

"Summary" talk: Outlook and future of heavy-ion physics

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The most unexpected result



Eintracht Frankfurt winning 5:1 against Bayern Muenchen after ~9 years of not beating them in the Bundesliga

The most important point

Long-Gang Pang's summary of the "Machine learning in HI physics" talk

Summary

- PCA, Bayesian analysis and deep learning have been used to find patterns for **nuclear structure, QCD EoS, QGP property, jet flavor classification.**
- Machine learning is also the hero behind scenes for experimental data processing, such as track reconstruction, background removal, detector simulation ...
- Many challenges
 - Fast models to accumulate data in HIC
 - Good models for supervised learning (e.g., how to encode the critical fluctuations?)
 - Model uncertainty and detector efficiency
 - Interpretation is crucial

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In fact should be or is the motto of our field

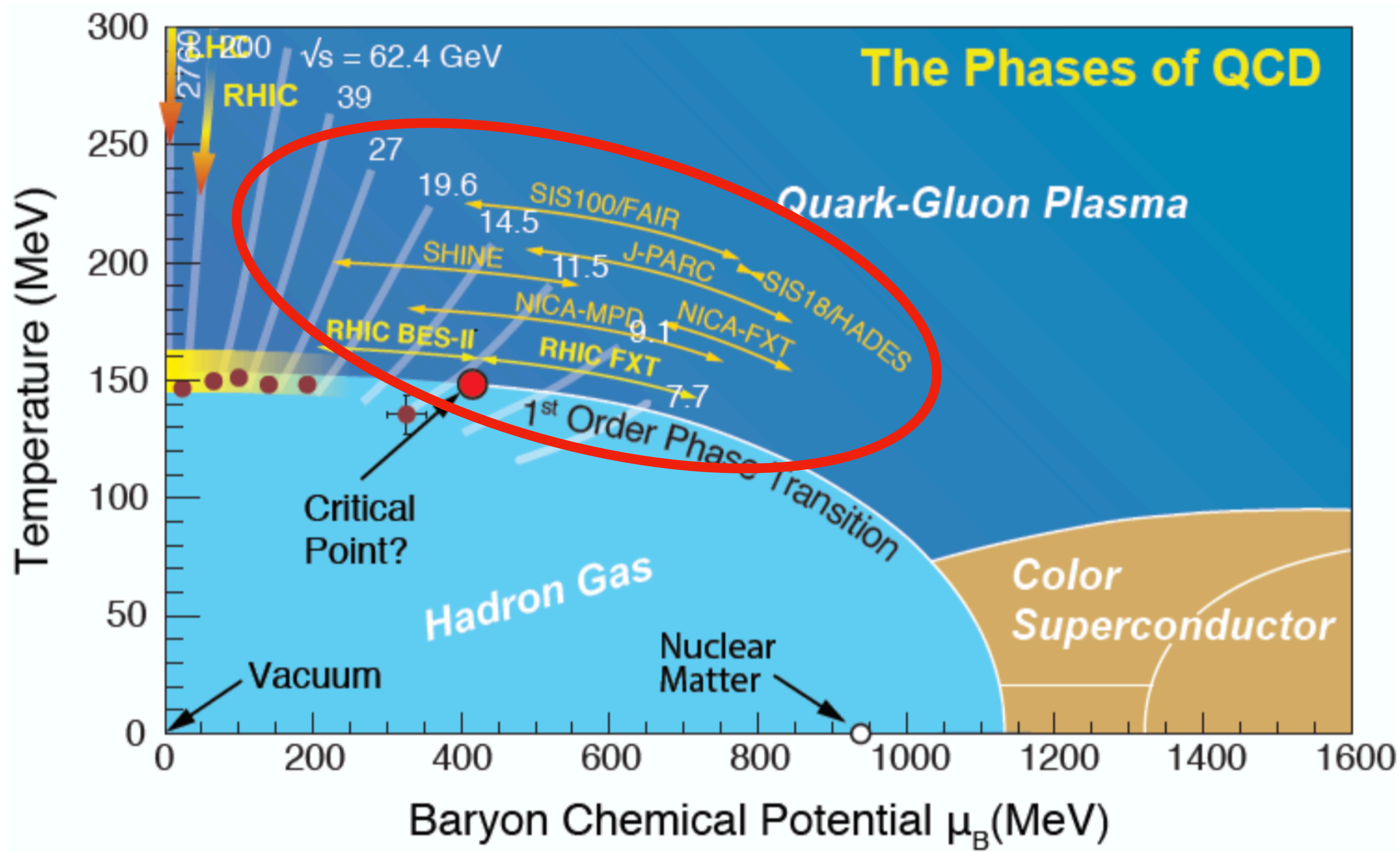
The task given to me:

[...] to give the **"Summary" talk: Outlook and future of Heavy-ion Physics**. [...] Instead, we would like you to give your view on the Outlook and future of heavy-ion physics. Given what we know so far, especially what have been presented in this conference, what kind of problems and challenges we will face, and how we will meet these challenges in the future. [...]

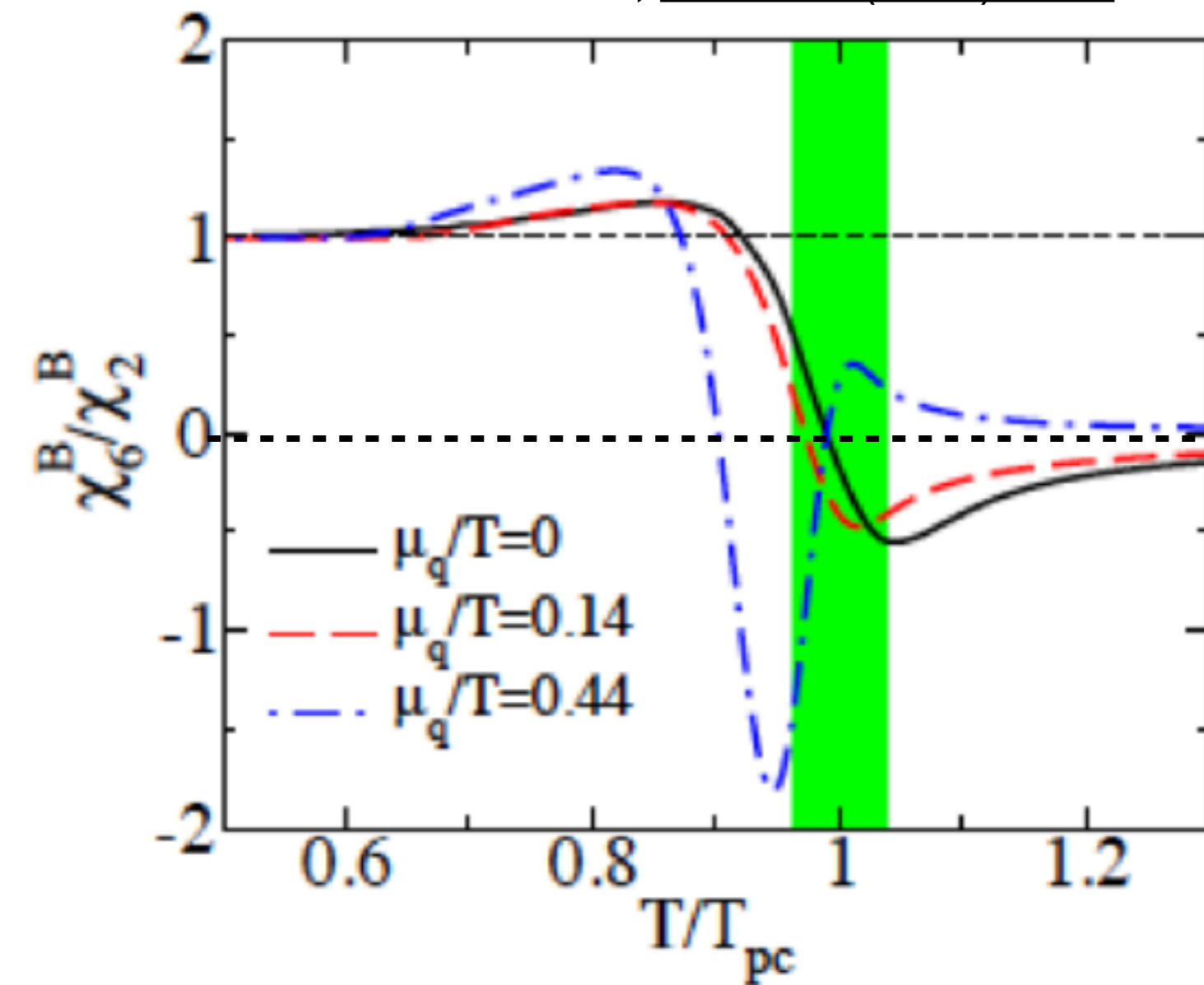
After "interpreting", what I will talk about:

**I'll go through some of the results that got my attention,
and will give you my take on what they mean or what we should do next.
I'll mention all future experiments and upgrades, but only briefly
since they were covered by A.Dainese this morning.**

The high-density frontier



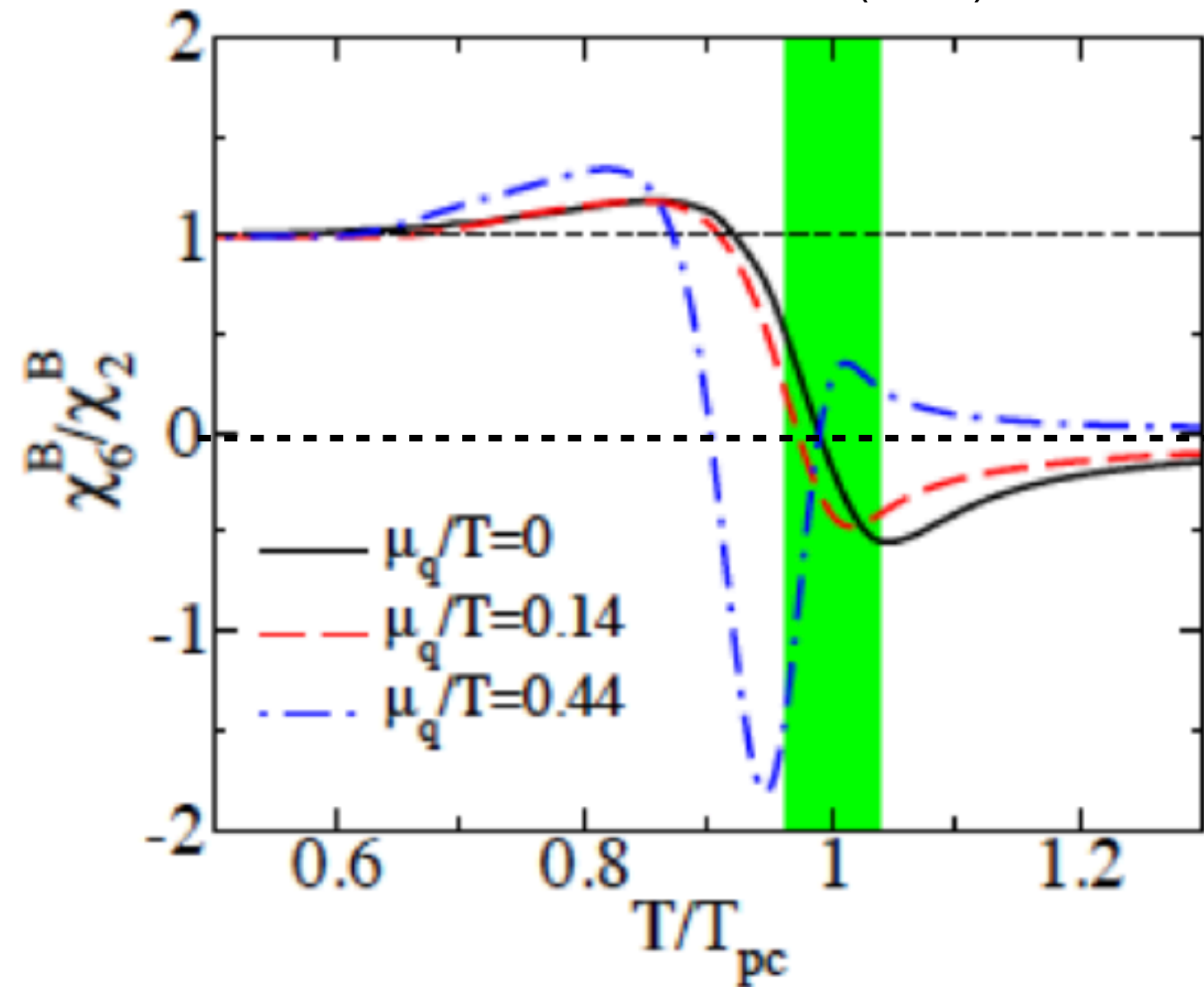
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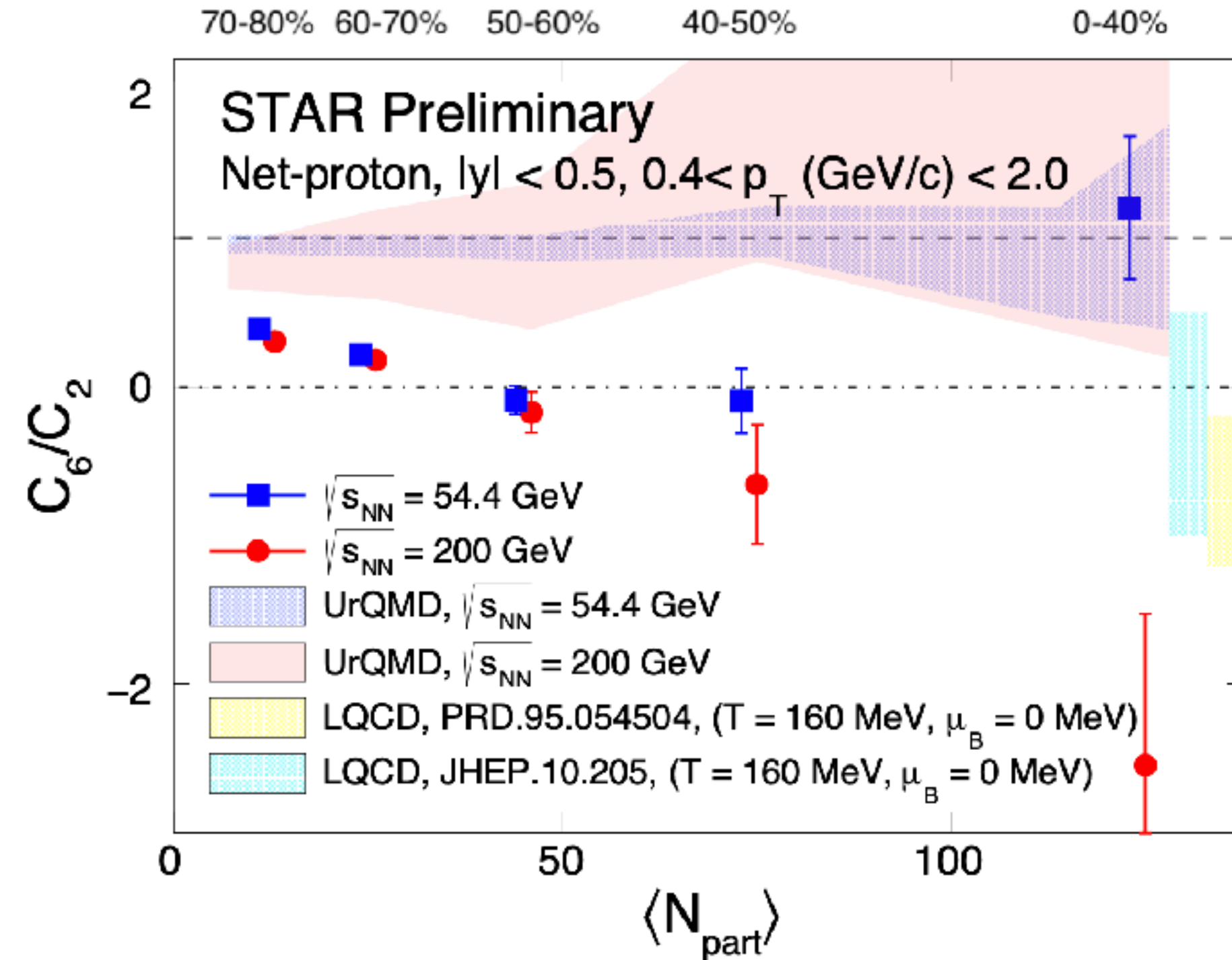
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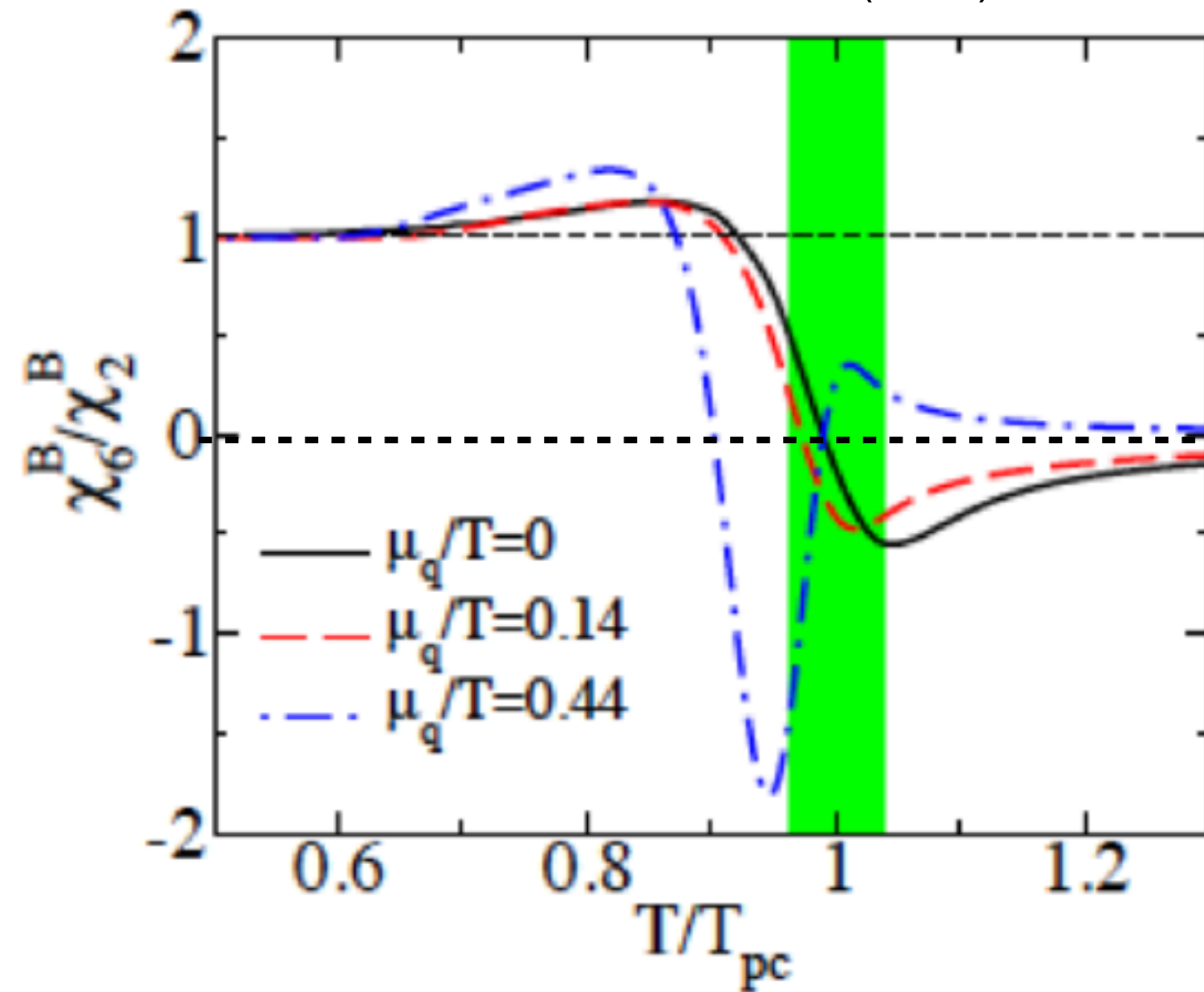


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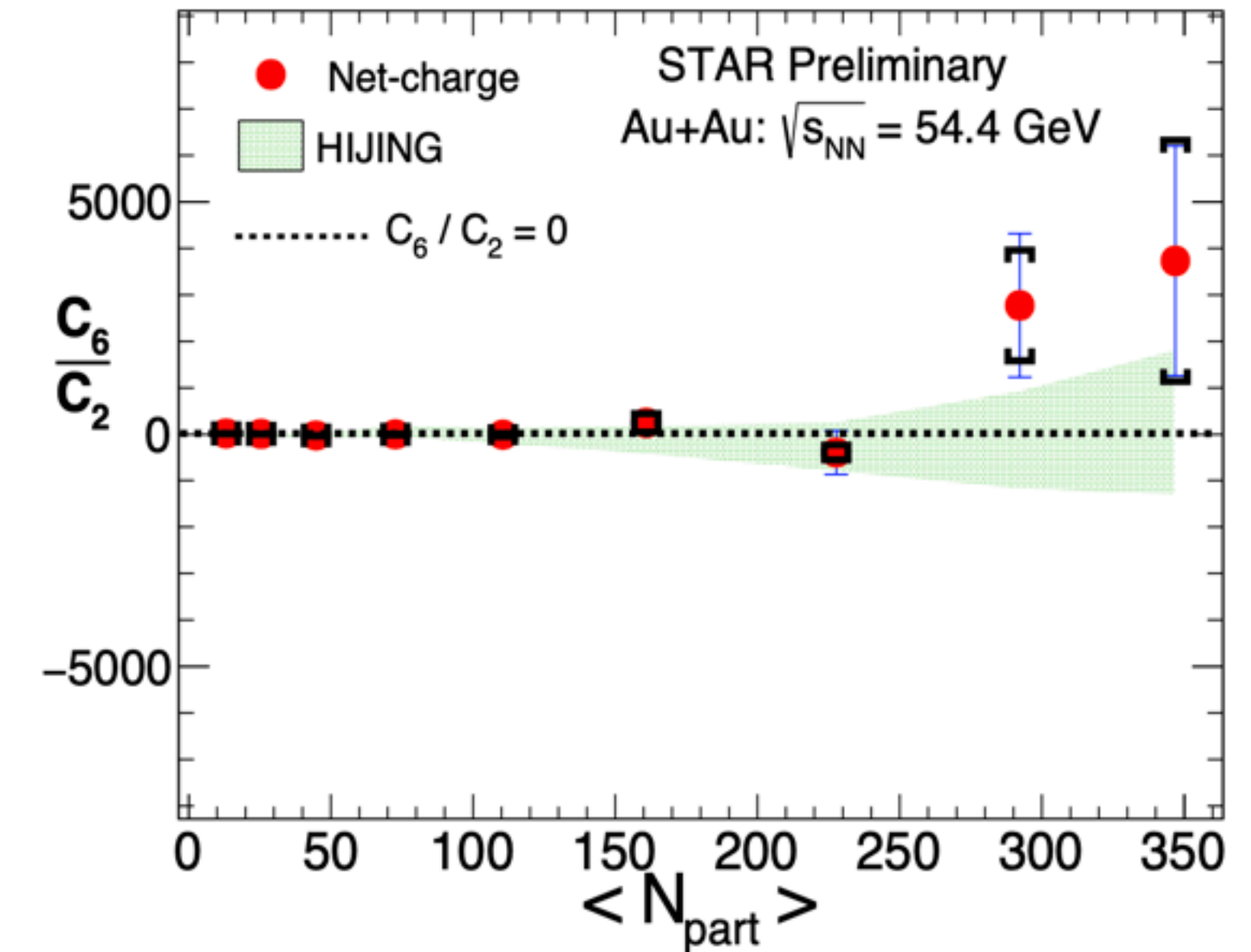
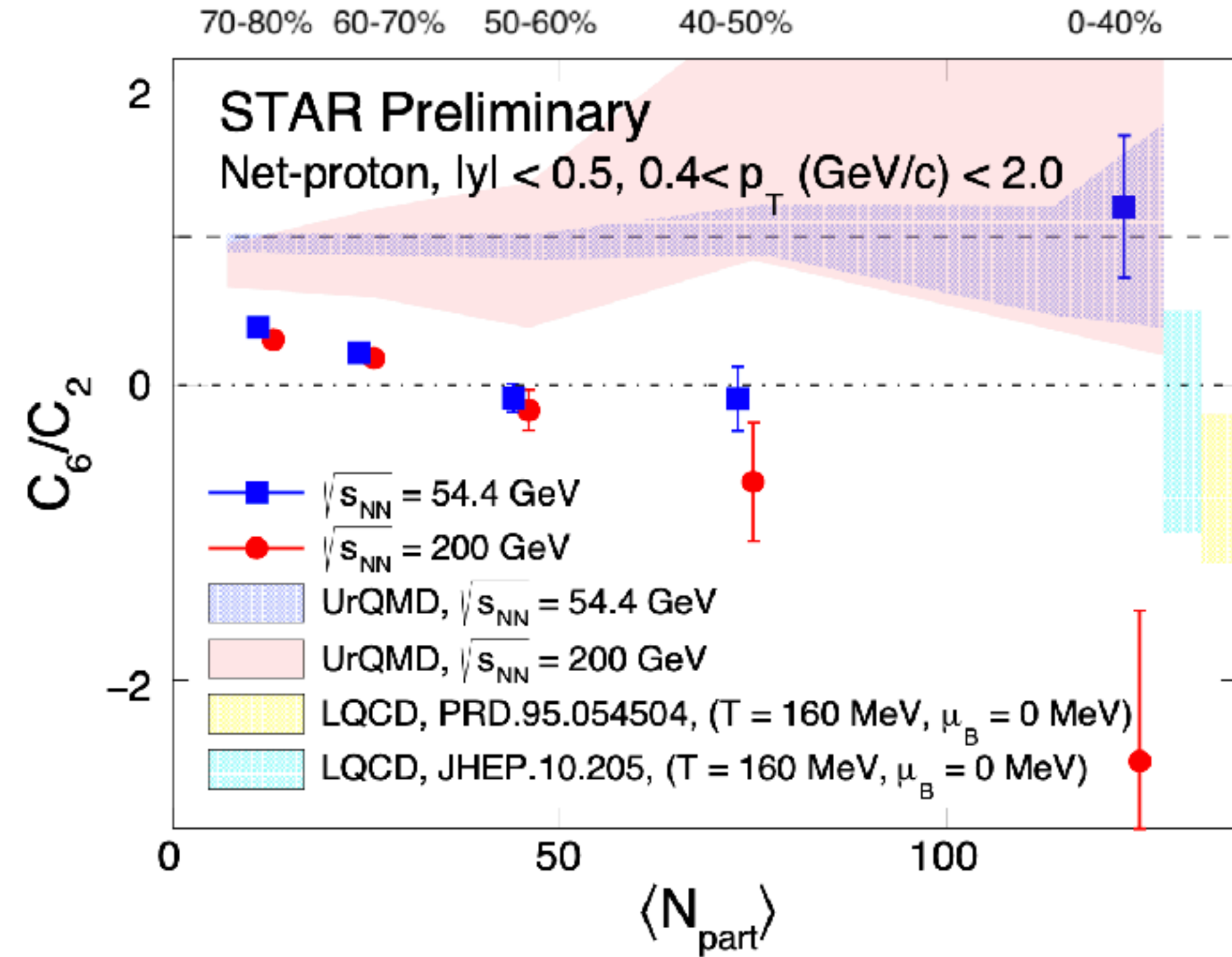


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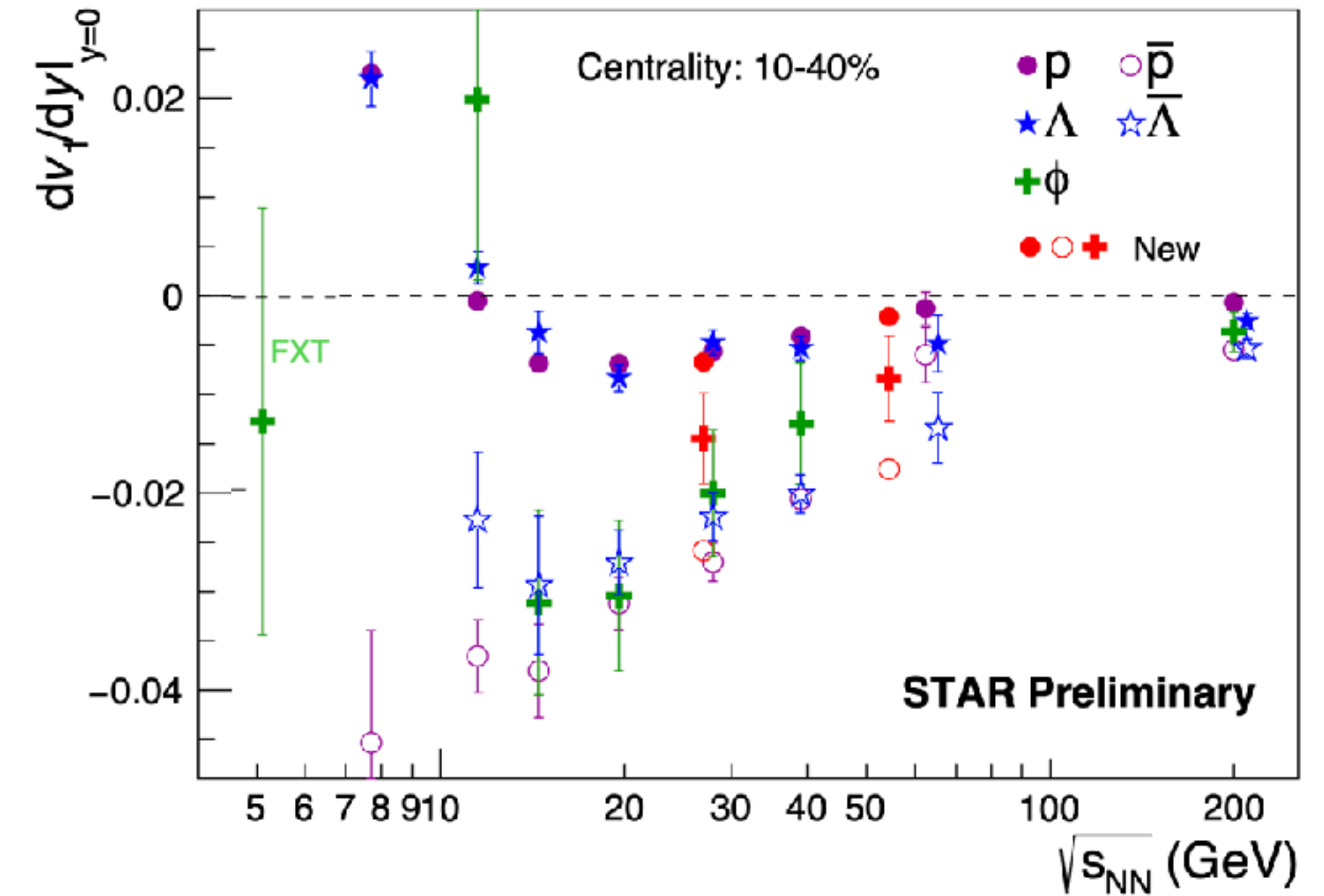
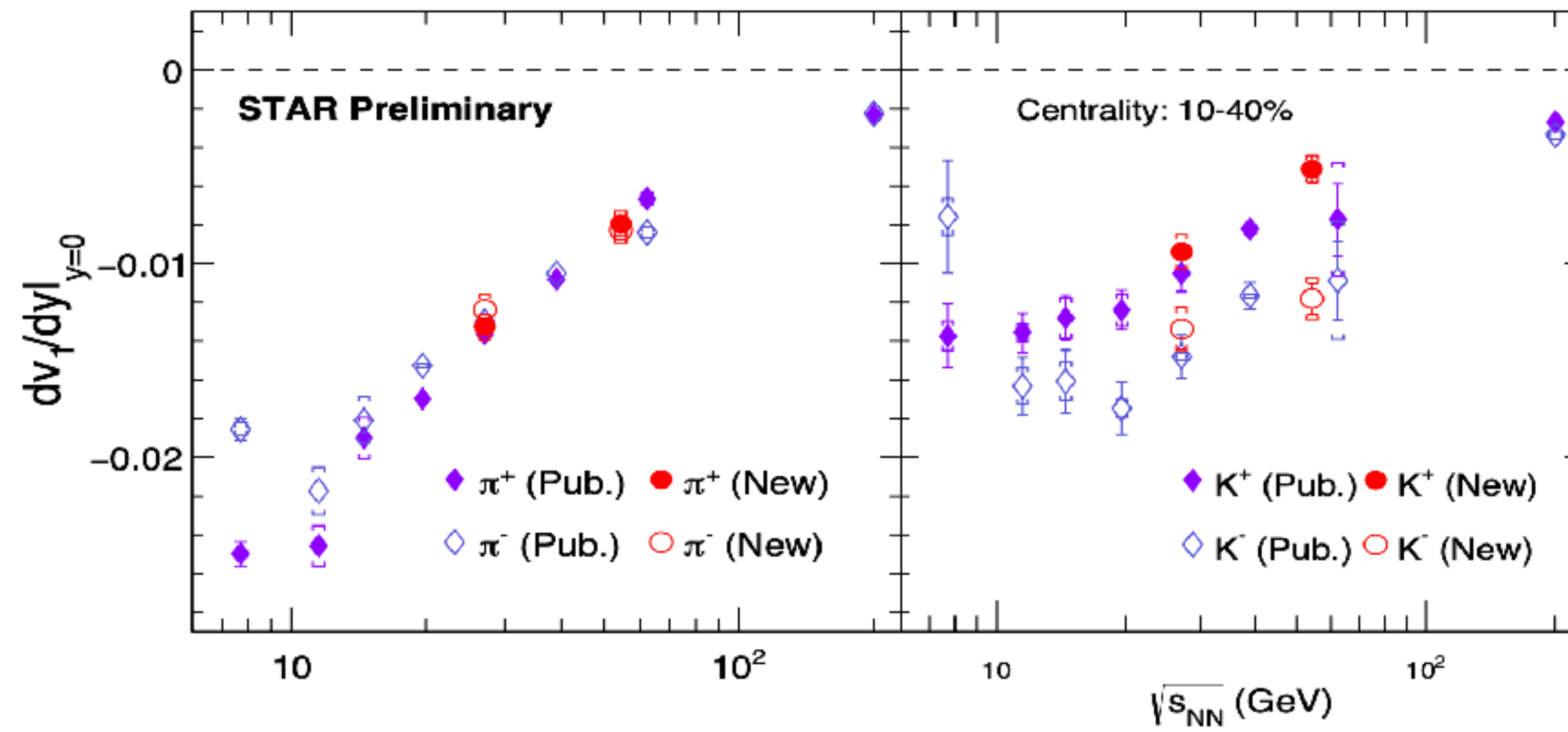
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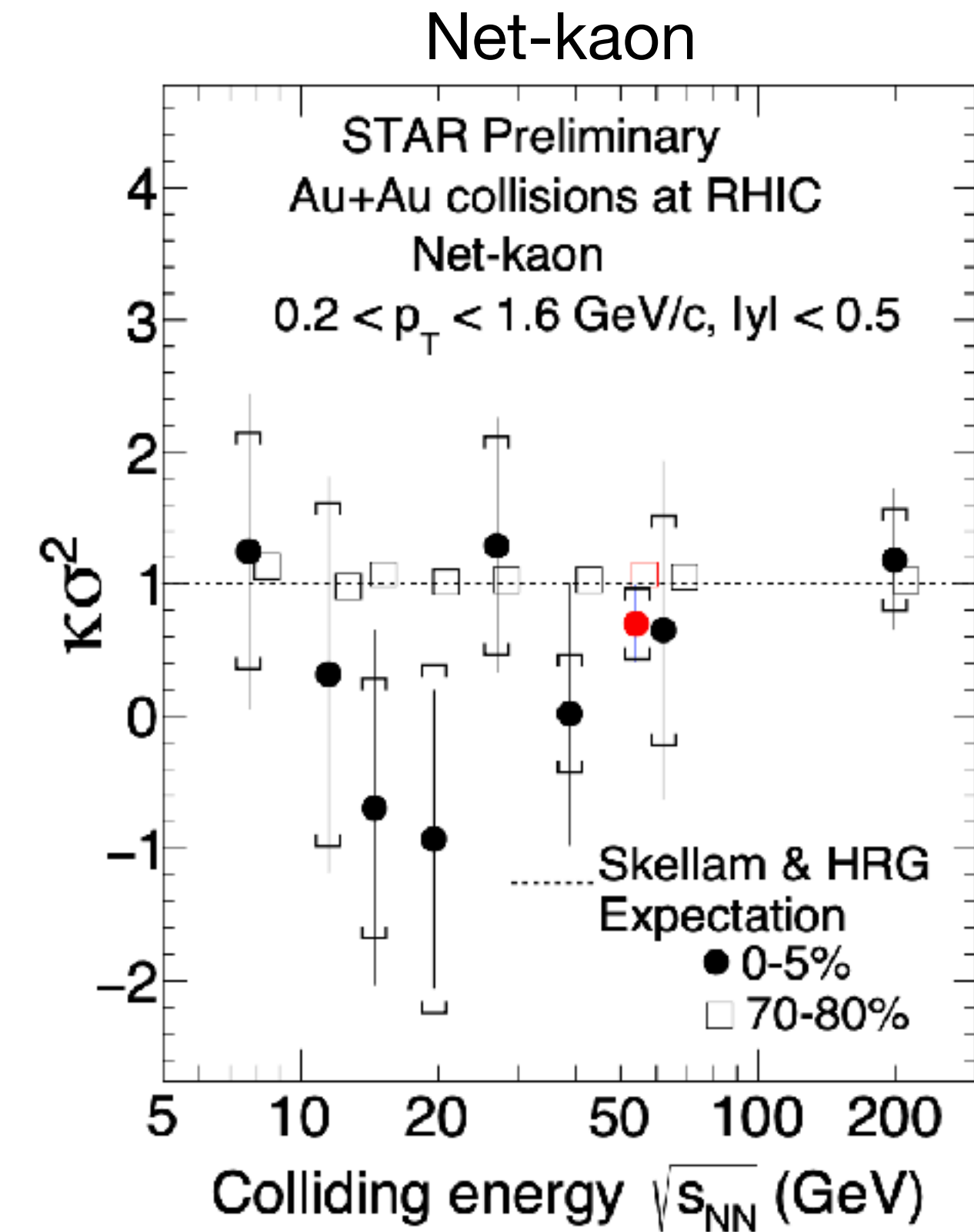
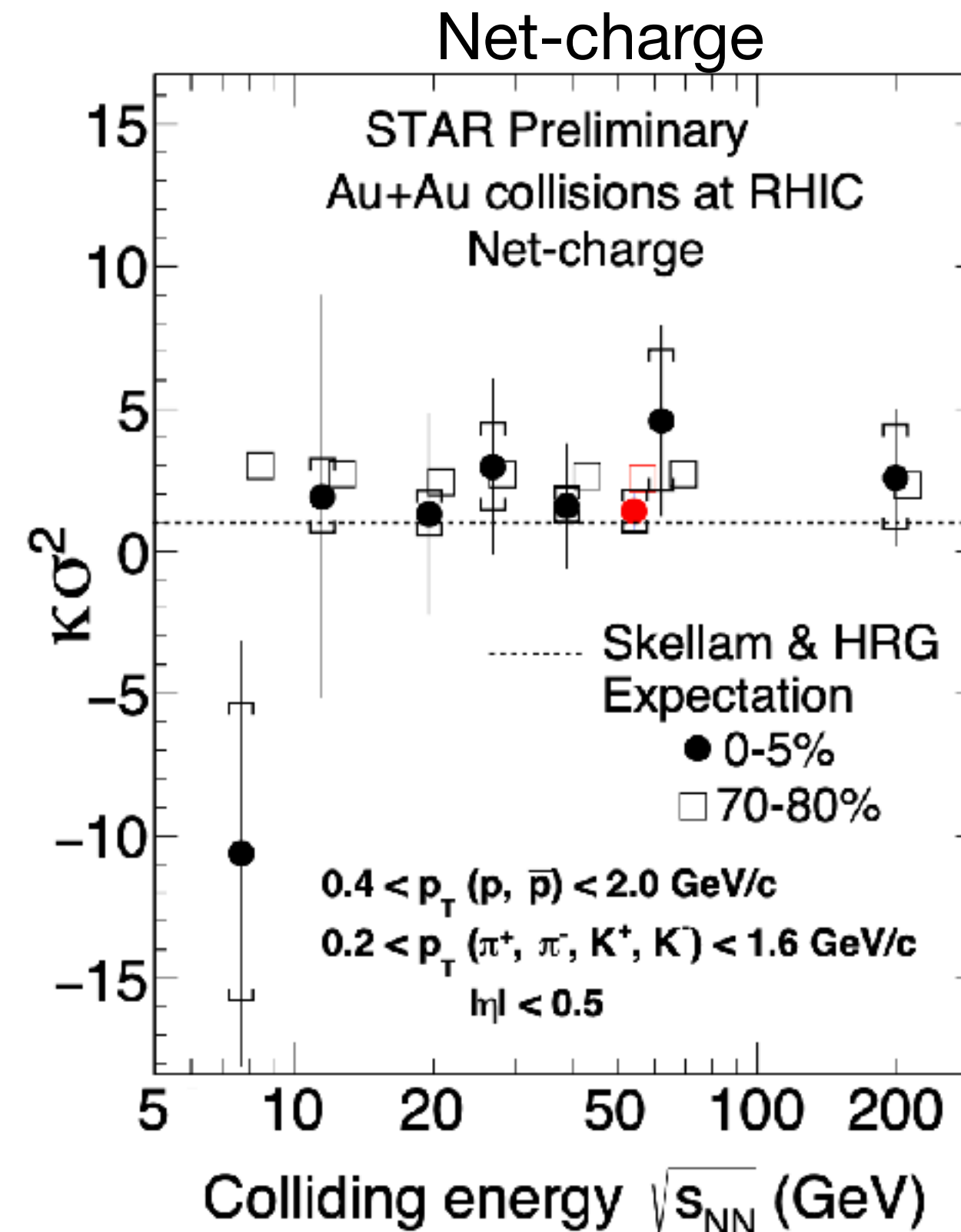
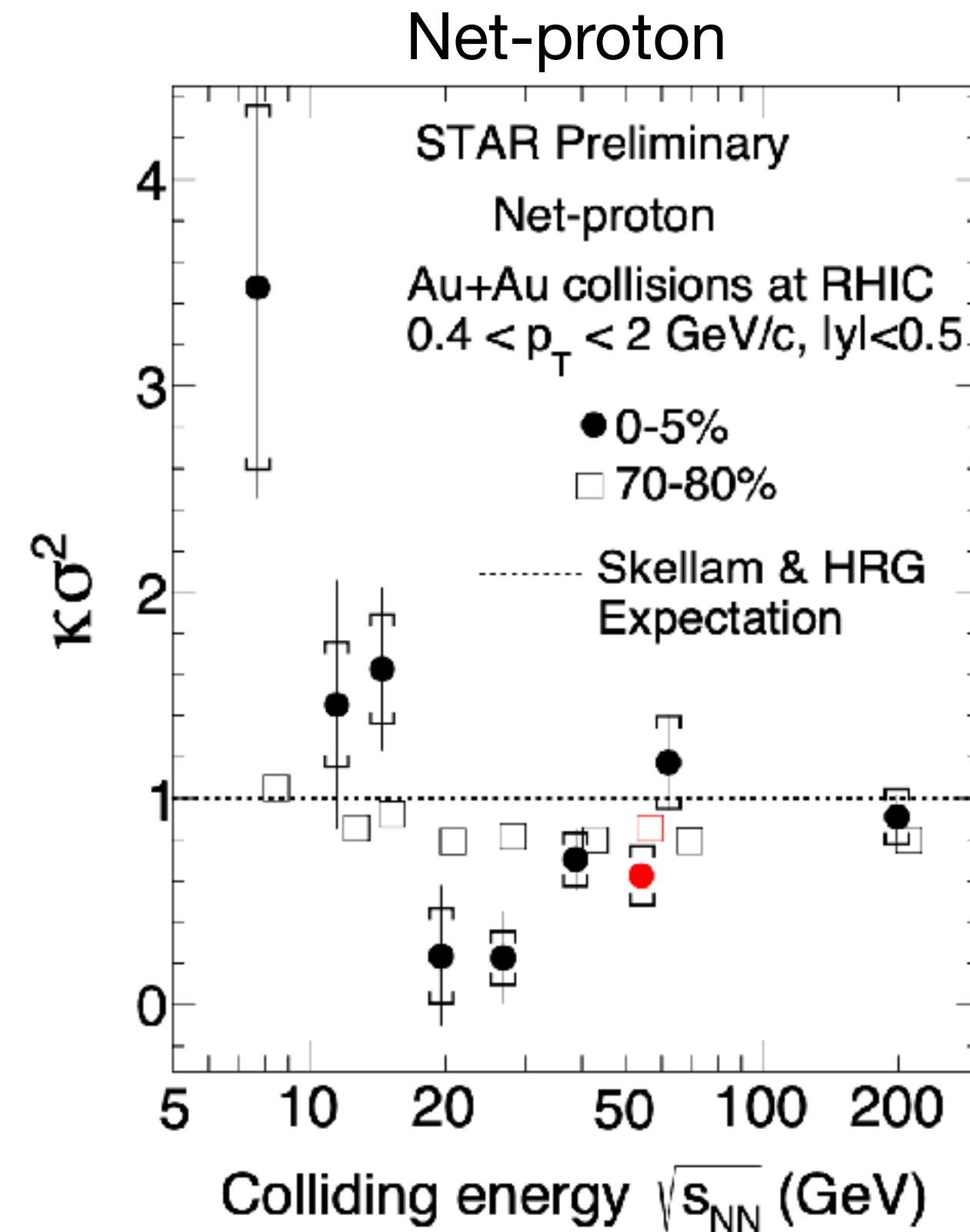


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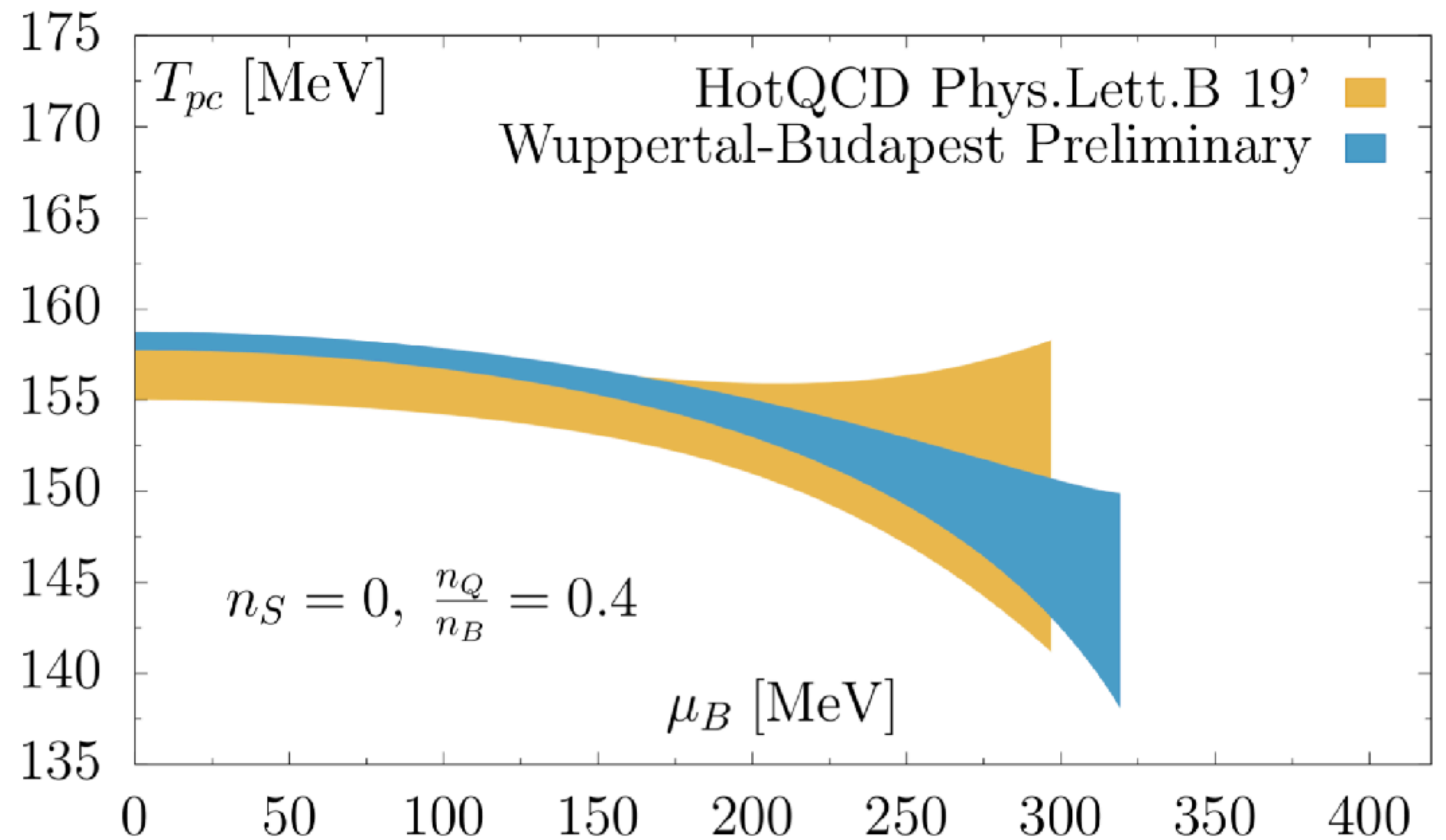
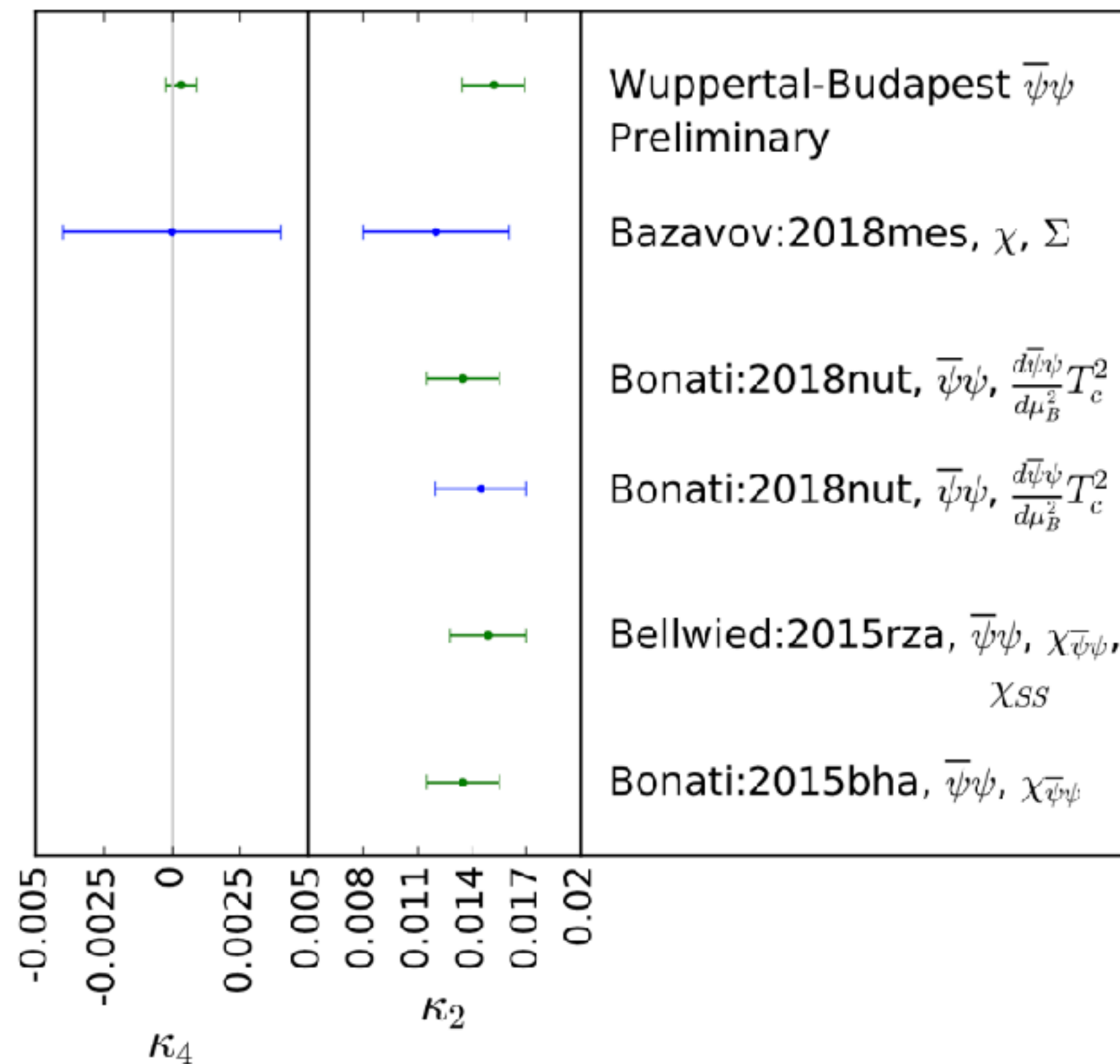
- Mesons and anti-baryons have negative slope, while baryons have positive slope
- Situation for ϕ -meson below $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=14.5$ GeV not clear, need more statistics
- Need to disentangle contributions from baryon stopping
 - Calculation from BEST is really needed!
- Also waiting for data in fix-target mode!

$$C_4/C_2 = \kappa\sigma^2$$



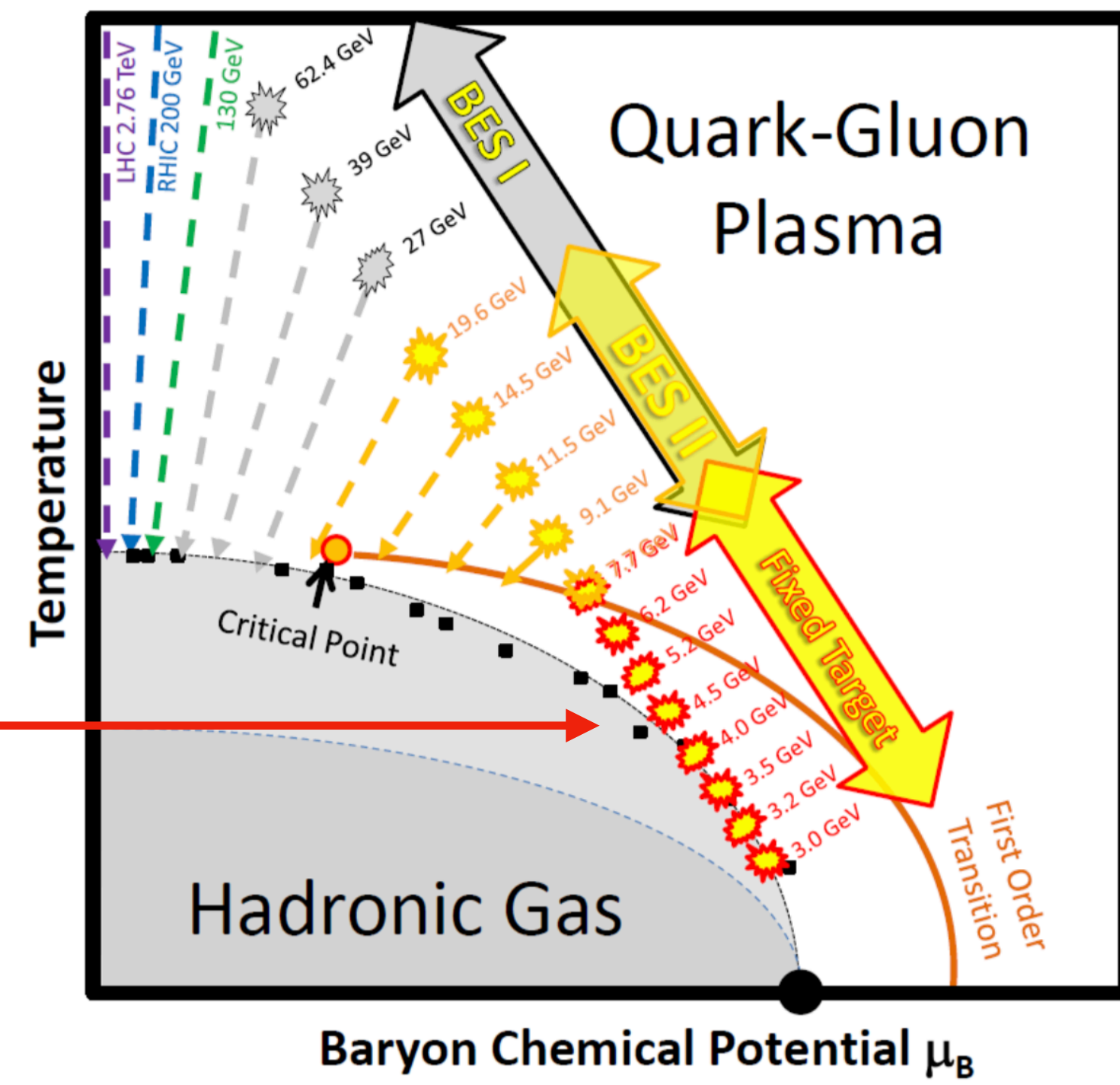
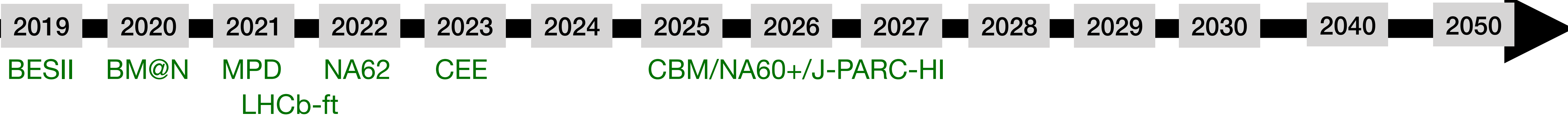
- New data for 54.4 GeV shows great potential of BESII statistics
- Eagerly waiting for BES2 data in the low energy region!

$$\frac{T_c(\mu_B)}{T_c(0)} = 1 - \kappa_2 \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T_c}\right)^2 - \kappa_4 \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T_c}\right)^4 + \mathcal{O}(\mu_B^6)$$



- New results from the WB collaboration from the imaginary chemical potential pushes the region for the expected CP to $\mu_B \gtrsim 300$ GeV
 - Smaller uncertainties, consistent with previous HotQCD results

The high-density frontier: Future

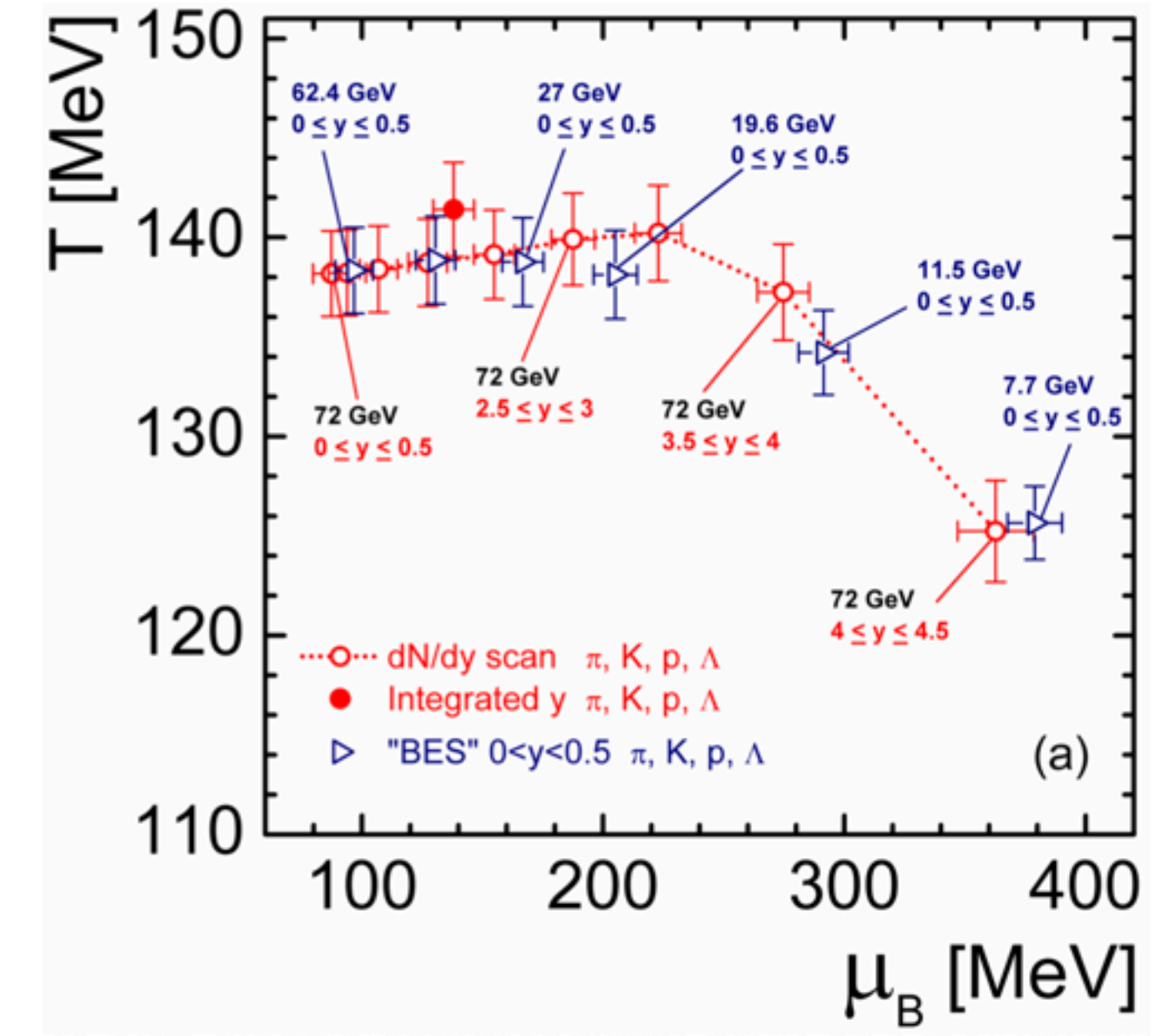


- Facilities:**
 BNL/RHIC
 CERN/SPS
 FAIR/SIS
 JINR/NICA
 J-PARC
 HIAF

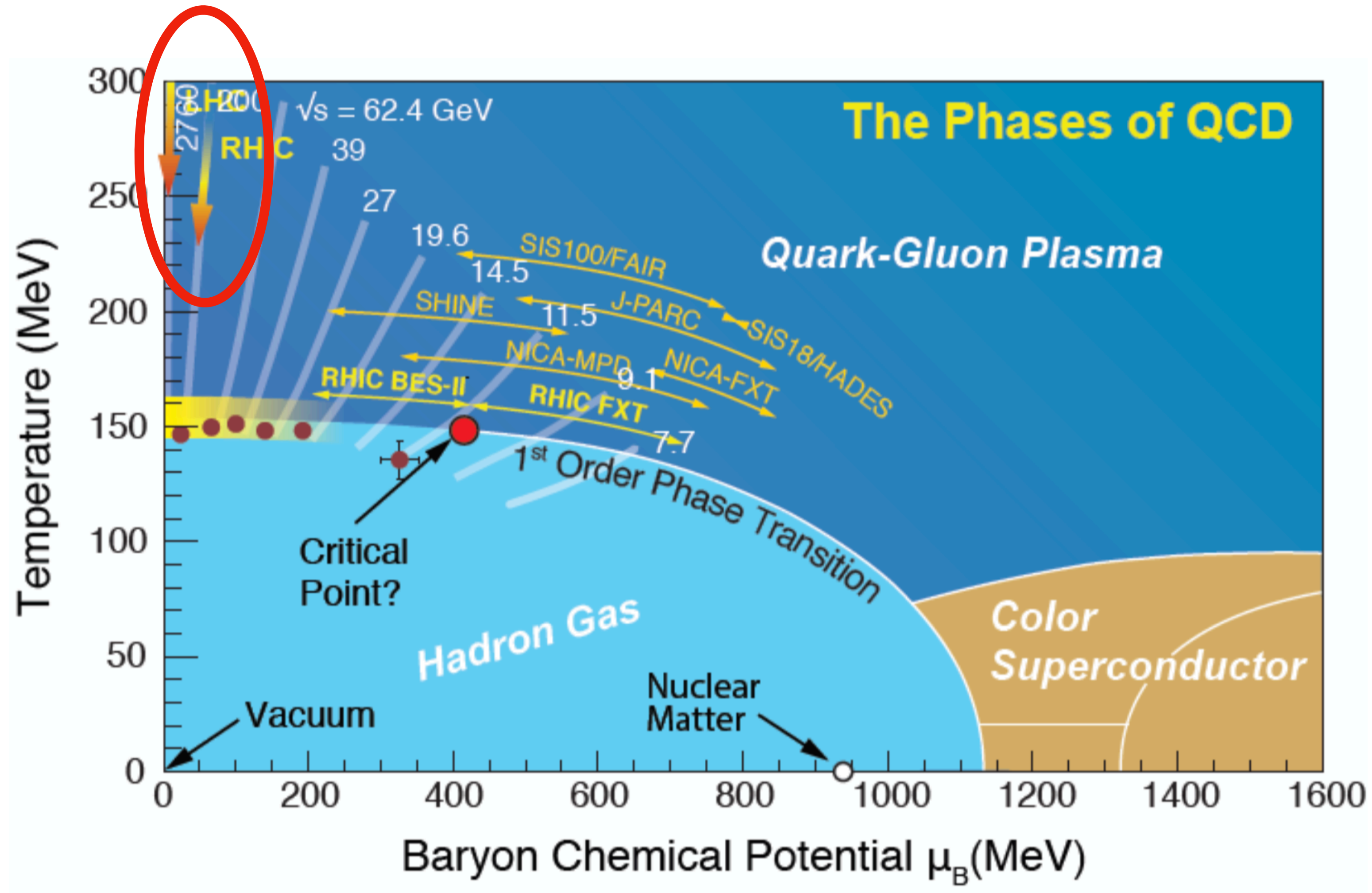
Key region for CP search
 $2.5 < \sqrt{s_{NN}} < 8 \text{ GeV}$

Systematic exploration of high μ_B region

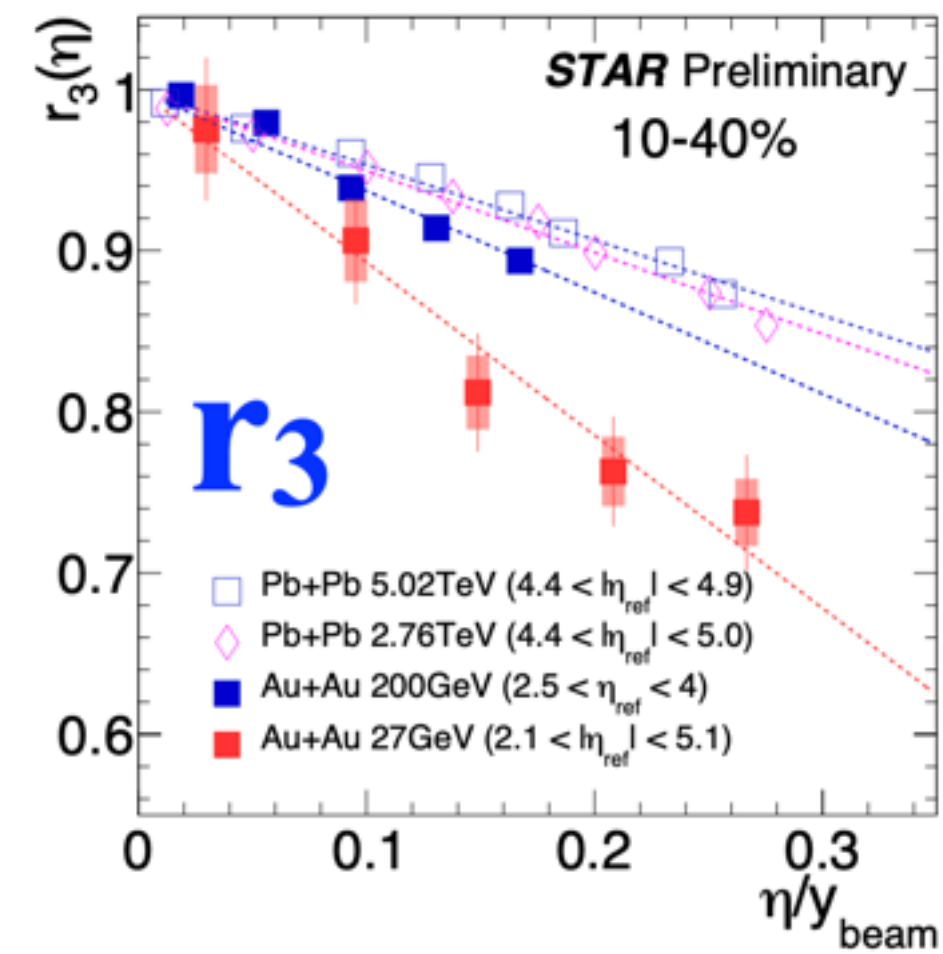
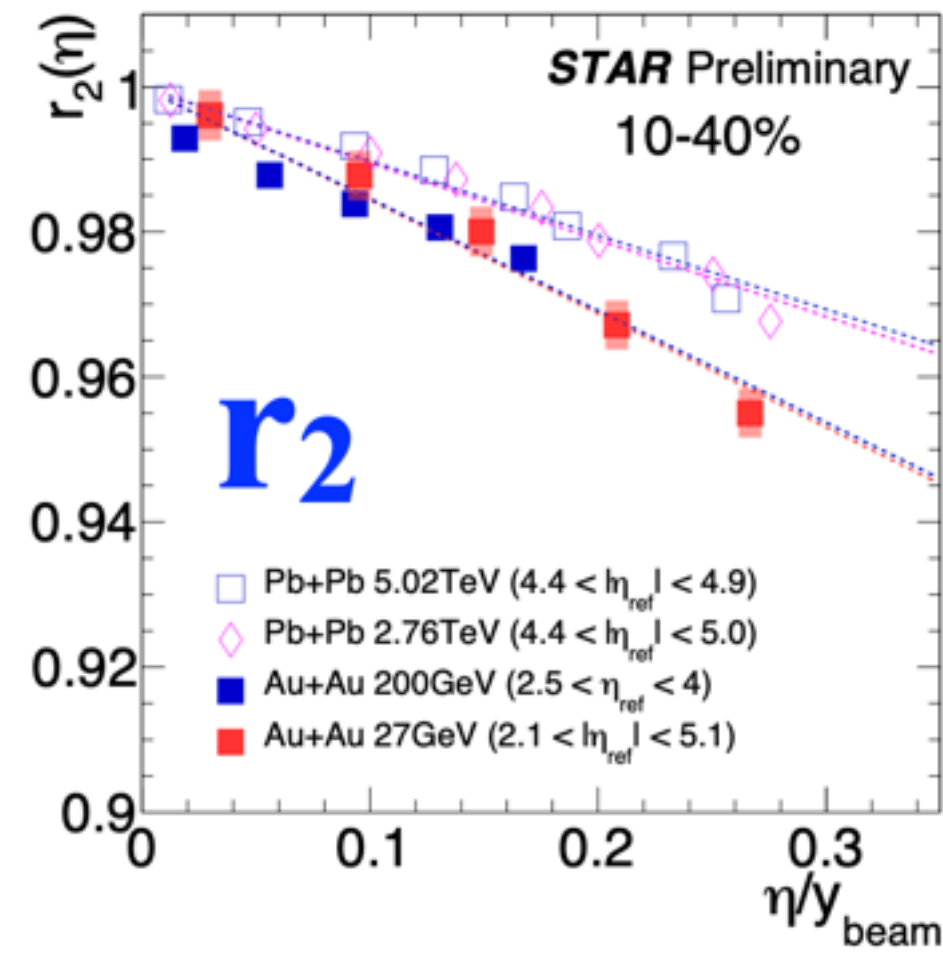
LHCb-ft (SMOG)



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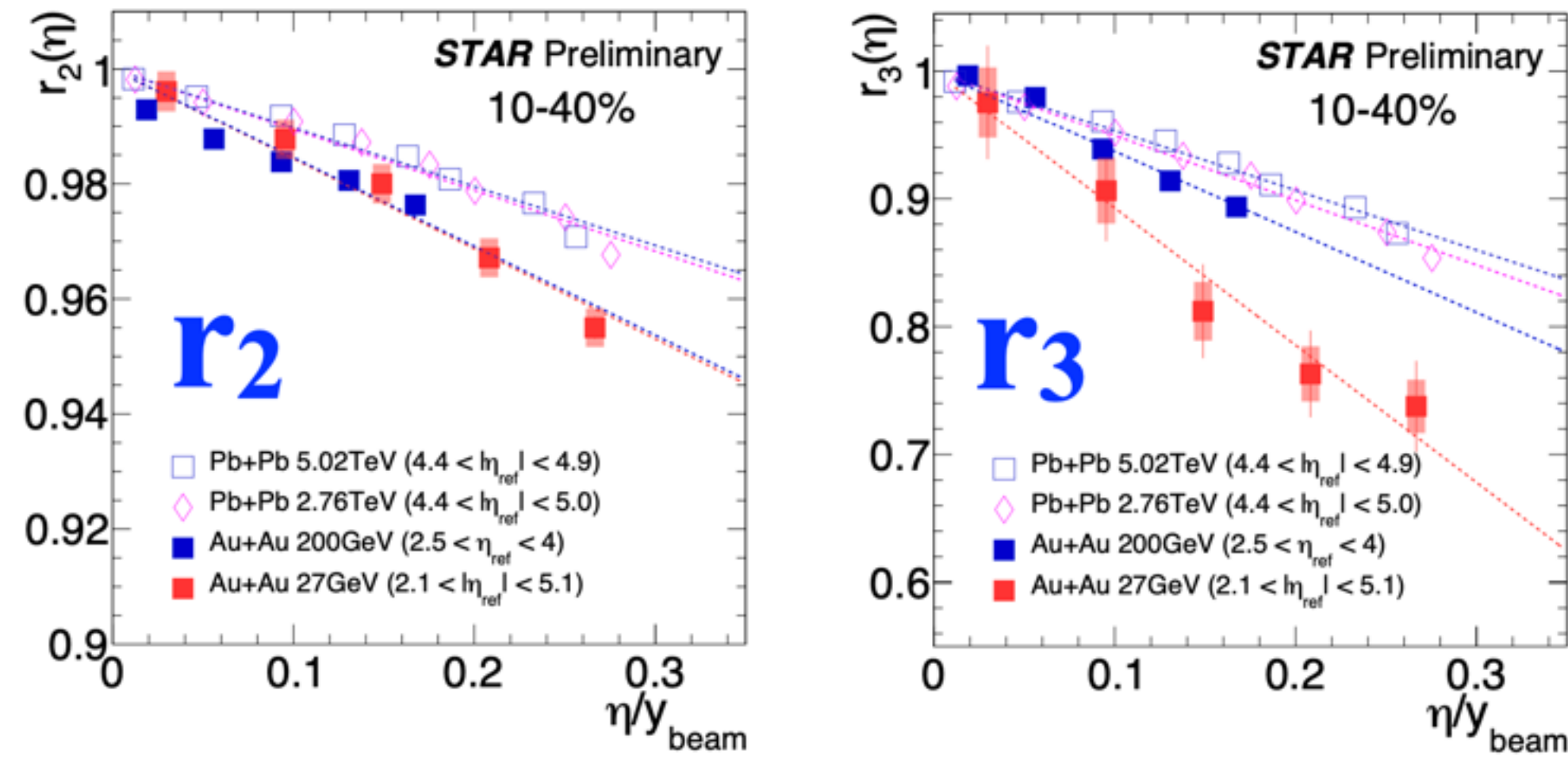


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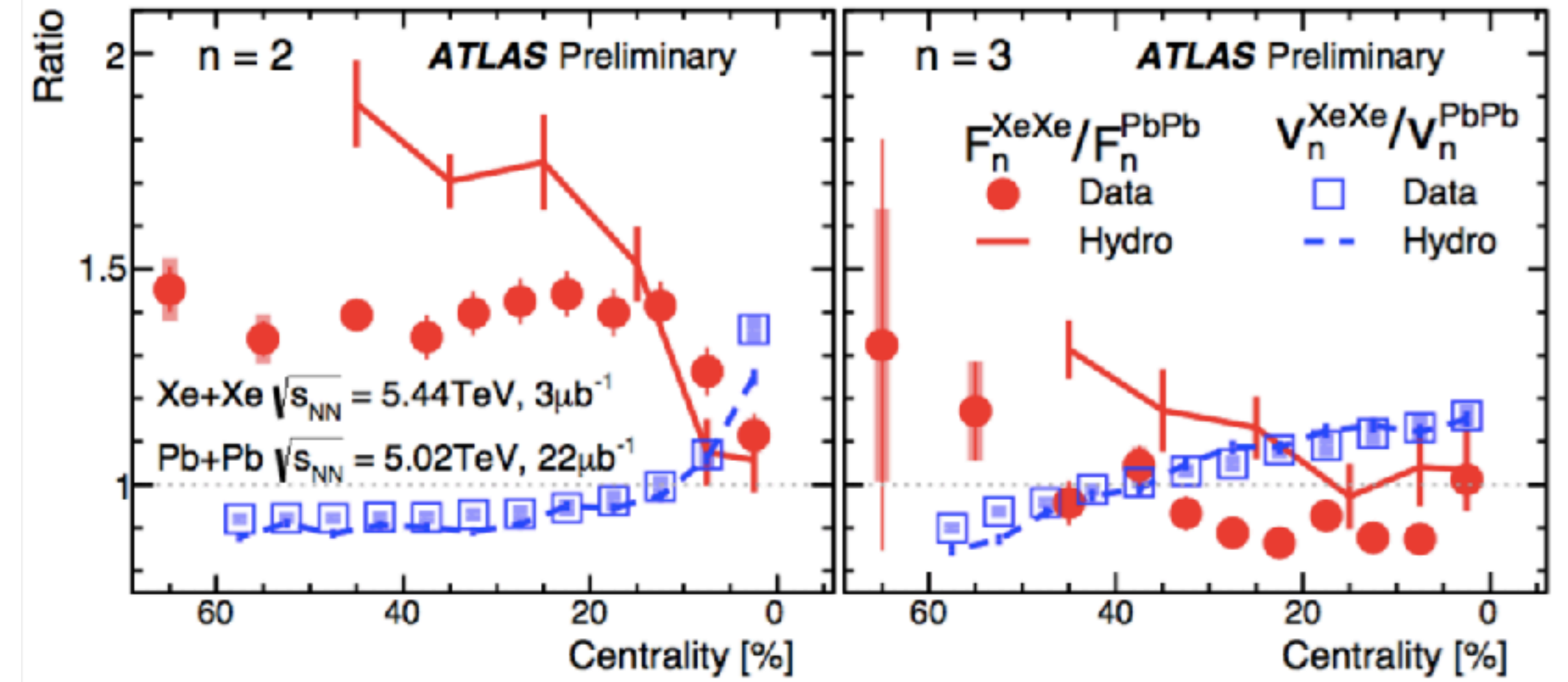


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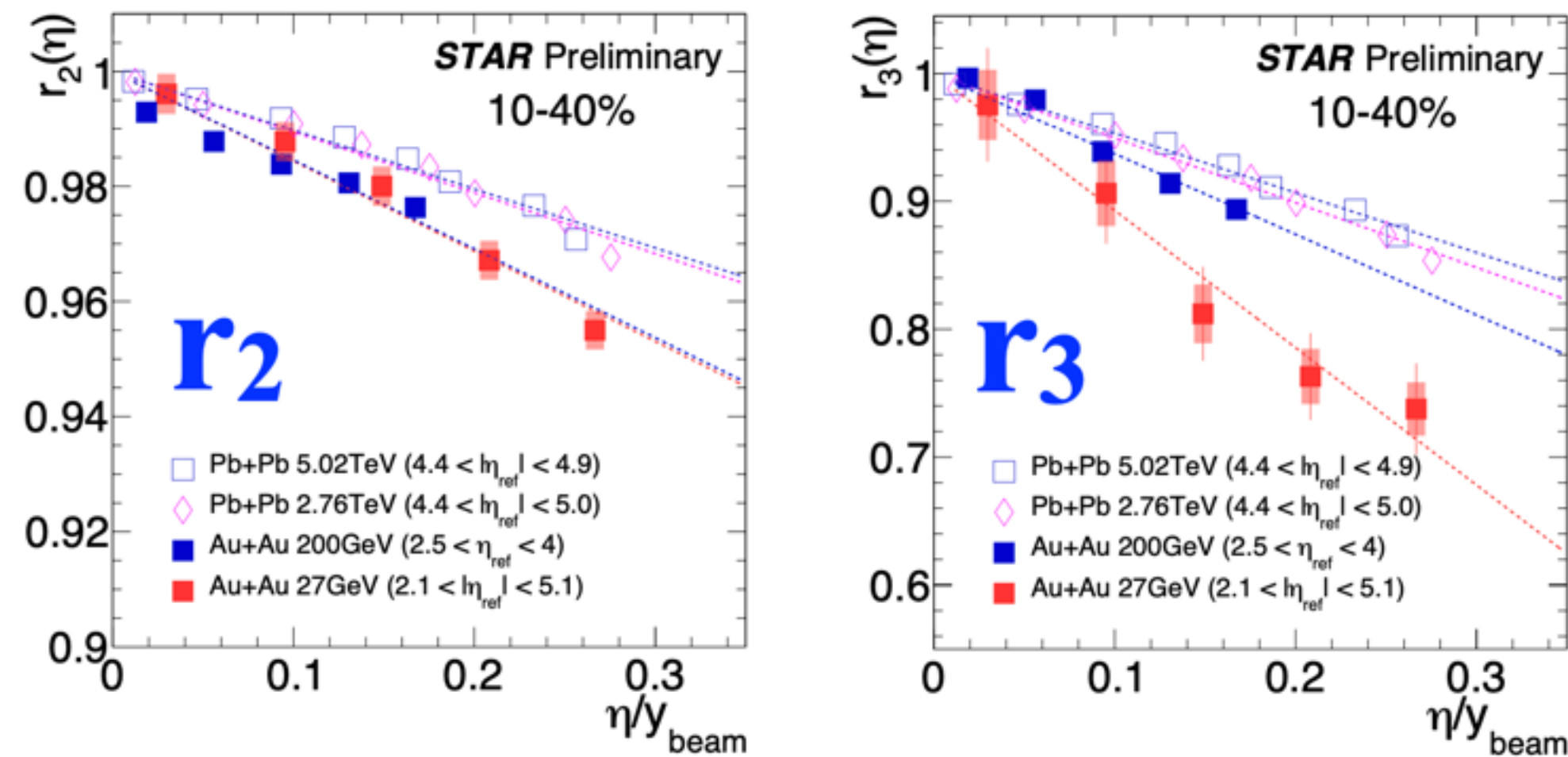


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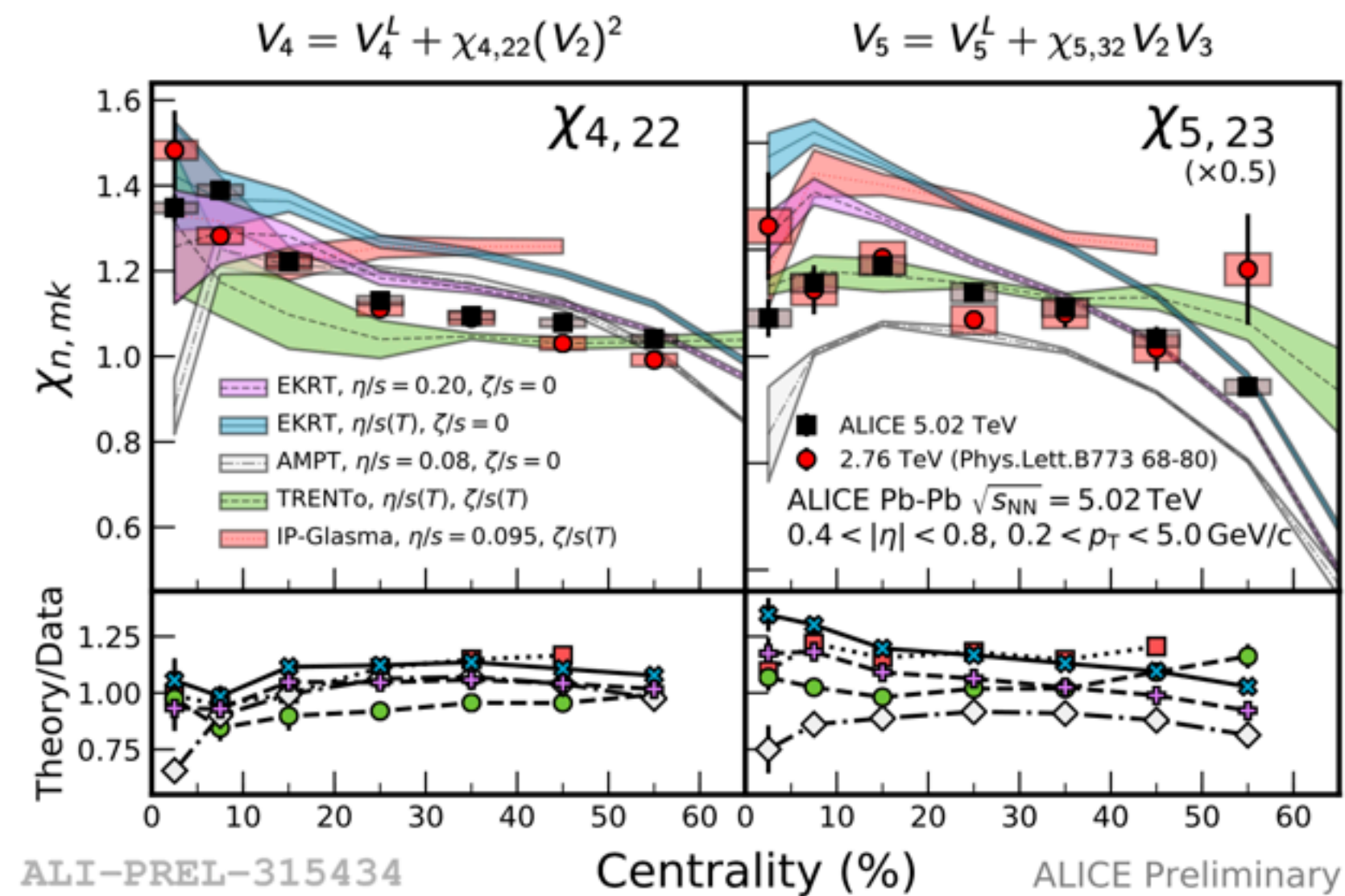
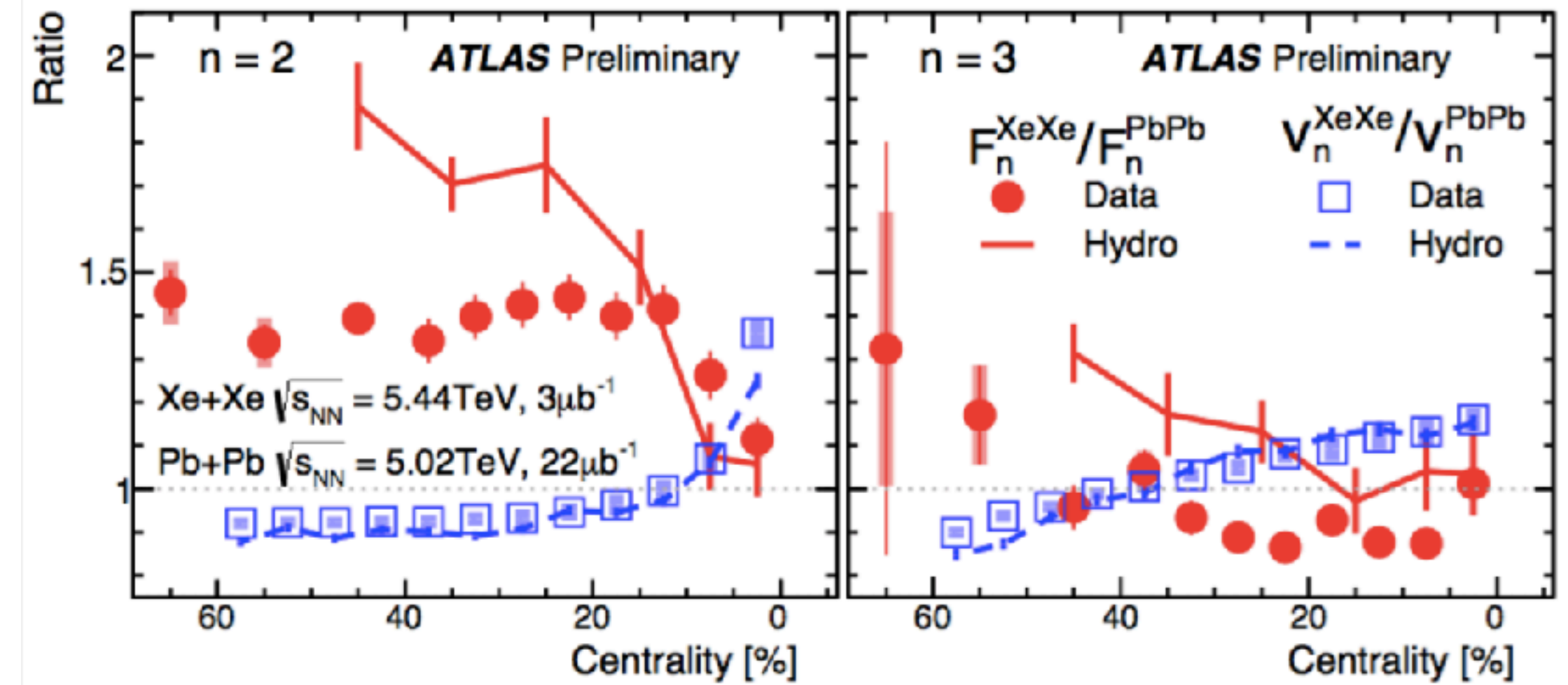


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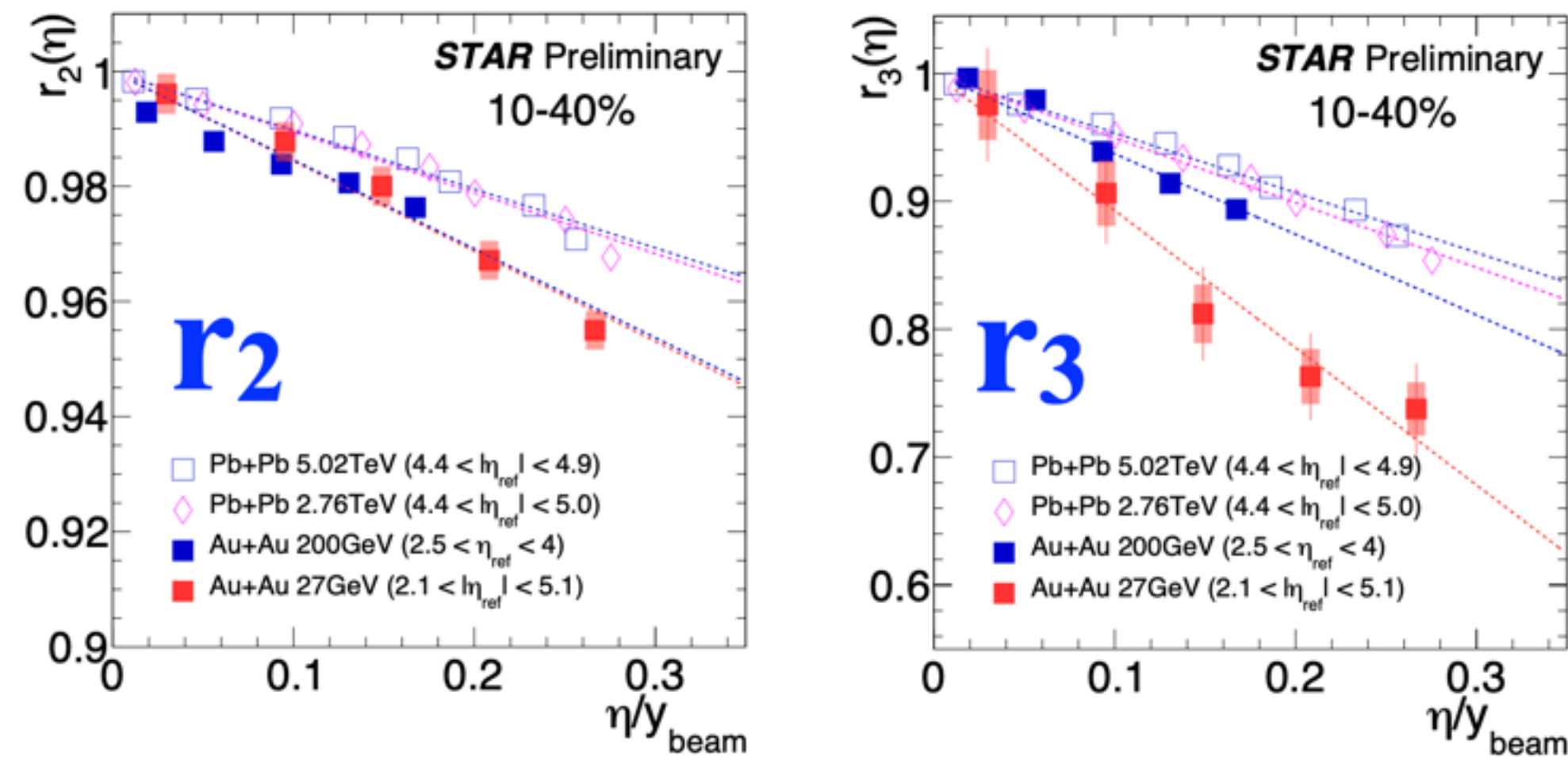


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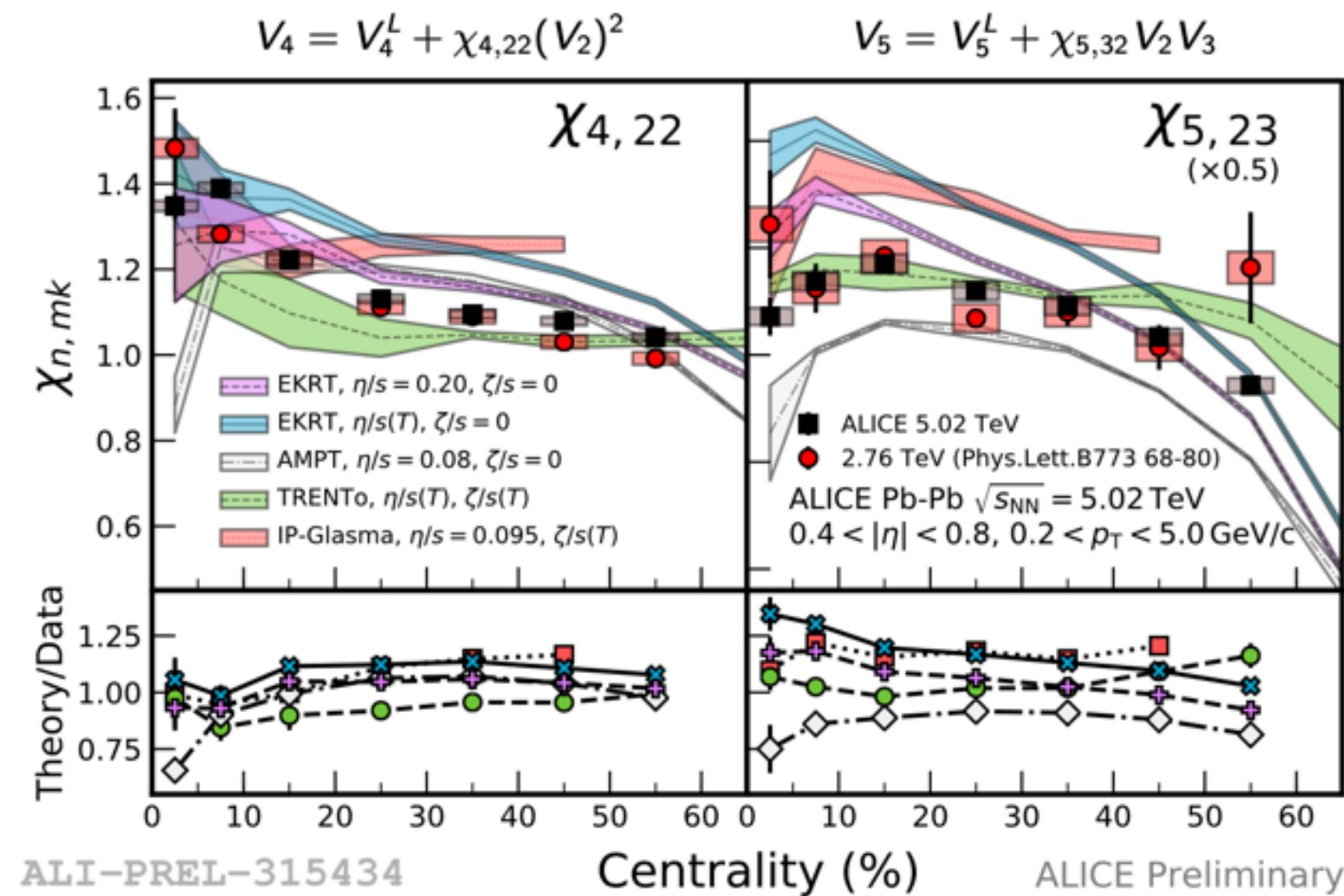
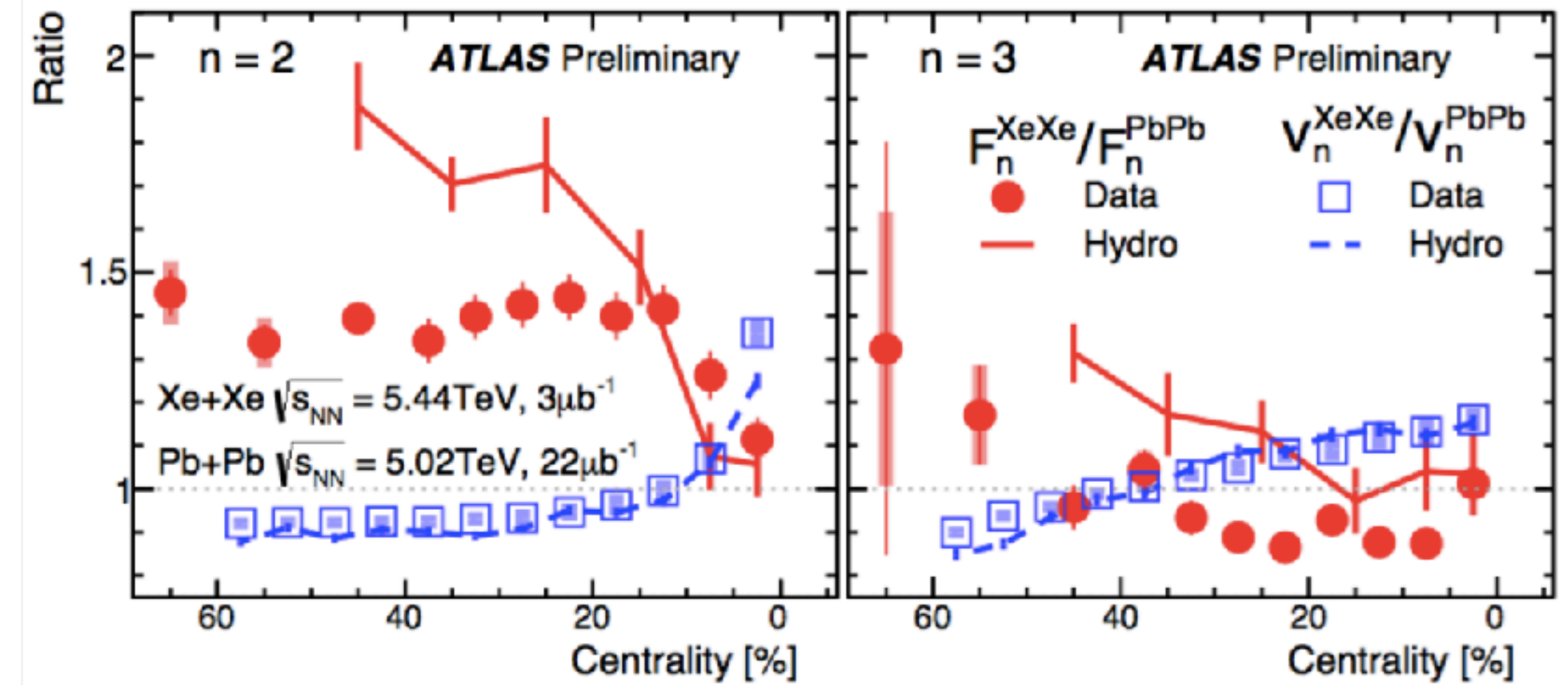
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Ever increasing precision in measuring bulk properties

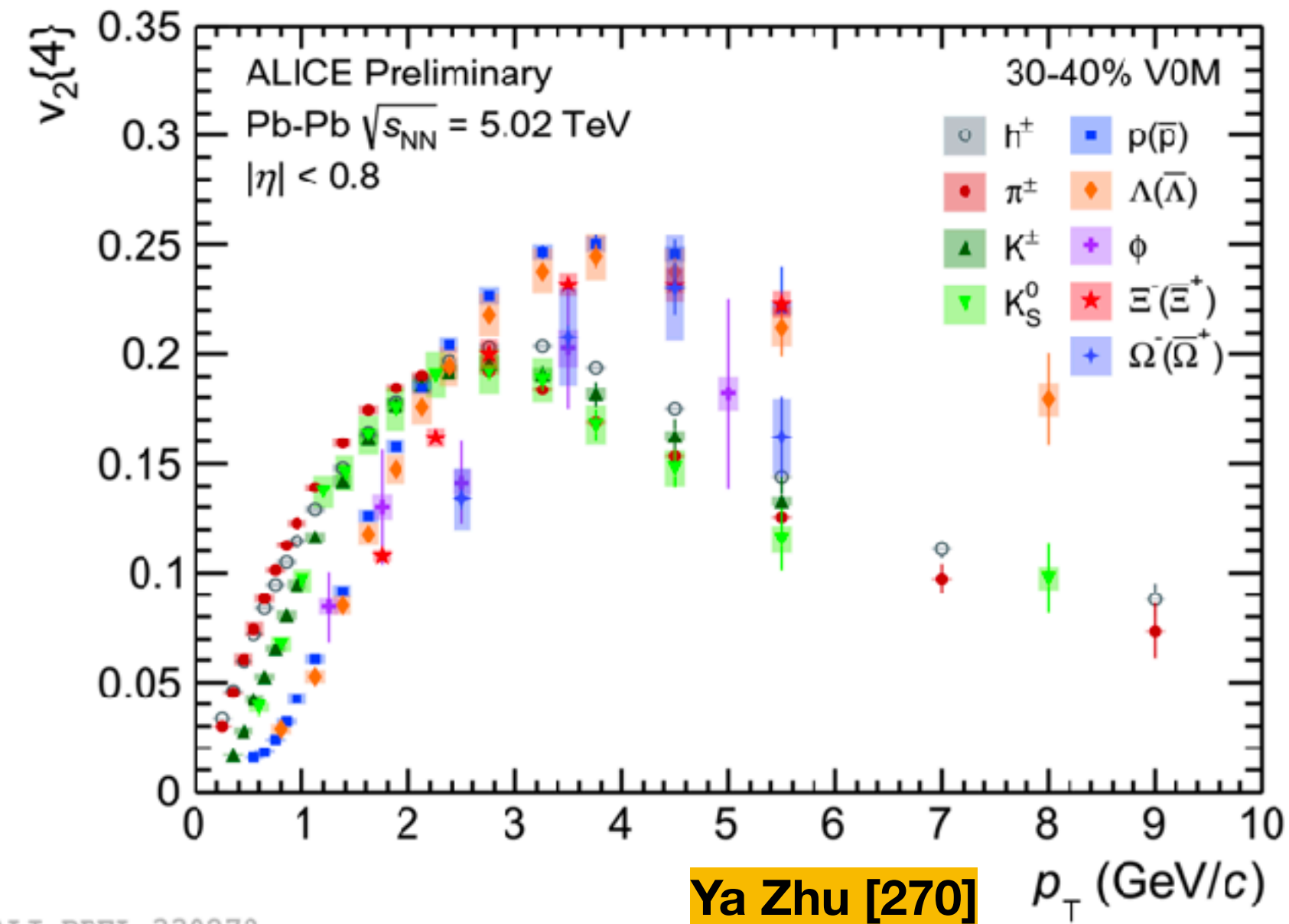
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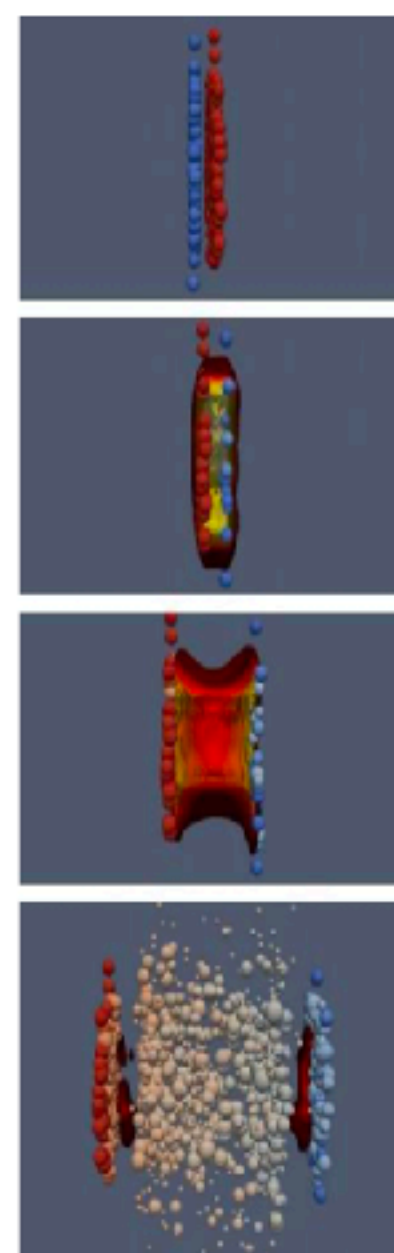


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Ya Zhu [270]

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JETSCAPE



$\tau = "0^+":$ Nuclei collide

- Trento ansatz used to parametrize the energy deposition
- 5 parameters: (i-iii) nucleon width, fluctuation & minimum distance, (iv) transparency parameter, (v) normalization

$\tau \sim 0.1$ fm: "Pre-equilibrium phase"

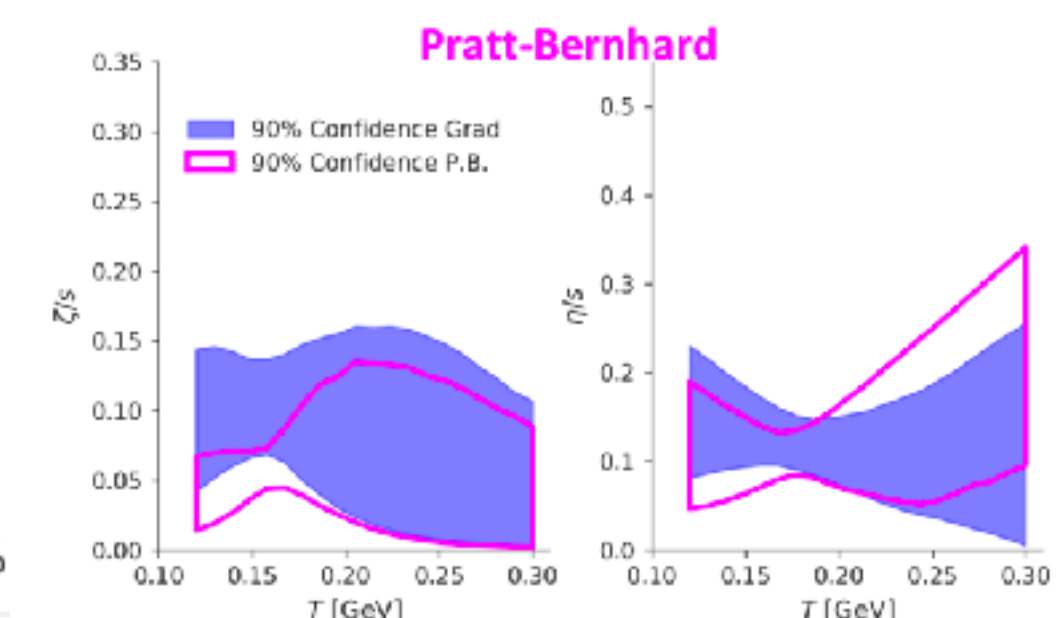
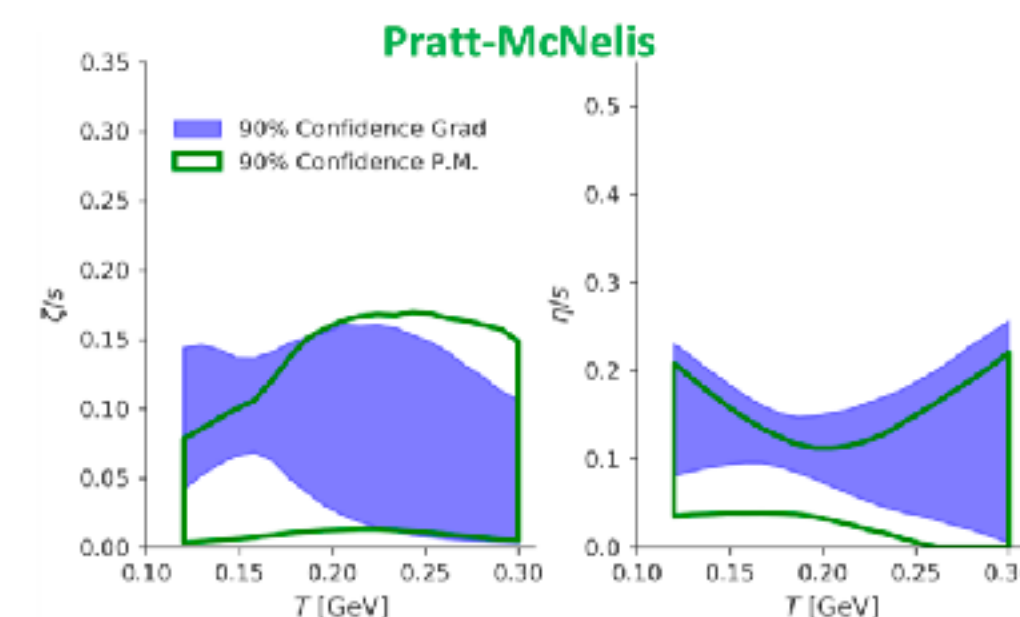
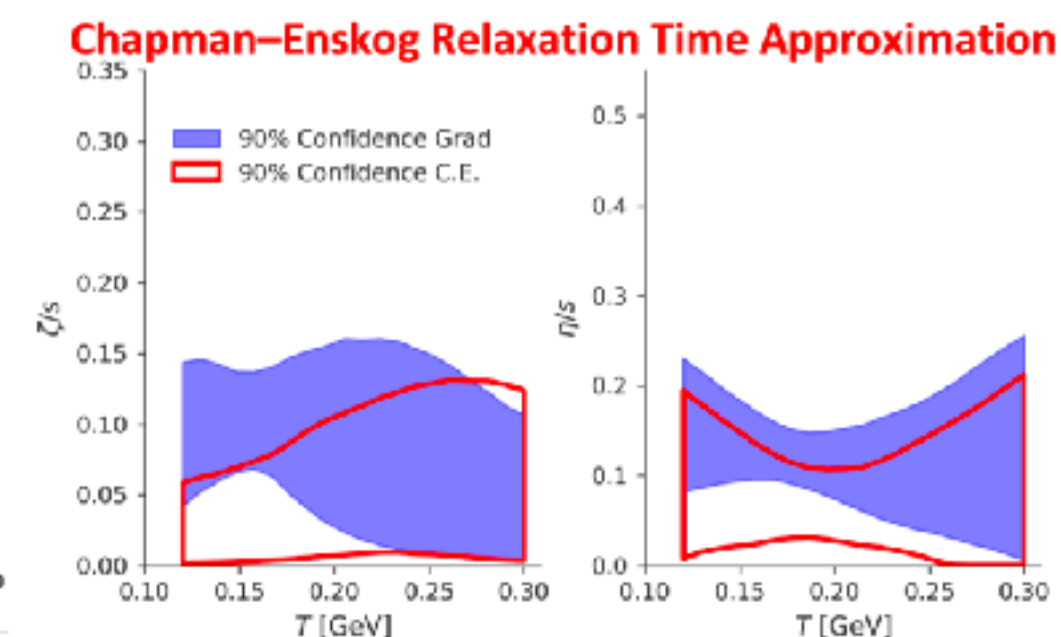
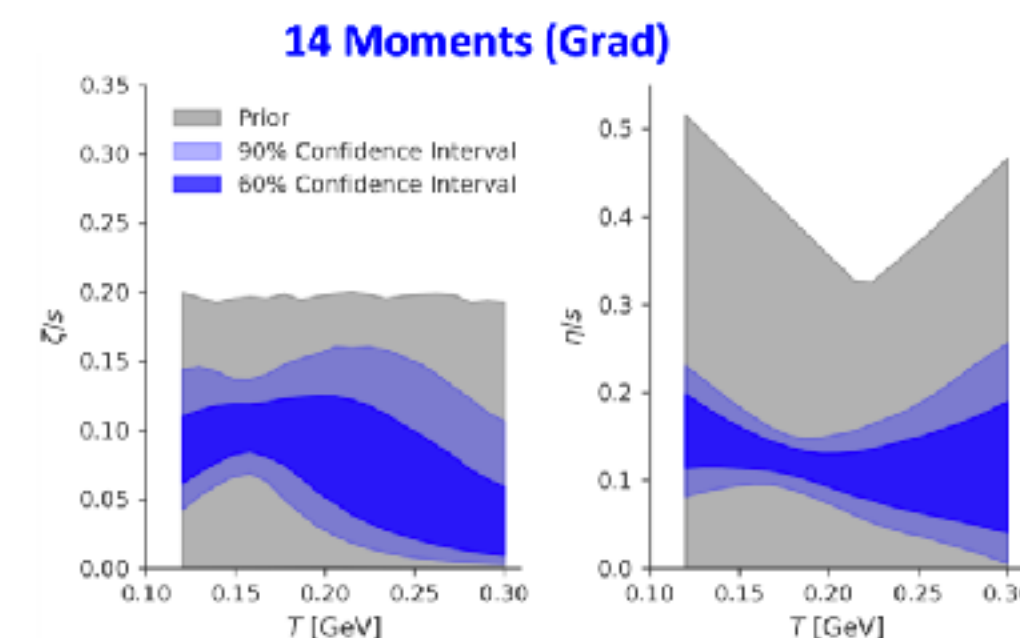
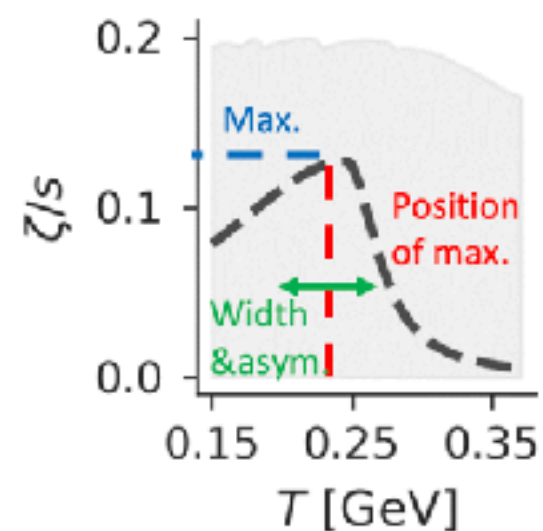
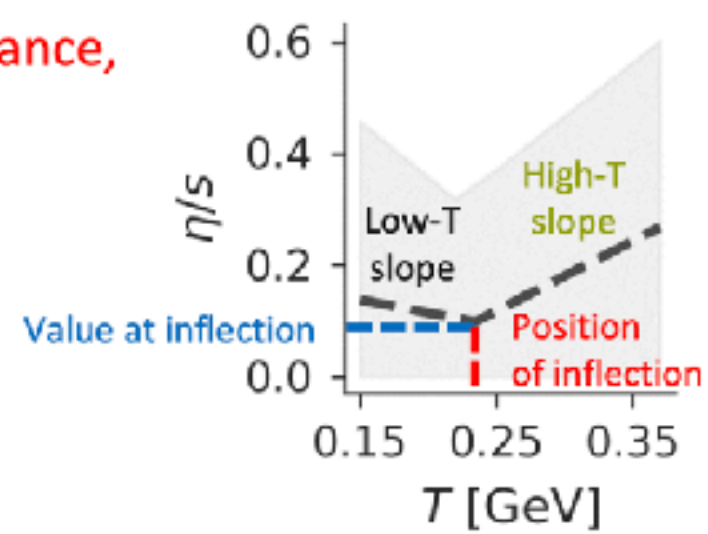
- Free-streaming
- Free-streaming time is a parameter

$\tau \sim 1$ fm: Beginning of "hydrodynamic phase"

- 2+1D relativistic viscous hydrodynamics [MUSIC]
- Equation of state: hadron resonance gas + lattice QCD [HotQCD]
- Shear and bulk viscosity: $\frac{\eta}{s}(T)$ and $\frac{\zeta}{s}(T)$ parametrized

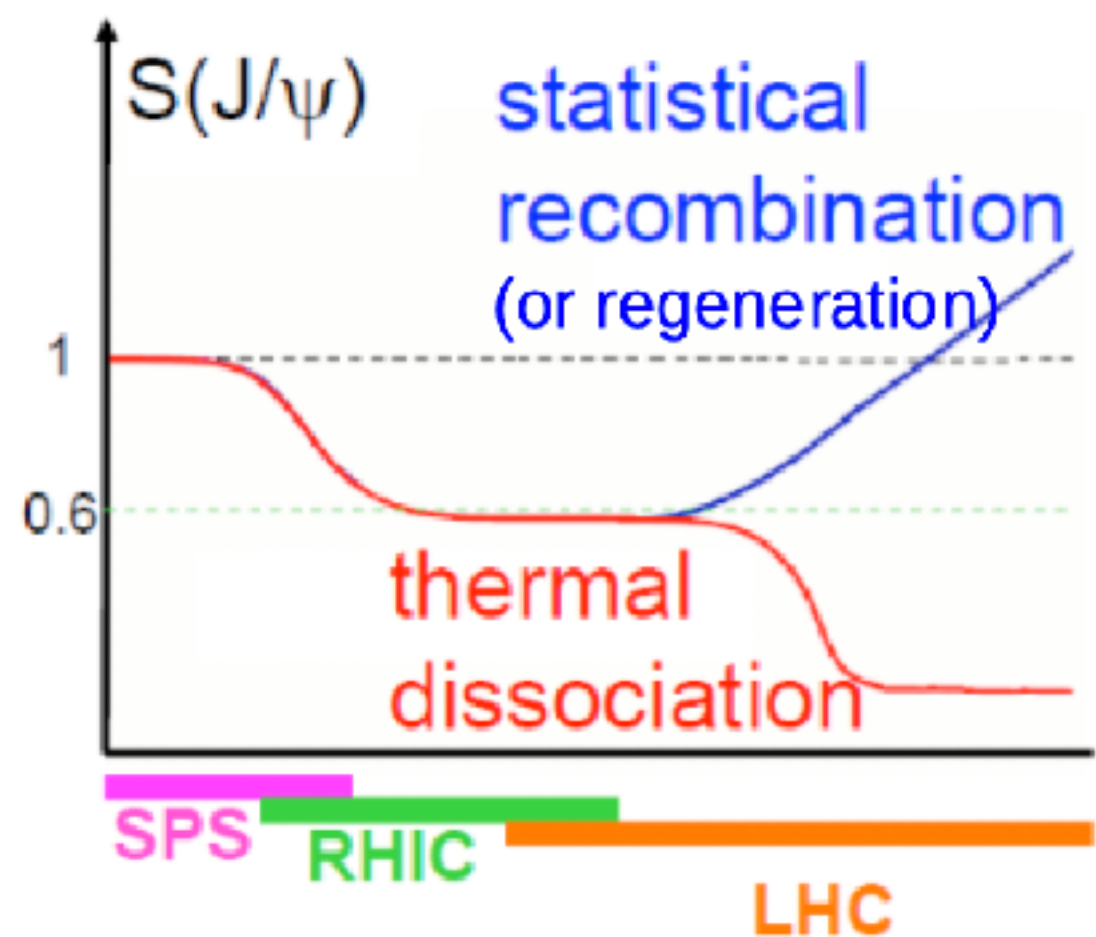
$\tau \sim 10$ fm: End of "hydrodynamic phase"

- Fluid converted to hadrons [iS3D]: Cooper-Frye at temperature T_{sw}
- Viscous corrections in Cooper-Frye: 4 different models
- Hadronic interactions with SMASH hadronic transport



- RHIC data complement LHC data in Bayesian extraction of bulk properties
- Non-negligible uncertainties from hydrodynamics to particle transition ("viscous corrections")
- Importance of "plug and play" approach and open source code

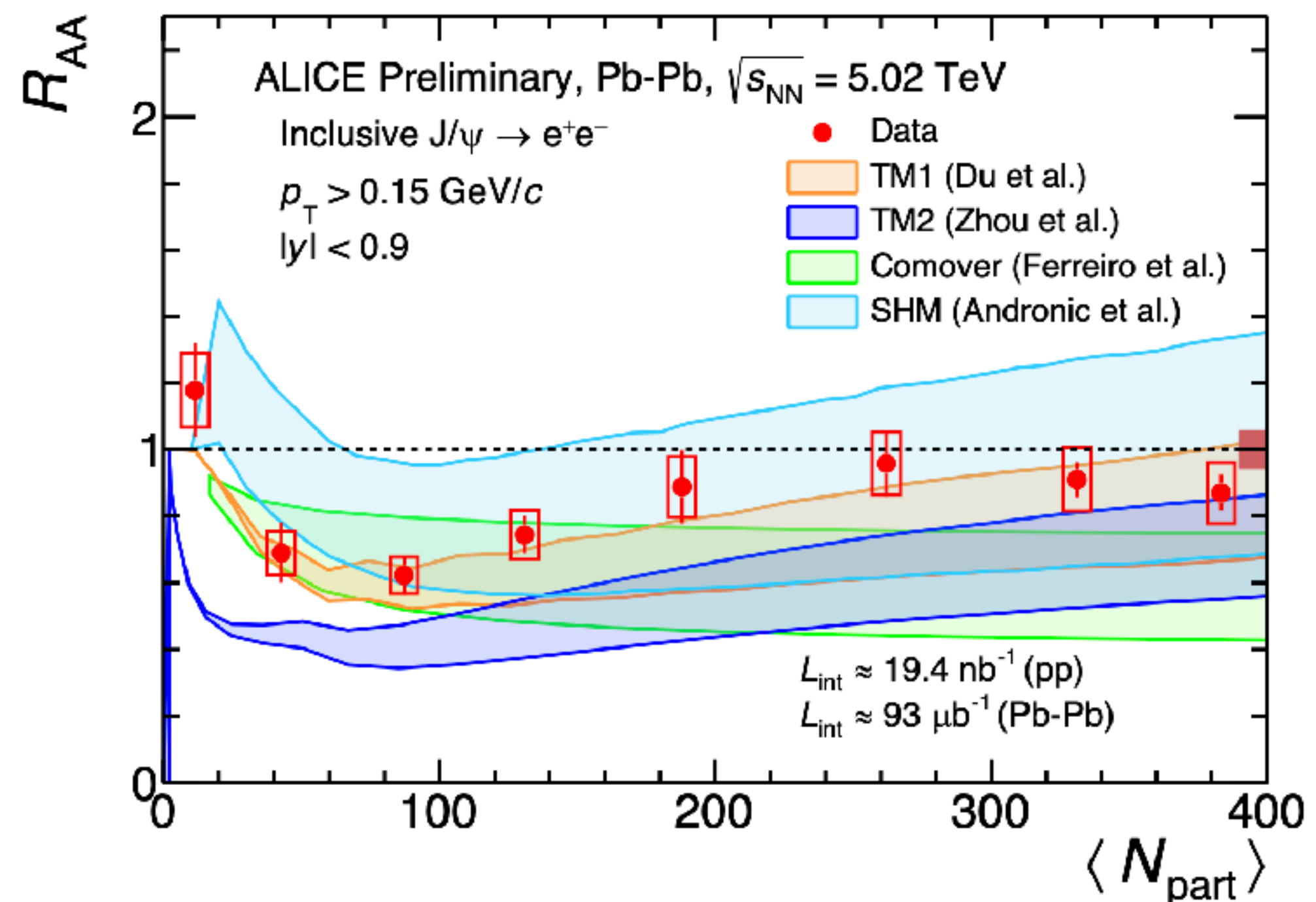
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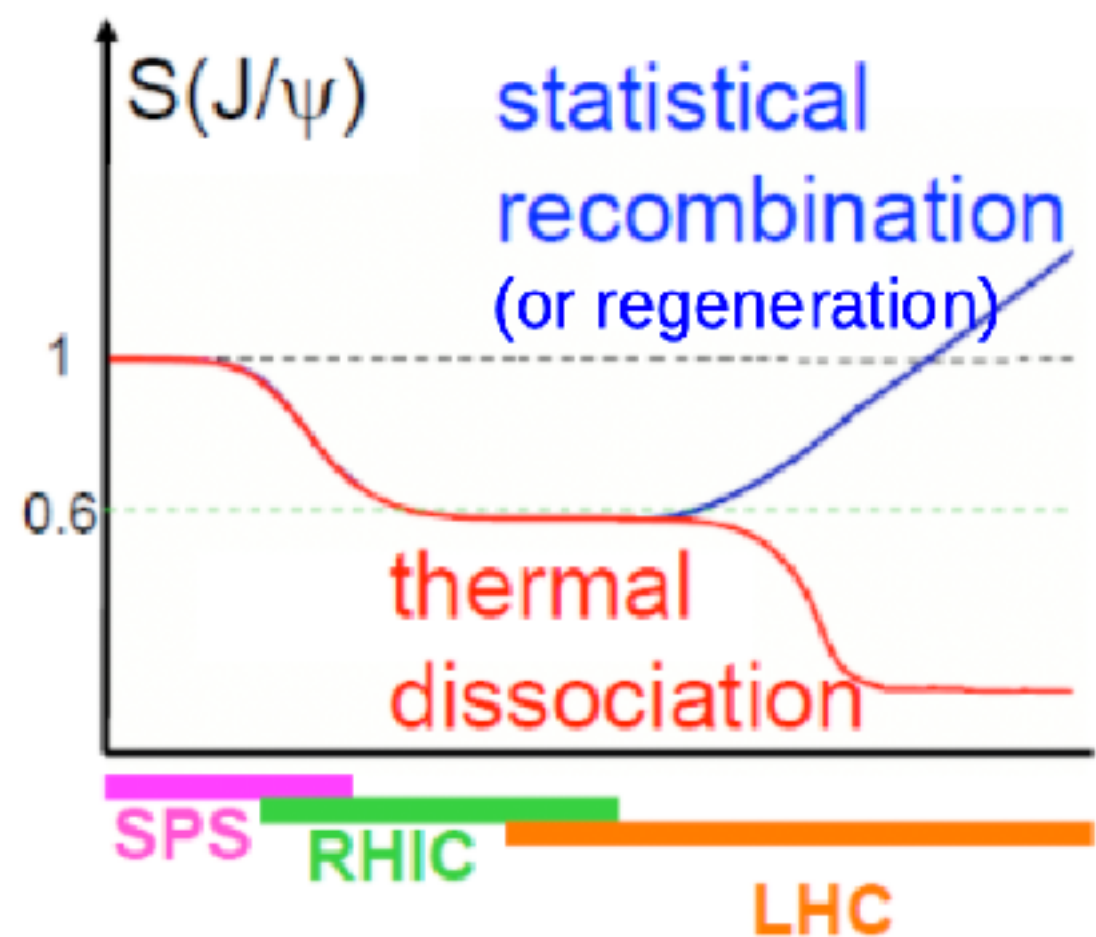
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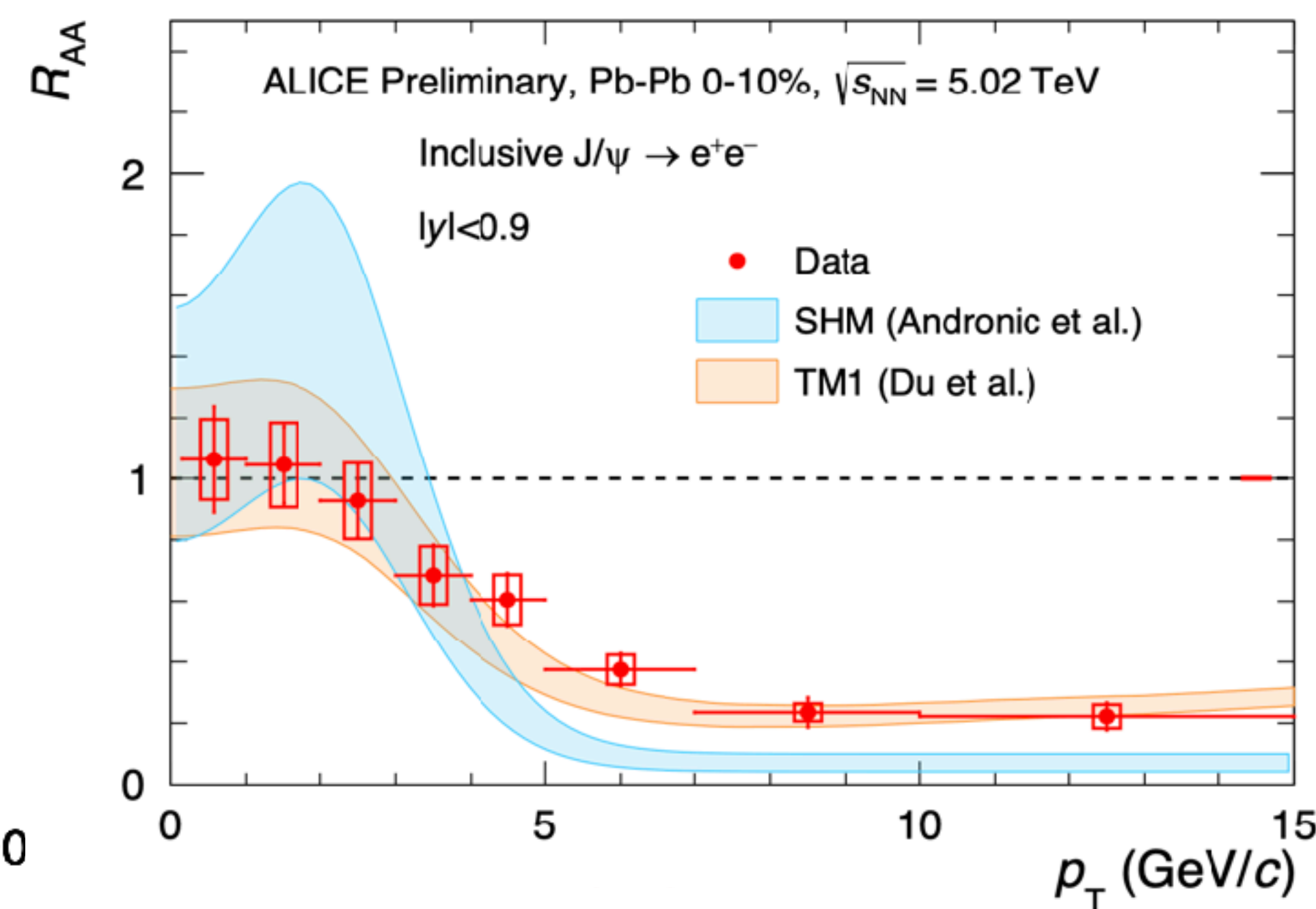
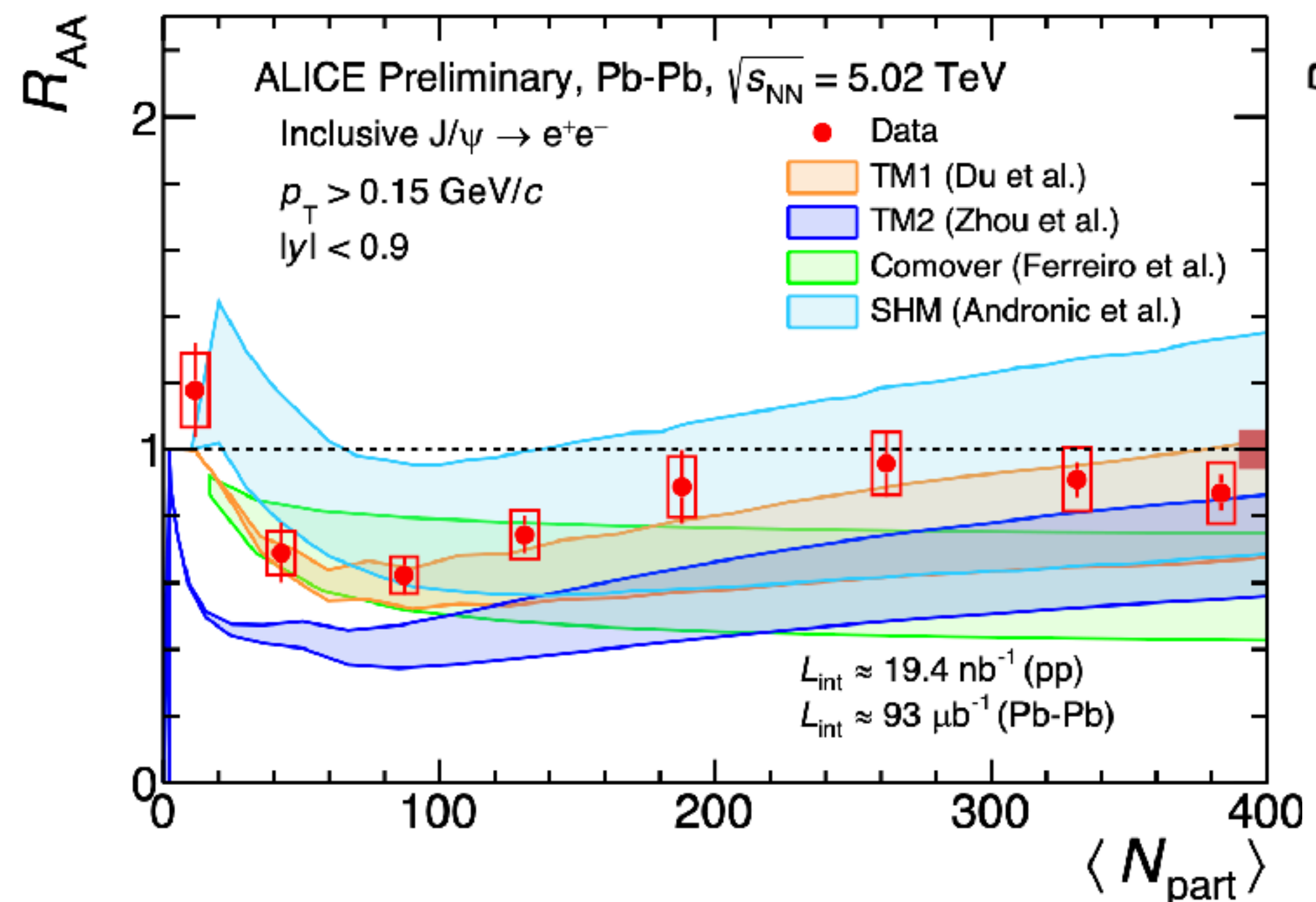


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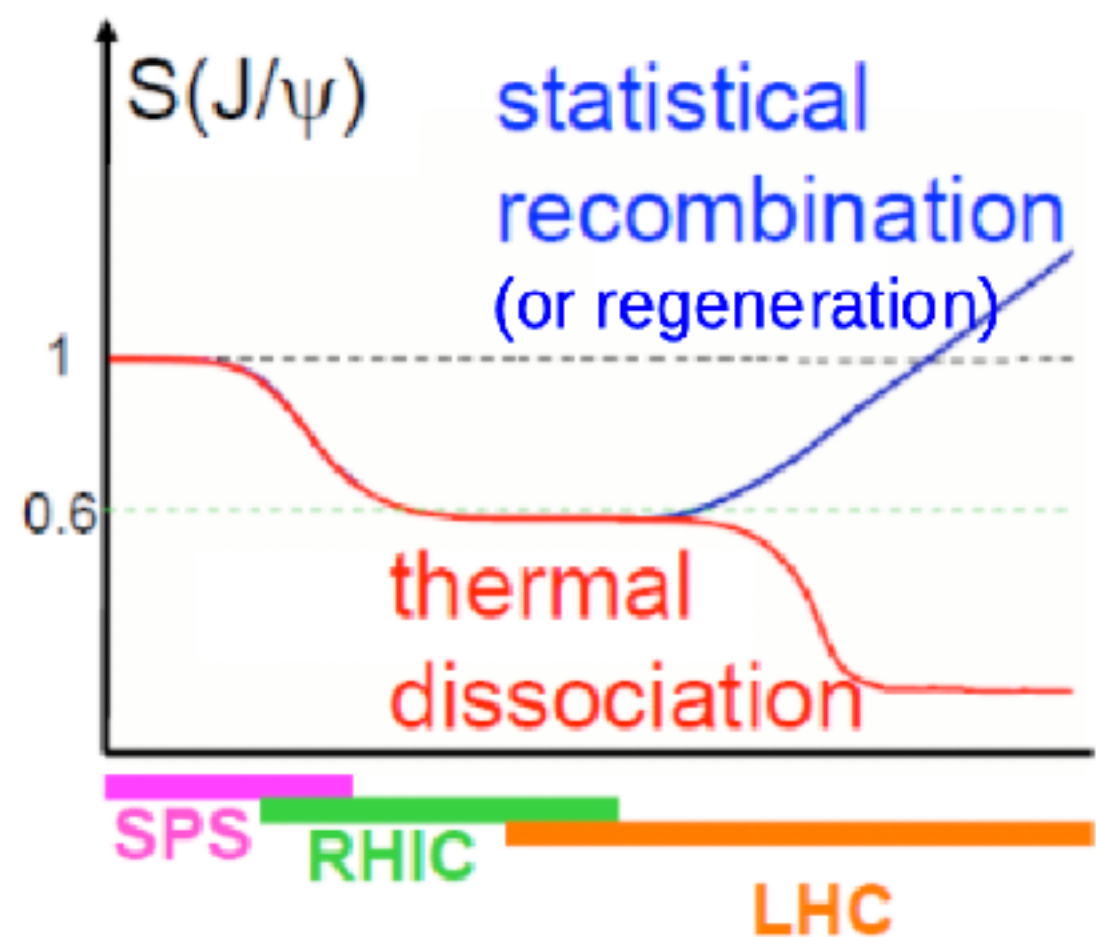


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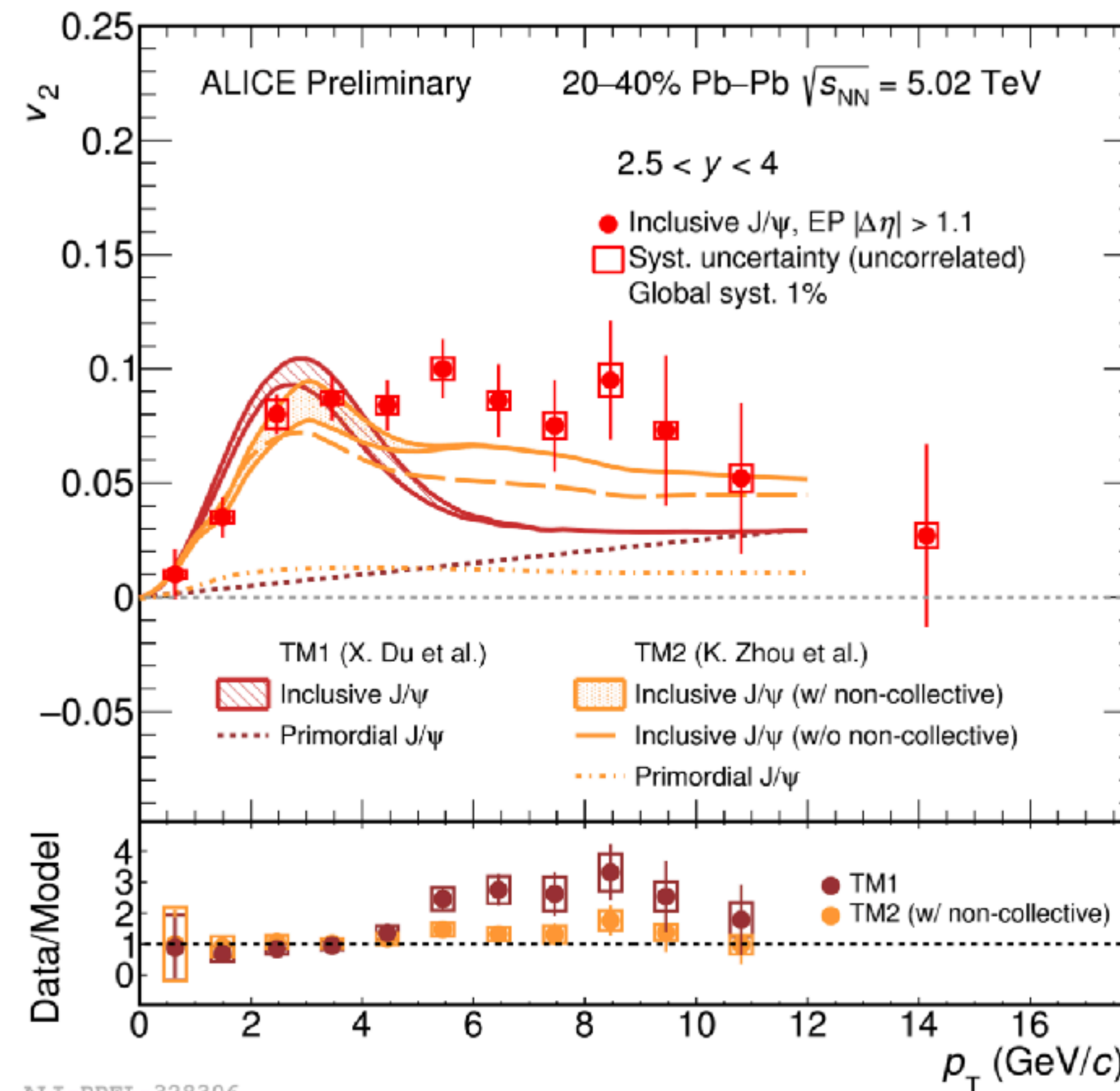
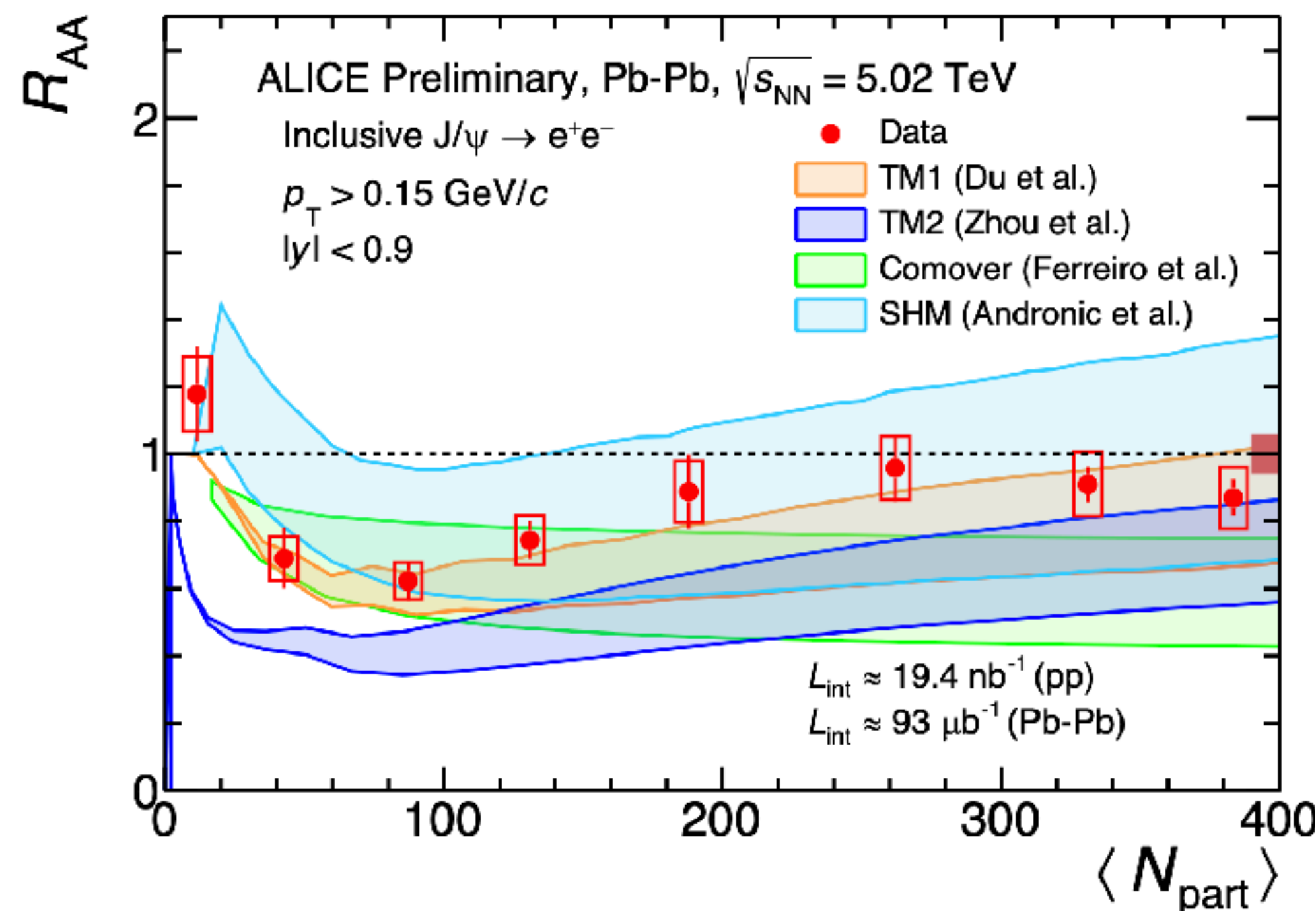


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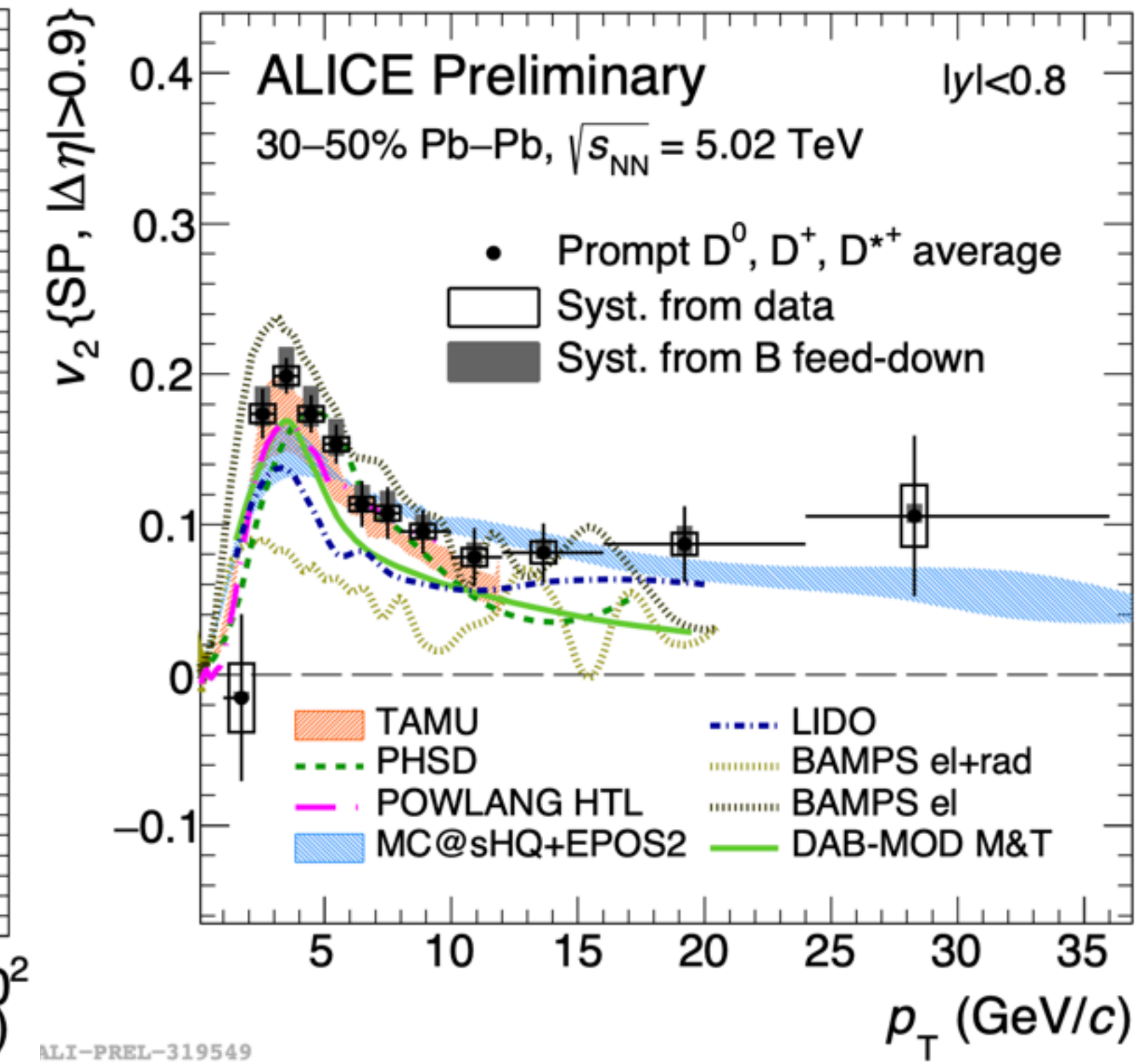
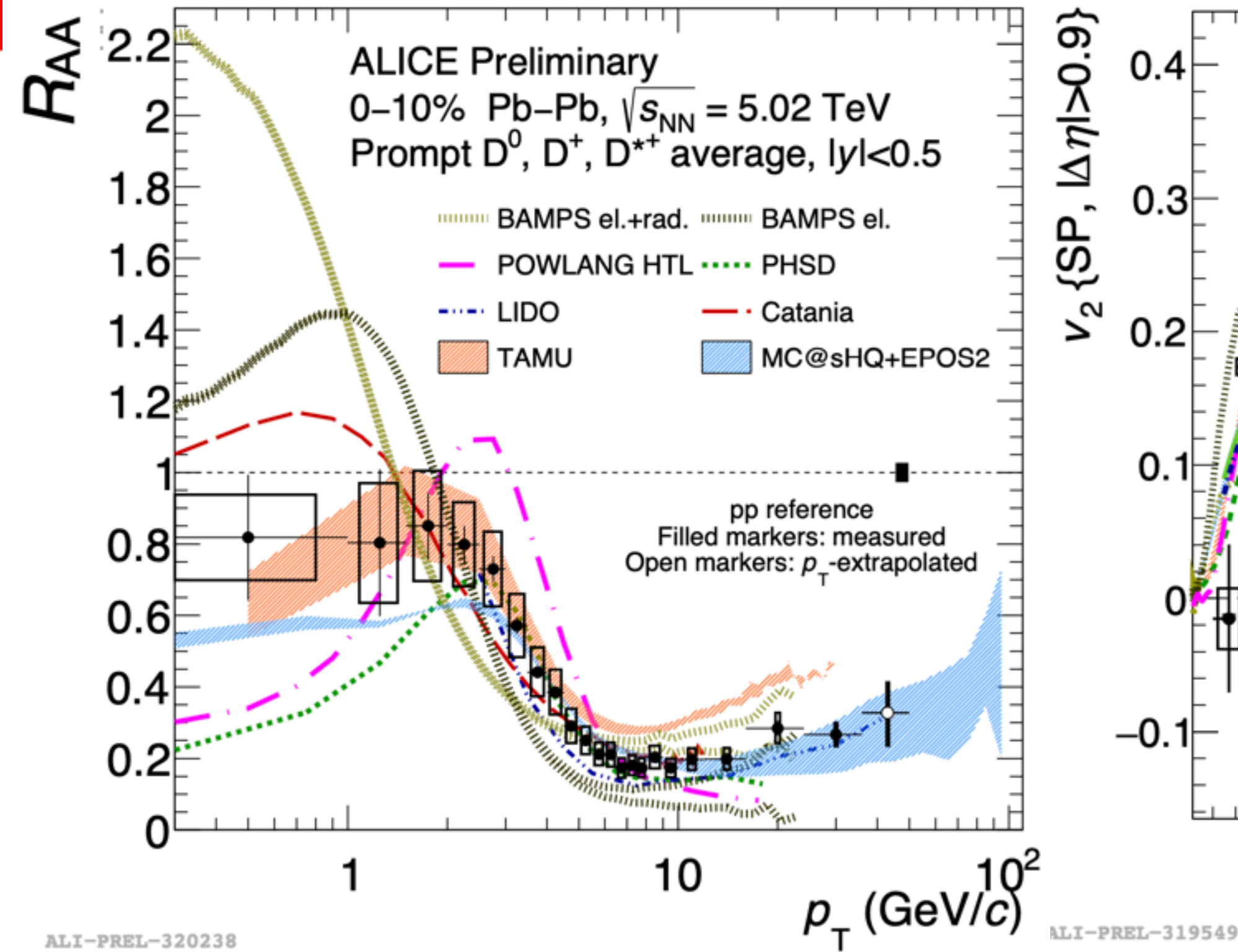
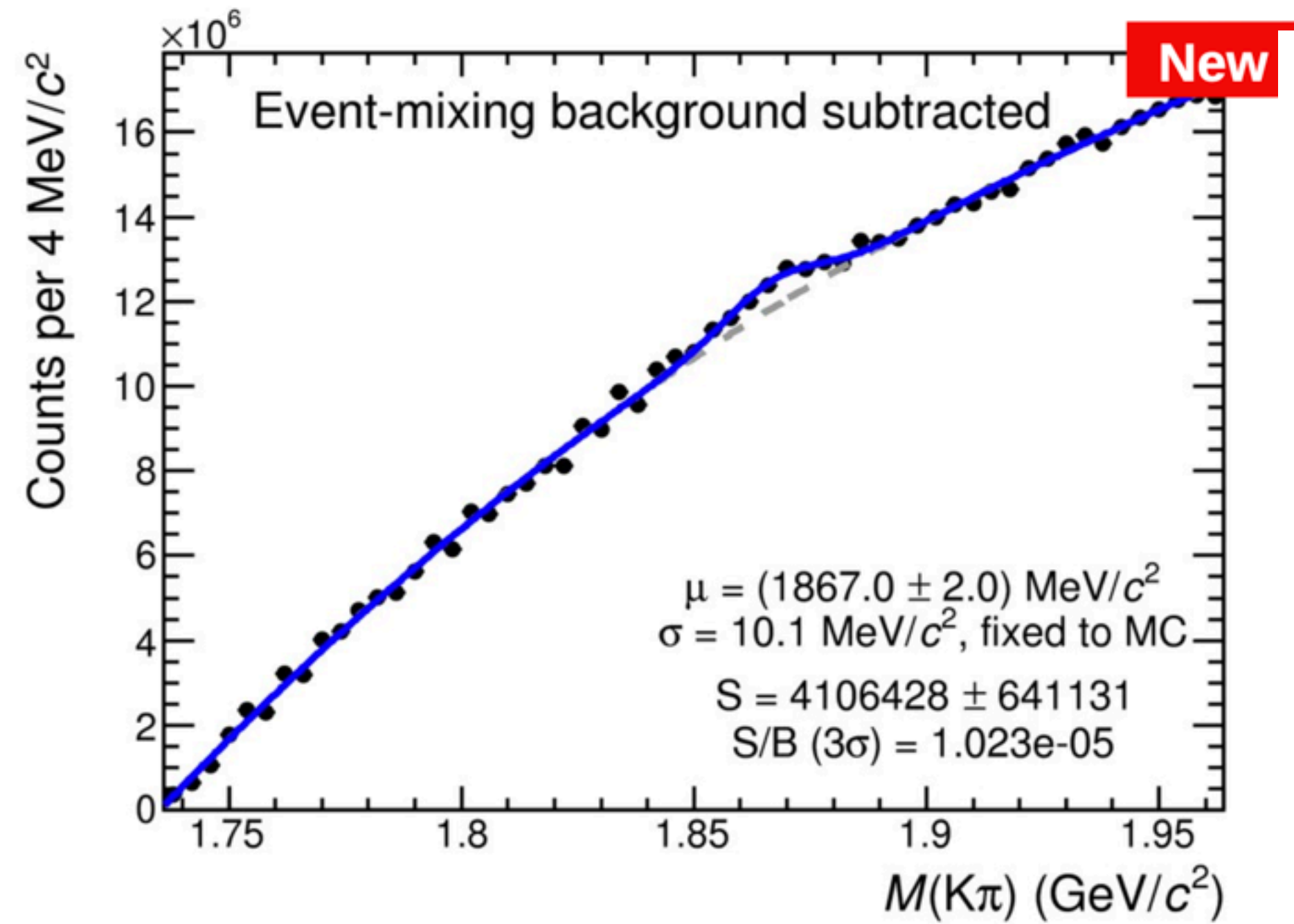
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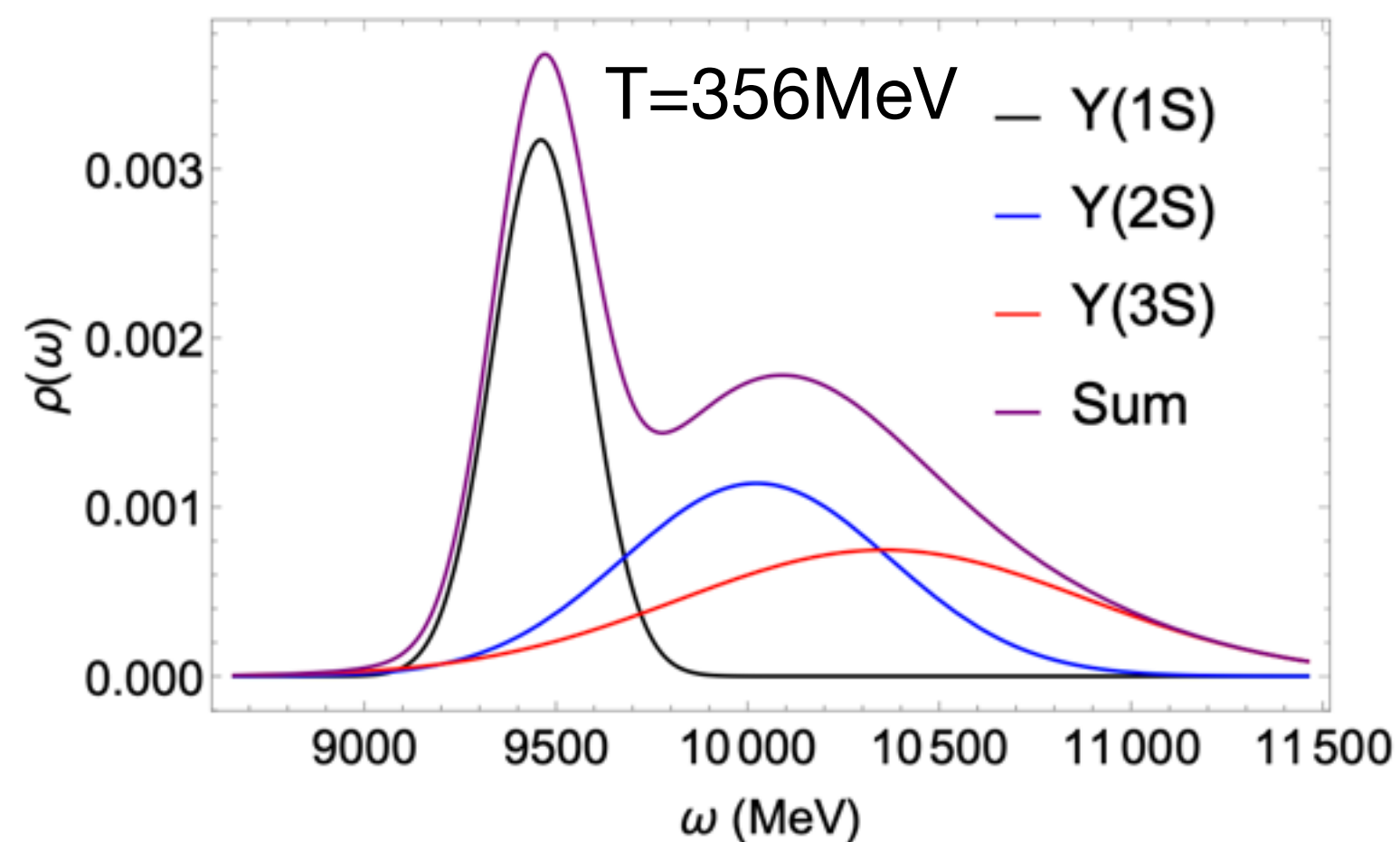
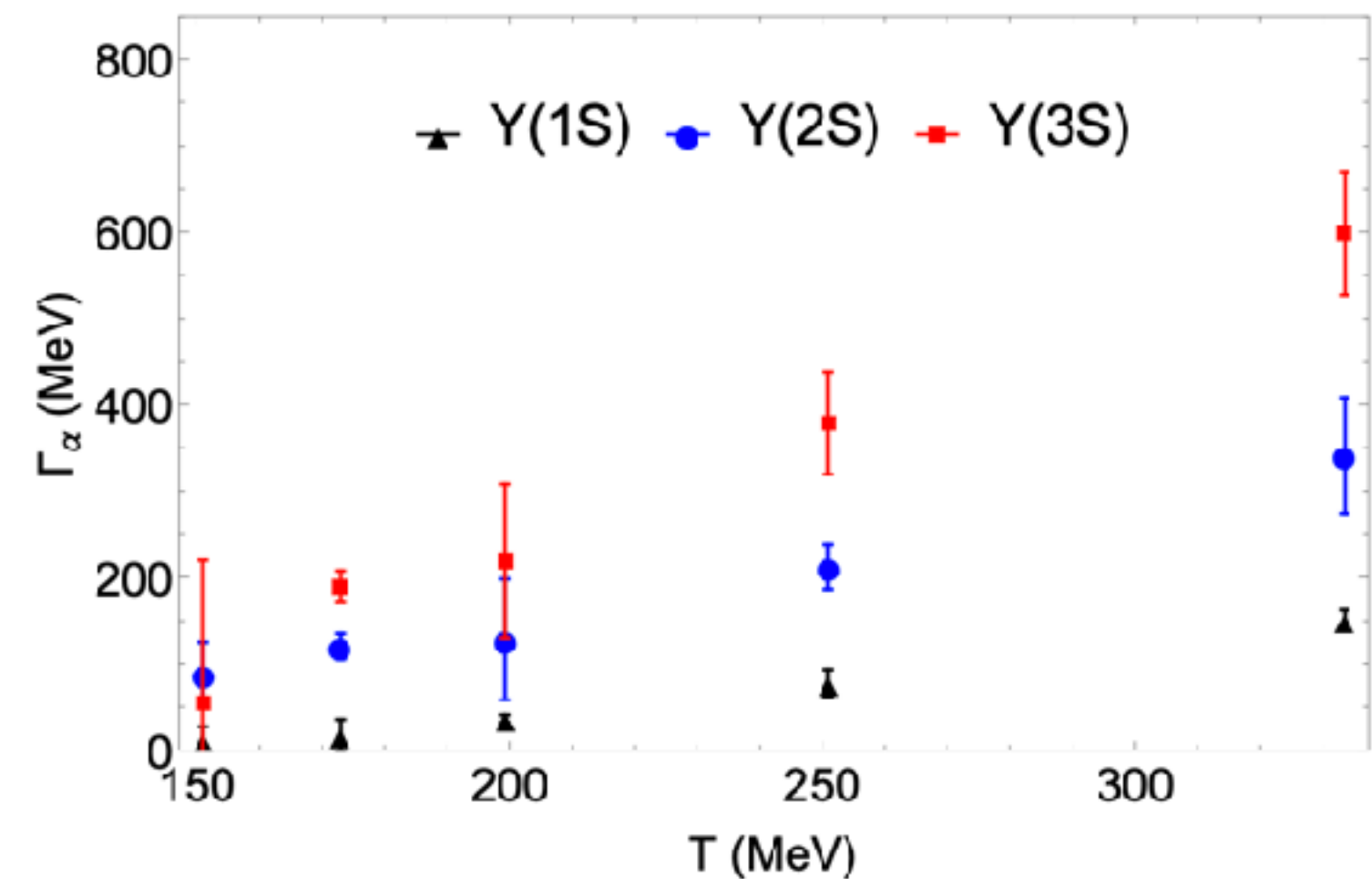
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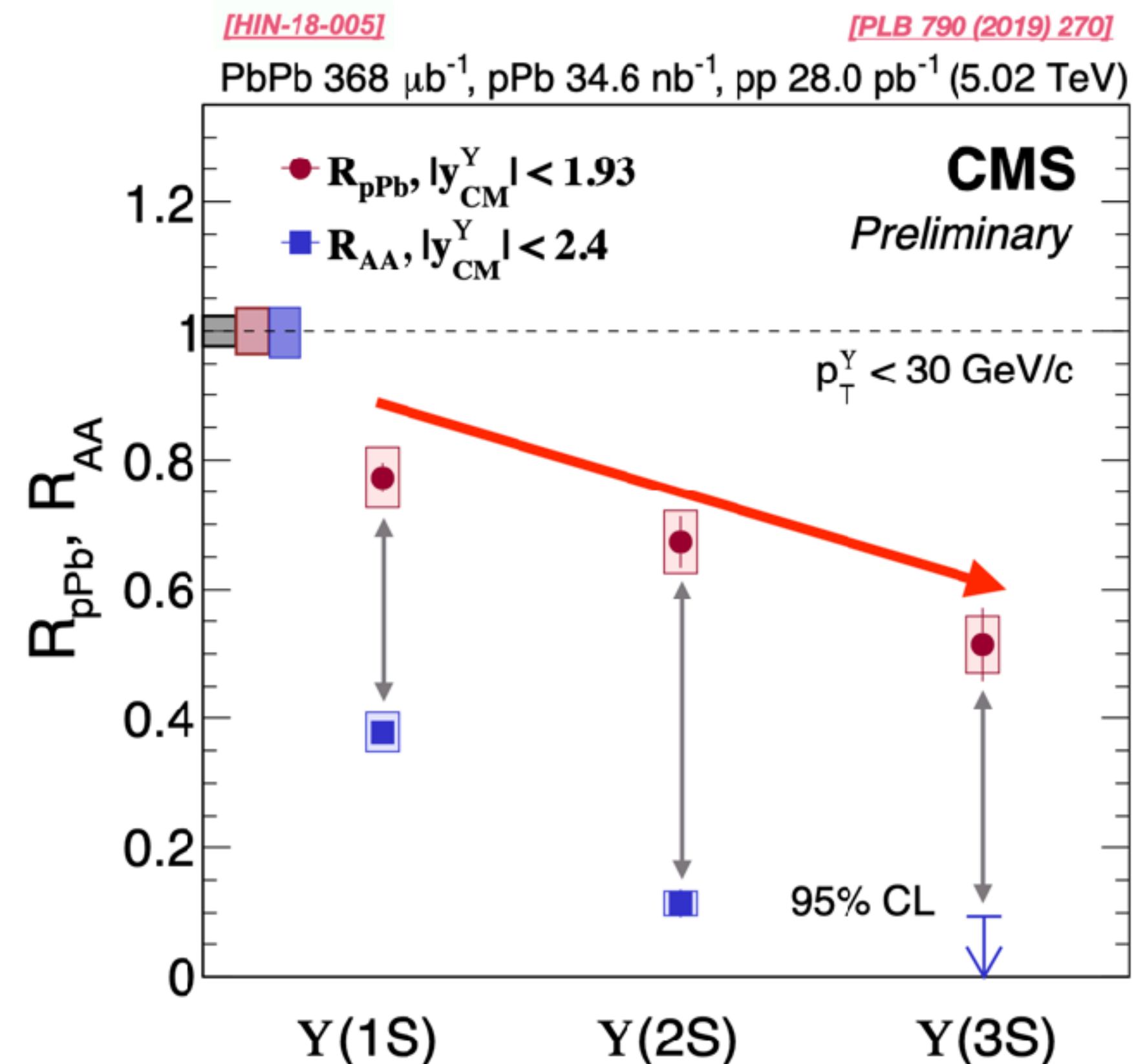
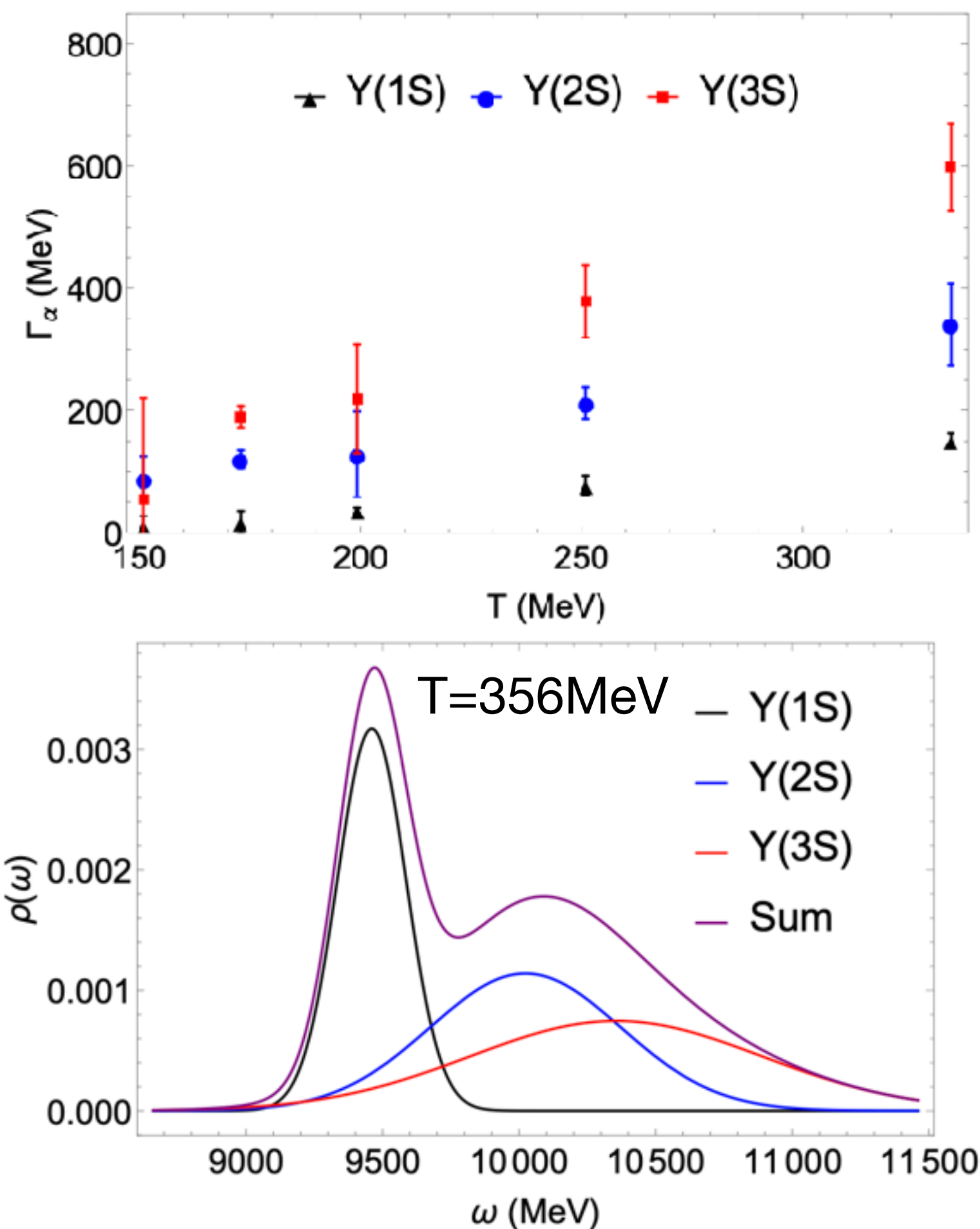


- "Brute-force extraction" of lowest p_T bin for first constrains of the total charm cross section in PbPb
- Critical for constraining shadowing effects and natural normalization for J/ψ measurements
- Better performance and more statistics after ALICE upgrade

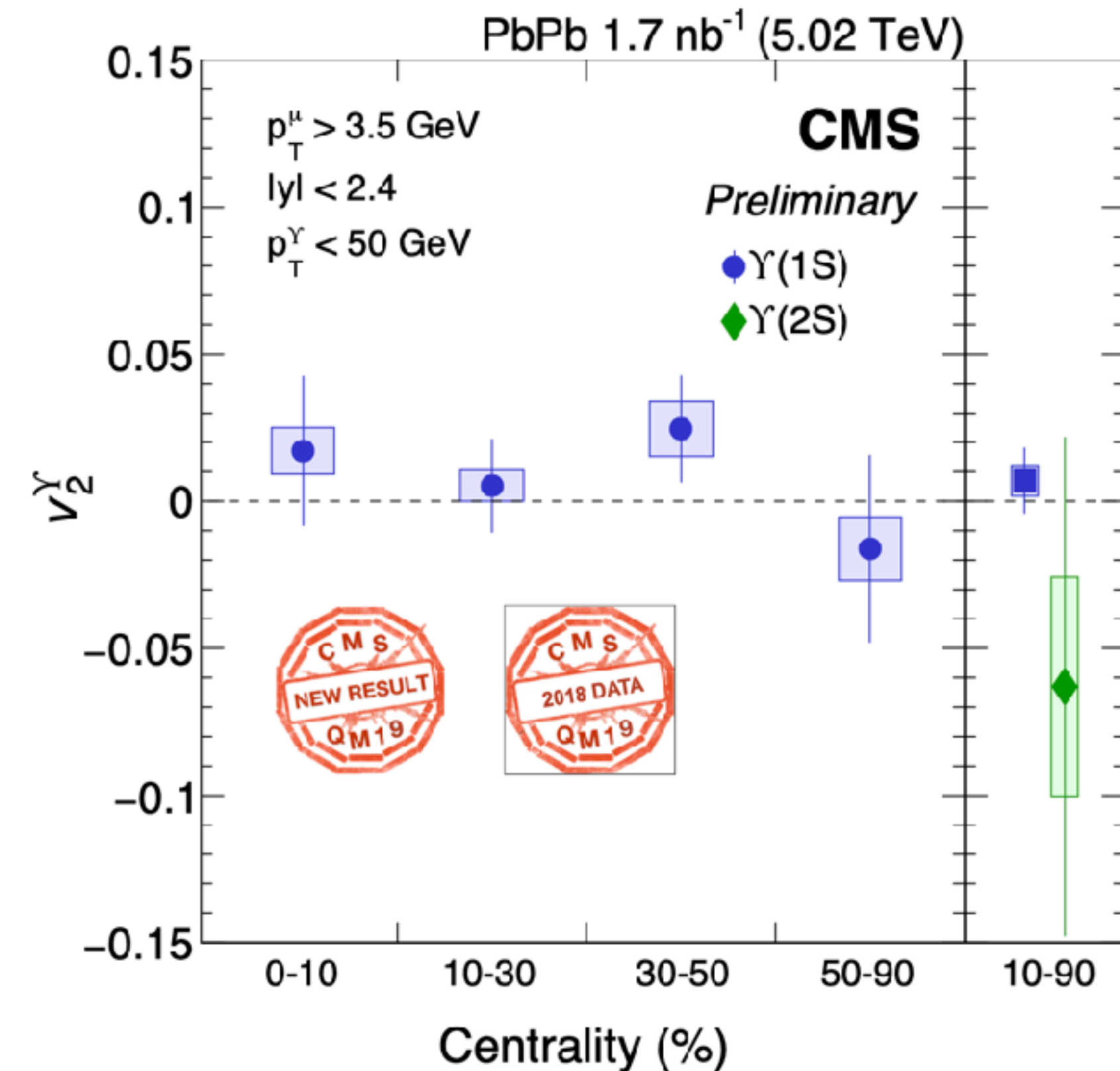
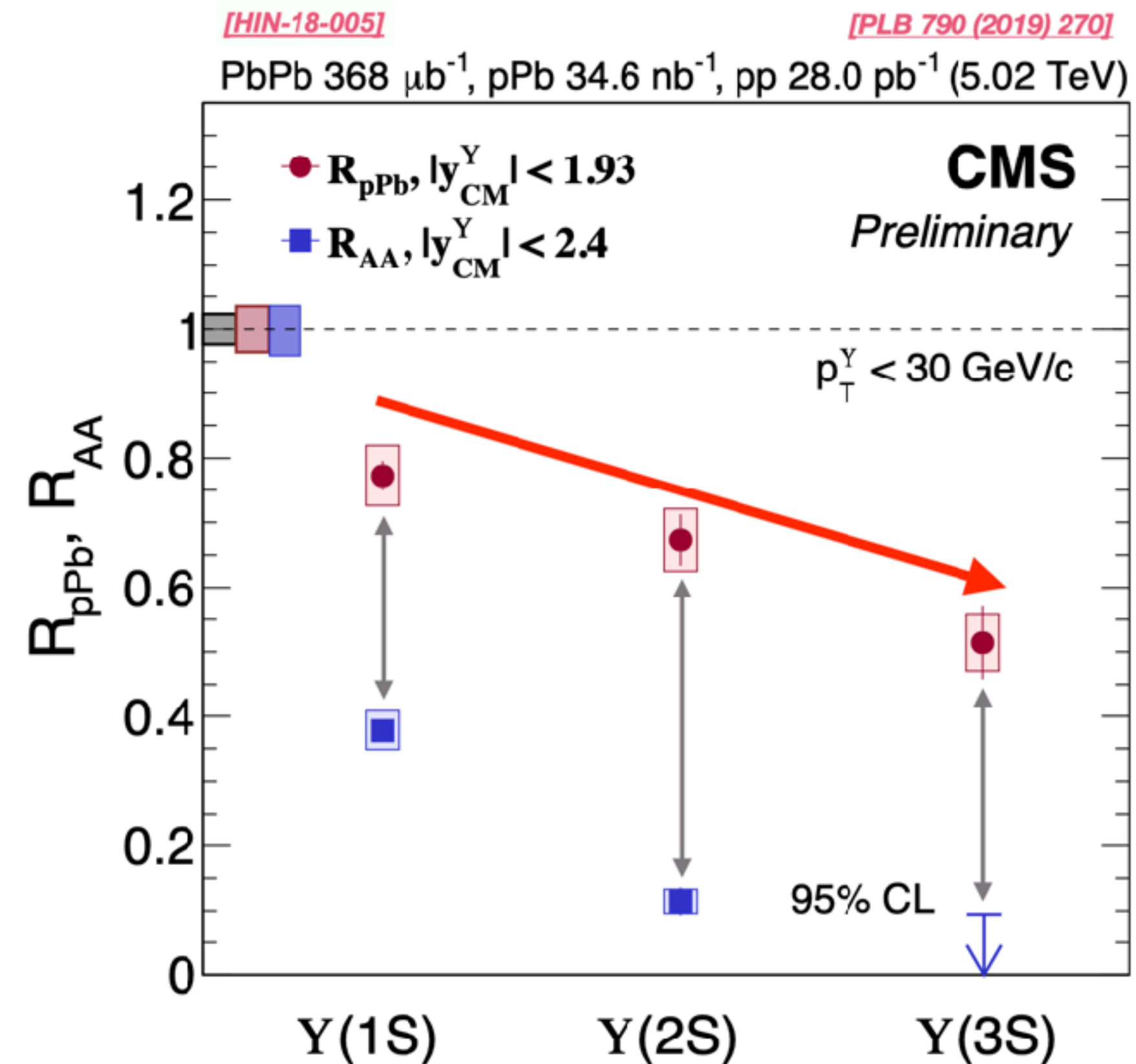
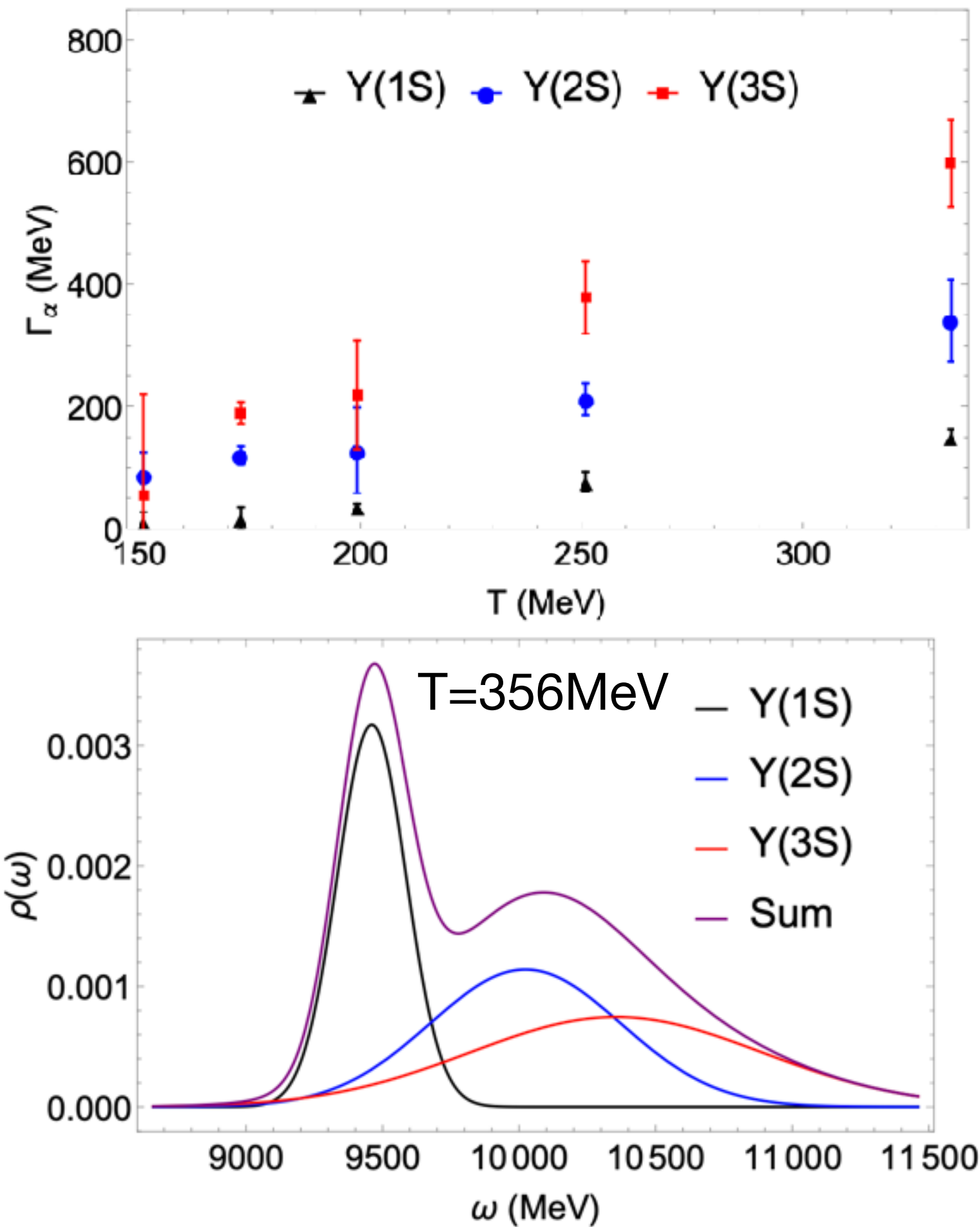


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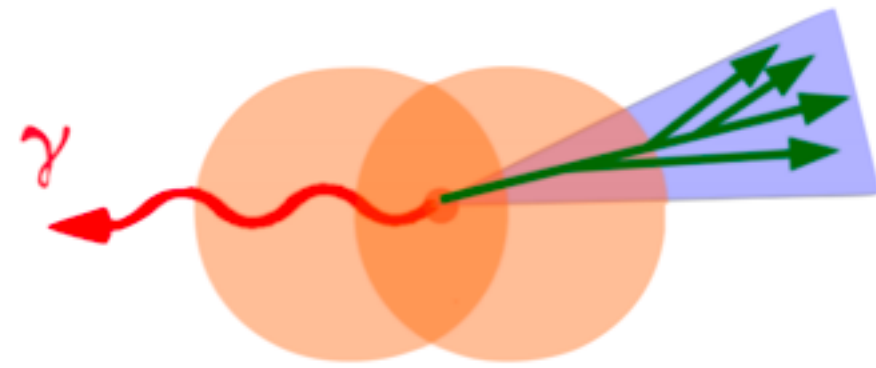
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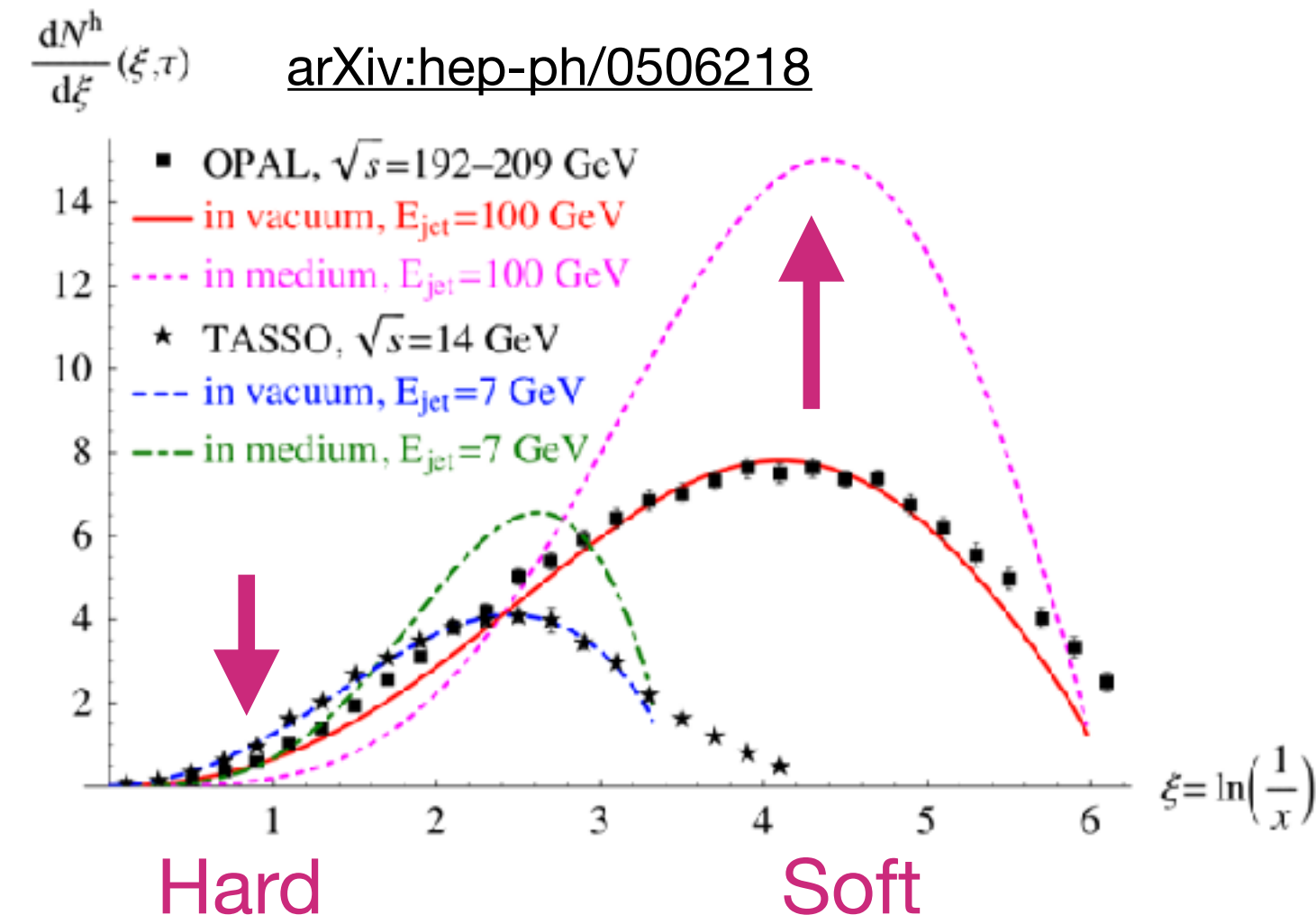
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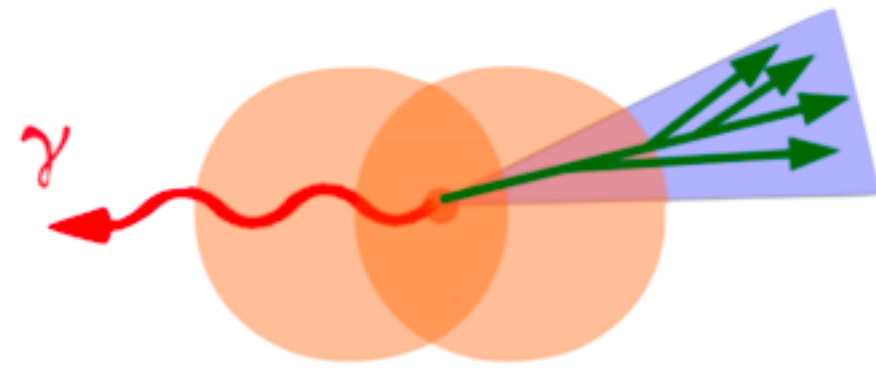


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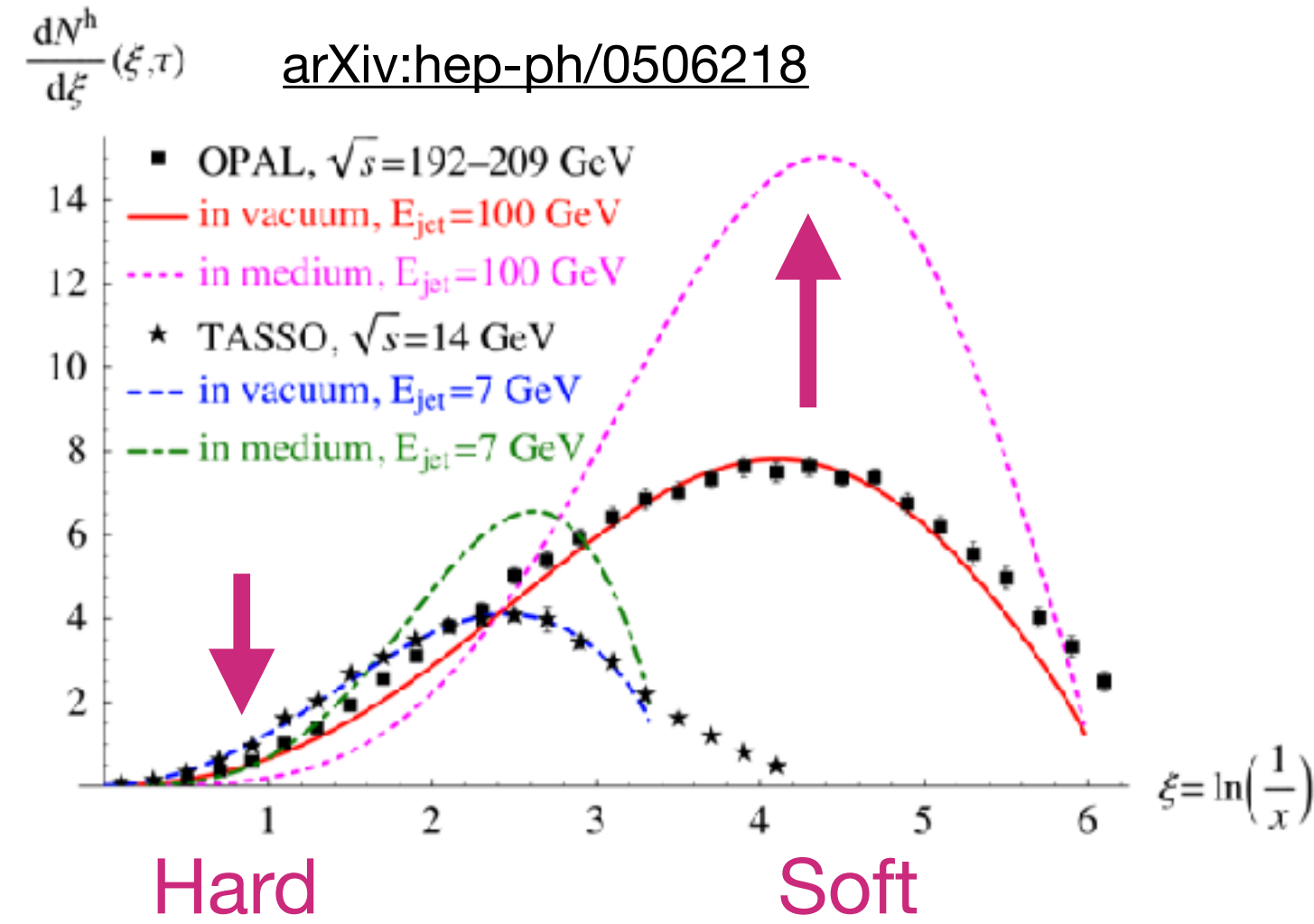
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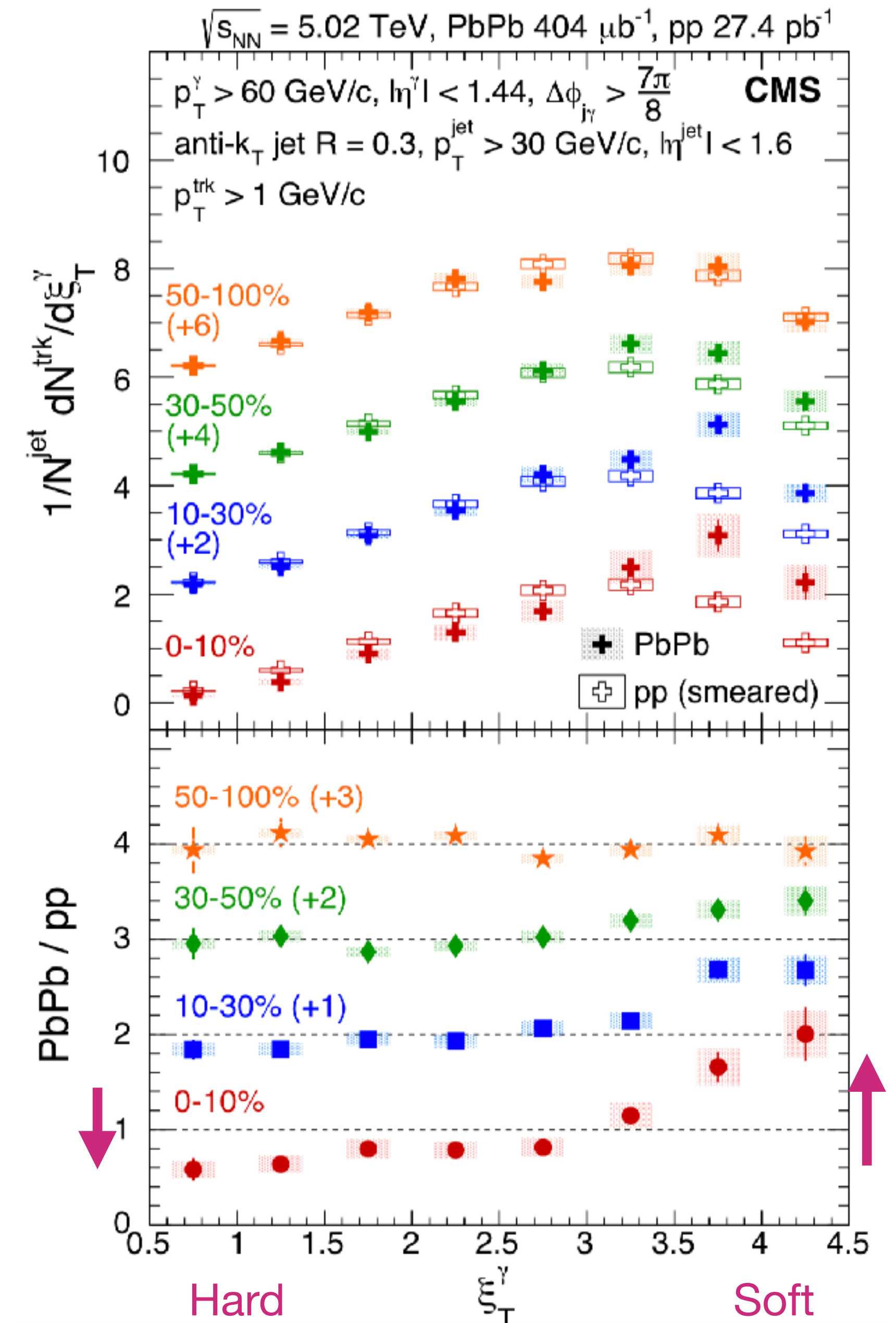
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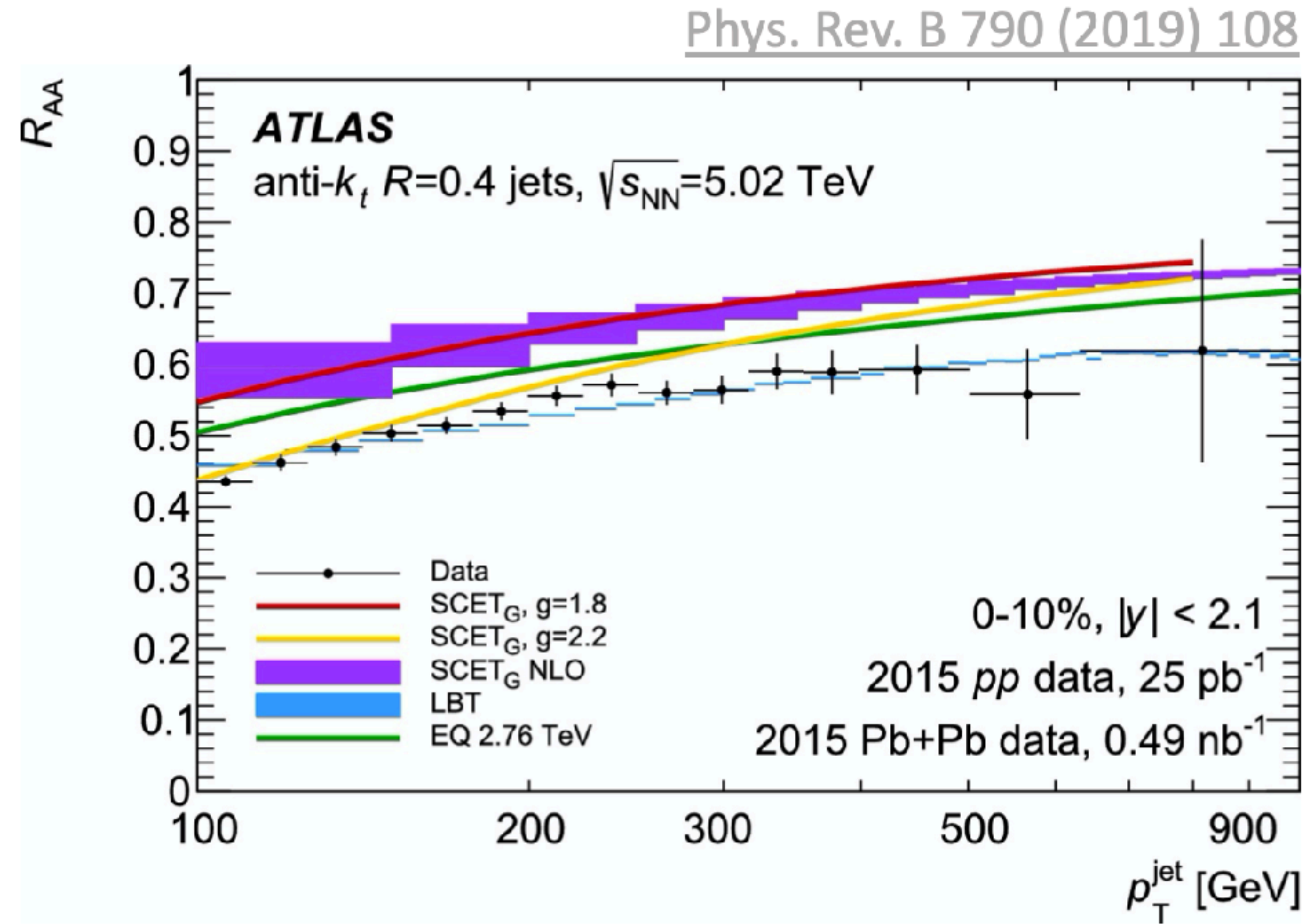
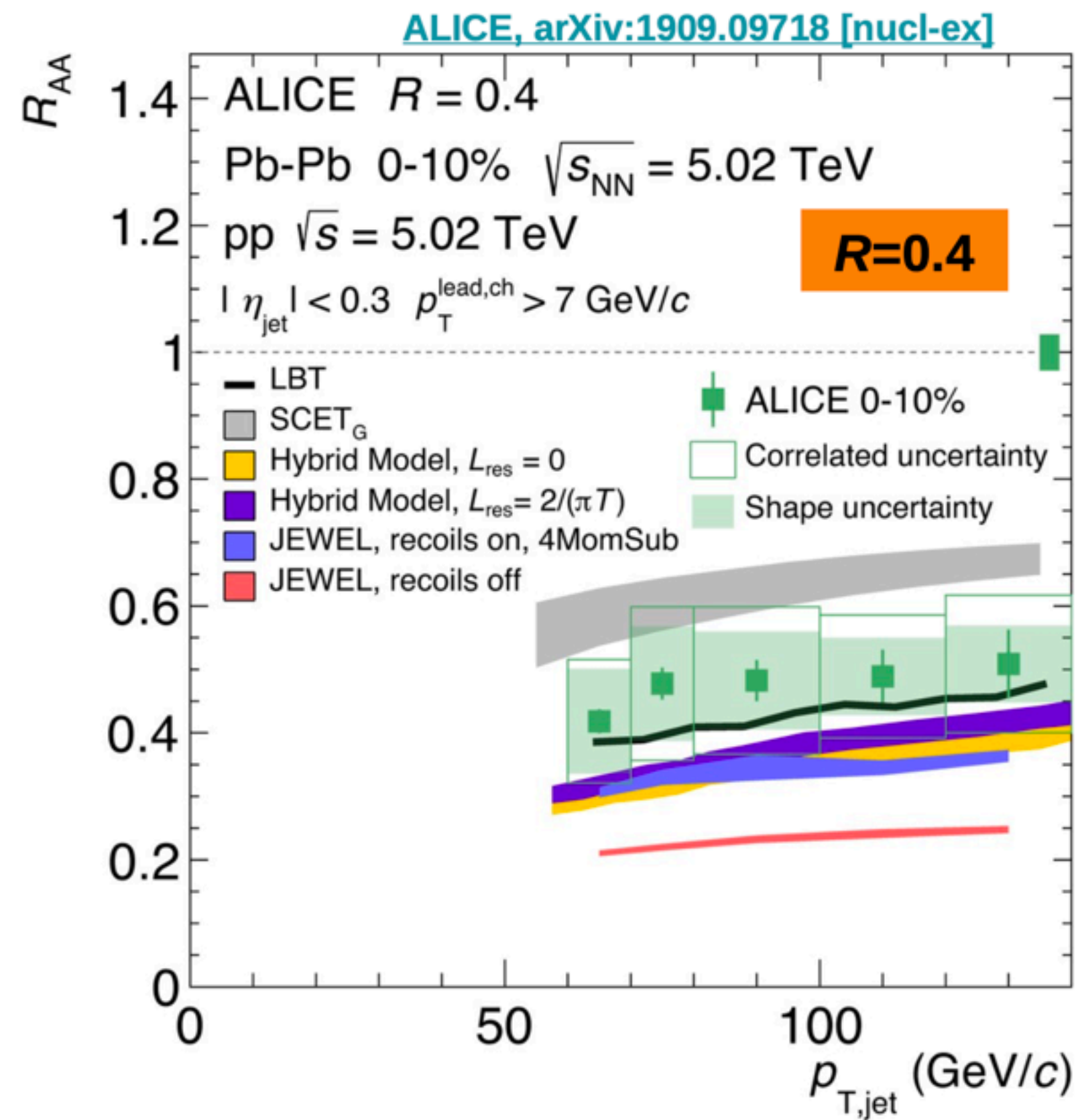


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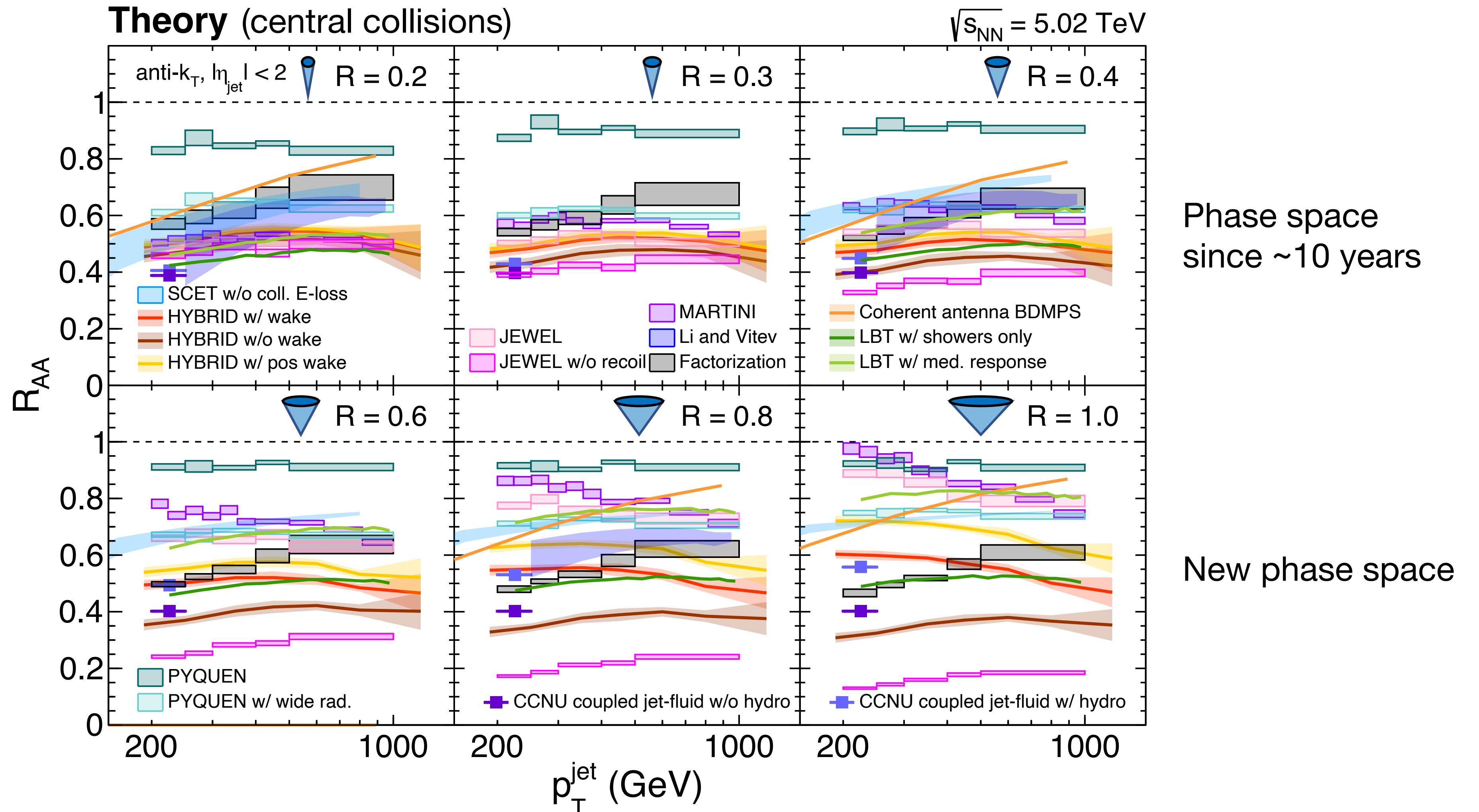
Predicted modification of fragmentation function found, soft (low-z) particles enhanced, while hard (high-z) suppressed

Will play a key role for precision measurements in Run-3/4 and in sPHENIX era

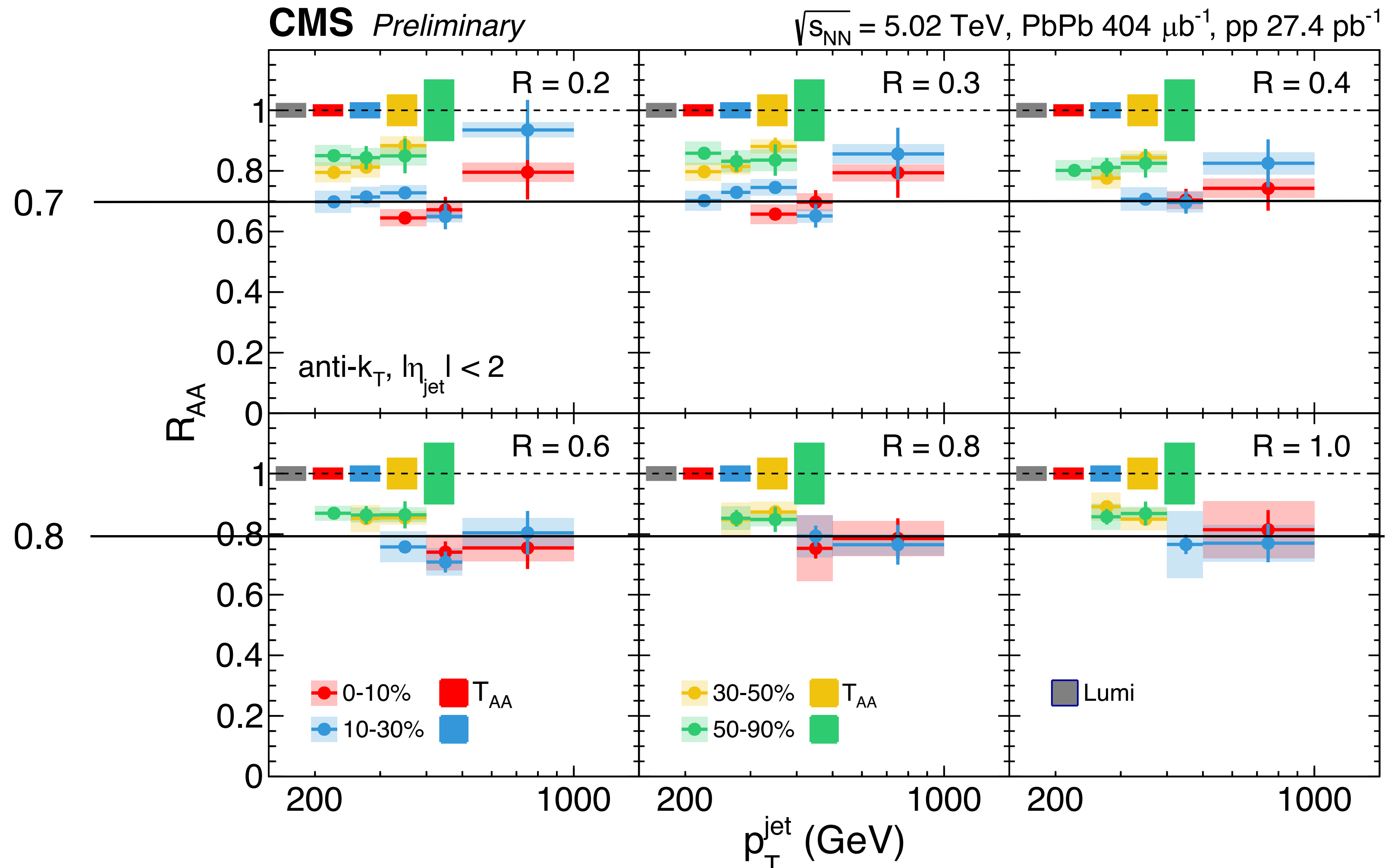




Good description of R_{AA} for various models for $R=0.4$ over large range in p_T

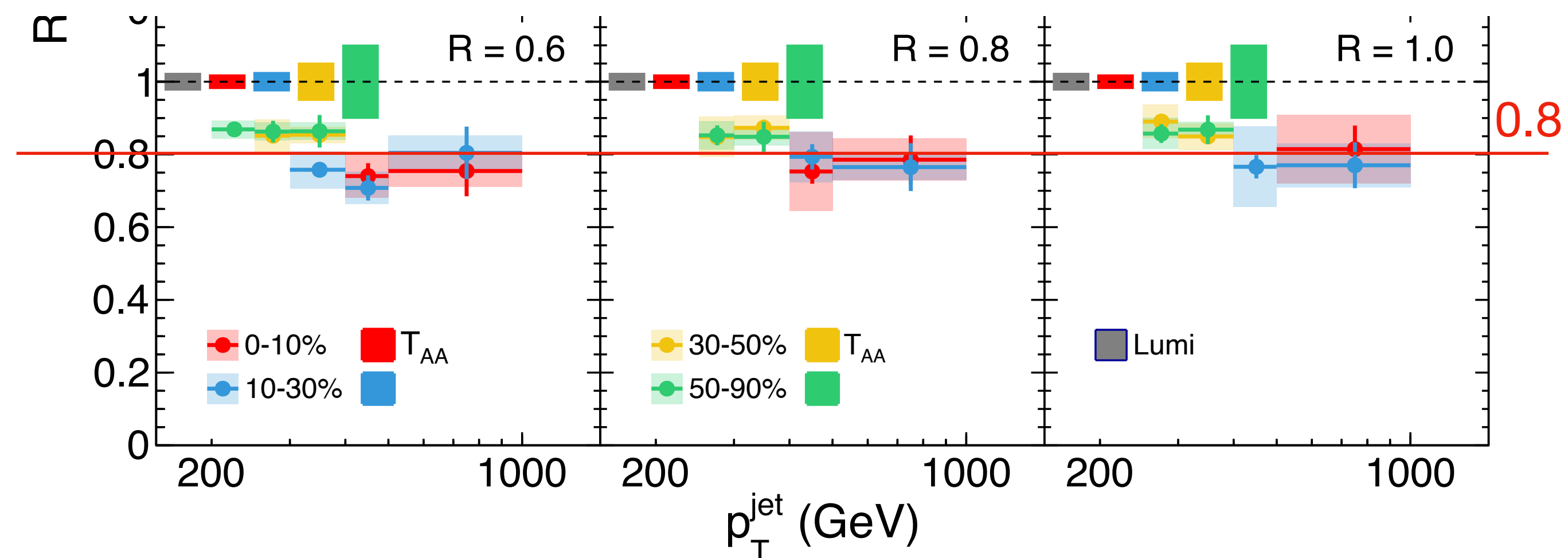
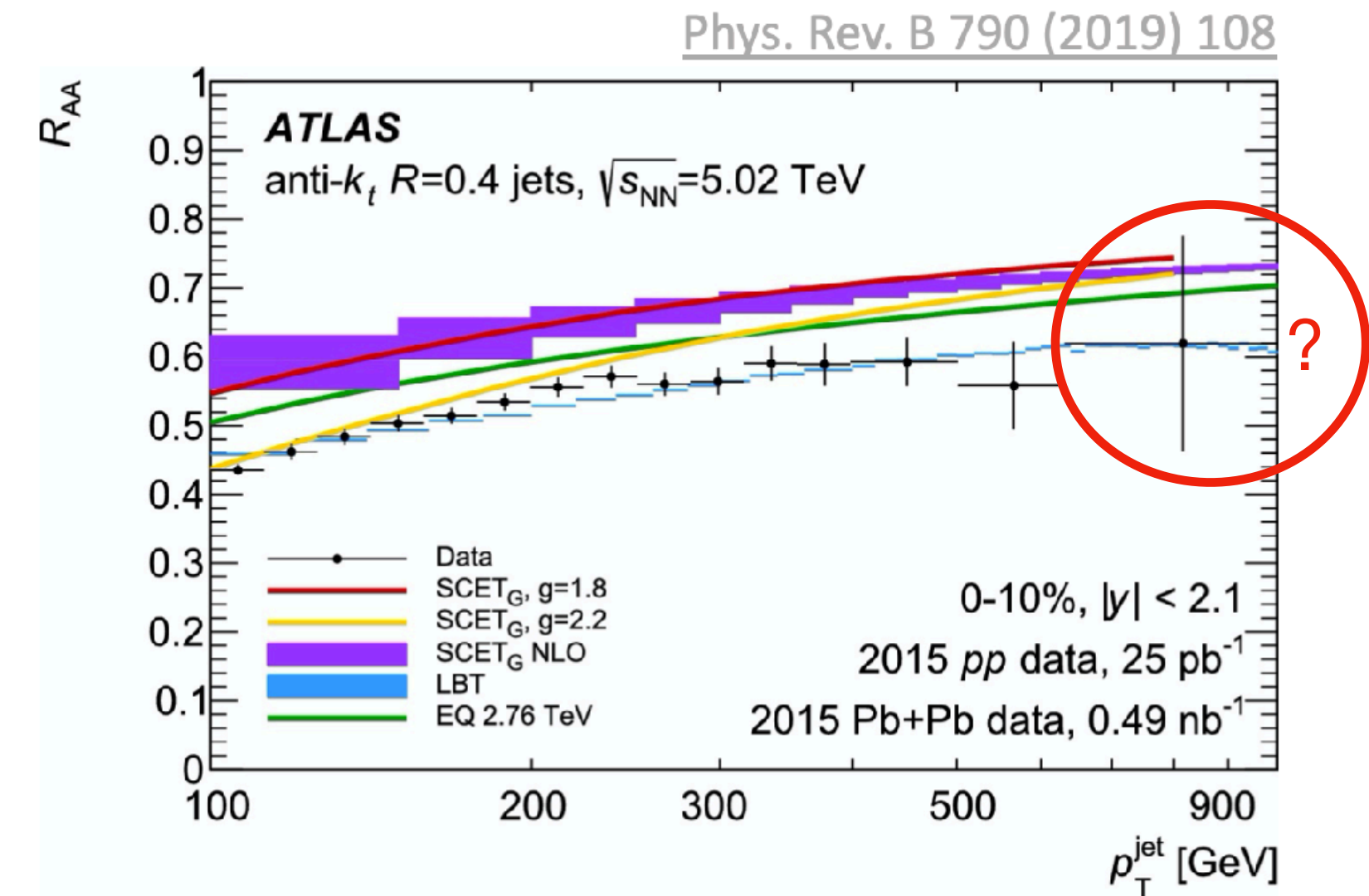
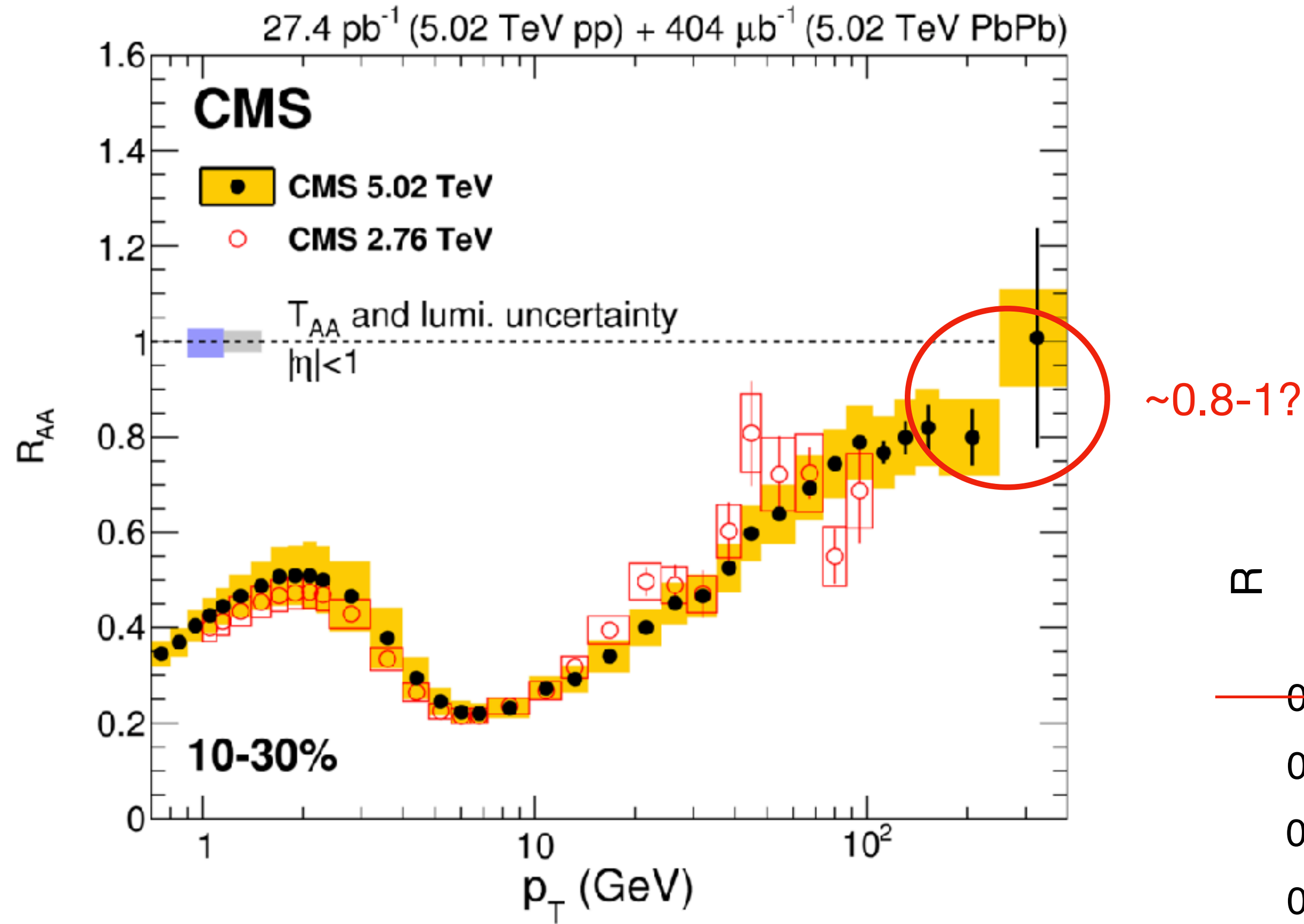


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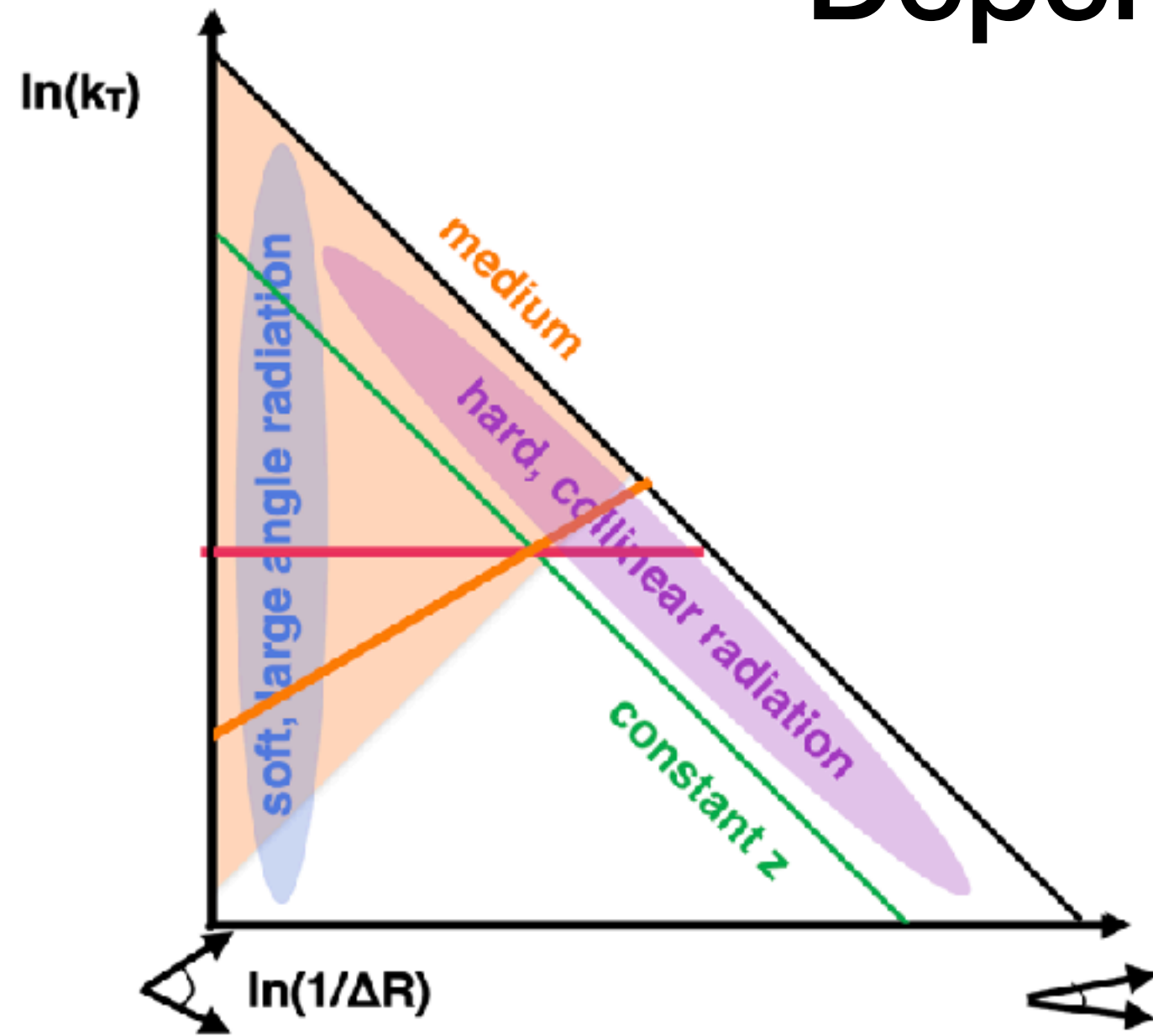


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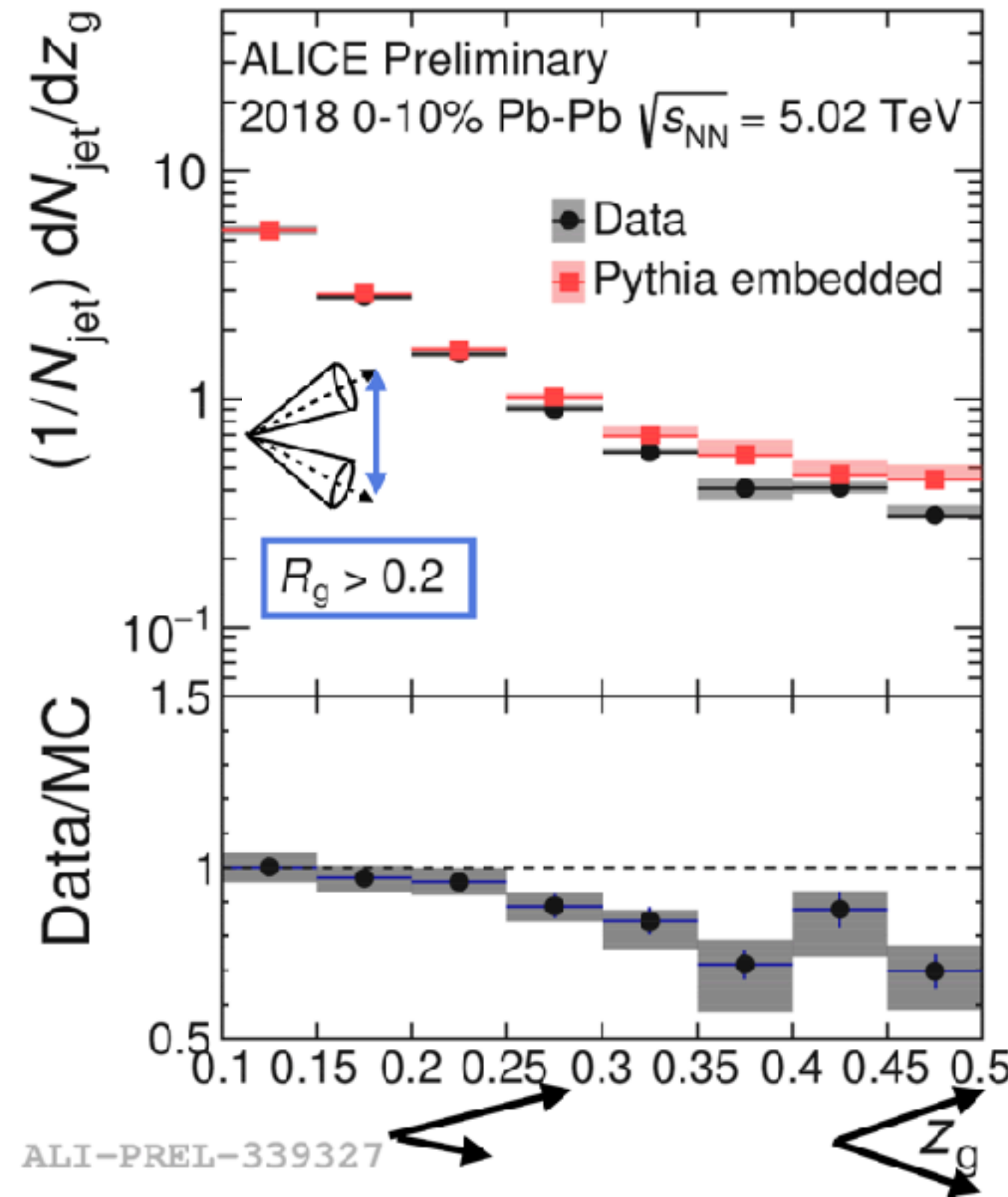
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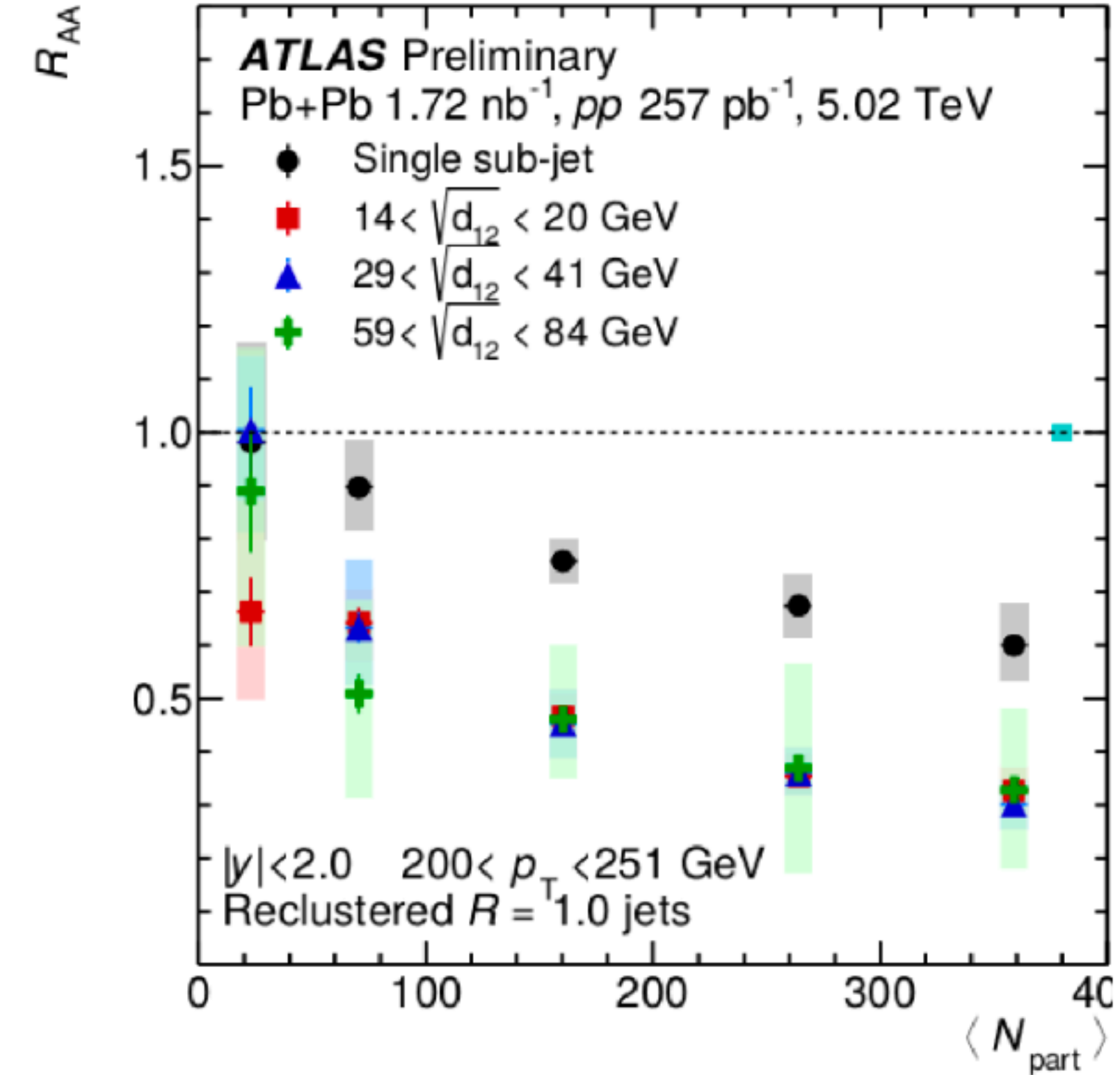
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Laura Havener [242]

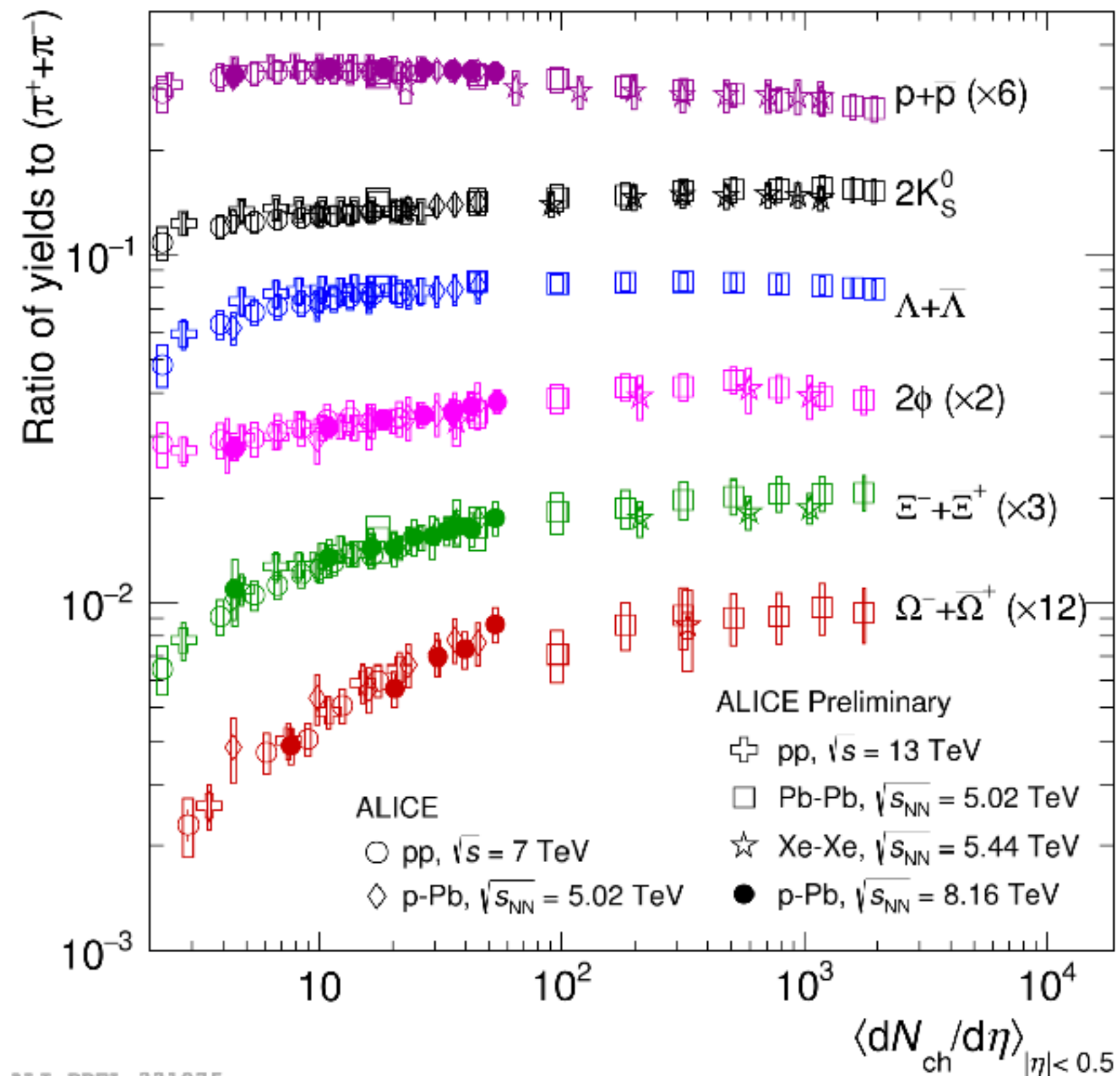


Martin Rybar [134]



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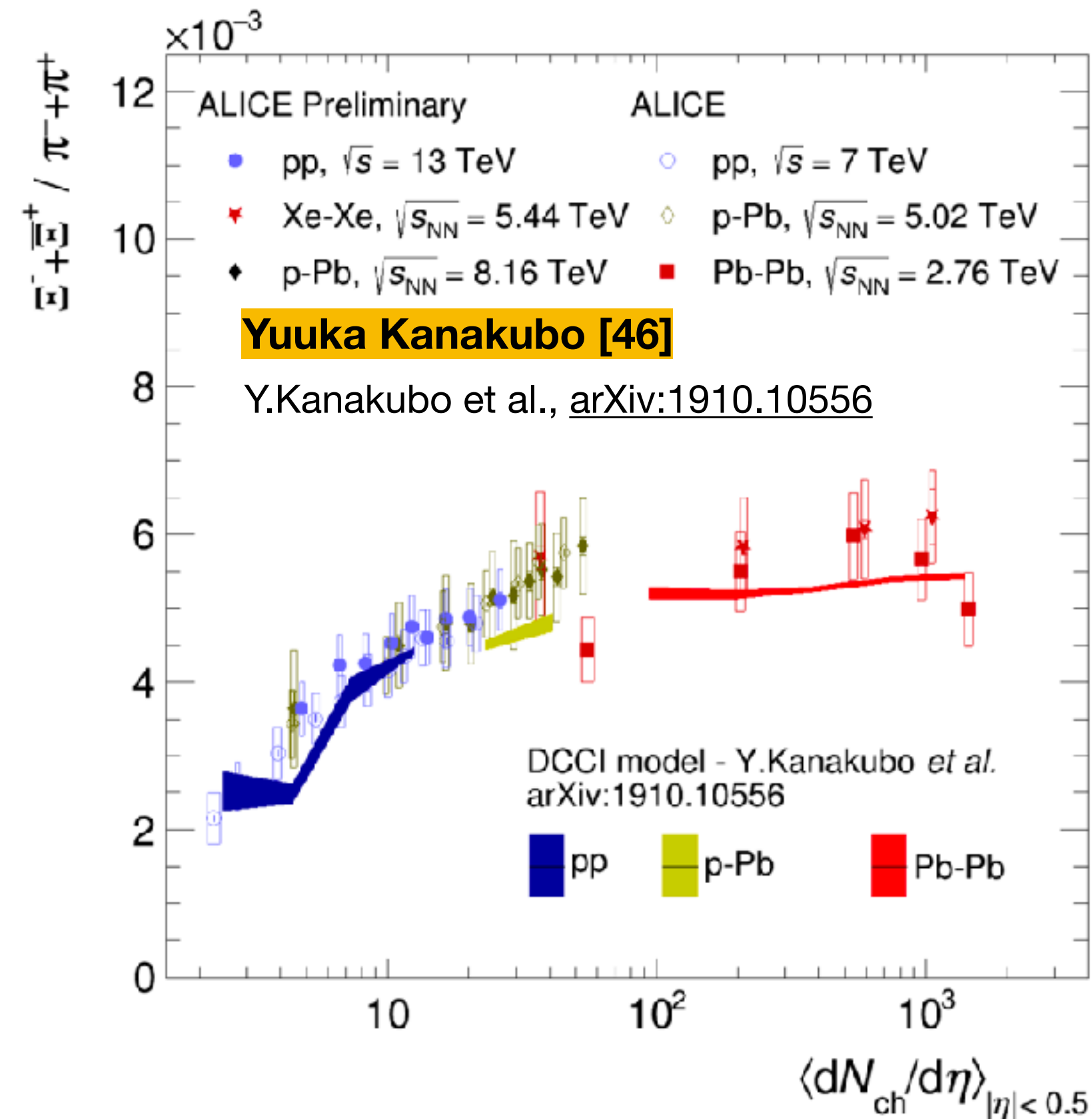
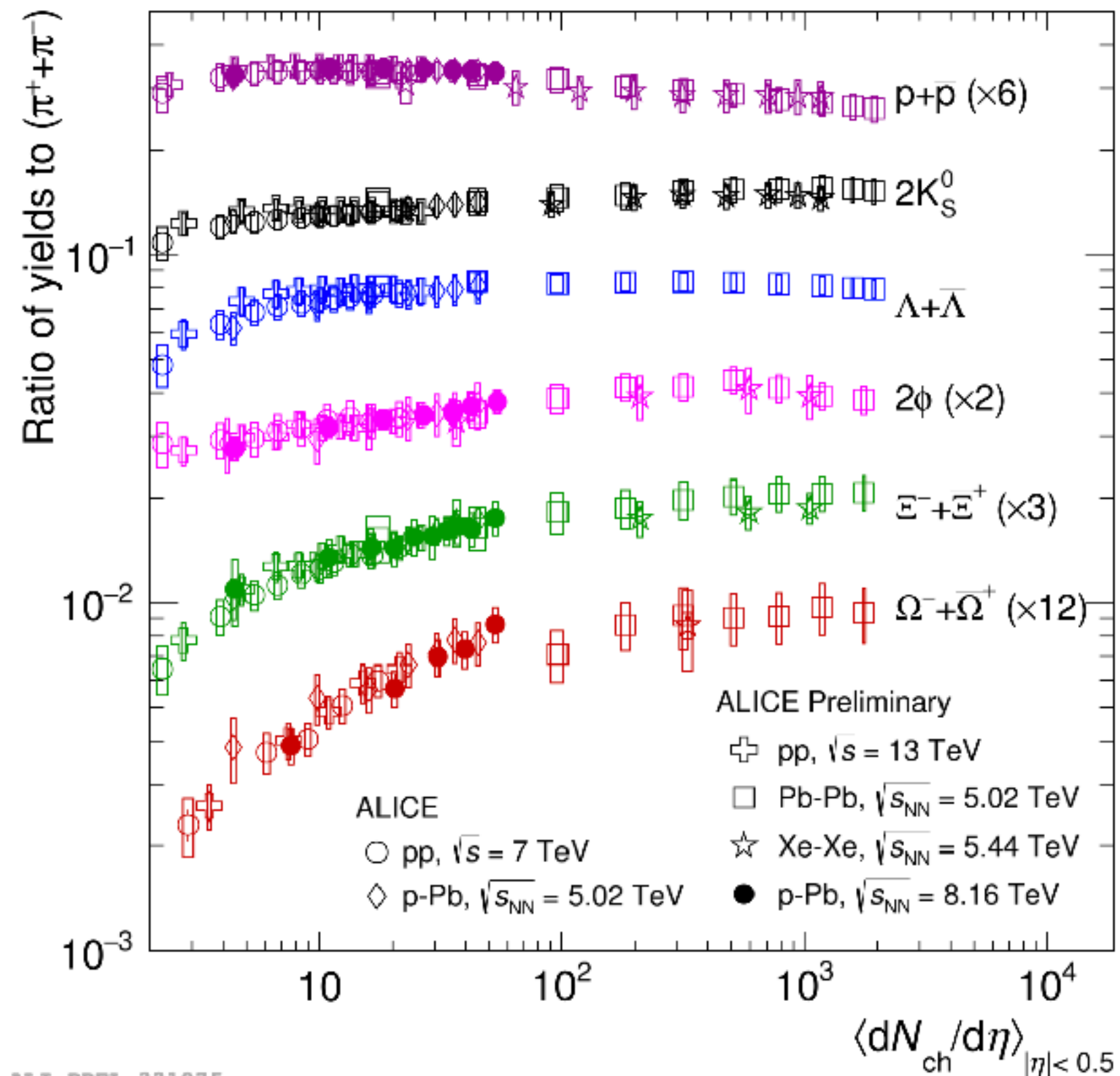
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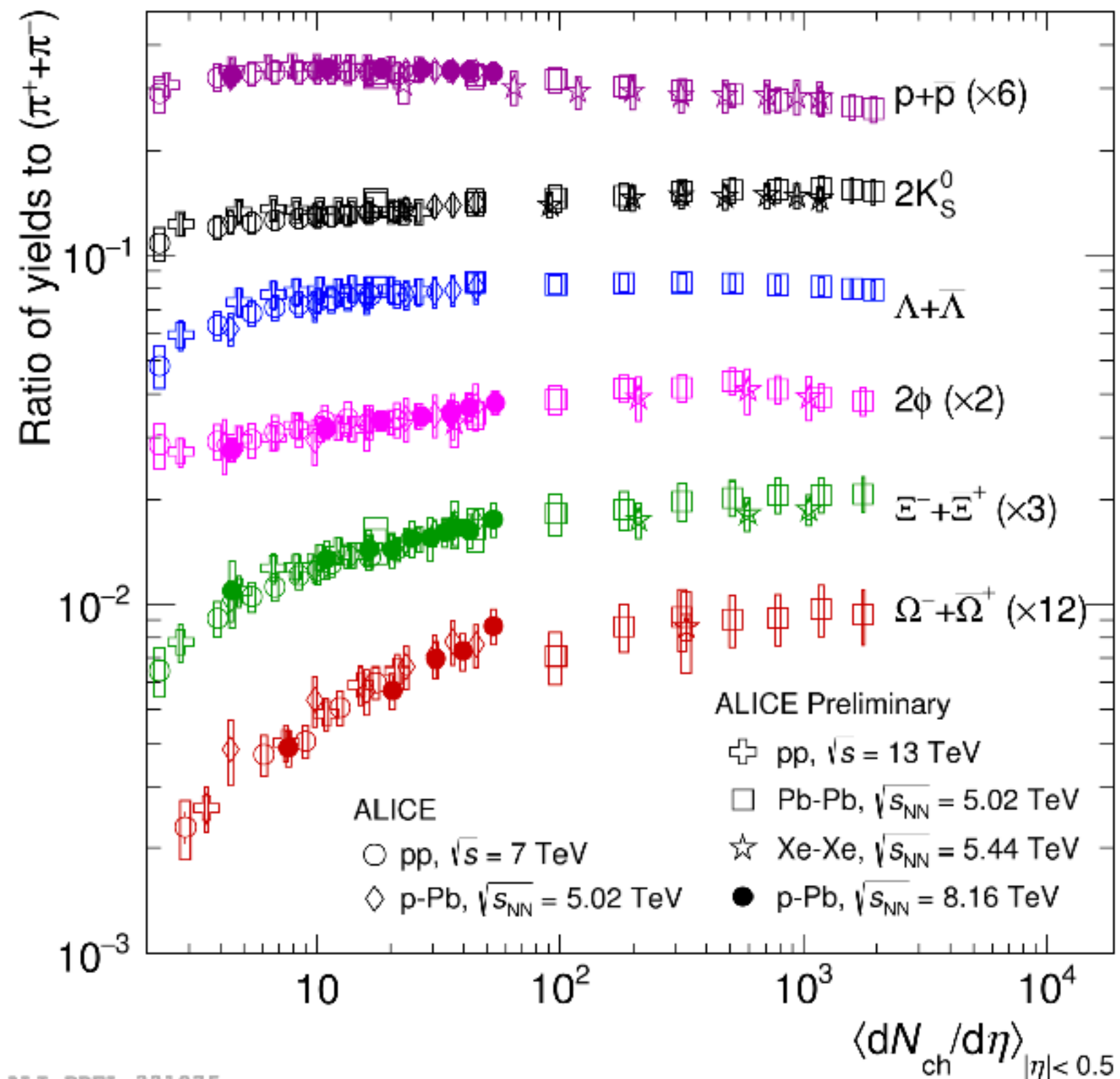
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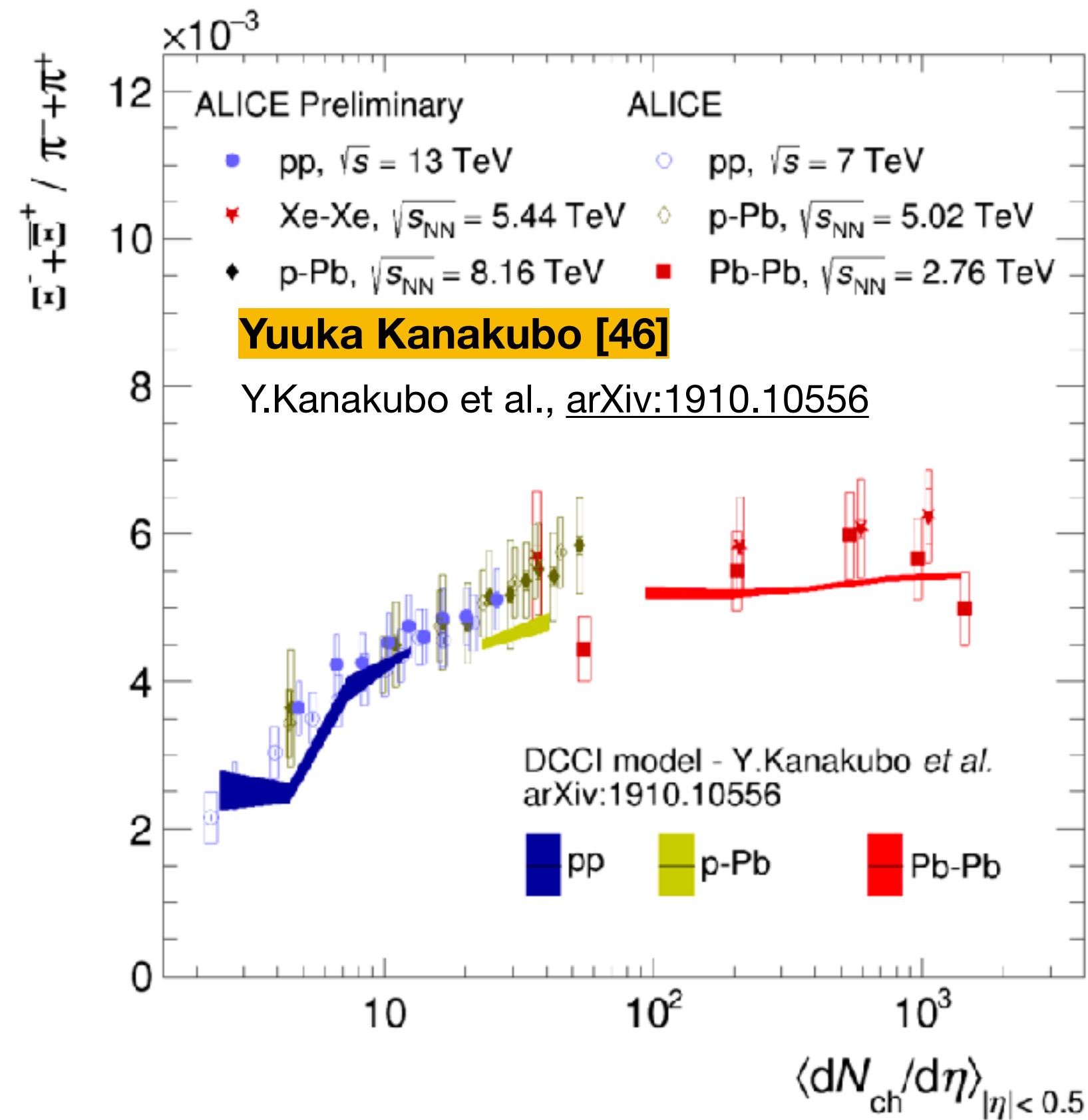


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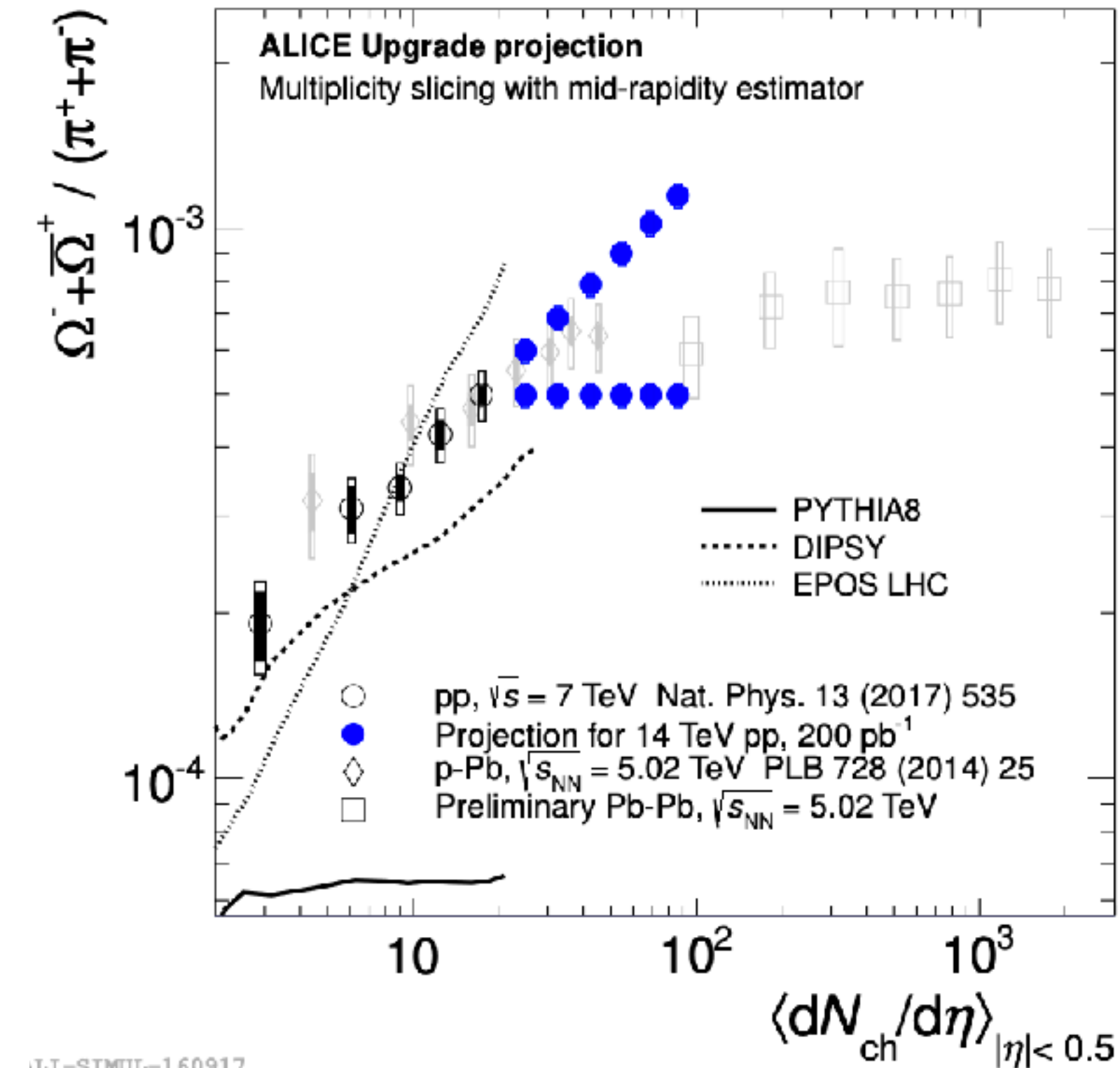


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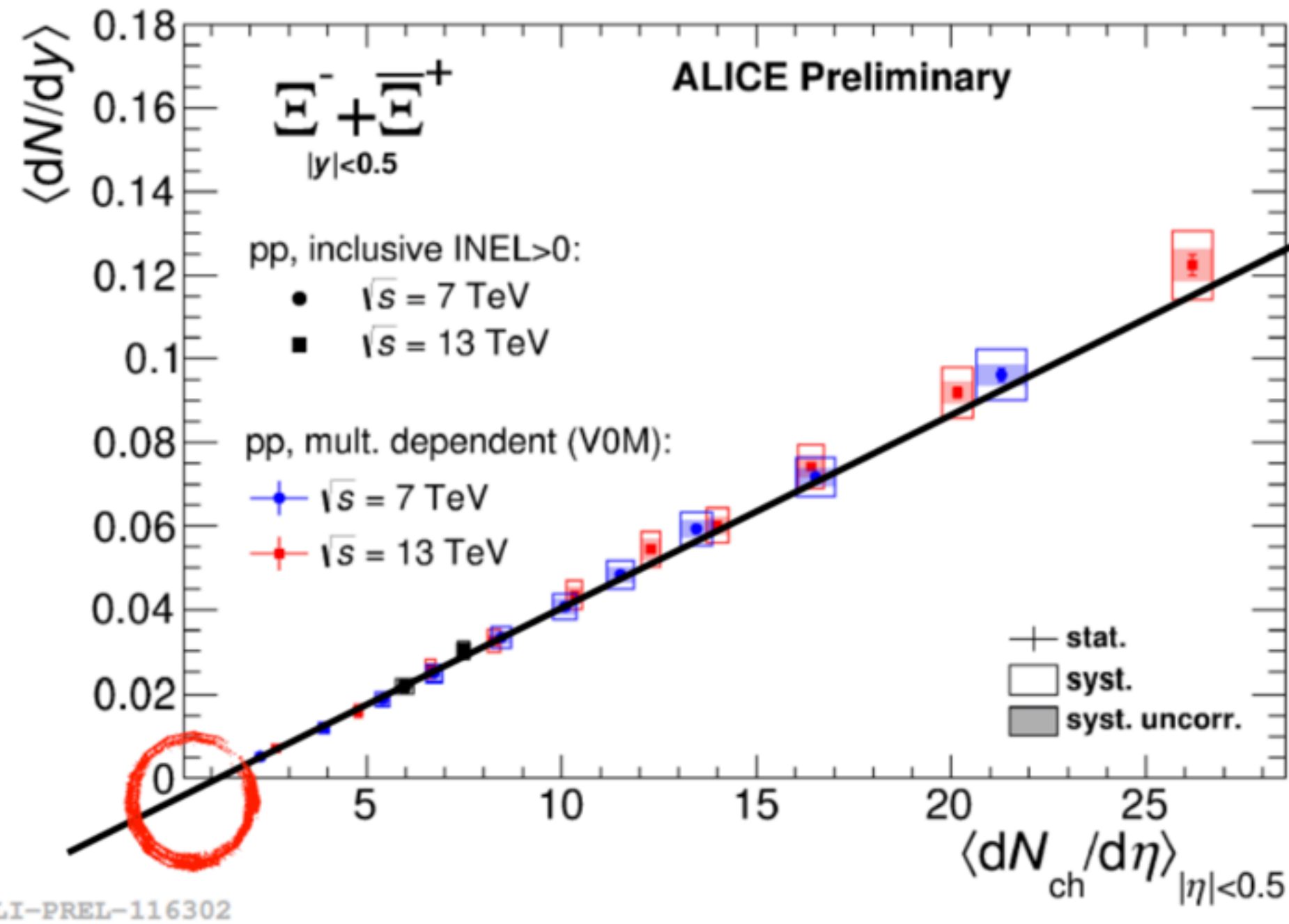


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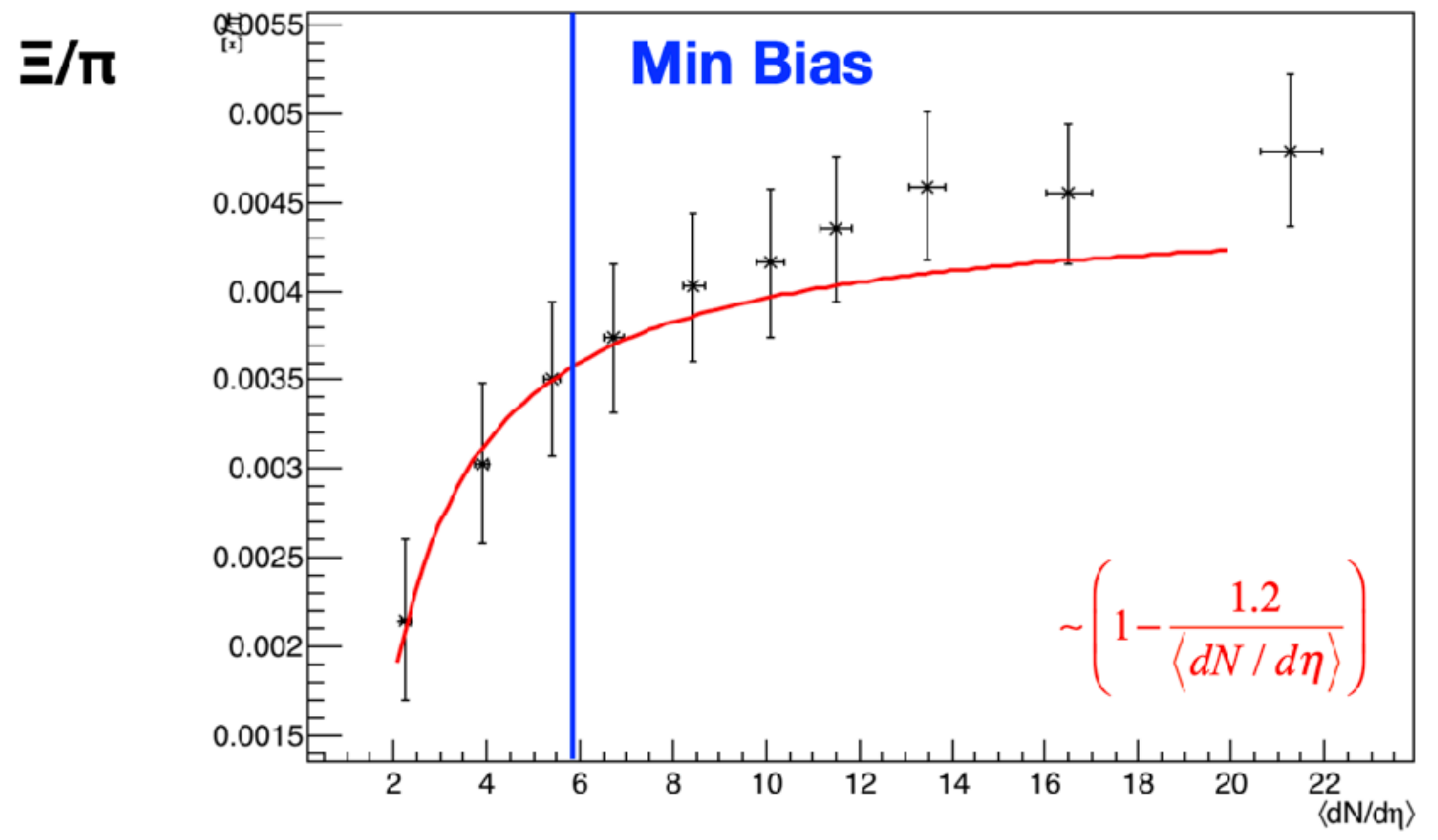
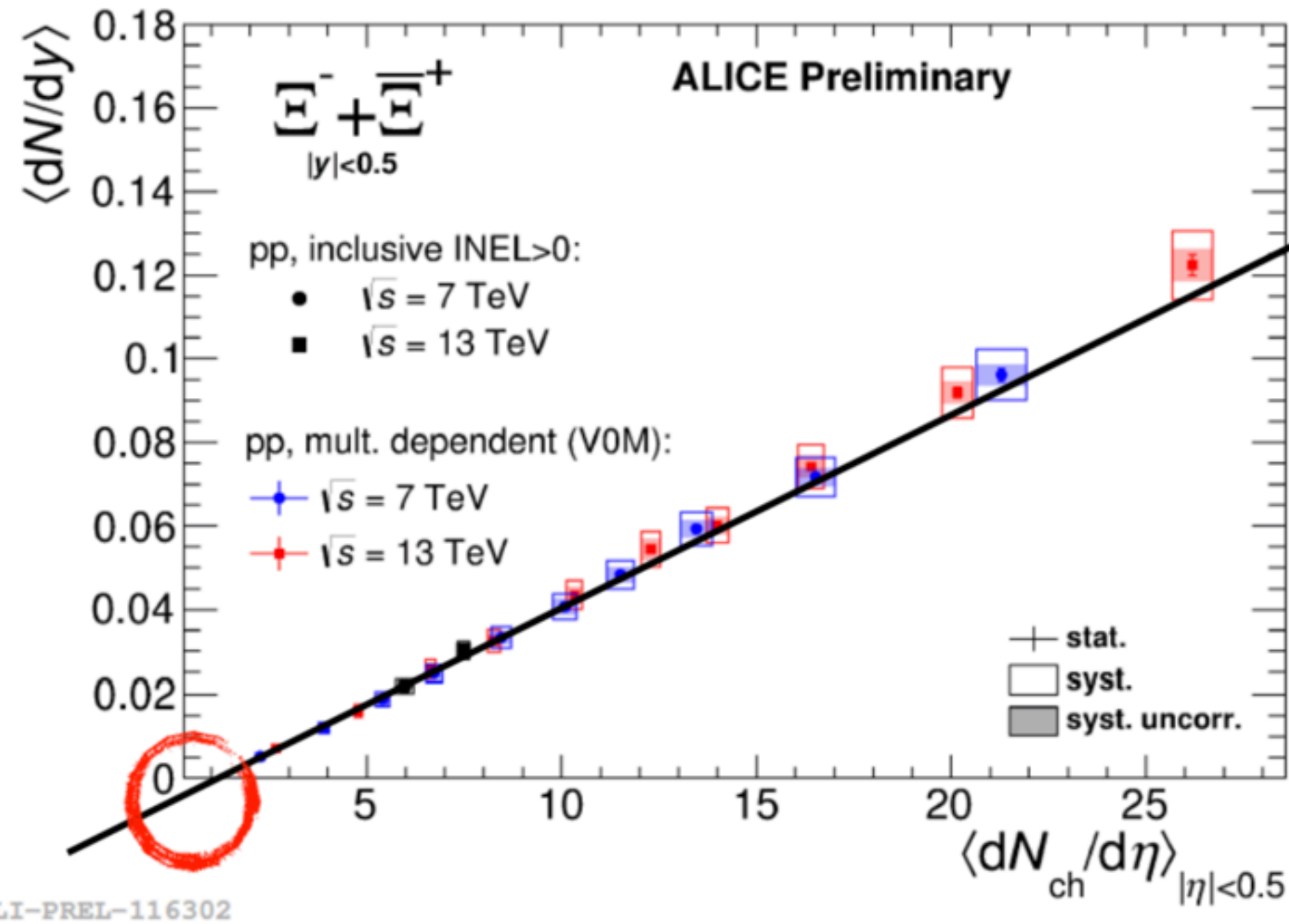
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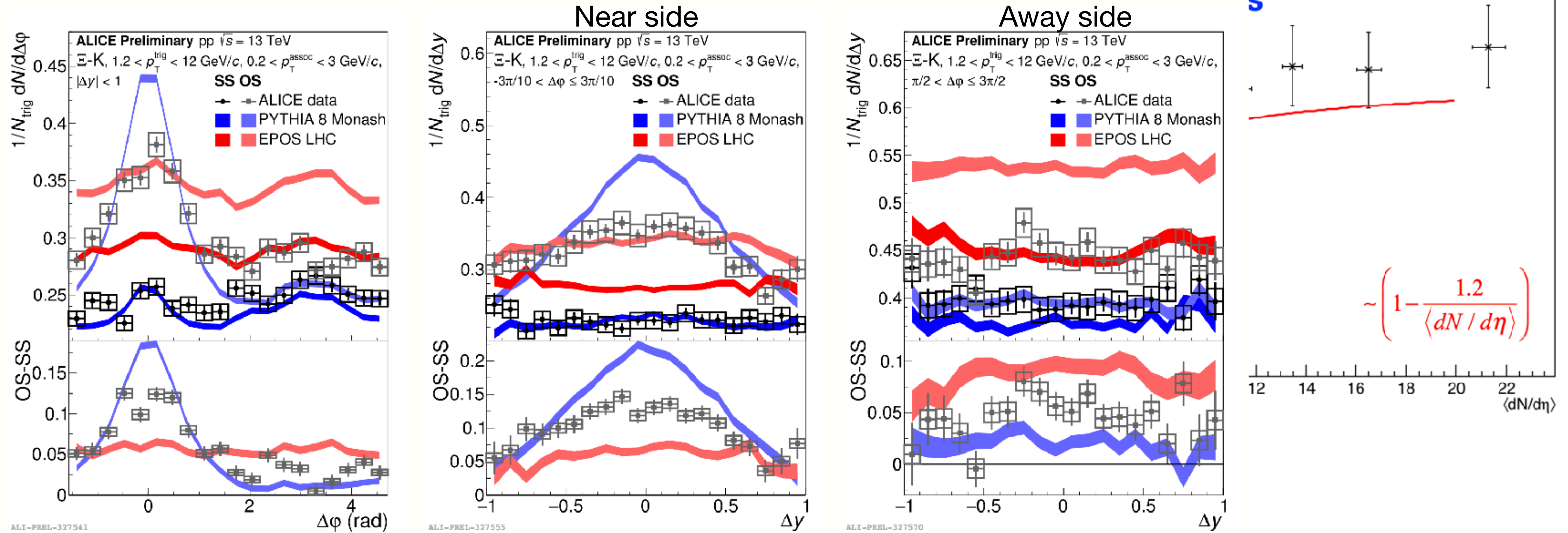
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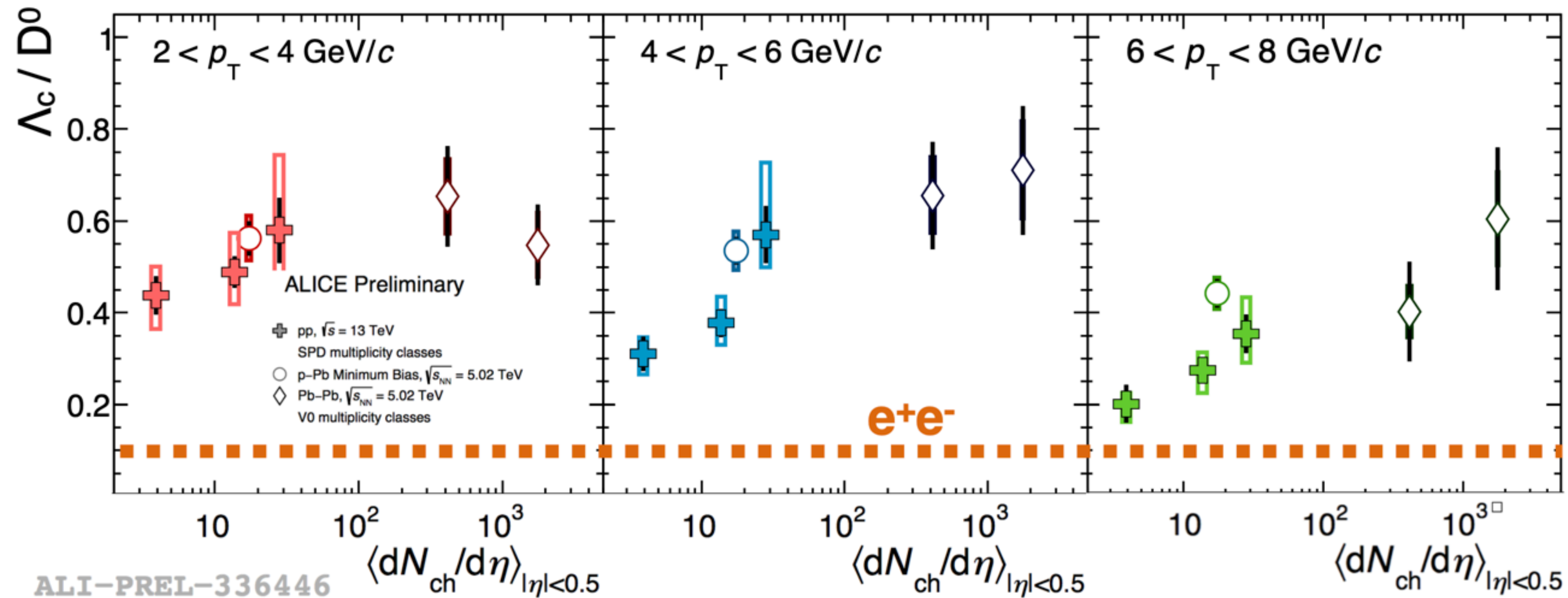
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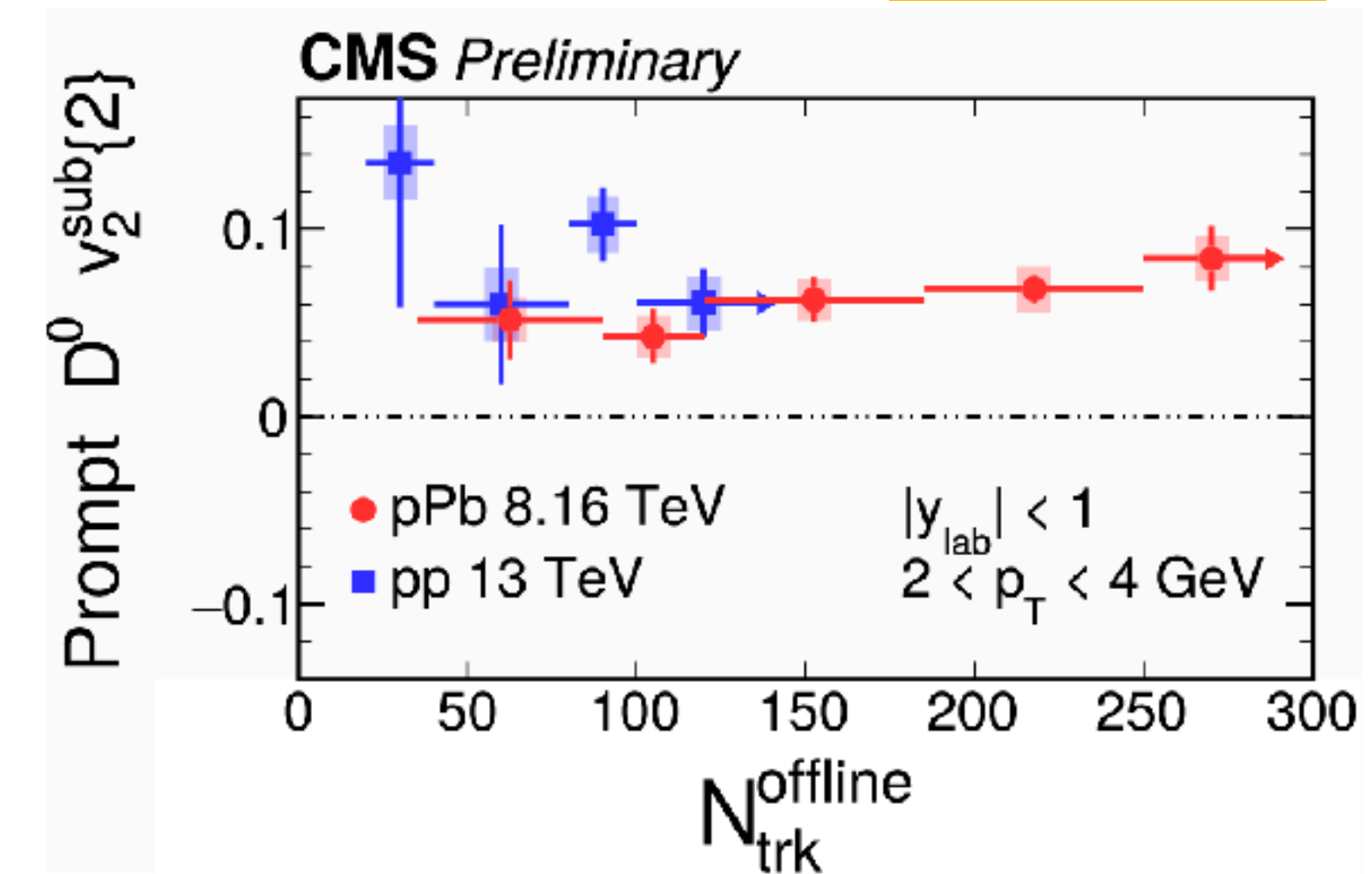


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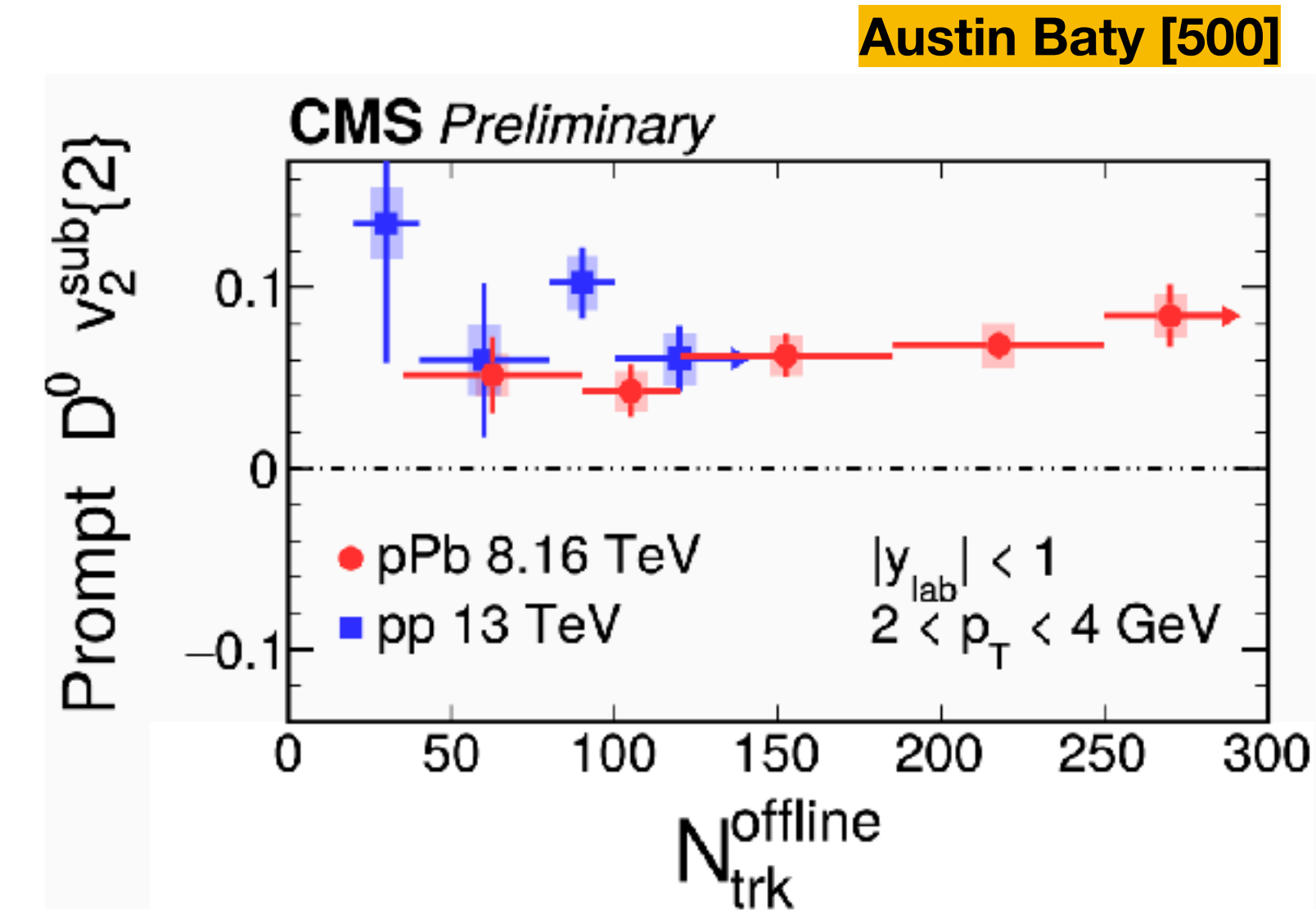
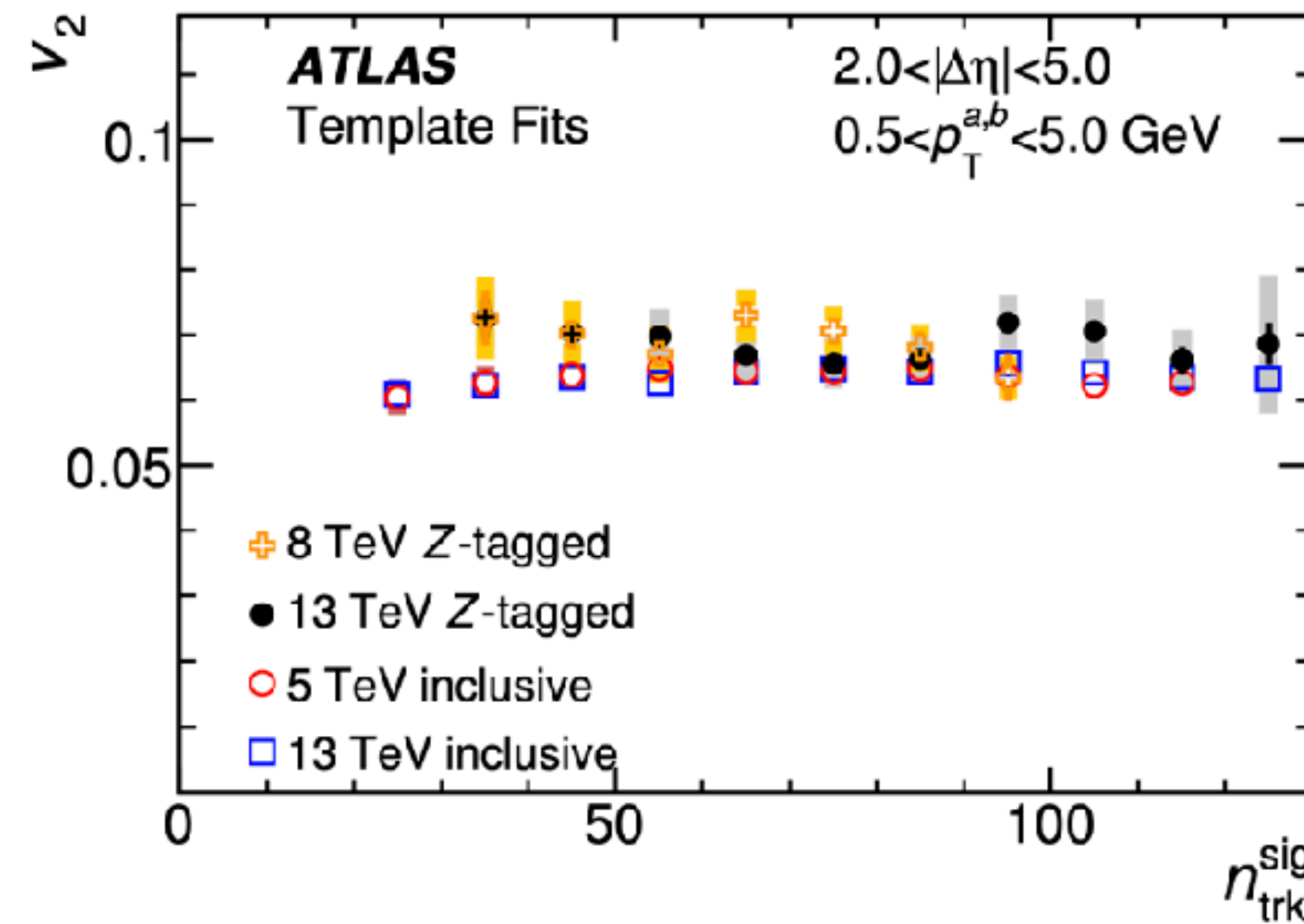
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Austin Baty [500]



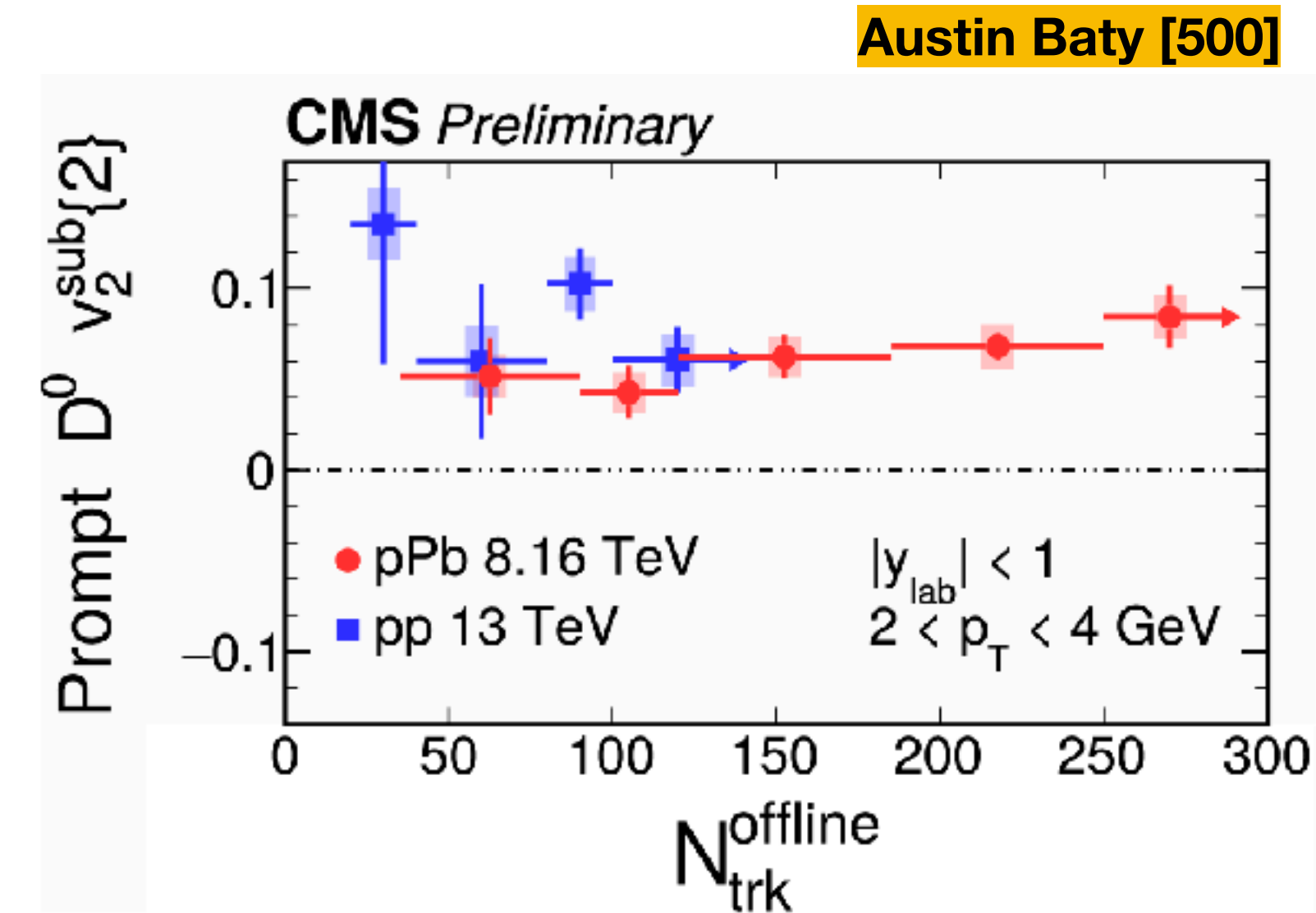
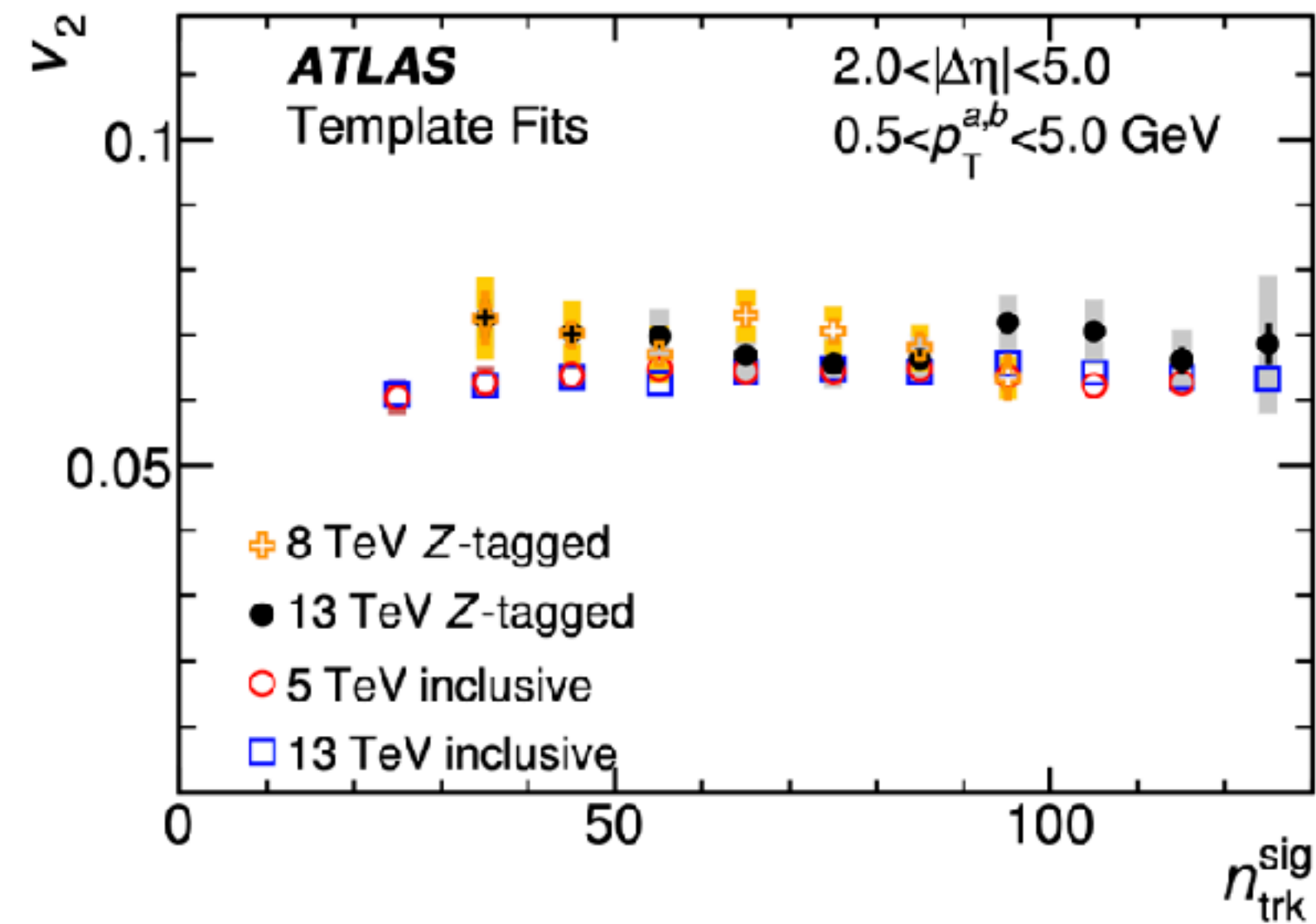
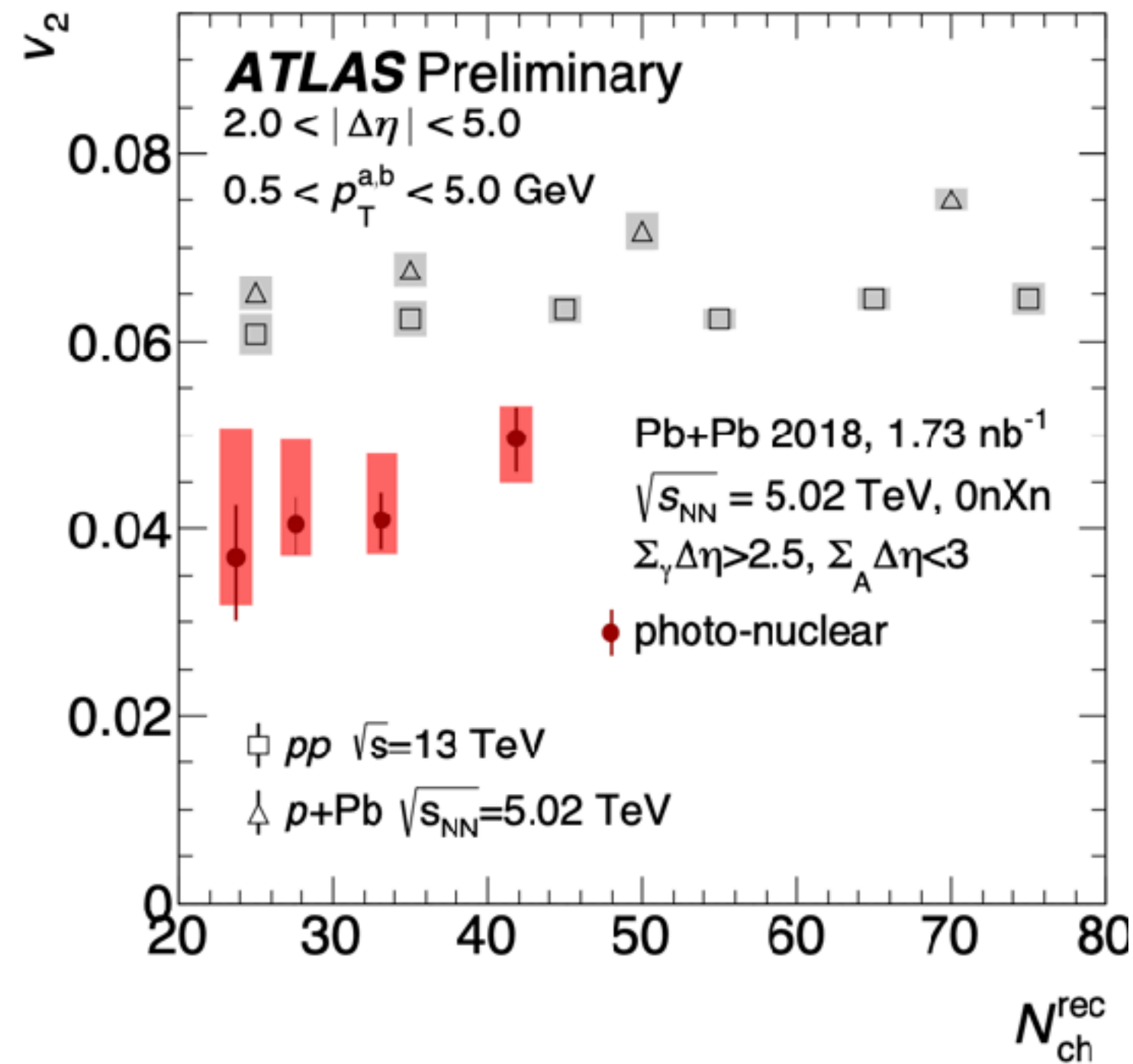
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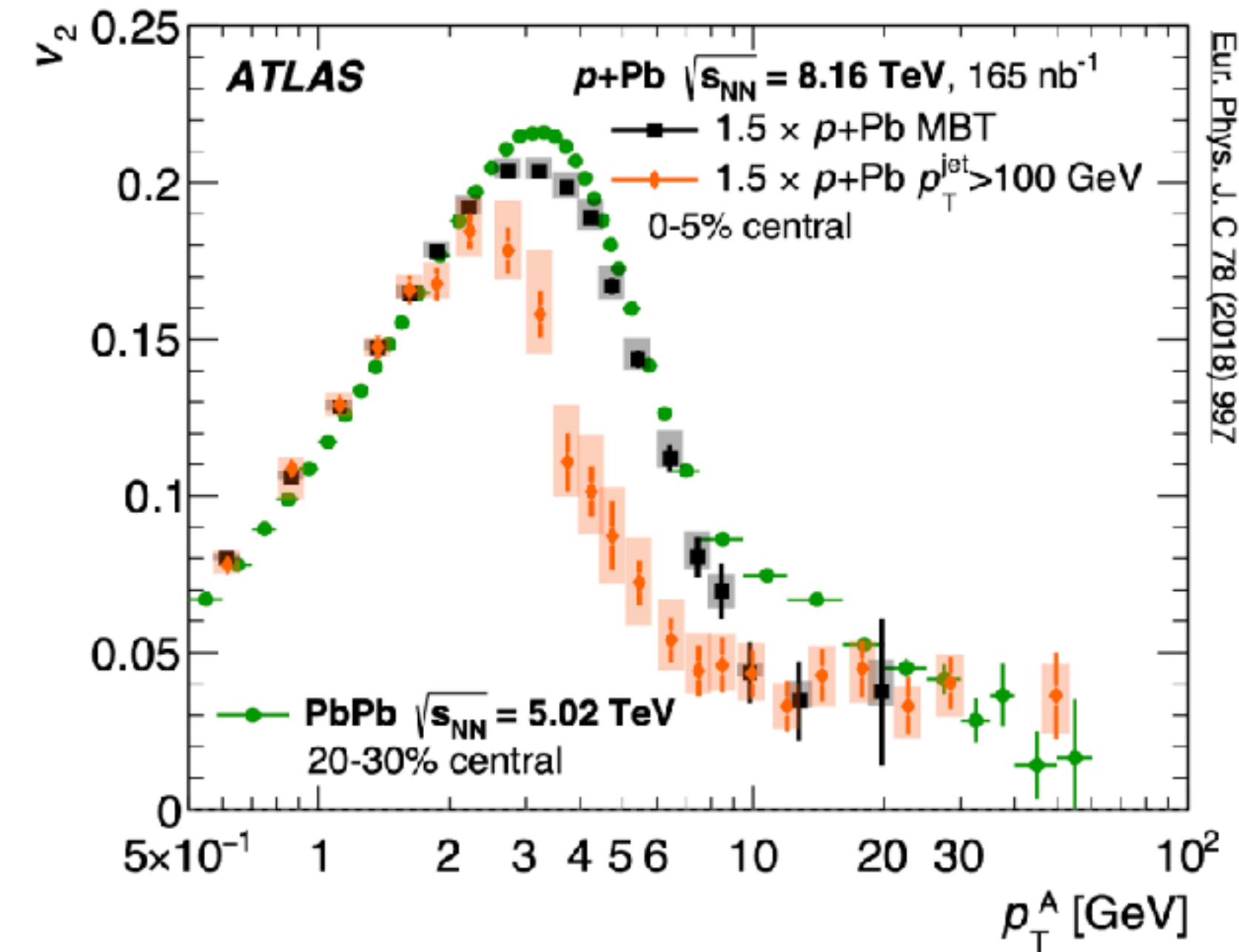


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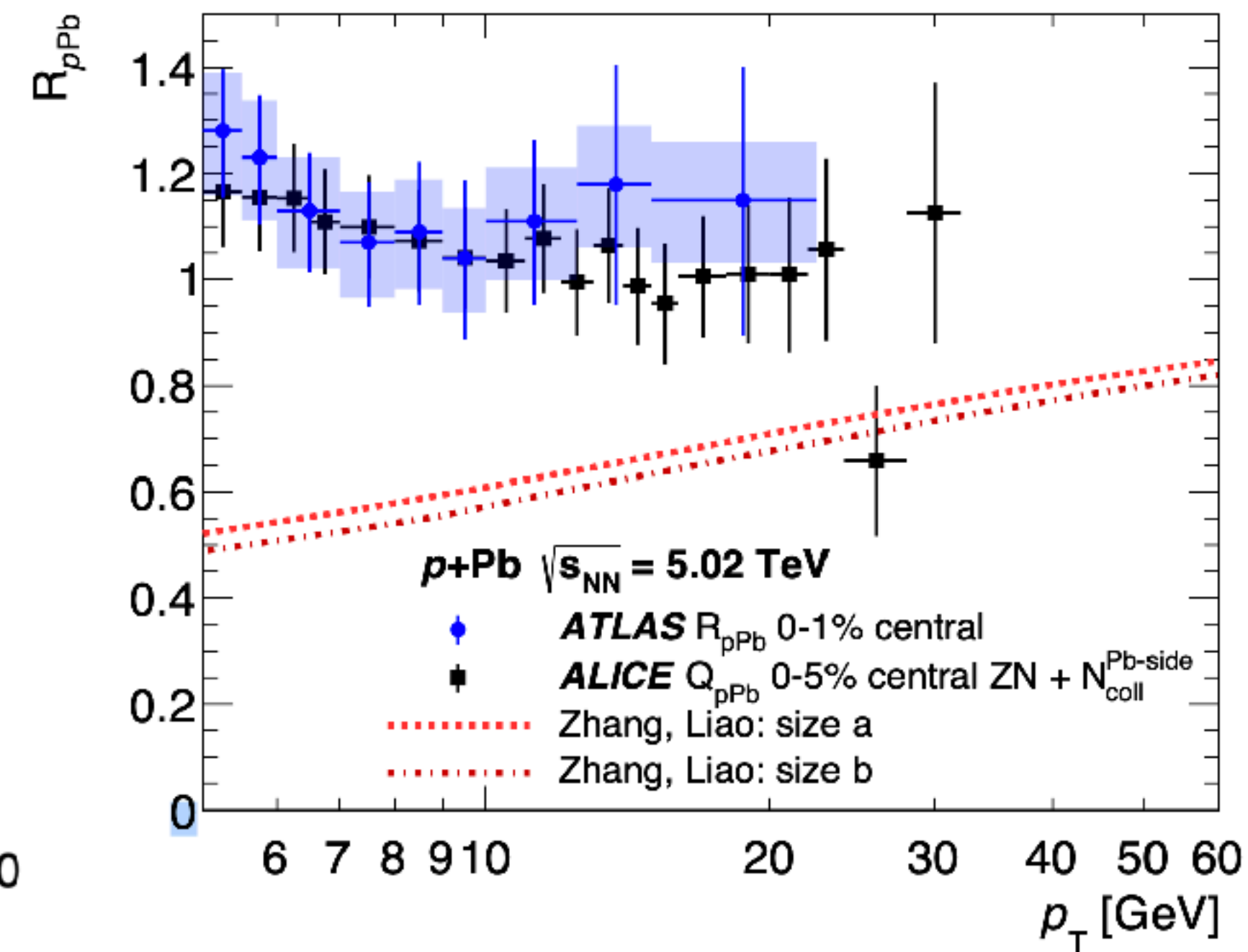
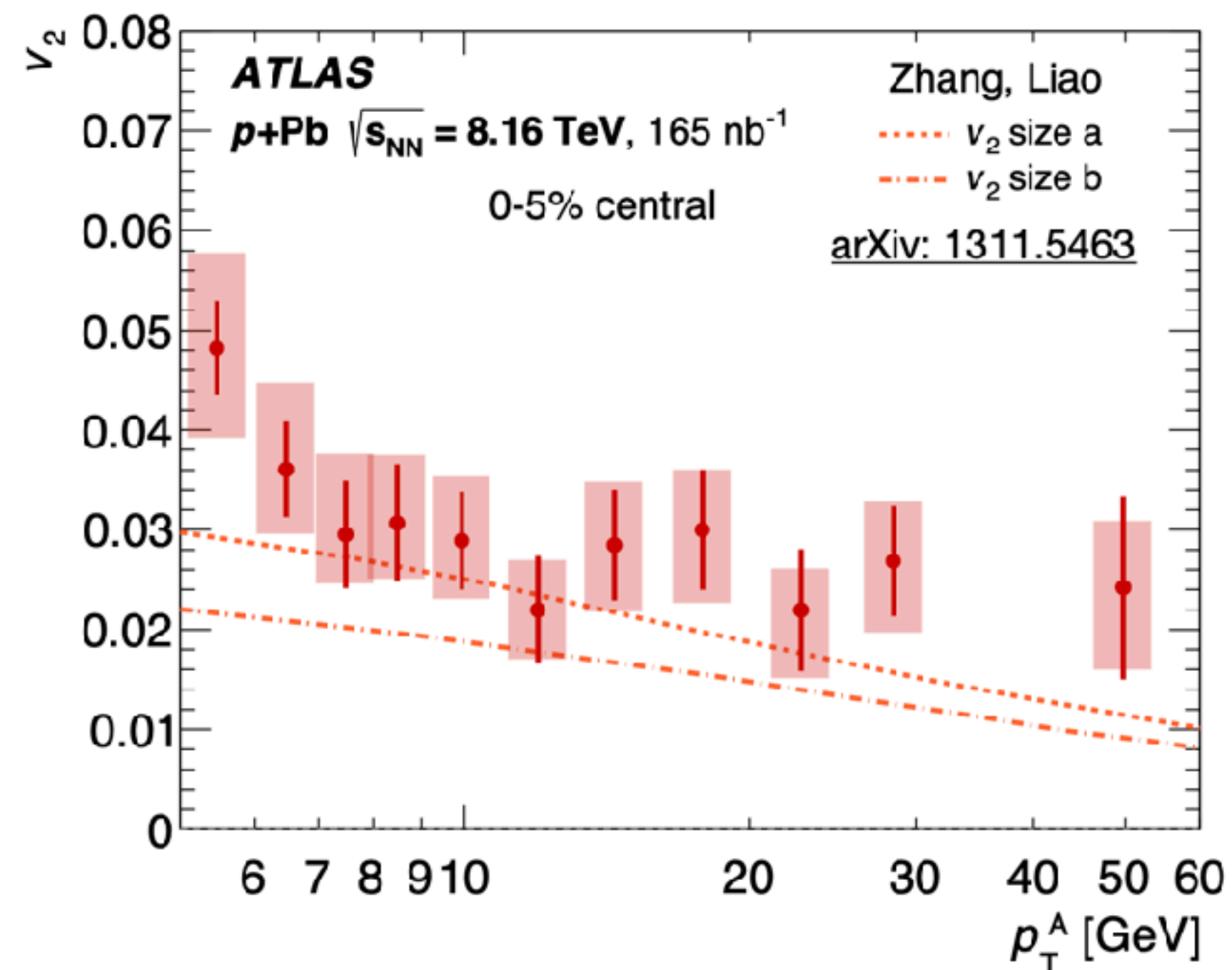
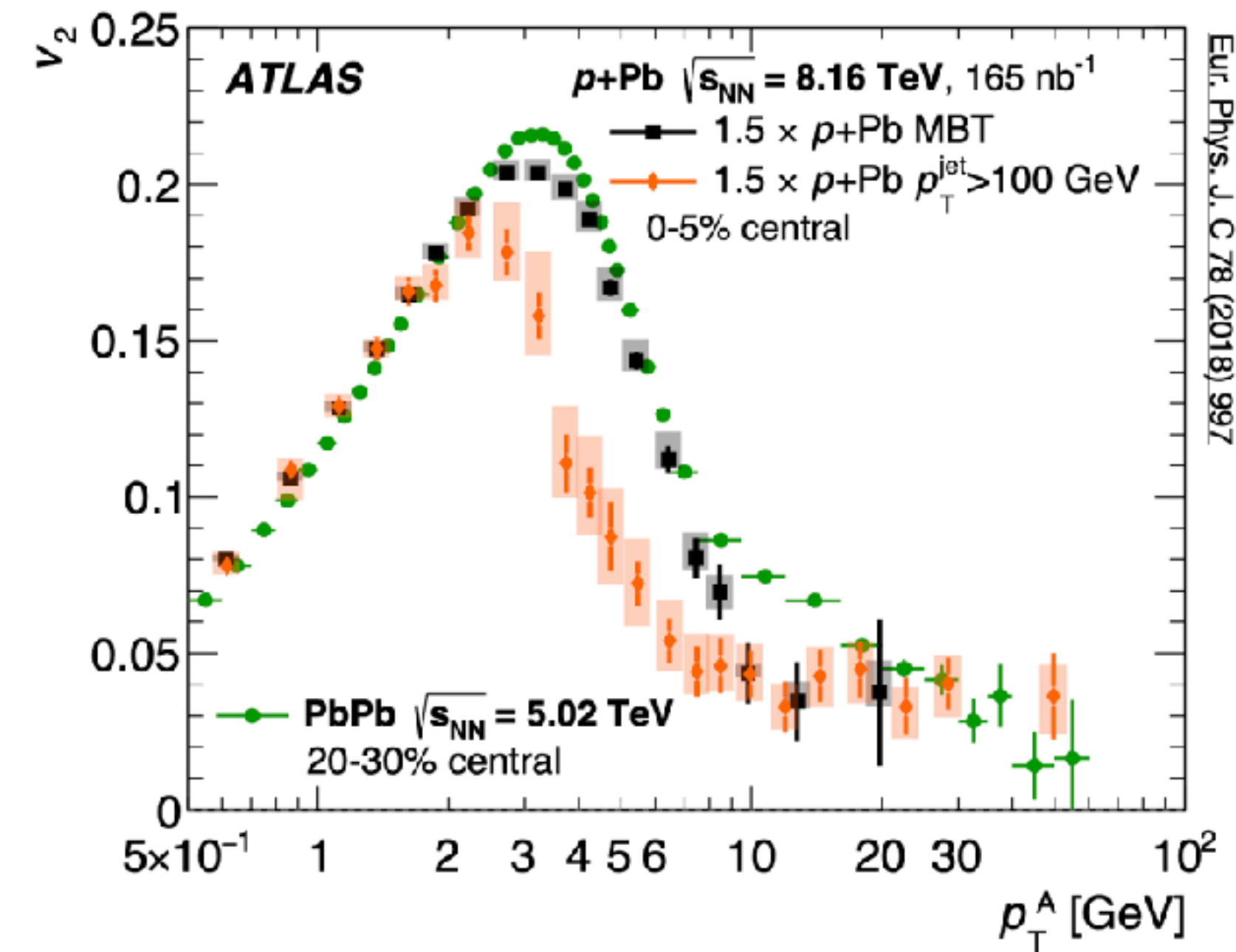


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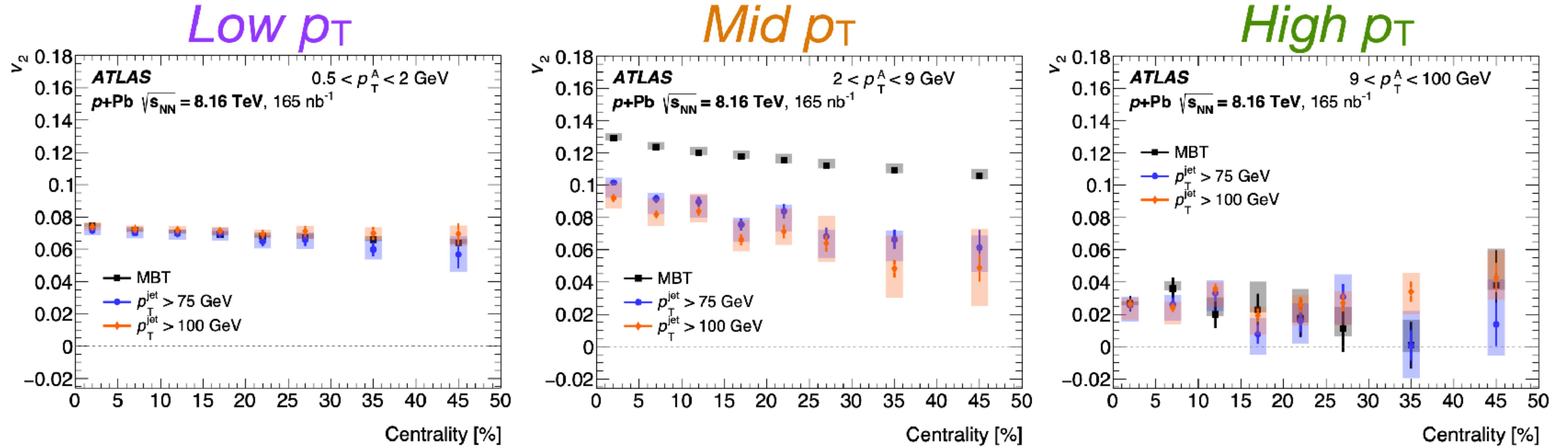


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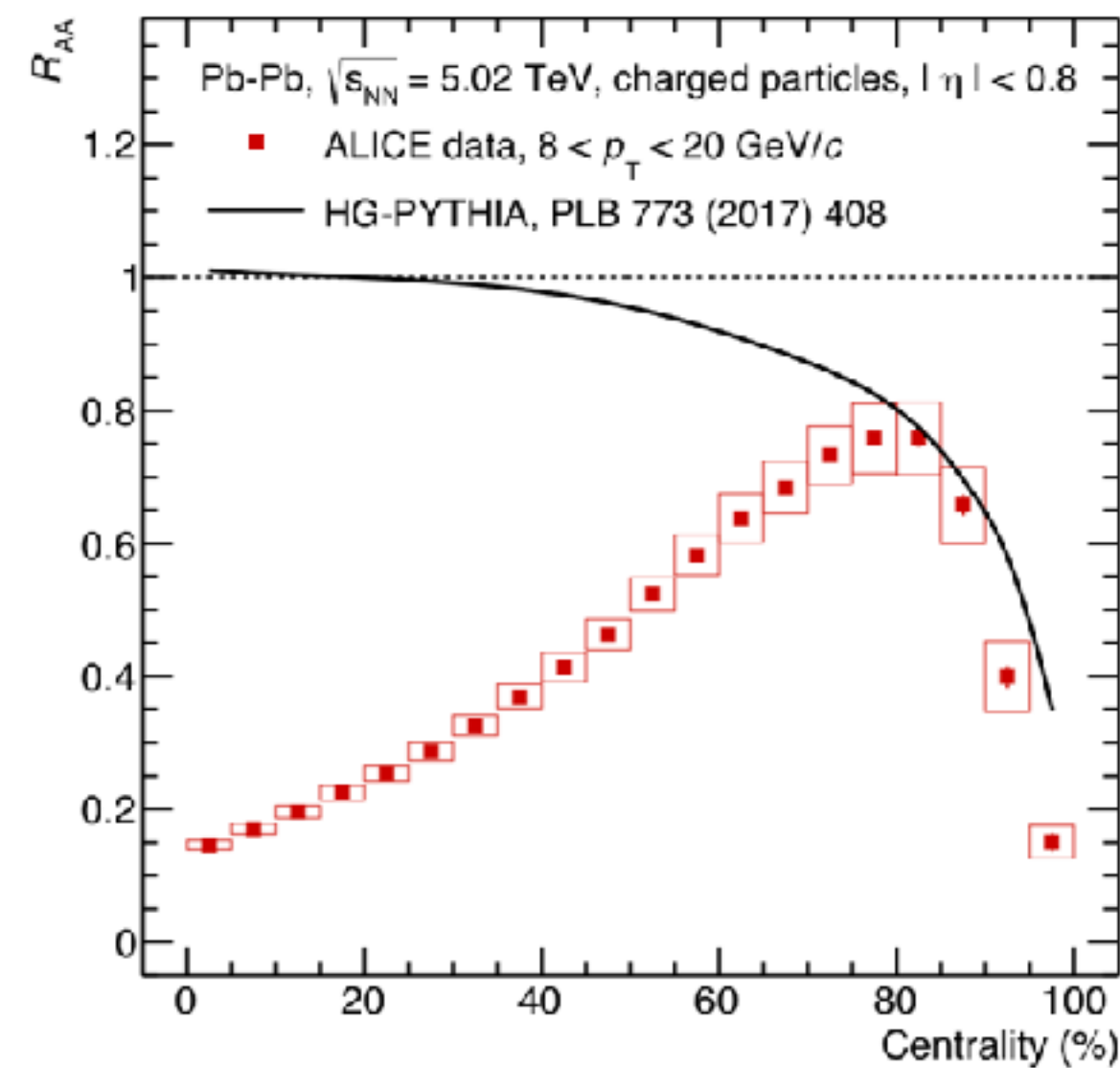
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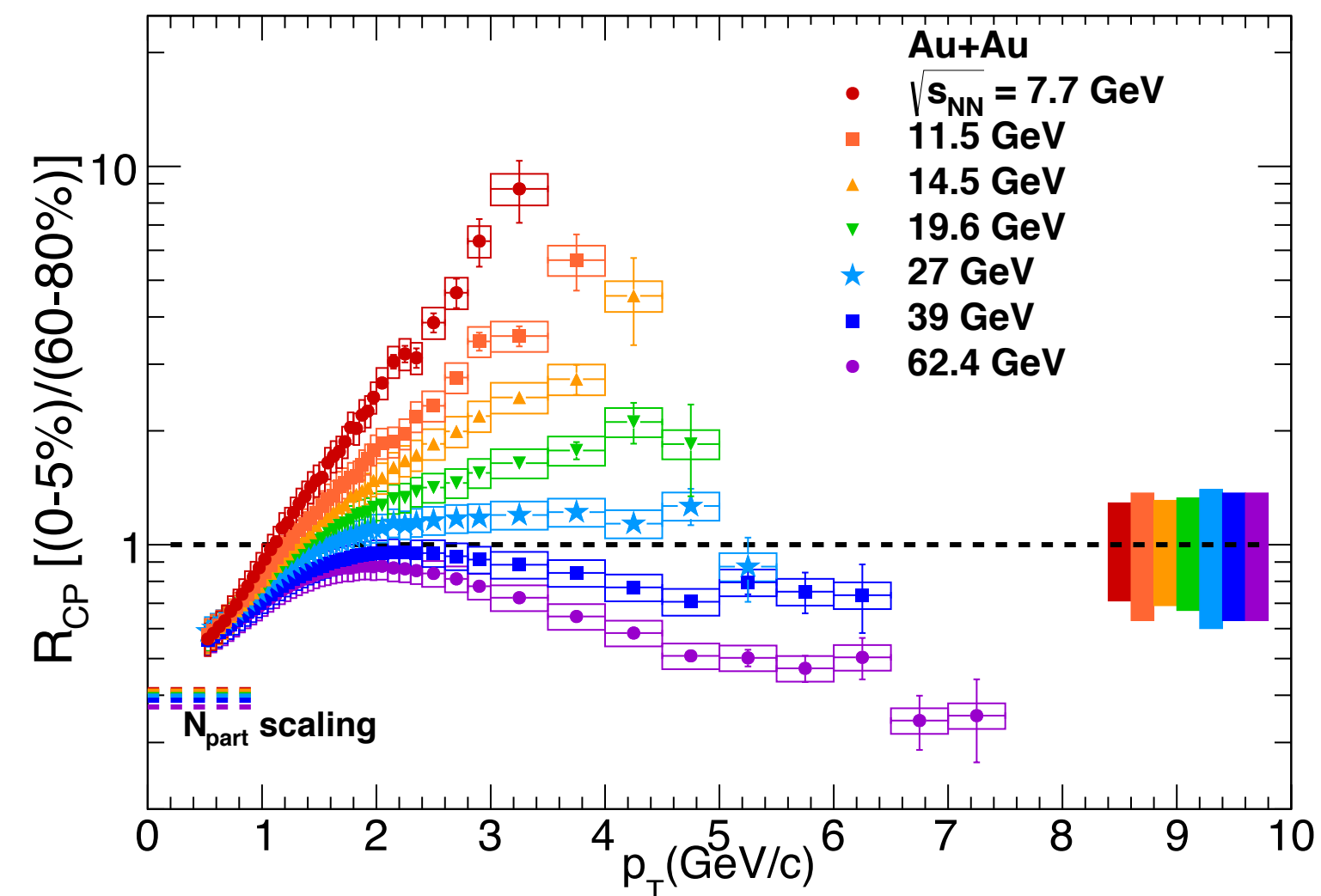
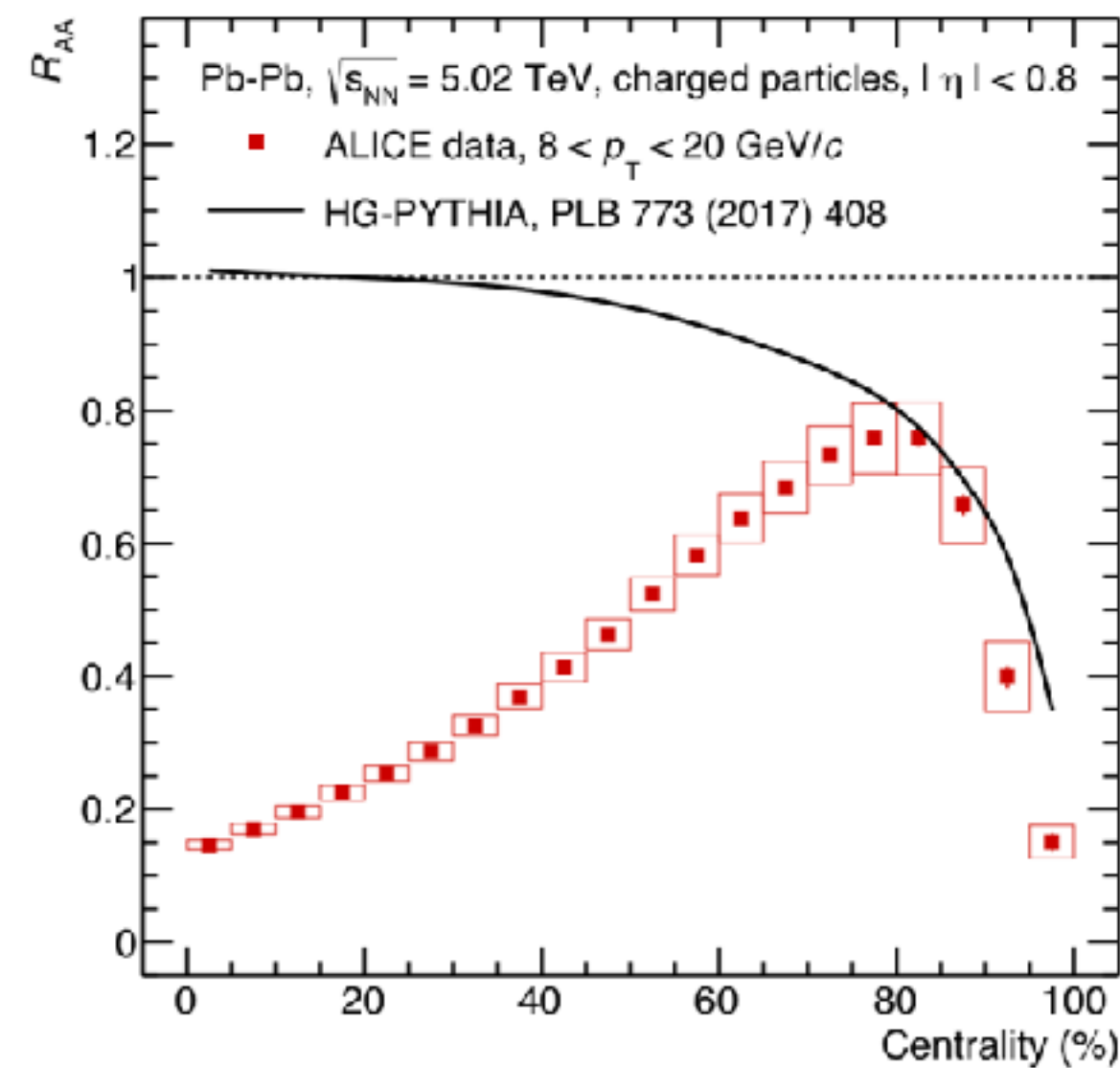


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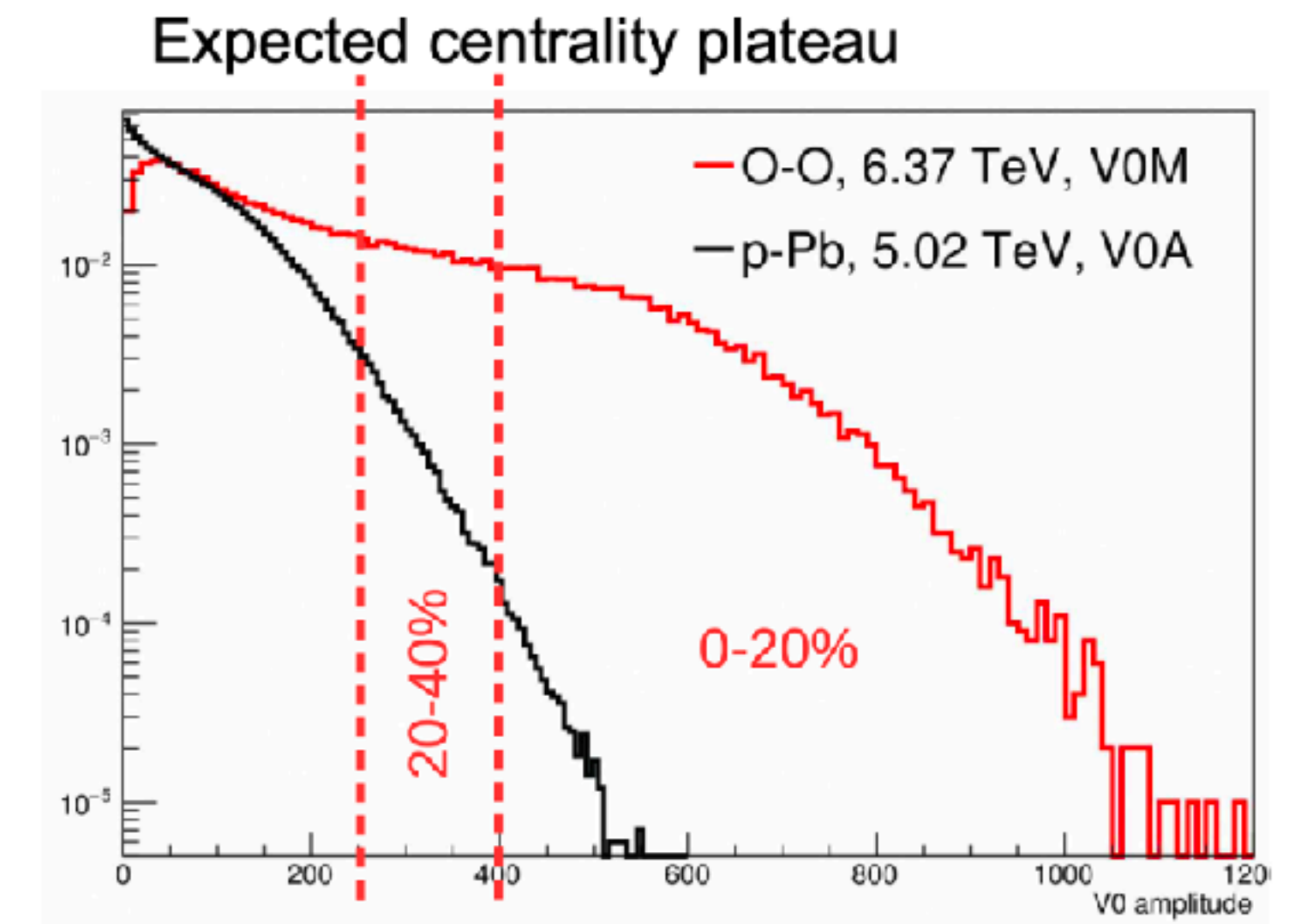
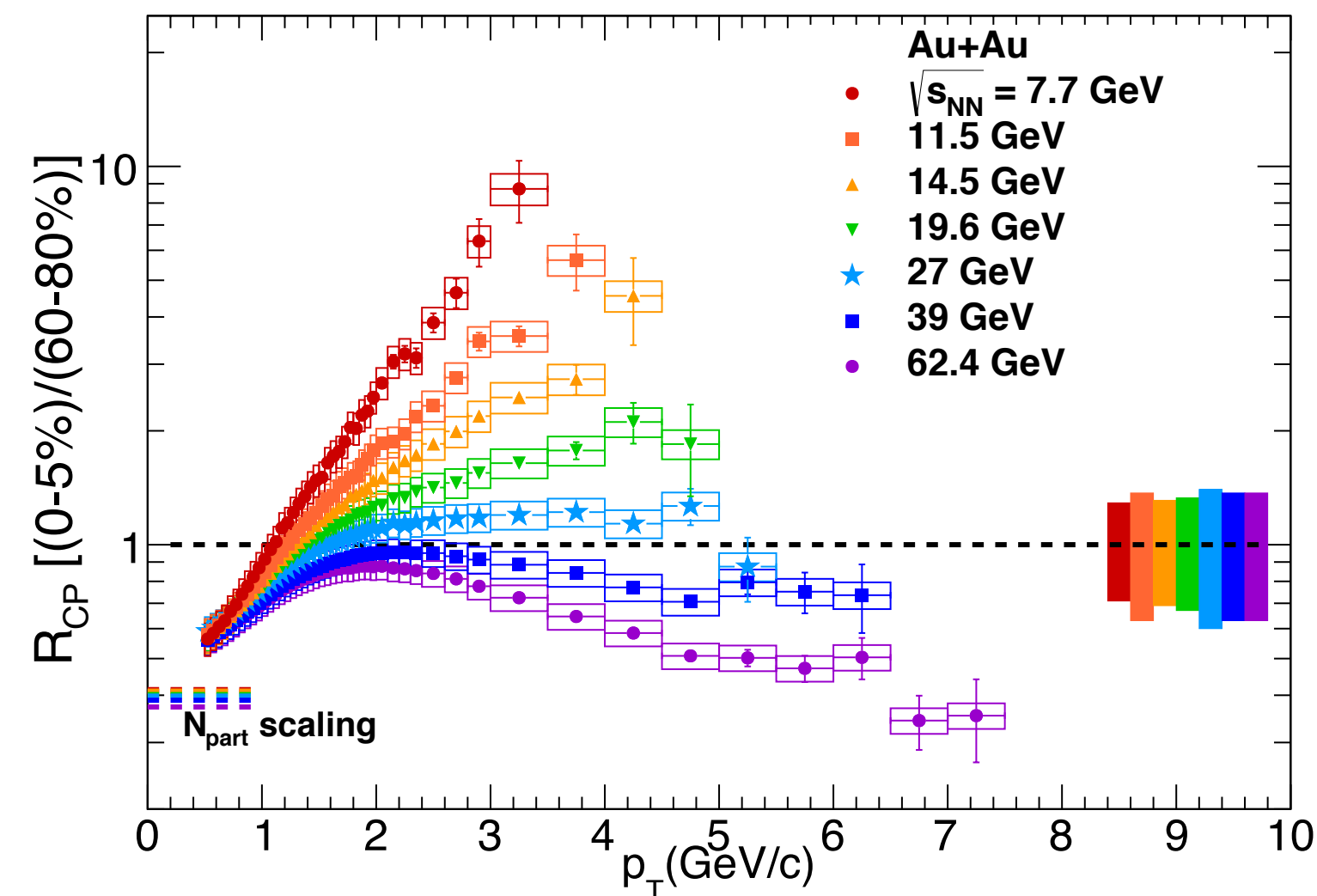
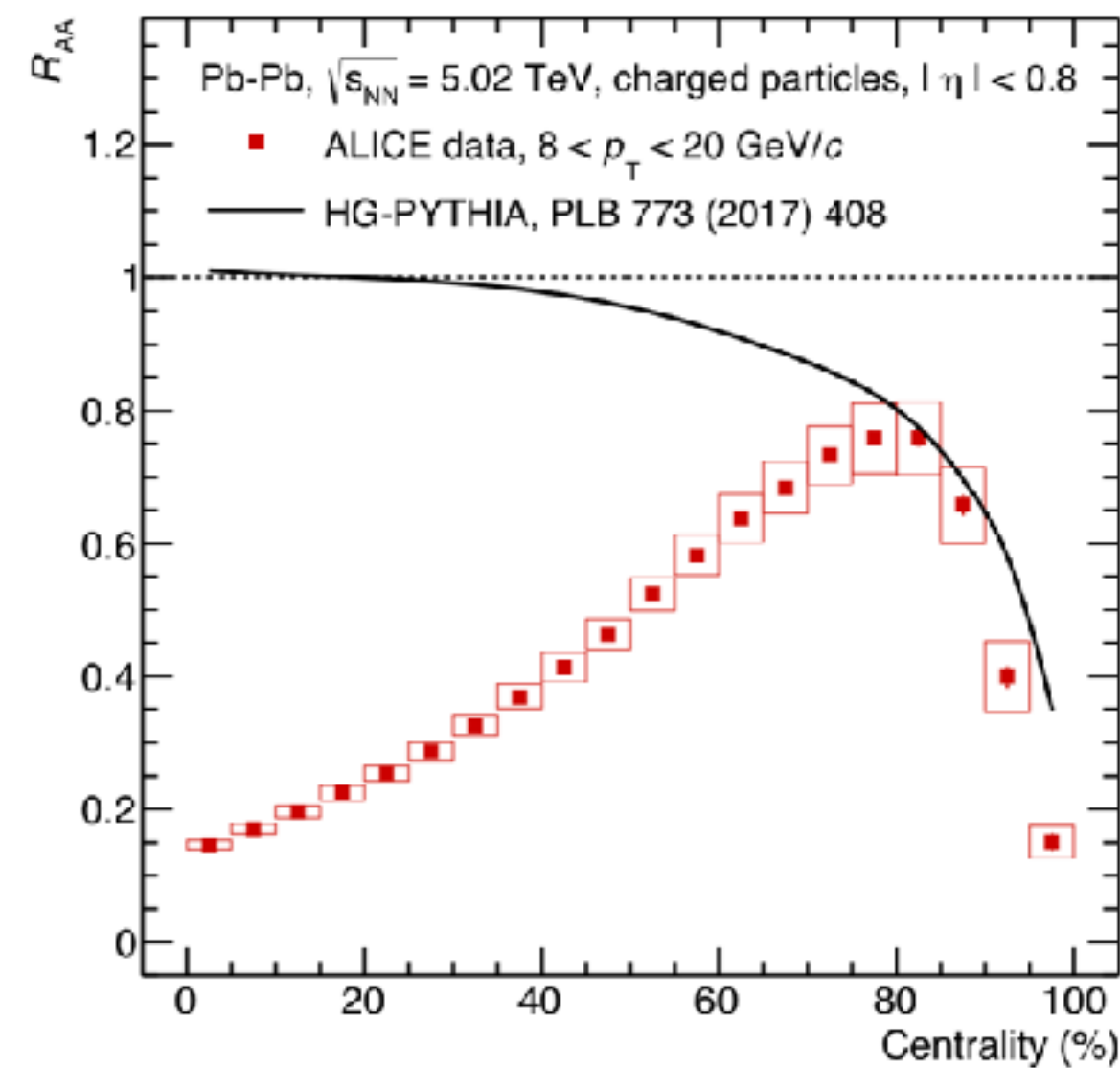
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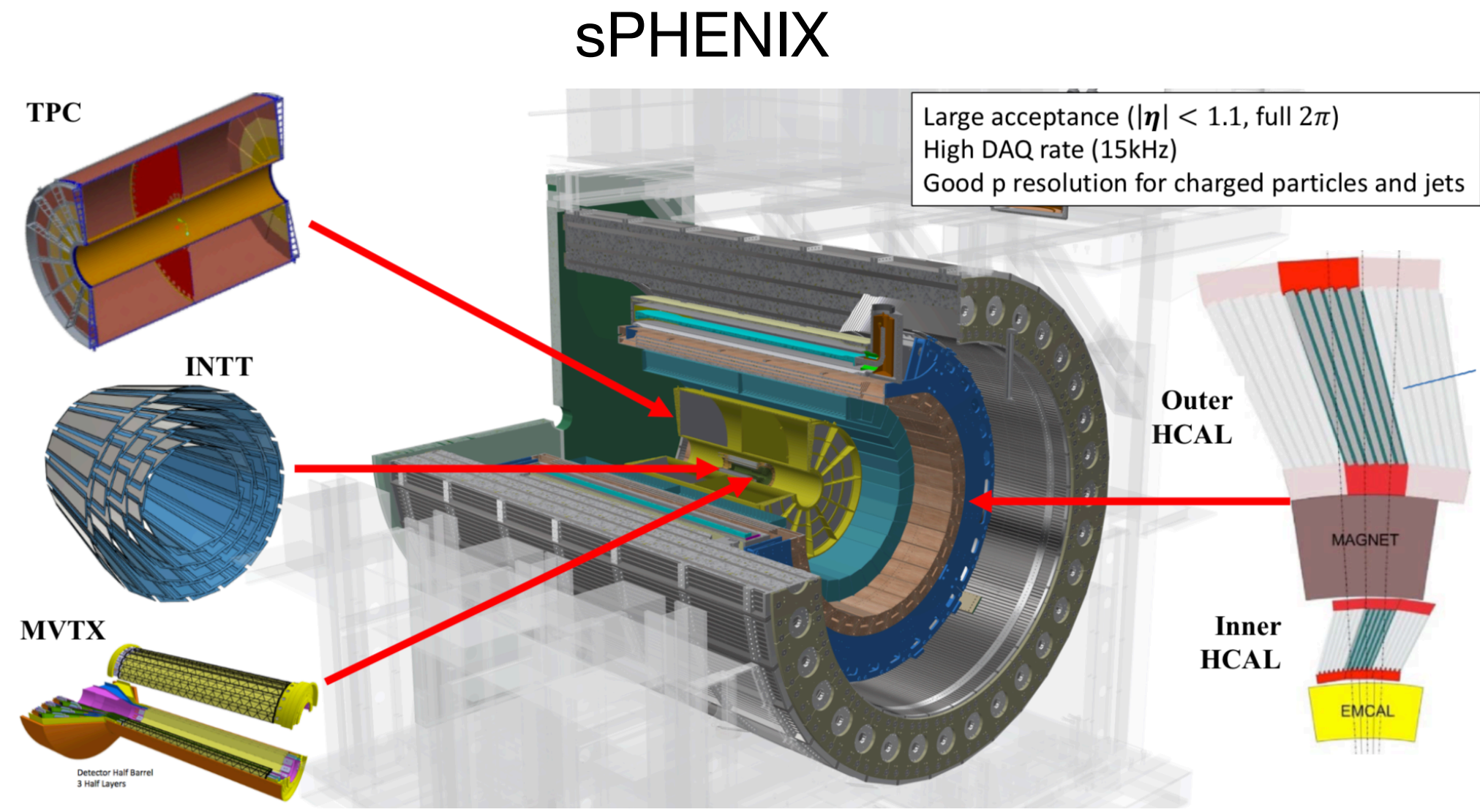
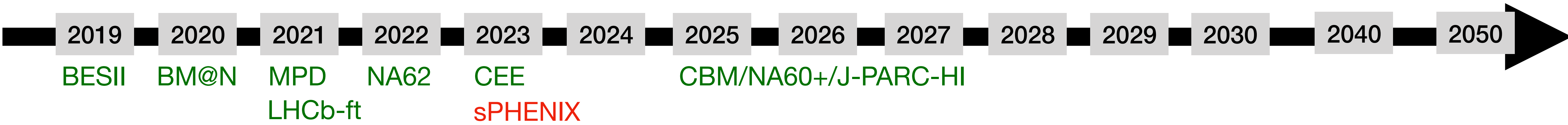
From my QM 2015 talk ([arXiv:1602.09138](https://arxiv.org/abs/1602.09138))

- **Hypothesis:**
The Physics underlying the observed collectivity is the same
 - sQGP: thermo and hydrodynamics (maybe “at the edge”) (→ Piotr)
 - Inconsistent with large v_2 and without direct evidence of jet quenching?
 - sMOG(*): non-equilibrium parton dynamics (maybe can drive the system from weak to strong collectivity?) (→ Paul)
 - CGC + “evolution model” (→ Soeren)

Maybe still a possibility, but needs consistent approach

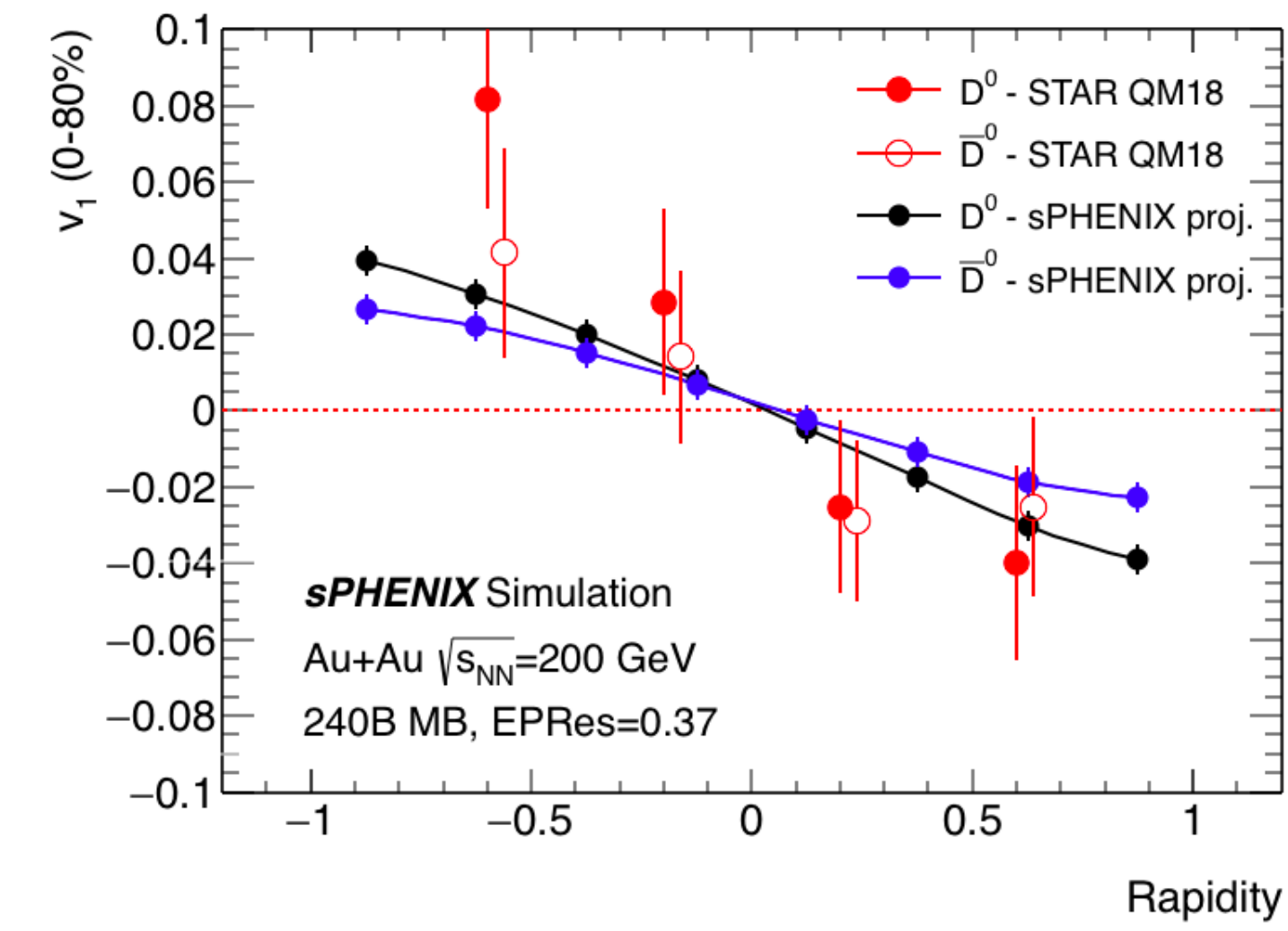
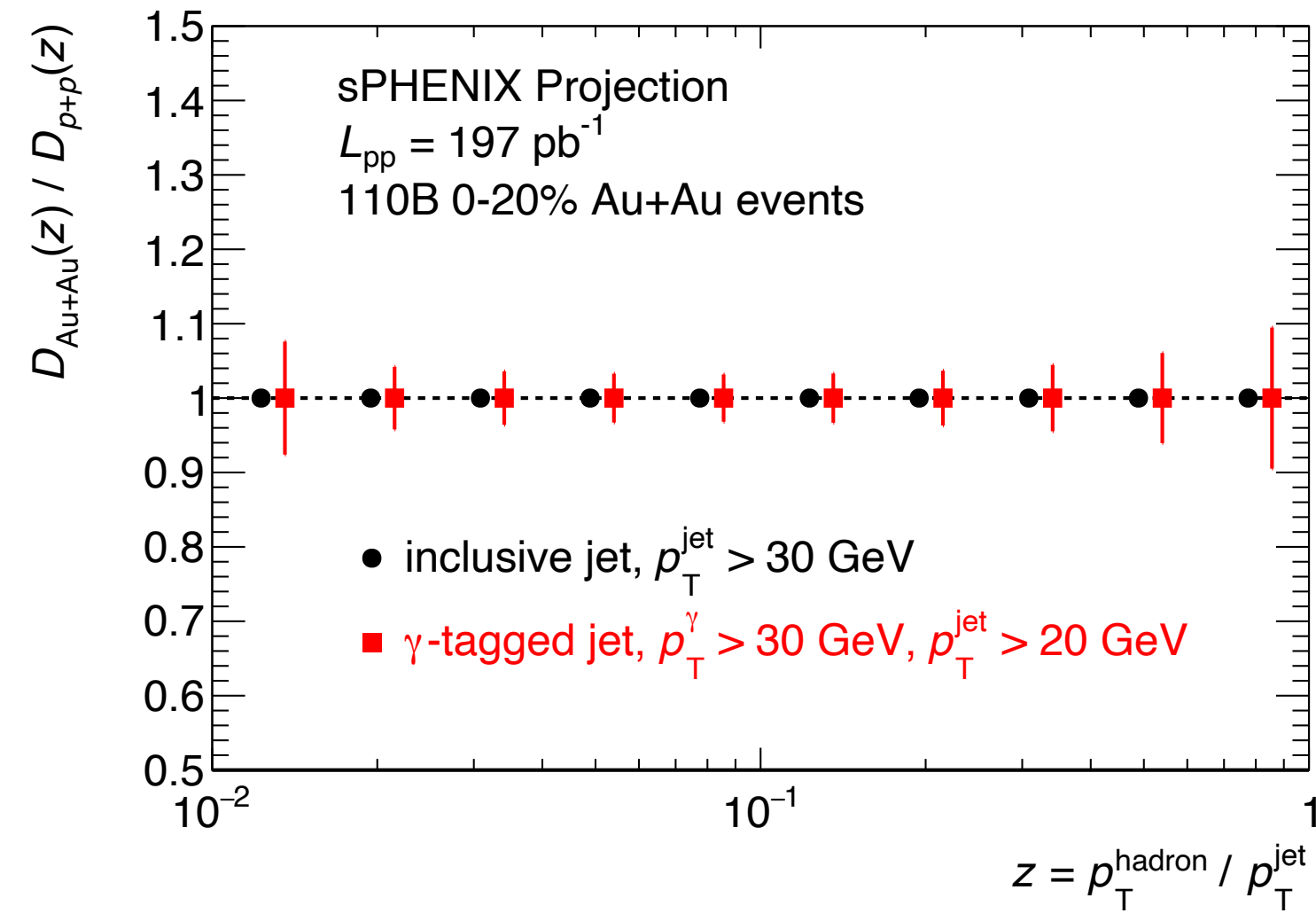
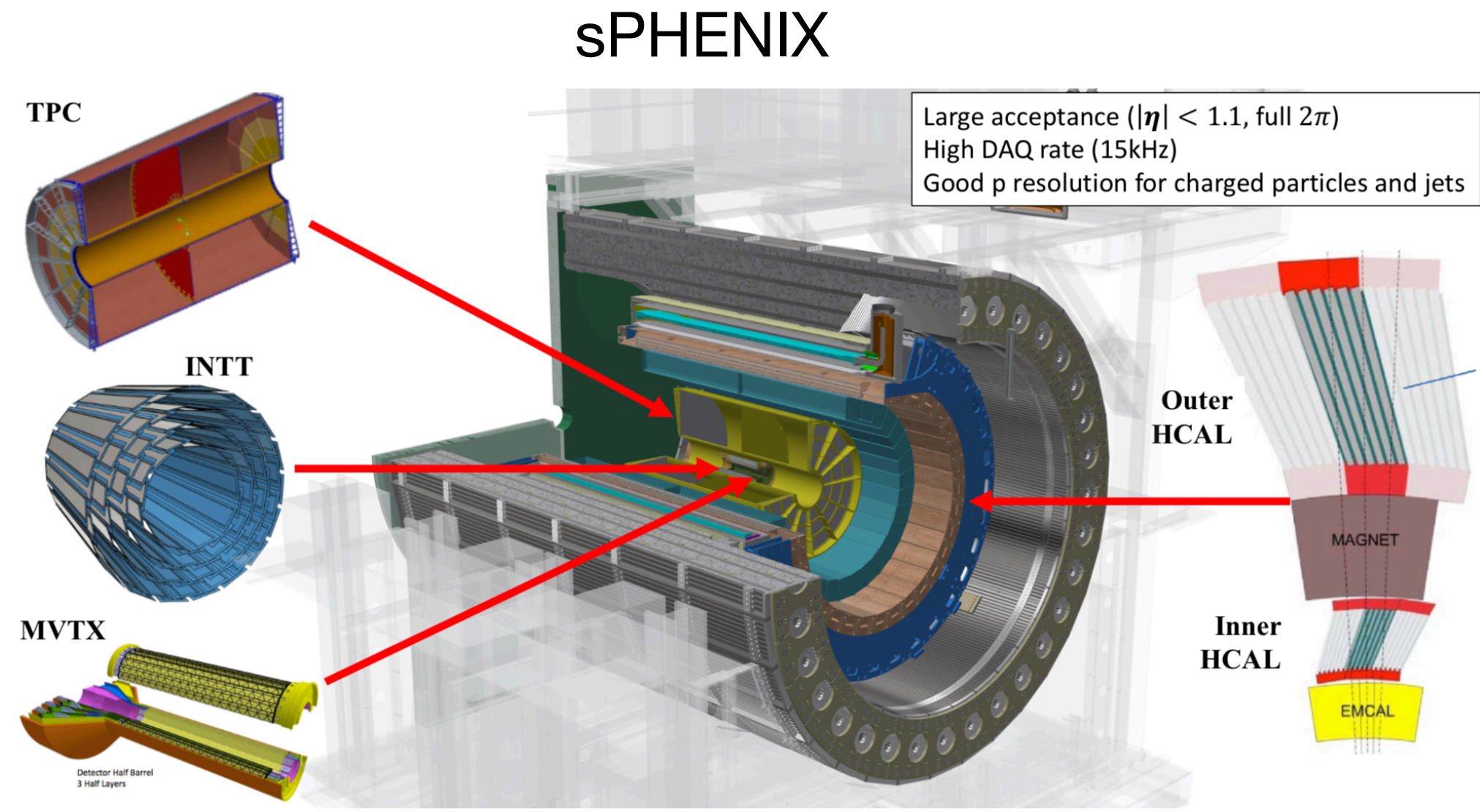
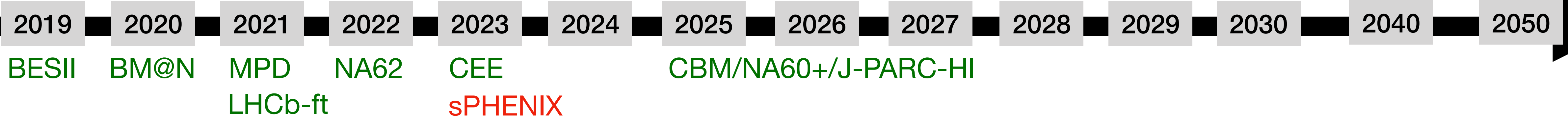
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The high-energy frontier: Future



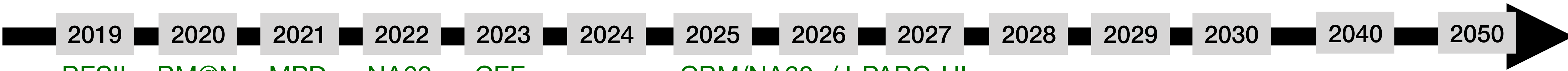
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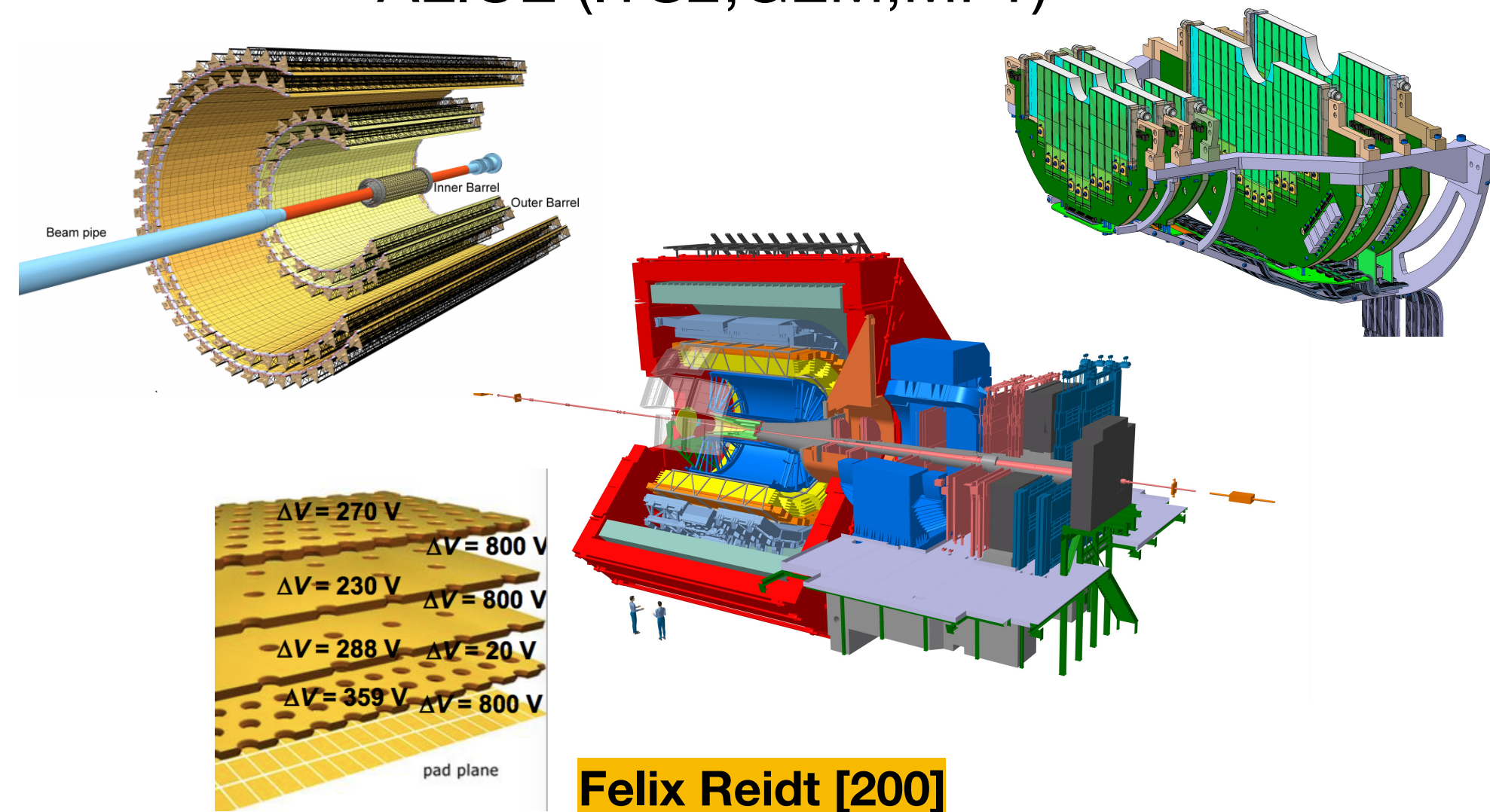
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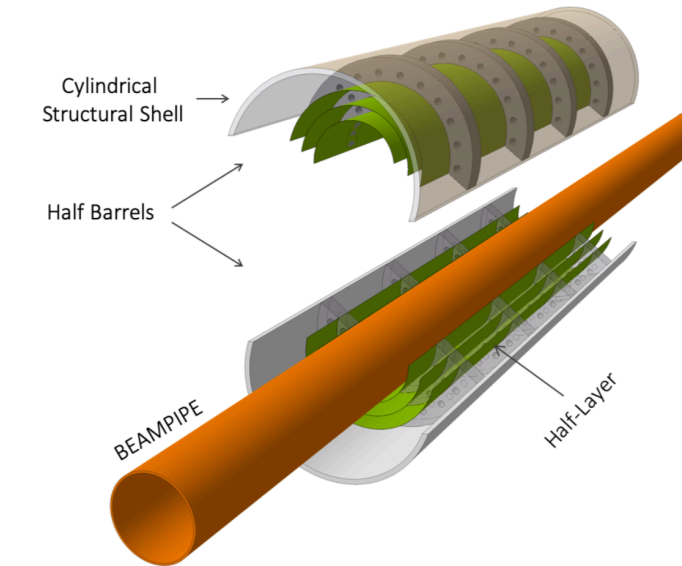
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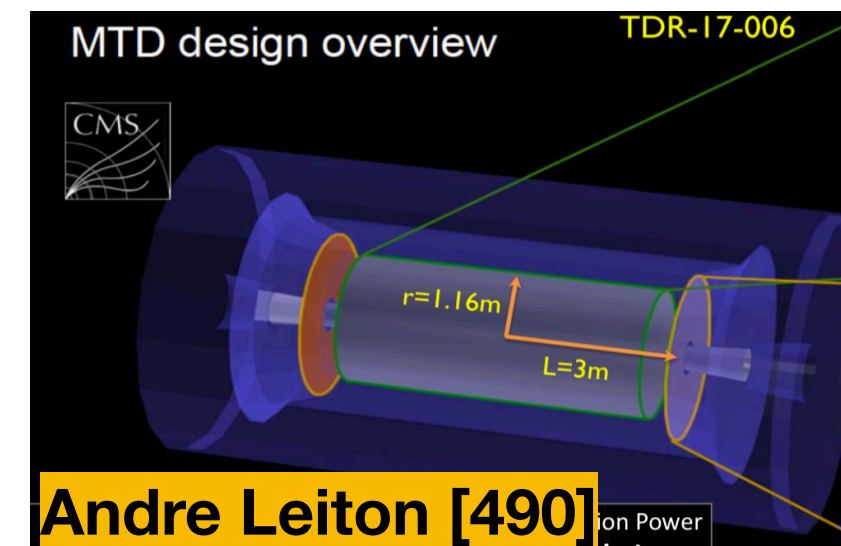
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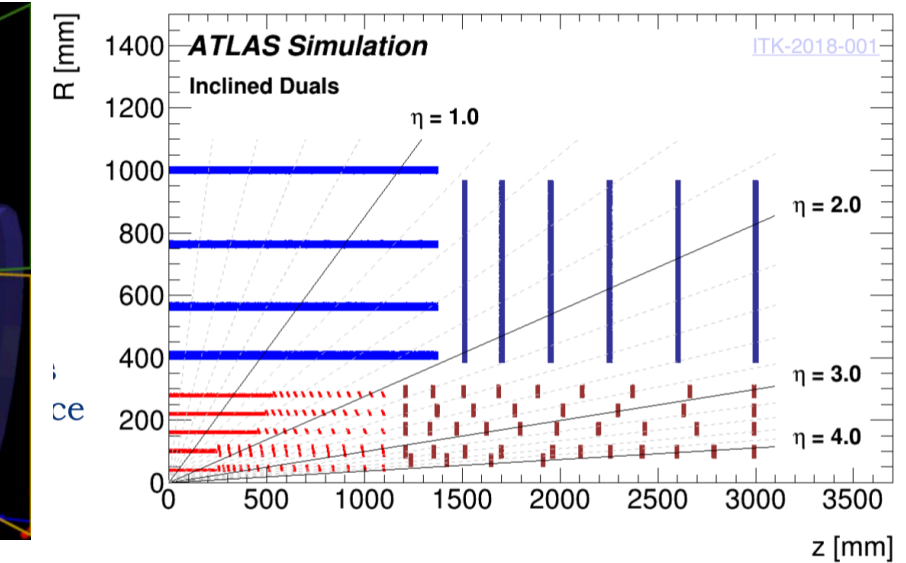
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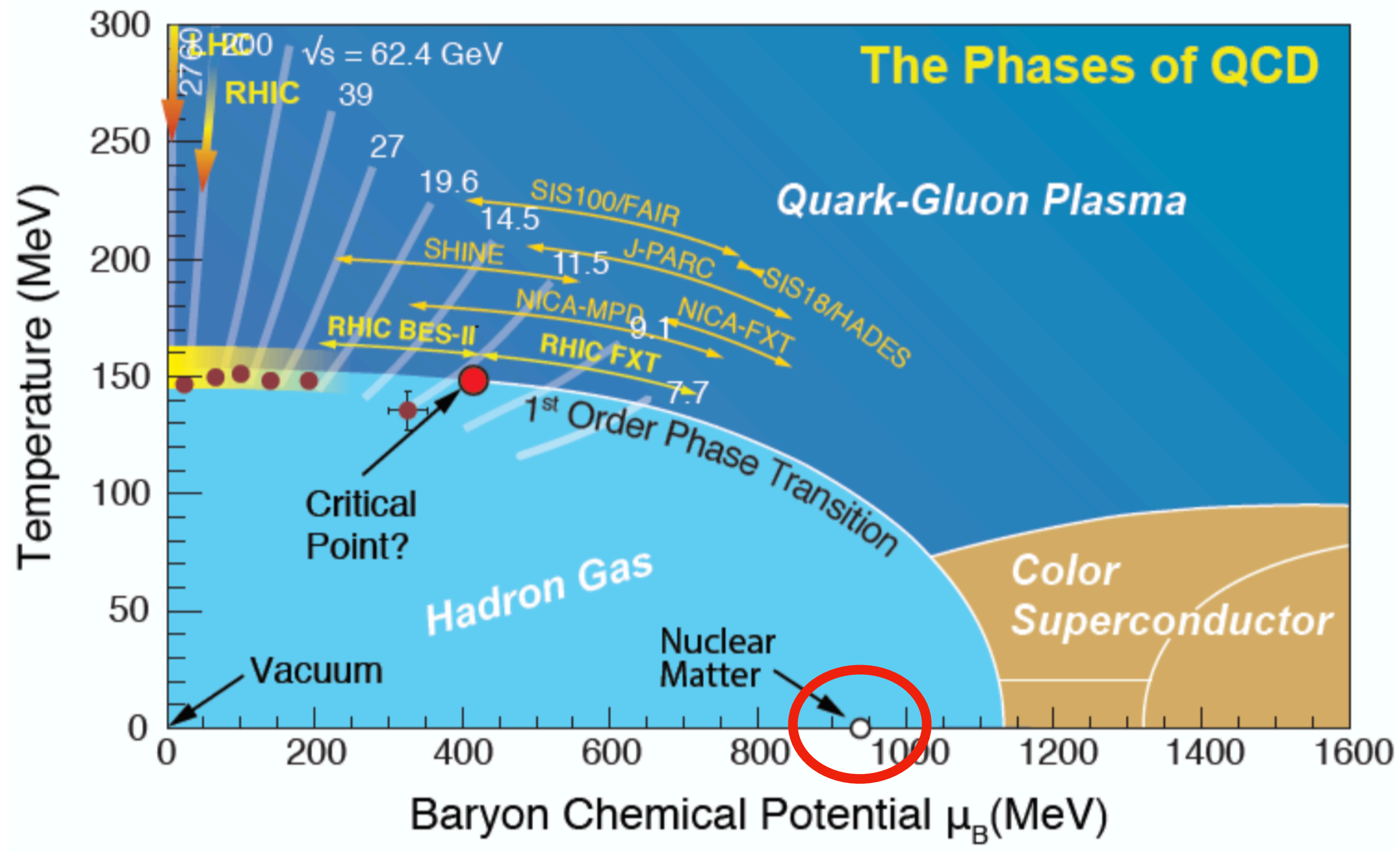


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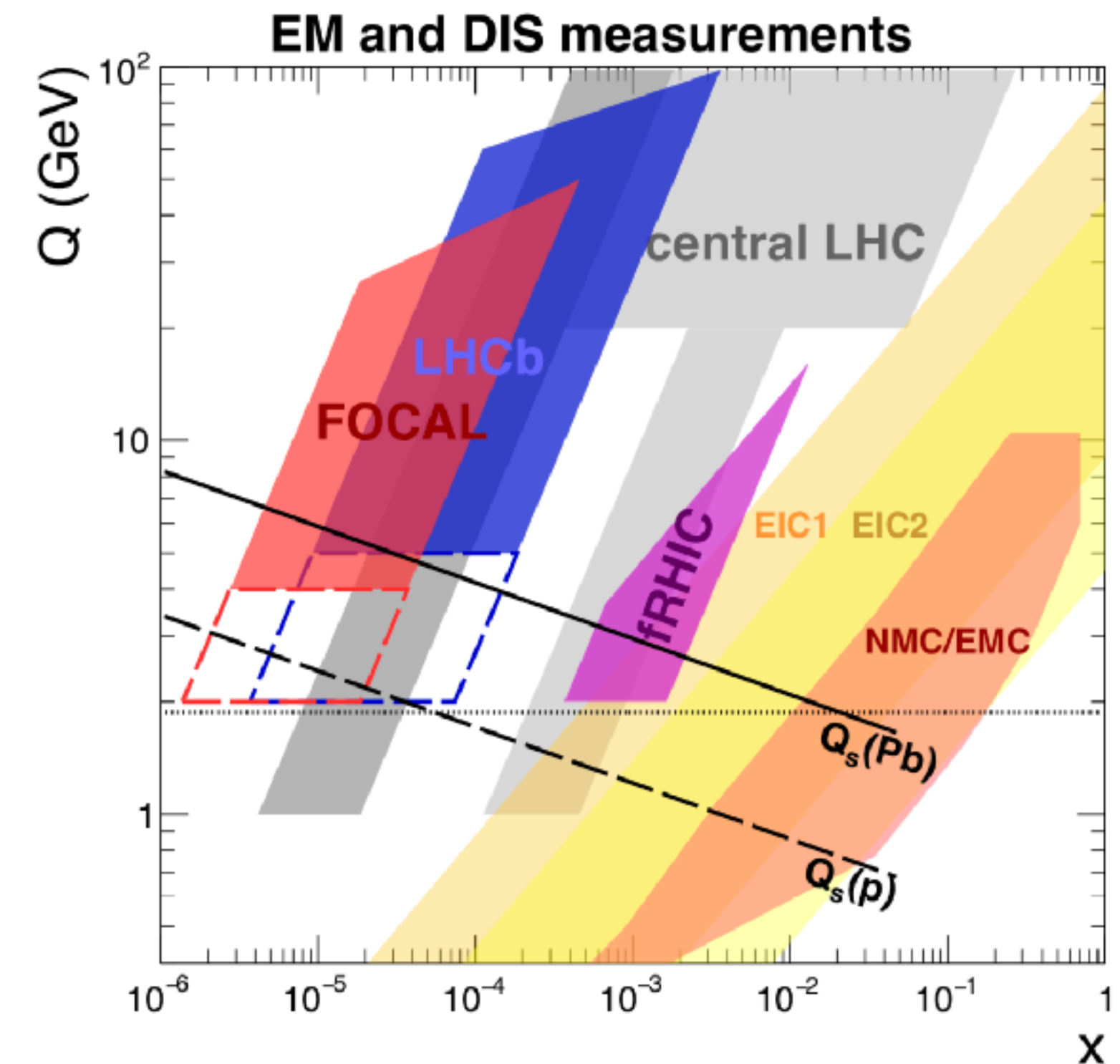
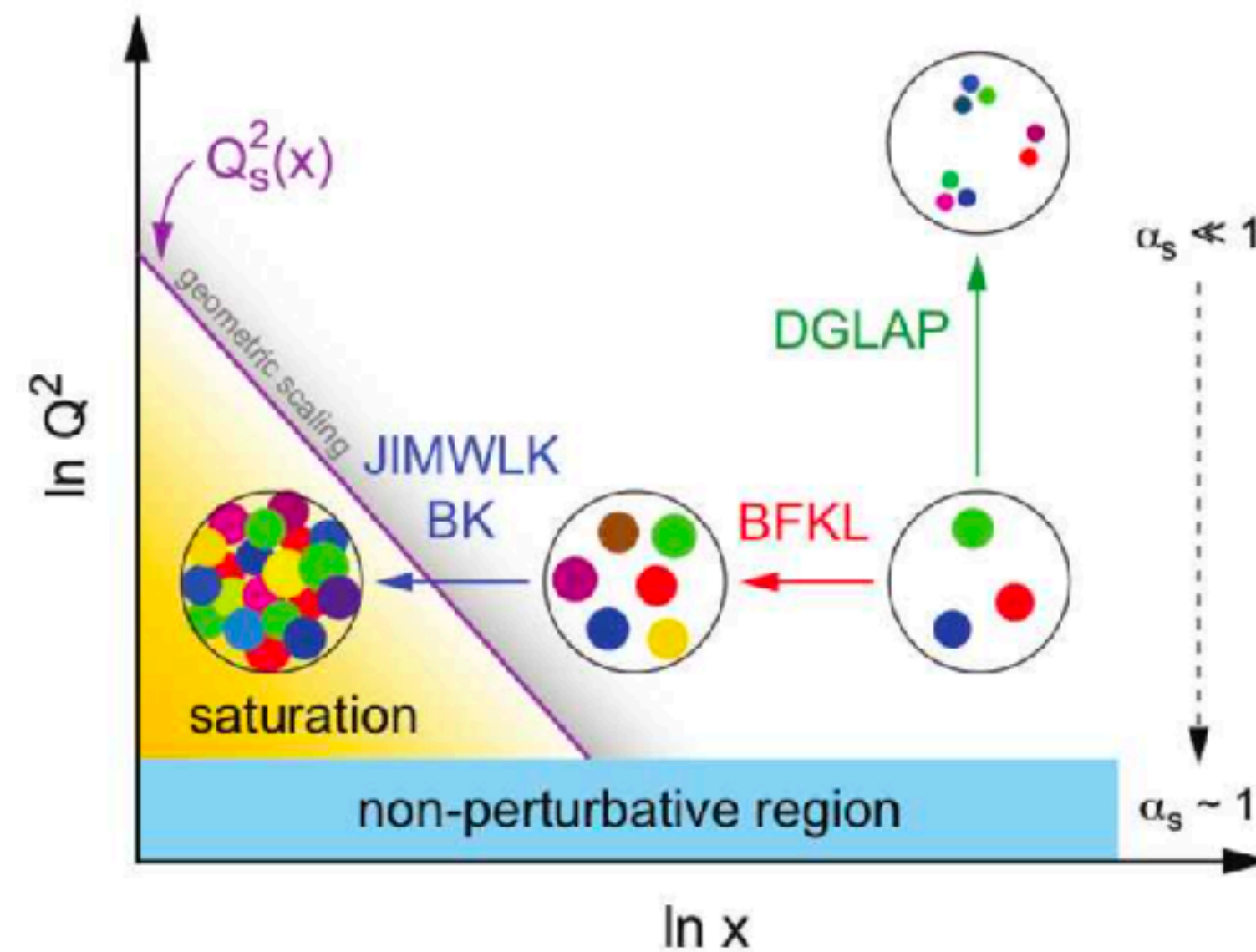
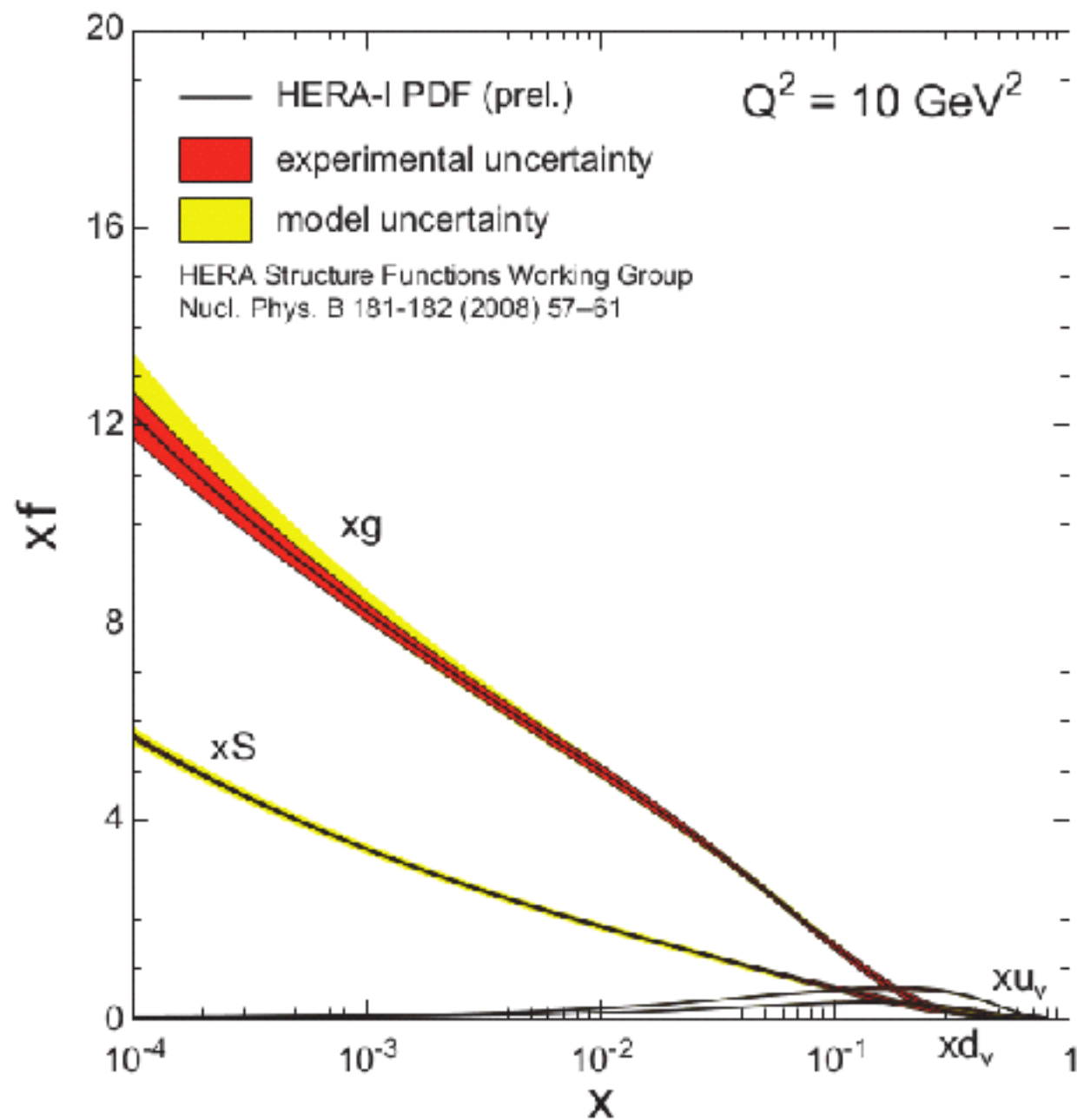


Complementary to upgrades at LHC exploiting hard probes at low+high p_T

Cold nuclear matter



Accessing PDFs at small-x



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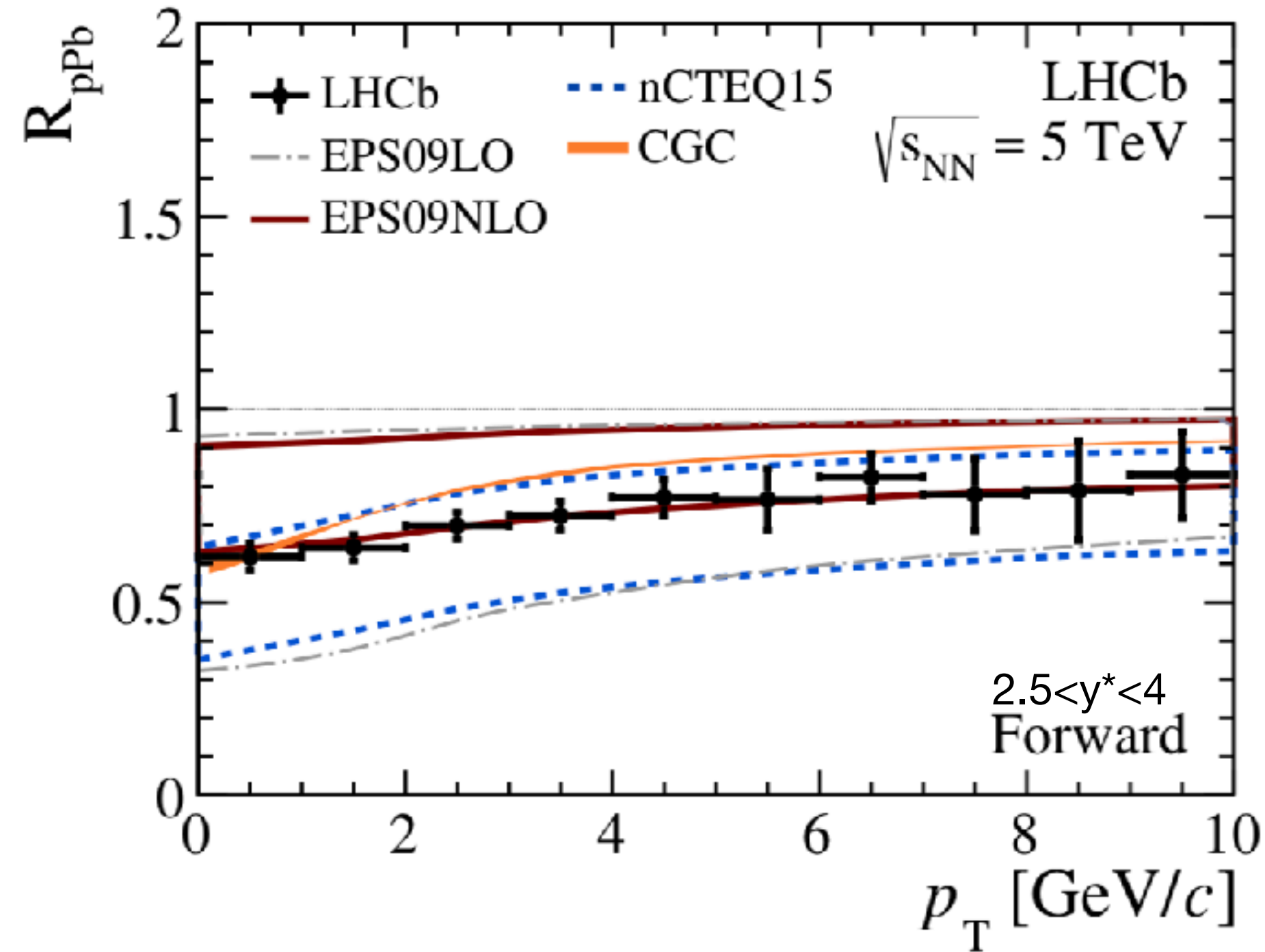
- Constrain nuclear PDFs at small x
- Explore non-linear QCD evolution
- **Logarithmic dep. of QCD evolution on x and Q**
 - Requires many measurements over largest possible range to find change from linear evolution

- **Current/future small-x program at RHIC+LHC**

- Various experiments/measurements: direct γ , DY, open charm + UPC
- Important to test factorization/universality
- Synergy with fRHIC (+ EIC)

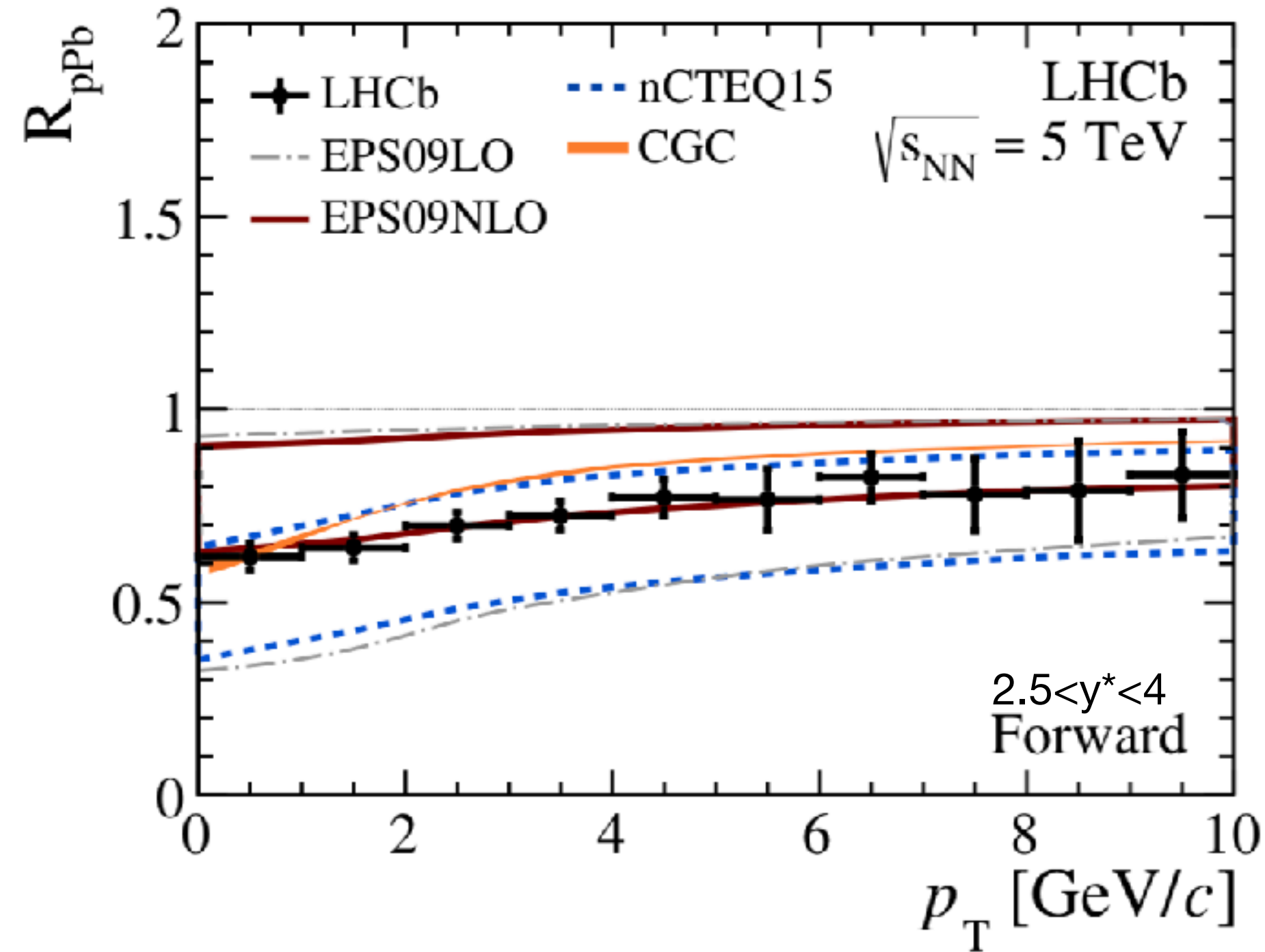
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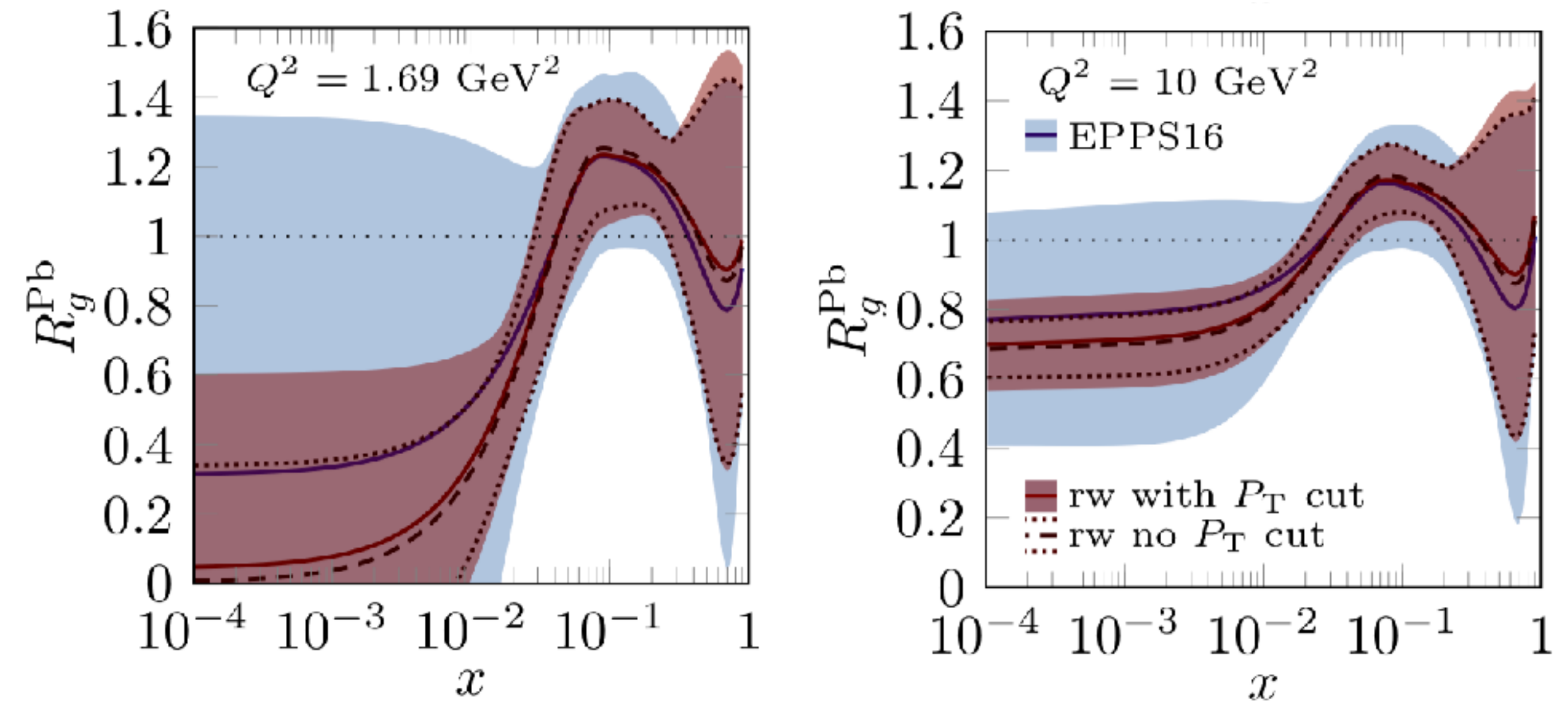


- Forward D^0 suppression observed by LHCb
- Consistent description with nuclear PDFs, with a large contribution from high x from fragmentation
- Data constrain nPDF uncertainties by \sim factor 2
 - Final state effects ignored
 - Di-jet data from CMS consistent

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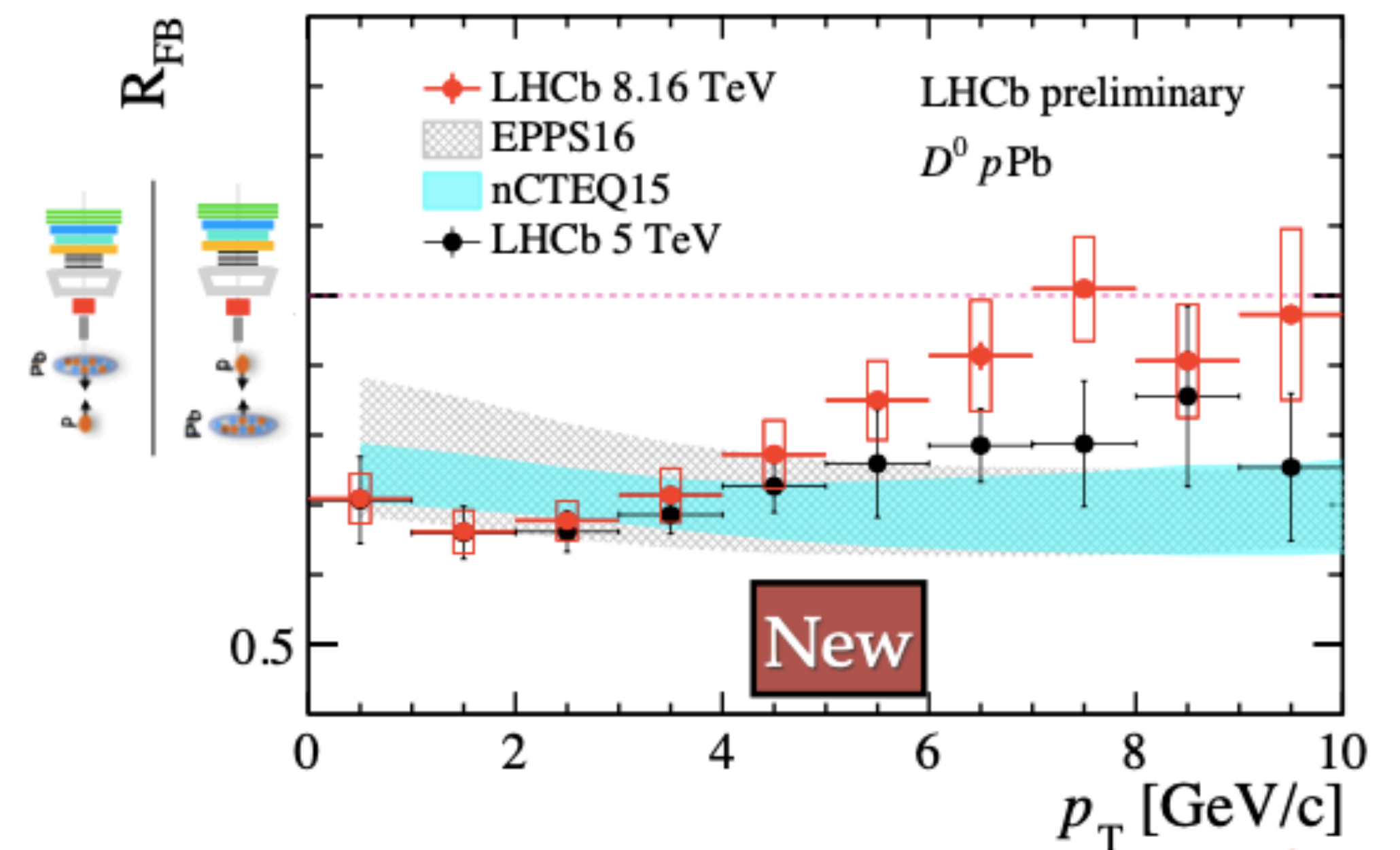


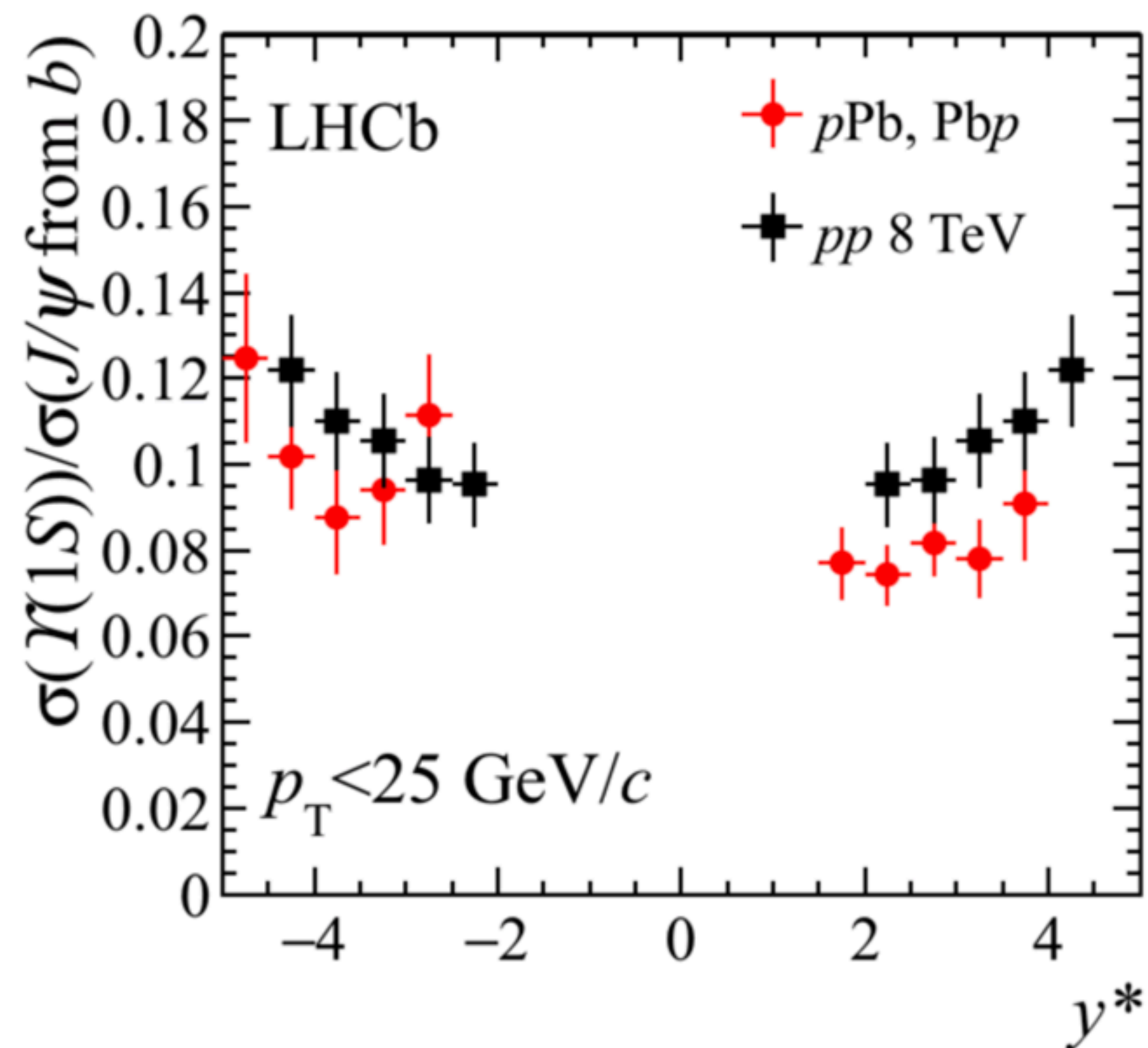
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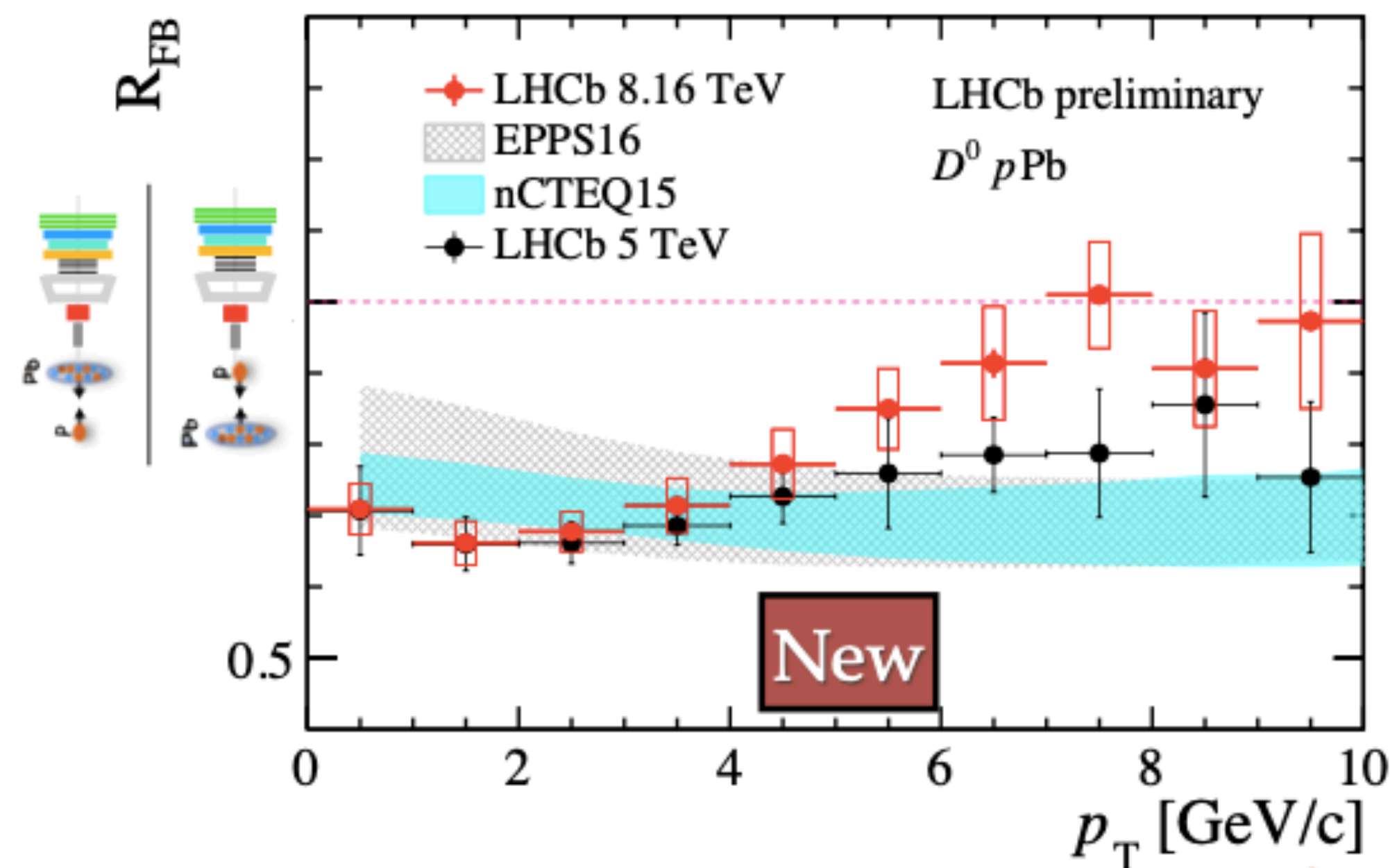
- Forward D^0 suppression observed by LHCb
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 - Final state effects ignored
 - Di-jet data from CMS consistent

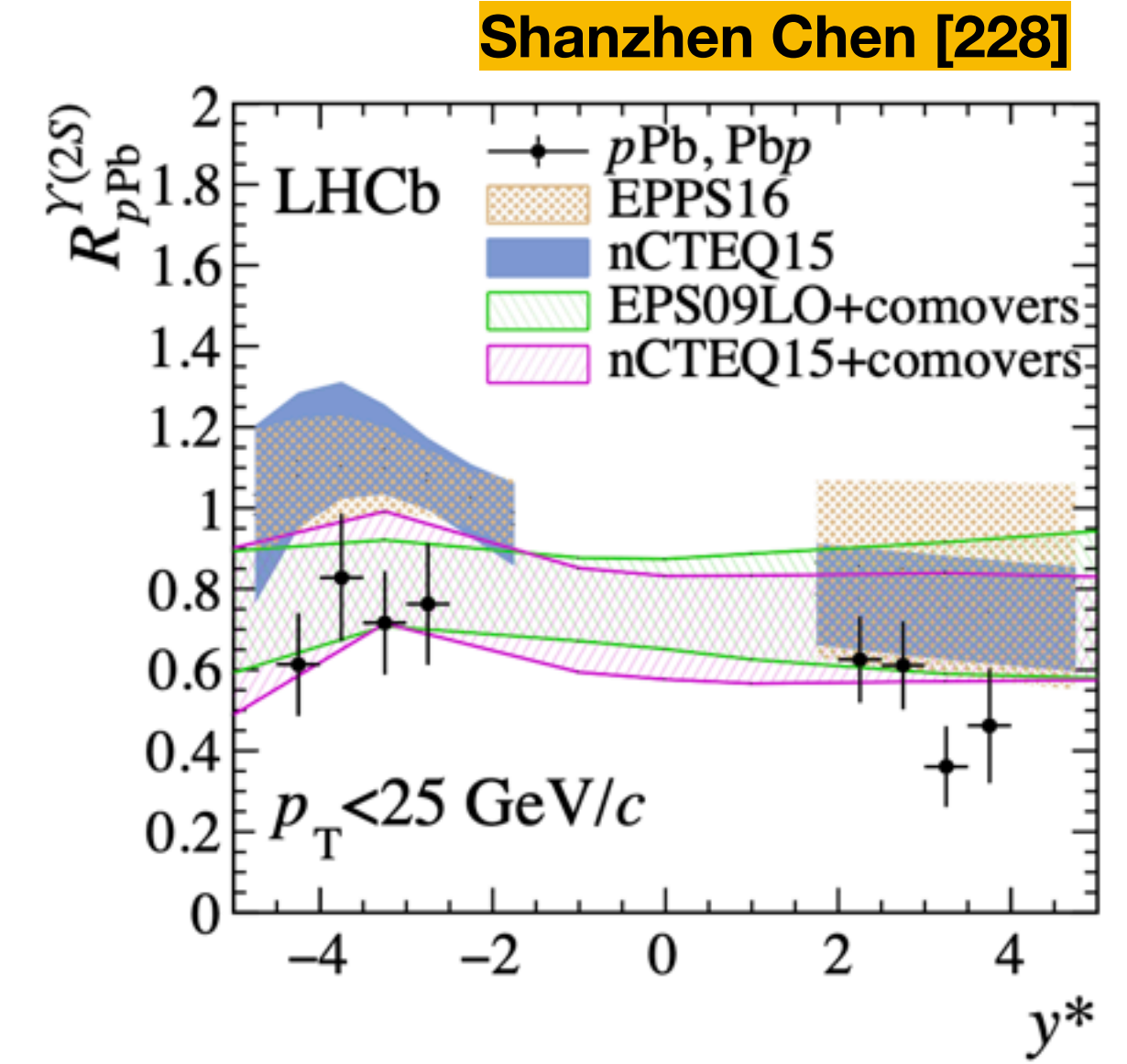
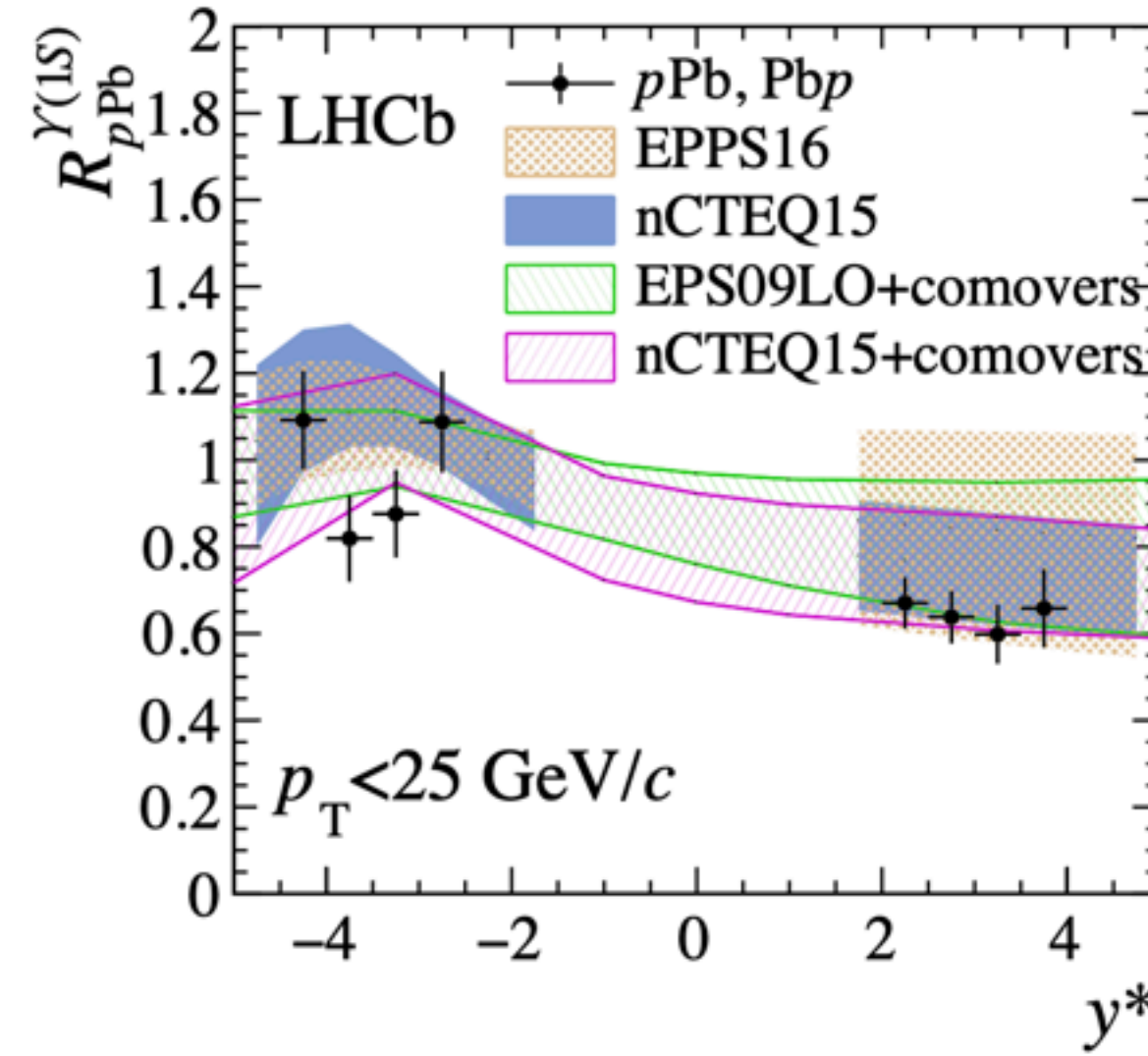
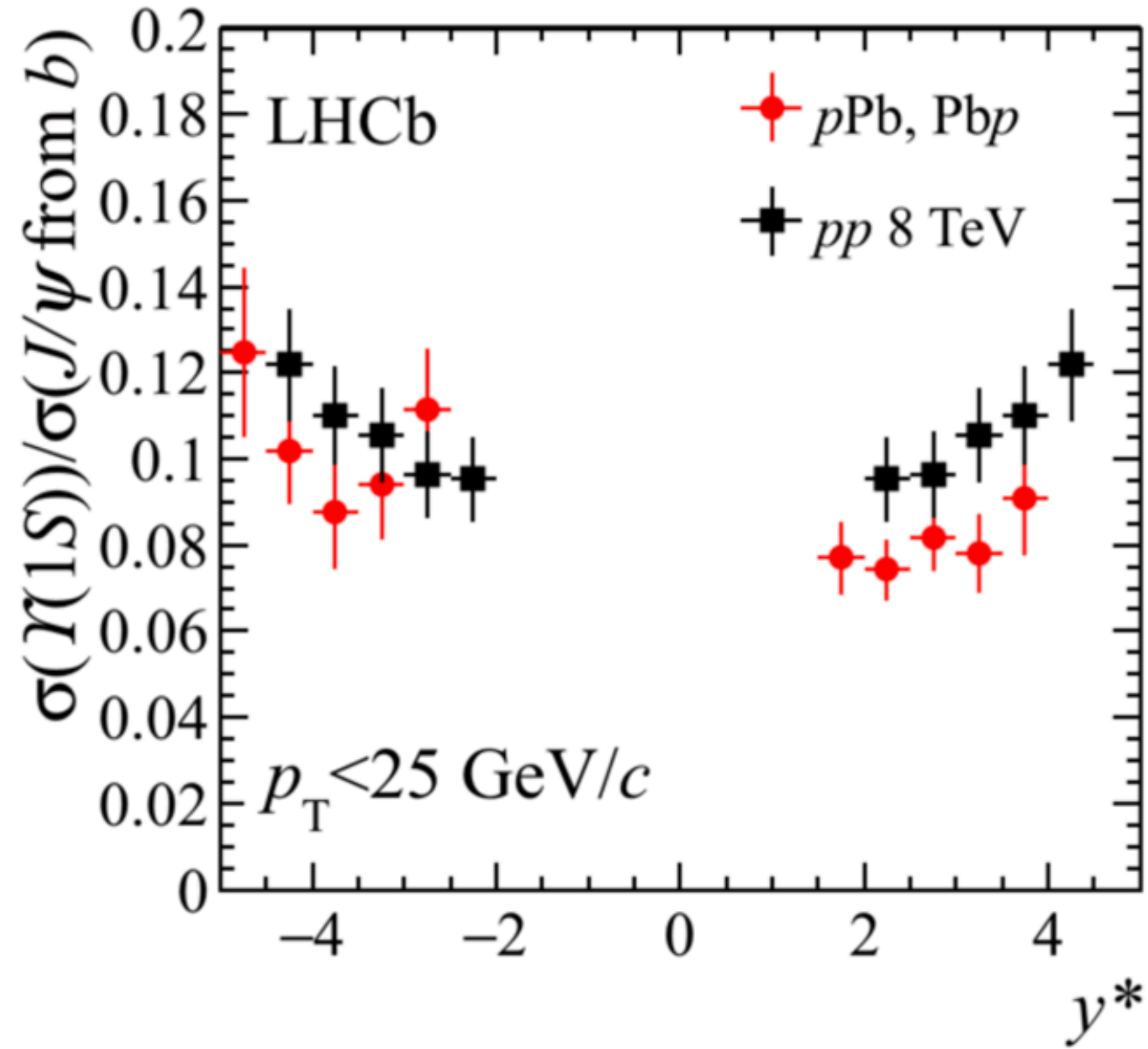
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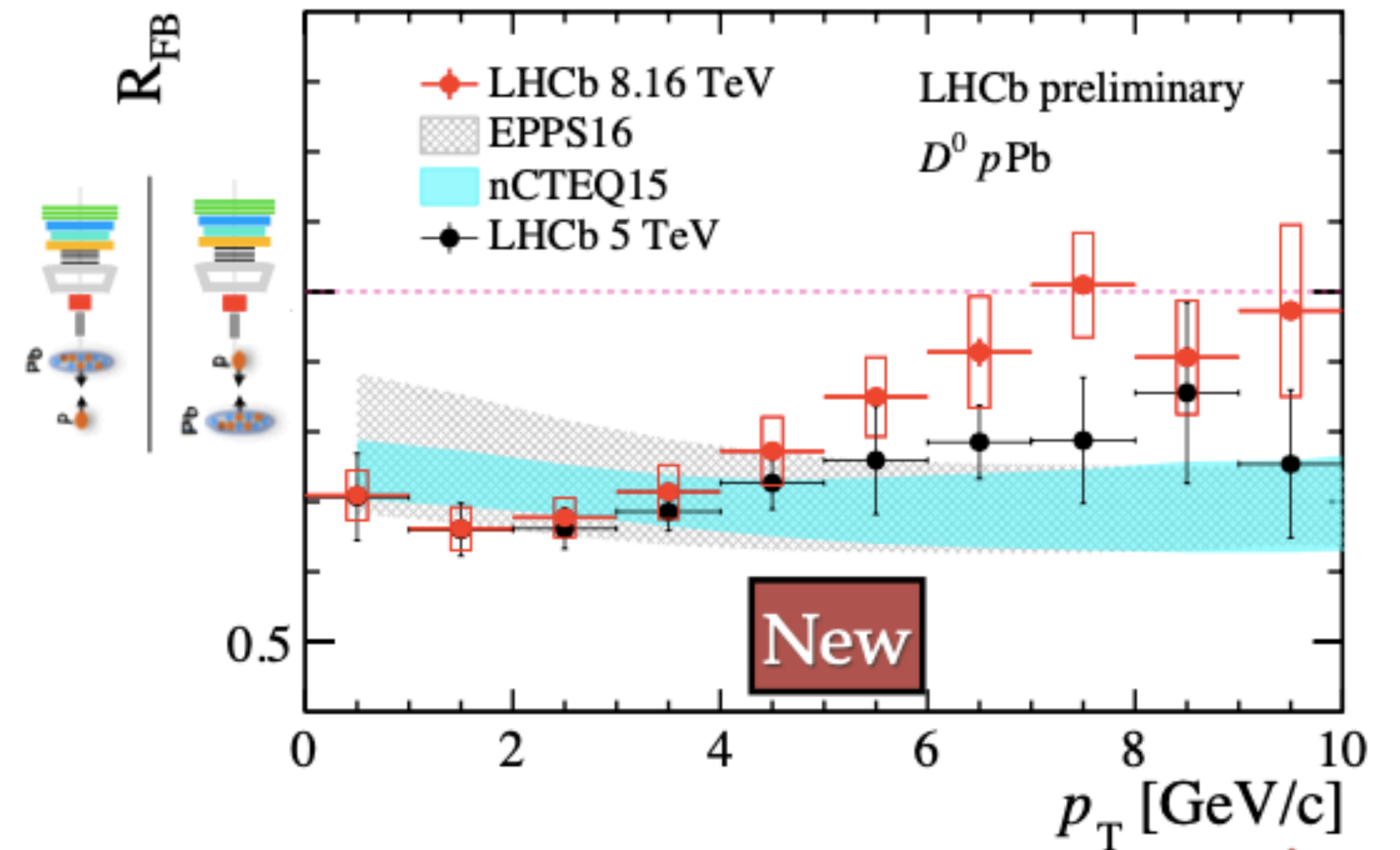
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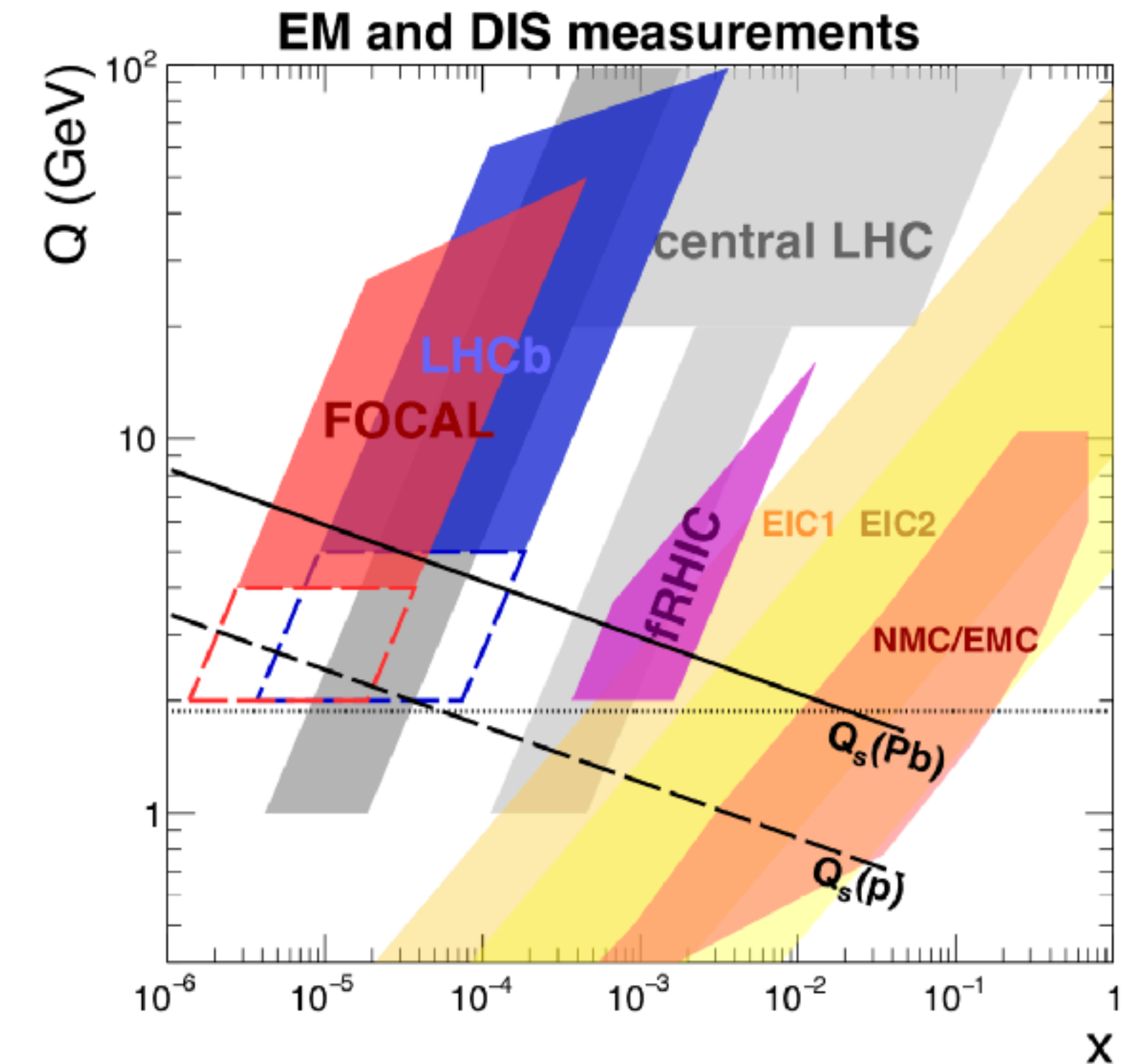
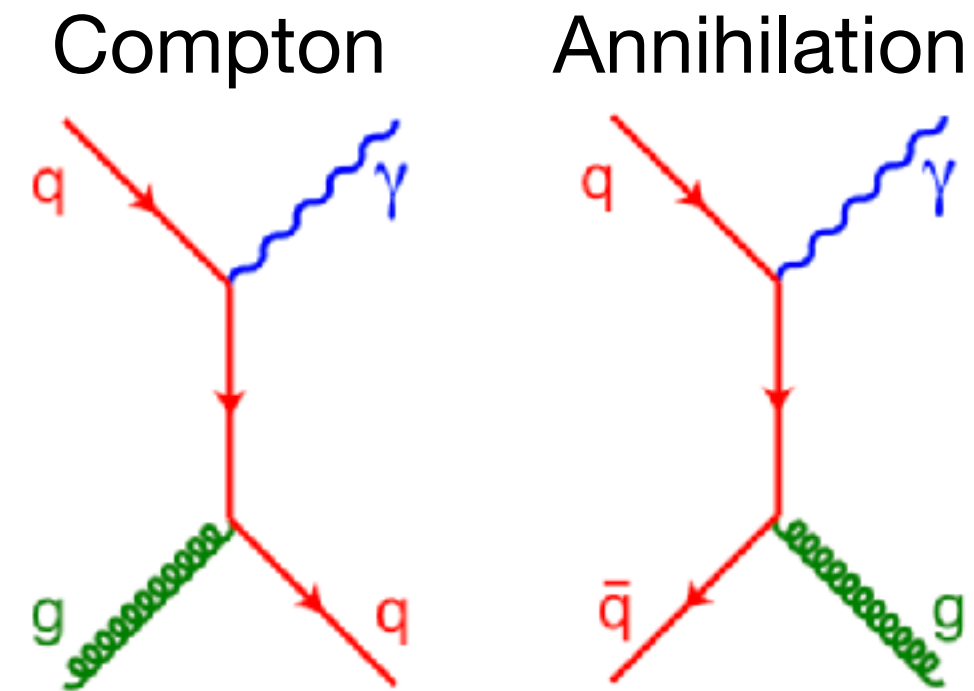
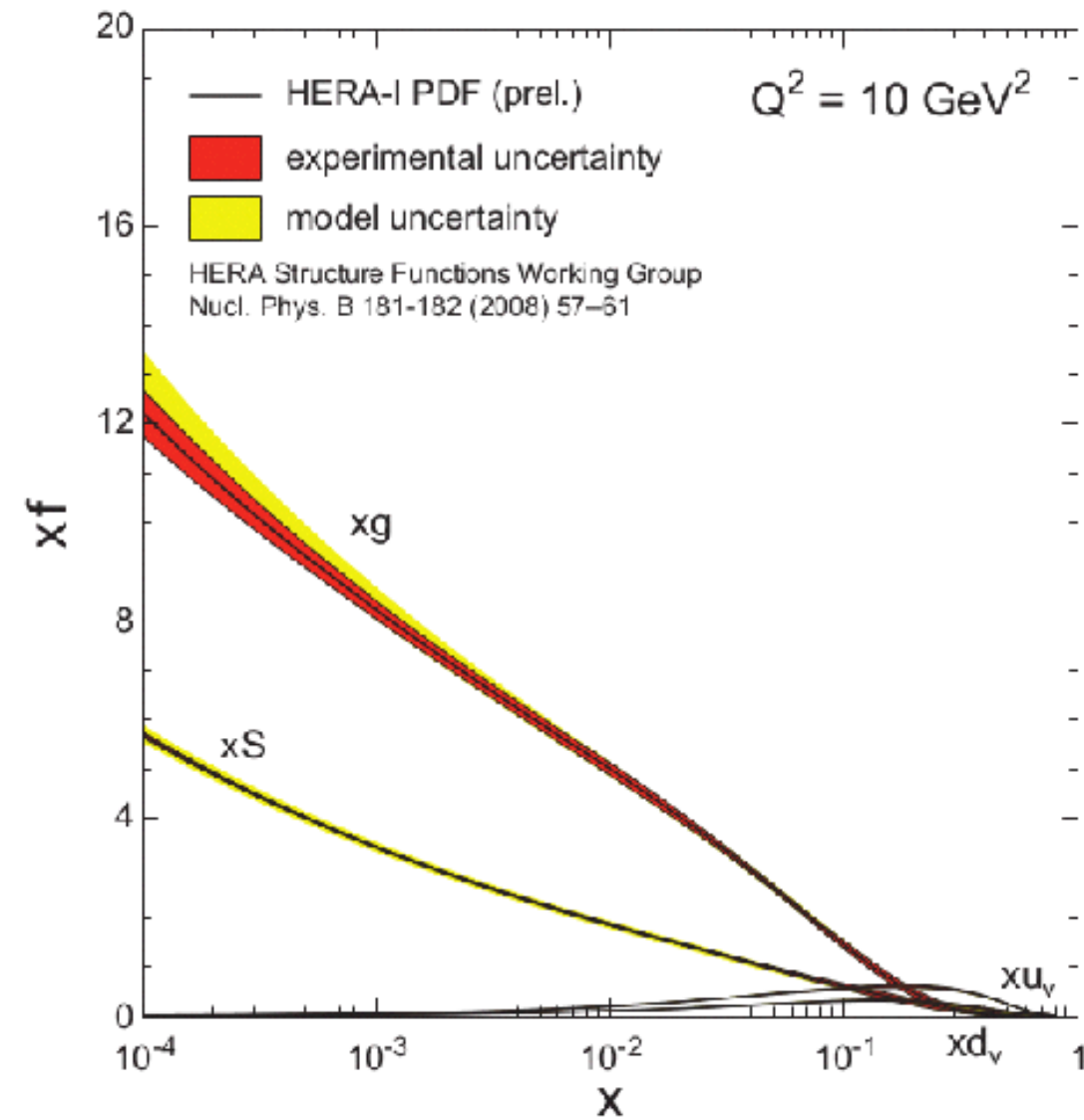




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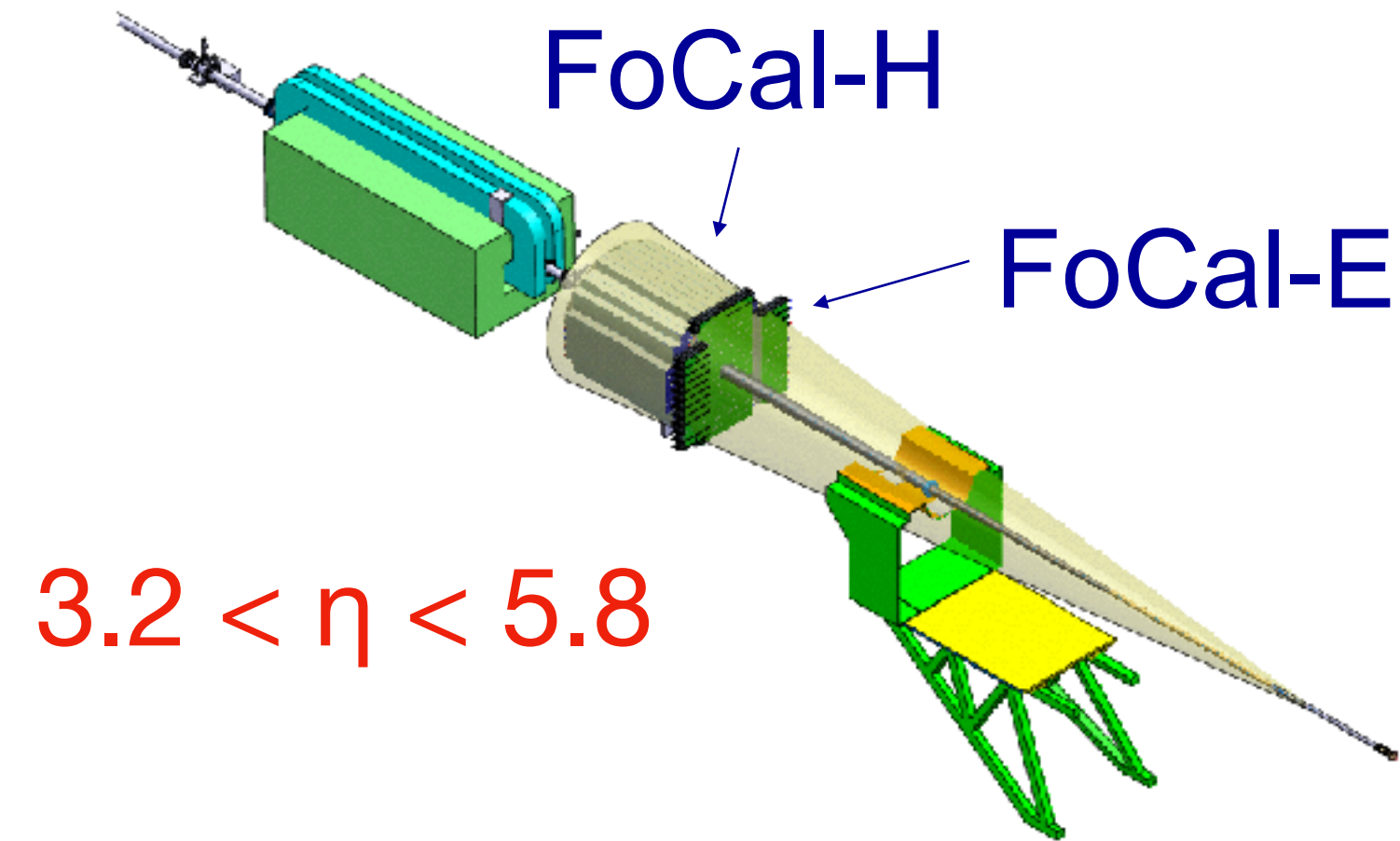


- Measure isolated photons forward
 - At LO more than 70% from Compton with direct sensitivity to gluon density
 - Not affected by final state effects nor hadronization
 - Uniquely small-x coverage at LHC (similar to LHeC)
 - Accessible by LHCb reconstructing electron/positron conversions
 - Dedicated forward calorimeter being proposed for ALICE for Run-4

Current/future small-x program at RHIC+LHC

- Various experiments/measurements: direct γ , DY, open charm (*) + UPC
- Important to test factorization/universality
- Synergy with fRHIC (+ EIC/LHeC)

(*) No longer sure we can safely use charm at all

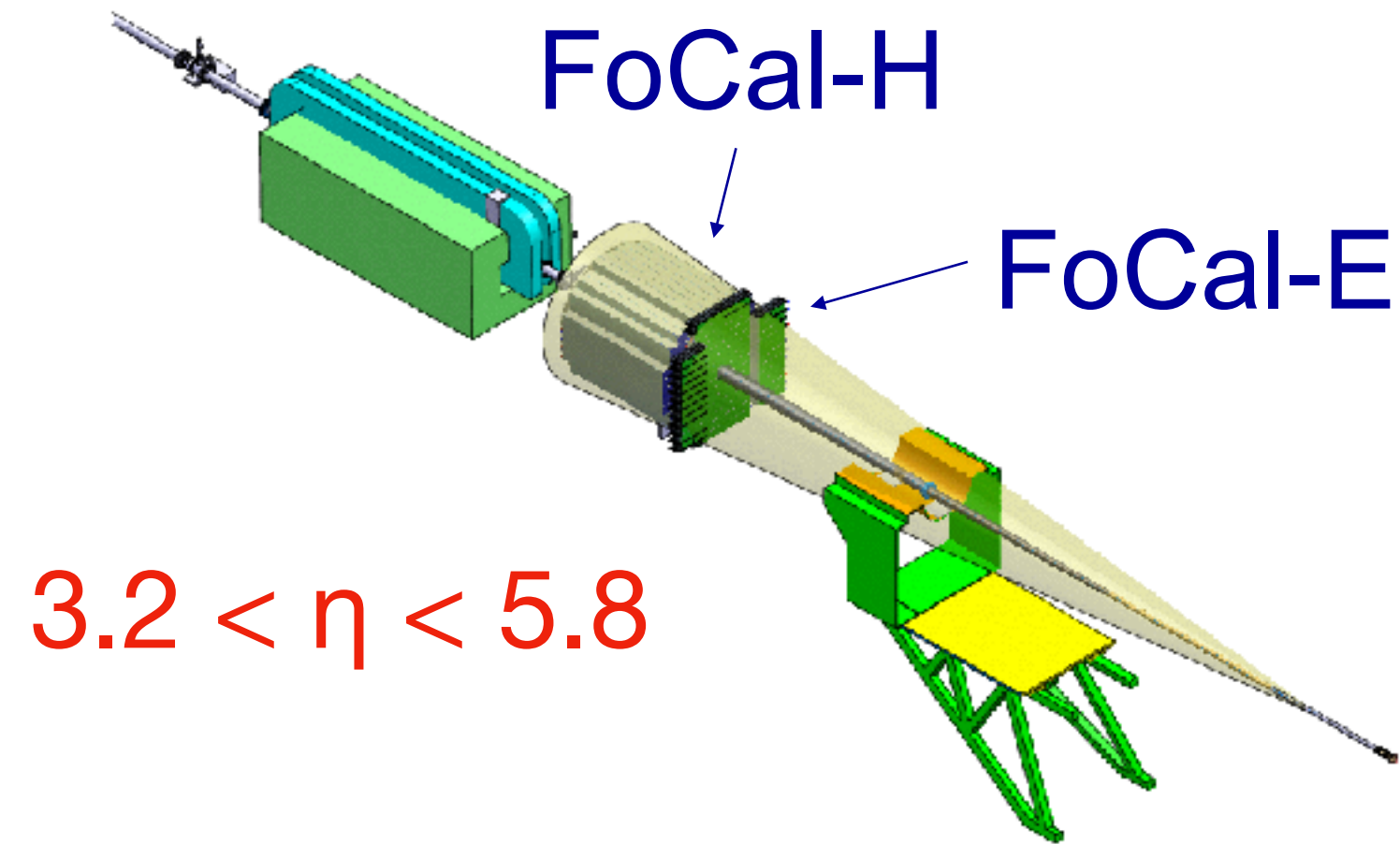


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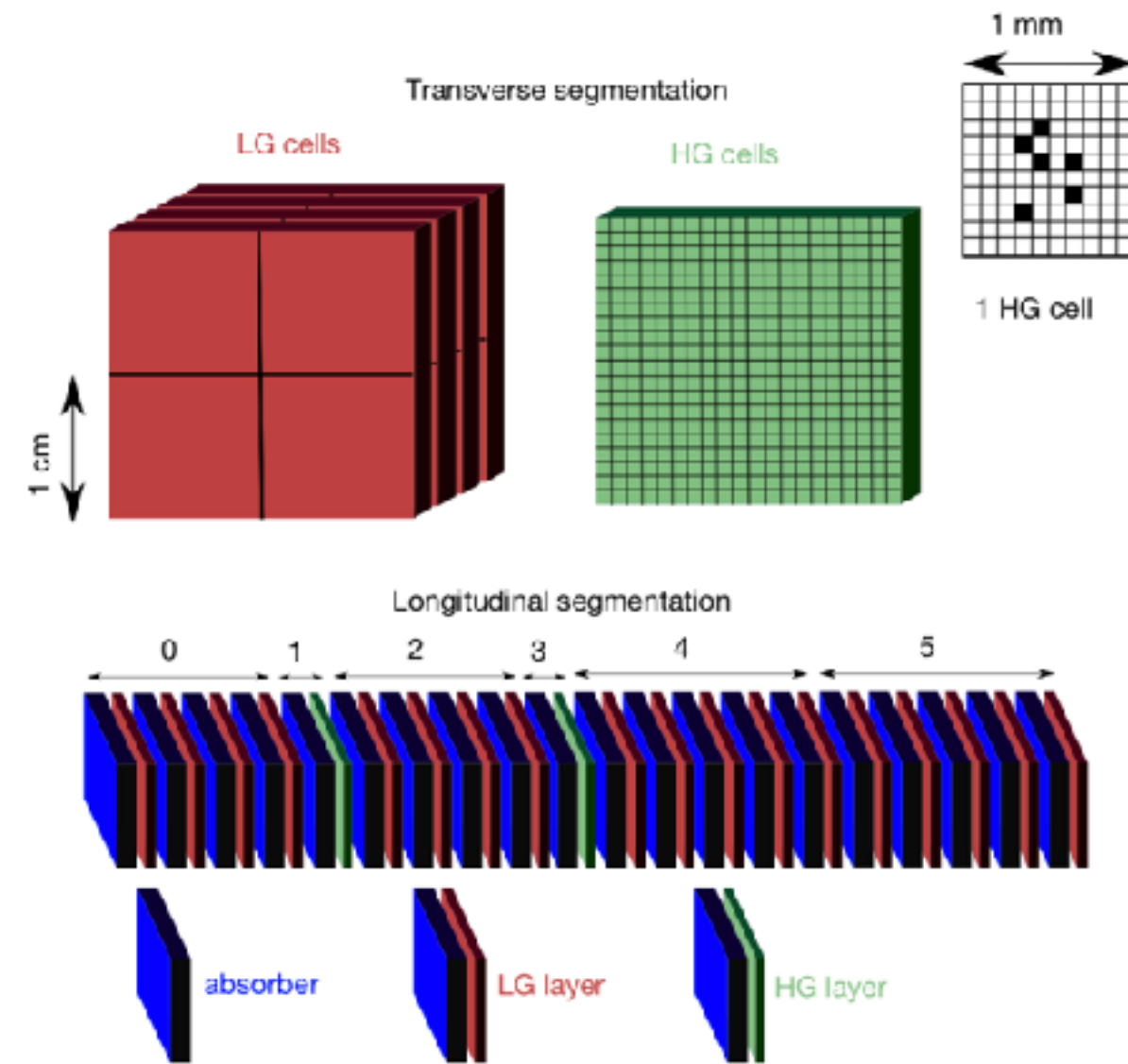
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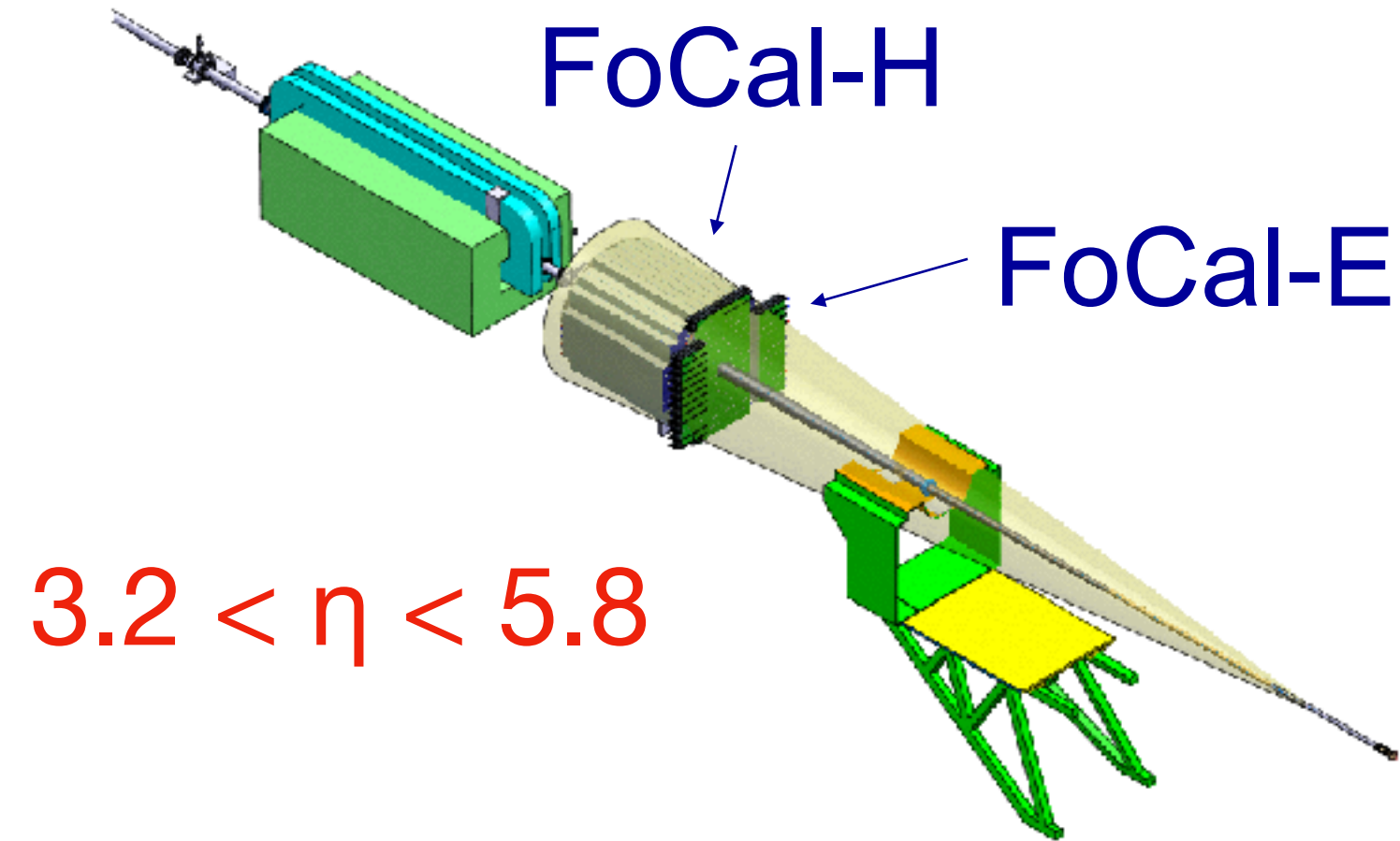
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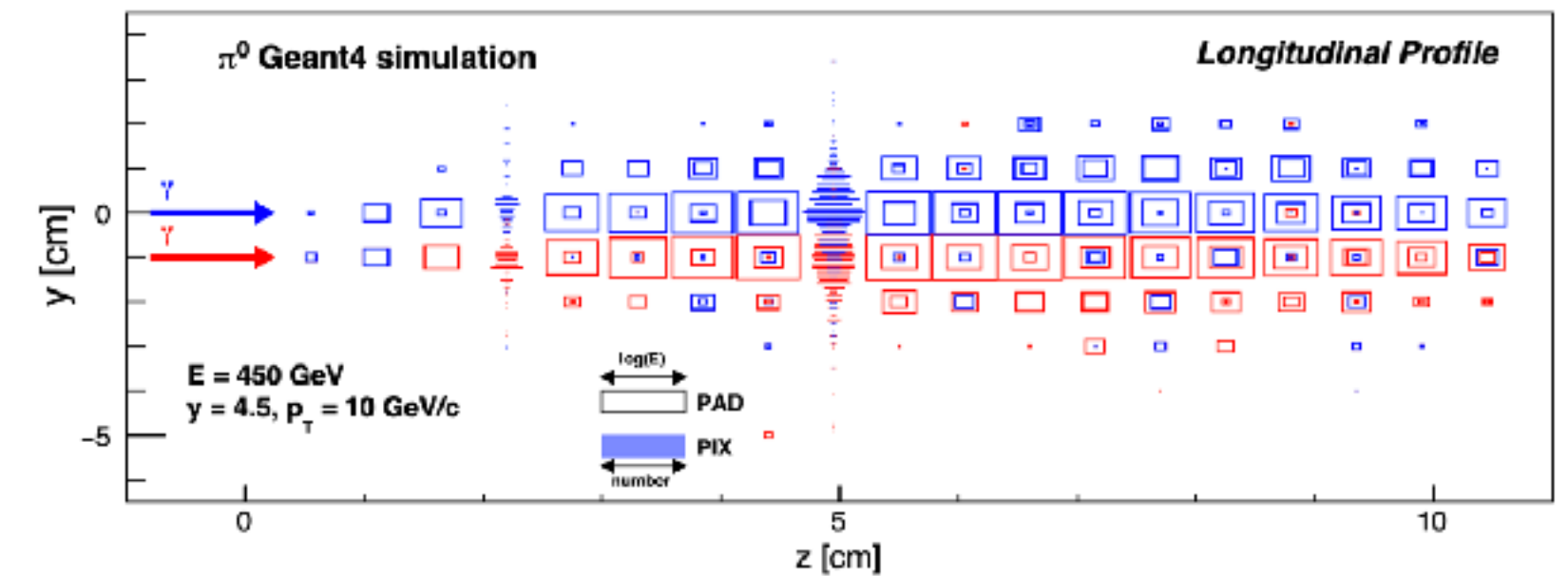
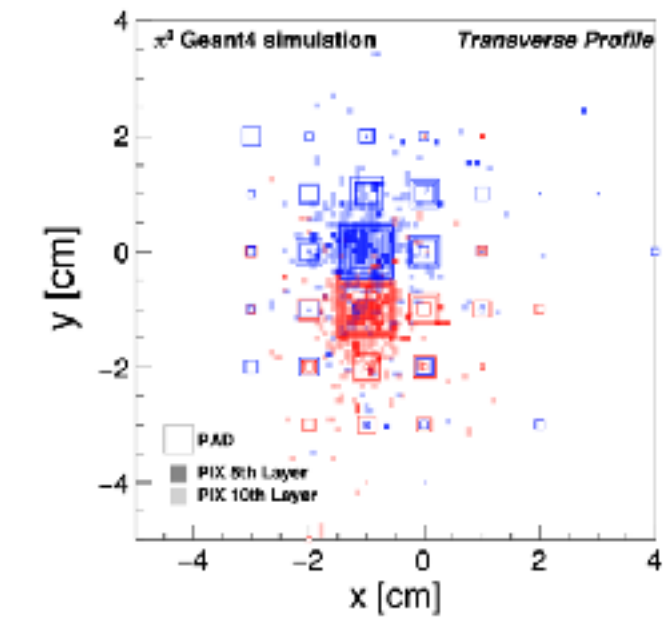
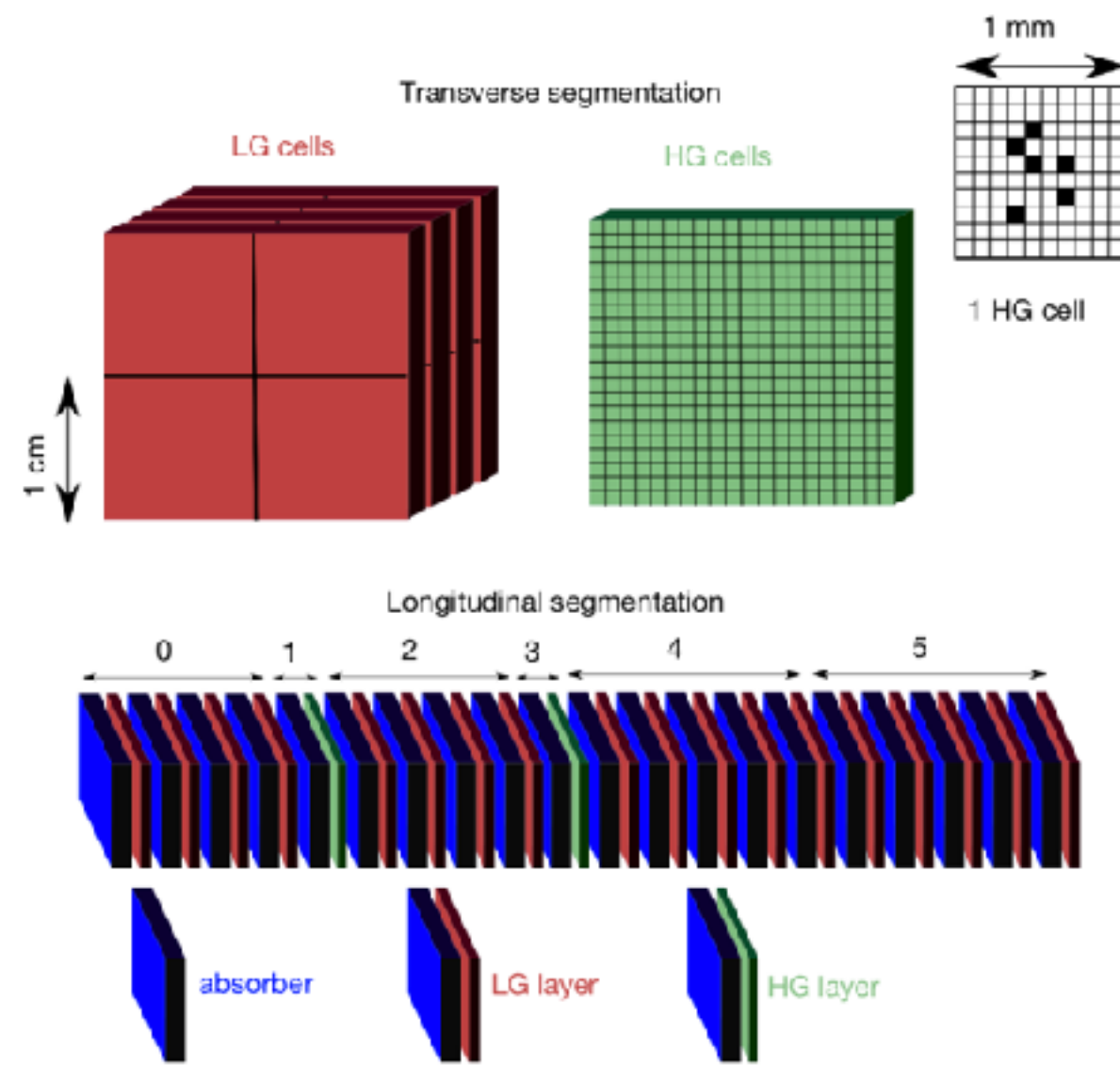
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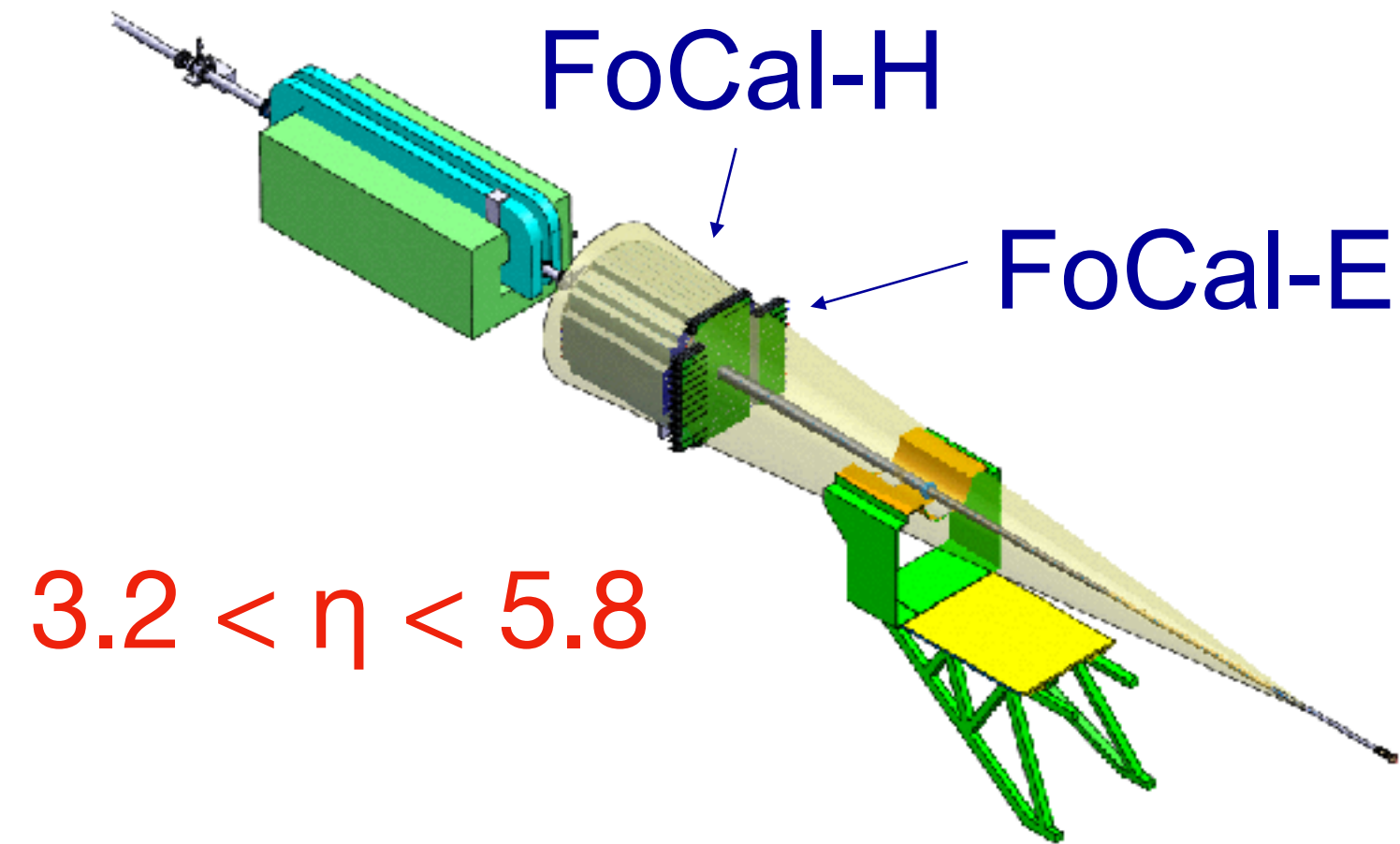
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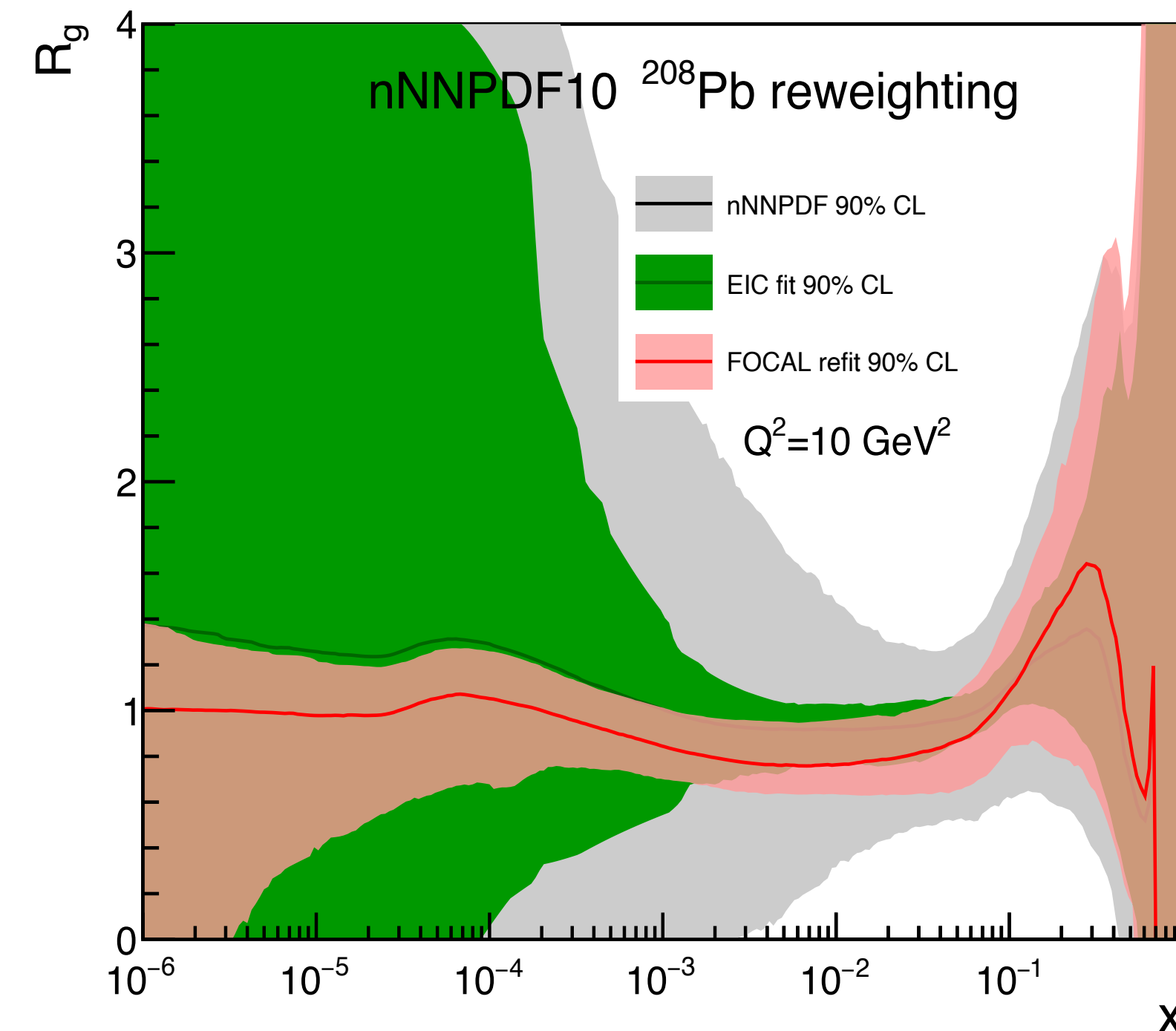
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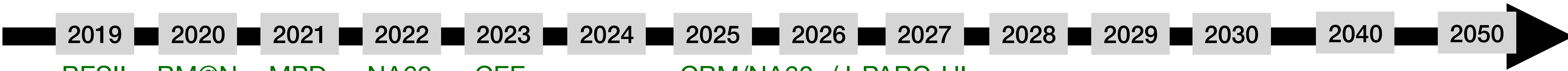
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Impact of FoCal refit on nNNPDF



Significantly constraining nNNPDF (obtained from DIS data with minimal theoretical assumptions)

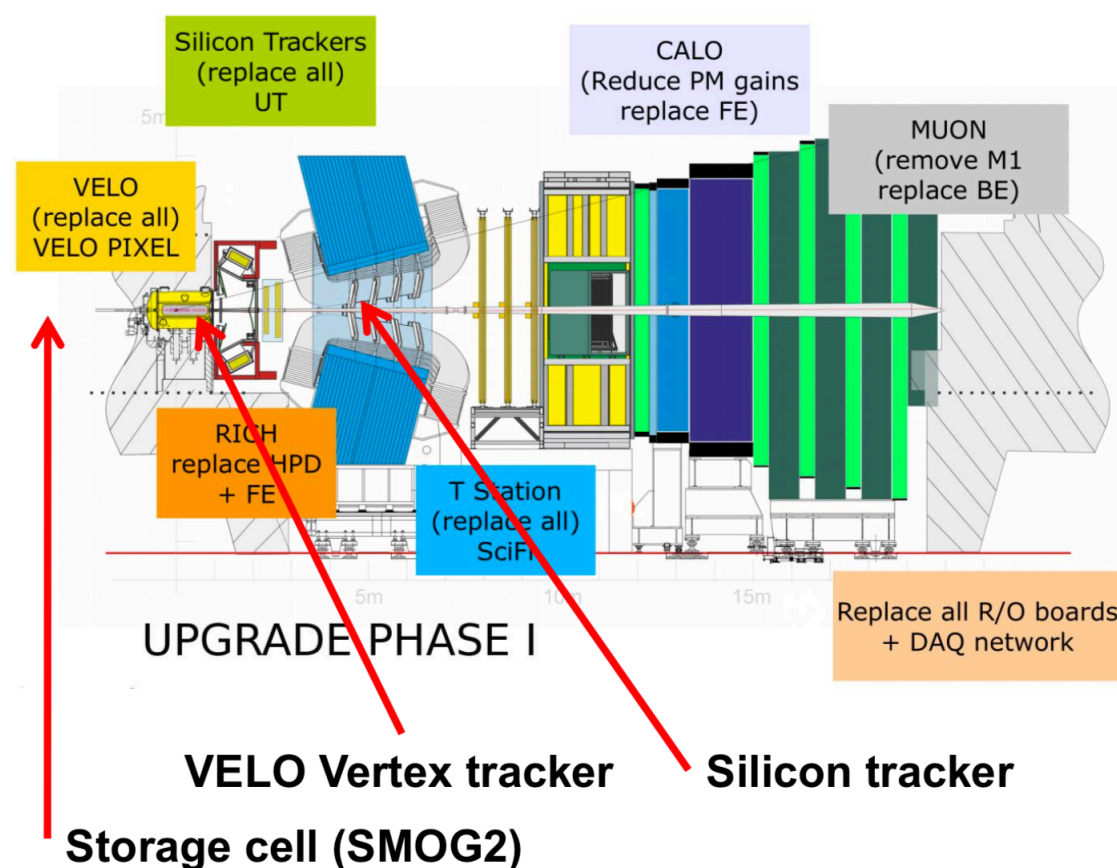
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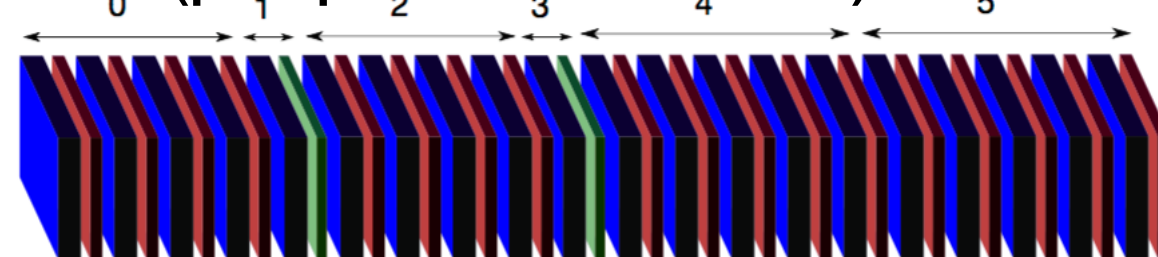
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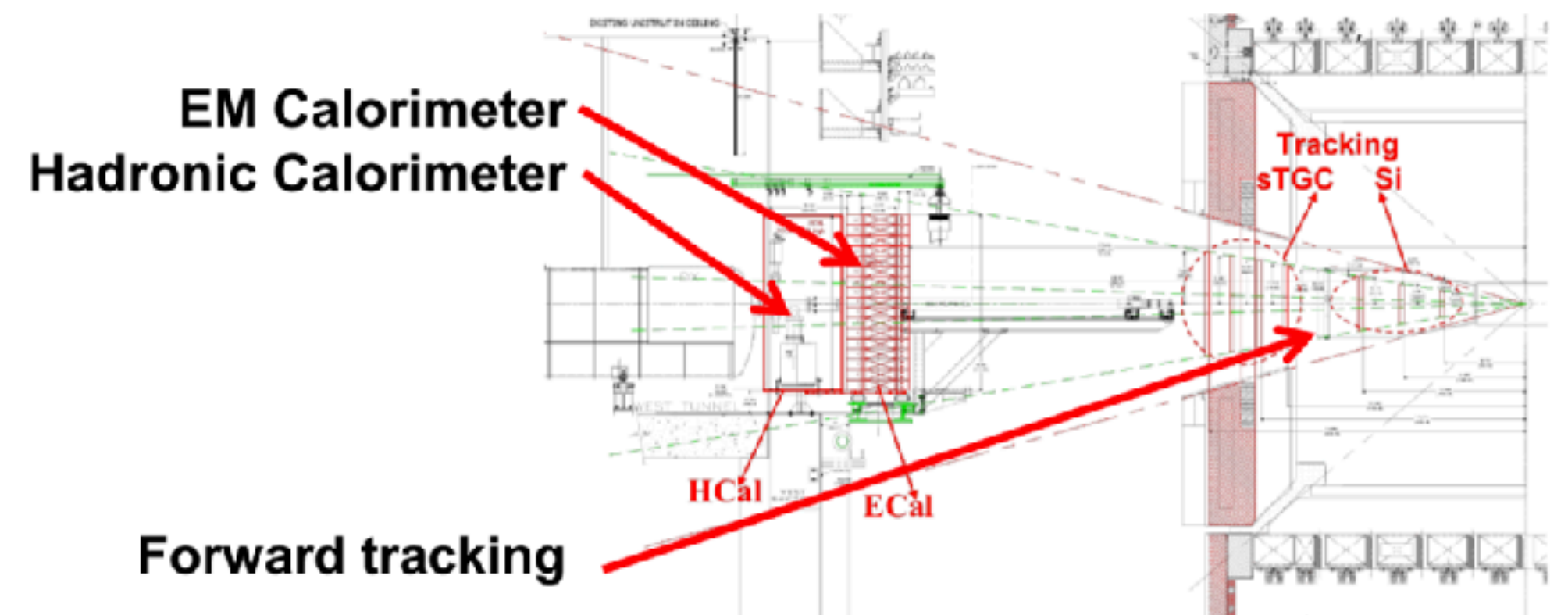
Pasquale di Nezza [234]

ALICE FoCal 3.2 η <math>< 5.8</math> (proposed for LS3)



Very small-x ($\sim 10^{-6}$) program at LHC

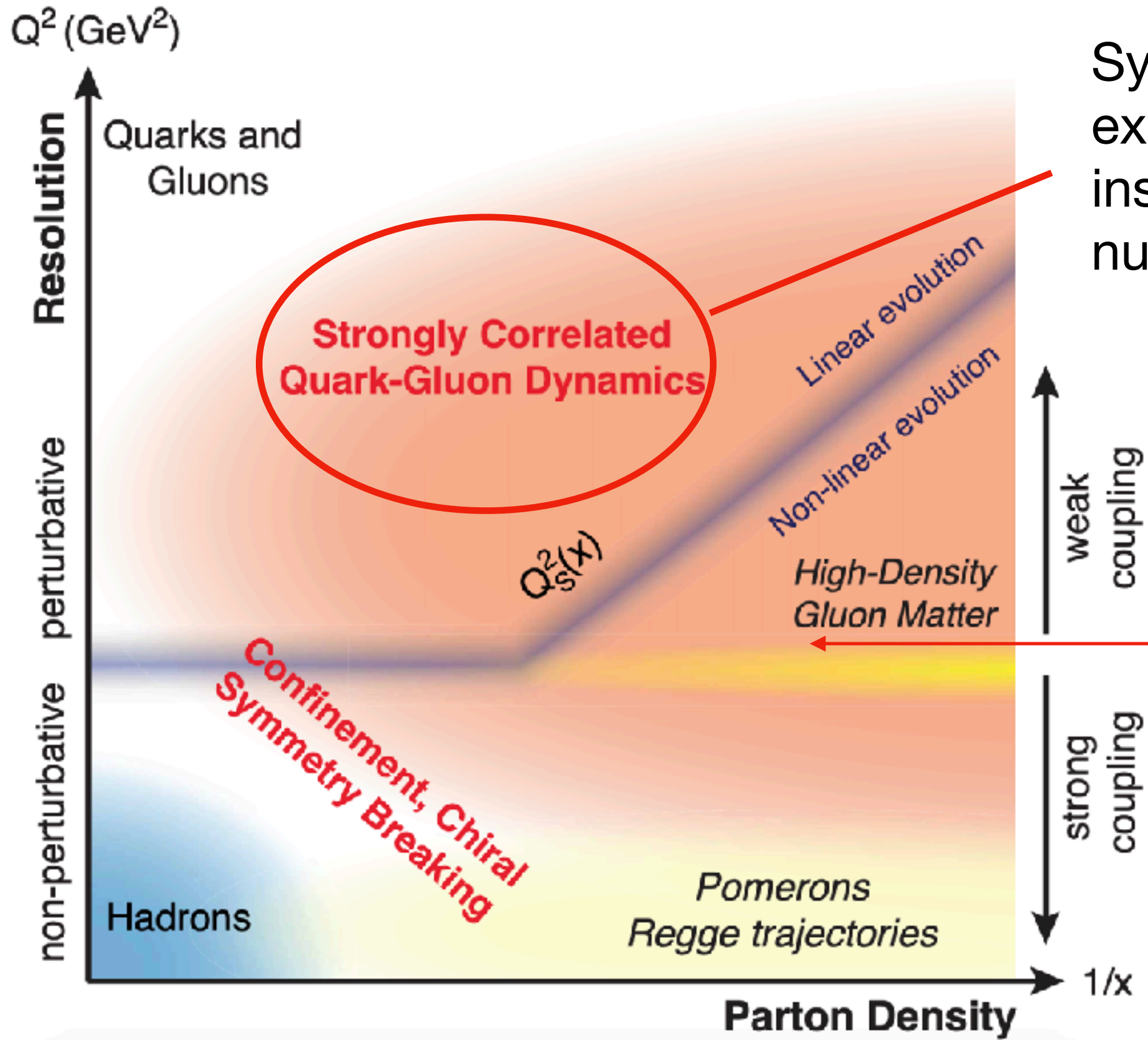
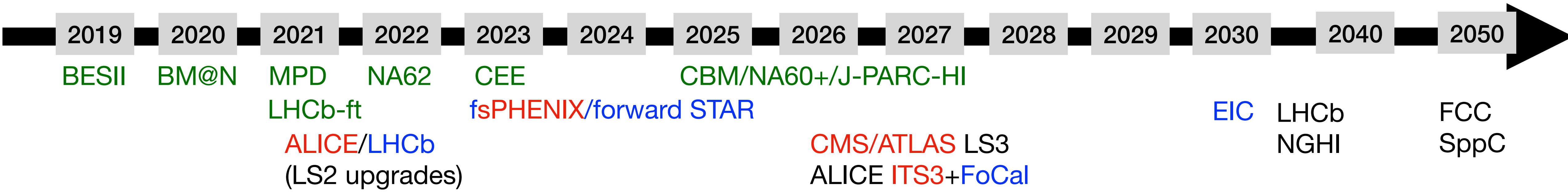
Forward STAR (similar for fsPHENIX)



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complemented by forward upgrades for RHIC cold nuclear physics program

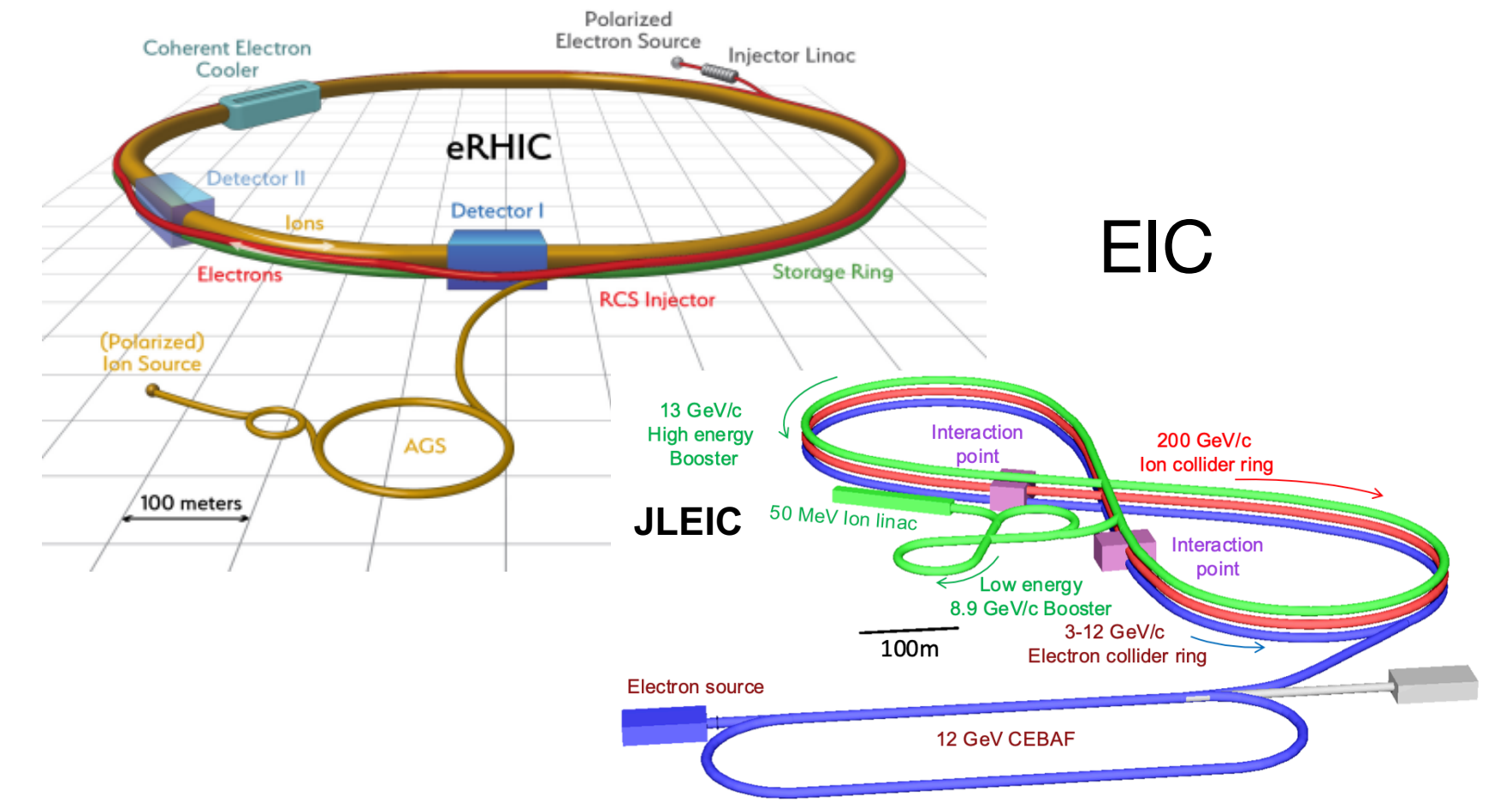
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Systematically explore correlations inside protons and nuclei

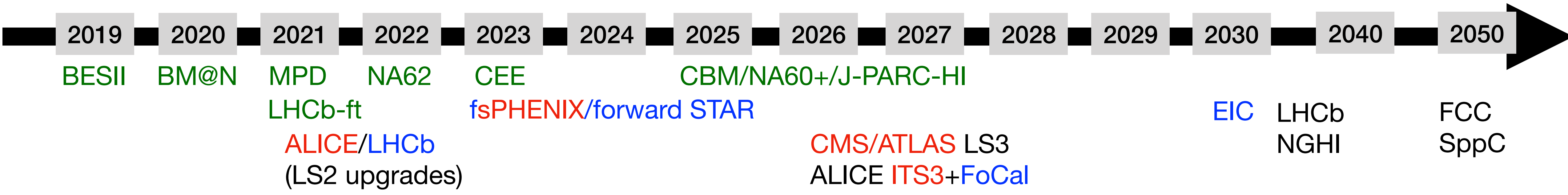
A possibility?: Study new regime in QCD of weakly coupled high density matter

Very importantly: Study hadronization



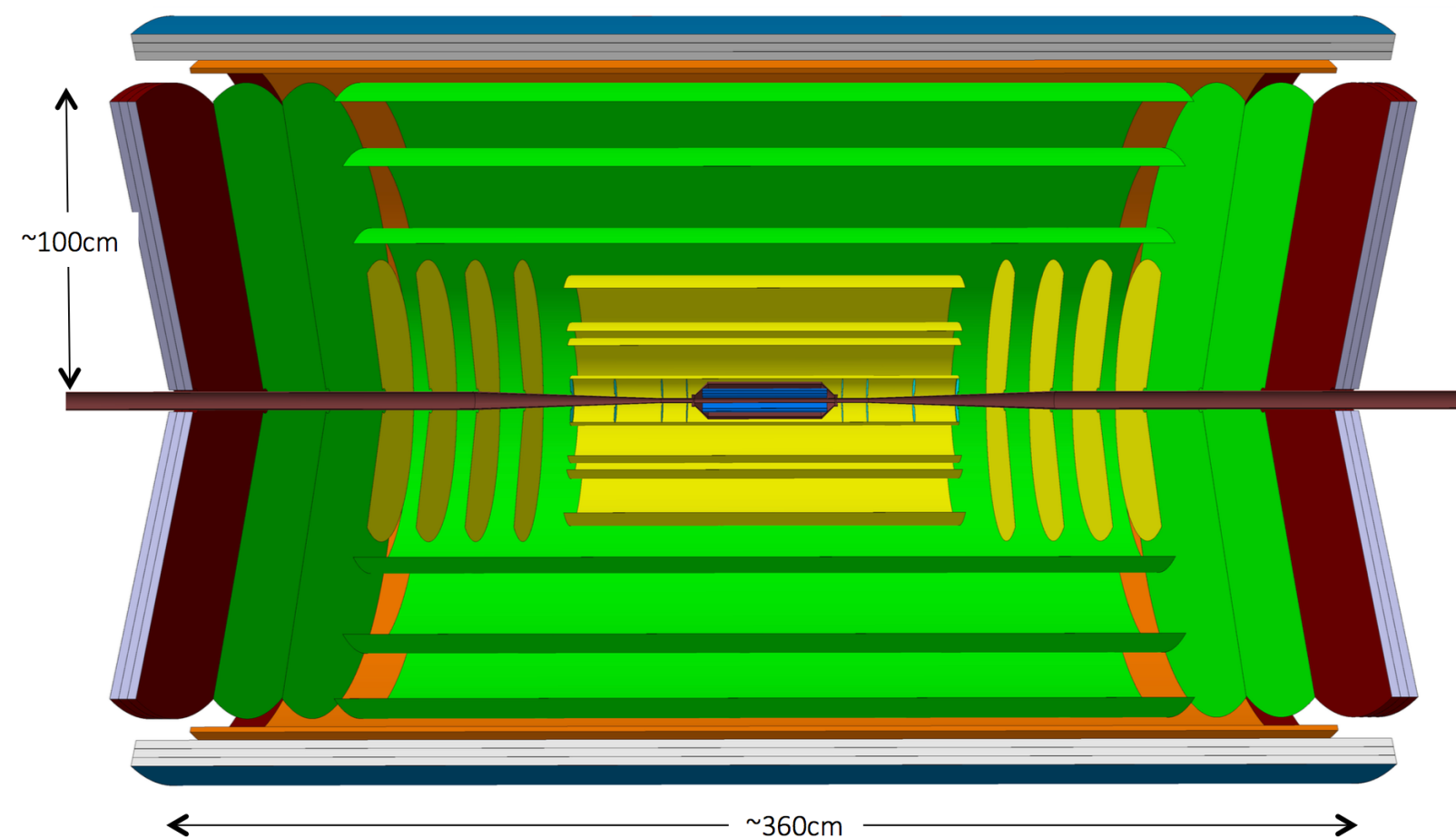
Precision cold nuclear physics program

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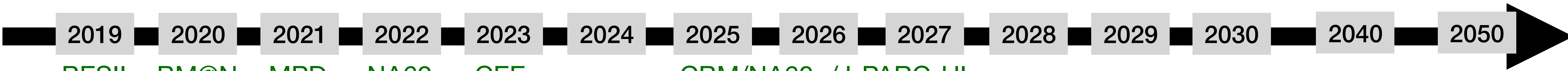
- Fast, ultra-thin detector with precise tracking and timing,
- Ultimate performance for (multi-)HF, soft hadron and thermal radiation
- Maybe add forward tracking/PID to access the high net-baryons and/or fwd calorimeter for ultra small-x photons

Next-generation heavy-ion experiment



Also LHCb will be fully operational in PbPb collisions, as well as CMS/ATLAS, providing a rich high-energy QCD/HI programme in parallel to the EIC

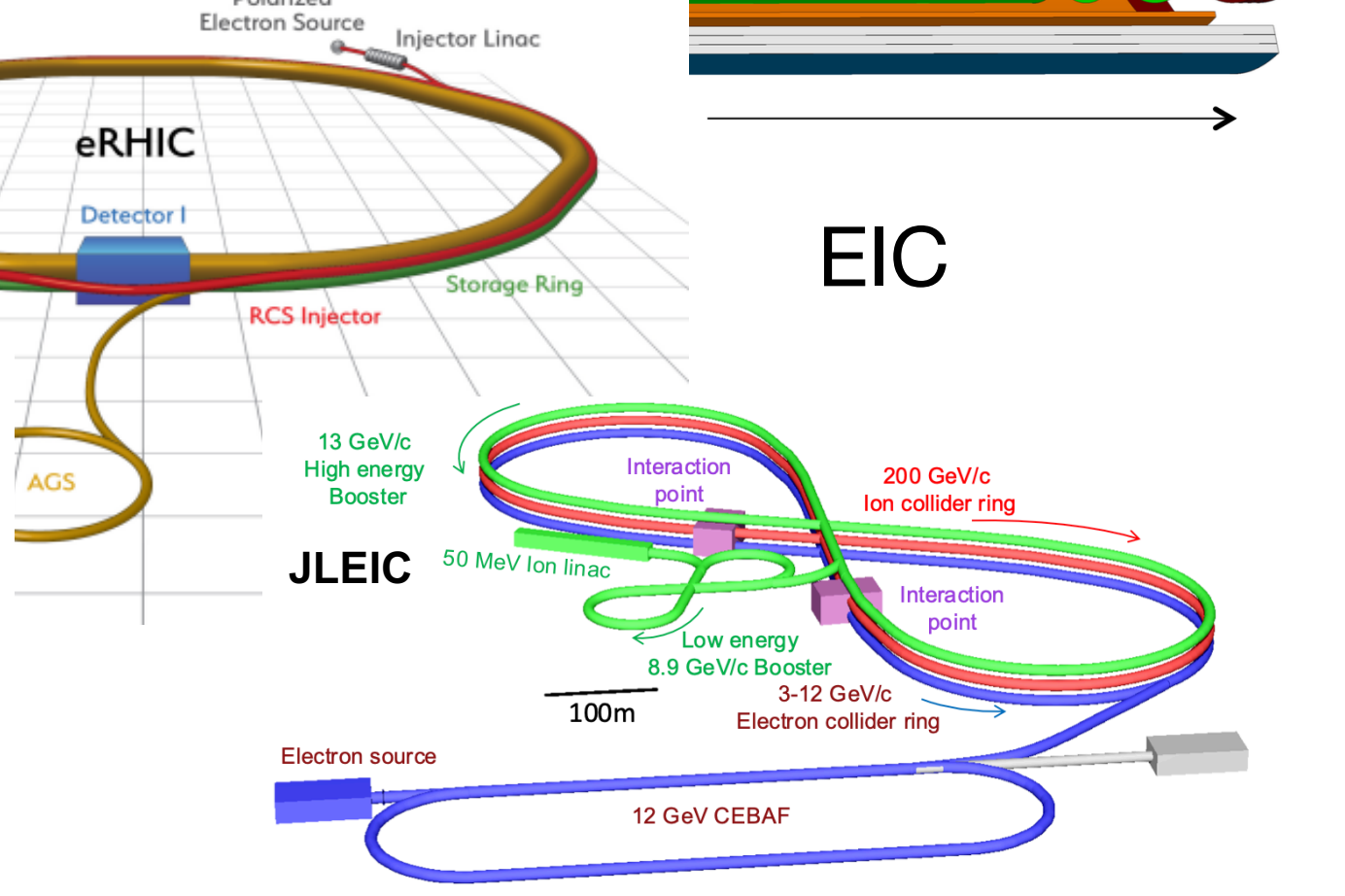
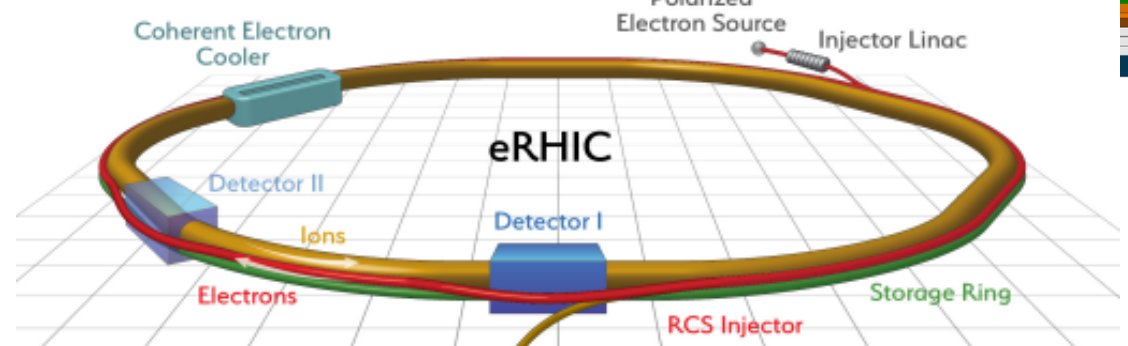
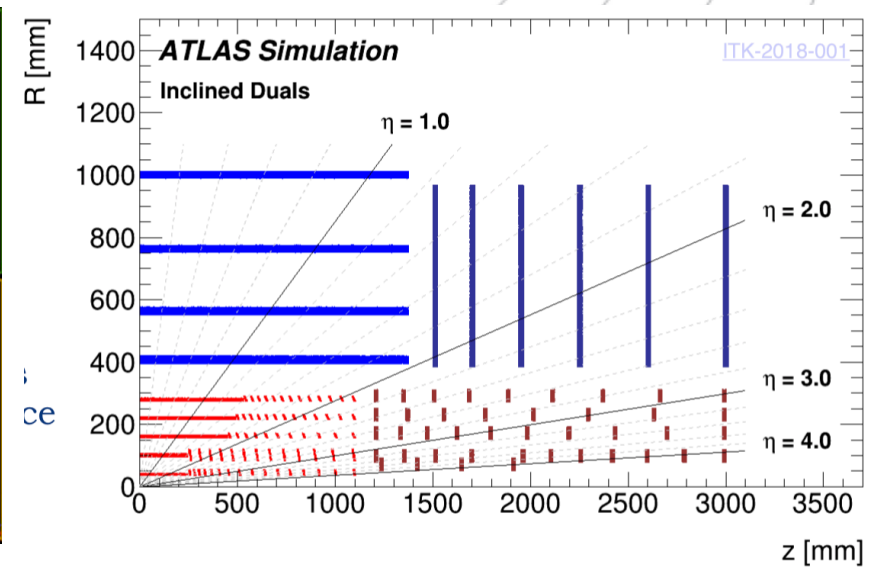
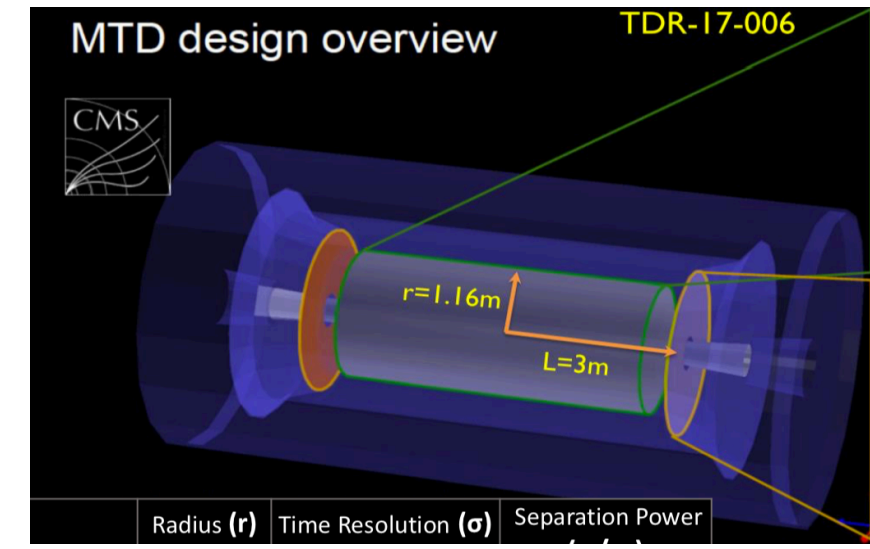
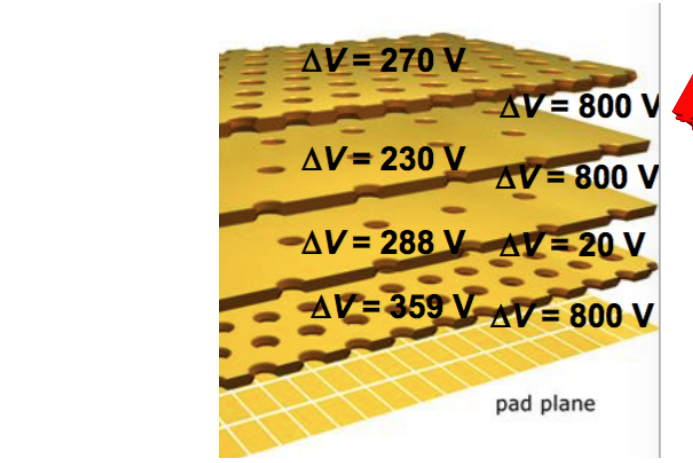
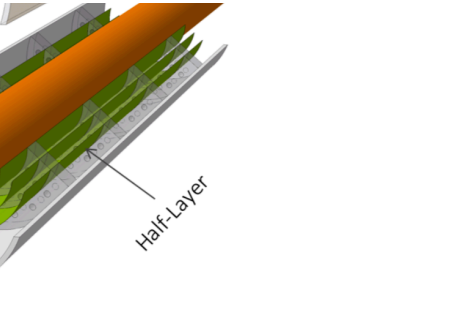
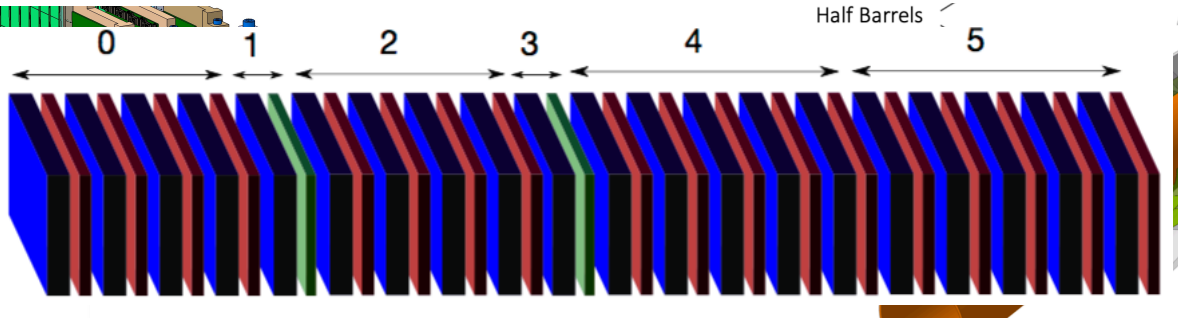
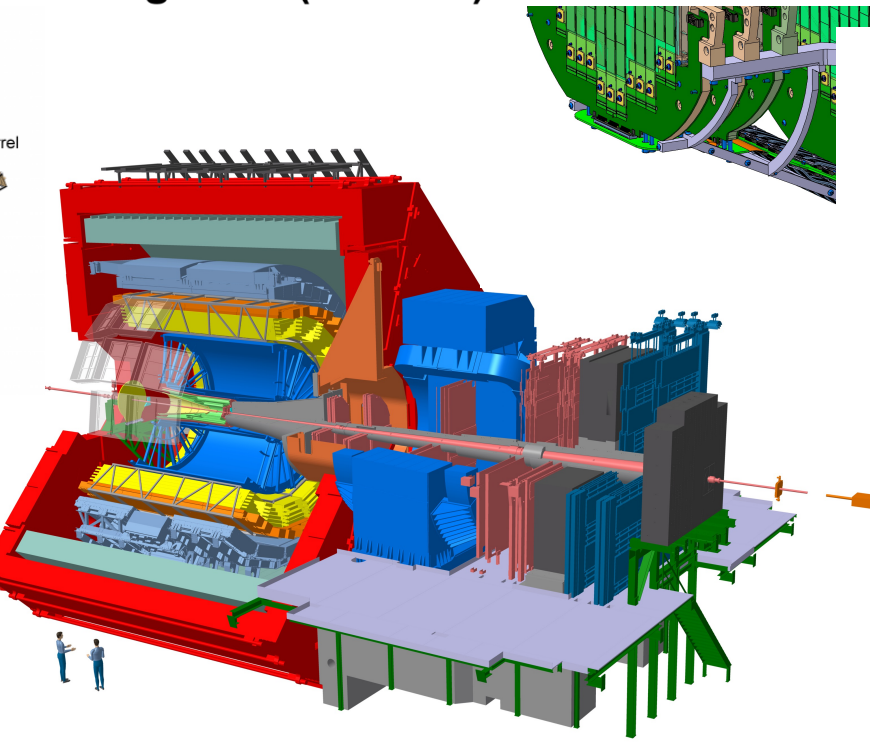
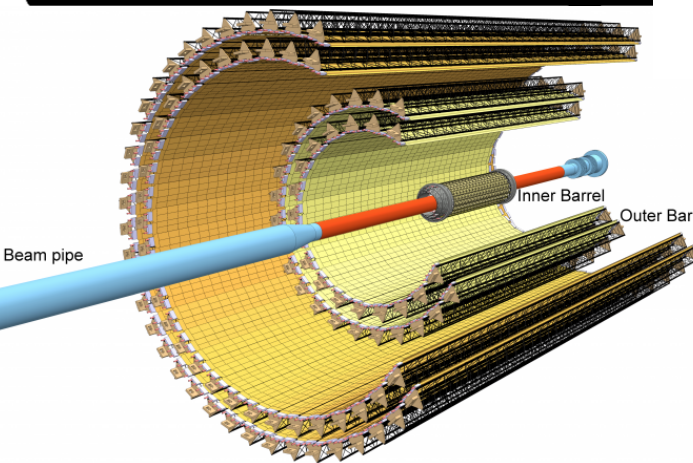
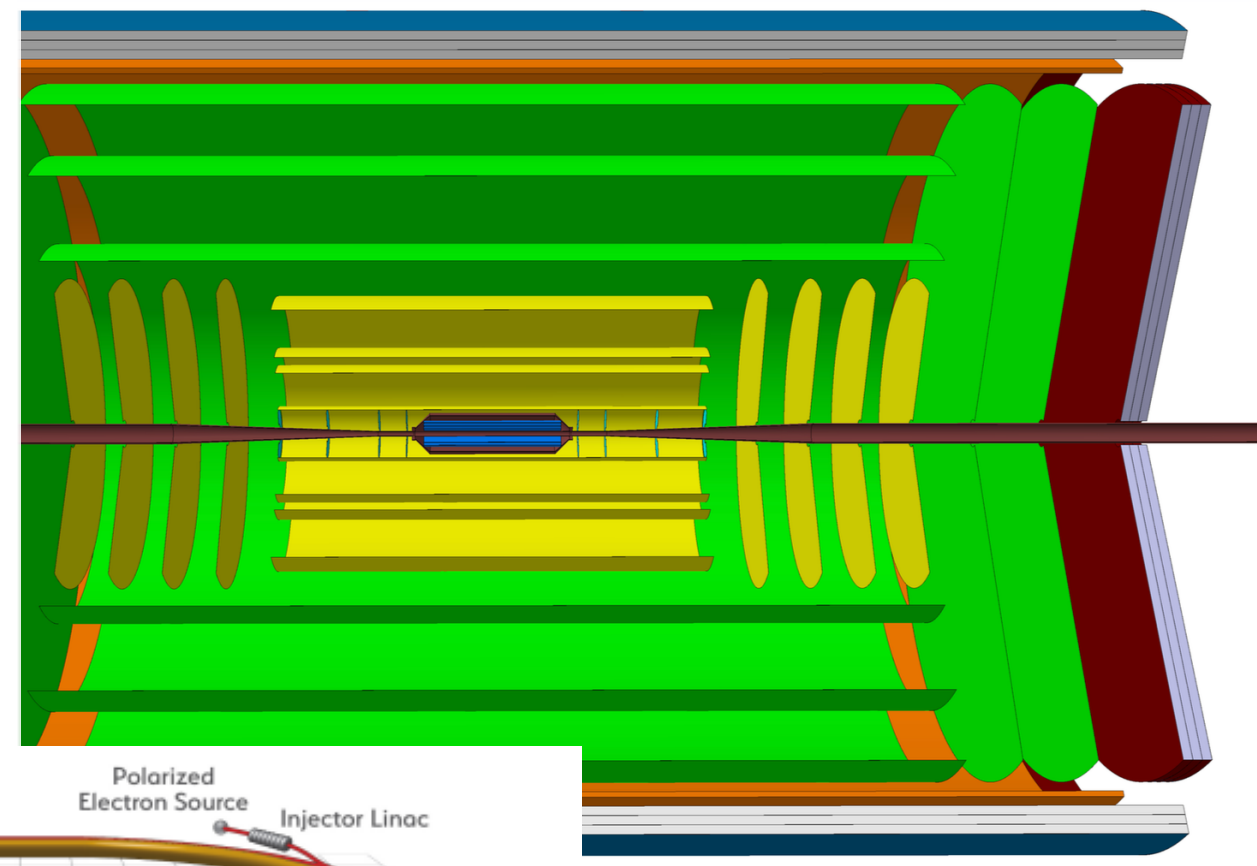
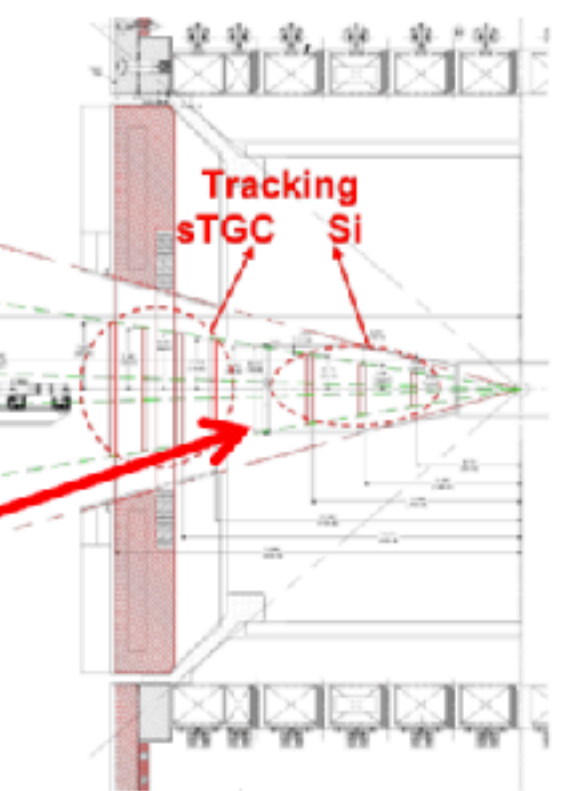
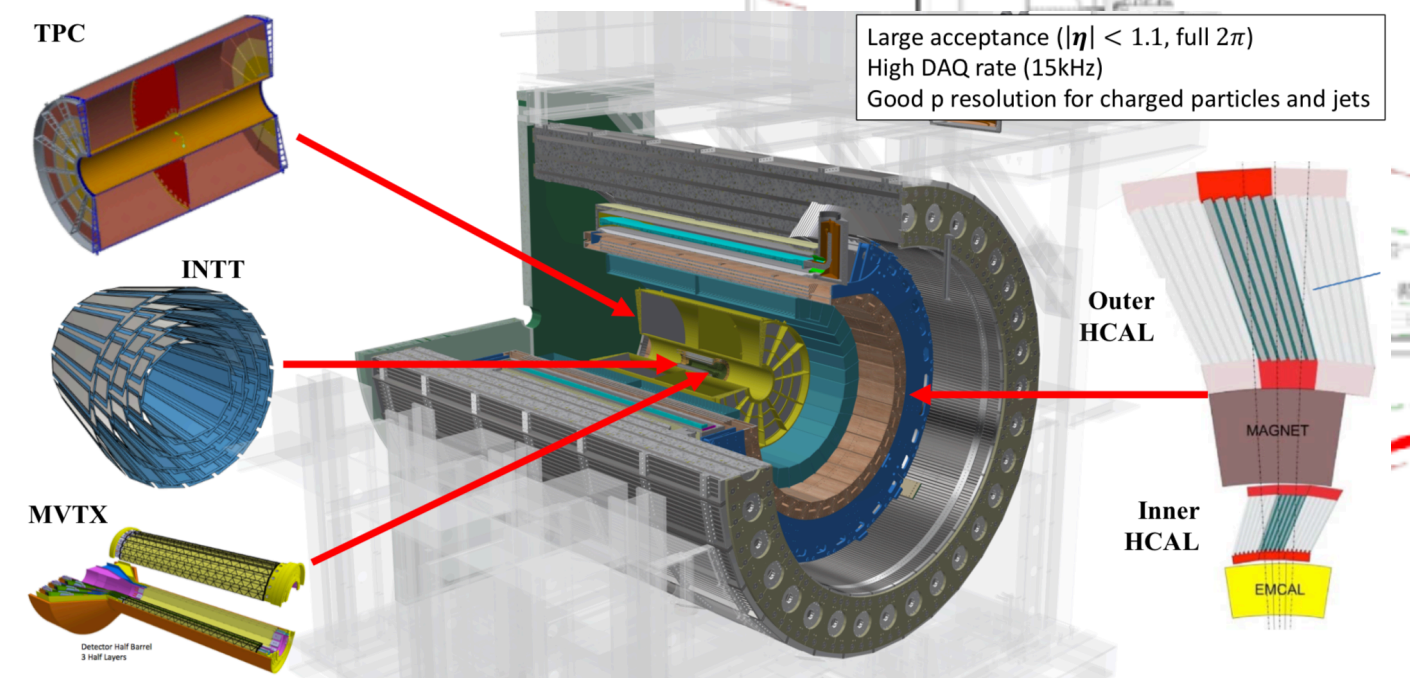
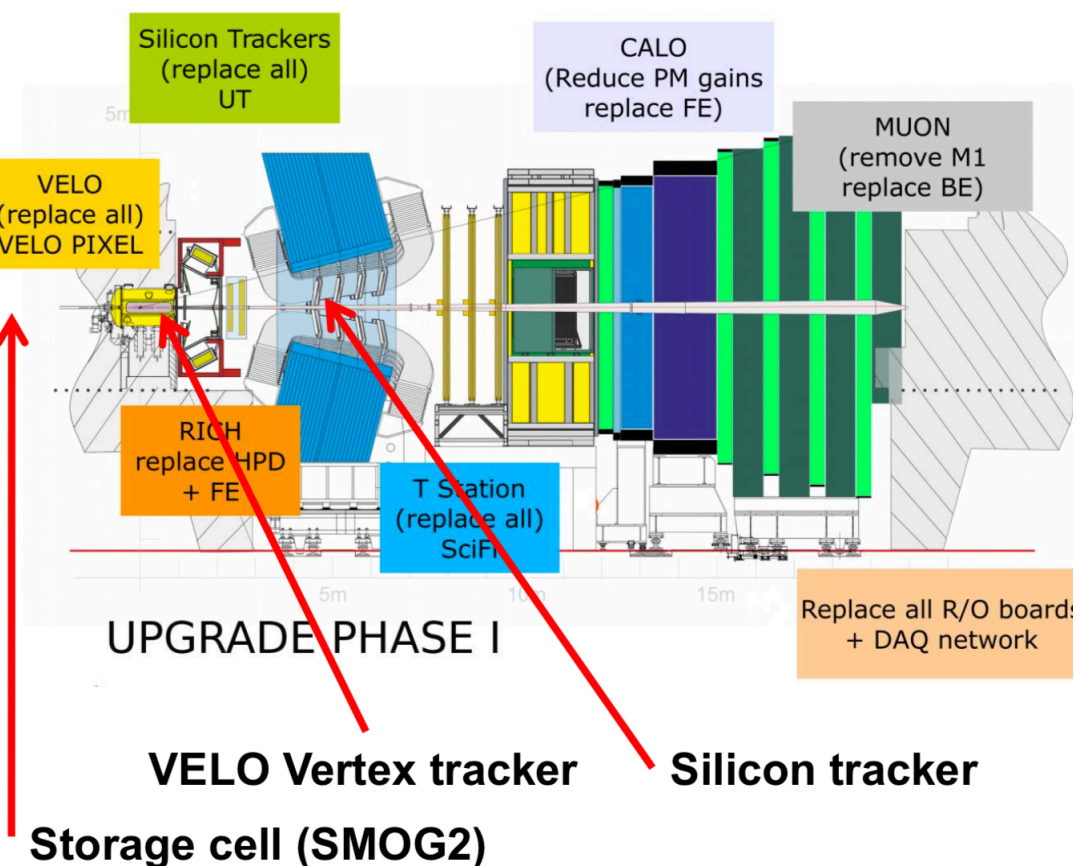
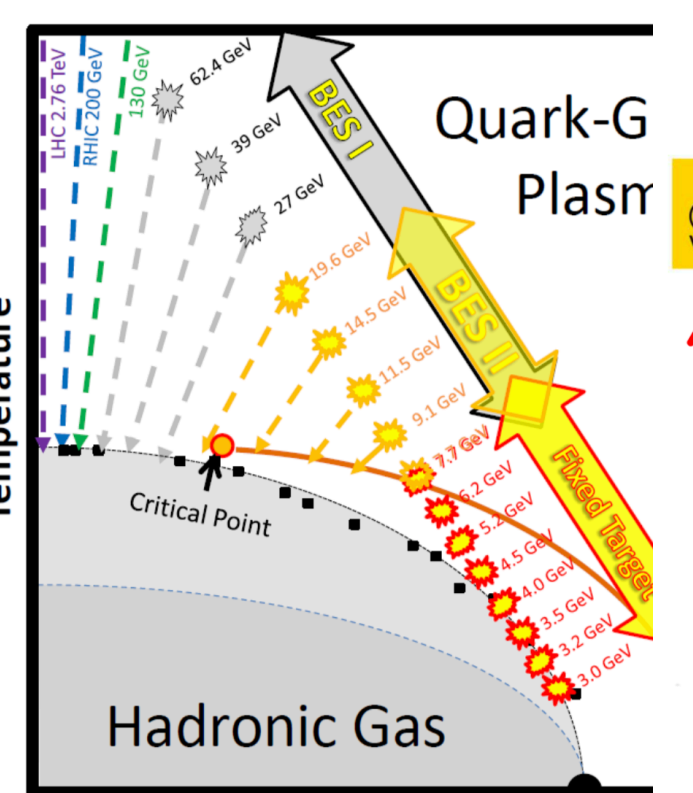
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