



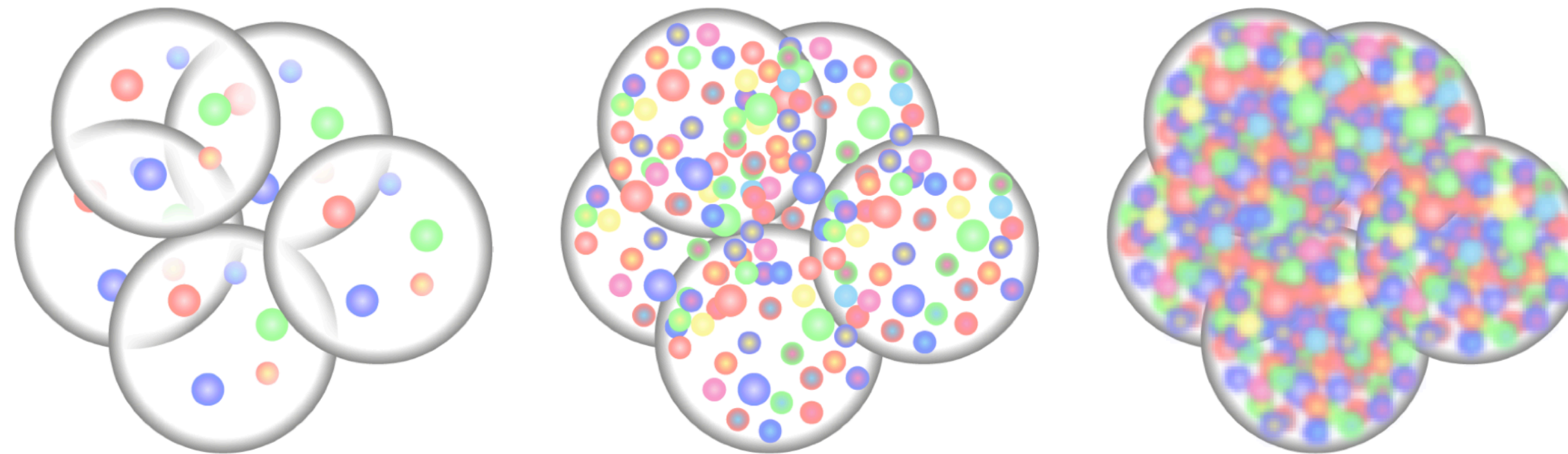
# The Forward Calorimeter project in ALICE

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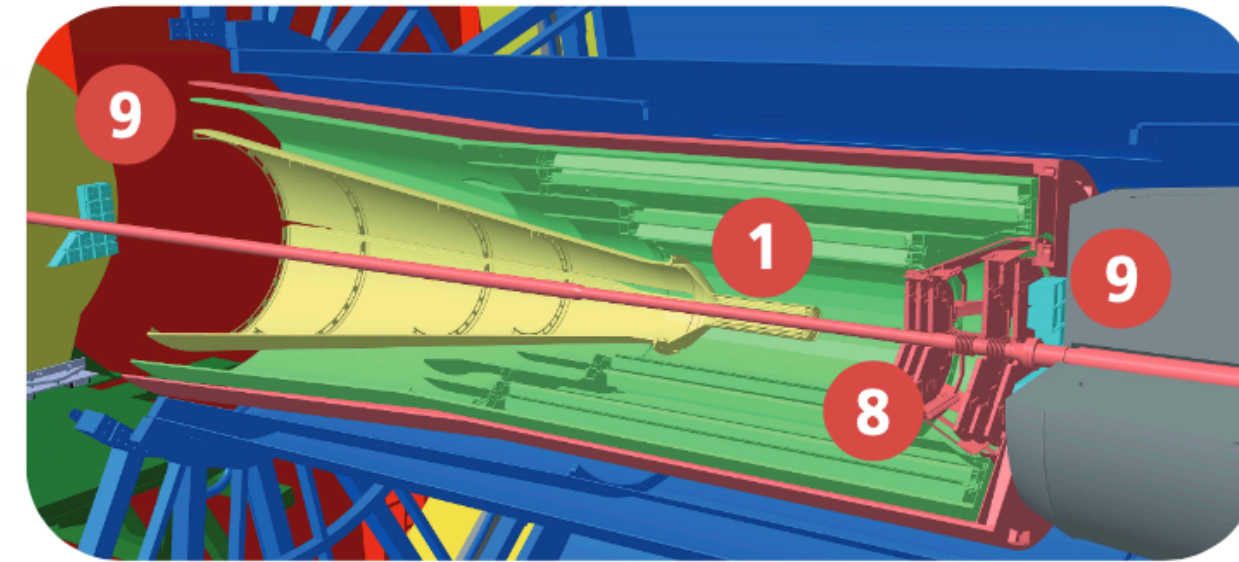
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# 1. Introduction

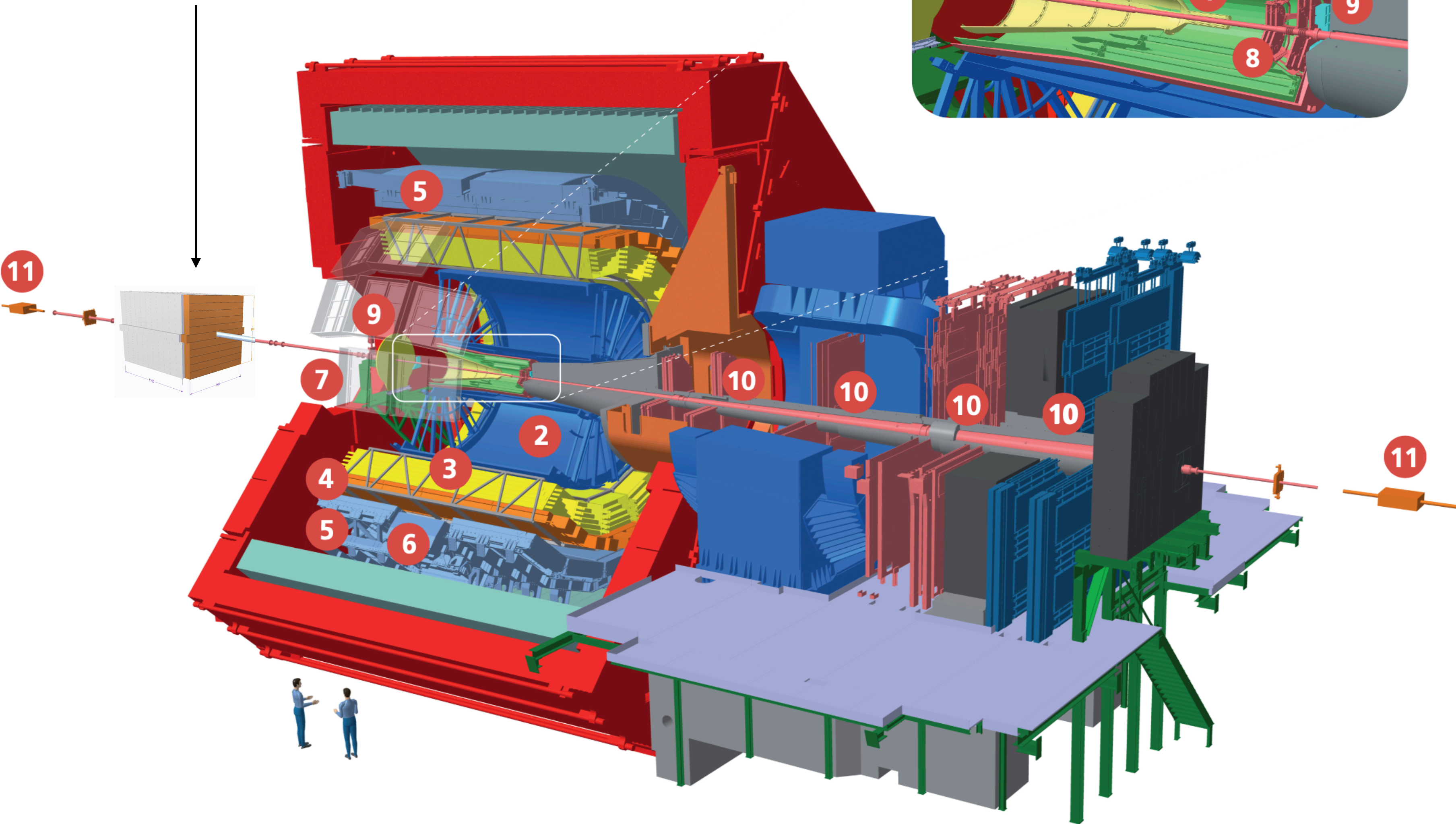


# ALICE schematics

FoCal (A-side)



- 1 ITS | Inner Tracking System
- 2 TPC | Time Projection Chamber
- 3 TRD | Transition Radiation Detector
- 4 TOF | Time Of Flight
- 5 EMCal | Electromagnetic Calorimeter
- 6 PHOS / CPV | Photon Spectrometer
- 7 HMPID | High Momentum Particle Identification Detector
- 8 MFT | Muon Forward Tracker
- 9 FIT | Fast Interaction Trigger
- 10 Muon Spectrometer
- 11 ZDC | Zero Degree Calorimeter



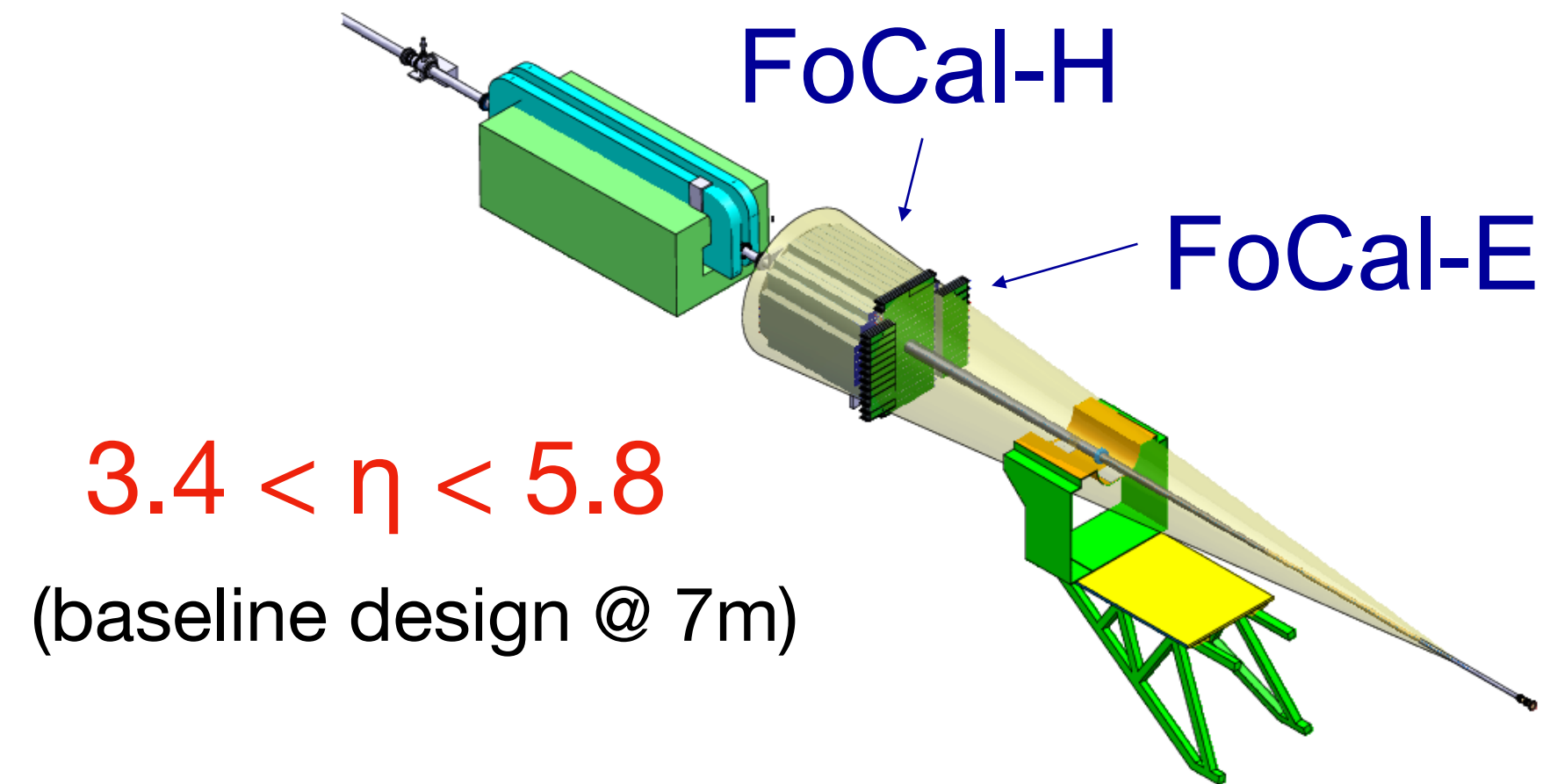
# The FoCal proposal

**FoCal-E:** high-granularity Si-W sampling calorimeter for photons and  $\pi^0$

**FoCal-H:** conventional metal-scintillator sampling calorimeter for photon isolation and jets

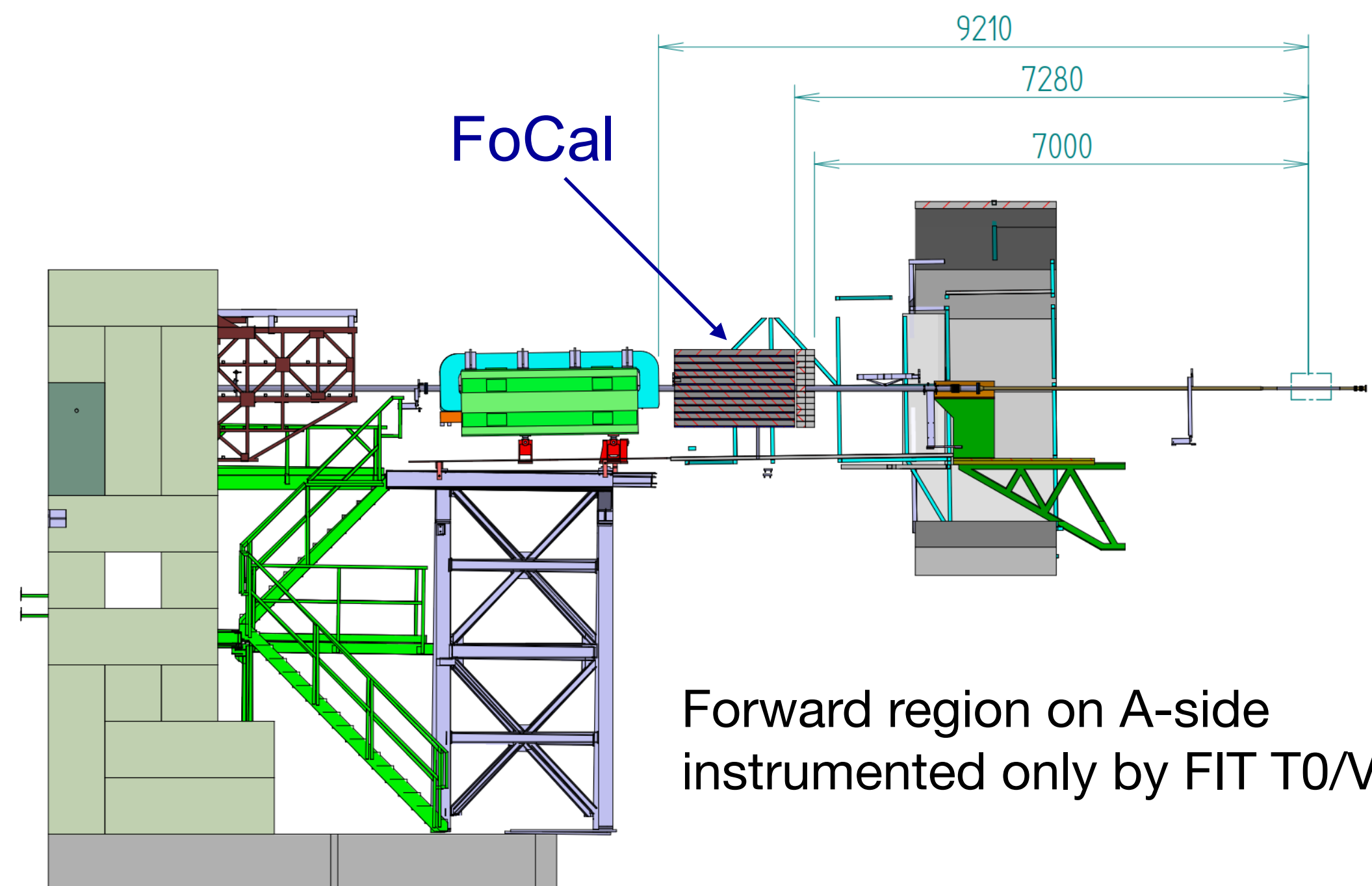
Observables:

- $\pi^0$  (and other neutral mesons)
- Isolated (direct) photons
- Jets (and di-jets)
- $J/\psi$  ( $\Upsilon$ ) in UPC
- W, Z
- Event plane and centrality



$$3.4 < \eta < 5.8$$

(baseline design @ 7m)



Letter of Intent:

[CERN-LHCC-2020-009](https://cds.cern.ch/record/2781113/files/CERN-LHCC-2020-009.pdf)

## 1. Quantify nuclear modification of the gluon density at small-x

- Isolated photons in pp and pPb collisions

## 2. Explore non-linear QCD evolution

- Azimuthal  $\pi^0$ - $\pi^0$  and isolated photon- $\pi^0$  (or jet) correlations in pp and pPb collisions

## 3. Investigate the origin of long range flow-like correlations

- Azimuthal  $\pi^0$ -h correlations using FoCal and central ALICE (and muon arm) in pp and pPb collisions

## 4. Explore jet quenching at forward rapidity

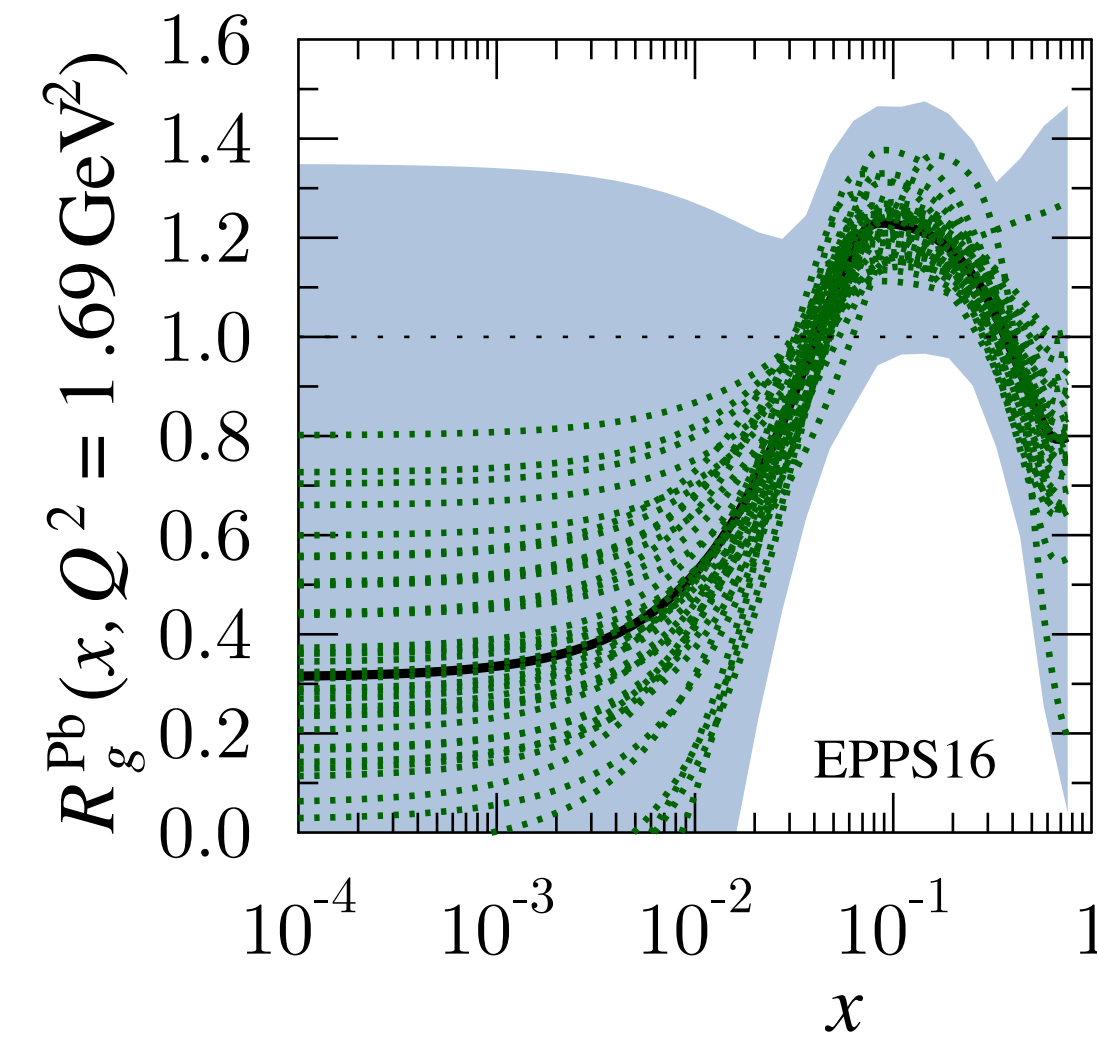
- Measure high  $p_T$  neutral pion production in PbPb

## 5. Other measurements

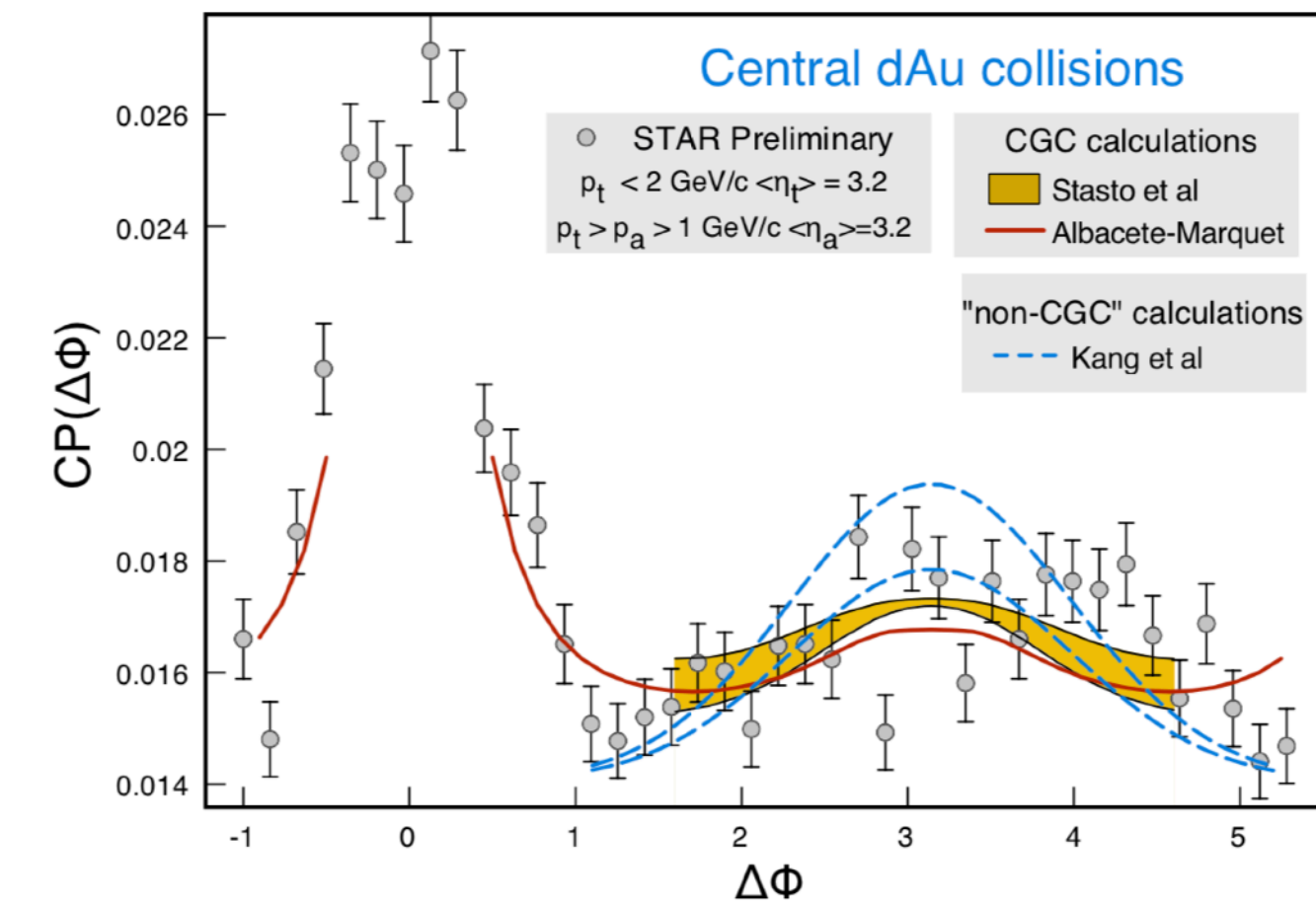
- Jets and dijets in pp/pPb and UPC
- Quarkonia in UPC (and pp\*)
- Photon and pion HBT (\*)
- W,Z in pp/pPb?
- Isolated photons in PbPb (\*)
- Measurements at 14 TeV
  - Universality at small-x
  - Saturation in pp
  - High-x (>0.1) gluon constraints (\*)

(\*=feasibility not yet explored)

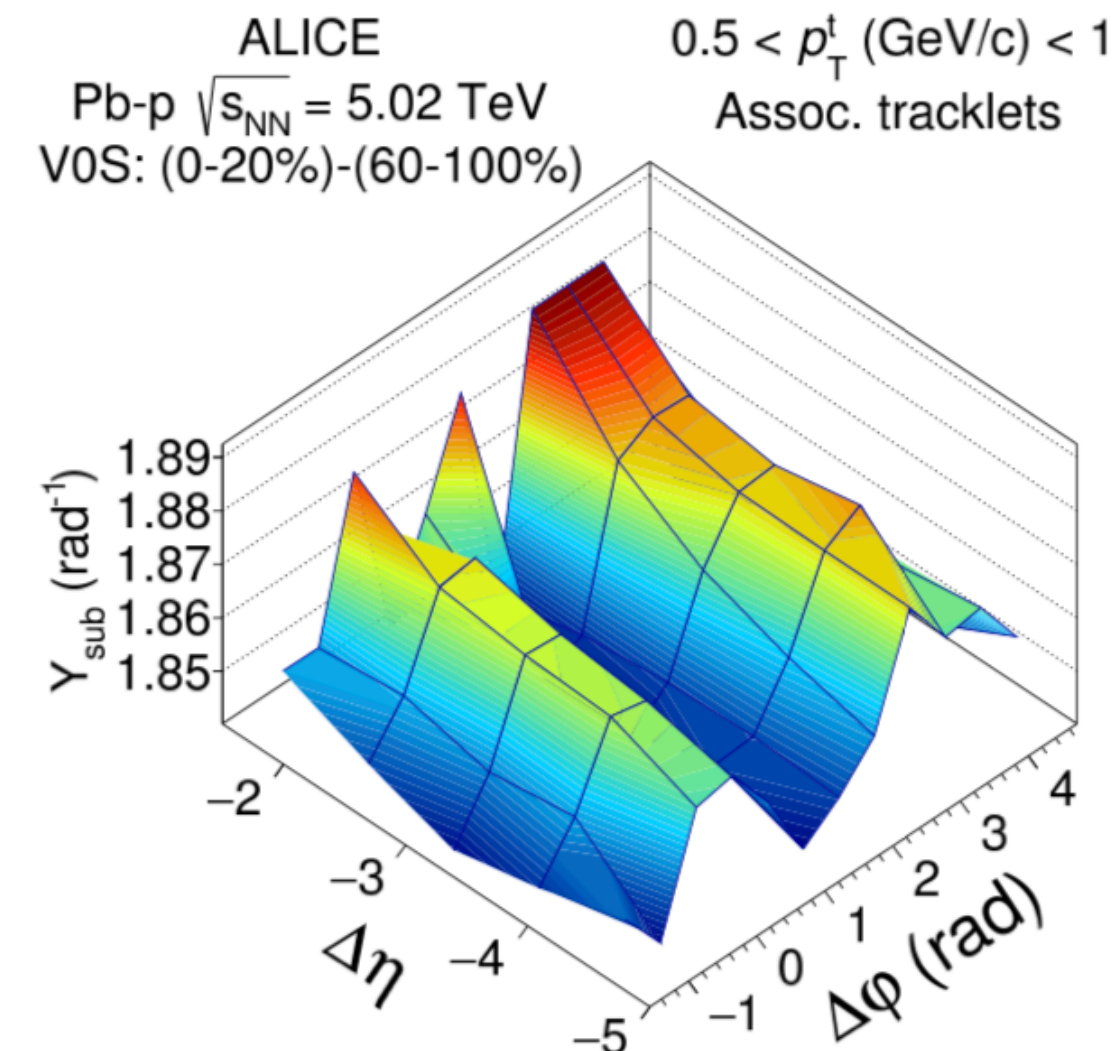
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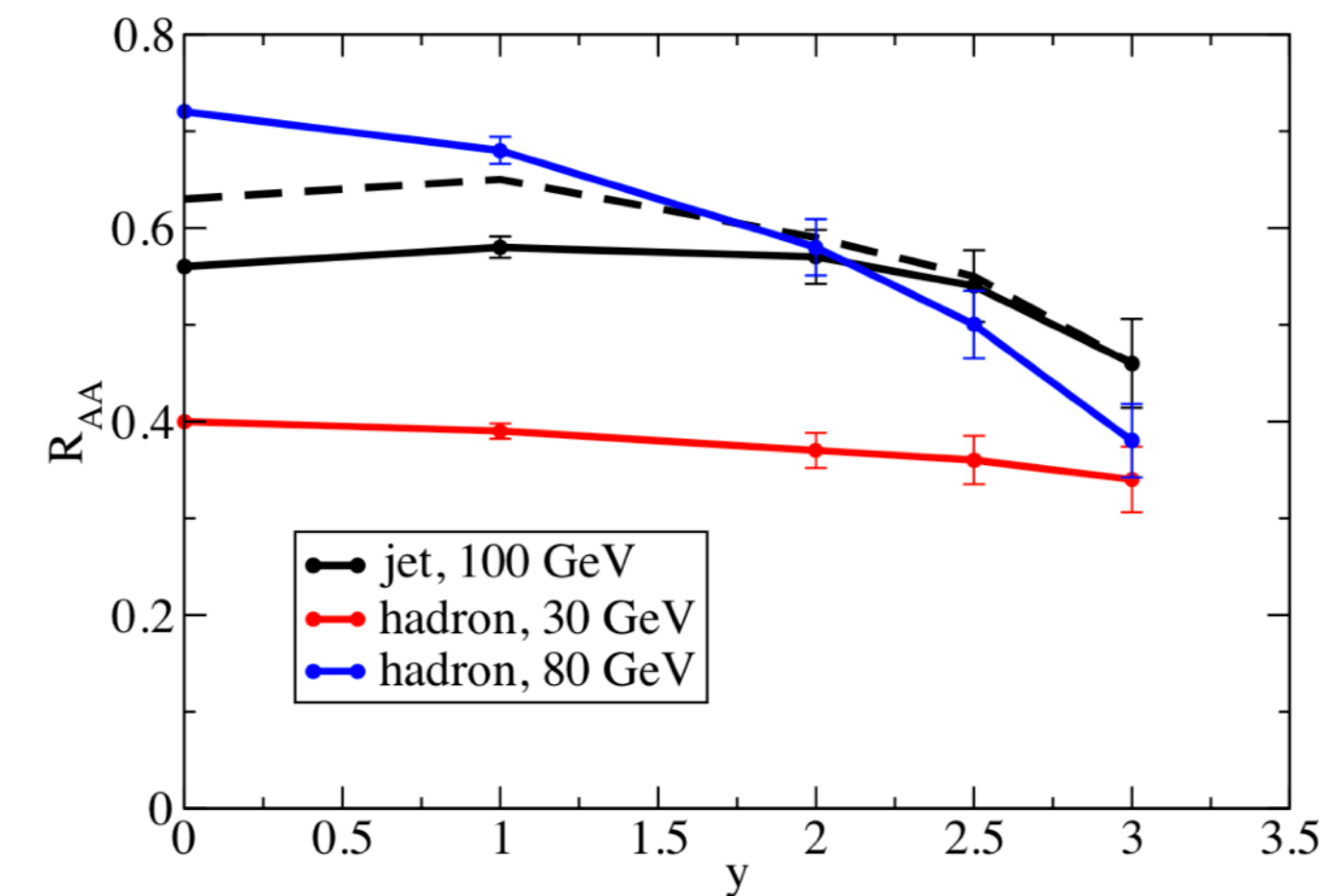
### 2. Non-linear evolution



### 3. Long-range correlations

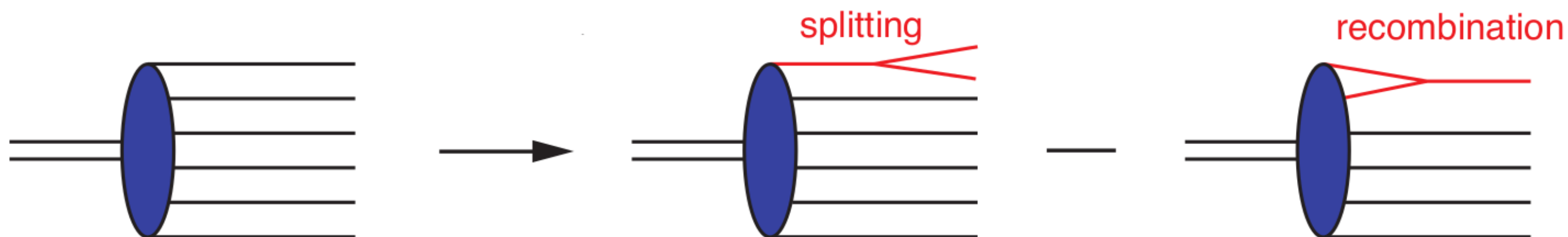
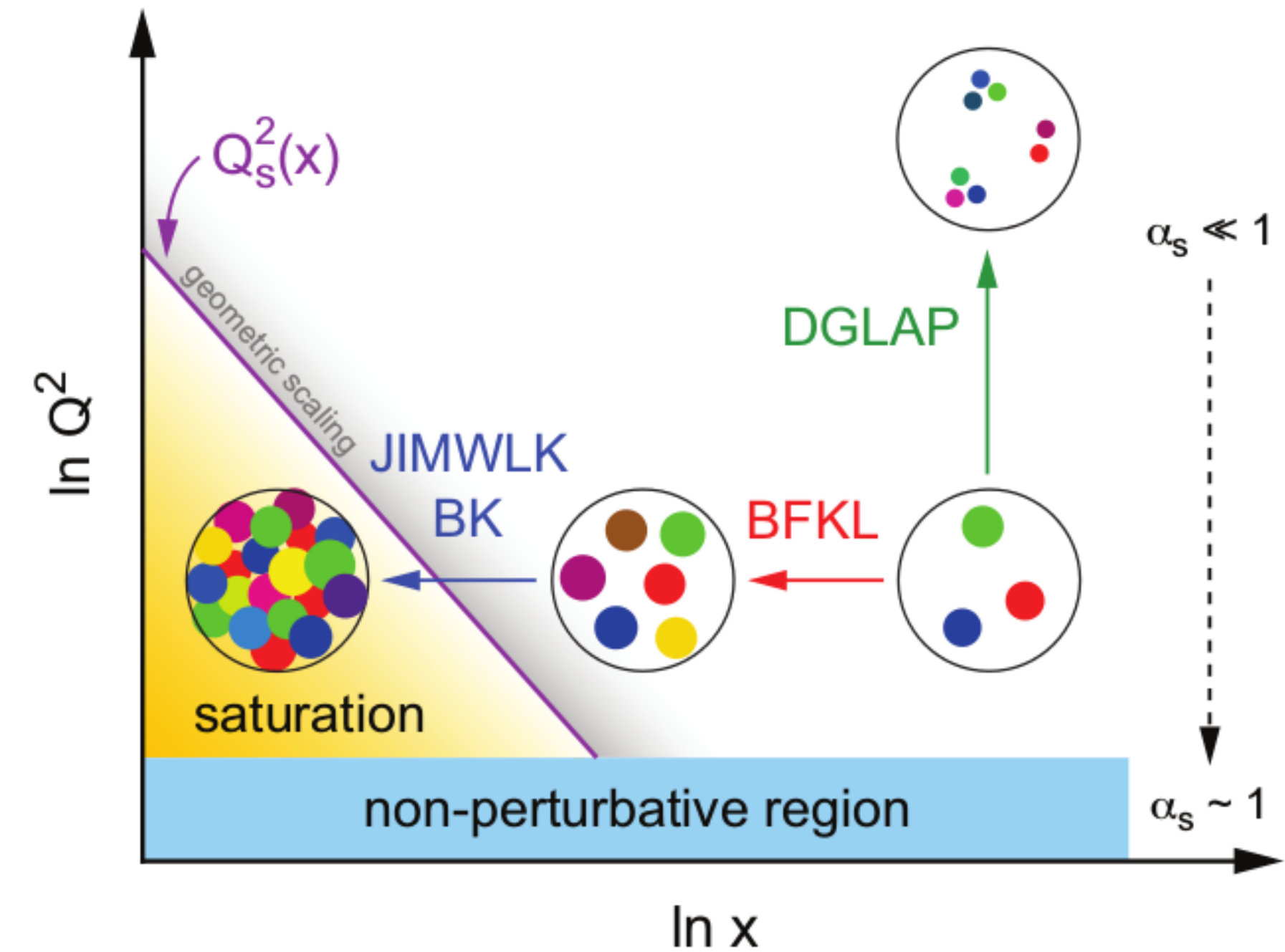
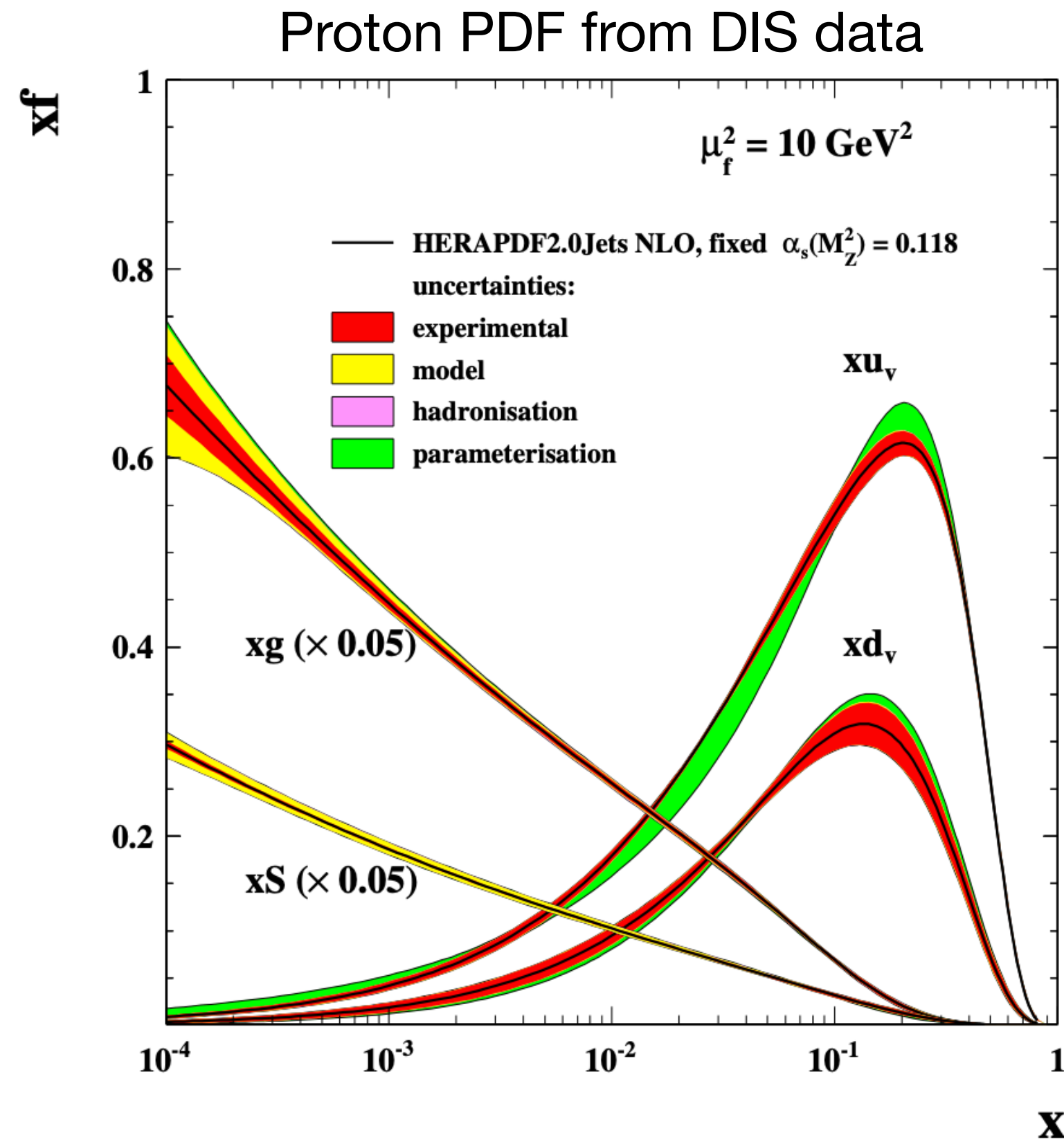


### 4. Jet quenching



# Linear and non-linear QCD evolution

$$Q_s^2 \approx \frac{x G_A(x, Q^2)}{\pi R_A^2} \propto A^{1/3} x^{-\lambda}$$

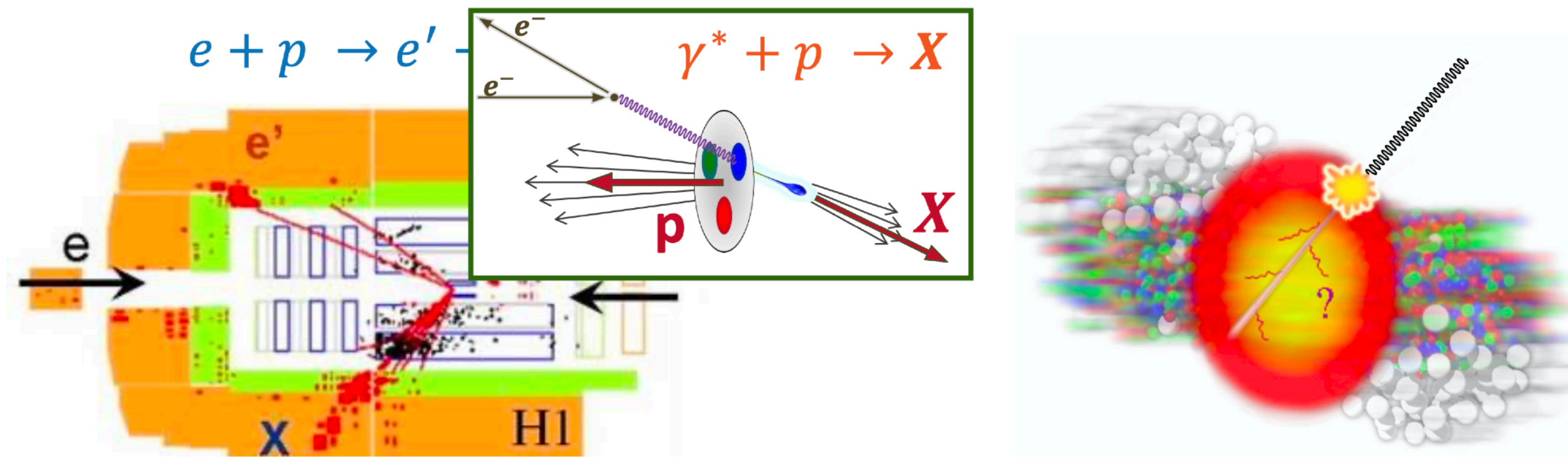


- Rise of gluon density natural for linear QCD evolution describing parton splitting
- Expected to be tamed by non-linear QCD evolution functions describing parton recombination, perhaps leading to saturation at the saturation scale  $Q_s$

# DIS vs direct photons

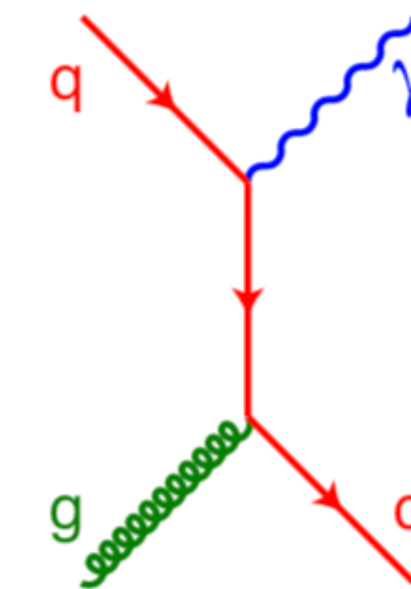
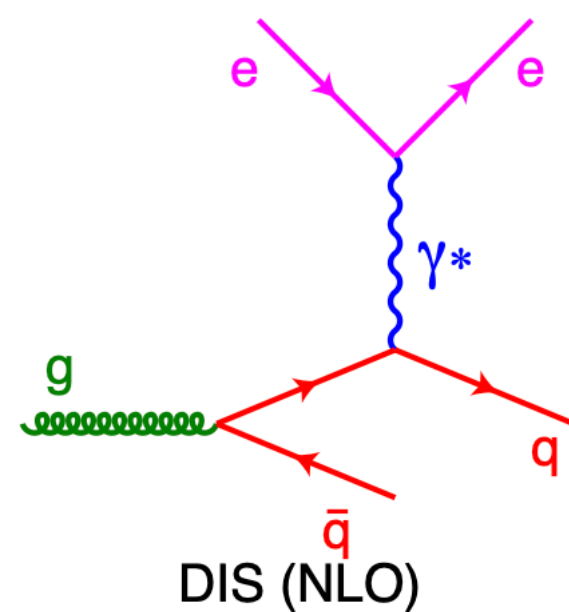
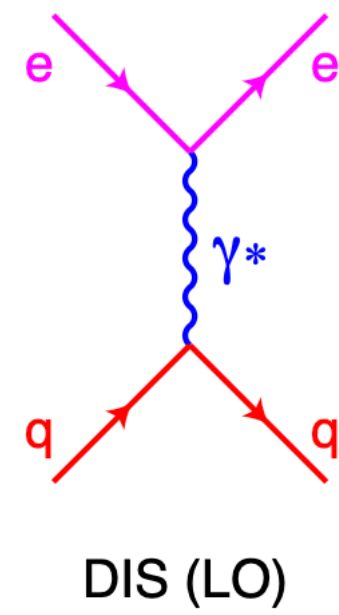
M.Sievert, Hard Probes 2020

## Deep Inelastic Scattering: The Original $\gamma + Jet$



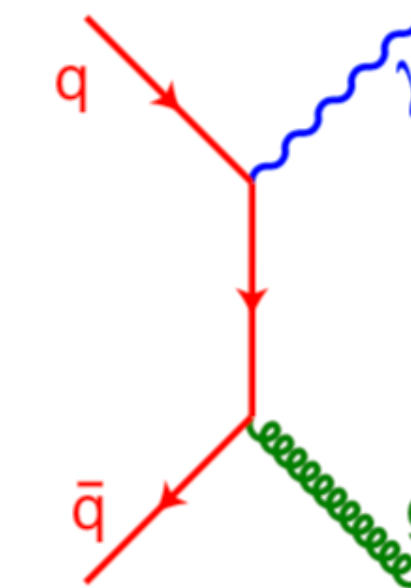
- **Deep Inelastic Scattering (DIS):** analogous to  $\gamma + jet$  correlations in heavy ions
  - **Clean electromagnetic** counterpart: direct access to **parton kinematics**
  - Relativistic **electron femtoscope** to **image QCD structure** of protons and nuclei

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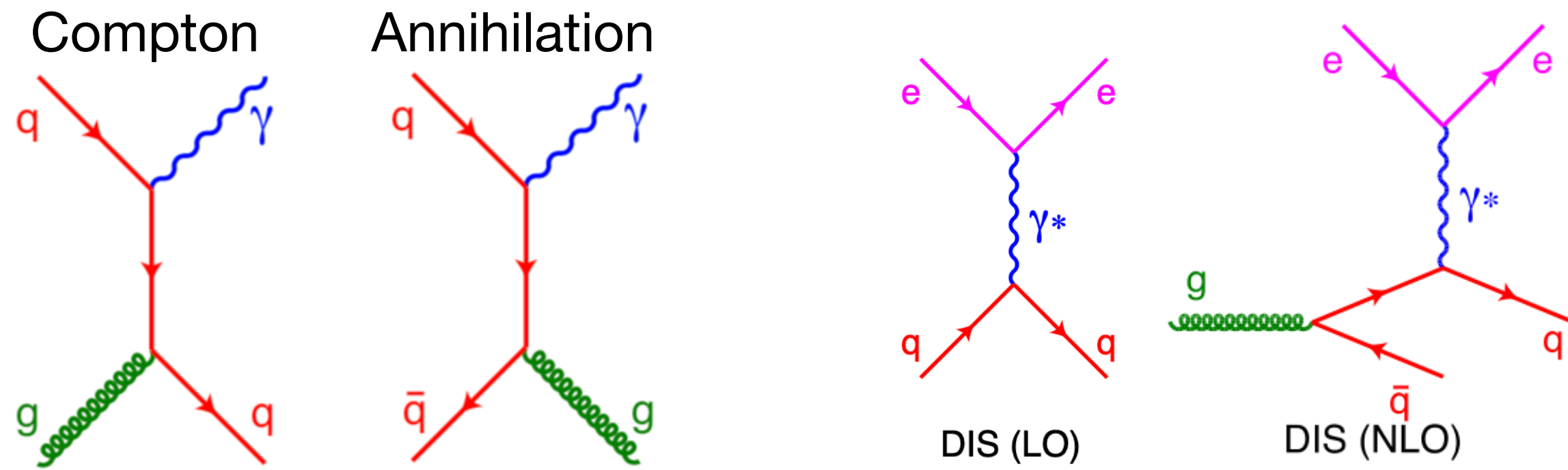
Sensitive at LO to gluon PDF

Compton



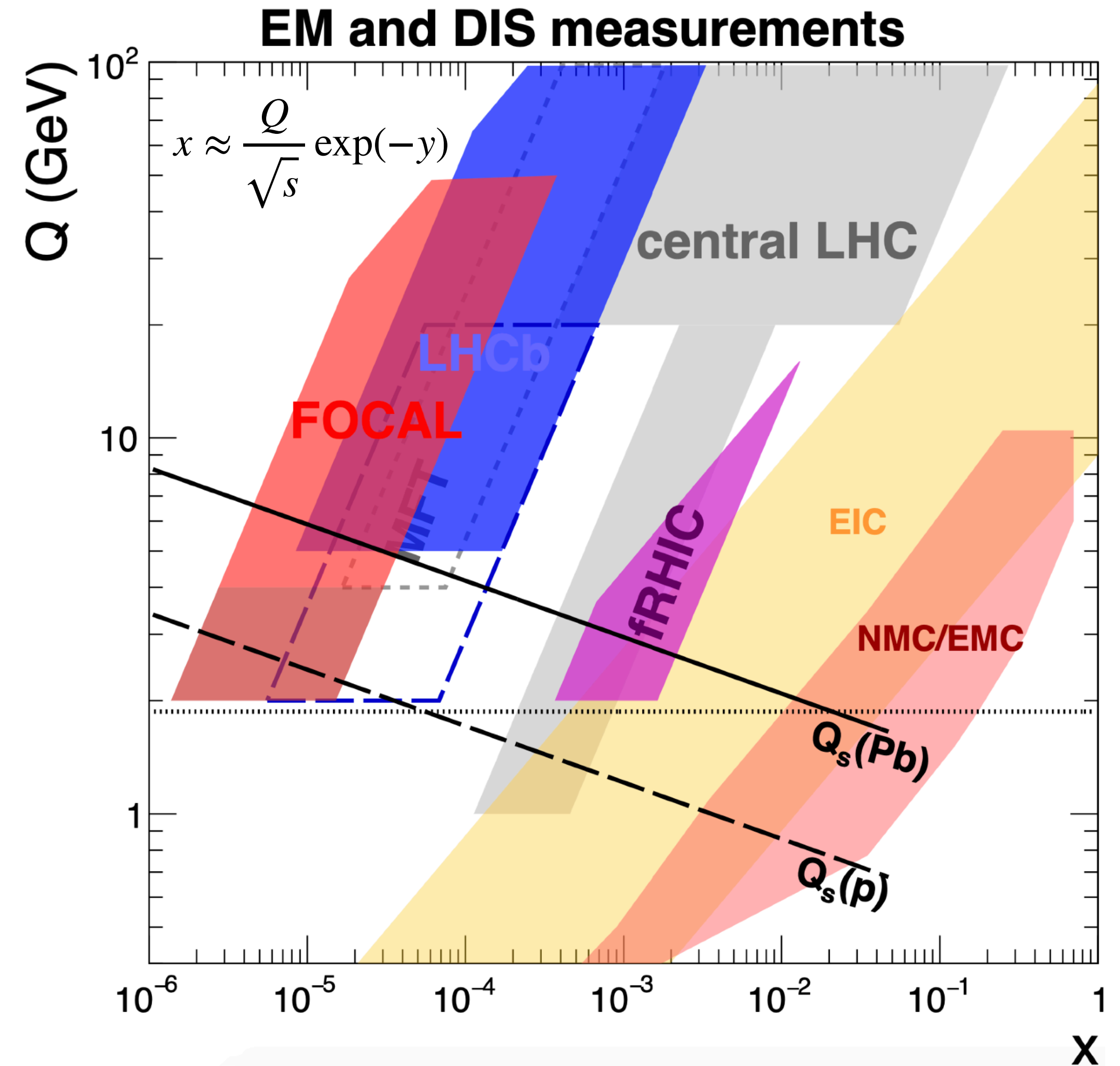
Annihilation

In pp or pA collisions, direct photons provide "direct" access to gluon density



- **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 low-x coverage at LHC (similar to LHeC)

- **Goal**
  - Explore non-linear QCD evolution at small x
    - Constrain nuclear PDFs at small x
  - Logarithmic dep. of QCD evolution on Q and x, requires several measurements over largest possible range



## Strong small-x program at LHC

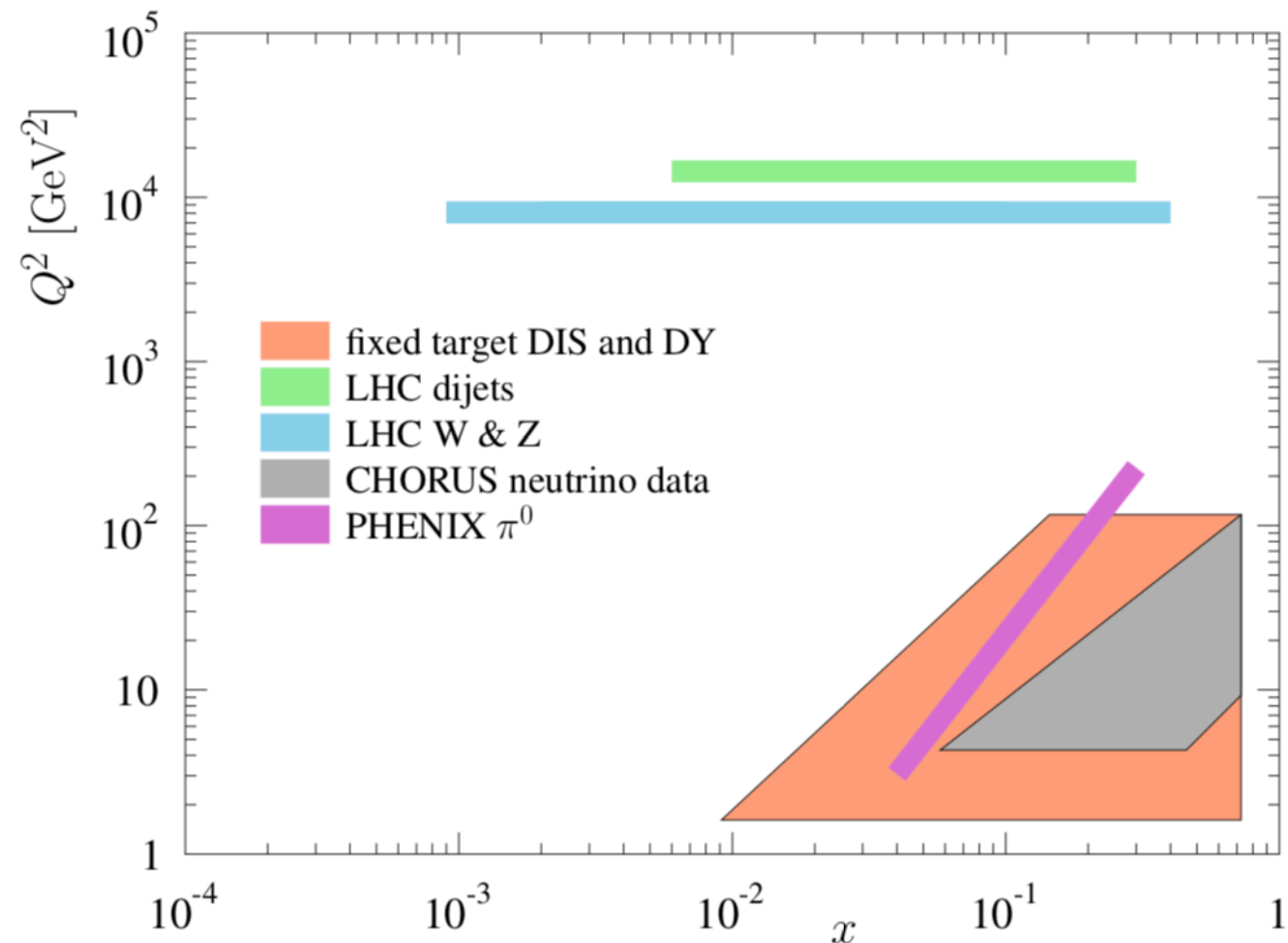
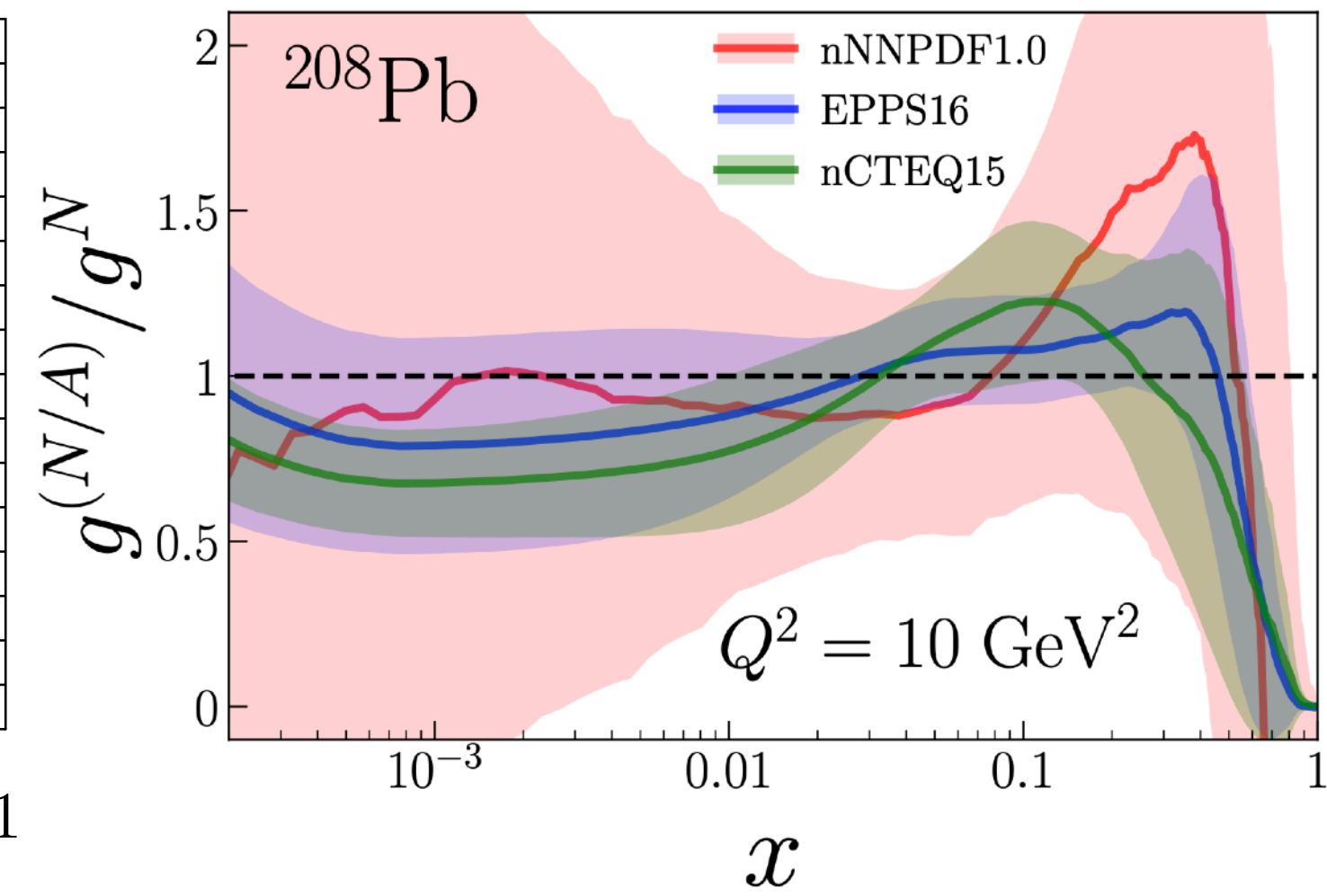
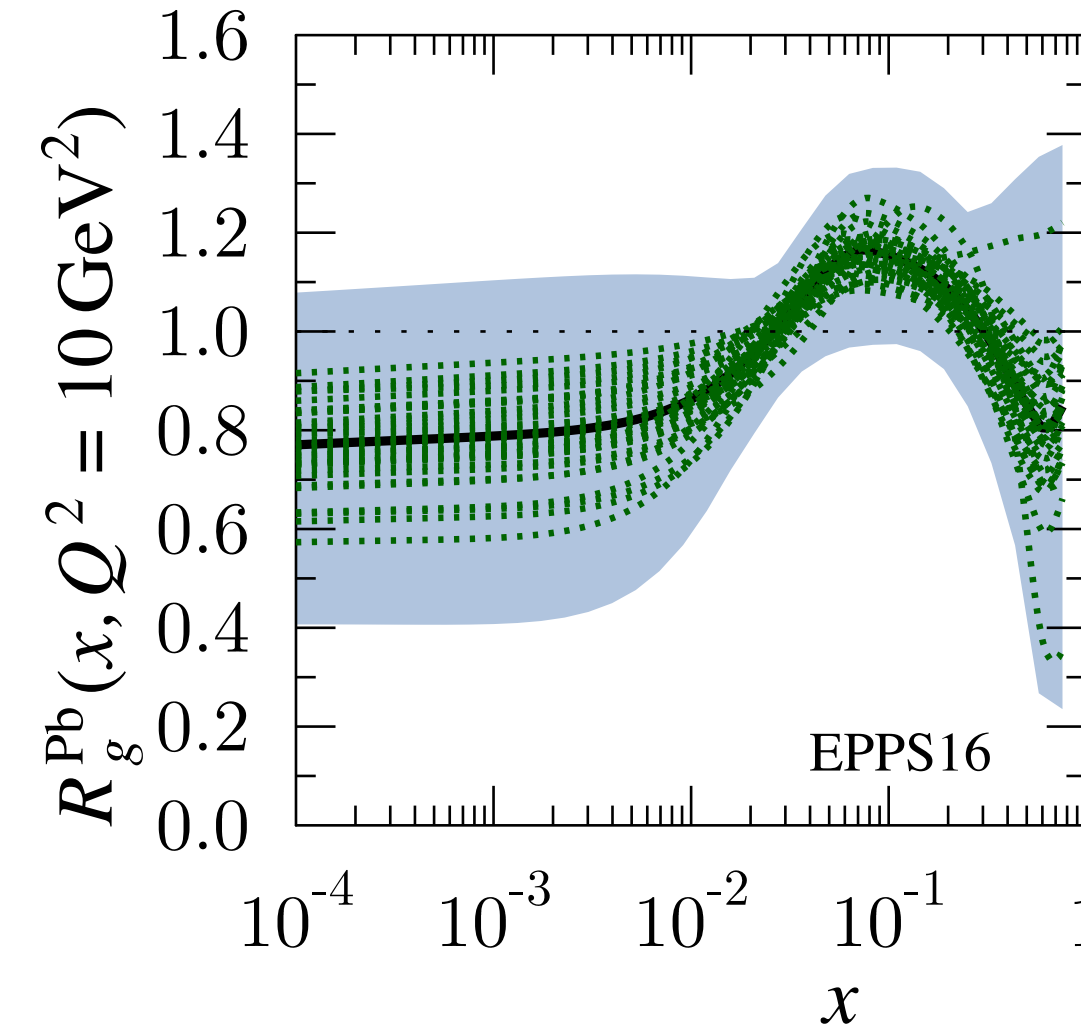
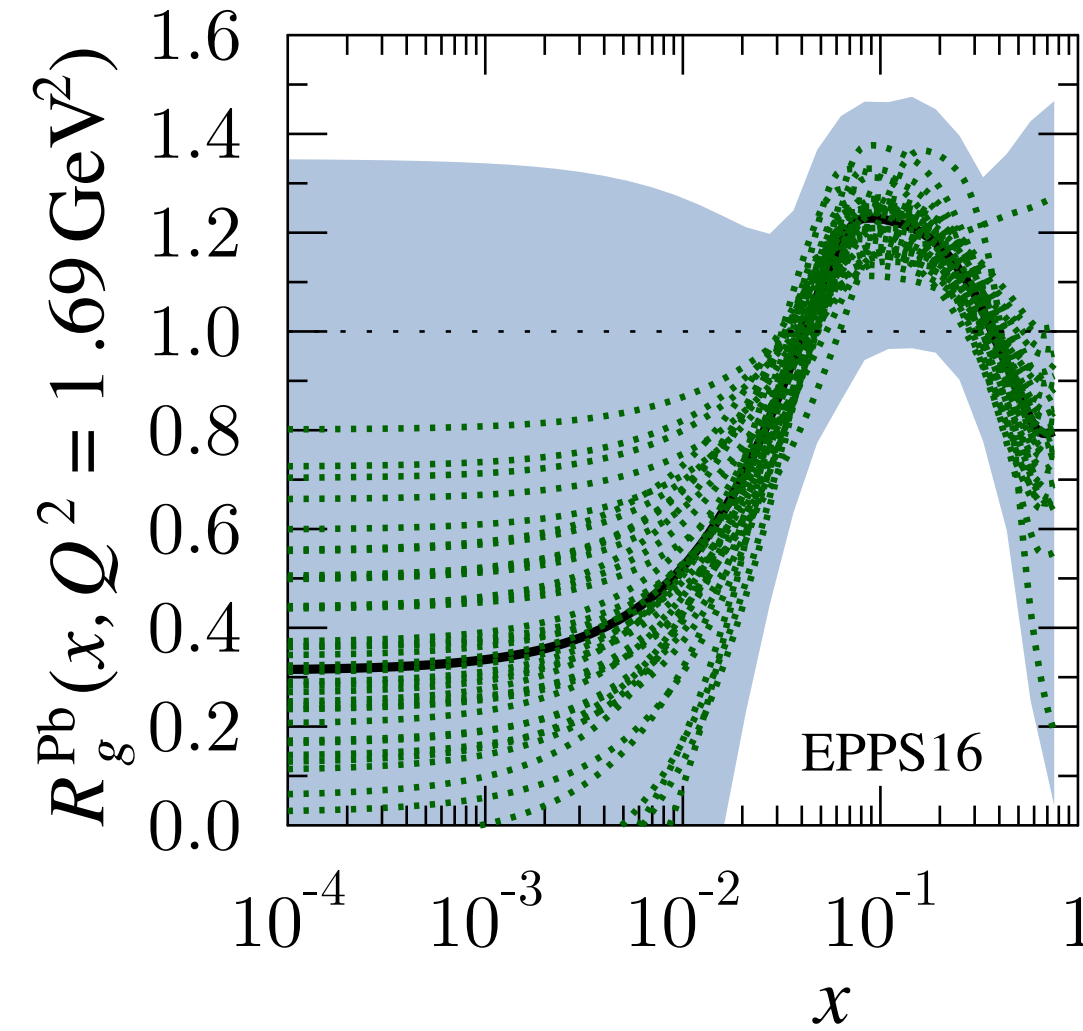
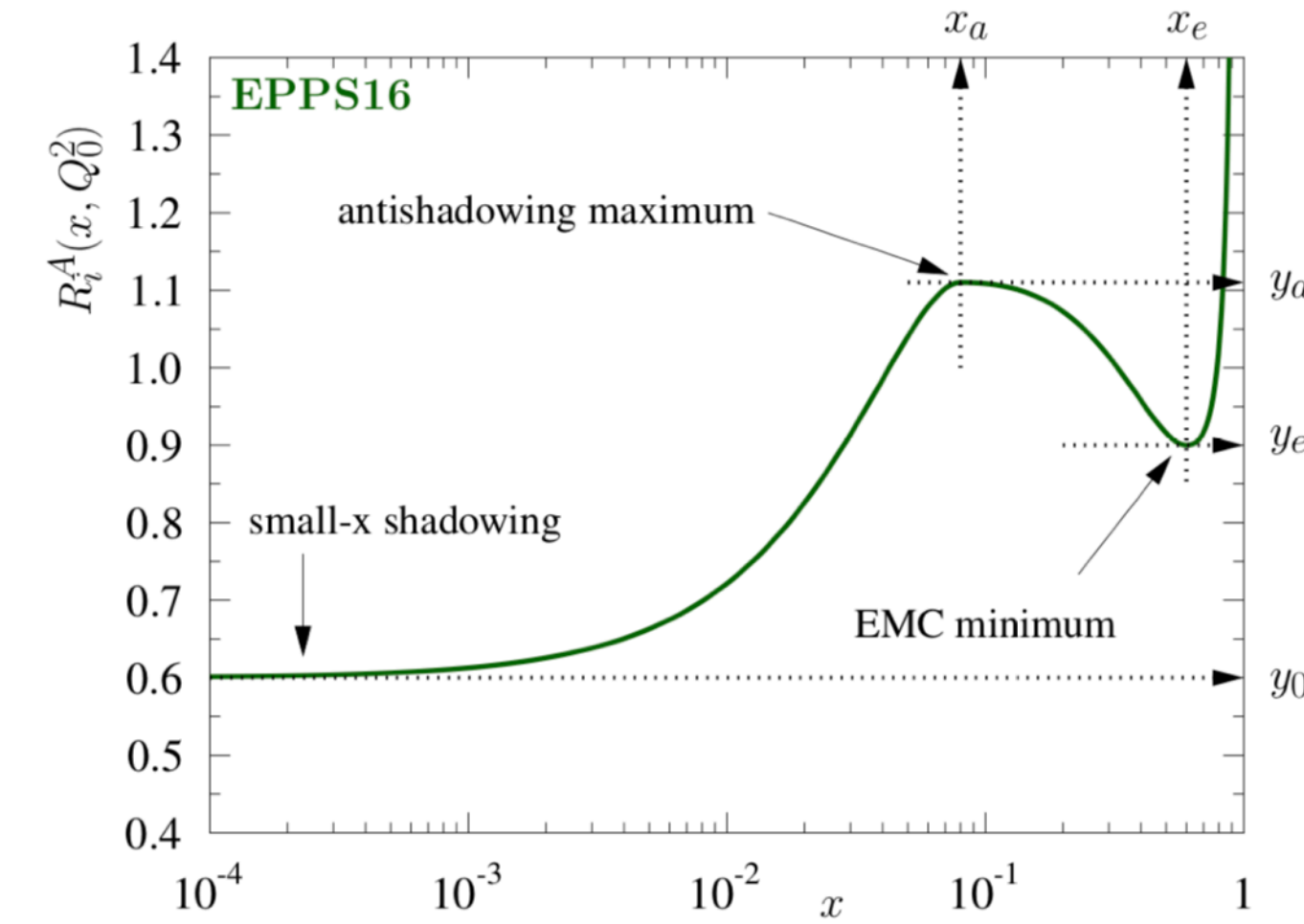
- Various experiments/measurements: **isolated  $\gamma$** , DY, open charm (+UPC)
- Test factorization/universality
- Complementary to fRHIC + EIC



# Nuclear parton distribution functions

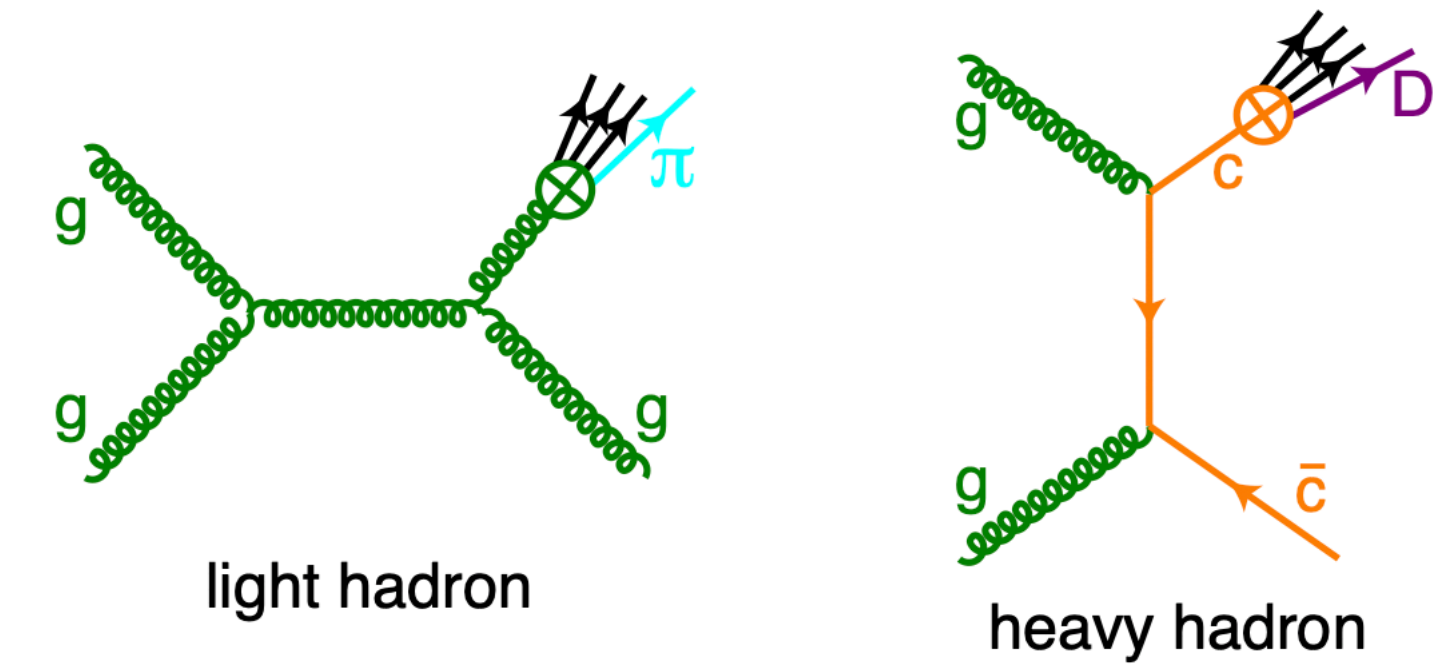
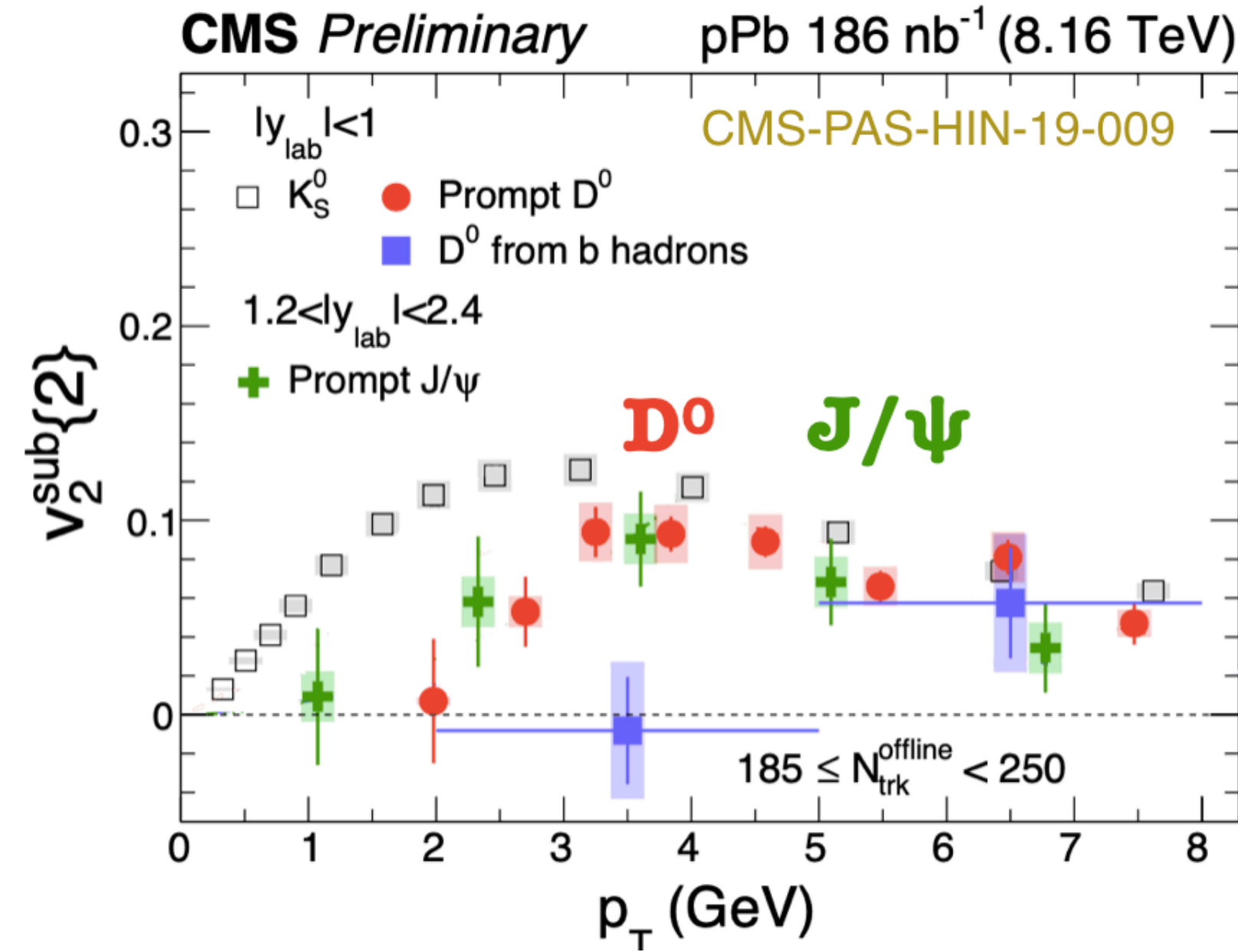
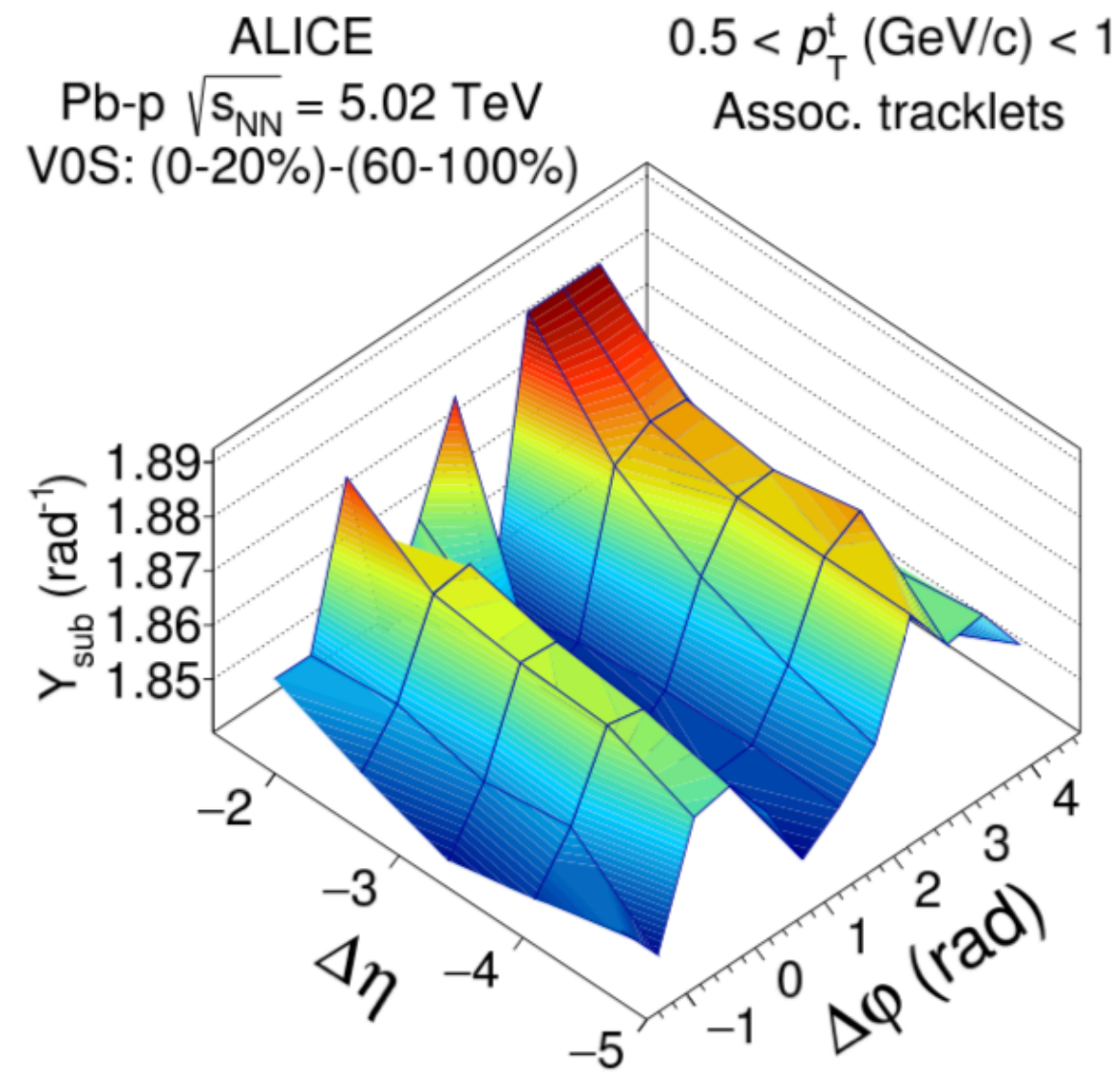
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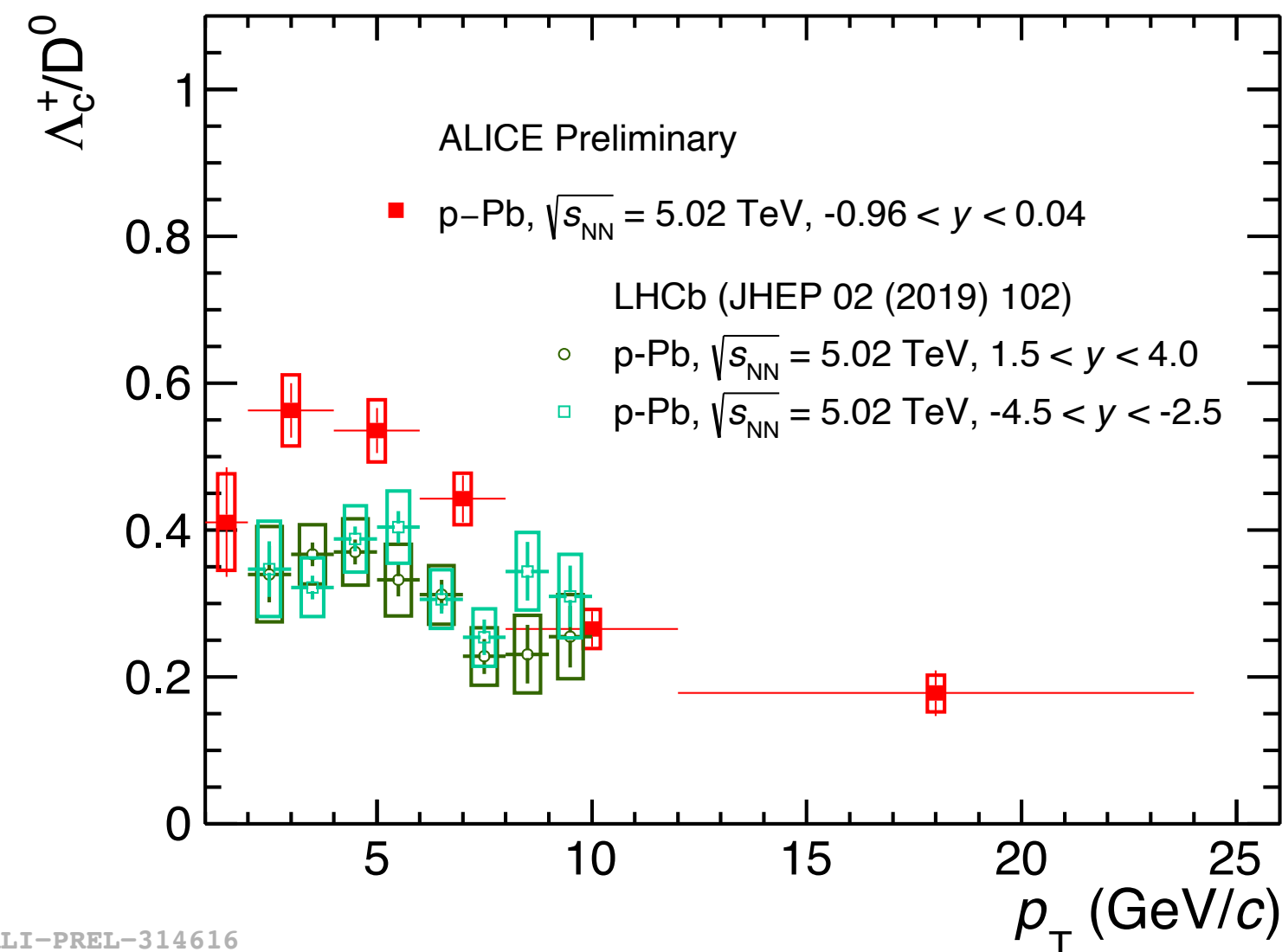
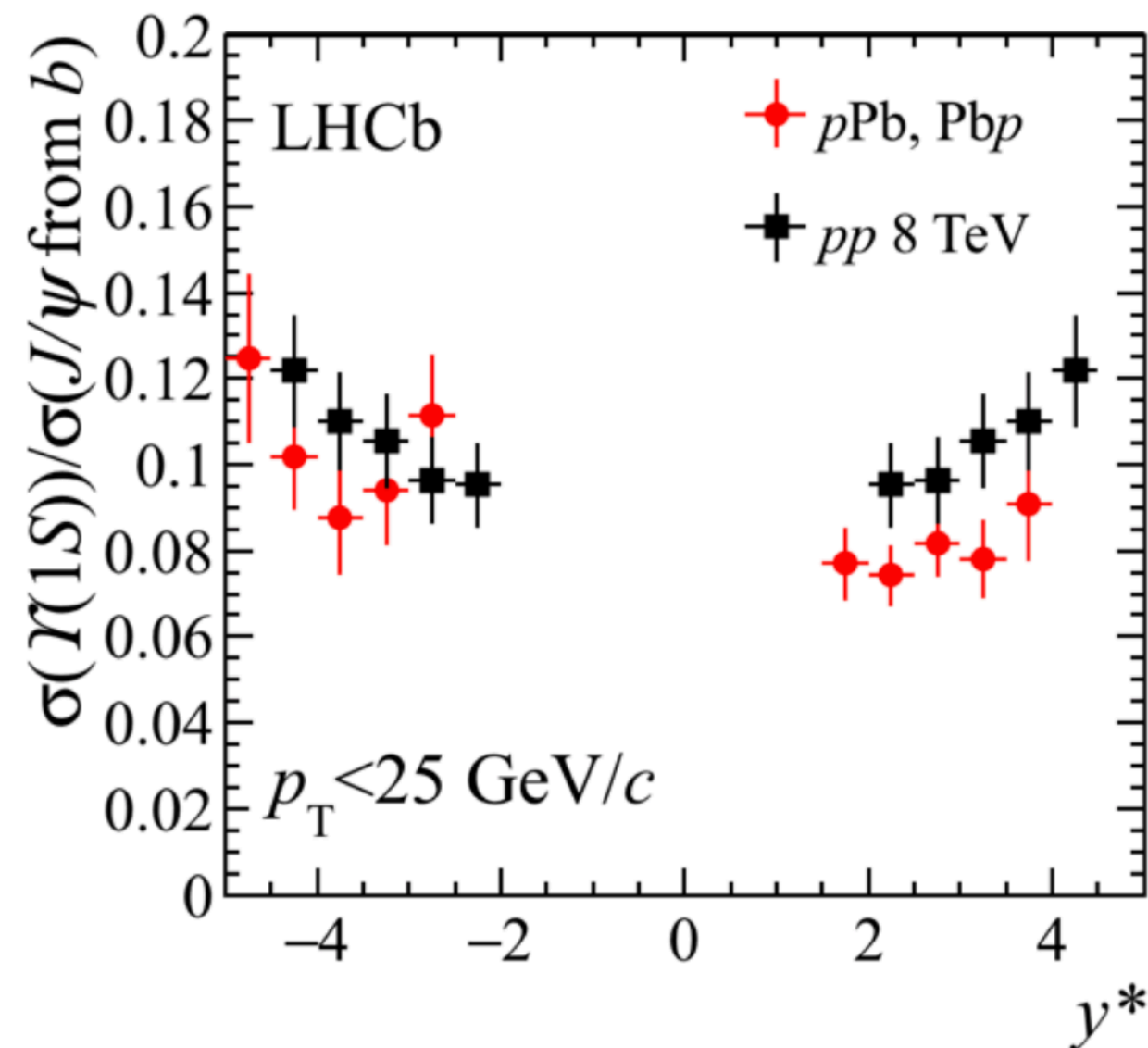


- Large uncertainties on the gluon content of the nucleus at small  $x$
- Very few (DIS) measurements available
  - They only probe the gluon density via the (DGLAP) evolution
- EPPS16 (and nCTEQ) nuclear PDFs
  - Use hadron data and functional form at small- $x$  parameterized "ad hoc"
  - Possible final-state effects (next slide)
- nNNPDF from DIS data only and minimal theoretical assumptions

# Light and heavy-flavor results



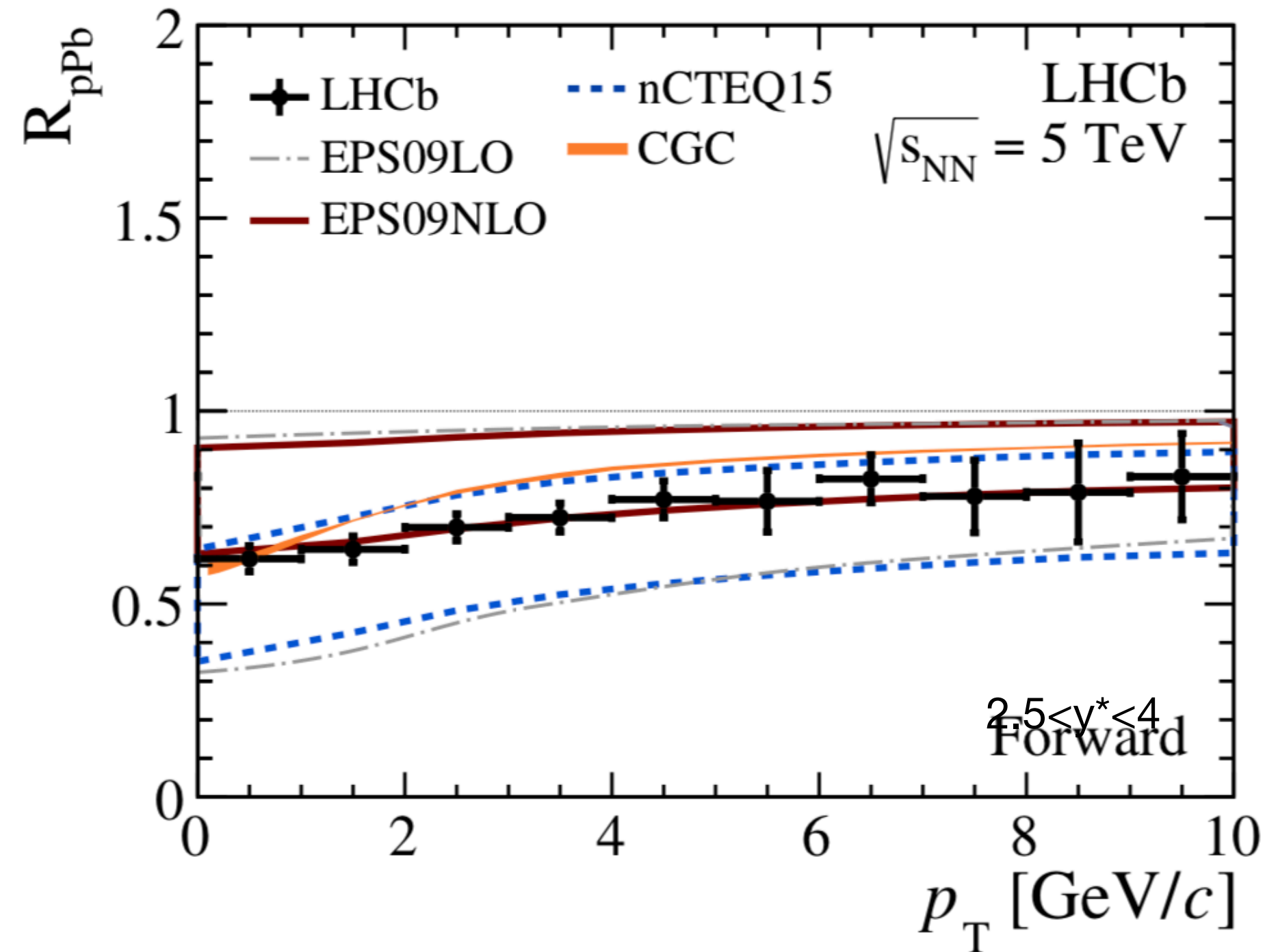
Sensitive to gluon PDF at NLO but also suspect to final state and hadronization effects



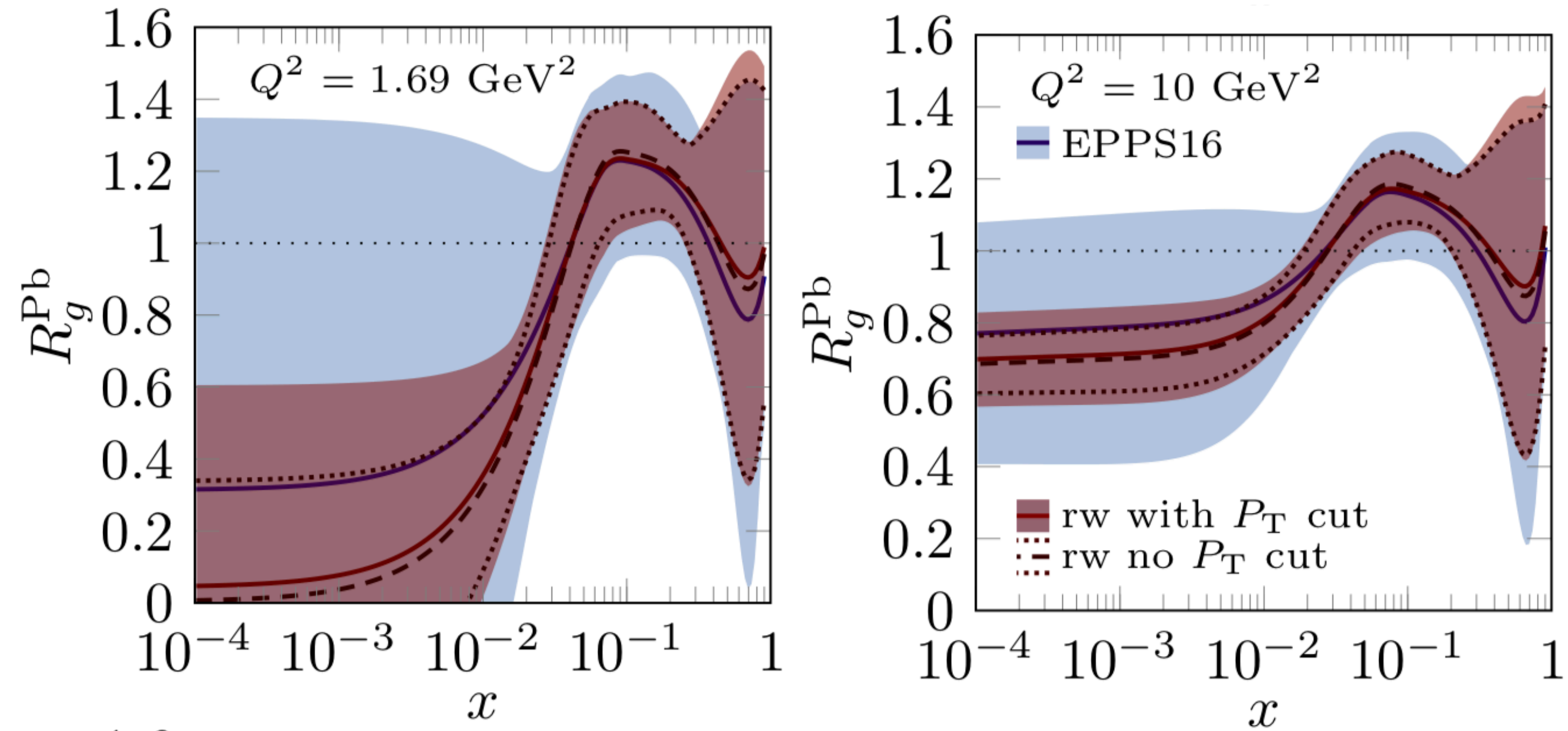
Measurements exhibit features that are difficult to disentangle between initial or final state effects

# Forward open charm by LHCb

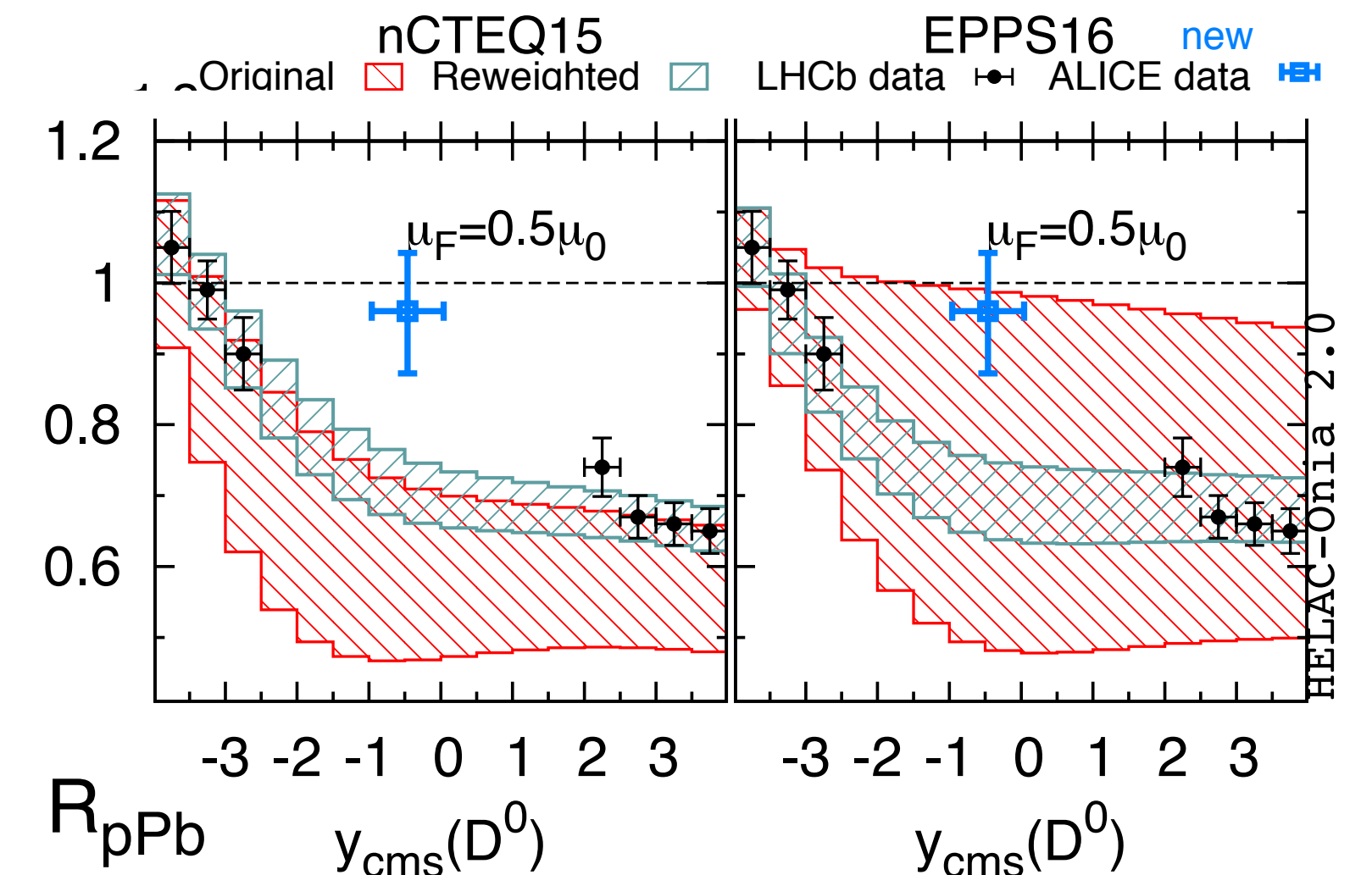
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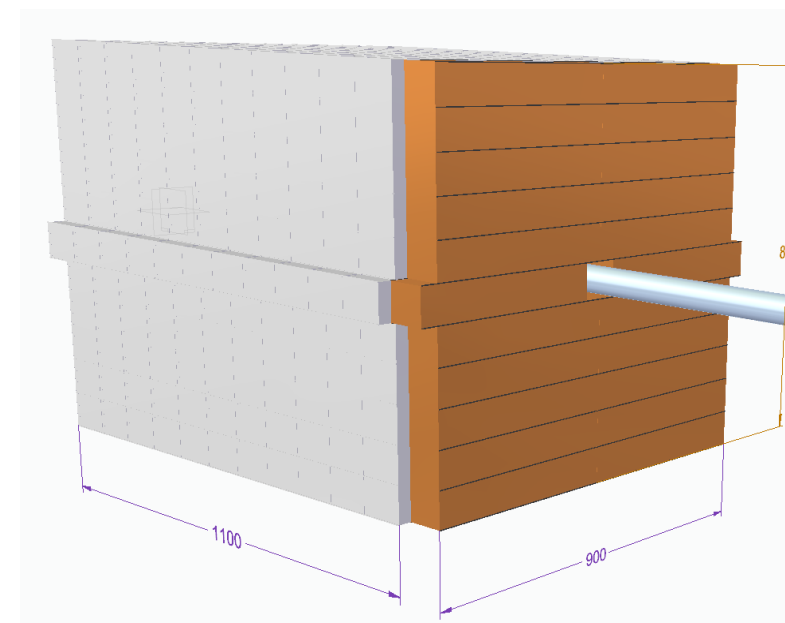
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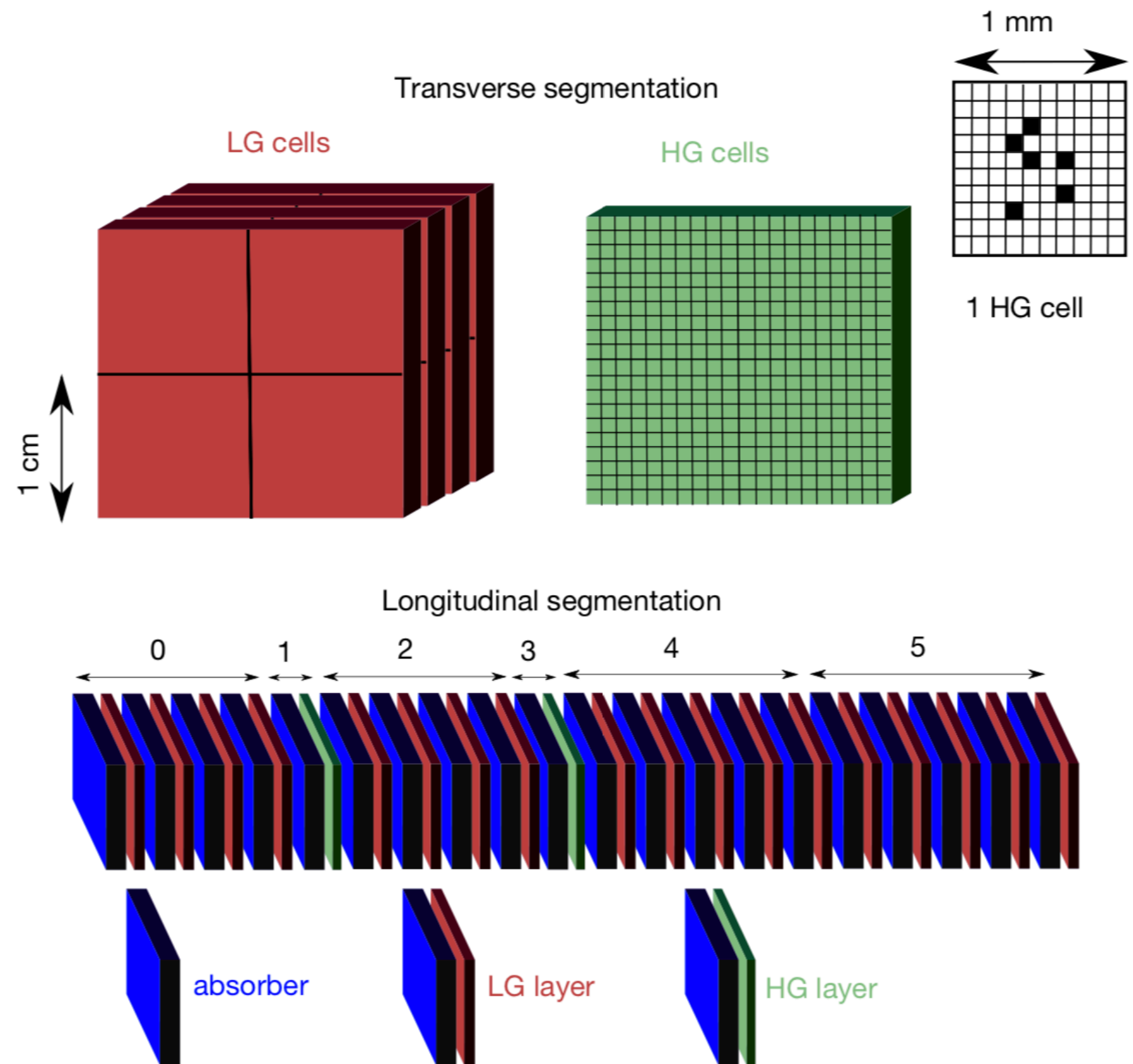


- Forward  $D^0$  suppression observed by LHCb
- Consistent description with nuclear PDFs, with a large contribution from high  $x$  from fragmentation
  - Data constrain nPDF uncertainties by  $\sim$ factor 2
  - Potential final state effects ignored
    - Small tension with ALICE mid-rap data
- Measurements with photons will verify factorization and universality

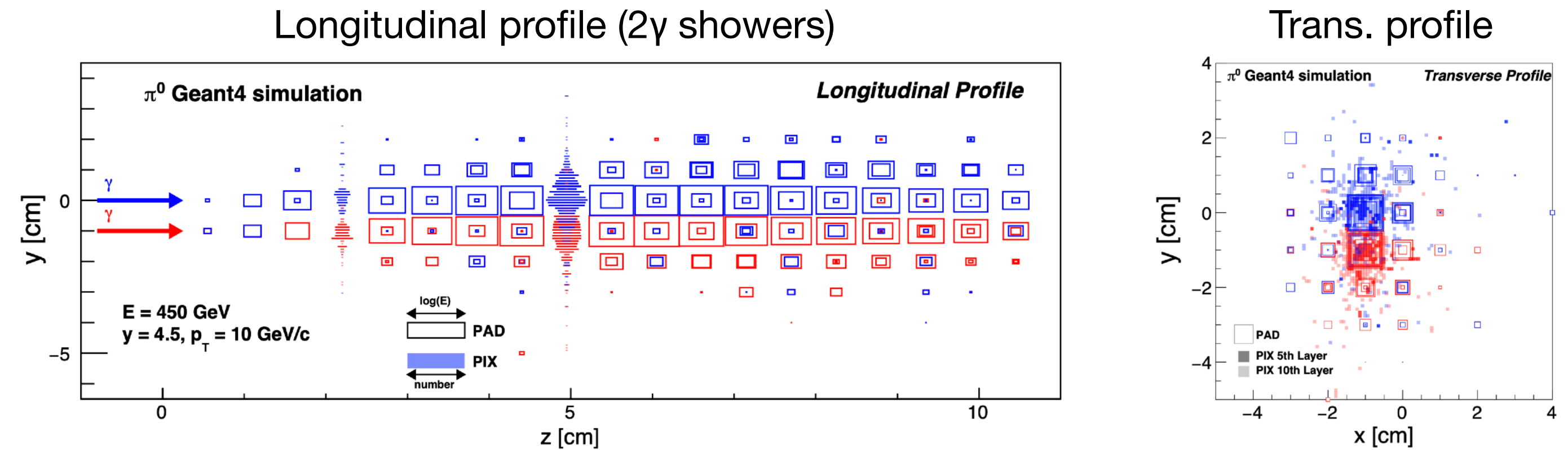


## 2. FoCal concept and physics performance





- Main challenge: Separate  $\gamma/\pi^0$  at high energy
  - Two photon separation from  $\pi^0$  decay ( $p_T=10$  GeV,  $\eta=4.5$ )  $\sim 5$ mm
  - Requires small Molière radius and high granularity readout
  - Si-W calorimeter with effective granularity  $\approx 1\text{mm}^2$



Studied in simulations 20 layers:  
 W(3.5 mm  $\approx 1X_0$ ) + silicon sensors  
 Two types: Pads (LG) and Pixels (HG)

- Pad layers provide shower profile and total energy
- Pixel layers (ALPIDE) provide position resolution to resolve overlapping showers

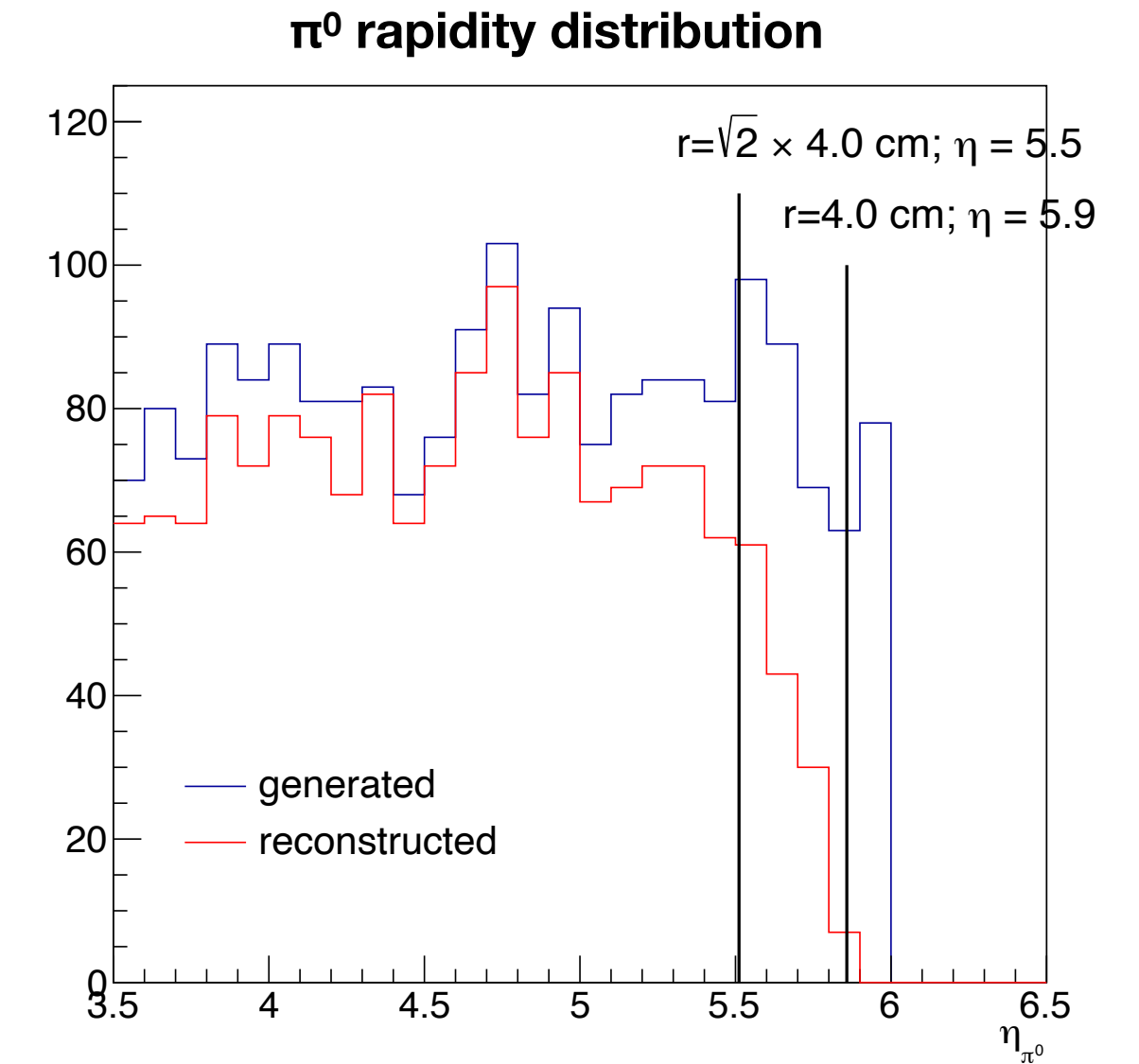
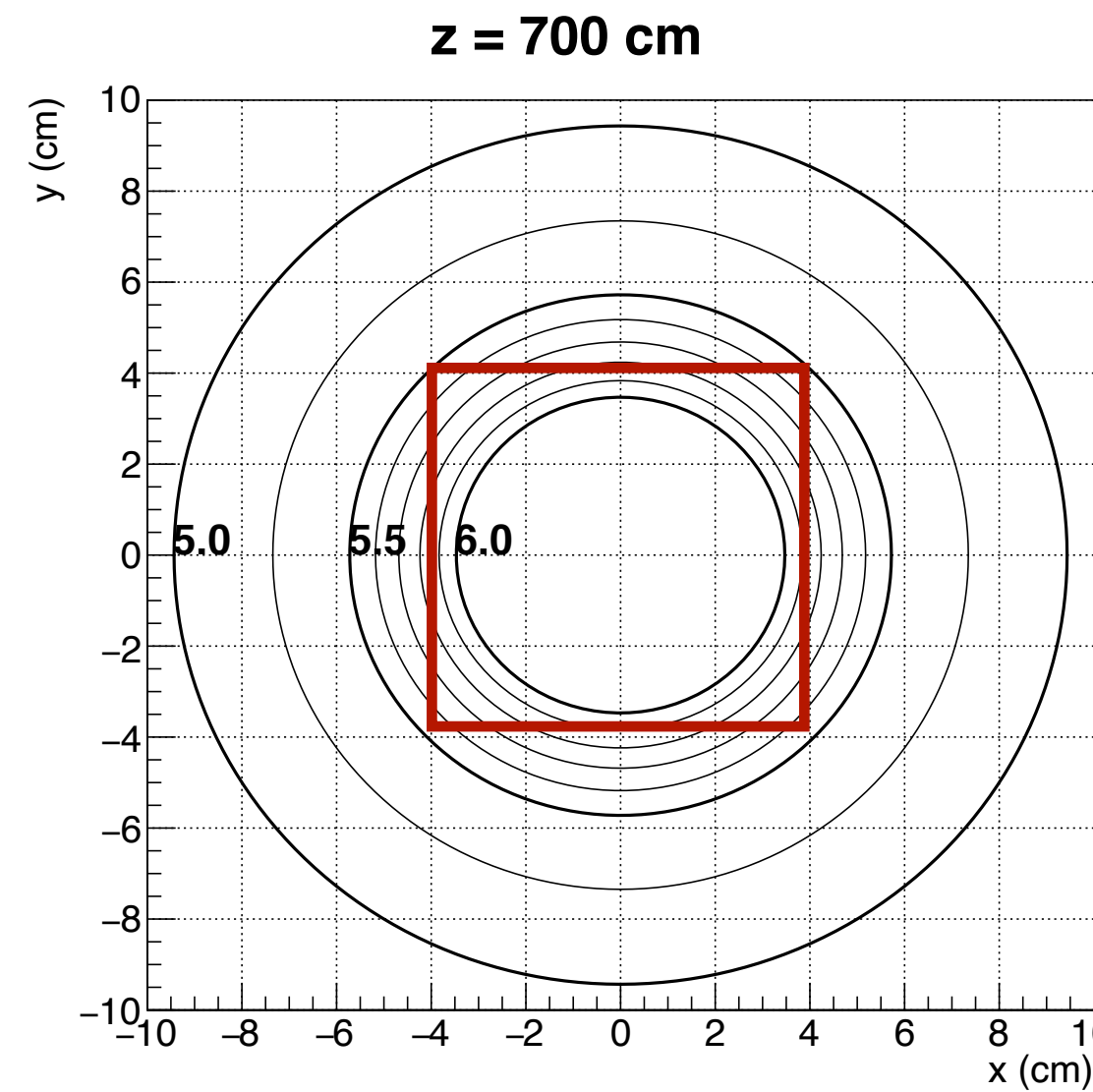
- Further optimization left for TDR:
- Location of pixel layers
  - Number of pad layers
  - Sensitive area at front for CPV/eID

# Rapidity coverage and $\pi^0$ efficiency

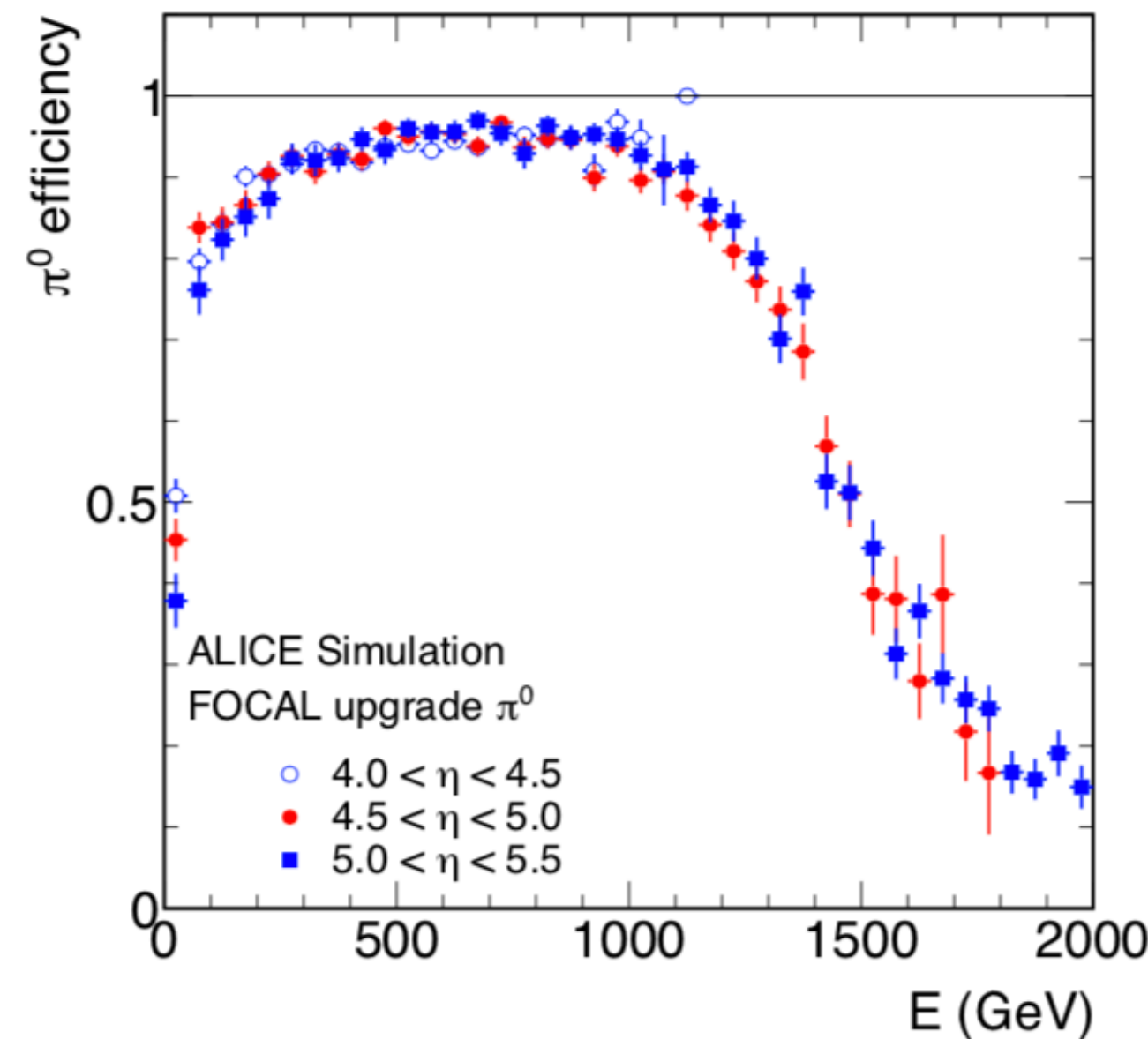
position  $z = 7\text{m}$   
beam pipe radius 3.5cm

8x8cm square around beam:  
maximum rapidity 5.5-5.8

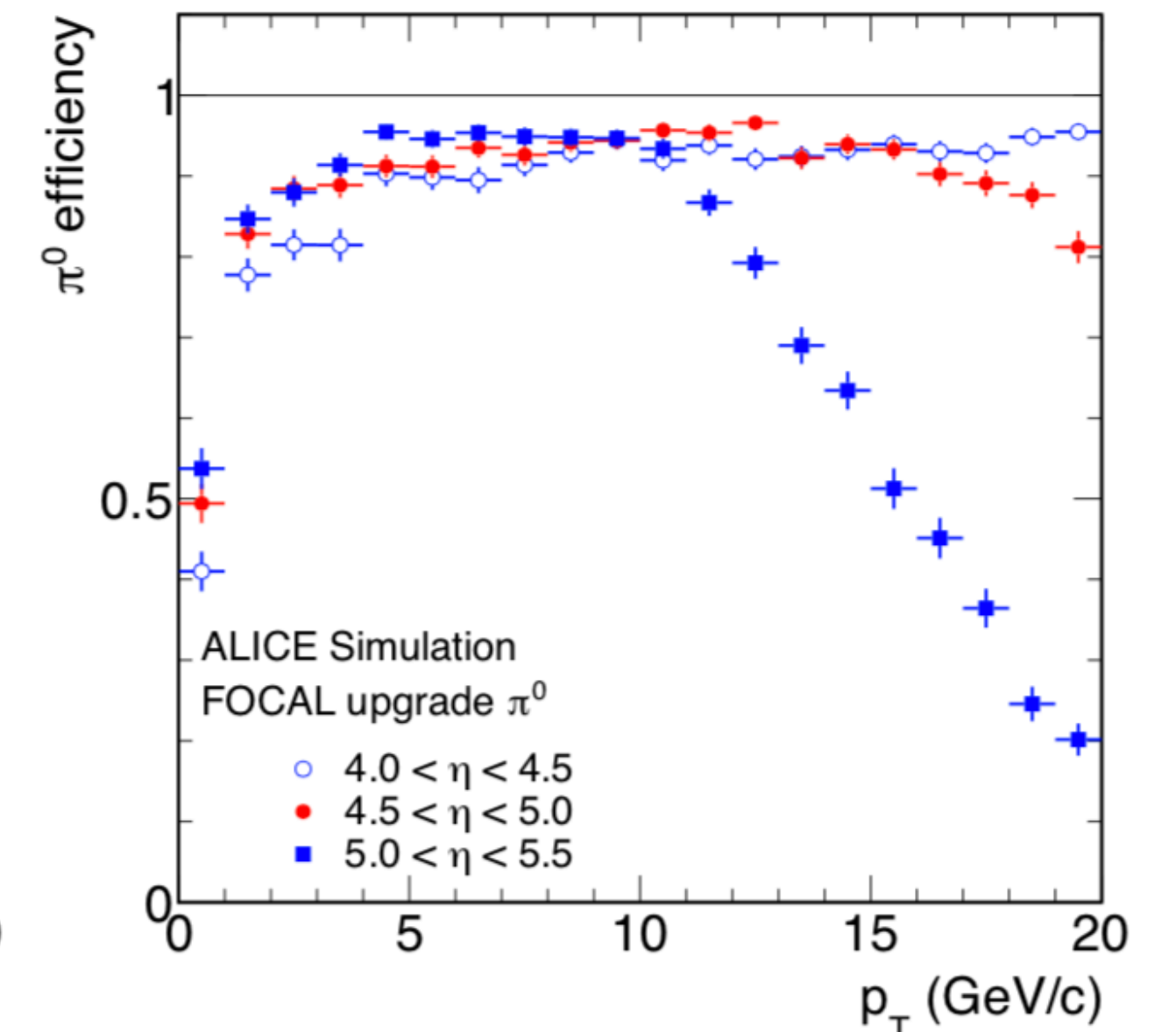
2-gamma distance gets small  
beyond  $\eta=5.5$ :  
→ sharp drop at  $R_{\text{min}}$  plus effect  
of circle vs square



Single  $\pi^0$  efficiency vs E



Single  $\pi^0$  efficiency vs  $p_T$



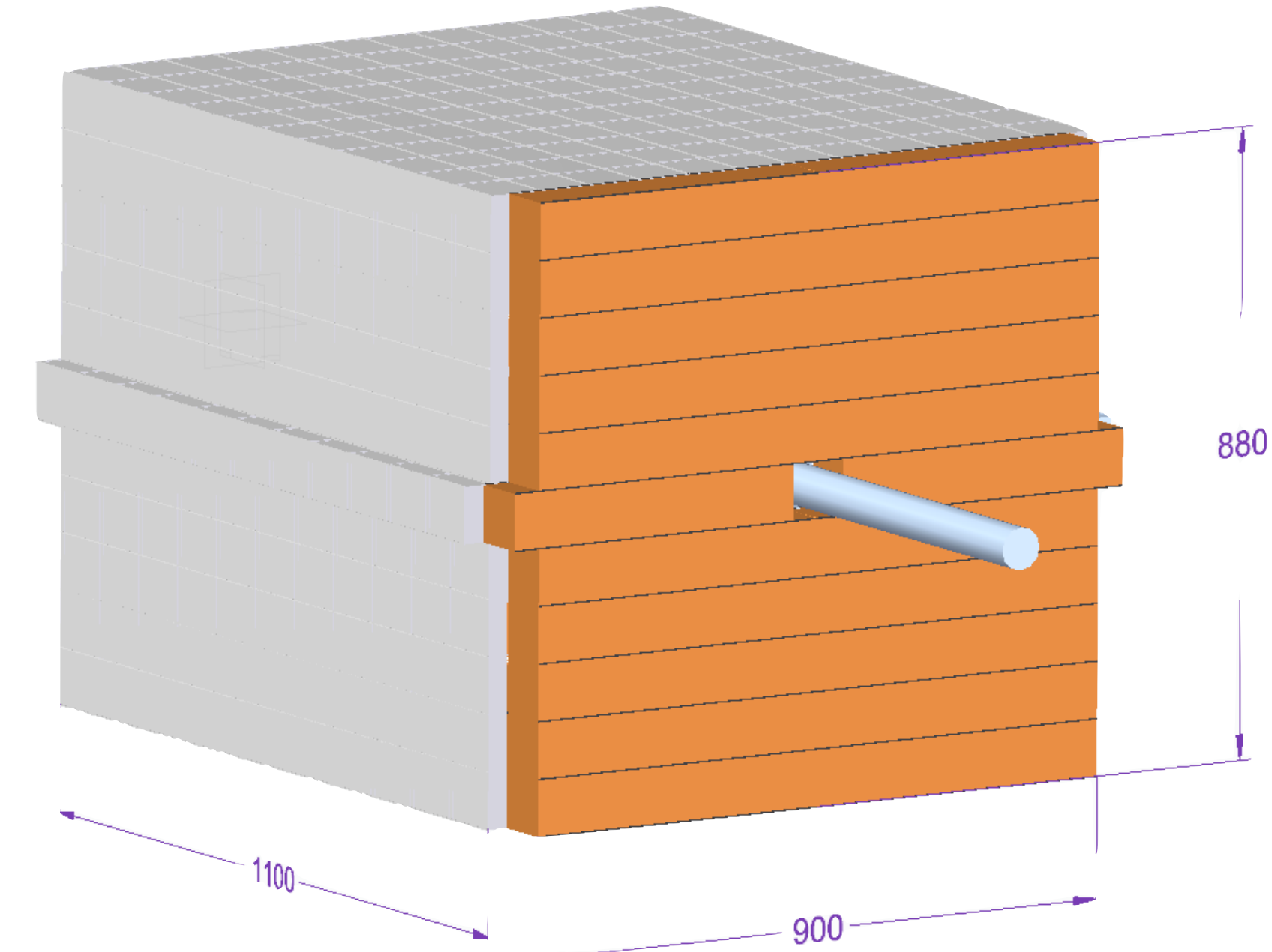
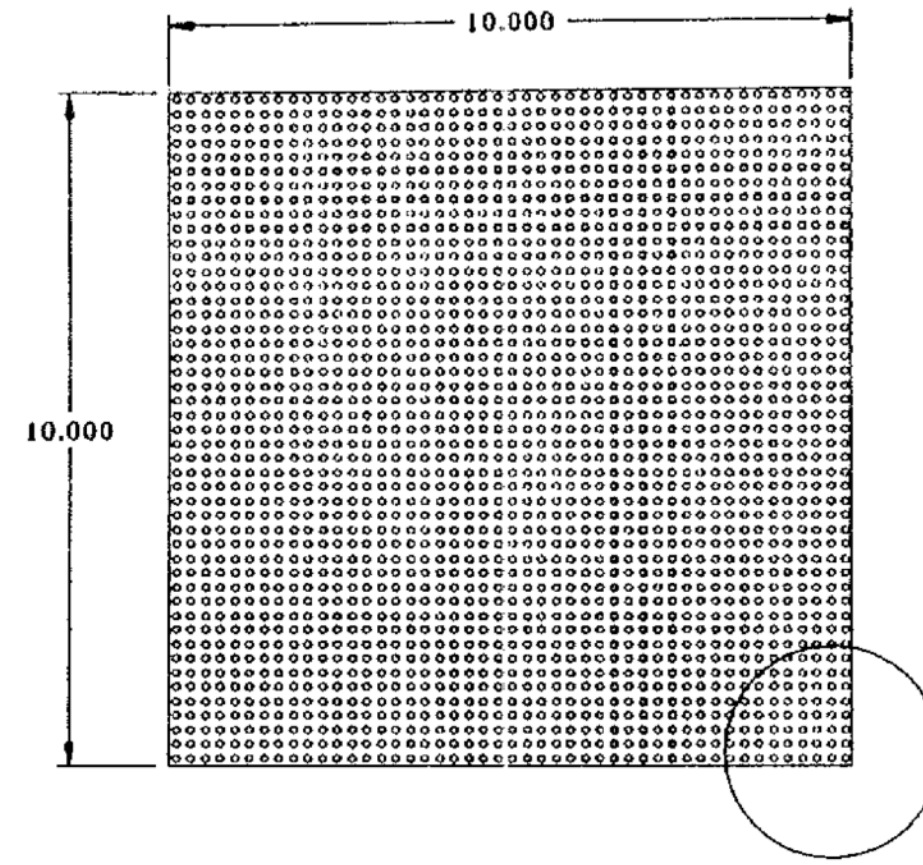
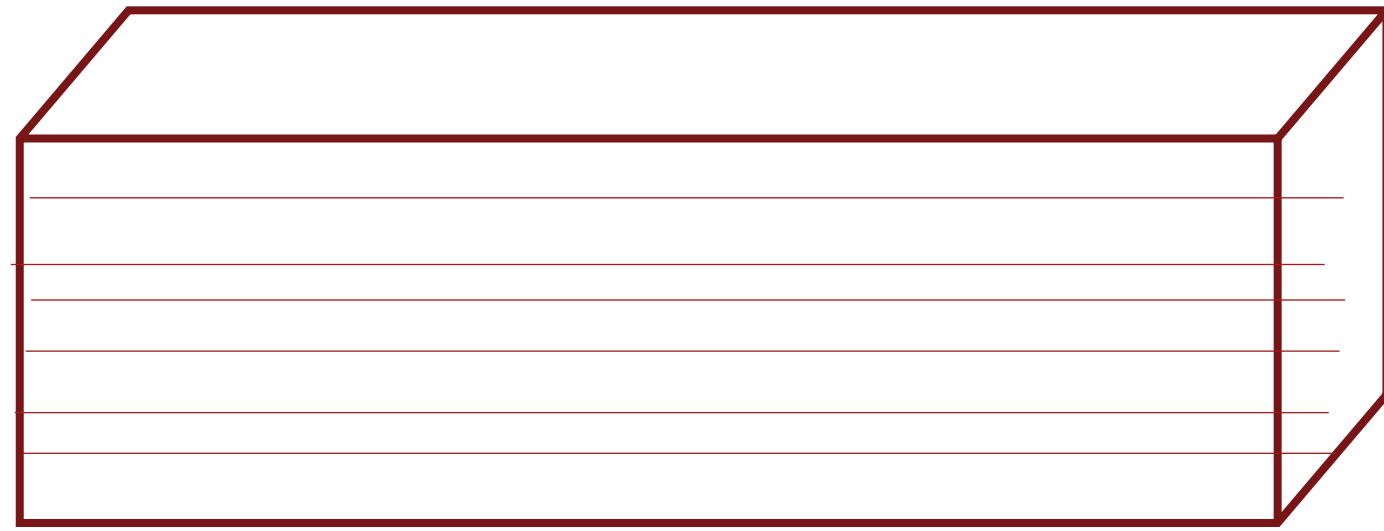
Very high  $\pi^0$  efficiency  
up to  $\eta = 5.5$   
(falls off above  $p_T = 10\text{ GeV}$   
due to 2-gamma distance)

80-90%  $\pi^0$  efficiency above  $p_T=2\text{ GeV}$

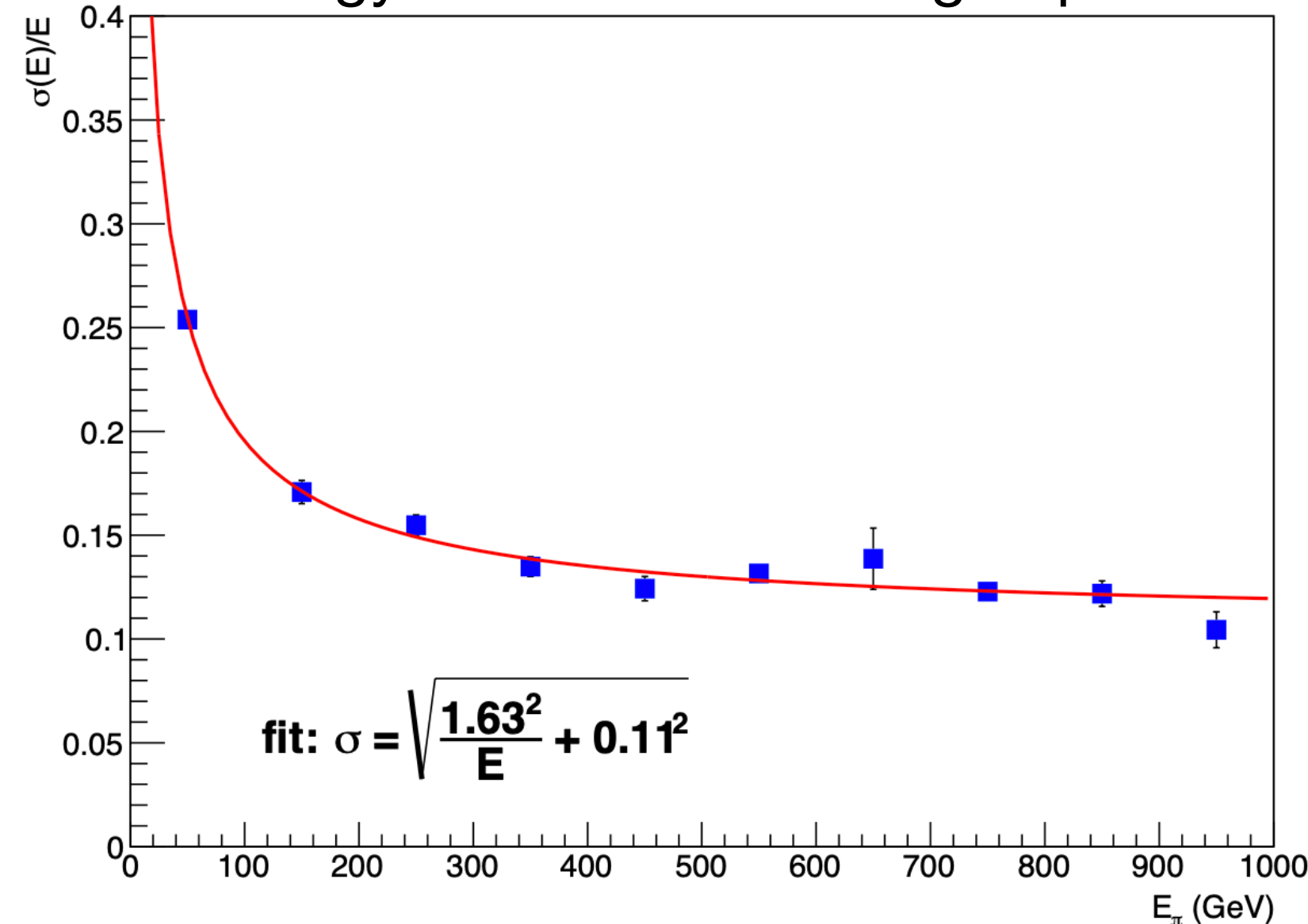
# FoCal-H conceptual design

Geometry can be based on  
SPACAL design: spaghetti calorimeter

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Energy resolution for charged pions

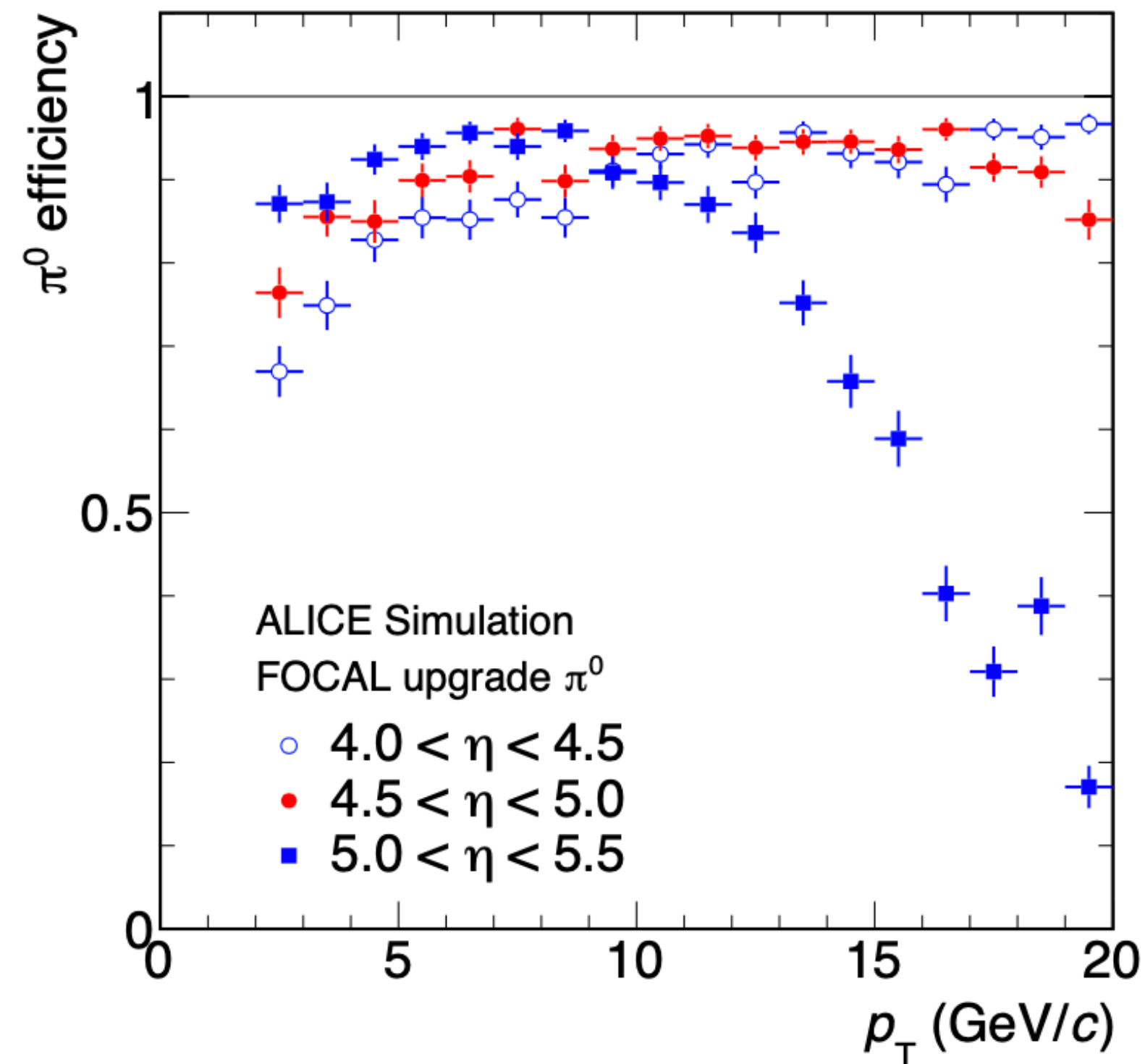


- Conventional metal-scintillator design
  - Sampling / tower structure not yet defined
  - No longitudinal readout required
- Simulation uses sandwich-structure:
  - 34 layers of 3cm absorber and 0.2cm scintillator
- Good performance for isolation and jets
  - Single hadron energy resolution of 10-25%
  - $E_T = 2$  GeV for isolation about  $E = 100$  GeV at  $\eta = 4.5$
  - Constant term (e/h compensation) more, sampling-fraction less important

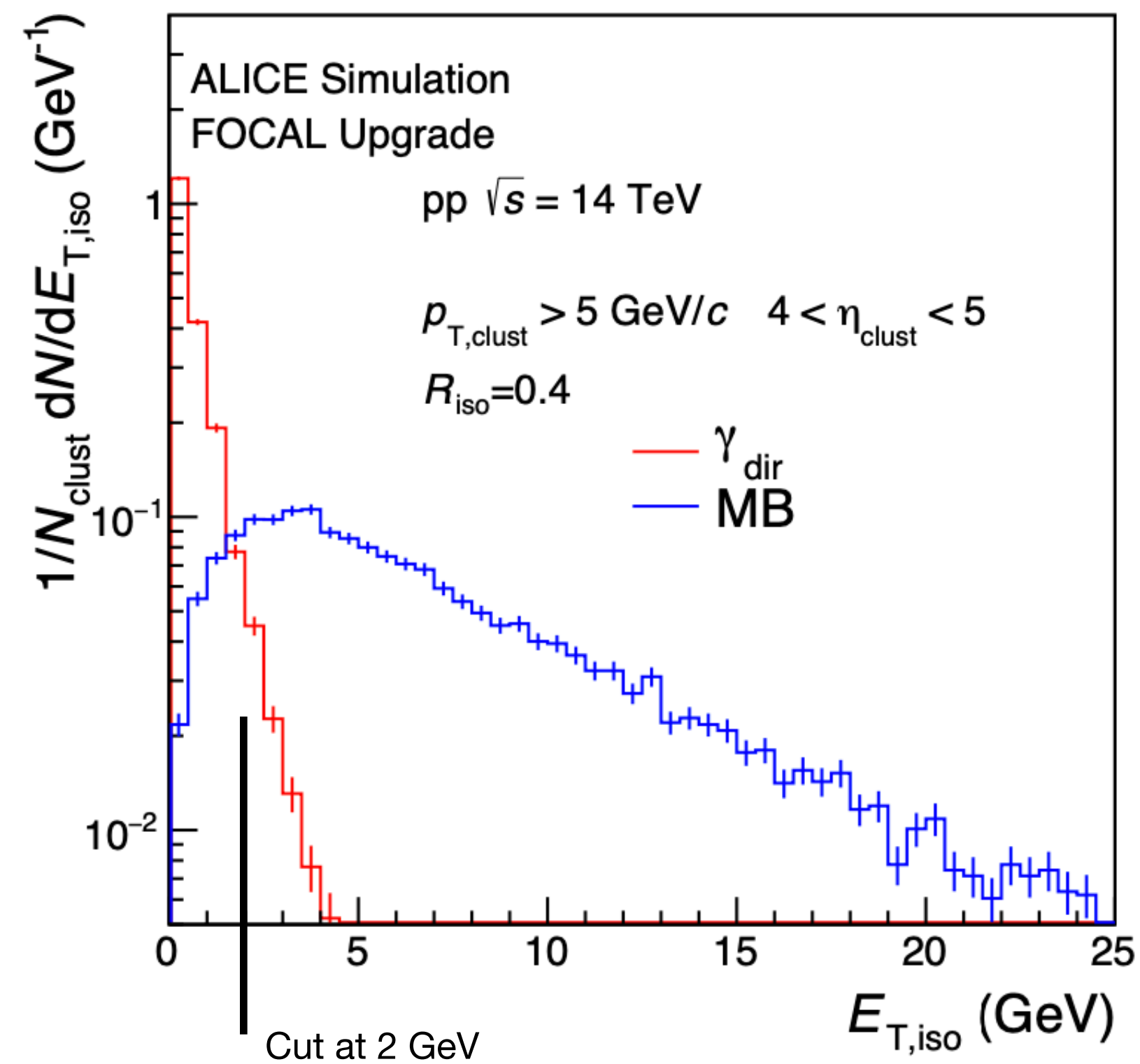
1.1 m long:  $\sim 6 \lambda_I$   
 Tower size: 2-5 cm  
 $\sim 1k$  towers

# Key ingredients for isolated photon measurement 16

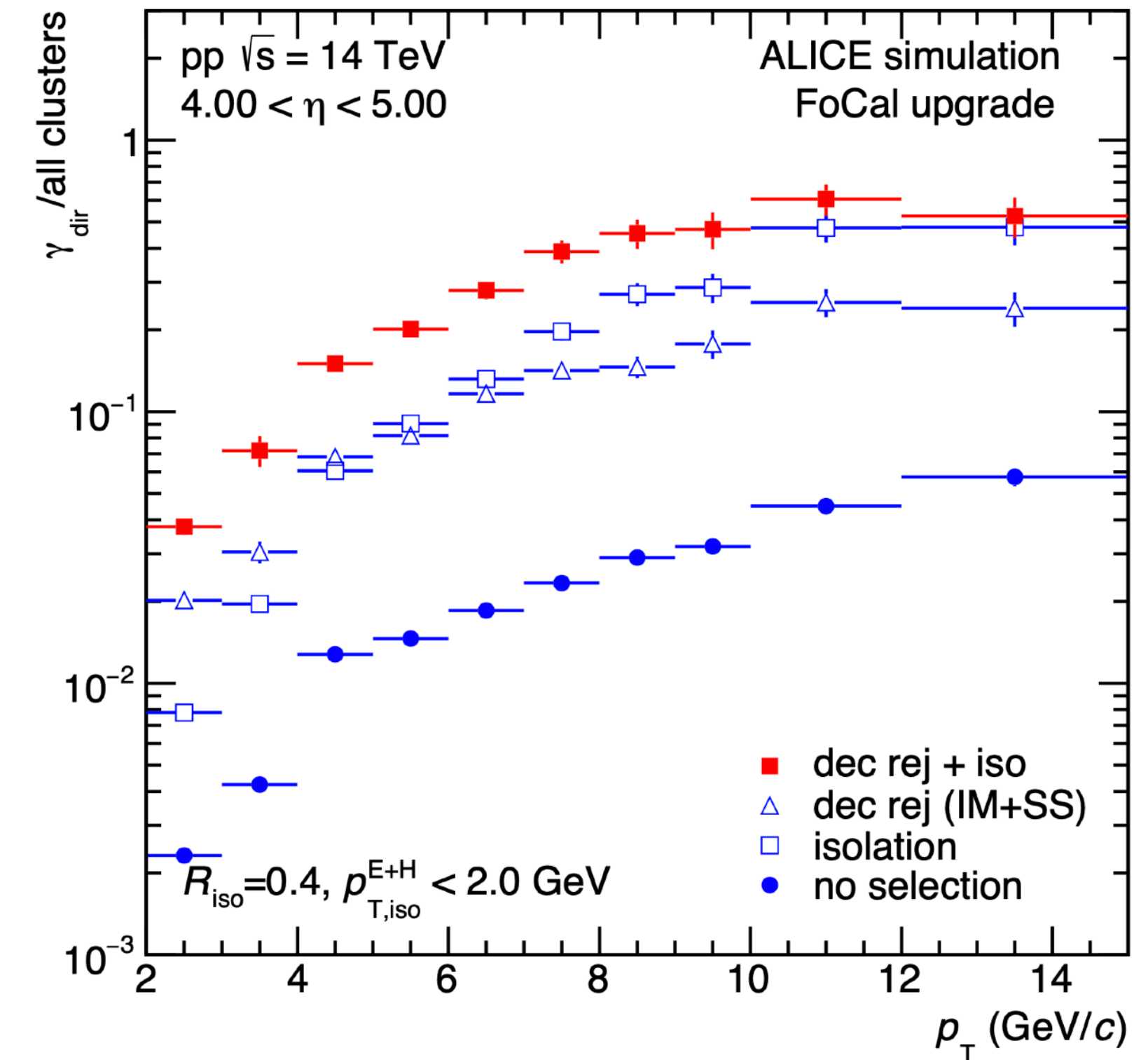
## $\pi^0$ reconstruction efficiency



## Isolation energy distribution



## Direct $\gamma$ /all cluster ratio



Main ingredients for direct photon identification

- $\pi^0$  reconstruction efficiency: measure background
- Isolation cut (EmCal + HCal)
- Rejection of decays by invariant mass reconstruction

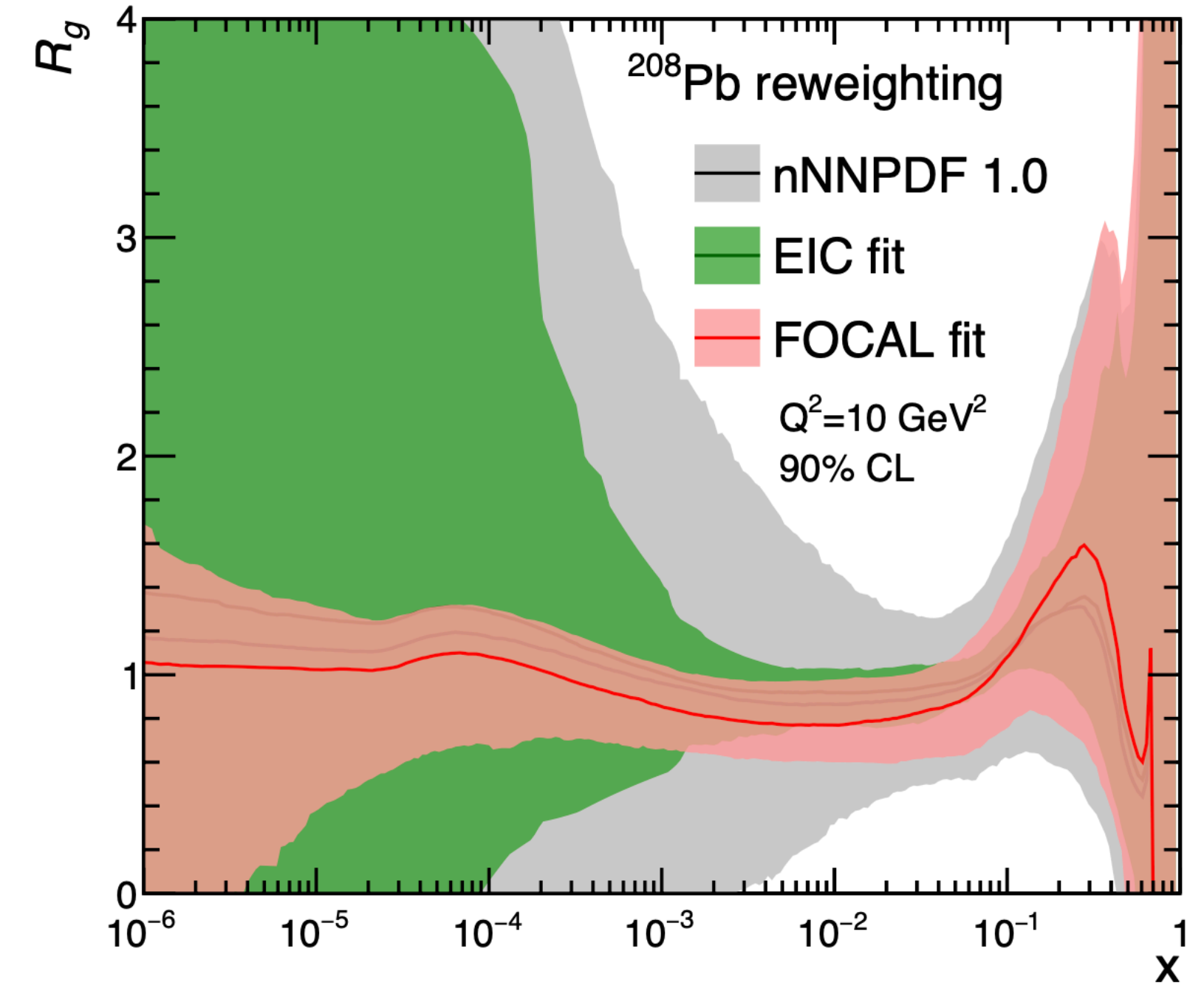
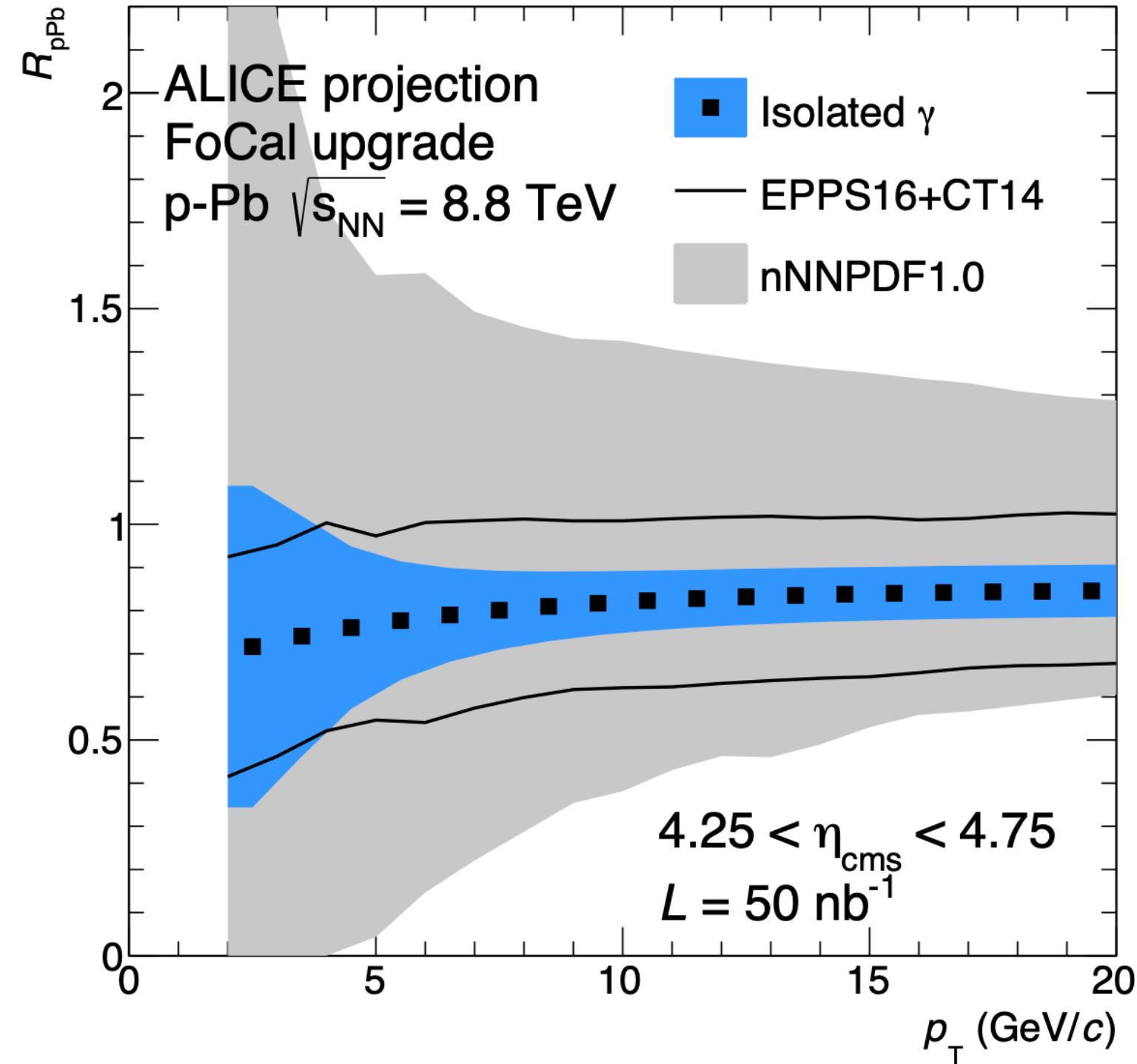
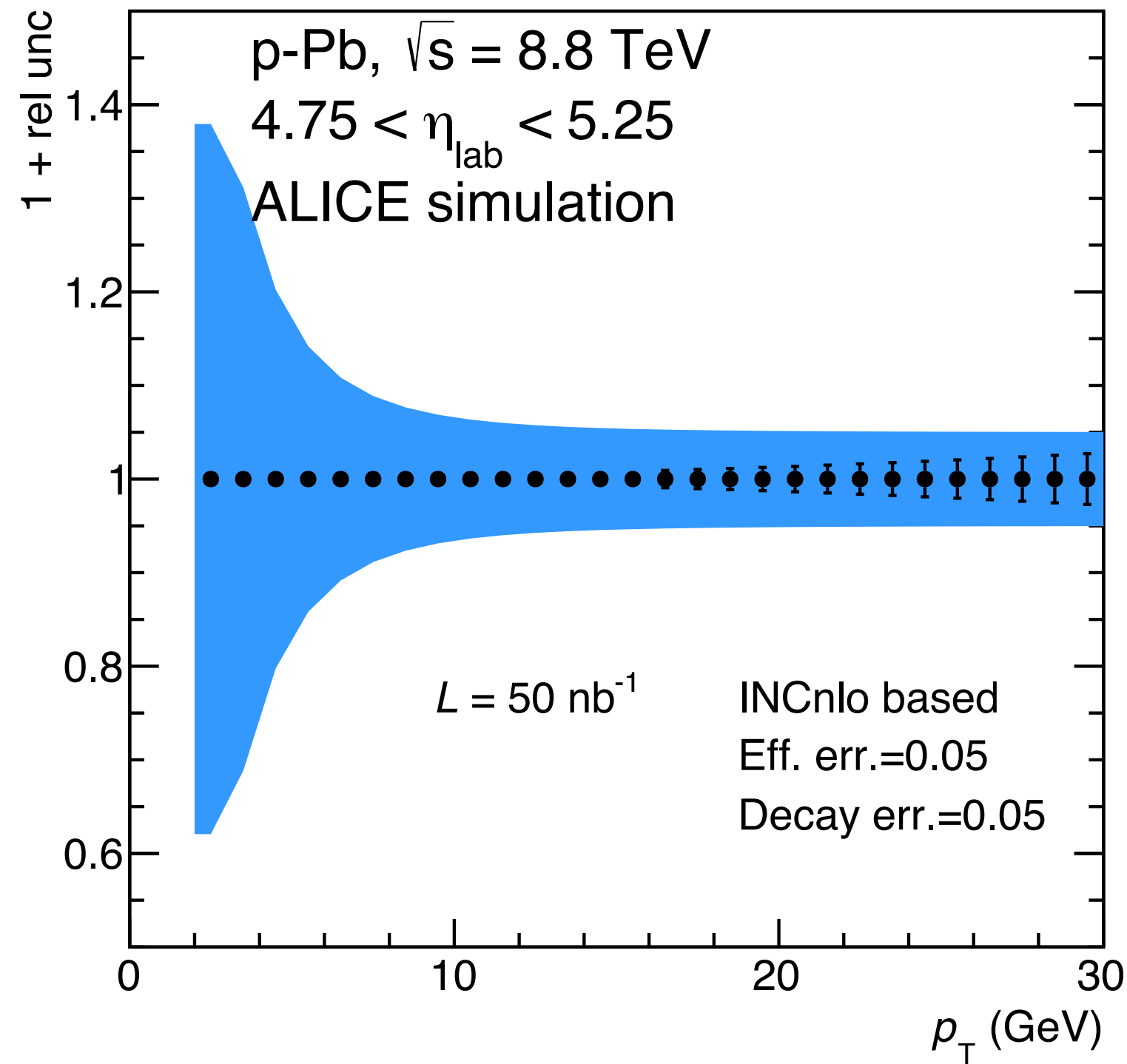
Improvement in signal fraction by factor  $\sim 10$  to  $\sim 0.1-0.6$



# Expected performance and impact on nPDF

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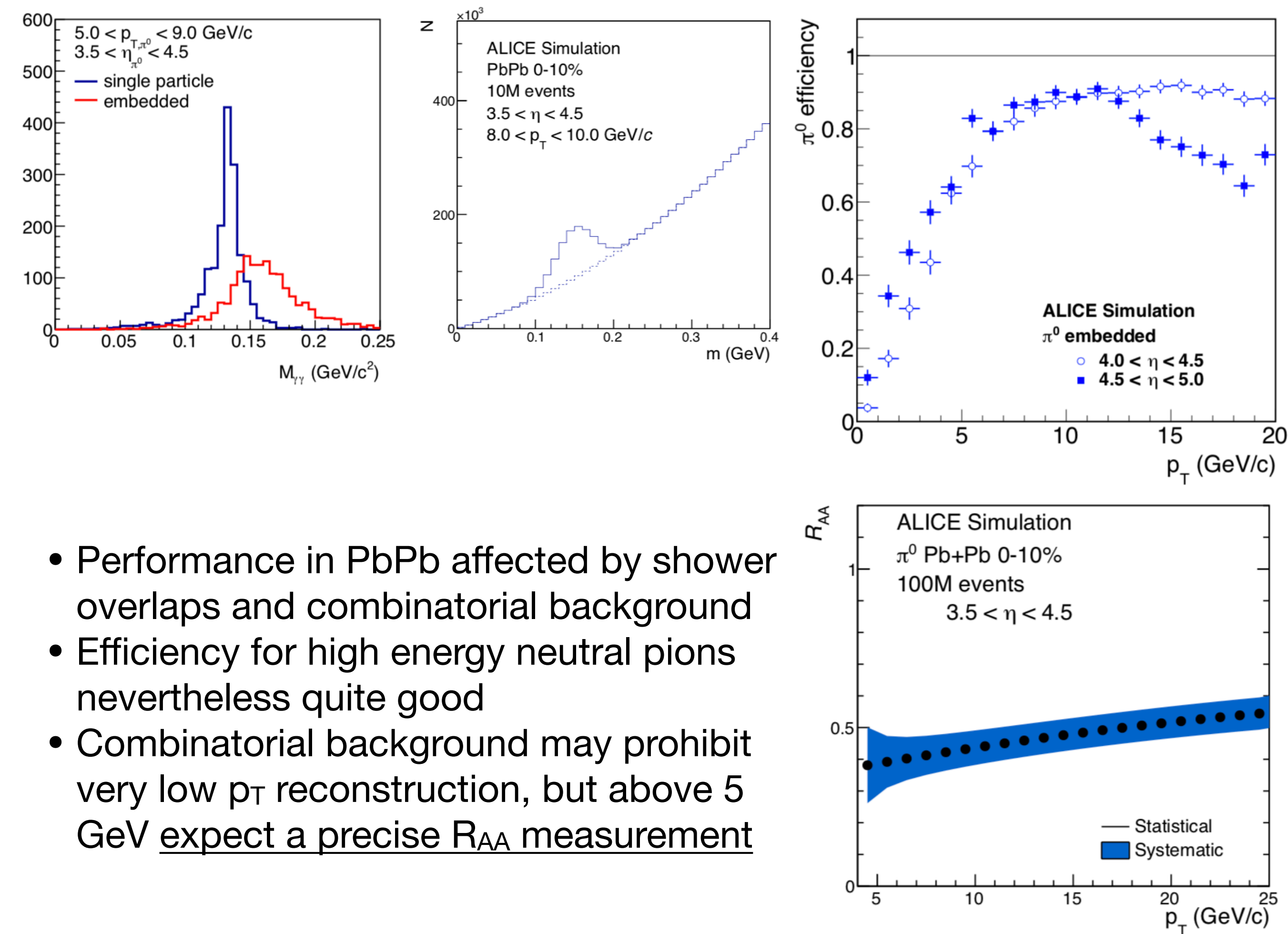


- Systematic uncertainty  $\sim 20\%$  at  $\sim 4$  GeV
- Below  $\sim 6$  GeV, uncertainty rises due to remaining background

- Significant improvement (up to factor 2) on EPPS16 gluon PDF
- Similar improvement as from open charm
  - Test factorization/universality
- Below 4 GeV: challenging regime
  - Also measure direct photons by statistical subtraction

- Recent nuclear PDFs: nNNPDF from DIS and minimal theoretical assumptions
- No constraints for  $x < 10^{-2}$  from DIS
  - FOCAL provides significant constraints over a broad range:  $\sim 10^{-5} - 10^{-2}$
  - Outperforming the EIC for  $x < 10^{-3}$

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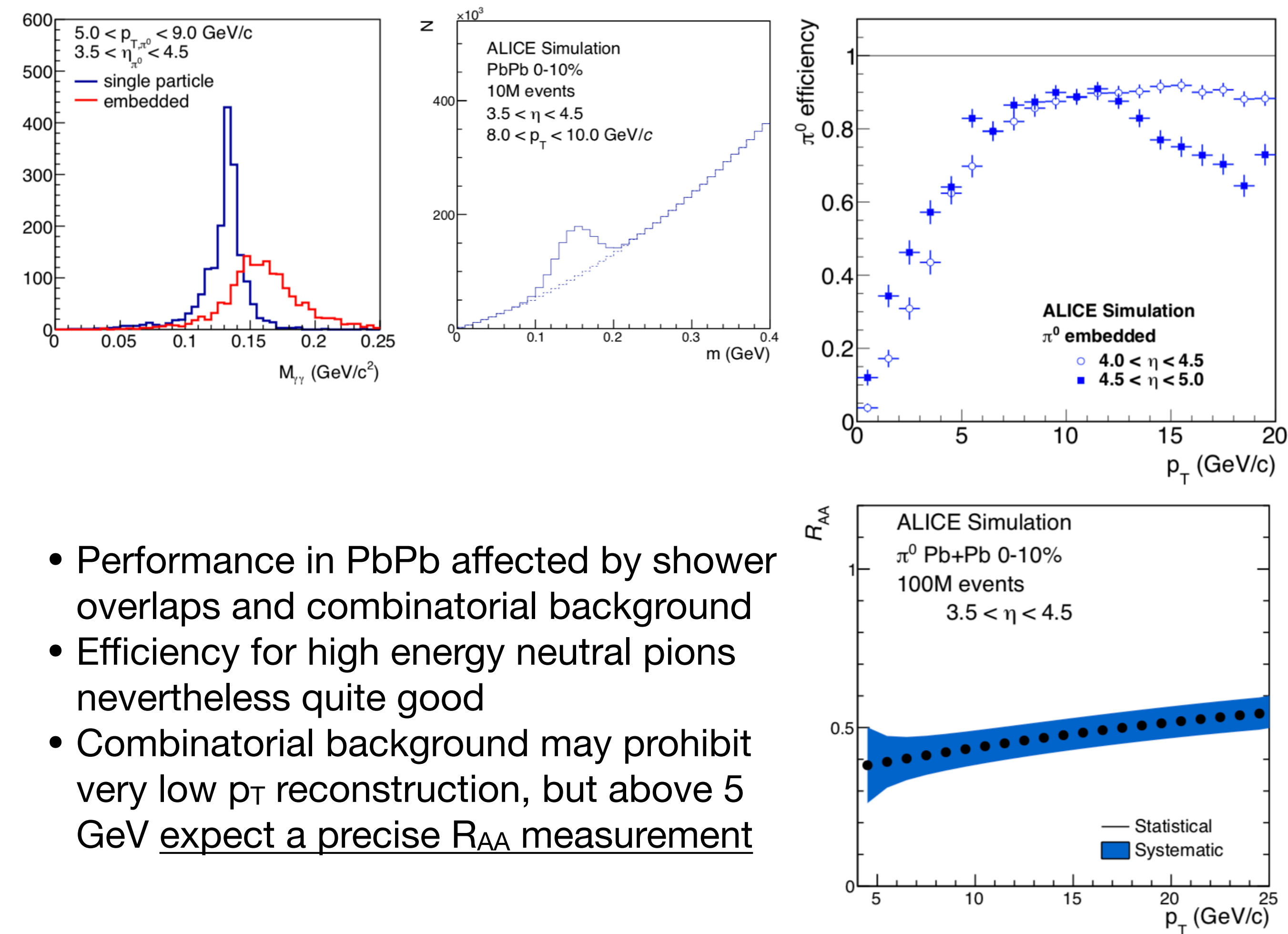


- Performance in PbPb affected by shower overlaps and combinatorial background
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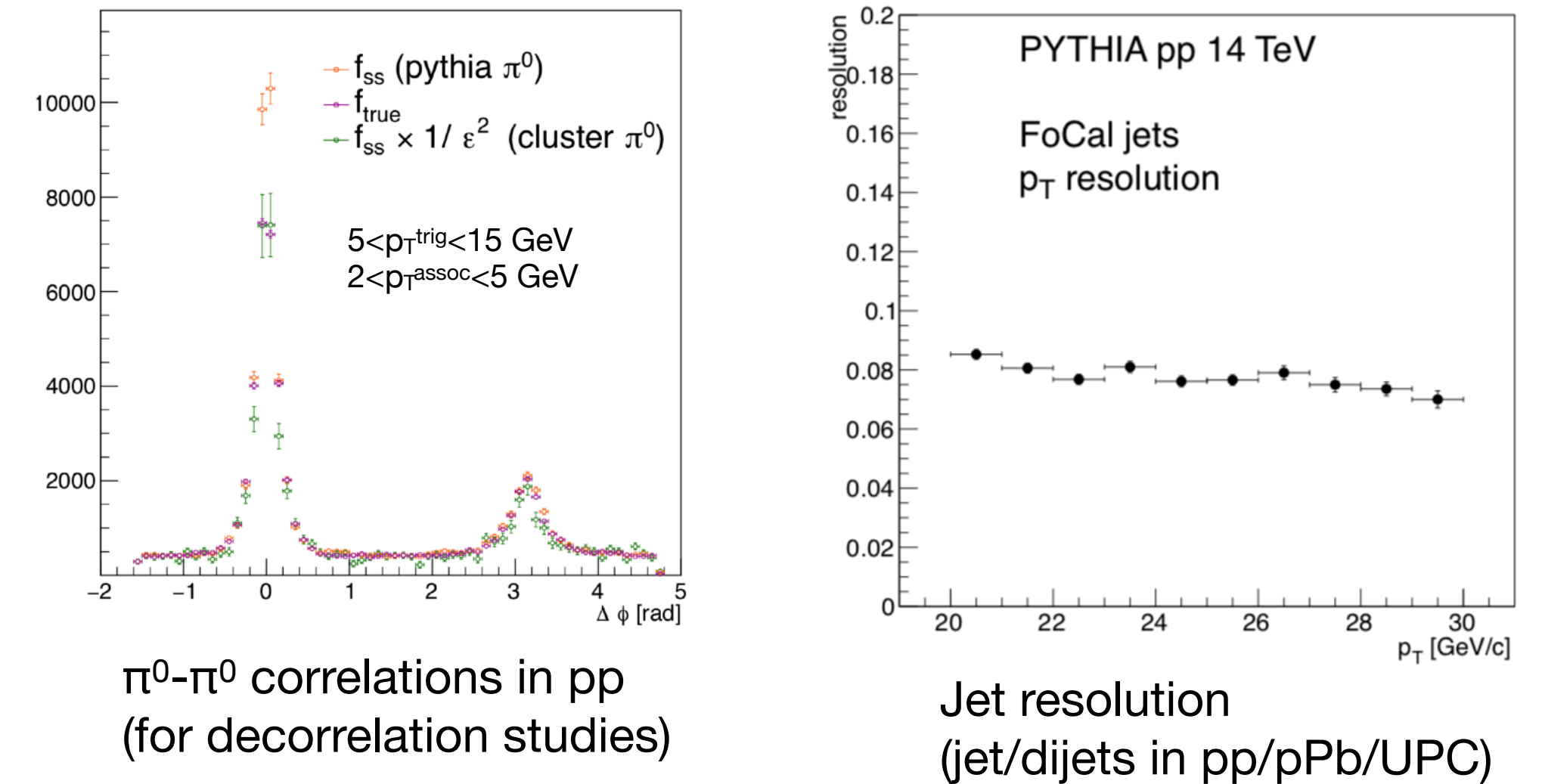
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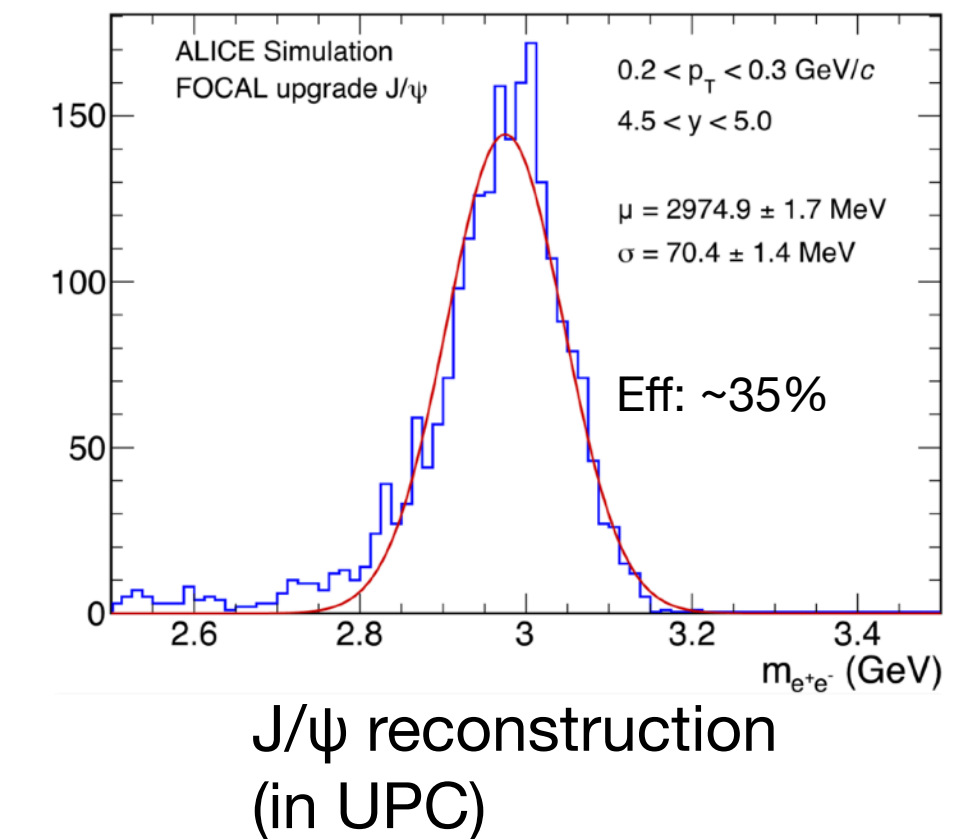
## Other observables



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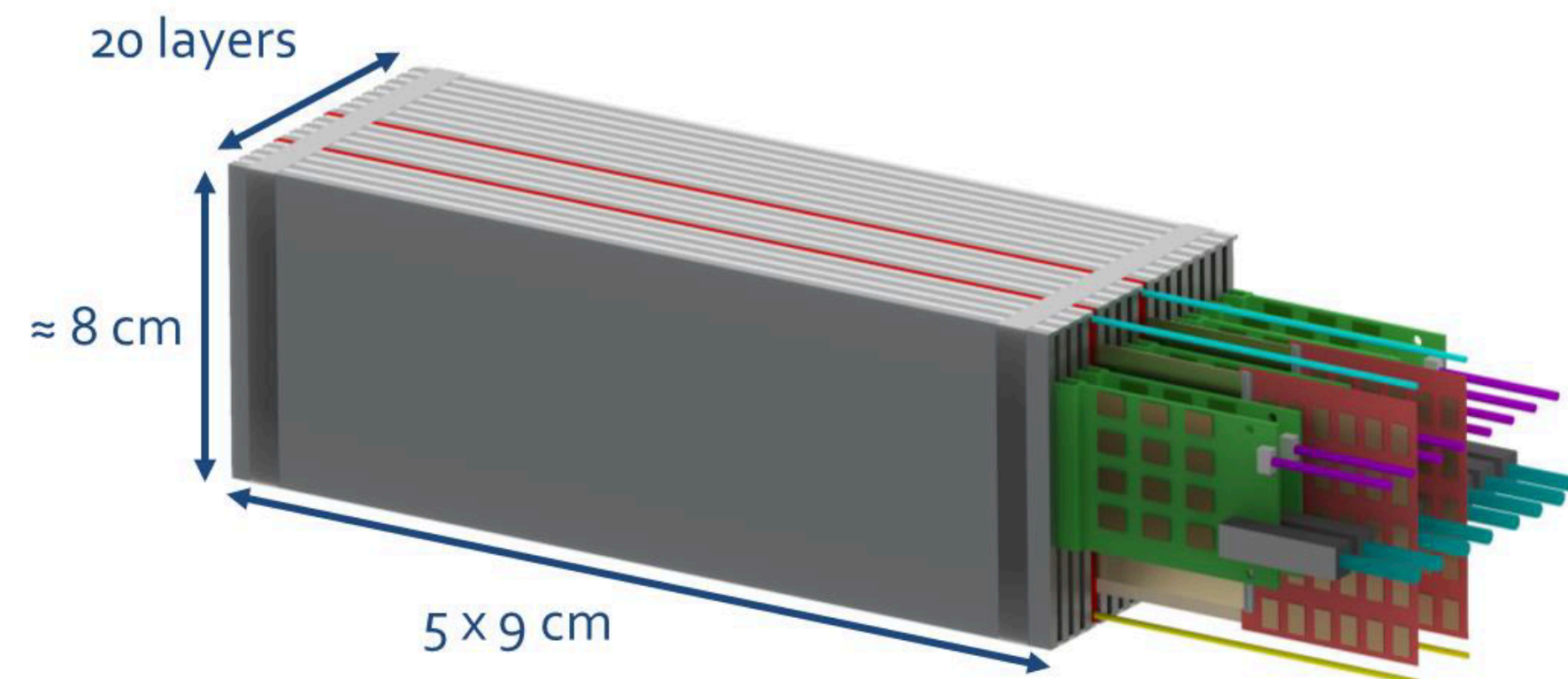


- Promising performance for other key observables
- To be studied in more detail for TDR



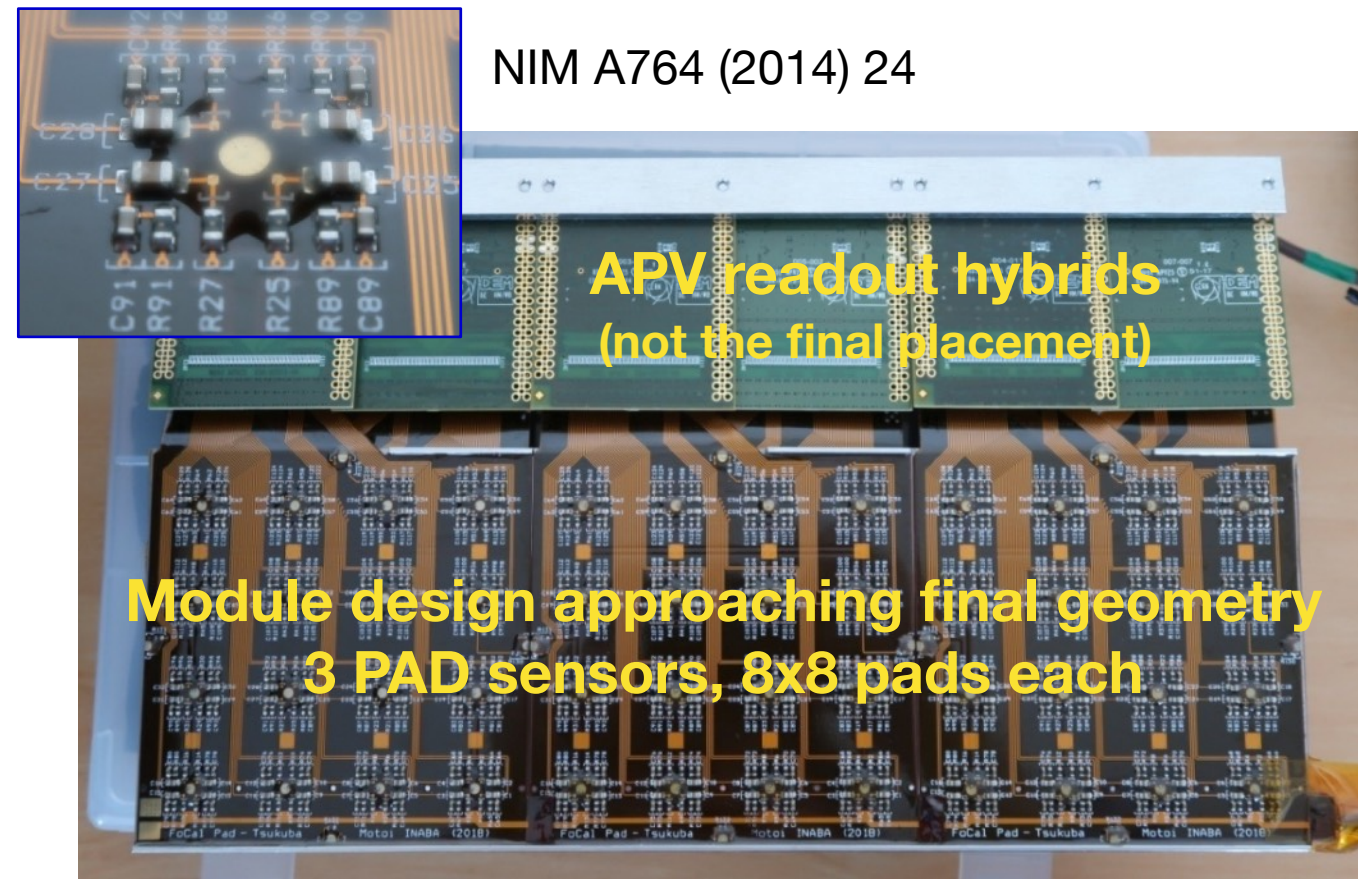
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### 3. R&D and test beam results



# Prototypes (since ~2014)

Pads connected to flex PCB



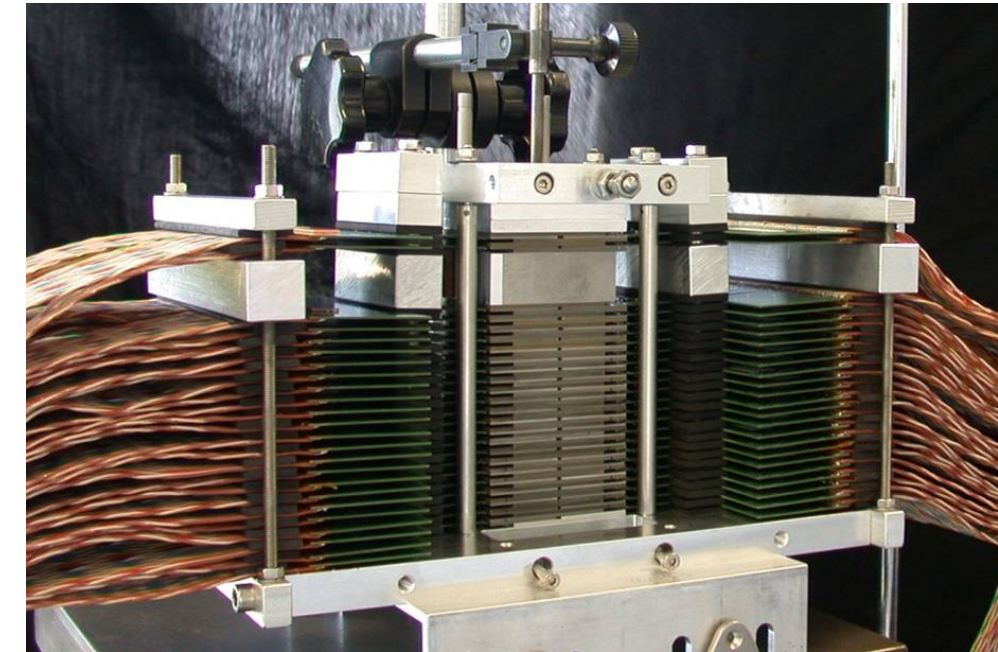
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APV readout hybrids  
(not the final placement)

Module design approaching final geometry  
3 PAD sensors, 8x8 pads each

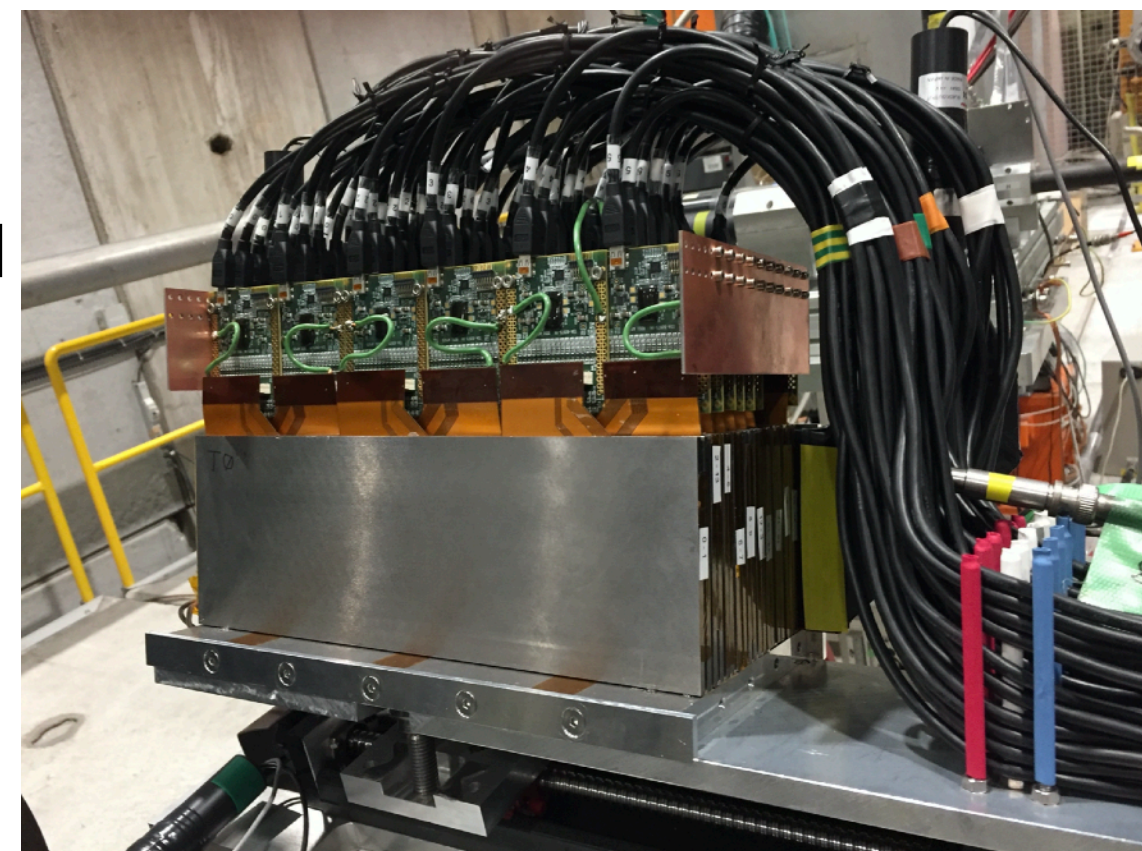
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Full pixel - MIMOSA tower  
39M pixels



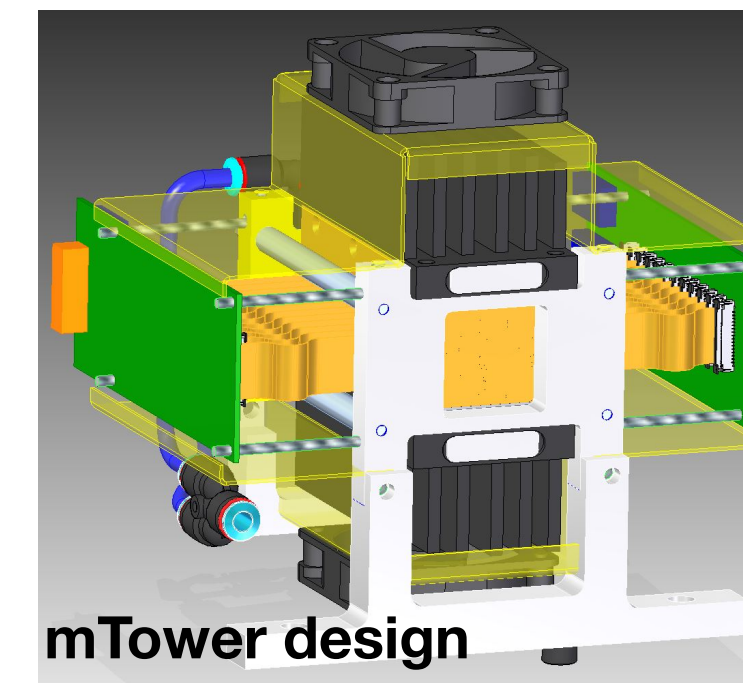
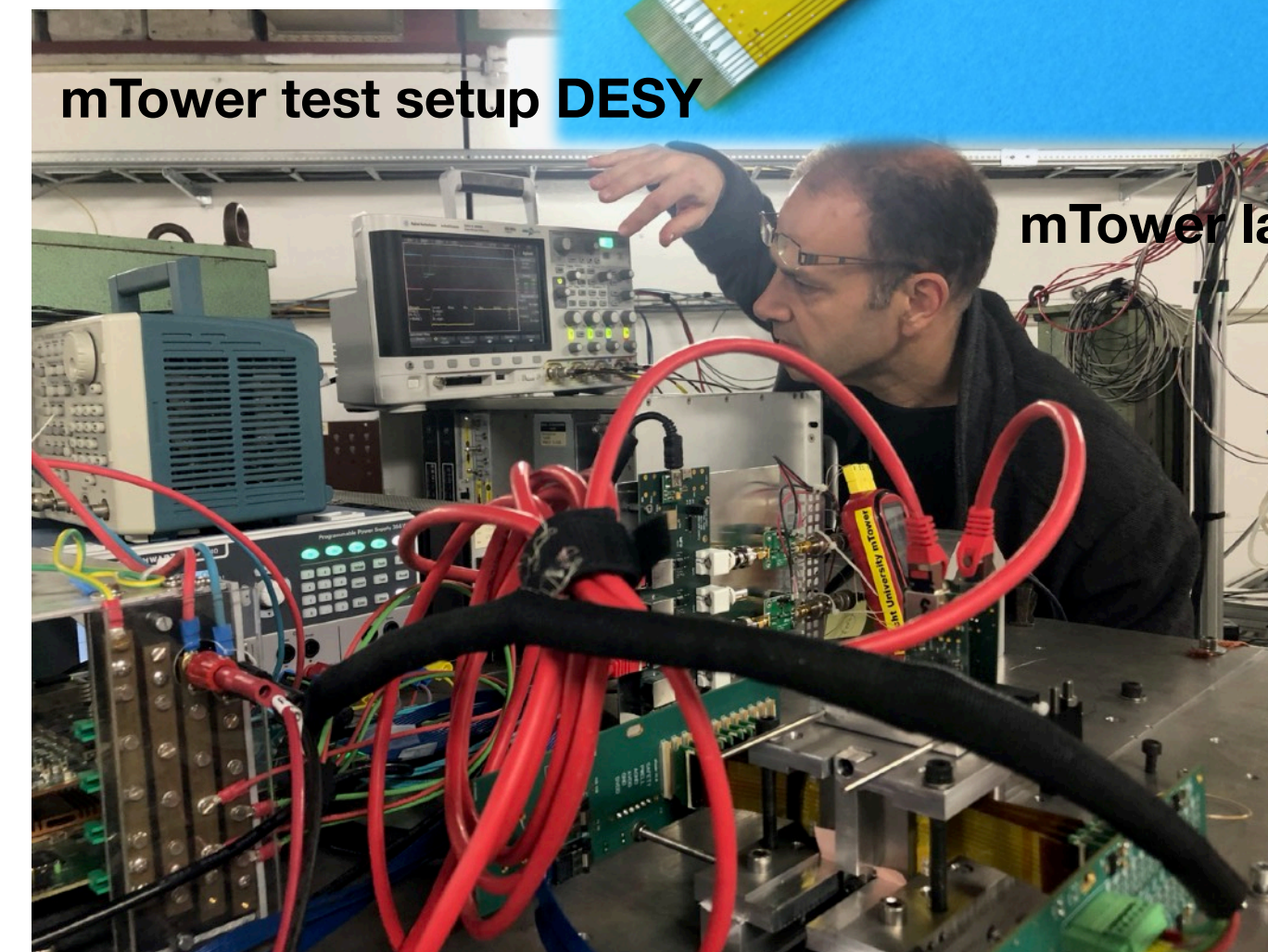
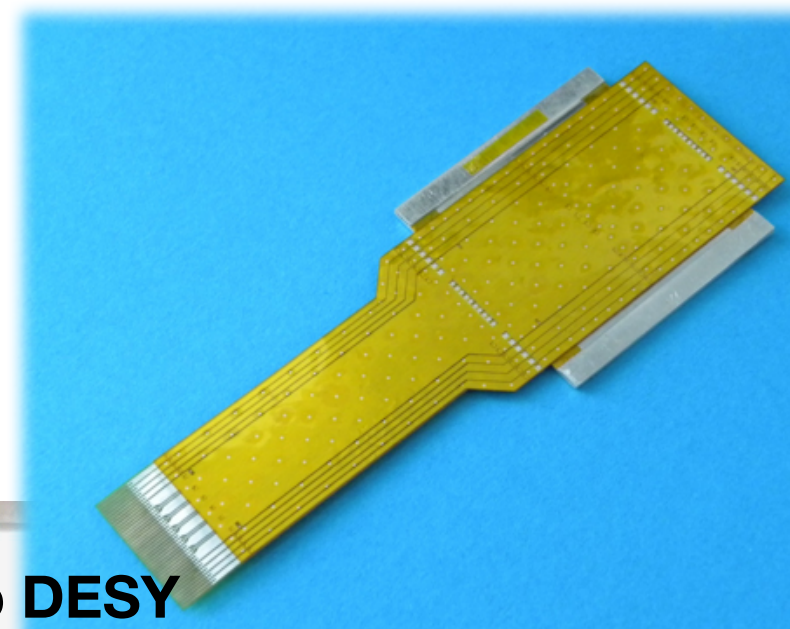
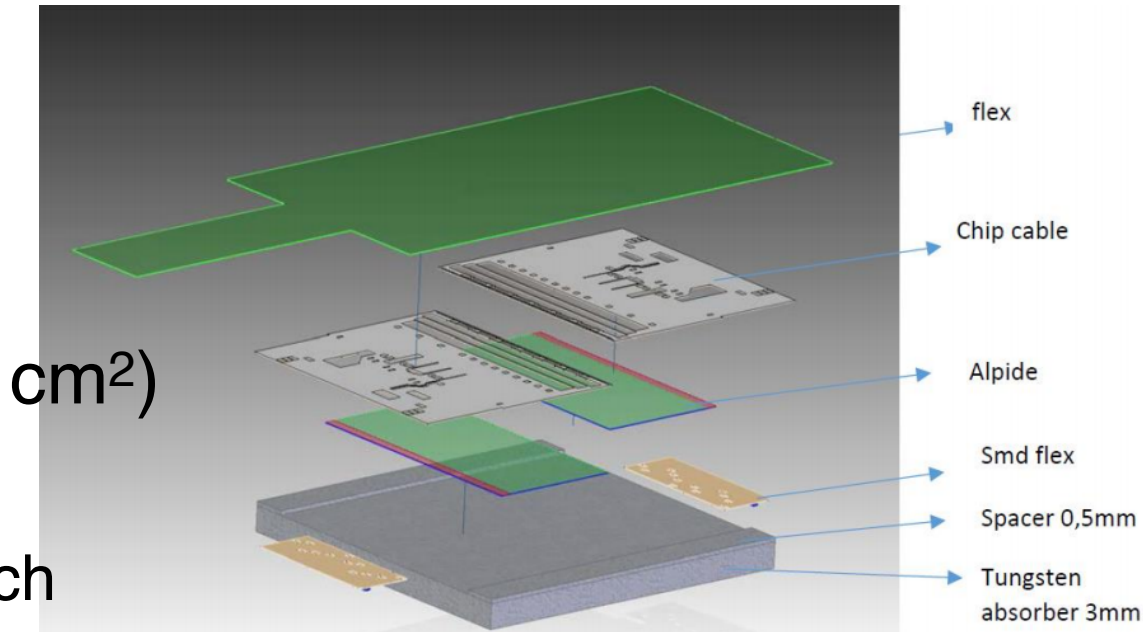
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Mini-FoCal (PADs only) in beam at P2



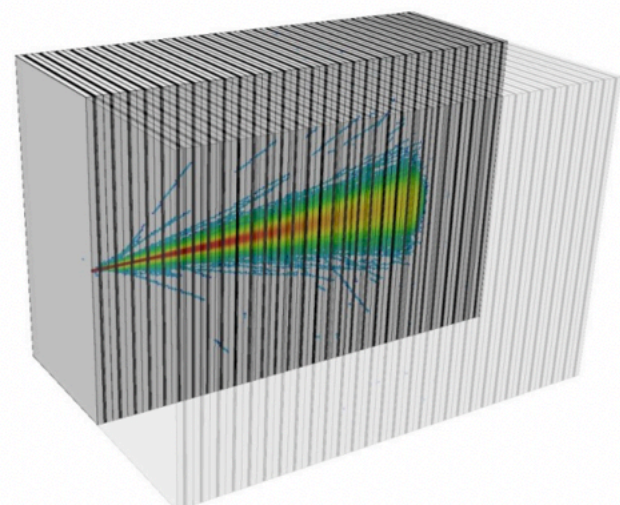
## ALPIDE Prototype: mTower

- Small digital calorimeter (3x3 cm<sup>2</sup>)
- 24 layers
  - 2 ALPIDE sensors/3 mm W each
- first measurement with 1-5 GeV electron beams @ Desy
- main goal: ALPIDE/system performance with high occupancy
  - also collect shower data, measure resolution, ...



## Experience with prototypes since ~2014

- Pad layers: Several more-and-more refined prototypes
- Pixel layers: Full (22 layers) pixel prototype and proton CT prototype
- Mini-FoCal in 13 TeV beam at P2:
  - Measure/verify backgrounds in situ
- Proton CT project (Bergen et al.)



See recent detector seminar at CERN:  
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/856365/>

References to all publications in LOI

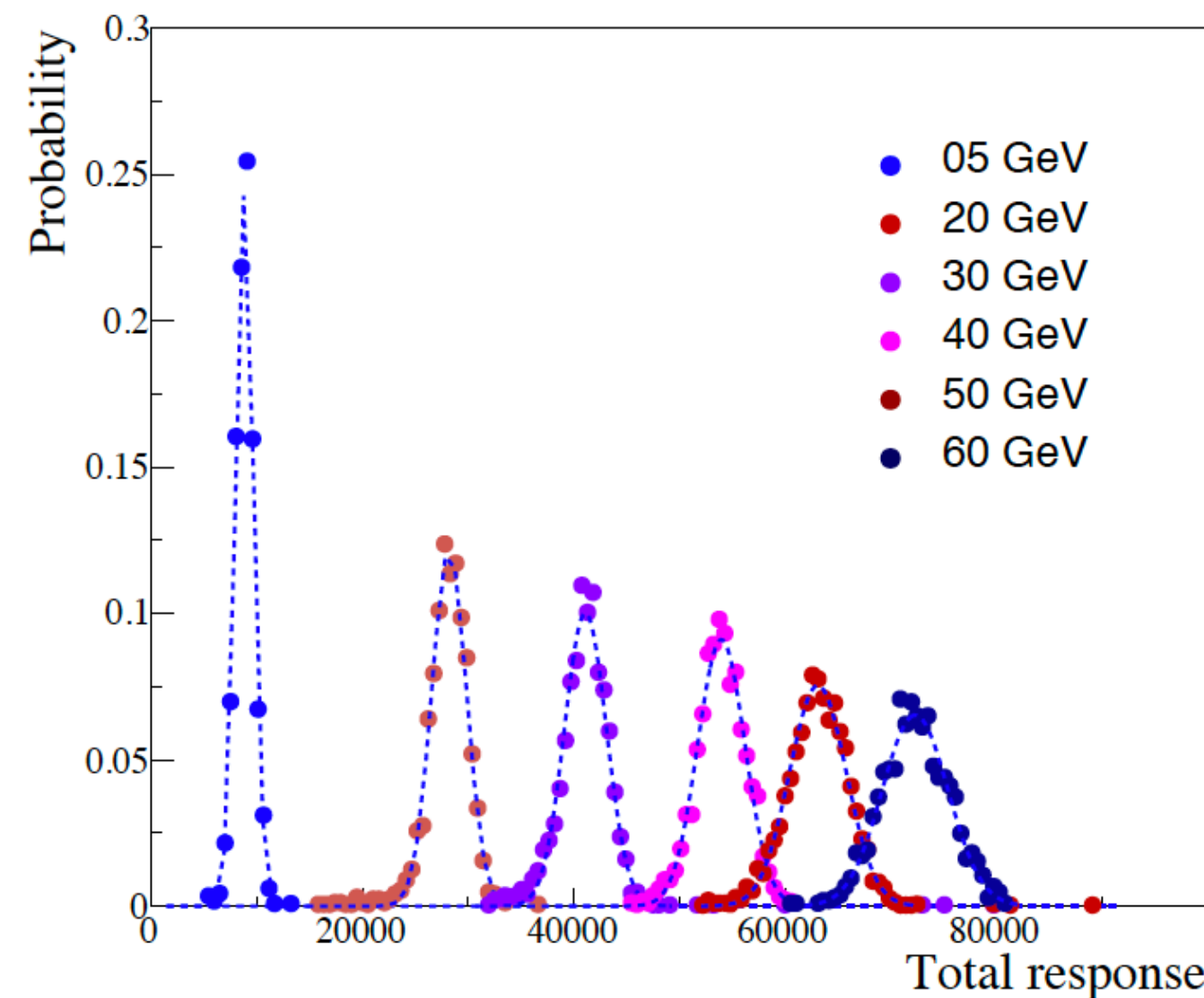
Data just taken at DESY - being analyzed

## Experience gained over past years

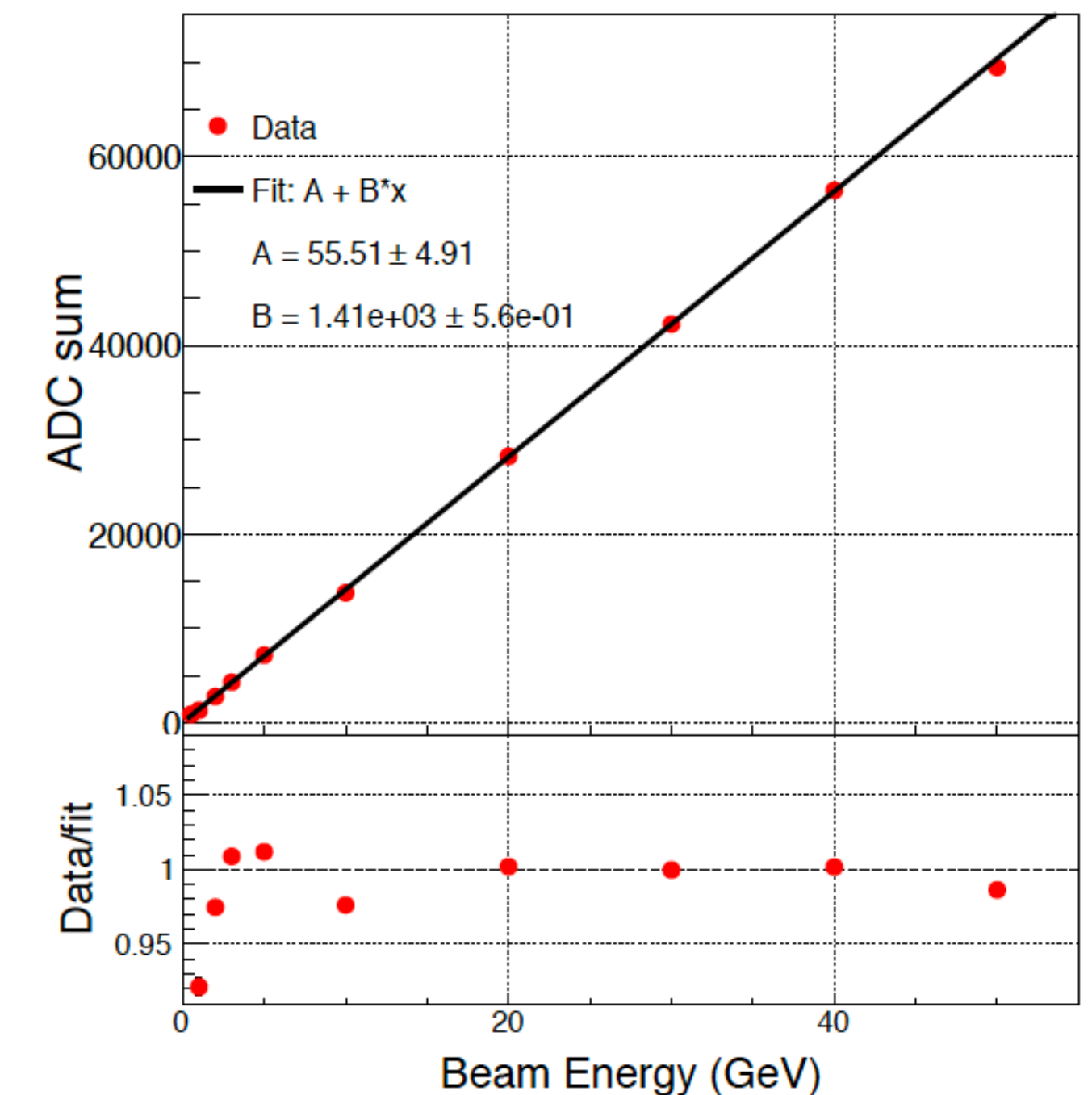
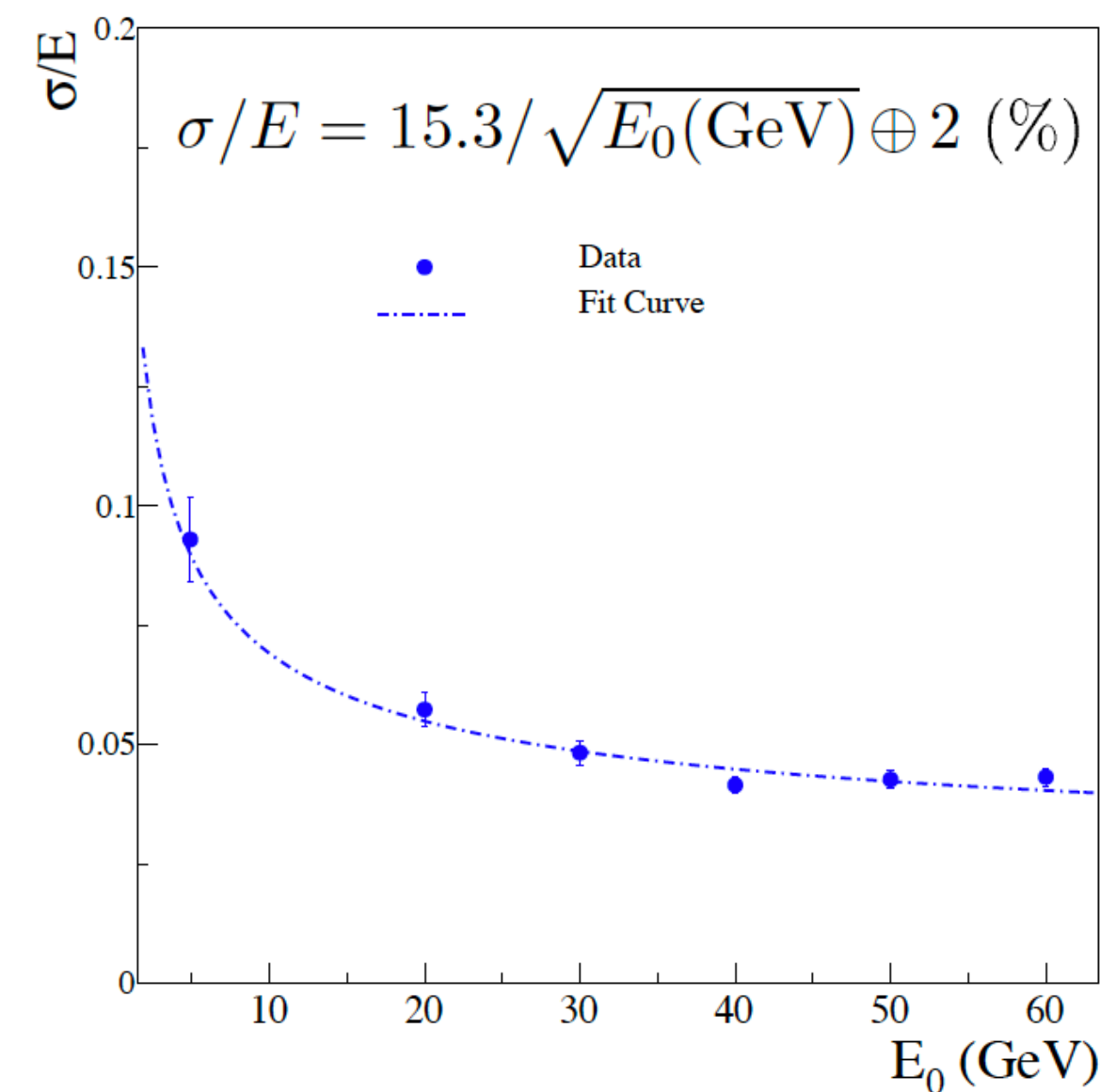
- Series of beam tests (PS, SPS): 2012-2018
- Beam times shared pad + pixel technology

- Indian prototypes:
  - NIM A 764 (2014) 24
  - [JINST 15 \(2020\) 03, P03015](#)
- ORNL / Japan prototype:
  - <https://arxiv.org/abs/1912.11115>

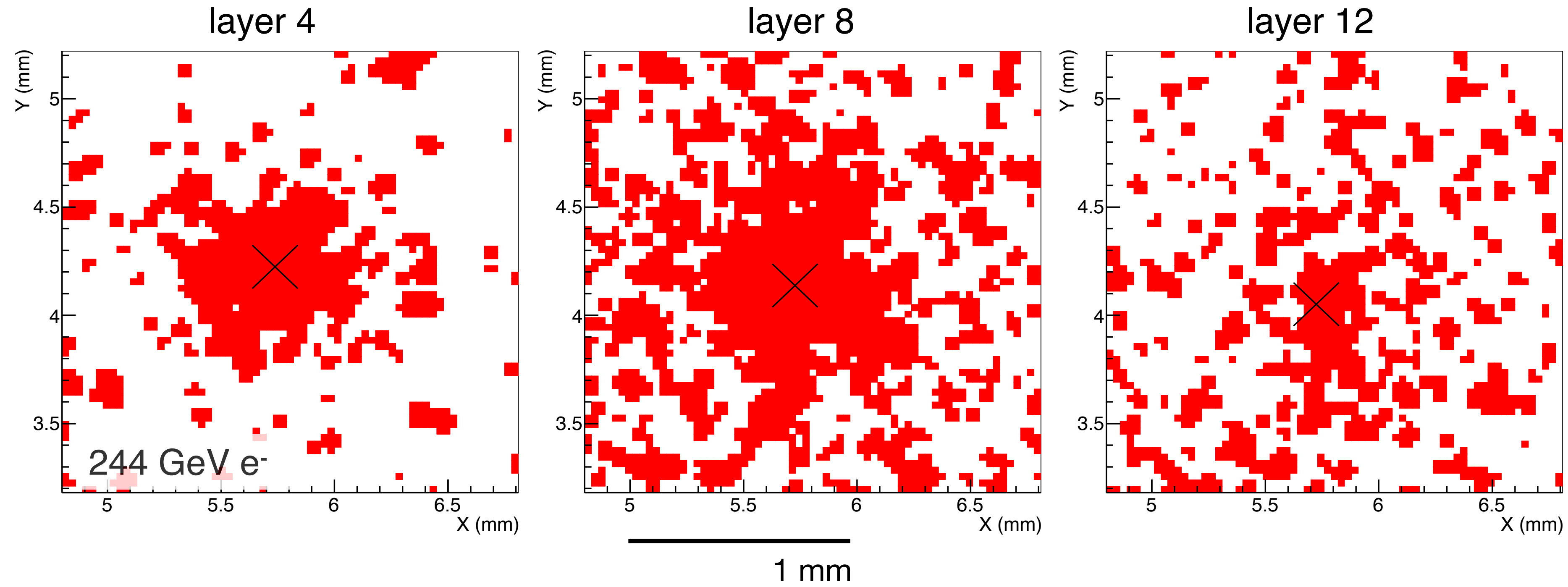
Large activity in Japan (Tsukuba, Tsukuba Tech, Nara W, Hiroshima), India (VECC, BARC), US (ORNL)



Indian prototypes : MANAS readout



ORNL / Japan prototypes : APV25 hybrid readout

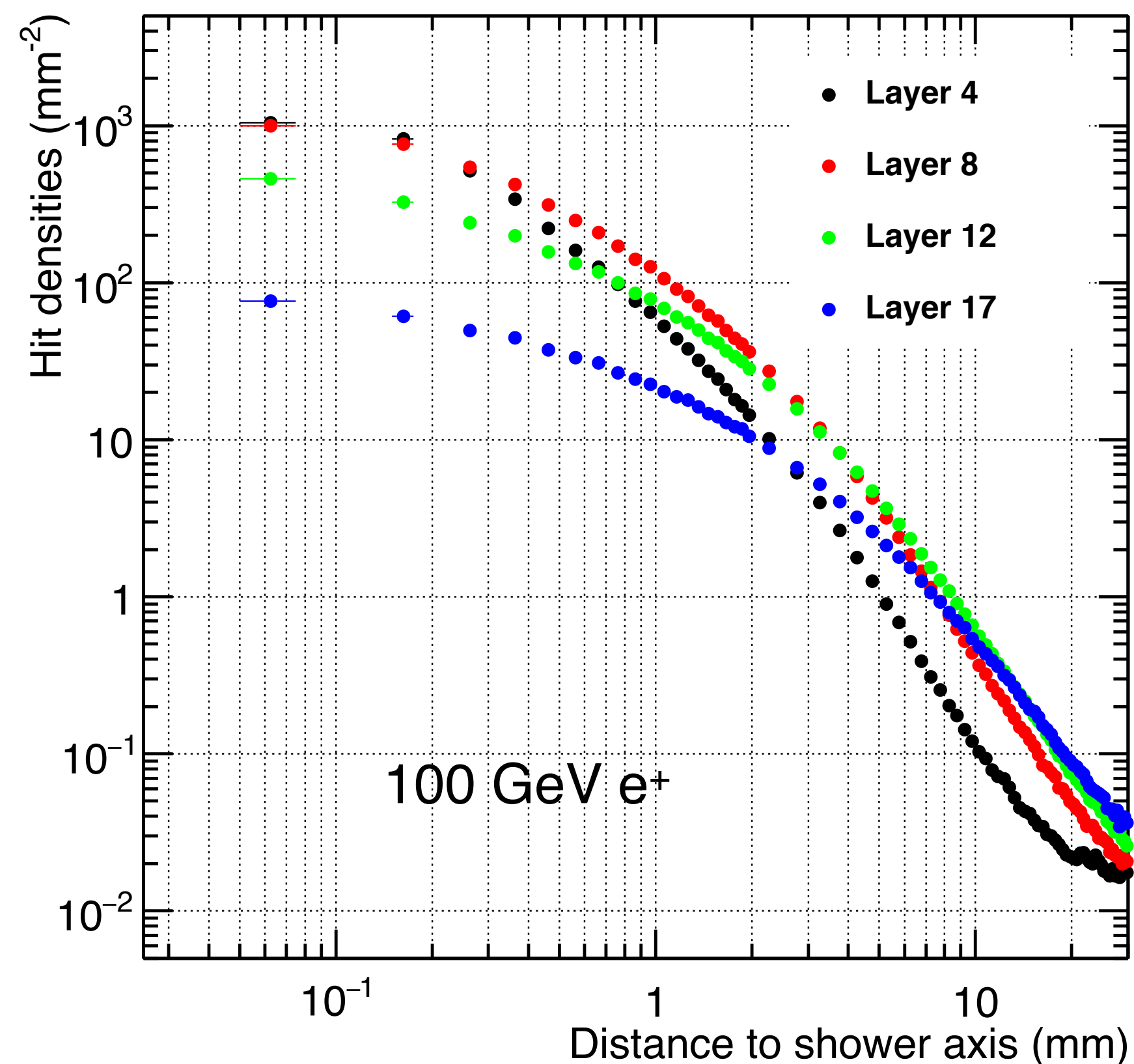


Pixel layers: very detailed view of shower

2-shower separation at mm scale

Use hit count as amplitude

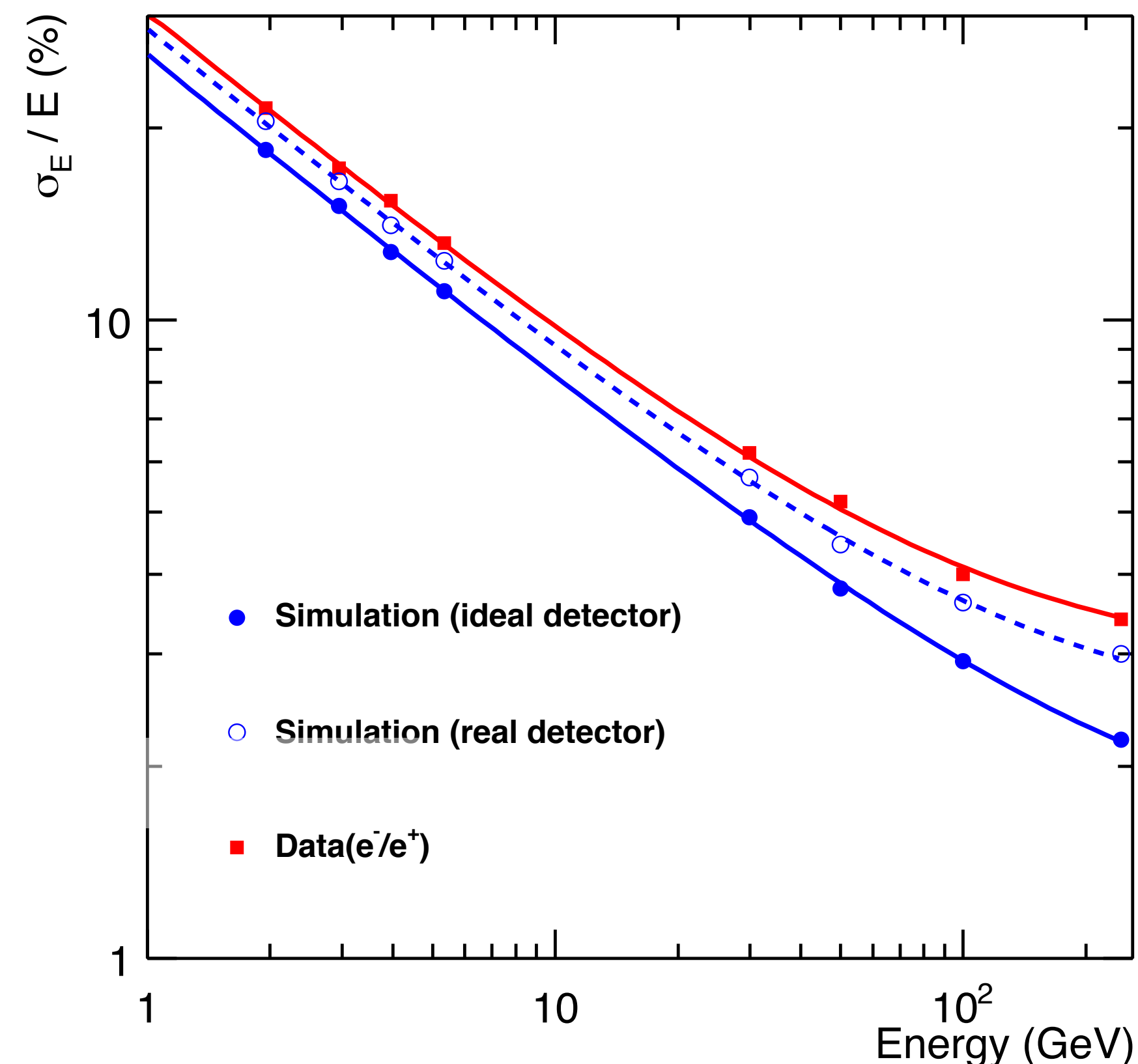
Lateral profile: hit densities as a function of radius



Unique detailed measurements of shower shapes

Large fraction of hits in first few mm around shower axis  
Profile broadens in later layers

Energy resolution



$$\frac{\sigma_E}{E} = \frac{(28.5 \pm 3.8) \%}{\sqrt{E/\text{GeV}}} + \frac{(6.3) \%}{E/\text{GeV}} + (2.95 \pm 1.65) \%$$

Energy resolution slightly worse than expected  
Sufficient for FoCal physics program



## **4. Timeline and next steps**

# Timeline

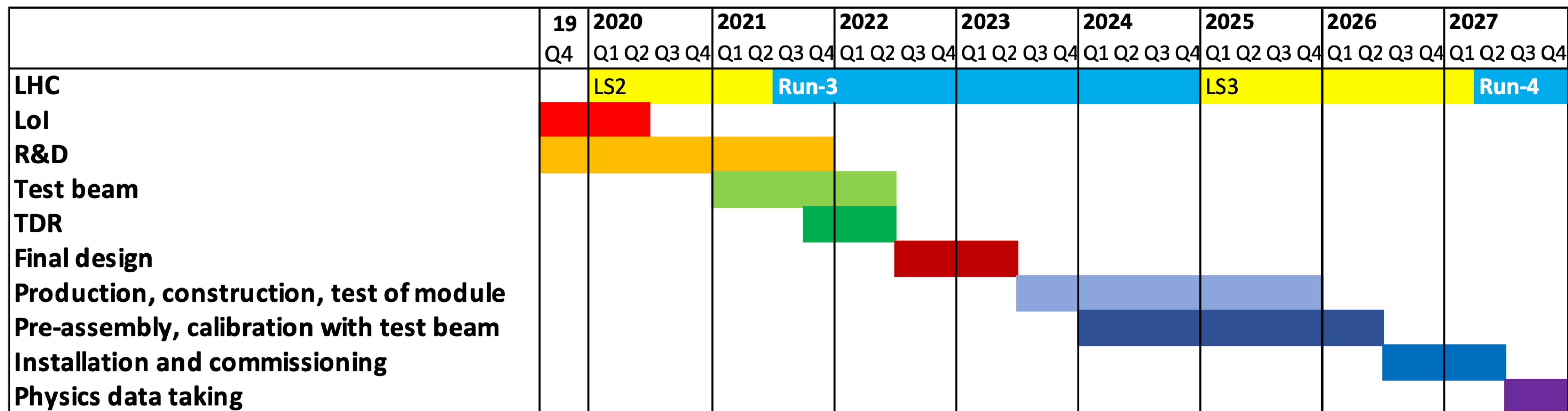


Table 6: Project timeline

Year	Activity
2016–2021	<b>R&amp;D</b>
2020	Letter of Intent
2020–2022	<b>final design</b>
	Technical Design Report design/technical qualifications
2023–2027	<b>Construction and Installation</b>
2023–2025	production, construction and test of detector modules
2024–2025	pre-assembly calibration with test beam
2026	installation and commissioning
06/2027	Start of Run 4

- Next important step: Entering the engineering phase towards testbeam(s) 2021/22 and TDR
  - Produce a close-to-final prototype module
    - Pad and pixel layers
    - Hcal prototype
- Production estimated to fit well into 24 months
  - Plus half a year of "learning curve"

(not adjusted for Covid-19 changes)

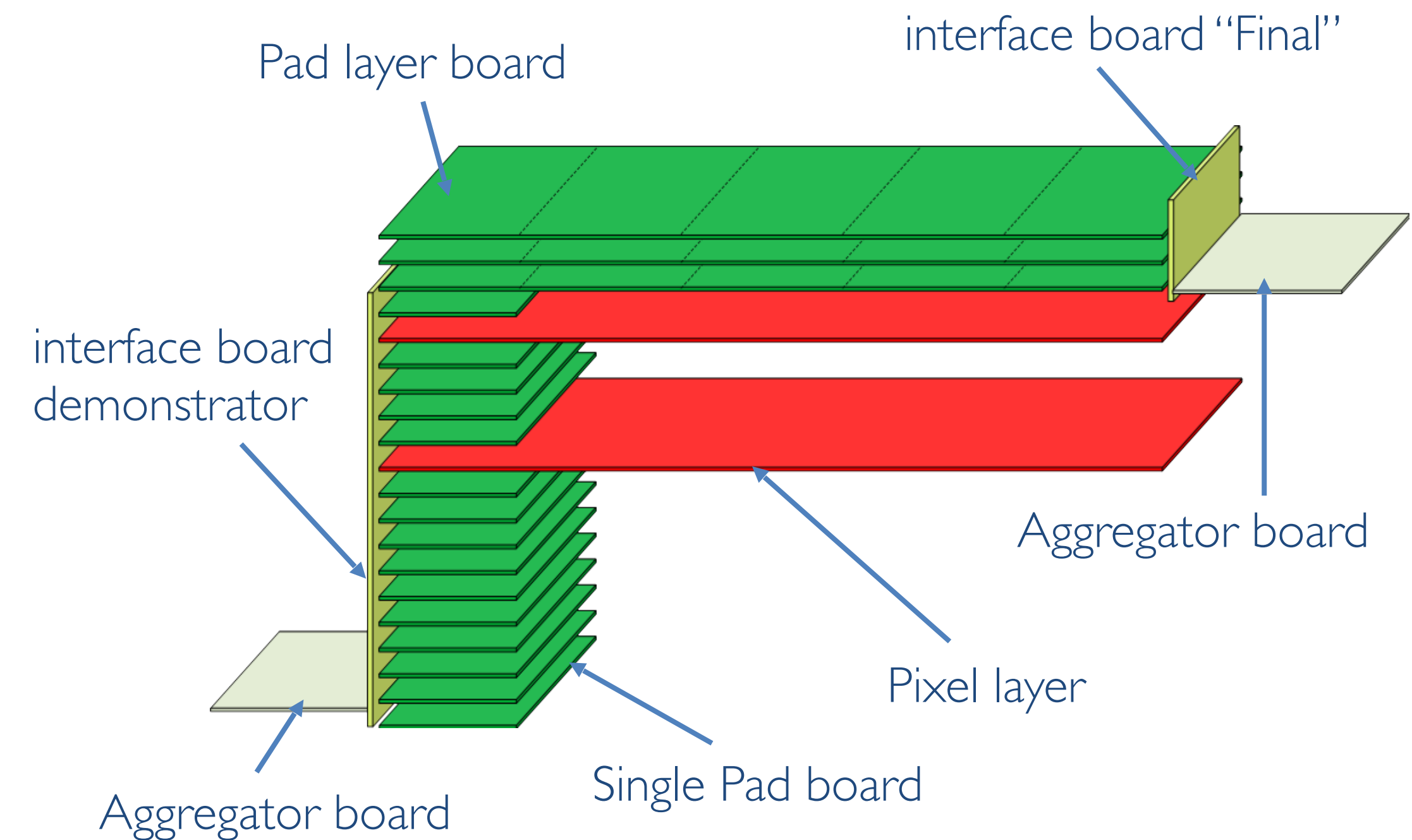
Produce and test prototype module:

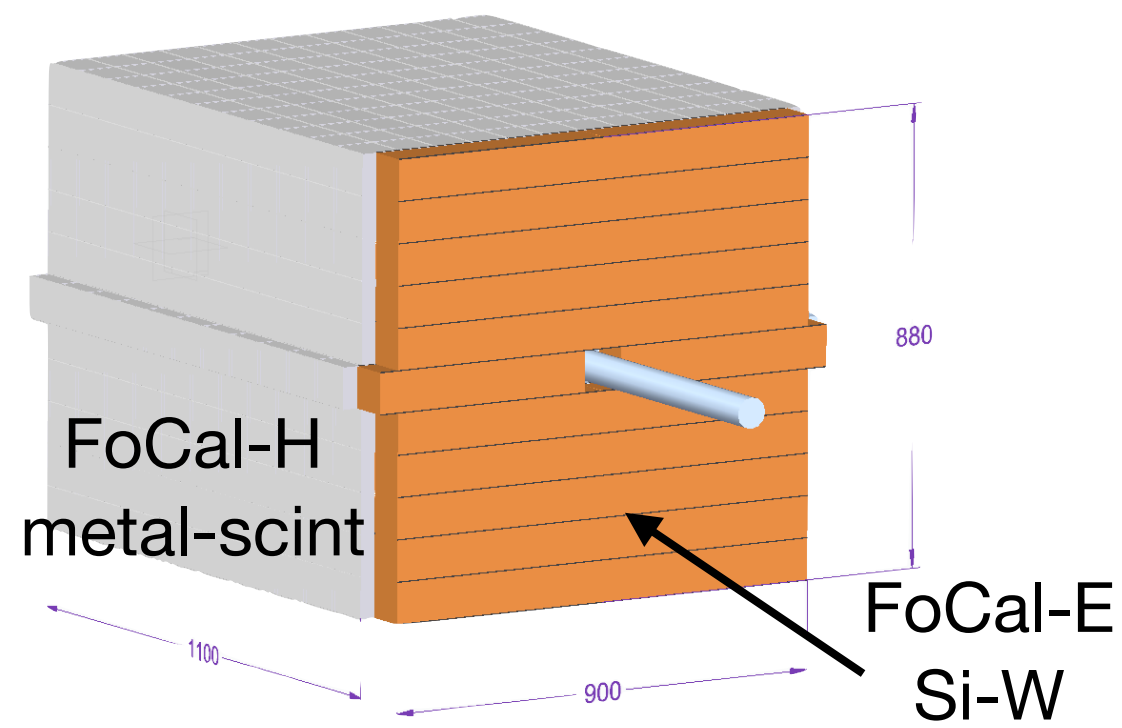
- Use final electronics configuration
- HGCR0C + sensor modules + readout
- Pixel modules + readout
- Develop cooling solution
- HCAL module

Goals:

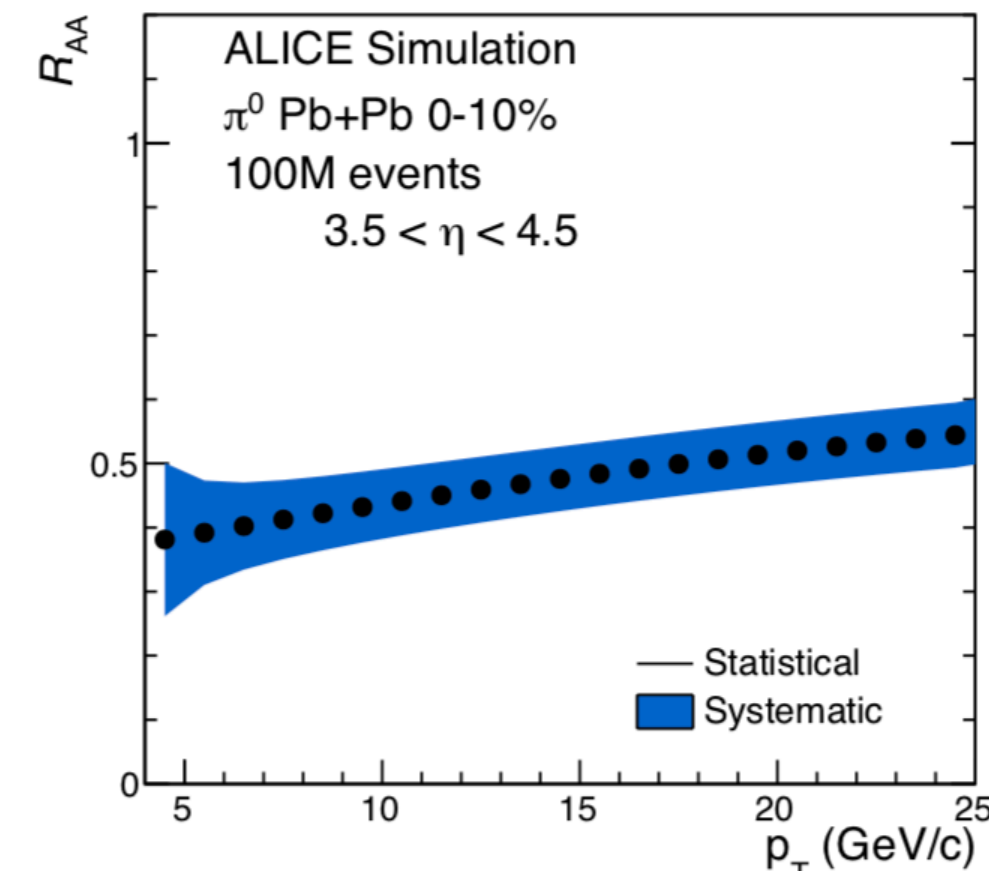
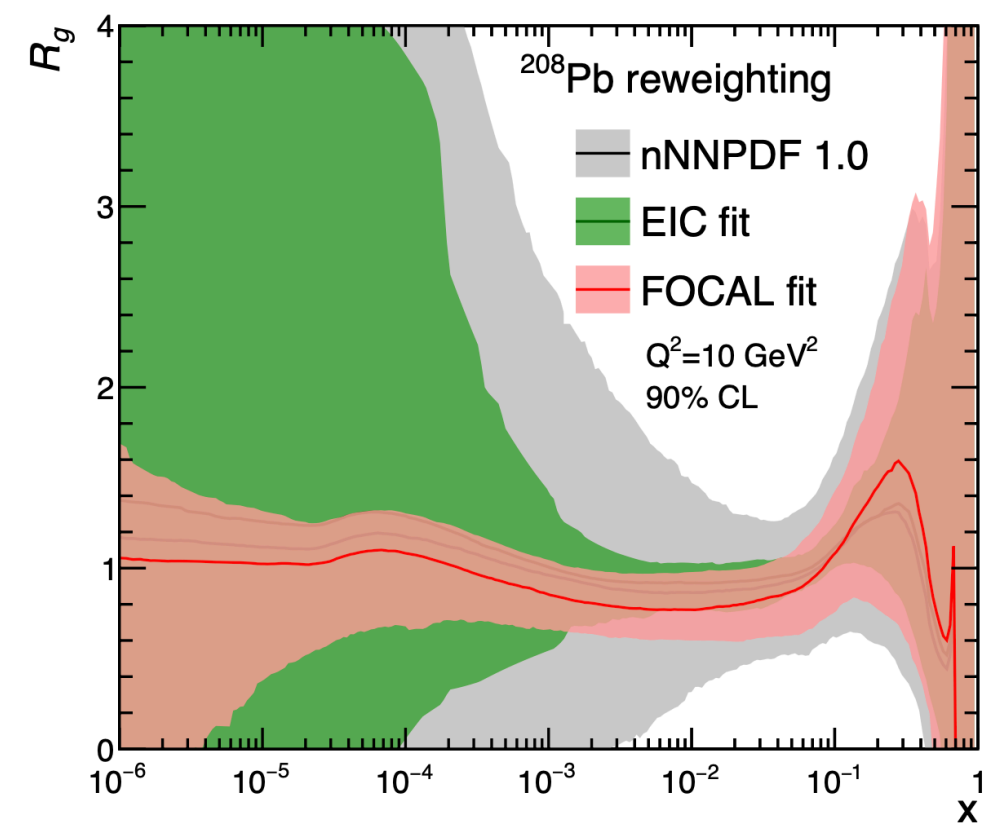
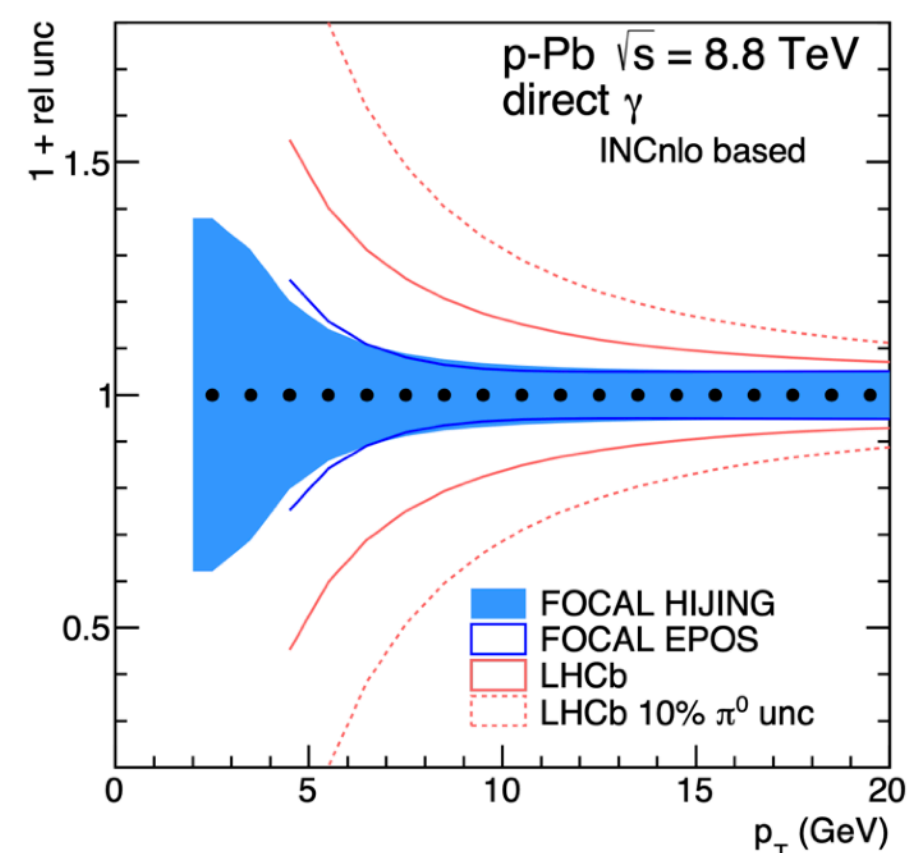
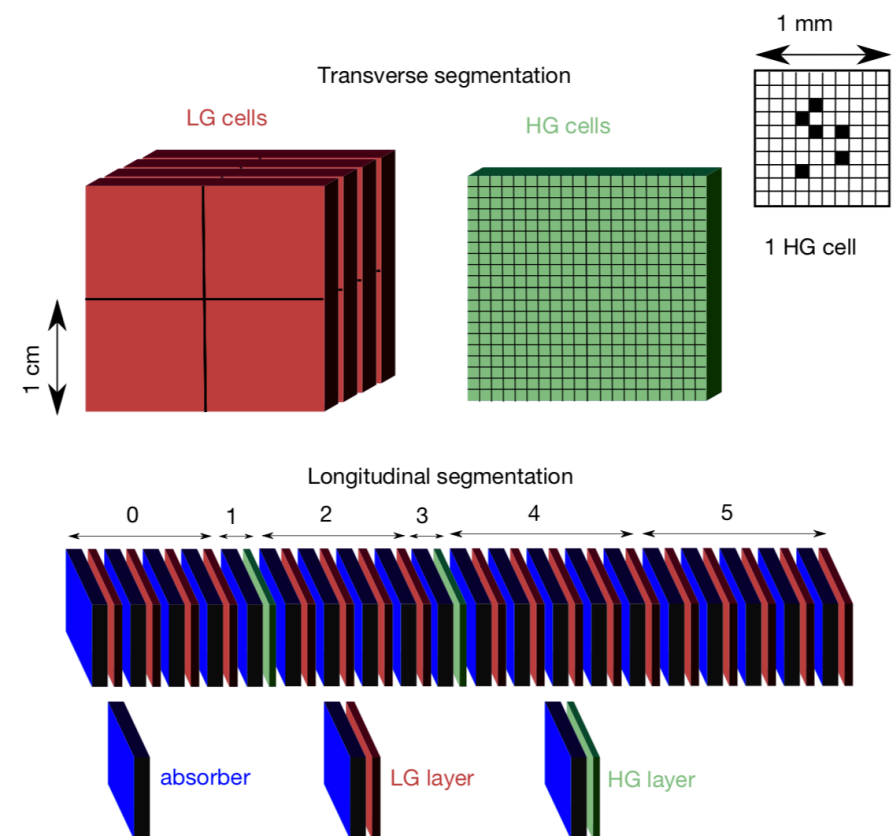
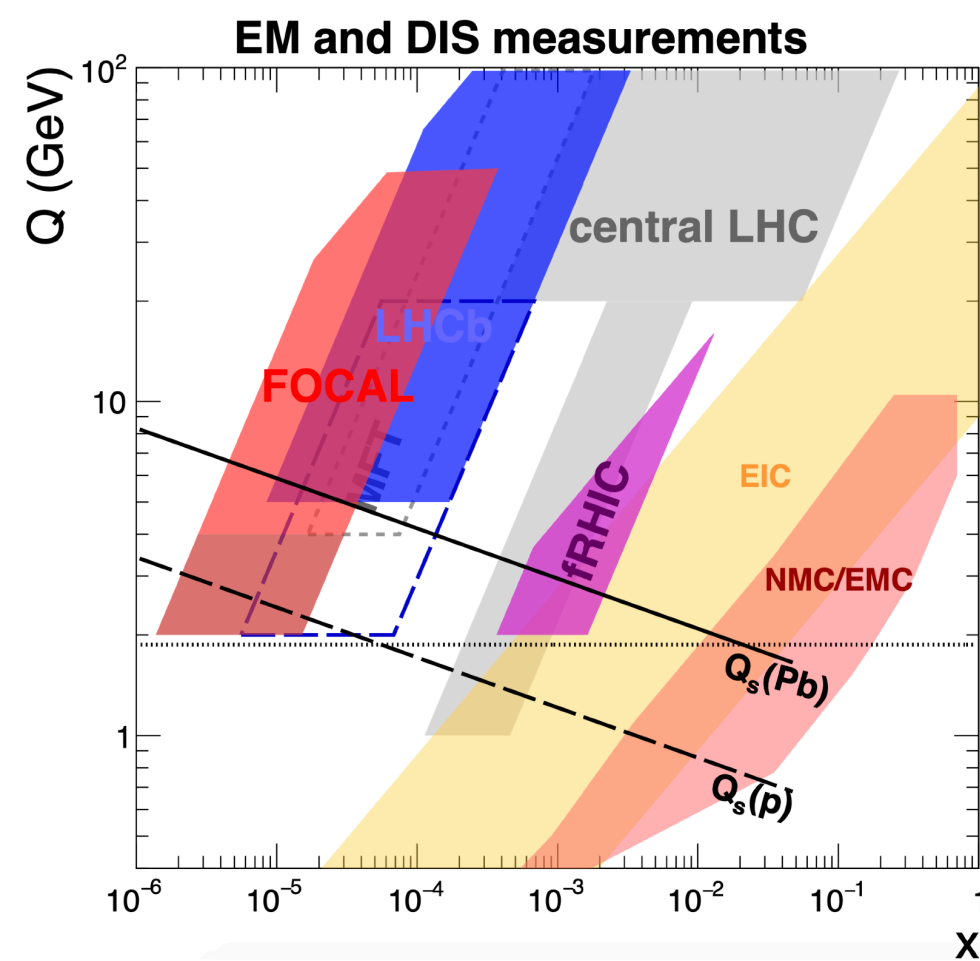
- Test/verify performance
- Gain experience with production/assembly
- Optimise processes
- Specification for TDR

Test module concept: full depth, reduced area

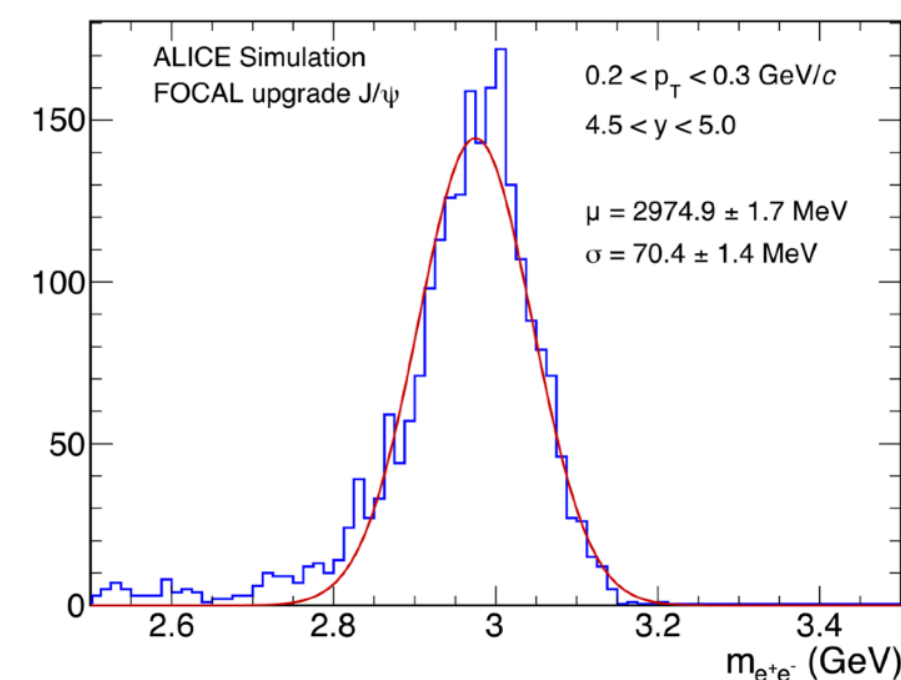




- FoCaL very forward, highly-granular Si+W "shower tracking" ECal with HCal
  - Rich physics programme in pp, pPb, PbPb and UPC
  - Main physics goal to explore non-linear QCD evolution
    - Isolated photons, UPC, correlations
    - Excellent performance over large  $\eta$  down to low  $p_T$  with small uncertainties as necessary to constrain nPDFs and to observe deviations from linear evolution
    - Strong small-x program at LHC together with LHCb; smaller x-region than at fRHIC and EIC
- Exciting calorimeter concept and technology
  - Large experience with prototypes
  - Technology synergy (ALPIDE, HGCROC)
  - Feasibility (choice of technology, integration, adequate resources) established
- Challenging and interesting times ahead towards the TDR
  - Individuals and institutions are very welcome to join the effort



+ UPC, correlations, jets



**Extra**

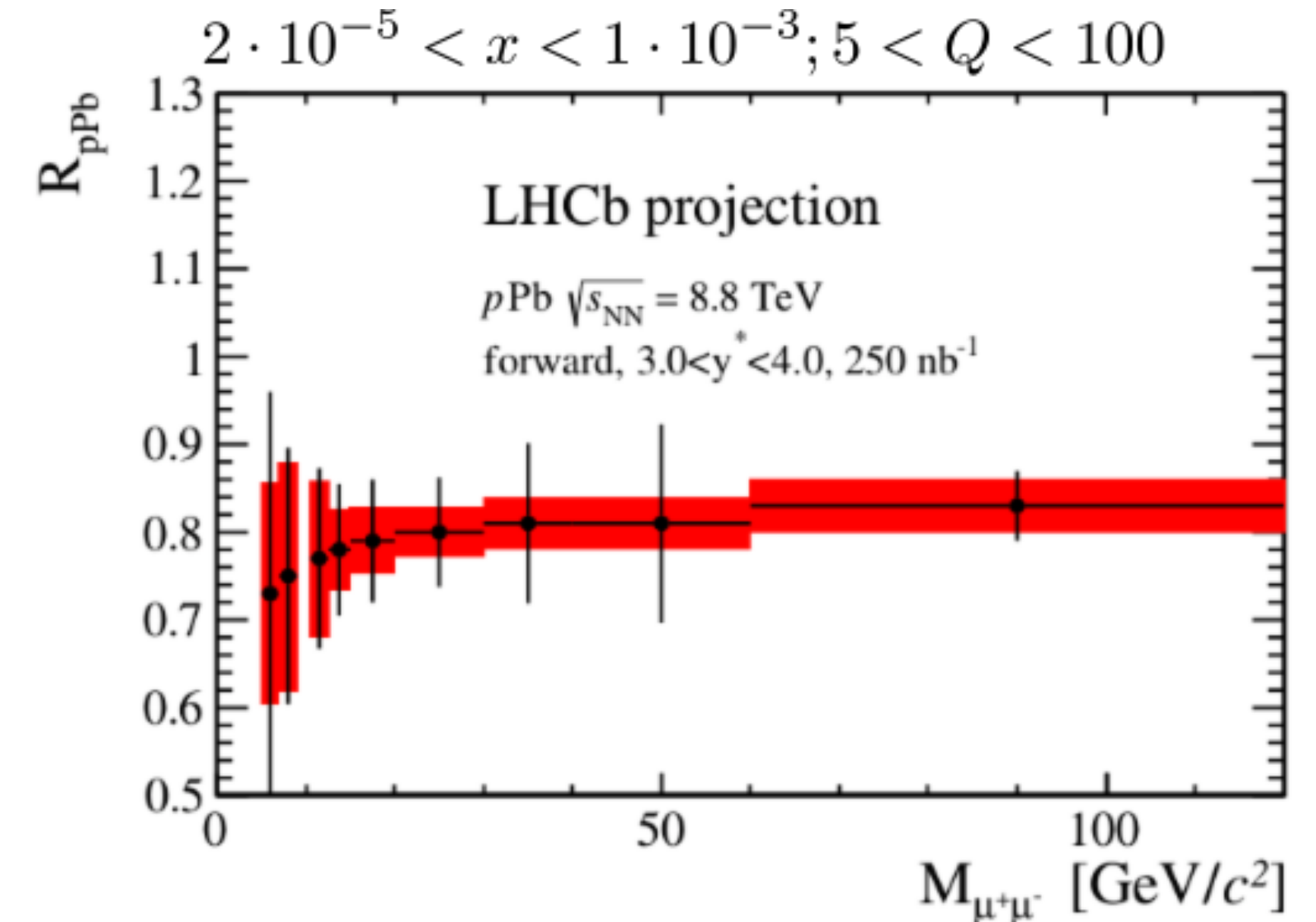
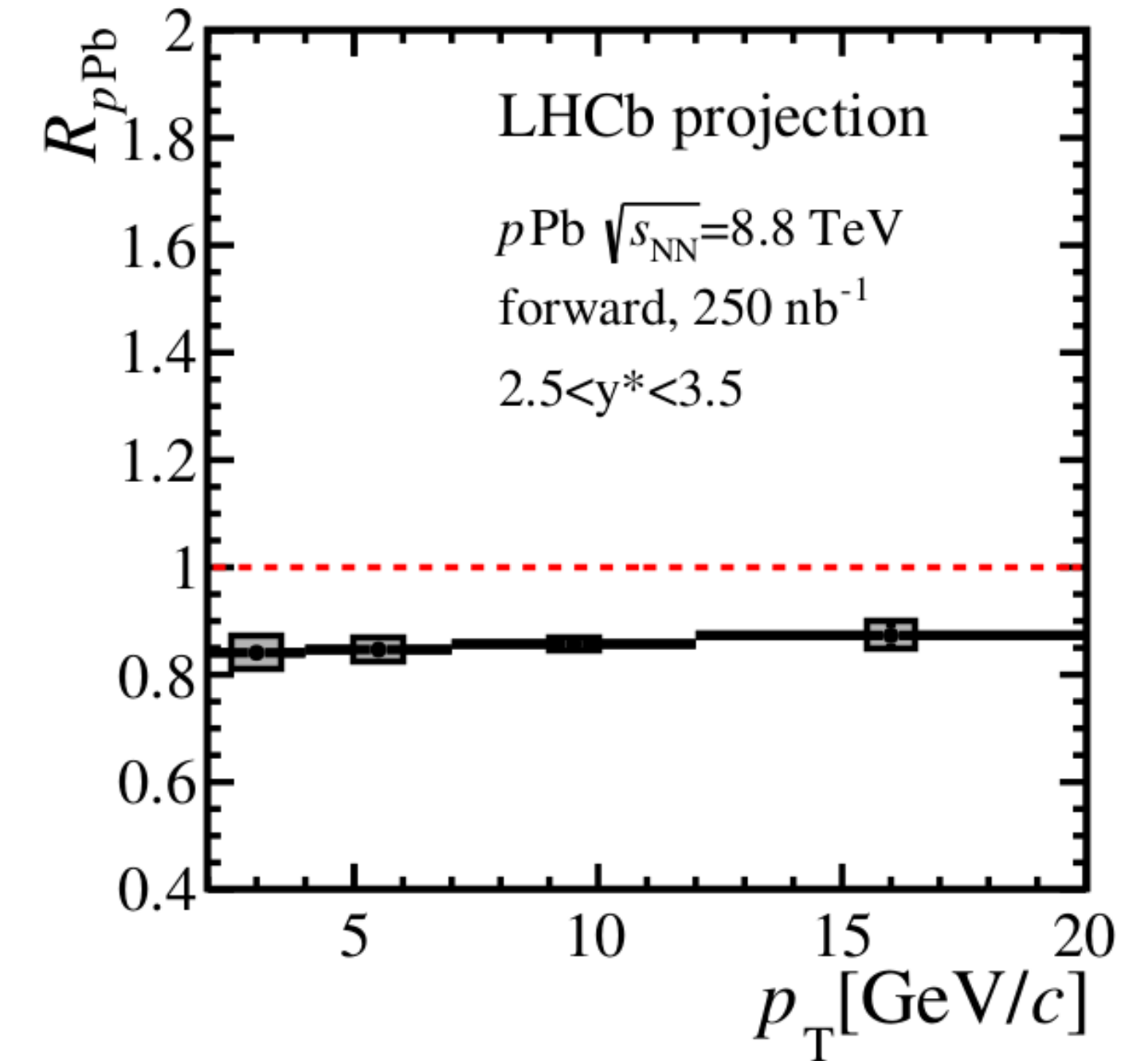
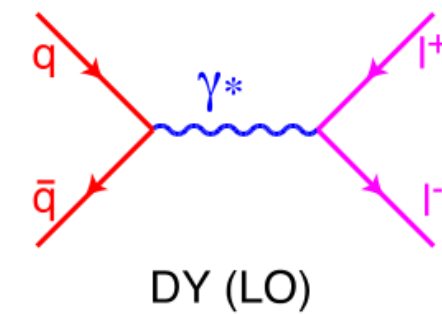
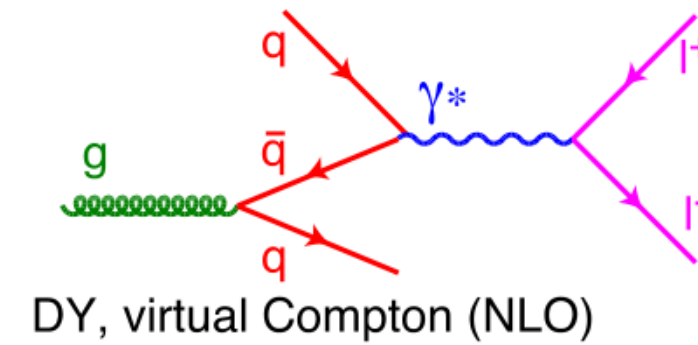
## Forward measurements enabled by LHC

- Open heavy flavor:
  - $D^0$  production and  $D^0$ - $D^0$  correlations
  - Measurements of  $B^+$  production
    - Advantage higher scale for calculation (but also larger  $x$ )
  - Drawback: Final state + hadronization effects

- Drell-Yan with muons
  - Small cross section
  - Sensitive to gluons only at NLO

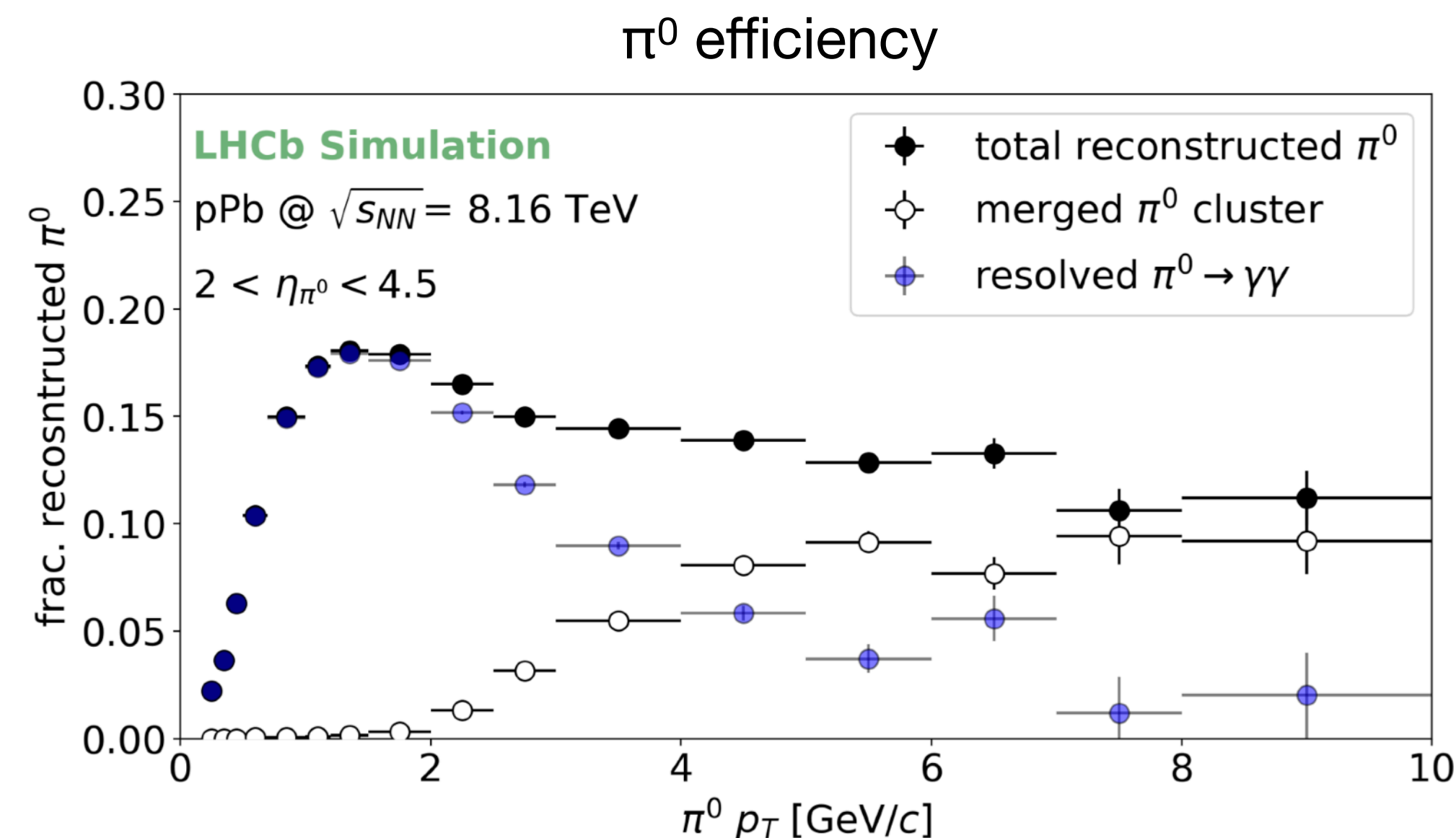
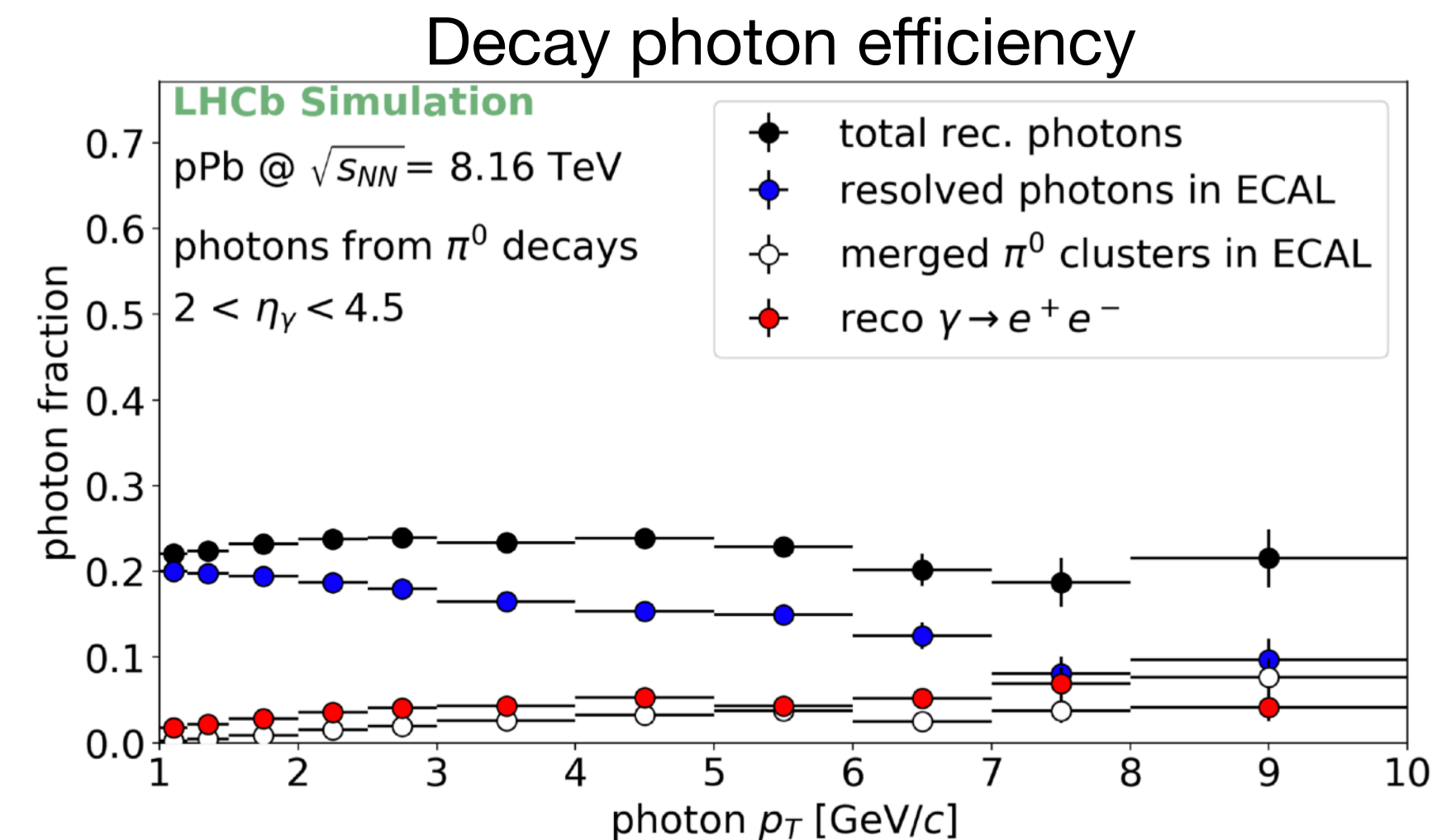
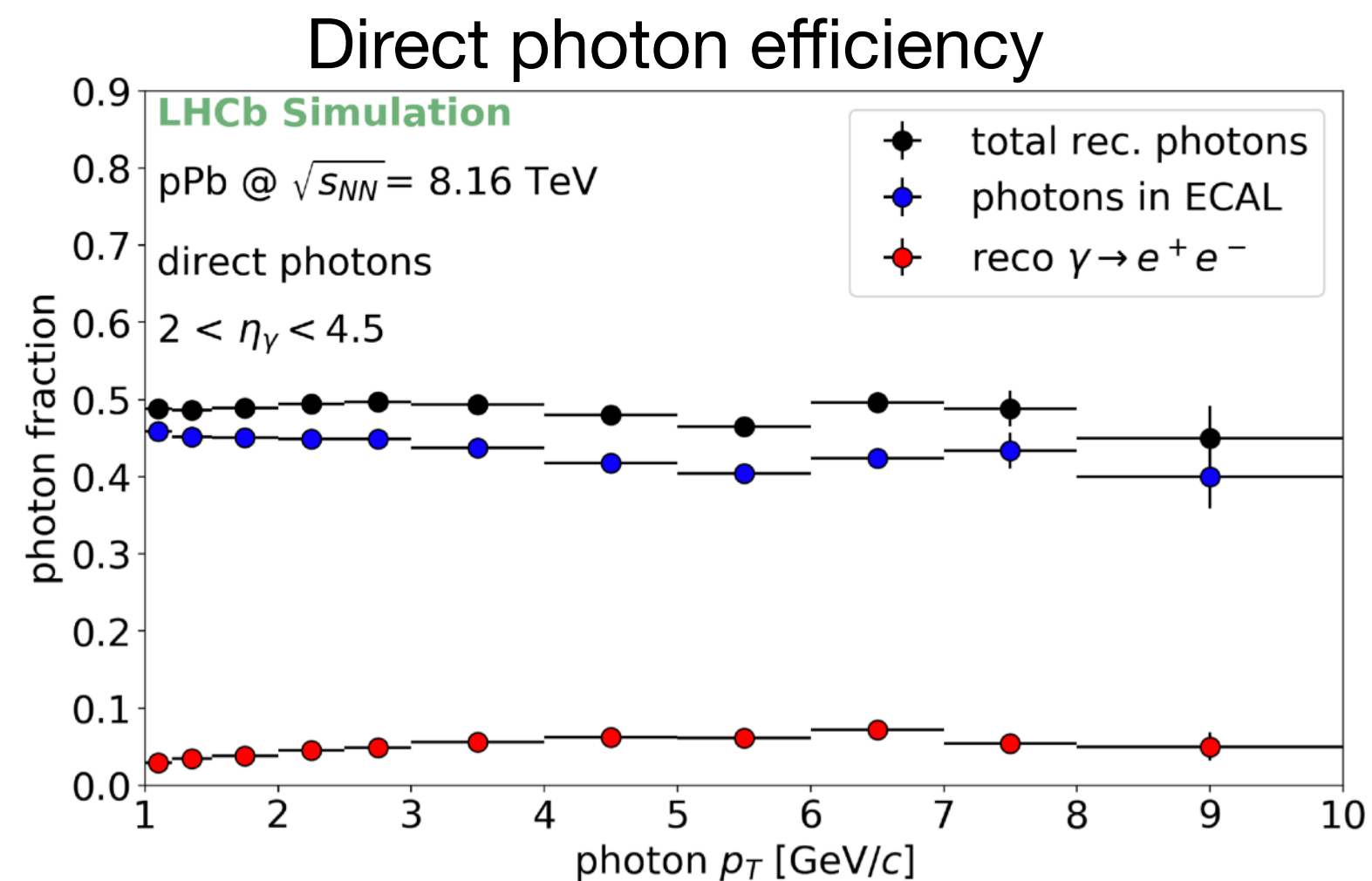
- Isolated photon production and correlations with hadrons / jets

- Ongoing effort by LANL group with Run-2 data
- Preparation for Run-3 with HLT (and maybe prototype of new tracking stations in magnet)



New analysis being pursued in LHCb (LANL group)

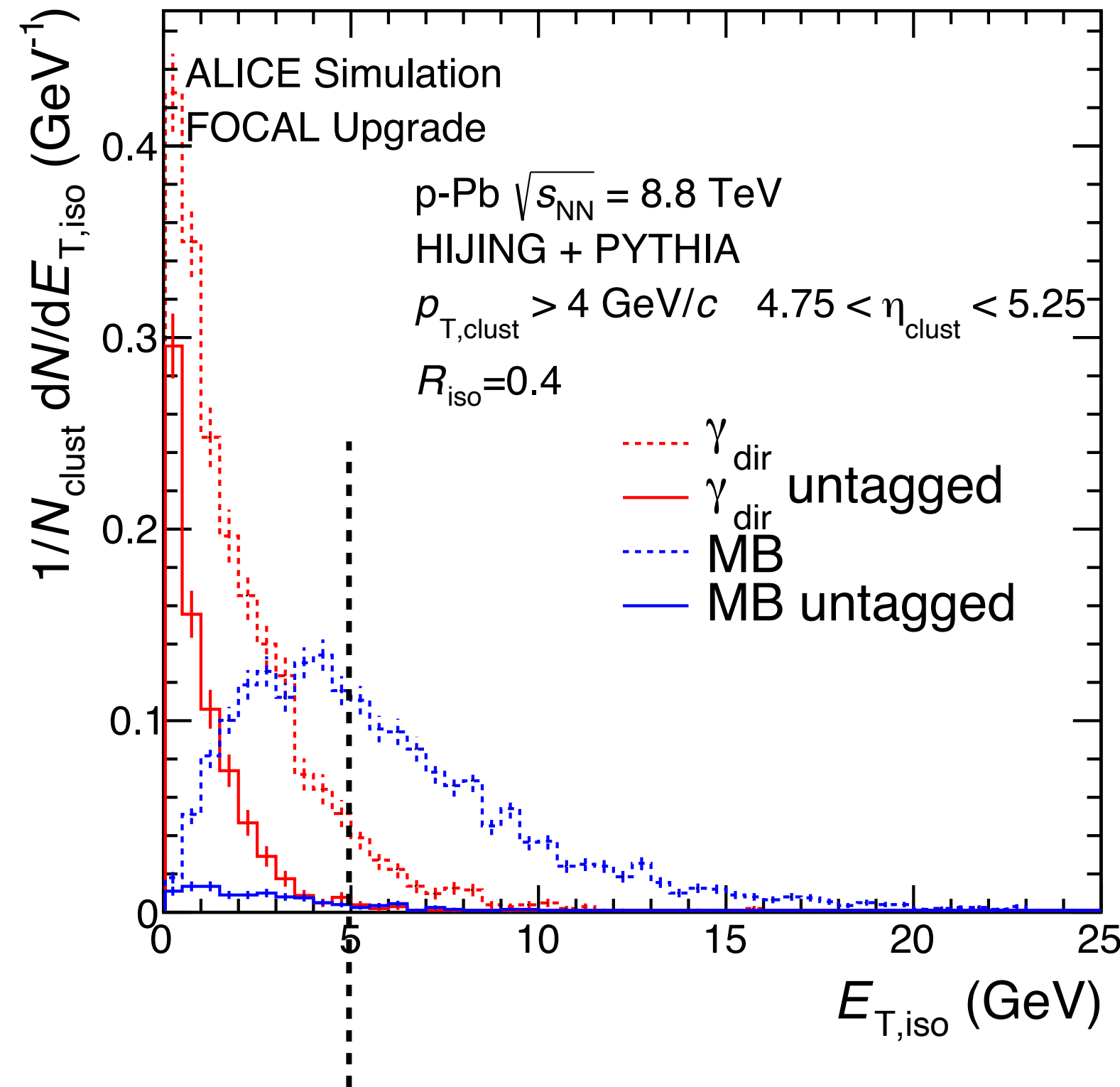
- Signal: (early) photon conversions
  - Clean identification
  - About  $\sim 0.25 X_0$  with 6% uncertainty
  - Limited efficiency  $\sim 10\%$  HLT trigger in Run 3
- Decay rejection by isolation
  - Acceptance limited to  $\eta < 4$  (isolation up to Ecal edge  $\eta = 4.4$ )
- Final selection: cuts combined with BDT



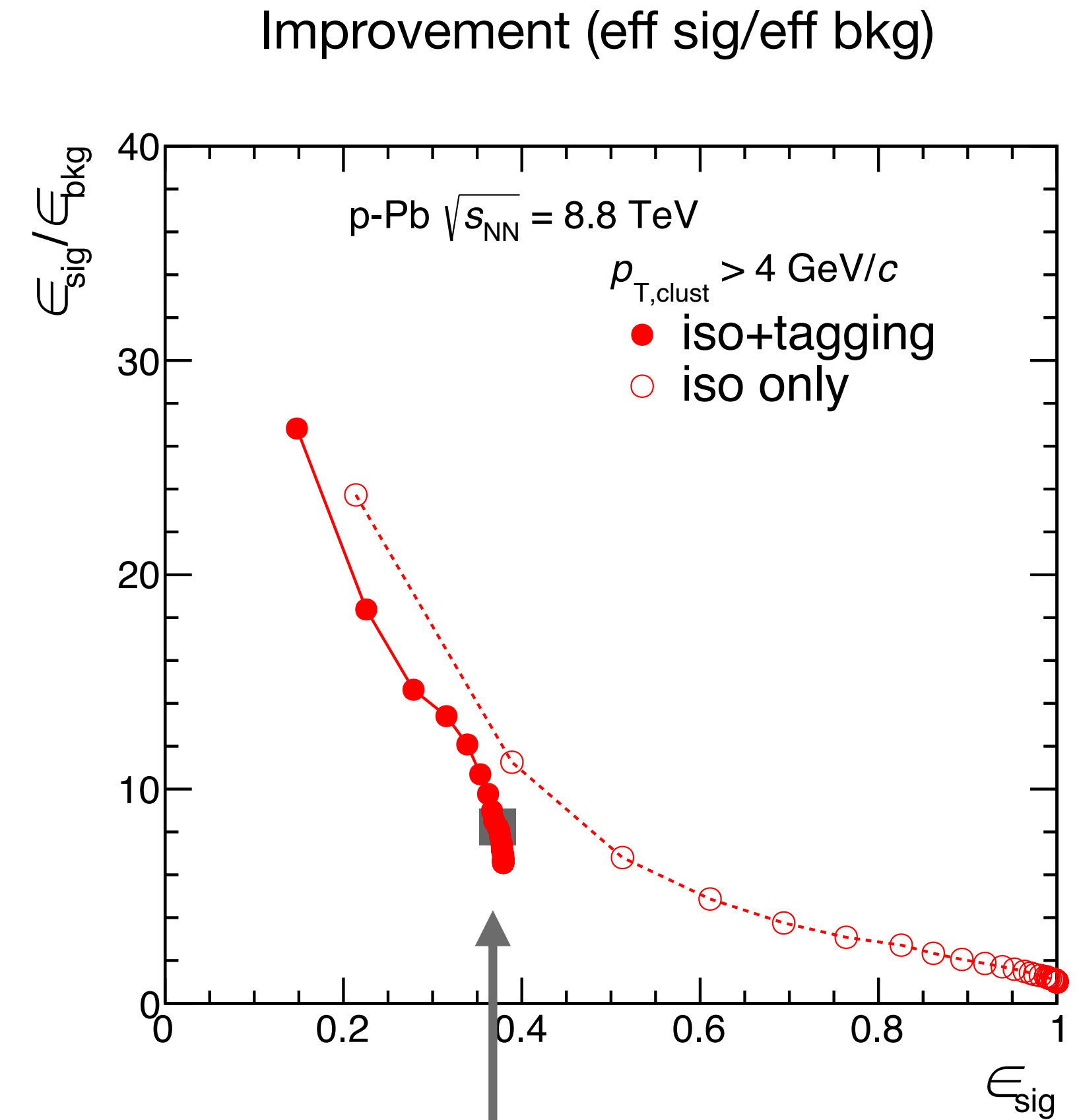
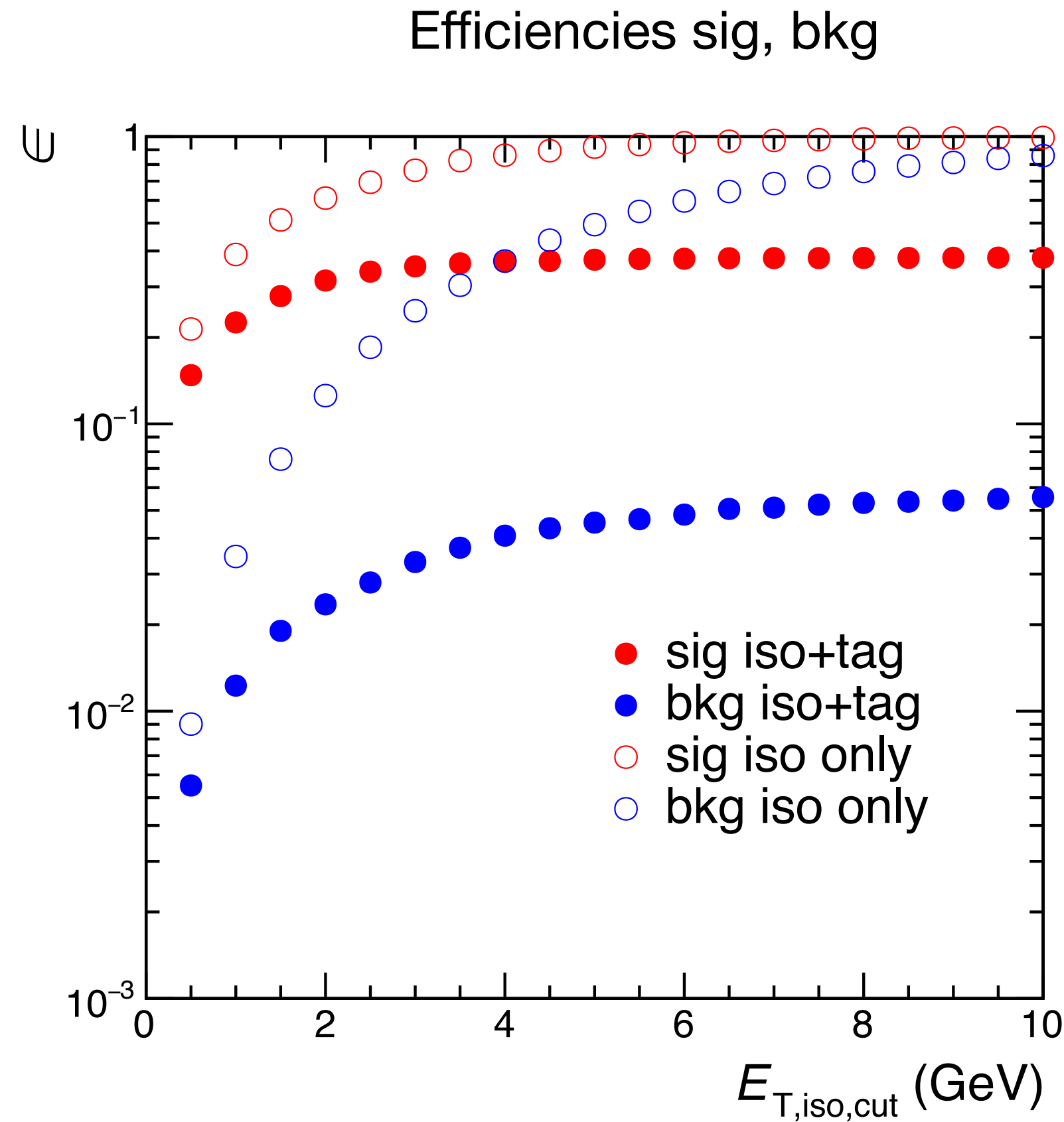
- Photon efficiency between  $25-45\%$  (depending on activity)
- Reconstruction efficiency of  $\pi^0$  only  $\sim 15\%$  above 2 GeV
  - Compare with FoCal  $\sim 85\%$
- Direct tagging of decay photons very limited

# Focal performance (pPb)

( $\eta_{lab} = 5$ )



Default cut  
 $E_{T,iso} < 5$  GeV

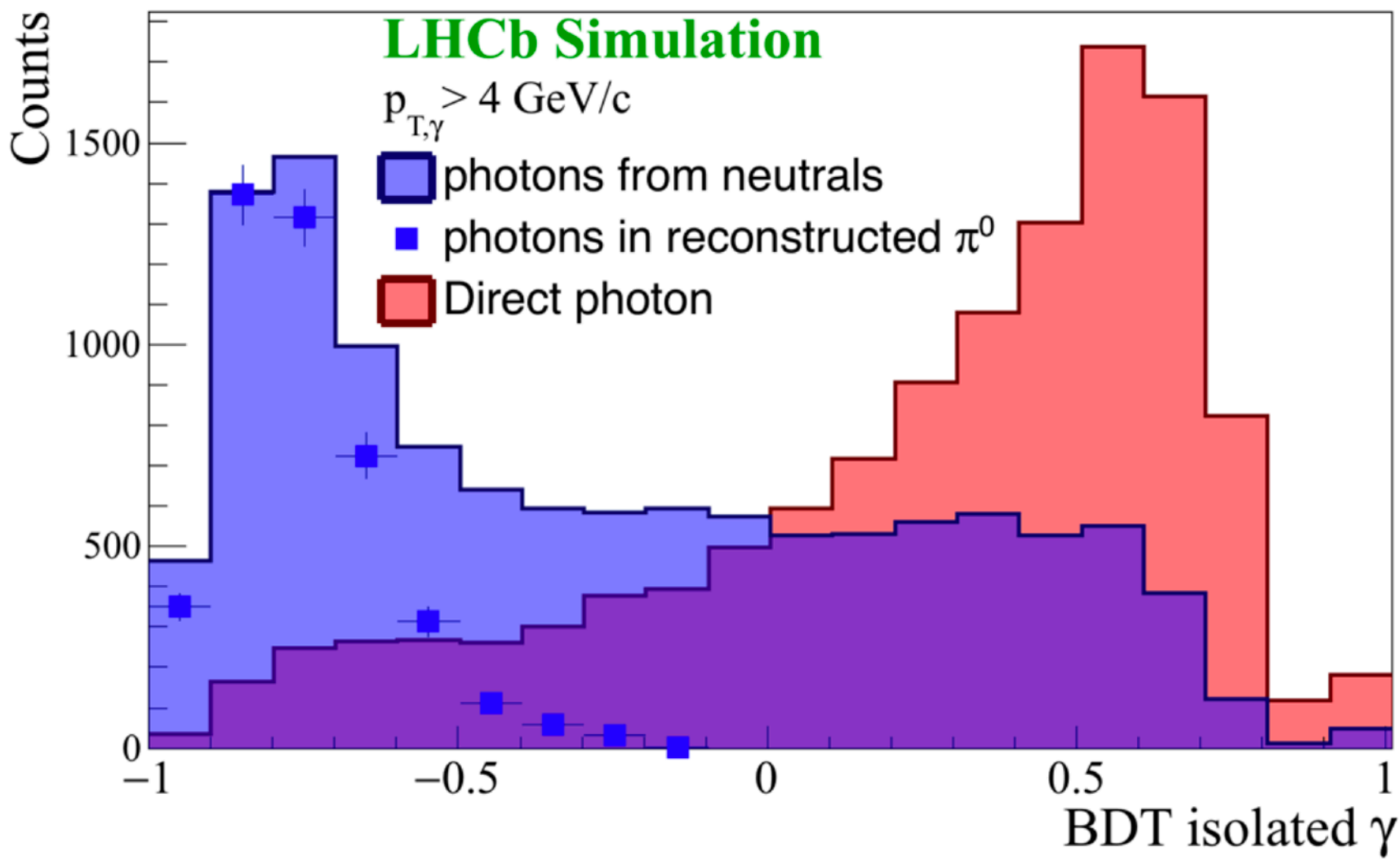


FoCal operating point in LOI

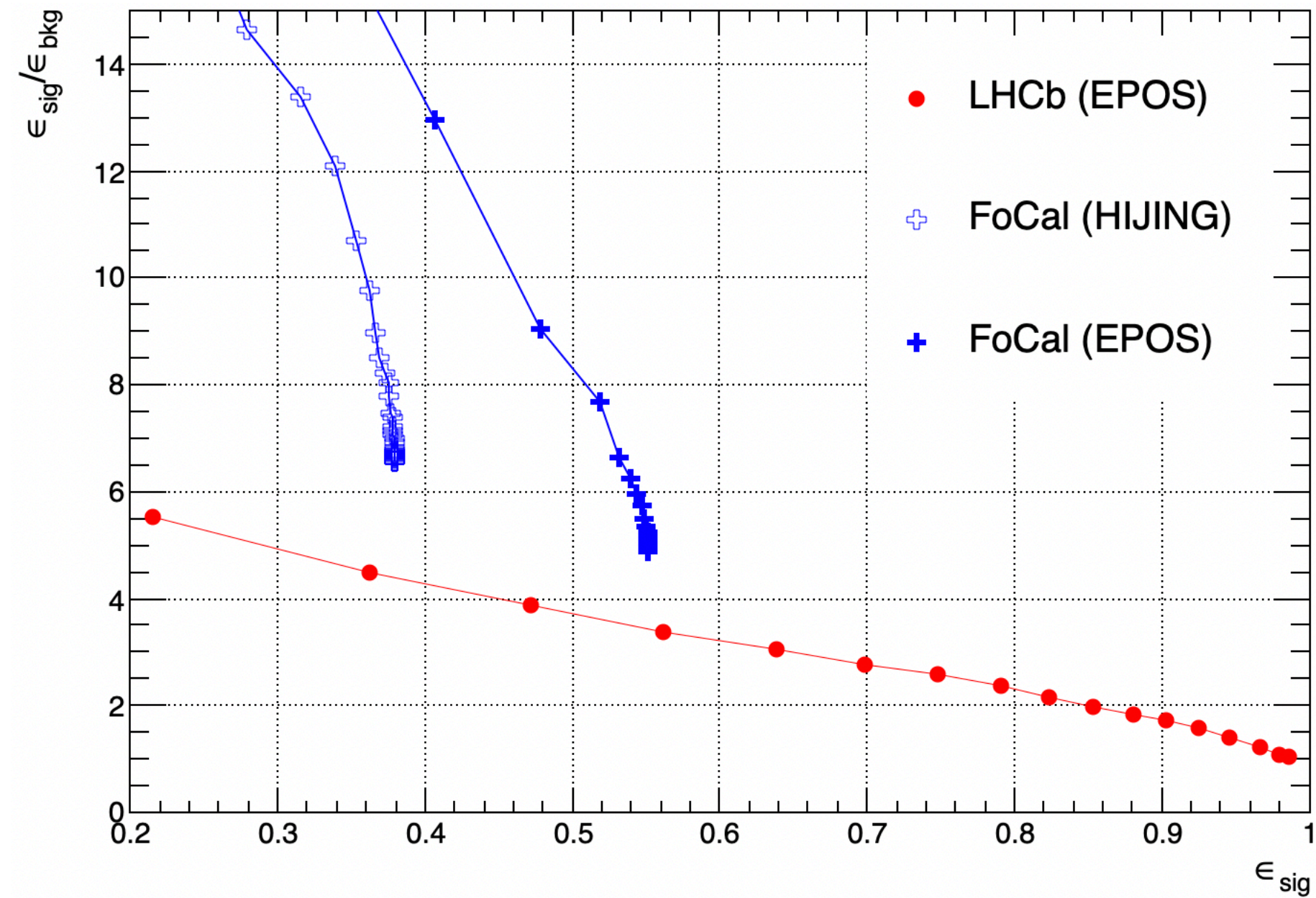
N.B.: "untagged" means "decay photon rejected"



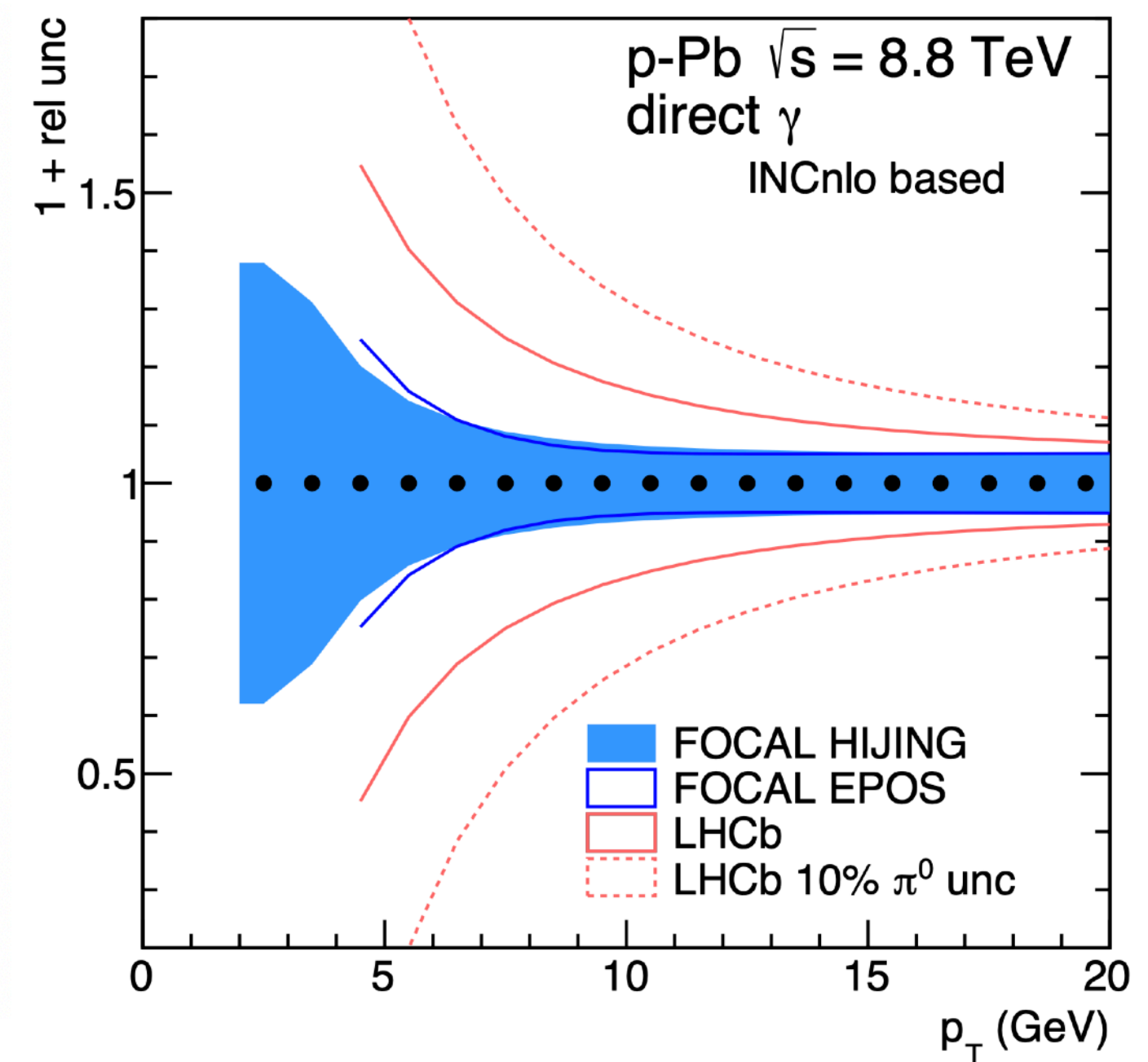
BDT response



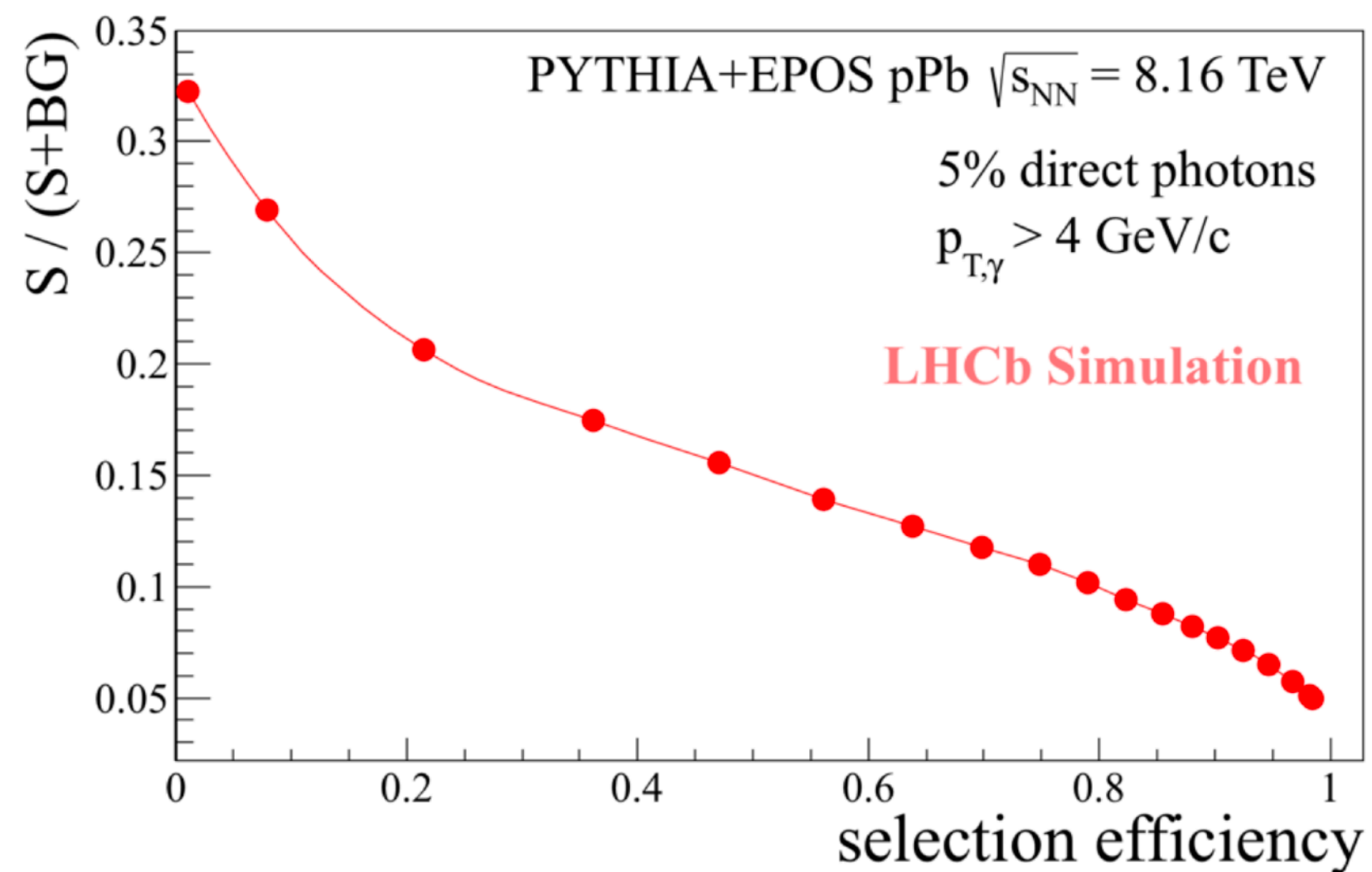
Improvement in S/B



Performance in pPb



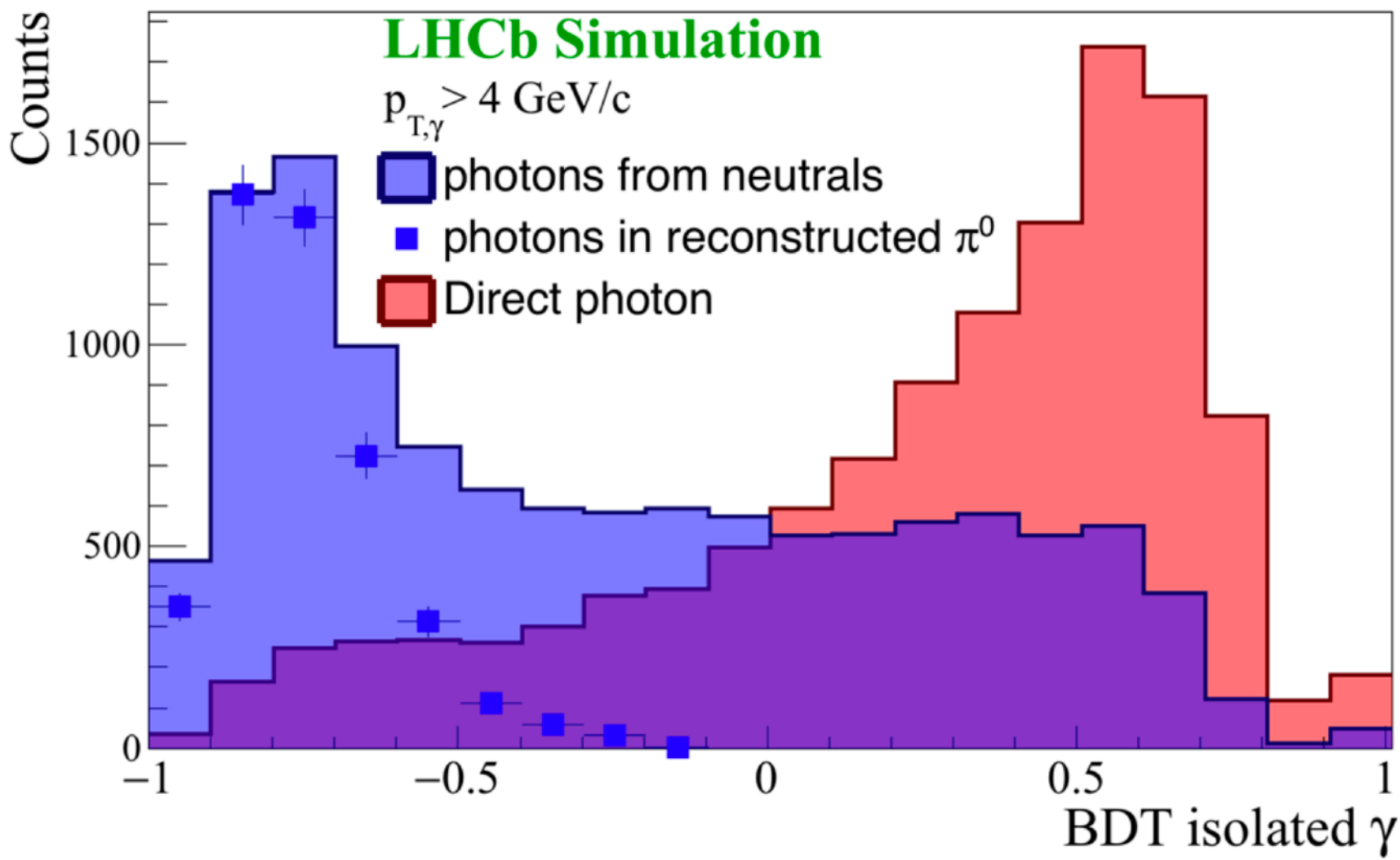
Purity vs efficiency of BDT cut



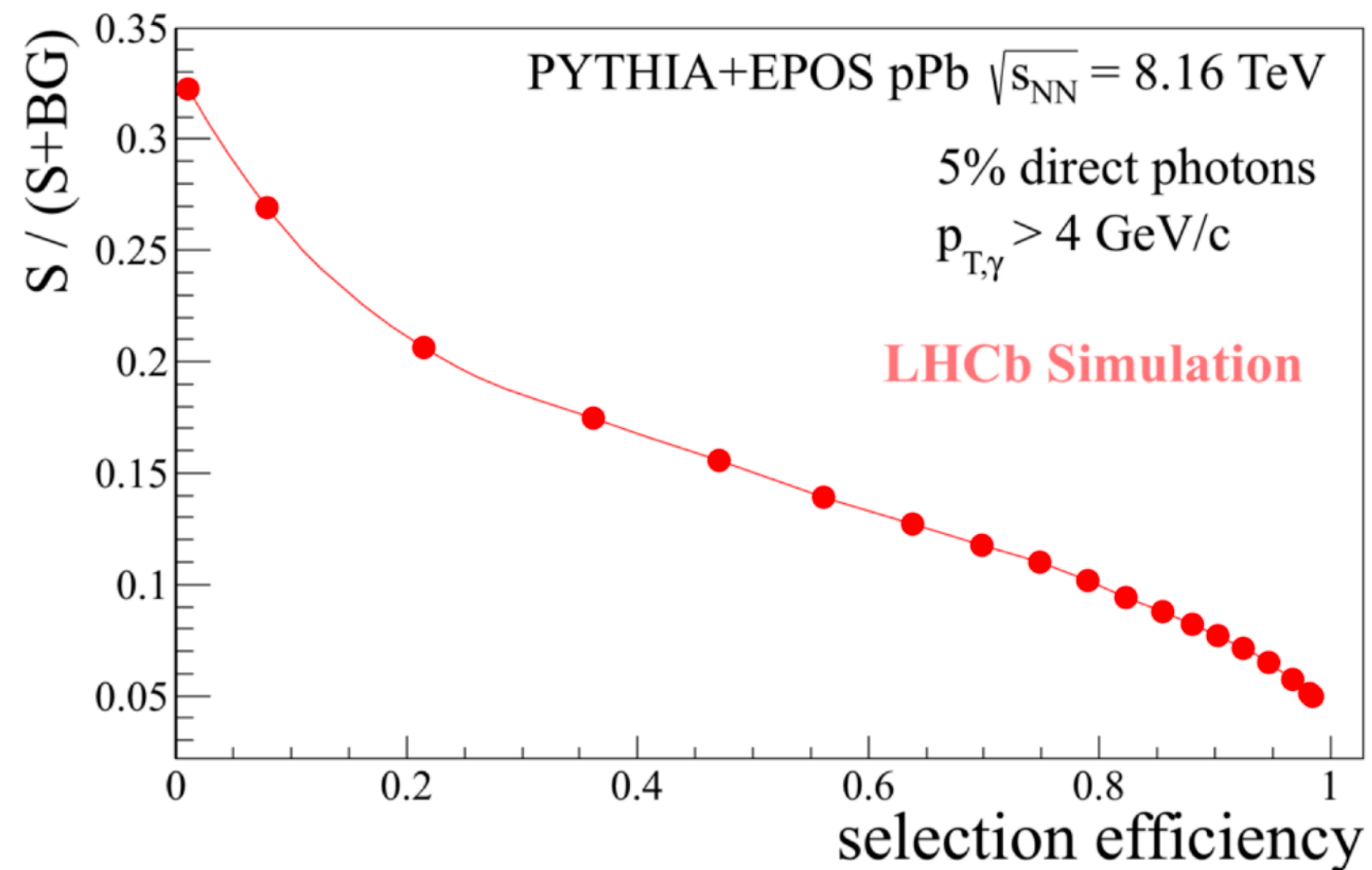
- LHCb analysis approach: identify signal by BDT based on a combination of variables, e.g. isolation energy
- Improvement in S/B significantly smaller than of FoCal
- Leads to factor 2 or larger systematic uncertainty compared to FoCal
  - Expected performance depends on uncertainty on remaining background

(WP at  $\epsilon_{sig}=0.2$  for LHCb,  
 at  $\epsilon_{sig}\sim 0.4$  for FoCal)

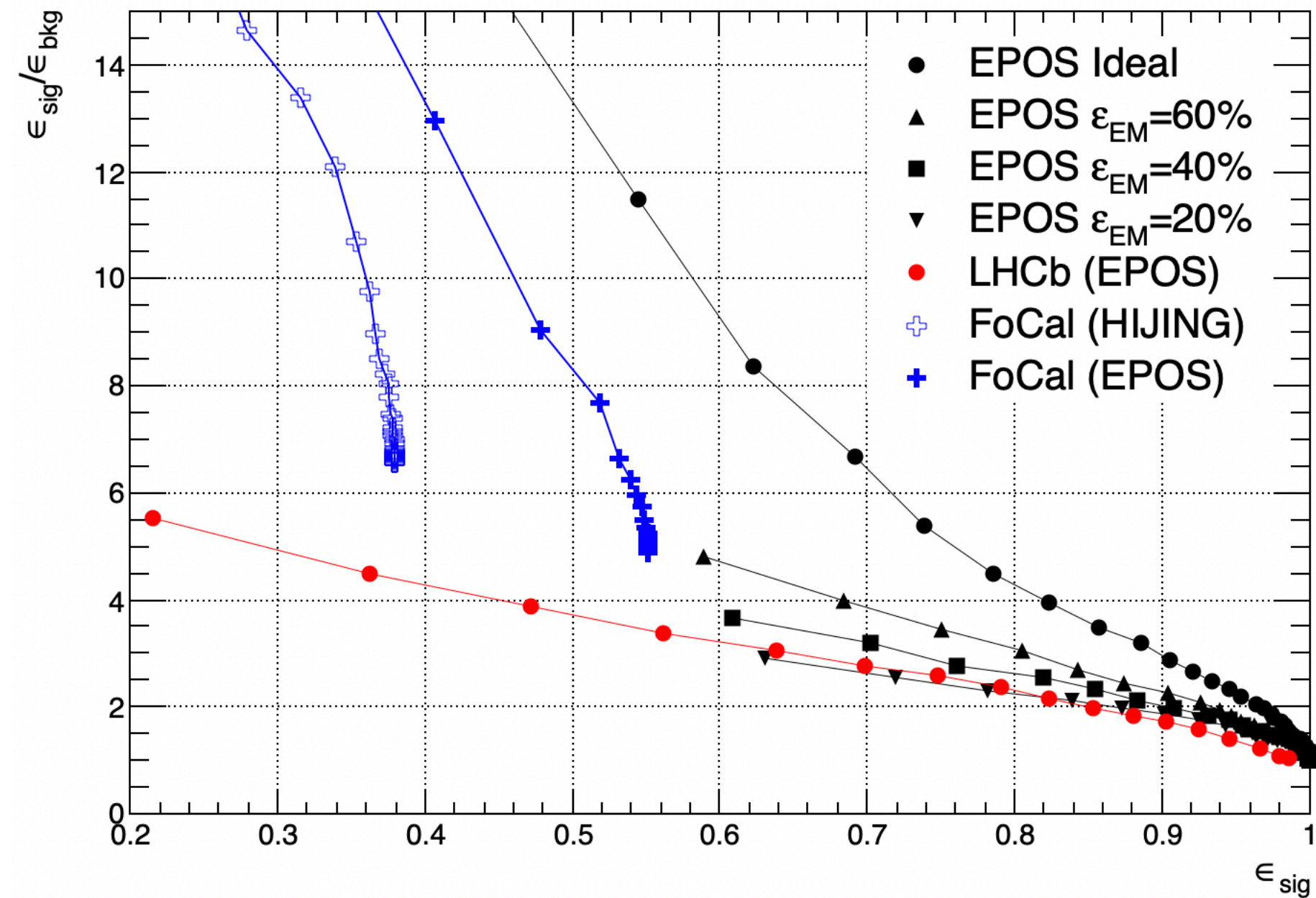
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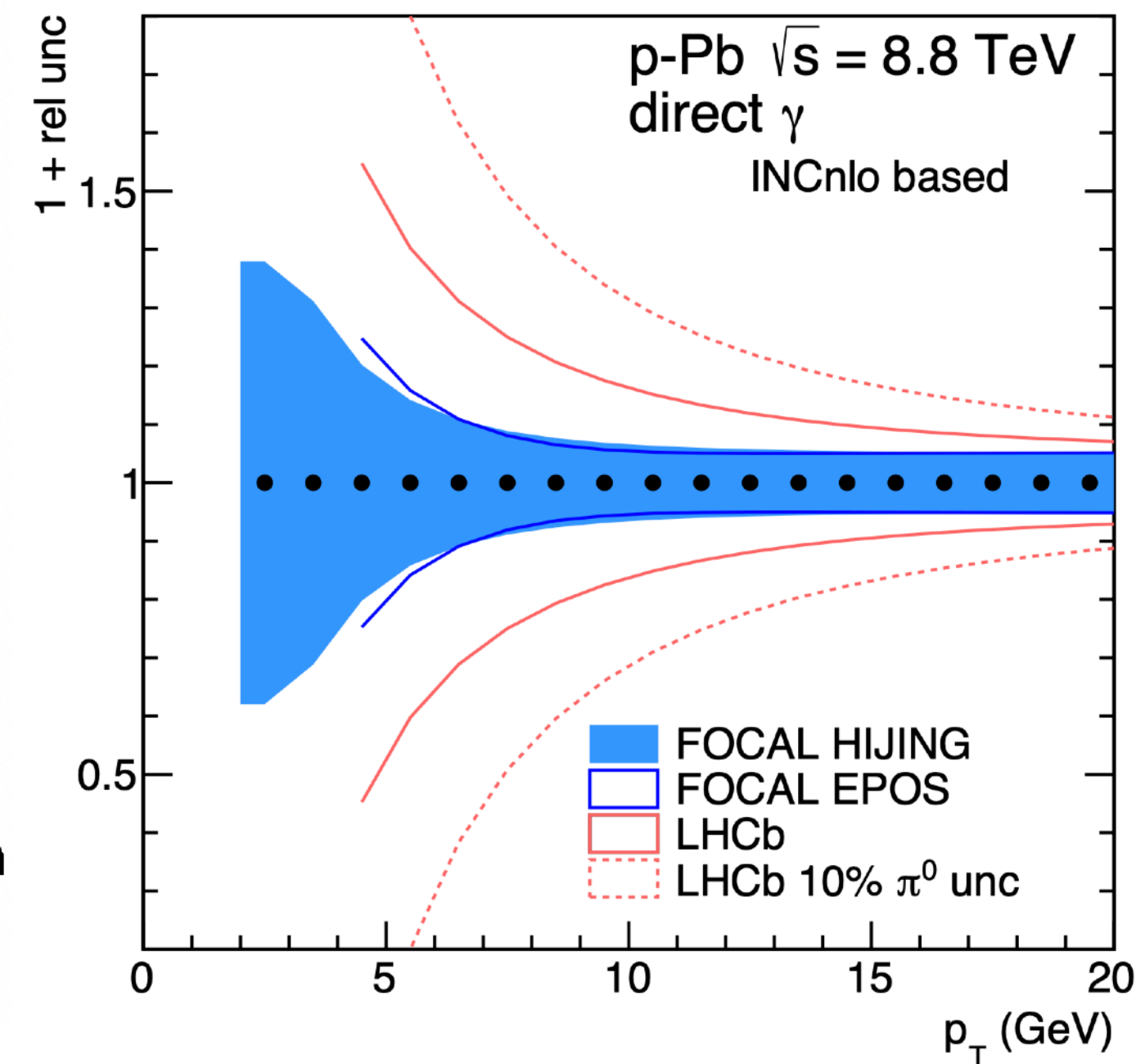
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Improvement in S/B



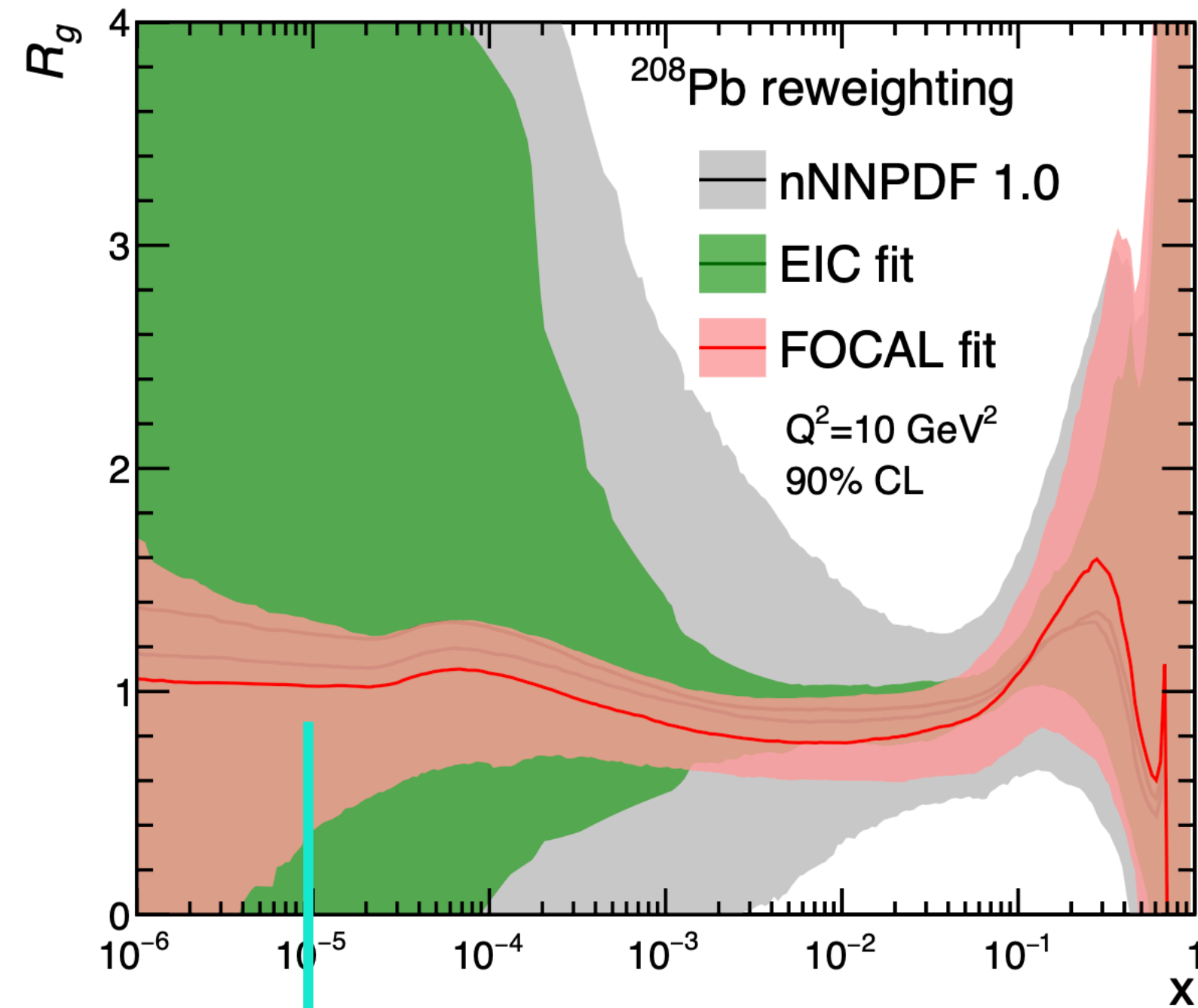
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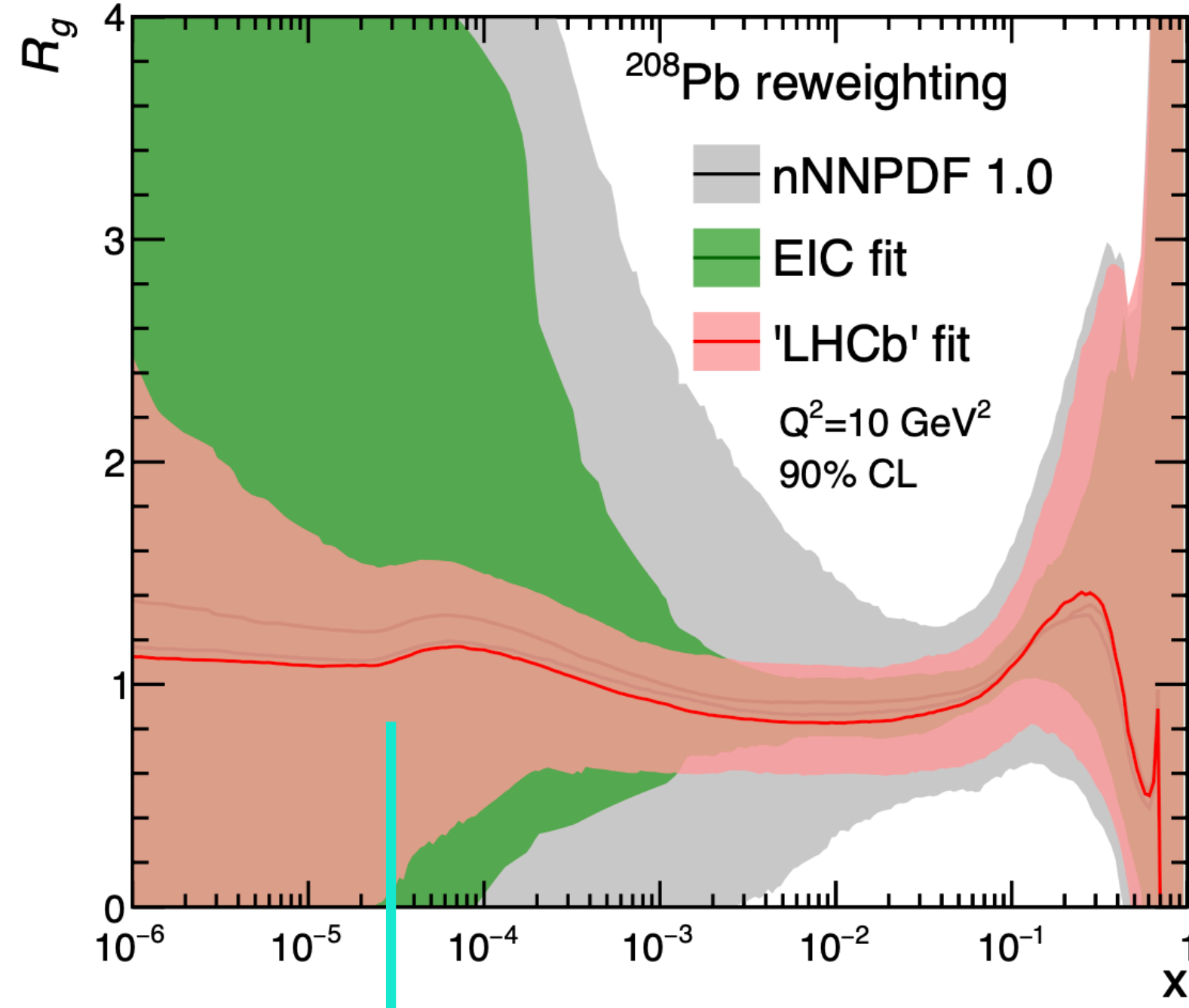
$\eta=4.5$  (FoCal)



LO x reach  
 $x \approx \frac{Q}{\sqrt{s}} \exp(-y)$

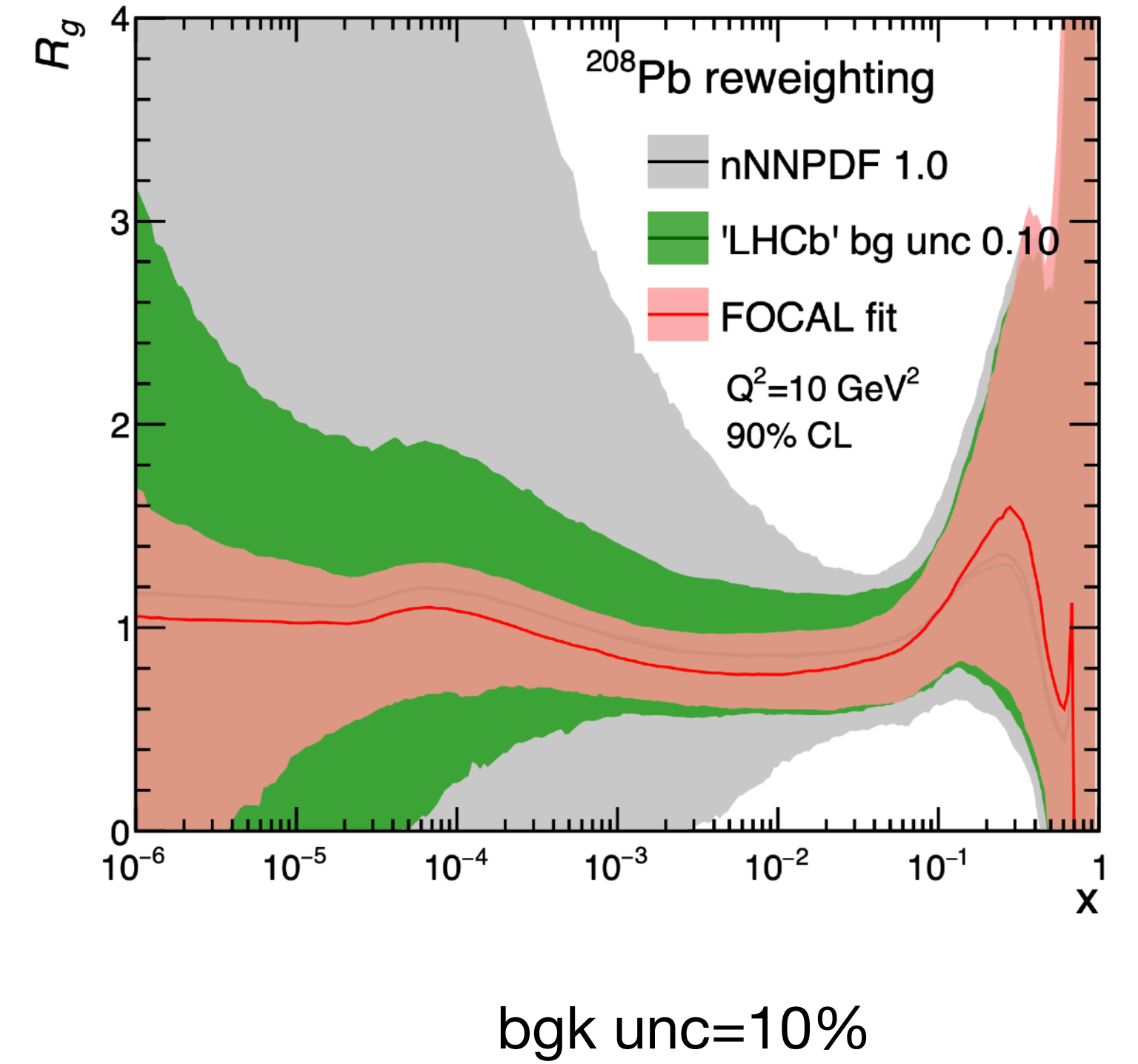
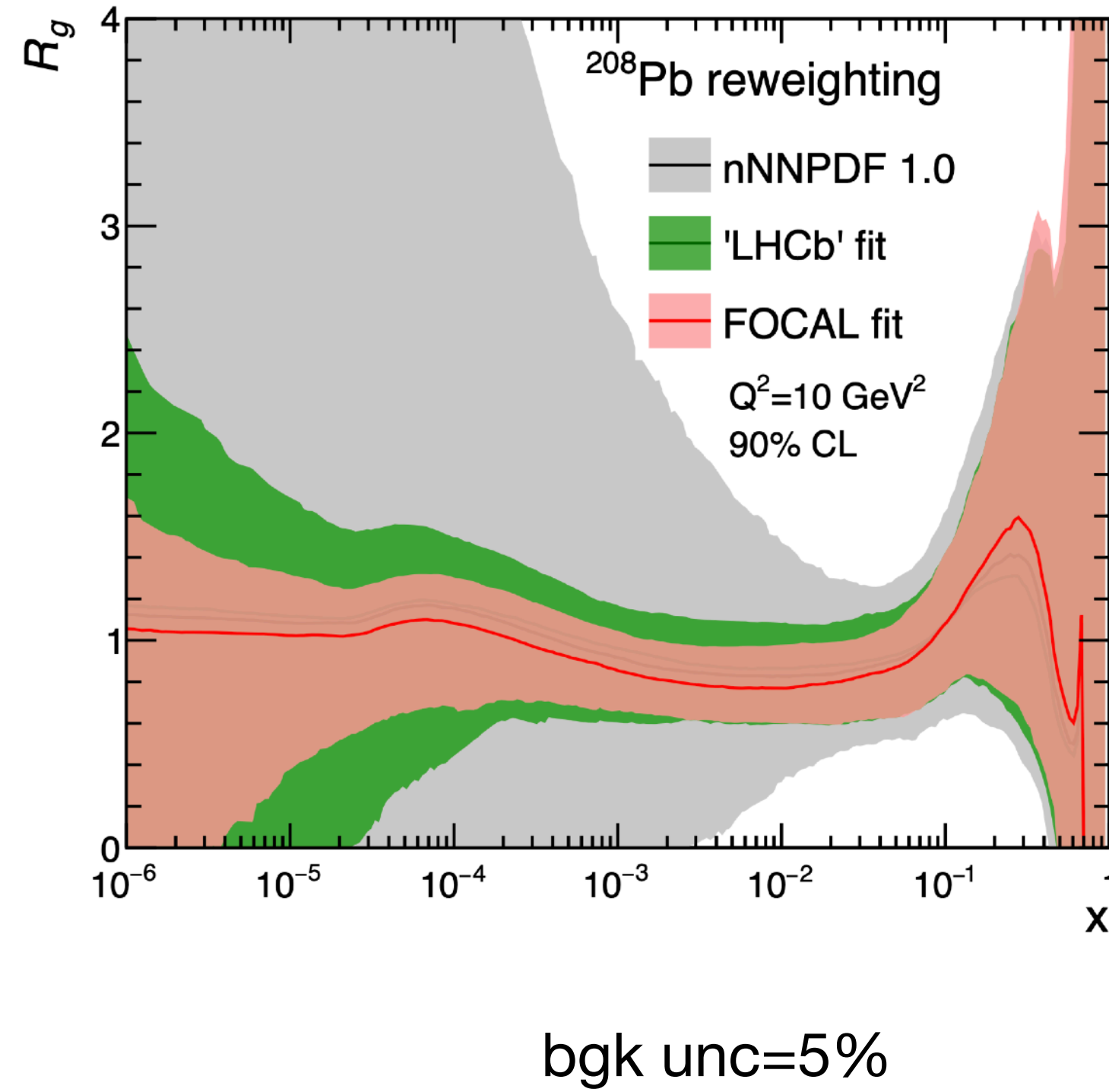
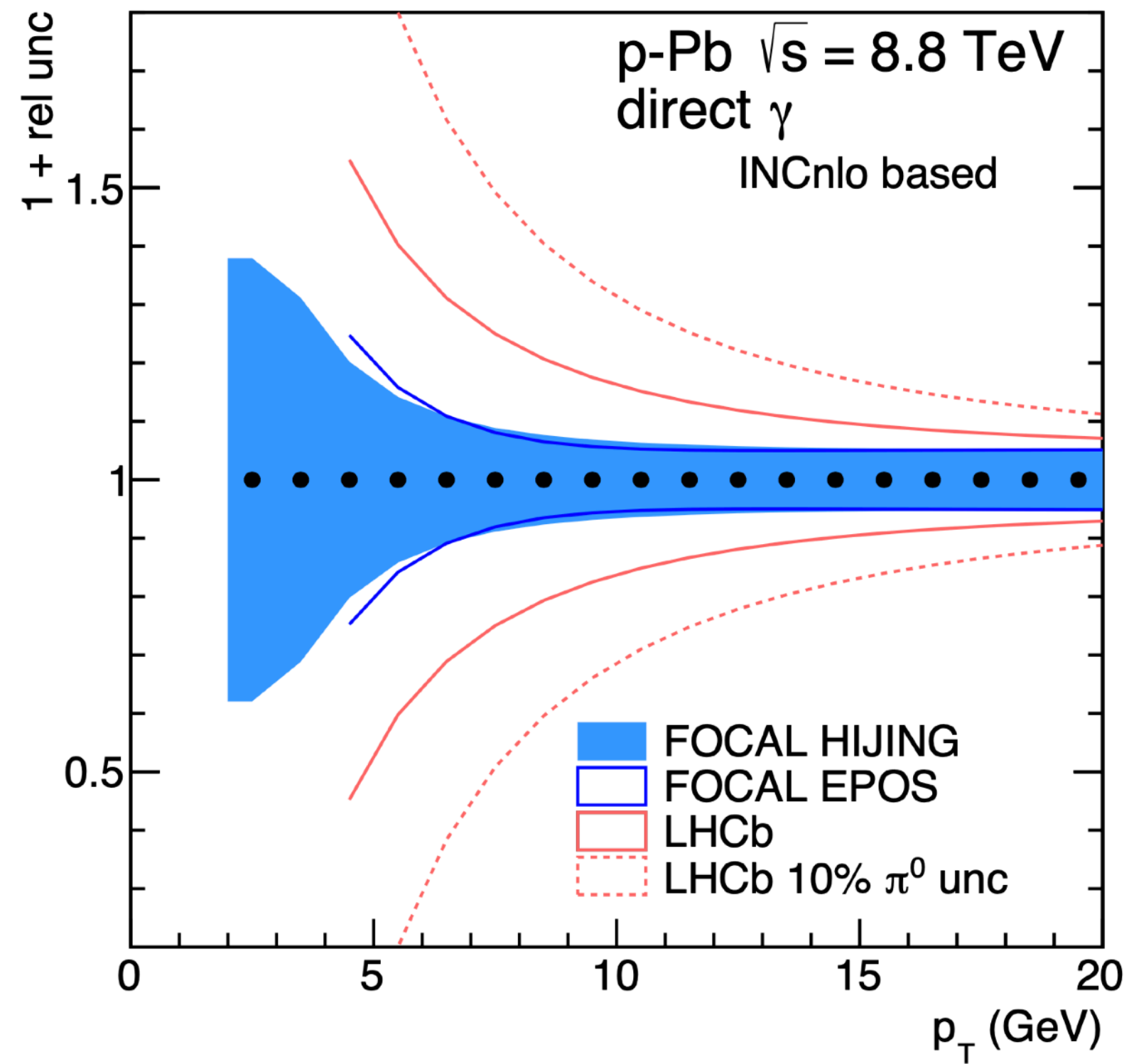
FoCal uncertainties

$\eta=3.5$  (LHCb)



LHCb projected uncertainties  
 (5% vs 10% uncertainty on the background)

Significantly better performance on nuclear PDF expected by FoCal measurement  
 (in addition one unit higher reach in pseudorapidity, i.e. factor 3 smaller x reachable)

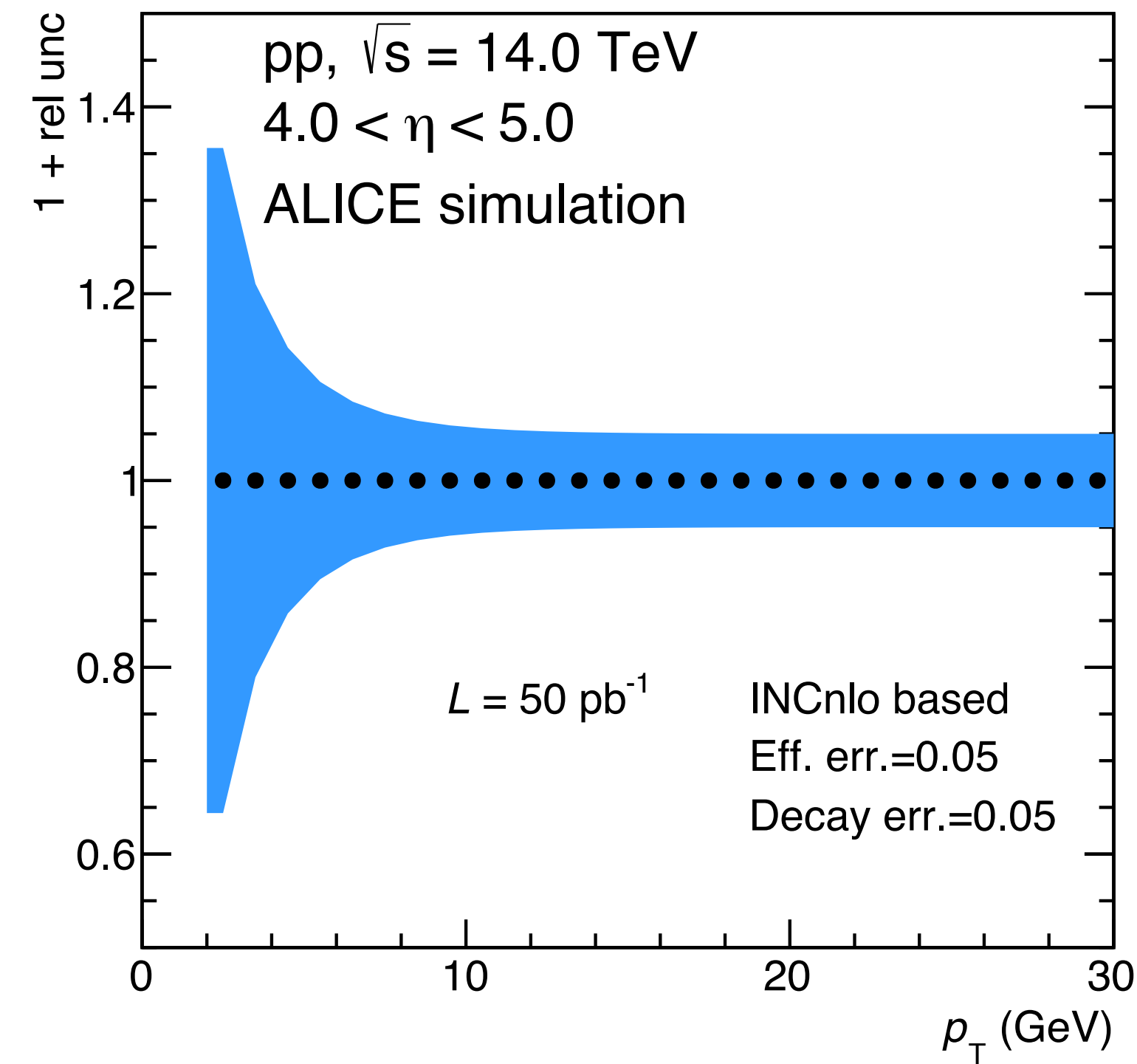


FoCal performance ( $4 < \eta < 5$ ) outperforms LHCb ( $3 < \eta < 4$ ) by a factor of 2 or more in uncertainty  
(LHCb measures only about 25-40% of the photons from  $\pi^0$ )

(WP at  $\epsilon_{\text{sig}}=0.2$  for LHCb,  
at  $\epsilon_{\text{sig}}\sim 0.4$  for FoCal)

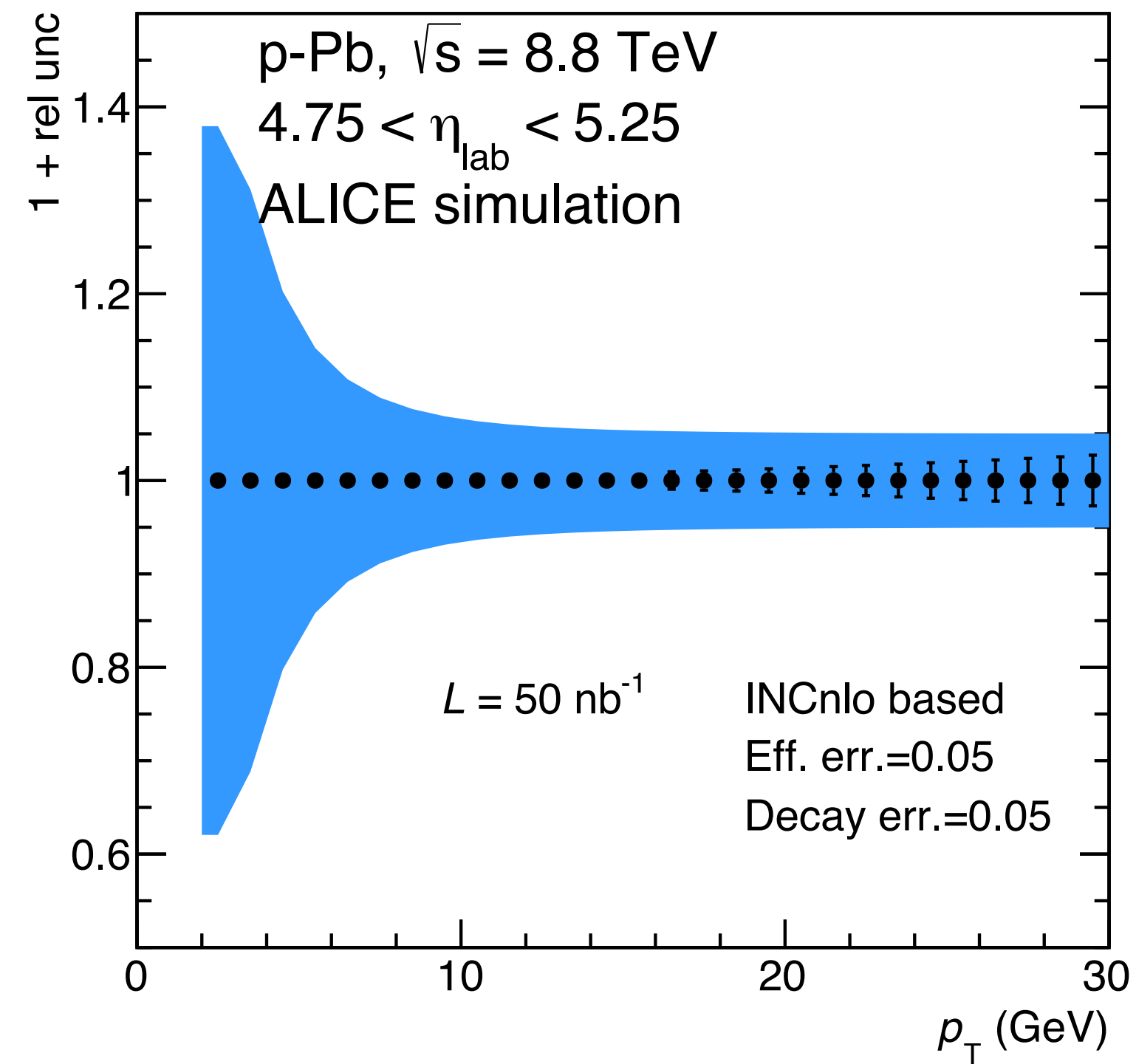
# Direct photon uncertainties

pp uncertainties



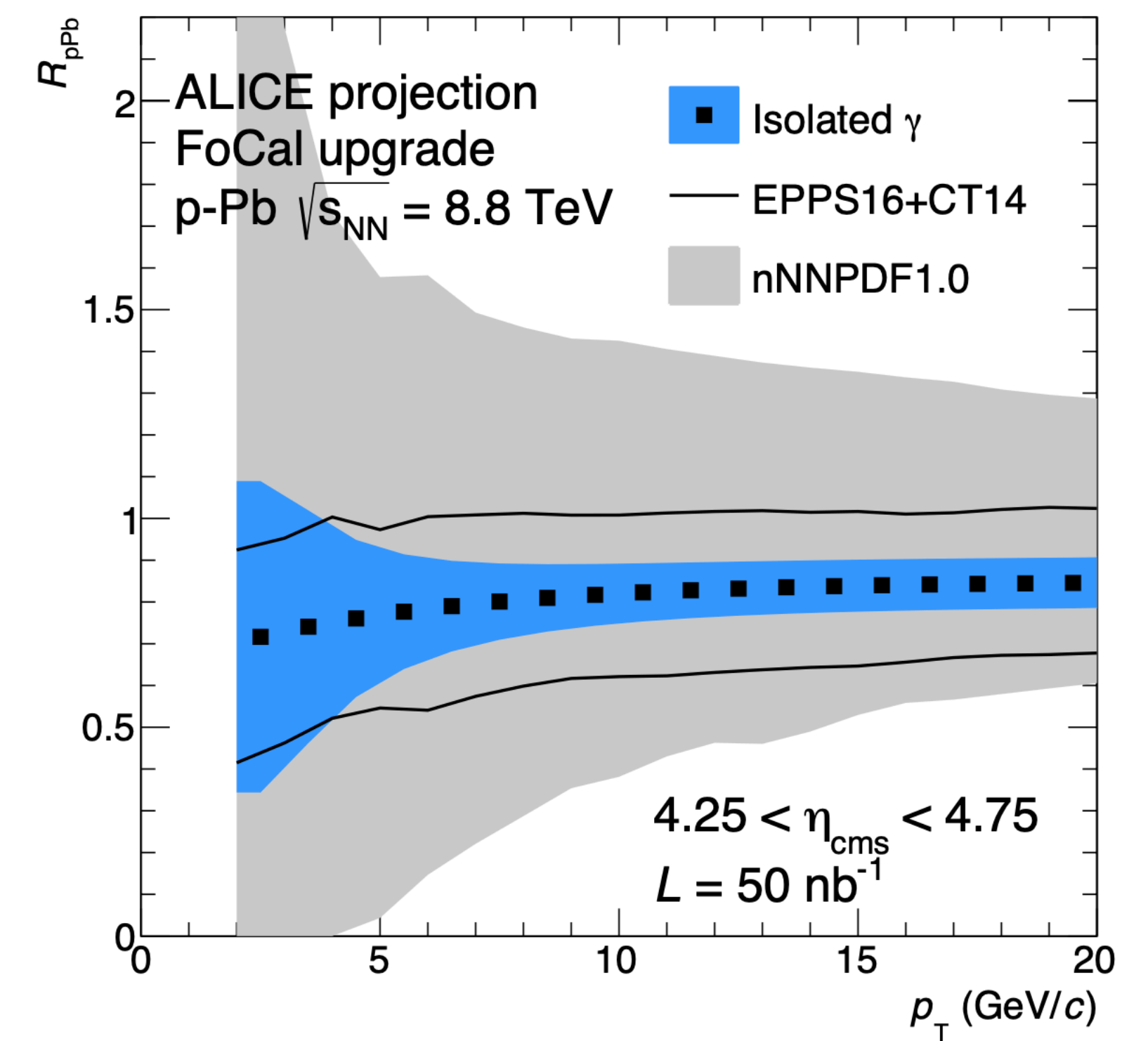
$\eta_{\text{cms}} = \eta_{\text{lab}} \sim 4.5$  for pp

p-Pb uncertainties



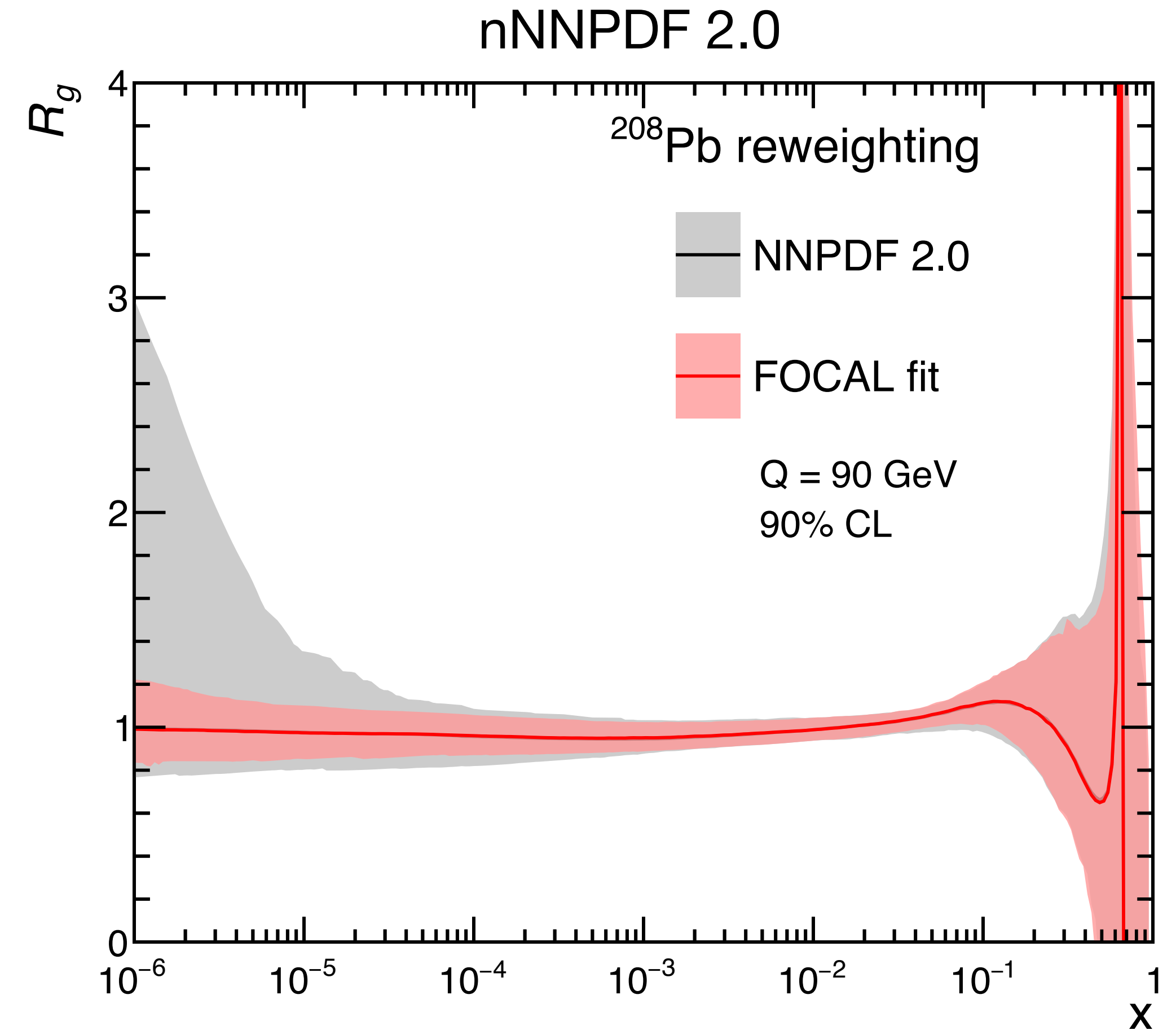
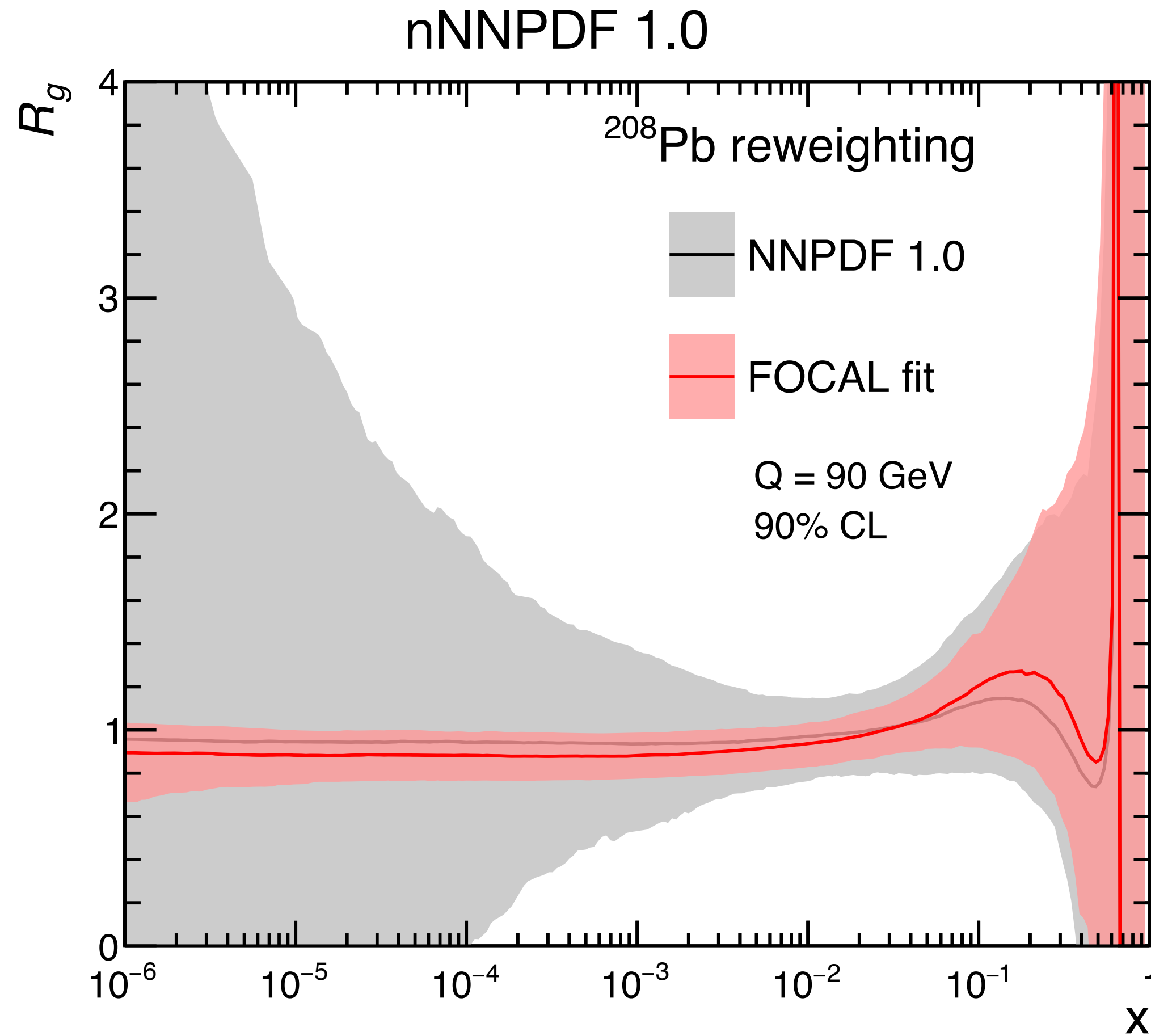
$\eta_{\text{cms}} \sim 4.5$ :  $\eta_{\text{lab}} \sim 5.0$  for p-Pb

$R_{\text{pPb}}$  projection



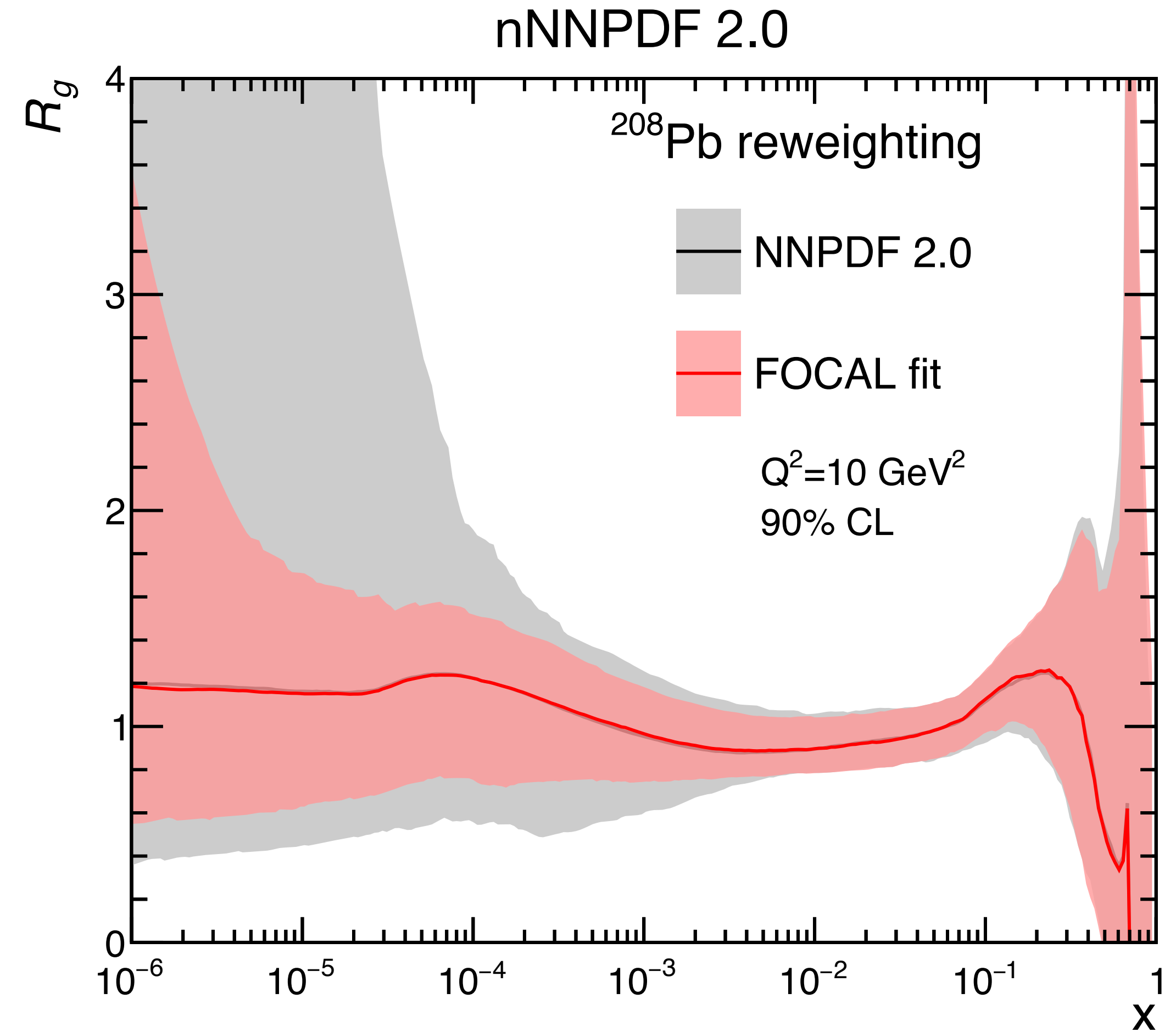
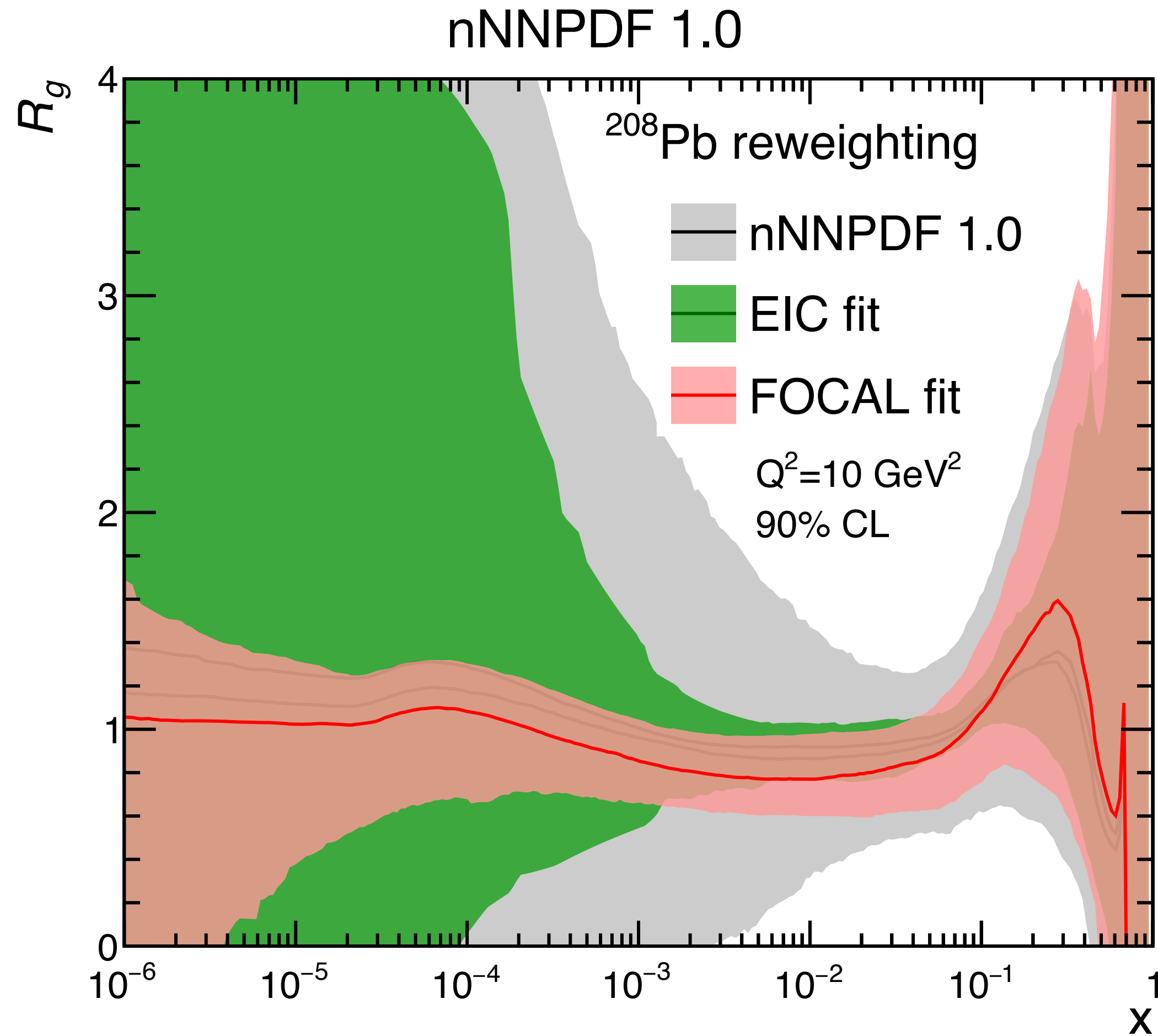
# nNNPDF 1.0 vs 2.0 at $M_Z$

- Include (some) LHC W/Z data
- Include DIS charged current data: flavor separation
- Include 'positivity constraint' :  $F_L$  (long structure function) has to be positive

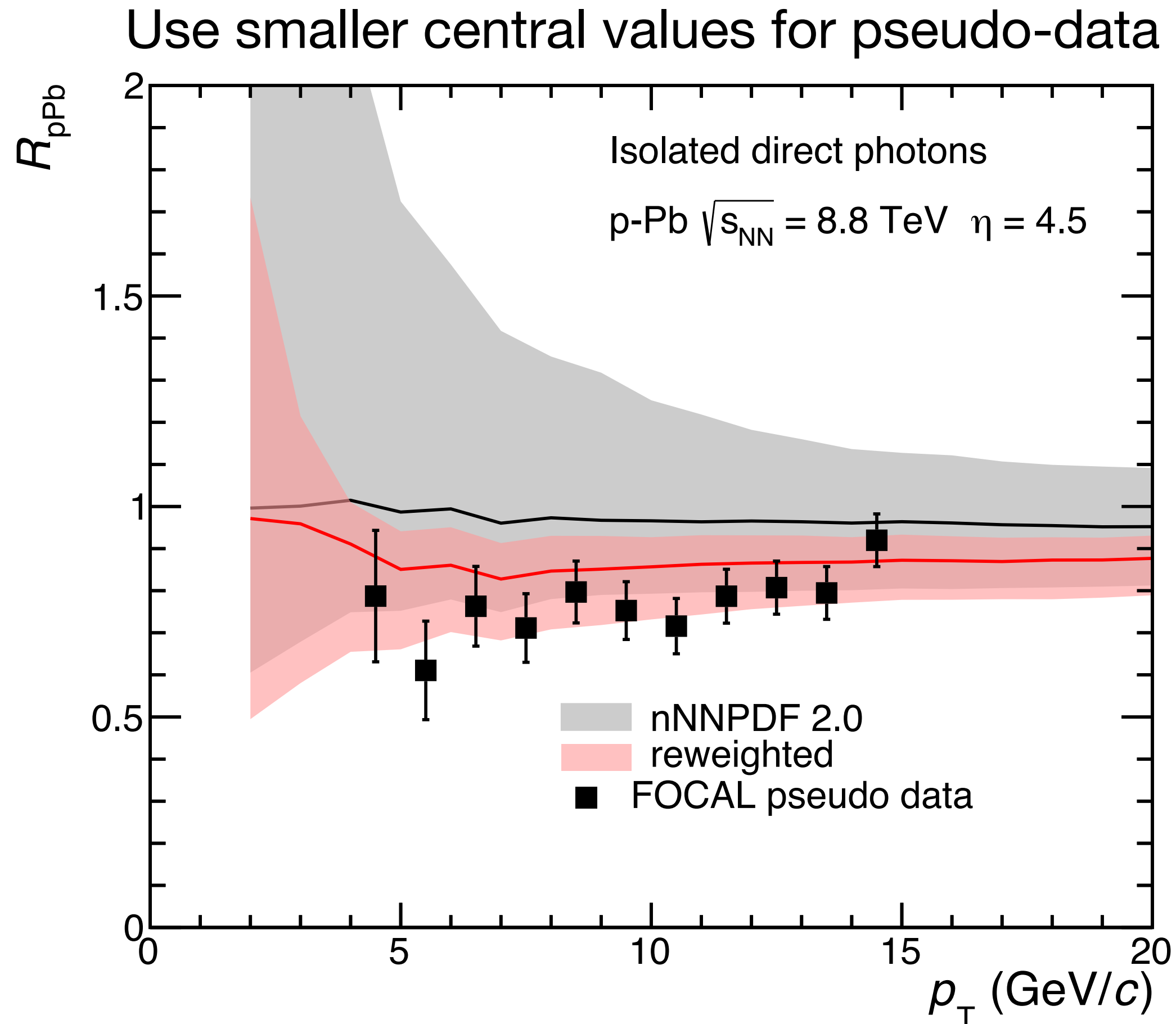


Clear impact of W/Z LHC data

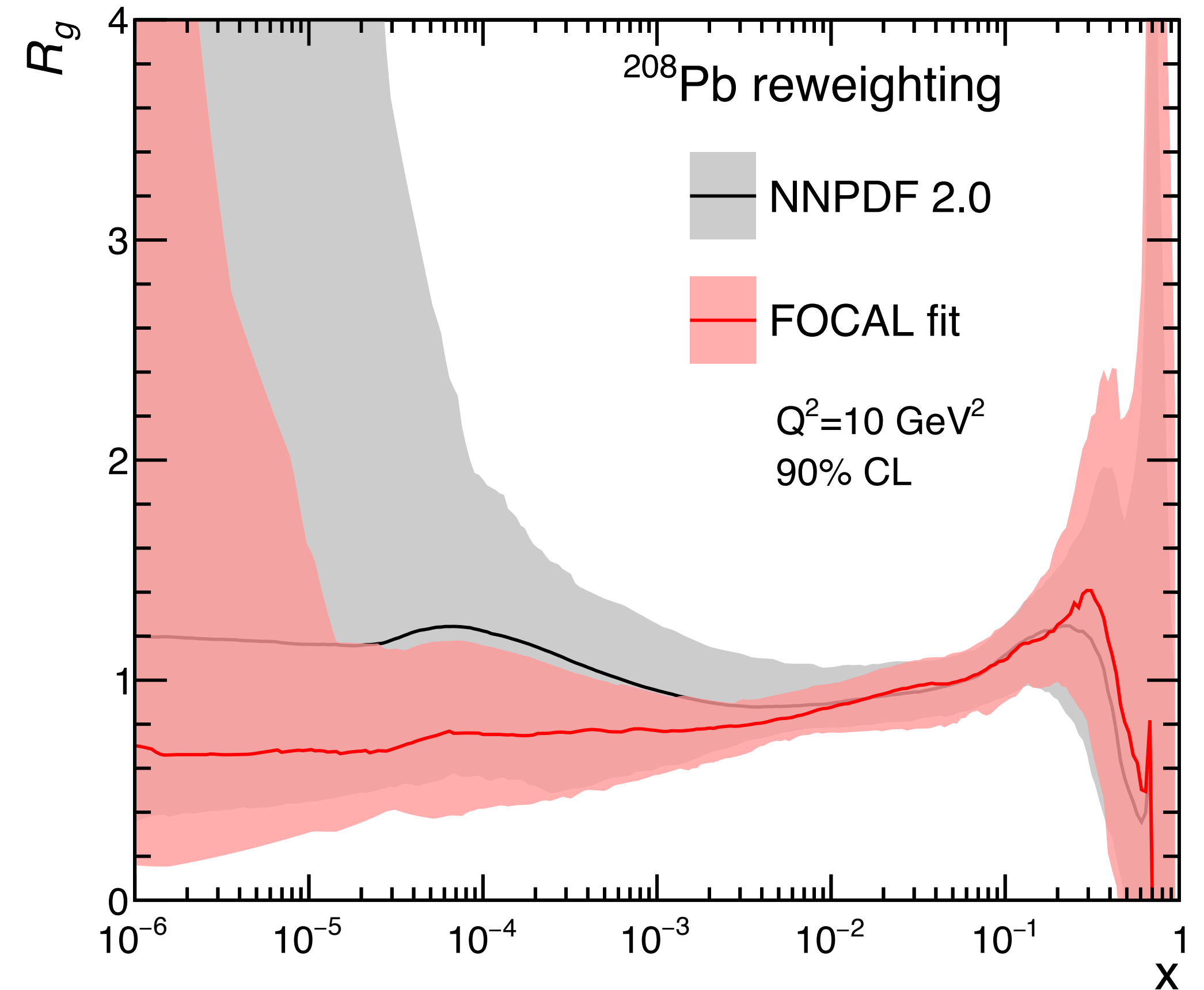
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FOCAL places significant constraints in  $10^{-5} < x < 10^{-3}$



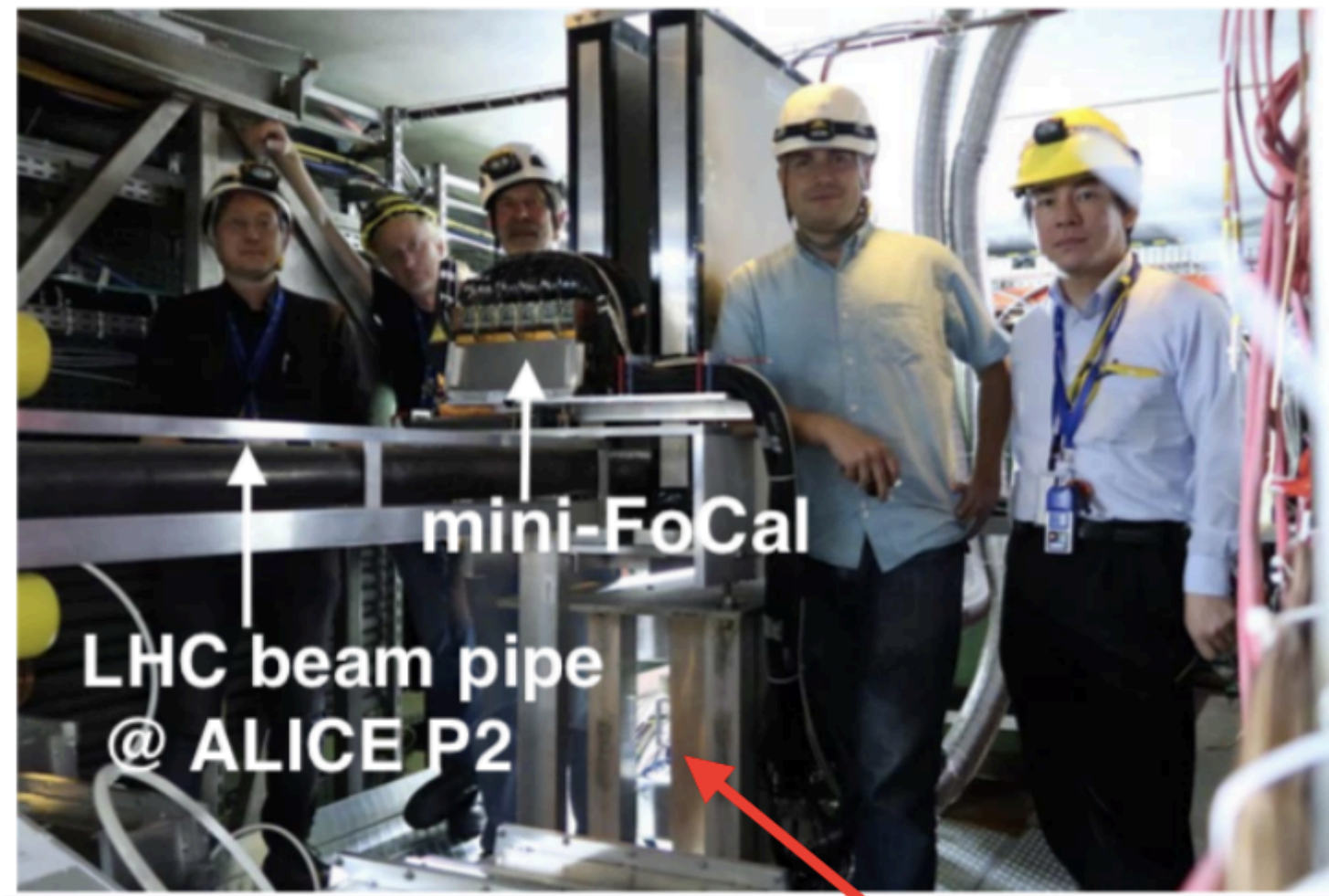
Clear tension between nNNPDF2.0 and pseudo data:  
Red band/line above the data points



Fit ‘pulls down’ both central value  
and lower edge of band at small x  
as expected

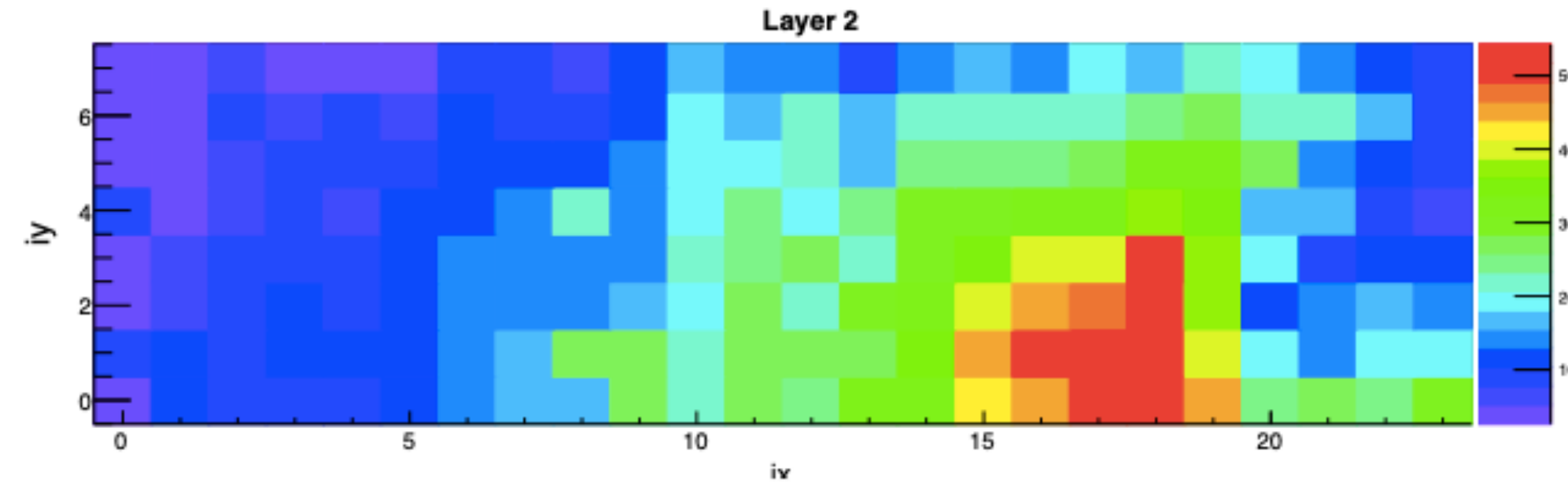
Conclusion: a suppression at LHC would result in a tension: sign of non-linear evolution?



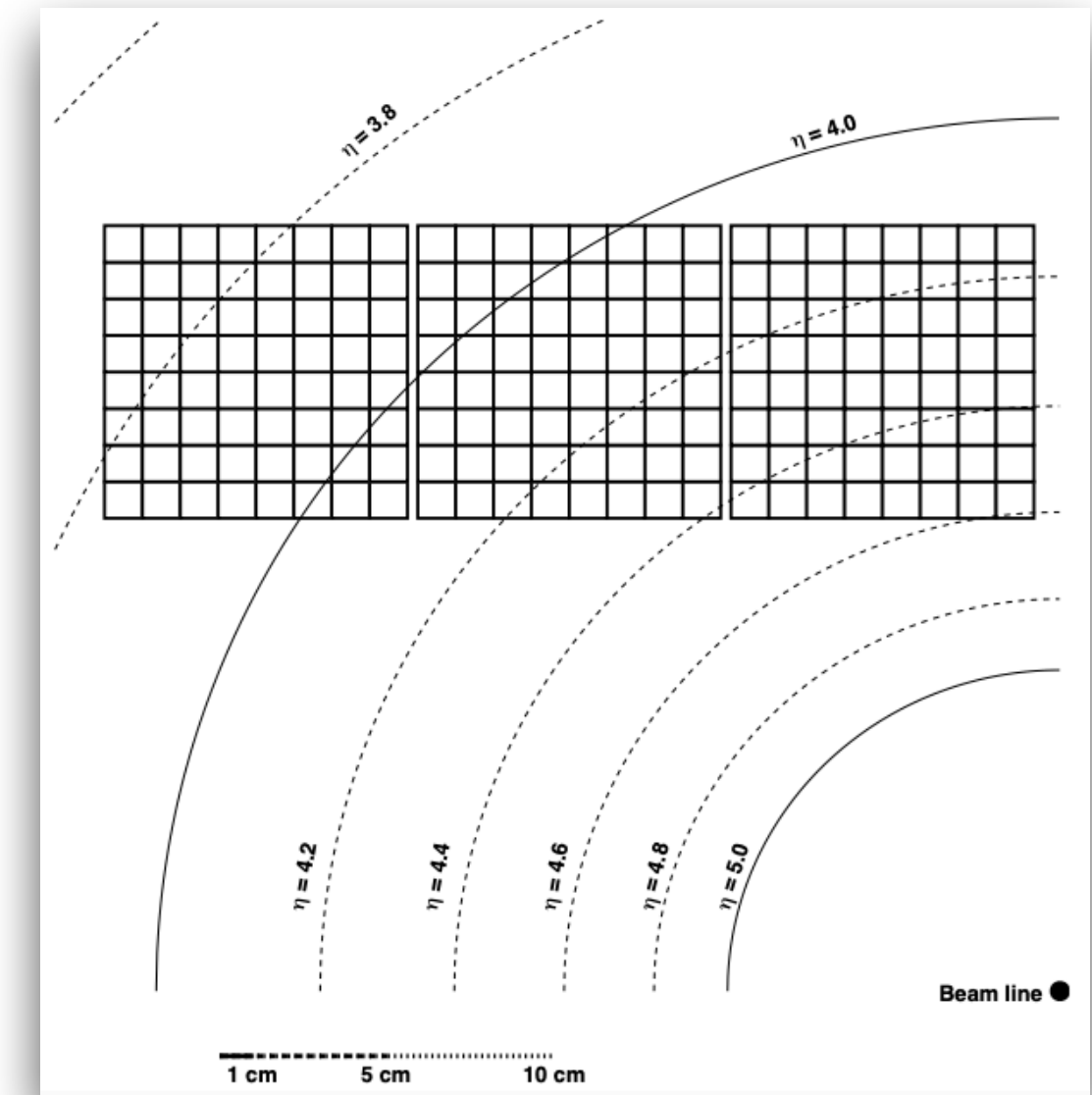


SRS system under the table

### Hit Map of mini-FoCal in ALICE



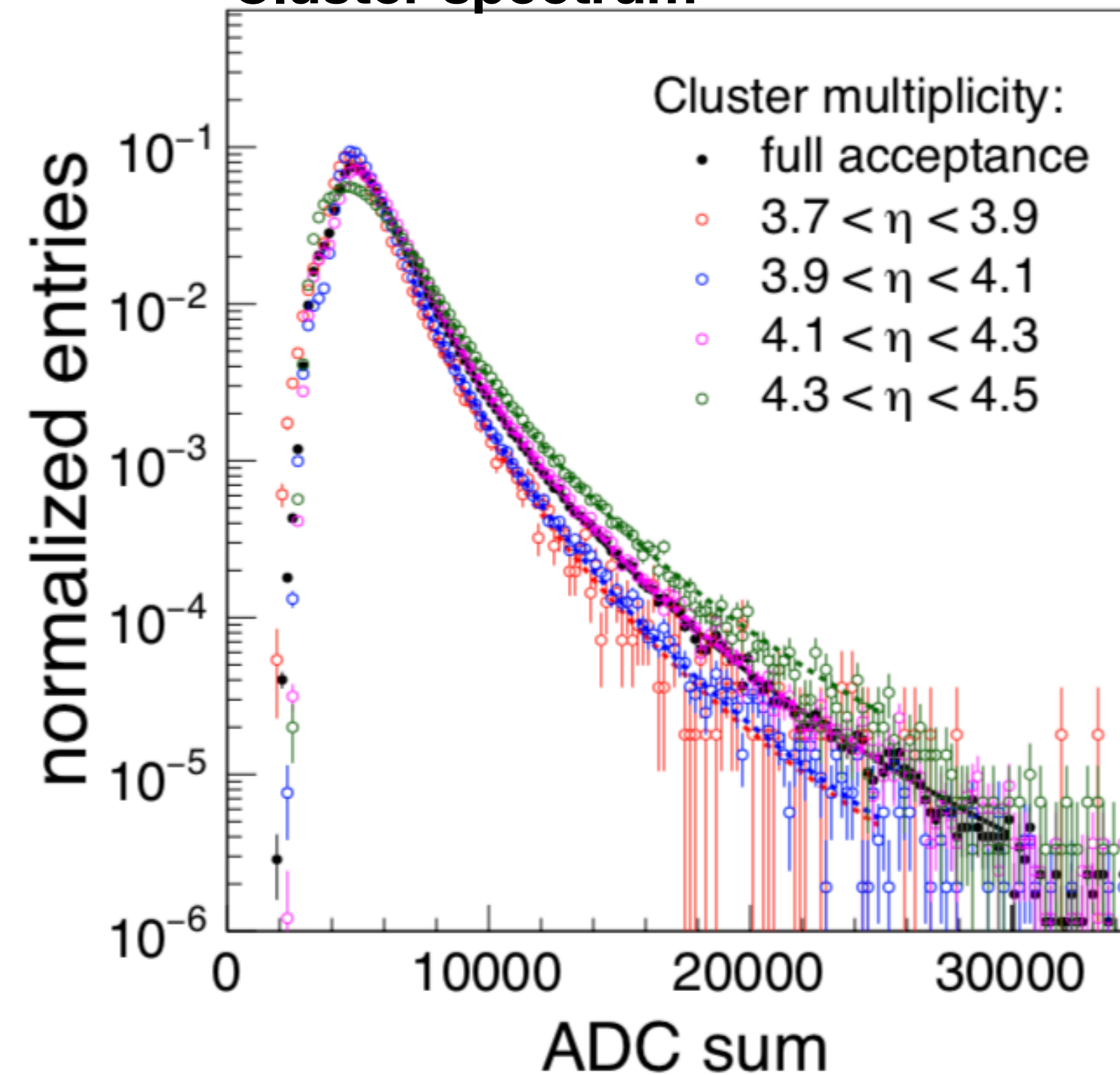
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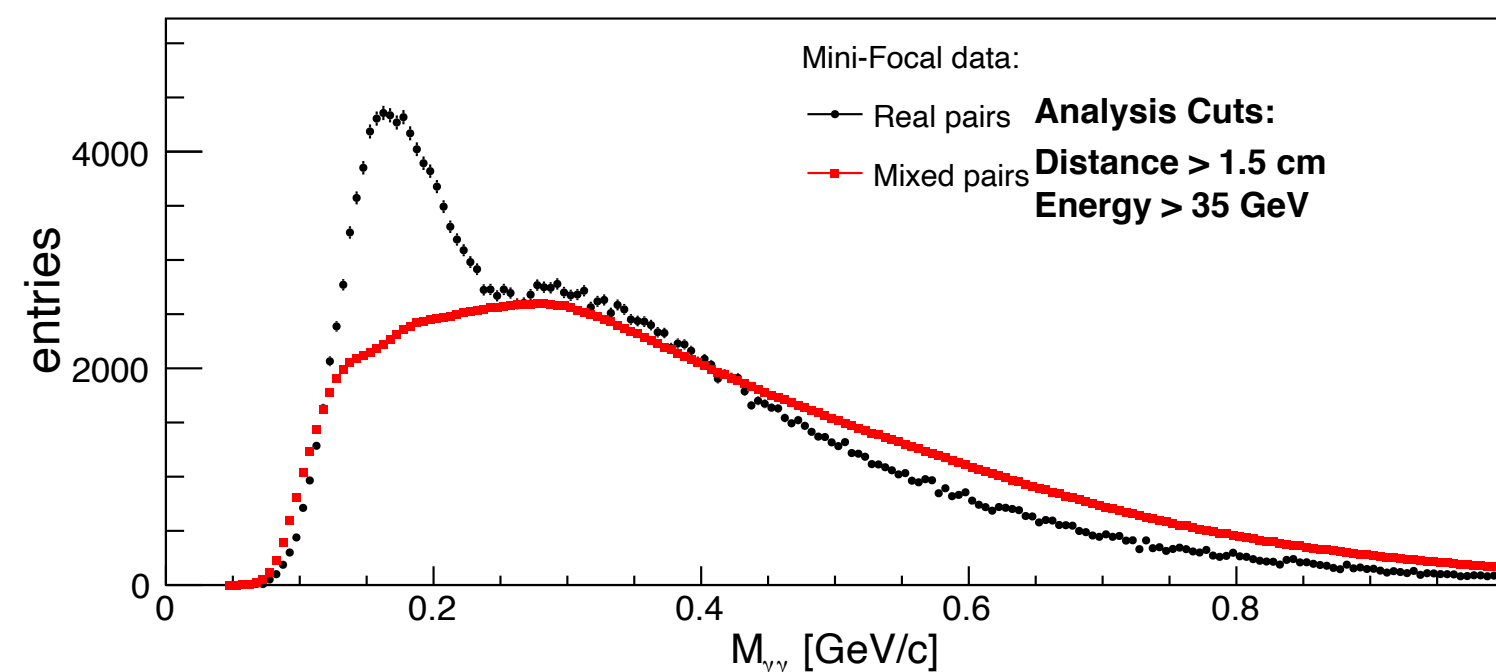
**Goal: measure/verify backgrounds in situ with p+p @  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV collisions in ALICE**

- Calibration based on test beam
- Comparison to MC (cluster spectrum, slid lines)

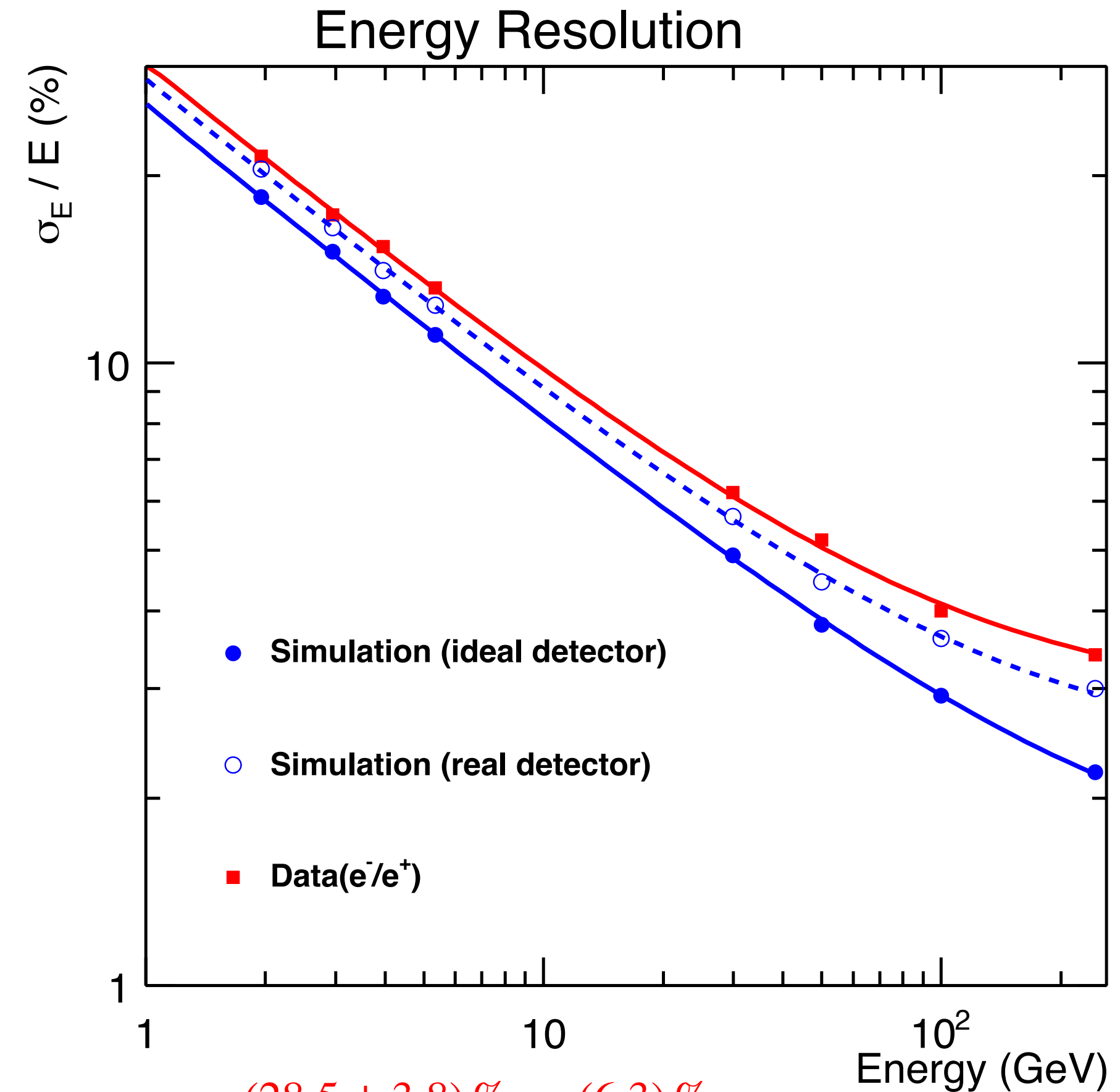
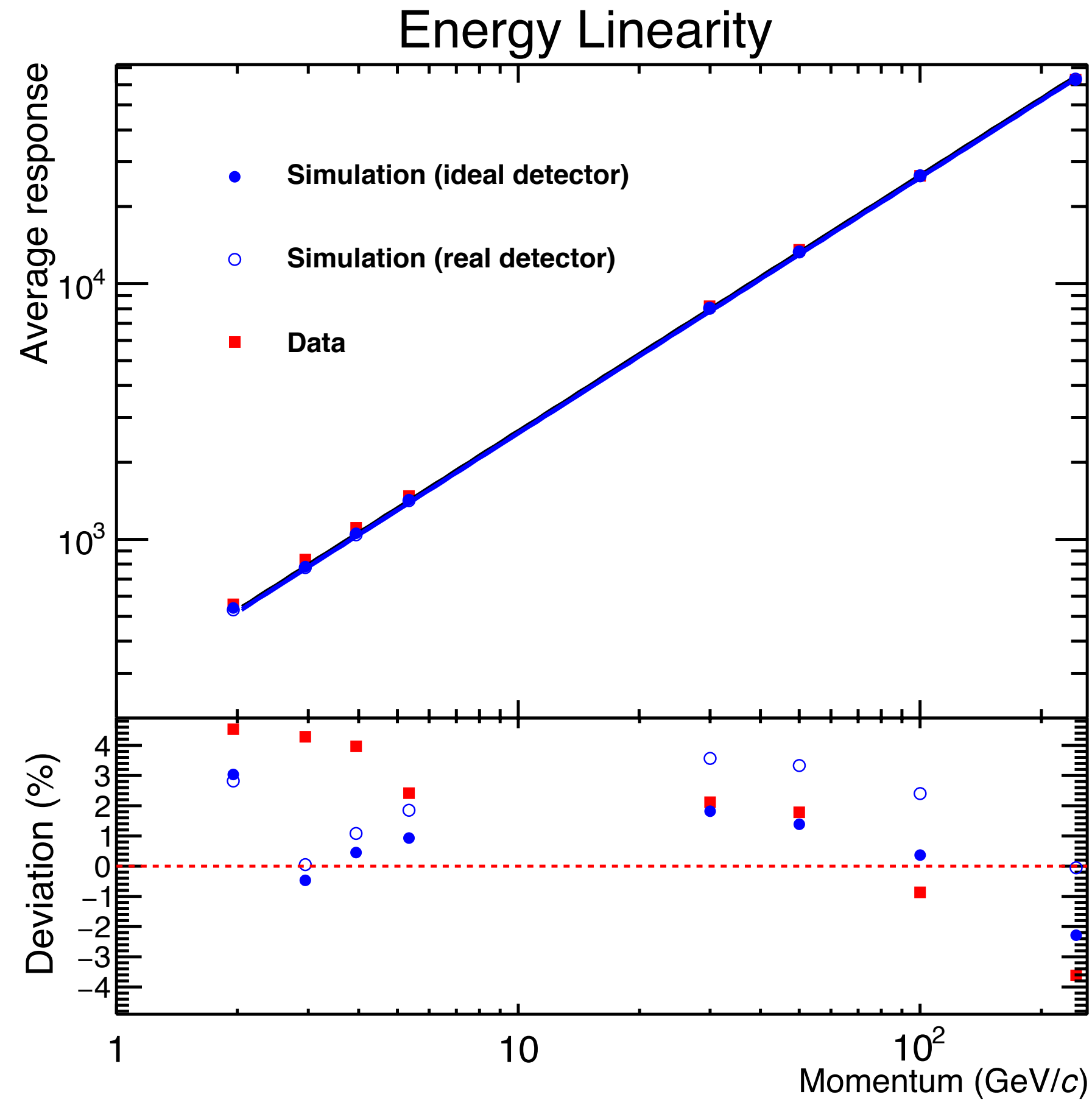
### Cluster spectrum



### $\pi^0$ peak



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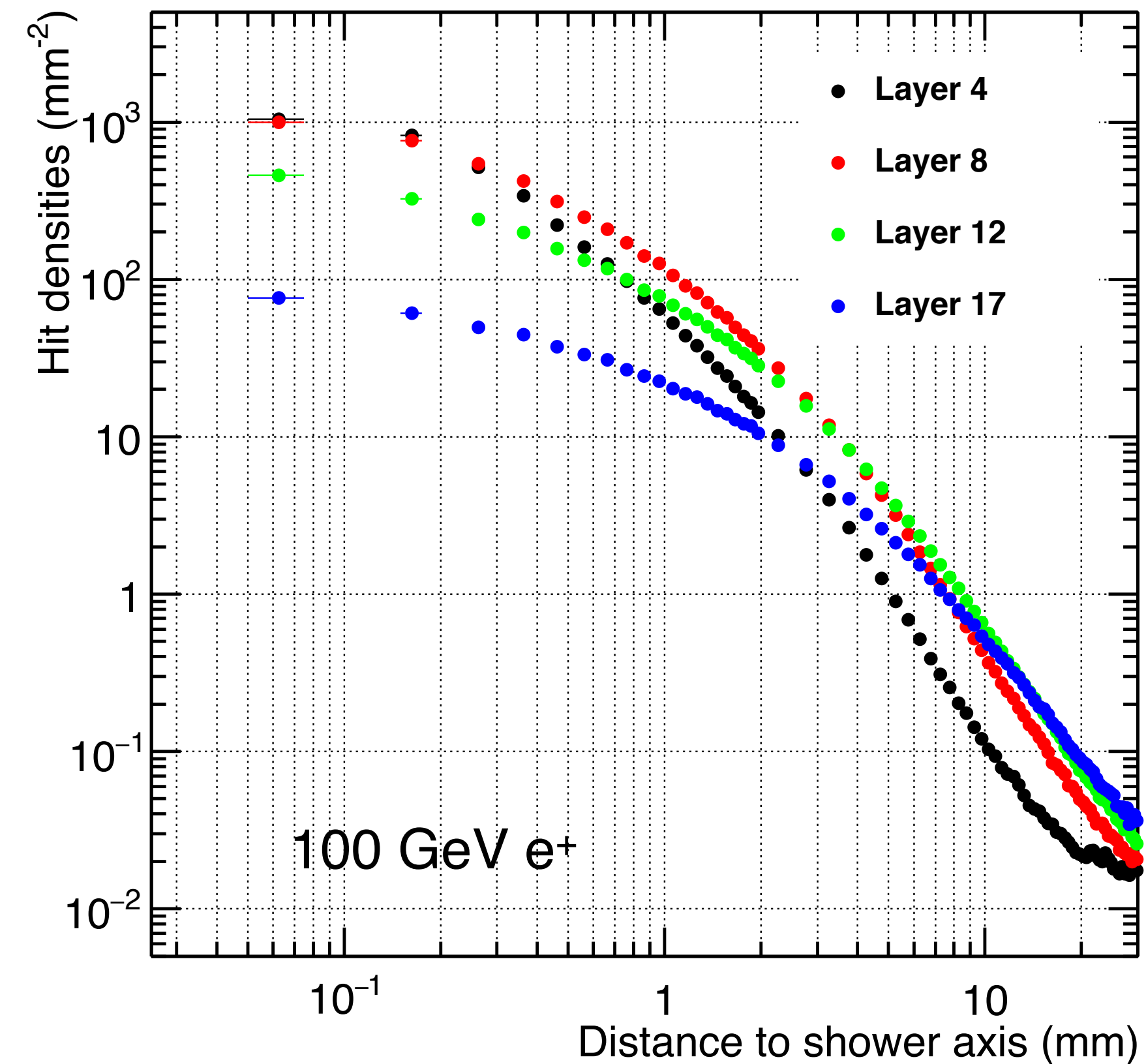
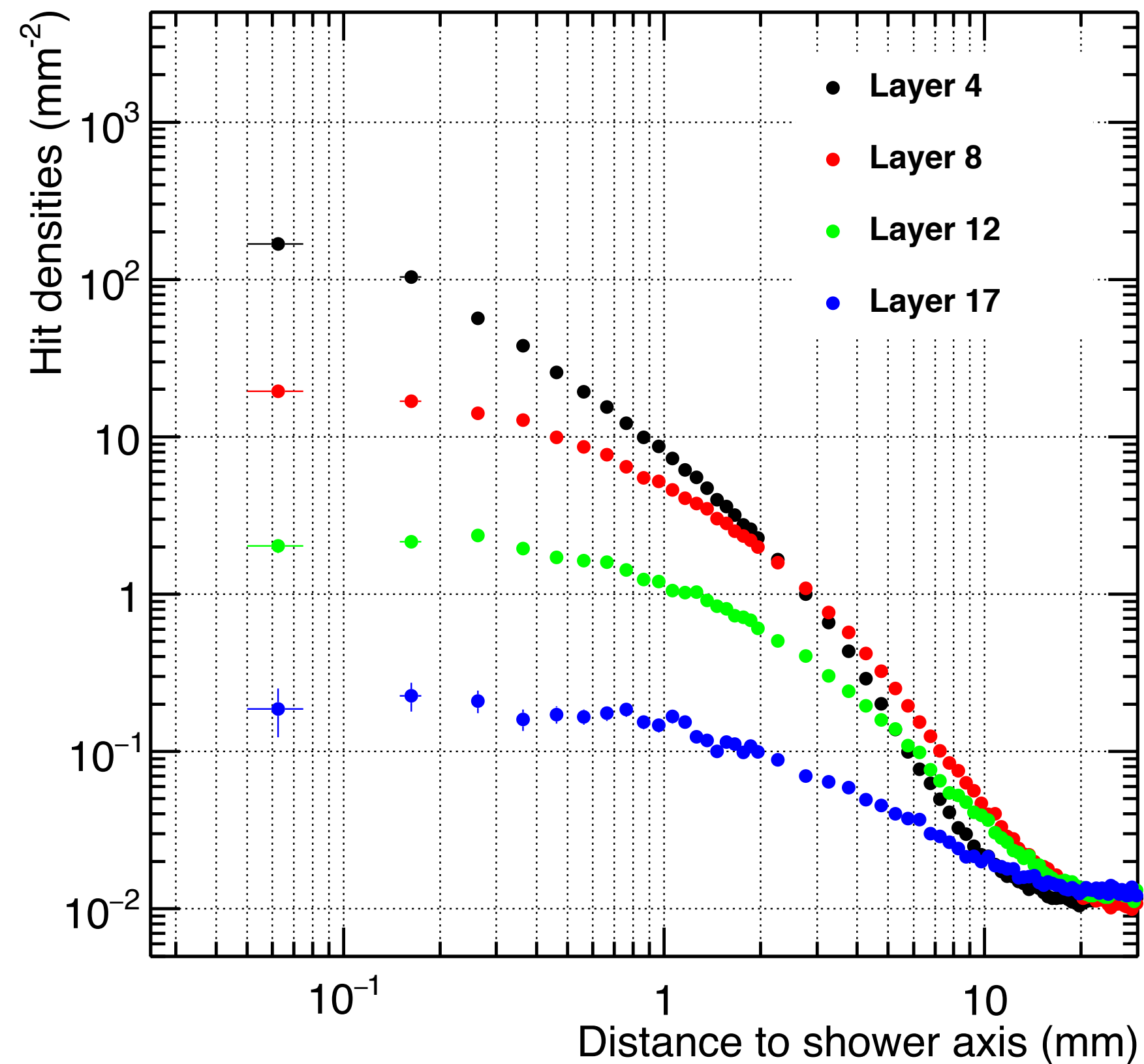
good linearity and energy resolution

- note: different calibration for low and high energy
- possibly still improve calibration
- effects of saturation seen at 244 GeV – to be corrected

proof of principle of digital calorimetry

*First results published in  
JINST 13 (2018) P01014*

5 GeV e<sup>+</sup>



average hit densities as a function of radius  
for different layers

$$\frac{dN_{\text{hit}}}{dA}(r)$$

- low energy: early shower maximum, profiles broaden and decay with depth
- high energy: profiles broaden with depth, increase up to shower maximum

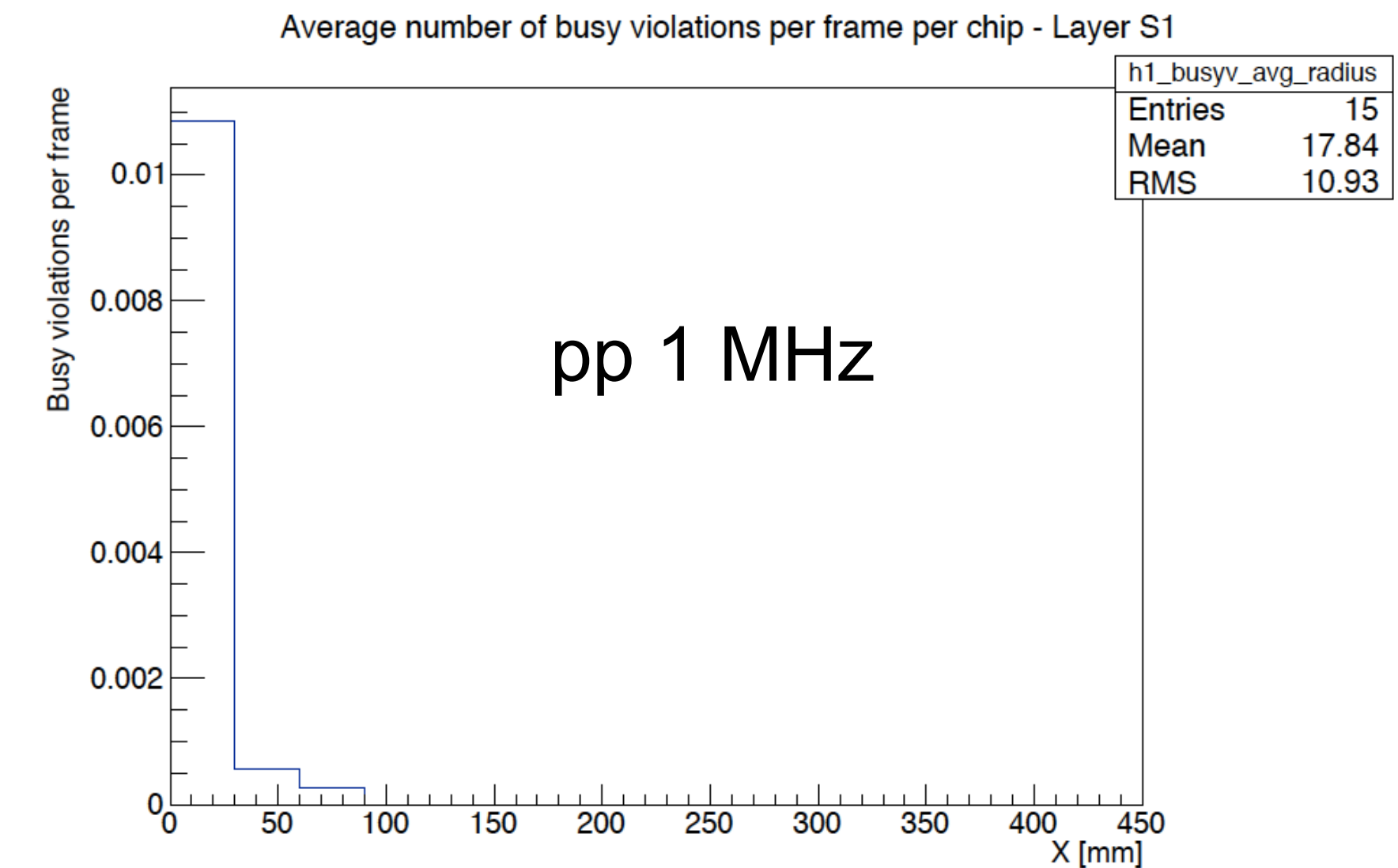
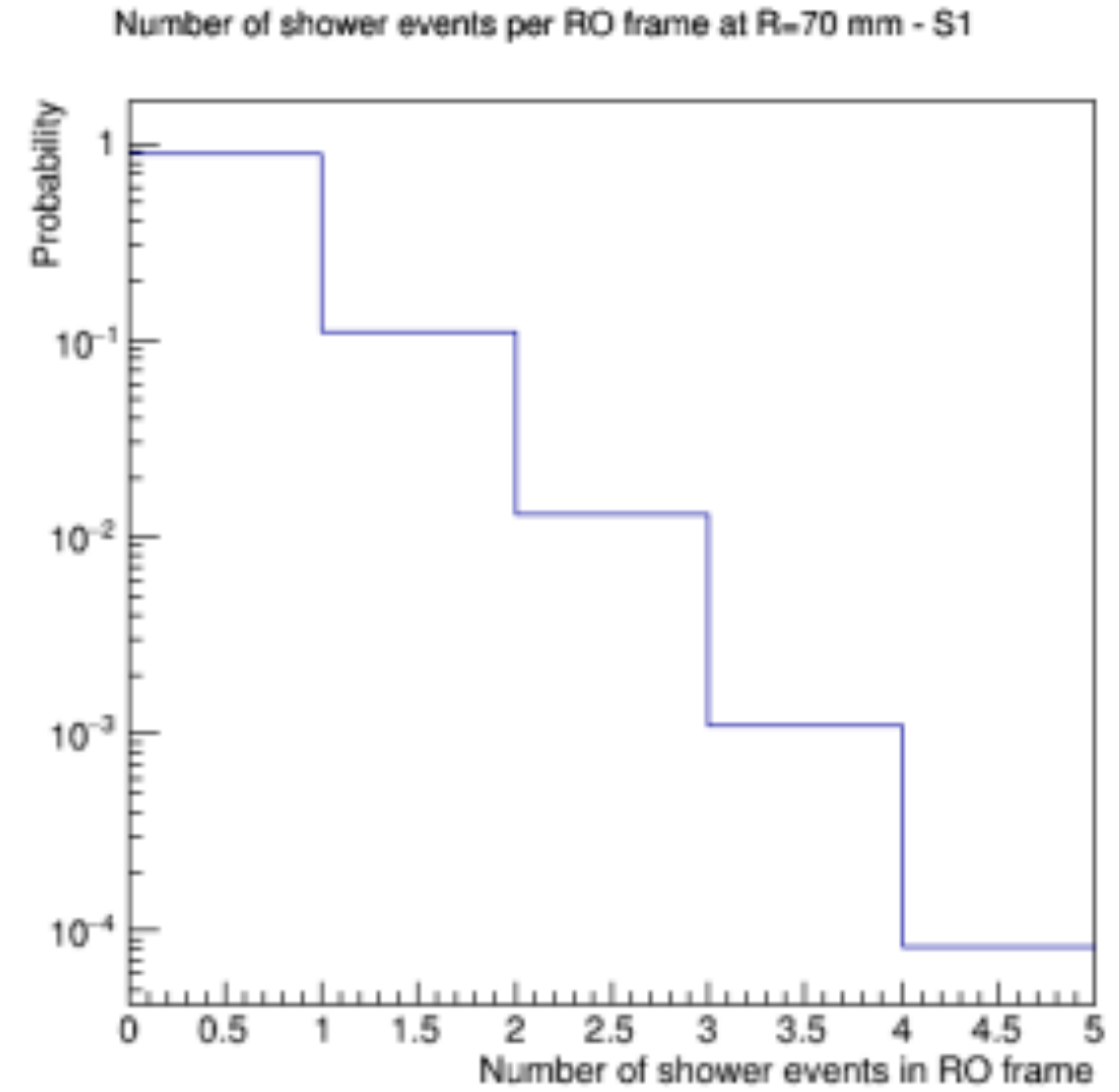
shower measurements with unprecedented detail!

# Pile up in pixel layers

Baseline design - use ITS2 ALPIDEs for the pixel layers

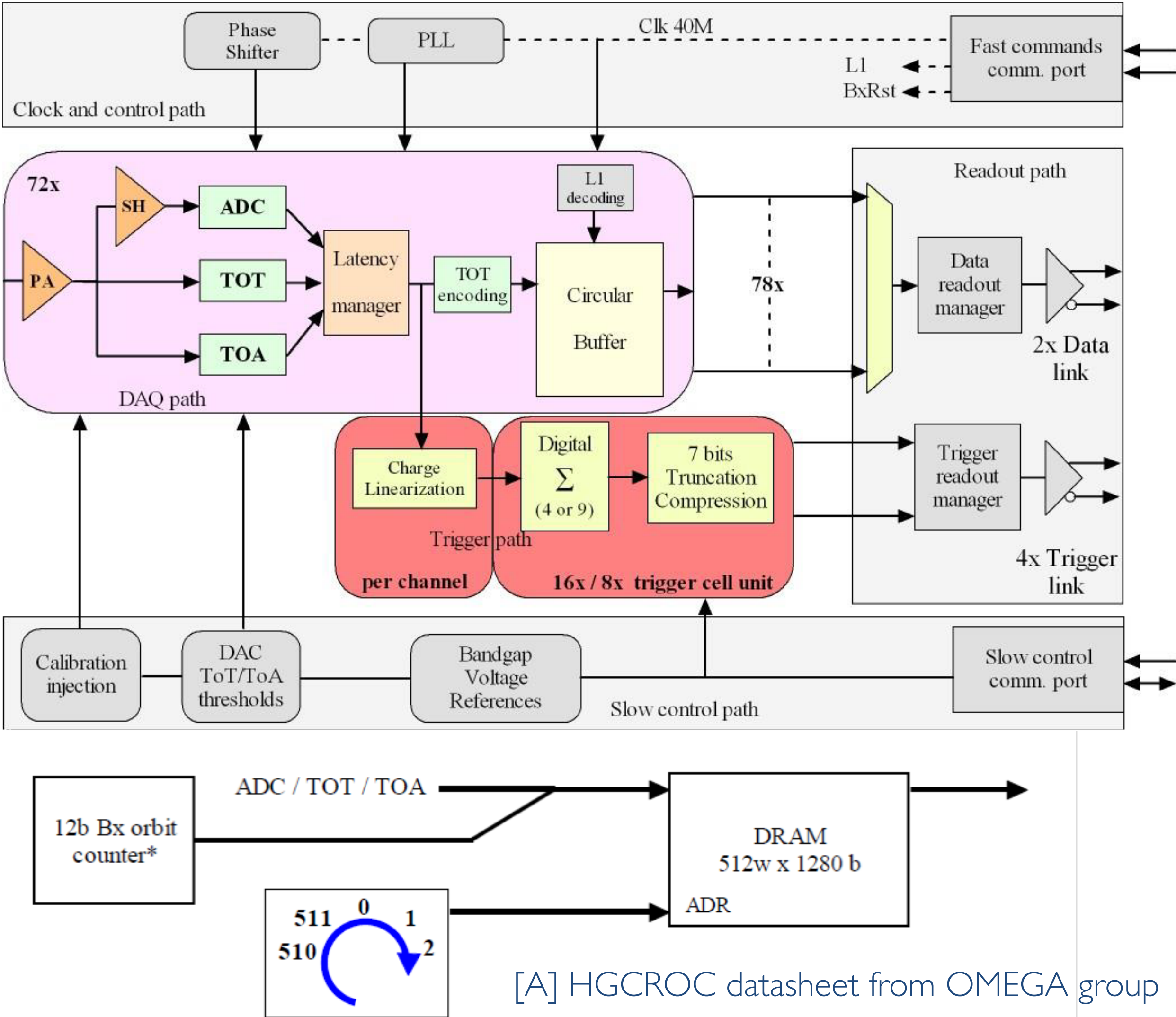
- pile-up
  - min. bias pp, 1 MHz interaction rate
  - 10 $\mu$ s readout frame
  - shower event: more than 50 hits per sensor

- busy violations
  - only relevant for few innermost ALPIDEs



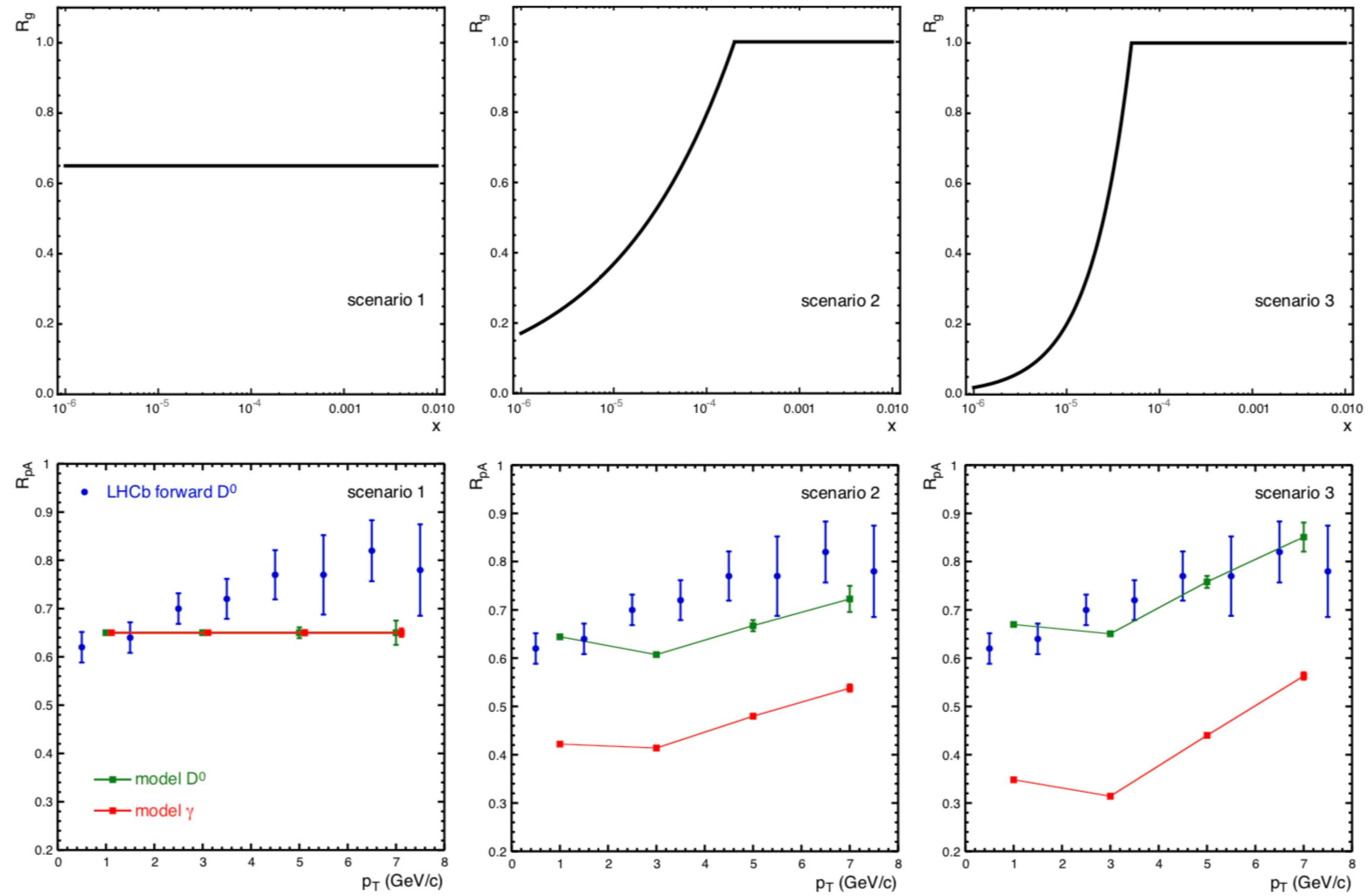
# HGCROC description

- 72 channels + 4 channels for common mode subtraction + 2 special calibration channels
- 32b Digital Data continuously stored in 512 length DRAM @40MHz
  - 72 ch. x 32b x 40MHz: **huge data volume**
  - Only **Local-L1-triggered** data are read out
- Idle packet is continuously sent out when no L1-trigger is activated
- The data processing for the trigger “information” path
  - 32b: 4b header + 7b x 4
  - Sum of 4 or 9 **channels** depending on the sensor

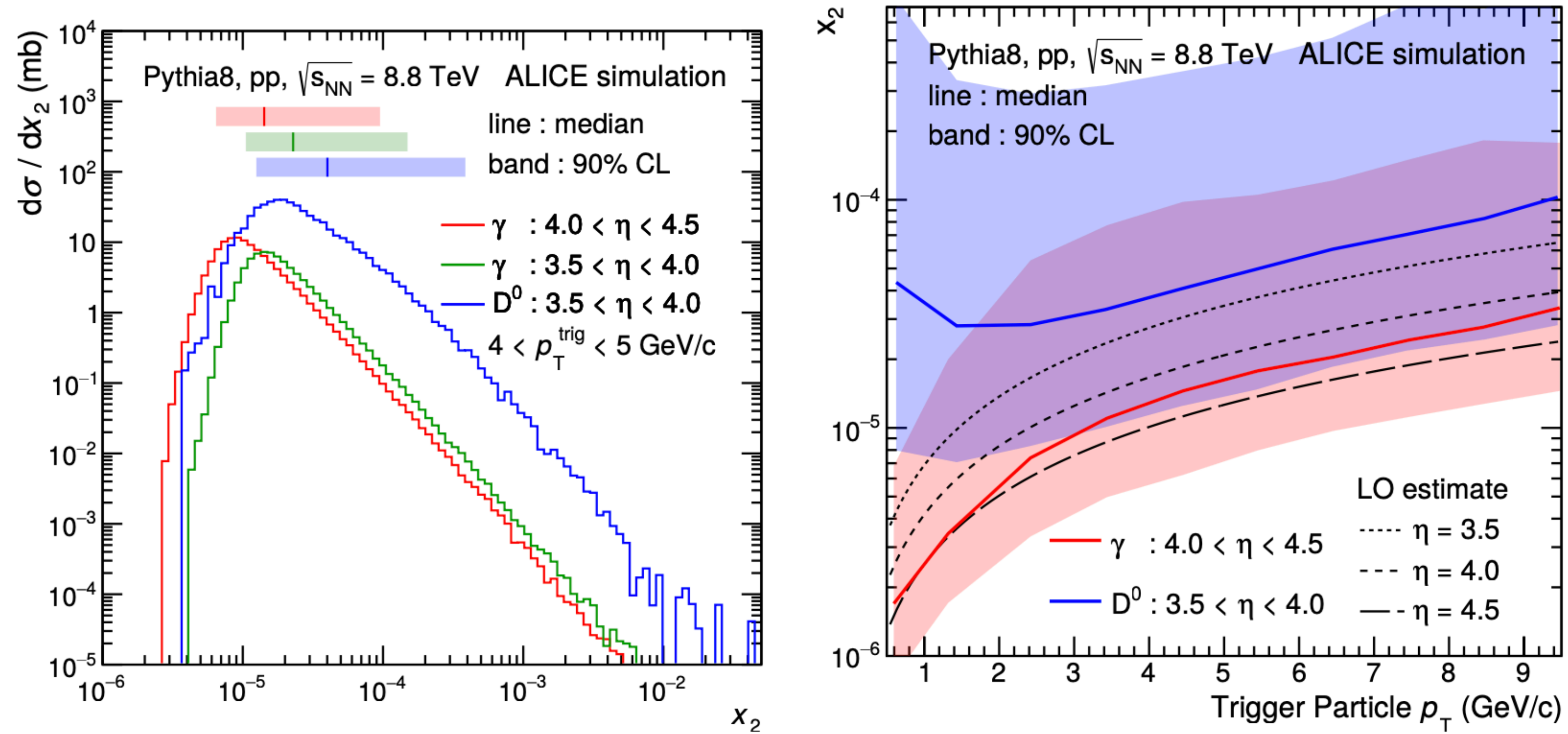


[A] HGCROC datasheet from OMEGA group

# Charm vs photon sensitivity



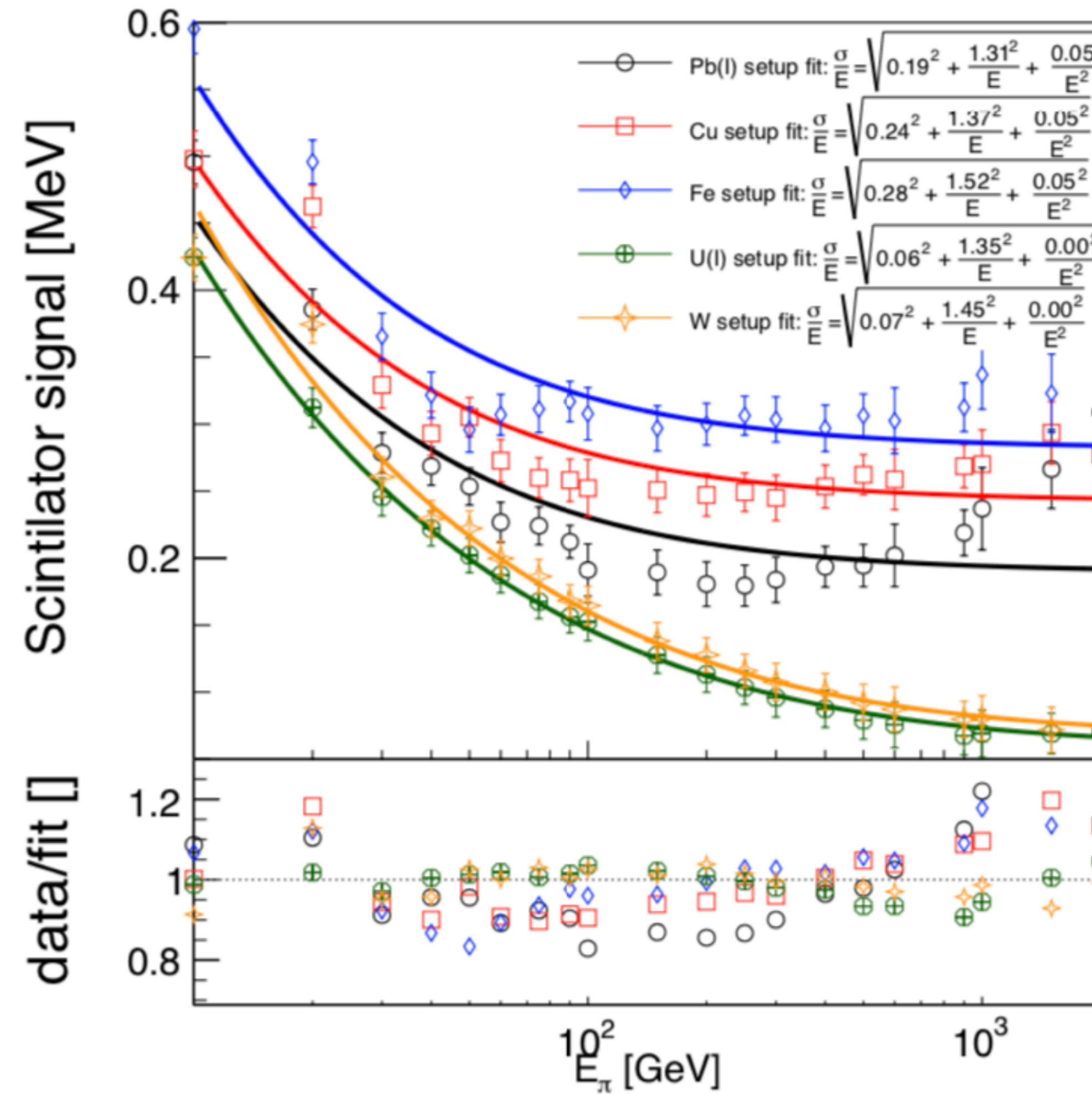
Toy study: Photons are more sensitive to shape of  $R_g$  than charm



**Fig. 8:** (Left) Distribution of the momentum fraction of the gluons ( $x_2$ ) contributing to production of prompt mesons and prompt photons in the PYTHIA event generator (v8.235) for  $4 < p_T < 5$  GeV/c. The bands above the distribution indicate the median and the interval that contains 90% of the distribution. The right panel shows the median and 90% spread of the gluon- $x$  ( $x_2$ ) distribution as a function of the transverse momentum.

(similar conclusion from NLO calculations)

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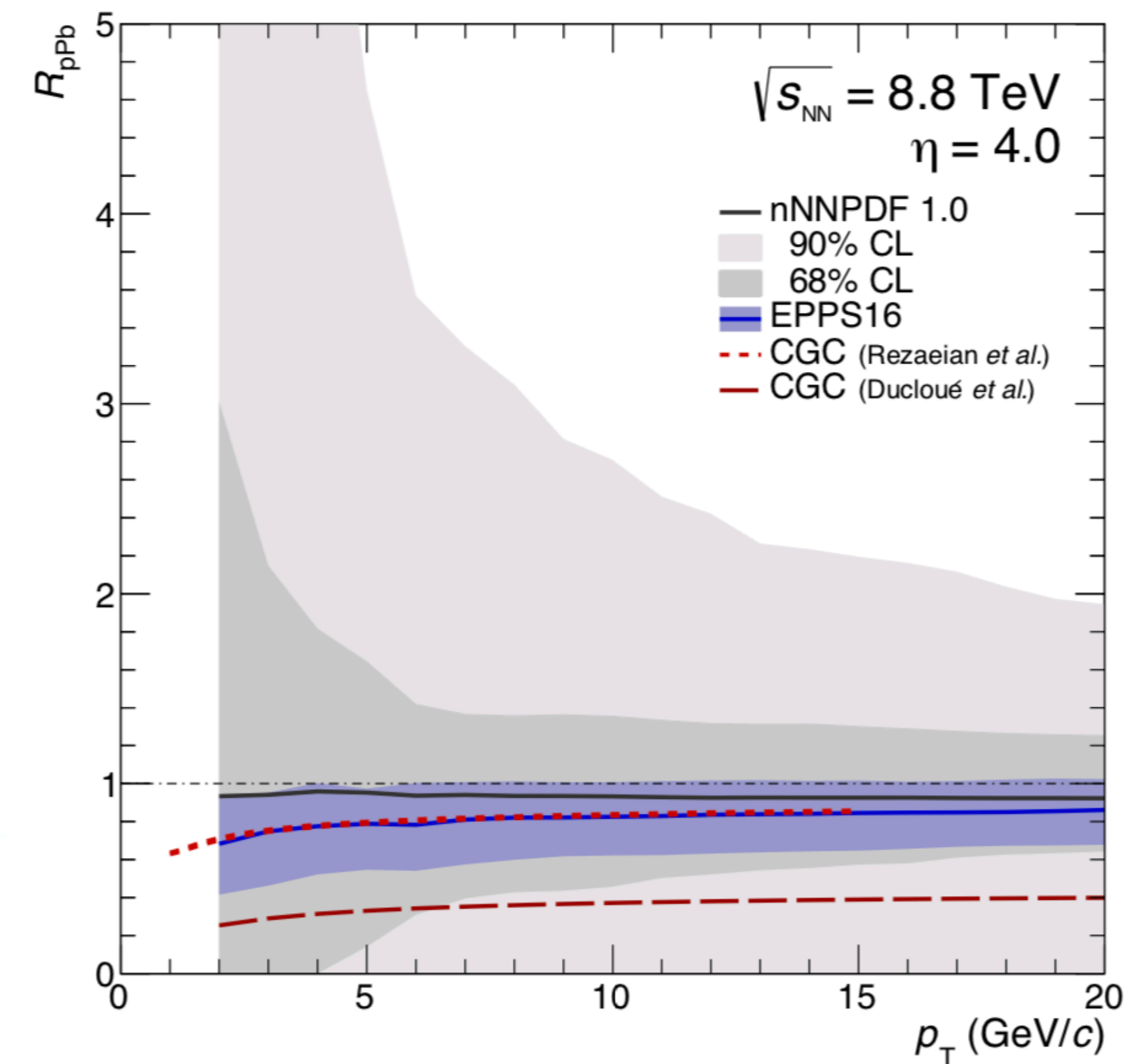
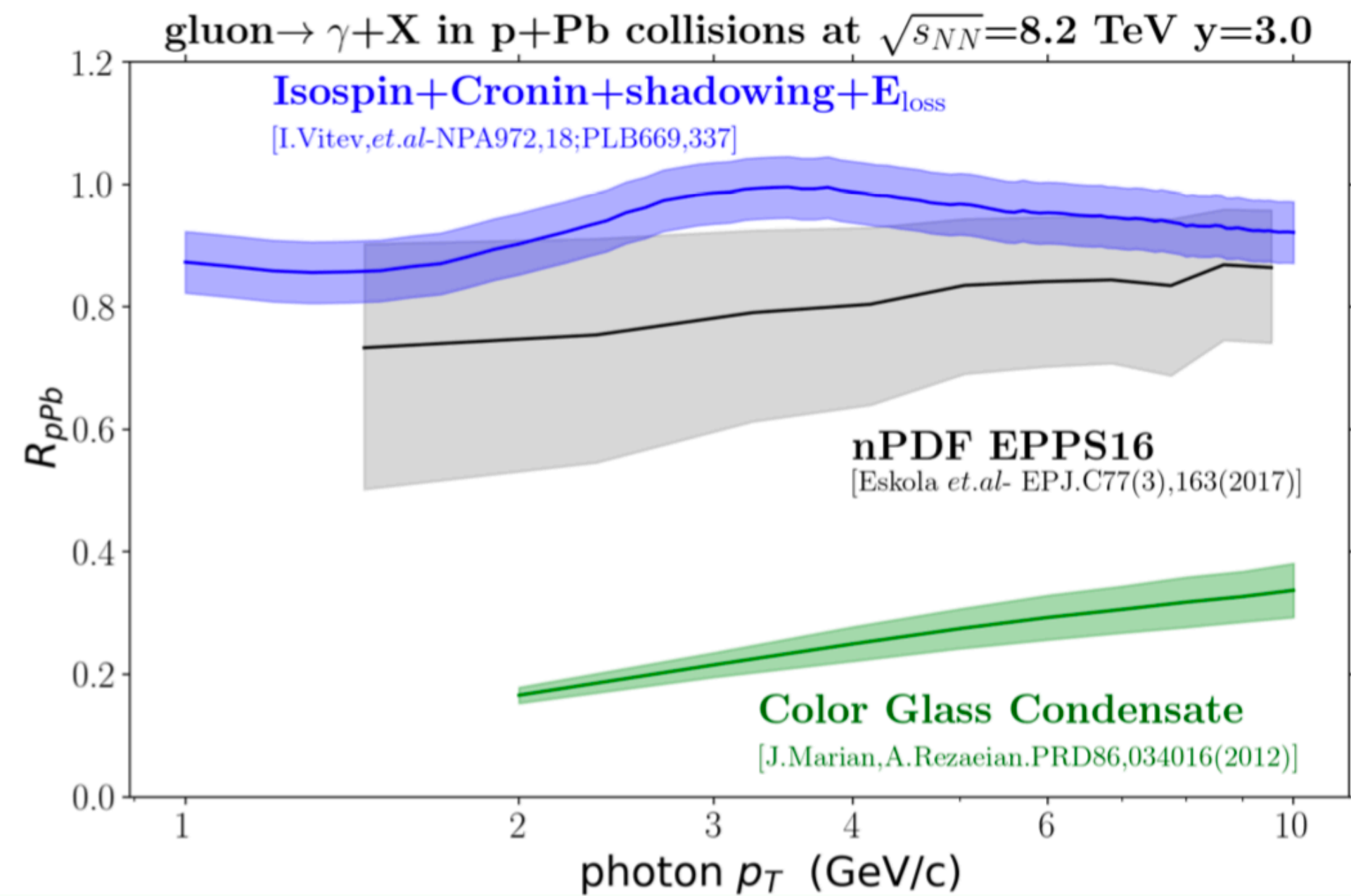
Stand-alone HCal simulation ongoing to study choice of passive material



# Predictions for nuclear modification of forward isolated photons

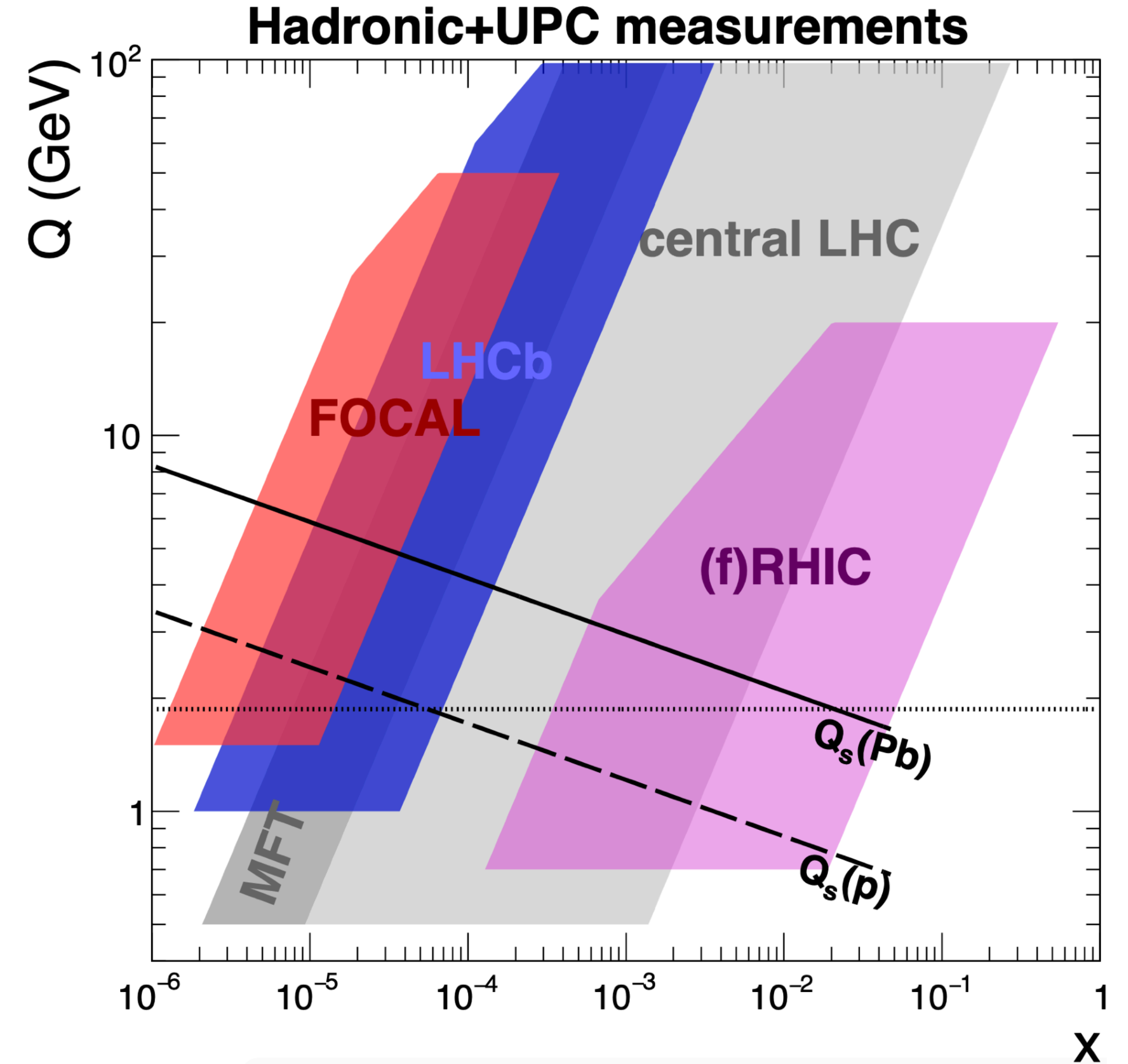
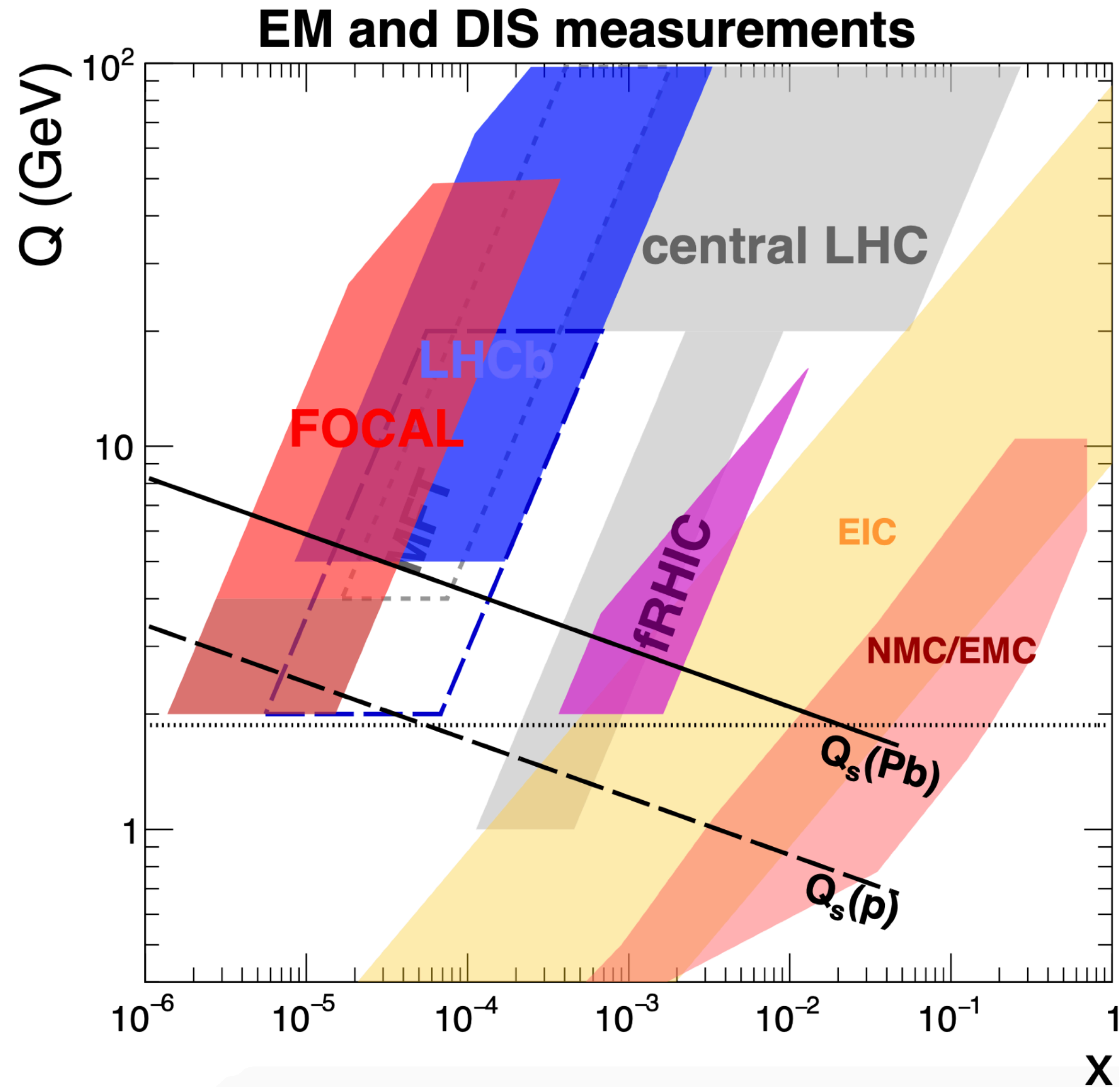
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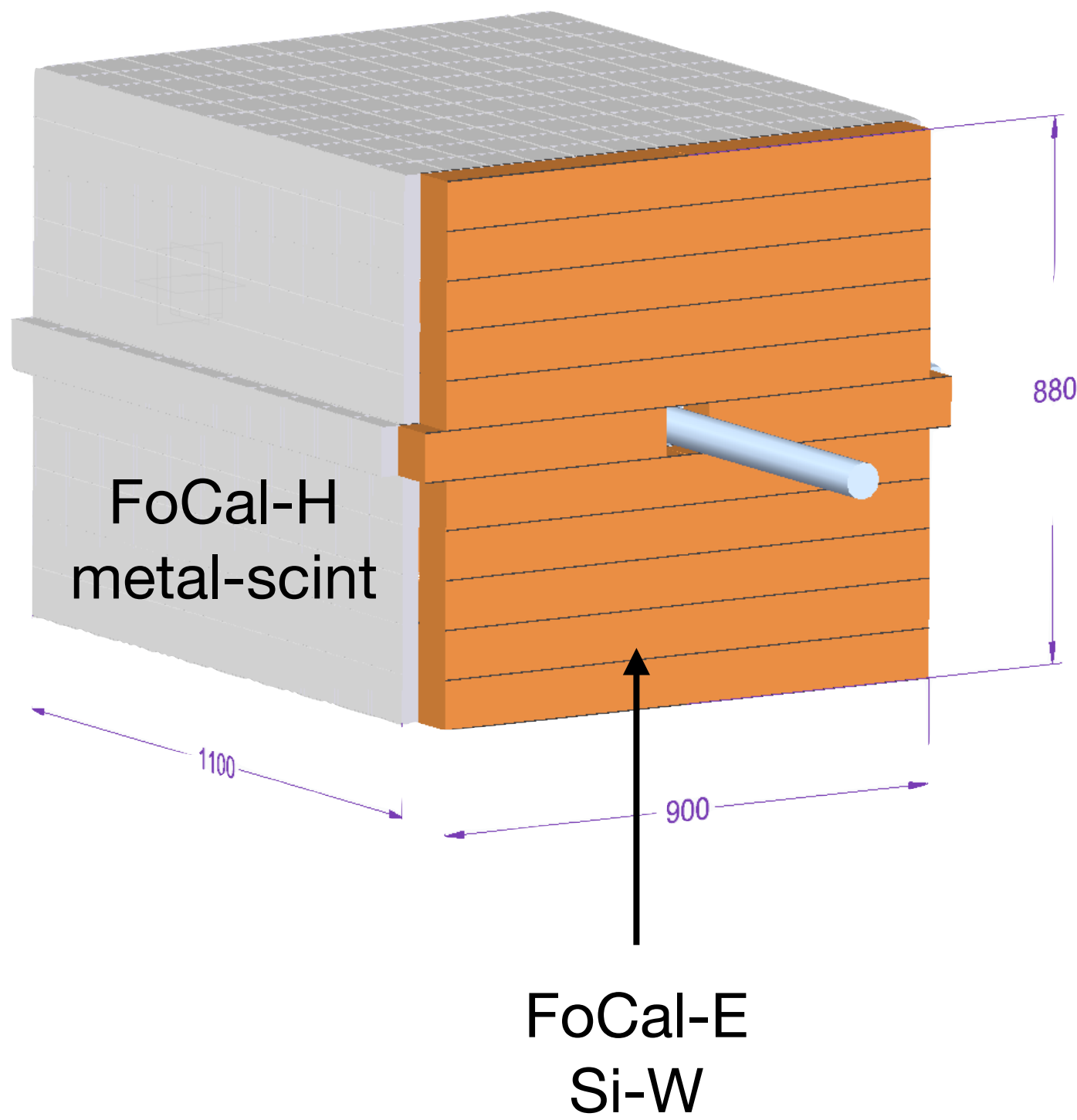


- Predictions have changed over time.
- Now, CGC and central value of EPPS16 prediction numerically the same
  - Large uncertainties
  - Is this a coincidence, by construction or does it have a deeper meaning?

# Kinematic coverage



# Costs (material only)



Total sensitive area:  
 $20 \times 0.9 \times 0.9 \text{m}^2 = 16 \text{m}^2$

## FoCal Pad layers

1 module = 5 x silicon sensor (8x9 cells a 1cm<sup>2</sup>)

- 1) Total number of modules: 11 x 2 = 22 modules
- 2) Total number of Pad layers: 22 x 18 = 396 layers
- 3) Total number of towers : 22 x 5 = 110 towers
- 4) Total number of silicon sensors: 396 x 5 = 1,980 sensors
- 5) Total number of readout ch.: (8 x 9) x 1,980 = 142,560 ch

+ 396 FEE PCB (5 HGCROC each),  
 180 aggregator boards, 8 CRU

## FoCal HG layer

- 1980 ALPIDEs
  - 132 staves
  - 612 links (324 IB/OB + 288 OB)
  - 6 IB/OB modules (6 \* 6 = 36 IB/OB staves) -> 36 RUs
  - 16 OB modules (16 \* 6 = 96 staves) -> 16 RUs
- +132 Flex PCB, 52 RU, 22 TB, 6 CRU  
 x2 for two pixel layers

## ECal

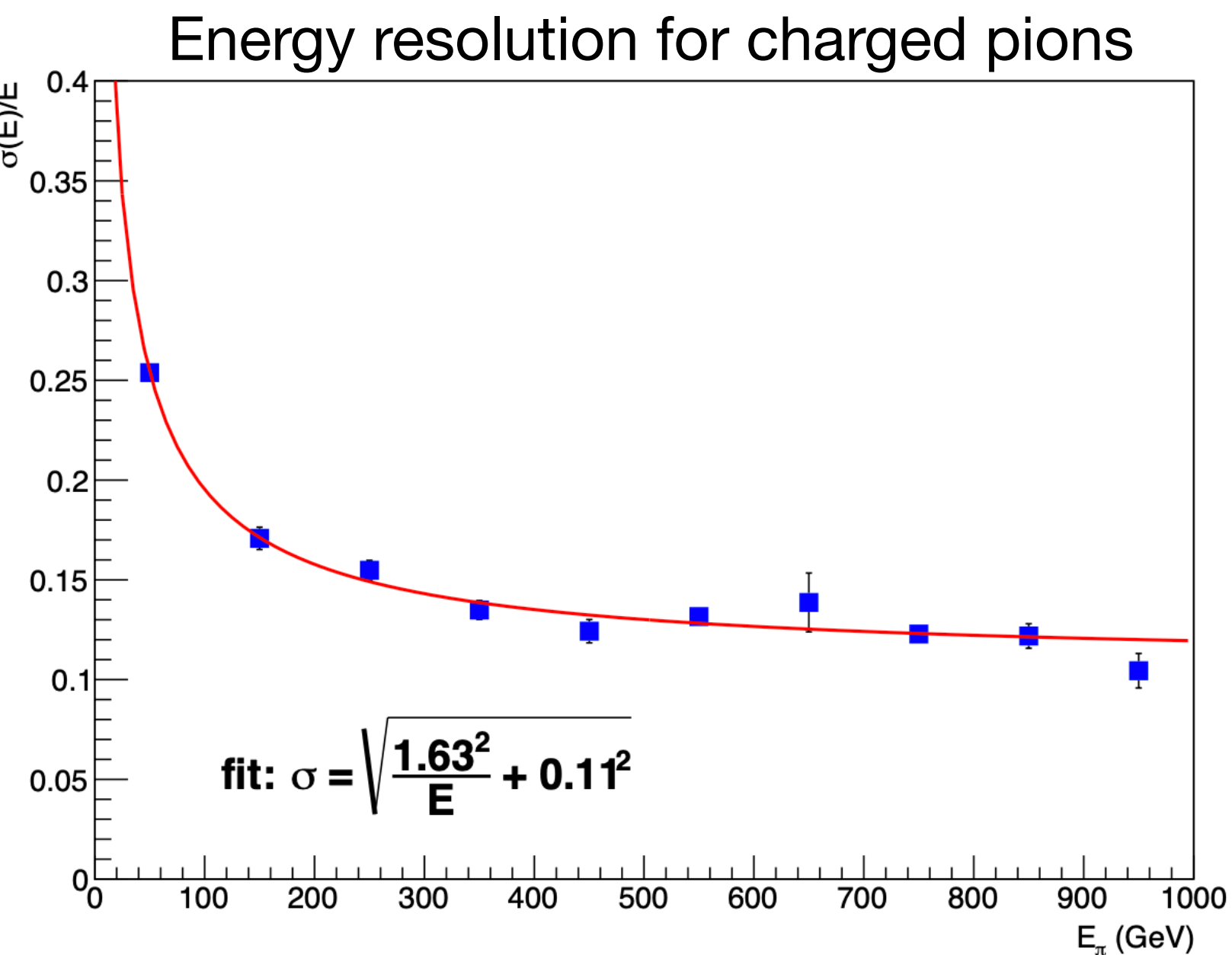
Table 3	Cost (kCHF)
tungsten	500
mechanics	500
silicon sensors (pads)	2000
pad power and readout	800
ALPIDE+PCB/flex	750
ALPIDE power and readout	1150
infrastructure	200
cooling	1000
support + integration	1200
beampipe	800
<b>total detector cost</b>	<b>8900</b>

## HCal (based on E864)

Table 4	Cost (kCHF)
absorber material (Pb plates)	700
scint. fibers + diffuser	280
tools	140
photo sensors (APD/SiPM) + accessories	130
LED system + CR calibration	130
misc. electronics	100
packing/shipping	120
Integration	350
<b>total detector cost</b>	<b>1950</b>

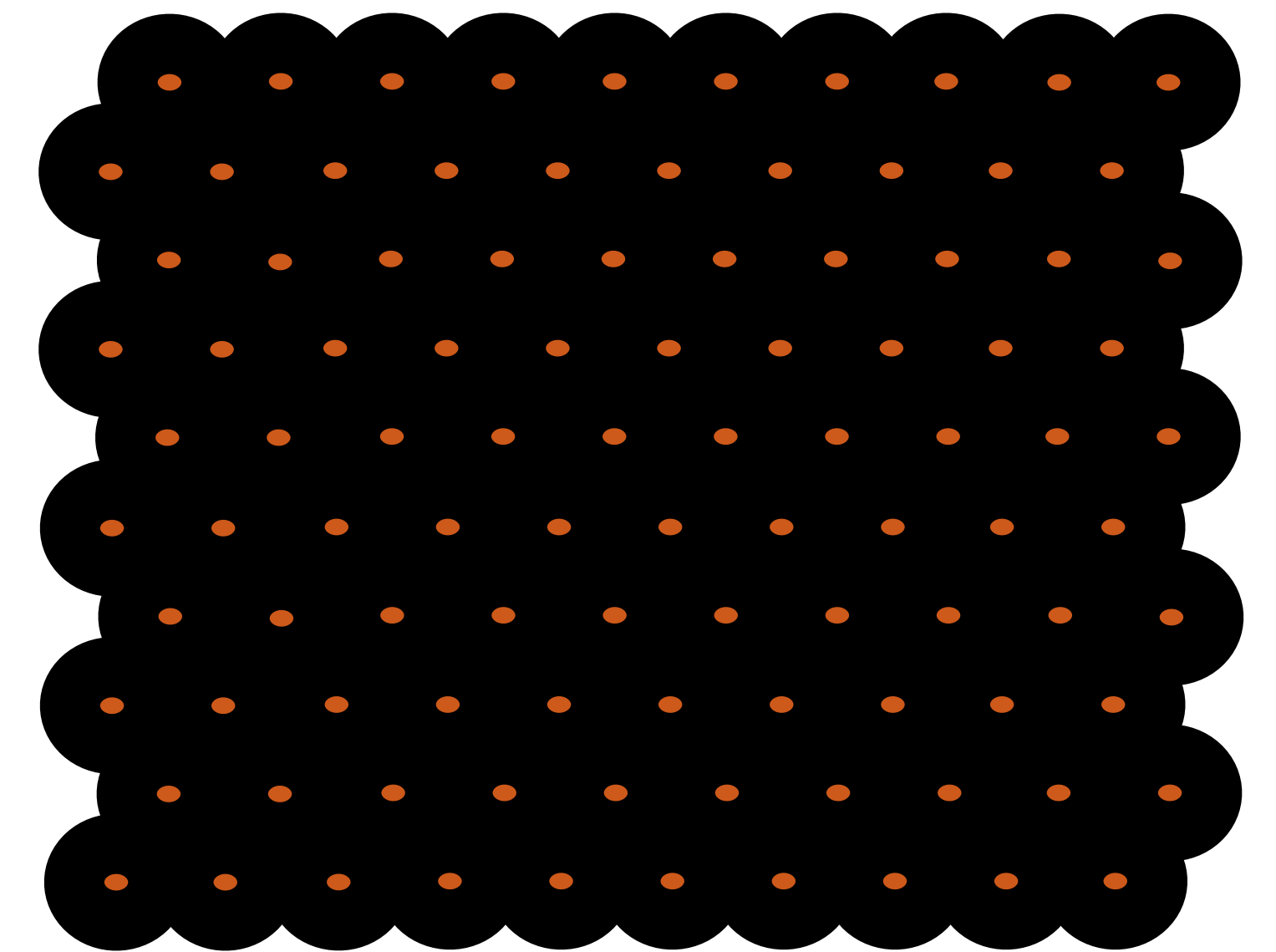
Total cost estimate: 11 MCHF

# HCAL - next steps



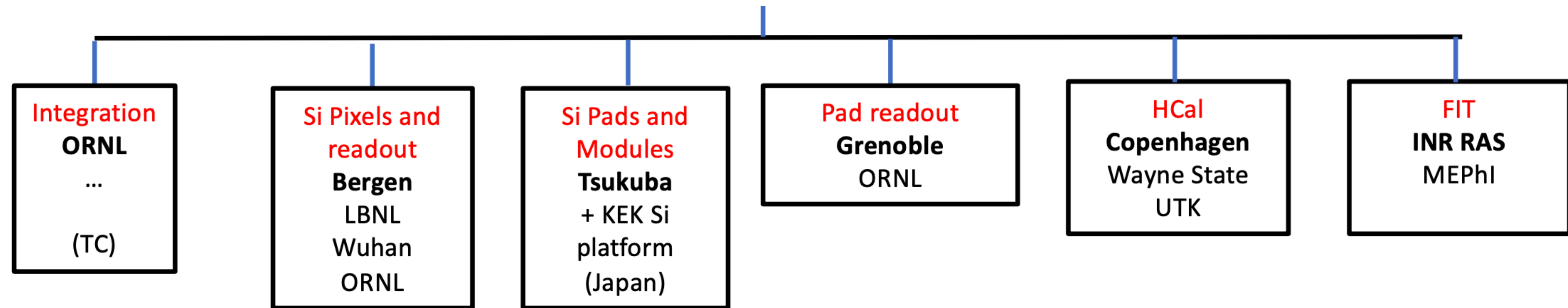
Component	Description	Target	2020				2021				2022				
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
HCAL 01	Preliminary tower design	Q3/20													
	Simulation of prototype	Q3/20													
	Prototype tower	Q1/21													
	Final tower design	Q3/21													
HCAL 02	Preliminary readout design	Q4/20													
	Prototype readout	Q1/21													
	Final readout design	Q3/21													
HCAL 03	LV infrastructure concept	Q3/21													
HCAL 04	HV infrastructure concept	Q3/21													
	Test beam	Q2/22													
	TDR	Q2/22													
	Final design	Q4/22													

- Performance from simulations sufficient for photon isolation and jets
  - Constant term (e/h compensation) more, sampling fraction less important
  - Requirements on resolution to be defined in more detail
- Plan: test FoCal-H prototype together with FoCal-E in test beam in 2021
  - Ongoing effort to construct a prototype based on Cu capillary tubes by 2020
  - In parallel perform detailed simulations to further optimise performance (e.g. optimal ratio of active-passive material)
  - Study granularity requirements (does it make sense and is it possible to go finer than ~0.1)?
- Choice of readout (SiPM/APD) rather independent of sampling structure
  - SiPM likely more cost-effective and HGCROC compatible version exists



(Similar approach suggested and being tested by IDEA collaboration in Oct 2020, eg. see [talk](#))

# Key institutions and responsibilities



We would welcome individuals or institutions to join, please just contact me for more info