

# **Overview on UPC and perspectives in LHC Run 3 and 4**

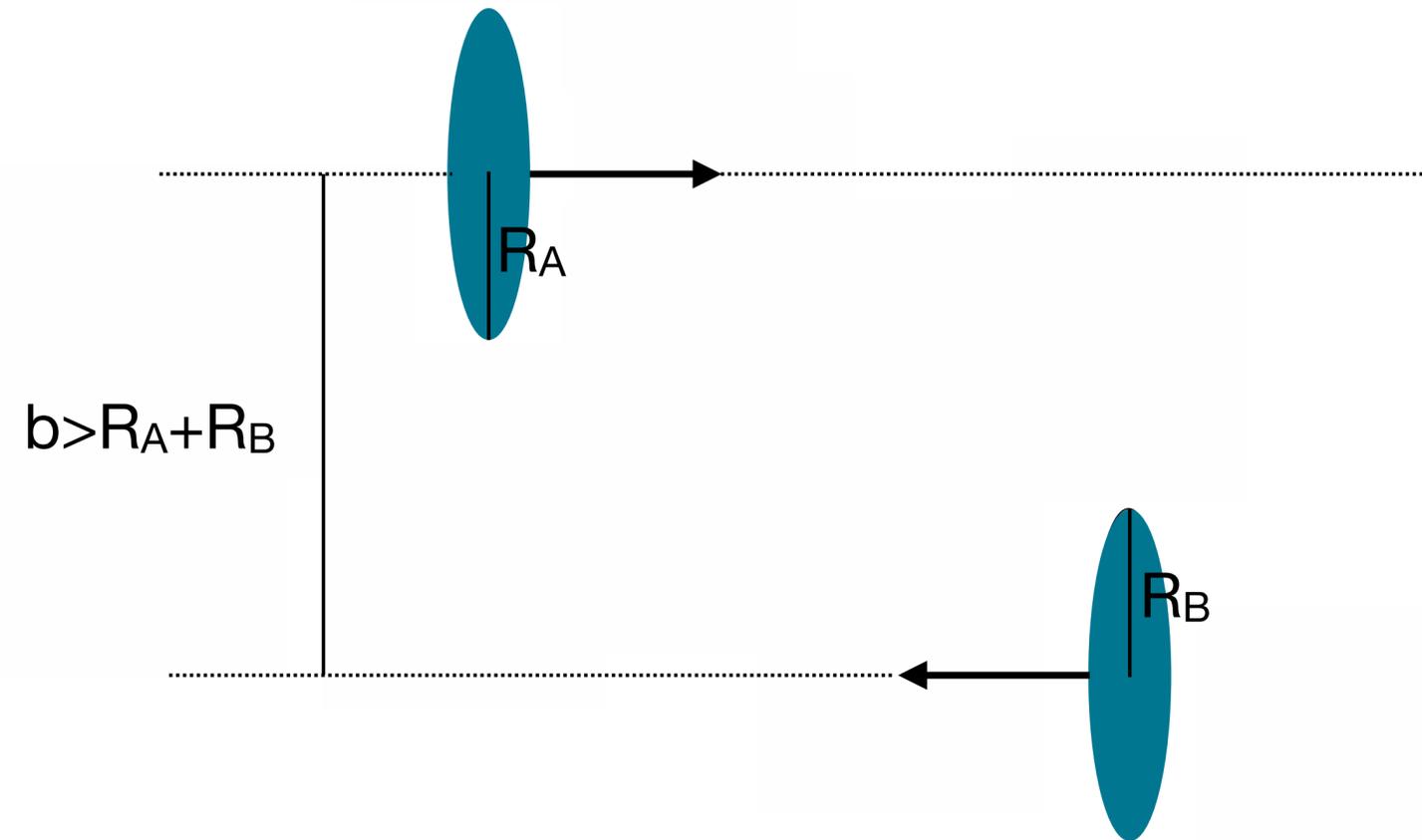
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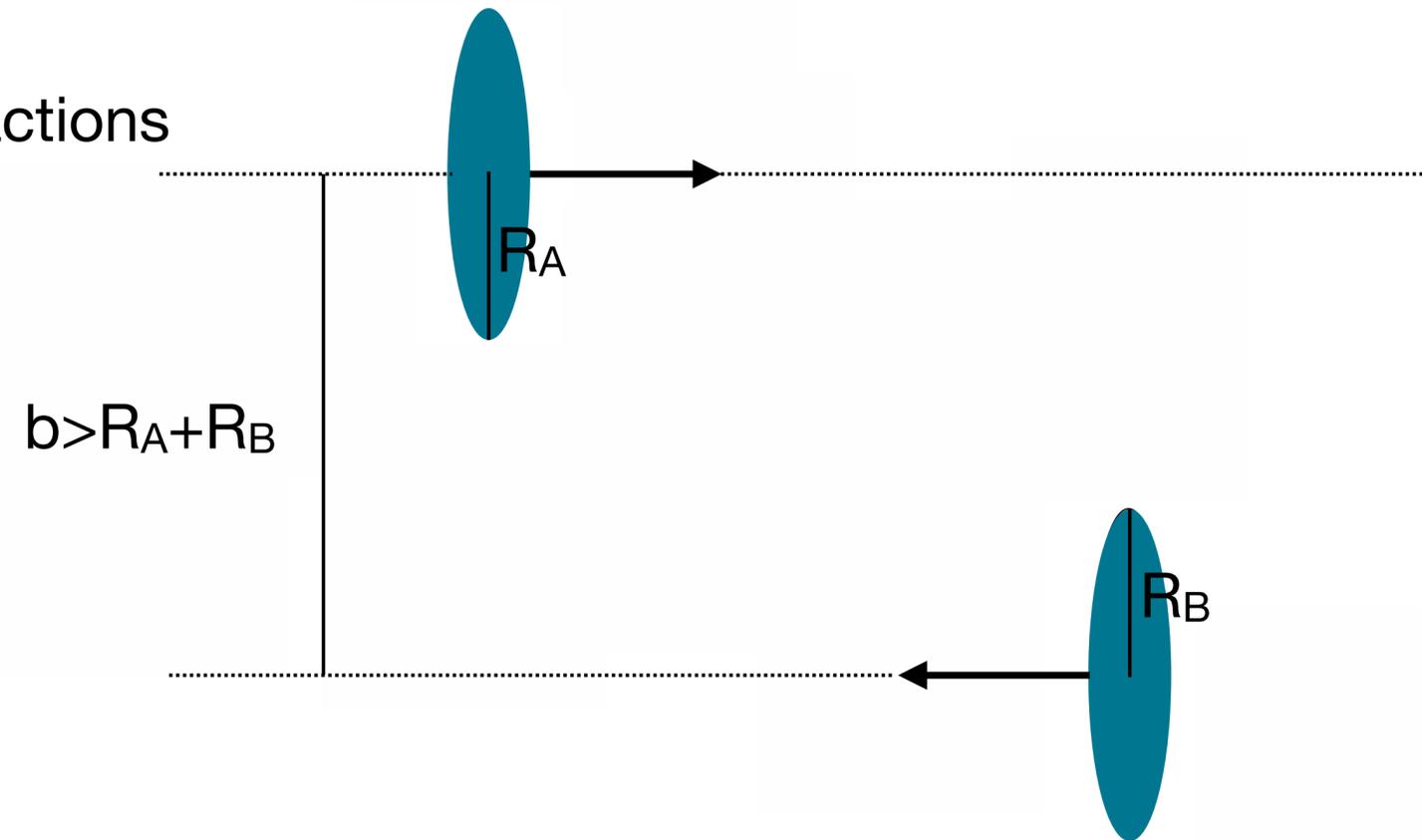


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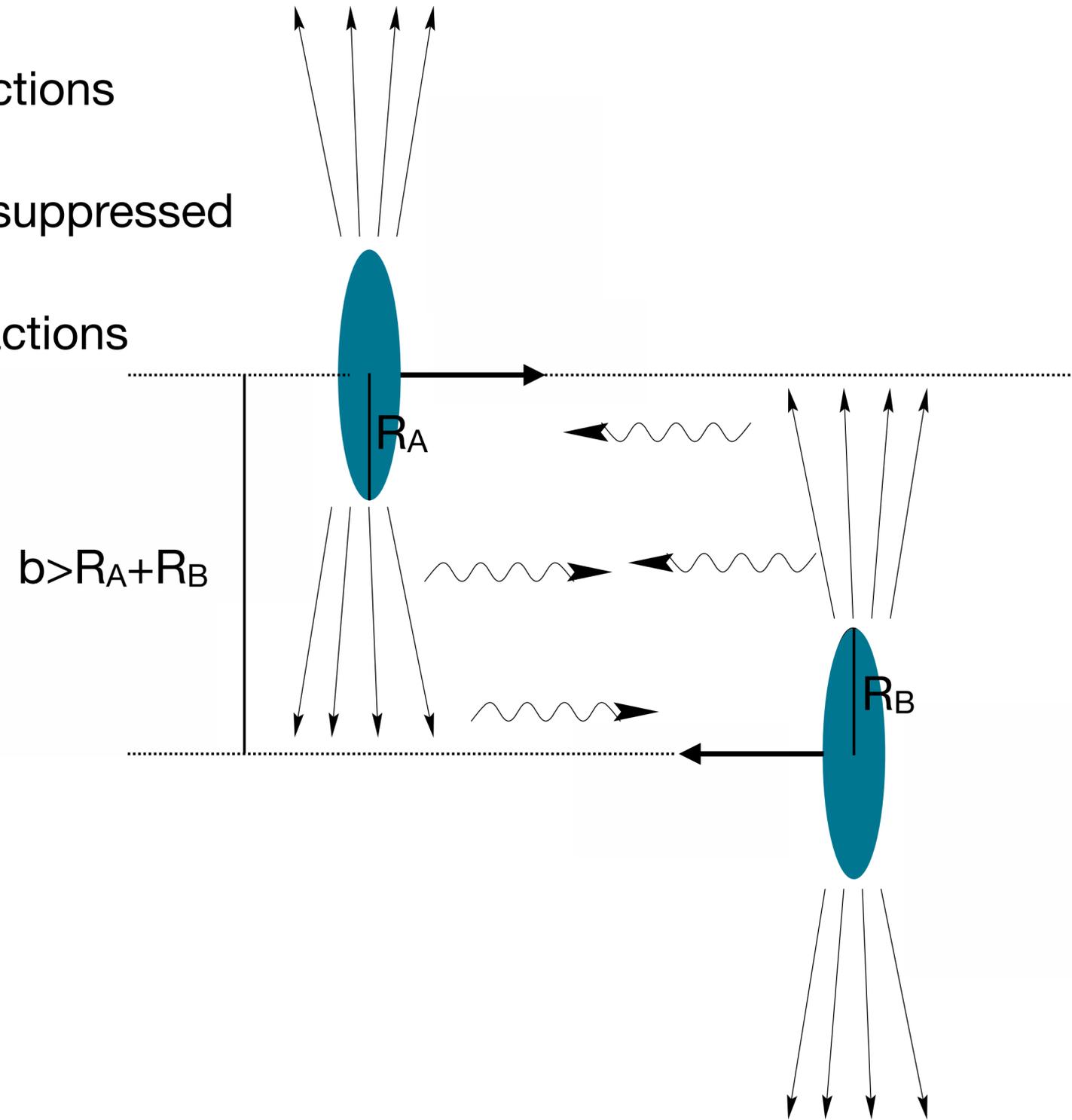


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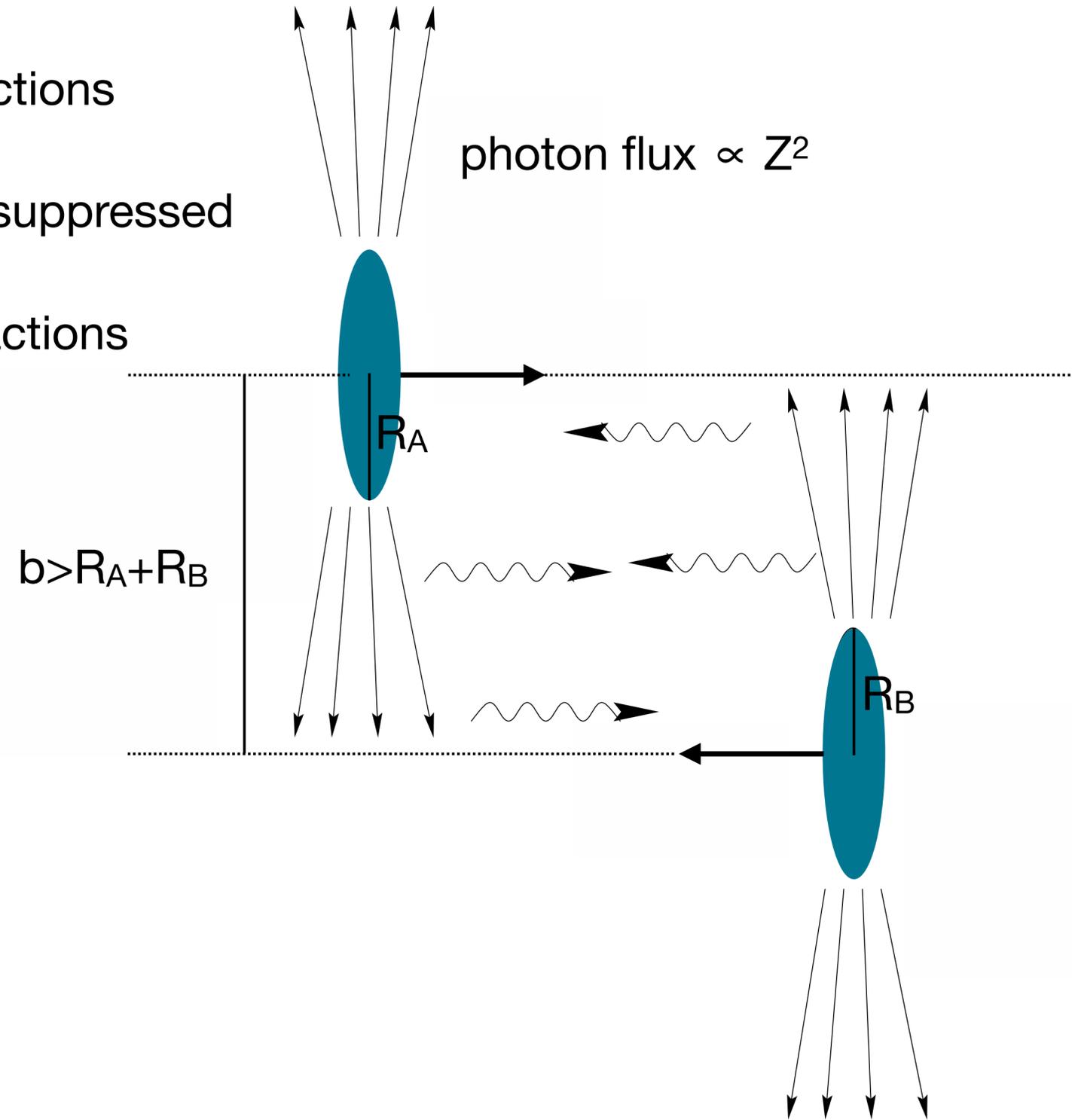


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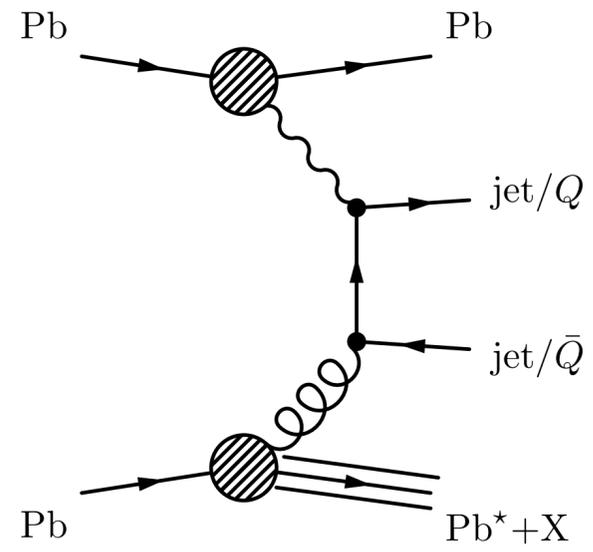
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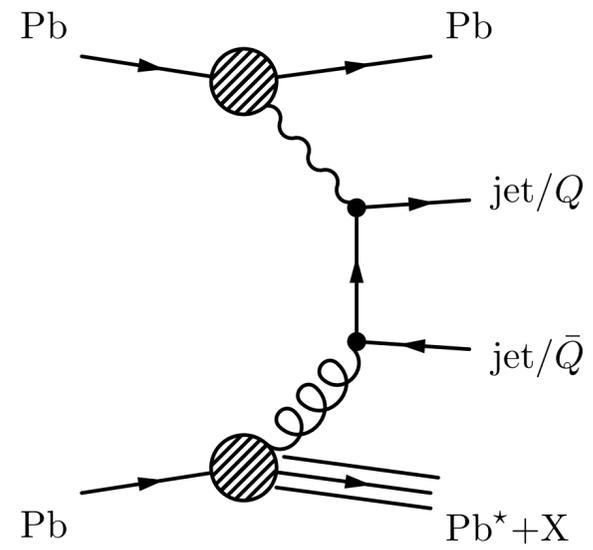


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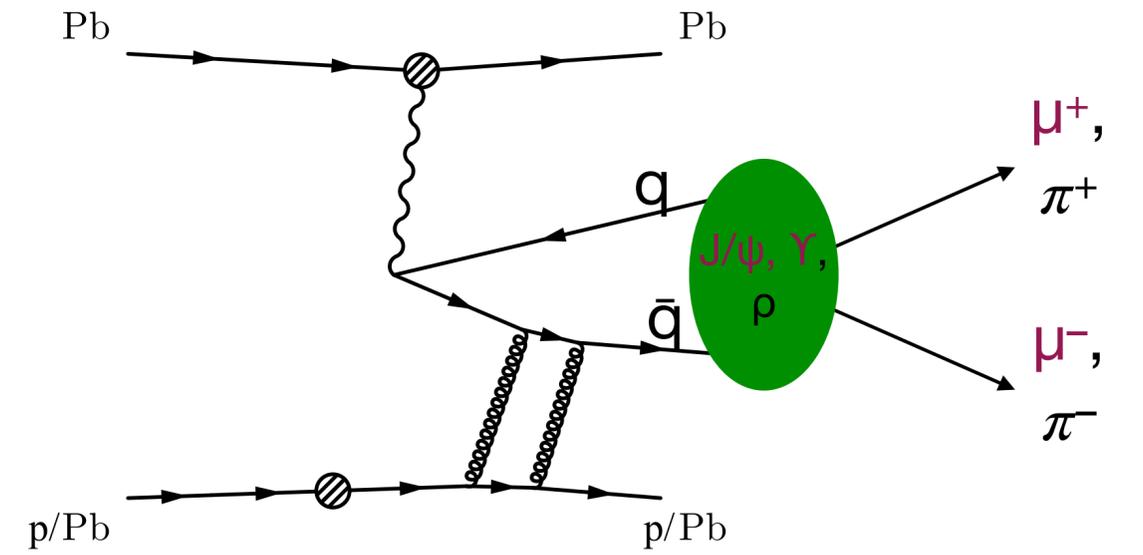


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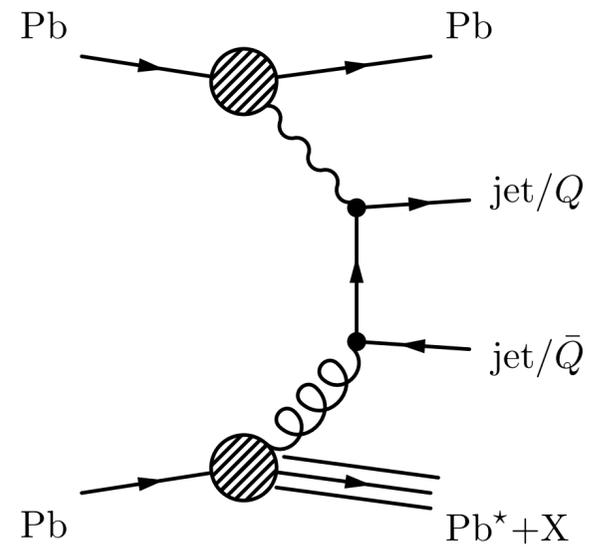


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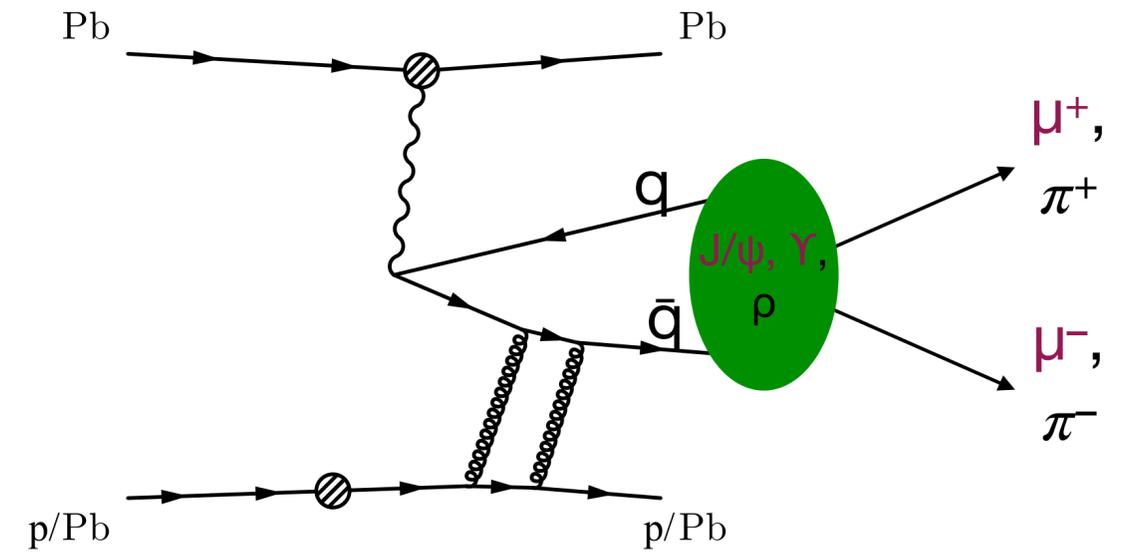


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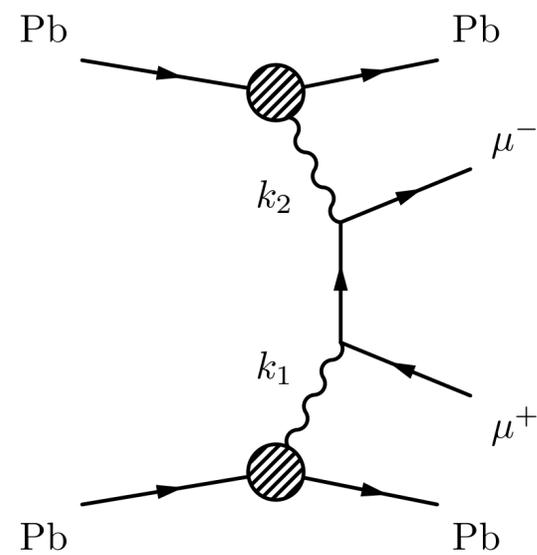
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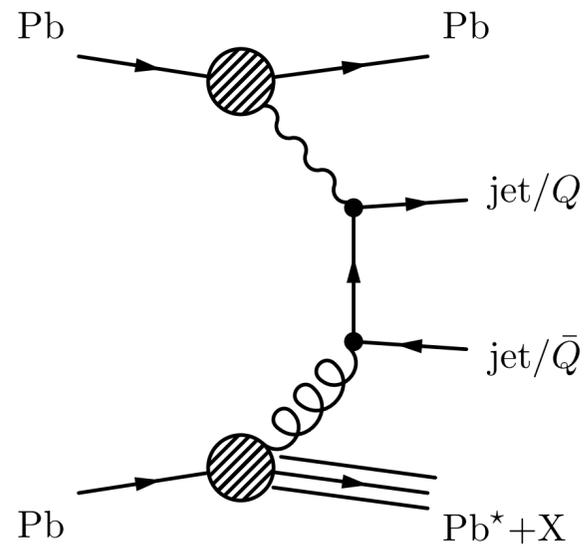


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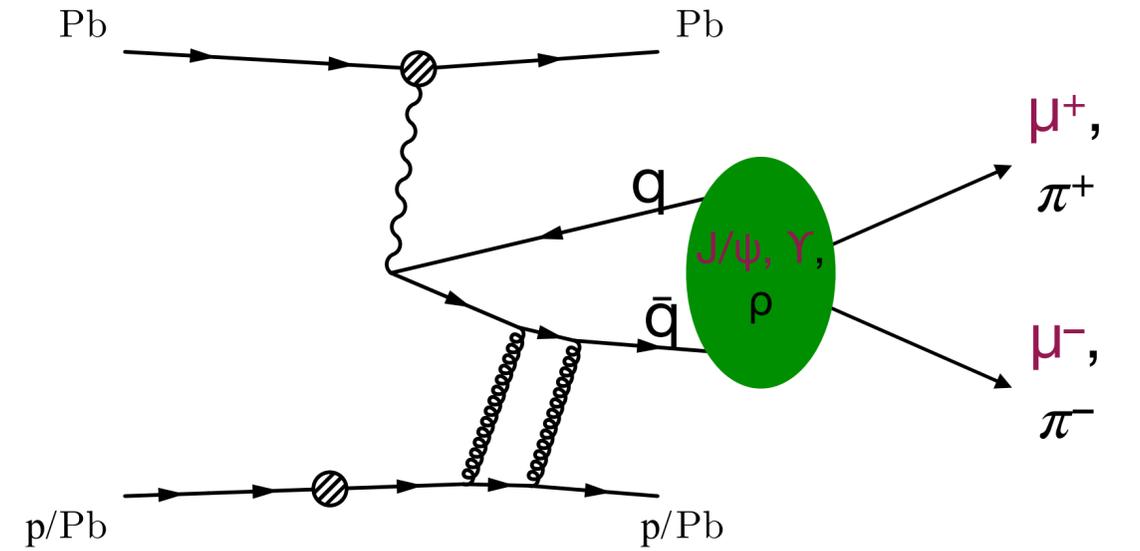


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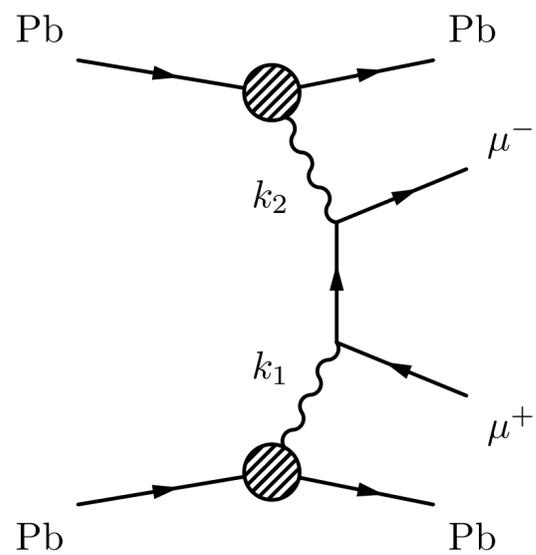
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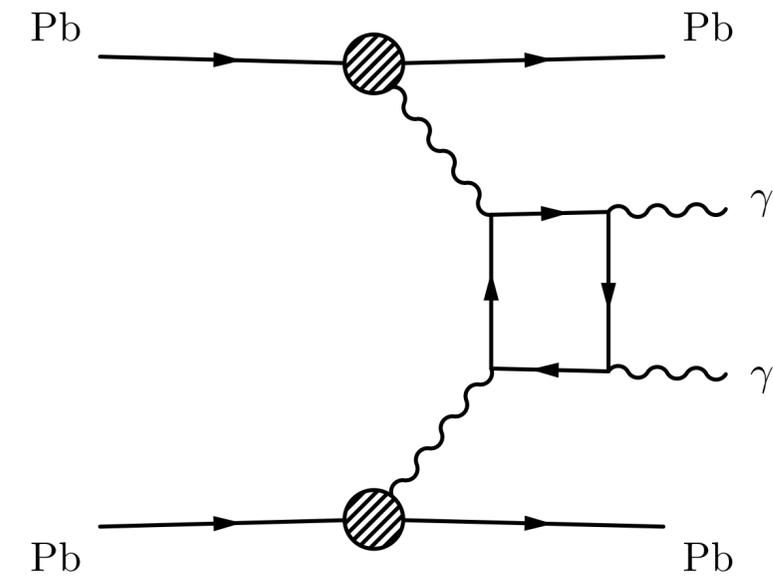
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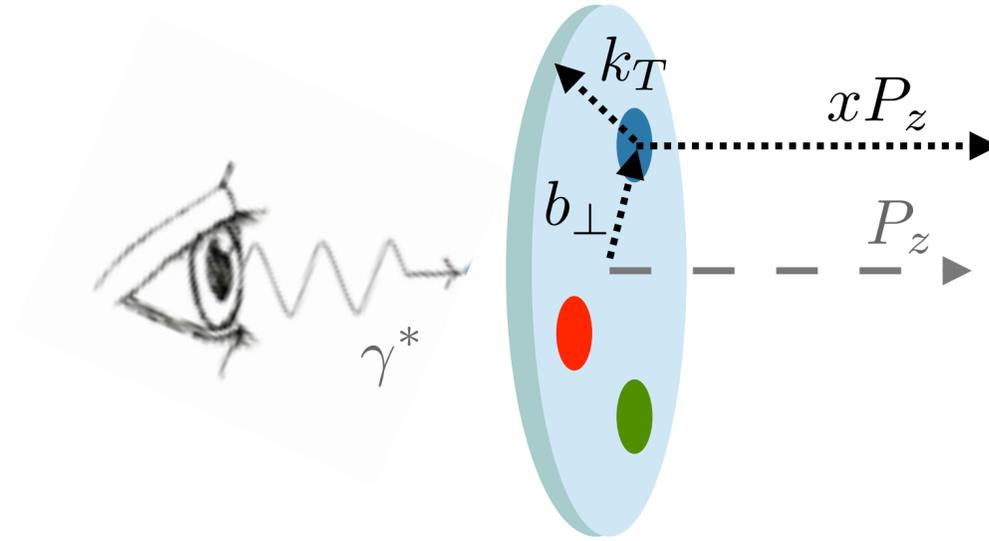
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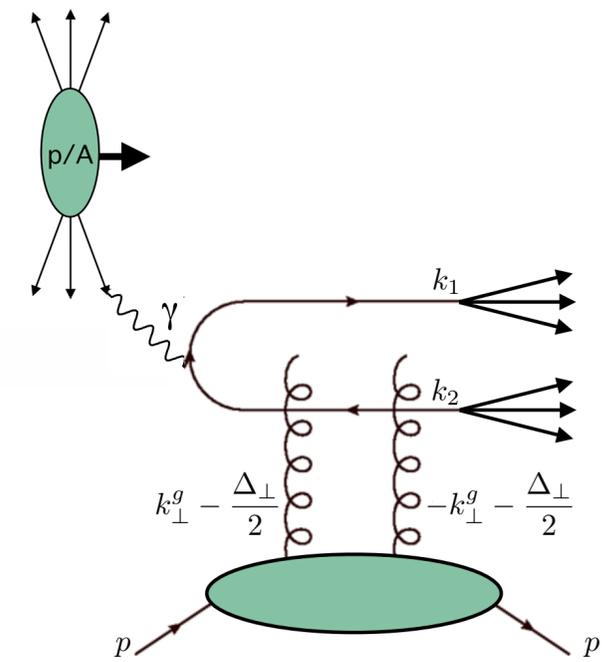
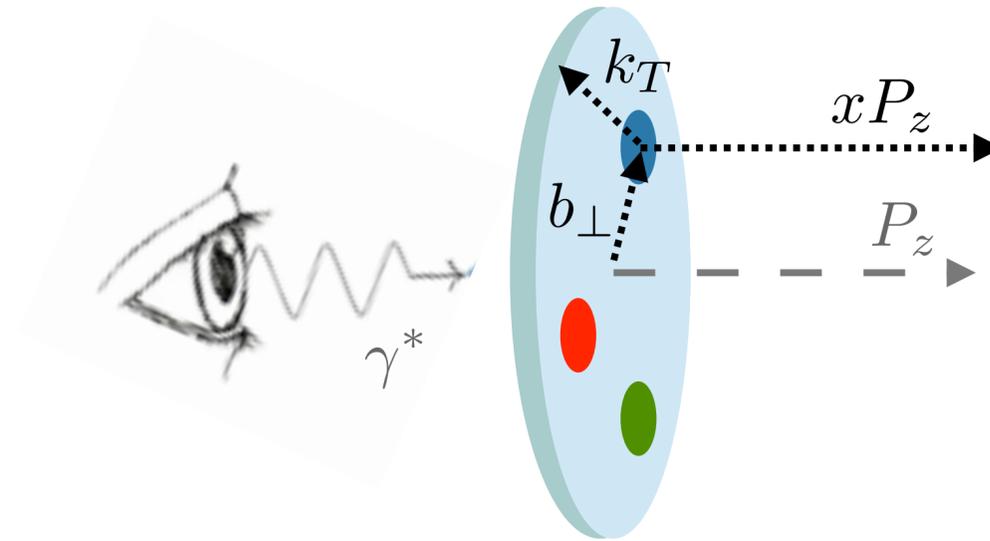
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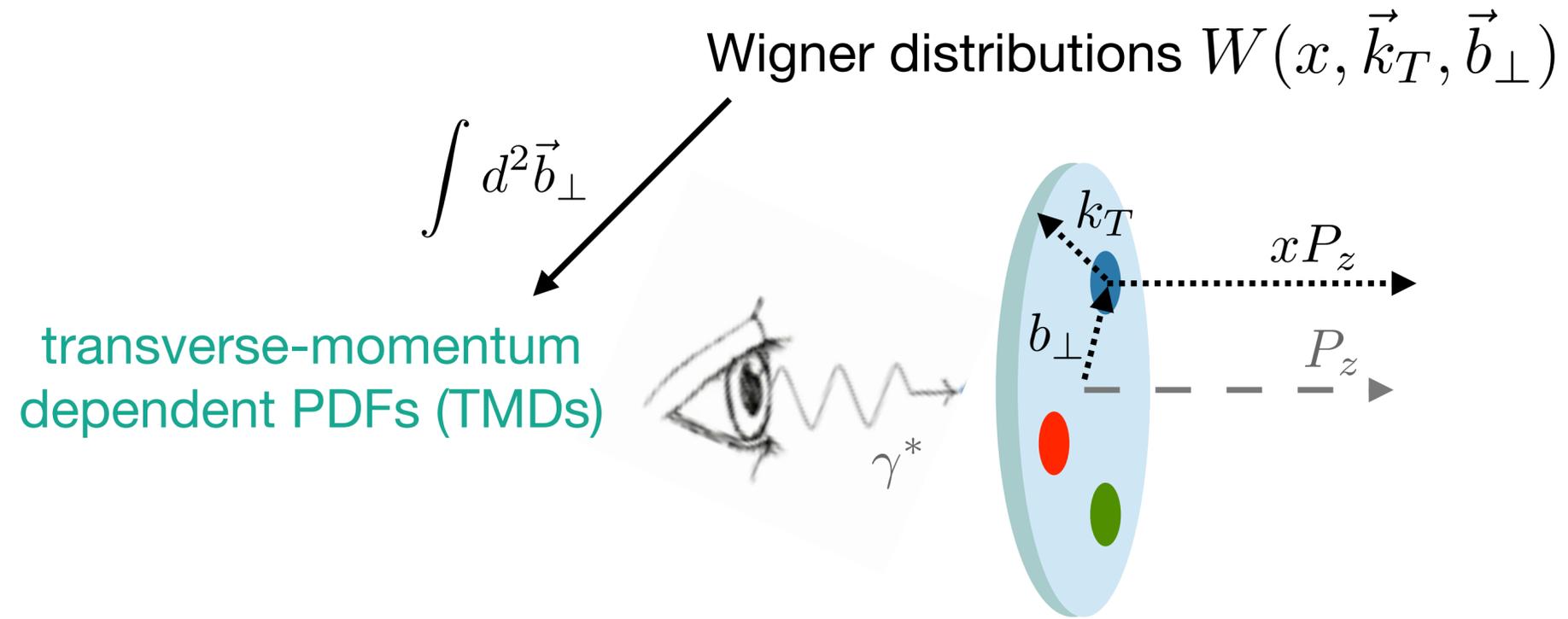
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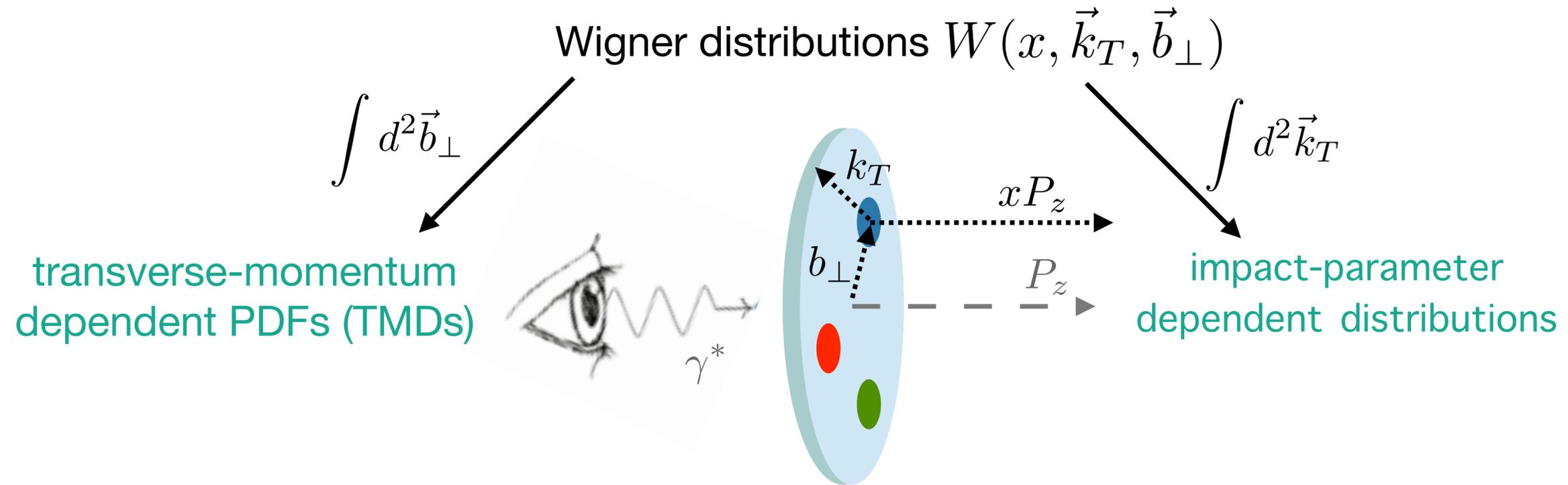


Exclusive dijets and heavy-meson pairs in UPCs  
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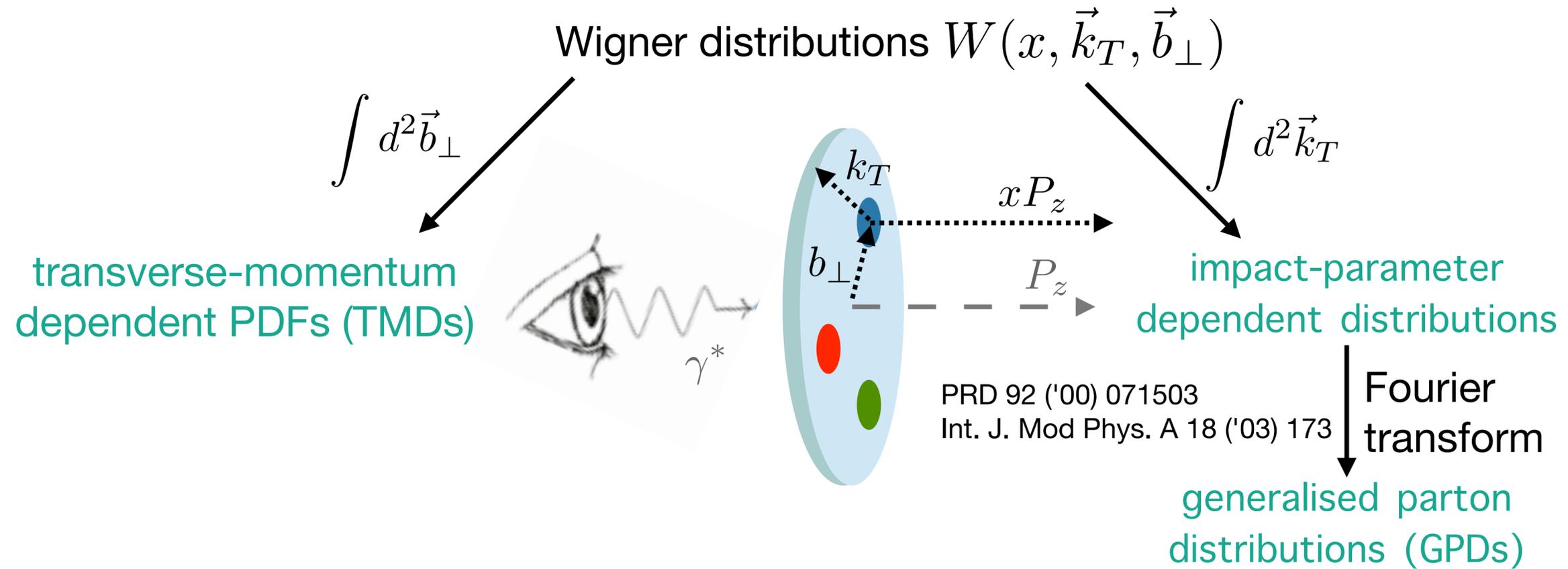
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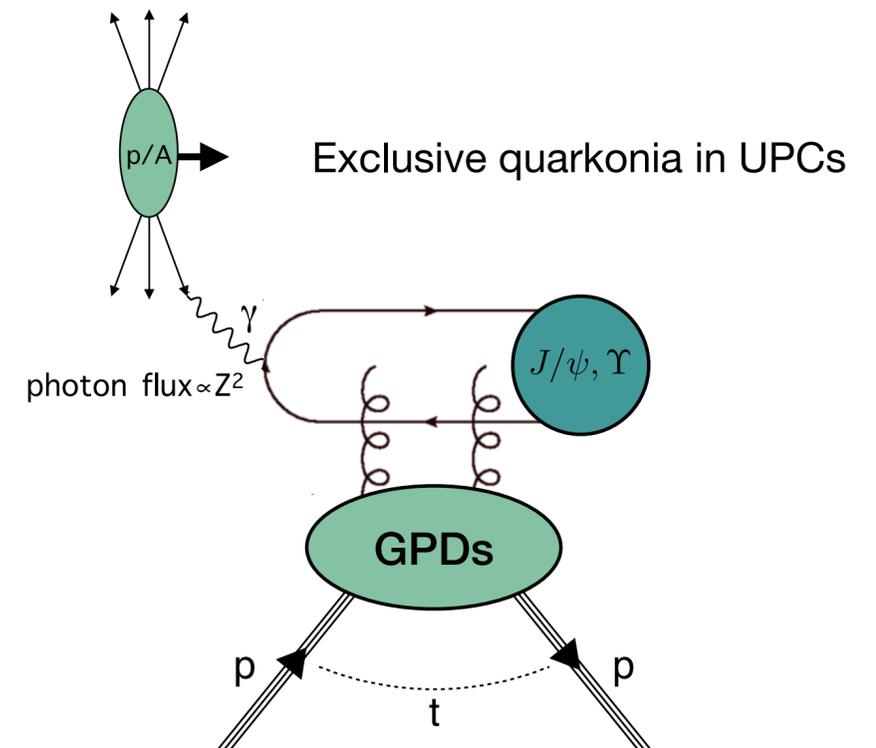
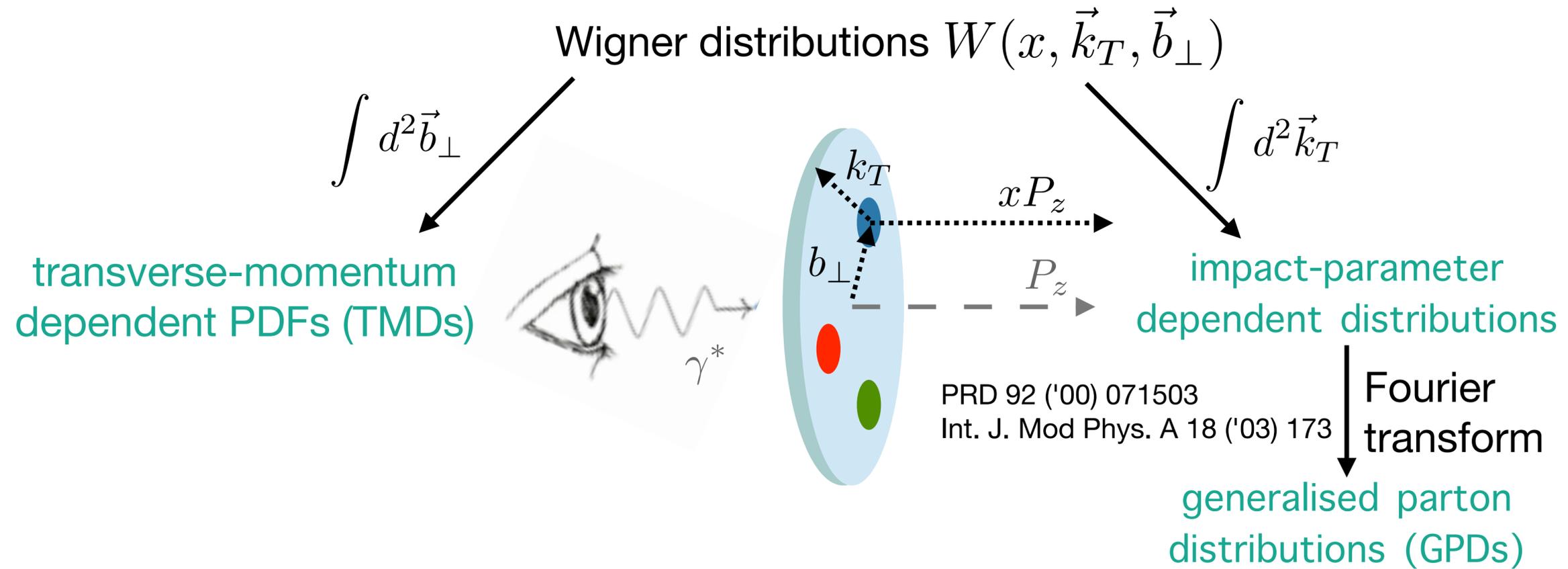
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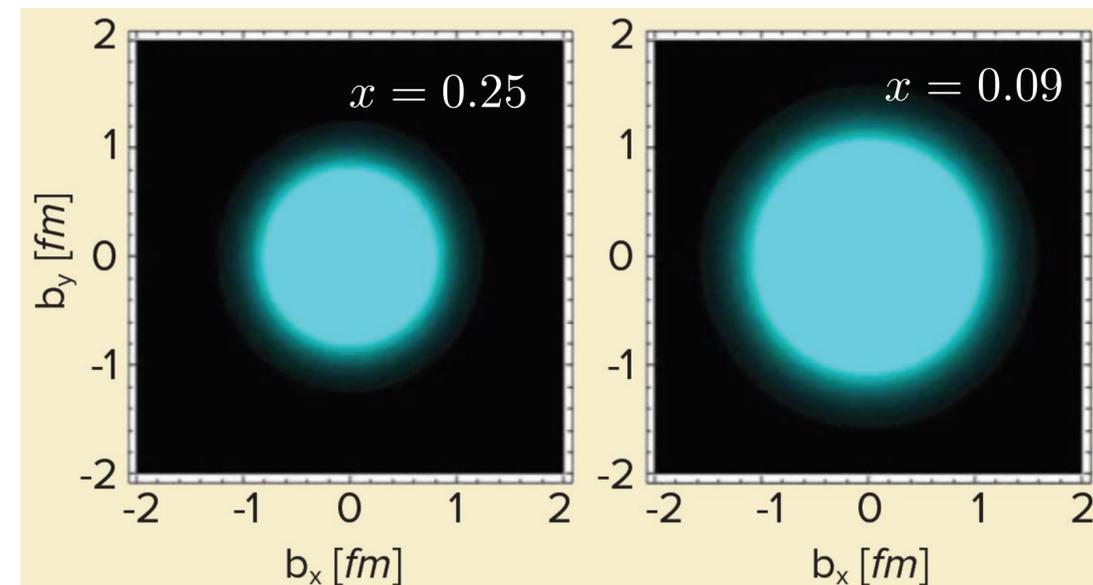
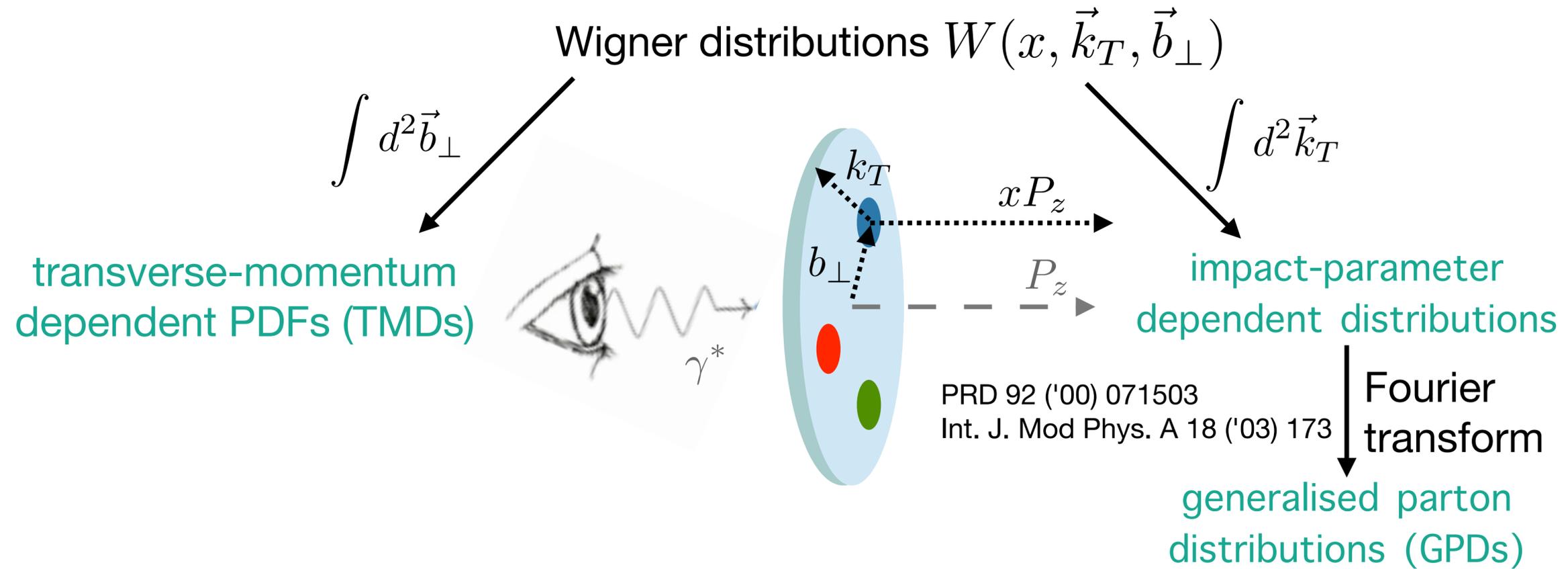
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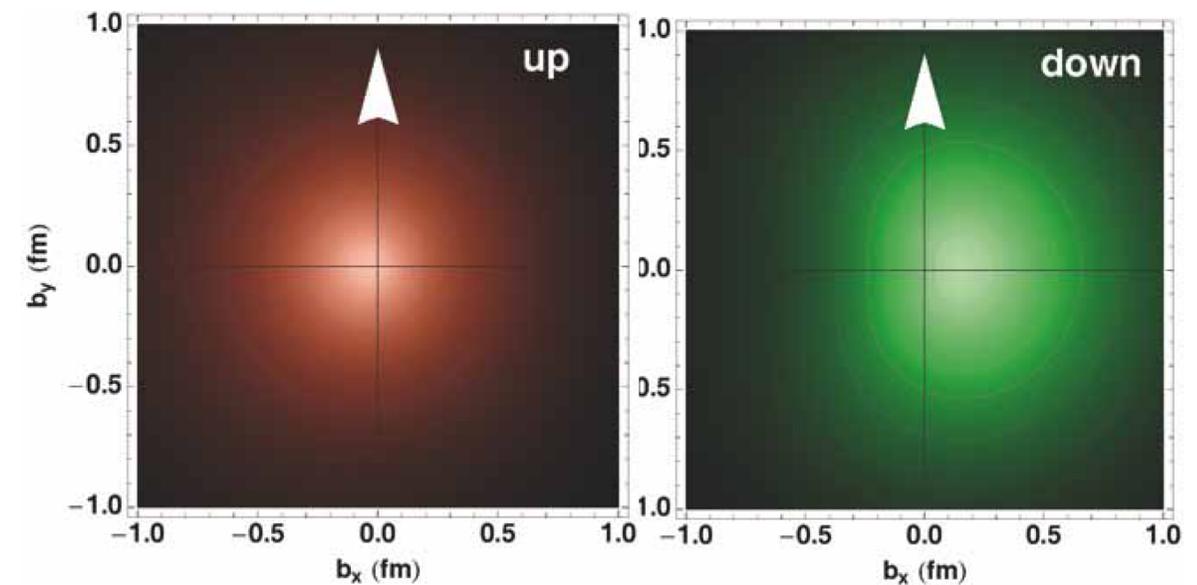
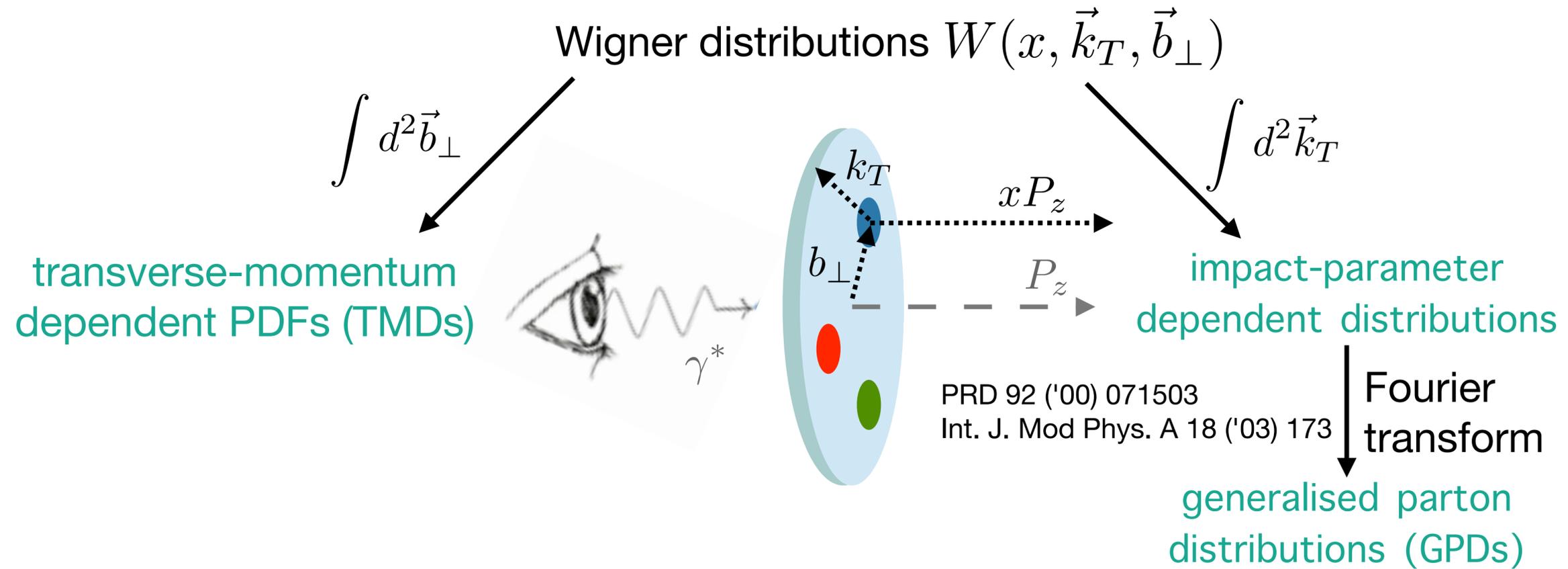
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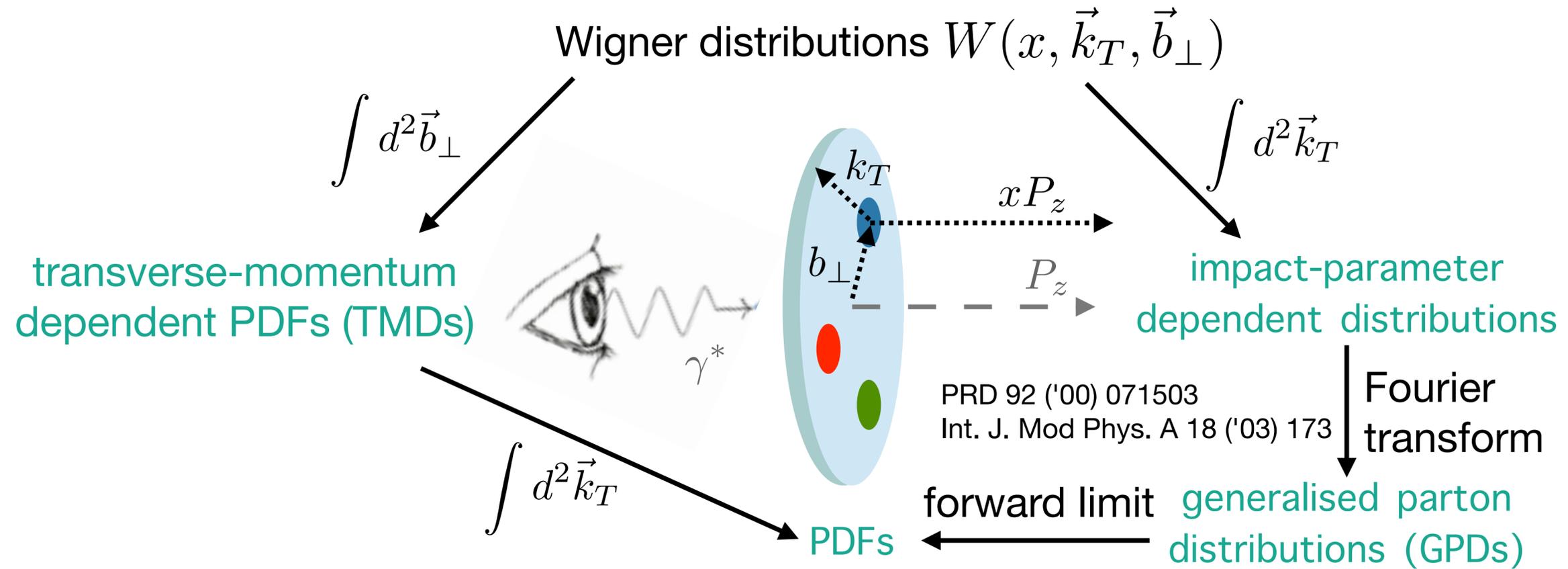
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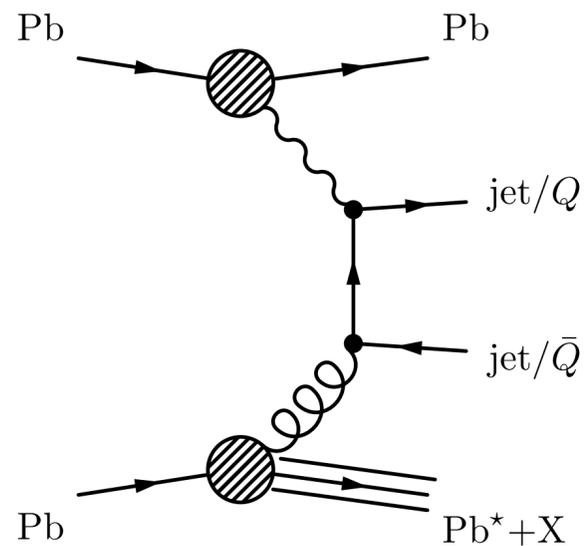
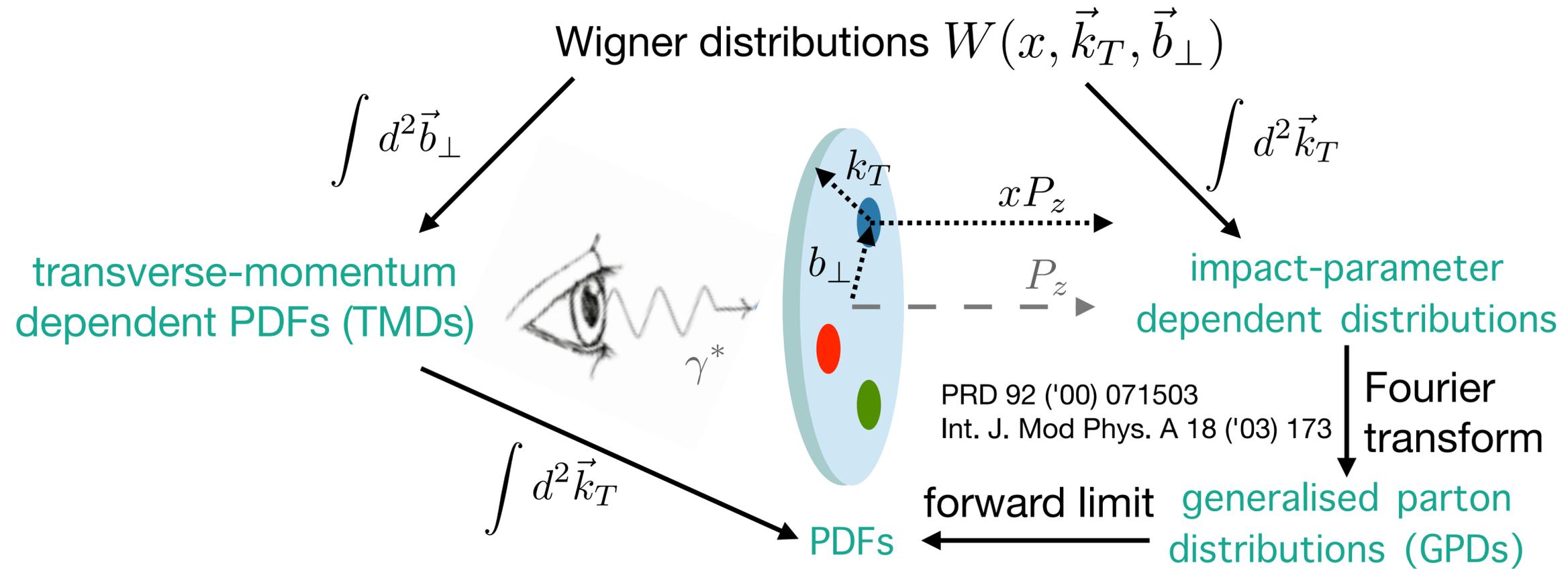
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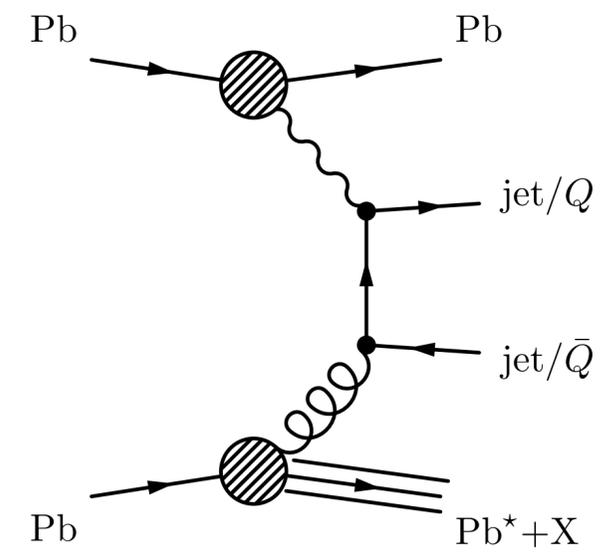
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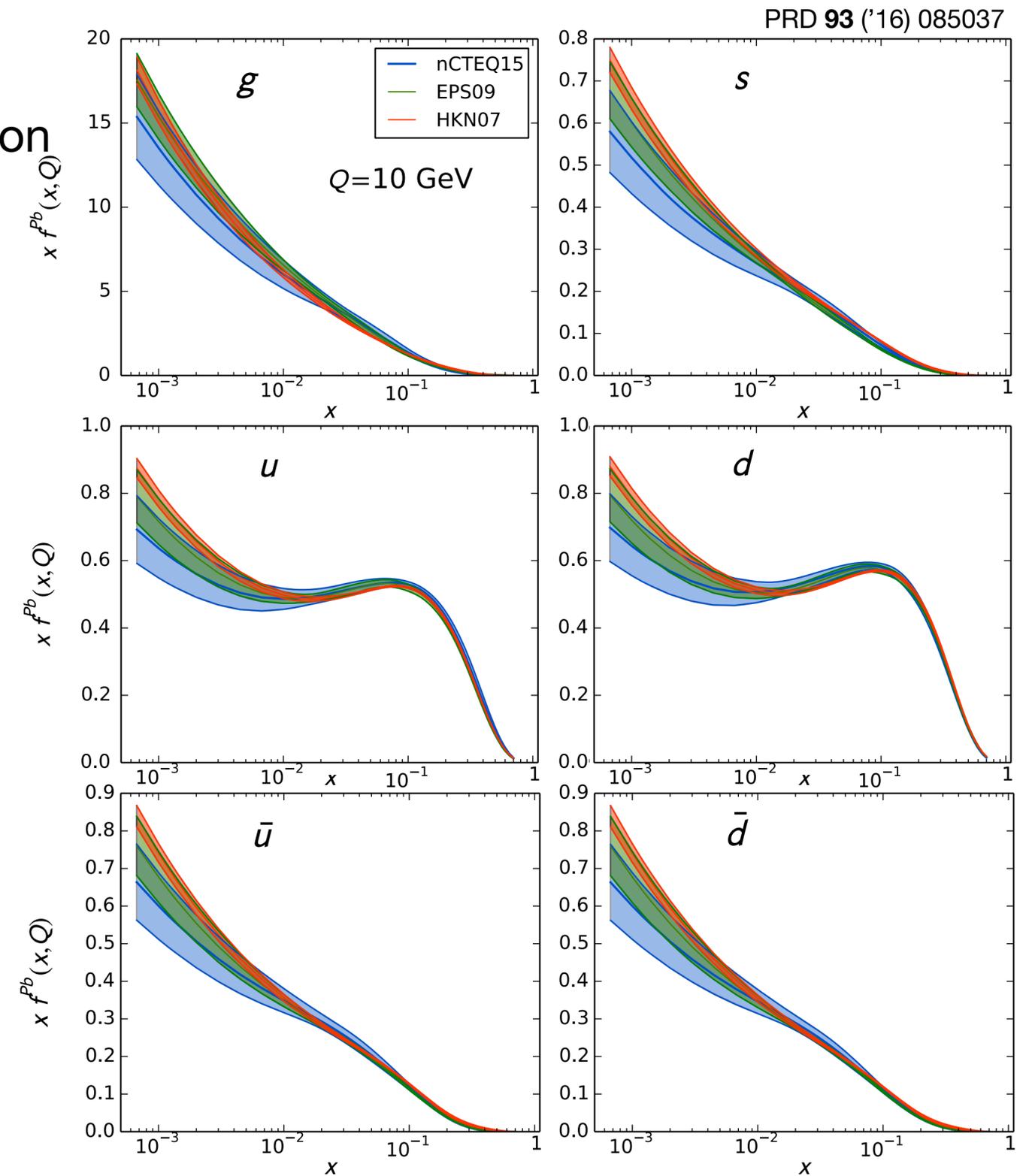


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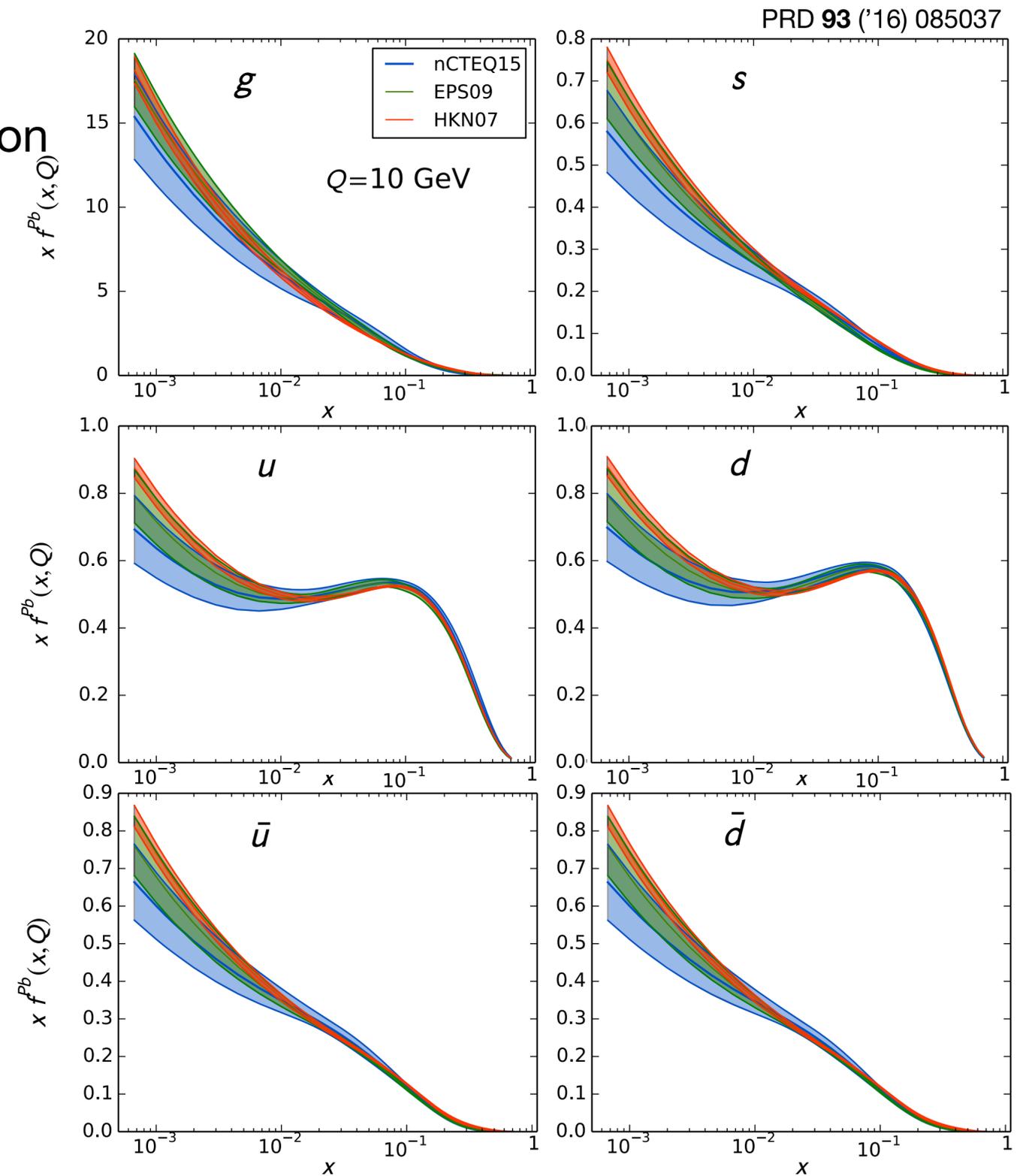
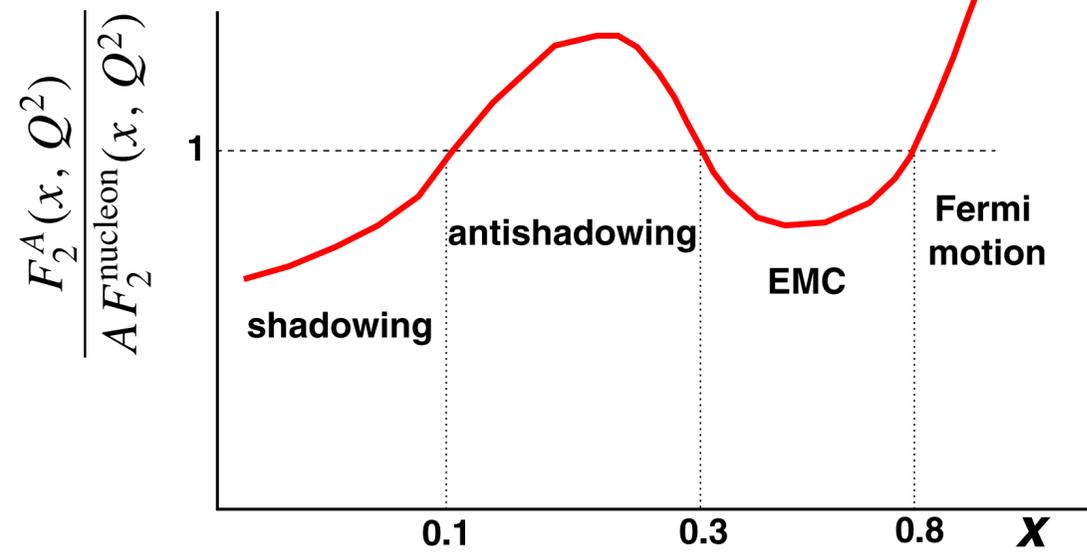
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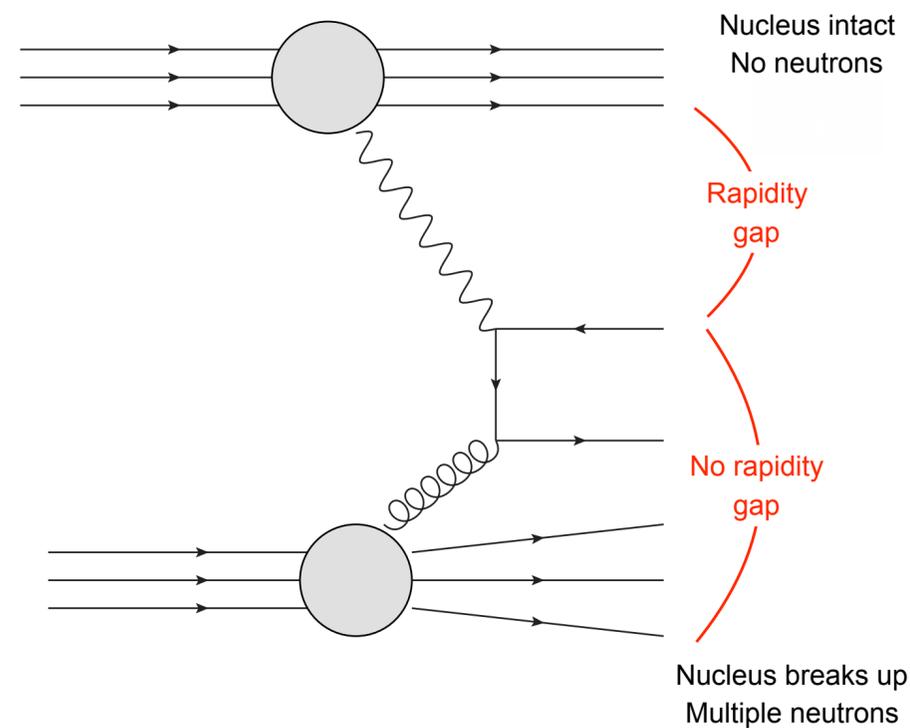
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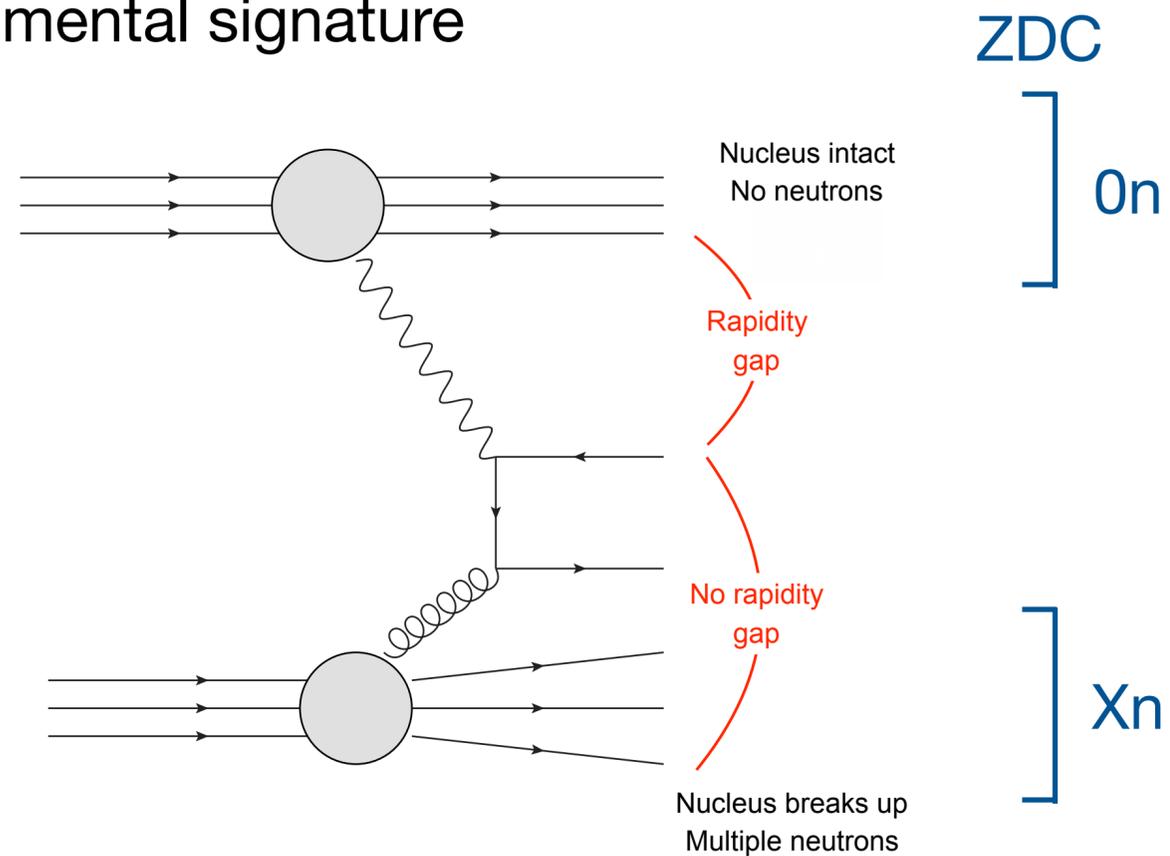
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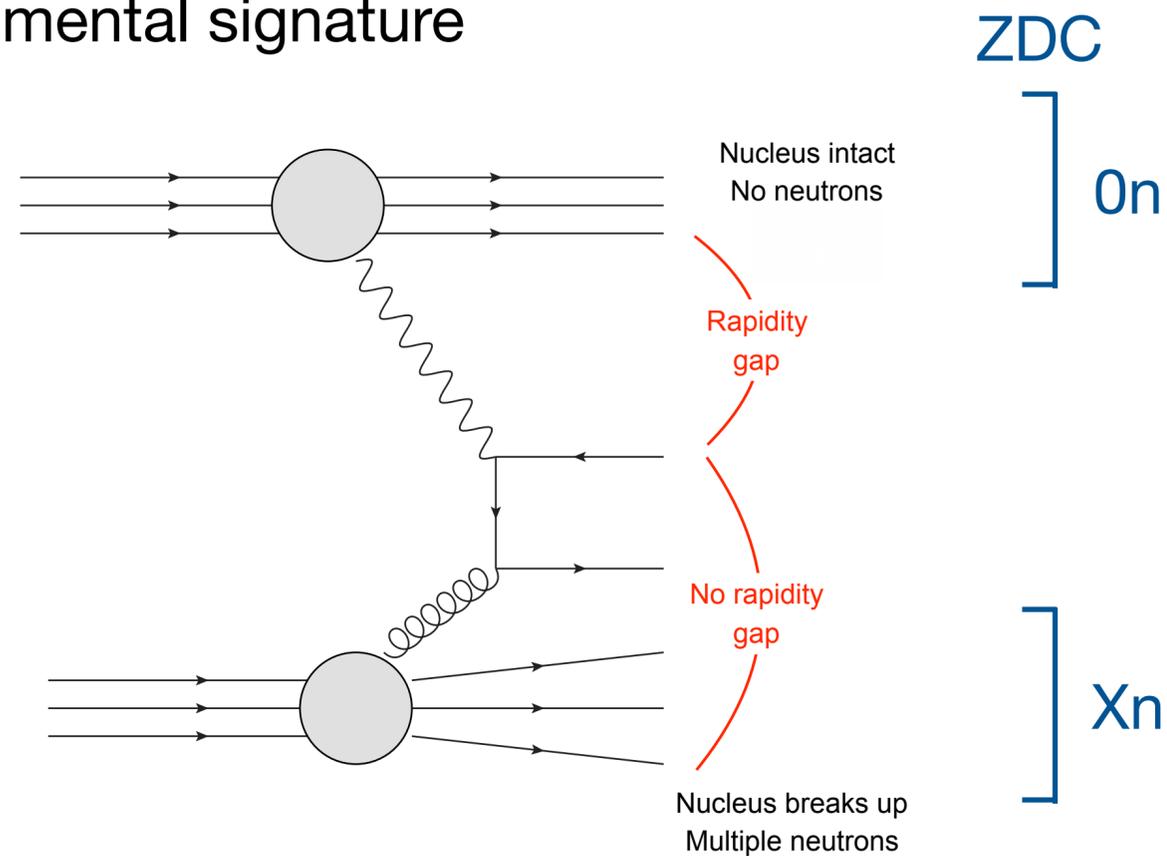
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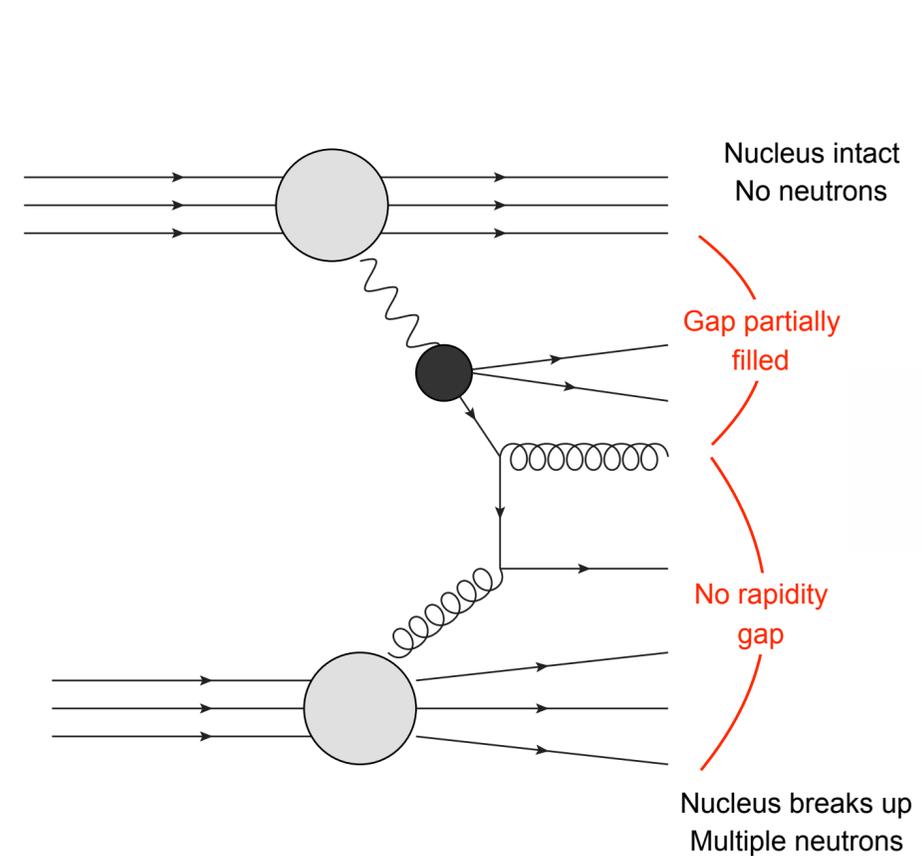
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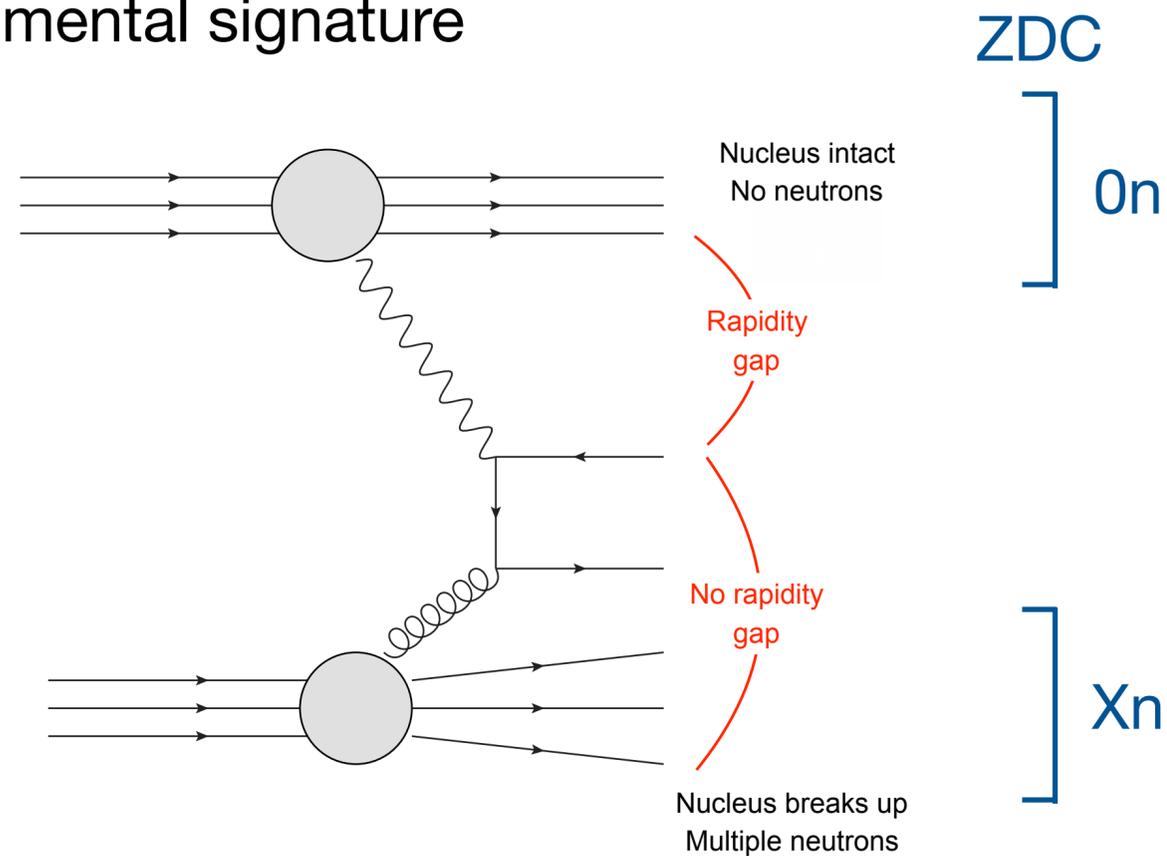


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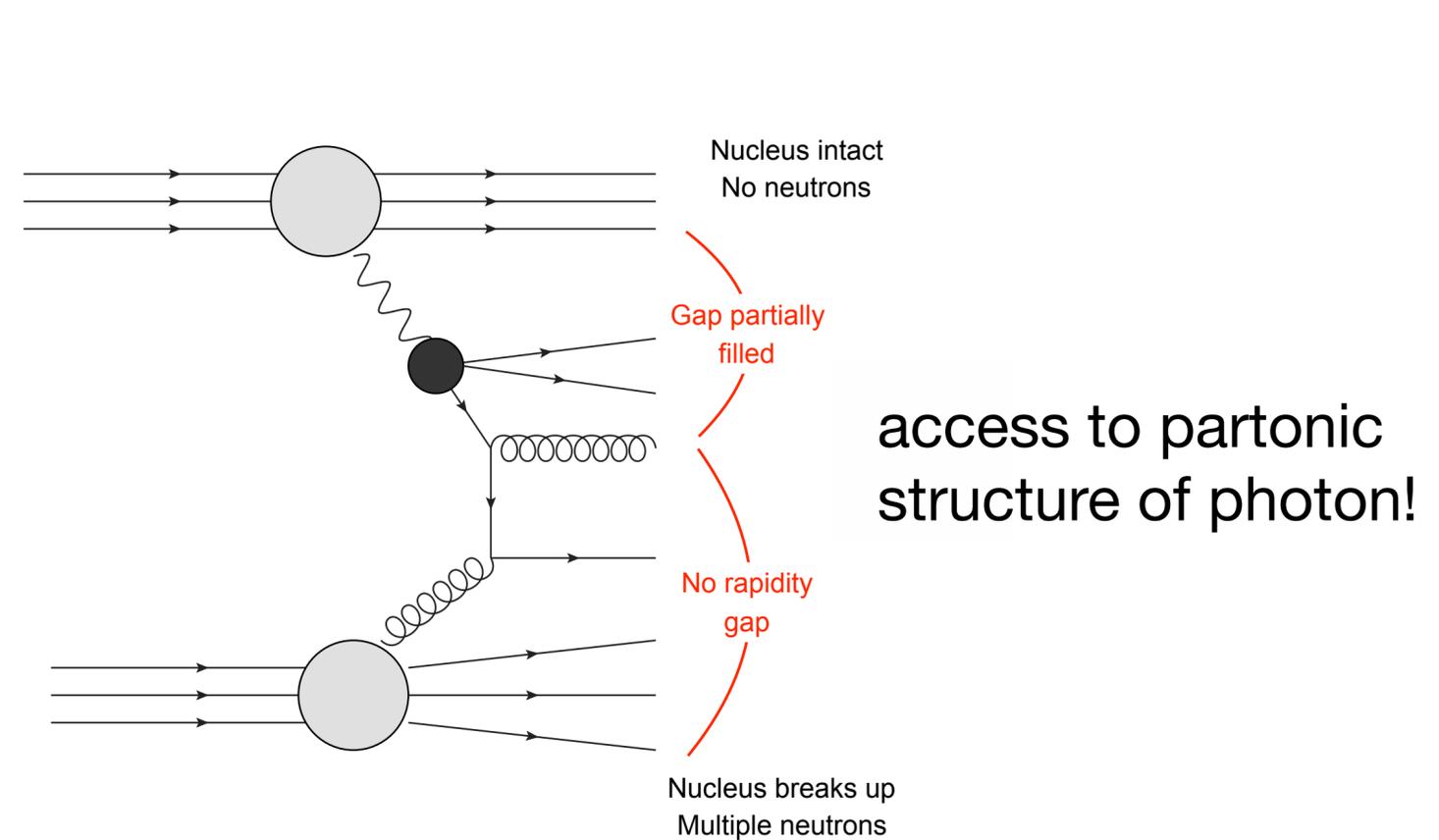
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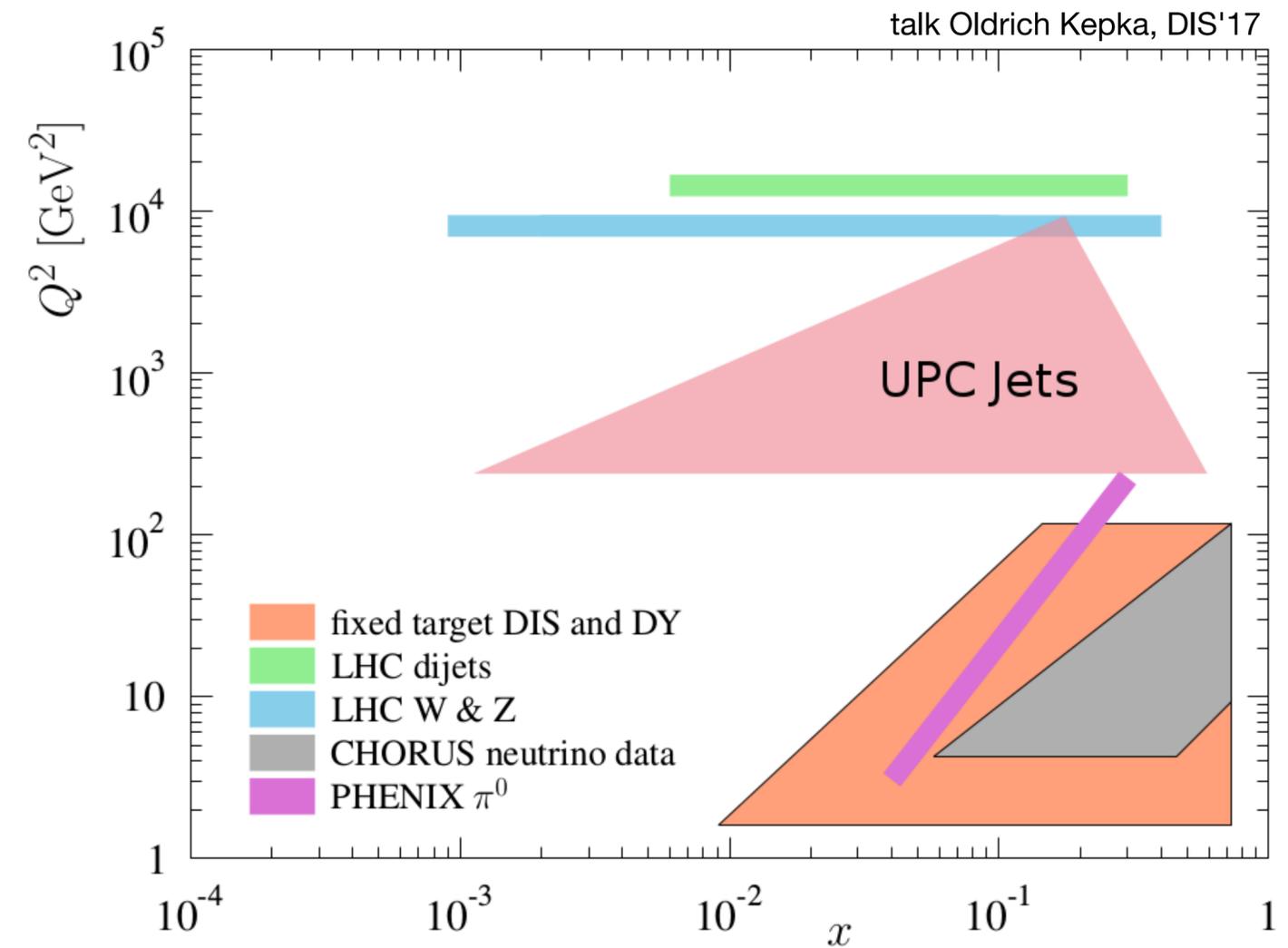
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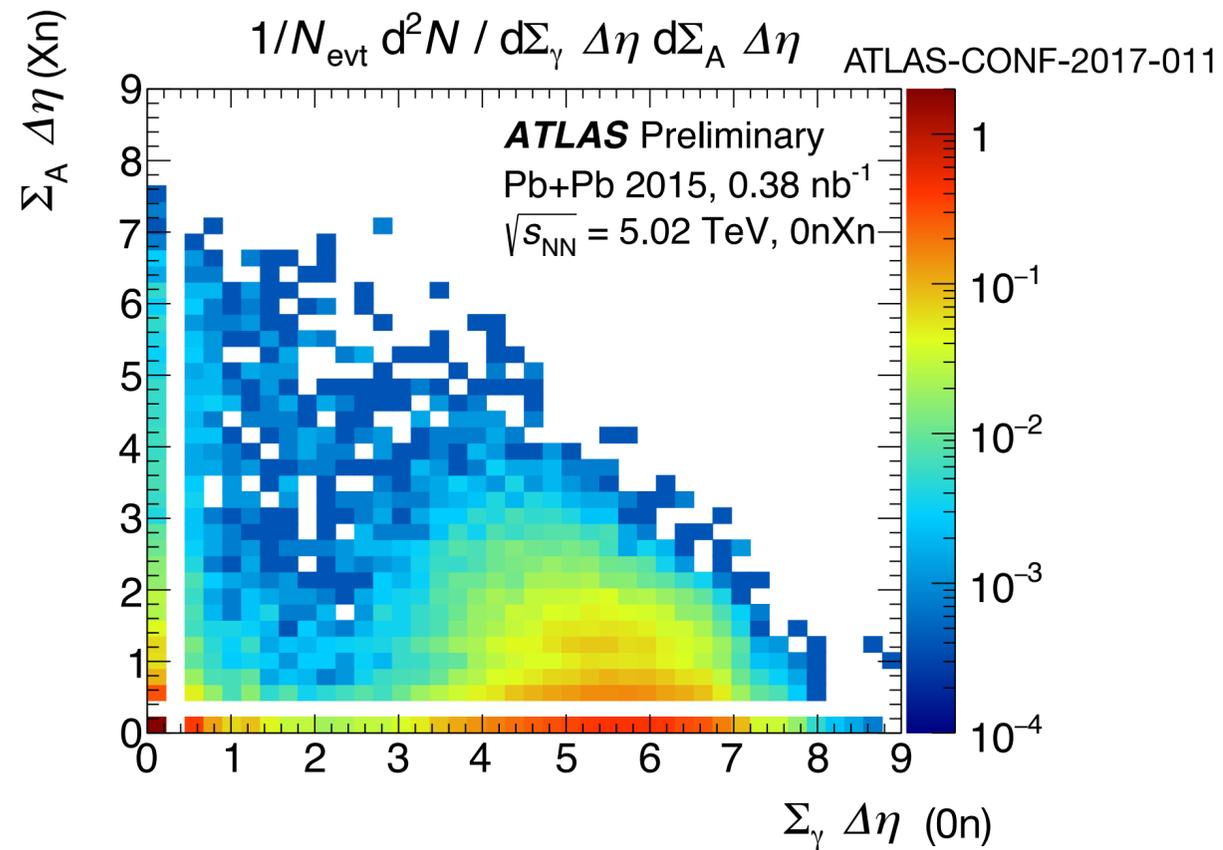
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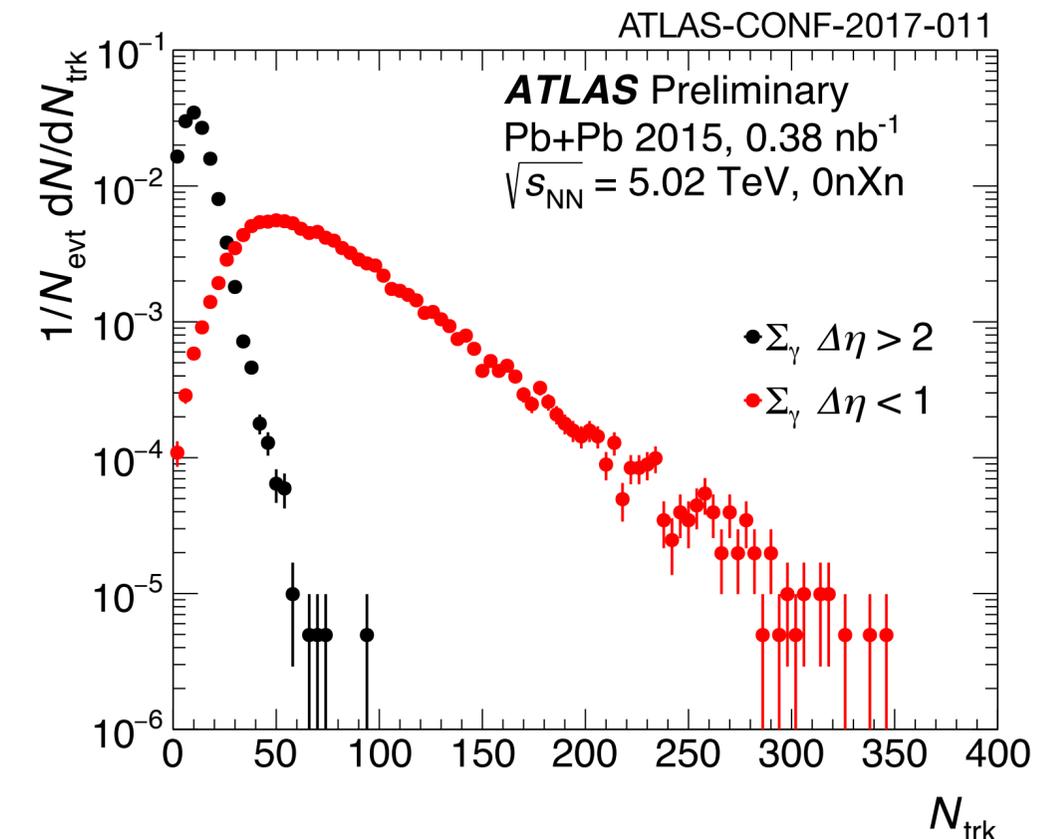
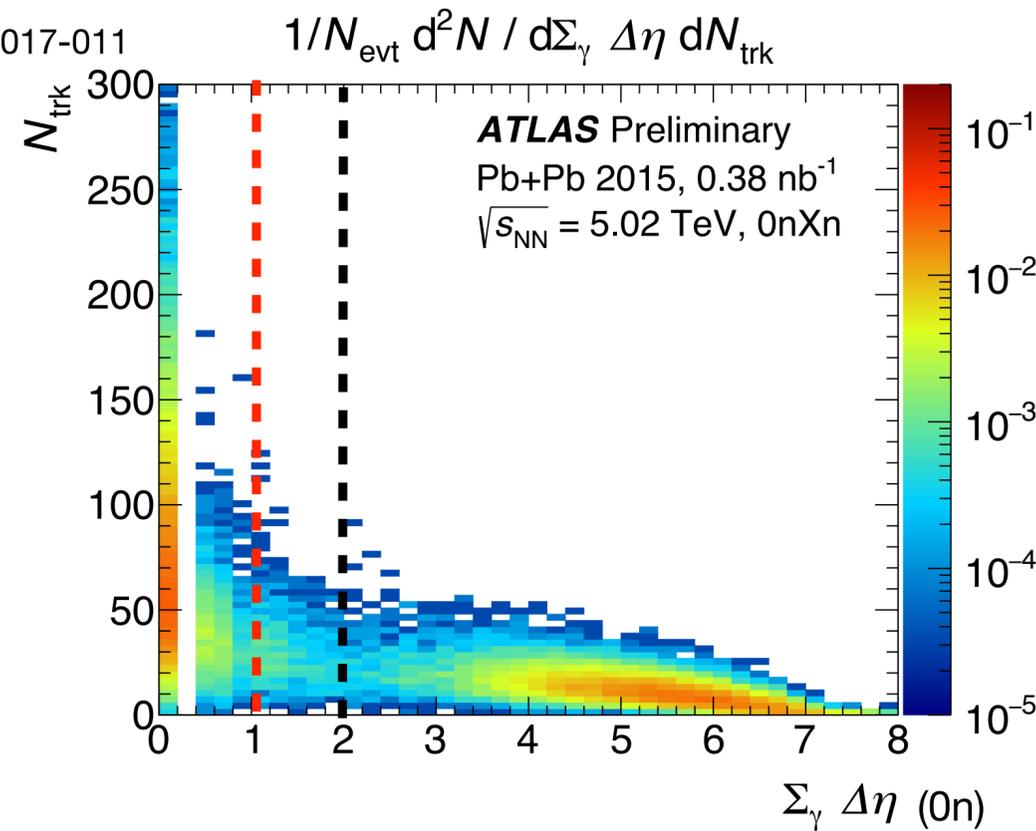
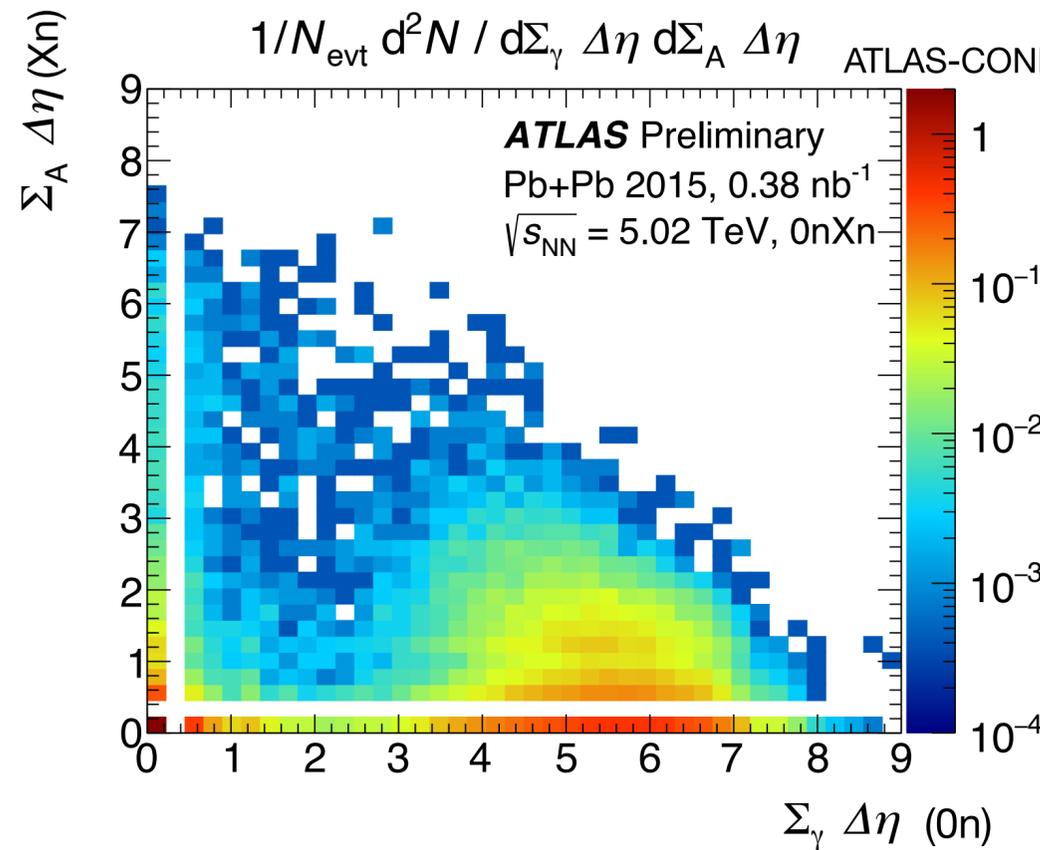


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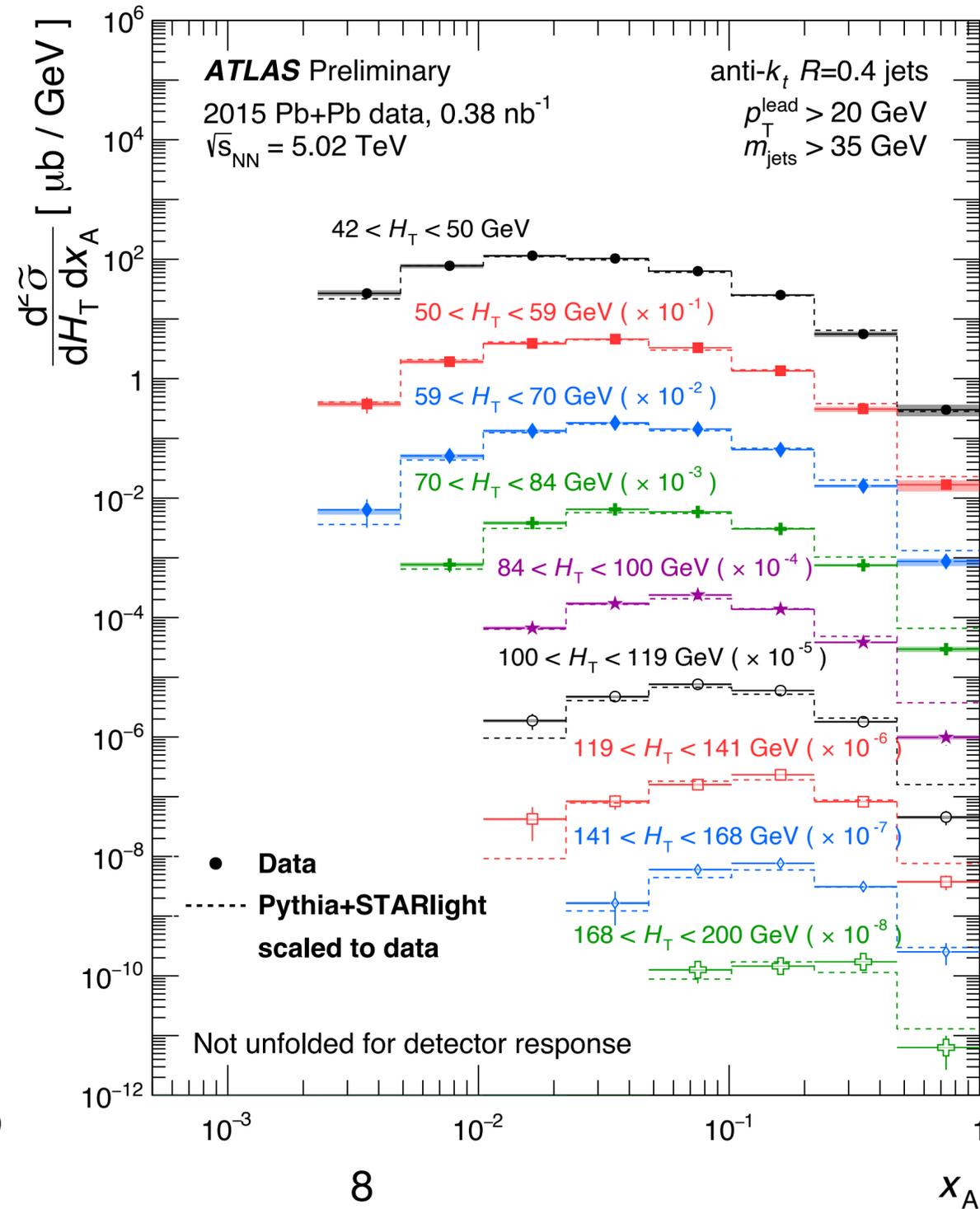
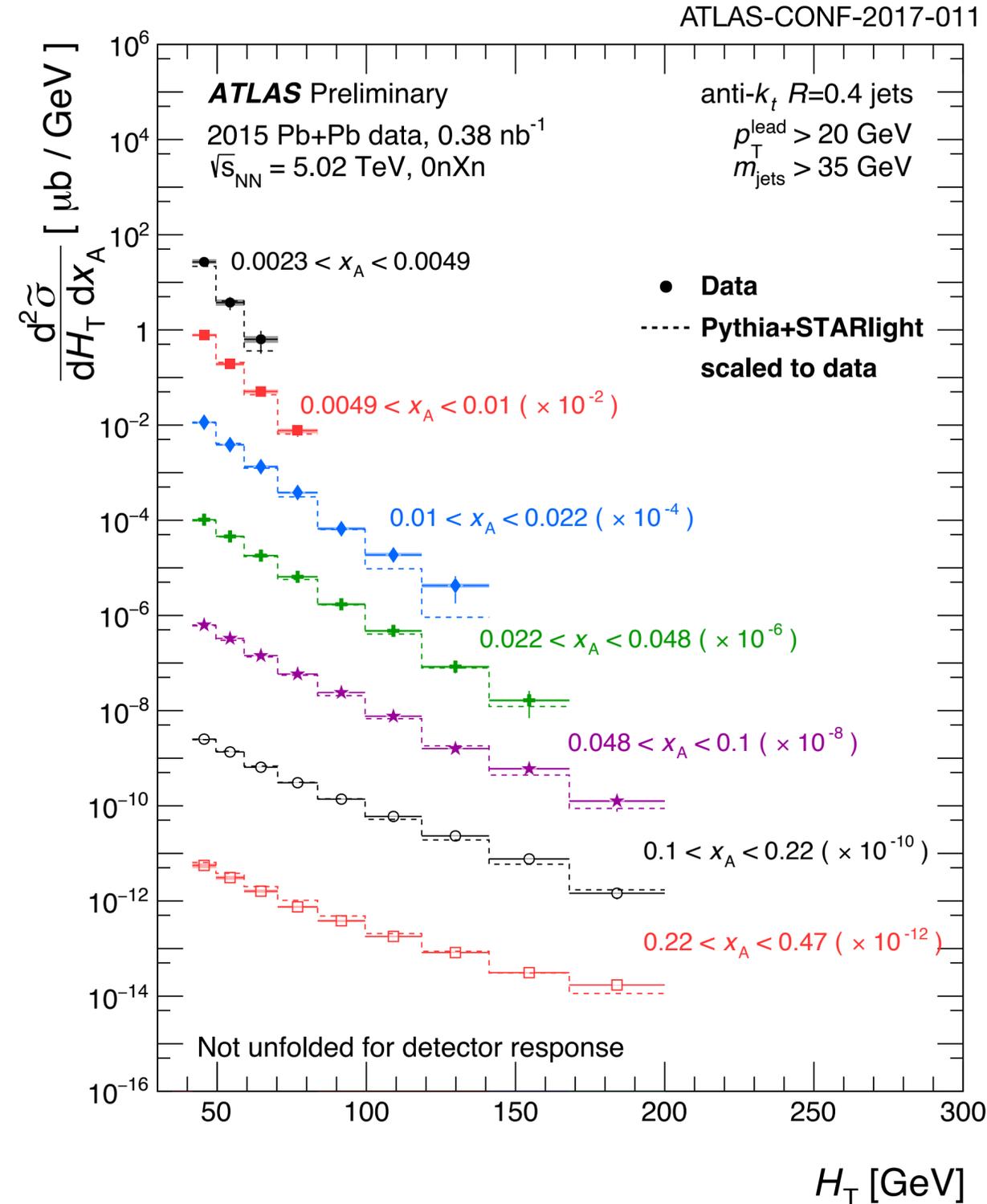
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$$y_J = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{\sum_{\text{jet}} E_{\text{jet}} + \sum_{\text{jet}} p_{z,\text{jet}}}{\sum_{\text{jet}} E_{\text{jet}} - \sum_{\text{jet}} p_{z,\text{jet}}} \right)$$

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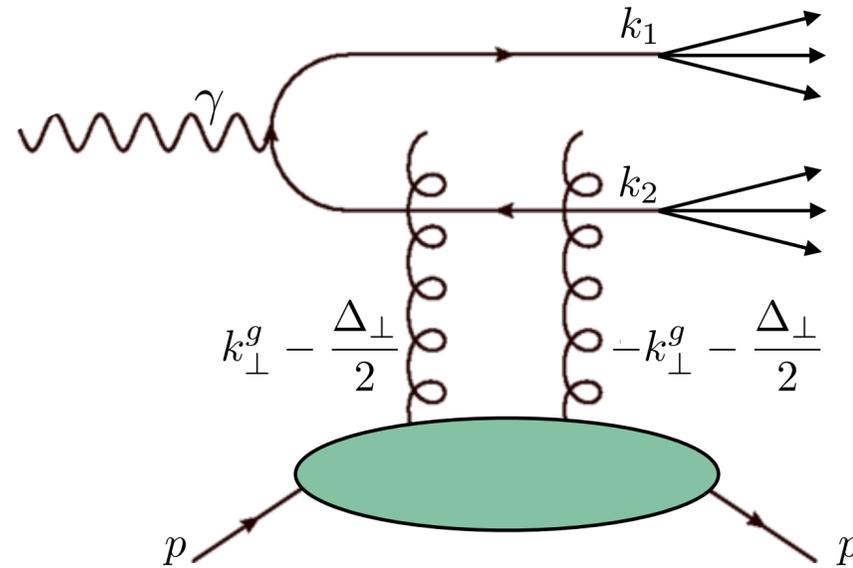


- STARlight: photon flux
- PYTHIA:  $\gamma^* + p$ 
  - CTEQ6L1 proton PDF
  - SaS 1D photon PDFs
  - no nuclear modifications

- General good agreement of data and MC
- Proof of principle that photoproduction of jets can be studied in UPCs at LHC!

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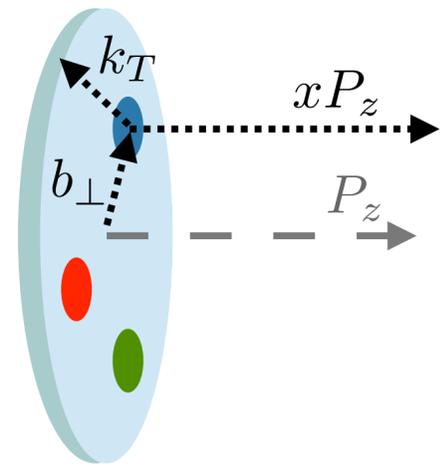
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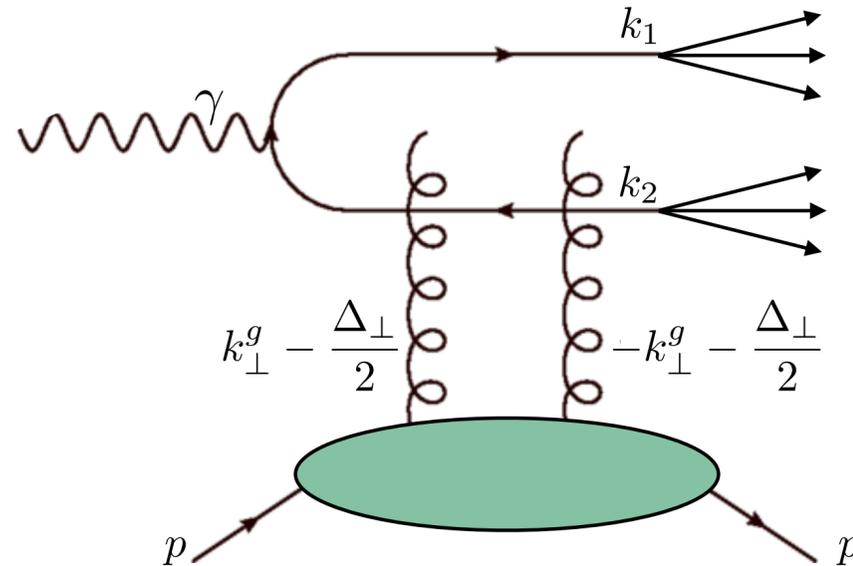
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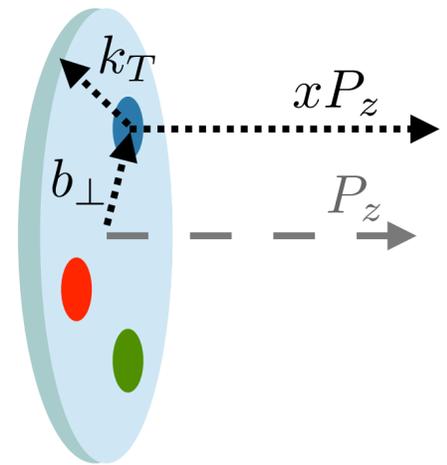
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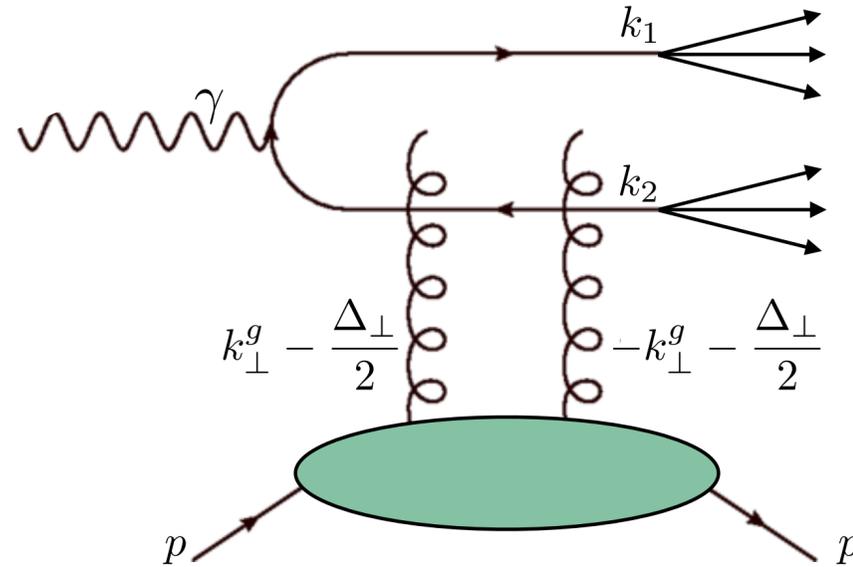


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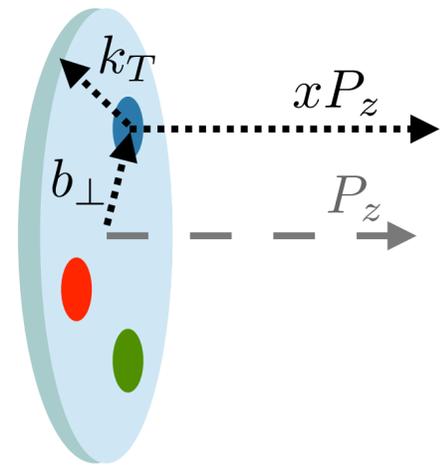
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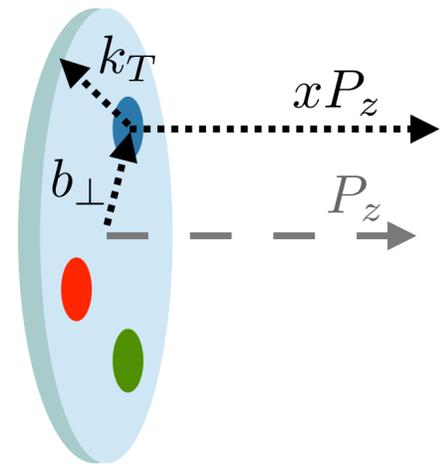


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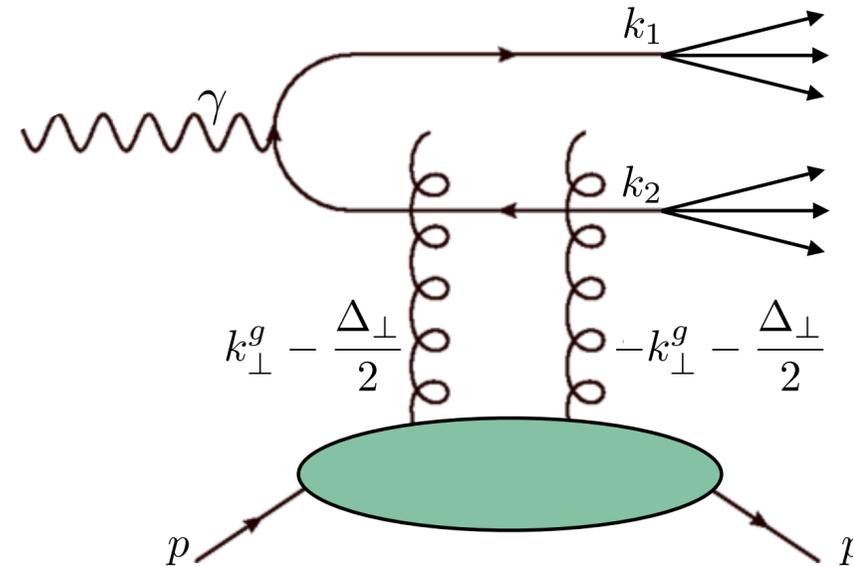
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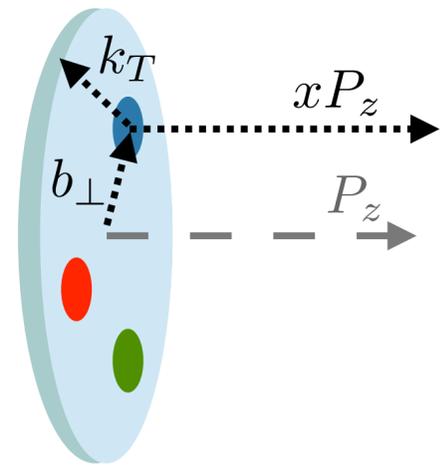
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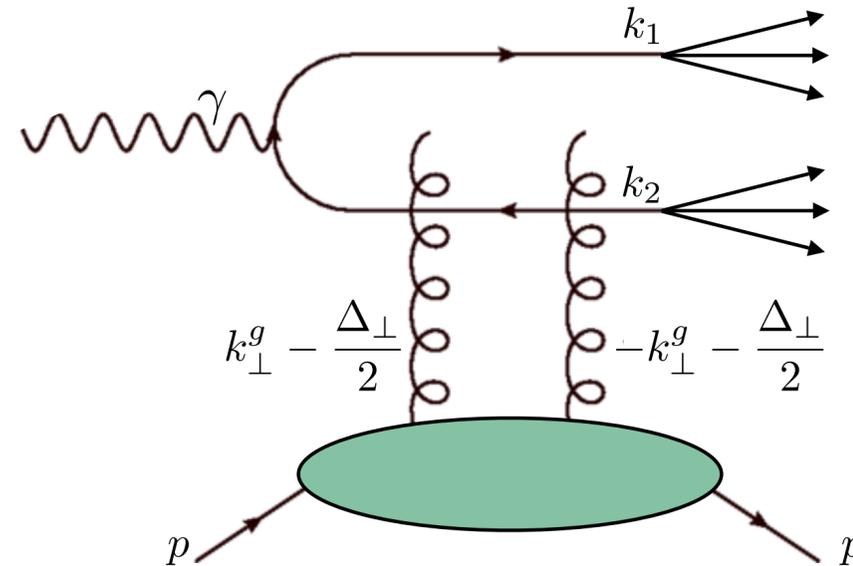
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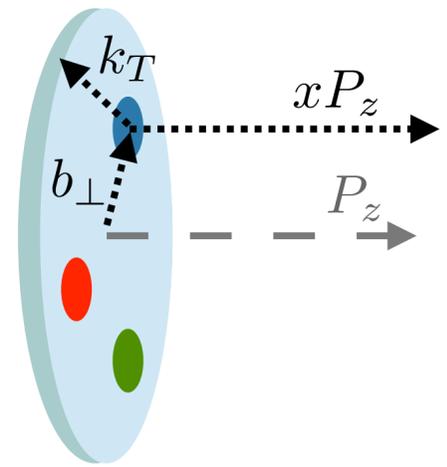
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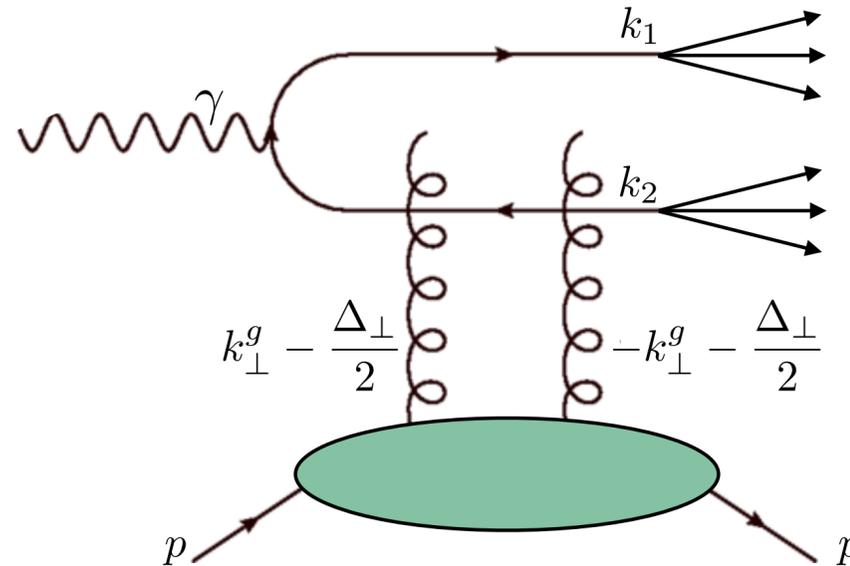
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- pA UPCs, since  $Q^2=0$ :  
analytically invert the convolution

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Gluons, small  $x$



- recoil proton momentum

$$\vec{\Delta}_{\perp} = -(\vec{k}_{1\perp} + \vec{k}_{2\perp})$$

- relatif dijet momentum

$$\vec{P}_{\perp} = \frac{1}{2}(\vec{k}_{1\perp} - \vec{k}_{2\perp})$$

- back-to-back jets

$$P_{\perp} \gg \Delta_{\perp}$$

$$Q^2 \text{ small: } k_{\perp} \sim P_{\perp}$$

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elliptic component

$$W^{DP}(x, \vec{k}_{\perp}, \vec{b}_{\perp}) = W_0^{DP}(x, k_{\perp}, b_{\perp}) + 2W_1^{DP}(x, k_{\perp}, b_{\perp}) \cos 2(\phi_{k_{\perp}} - \phi_{b_{\perp}}) + \dots$$



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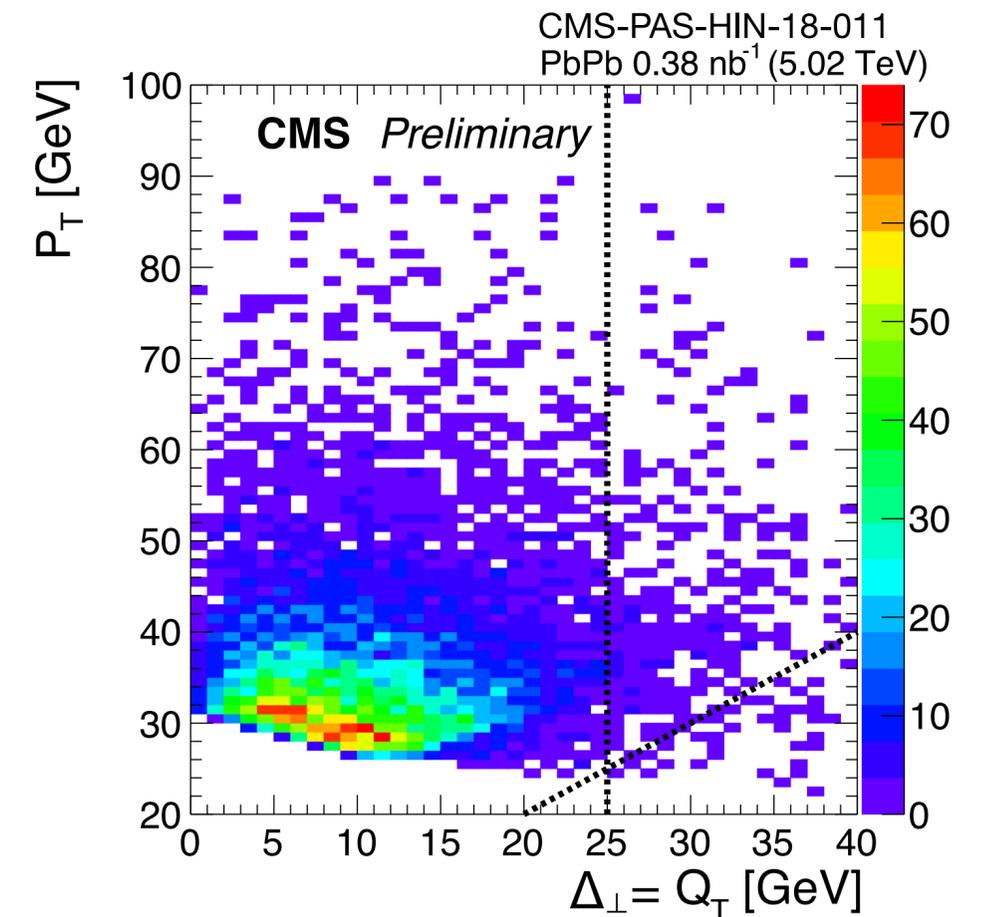
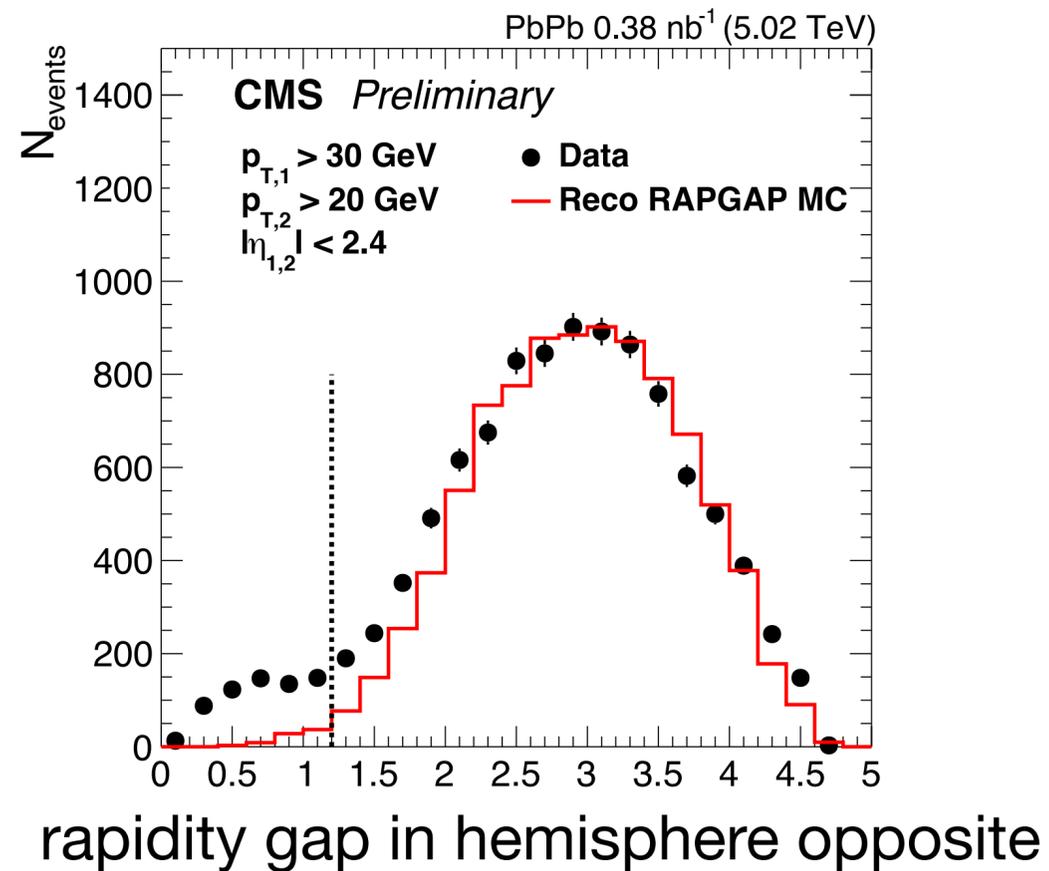
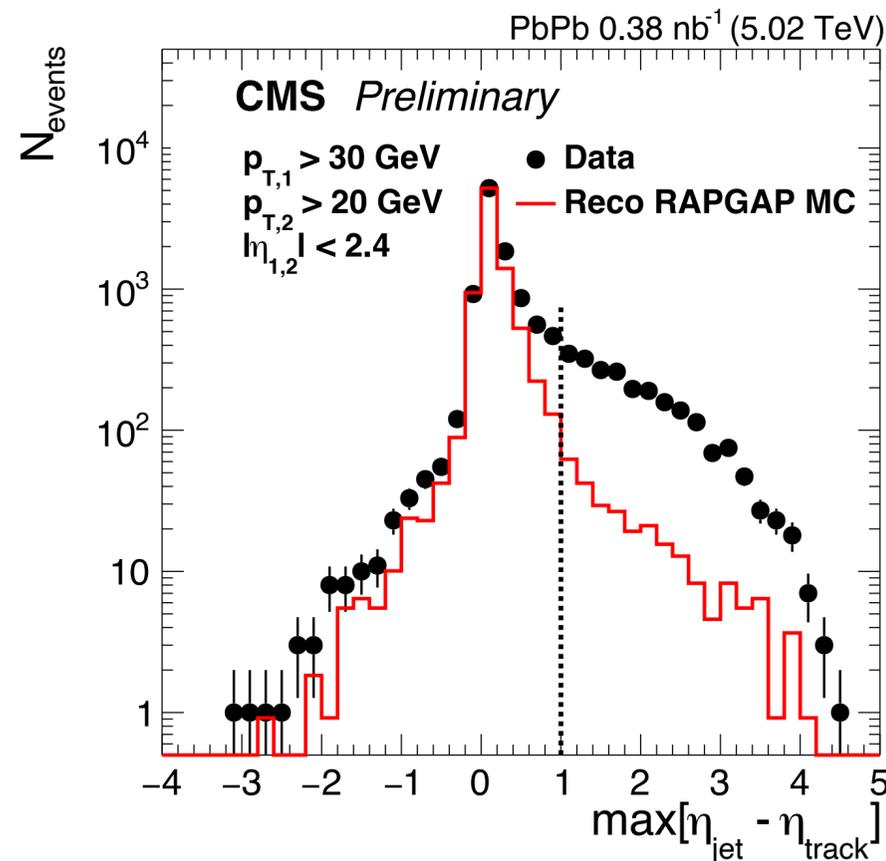
- DIS:  $\sigma \propto$  convolution integral
- pA UPCs, since  $Q^2=0$ :  
analytically invert the convolution

- measurement:

- CMS preliminary: CMS-PAS-HIN-18-011

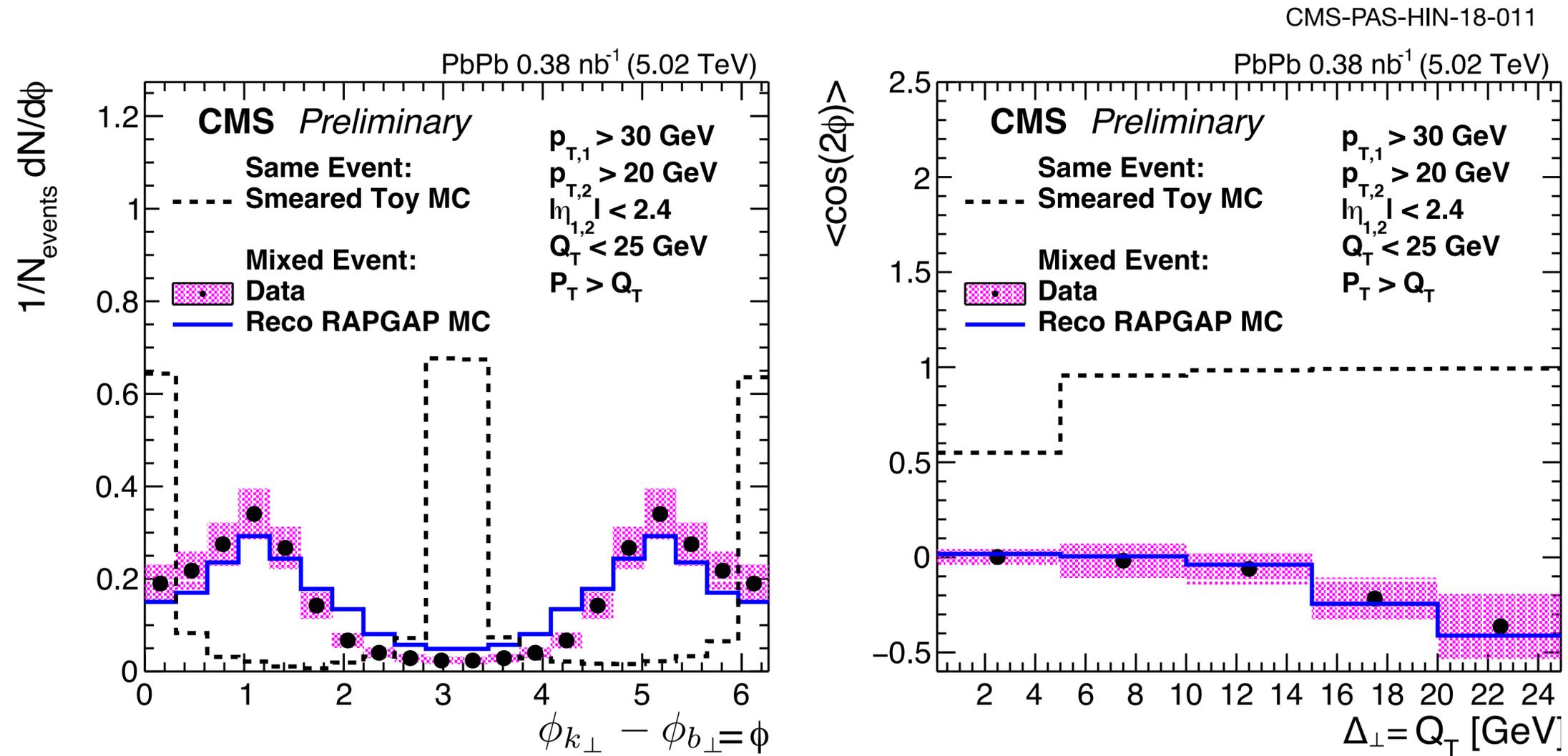
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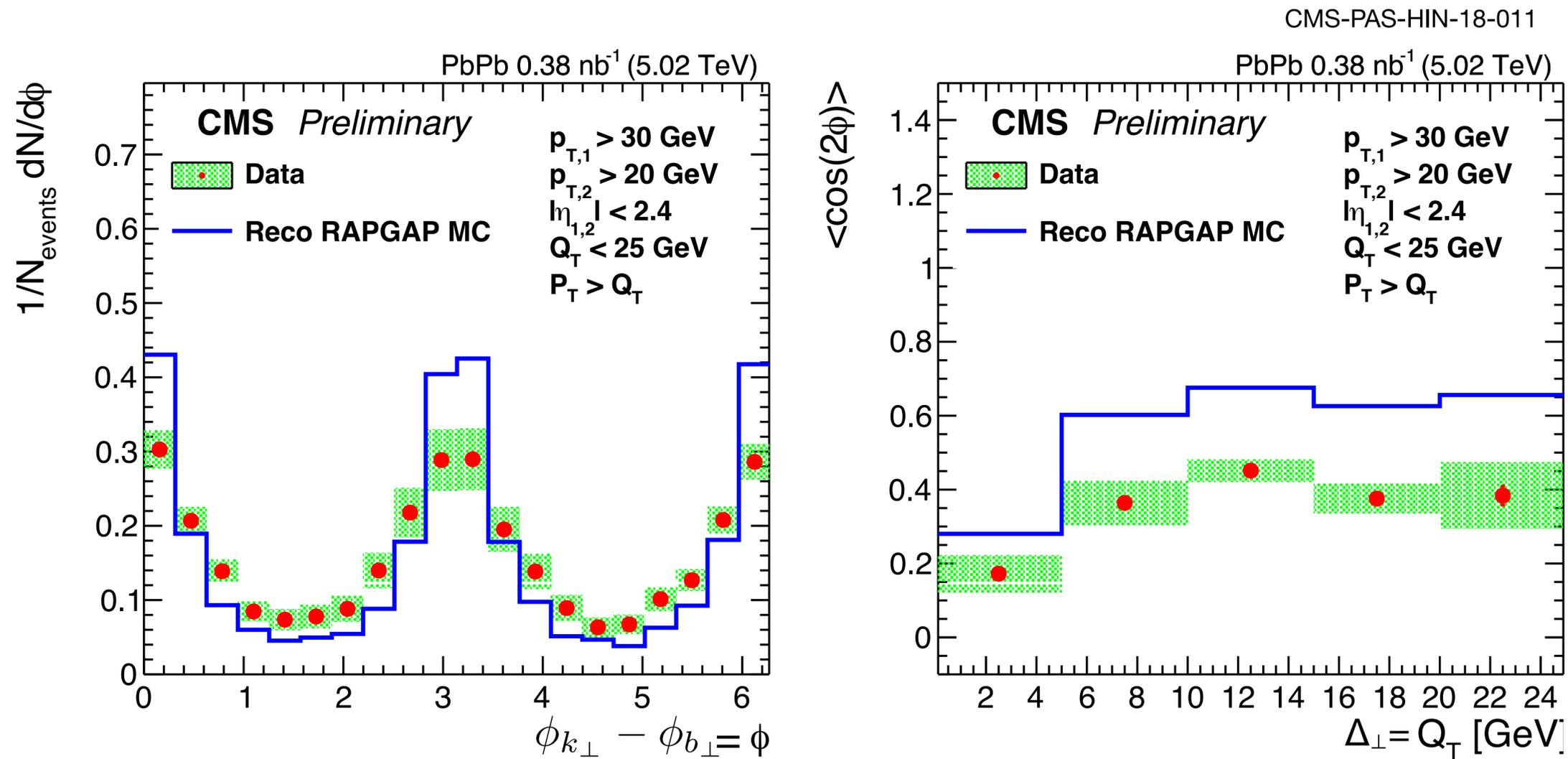
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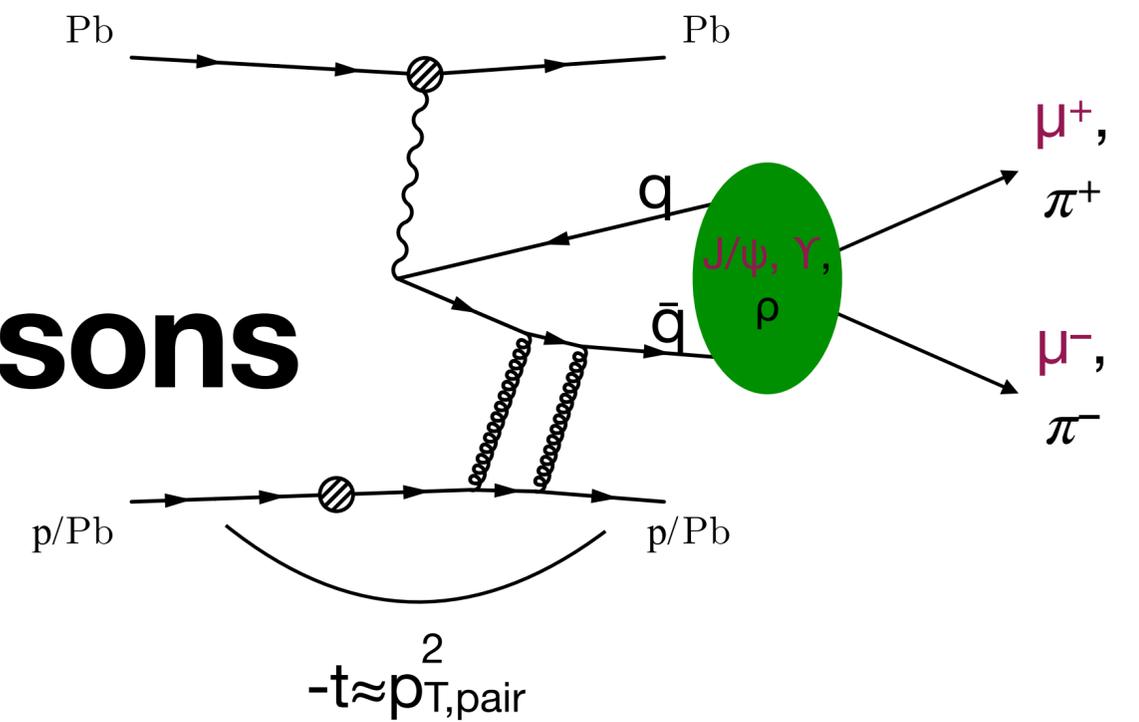
- MC=RAPGAP with photon spectrum from STARlight
- good agreement between MC and data

# CMS result



- first extraction of  $\cos(2\phi)$  modulation
- results not corrected for instrumental effects
- disagreement between MC and data
- first step towards extraction of Wigner distributions!

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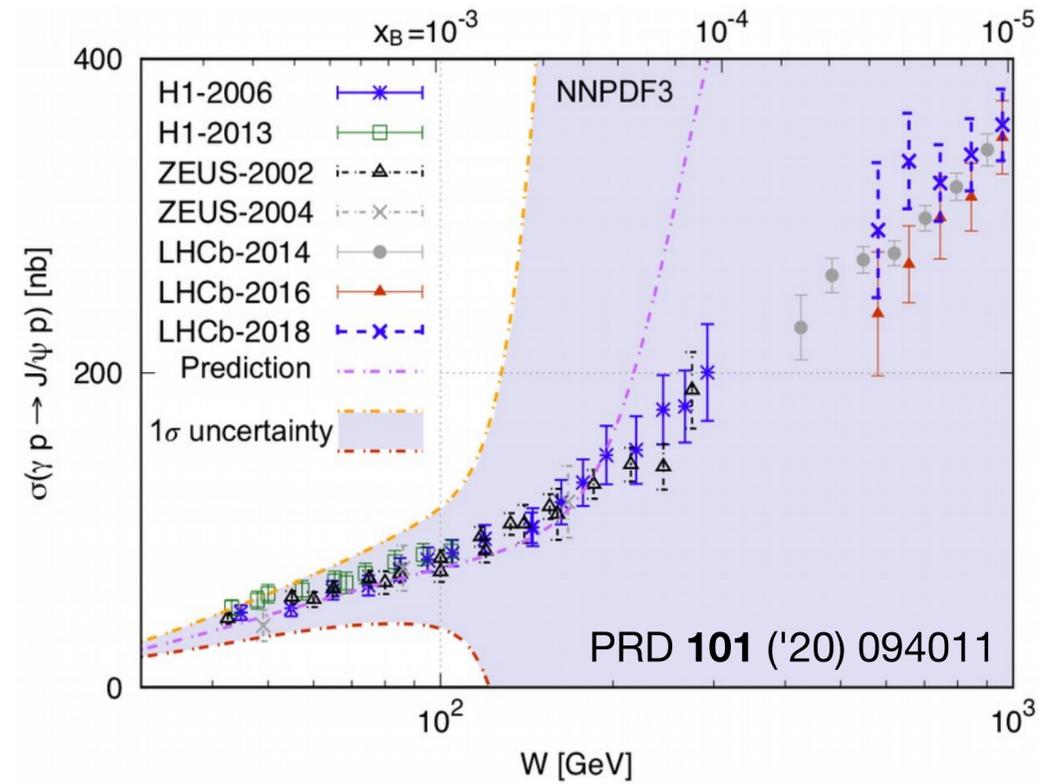
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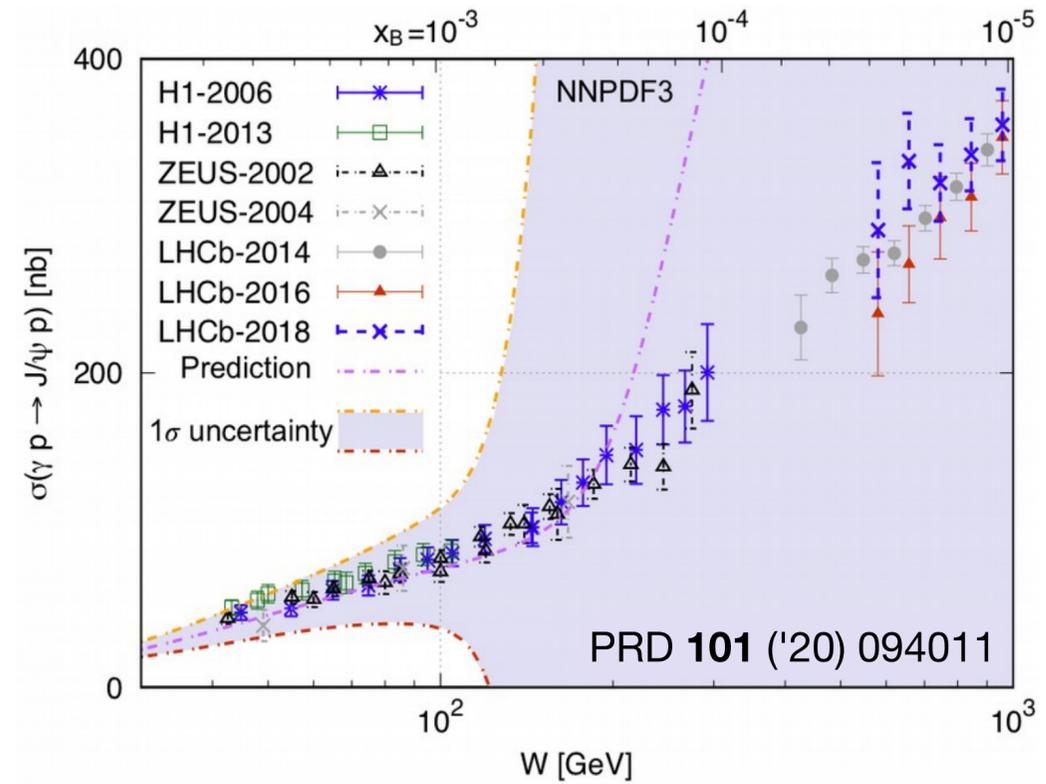
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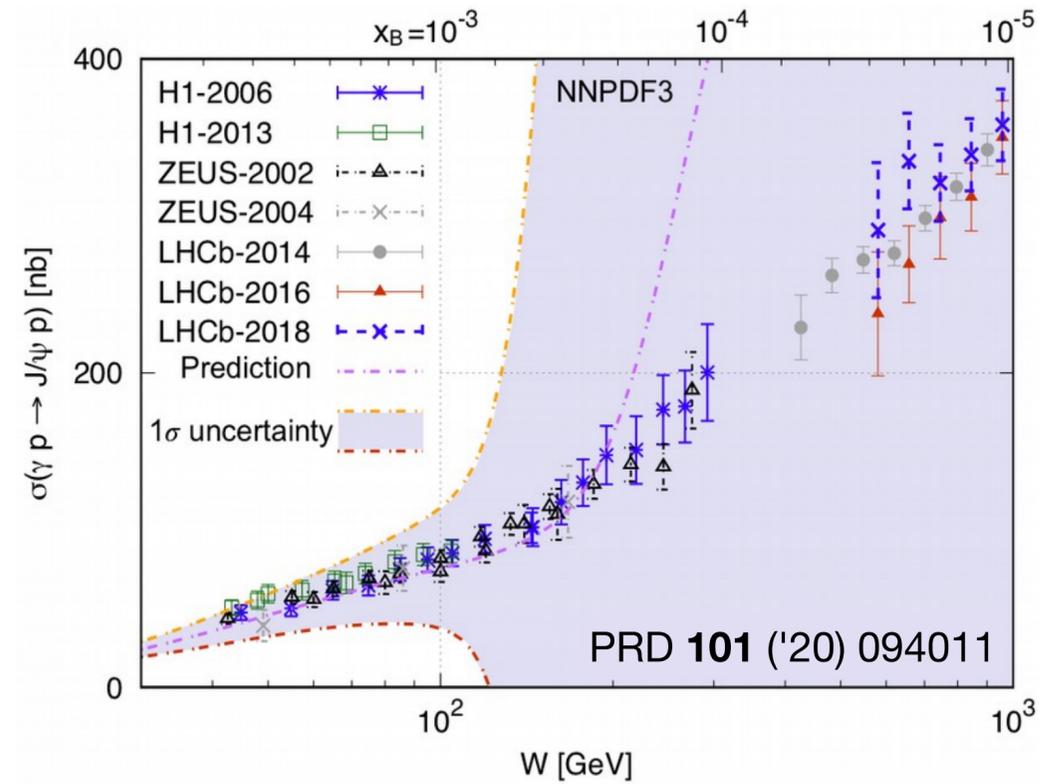
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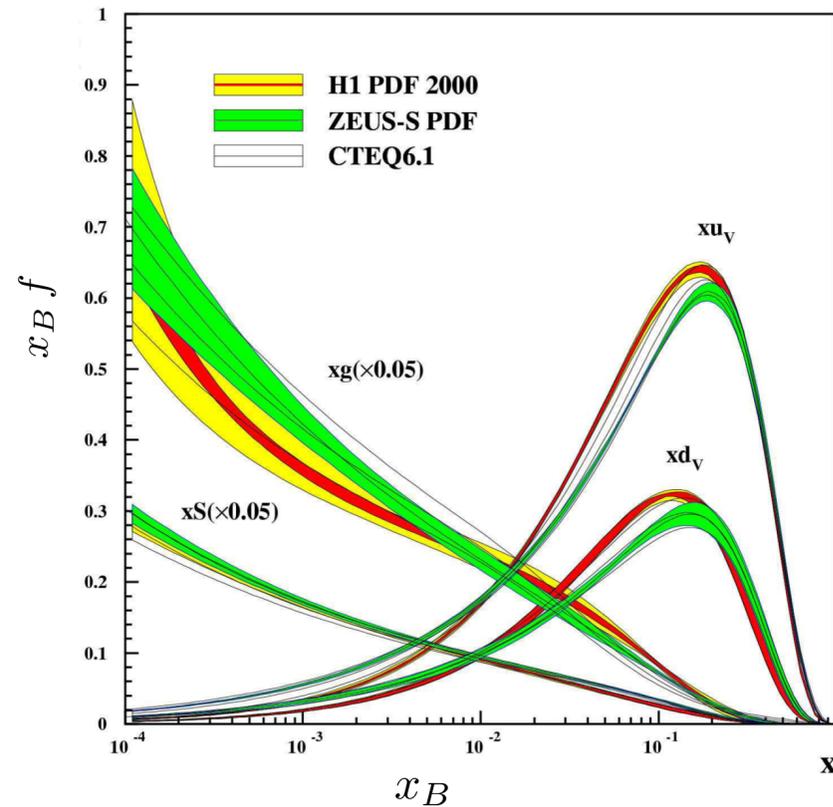
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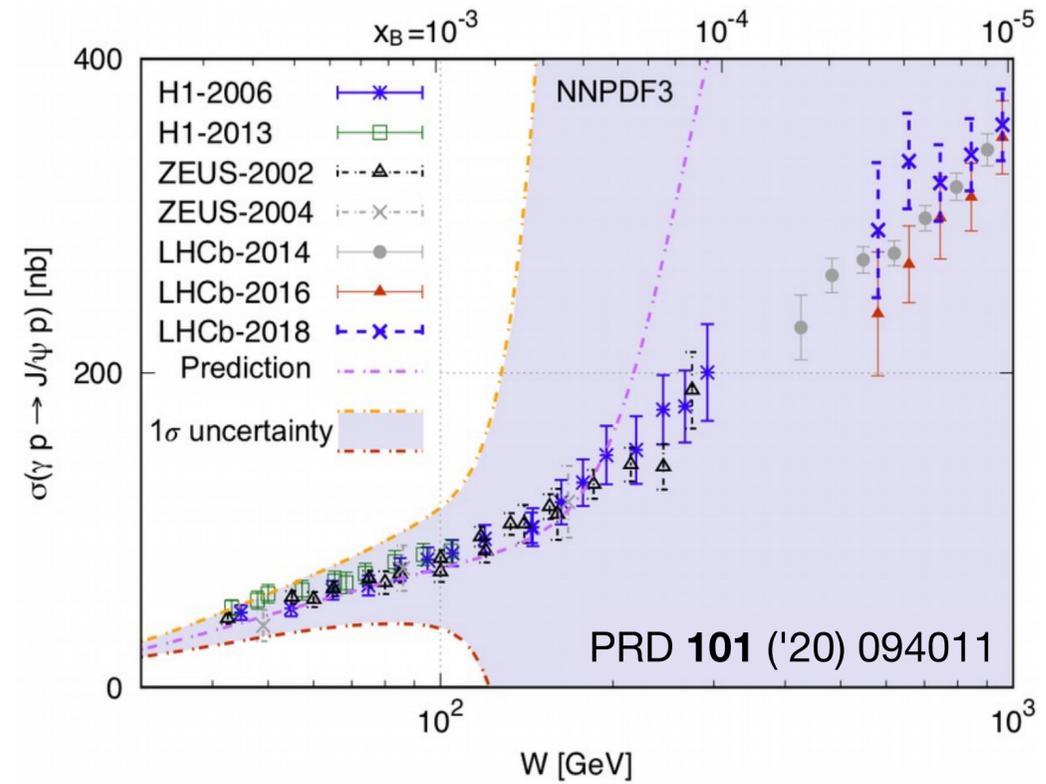
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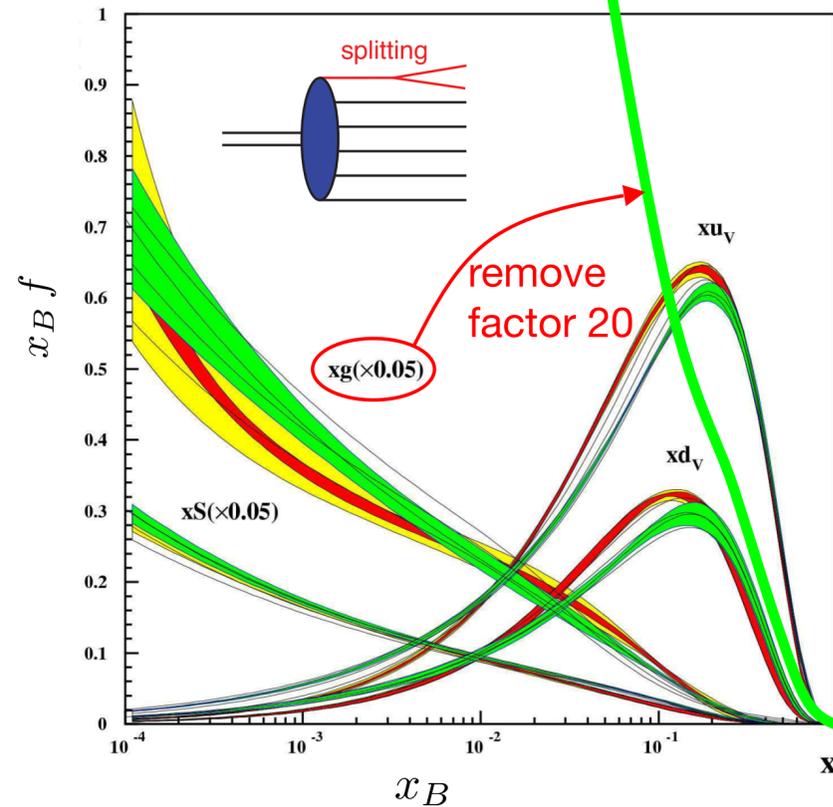
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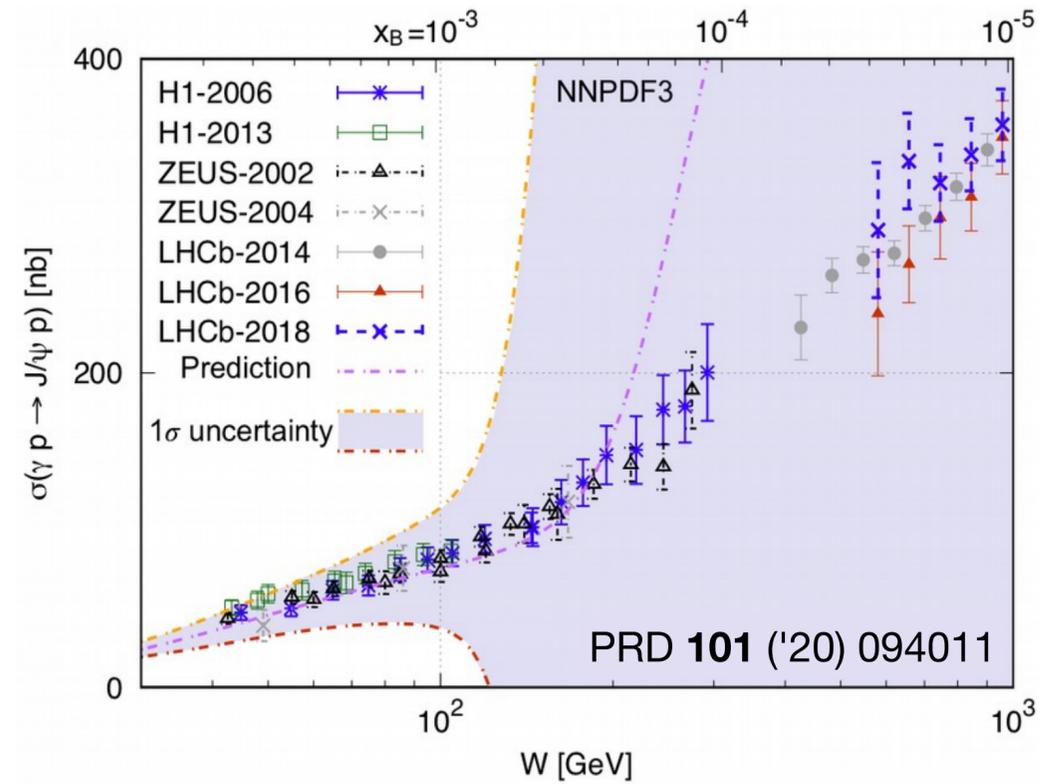
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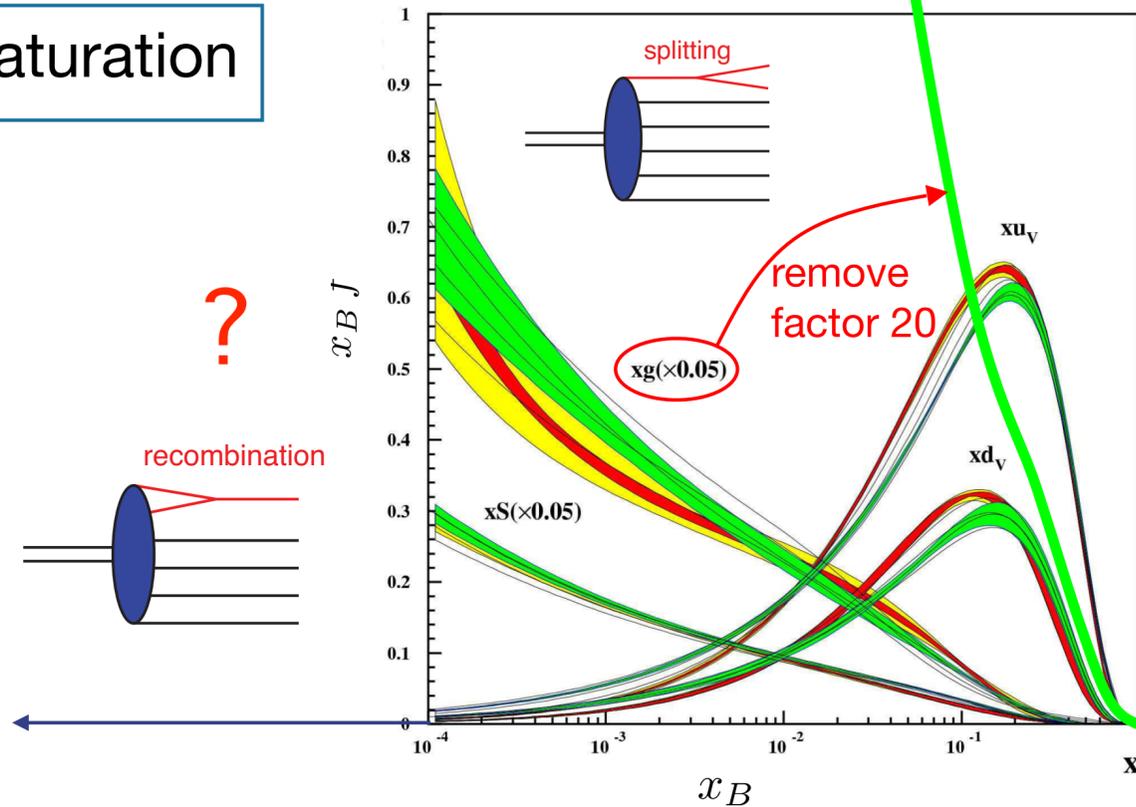
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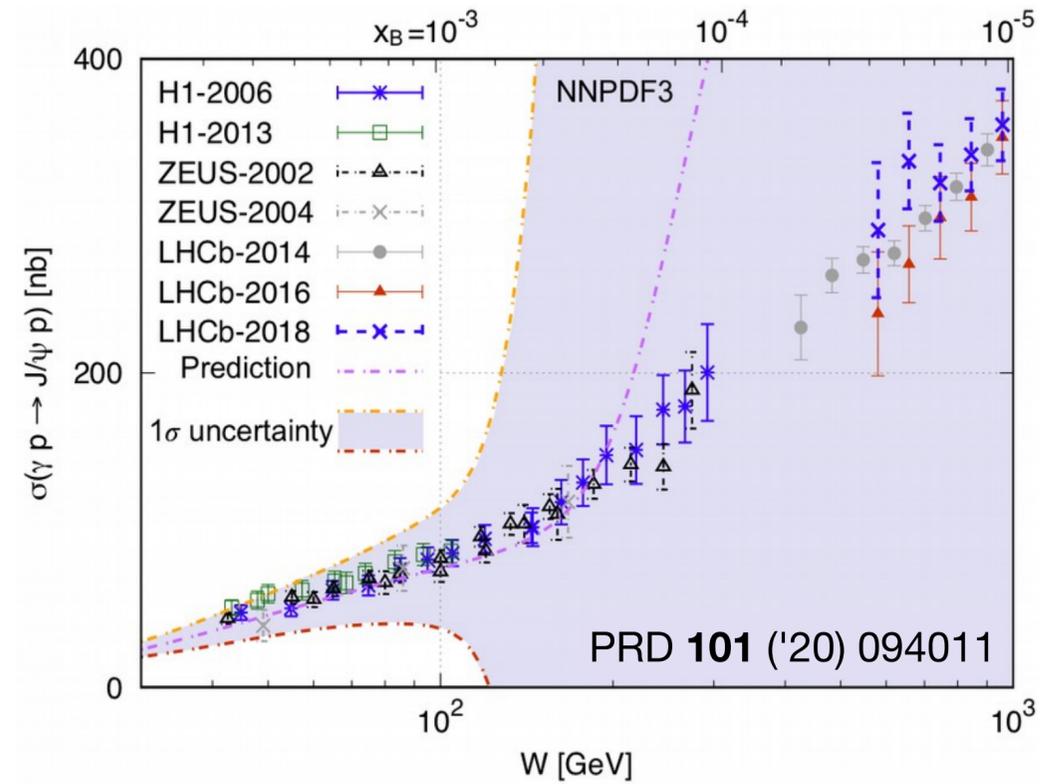
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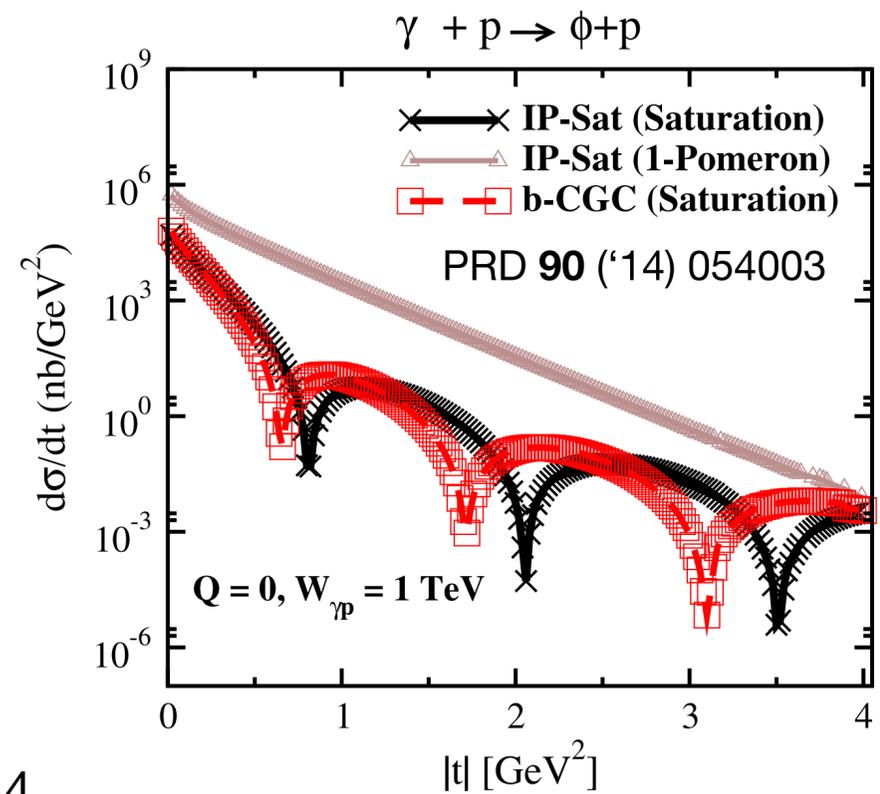
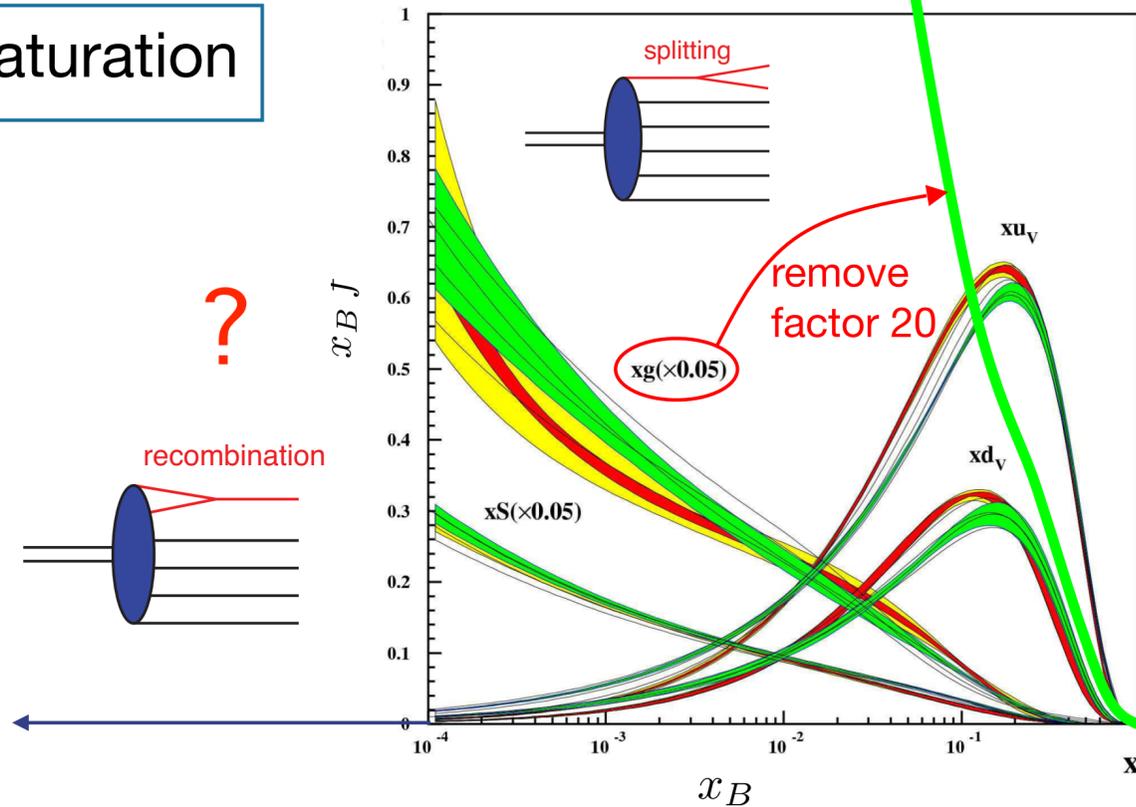
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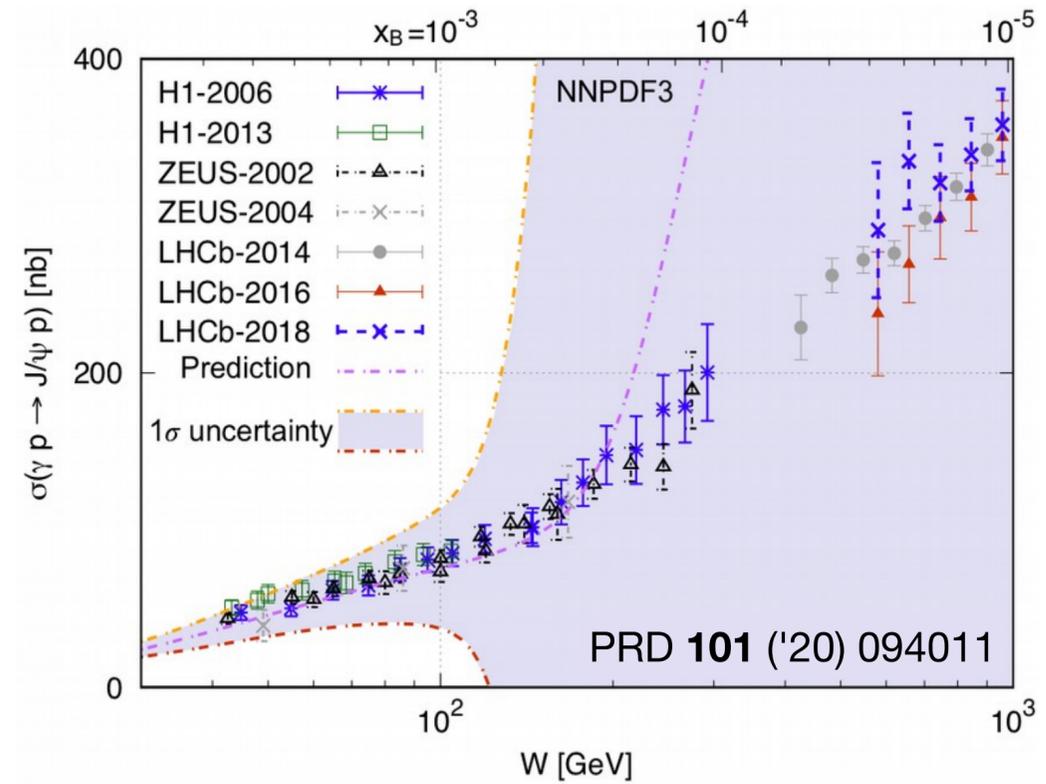
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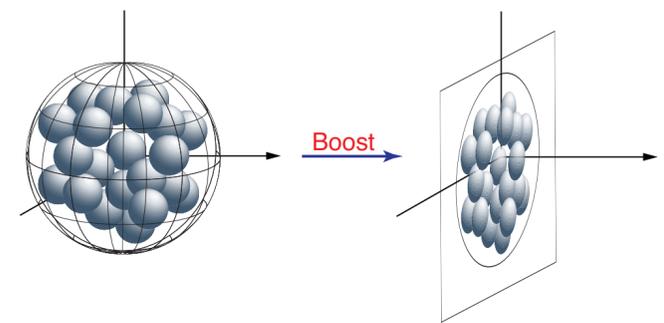
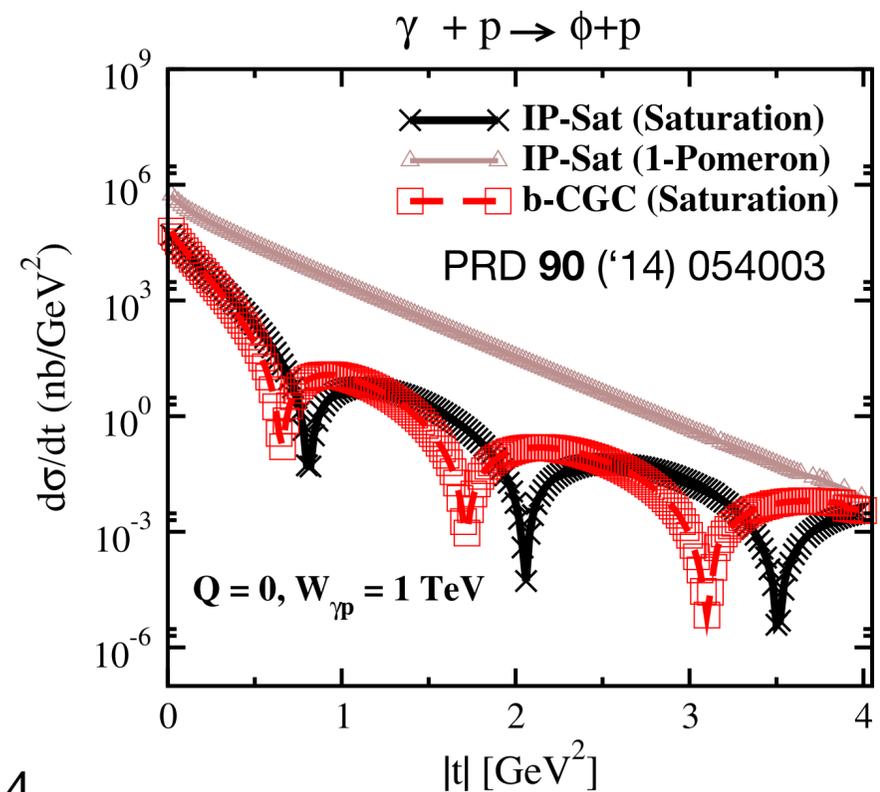
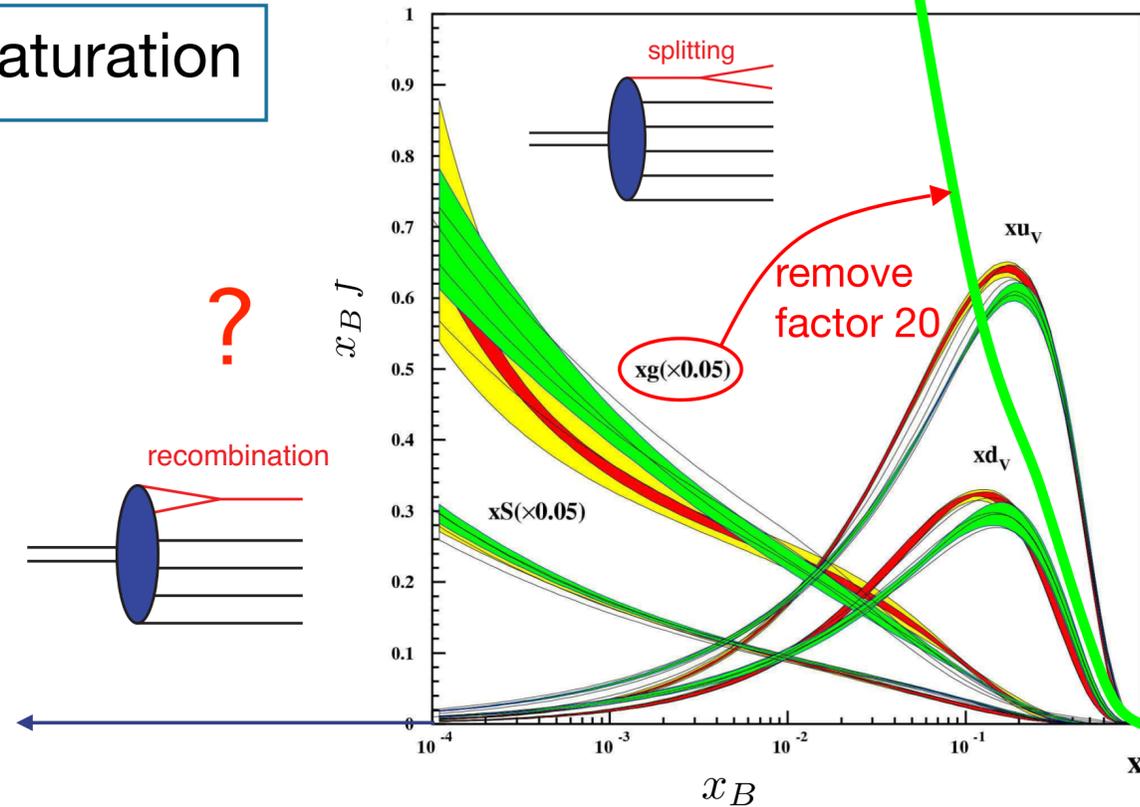
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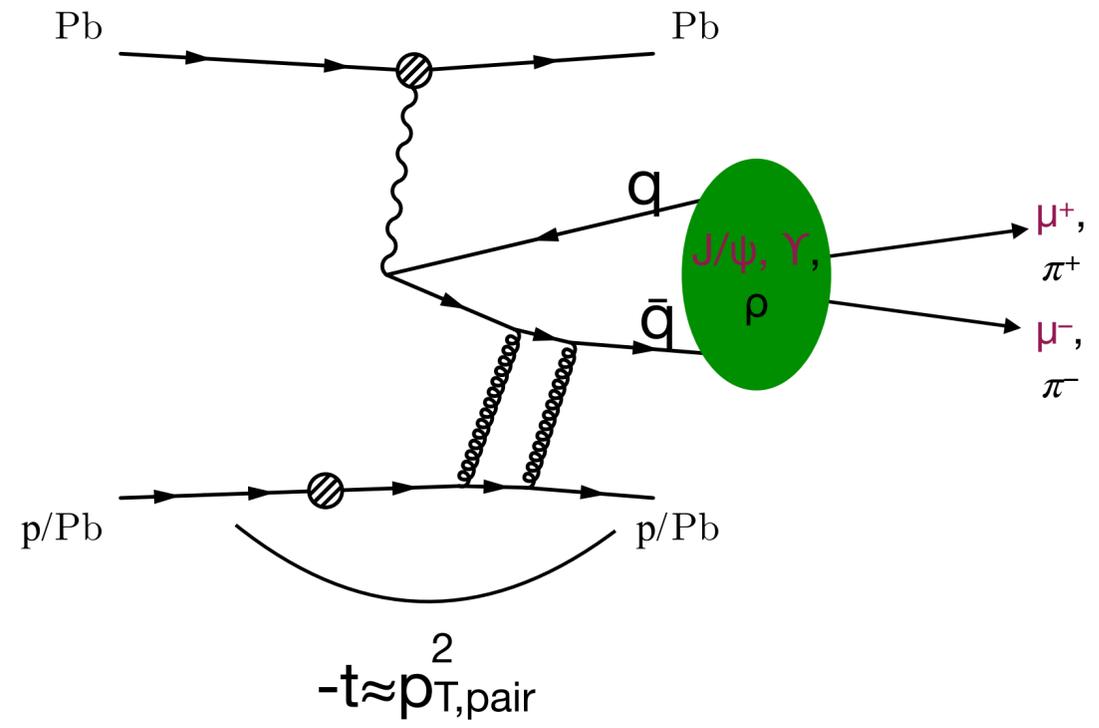
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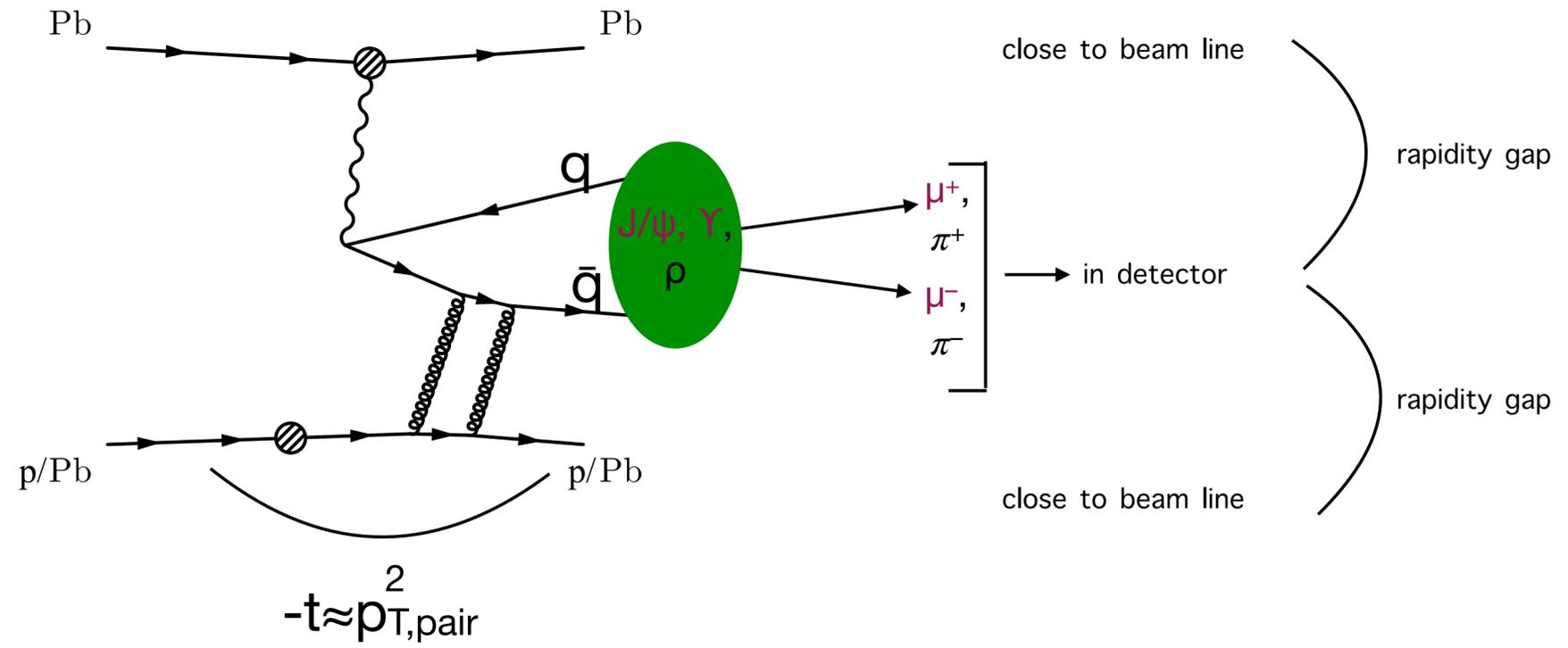


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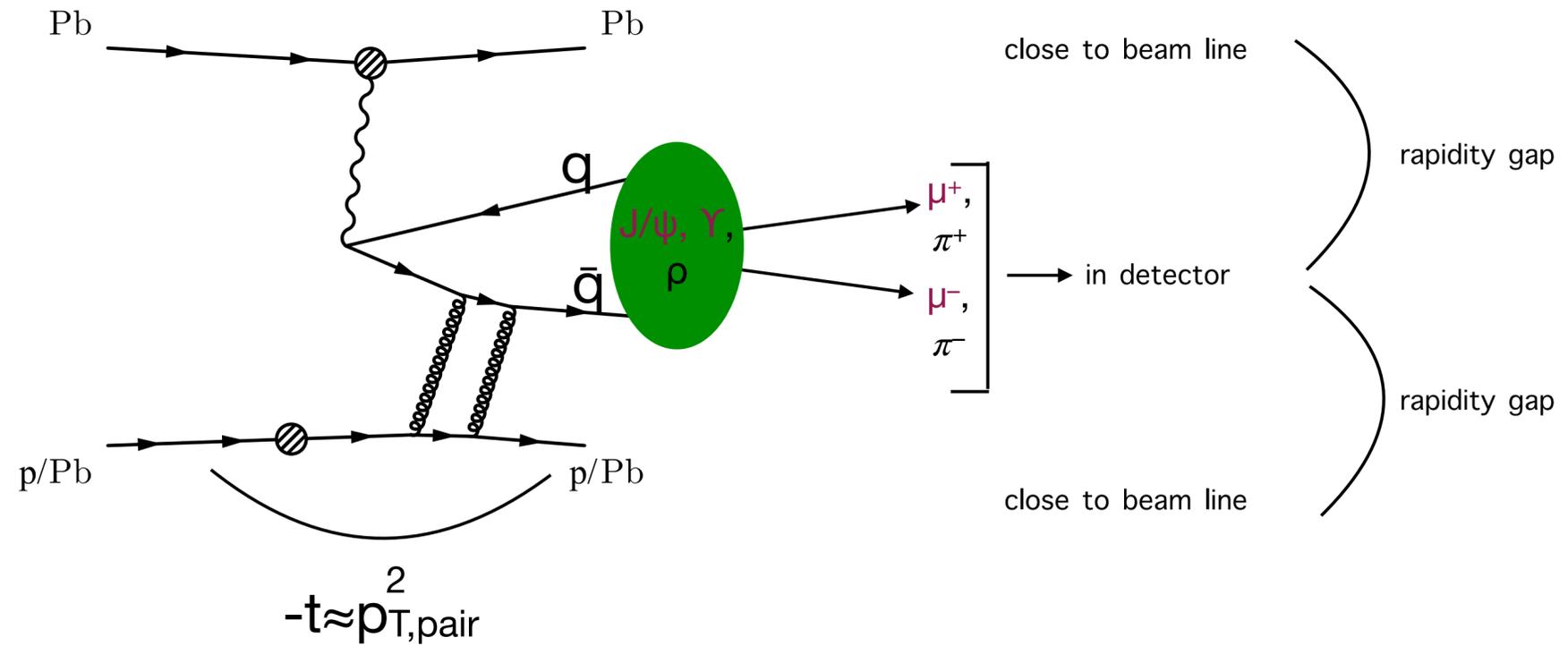
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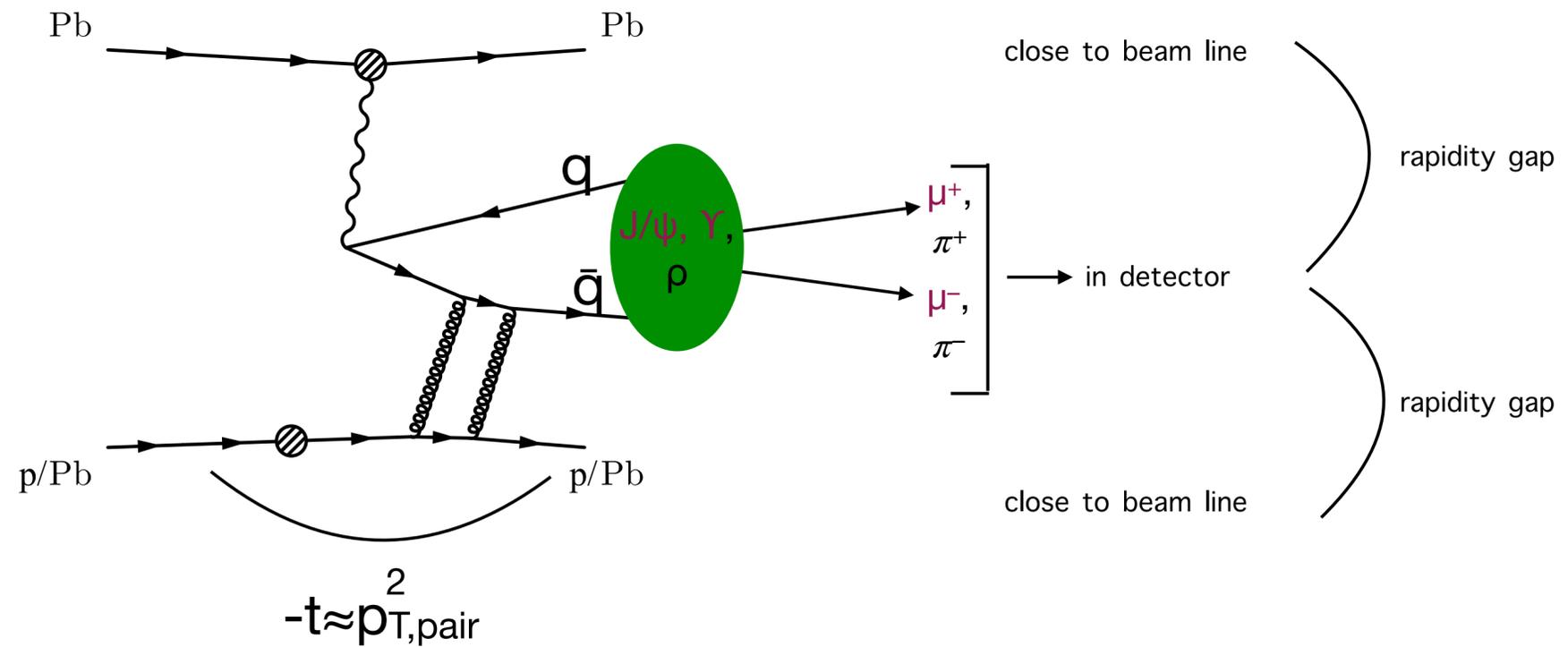
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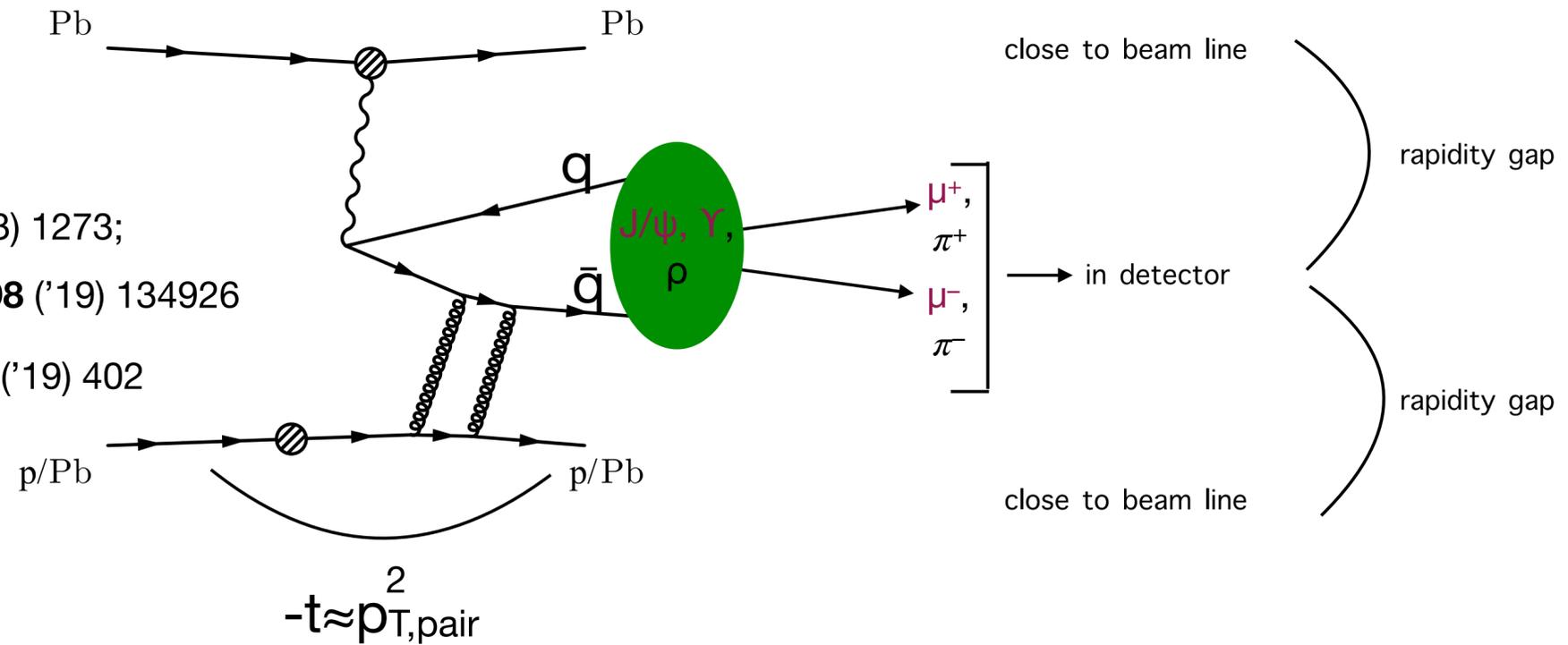
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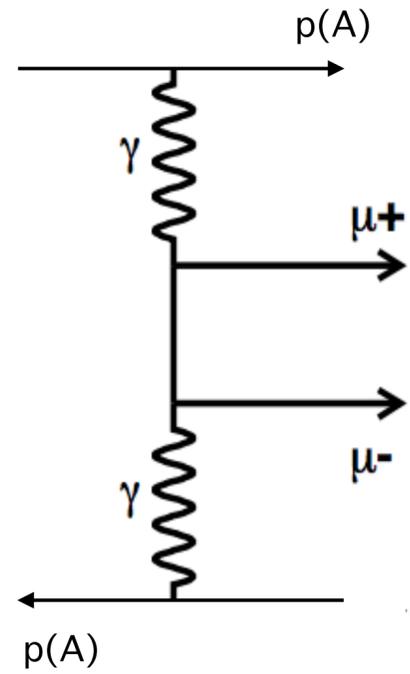
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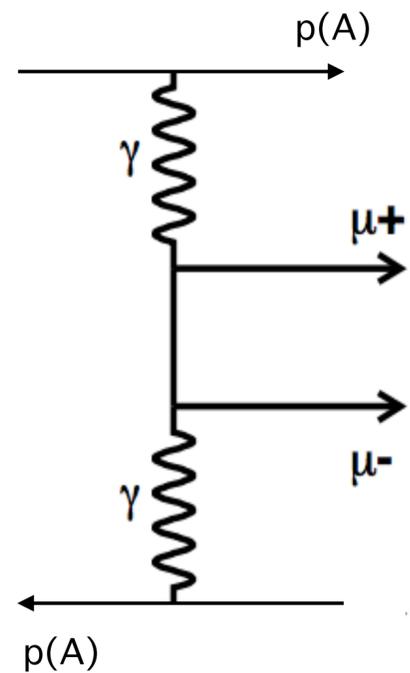
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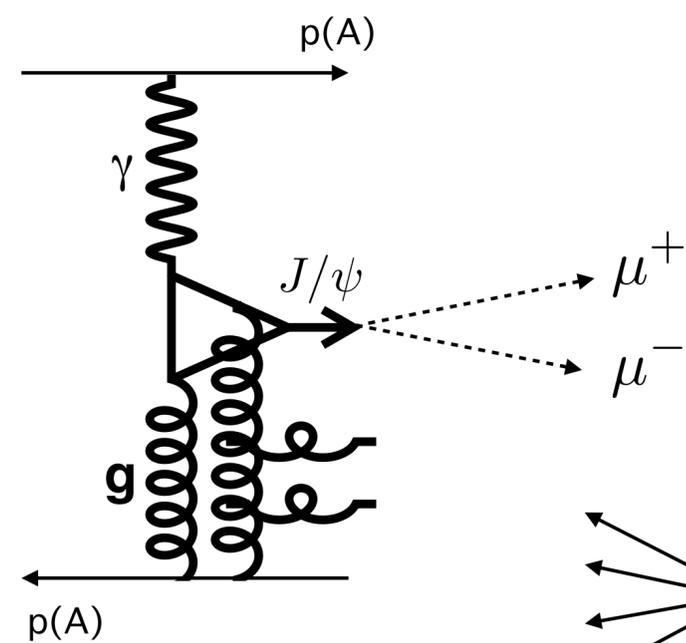
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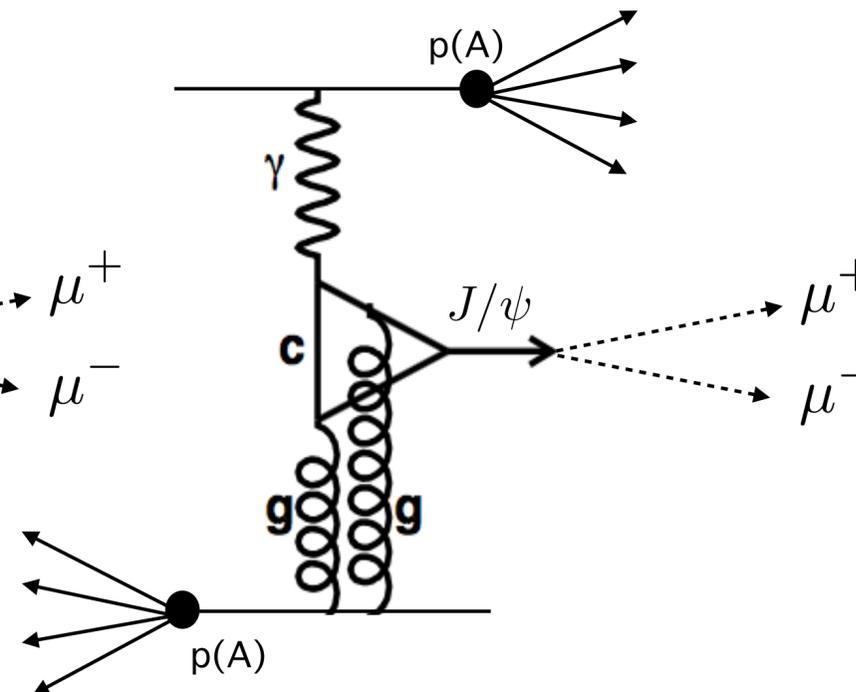
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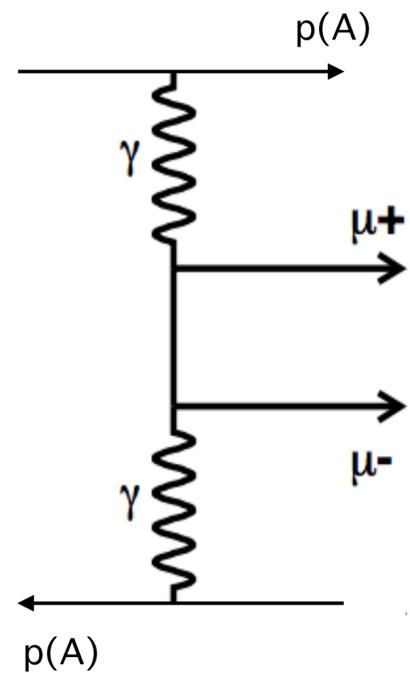


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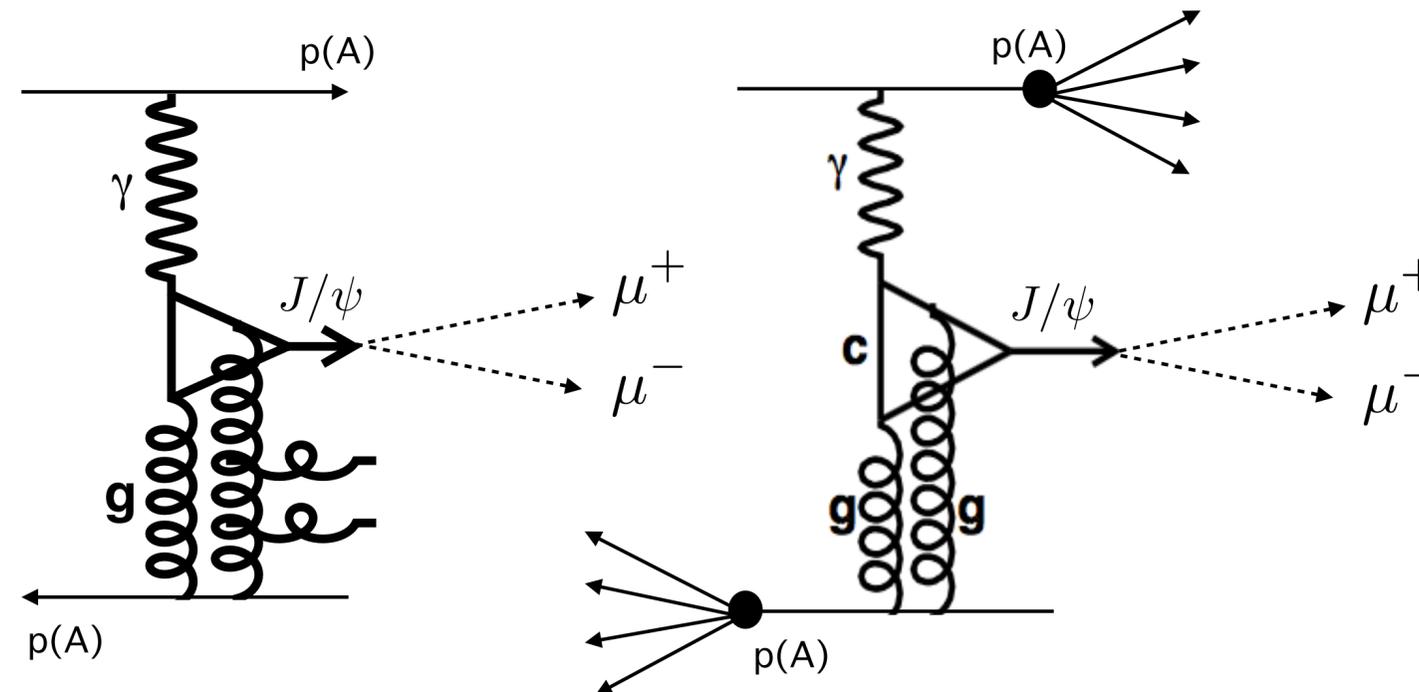
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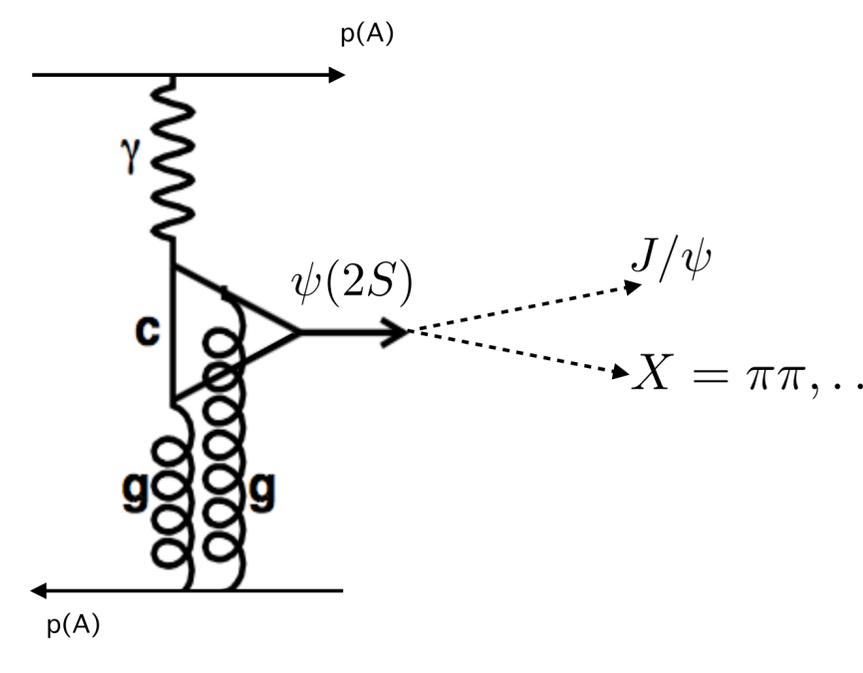


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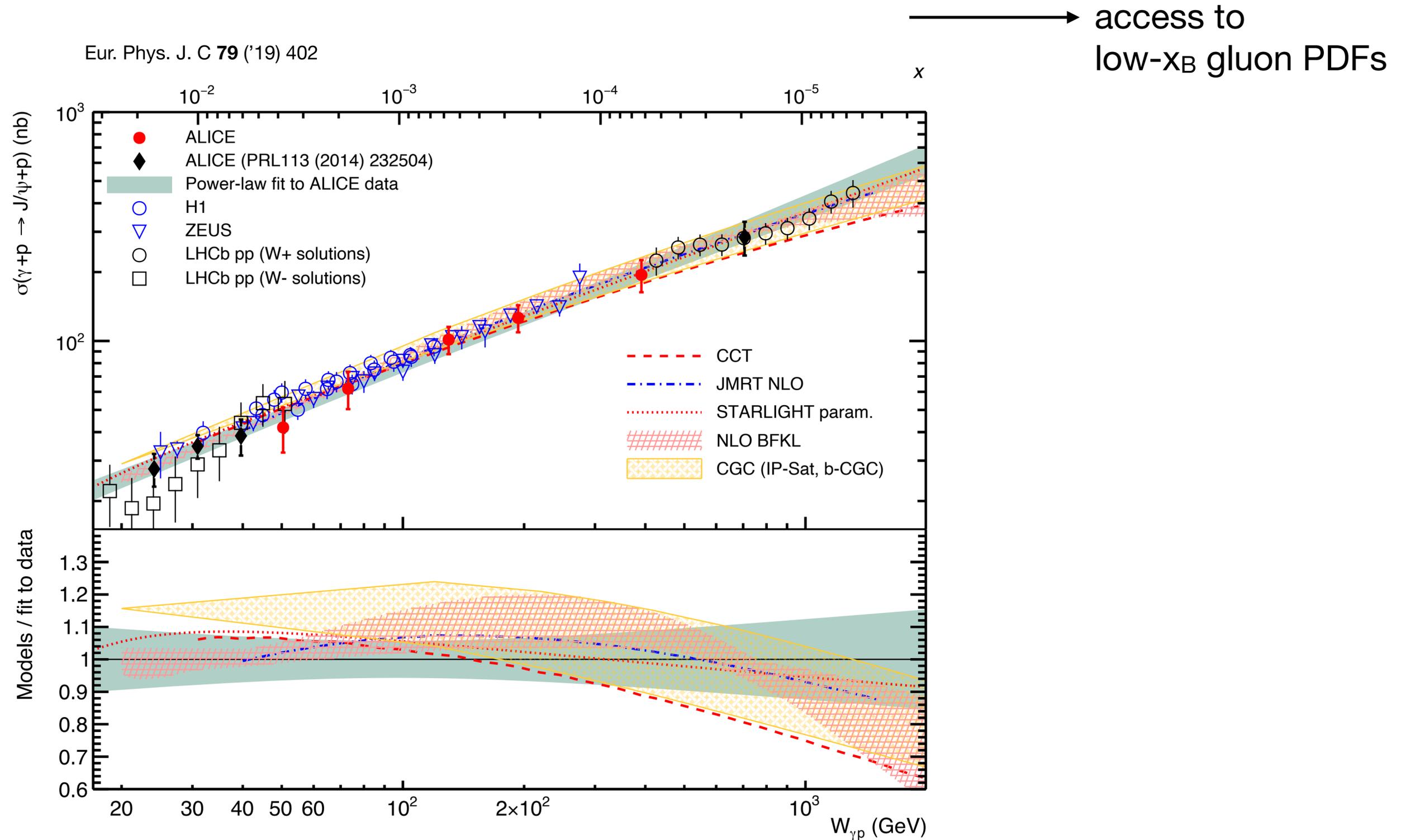
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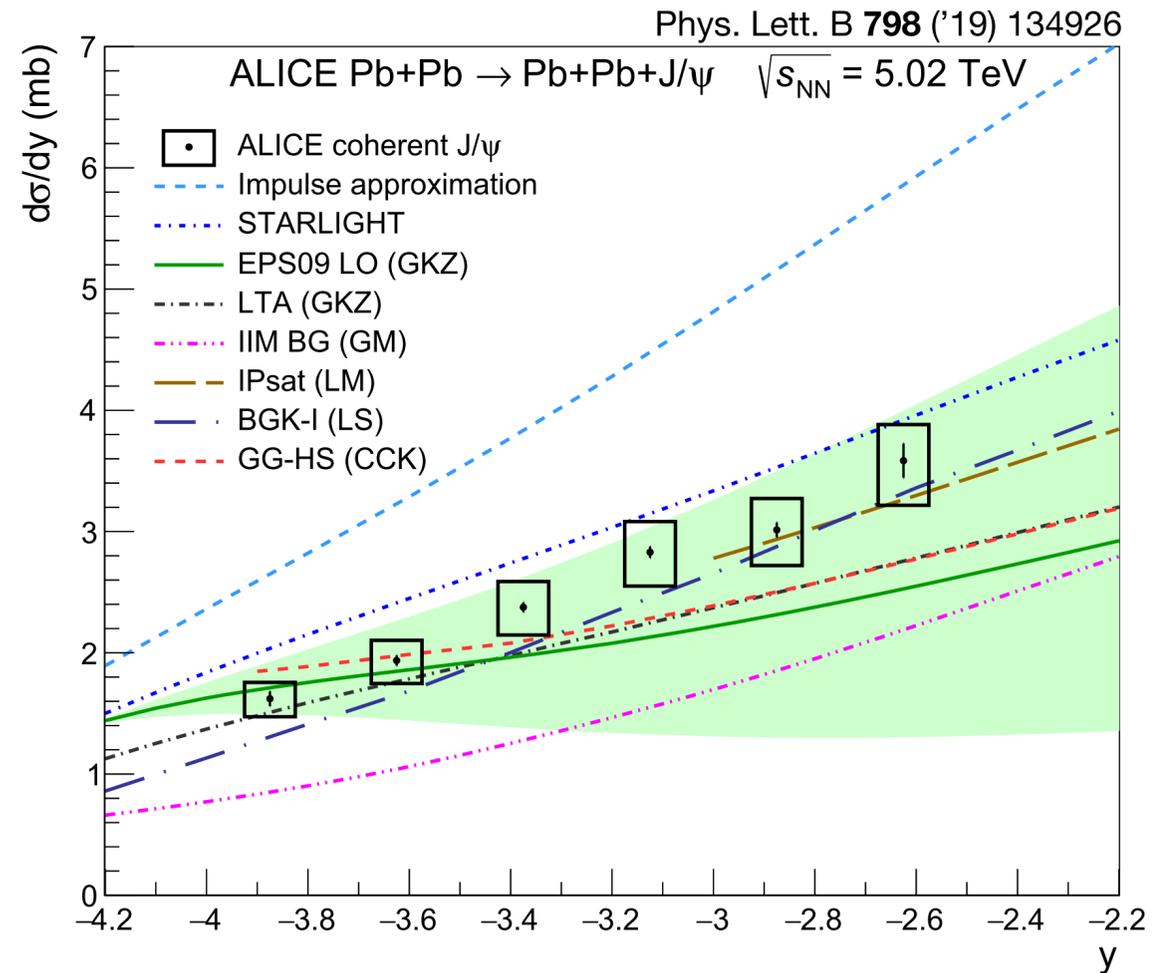
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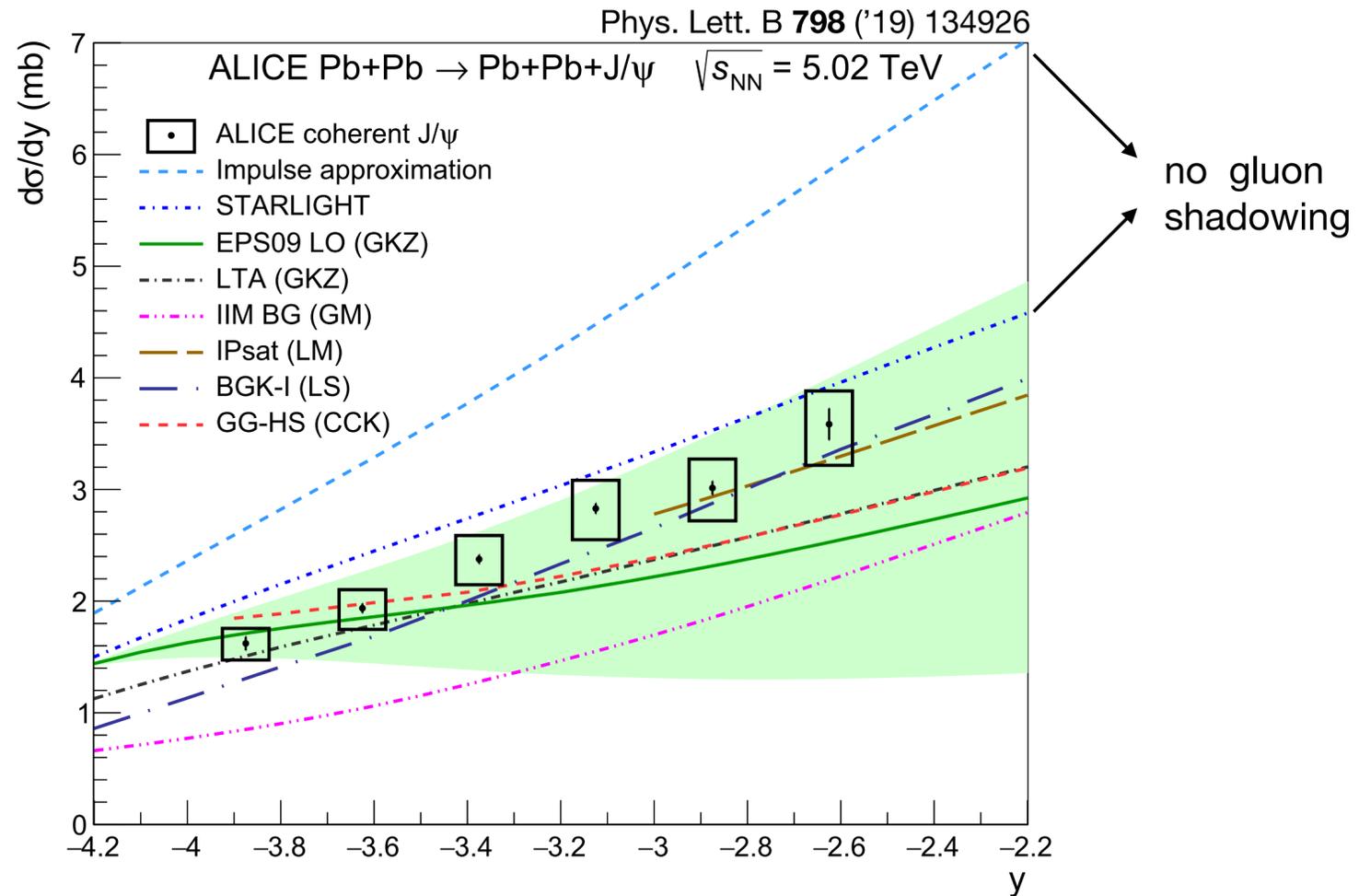
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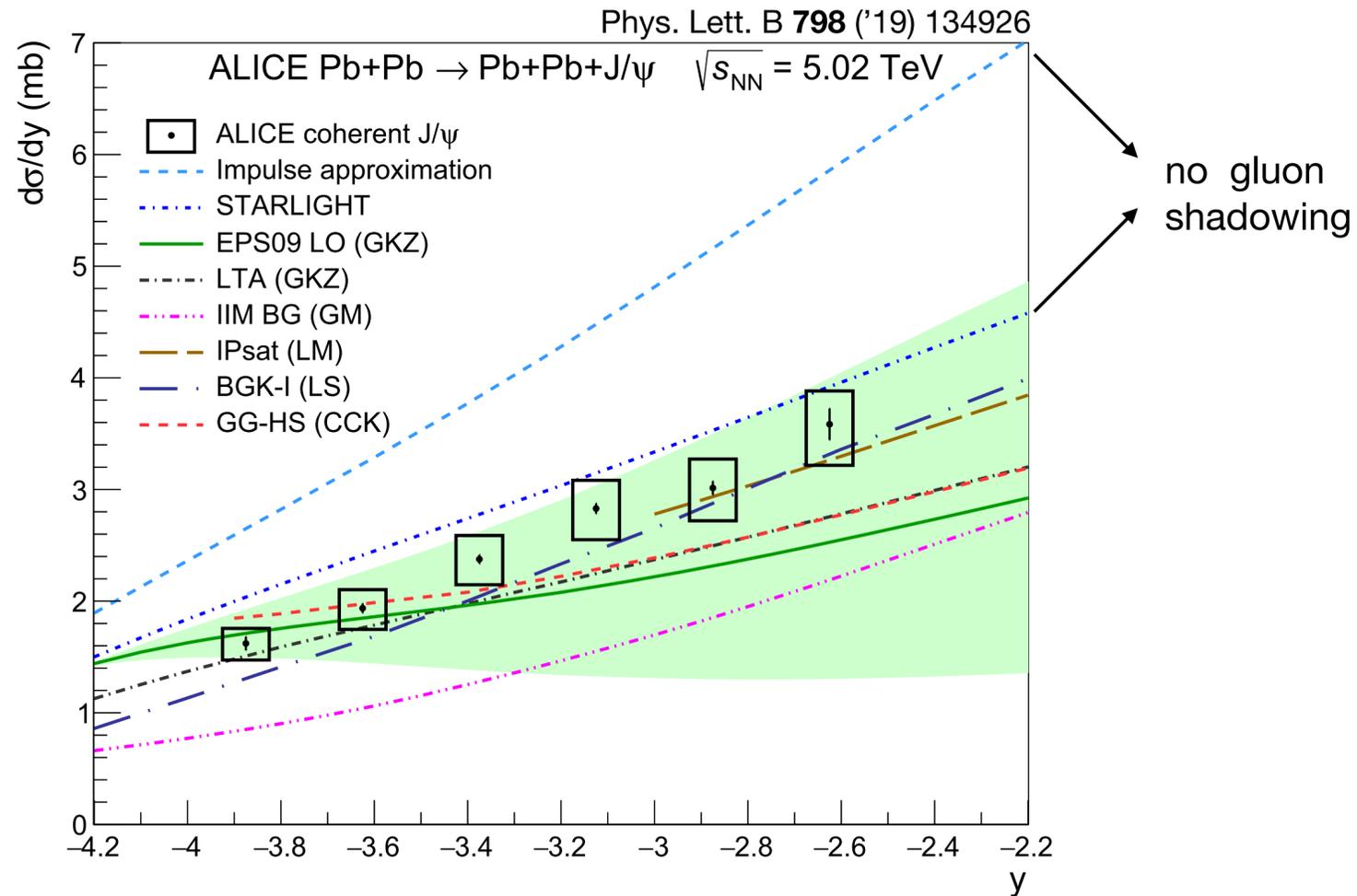


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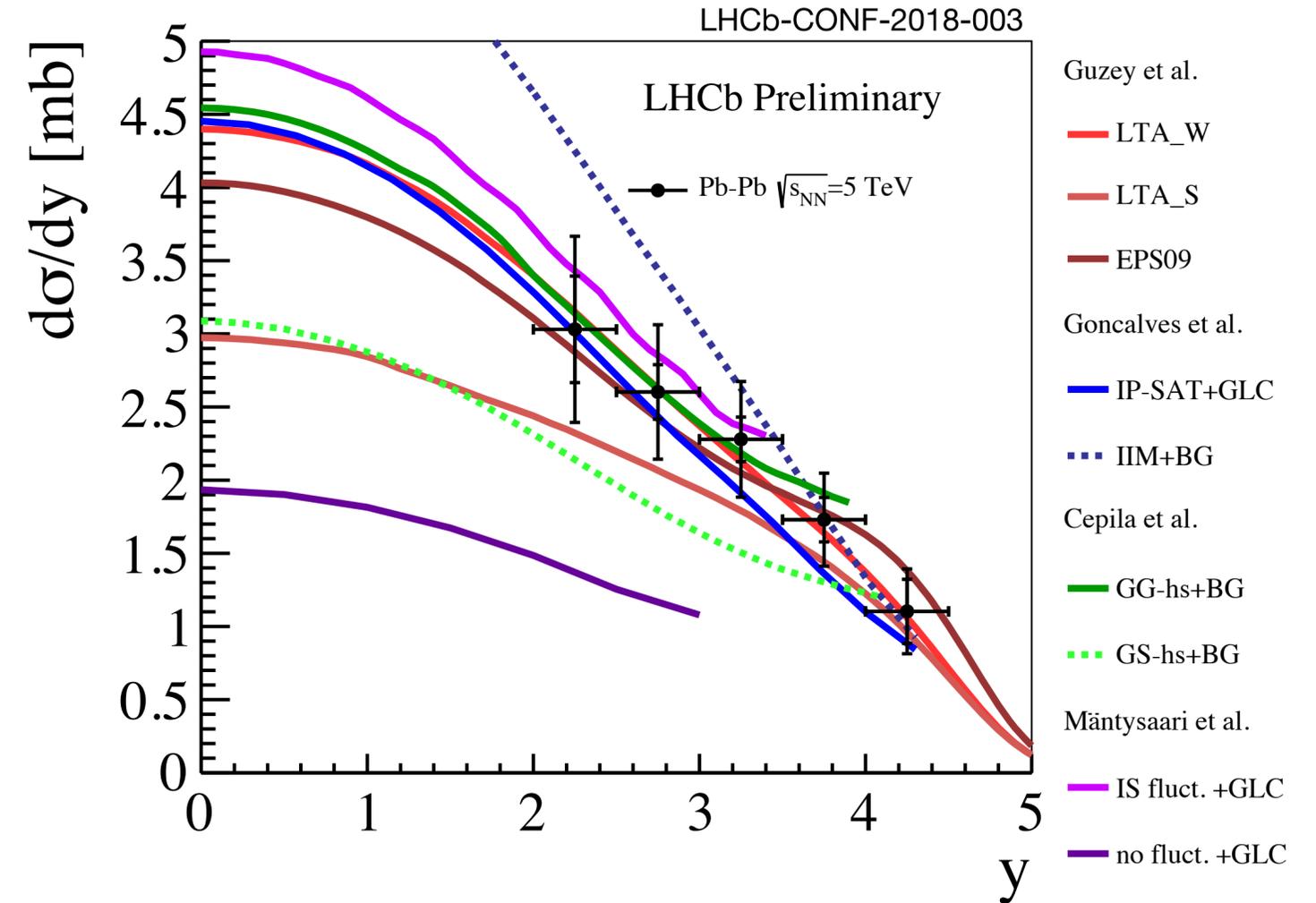
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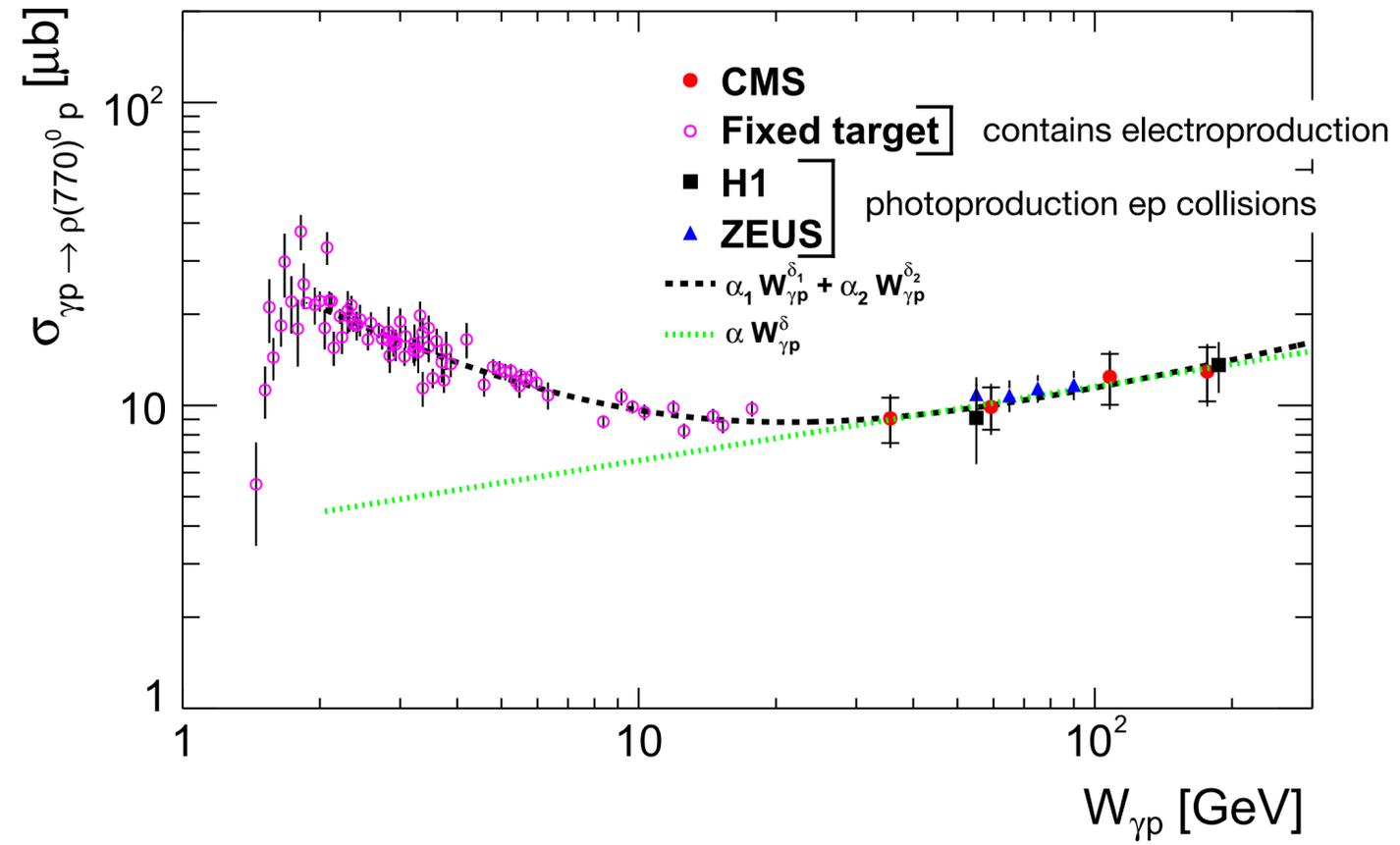
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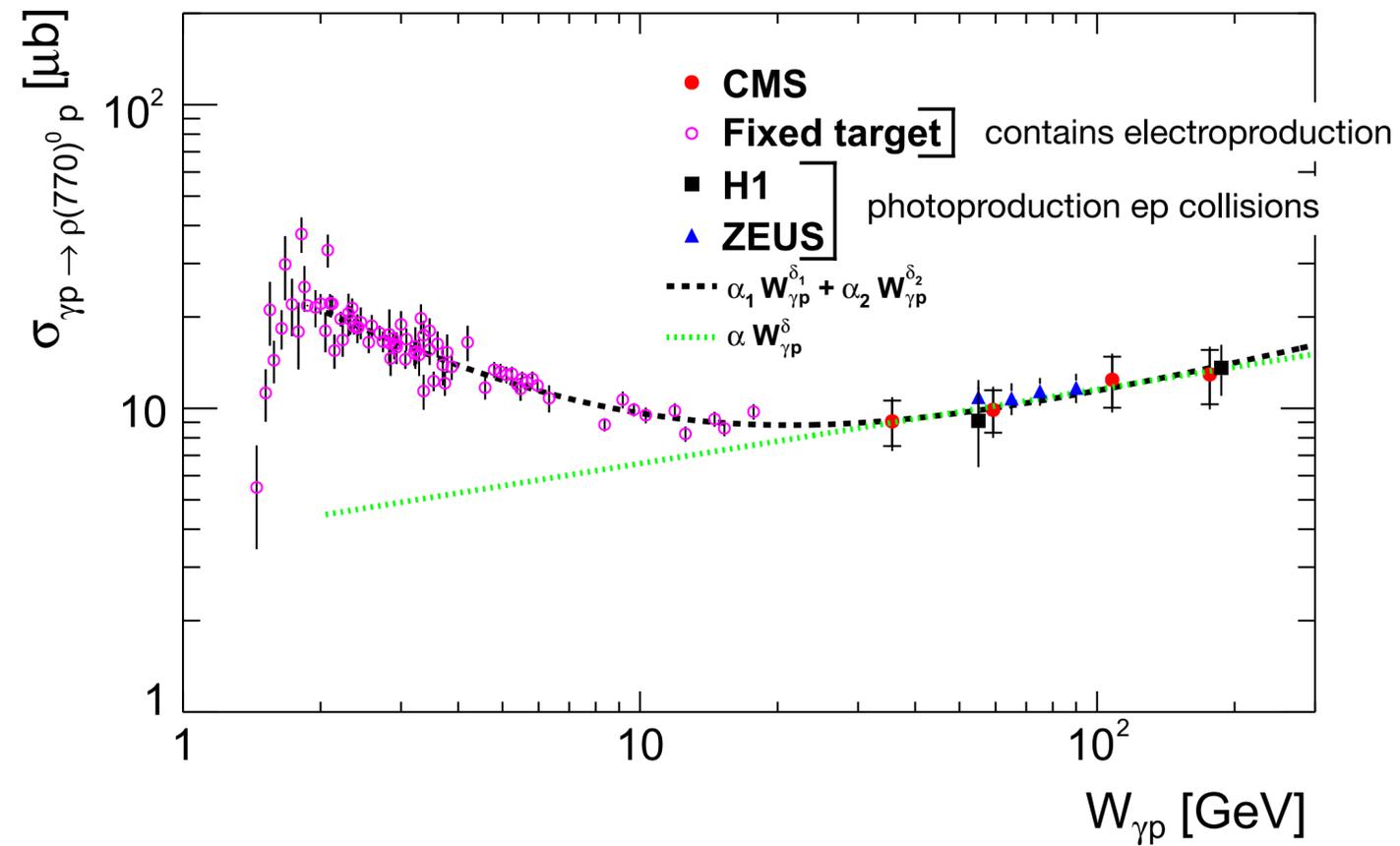
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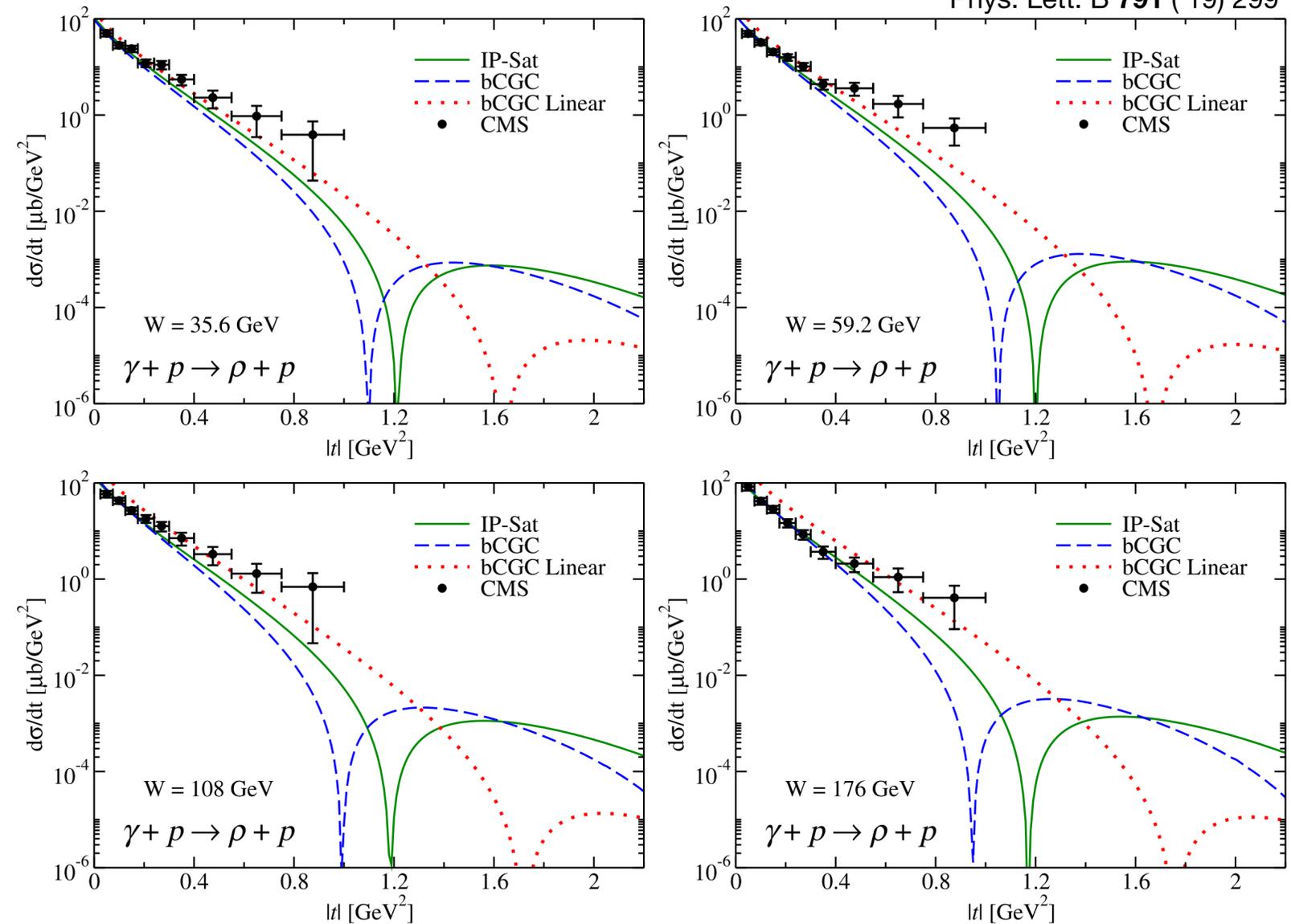
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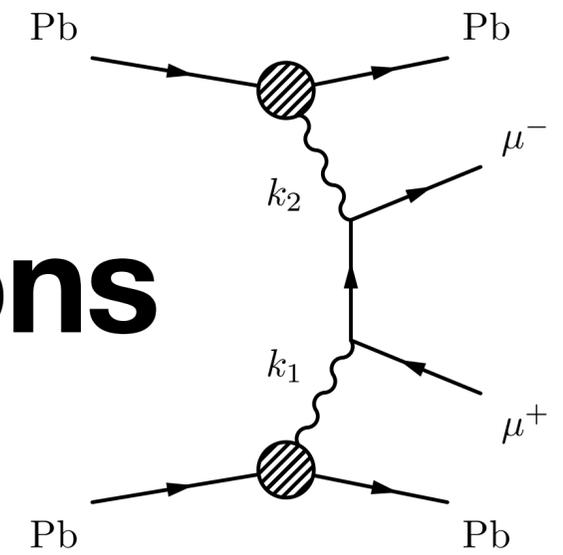


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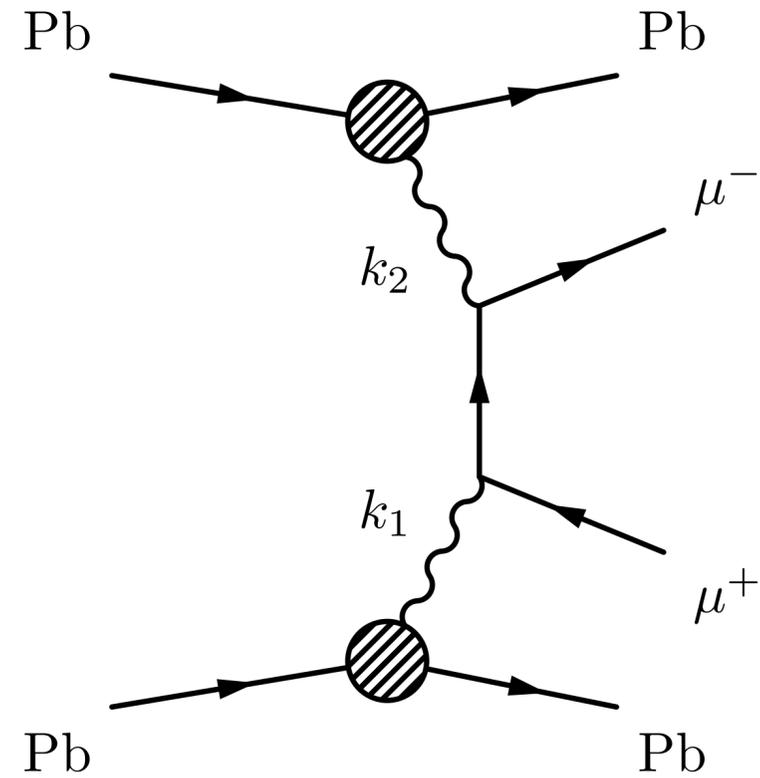


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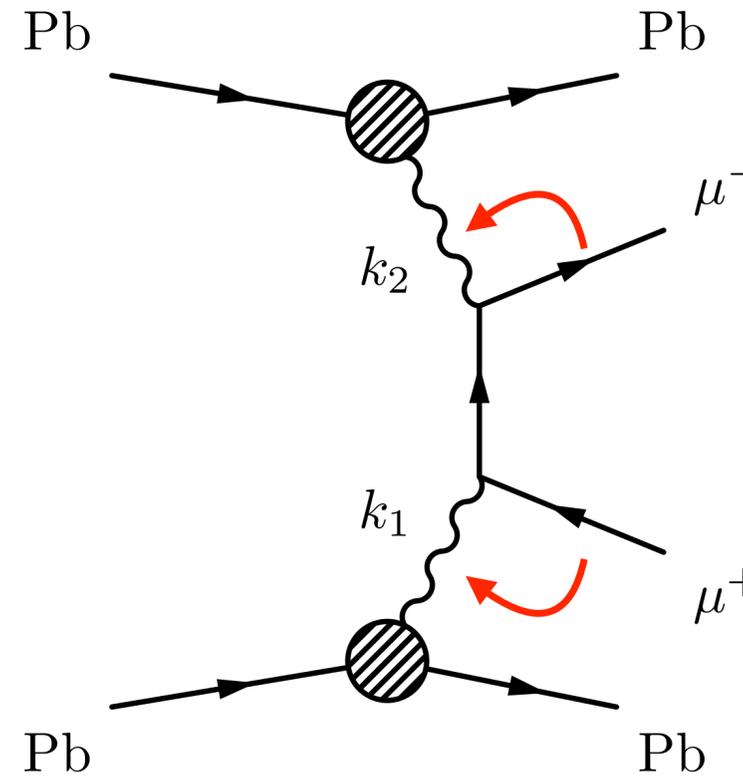
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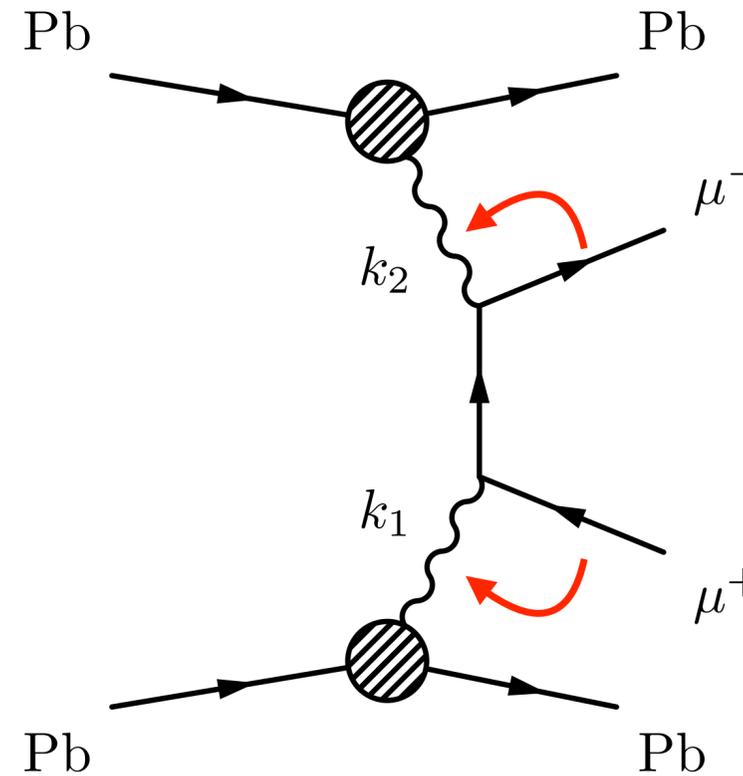
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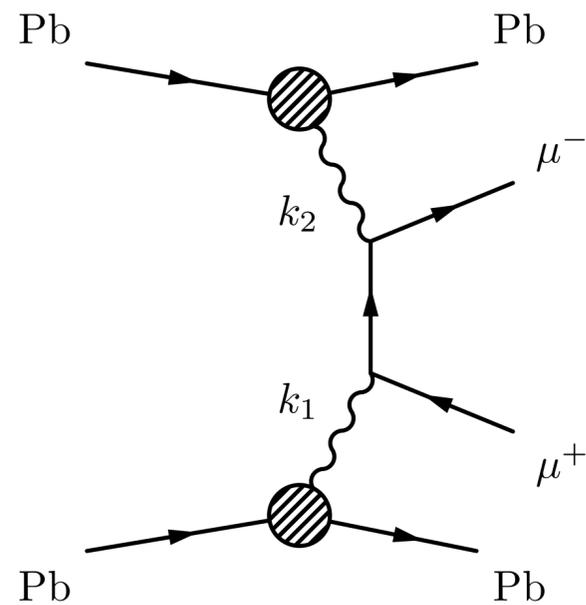
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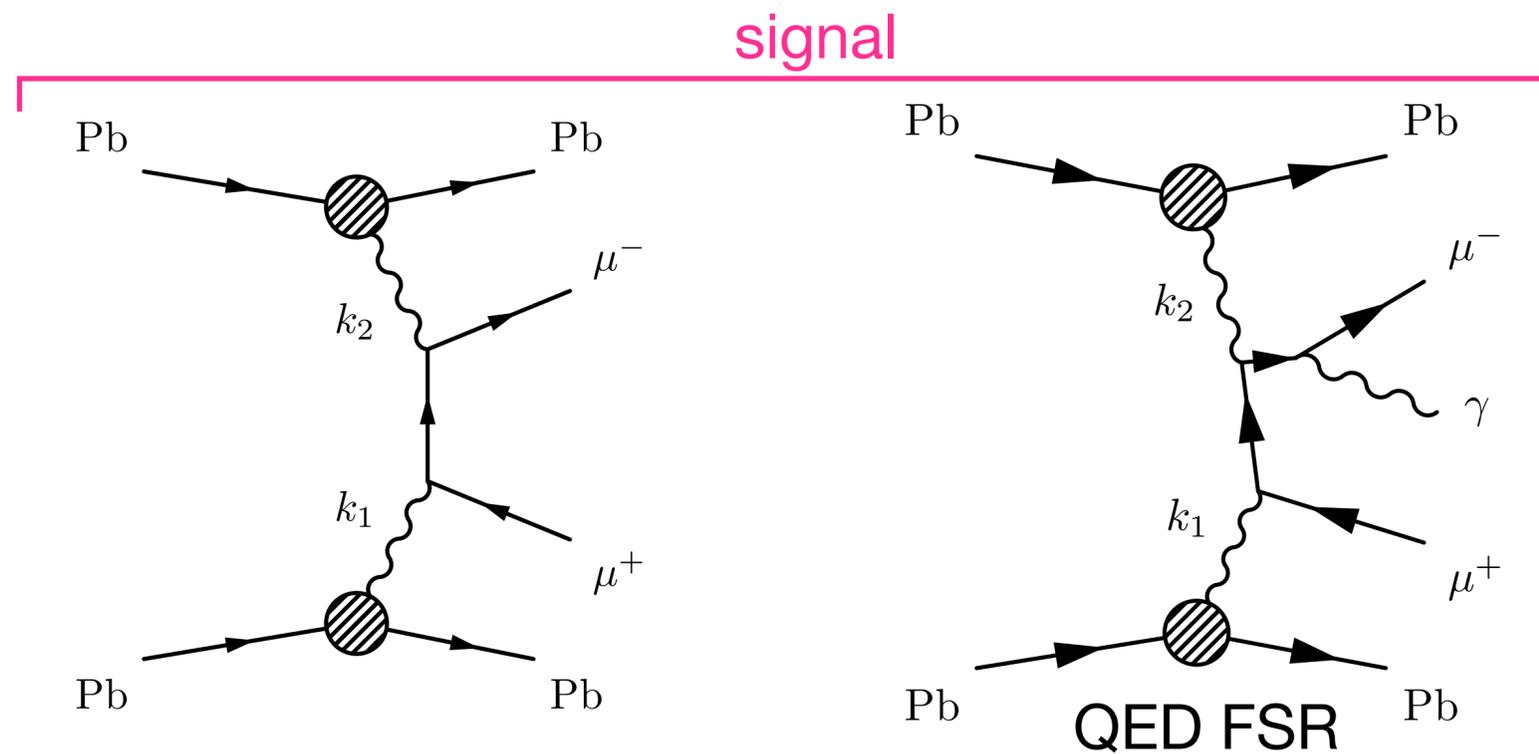


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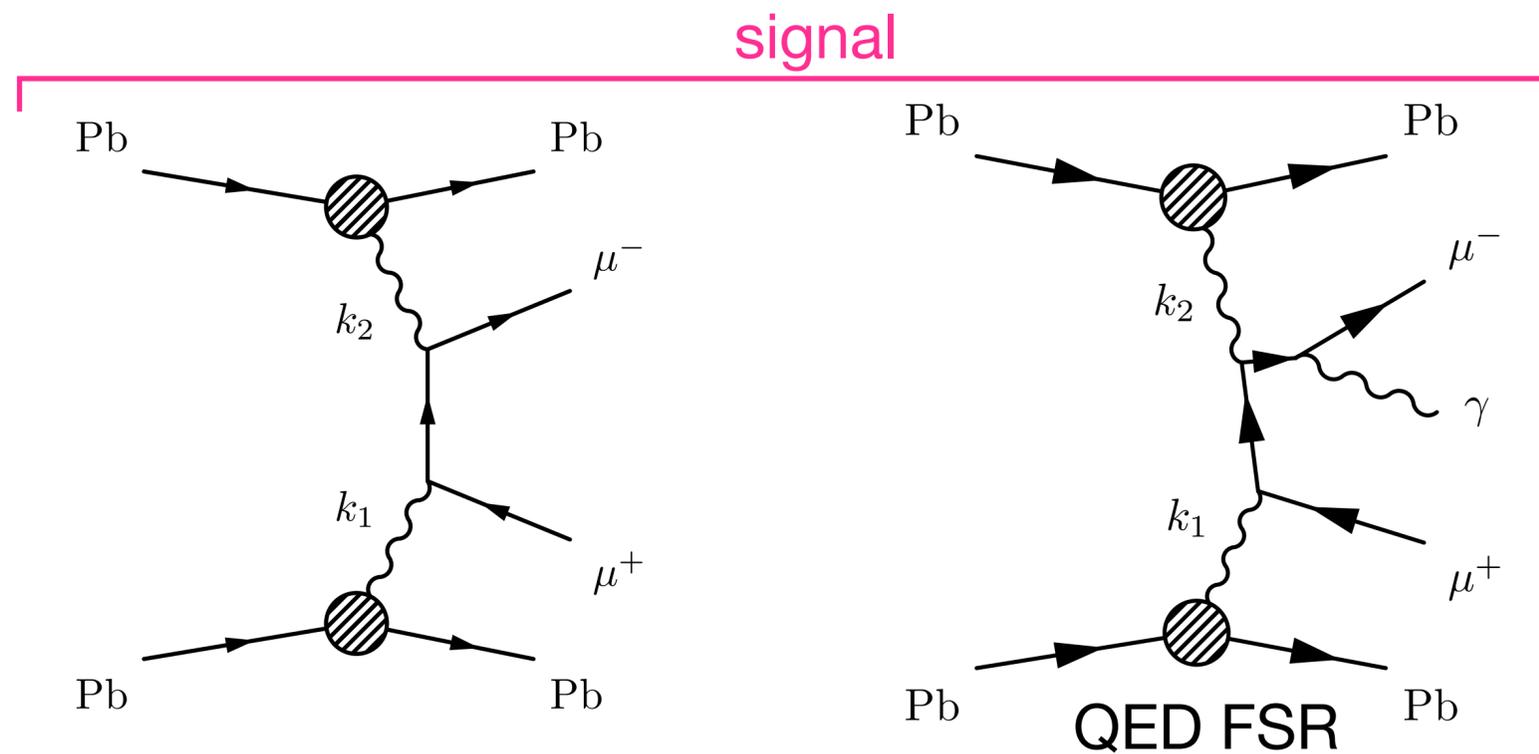


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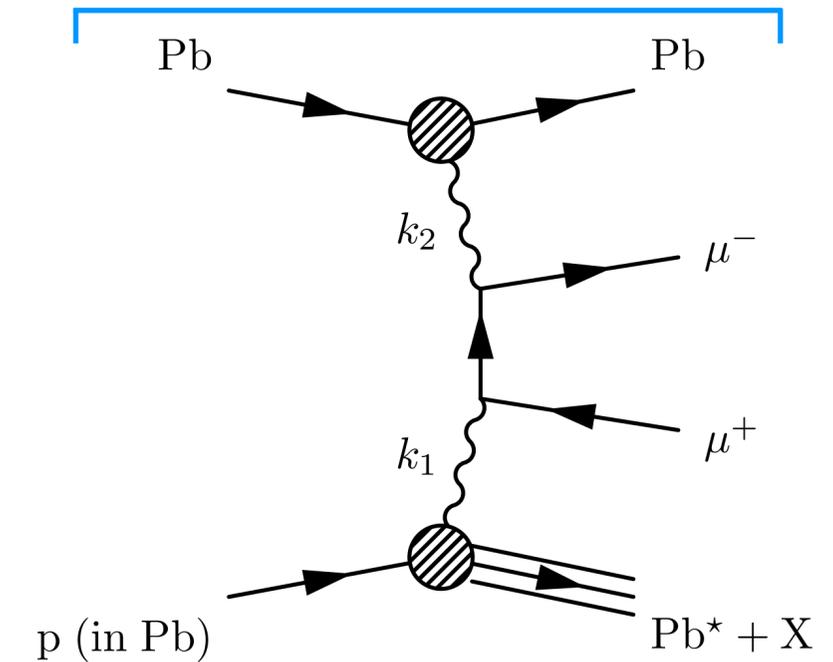
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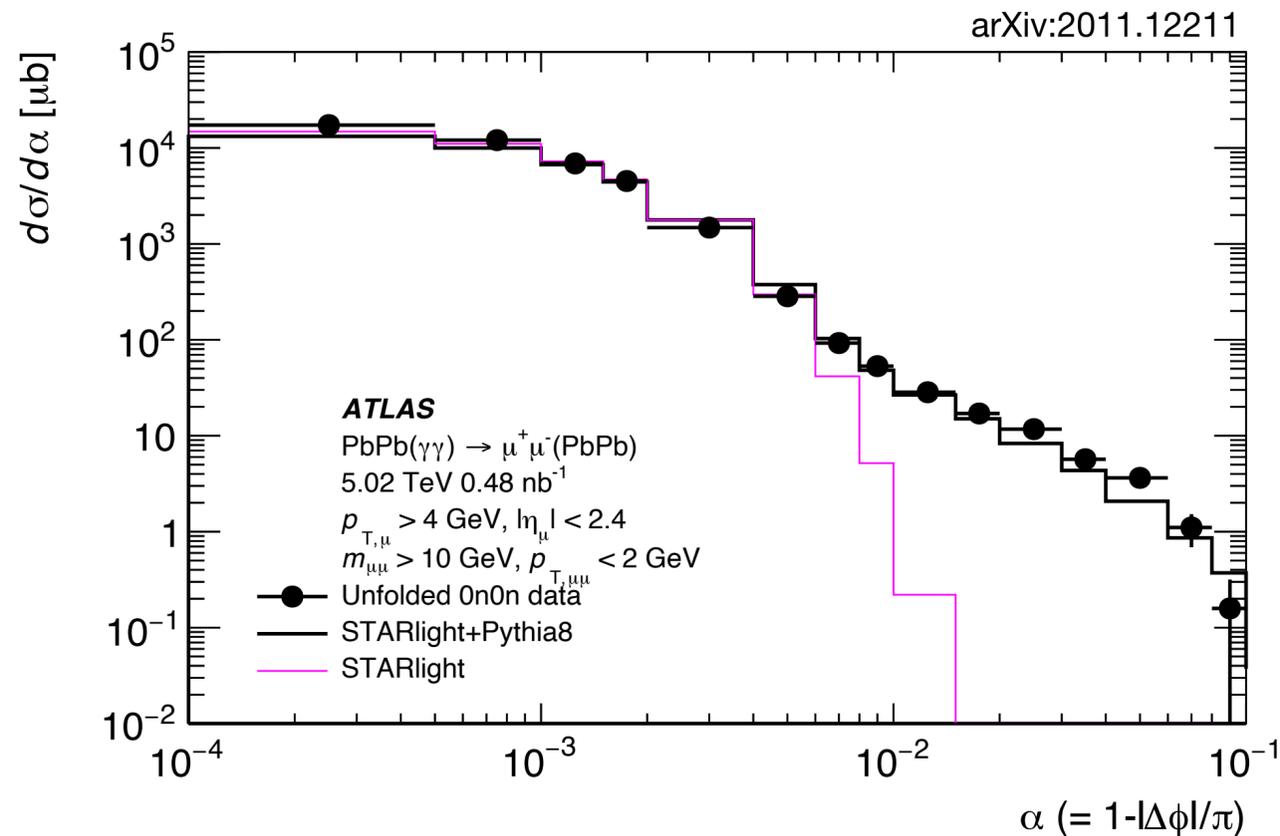
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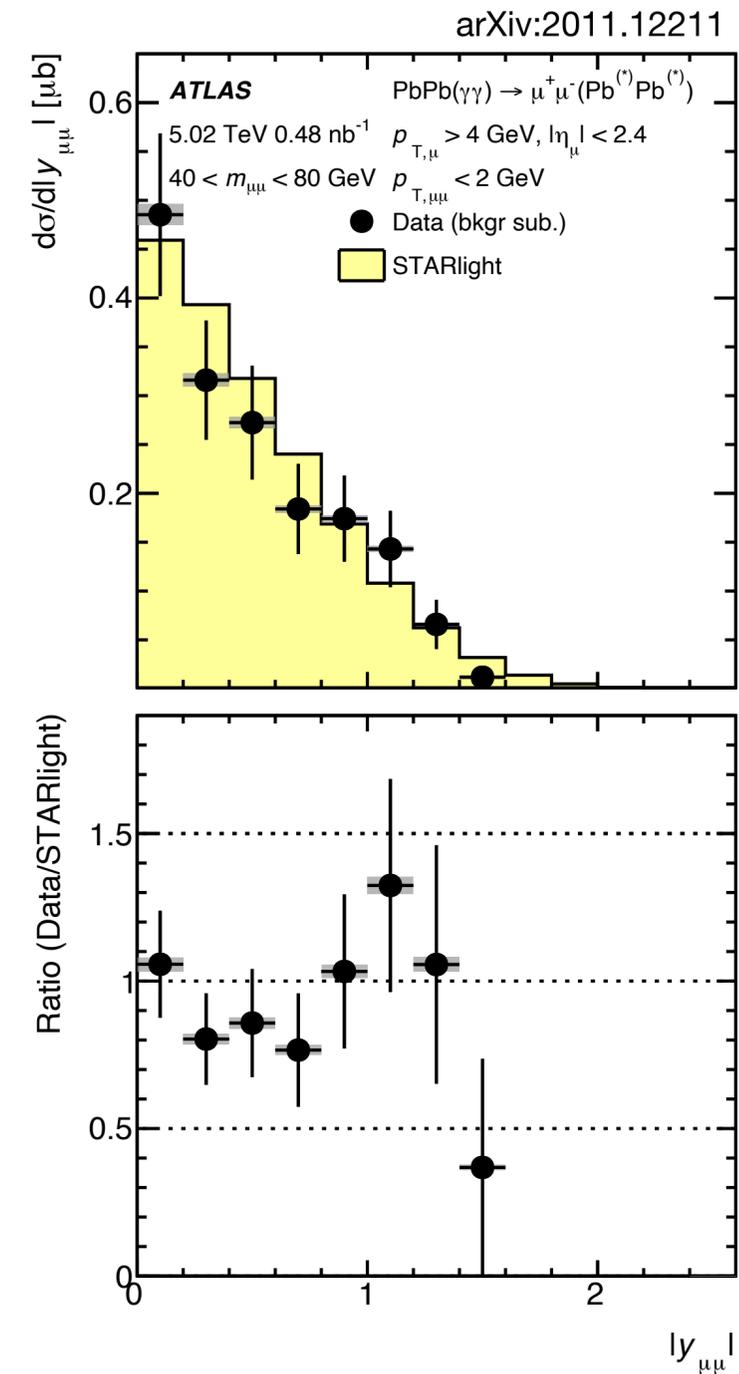
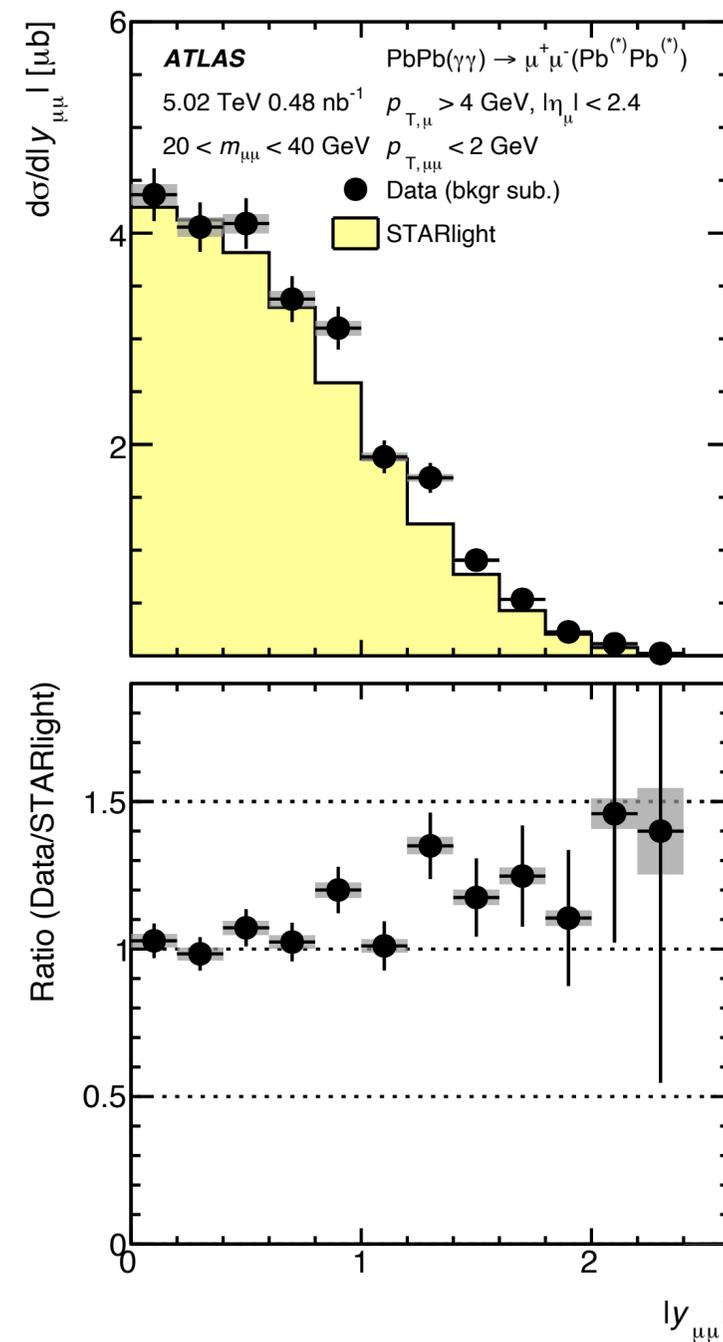
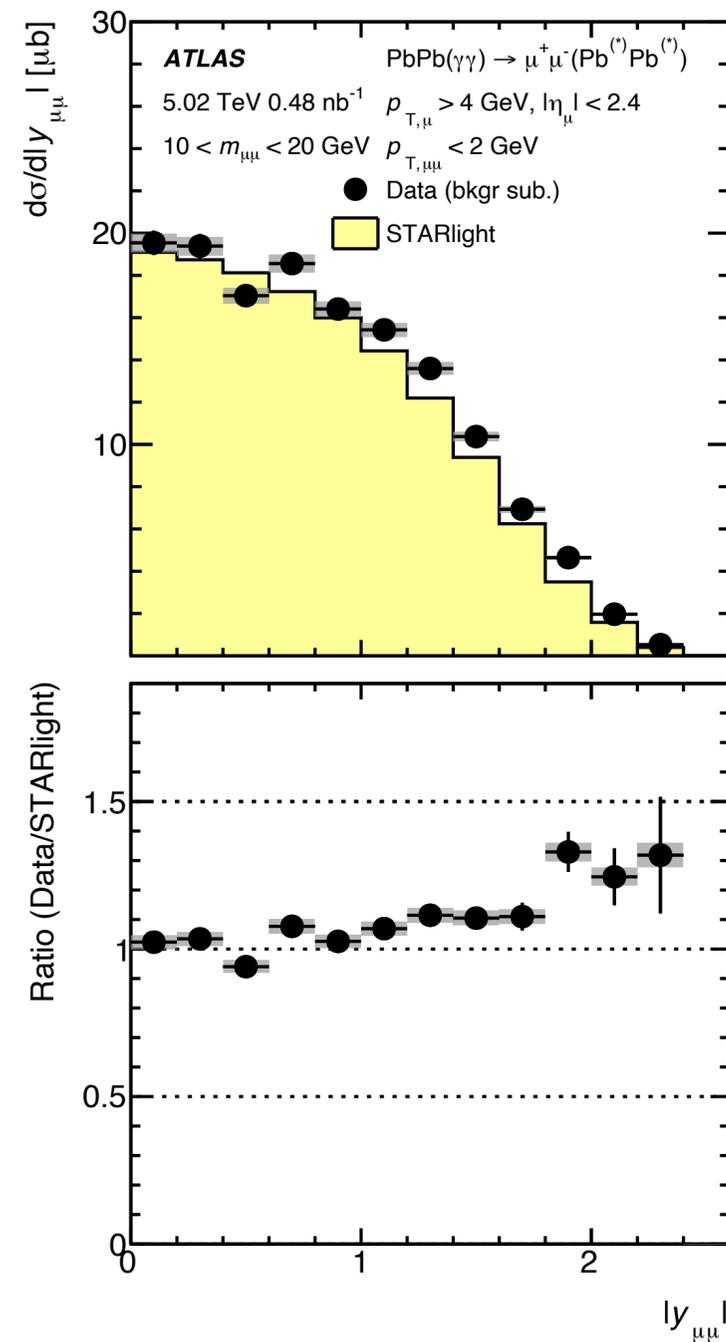


no neutrons in ZDC

→  $\alpha > 0.01$ : higher-order QED

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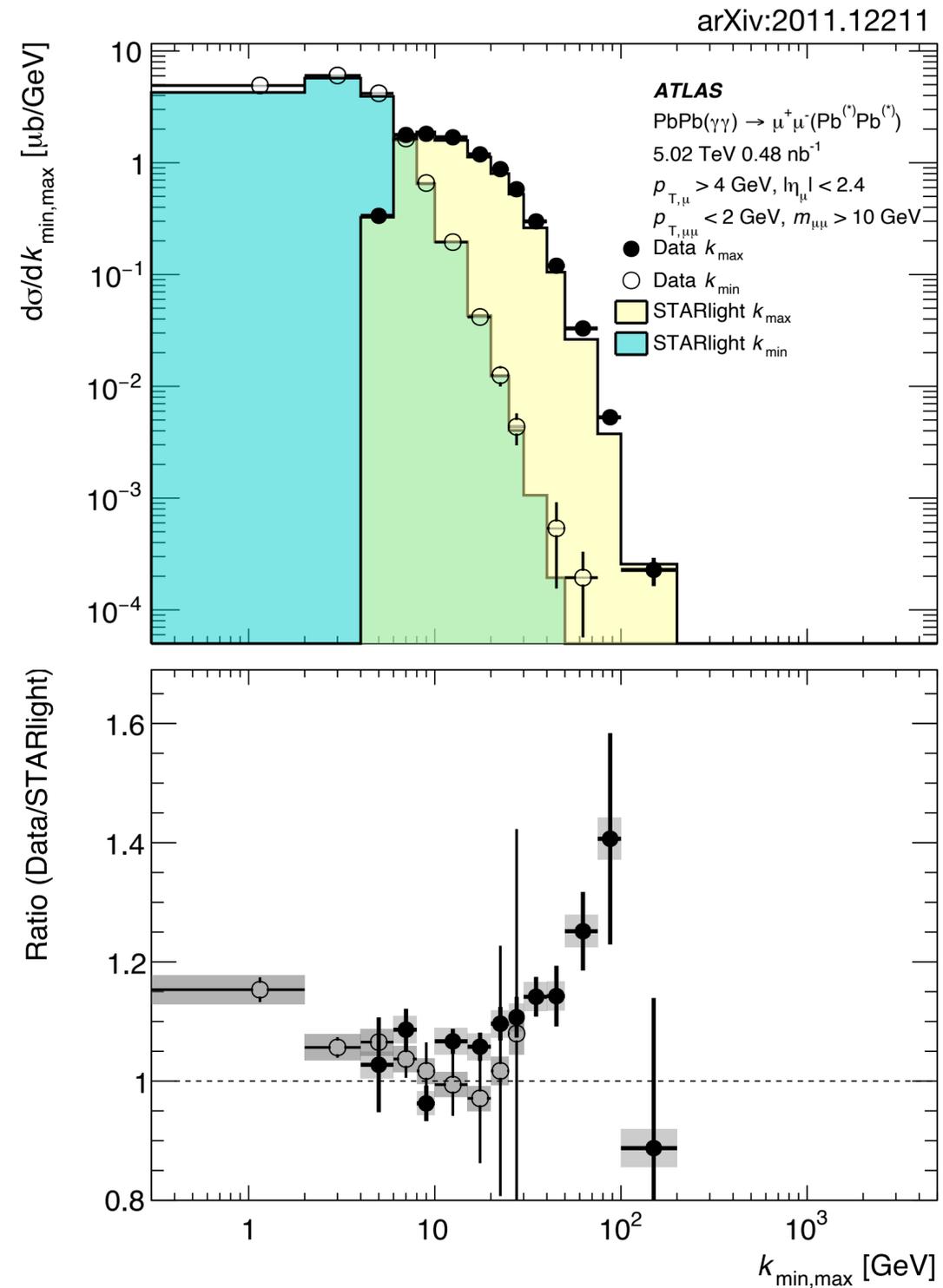
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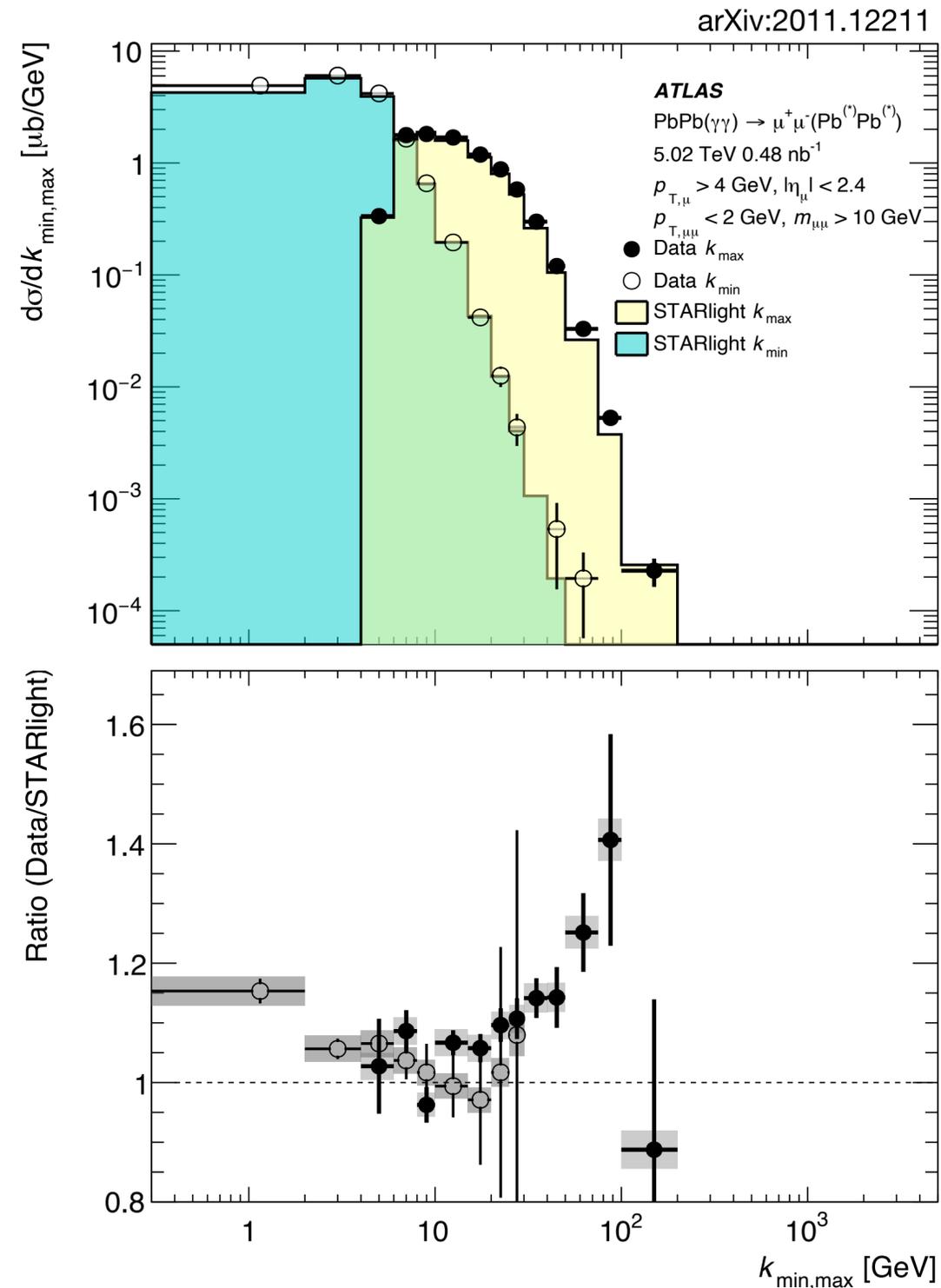
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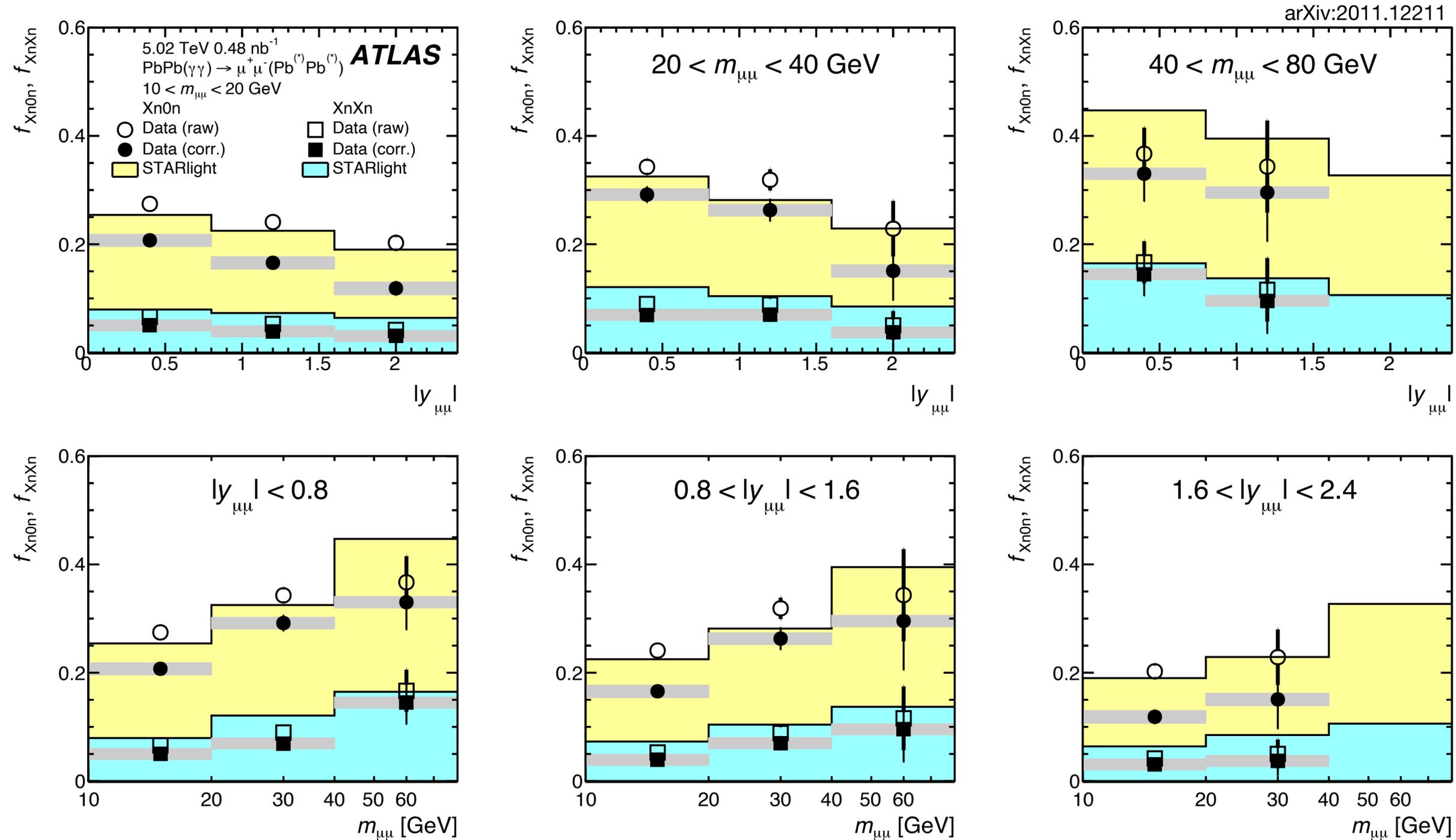
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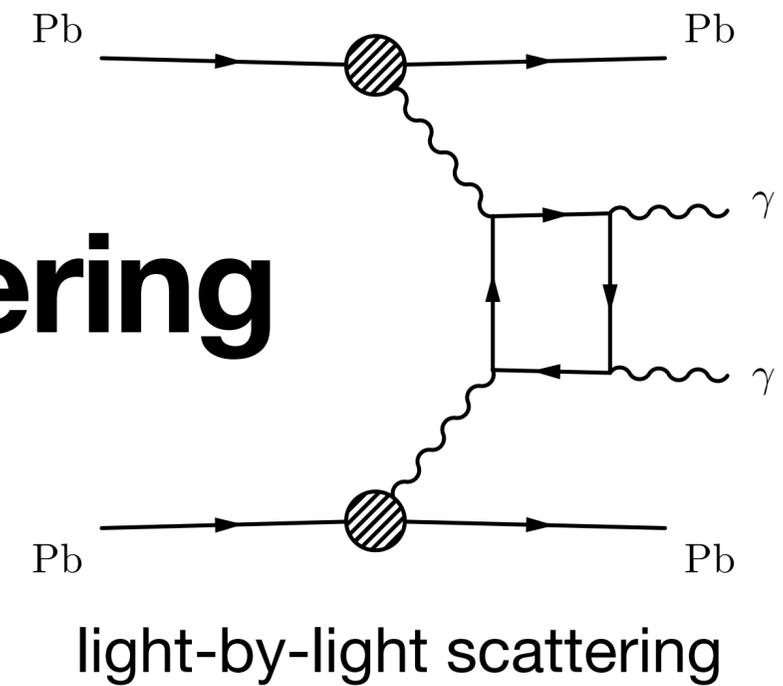
path to reduce discrepancy:  
inclusion of  $\gamma\gamma$  collisions inside nucleus

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- fractions of events with neutrons in 1 ZDC (Xn0n) and 2 ZDCs (XnXn):

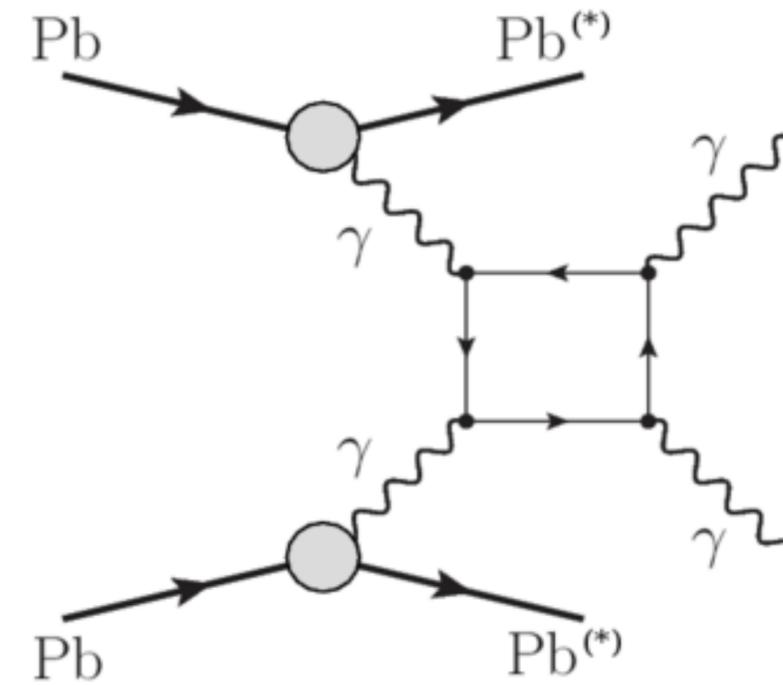


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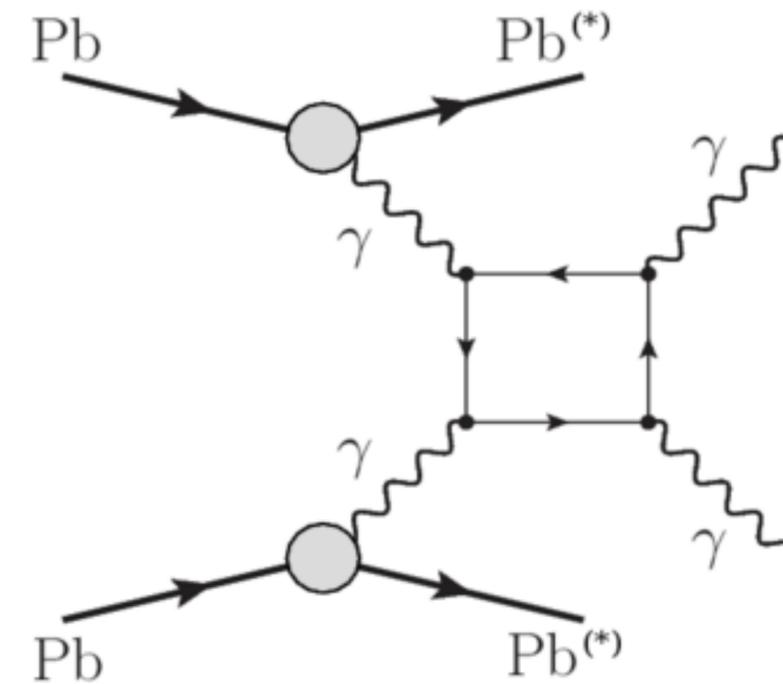
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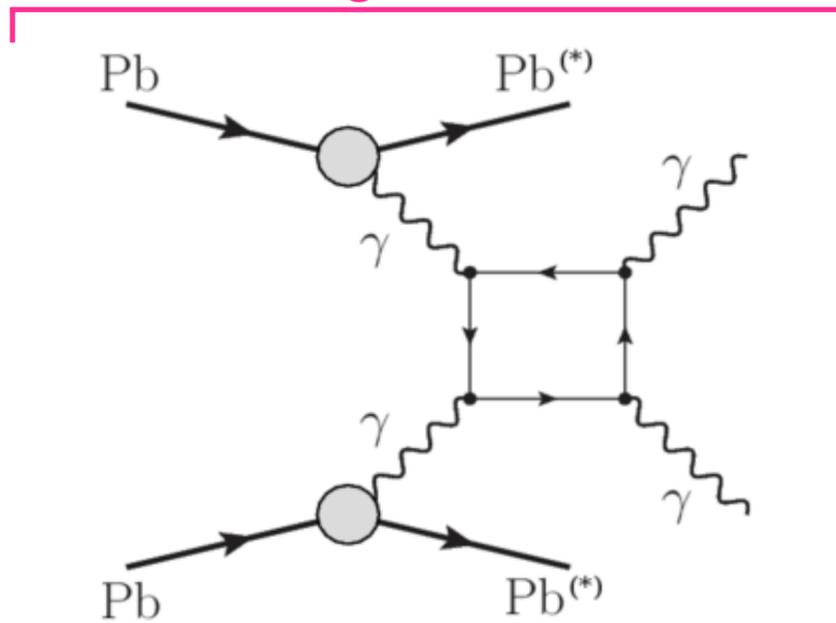
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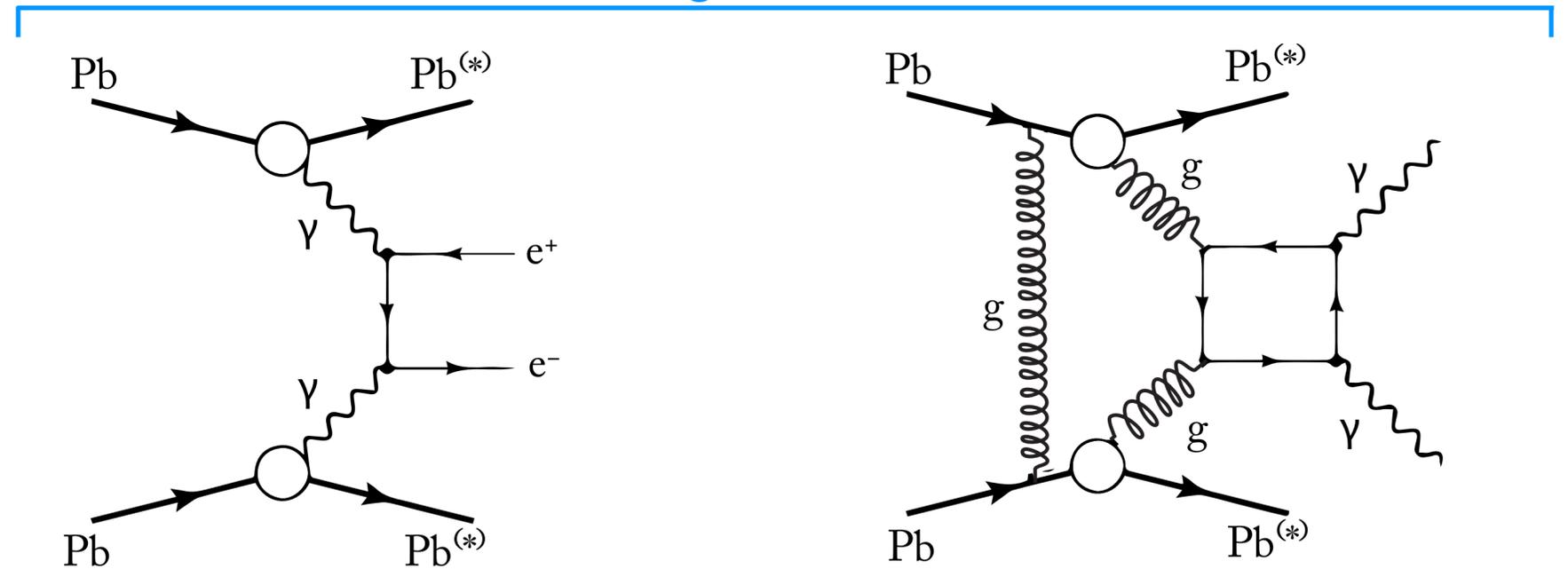
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Contributions to event sample

signal



main background contributions



correction via STARlight & data

correction via SuperChic & data

# ATLAS and CMS: results

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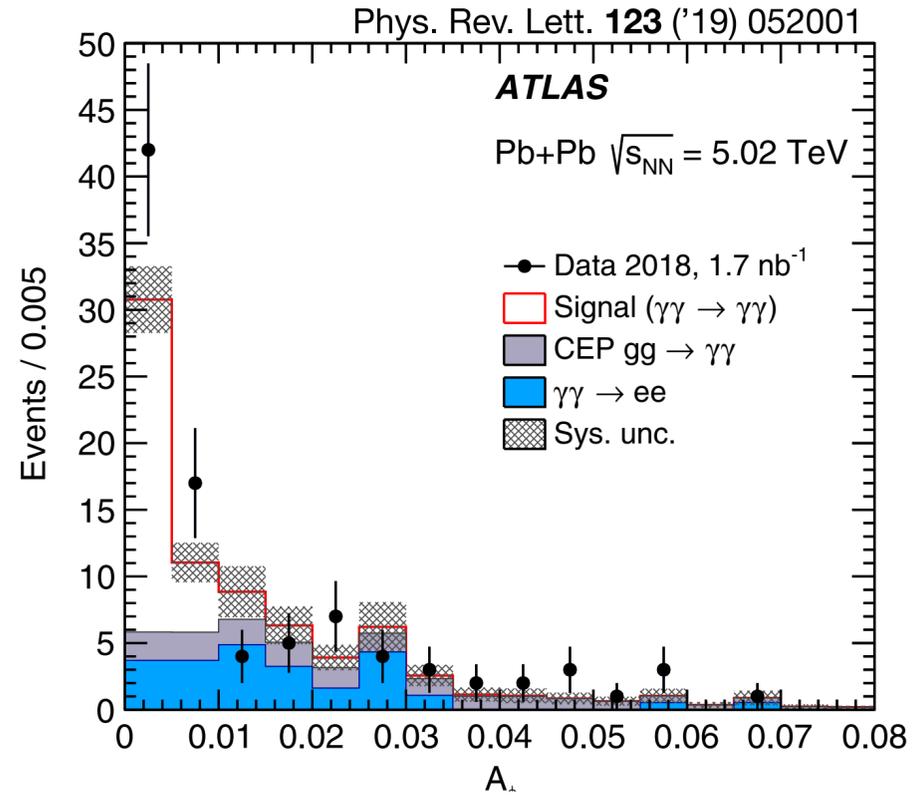
- events observed: 59
- events expected:  
30±4(syst.) signal and 12±1(stat.)±3(syst.) background
- significance excess against background-only=8.2σ
  
- fiducial cross section  
 $\sigma_{\text{fid}}(\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = 78 \pm 13(\text{stat.}) \pm 7(\text{syst.}) \pm 3(\text{lumi}) \text{ nb}$

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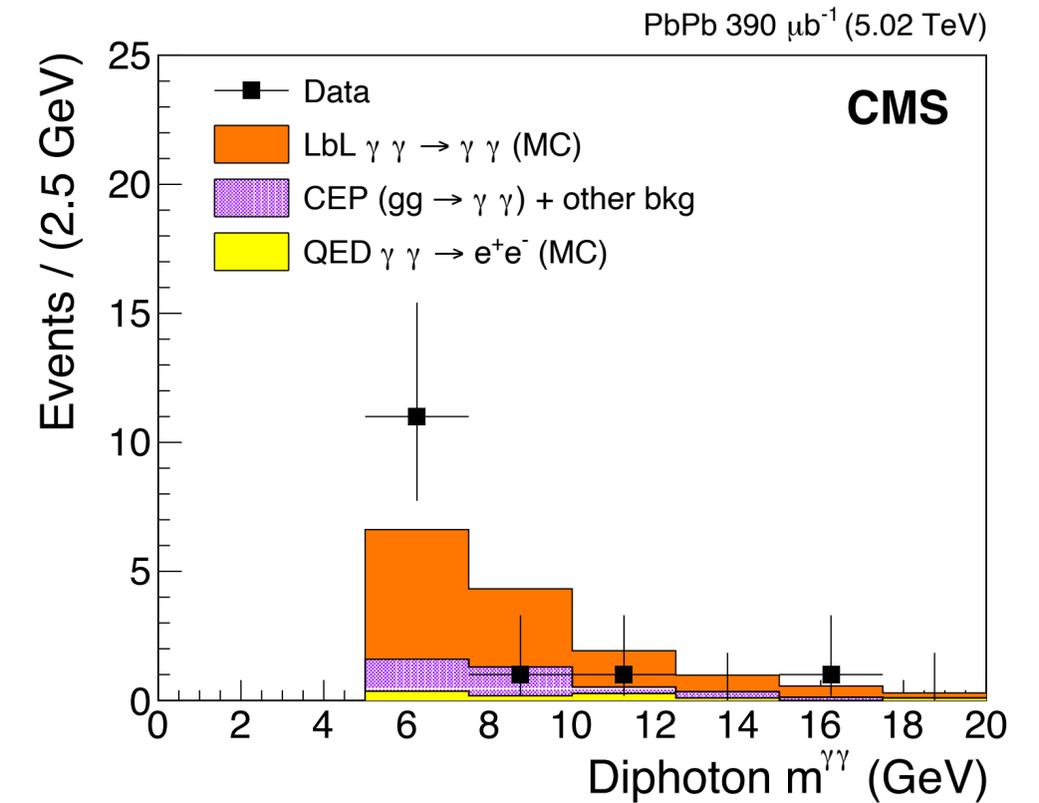
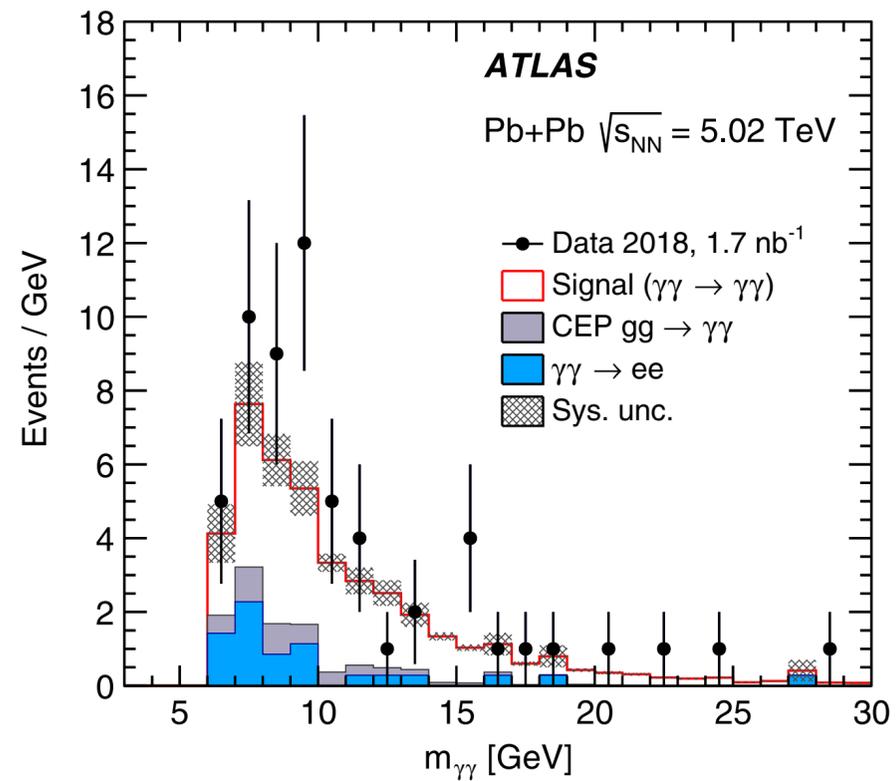
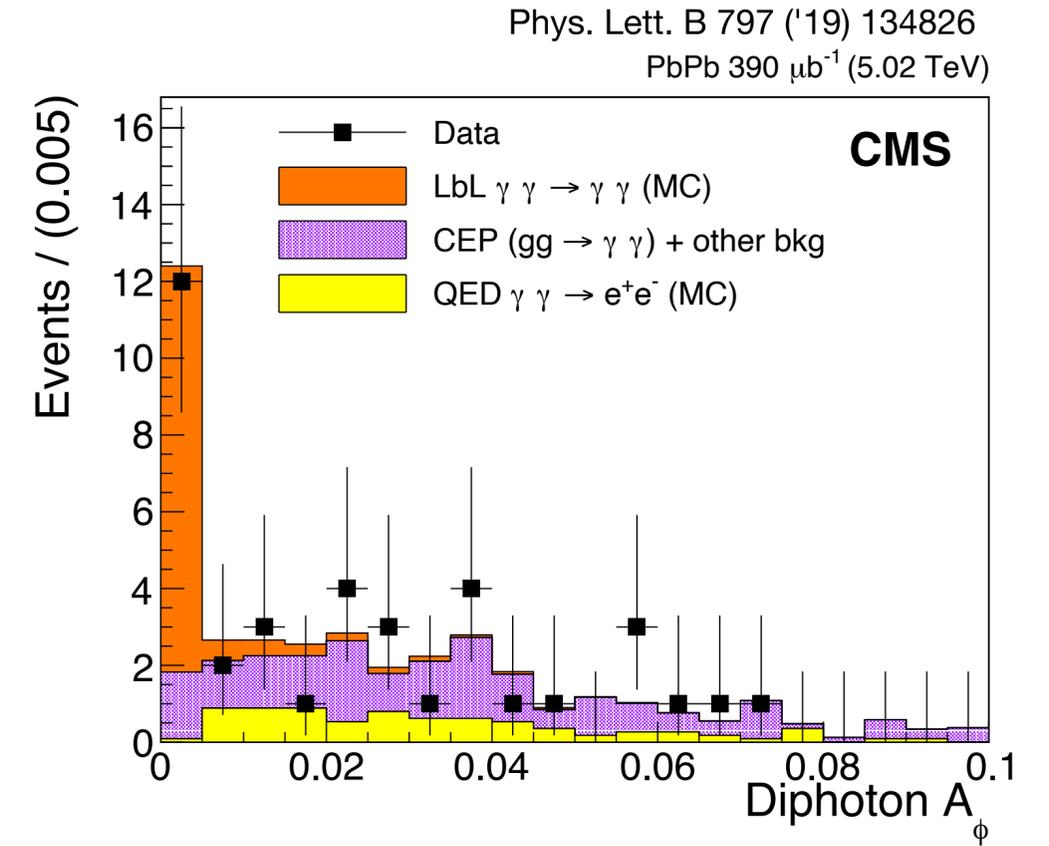
- events observed: 14
- events expected:  
9.0±0.9(theo.) signal and 4.0±1.2(stat.) background
- significance excess against background-only=3.7σ
  
- fiducial cross section  
 $\sigma_{\text{fid}}(\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = 120 \pm 46(\text{stat.}) \pm 28(\text{syst.}) \pm 12(\text{theo}) \text{ nb}$

cross sections consistent with standard-model predictions

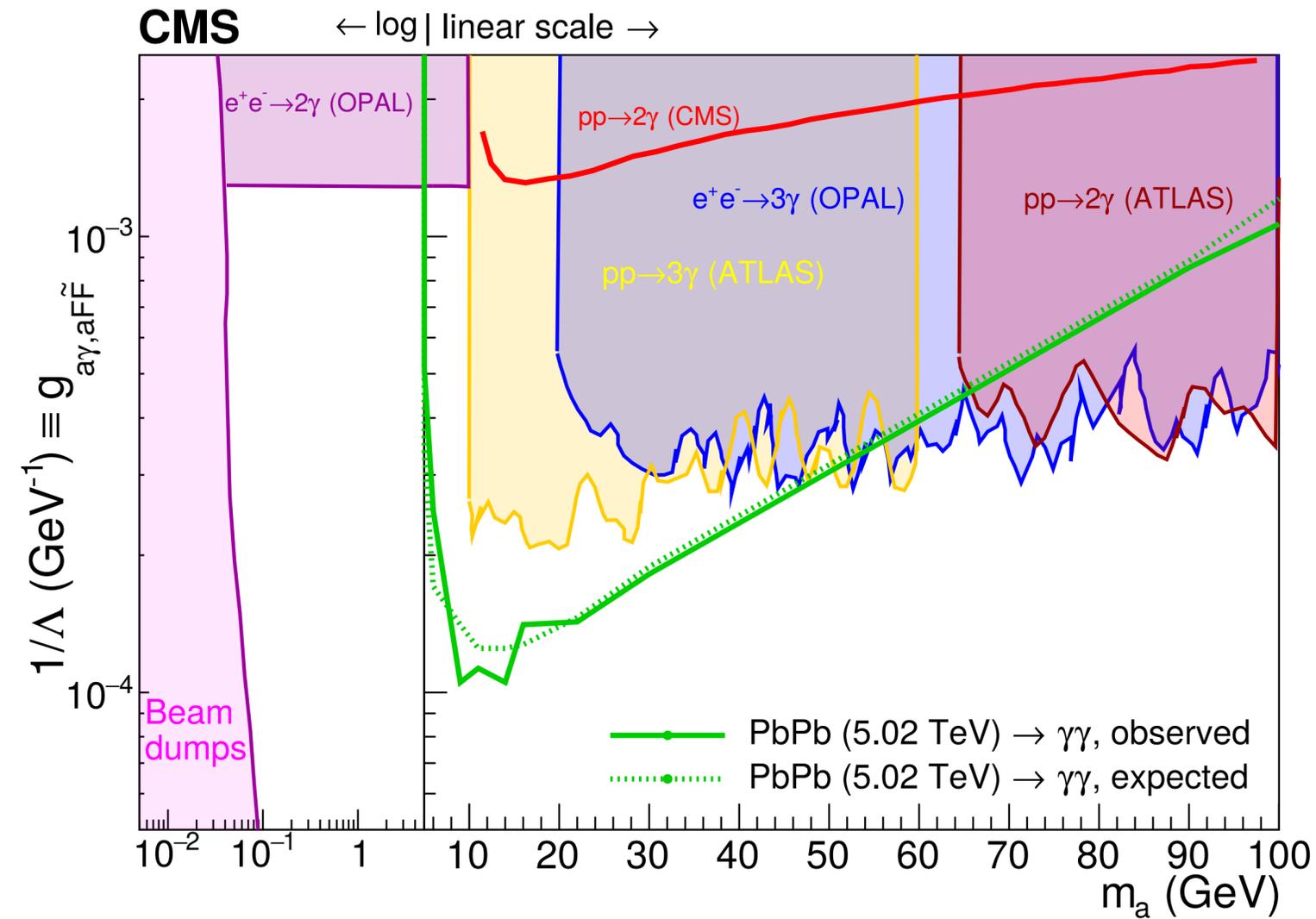
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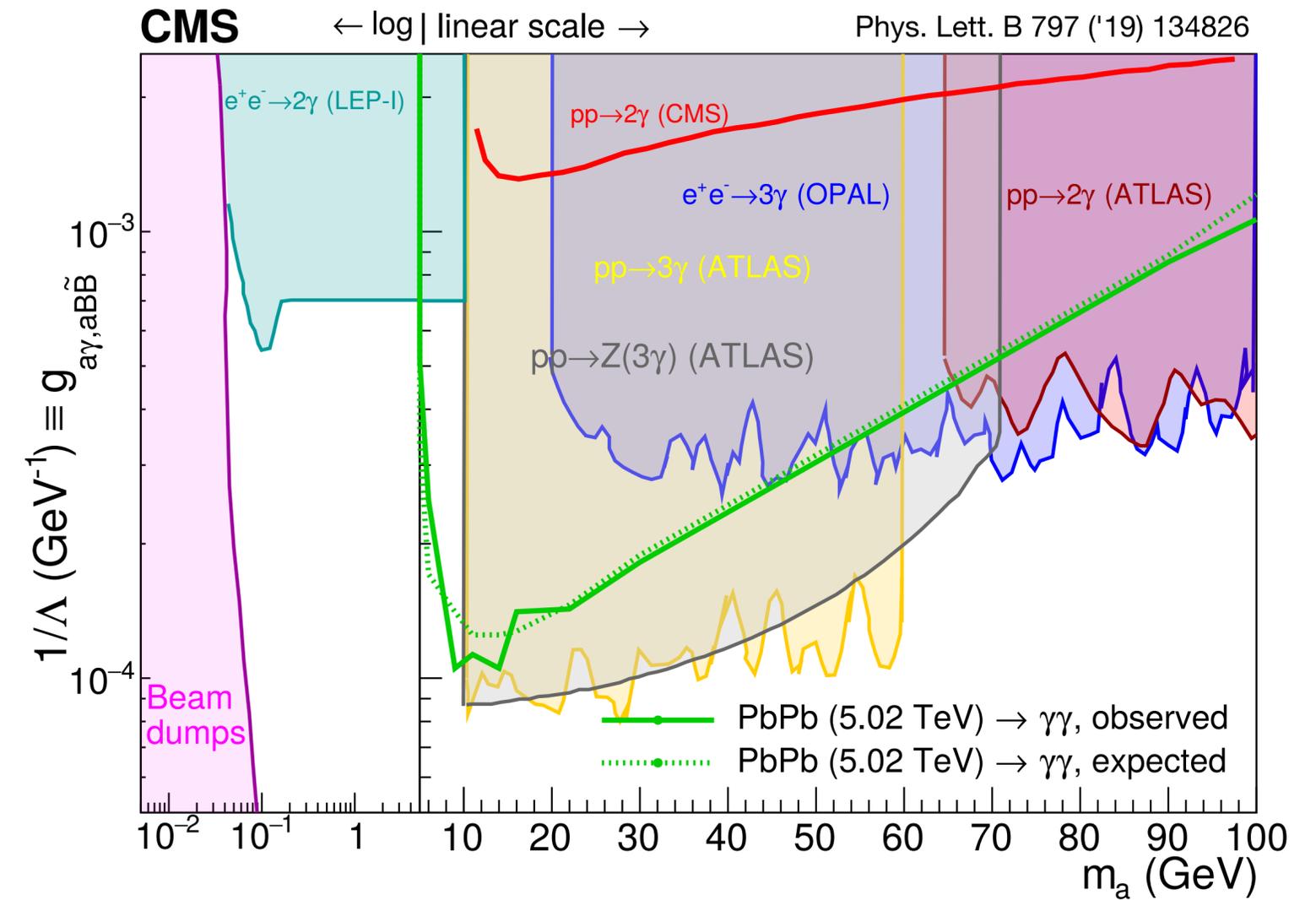
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# Exclusion limits for axion-like particles



ALP coupling to EM currents



ALP coupling to EM+EW currents

assumption:

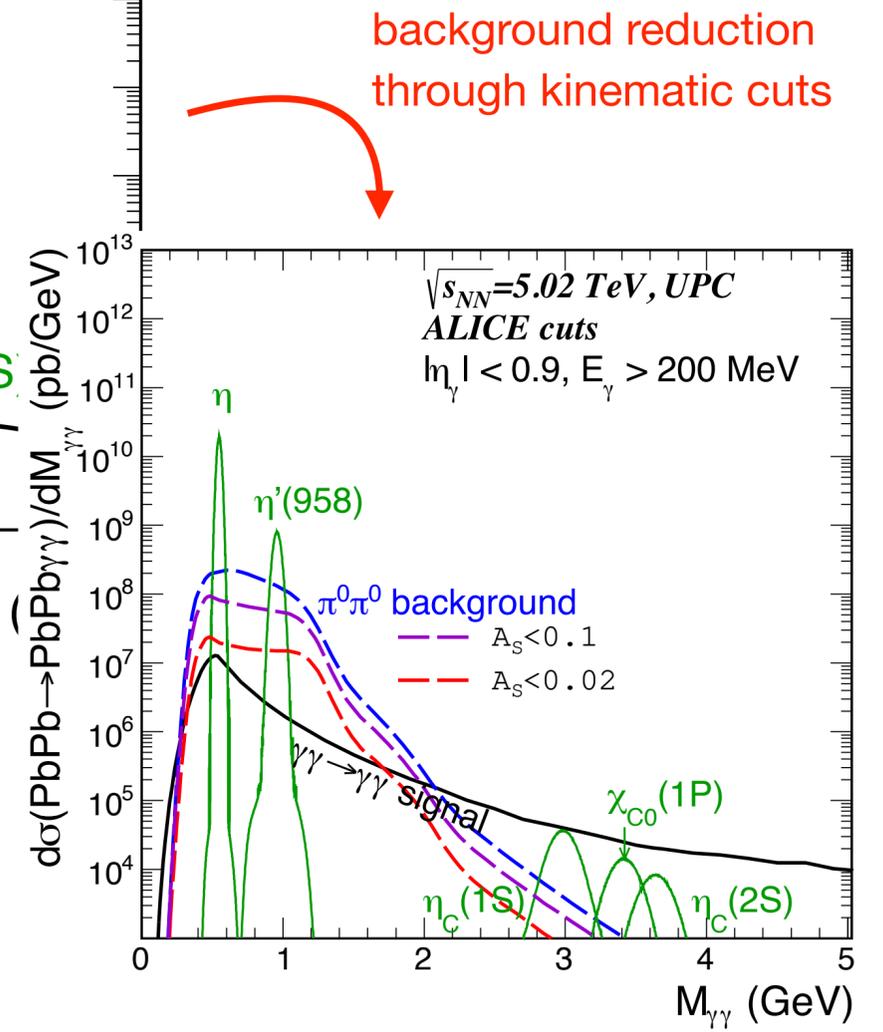
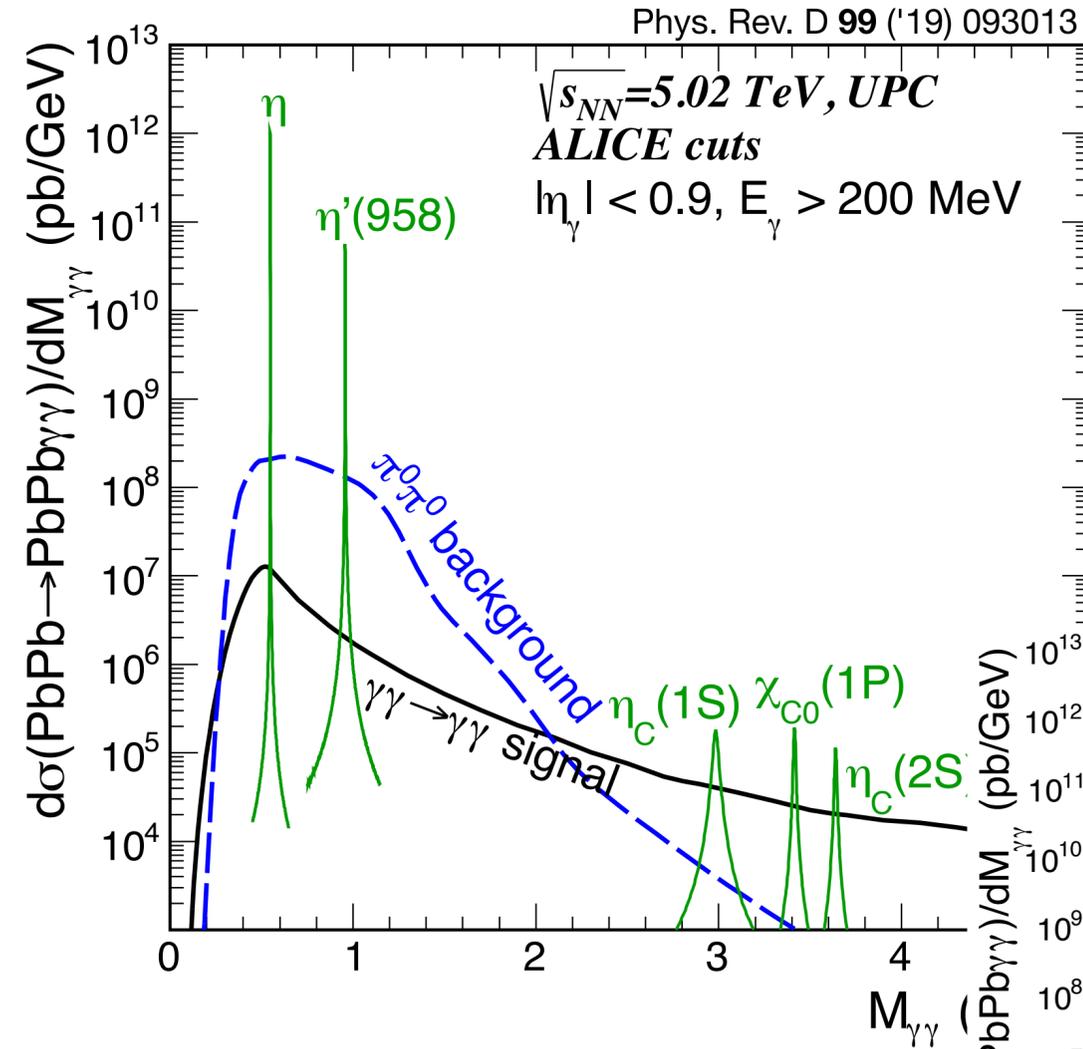
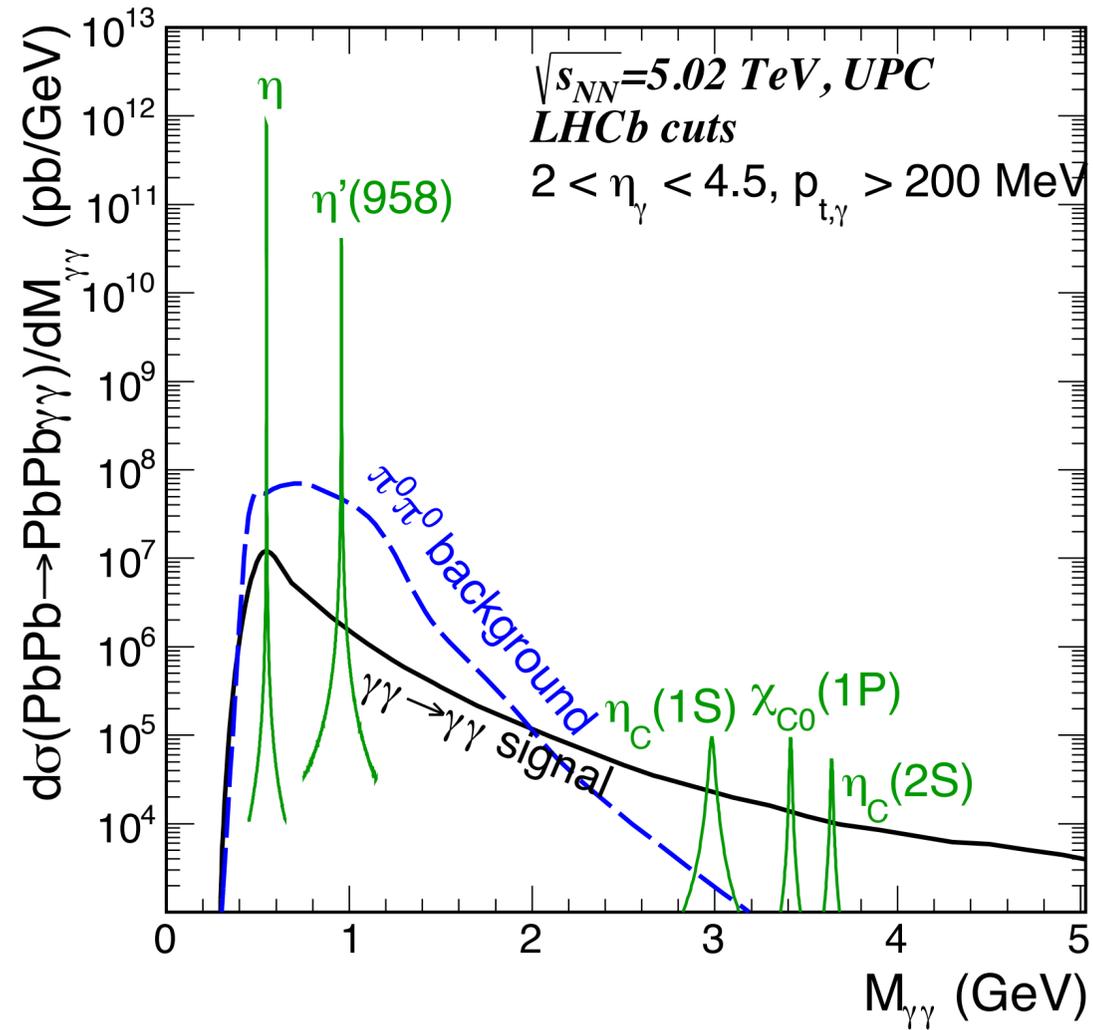
100% ALP decay branching fraction to diphotons

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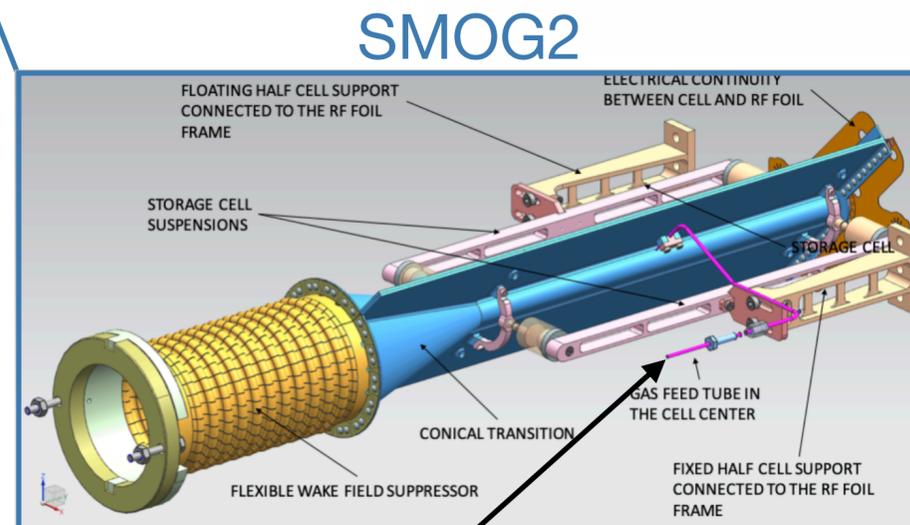
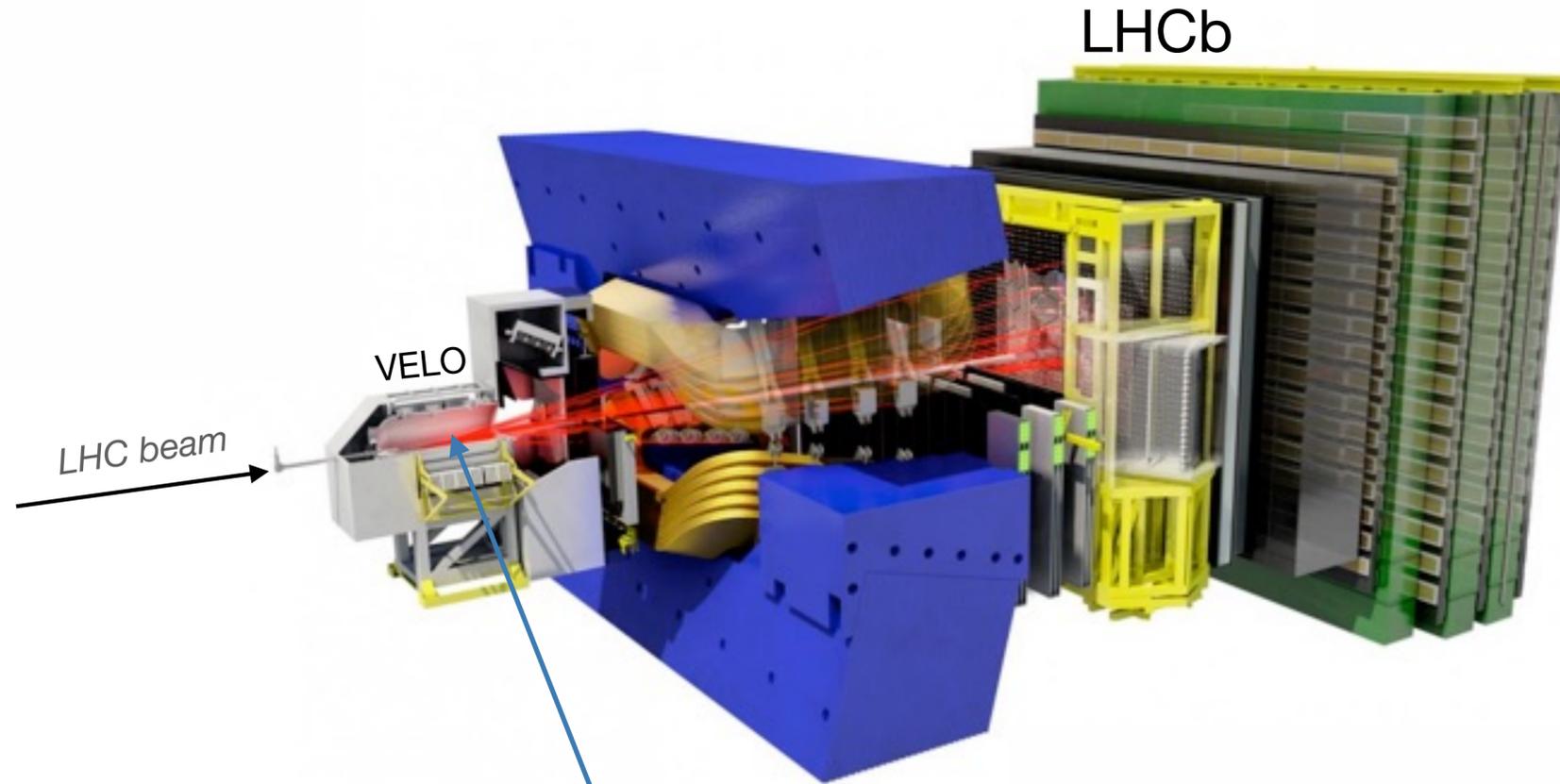
- ! Still Run 2 data to be analysed and explore, e.g., photoproduction of jets
- Runs 3 and 4:
  - 10x data for pPb and PbPb → improve statistically limited measurements
  - upgrade of detectors → improve systematic uncertainties  
→ extend kinematic reach

# The future

- Light-by-light scattering for  $m_{\gamma\gamma} < 5$  GeV by ALICE and LHCb in RUN3 and beyond:

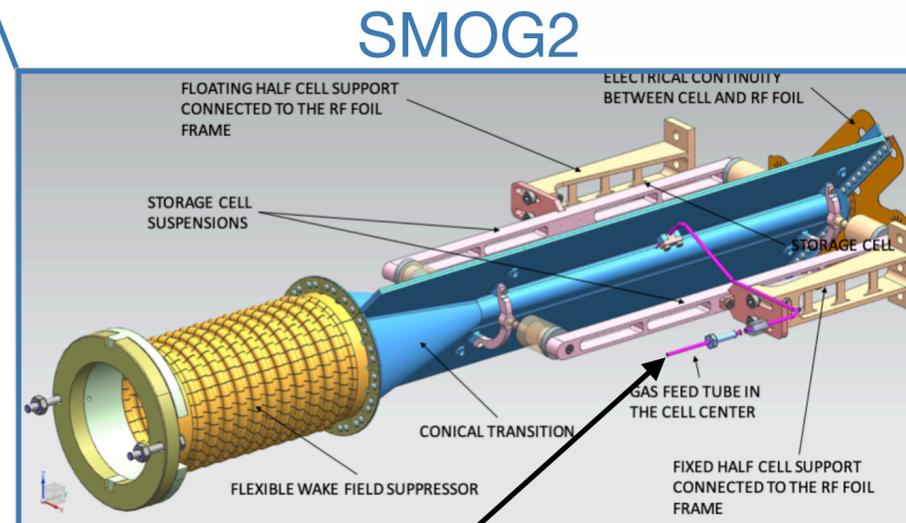
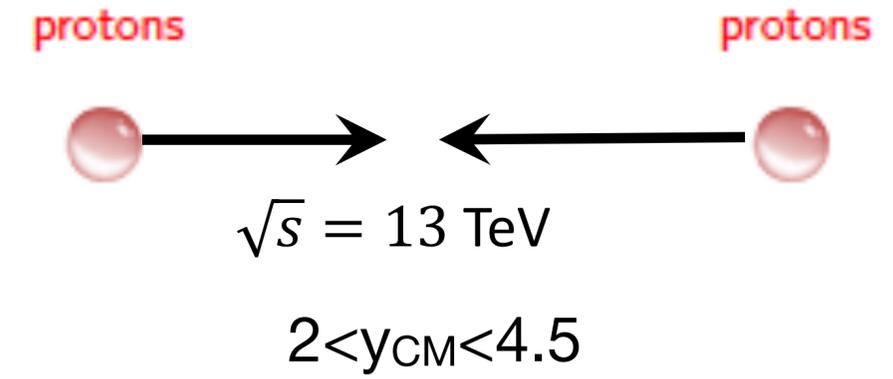
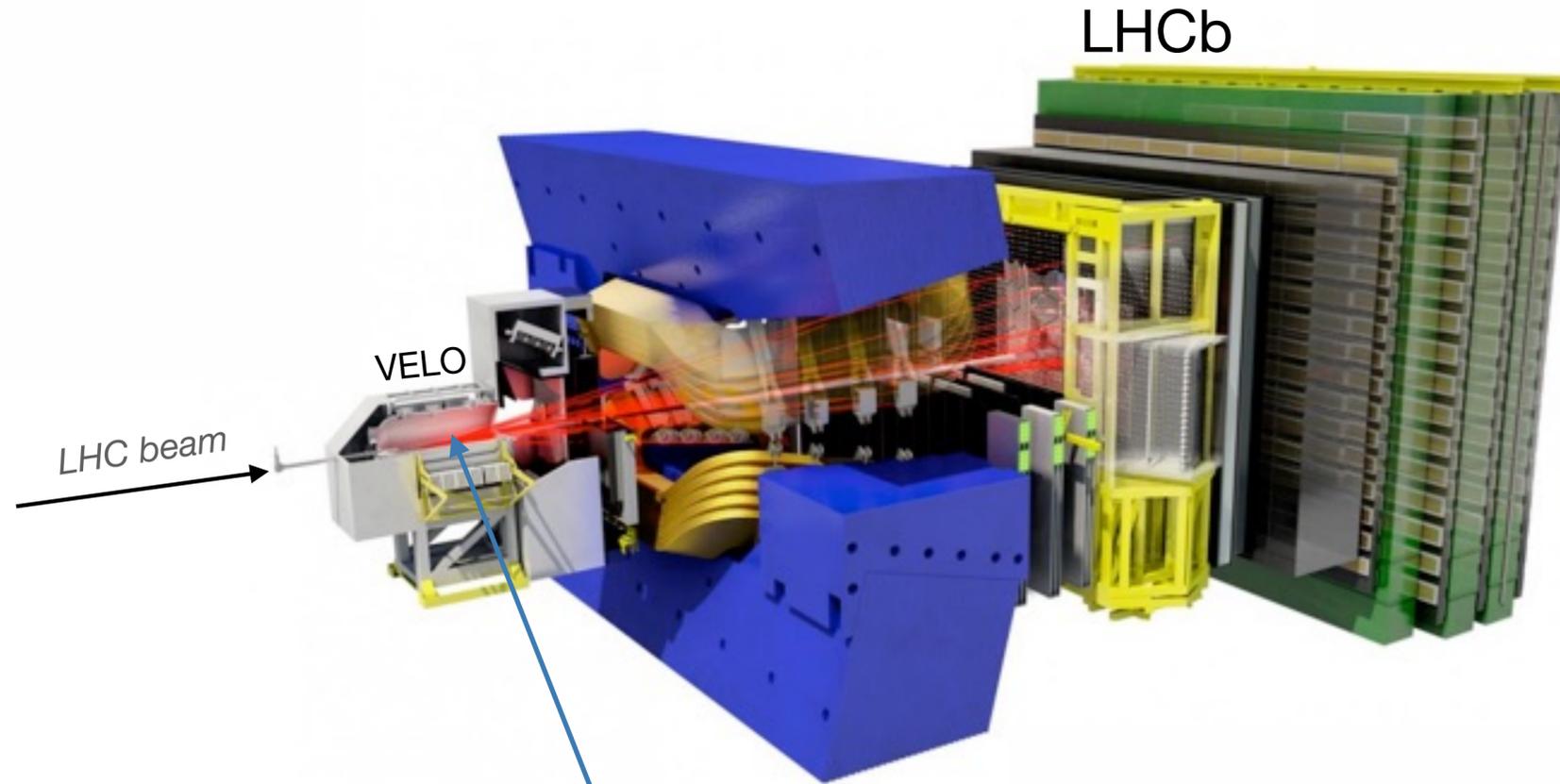


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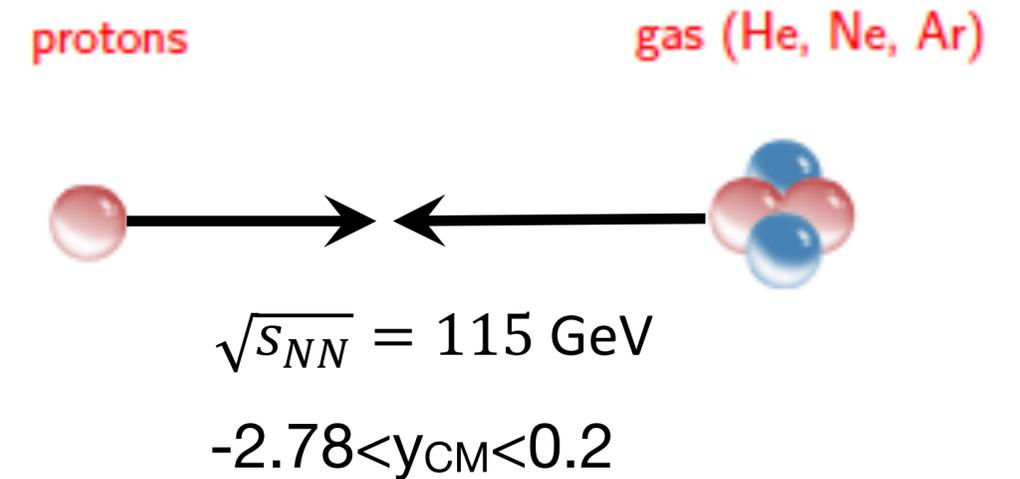


inject gas: He, Ne, Ar, and H<sub>2</sub>, D<sub>2</sub>

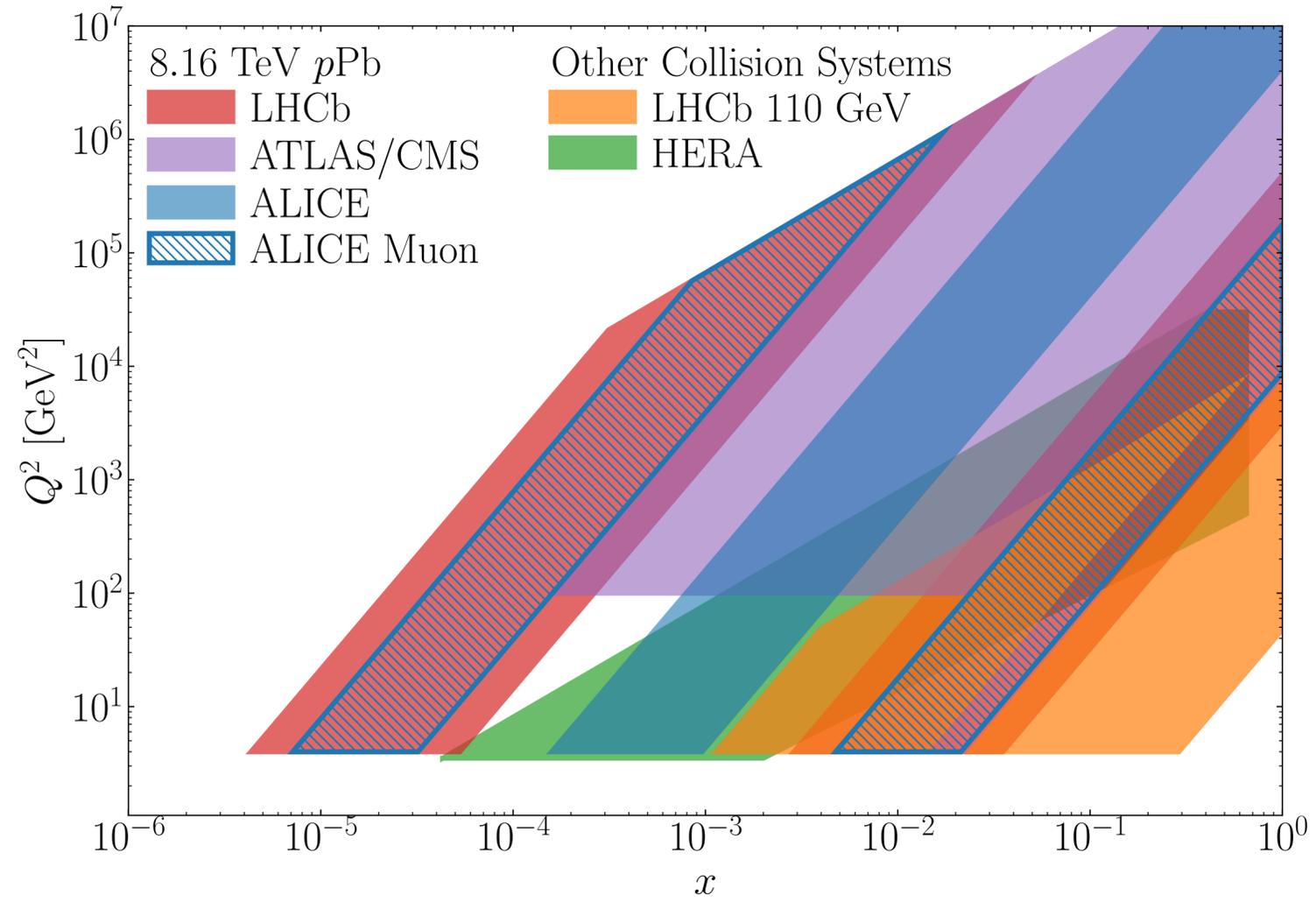
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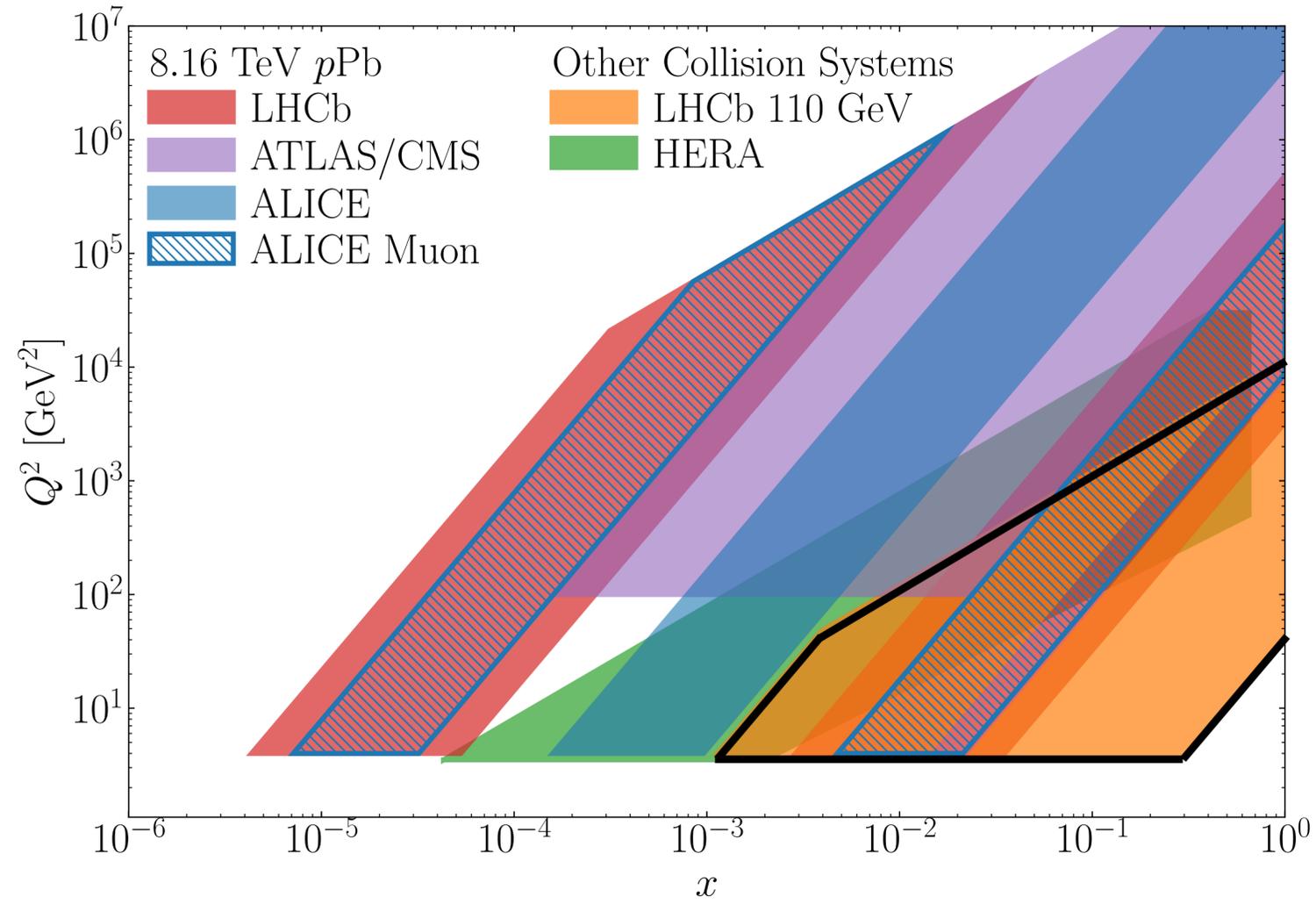
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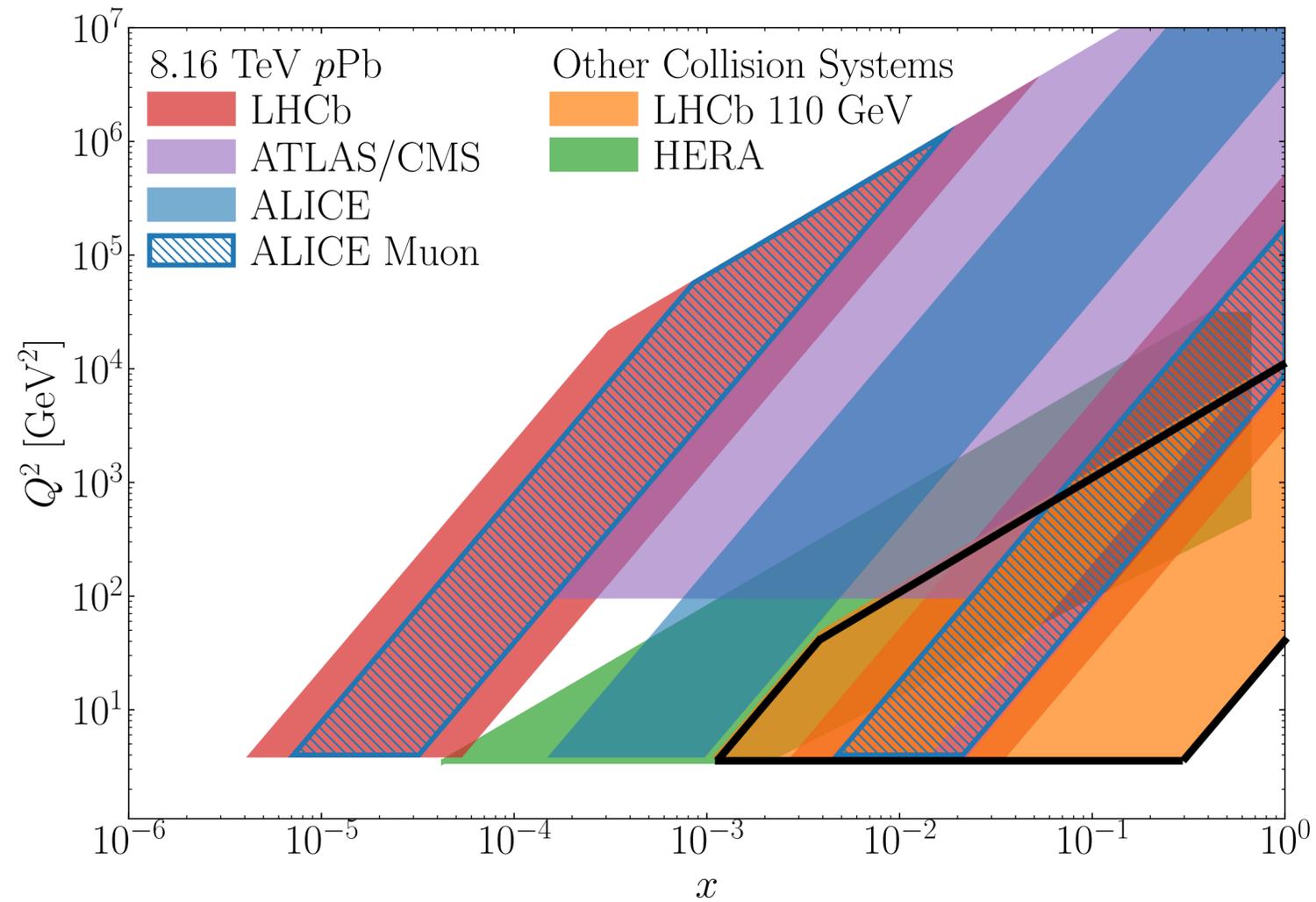
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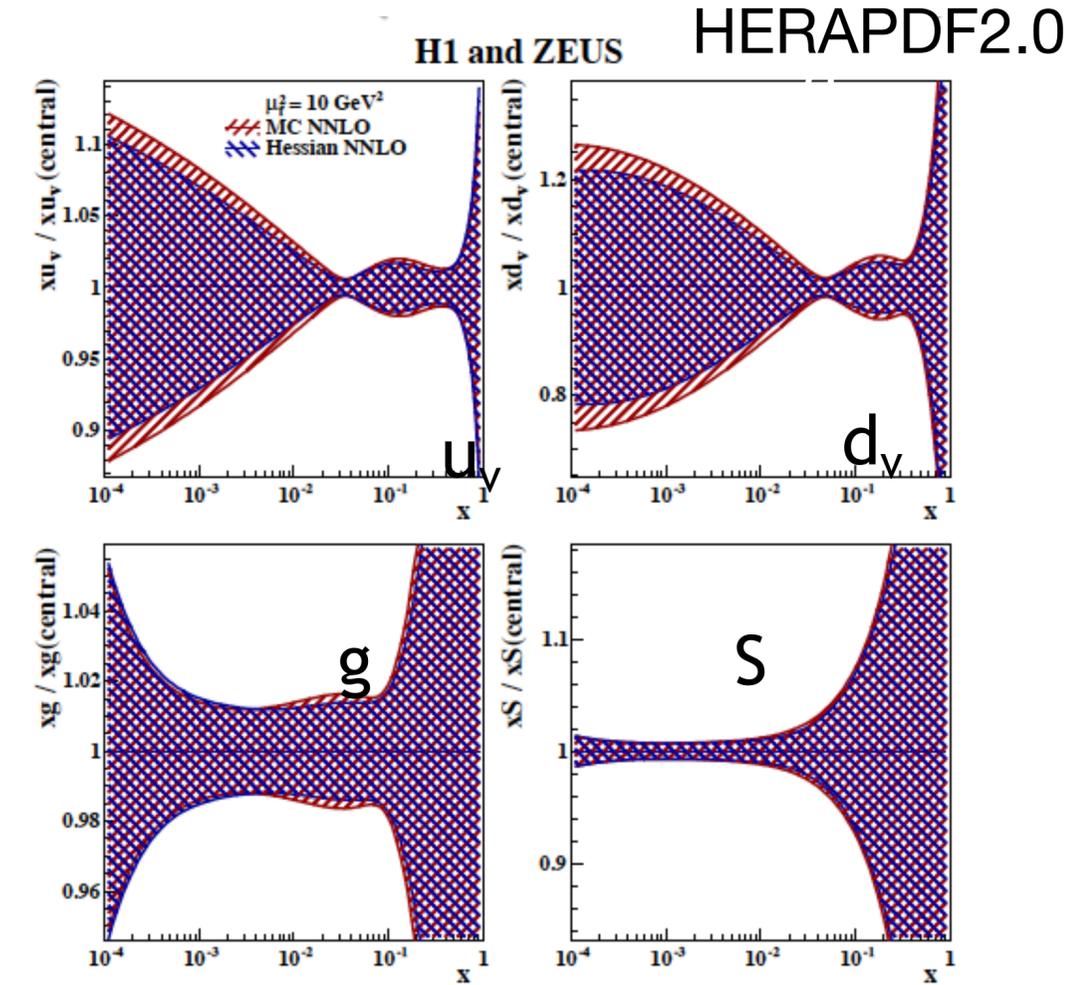
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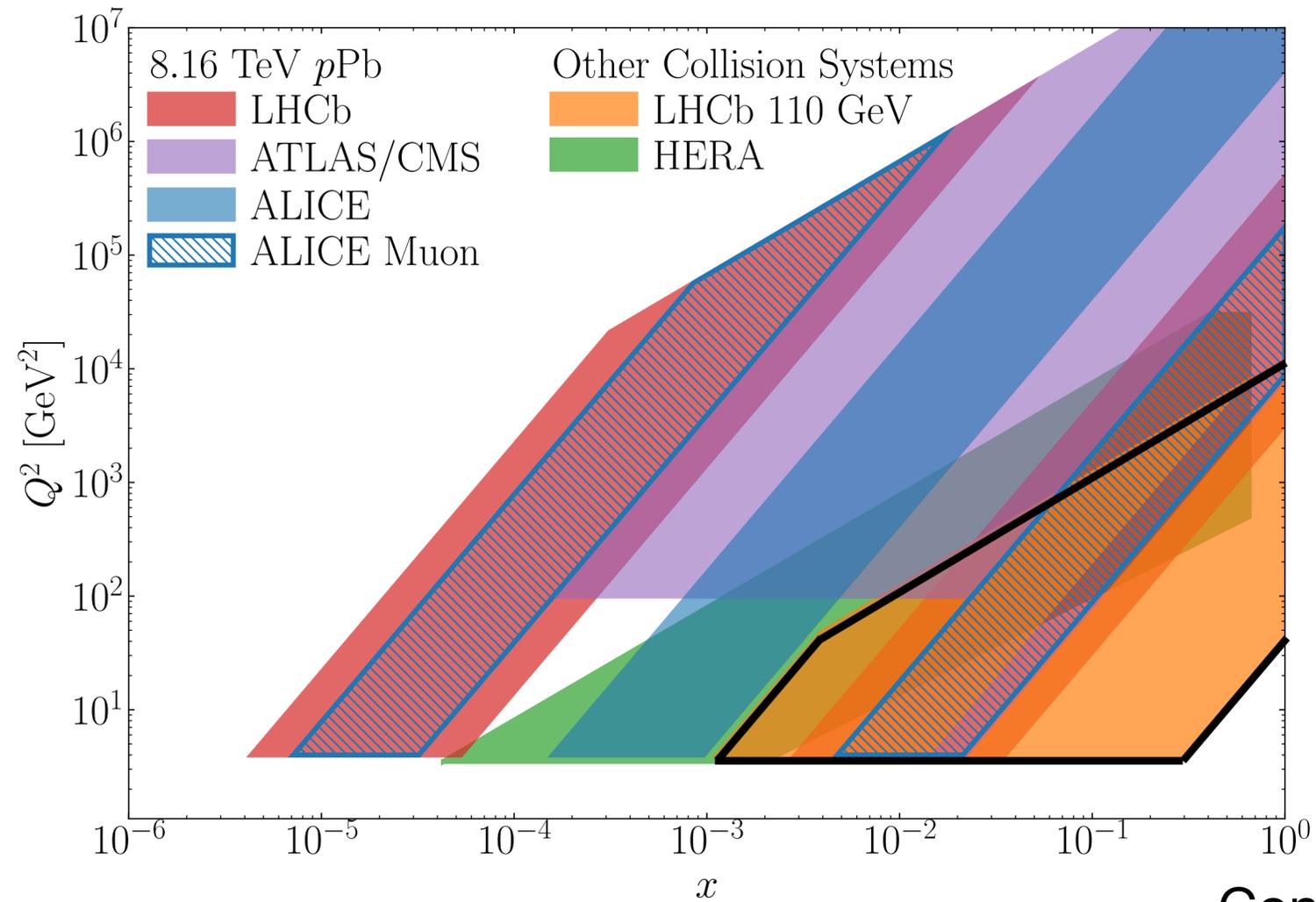
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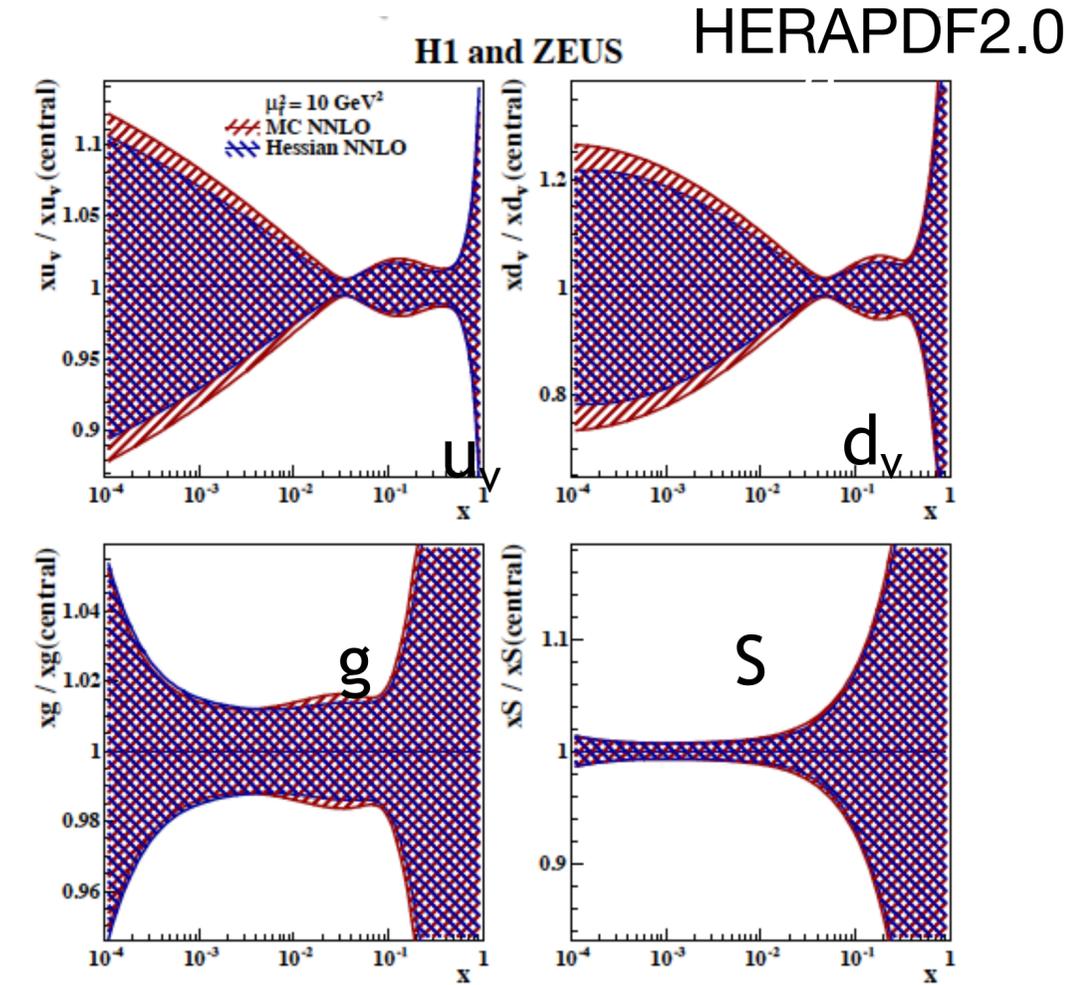


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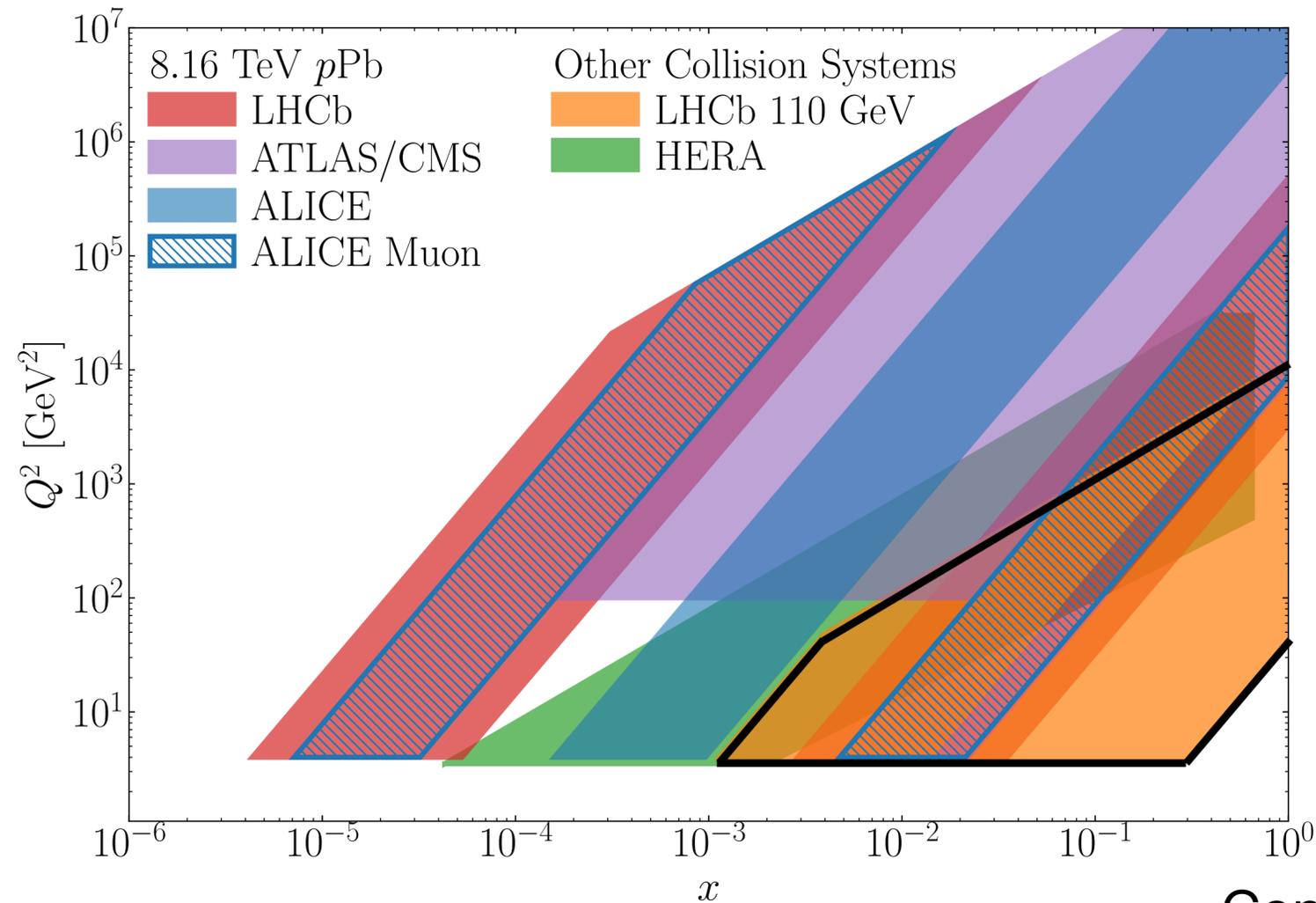


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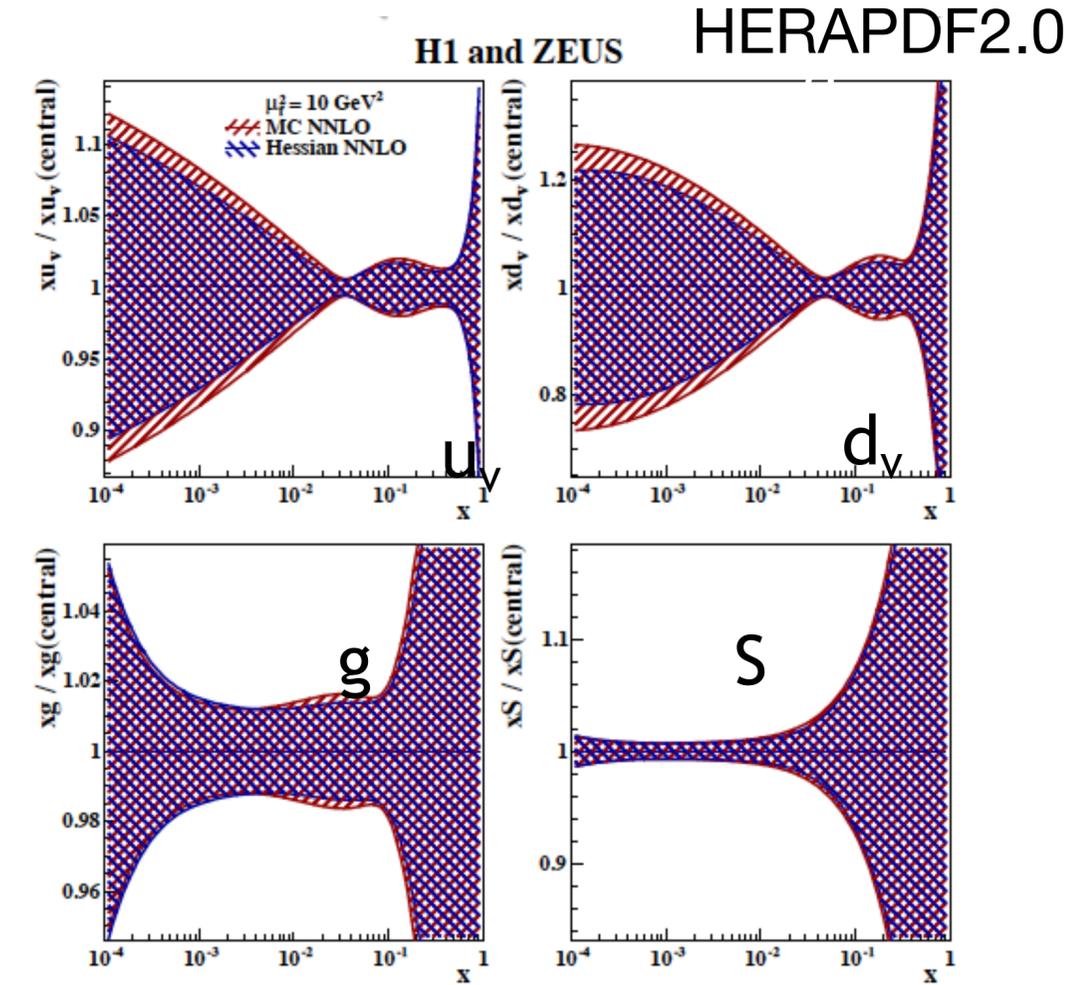


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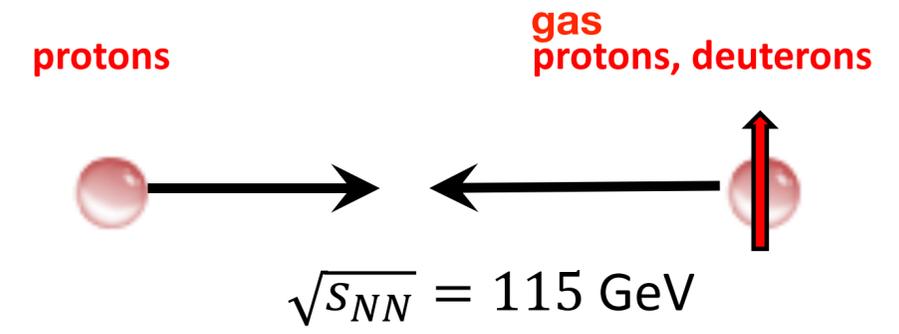
exclusive measurements with SMOG2:

	pp	pHe	pXe
continuous $\mu^+\mu^-$	$\sigma = 61.931 \text{ pb} = 686 \text{ evts}$	$\sigma = 113.6 \text{ pb} = 0 \text{ evts}$	$\sigma = 17.6 \text{ nb} = 29 \cdot 10^3 \text{ evts}$
$J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$	$\sigma = 20.467 \text{ pb} = 2302 \text{ evts}$	$\sigma = 27.3 \text{ pb} = 0 \text{ evts}$	$\sigma = 1.3 \text{ nb} = 21 \cdot 10^3 \text{ evts}$
$\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-$	$\sigma = 184 \text{ pb} = 12 \cdot 10^3 \text{ evts}$	$\sigma = 109.4 \text{ pb} = 5 \text{ evts}$	$\sigma = 11.0 \text{ nb} = 102 \cdot 10^3 \text{ evts}$

total uncertainty on  
cross section: 5-10%

# The future: proposed fixed targets Run 4

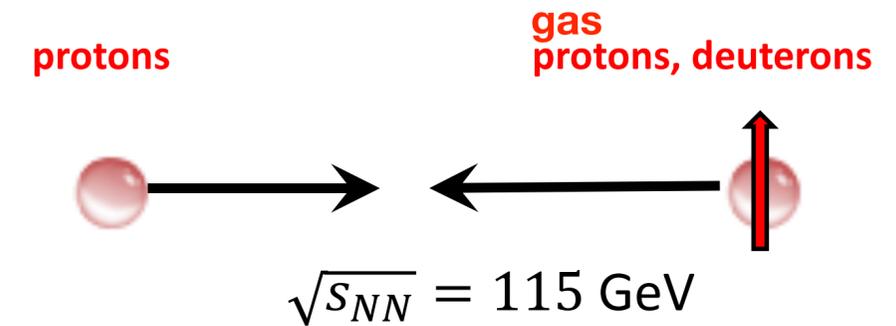
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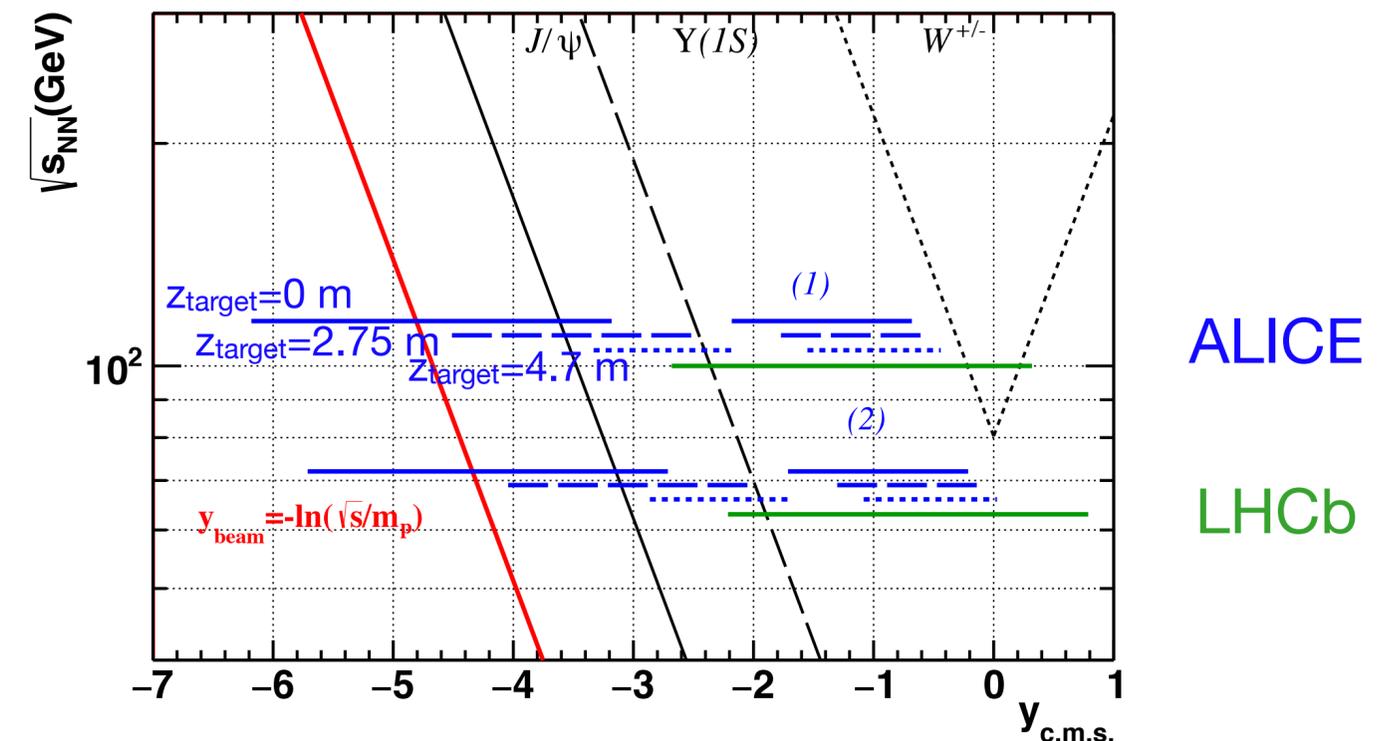
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- solid fixed target at ALICE
  - complementary targets
  - complementary coverage in  $y_{CM}$



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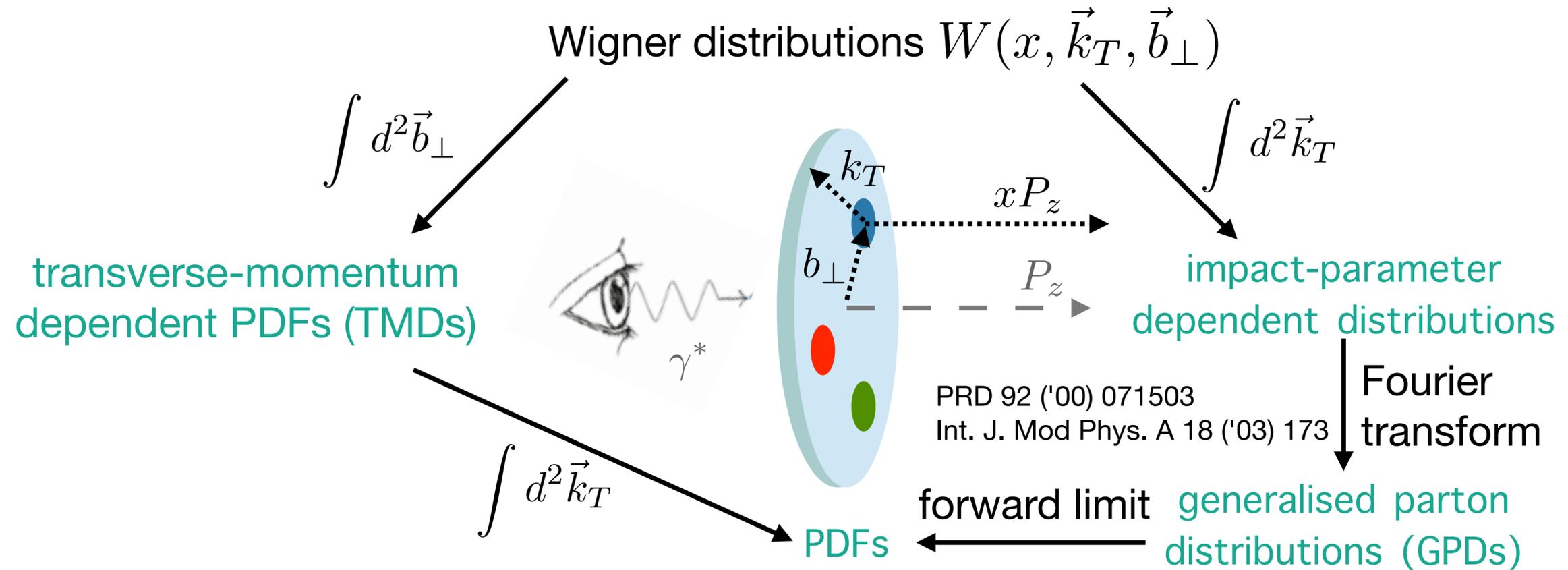
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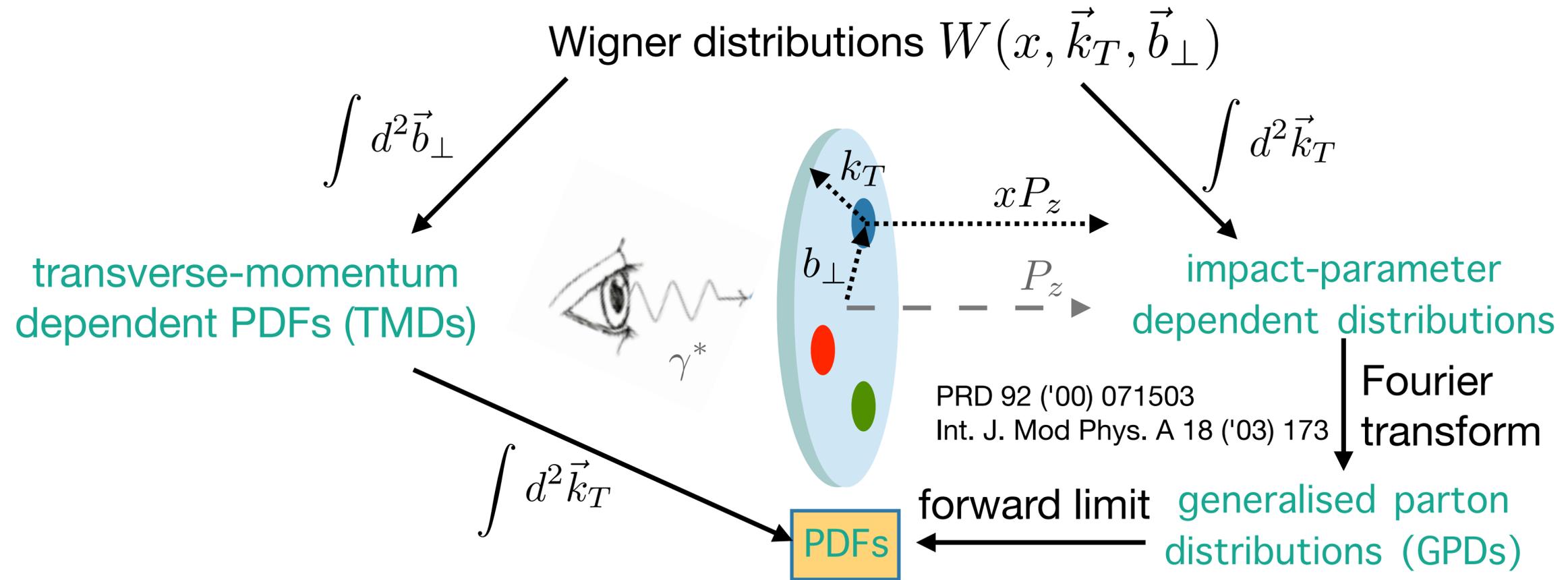
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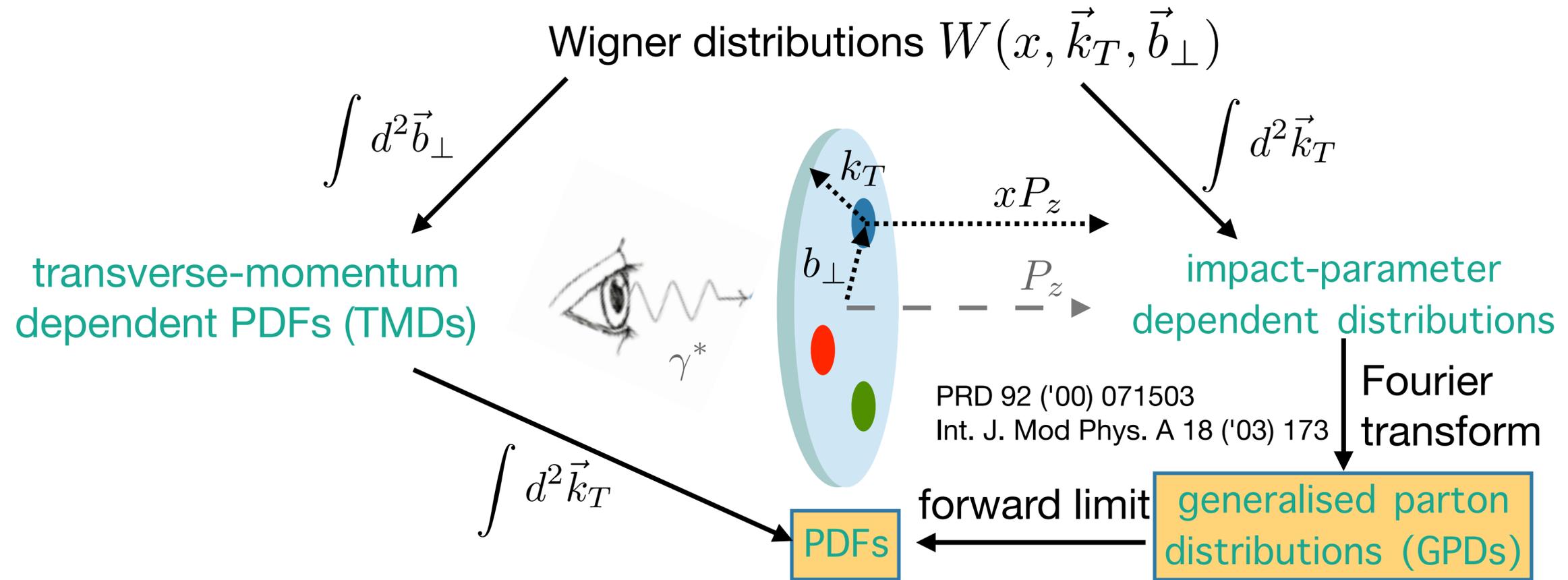
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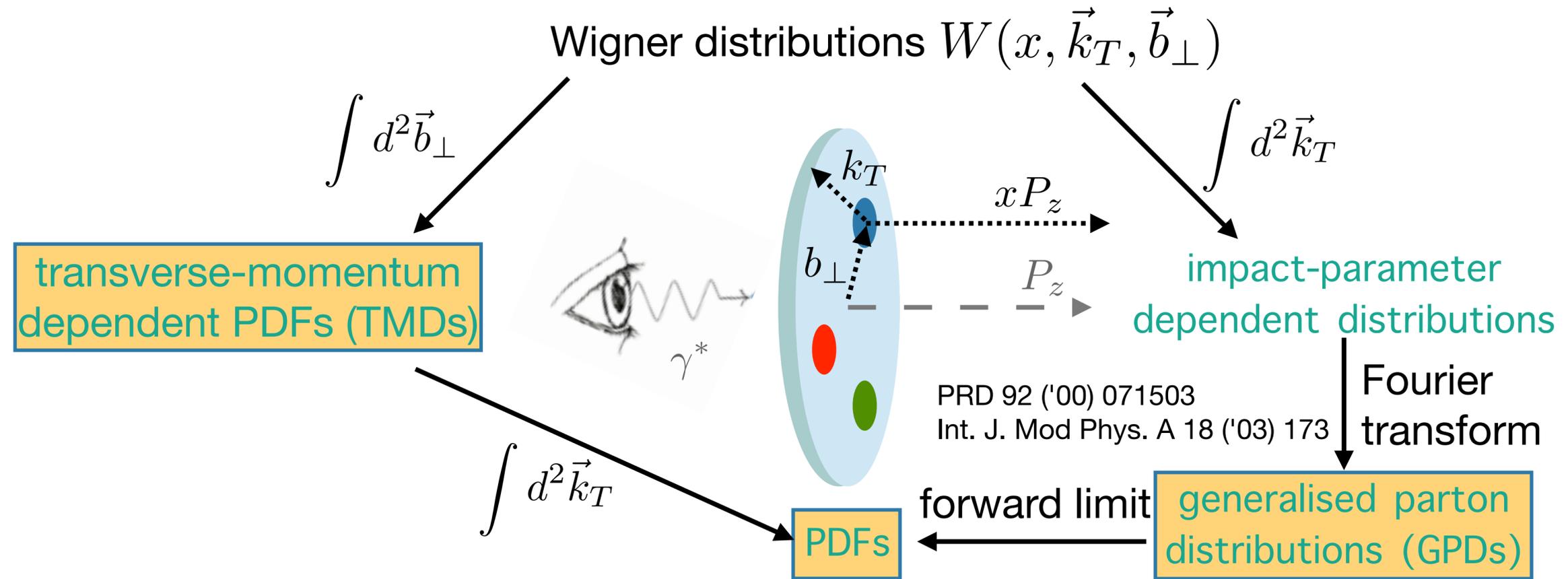
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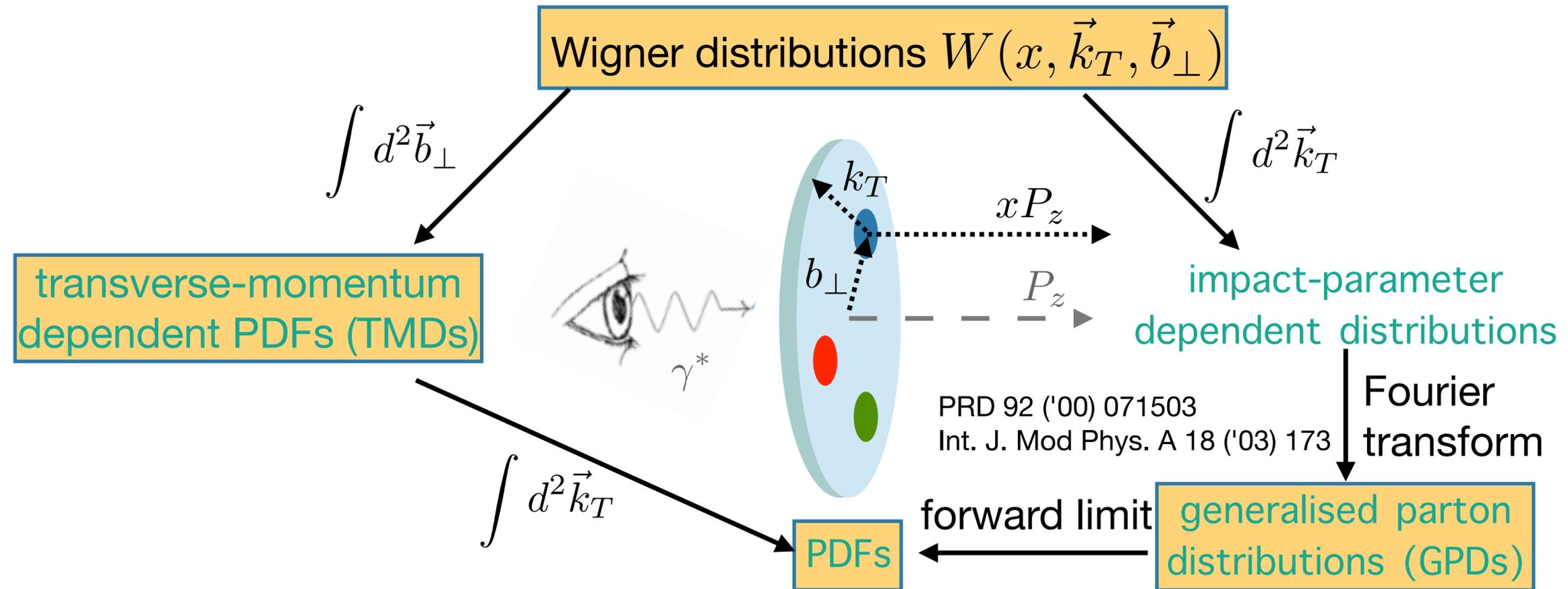
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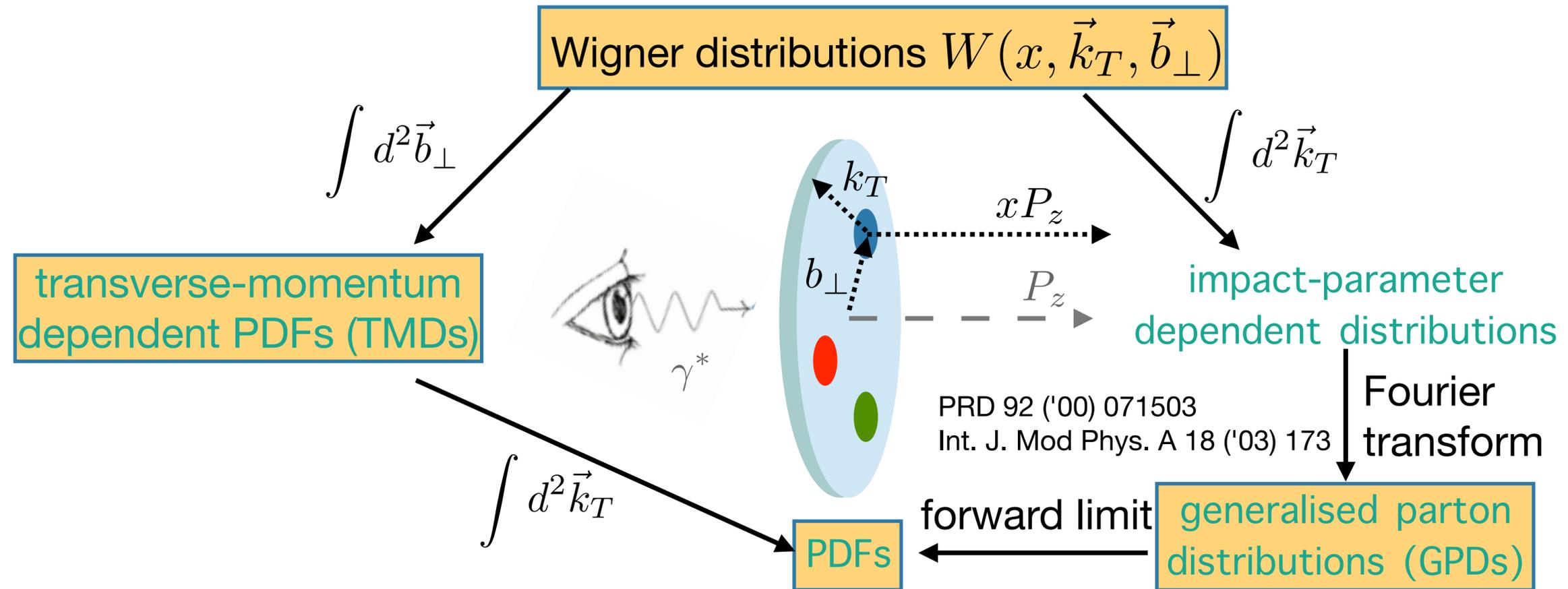
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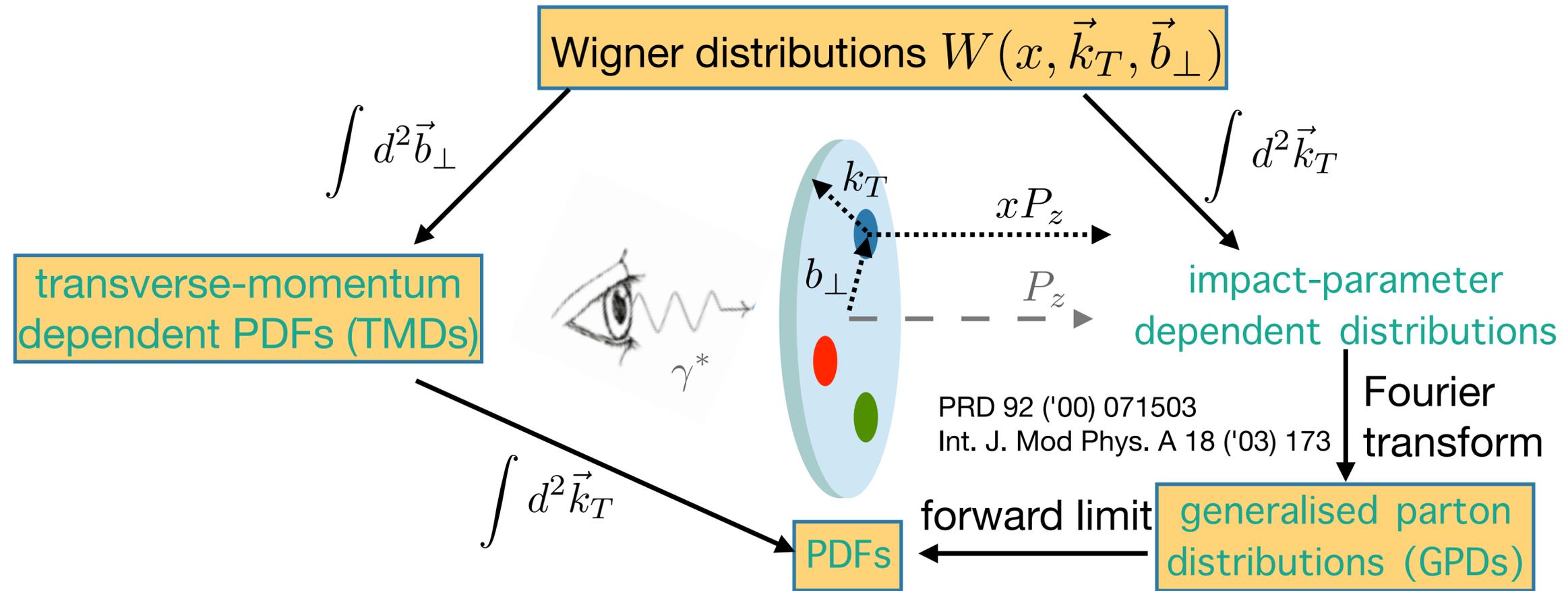


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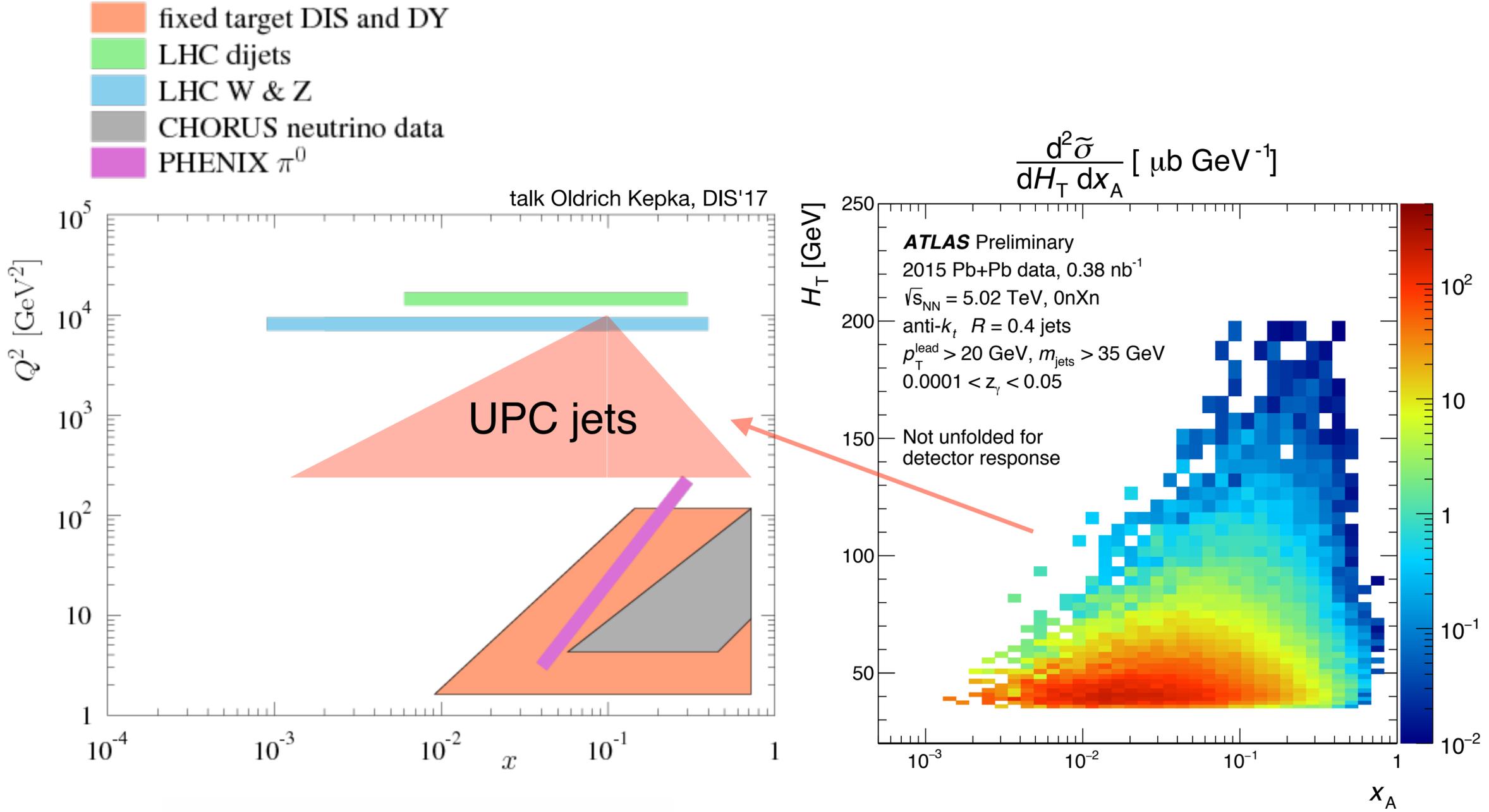
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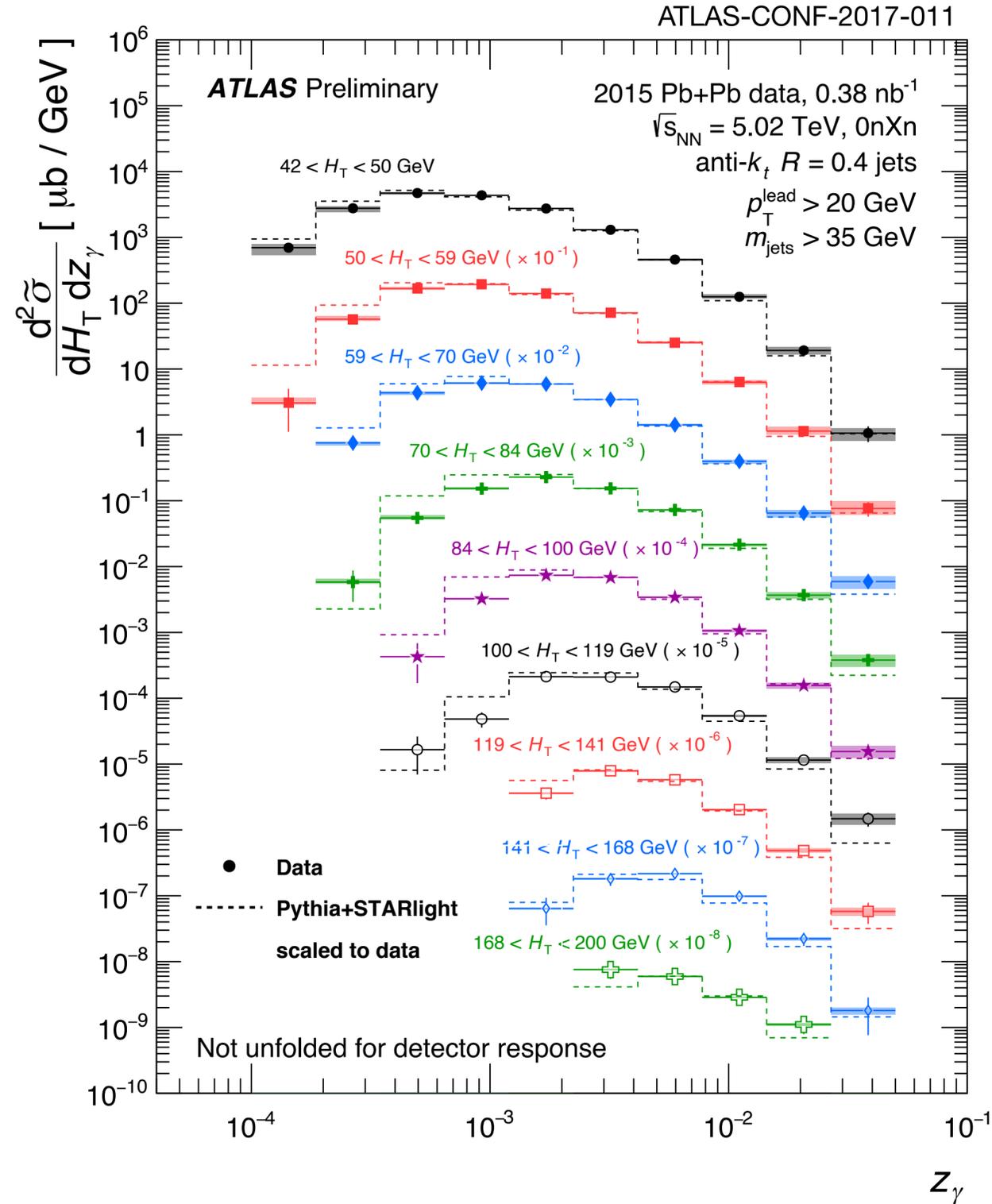
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**Back up**

# ATLAS measurement dijets



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$$y_J = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{\sum_{\text{jet}} E_{\text{jet}} + \sum_{\text{jet}} p_{z,\text{jet}}}{\sum_{\text{jet}} E_{\text{jet}} - \sum_{\text{jet}} p_{z,\text{jet}}} \right)$$

$$x_A = \frac{M_J}{\sqrt{s}} e^{-y_J}$$

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