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Nuclear PDFs: status and prospects

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Disclaimer: I concentrate on collinear PDFs, skipping GPDs/TMDs/3D-structure, diffractive PDFs, shape fluctuations,... (see the backup).

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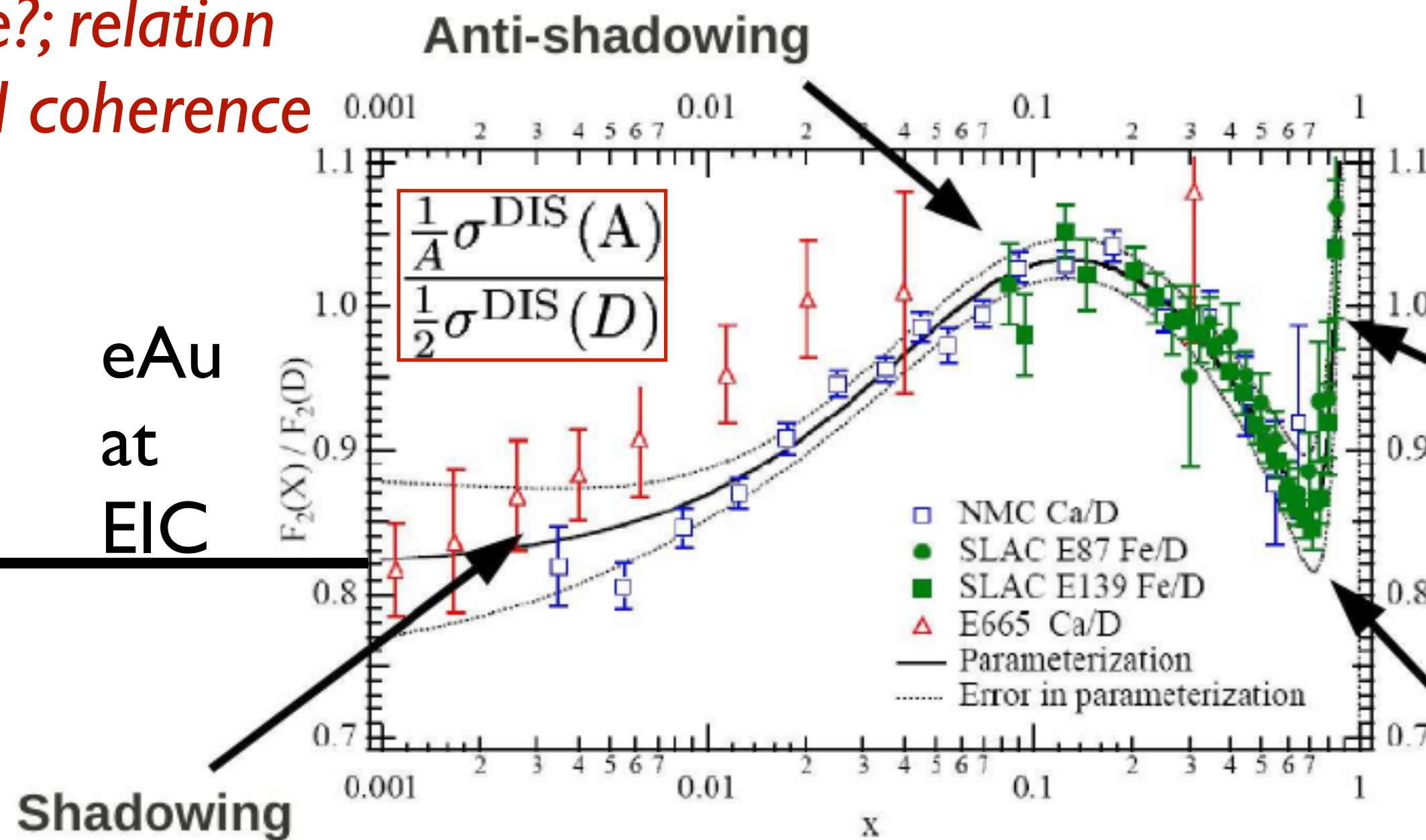
Nuclear structure functions:

Flavour dependence?; relation with shadowing and coherence

ePb at LHeC/
FCC-eh

eAu
at
EIC

Multiple scattering, saturation, ...; high-energy QCD



How much does the structure of a hadron change when it is immersed in a nuclear medium?

Fermi-motion
Short versus long range correlations, pion cloud, intrinsic charm, ...

EMC-effect

Superfast quarks

• Bound nucleon \neq free nucleon: search for process independent nPDFs that realise this condition, within collinear factorisation.

$$\sigma_{\text{DIS}}^{\ell+A \rightarrow \ell+X} = \sum_{i=q, \bar{q}, g} \underbrace{f_i^A(\mu^2)}_{\text{Nuclear PDFs, obeying the standard DGLAP}} \otimes \underbrace{\hat{\sigma}_{\text{DIS}}^{\ell+i \rightarrow \ell+X}(\mu^2)}_{\text{Usual perturbative coefficient functions}}$$

$$f_i^{p,A}(x, Q^2) = R_i^A(x, Q^2) f_i^p(x, Q^2)$$

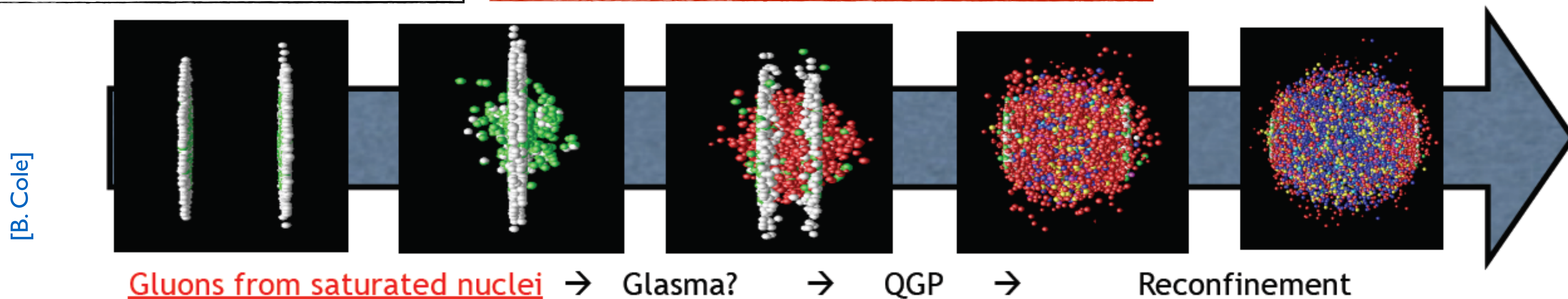
$$R = \frac{f_{i/A}}{A f_{i/p}} \approx \frac{\text{measured}}{\text{expected if no nuclear effects}}$$

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- Particle production at large scales similar to pp (dilute regime).

- Medium behaves very early like a low viscosity liquid: macroscopic description.

- Medium is very opaque to coloured particles traversing it.



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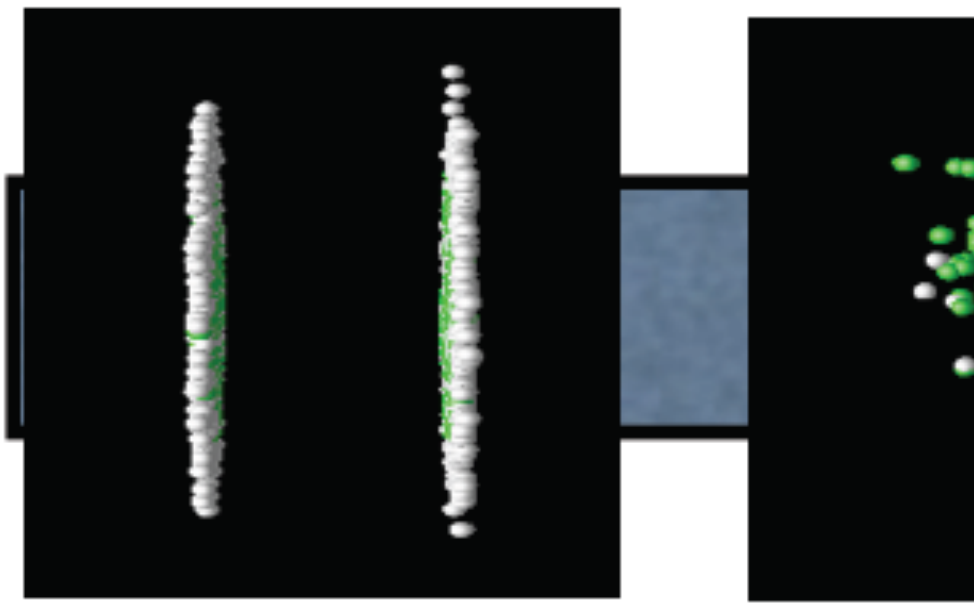
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[B. Cole]



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The small system problem:

- QGP in small systems?
- Microscopic dynamics versus hydro?
- Strong (AdS/CFT, models) versus weak (transport) explanations?; are there quasiparticles?
- ...

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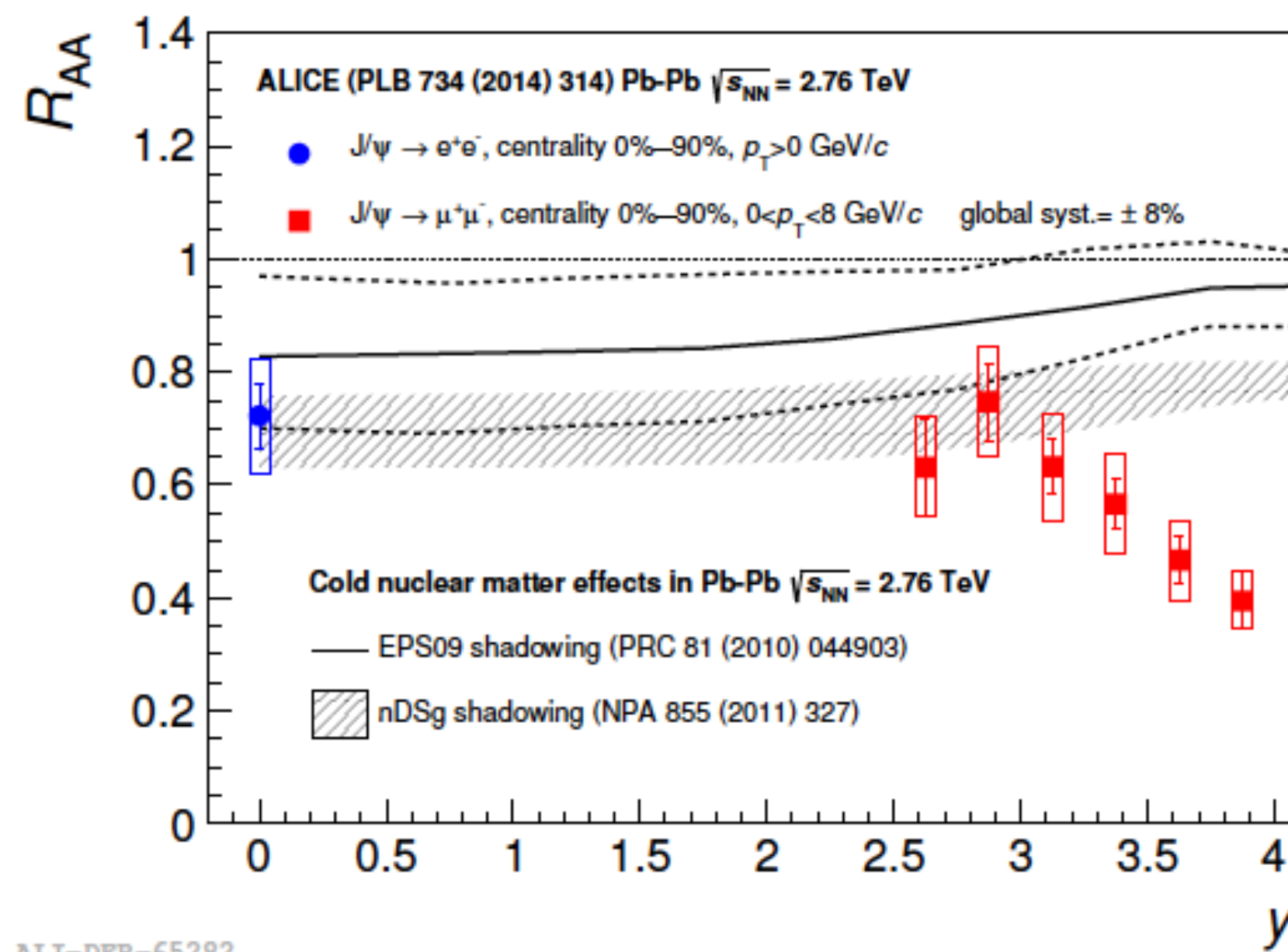
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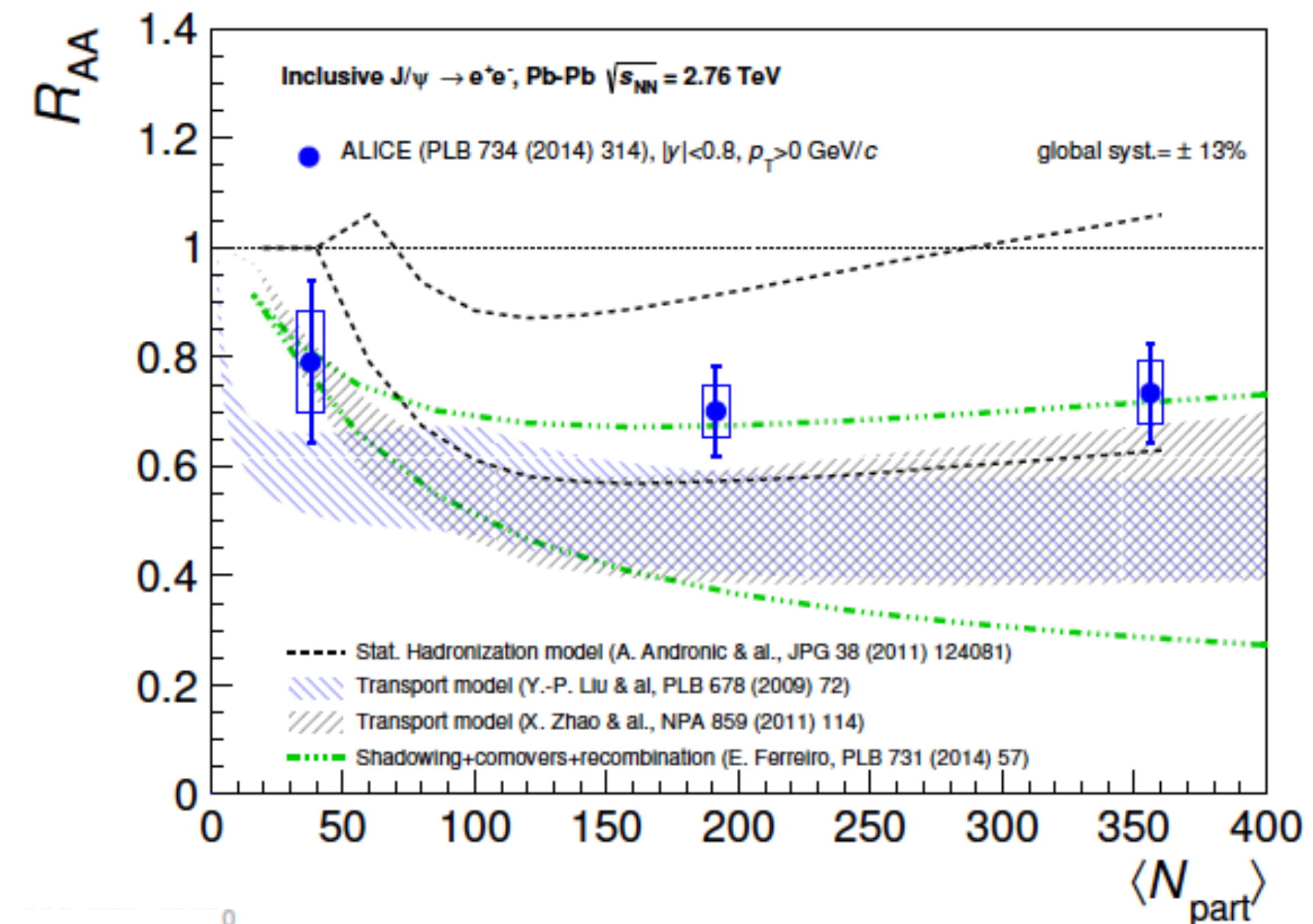
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- **Lack of data** \Rightarrow large uncertainties for the nuclear glue at small scales and x : **problem for benchmarking in HIC** in order to extract medium parameters.

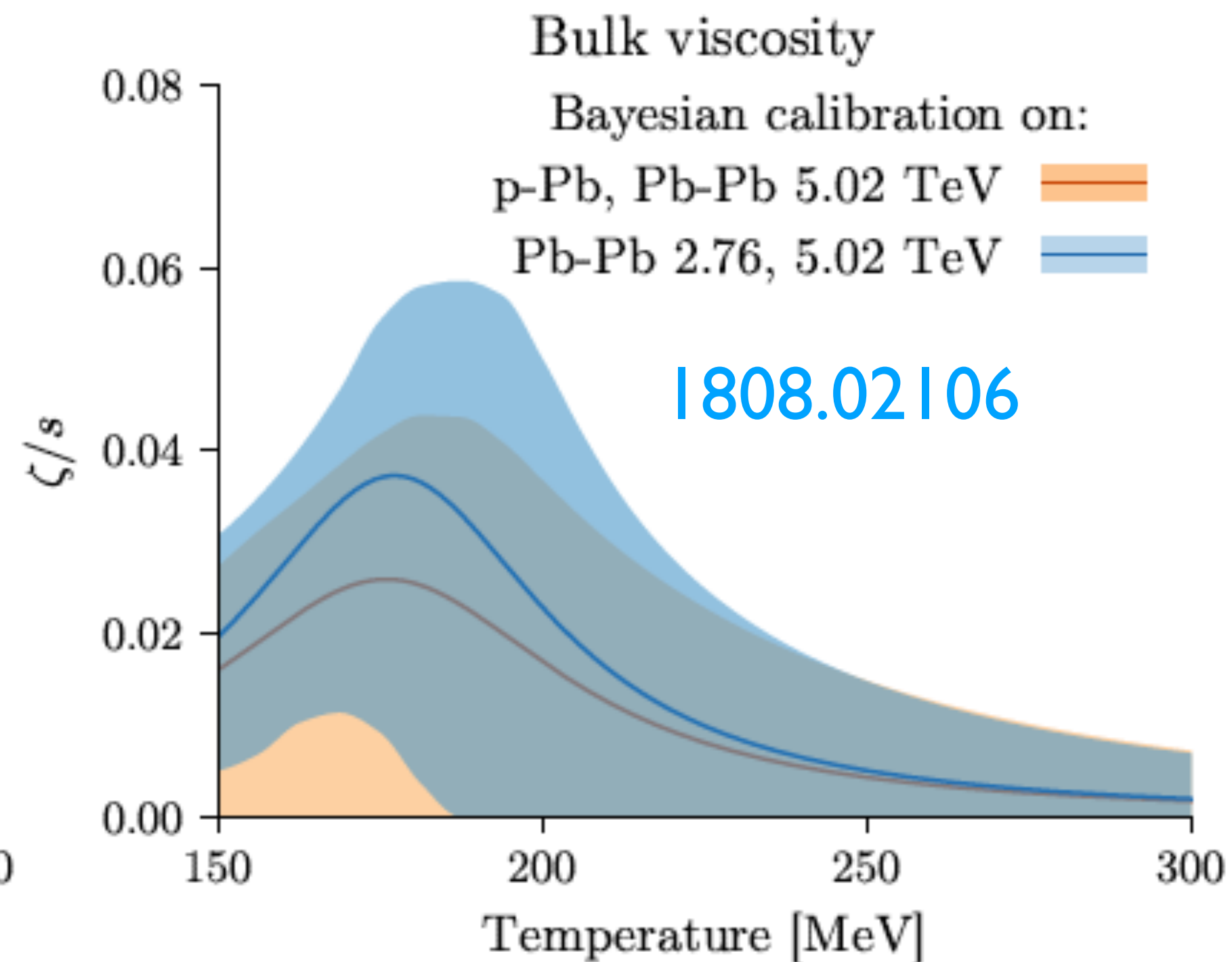
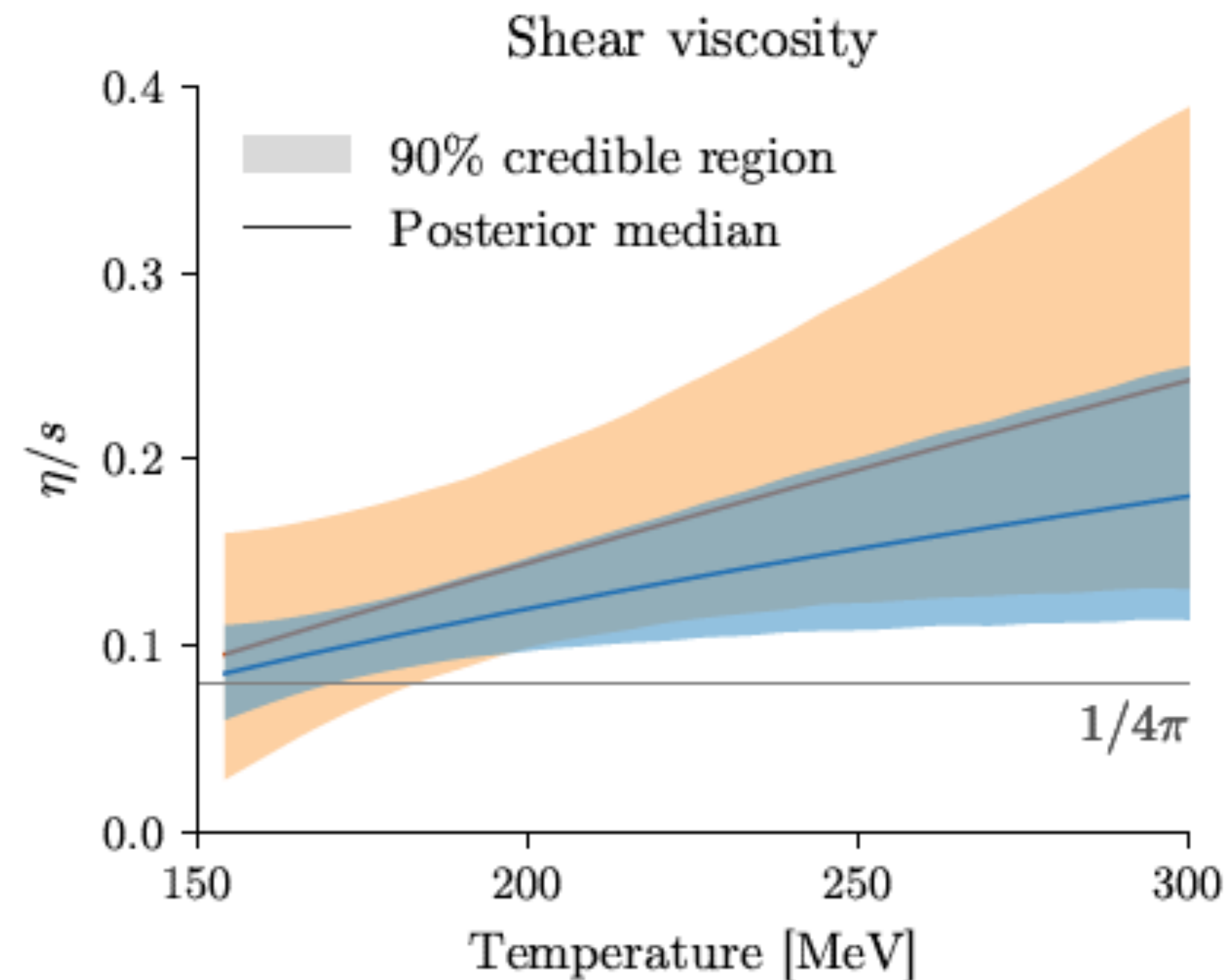


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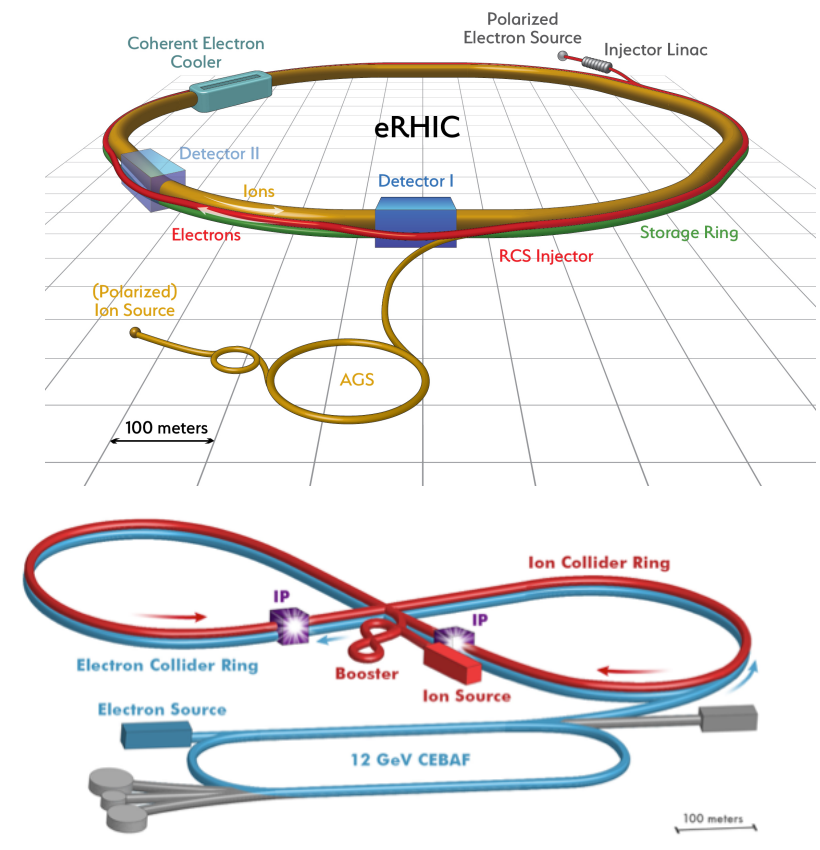
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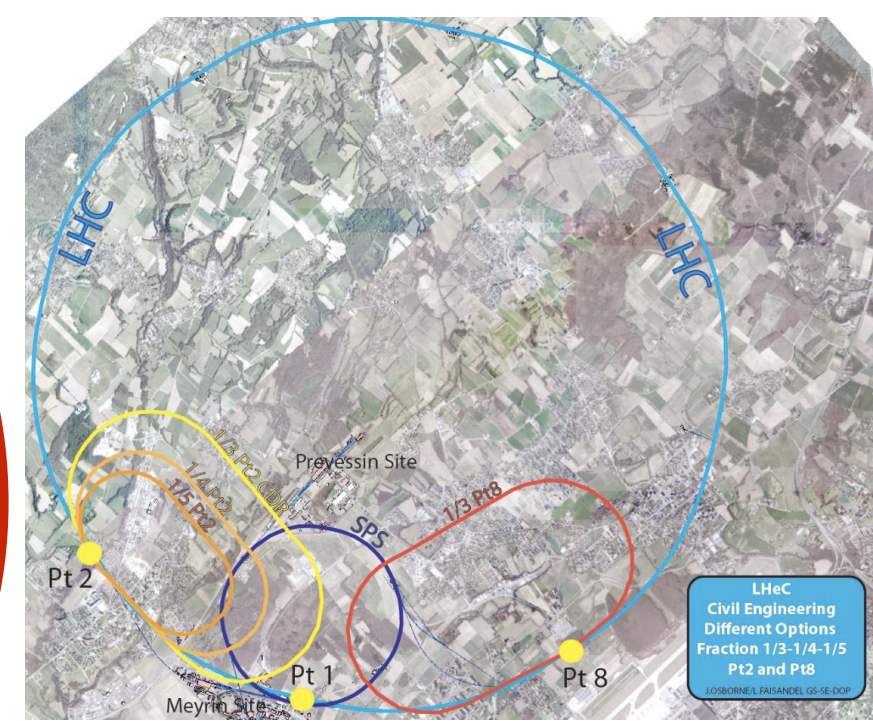
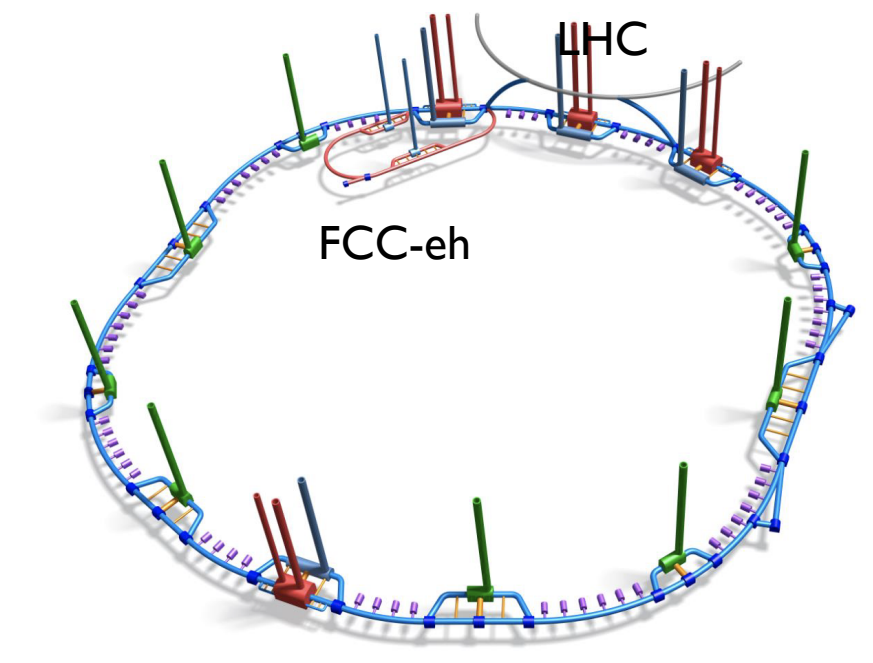
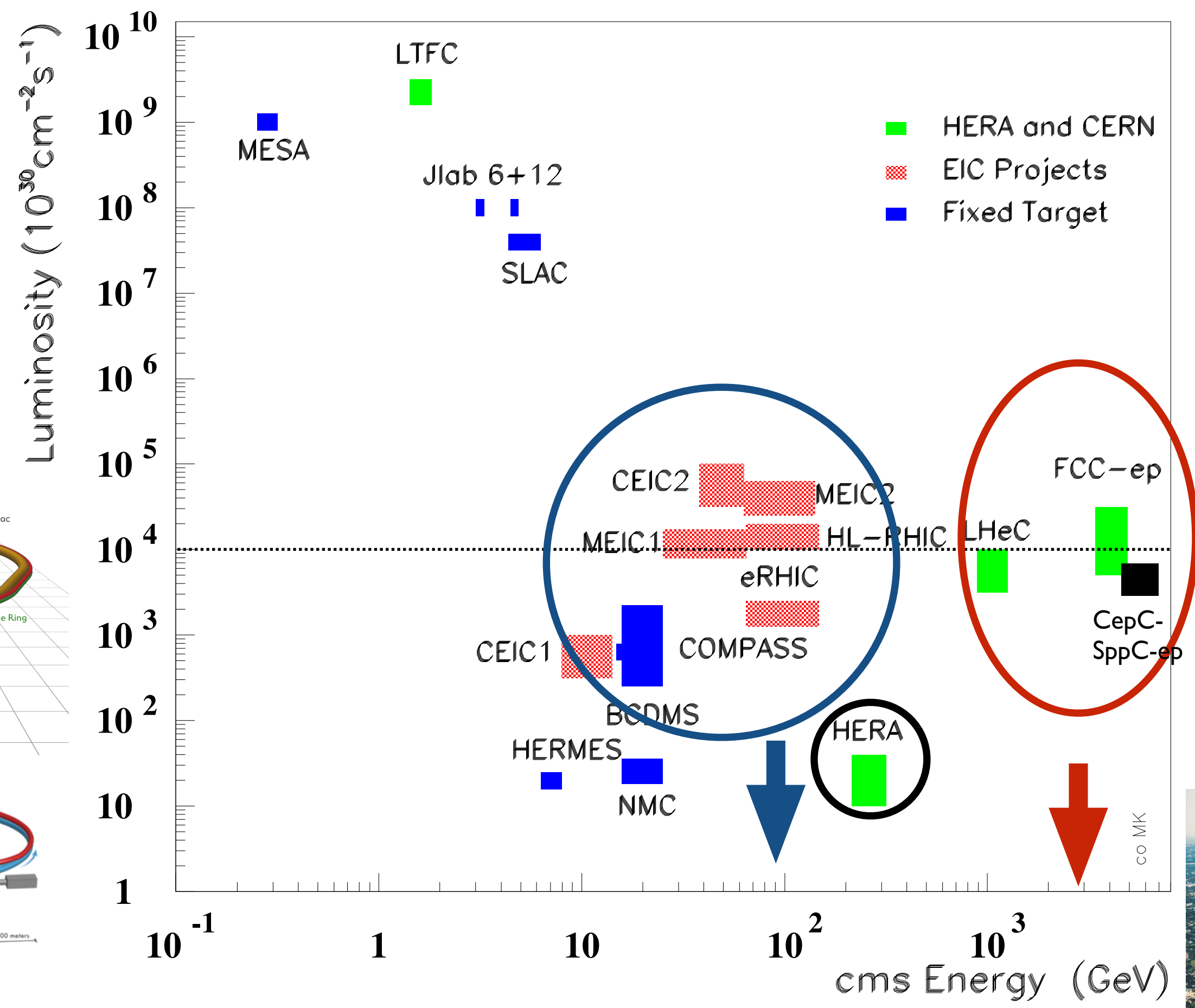
- Extraction of transport properties and hydrodynamisation times finds its key limitation in the uncertainties in the initial conditions for hydrodynamical evolution.

Machines: ep/eA

- Projects of eA colliders with $E_{cm} \sim \mathcal{O}(0.1) \text{ TeV}/A$ (EICs at US and China) and $\mathcal{O}(1) \text{ TeV}/A$ (LHeC and FCC-eh at CERN) addressing different physics.



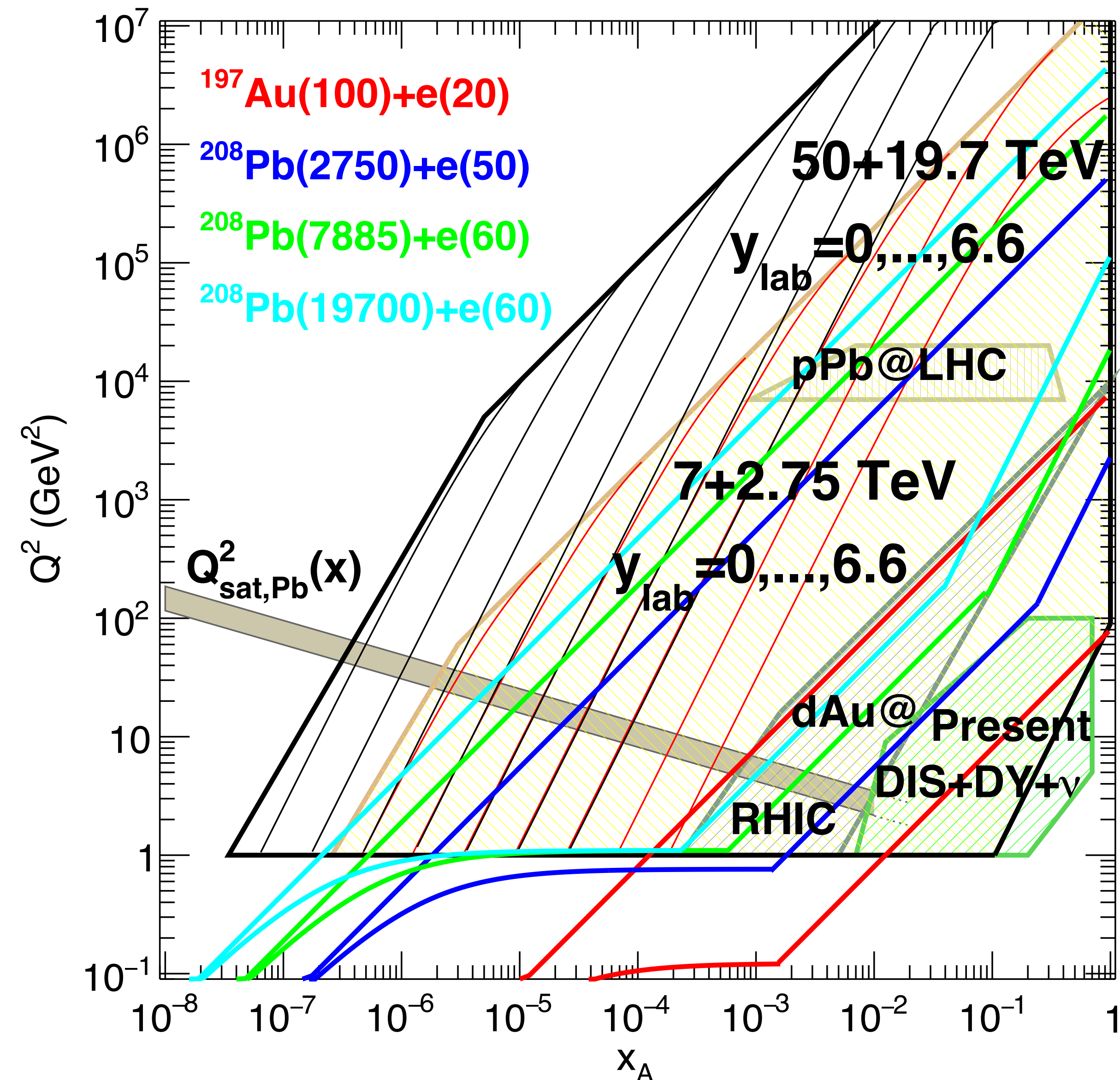
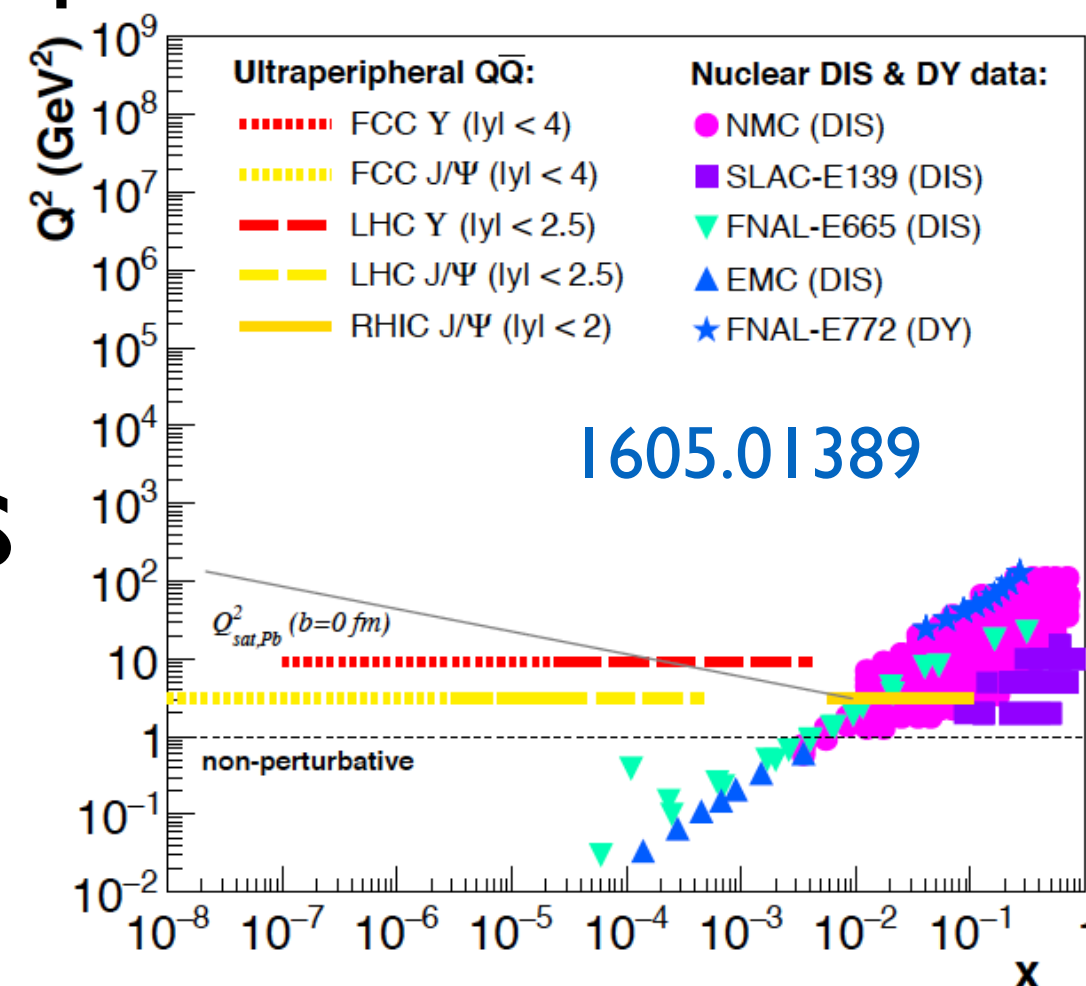
Lepton-proton/nucleus scattering facilities



Kinematics:

- Extension of several orders of magnitude in x and Q^2 w.r.t. existing DIS data.
- **DIS versus hh:**
 - pA/AA covers largest range in kinematics.
 - **DIS offers:**
 - A clean experimental environment - low multiplicity, no pileup, fully constrained kinematics x, Q^2 reconstructing the outgoing lepton;
 - A more controlled theoretical setup - many first-principles calculations, factorisation tests.

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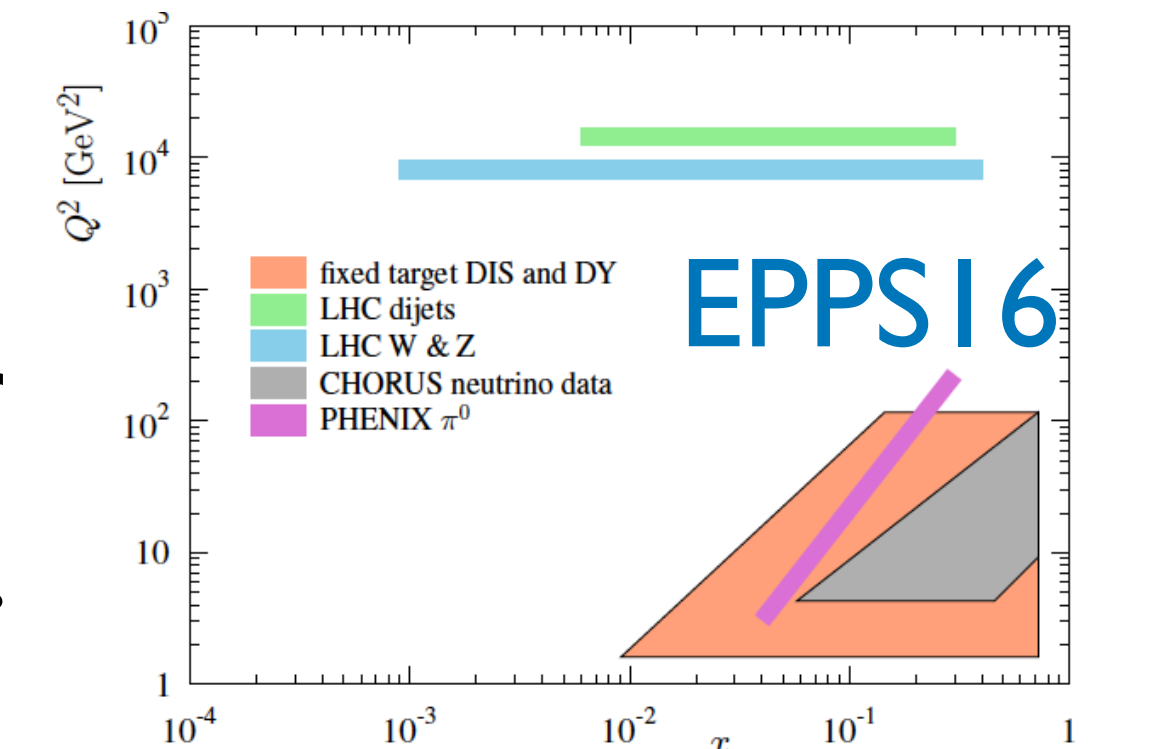
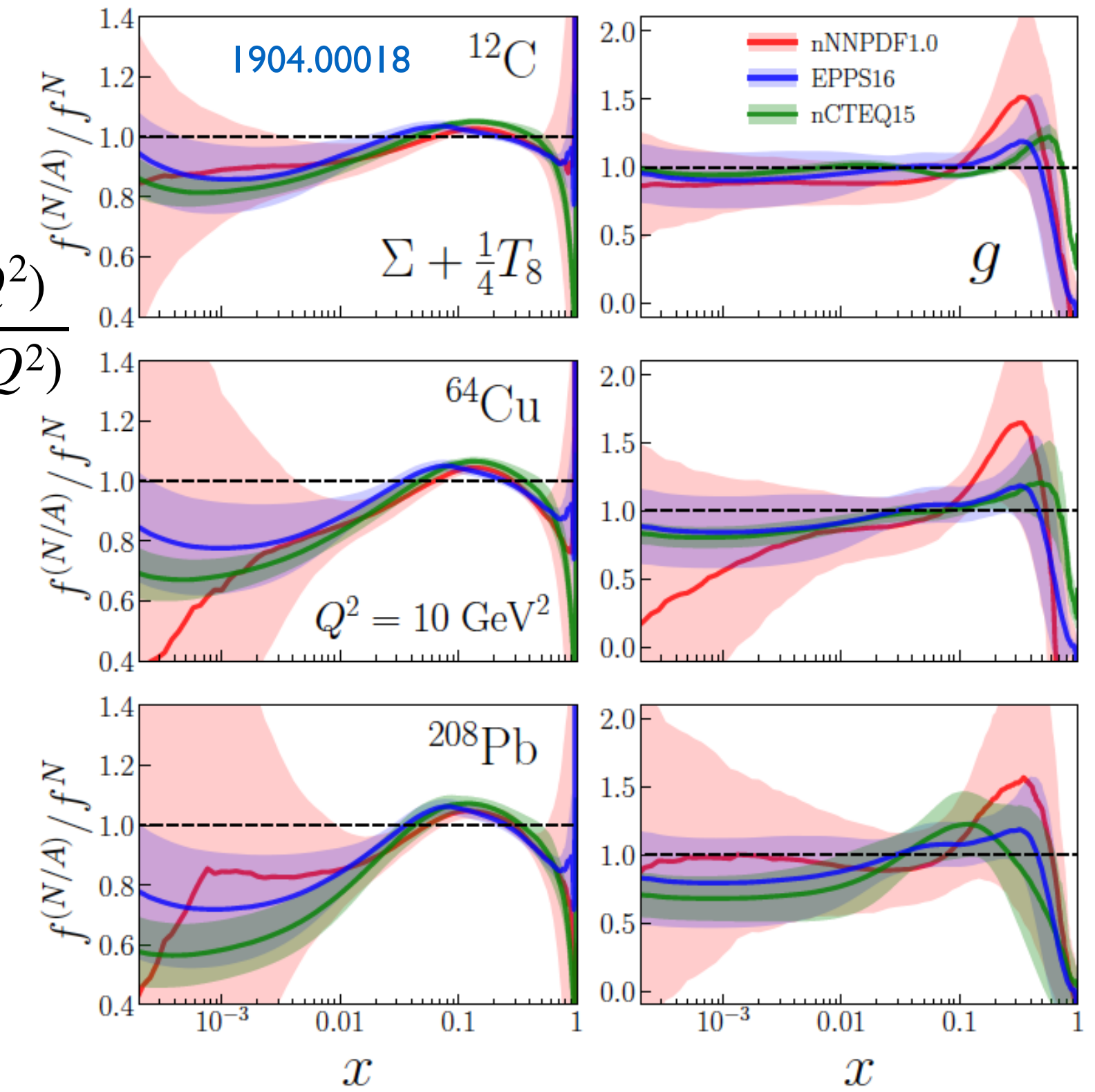
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nPDFs: status

SET	EPS09 JHEP 0904 (2009) 065	DSSZ PRD85 (2012) 074028	nCTEQ15 PRD93 (2016) 085037	KA15 PRD93 (2016) 014036	EPPS16 EPJC C77 (2017)163	nNNPDF1.0 1904.00018
data	eDIS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	DY	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
	π^0	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
	vDIS	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗
	pPb	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
# data	929	1579	740	1479	1811	451
order	NLO	NLO	NLO	NNLO	NLO	NNLO
proton PDF	CTEQ6.1	MSTW2008	~CTEQ6.1	JR09	CT14NLO	NNPDF3.1
mass scheme	ZM-VFNS	GM-VFNS	GM-VFNS	ZM-VFNS	GM-VFNS	FONLL-B
comments	$\Delta\chi^2=50$, ratios, huge shadowing-antishadowing	$\Delta\chi^2=30$, ratios, medium-modified FFs for π^0	$\Delta\chi^2=35$, PDFs, valence flavour sep., not enough sensitivity	PDFs, deuteron data included	$\Delta\chi^2=52$, flavour sep., ratios, LHC pPb data	NNPDF methodology, isoscalarity assumed

$$R_{i/A}(x, Q^2) = \frac{f_{i/A}(x, Q^2)}{A f_{i/p}(x, Q^2)}$$

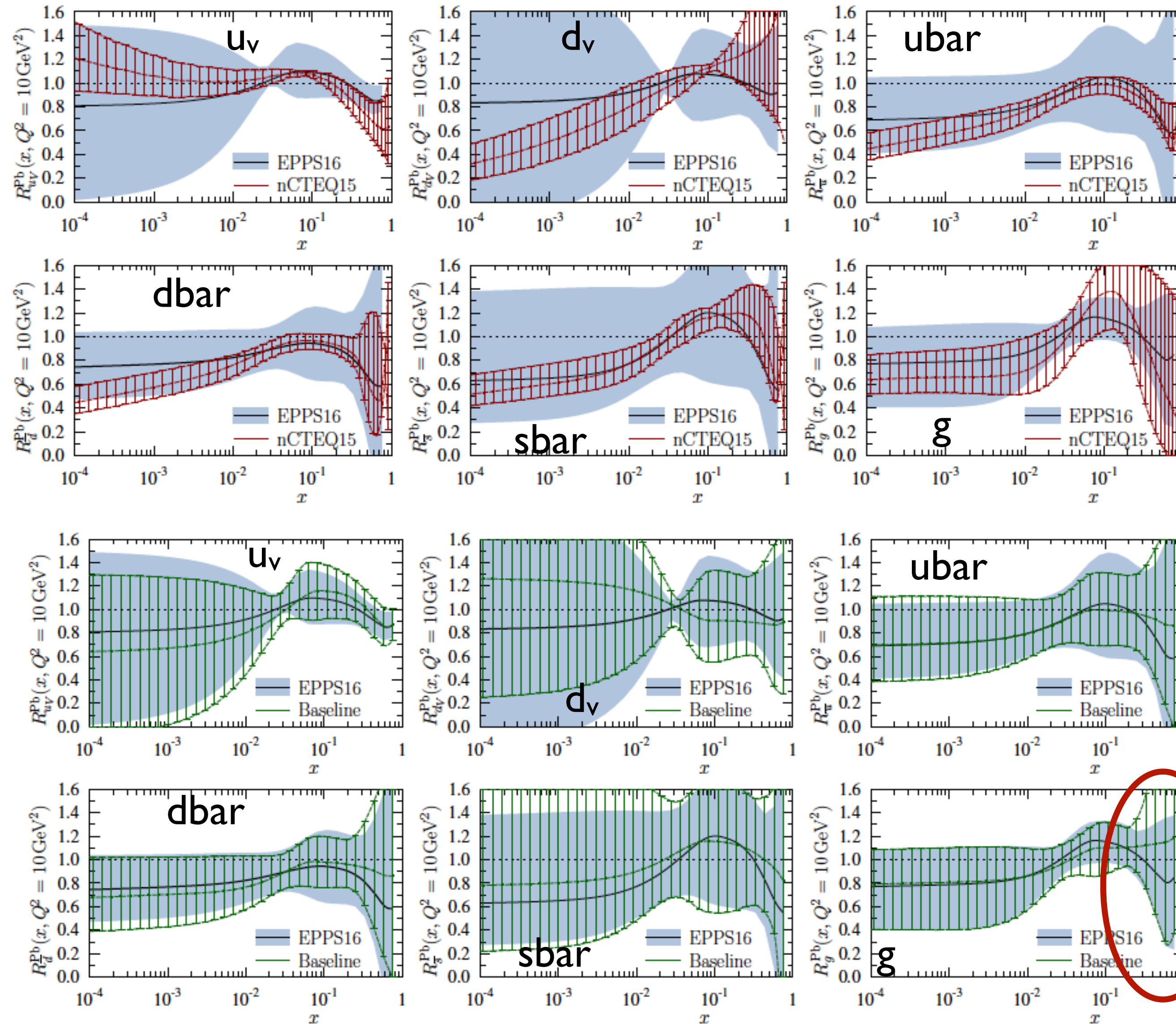


- **Large uncertainties** for $x < 0.01$ and for large x glue (parametrisation biases); small impact of LHC data (large- x glue).
- **Few data for any single A** e.g. Pb (15 DIS+30 pPb+vA): A-dependence of I.C. mandatory; flavour decomposition weakly constrained (\sim isoscalarity).
- Impact parameter dependence modelled.

nPDFs: status

- nCTEQ15 vs. EPPS16: note the parametrisation bias.

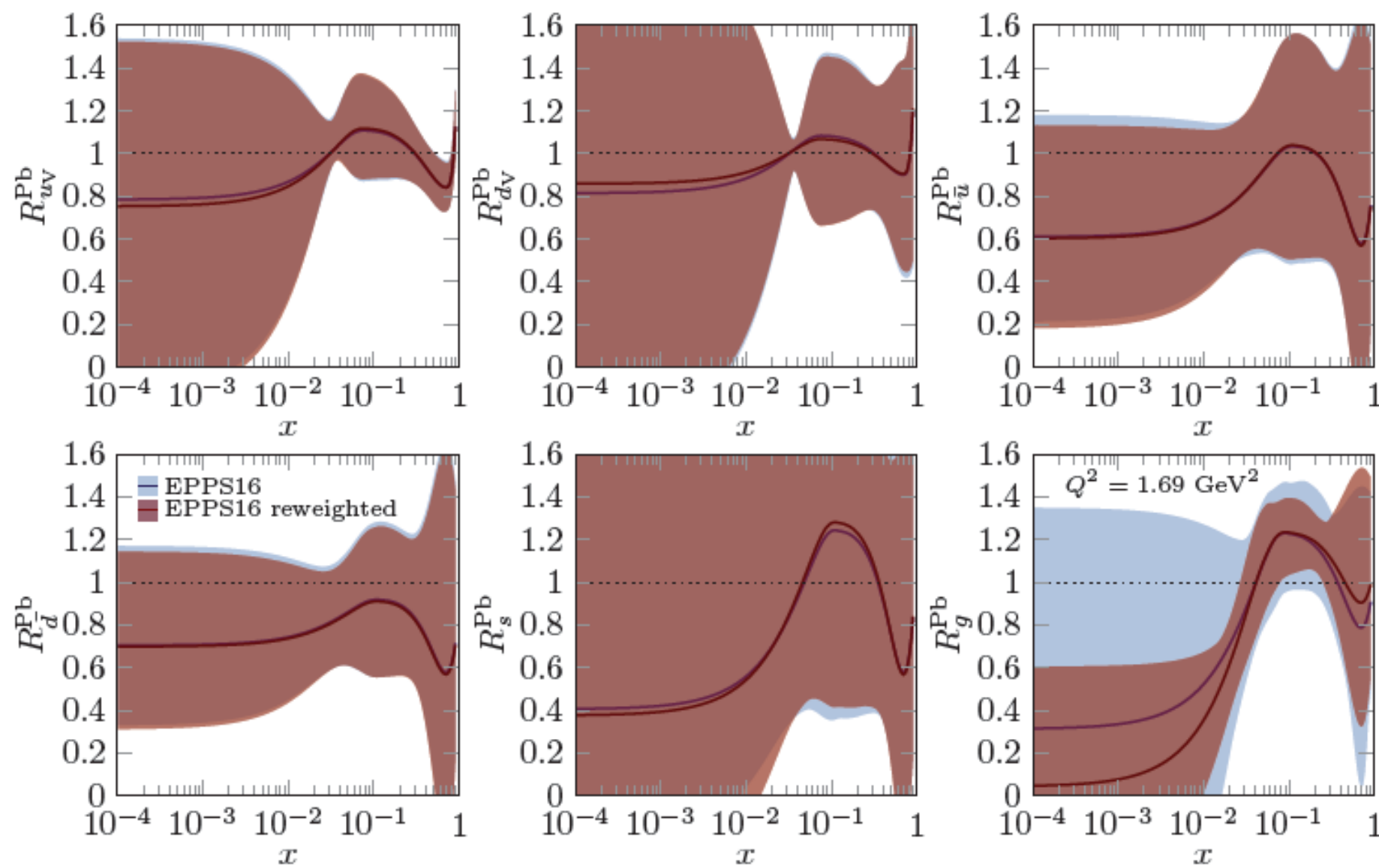
- Presently available LHC (dijets, W/Z in pPb) data seem not to have a large effect: large-x glue (baseline=no v, no LHC data).



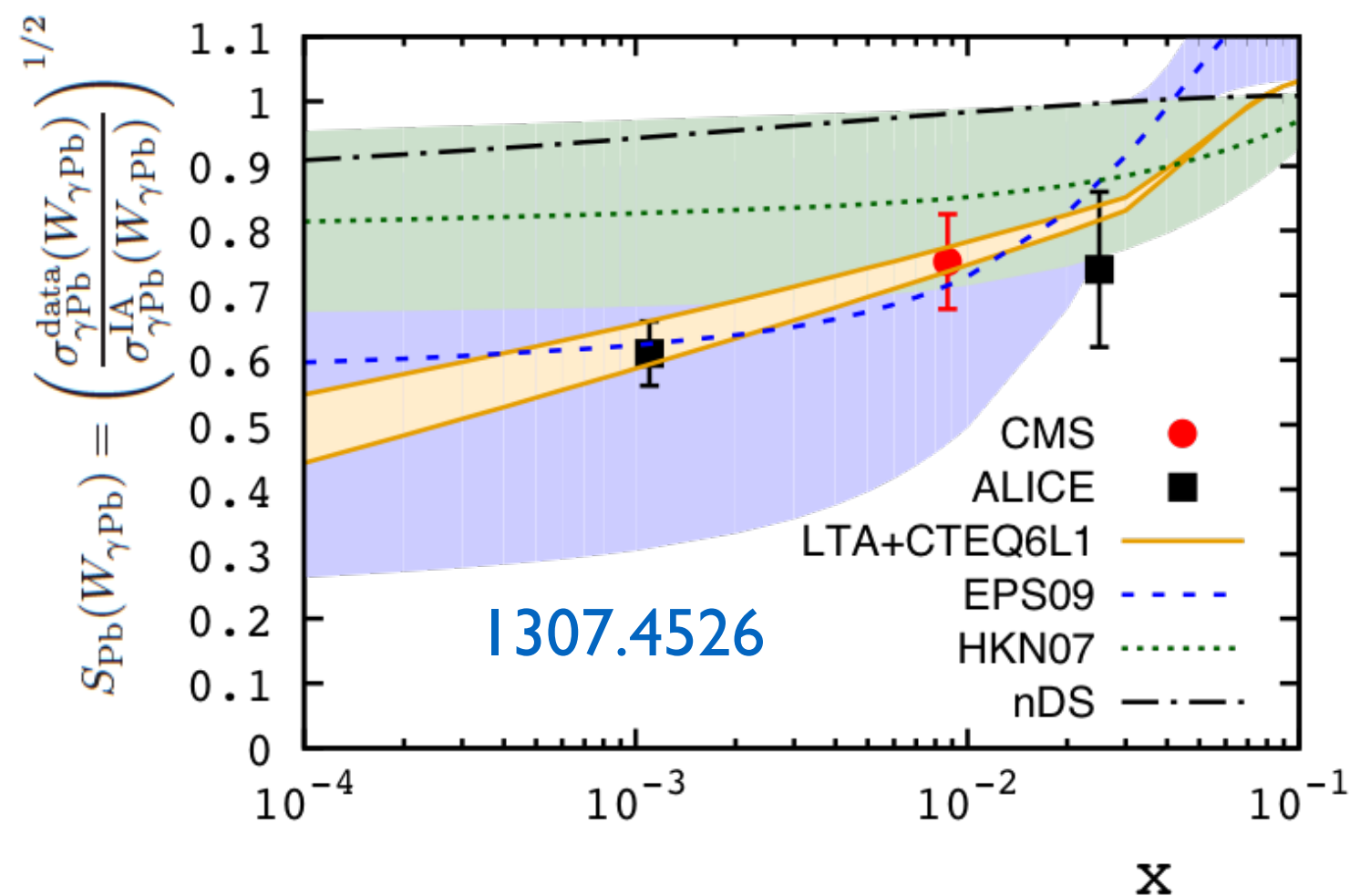
Experiment	Observable	Collisions	Data points	χ^2	Ref.
SLAC E139	DIS	e^- -He(4), e^- -D	21	12.2	[69]
CERN NMC 95, re.	DIS	μ^- -He(4), μ^- -D	16	18.0	[70]
CERN NMC 95	DIS	μ^- -Li(6), μ^- -D	15	18.4	[71]
CERN NMC 95, Q^2 dep.	DIS	μ^- -Li(6), μ^- -D	153	161.2	[71]
SLAC E139	DIS	e^- -Be(9), e^- -D	20	12.9	[69]
CERN NMC 96	DIS	μ^- -Be(9), μ^- -C	15	4.4	[72]
SLAC E139	DIS	e^- -C(12), e^- -D	7	6.4	[69]
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CERN NMC 95, re.	DIS	μ^- -C(12), μ^- -Li(6)	20	27.9	[70]
FNAL E772	DY	pC(12), pD	9	11.3	[73]
SLAC E139	DIS	e^- -Al(27), e^- -D	20	13.7	[69]
CERN NMC 96	DIS	μ^- -Al(27), μ^- -C(12)	15	5.6	[72]
SLAC E139	DIS	e^- -Ca(40), e^- -D	7	4.8	[69]
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SLAC E139	DIS	e^- -Fe(56), e^- -D	26	22.6	[69]
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CERN NMC 96	DIS	μ^- -Fe(56), μ^- -C(12)	15	10.8	[72]
FNAL E866	DY	pFe(56), pBe(9)	28	20.1	[74]
CERN EMC	DIS	μ^- -Cu(64), μ^- -D	19	15.4	[75]
SLAC E139	DIS	e^- -Ag(108), e^- -D	7	8.0	[69]
CERN NMC 96	DIS	μ^- -Sn(117), μ^- -C(12)	15	12.5	[72]
CERN NMC 96, Q^2 dep.	DIS	μ^- -Sn(117), μ^- -C(12)	144	87.6	[76]
FNAL E772	DY	pW(184), pD	9	7.2	[73]
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CERN NA10*	DY	π^- -W(184), π^- -D	10	11.6	[49]
FNAL E615*	DY	π^+ -W(184), π^- -W(184)	11	10.2	[50]
CERN NA3*	DY	π^- -Pt(195), π^- -H	7	4.6	[48]
SLAC E139	DIS	e^- -Au(197), e^- -D	21	8.4	[69]
RHIC PHENIX	π^0	dAu(197), pp	20	6.9	[28]
CERN NMC 96	DIS	μ^- -Pb(207), μ^- -C(12)	15	4.1	[72]
CERN CMS*	W^\pm	pPb(208)	10	8.8	[43]
CERN CMS*	Z	pPb(208)	6	5.8	[45]
CERN ATLAS*	Z	pPb(208)	7	9.6	[46]
CERN CMS*	dijet	pPb(208)	7	5.5	[34]
CERN CHORUS*	DIS	ν Pb(208), $\bar{\nu}$ Pb(208)	824	998.6	[47]
Total			1811	1789	

EPPS16

nPDFs @ LHC: present



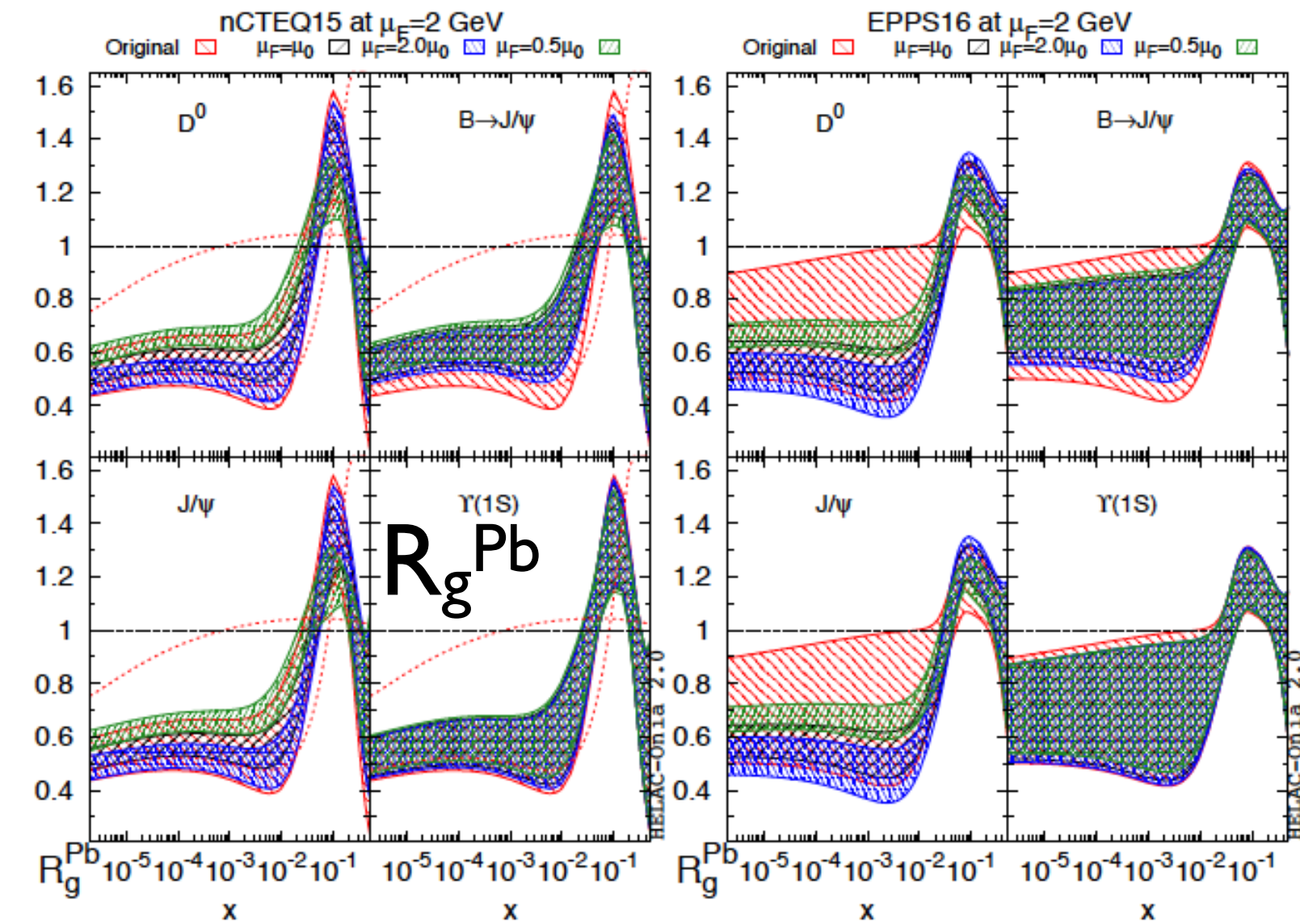
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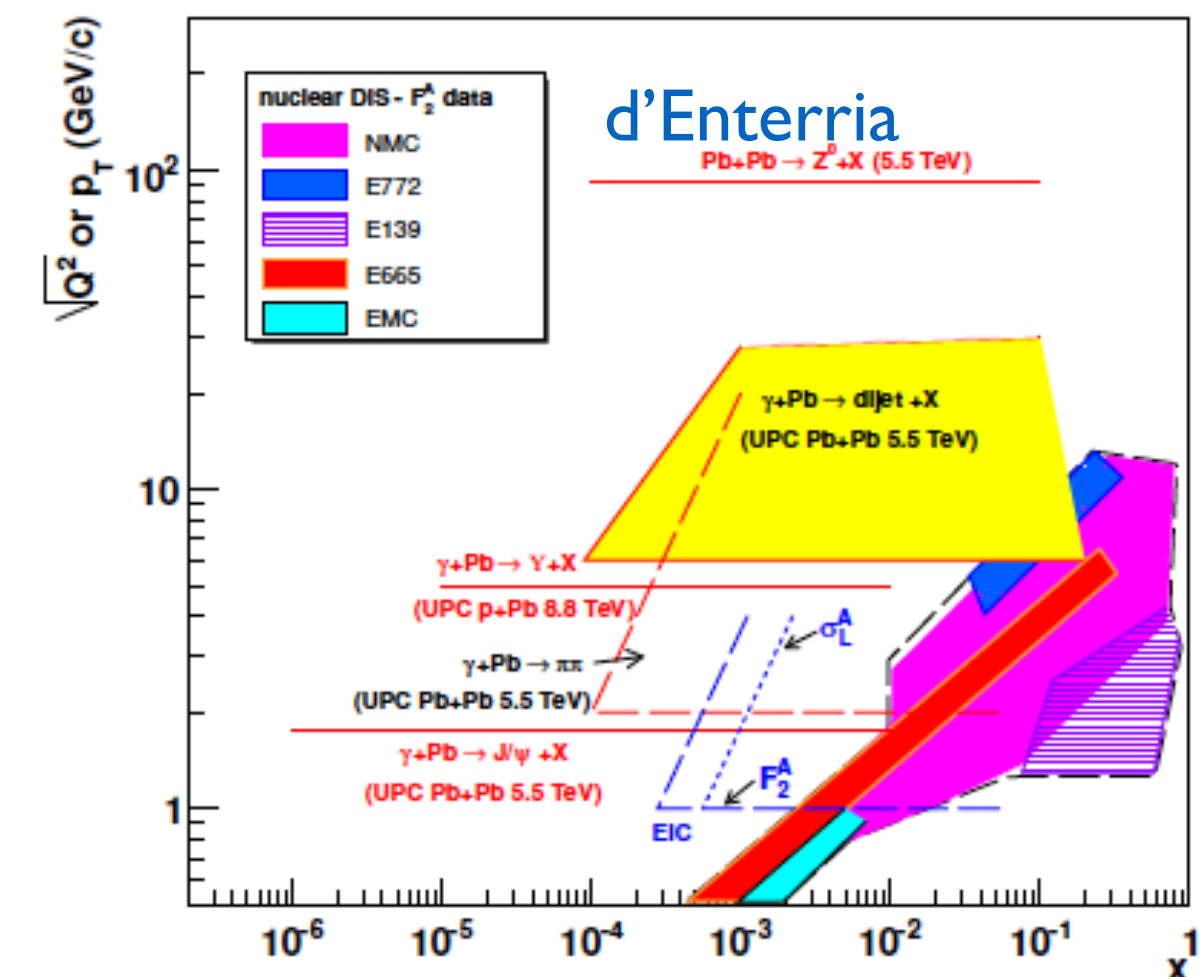
- Theoretical control in PT over forward D or J/ψ under debate: scales, DPS, non-linear dynamics, ... E.g. quarkonium: superposition of nPDFs + eloss/absorption + comovers for ψ', ...

- Collectivity (flow for D in pPb as for charged hadrons in pPb and PbPb?) would challenge the use of low p_T data for extraction of nPDFs.

- UPCs offer possibilities for constraining nPDFs: they were the first indication of nuclear shadowing.

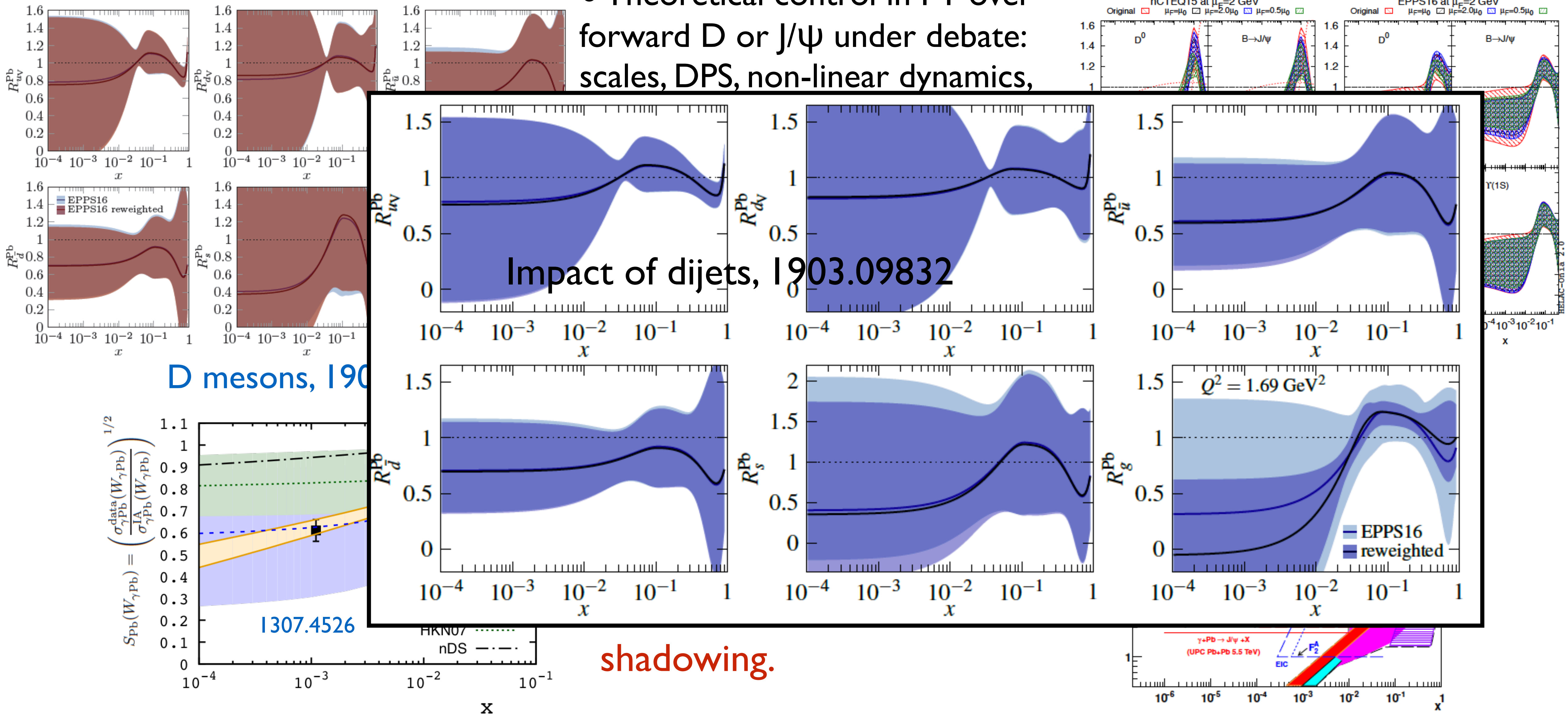


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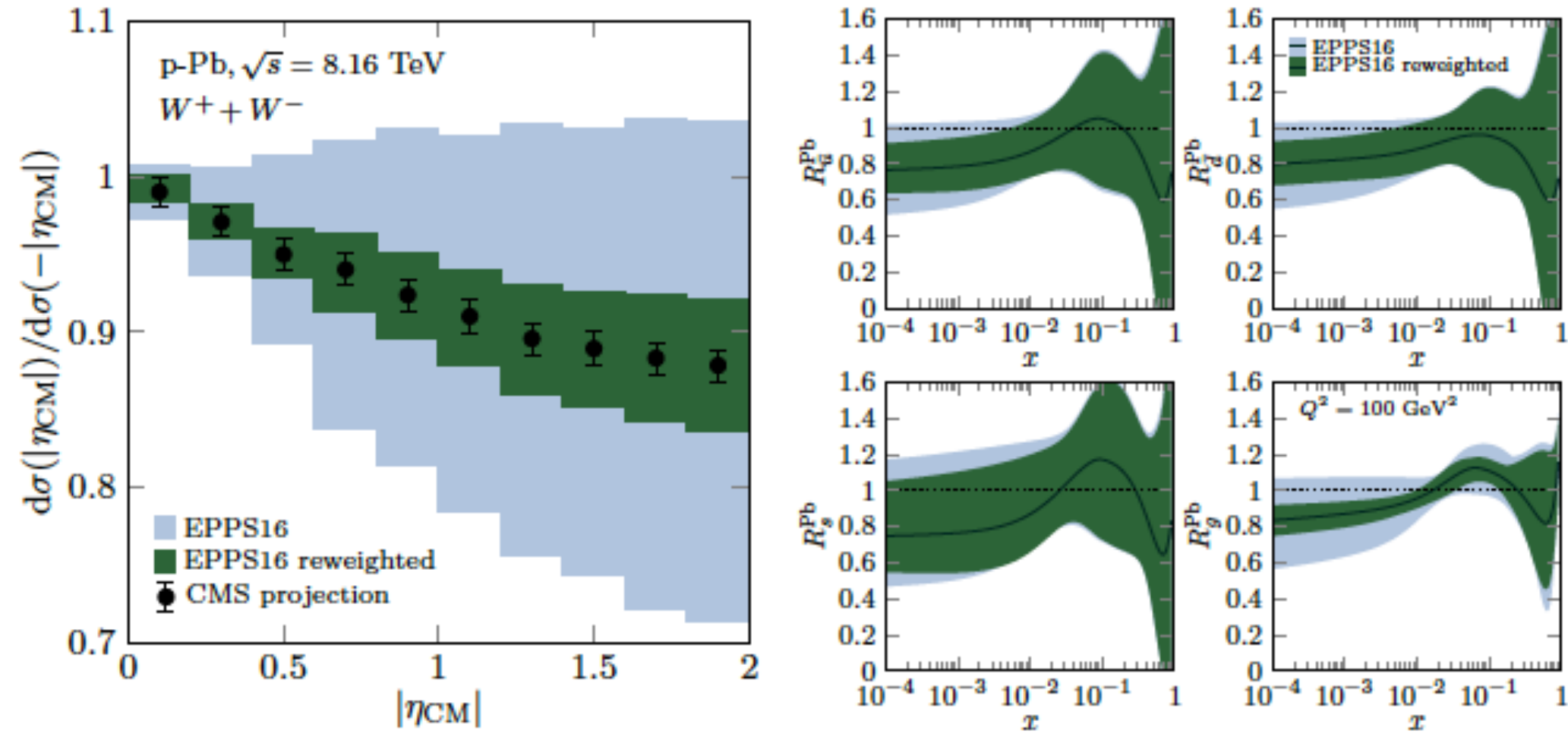
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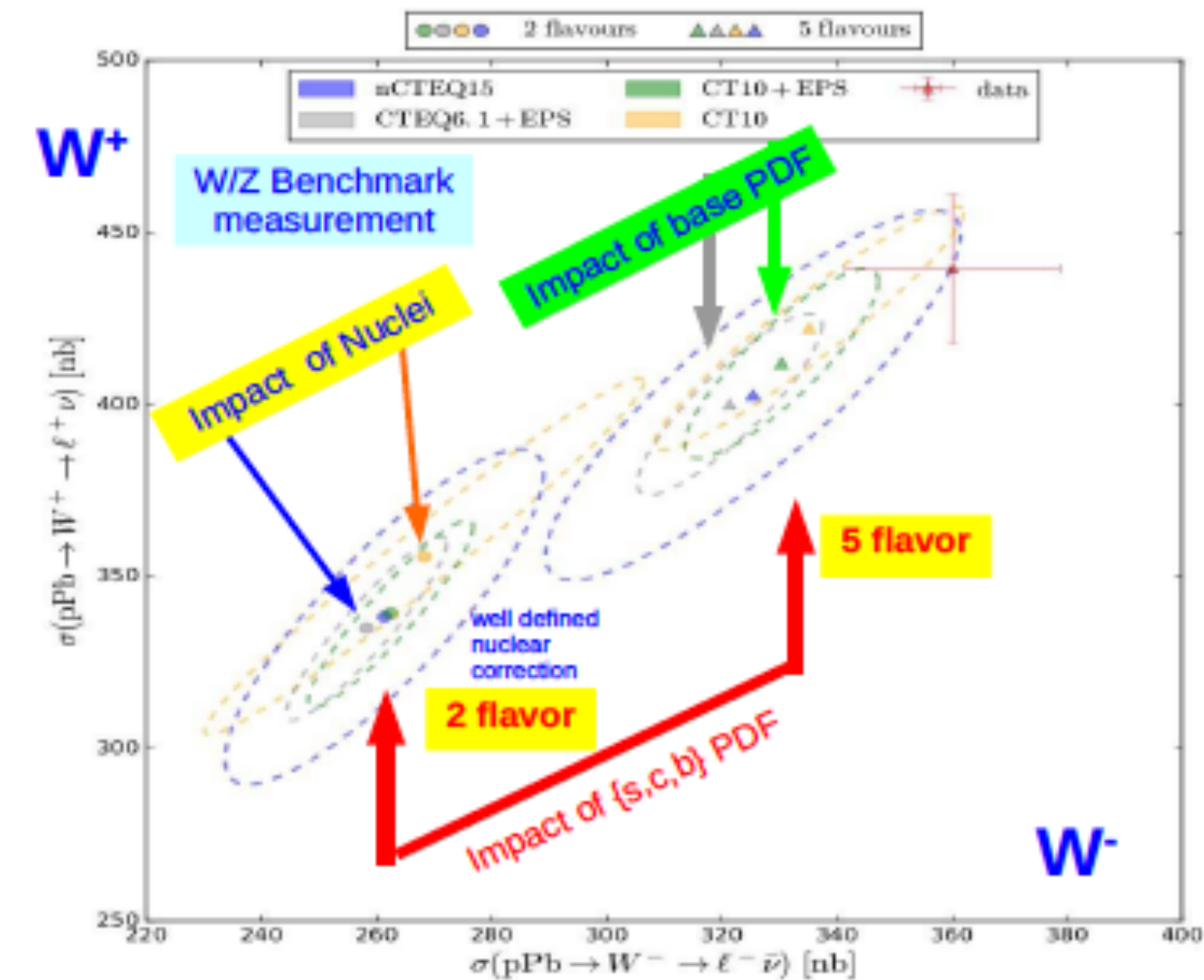
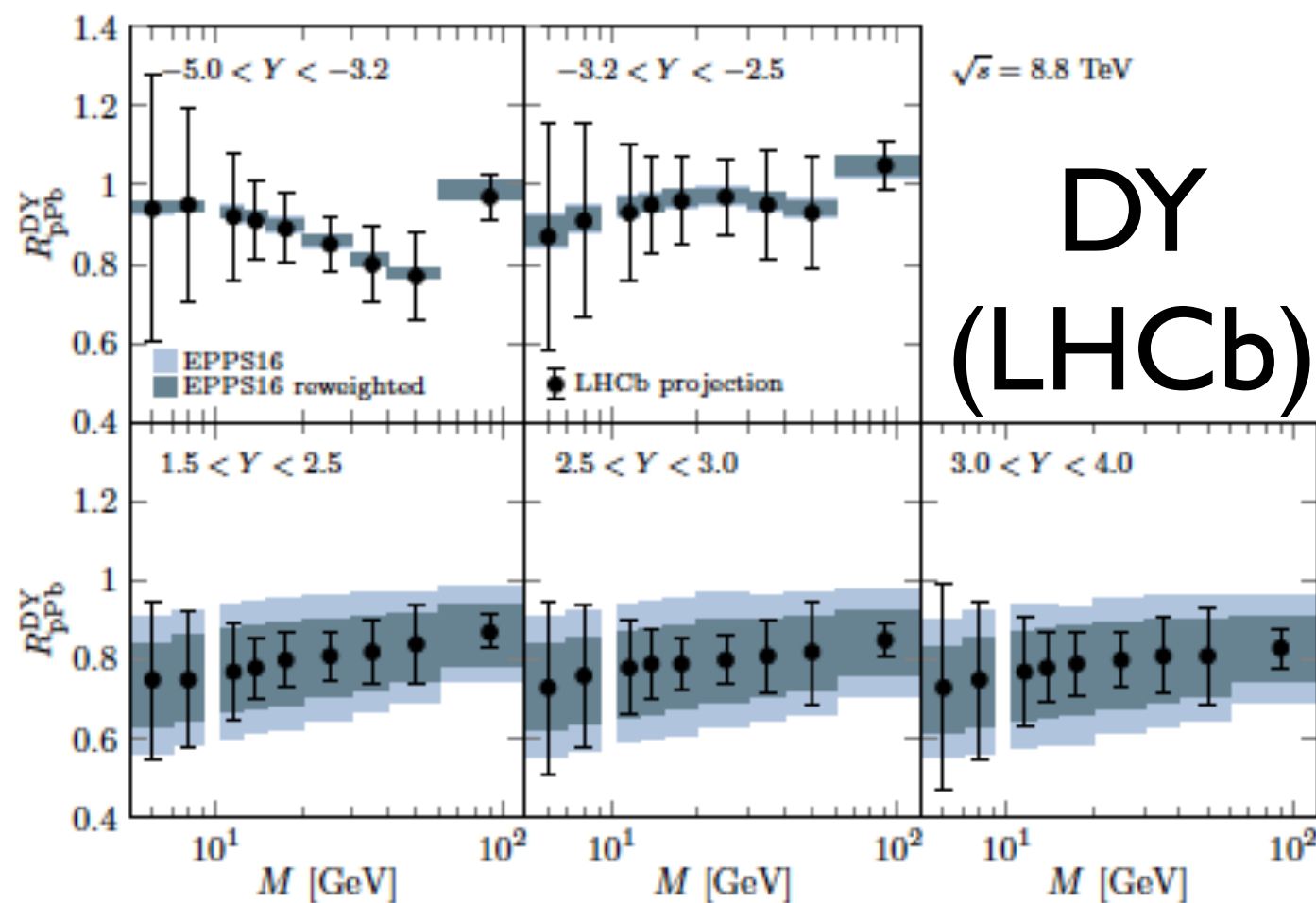
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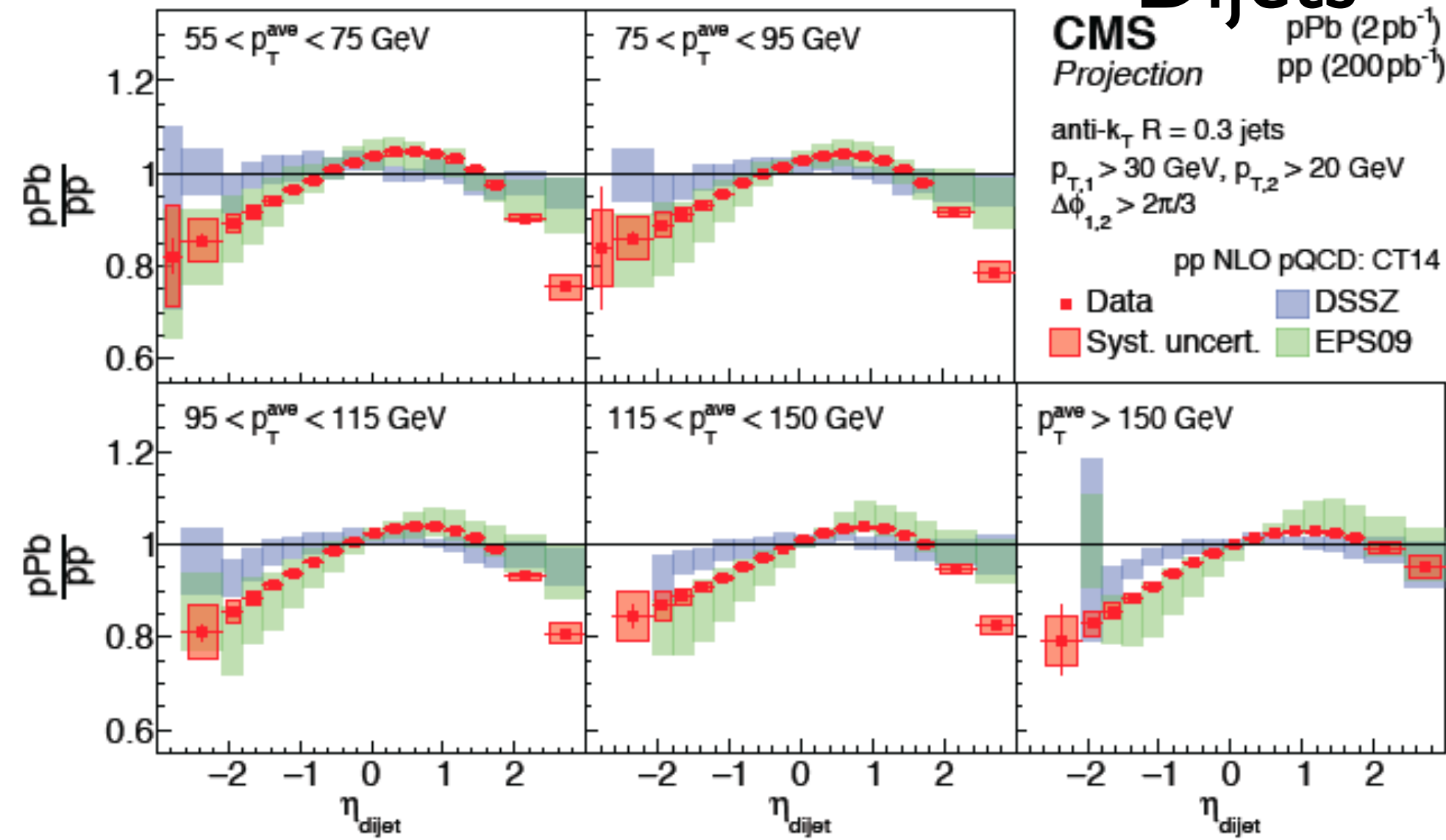
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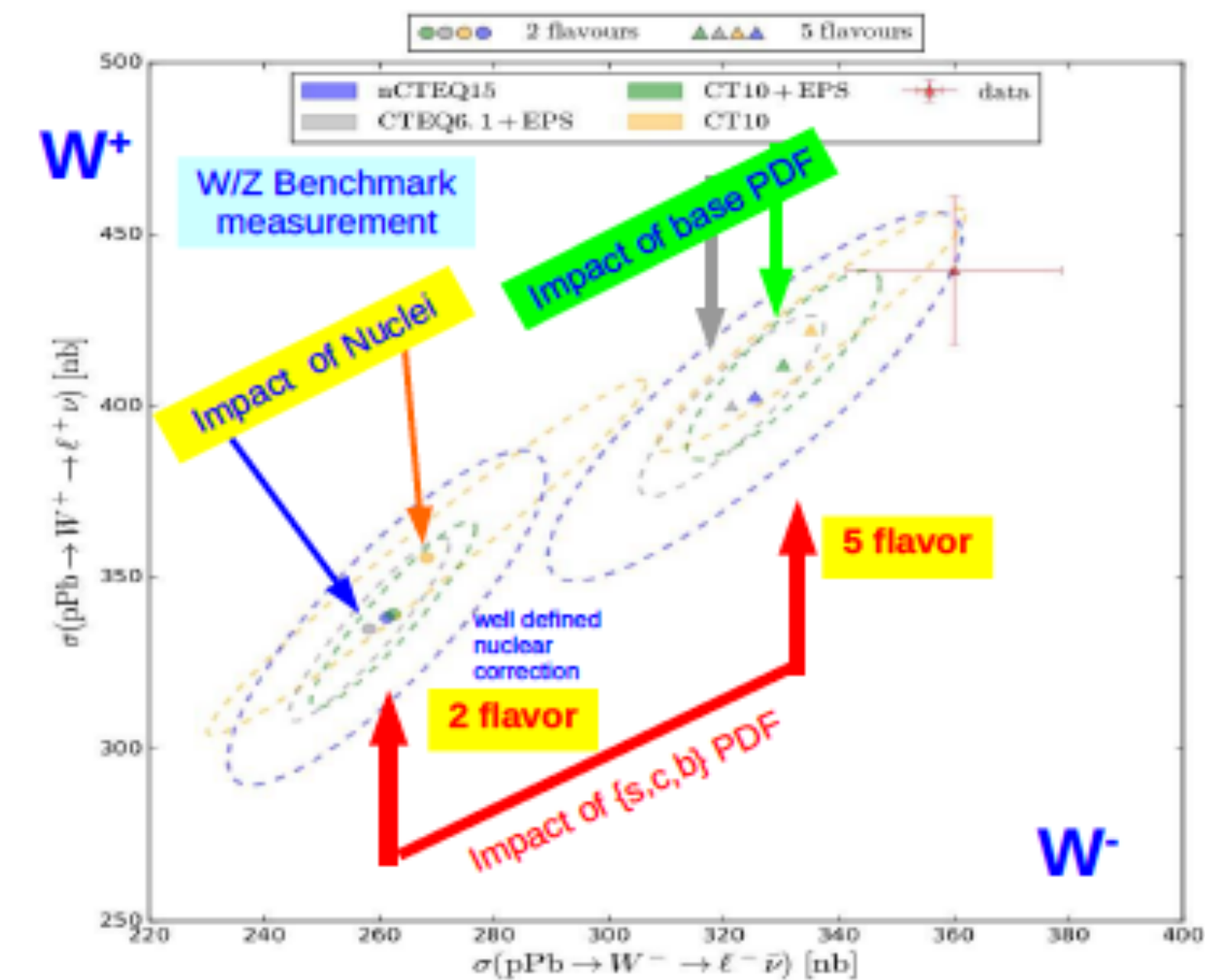
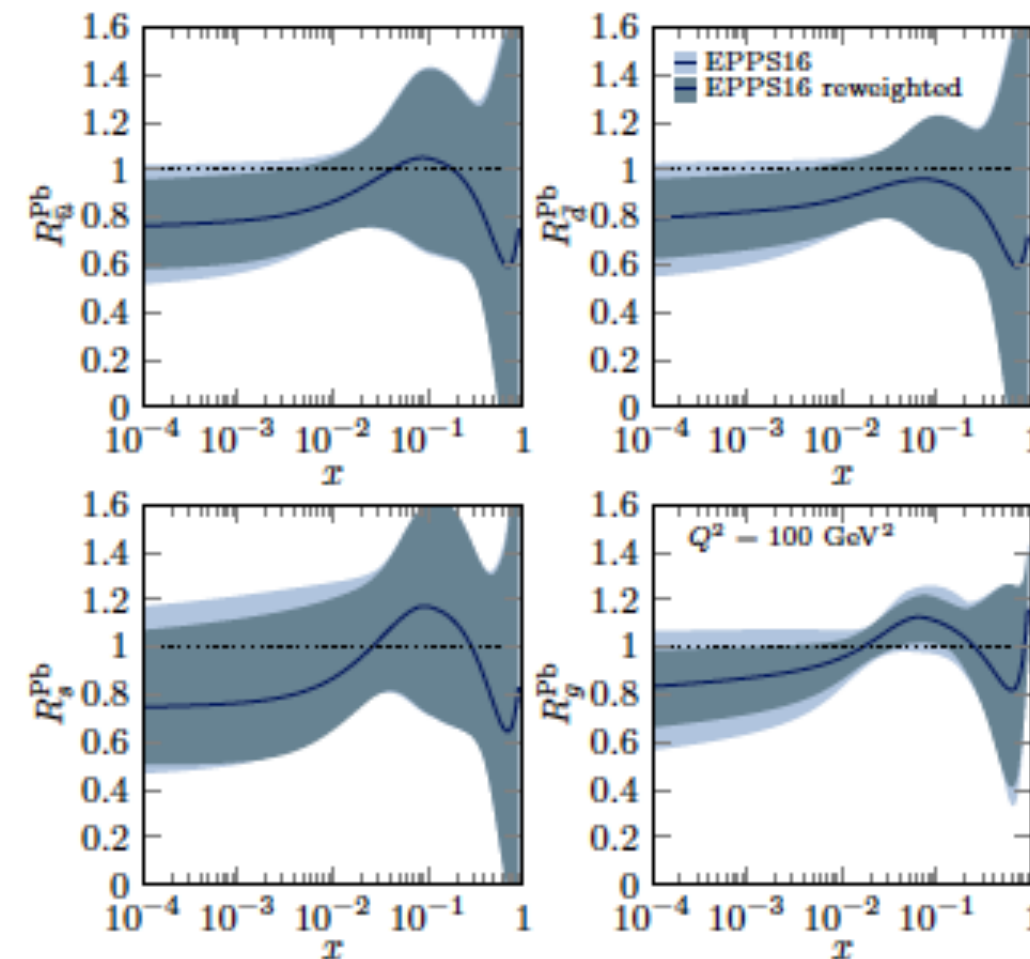
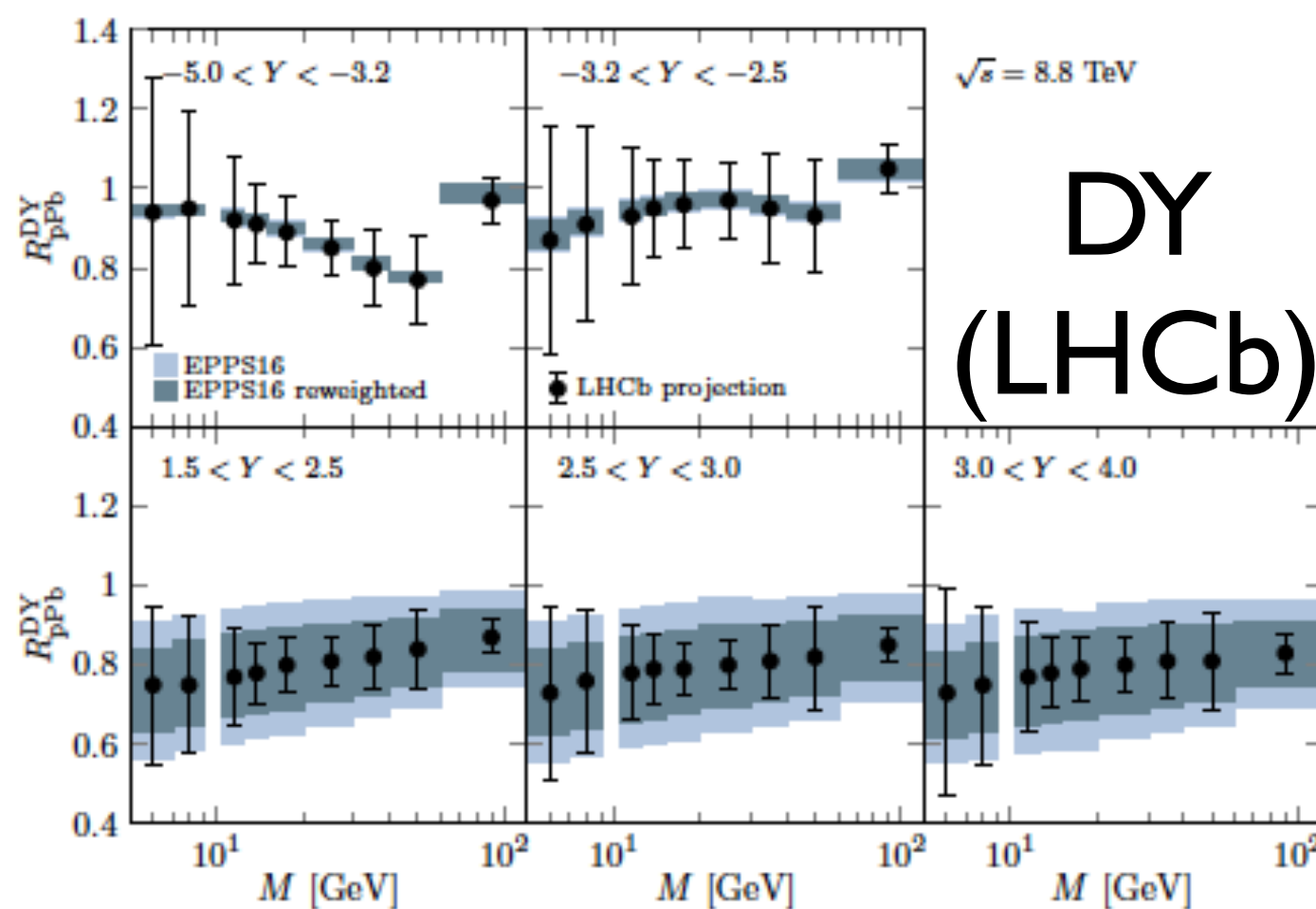
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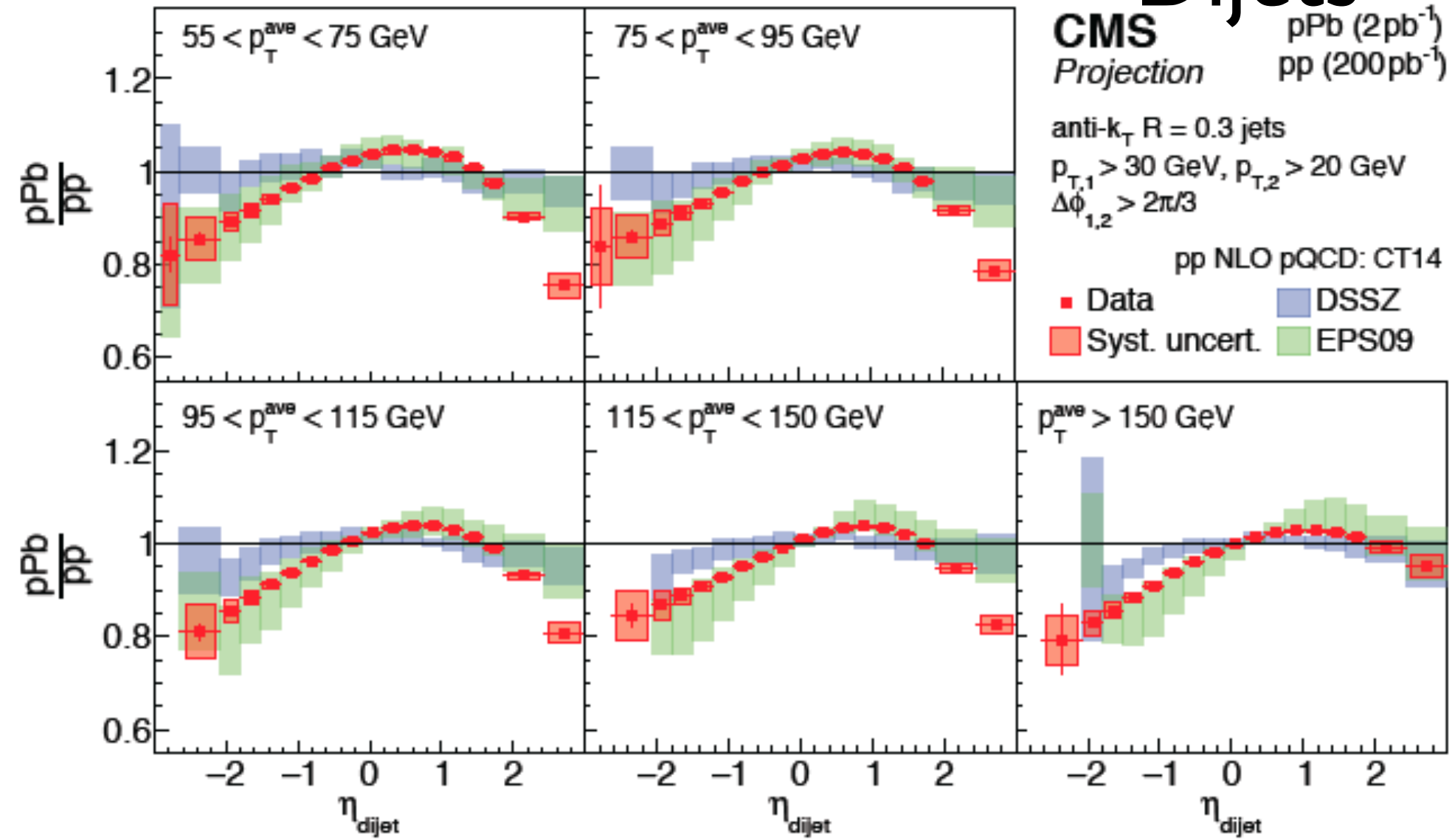
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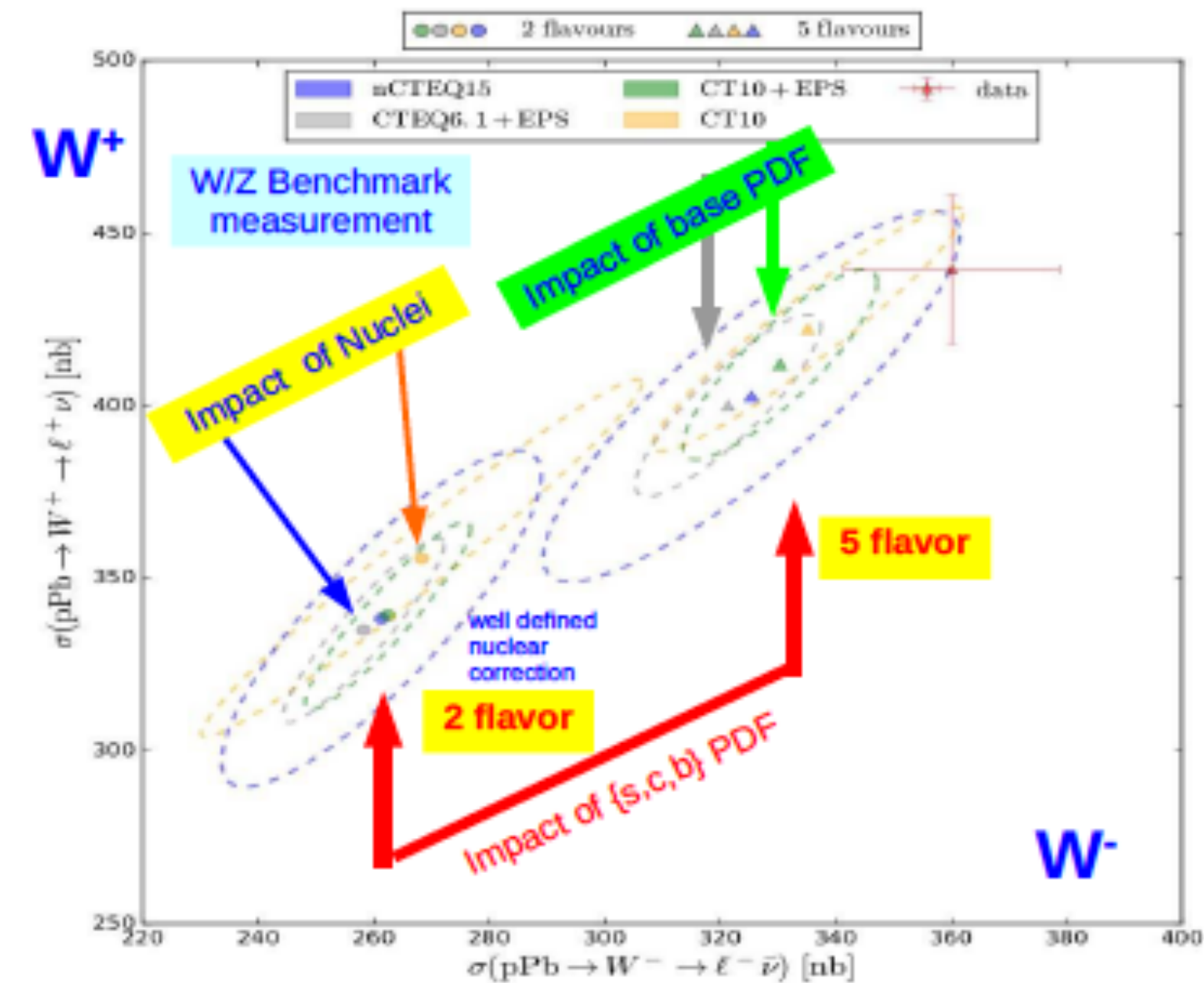
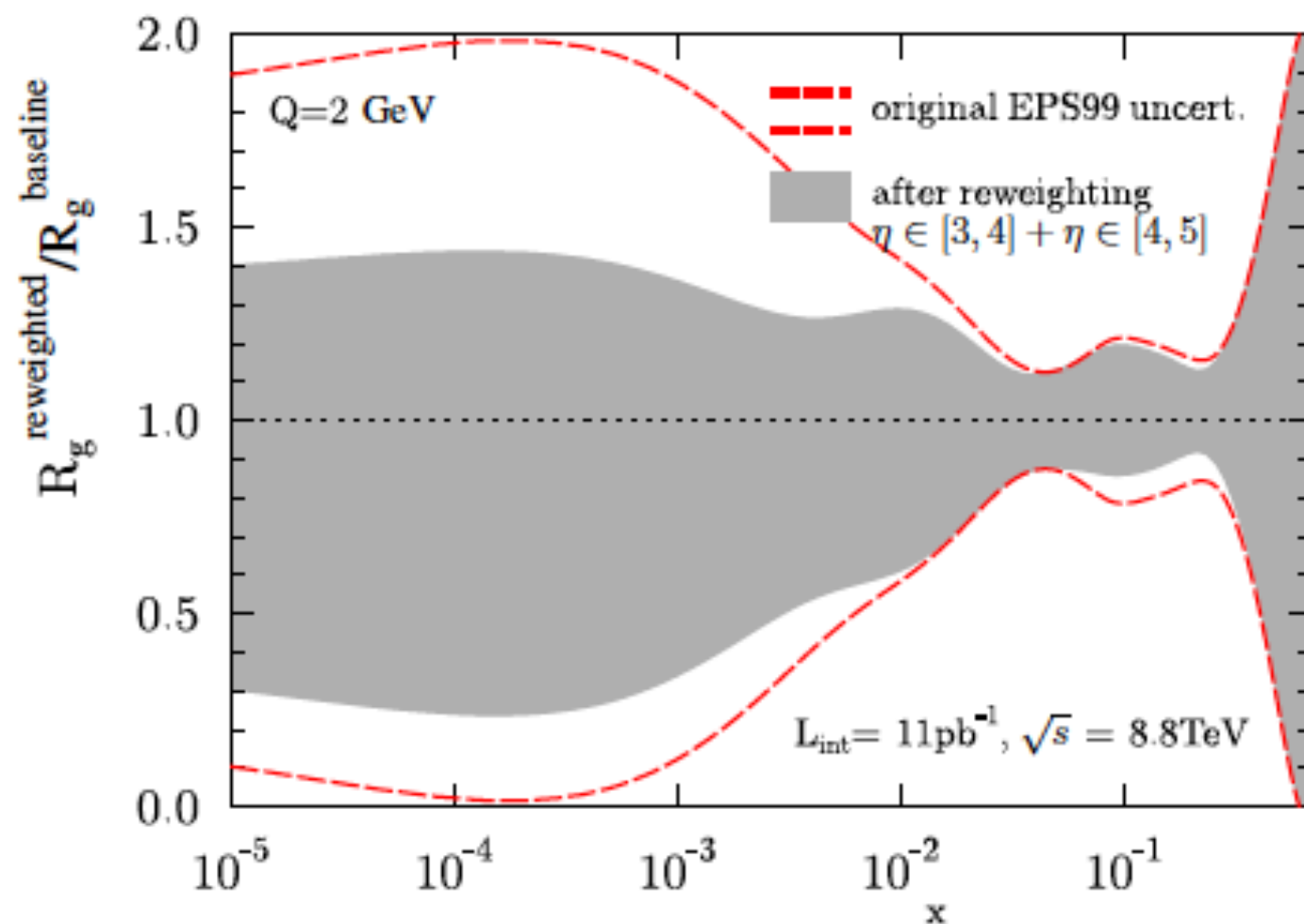
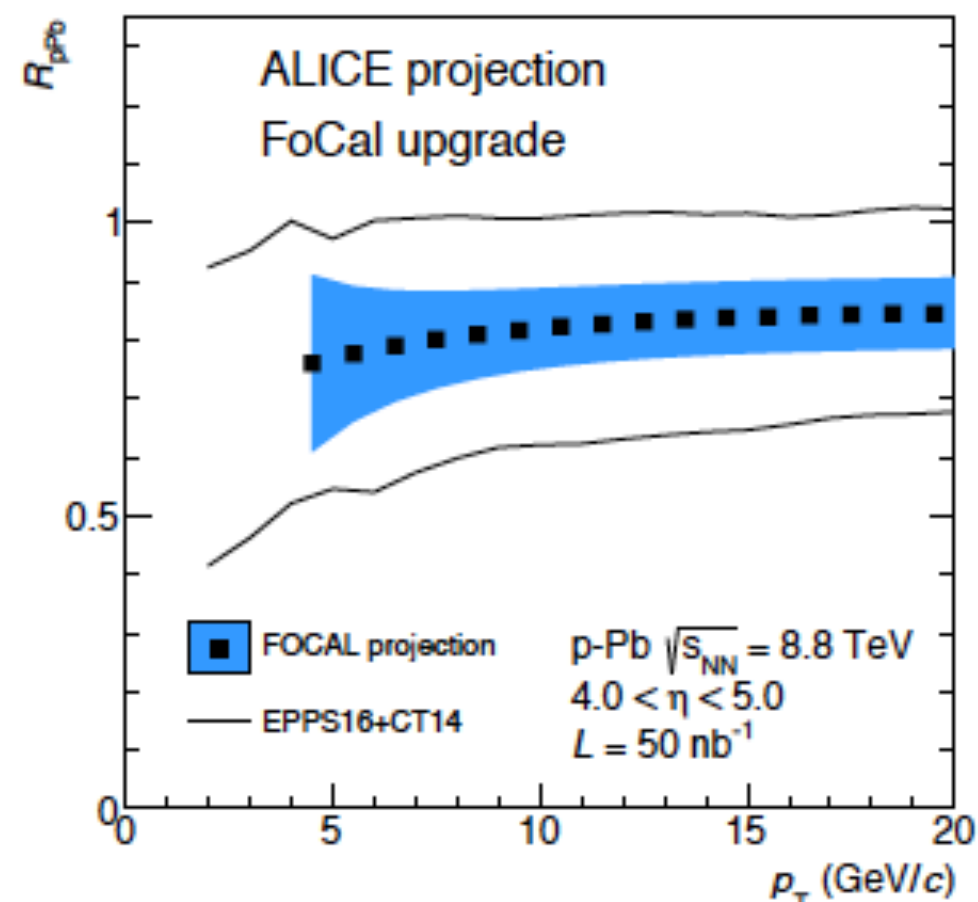
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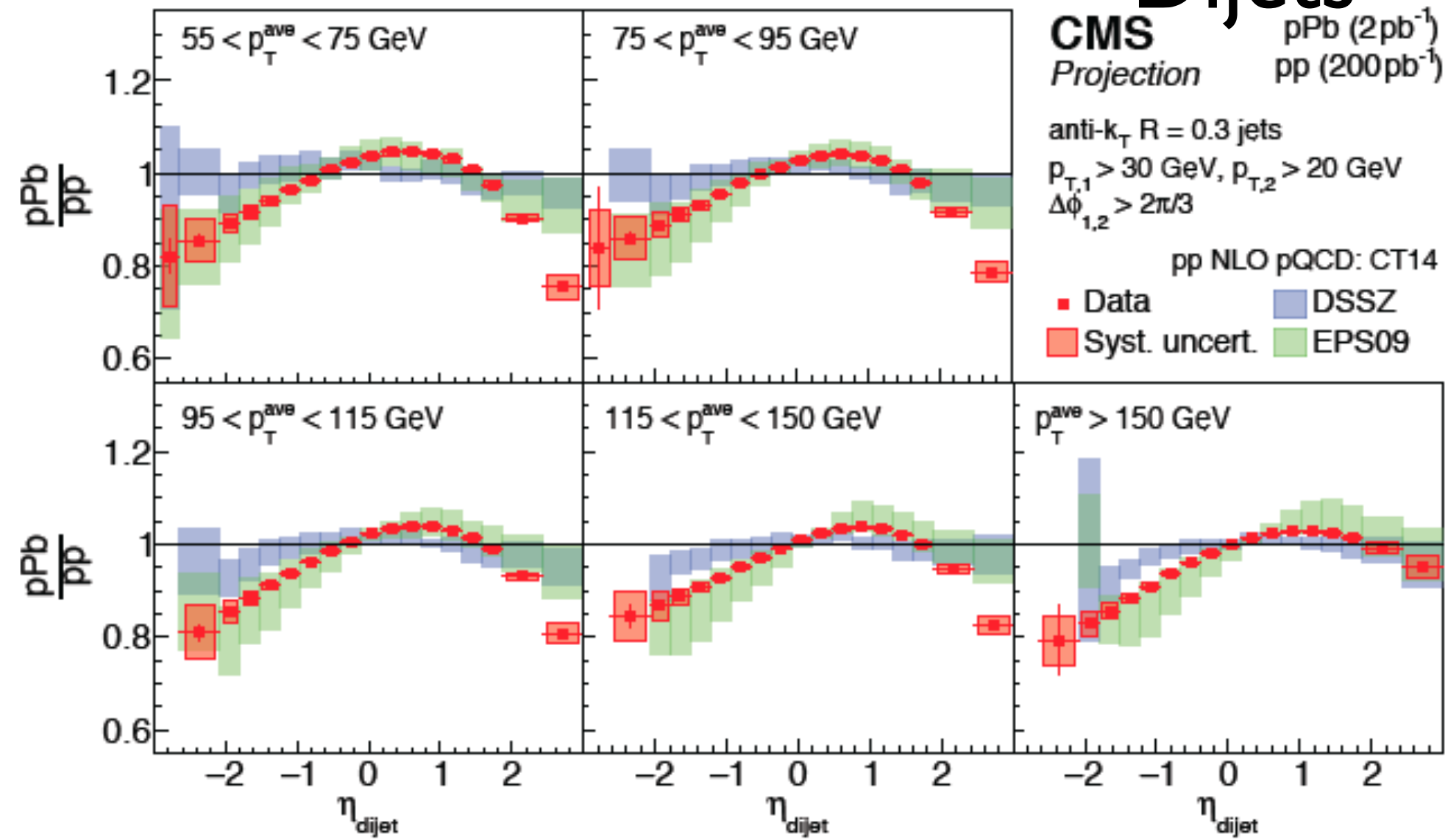
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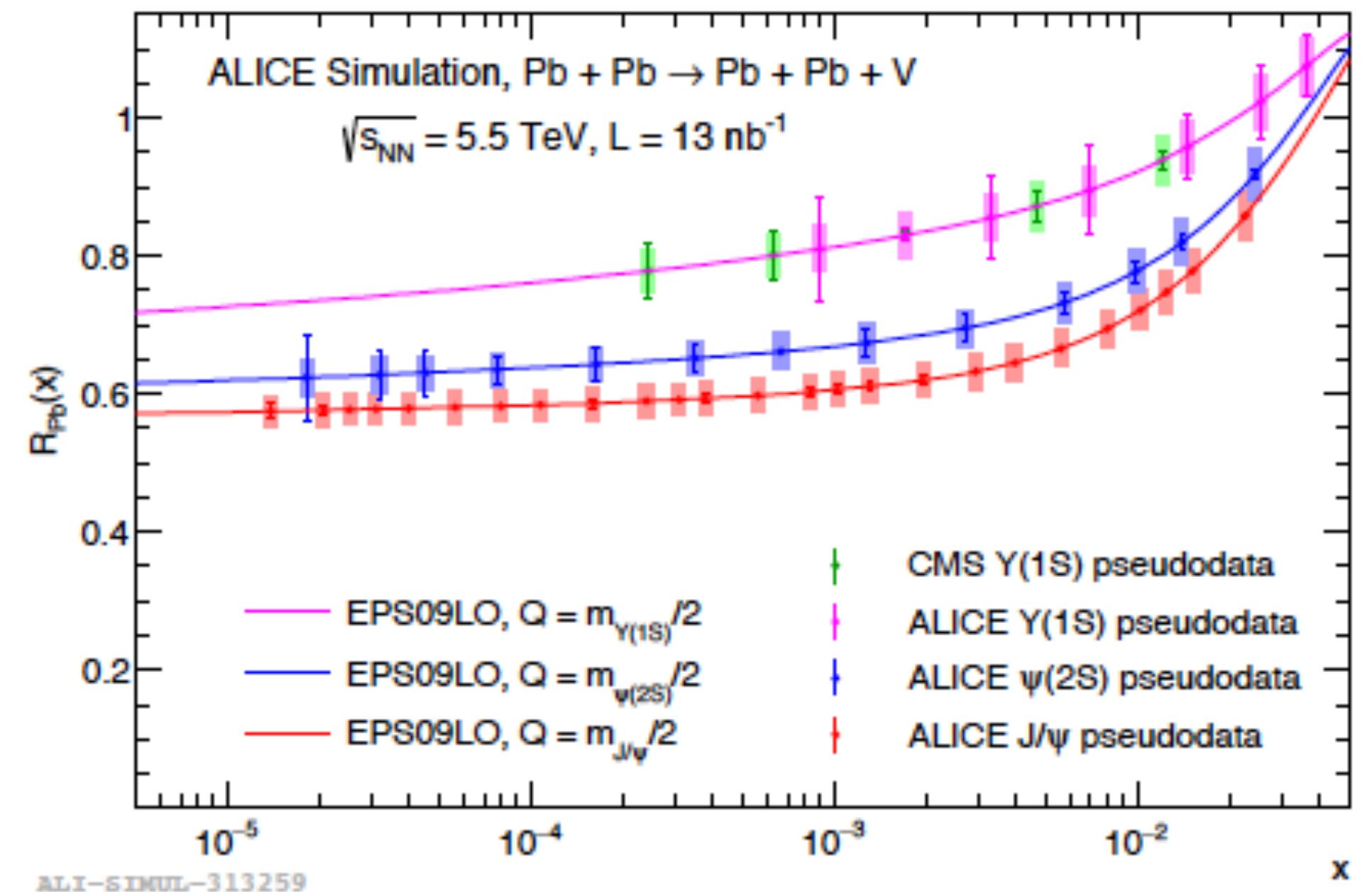
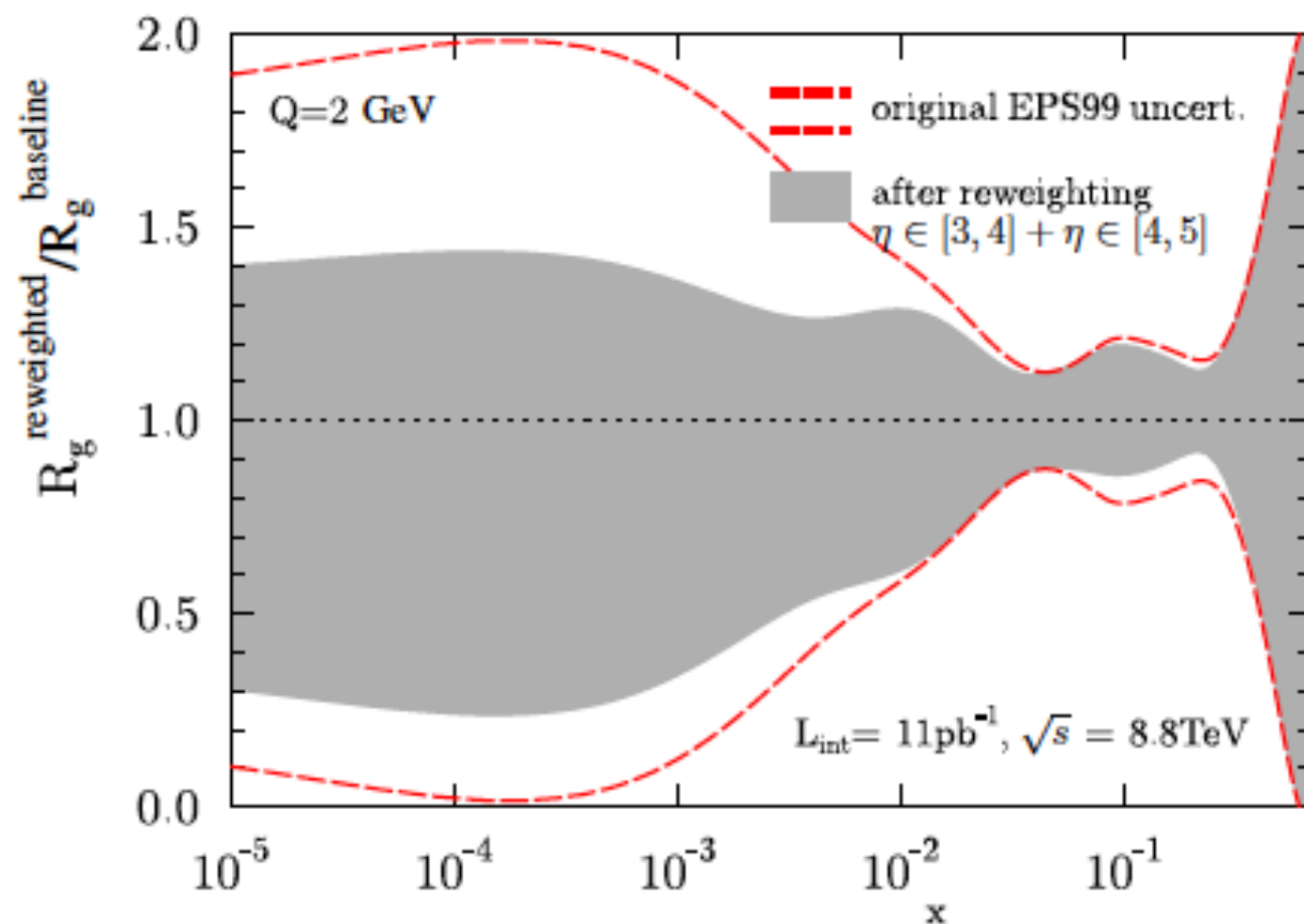
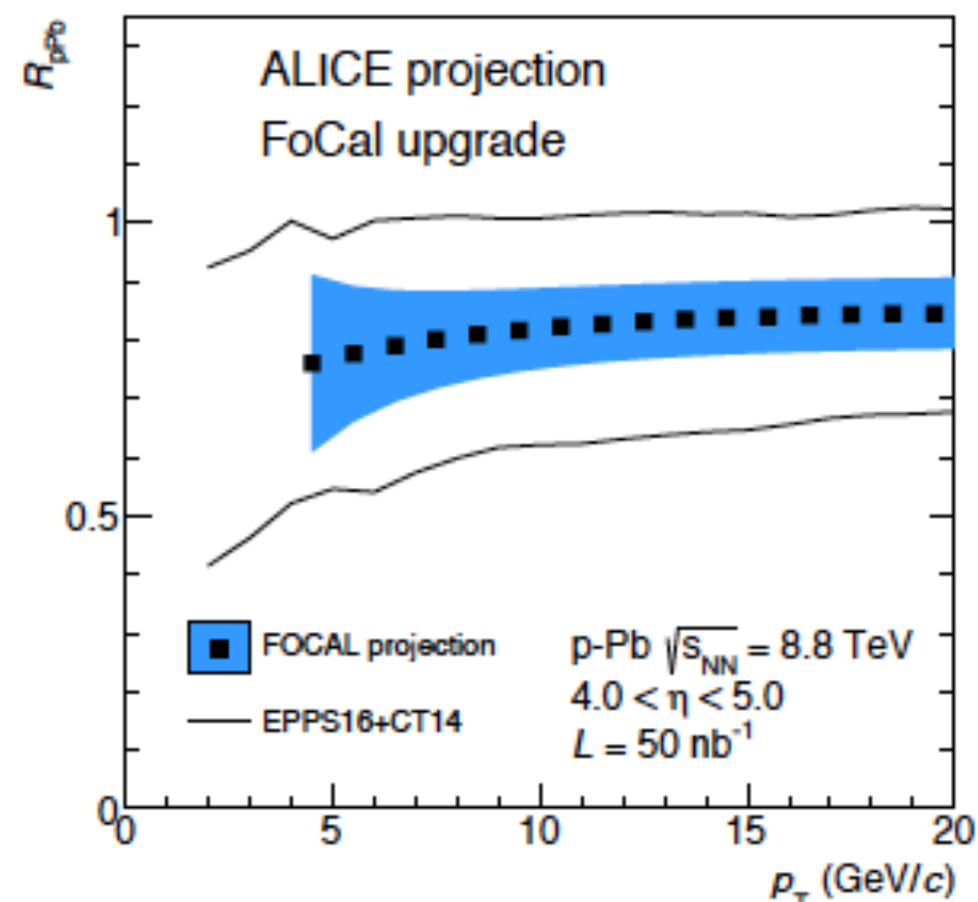
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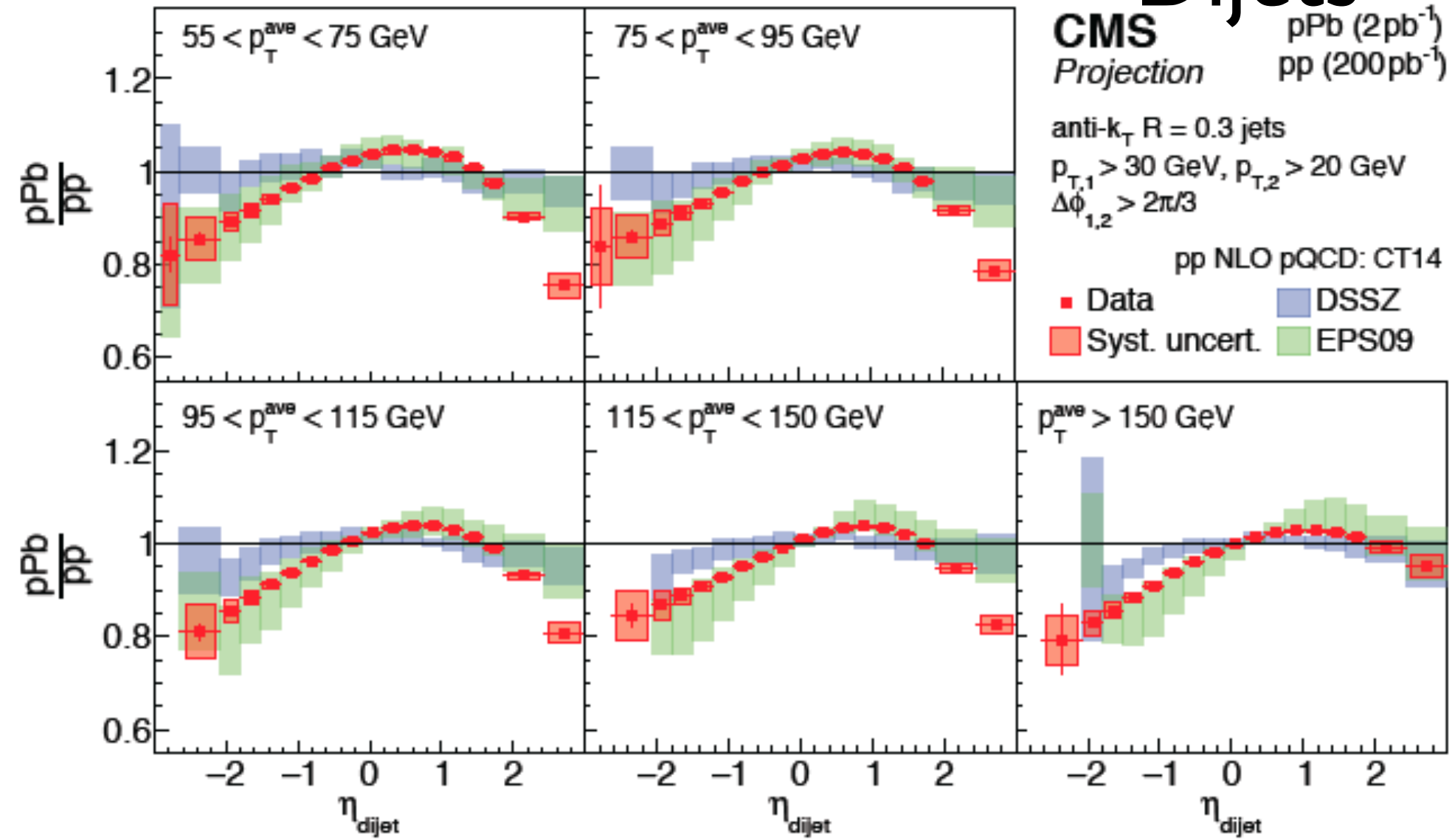
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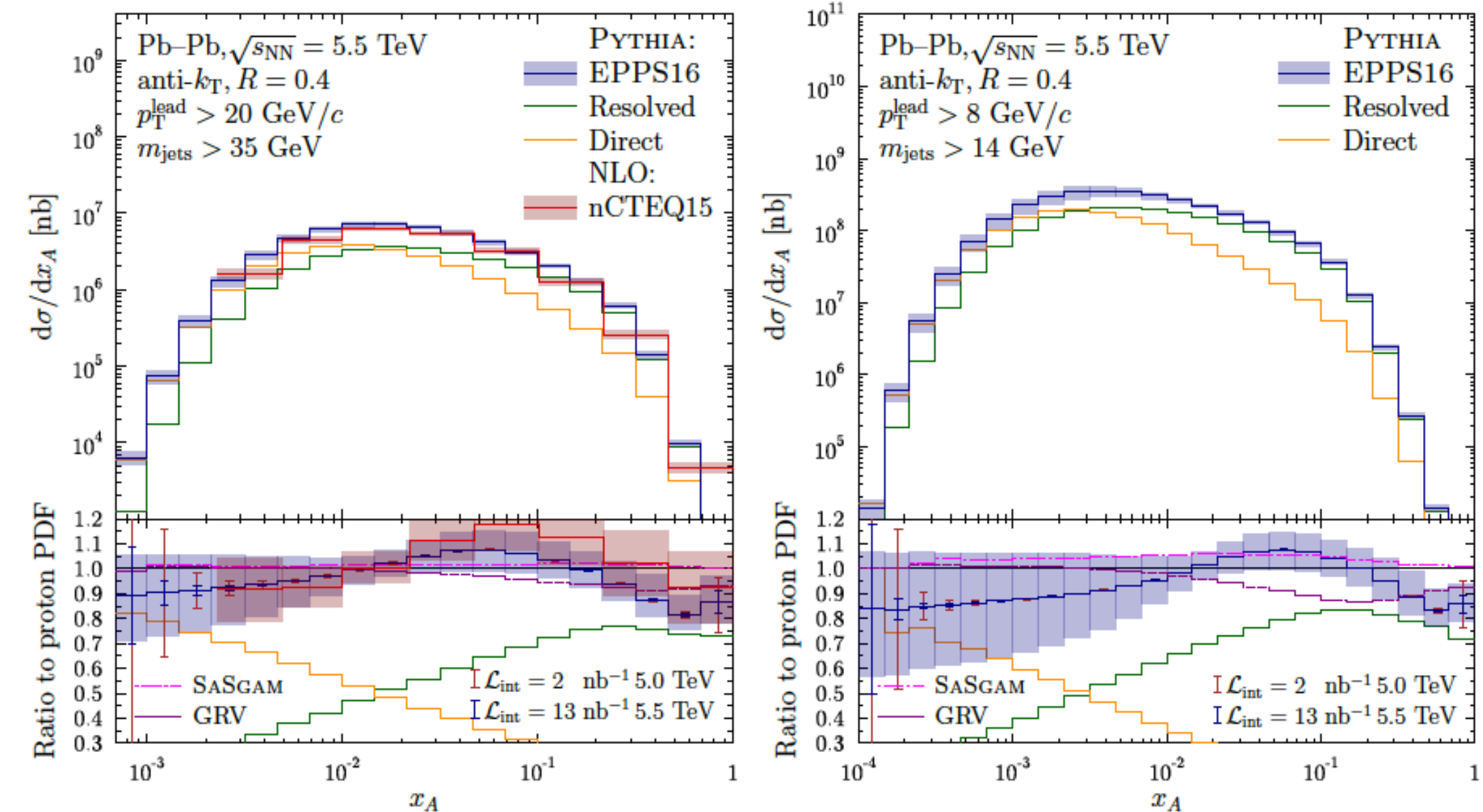
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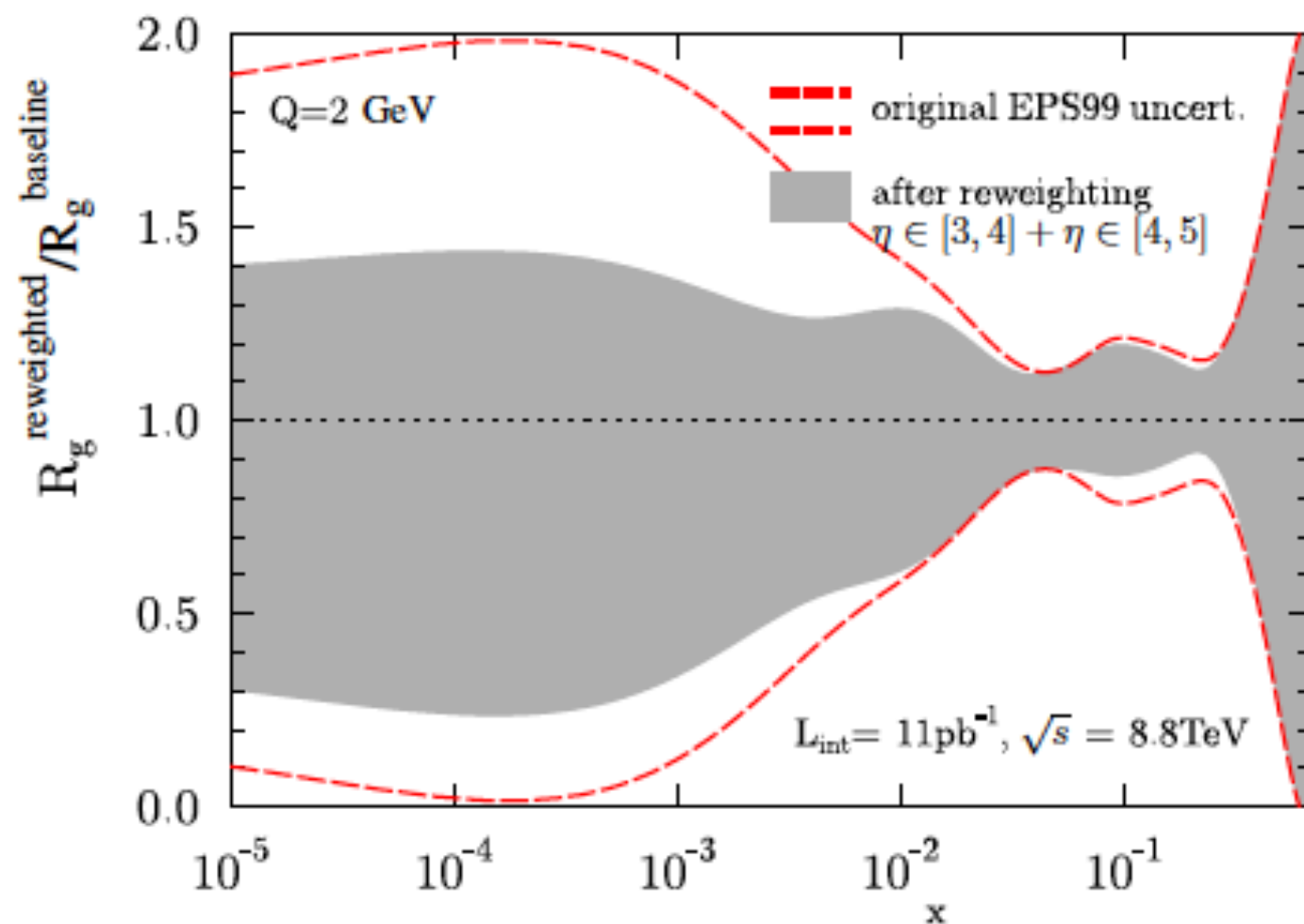
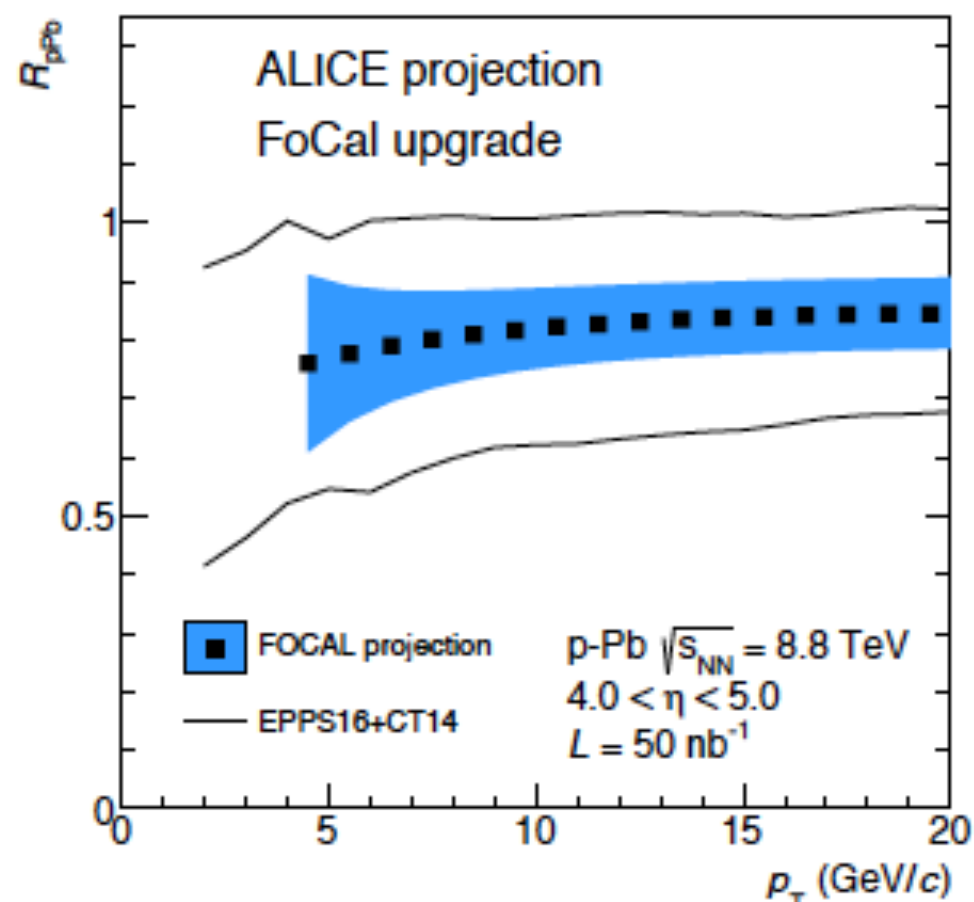
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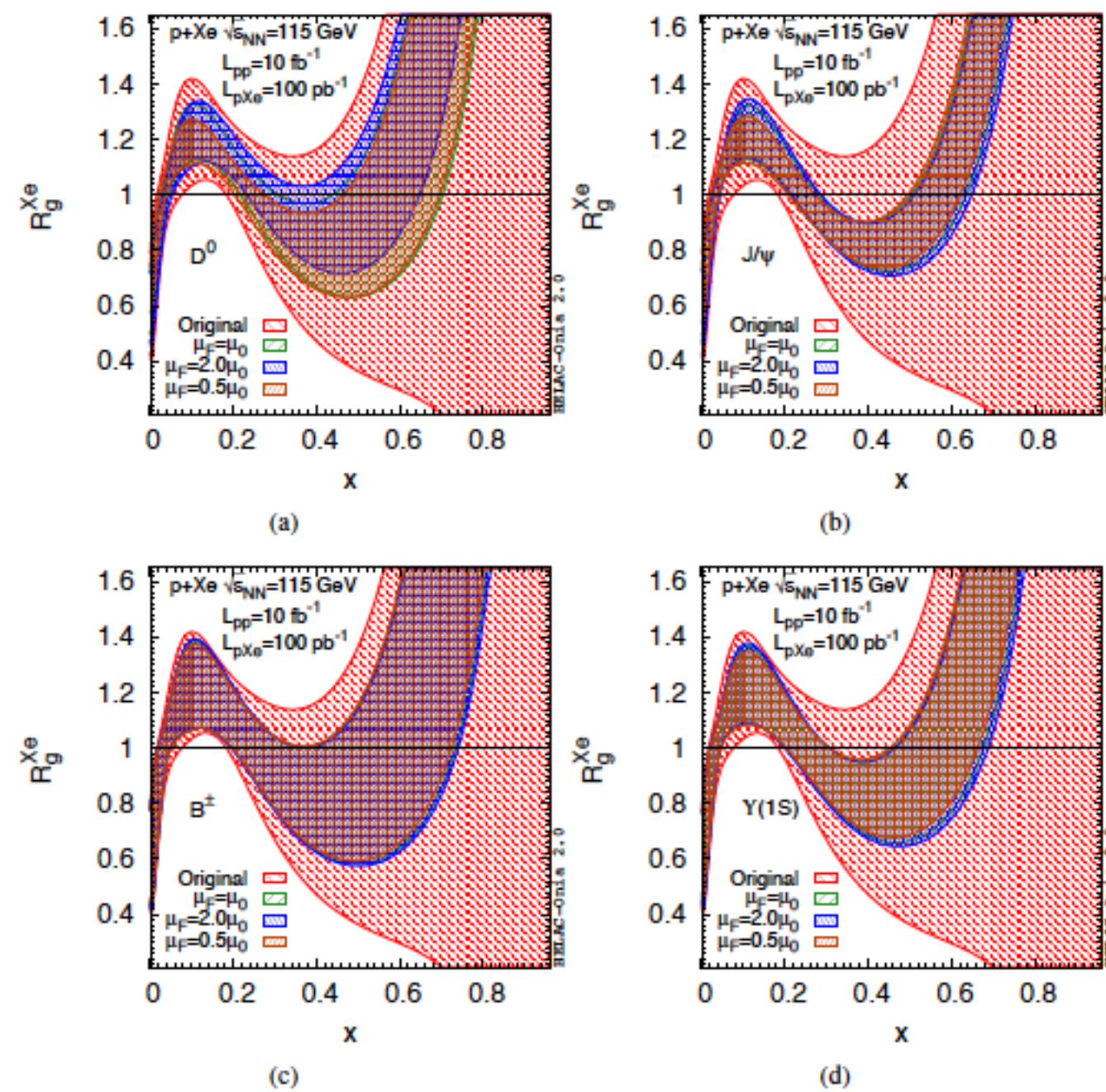


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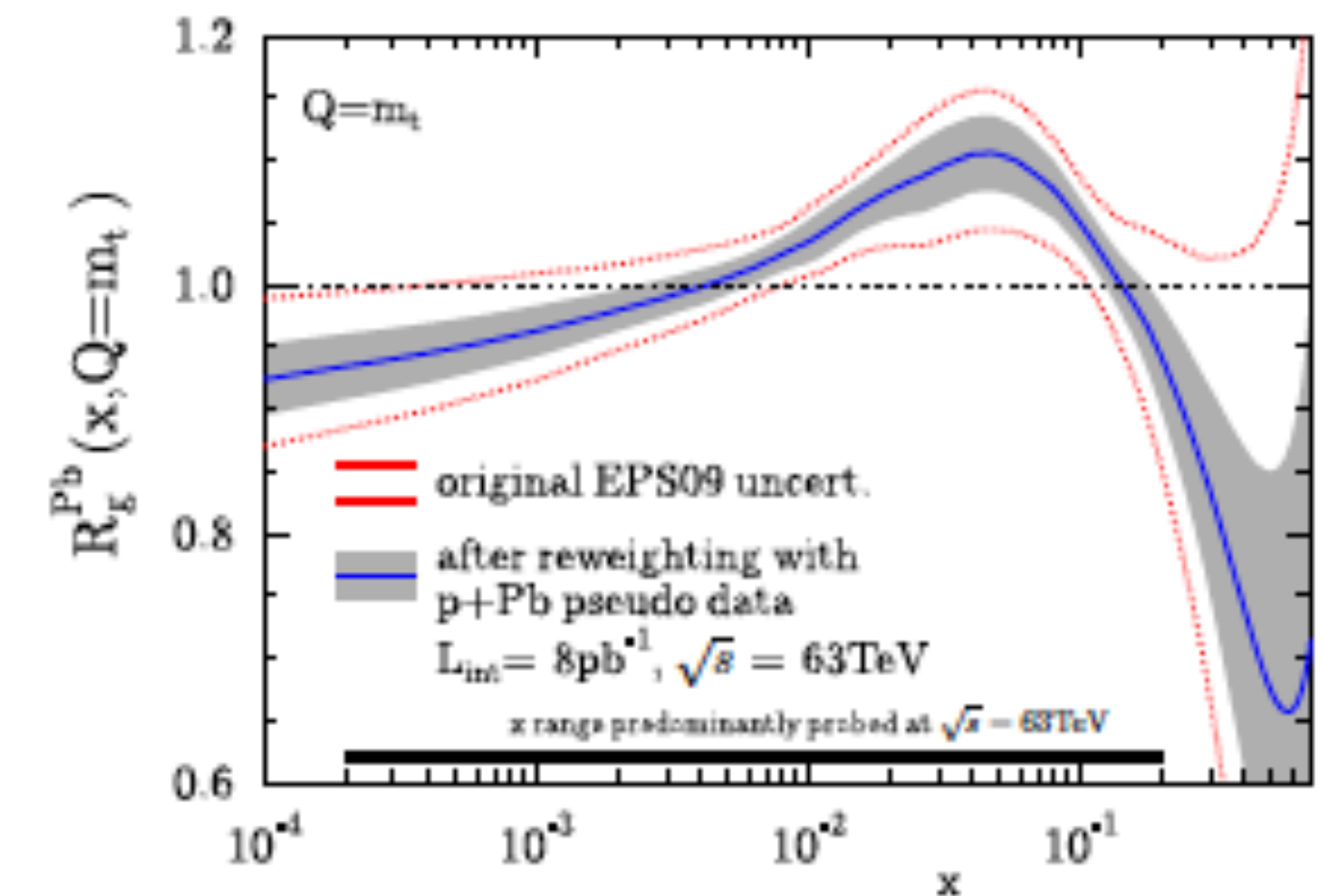
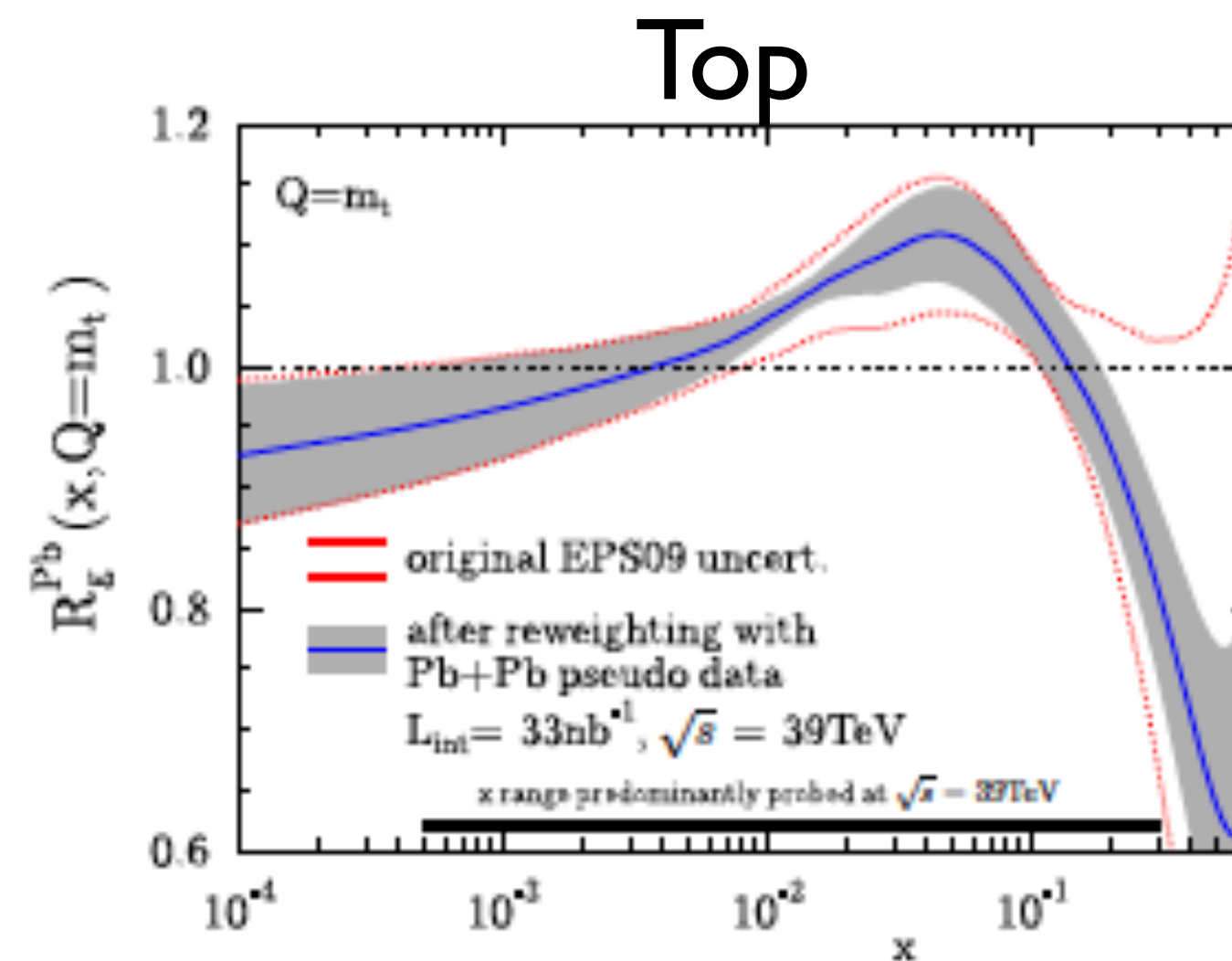
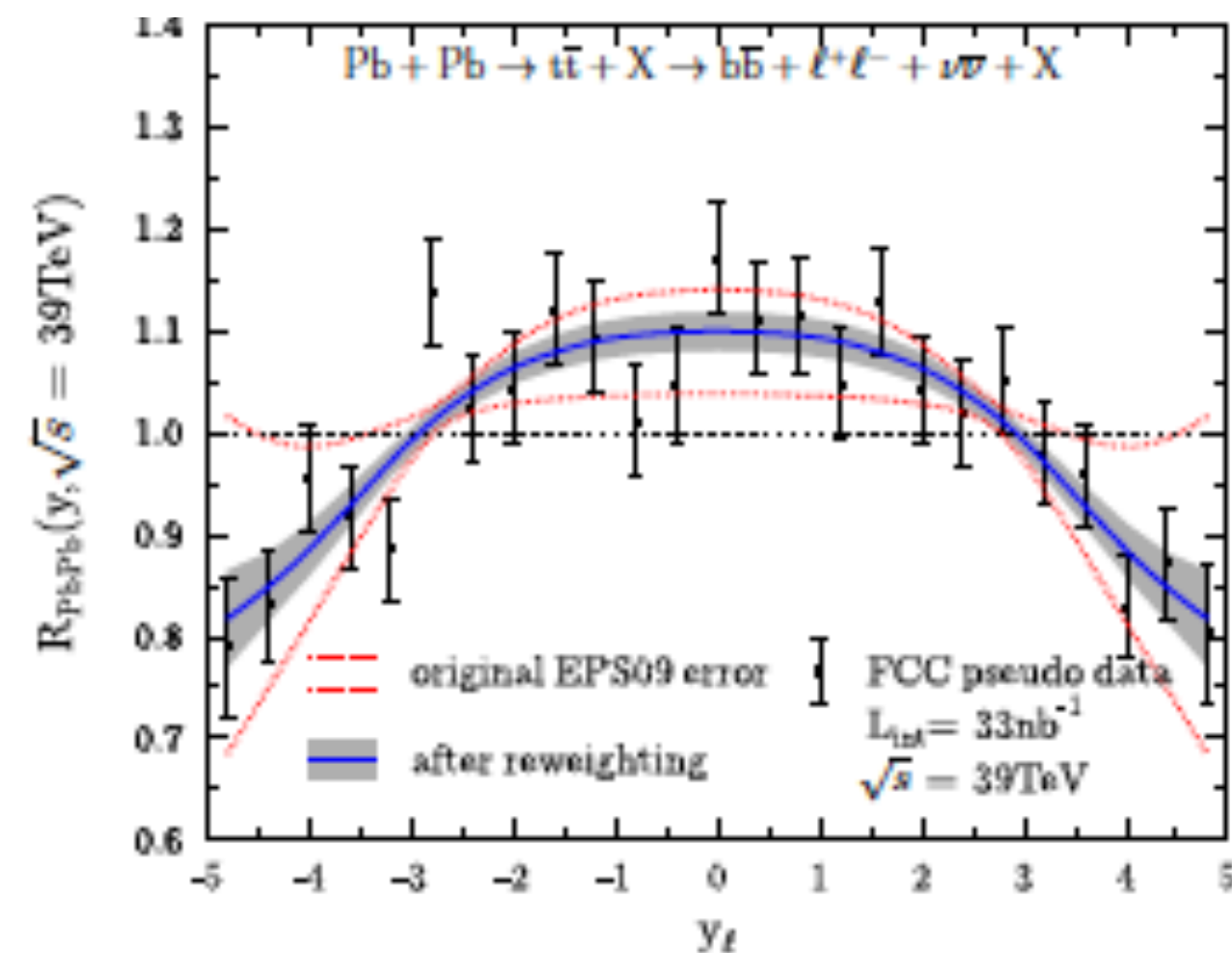


nPDFs in pA beyond HL-LHC:



D, B mesons and quarkonia in pXe in FT mode

- Top studies become feasible at the FCC: gluon in pPb ([1501.05879](#)).
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- Fixed target mode to constrain the high-x glue.



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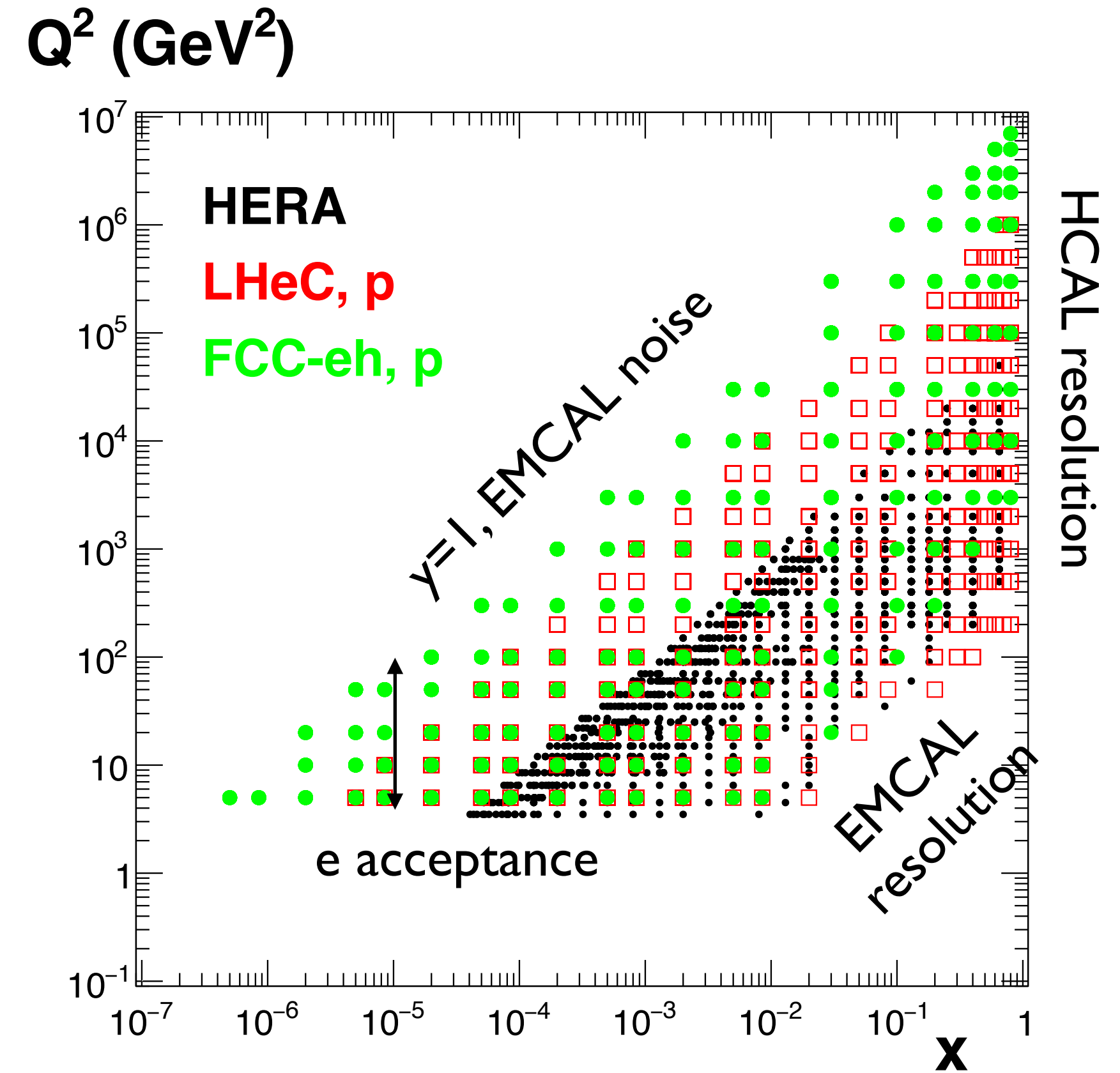
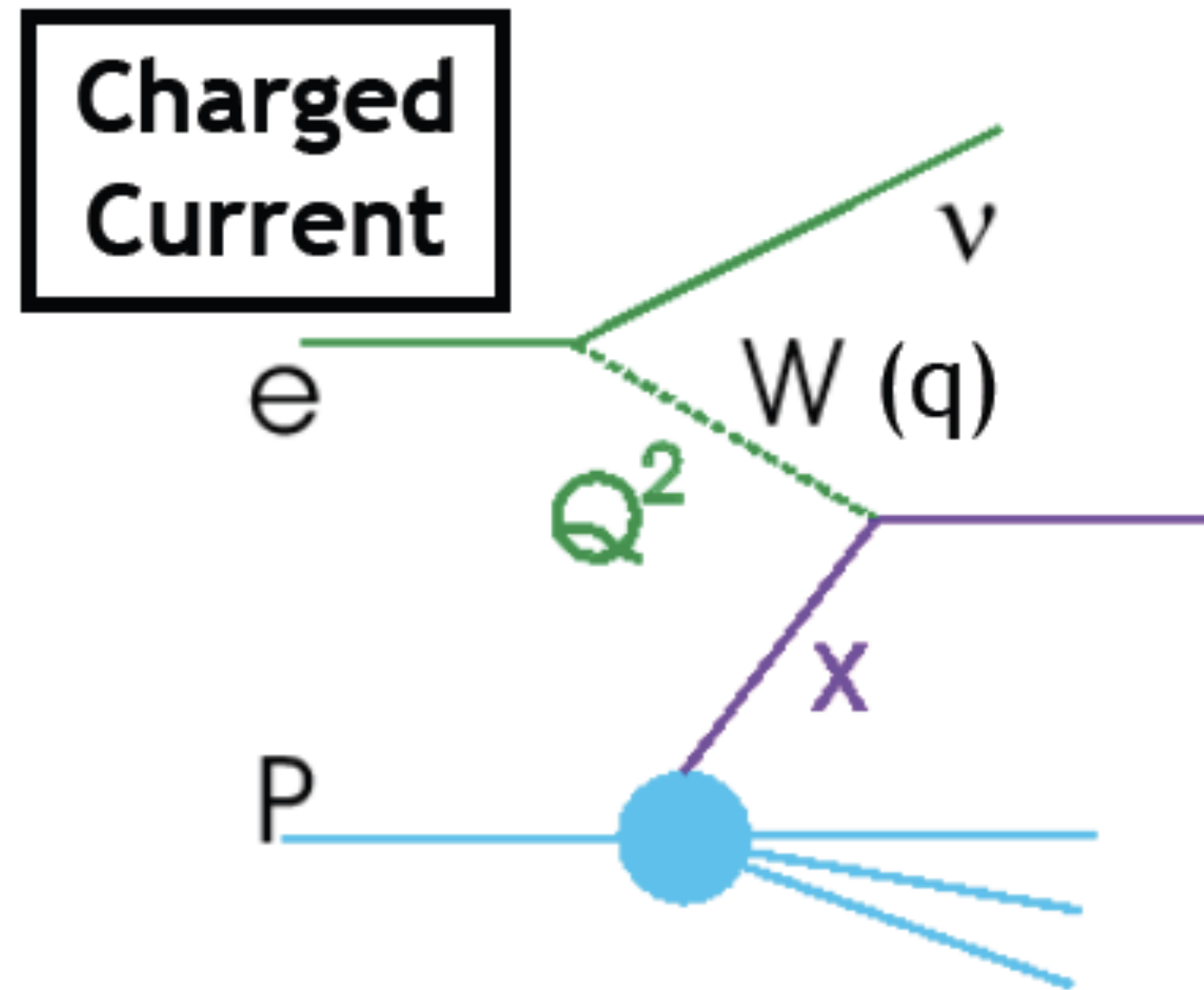
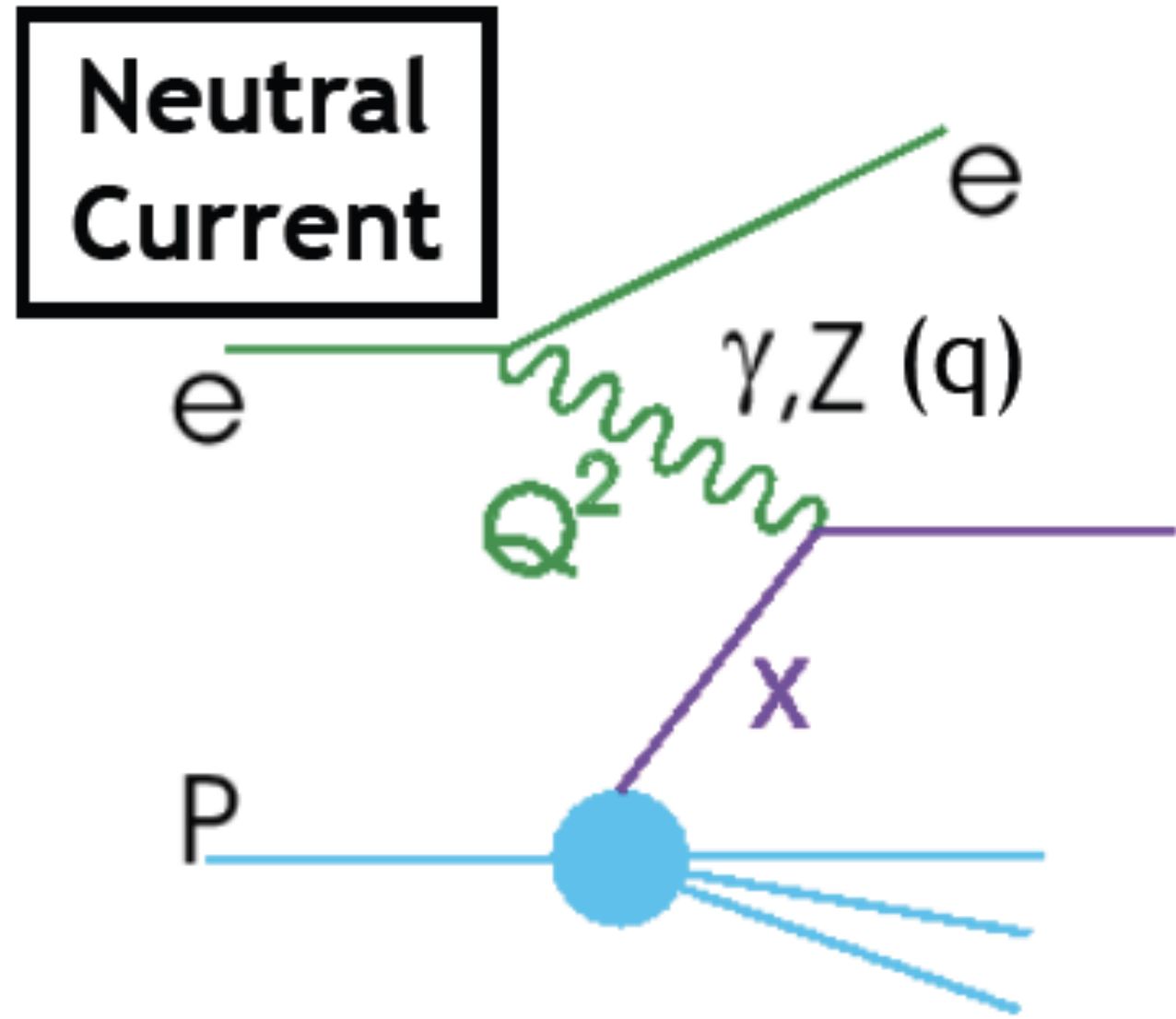
3. nPDFs at an eIC.

4. Summary.

References:

- *Future Circular Collider: Vol. I Physics opportunities*, CERN-ACC-2018-0056, and 1605.01389;
- 1812.06772 (HL-LHC with ions);
- 1901.09076 (diffraction in ep and eA);
- LHeC CDR, 1206.2913;
- EIC Physics White paper, 1212.1701;YR (CDR) for the end of the year.
- 2019 LHeC and FCC-eh workshop, <https://indico.cern.ch/event/835947/>;
- LHeC and EIC talks at DIS 2019, <https://indico.cern.ch/event/749003/>.
- Fixed target program at the HL-LHC, 1807.00603;
- Update of the 2012 LHeC CDR to appear.

DIS observables:



$F_2(x, Q^2) \propto \sum xq(x, Q^2) \rightarrow$ determines directly valence (large x) and sea (low x)

$\frac{\partial F_2(x, Q^2)}{\partial \log Q^2} \propto xg(x, Q^2) \rightarrow$ determines glue via DGLAP, $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$: requires lever arm in Q^2 .

$F_L(x, Q^2) \propto xg(x, Q^2) - F_2(x, Q^2) \rightarrow$ determines the glue via DGLAP, $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$: requires lever arm in E_{cm} (different y , $Q^2=xy E_{cm}^2$, at fixed x, Q^2 , use σ_{red}).

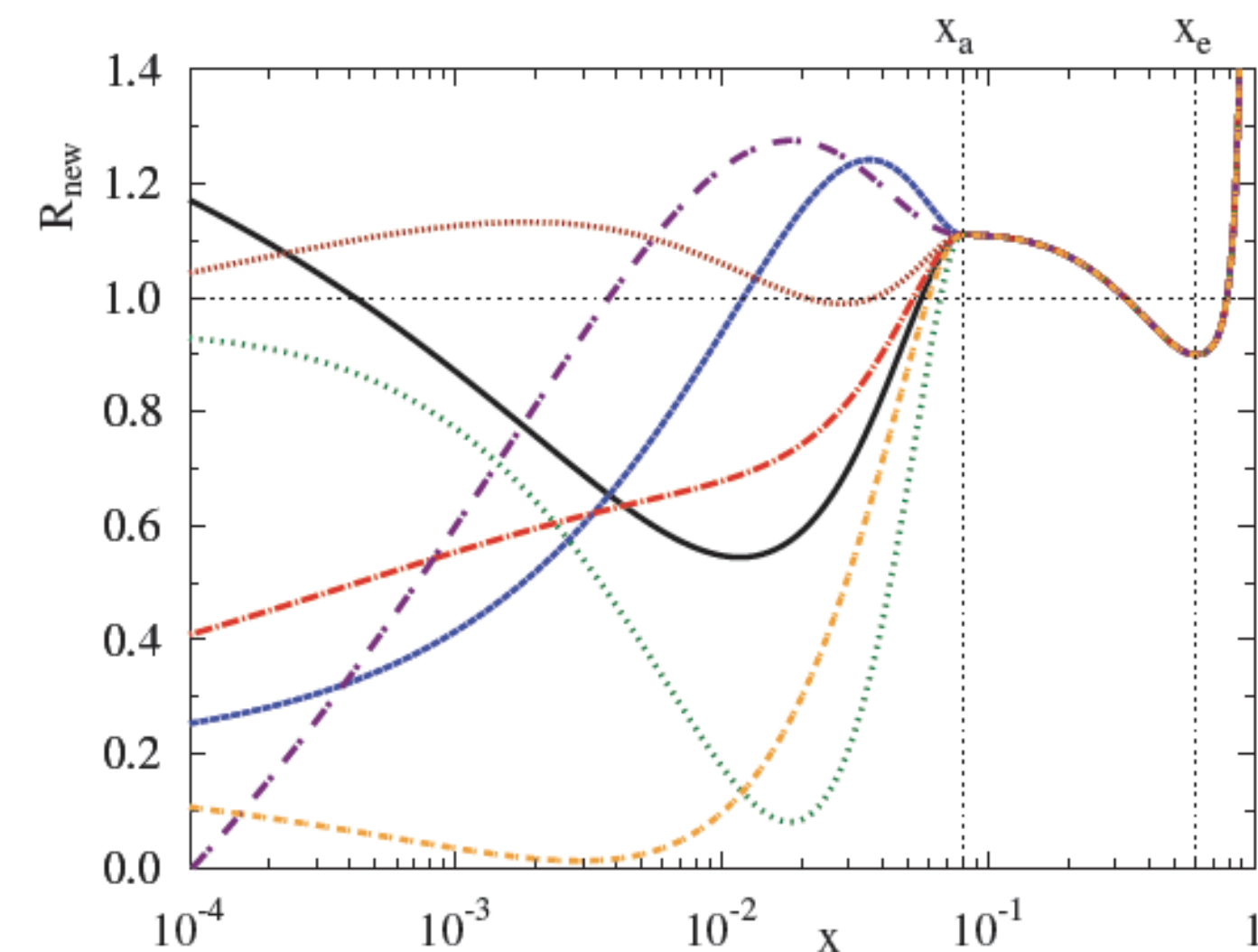
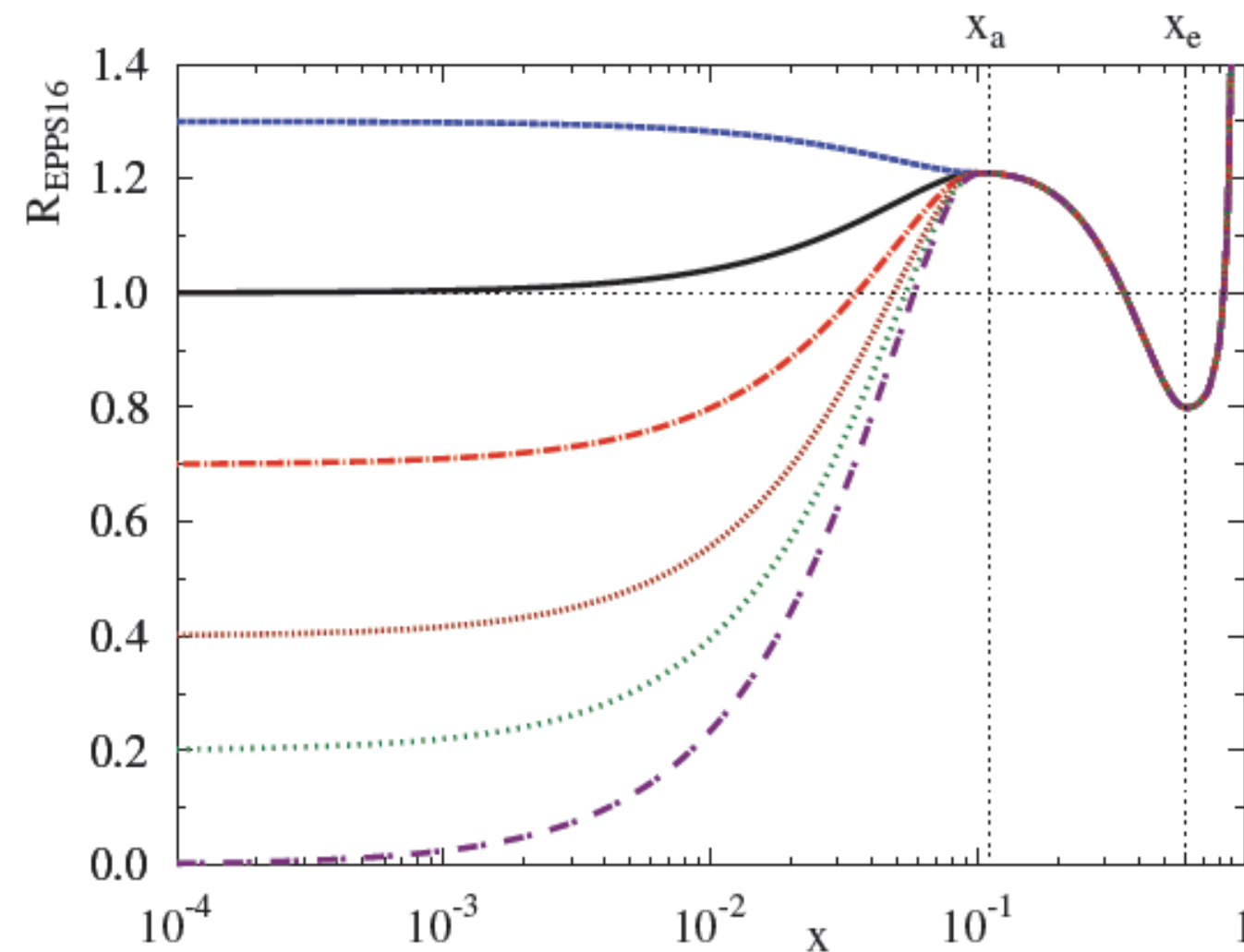
$F_2^{c,b,t}(x, Q^2) \rightarrow$ determines heavy flavour PDFs: requires HQ ID.

$\sigma_r^{CC} \rightarrow$ determines strange PDFs: requires HQ ID and measurement of missing energy.

● Besides: SIDIS, jets, ...

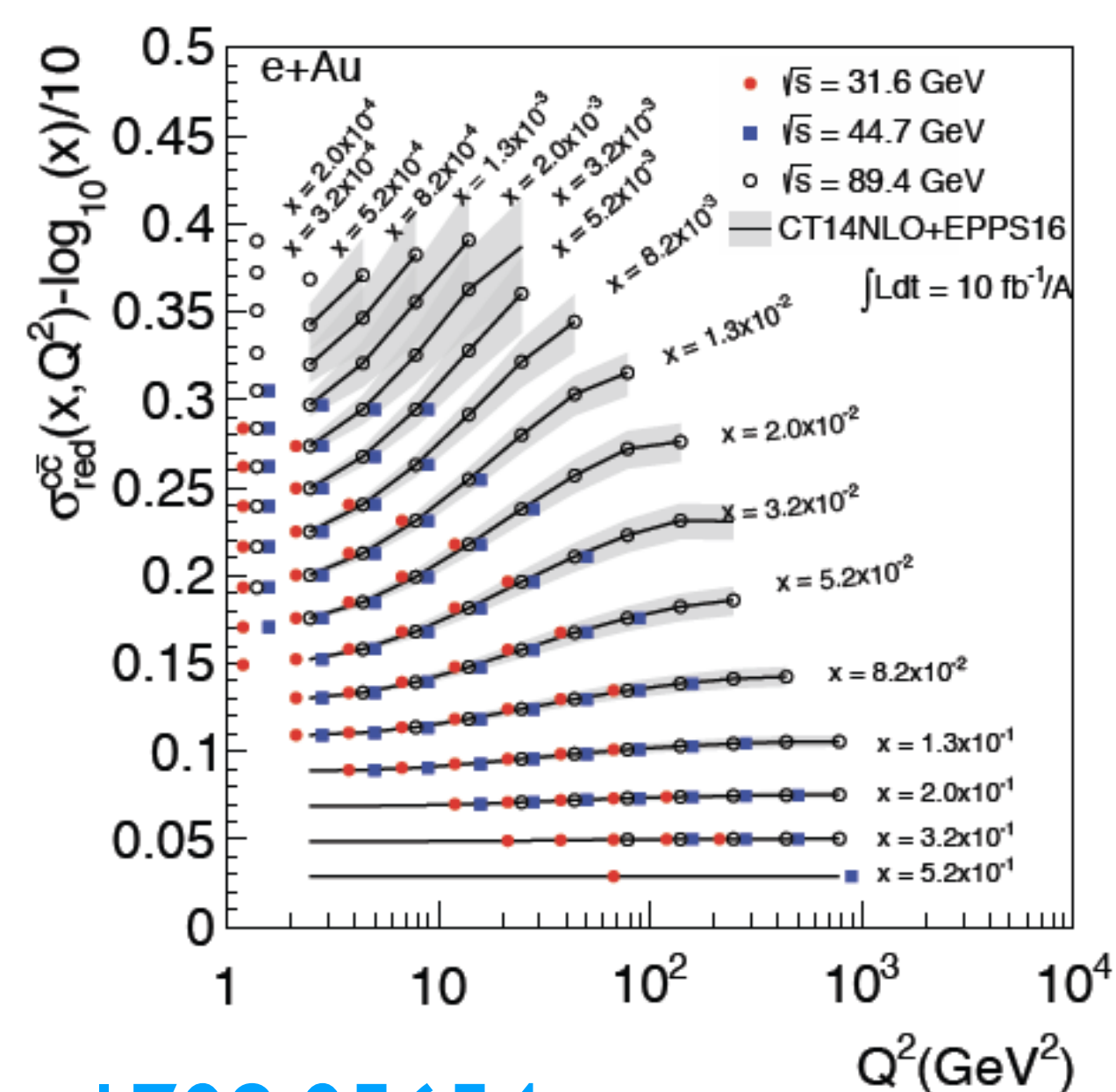
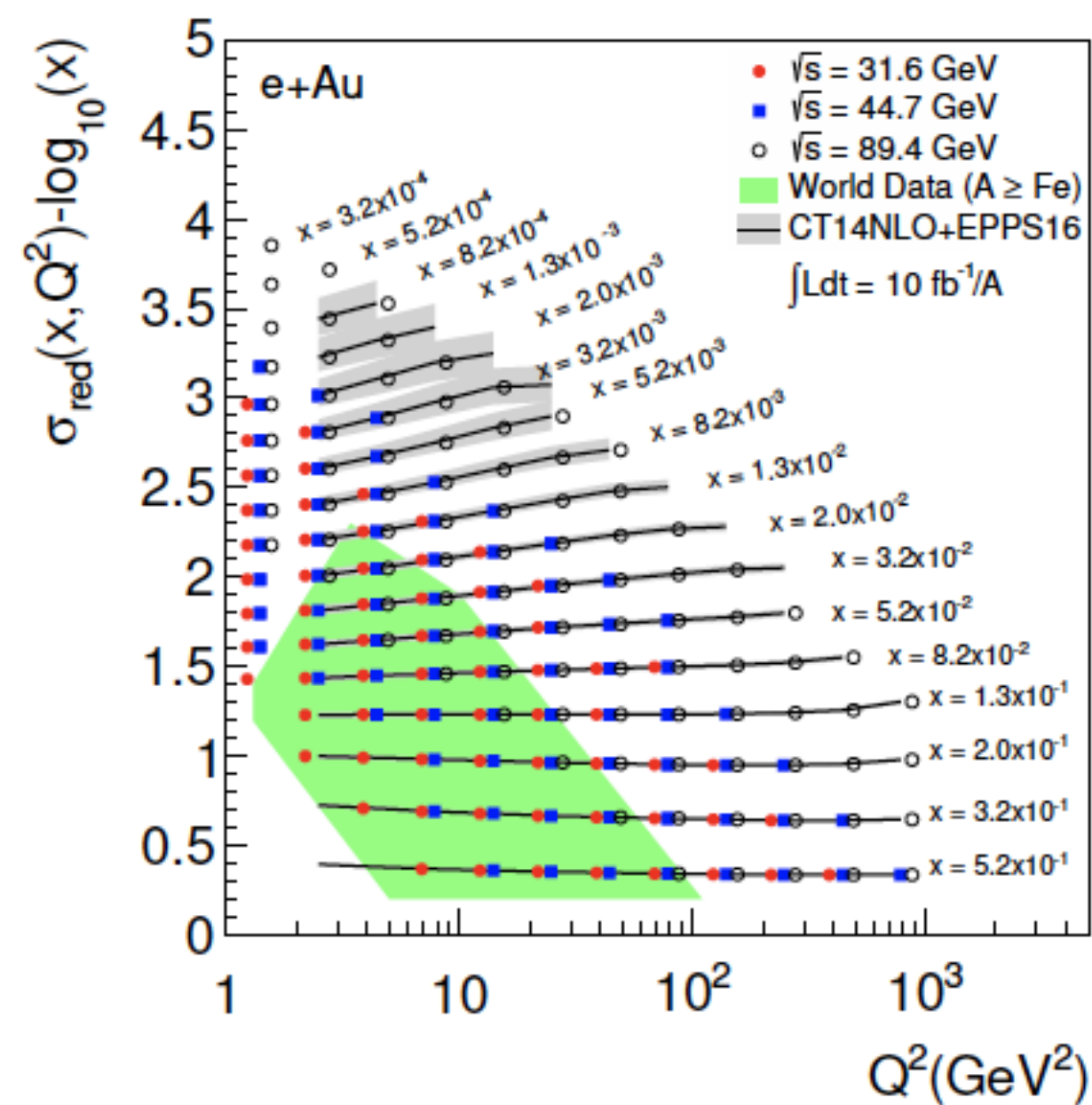
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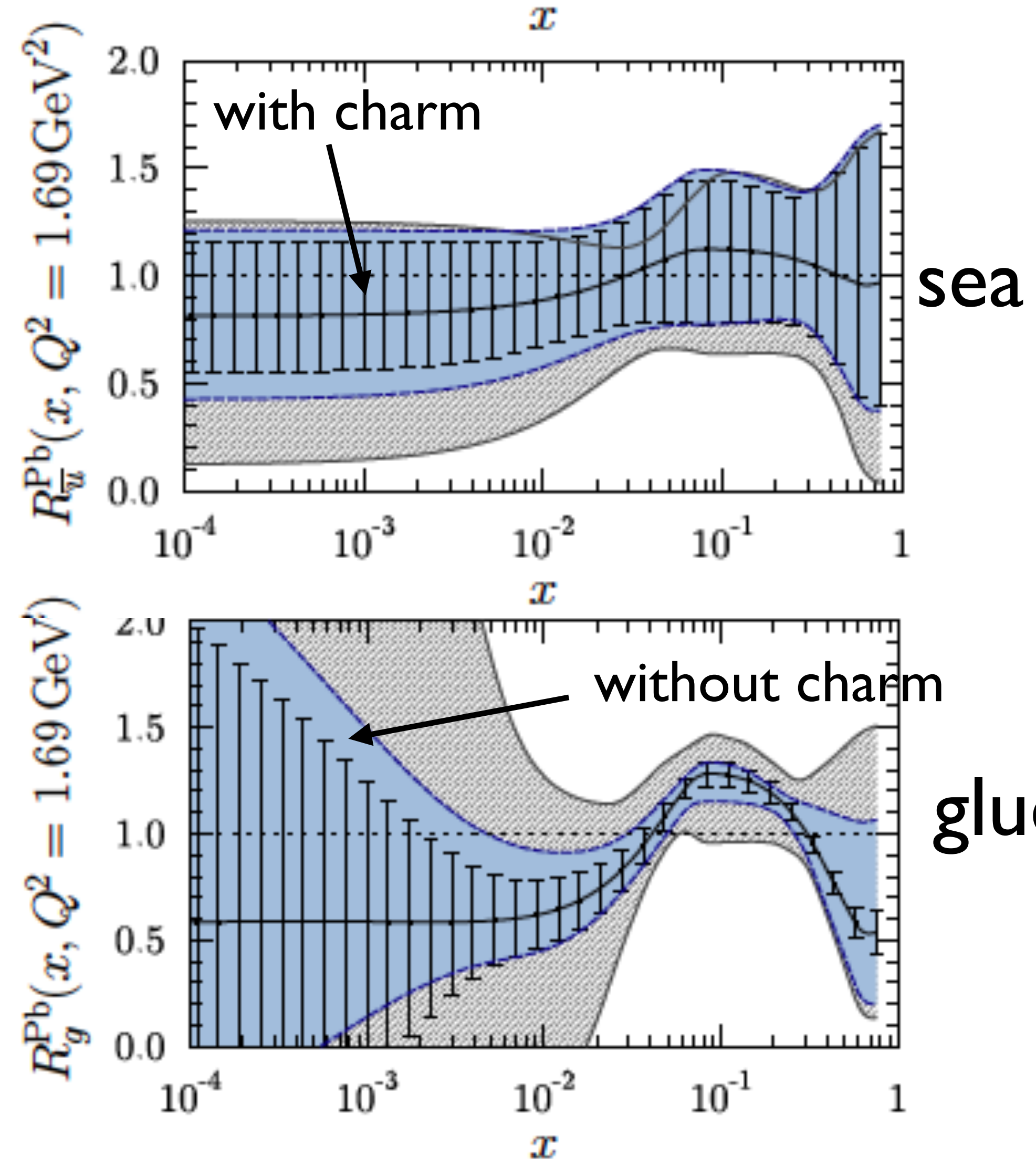
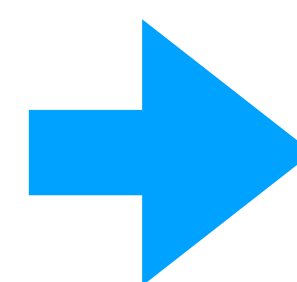


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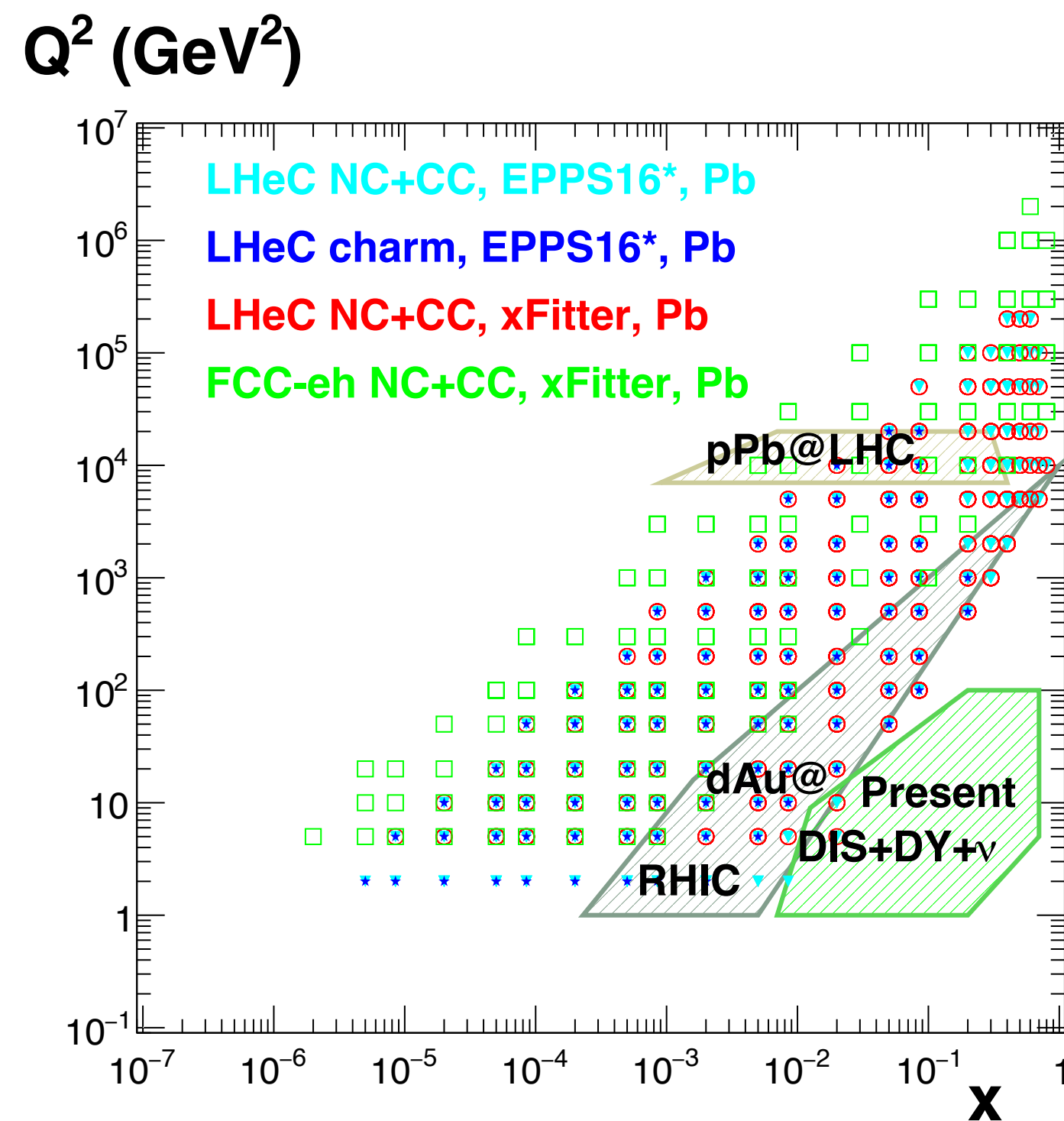


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In both cases **large impact**:

- HF has sizeable impact (on glue).
- Not yet included: beauty, c-tagged CC for strange.

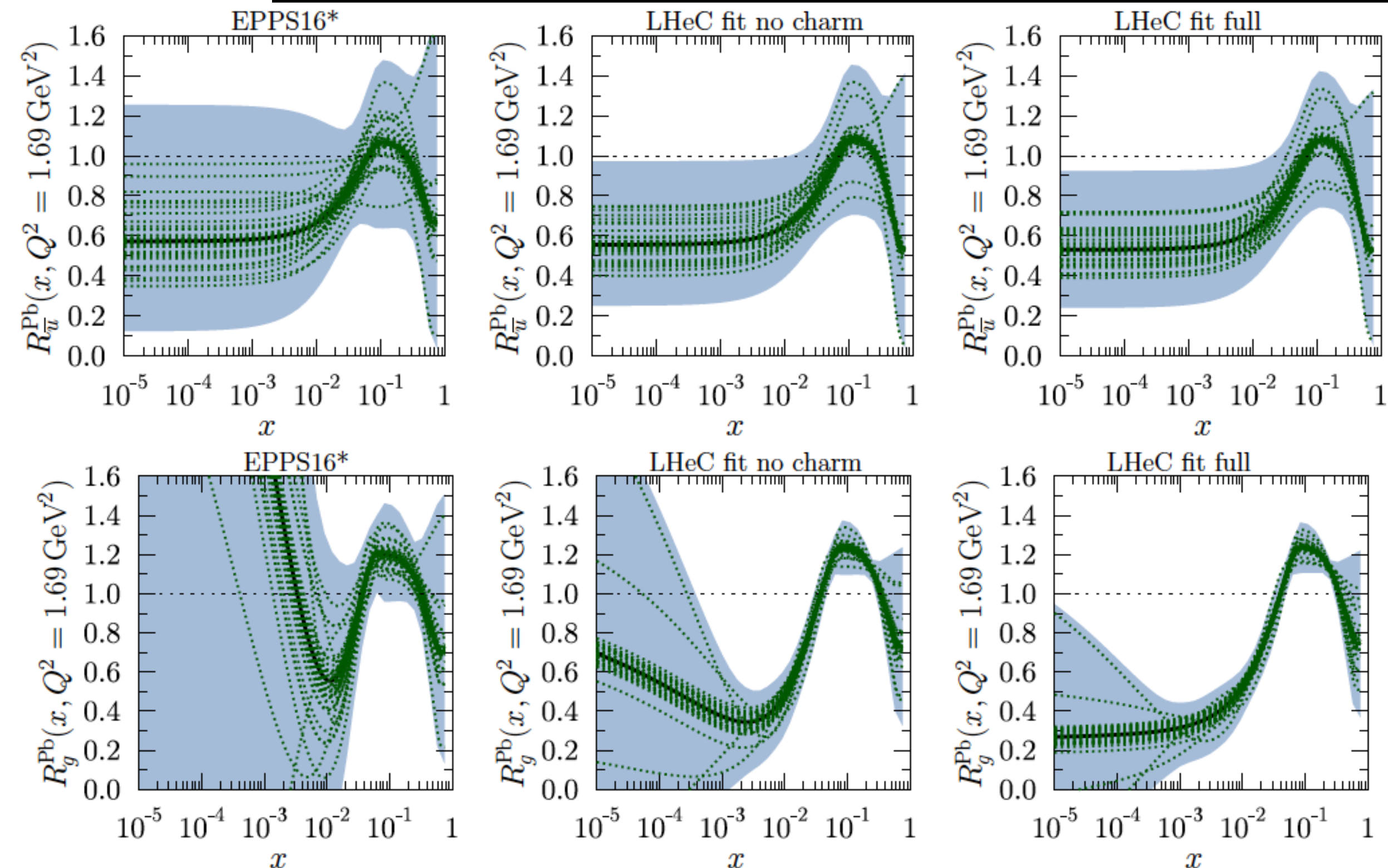


Update of the
LHeC CDR;
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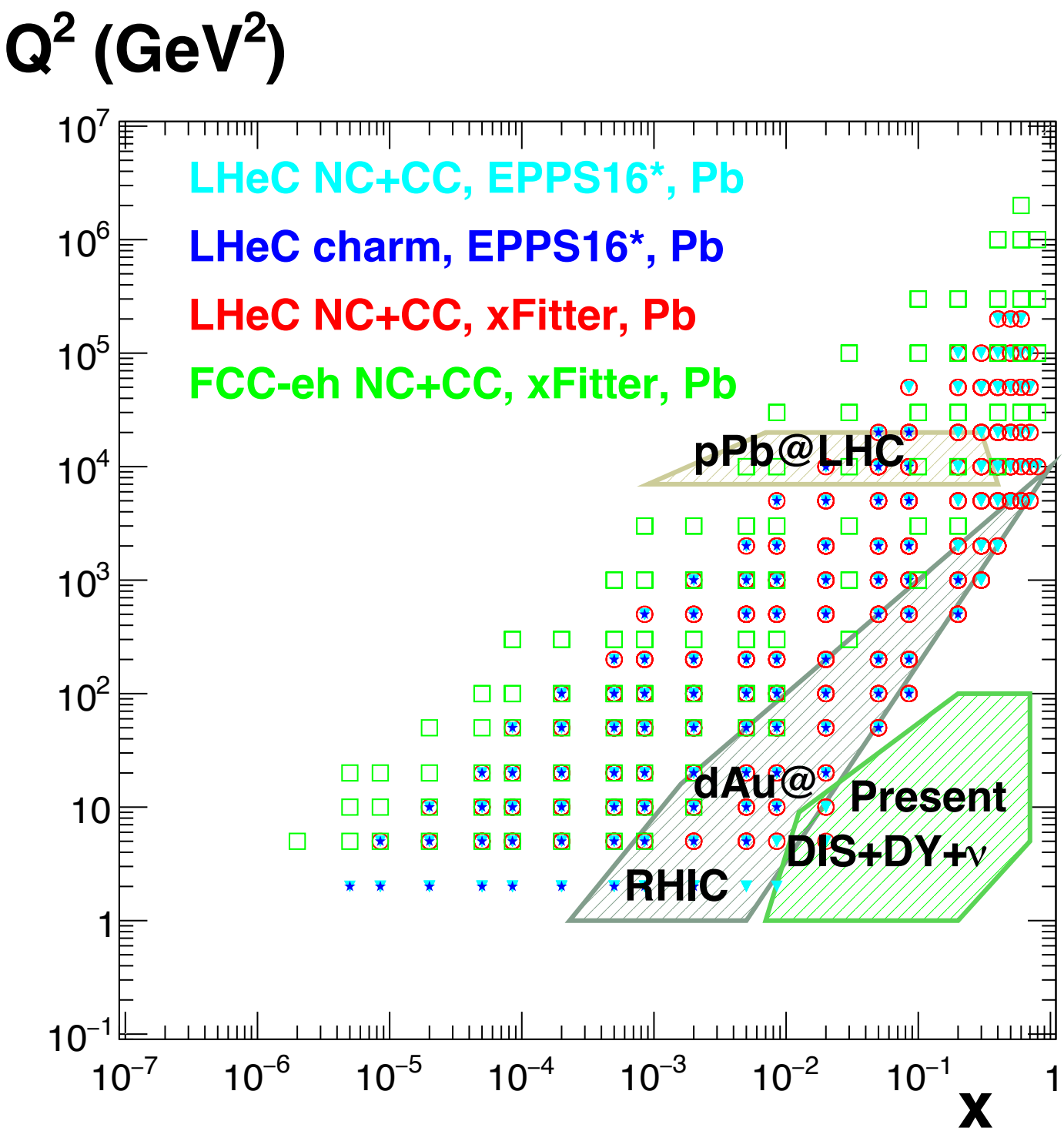
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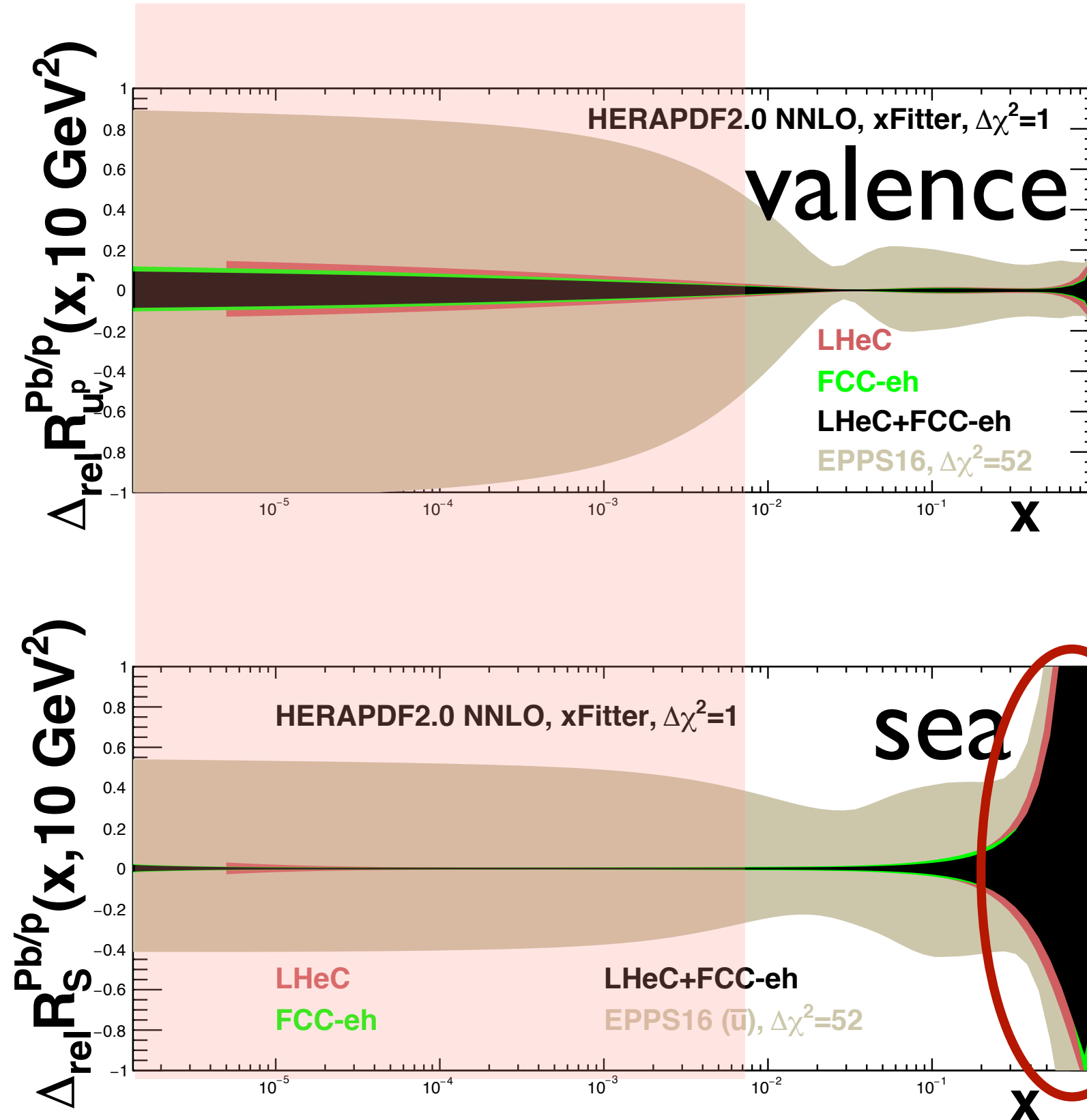


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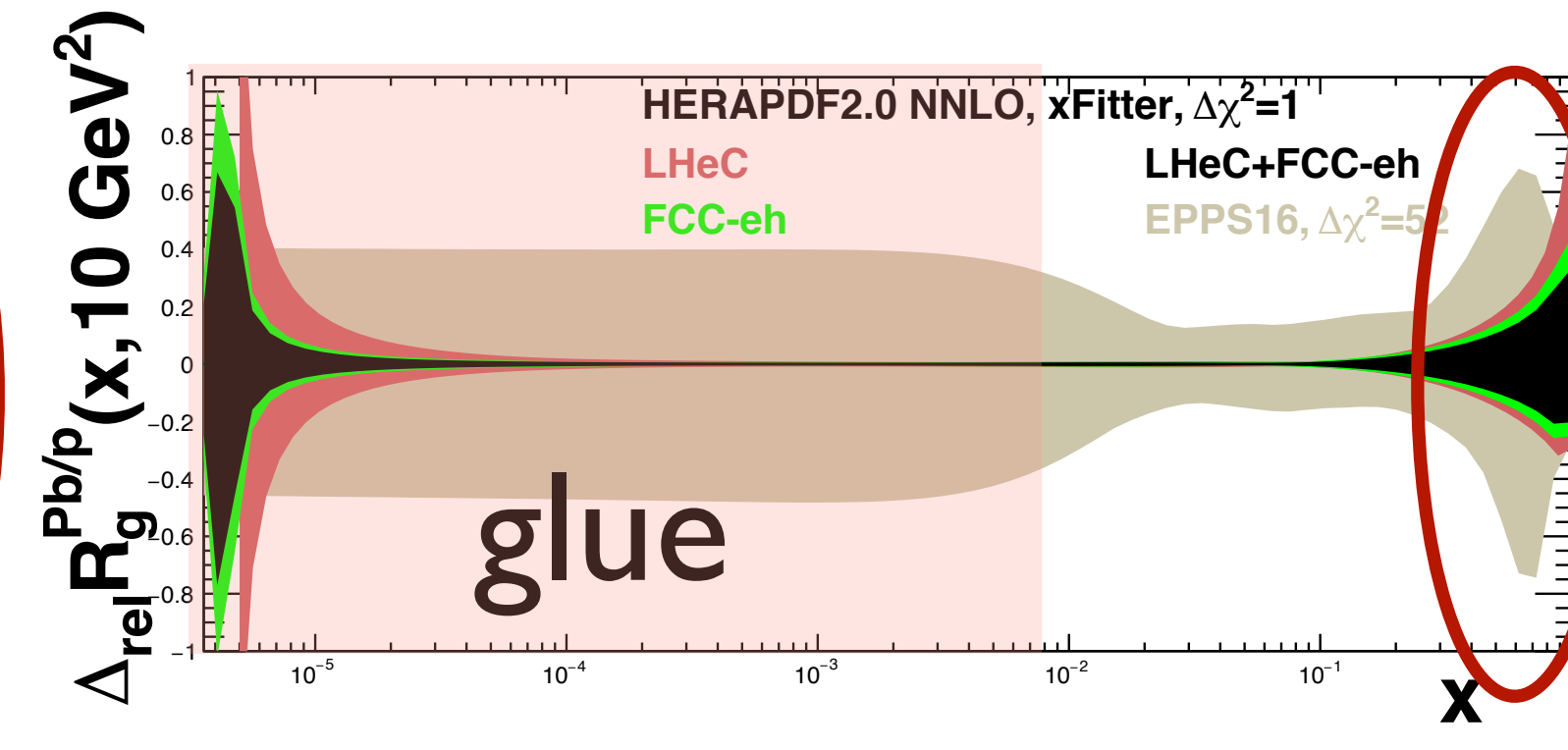
- **Pb-only** PDFs from NC+CC at LHeC and FCC-eh, using xFitter (1410.4412) 1.2.2.
- HERAPDF2.0-type parametrisation (1506.06042), NNLO, RTOPT mass scheme, $\alpha_s=0.118$.
- Central values from HERAPDF2.0: neither parametrisation bias nor theory uncertainties.
- Standard xFitter/HERAPDF treatment of systematics; tolerance $\Delta\chi^2=1$ ($\Delta\chi^2=52$ in EPPS16*).
- Only data with $Q^2 \geq 3.5$ GeV², initial evolution scale 1.9 GeV².




 NA at
 DIS18
 and
 DIS19

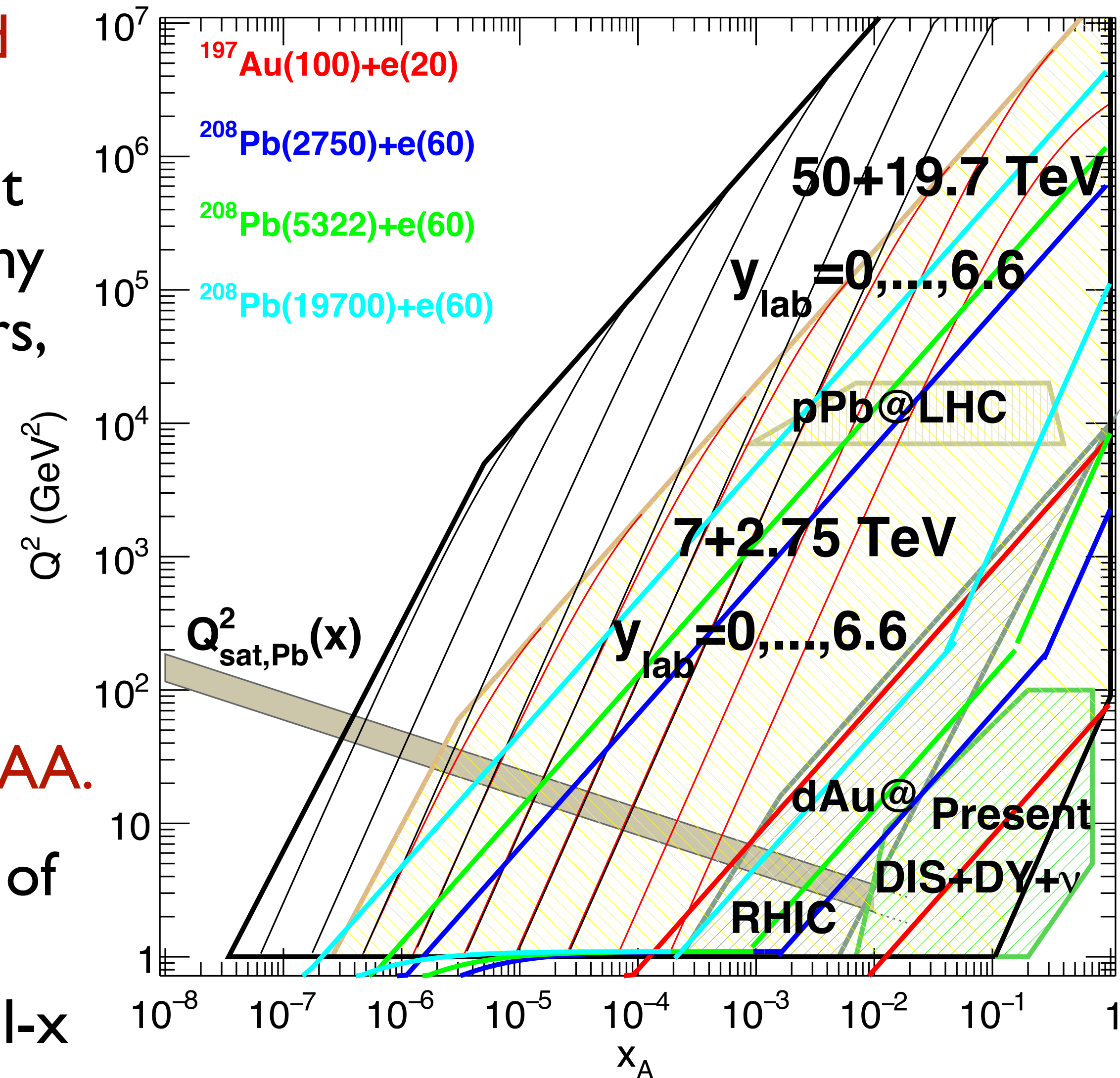


- Large improvements at all x .
- Get rid of A-parametrizations, precise tests of factorisation.
- Lacking: c, b, c-tagged CC for s, more flexible functional forms at small x .



Summary:

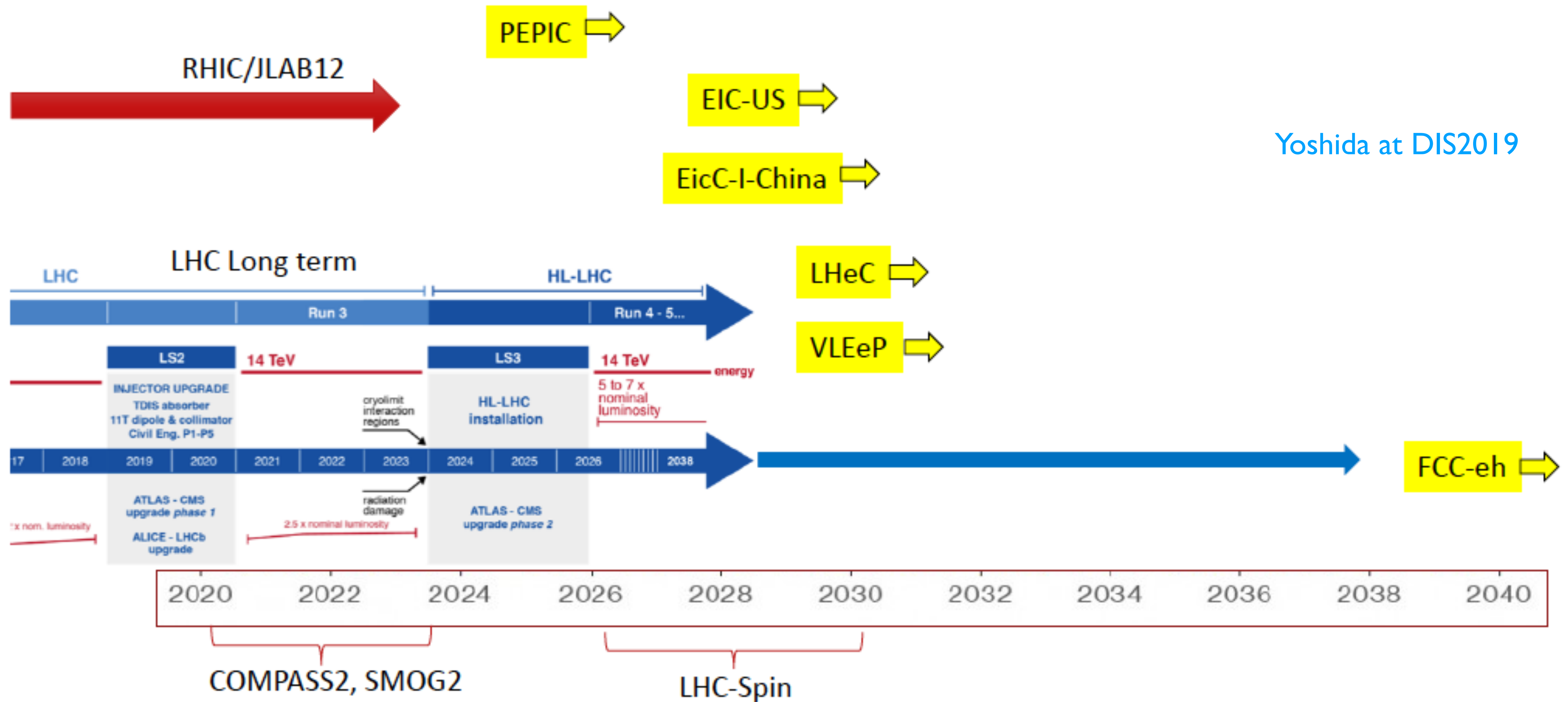
- Nuclear PDFs are basically unknown for $x < 0.008$, and the glue at large x : large implications on HICs.
- Extractions from LHC will improve the situation but they rely on factorisation and demand reconciling many experiments/observables: A -dependence of parameters, large tolerances.
- Extractions from EICs will greatly improve the situation in their available kinematic region. Note that DIS is experimentally (kinematic reconstruction, no pileup, no large tolerance) and theoretically (factorisation) cleaner \Rightarrow limits of factorisation in pA/AA.
- Hadron/DIS machines are complementary in terms of 'reach'/'precision'.
- Besides: diffraction, GPDs/TMDs/3D structure, small- x studies,...



Thanks for the invitation and your attention!

Backup

Timeline:

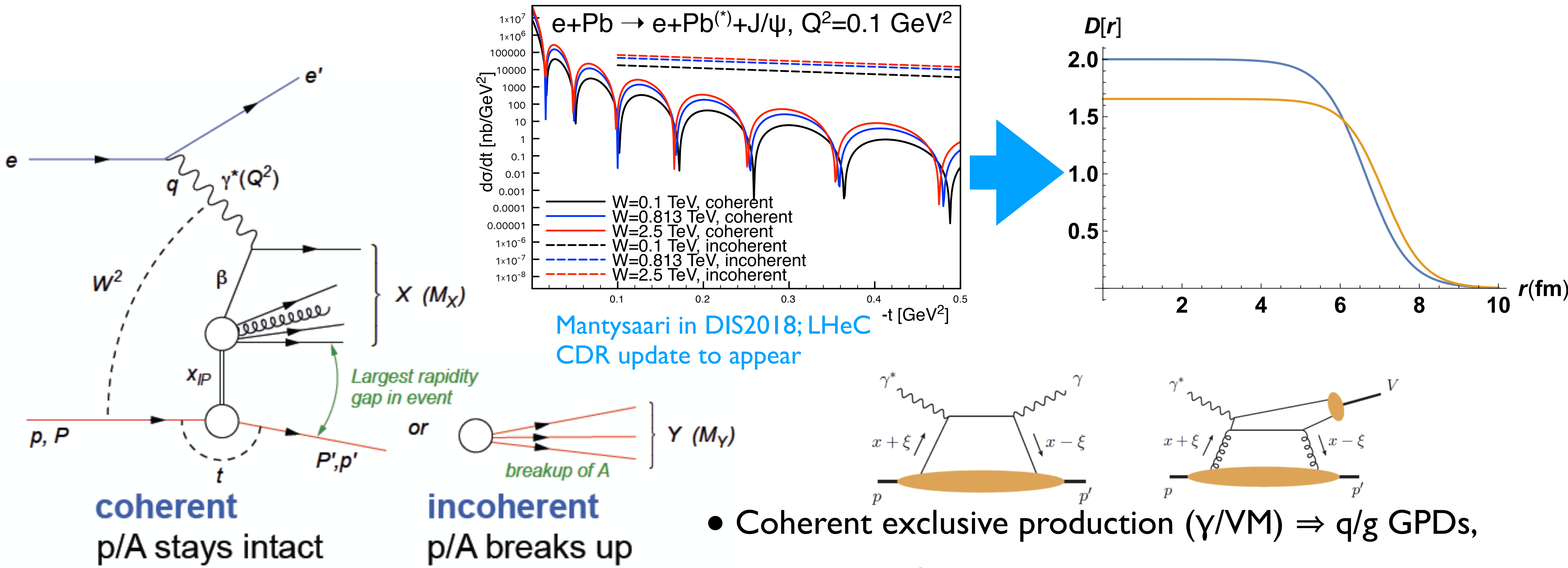


Yoshida at DIS2019

Only indicative...

3D - GPDs and TMDs (I):

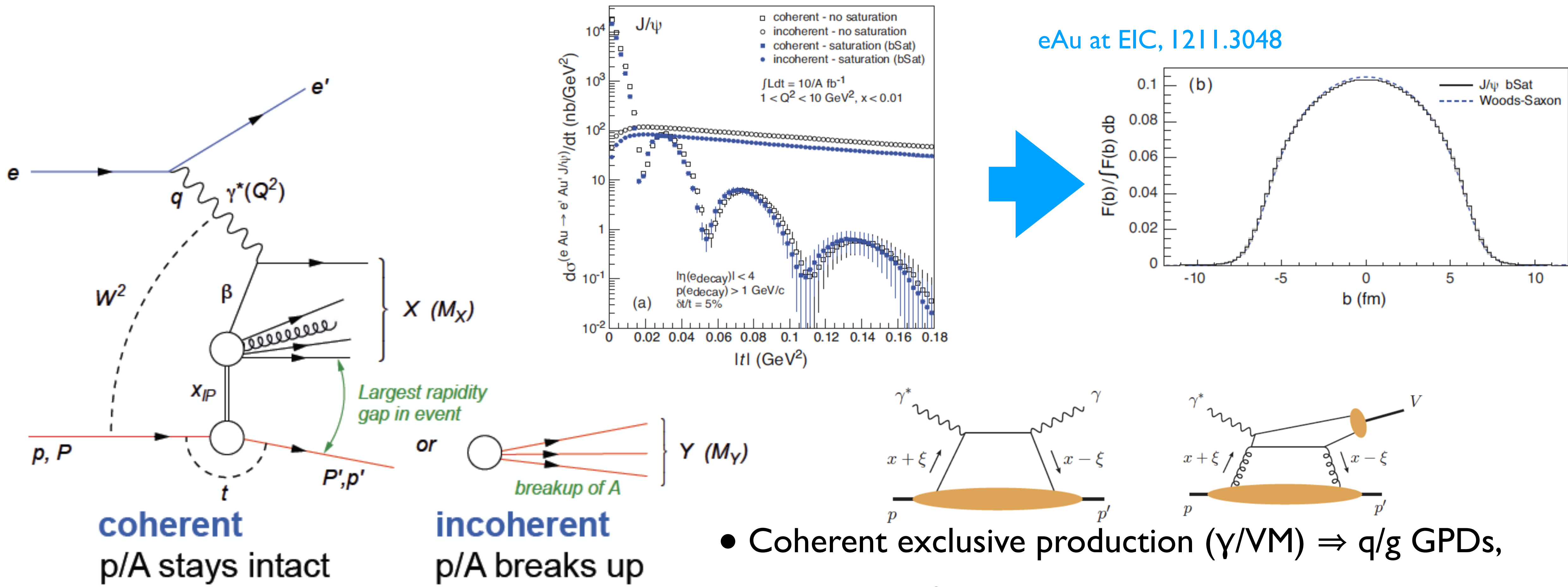
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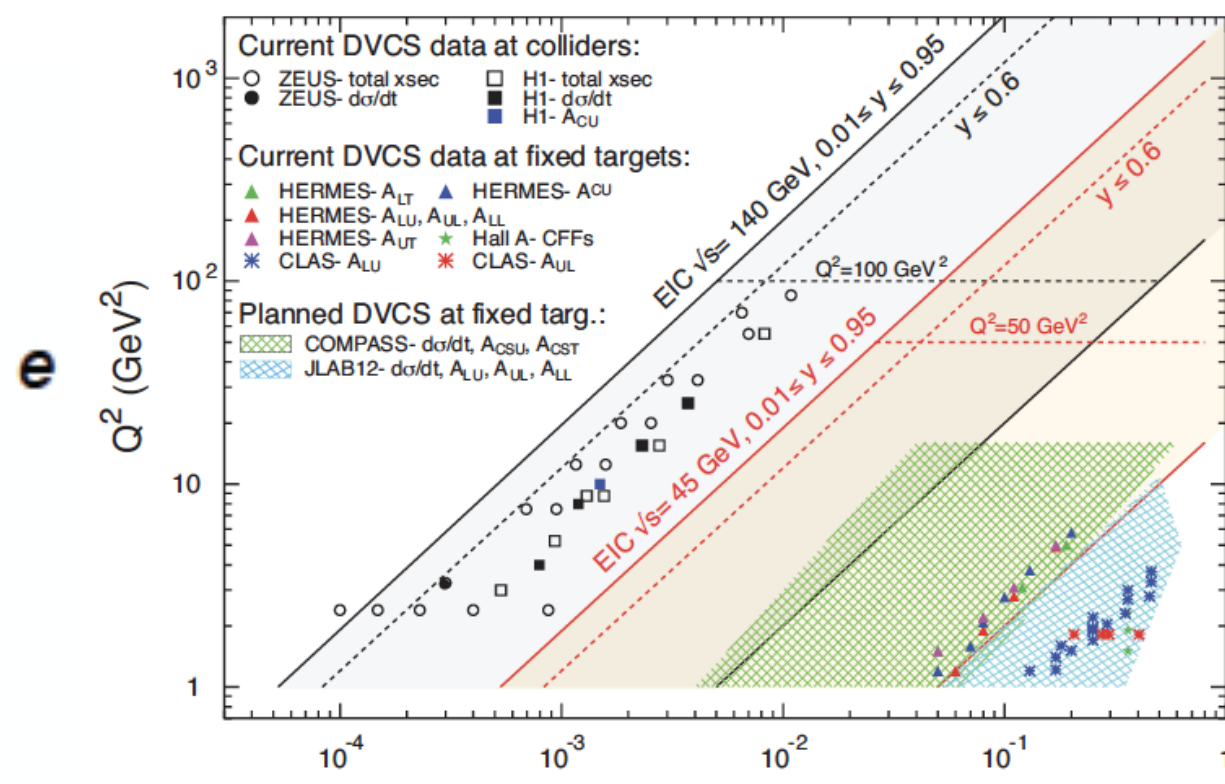
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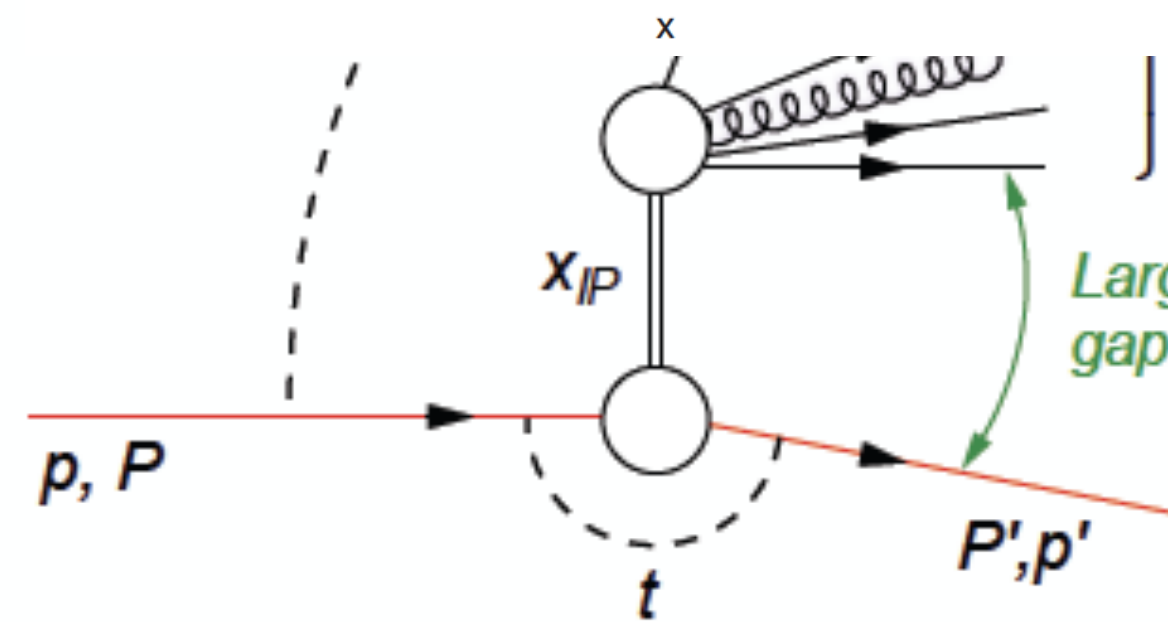
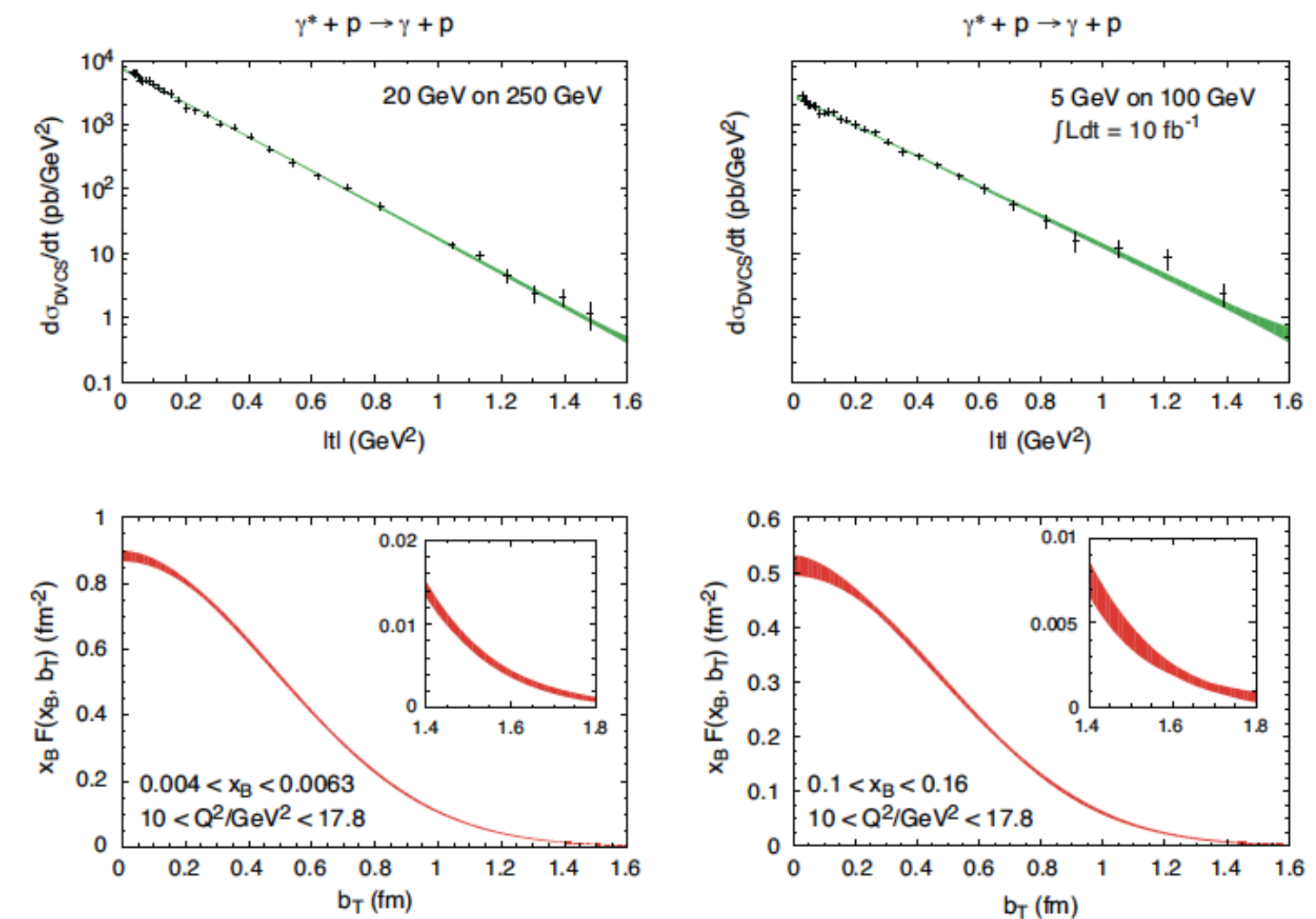
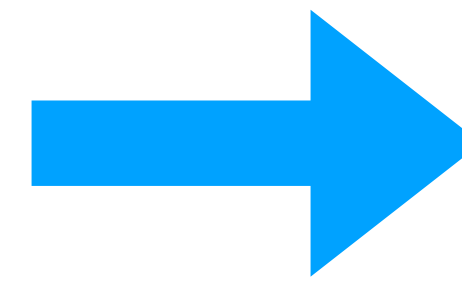
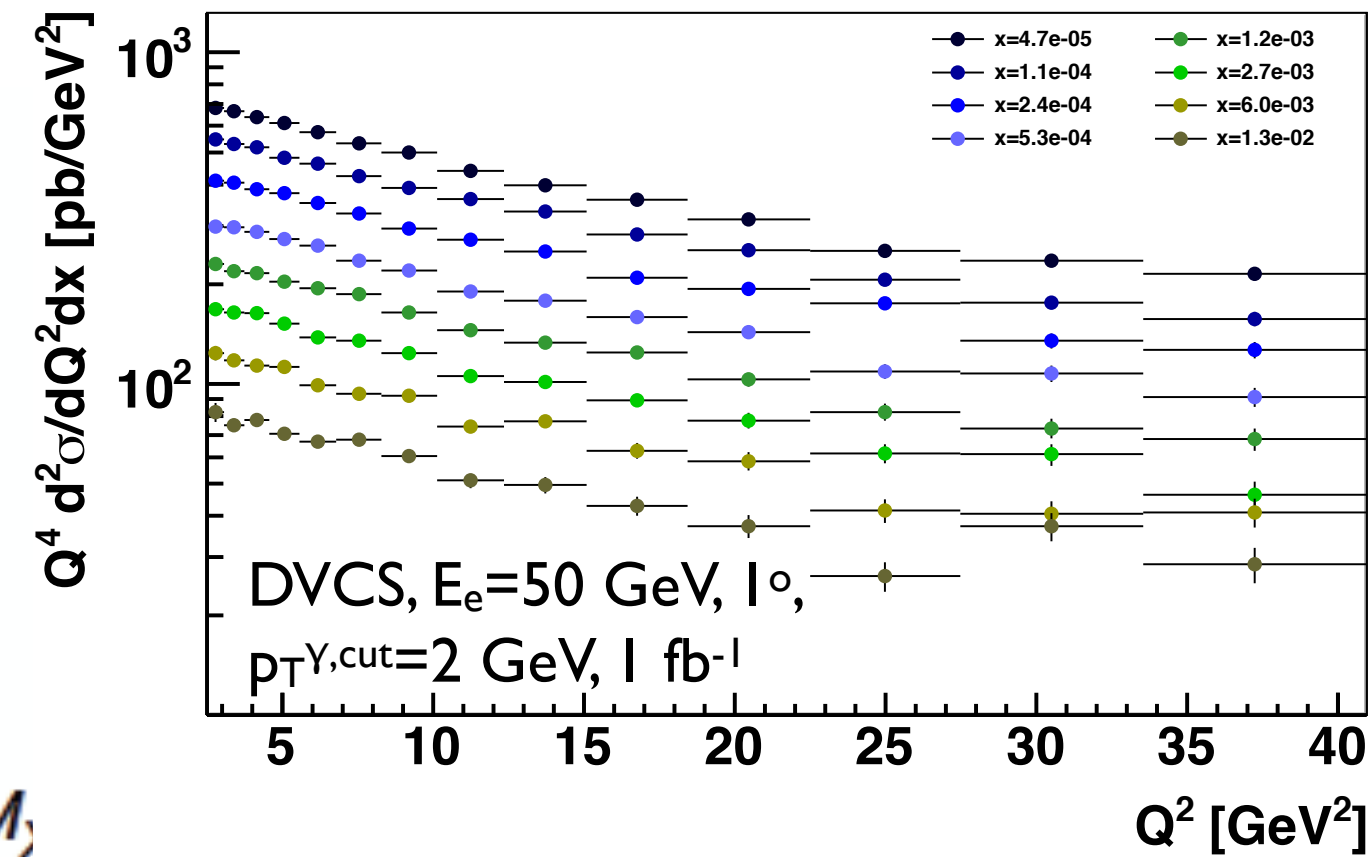
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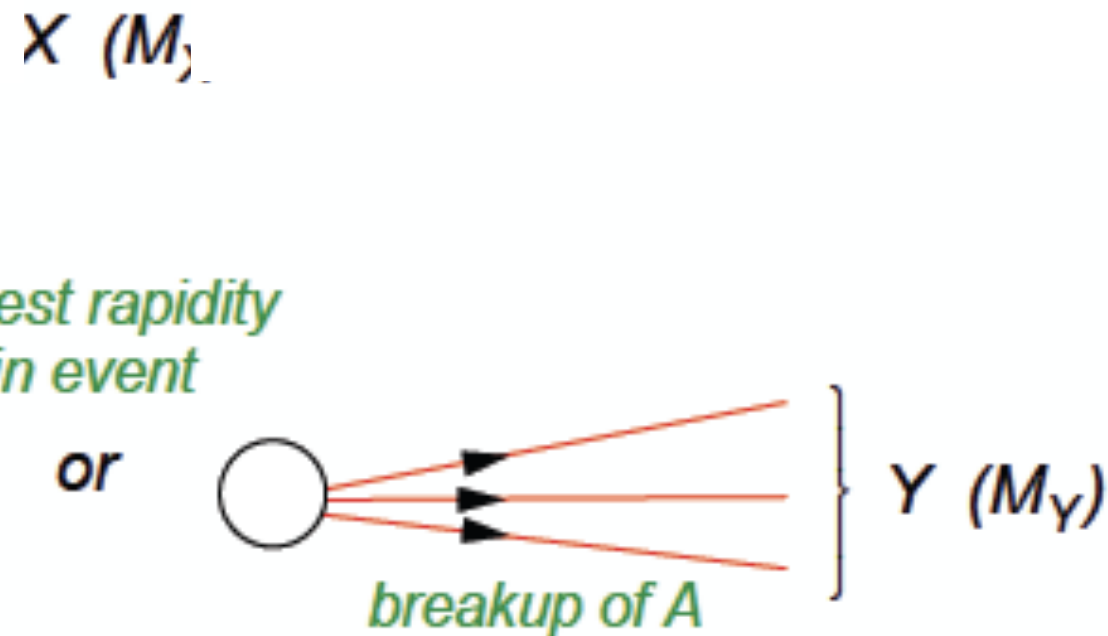
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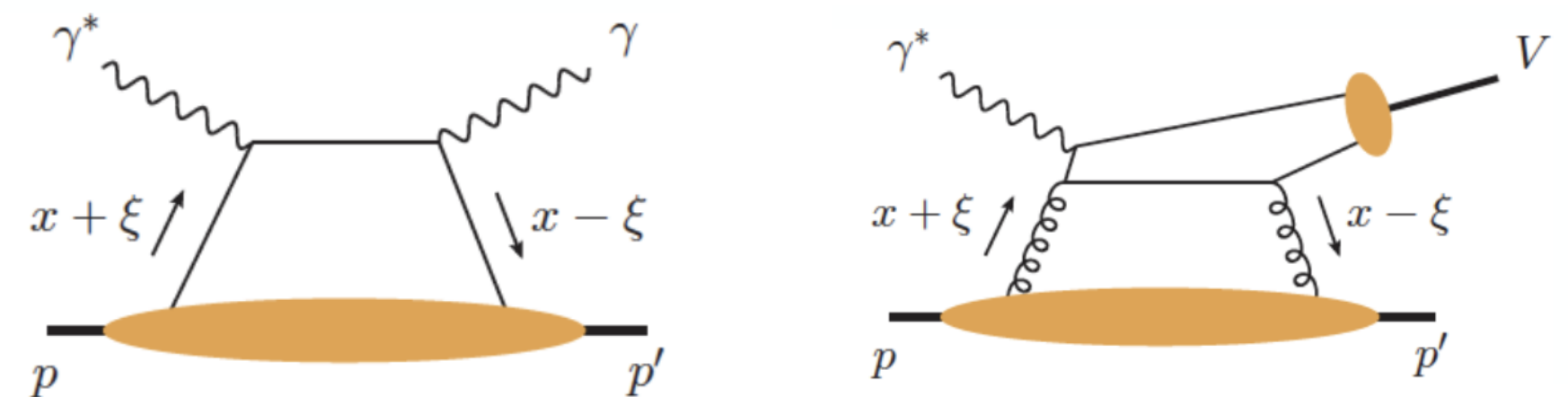
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coherent
p/A stays intact



incoherent
p/A breaks up



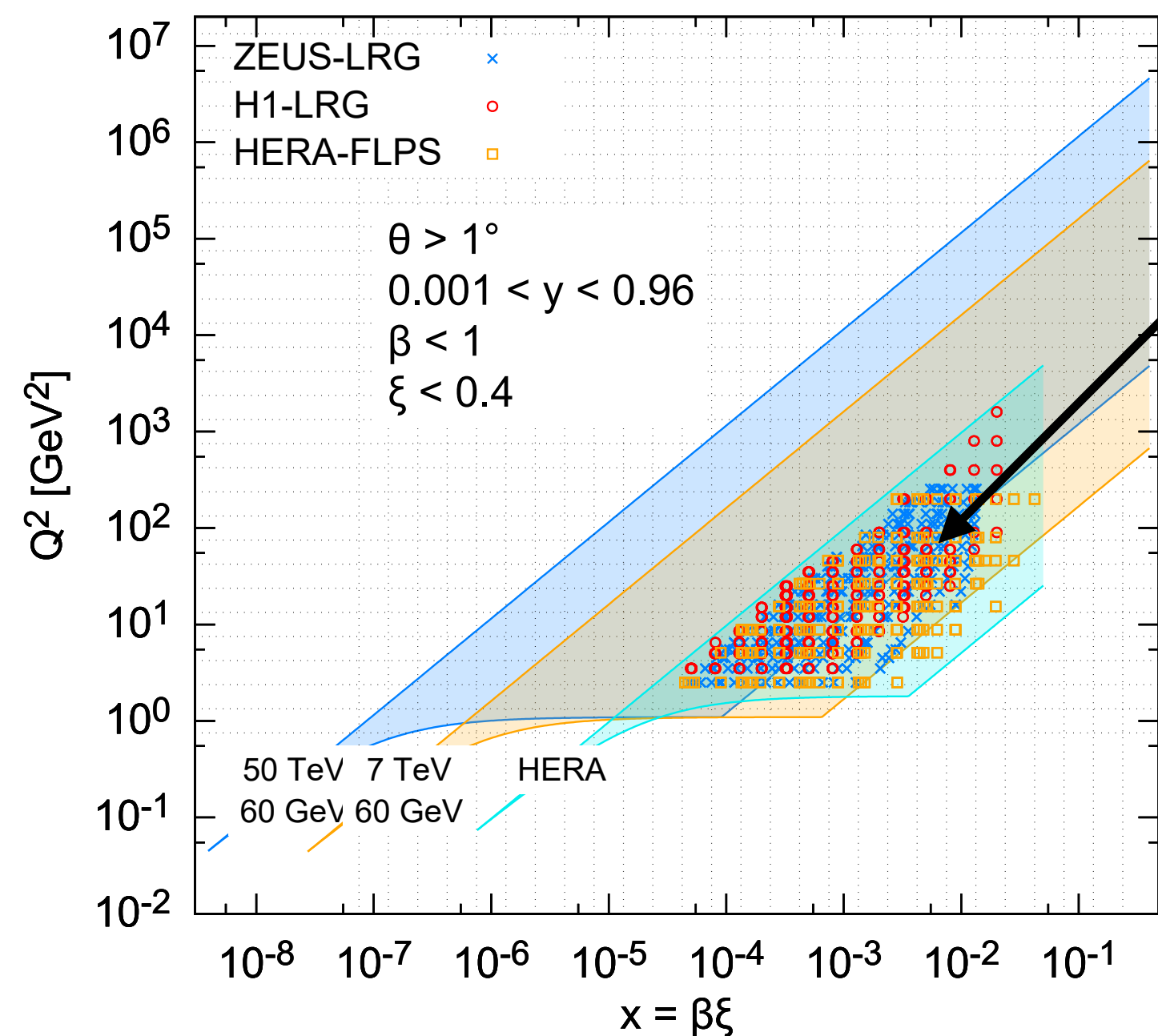
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Nuclear diffractive PDFs:

- Diffractive PDFs give the conditional probability of measuring a parton in the hadron with the hadron remaining intact: **~10 % events at HERA are diffractive!**
- **Never measured in nuclei**, incoherent diffraction dominant above relatively small $-t$: interplay between multiple scattering and survival probability of the colourless exchange (rapidity gap), relation between diffraction in ep and nuclear shadowing \Rightarrow **MPIs, CEP.**
- At the LHeC/FCC-eh, **extractable in nuclei with the same accuracy as in proton.**

LHeC/FCC-eh, coherent diffraction [1901.09076](#)



Not existing in nuclei

Gluon DPDF error bands from 5% simulations
 $Q_{\min}^2 \approx 5 \text{ GeV}^2$, $\xi_{\max} = 0.1$, CL = 68%, $\delta_{\text{norm}} = 0$

