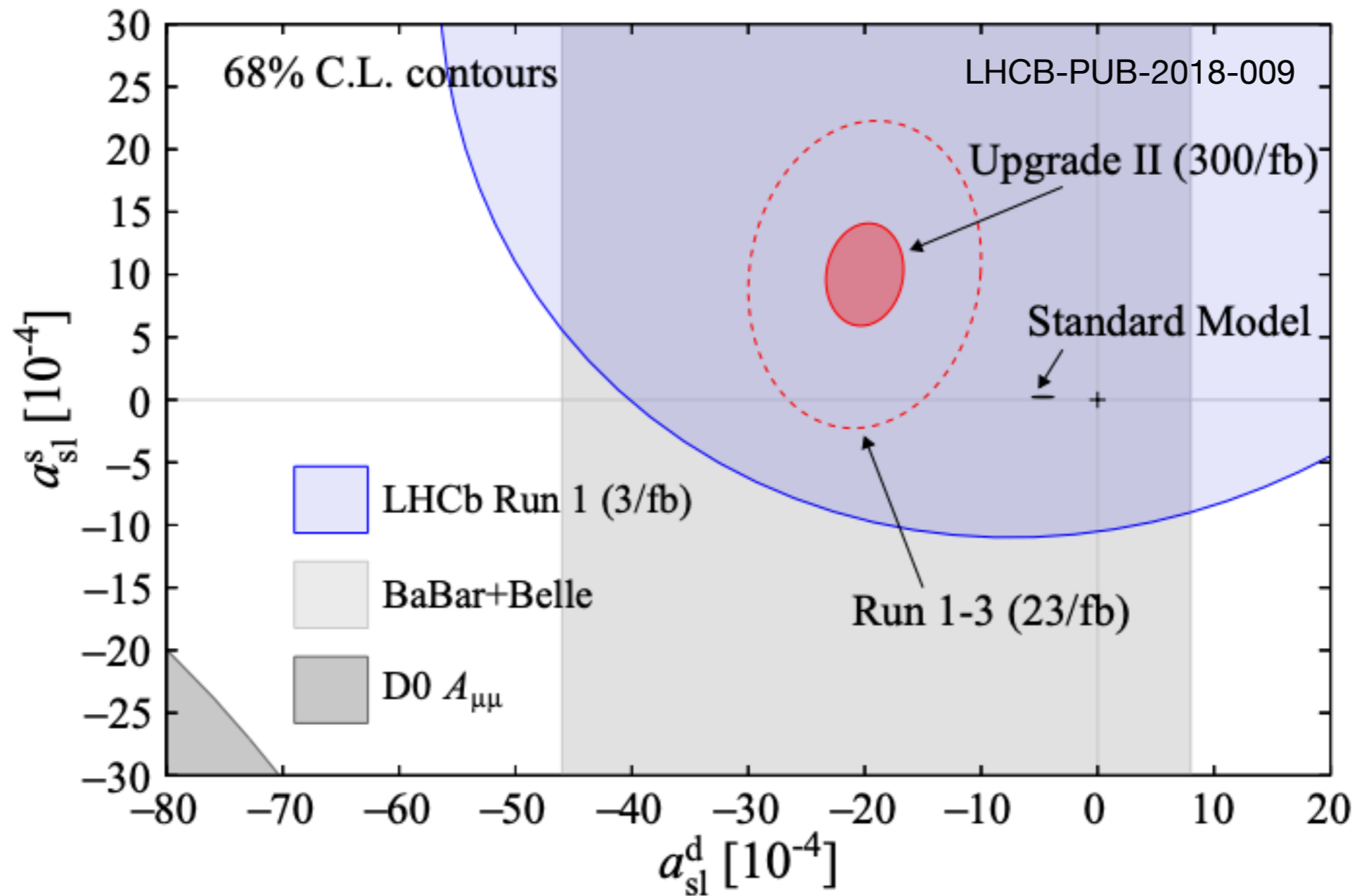
$a_{sl}^d$  measured with  
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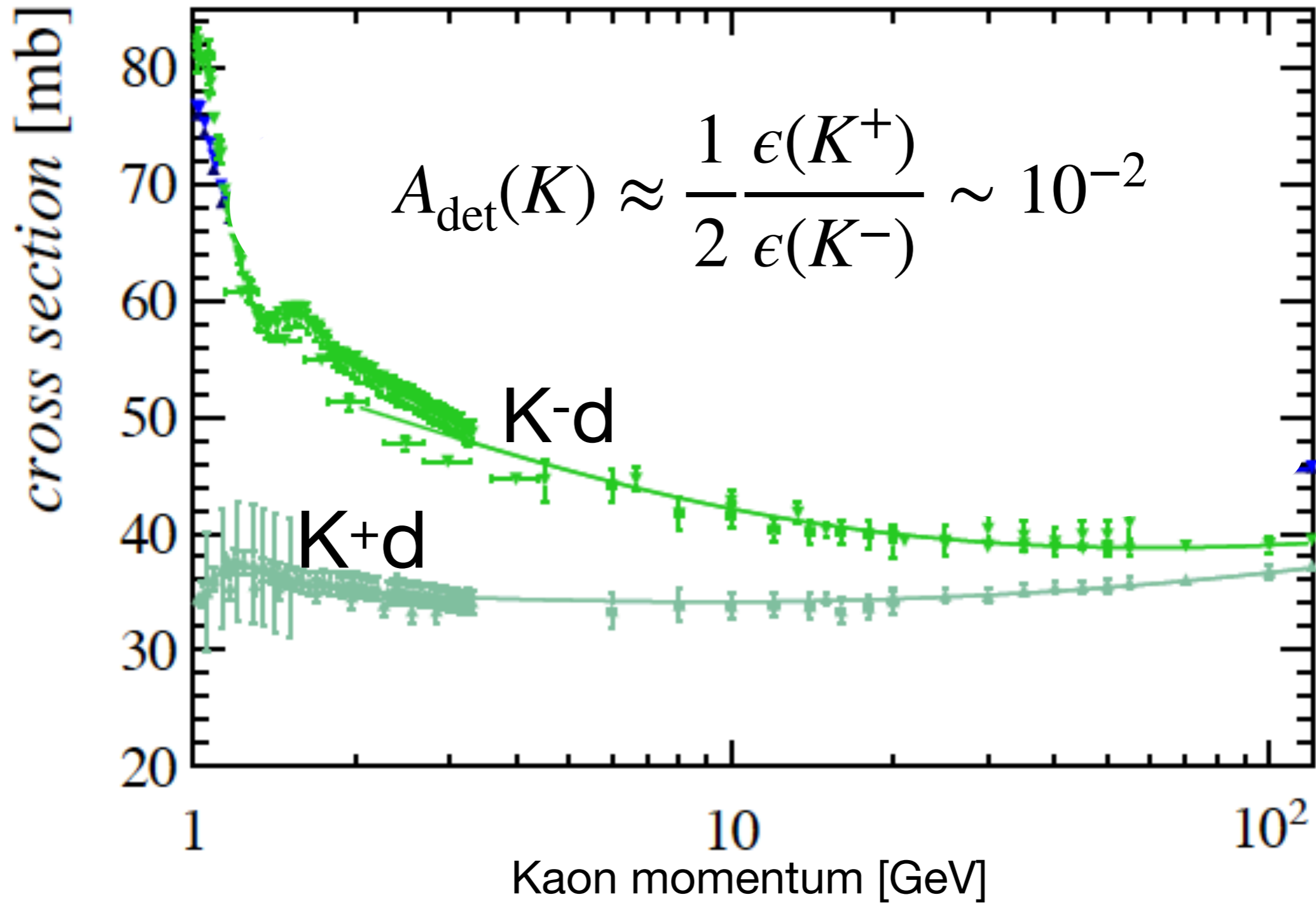
$$A_{sl}^q(t) \equiv \frac{N - \bar{N}}{N + \bar{N}} = \frac{a_{sl}^q}{2} - \left[ a_p + \frac{a_{sl}^q}{2} \right] \cdot \left[ \frac{\cos \Delta M_q t}{\cosh \Delta \Gamma_q t / 2} \right]$$

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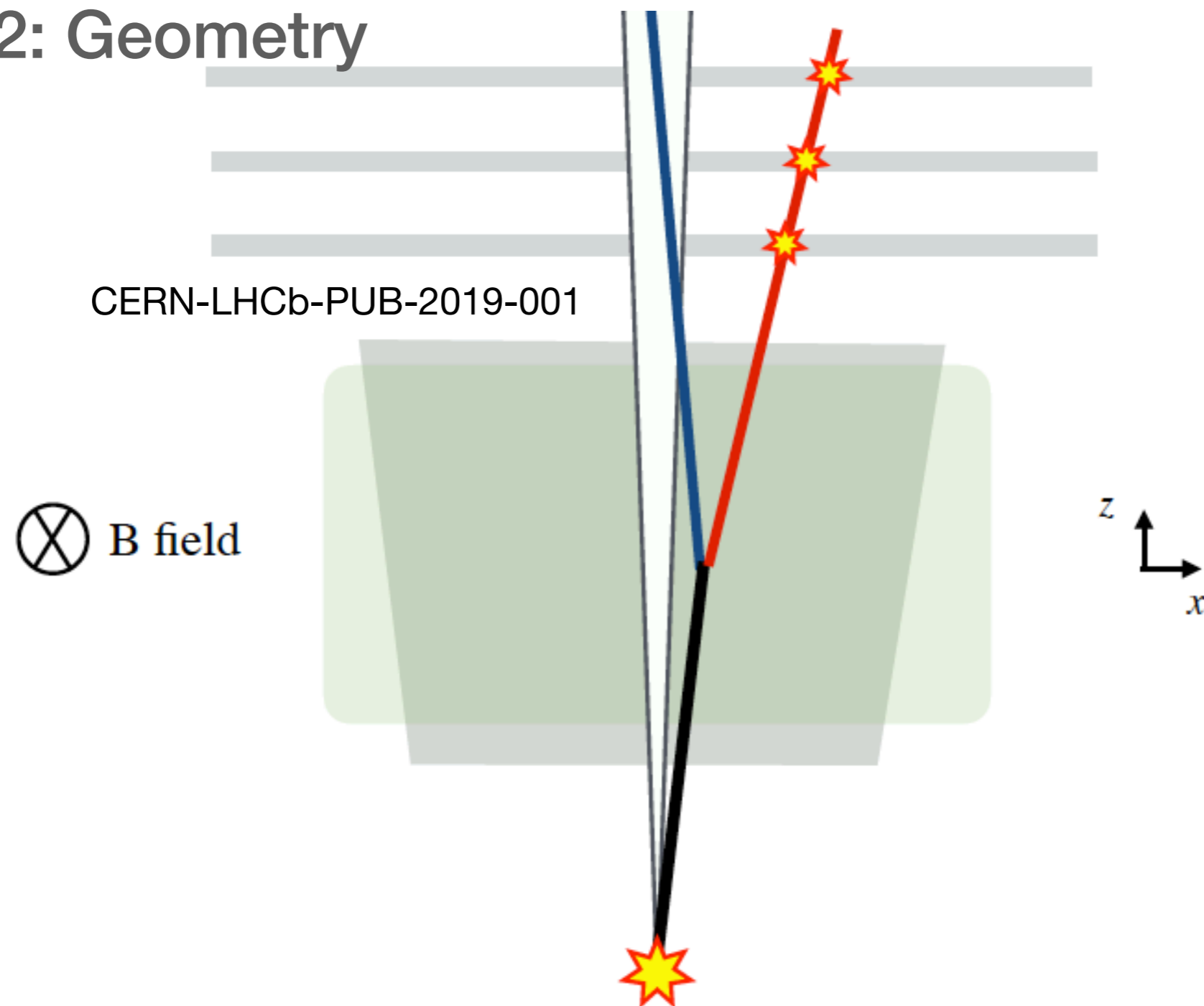


Must control  $A_{det}$  to  $10^{-4}$  or better.

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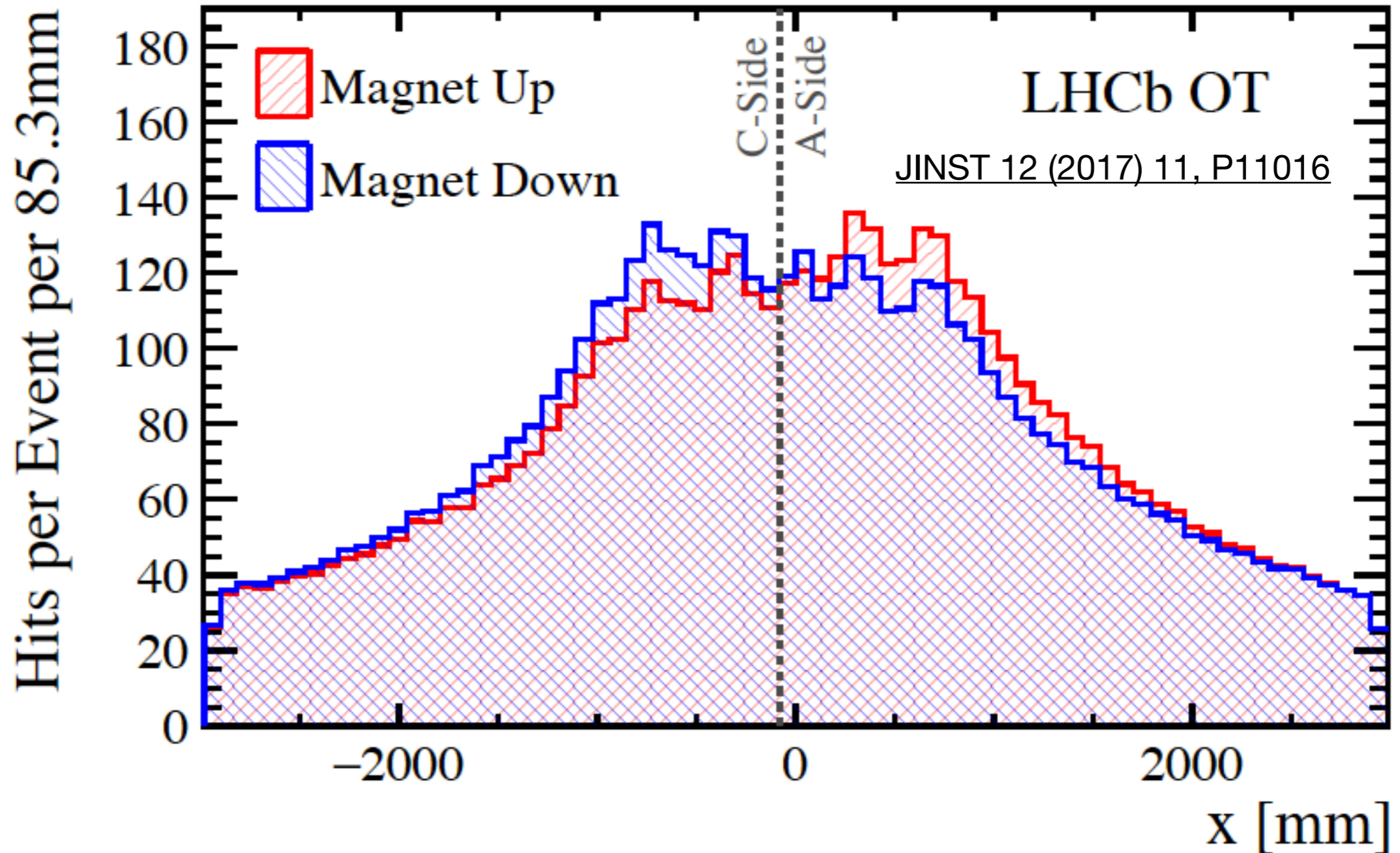
## Source 2: Geometry



Asymmetries canceled to first order by magnet flips.

*However*, the beams collide with a crossing angle, and the detector varies with time.

# Source 3: Tracking



Most secondary charged particles are *electrons*, which implies a higher average local occupancy for negatively charged tracks.

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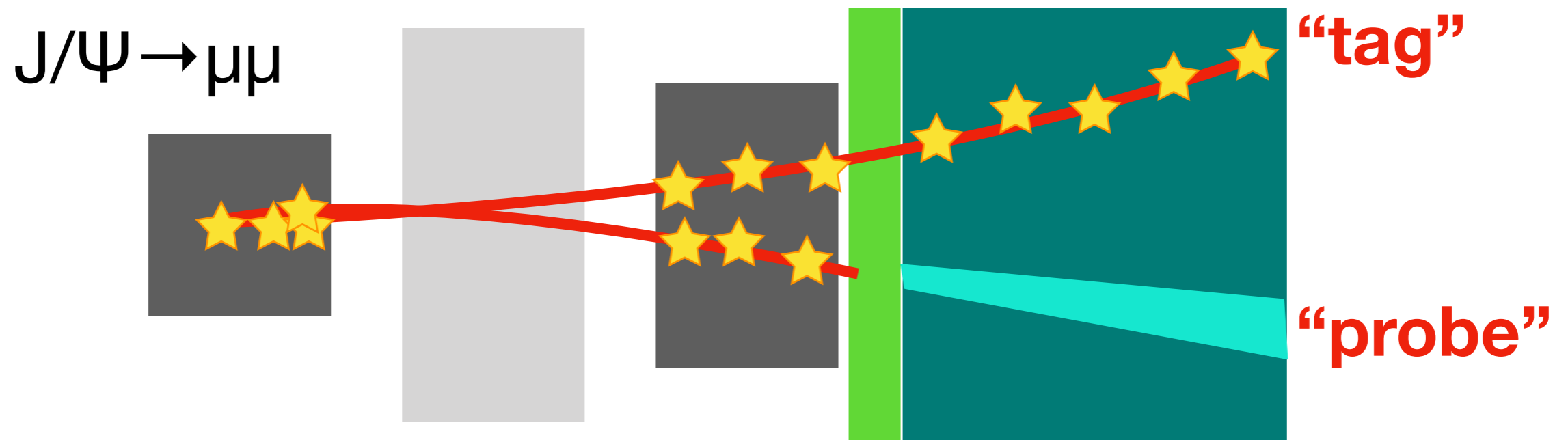
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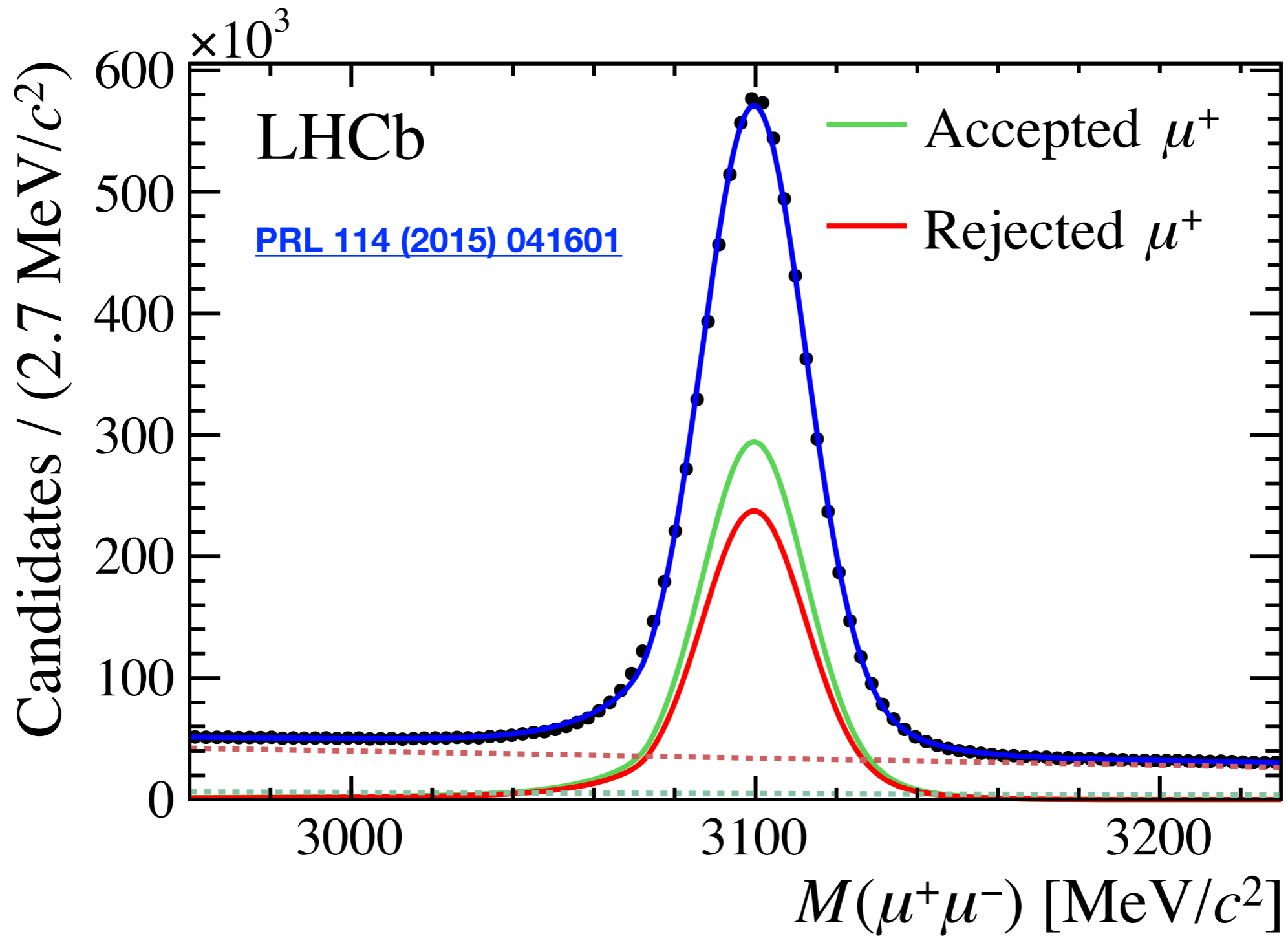
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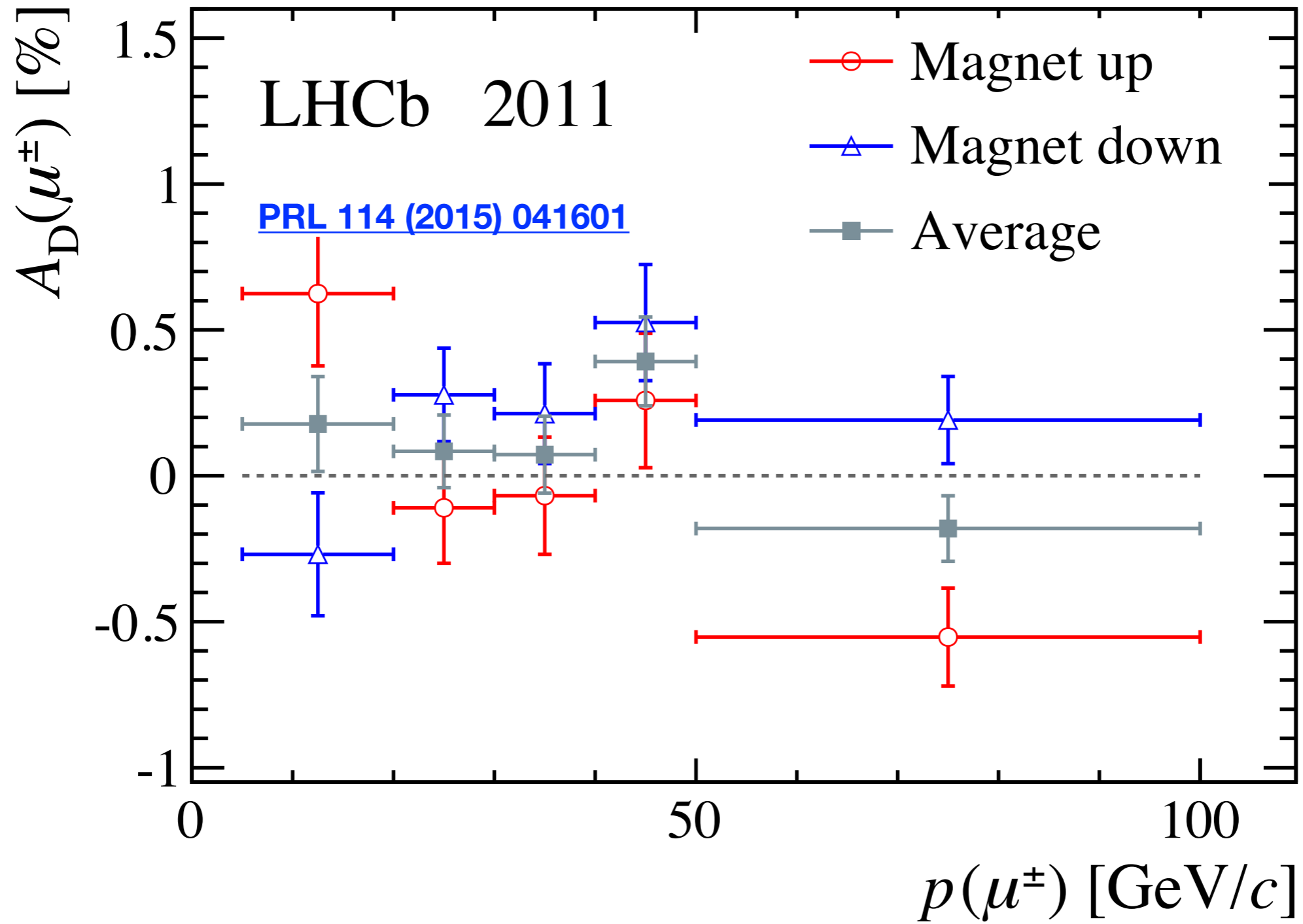
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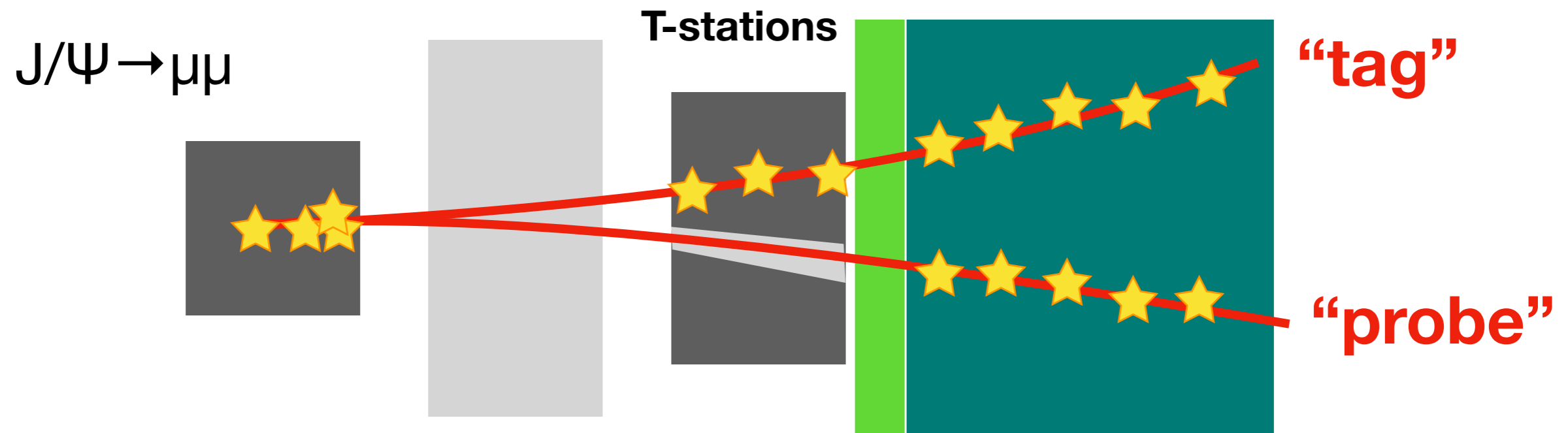


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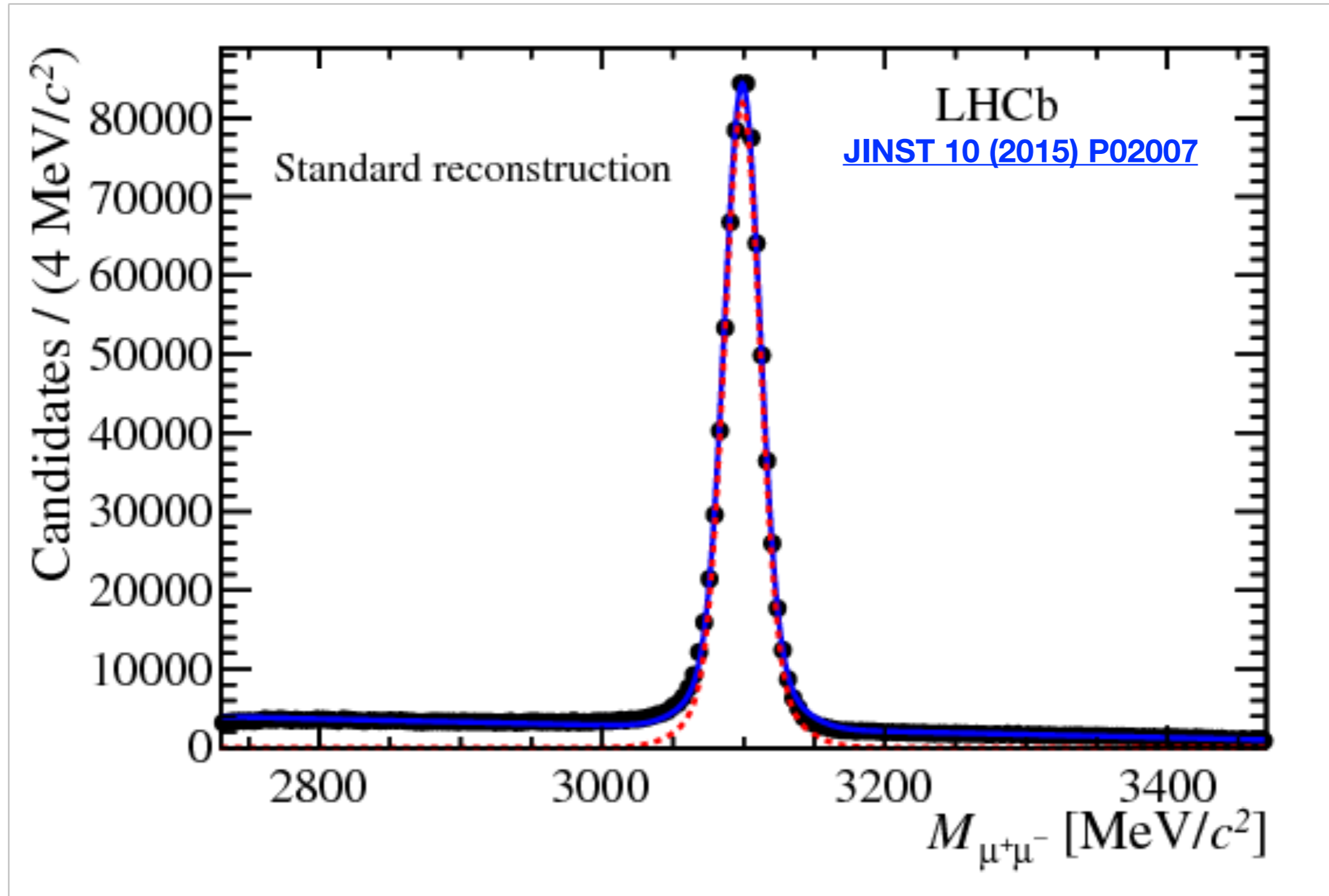
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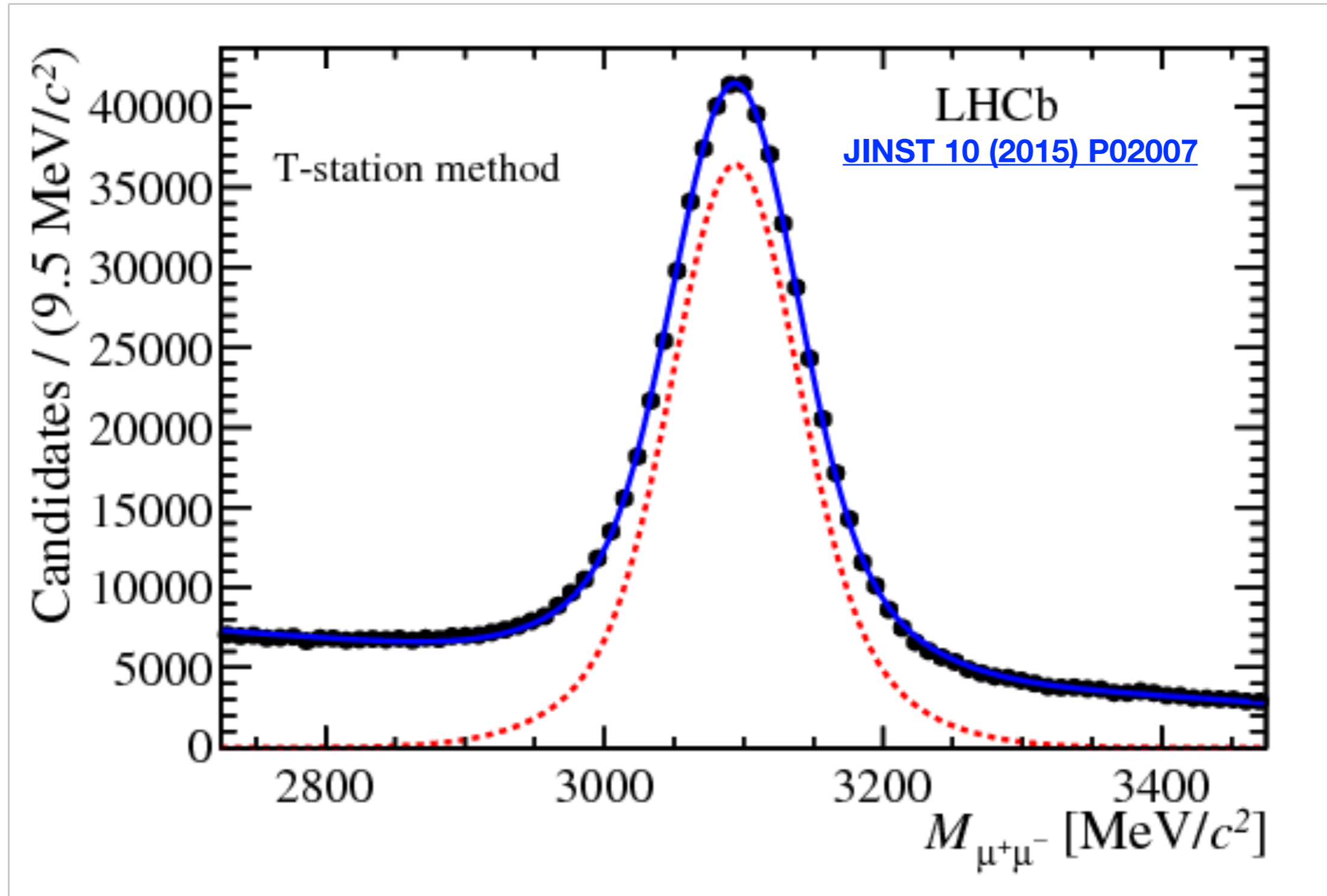
Tracking efficiencies with e.g. the “T-station method”





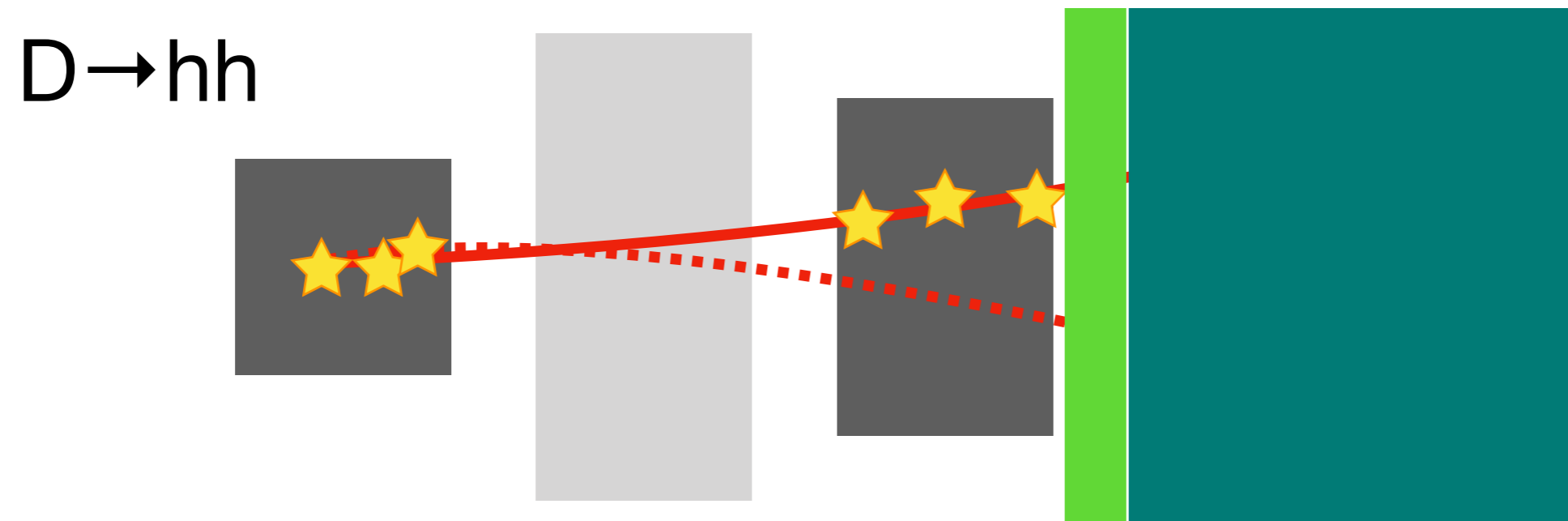
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How to measure the hadronic interactions?



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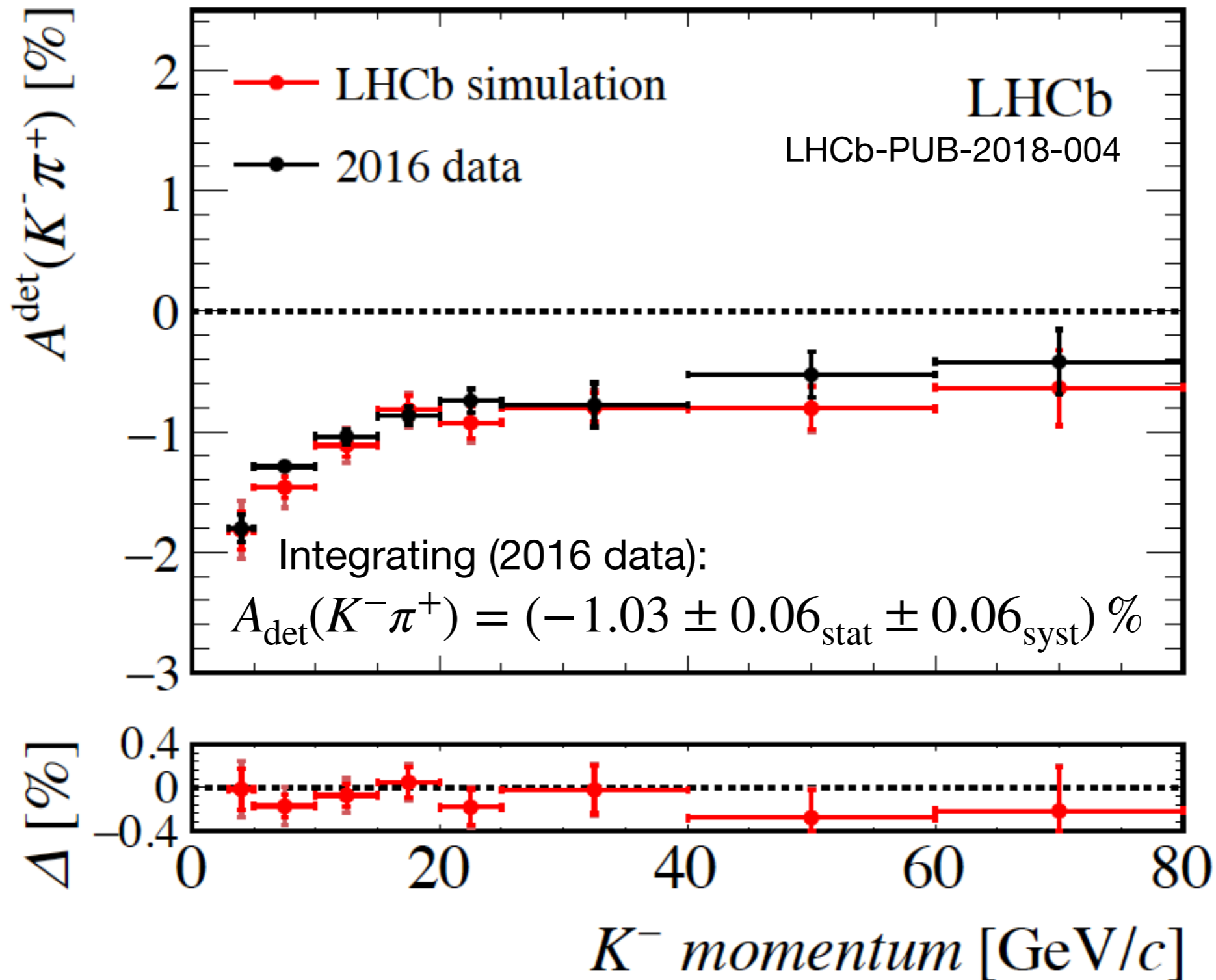
$$\begin{aligned}
 A_{\text{det}}(K^{\mp} \pi^{\pm}) &= +A_{\text{raw}}(D^+ \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^+) \\
 &\quad -A_{\text{raw}}(D^+ \rightarrow K_s^0 \pi^+) \\
 &\quad +A_{\text{det}}(K_s^0)
 \end{aligned}$$

Assume  $A_{\text{CP}} = 0$  for both decays.

Complicated weighting scheme needed to cancel nuisance asymmetries, in particular the  $D^{\pm}$  production asymmetry.

\*And one pion asymmetry, which further complicates the weighting prescription.

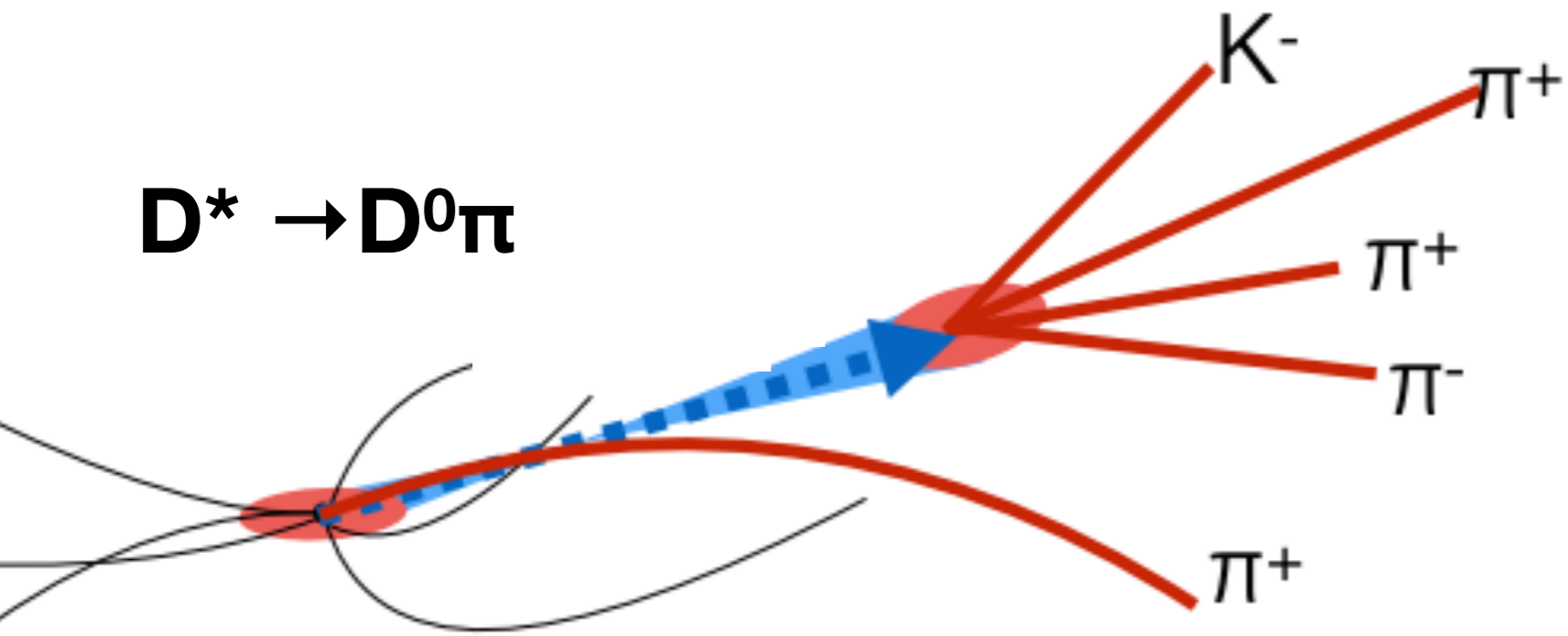
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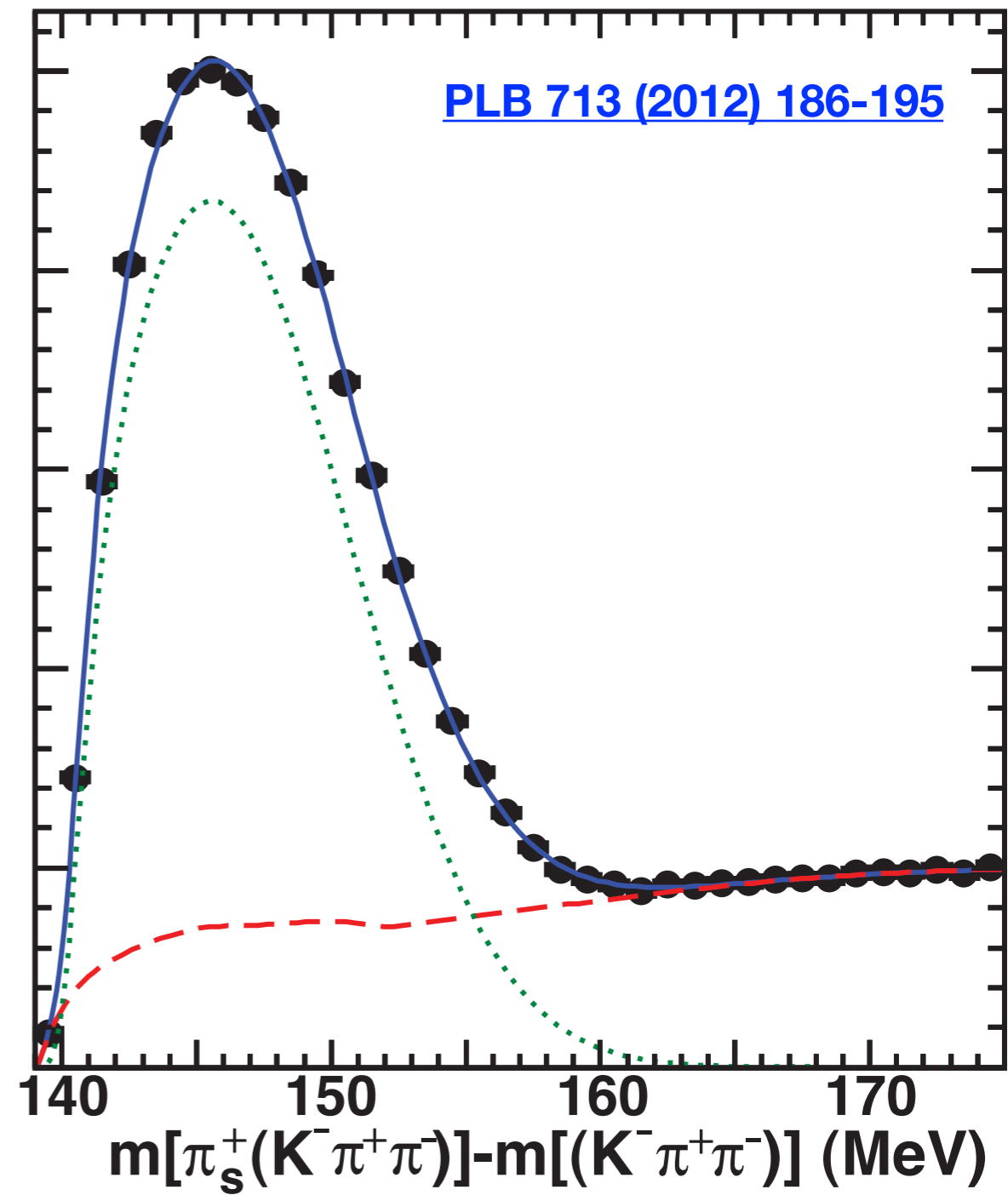
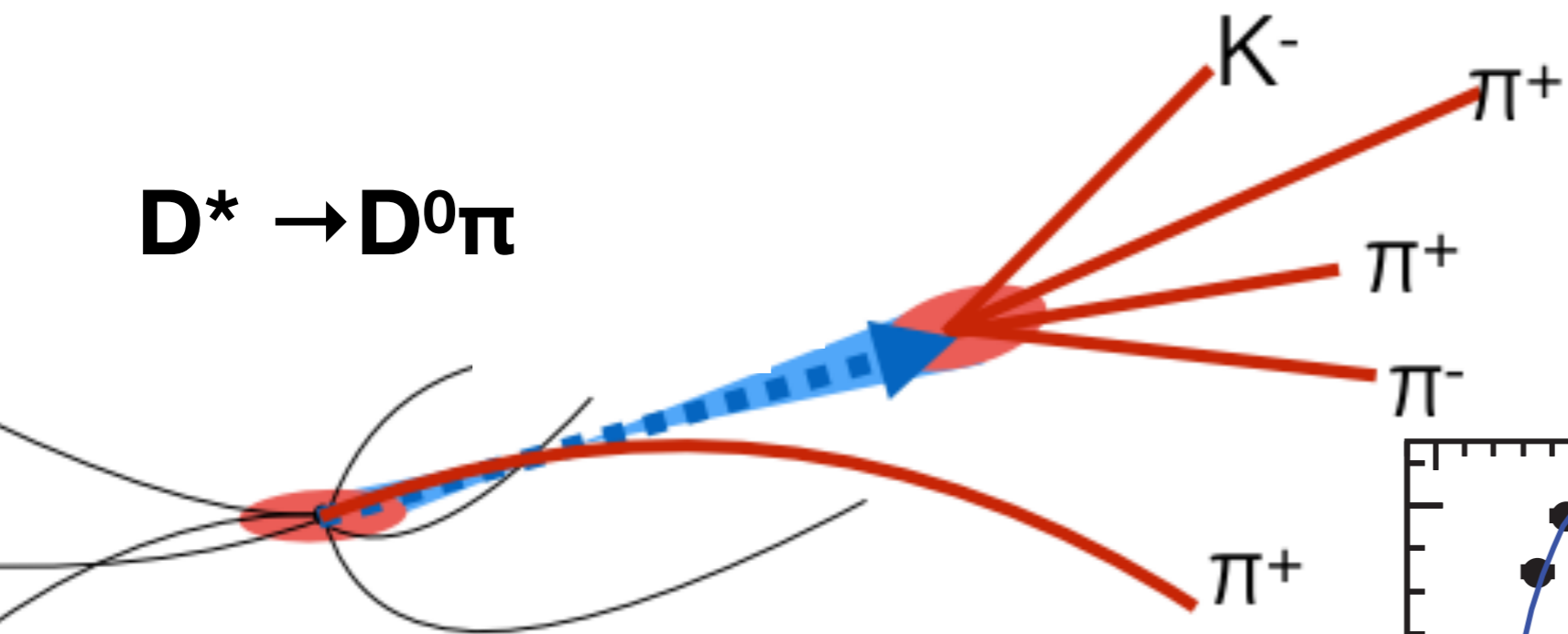
**A lesson from Run-I/II:** Idea developed after the Run-I data were recorded. Far better precision in Run-II thanks to dedicated HLT selections, rather than parasitic use of generic charm-physics selections.

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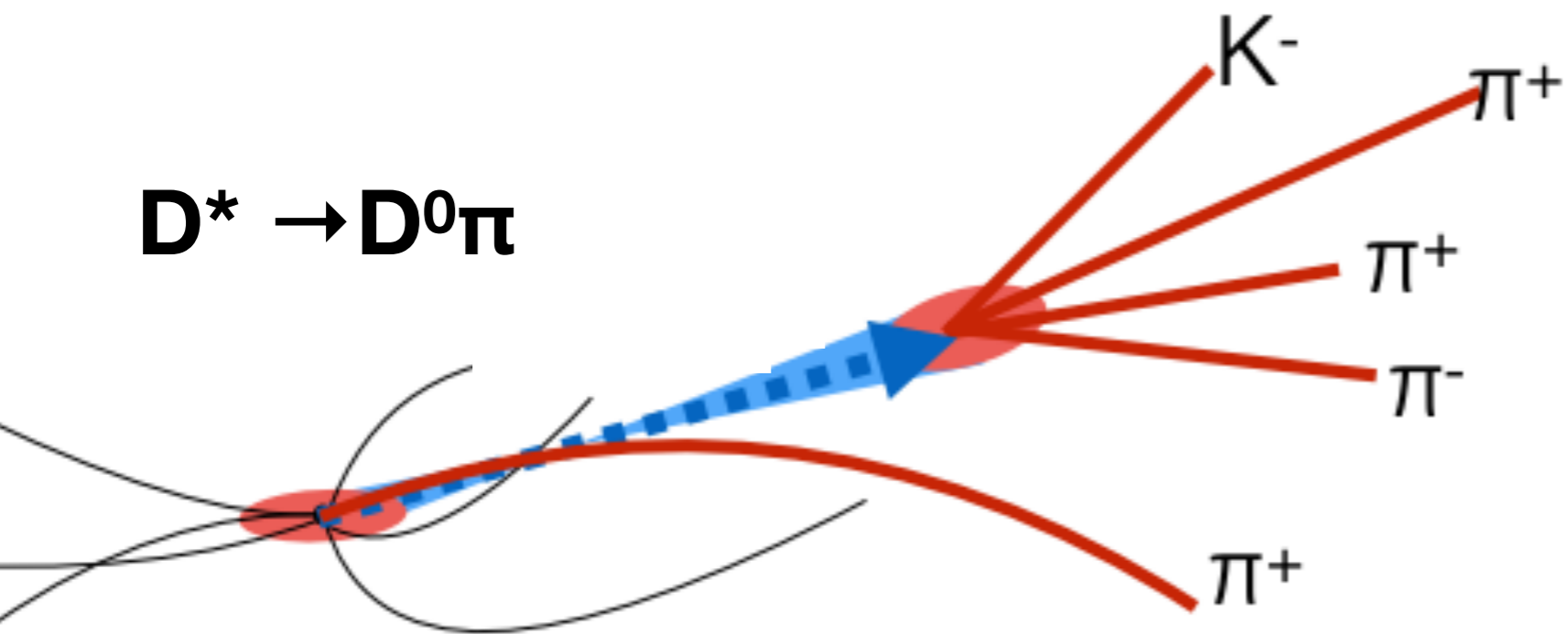
$D^* \rightarrow D^0 \pi$



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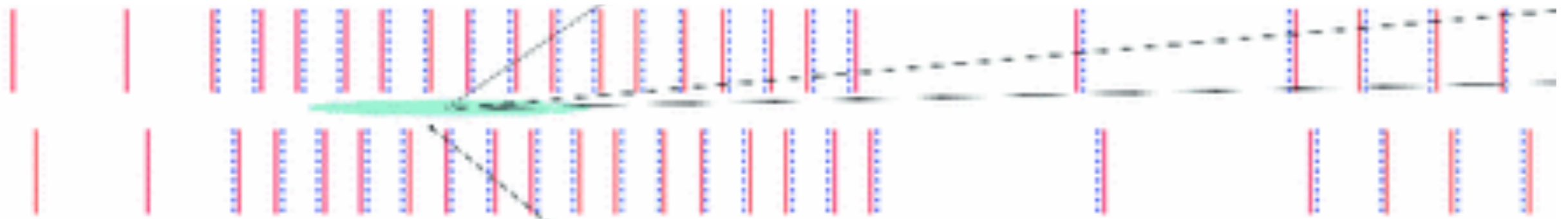


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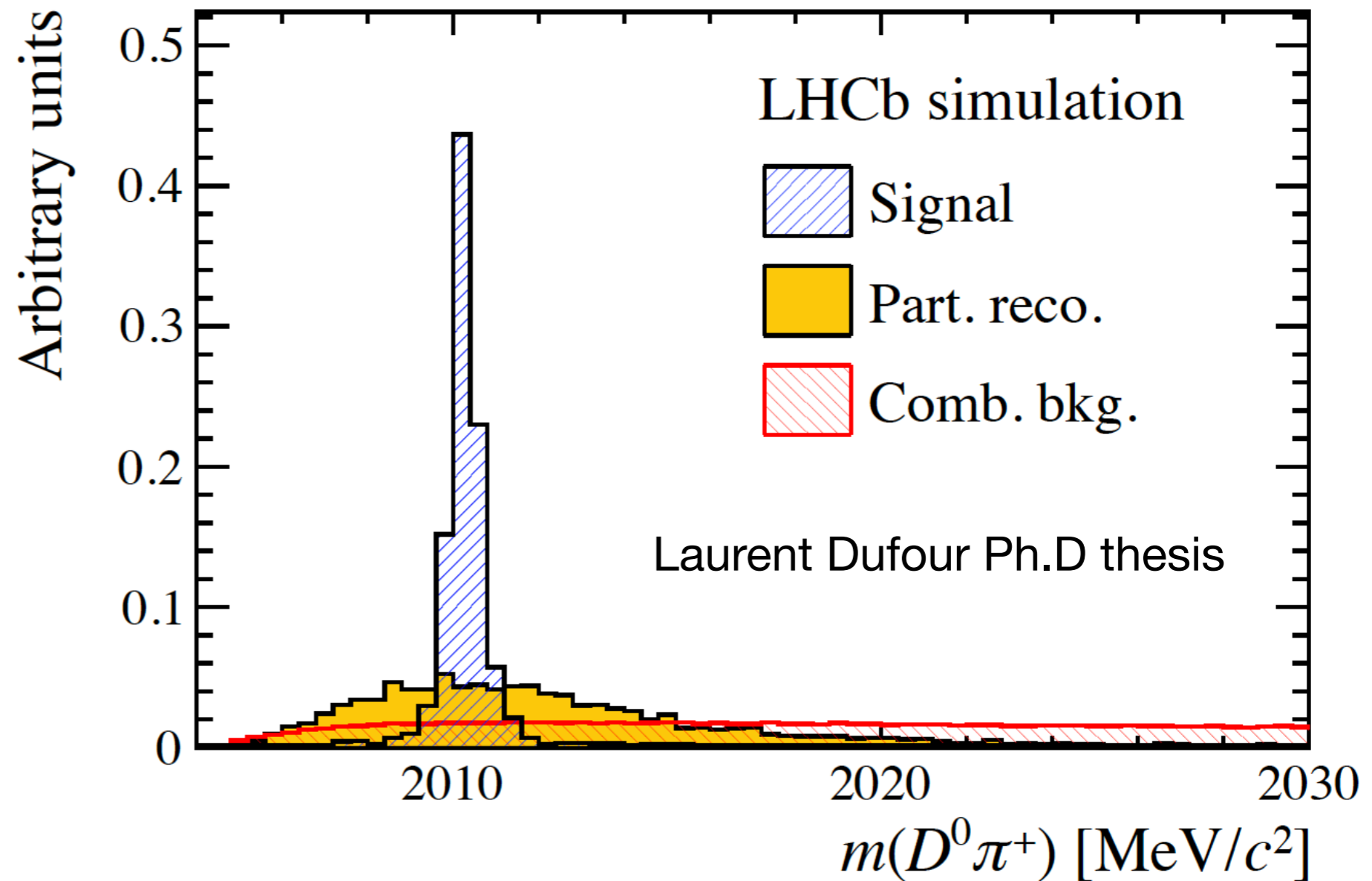
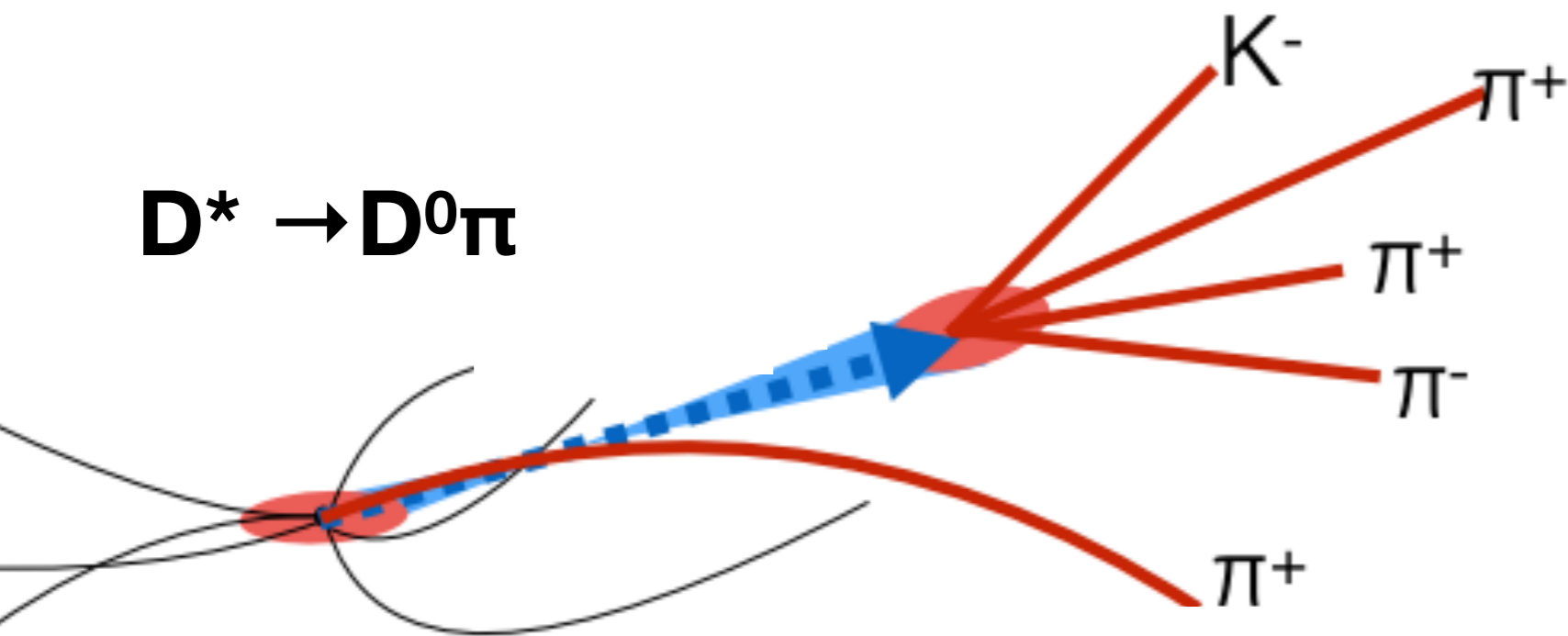
$$\varepsilon_{\text{det}}(\text{long}) = \varepsilon_{\text{det}}(\text{long}|\text{VELO})\varepsilon_{\text{det}}(\text{VELO})$$



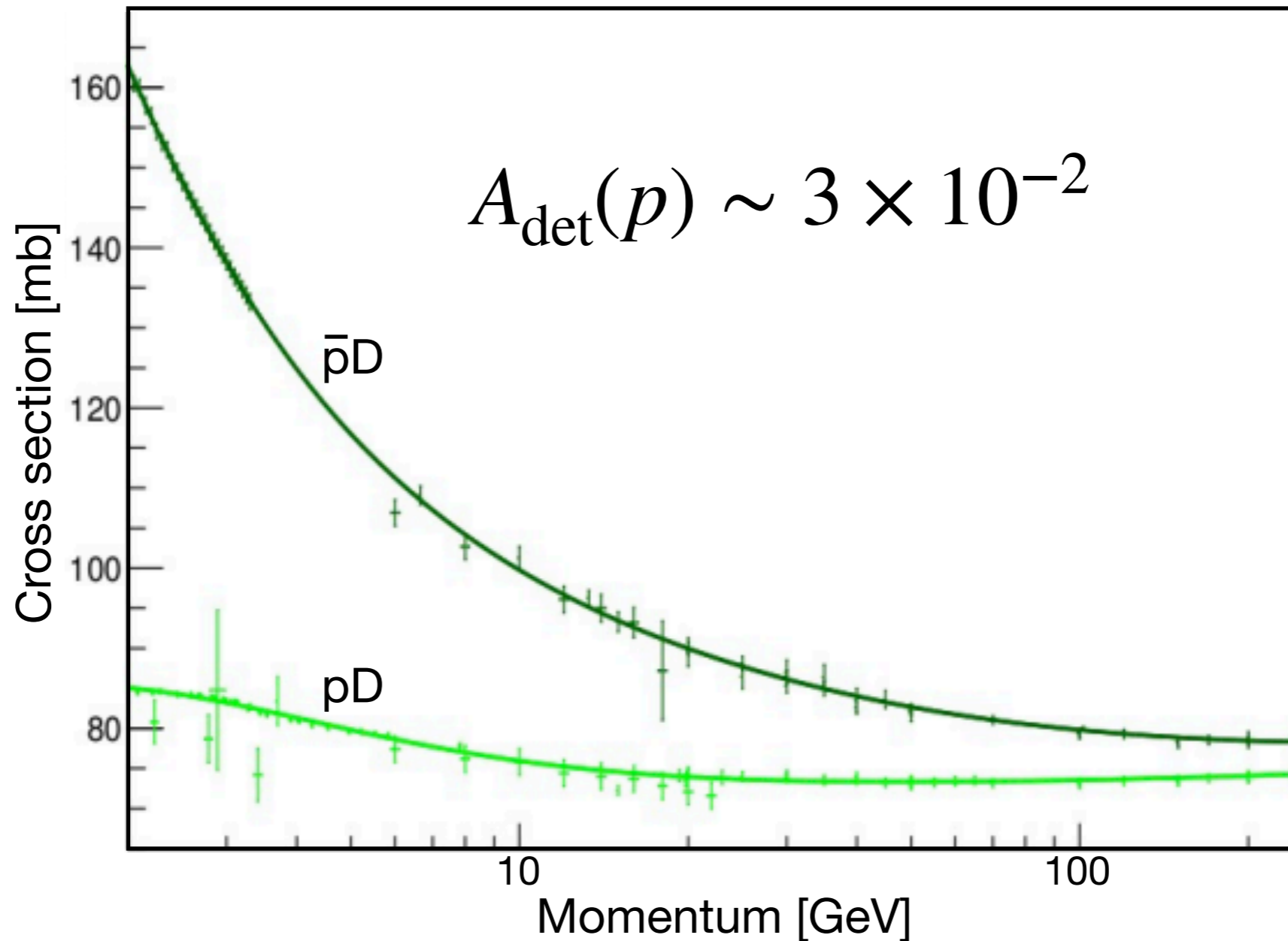
The VELO is up to 50% of the material budget.  
*However, only 3 stations required for VELO track.*



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# Protons



No  $A(K\pi)$  method.

Single-particle measurements challenging, but ideas in the pipeline...

Current understanding from simulation is at the 0.5-1% level.

# Solutions 1: calibration data

- Detector redundancy, resolution, and granularity for efficiency measurements.
- Select the relevant samples and information in the High Level Trigger.

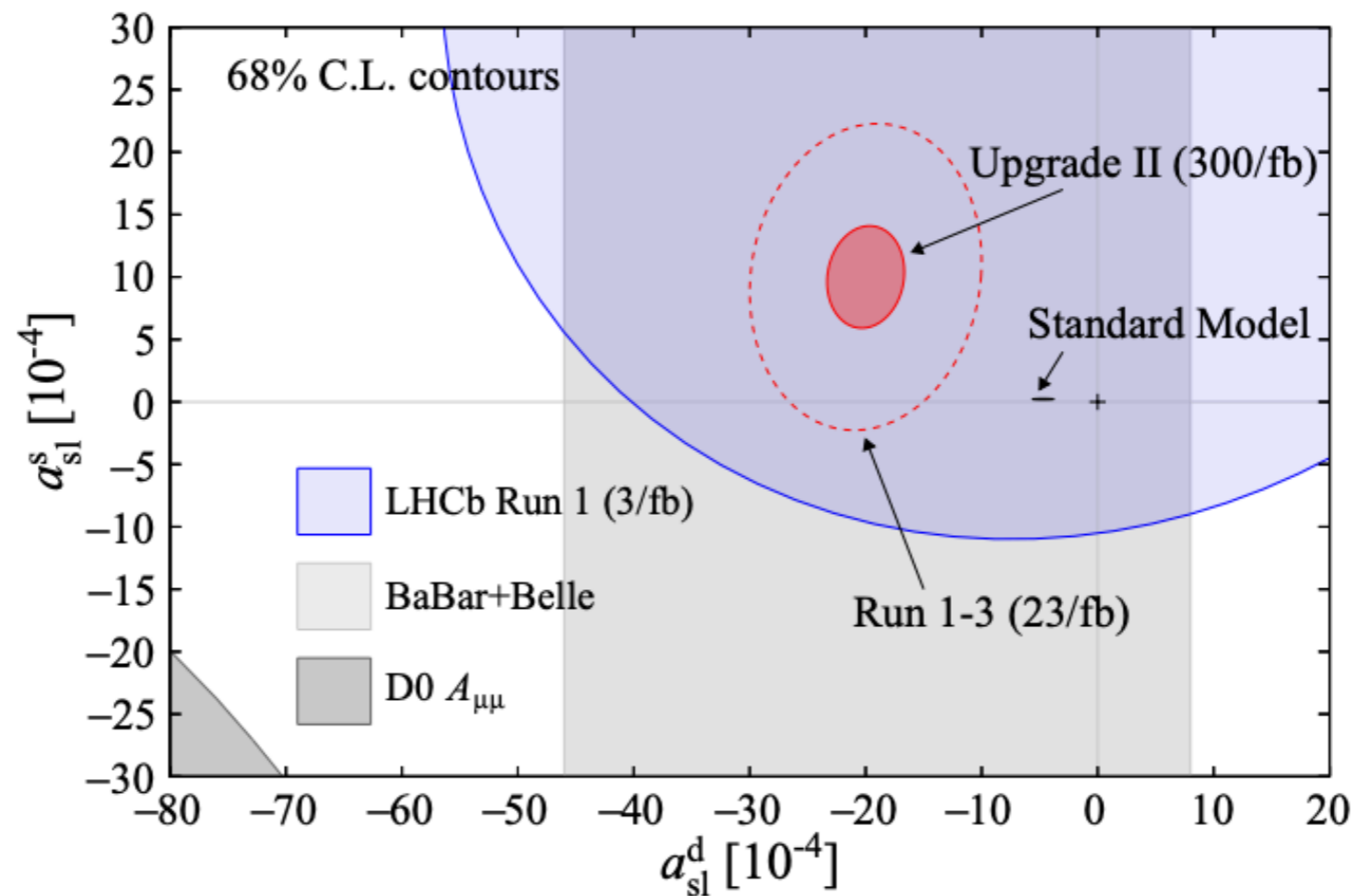
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- All data-driven methods are prone to biases.
- Simulation will be required to fully exploit the data.
- *Careful* application of fast-simulation approaches.

## Solutions 3: detector and machine

- Compromise between magnet flip frequency/symmetry and total  $L_{int}$ .
- Prefer crossing angles with same magnitude and sign for both polarities.
- Real time alignment and calibration! [1812.10790 \(2018\)](#)

# Conclusions



Hadron colliders provide many calibration processes, and we know how to use these to measure (most) detection asymmetries, and I'm sure that many great new ideas will emerge.

*However*, I think we will become more sensitive to subtle details that will be difficult to fully understand/control with the data alone.

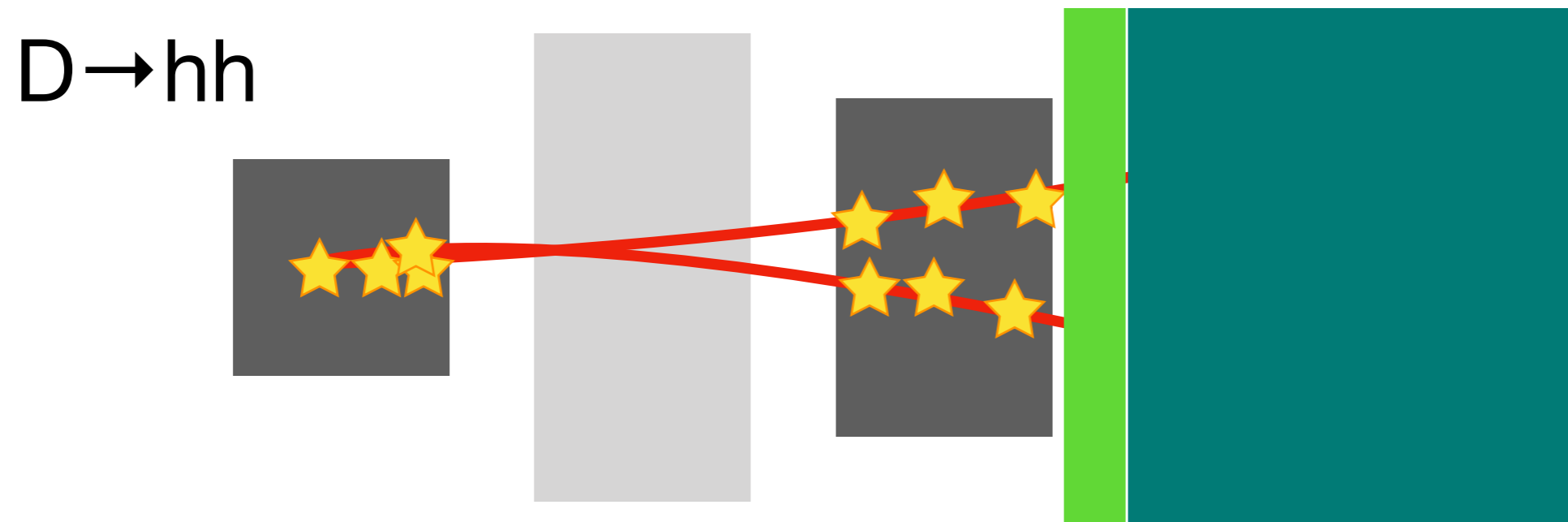
Important detector and trigger design considerations to reduce the initial size of the asymmetries and improve ability to calibrate them.

**Backup slides**

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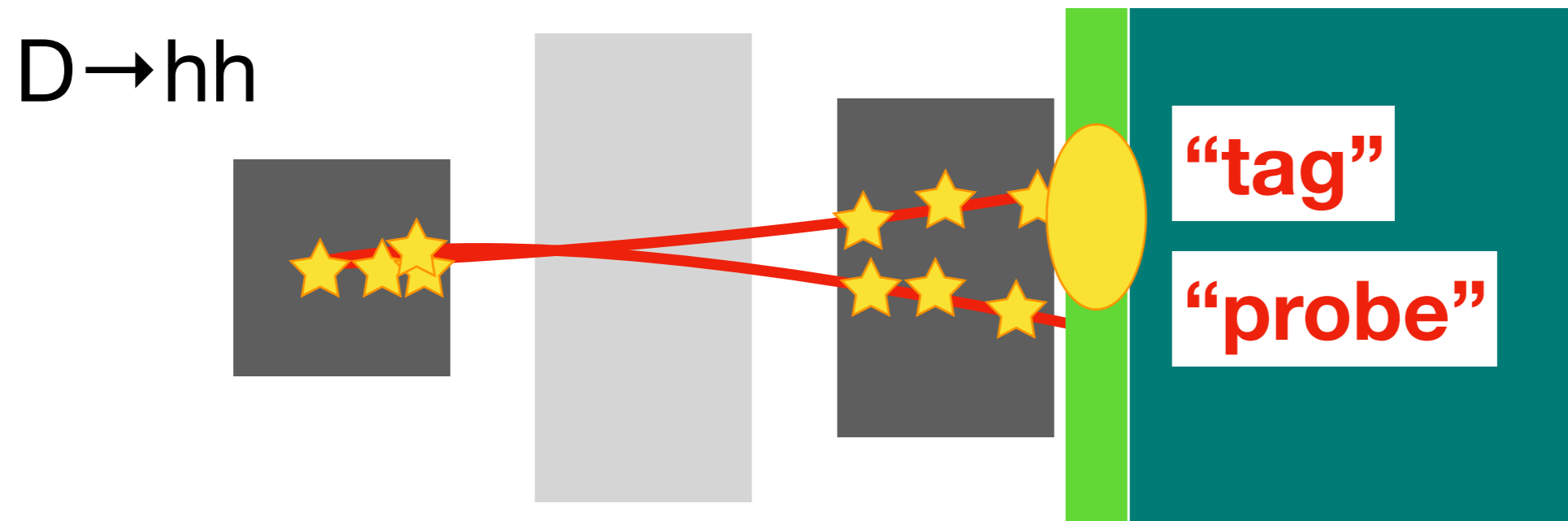




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