

# Capabilities of the ECCE detector proposal for small-x physics

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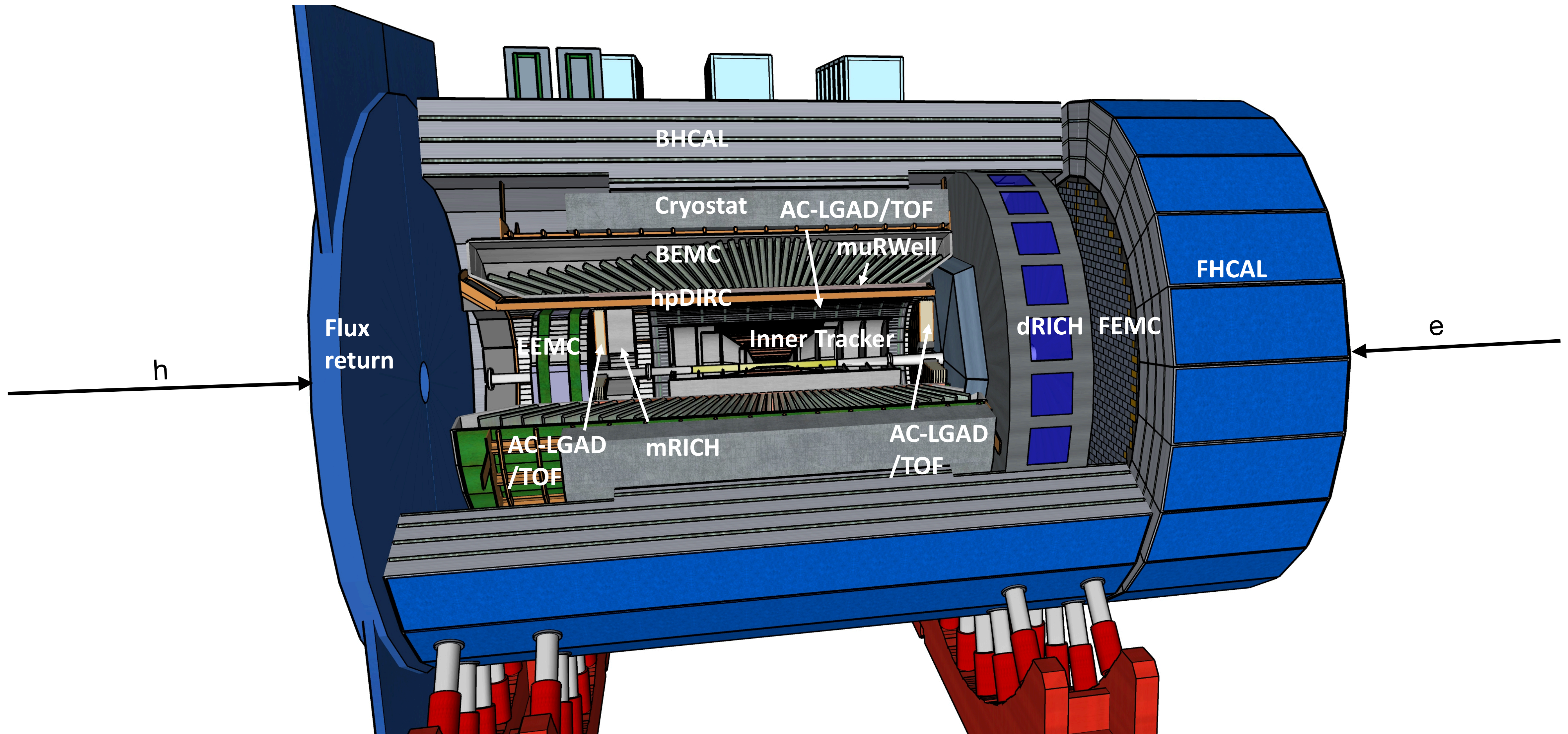
Small-x physics in the EIC era  
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# Outline

- Scattering off nucleon:
  - Spin structure: inclusive and semi-inclusive DIS
  - 3D tomography: momentum and position space
- Scattering off nuclei:
  - Dihadron correlations
  - Exclusive/diffractive



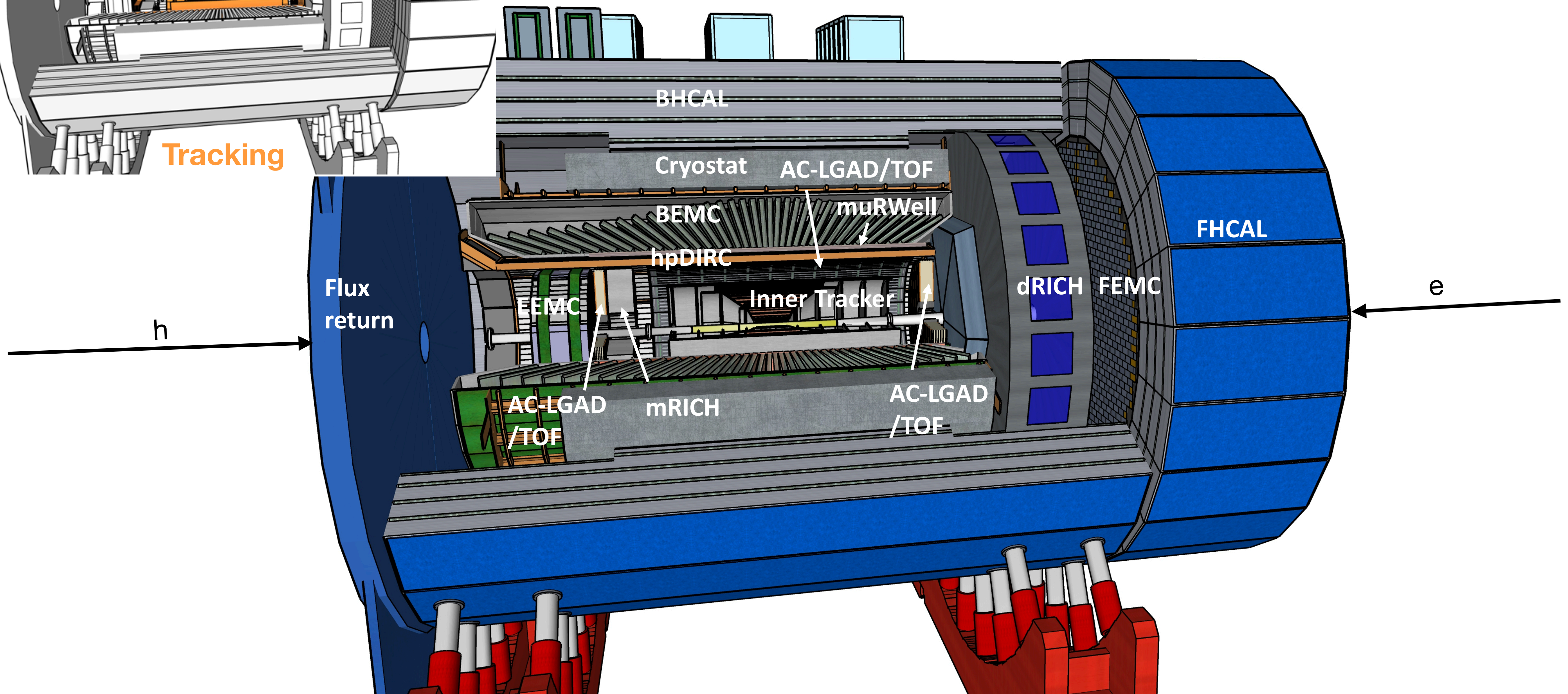
# ECCE – EIC Comprehensive Chromodynamics Experiment





# Comprehensive Chromodynamics Experiment

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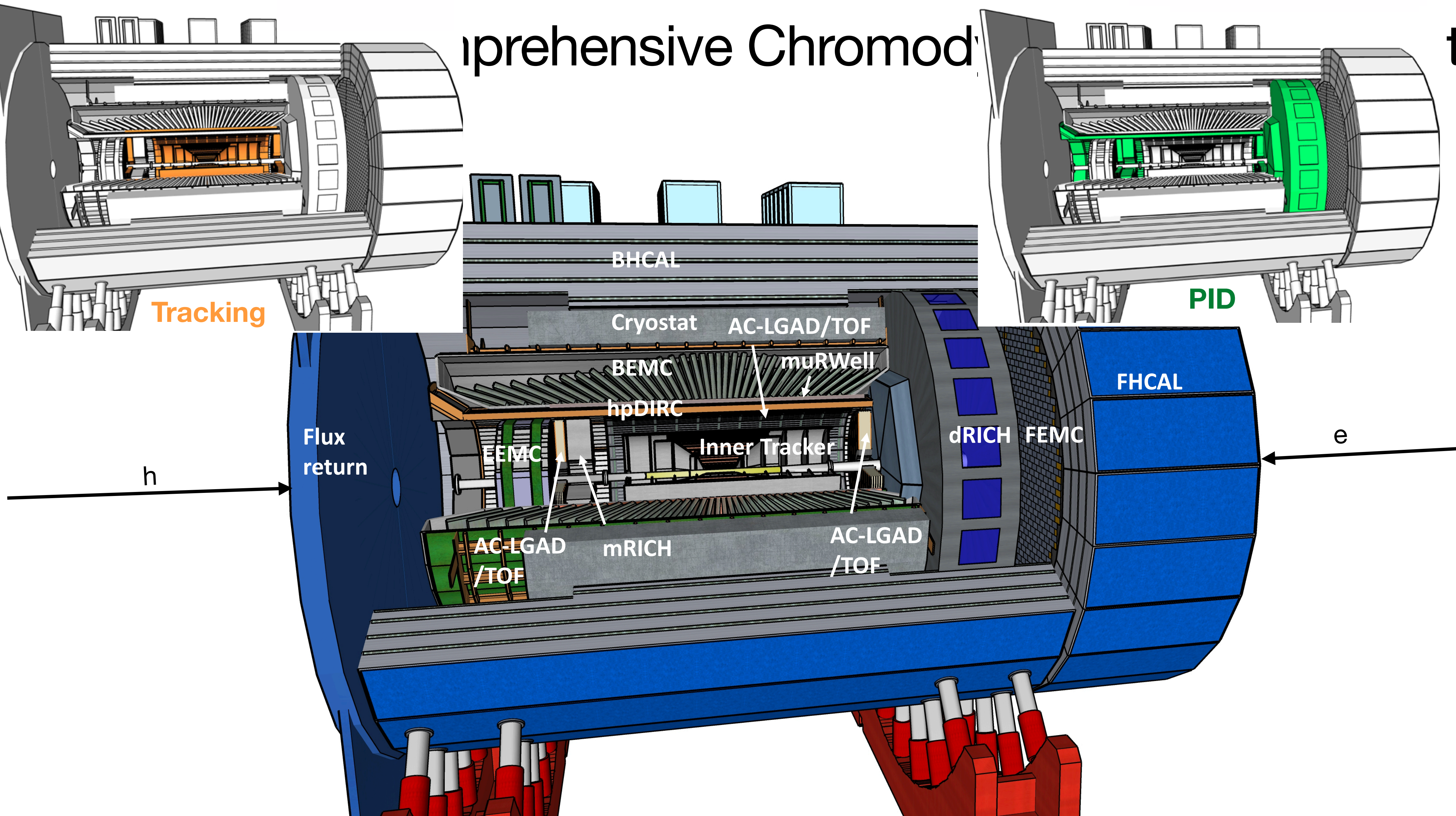


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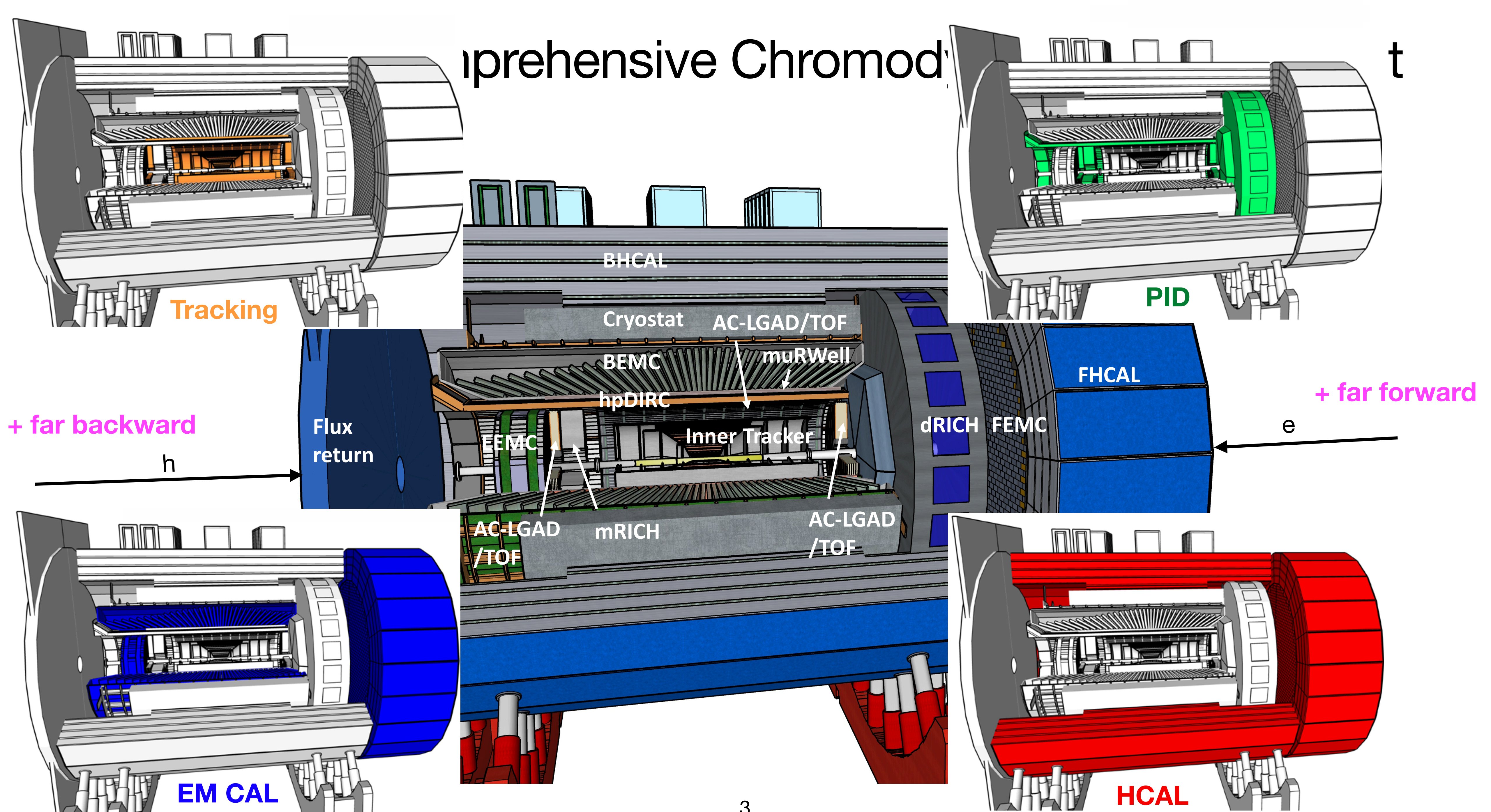
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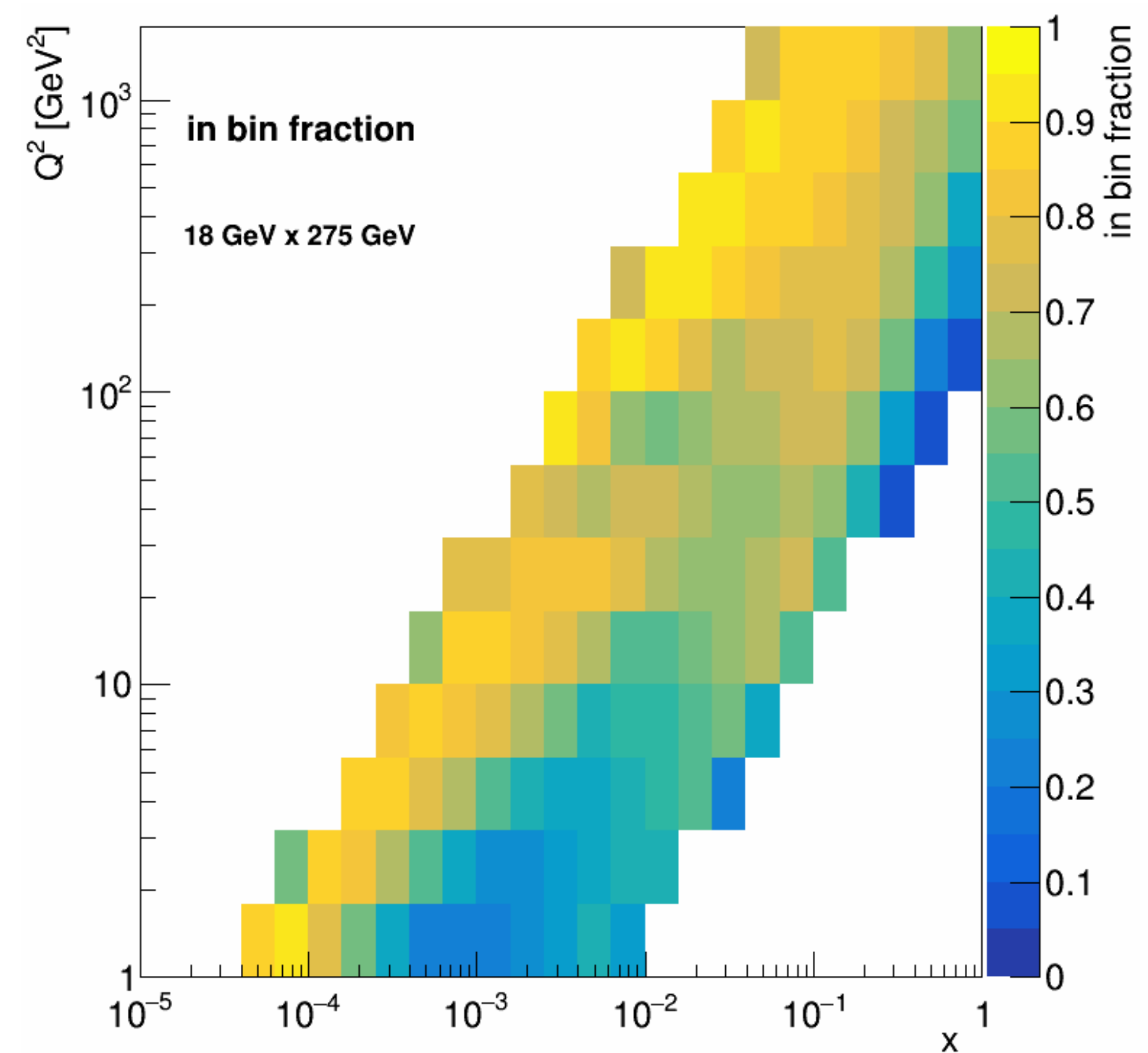
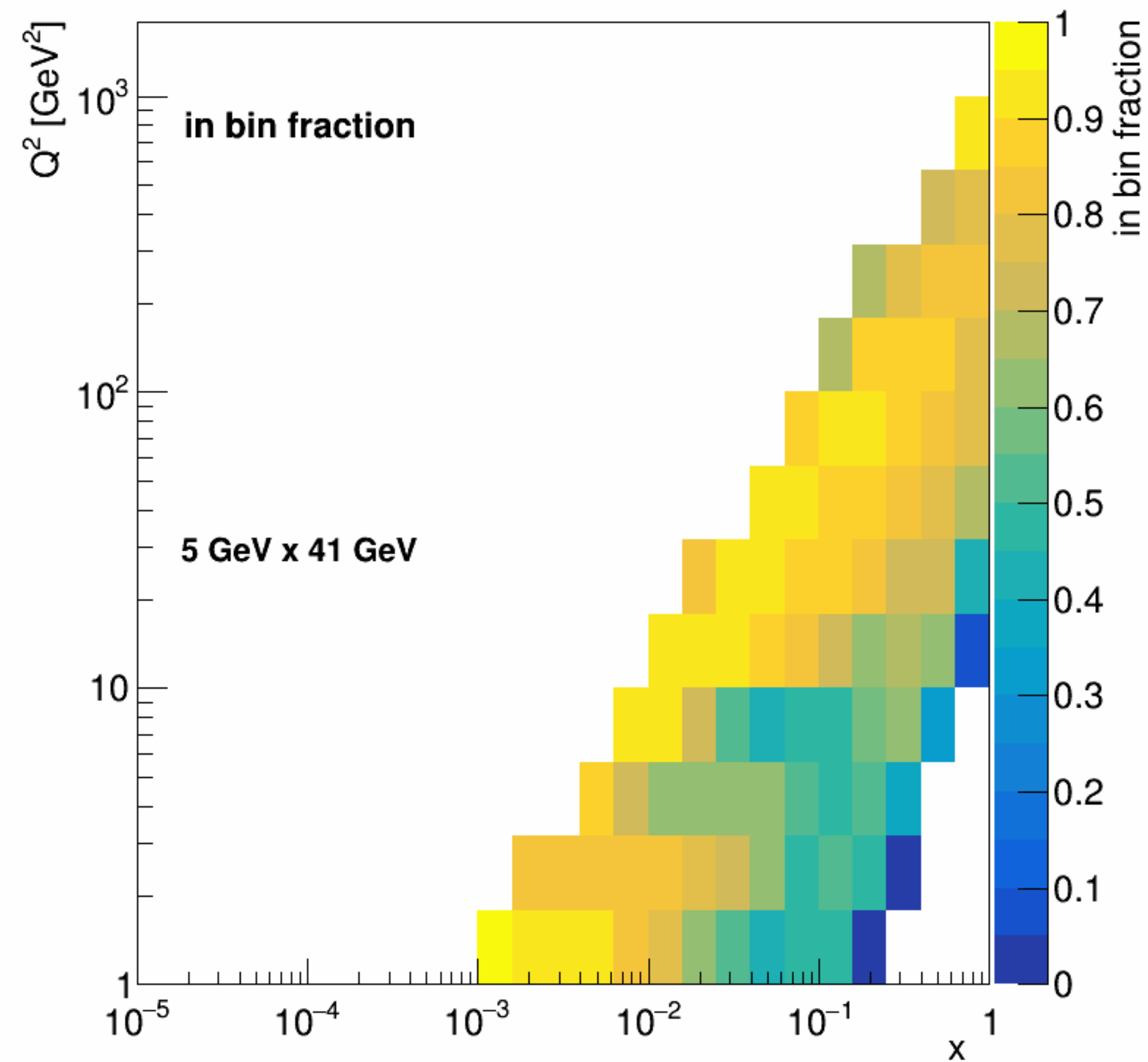


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# Kinematic coverage for (semi-)inclusive DIS



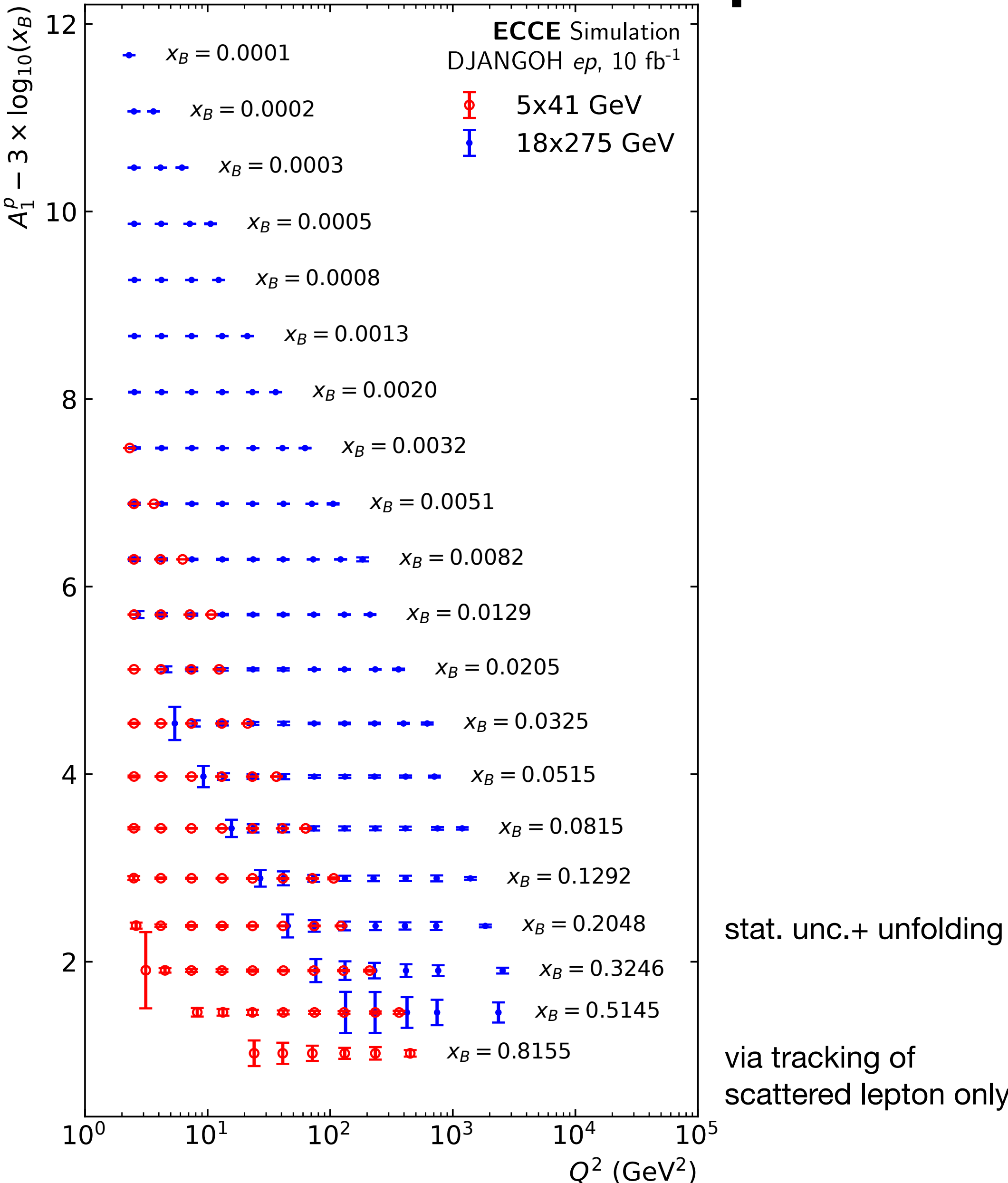
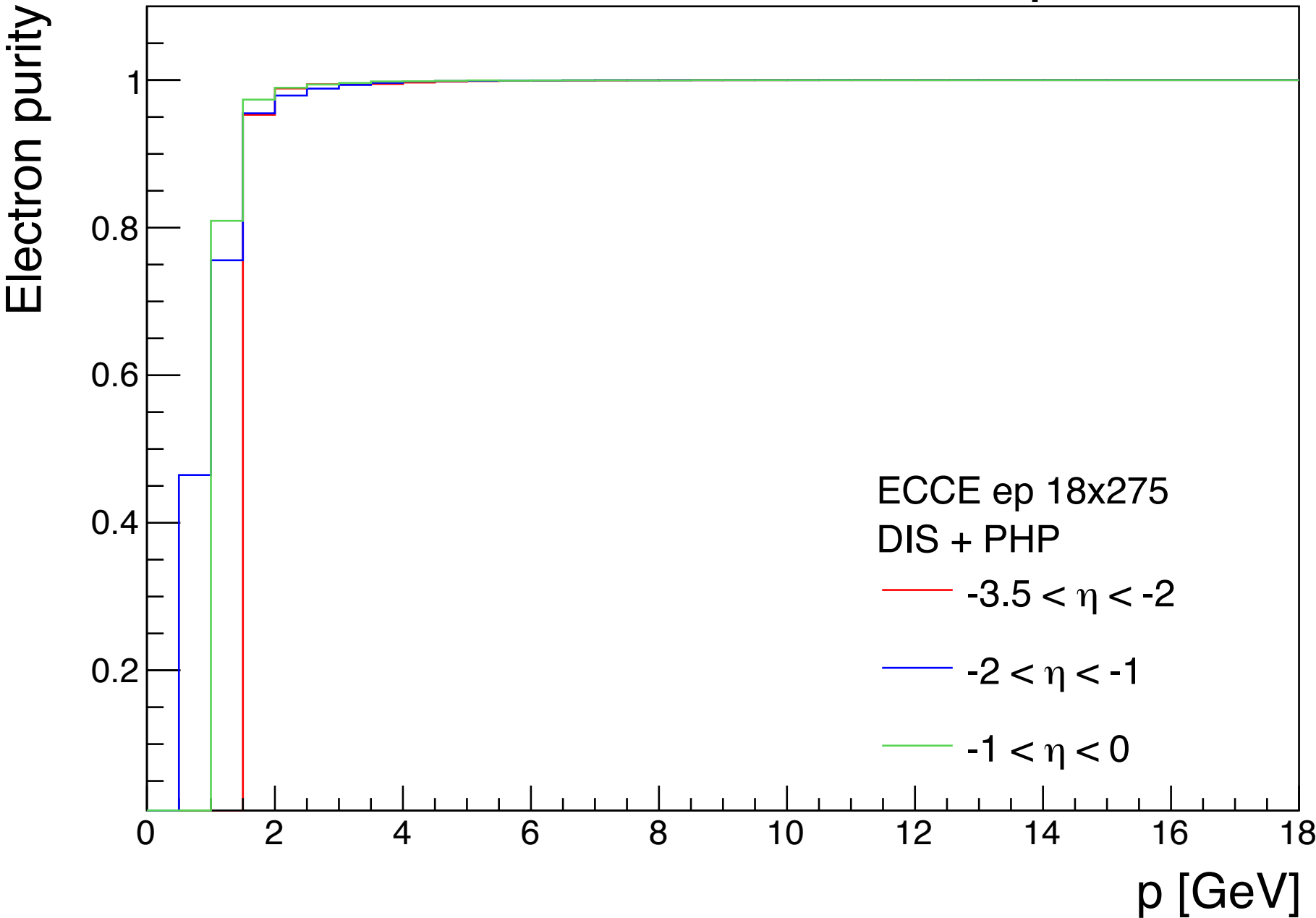
Reconstruction of DIS variables via scattered lepton (high  $y$ ) or double-angle method (low  $y$ )



# Spin structure: inclusive measurements on p

→ access to gluon spin

e<sup>-</sup> purity via EMCAL:  
<2%  $\pi$  contamination for  $p > 2$  GeV

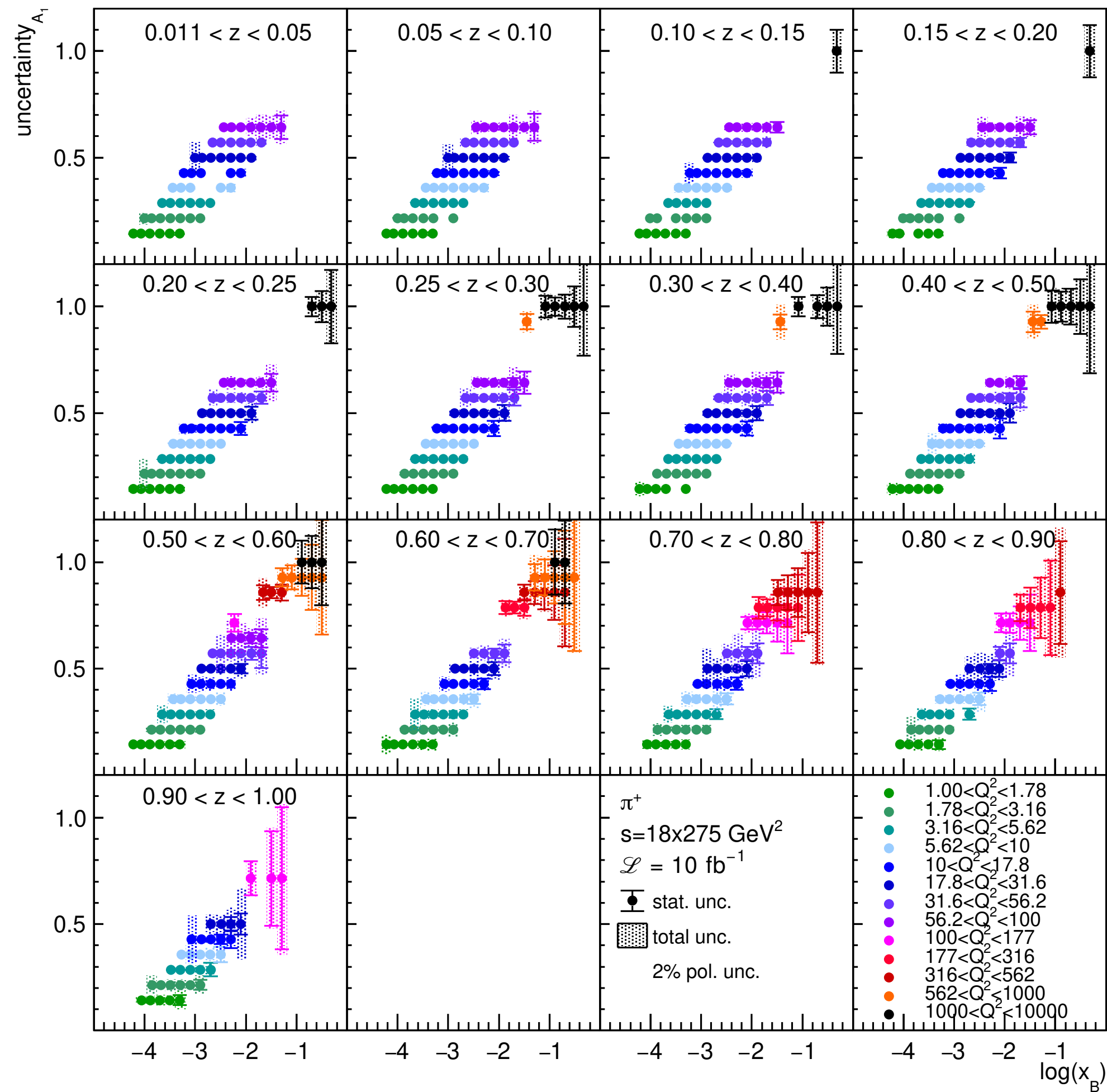




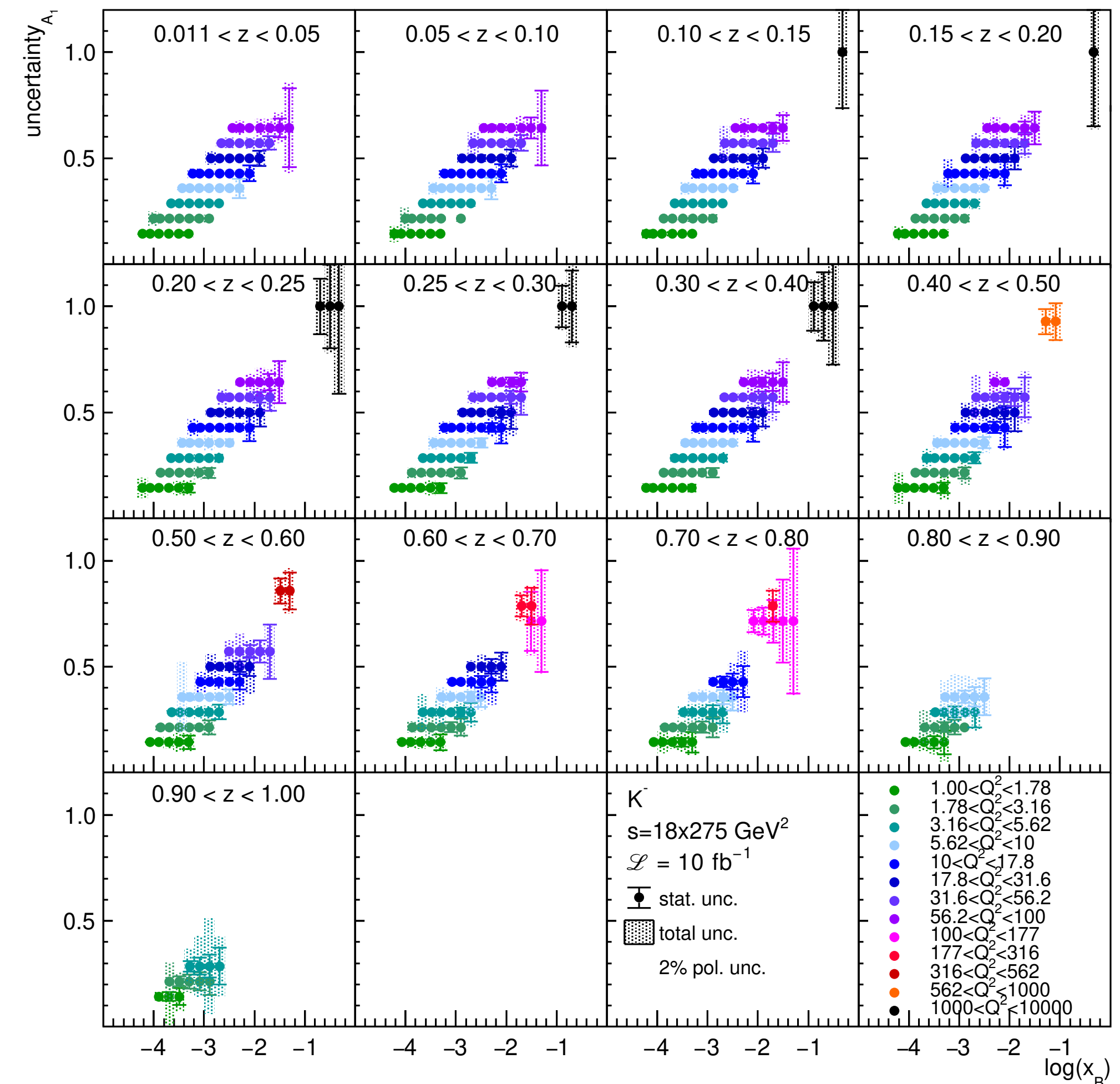
# Spin structure: semi-inclusive measurements on p

→ access to sea-quark spin

u, d sea quarks



strange quarks

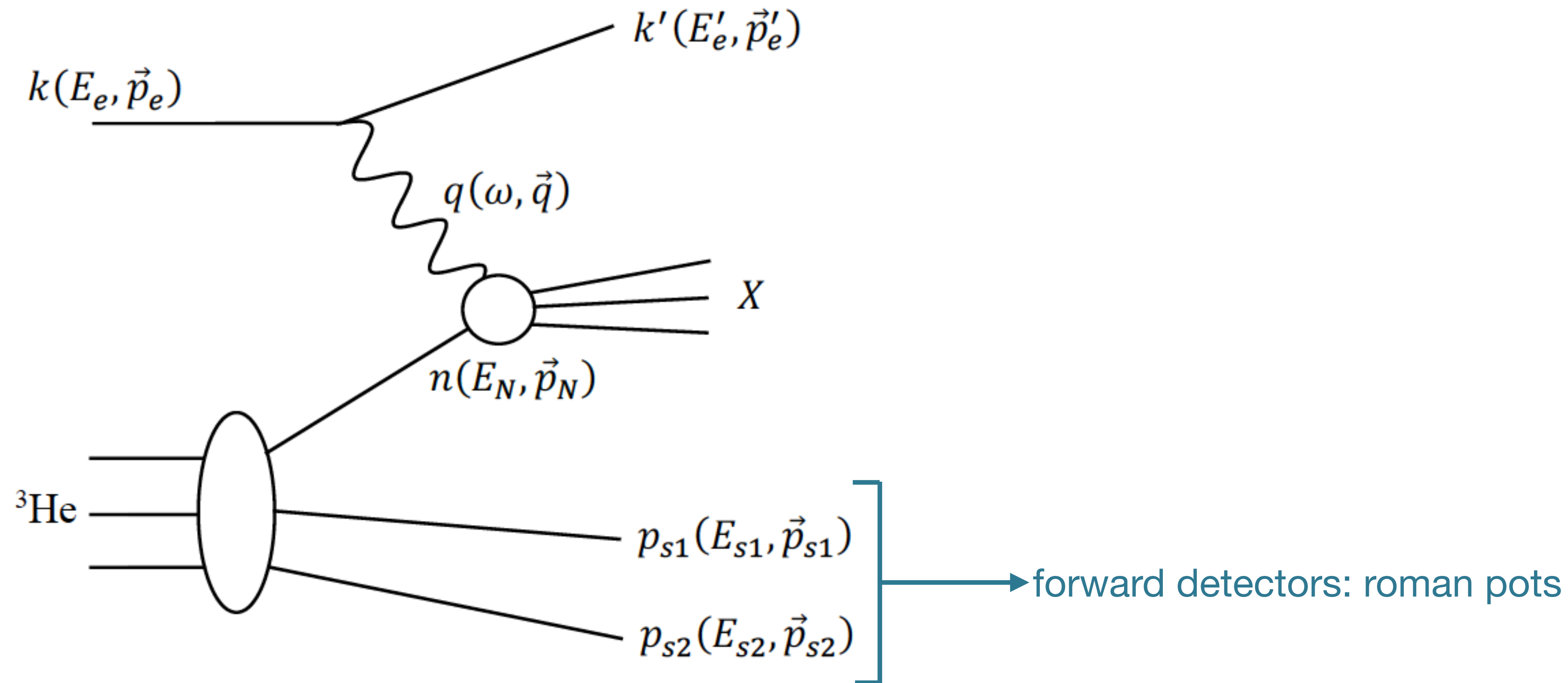


via tracking of  
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only

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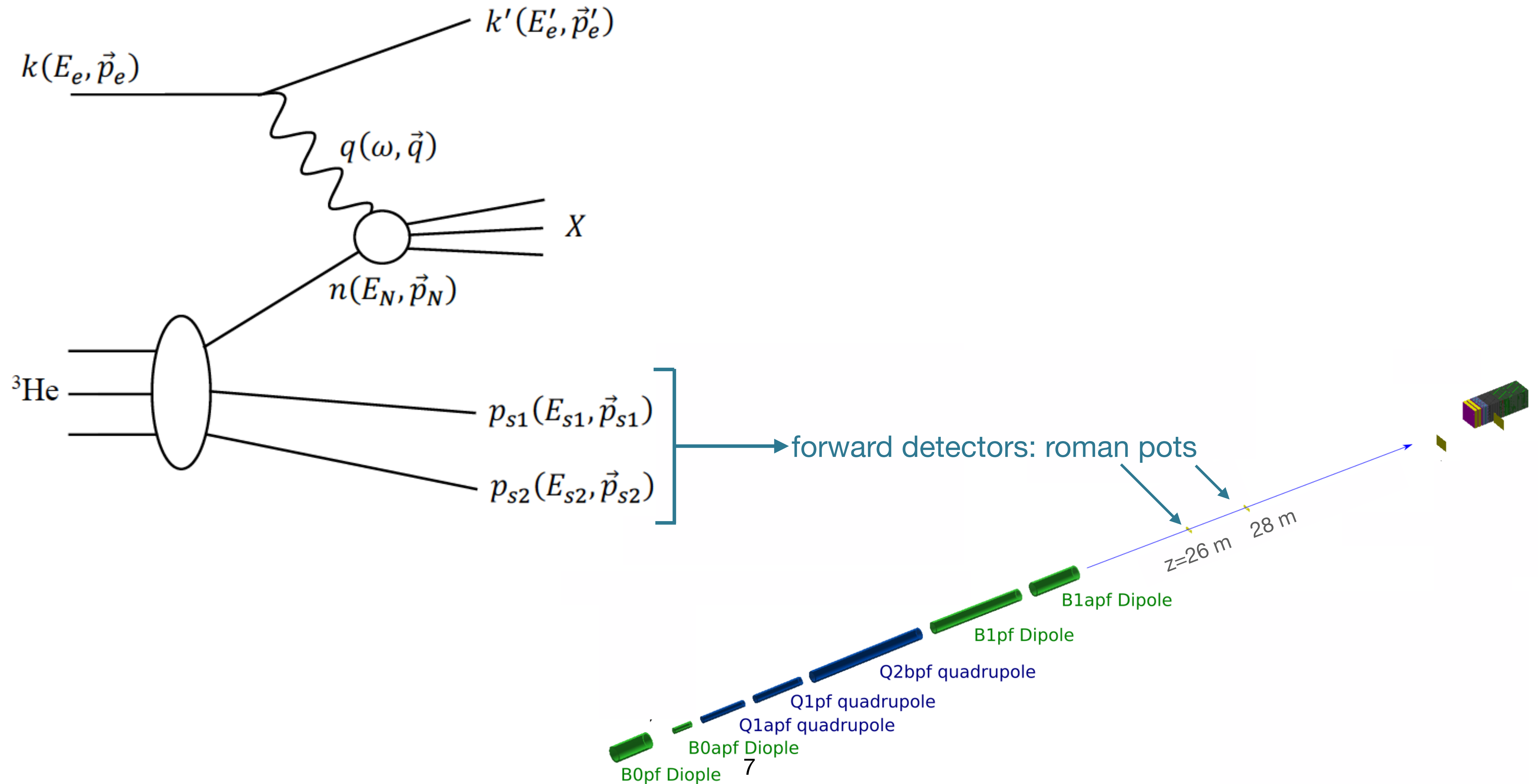


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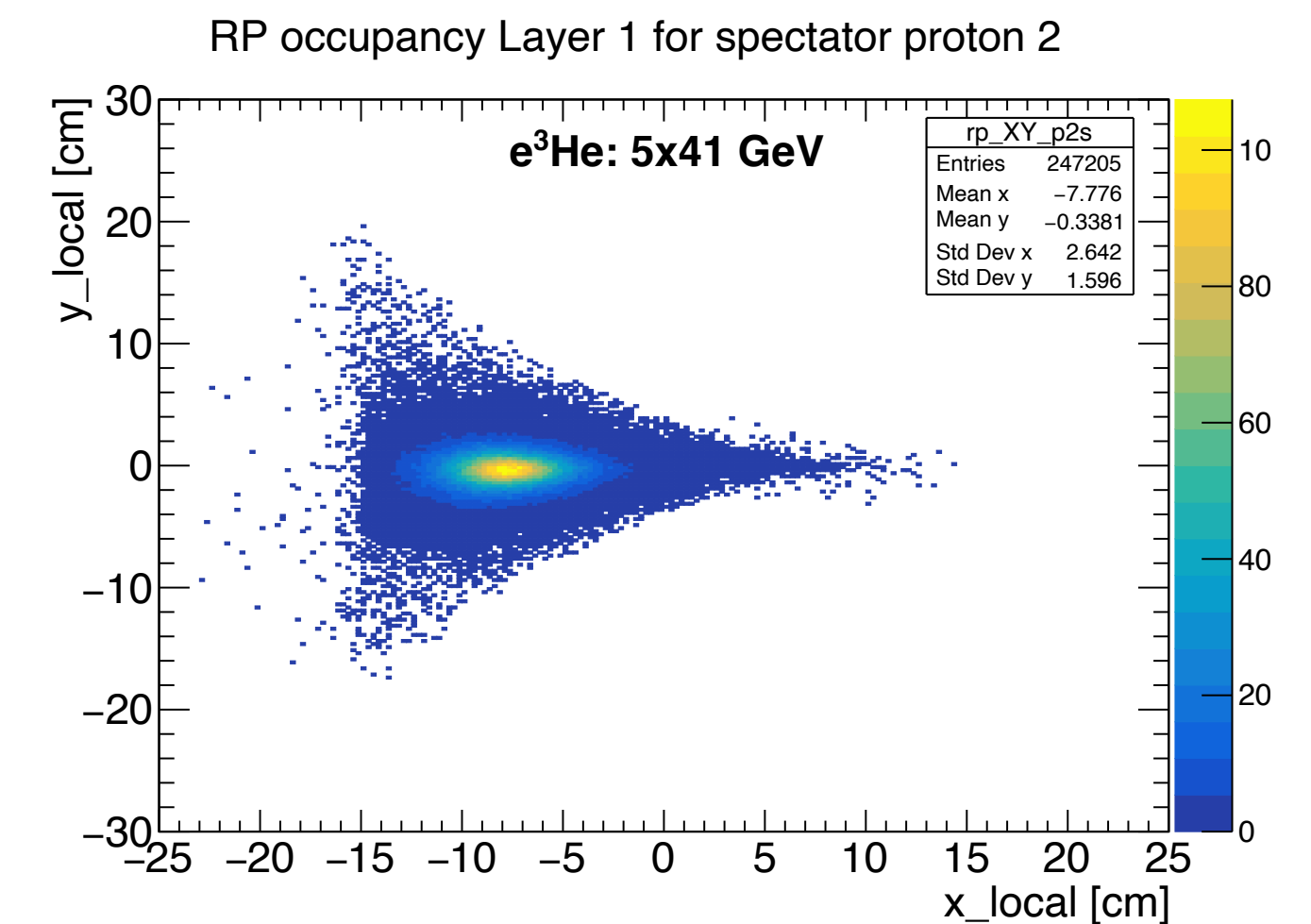
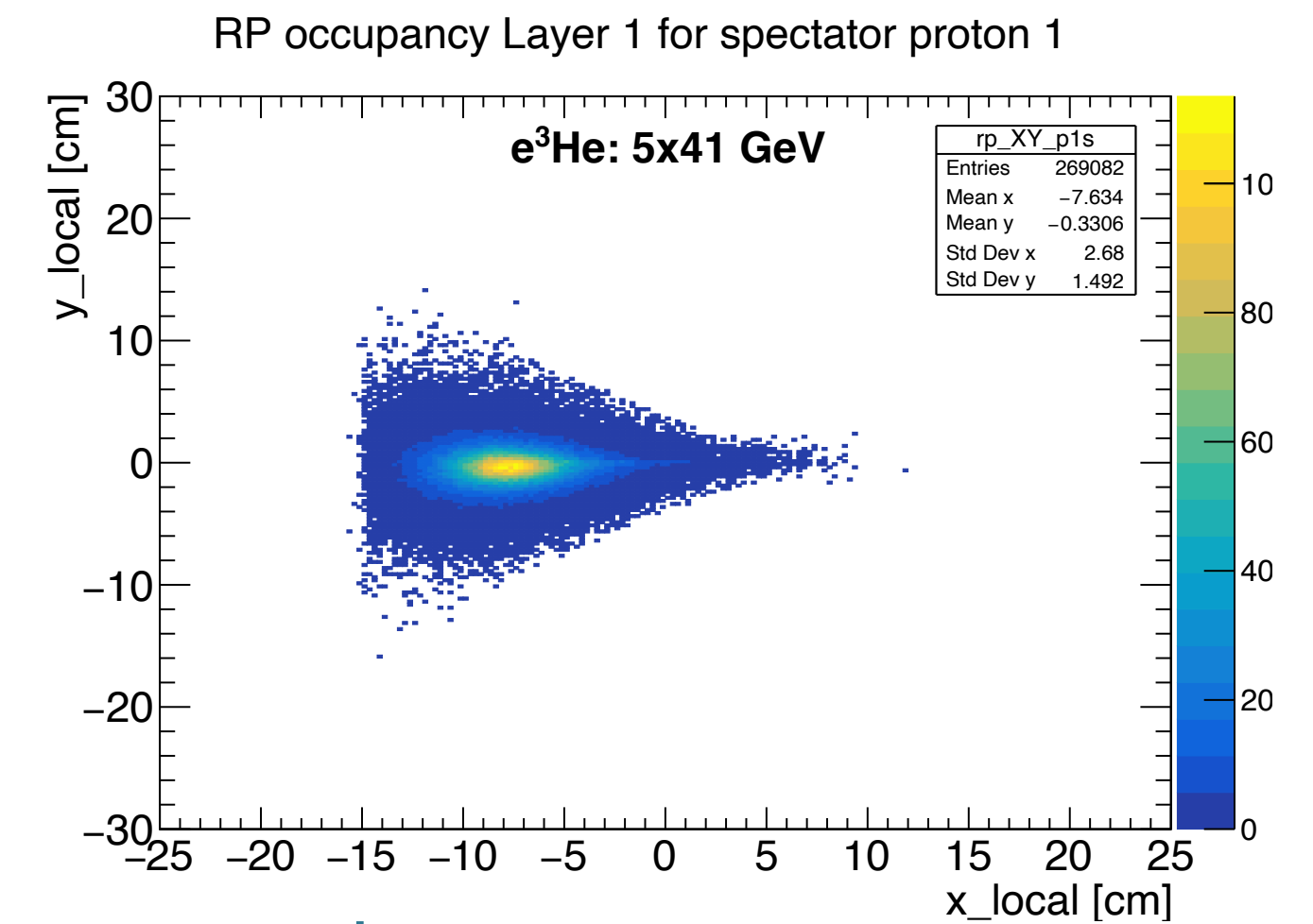
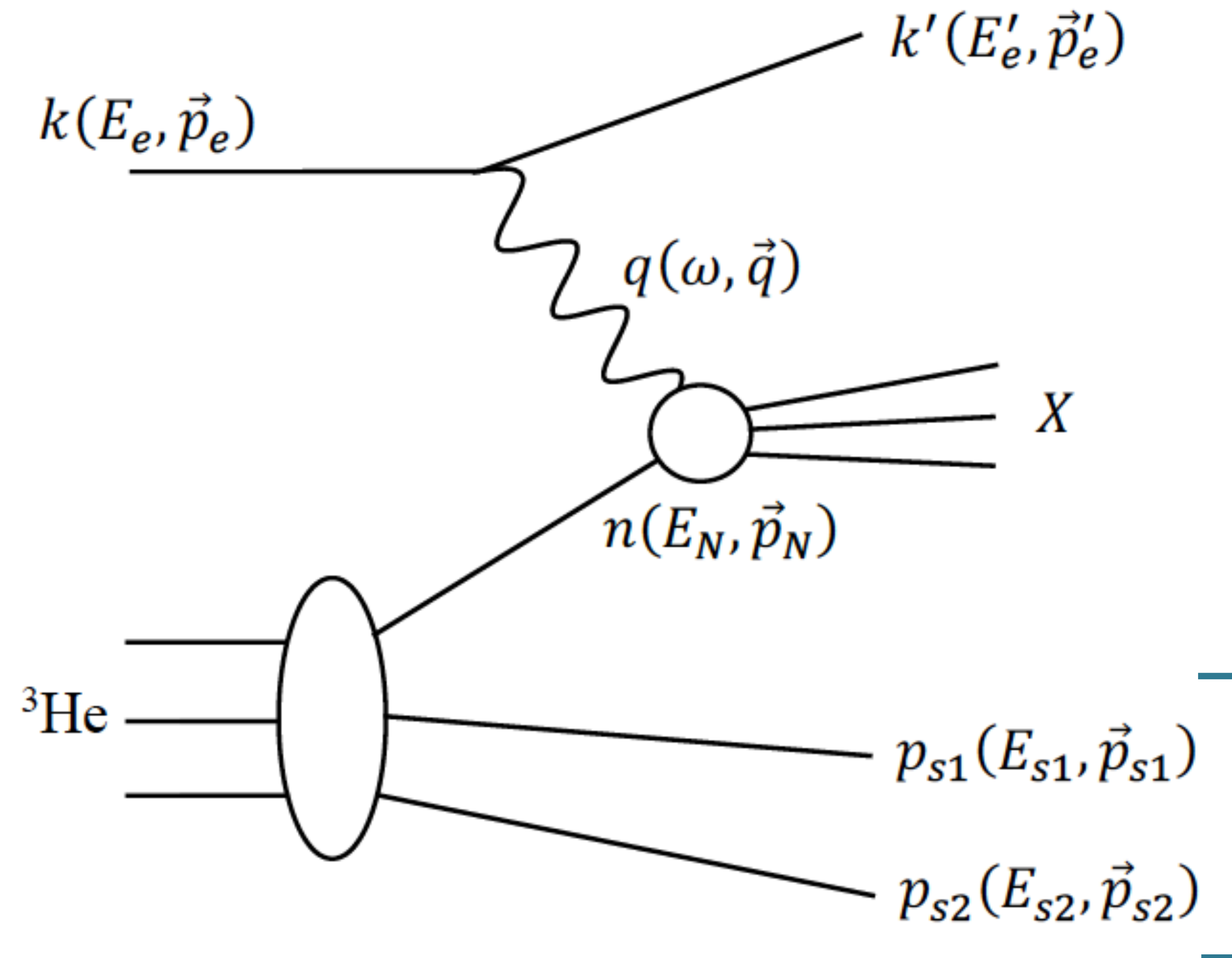


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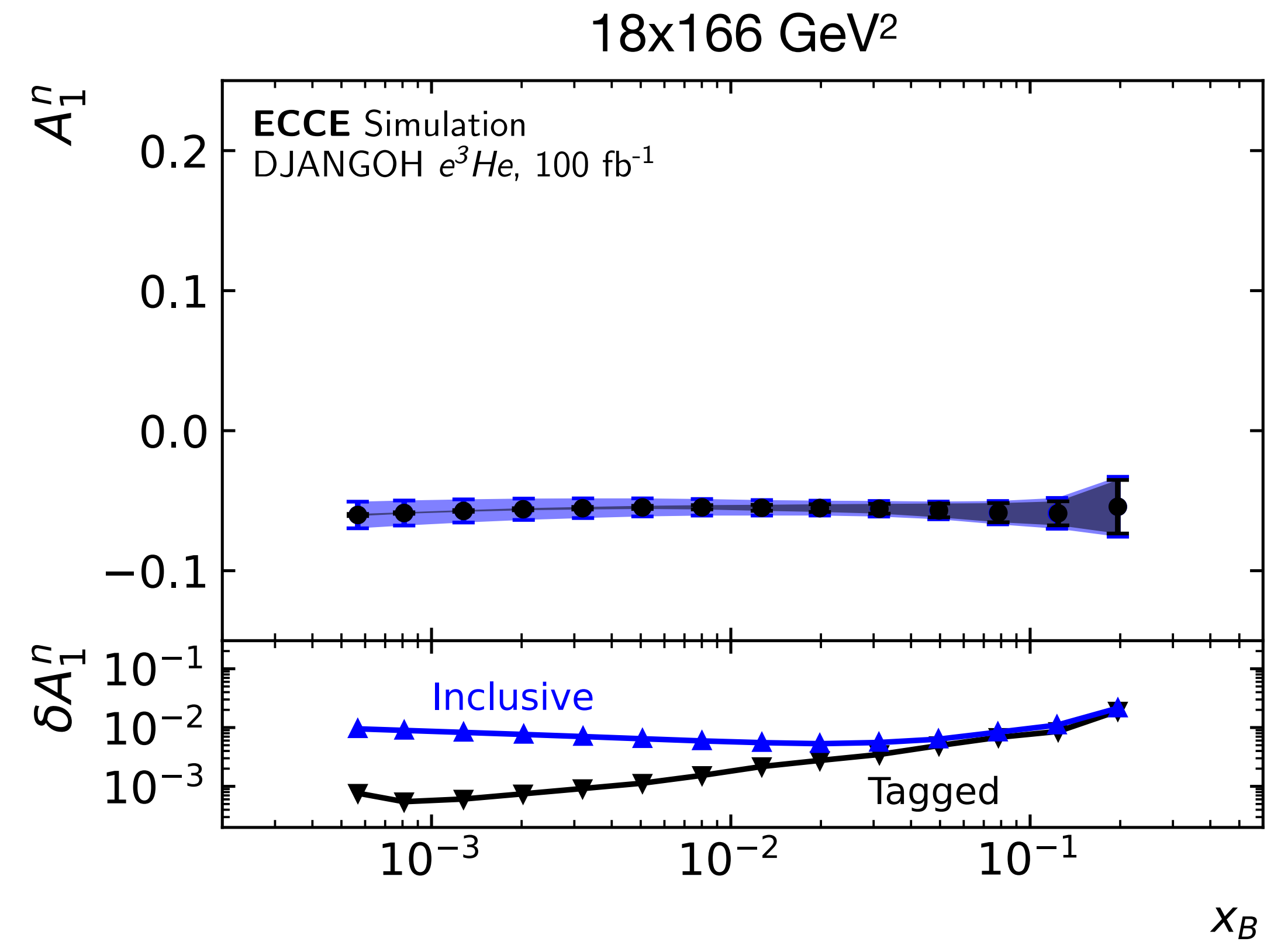
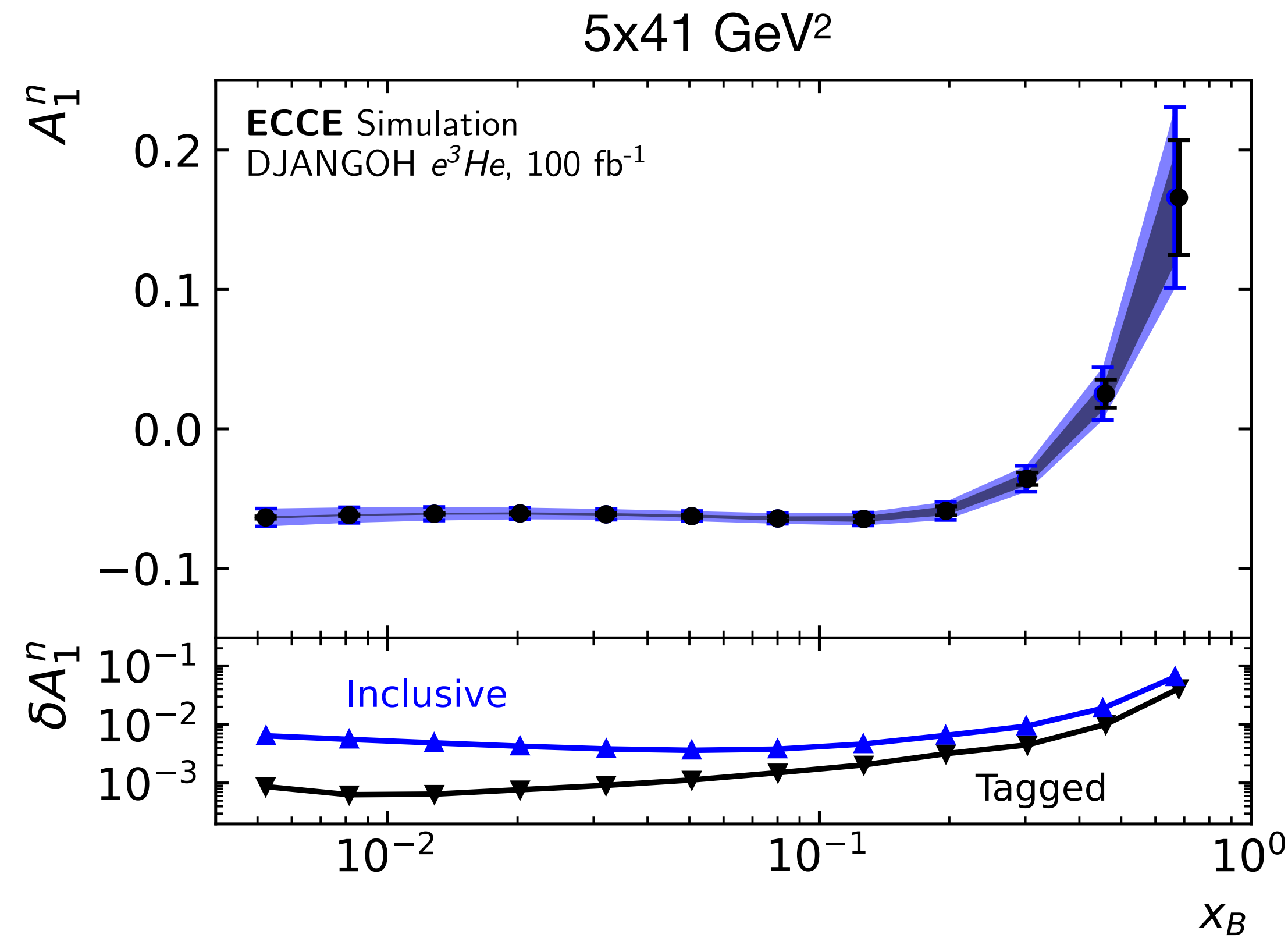


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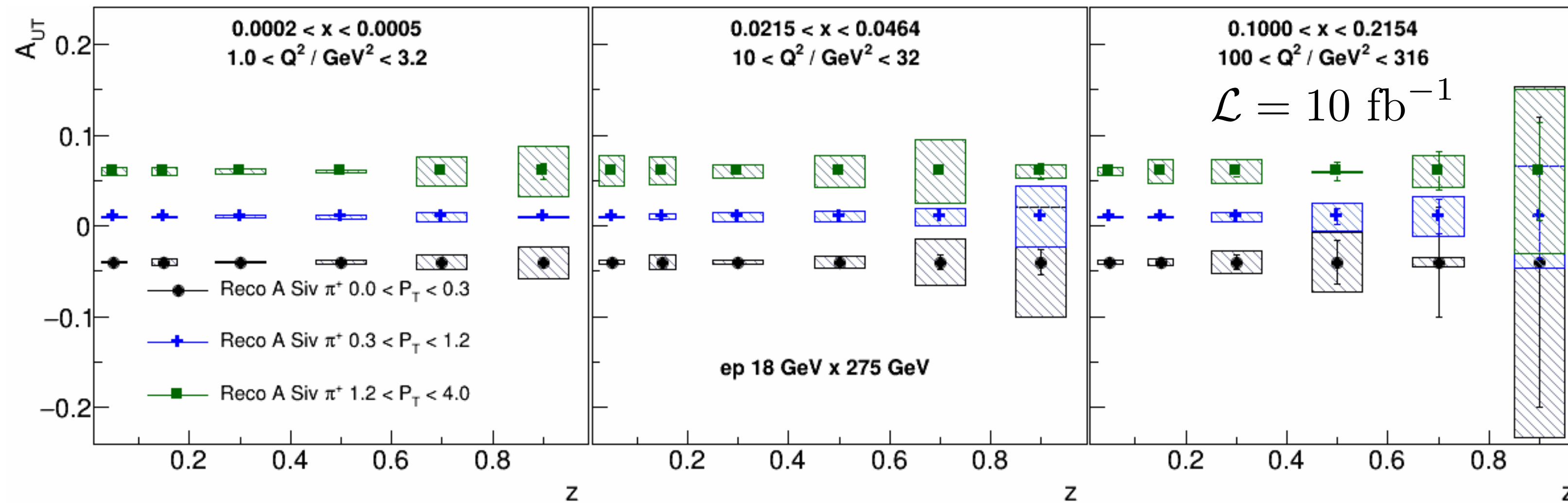
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Factor of 10 reduction in uncertainty at low x



# 3D momentum structure: Sivers

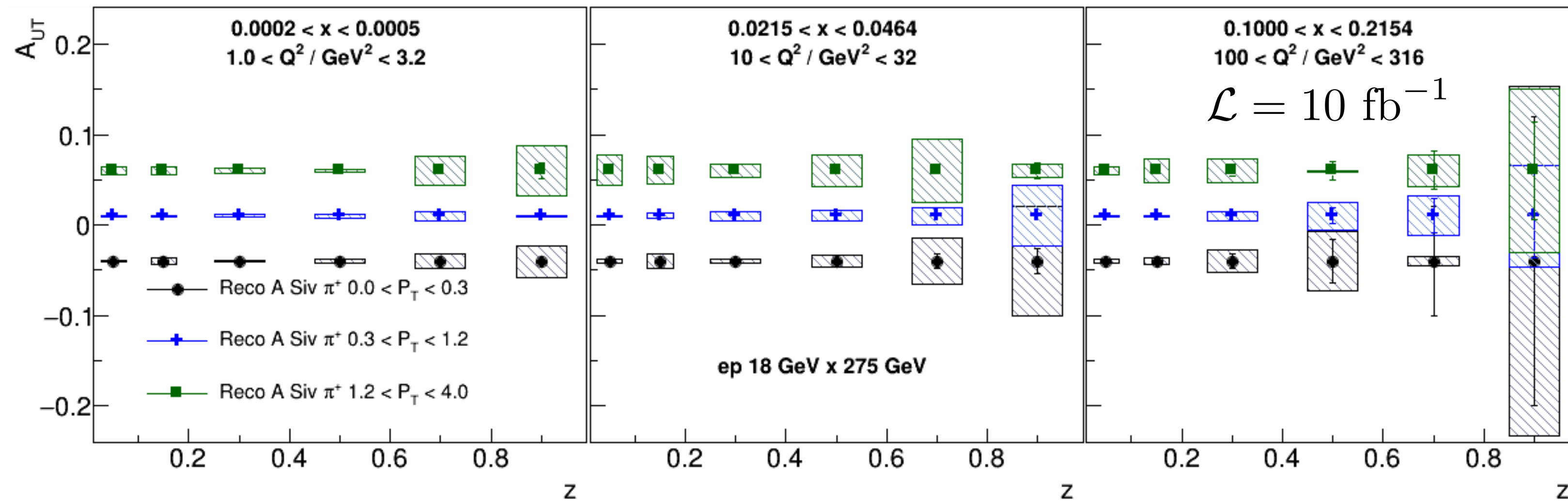


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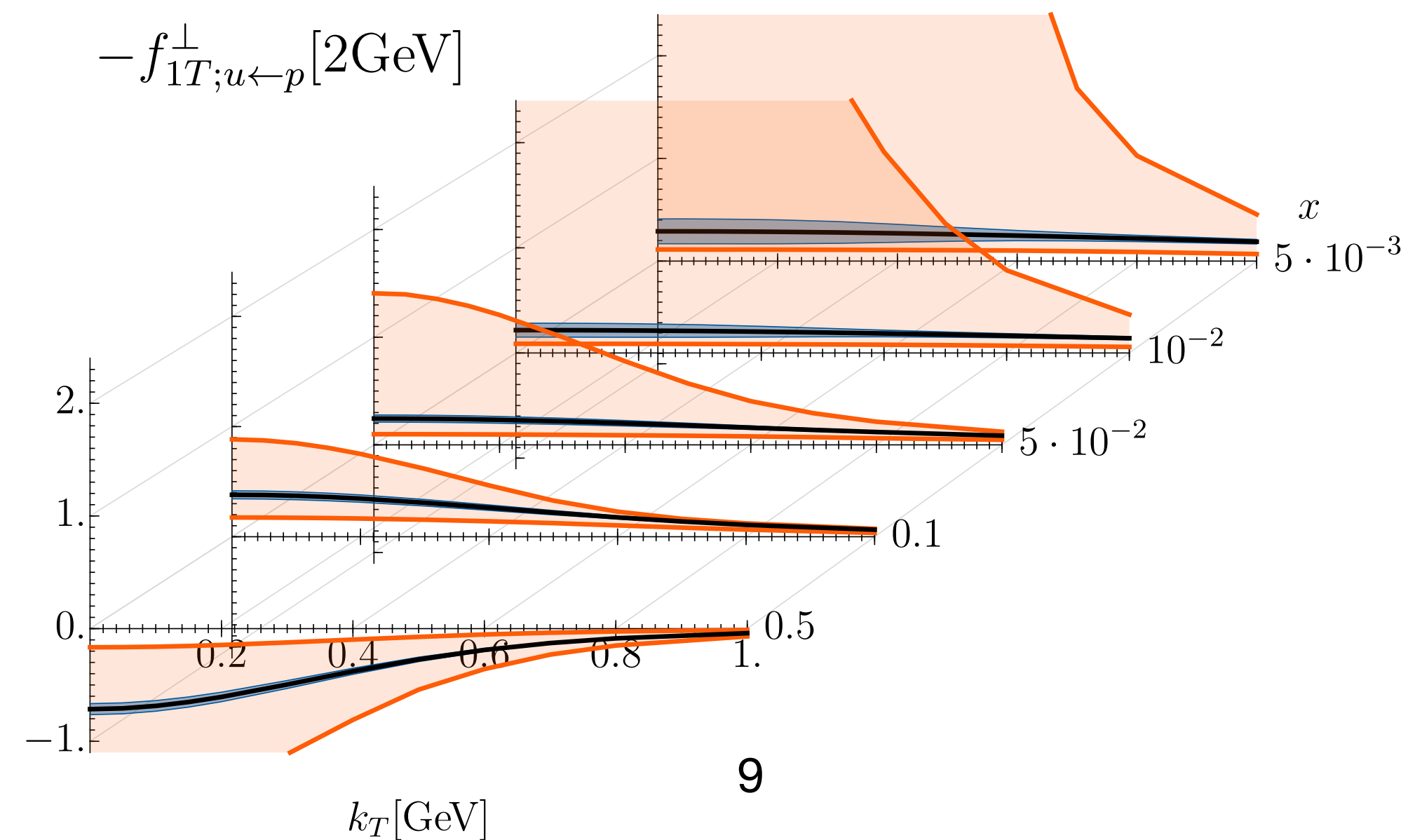


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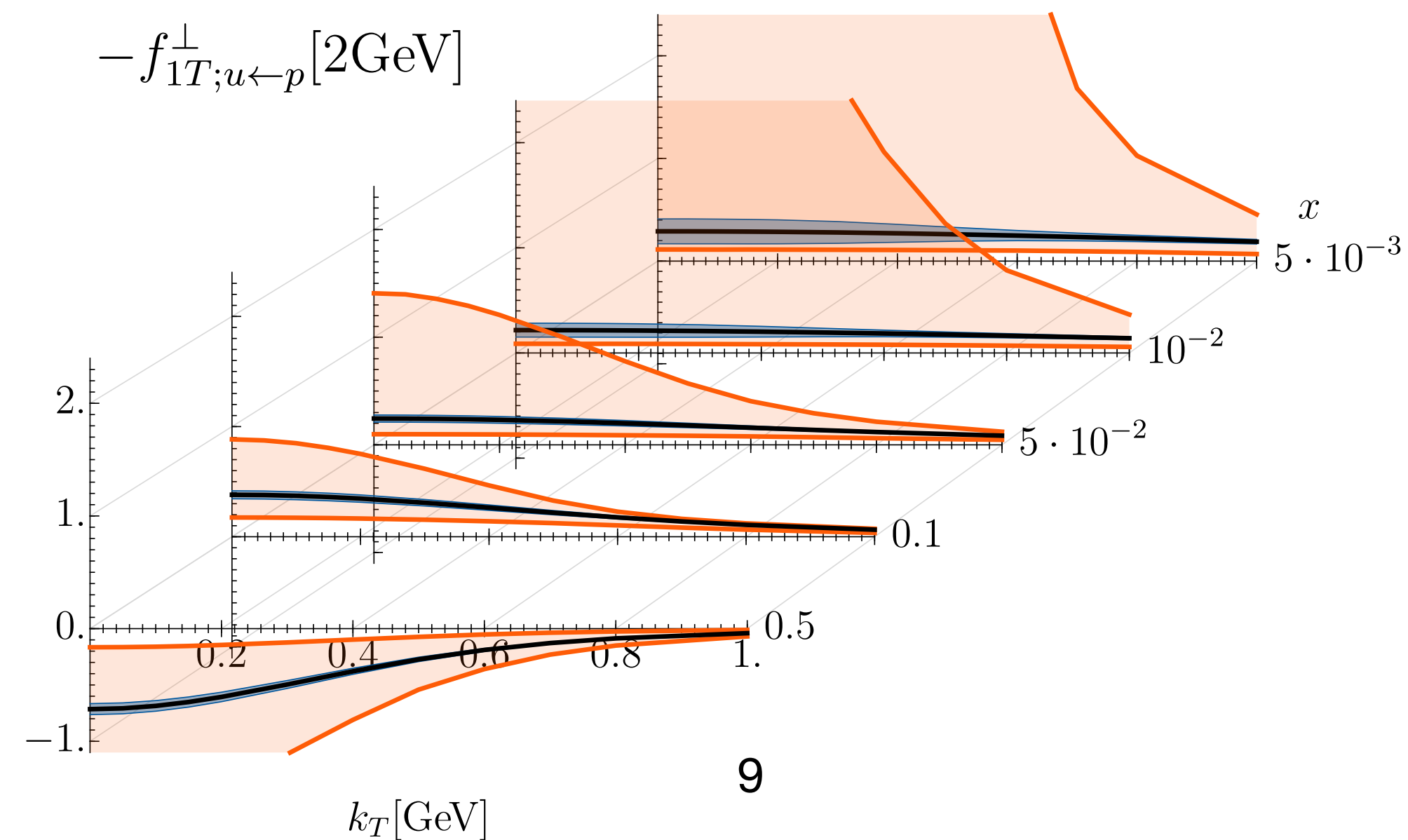
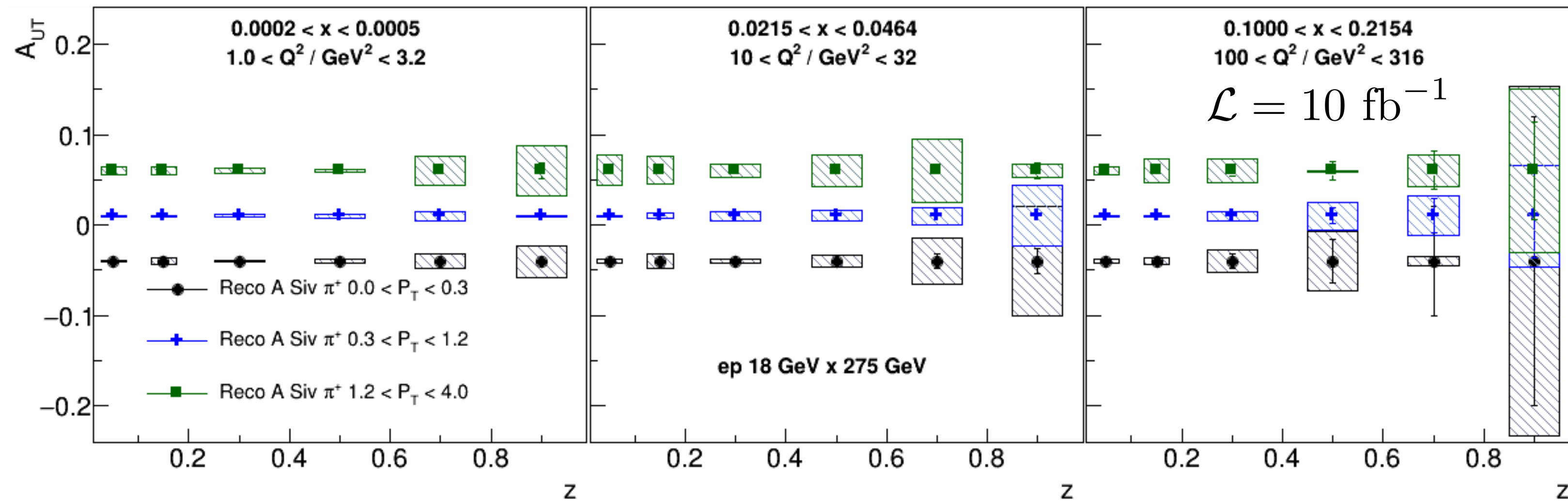
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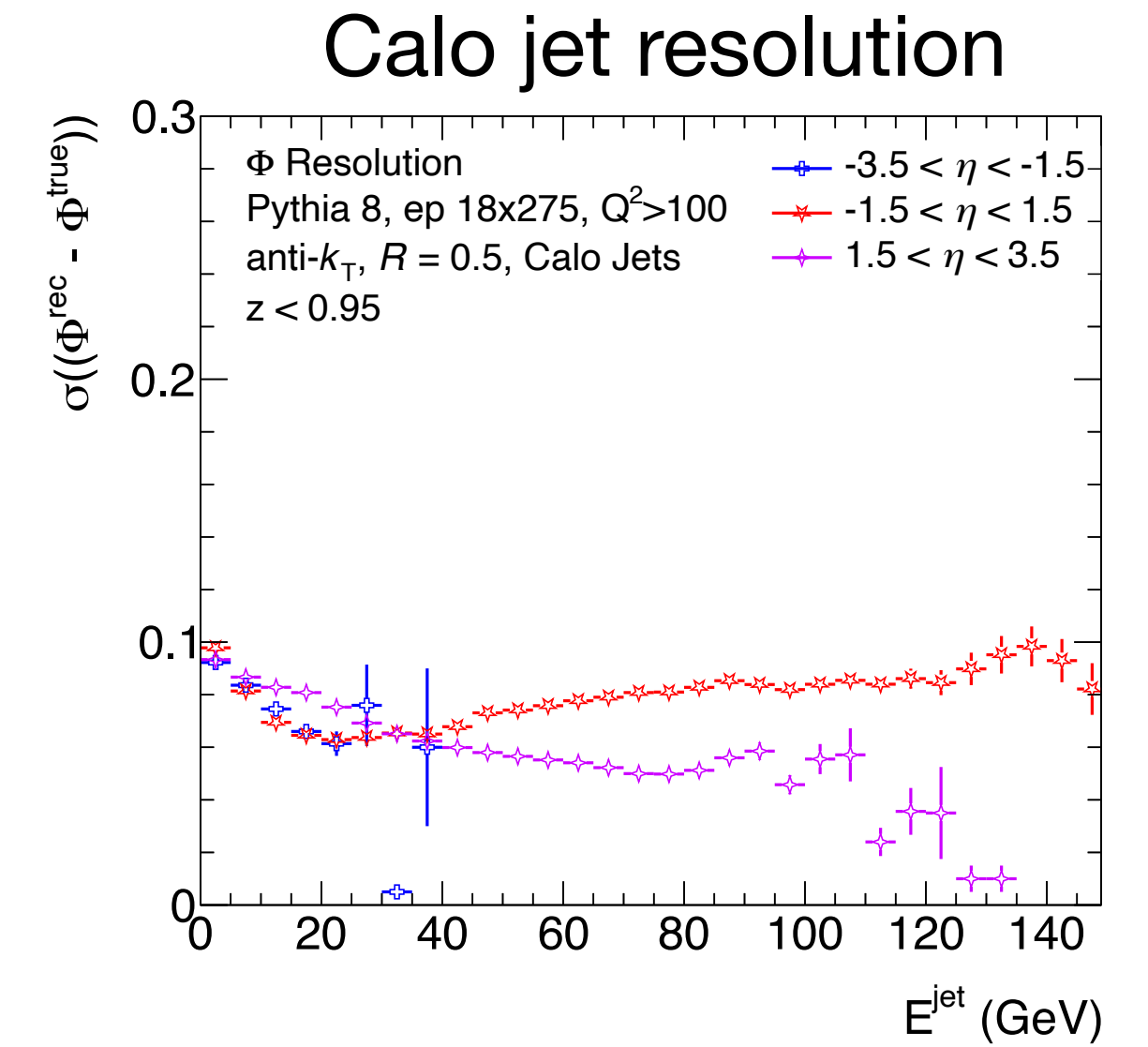
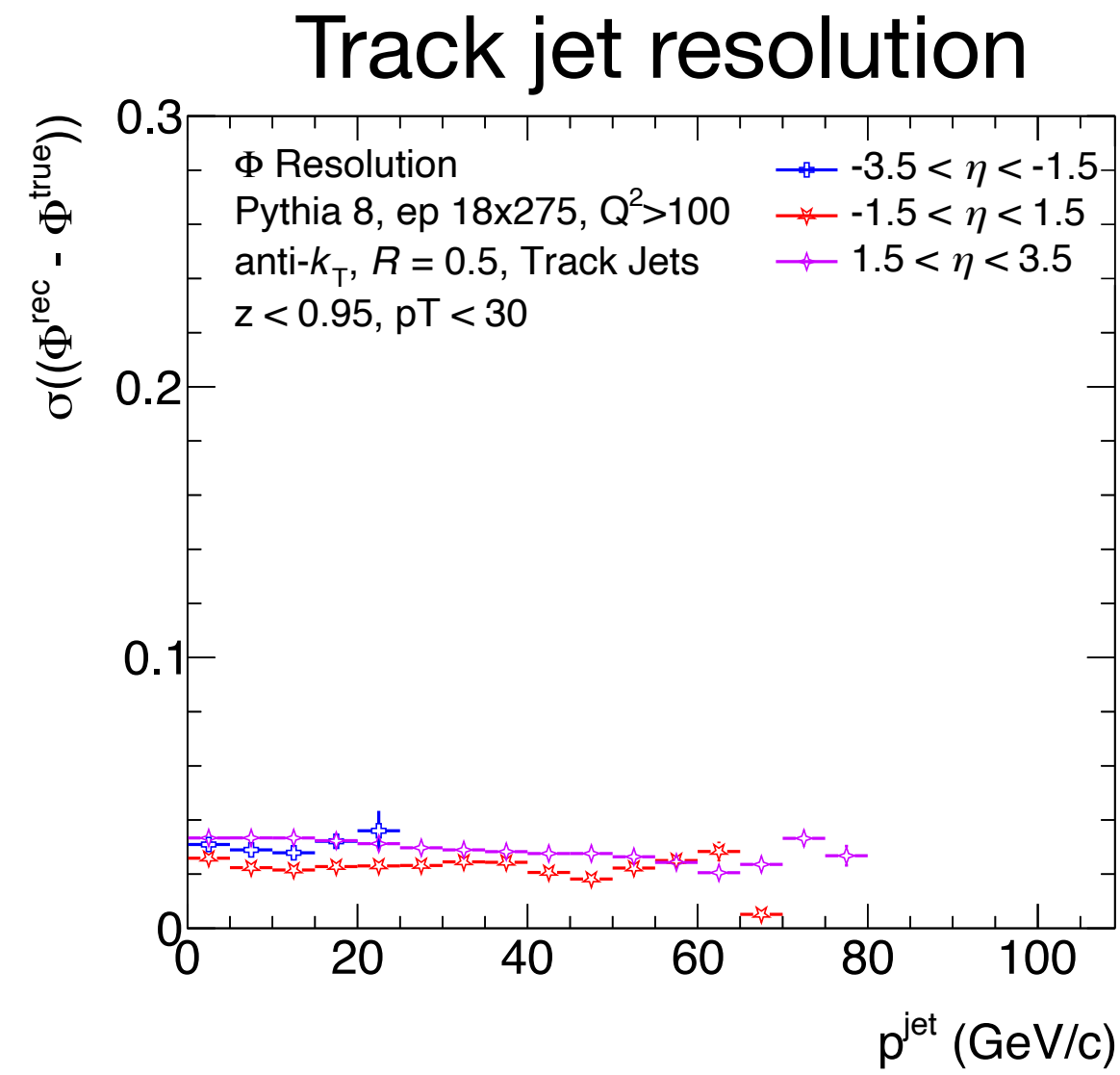
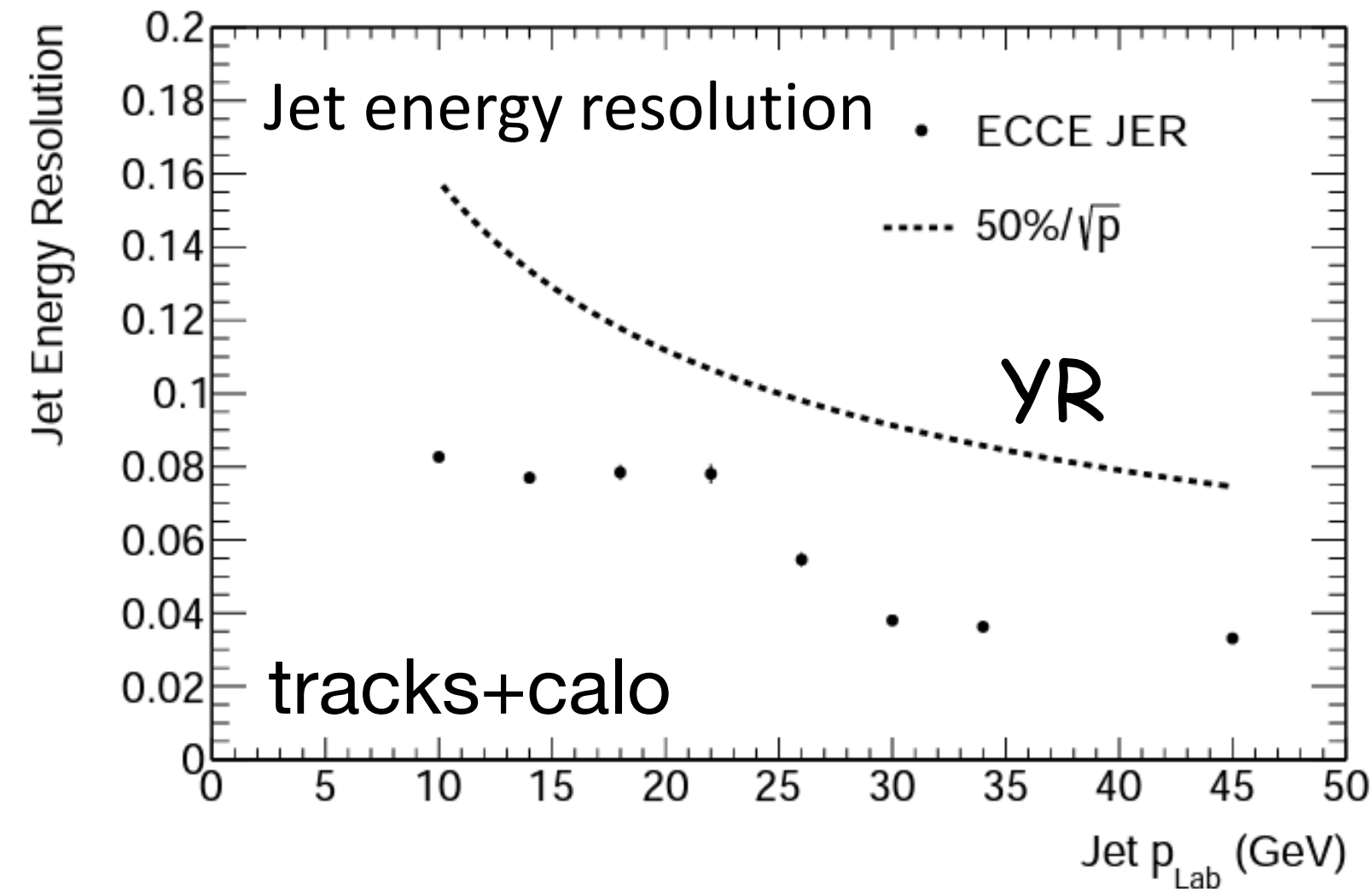


gluon Sivers via pair production  
of open heavy flavours, of jets, ...



# Jet and heavy-flavour reconstruction

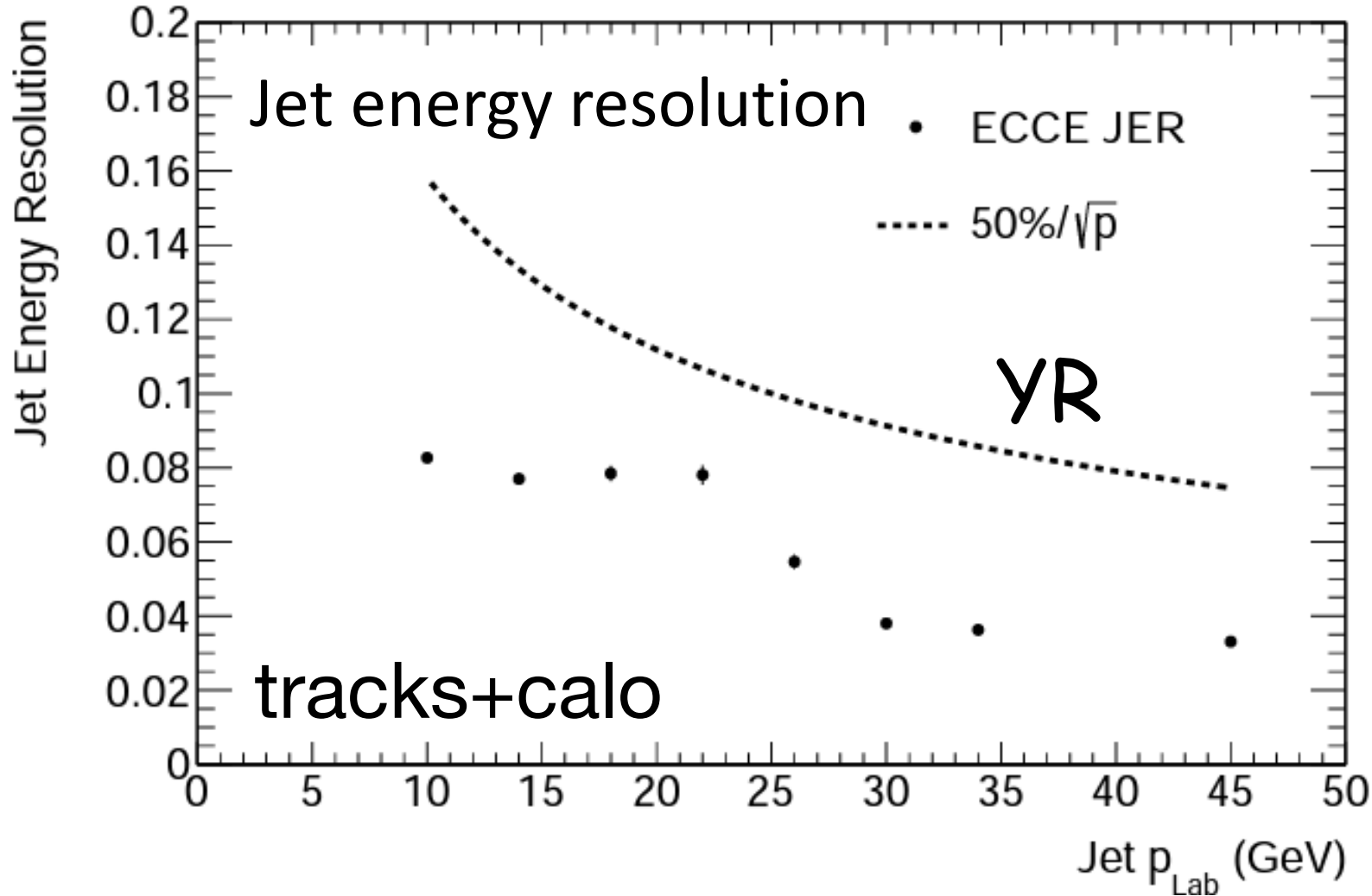
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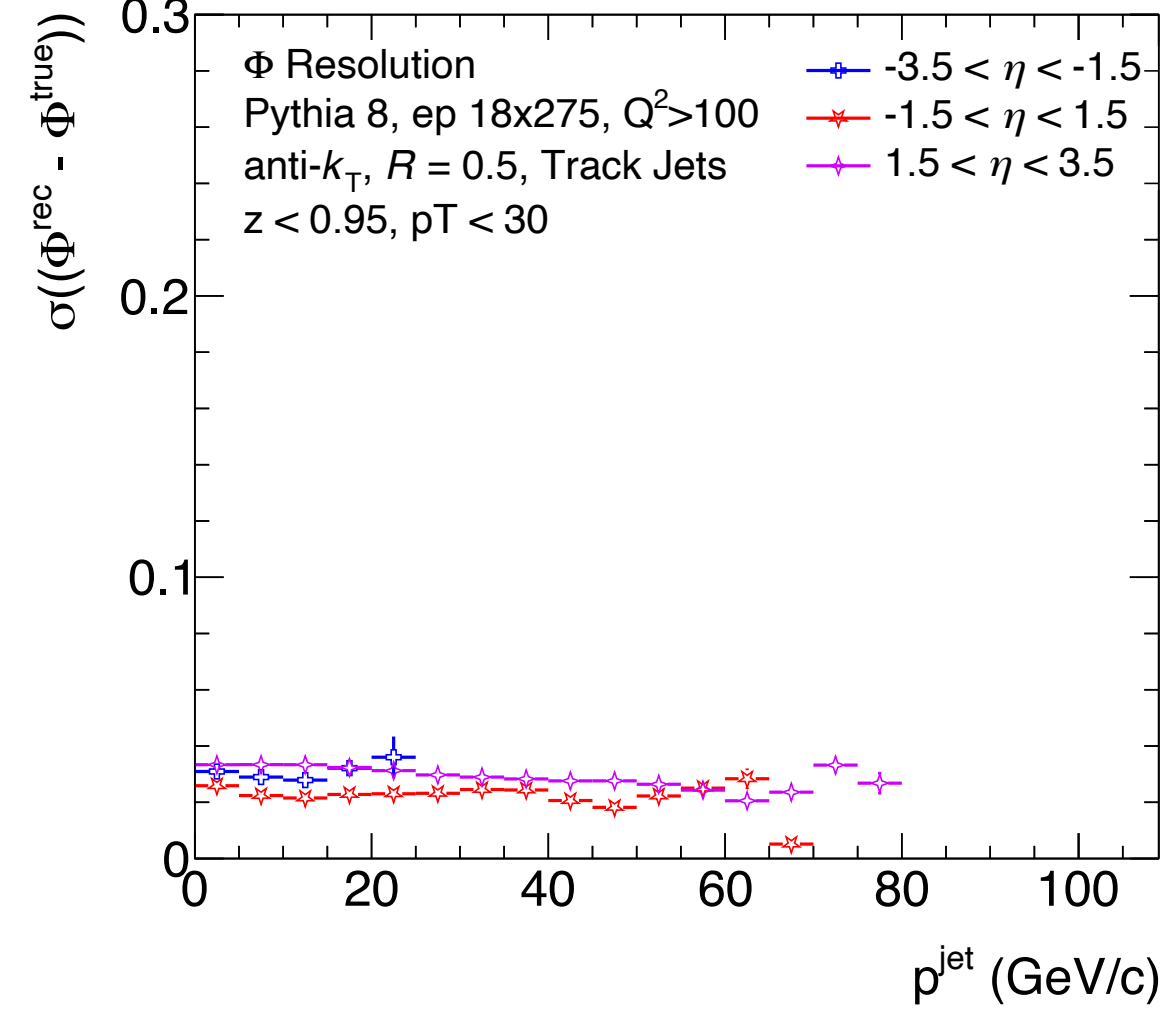


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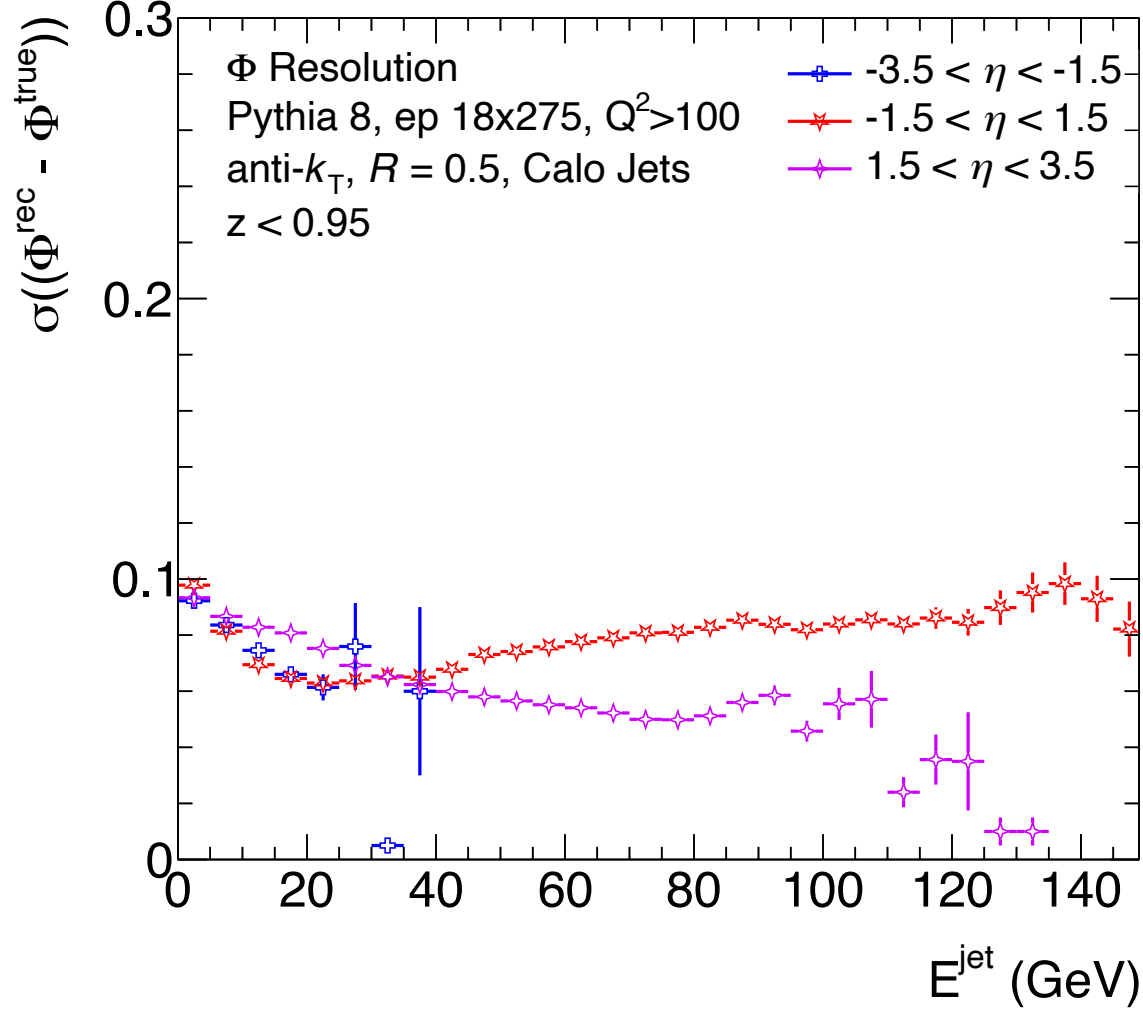
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## Track jet resolution

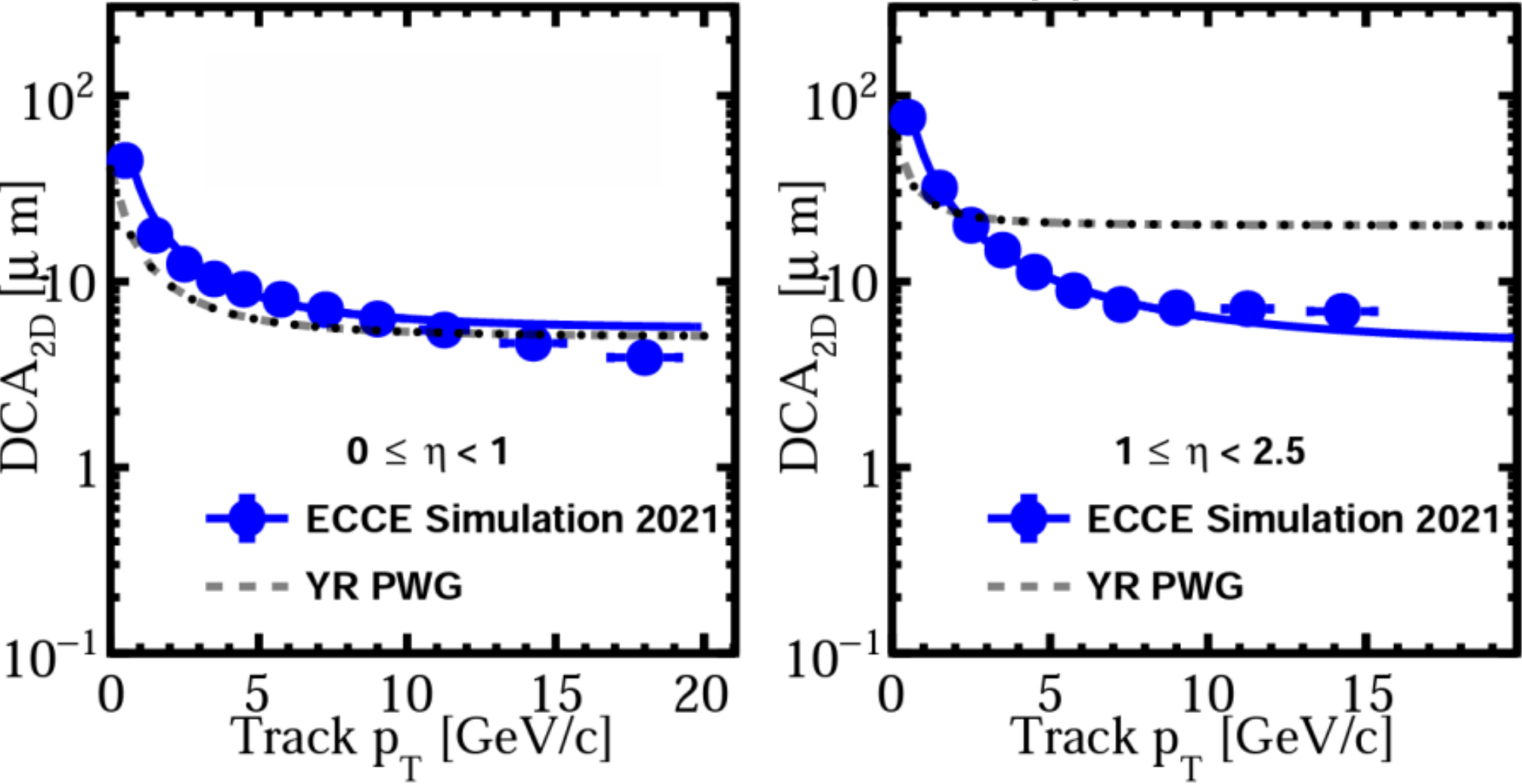


## Calo jet resolution



## Open heavy flavours

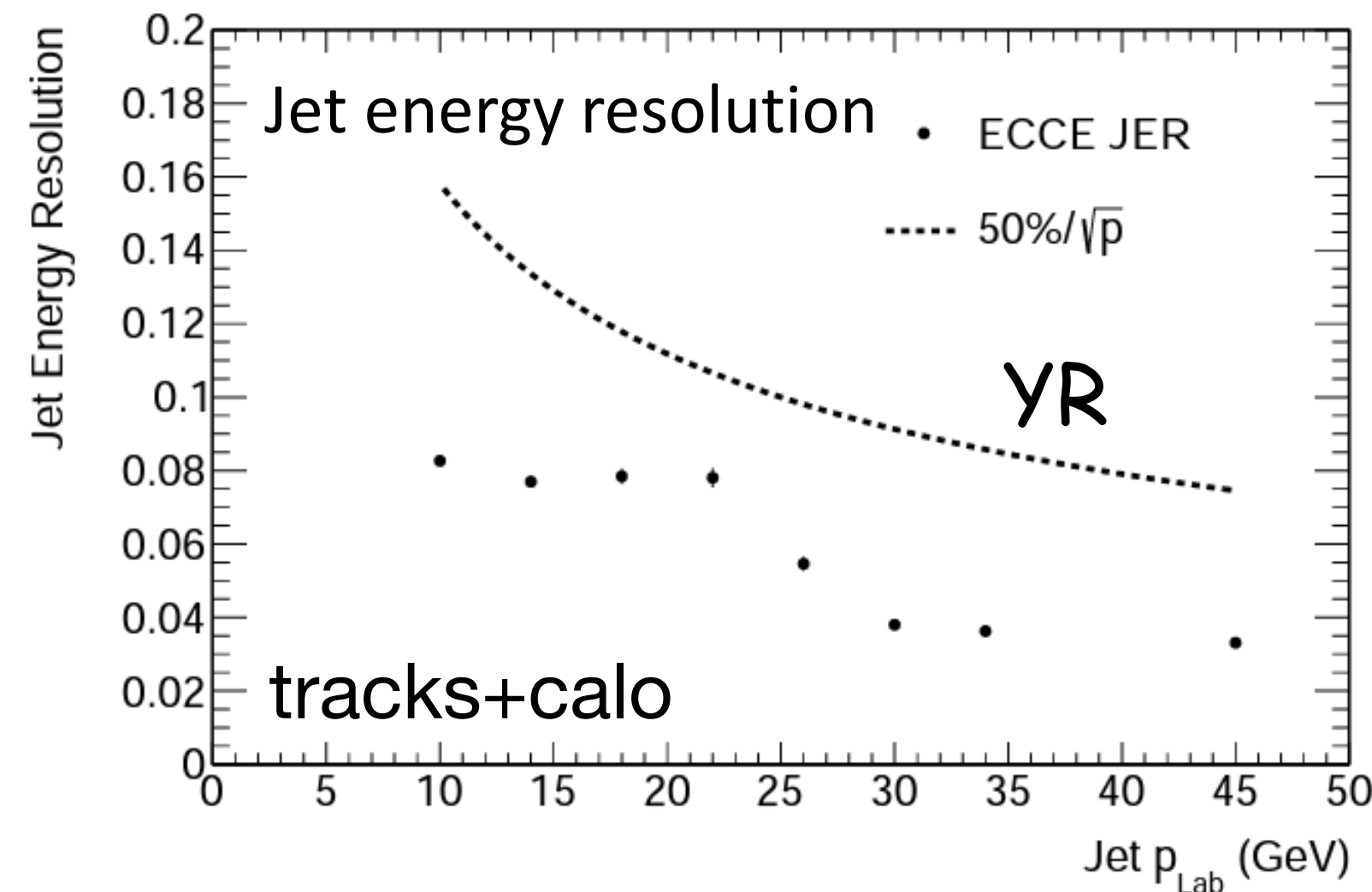
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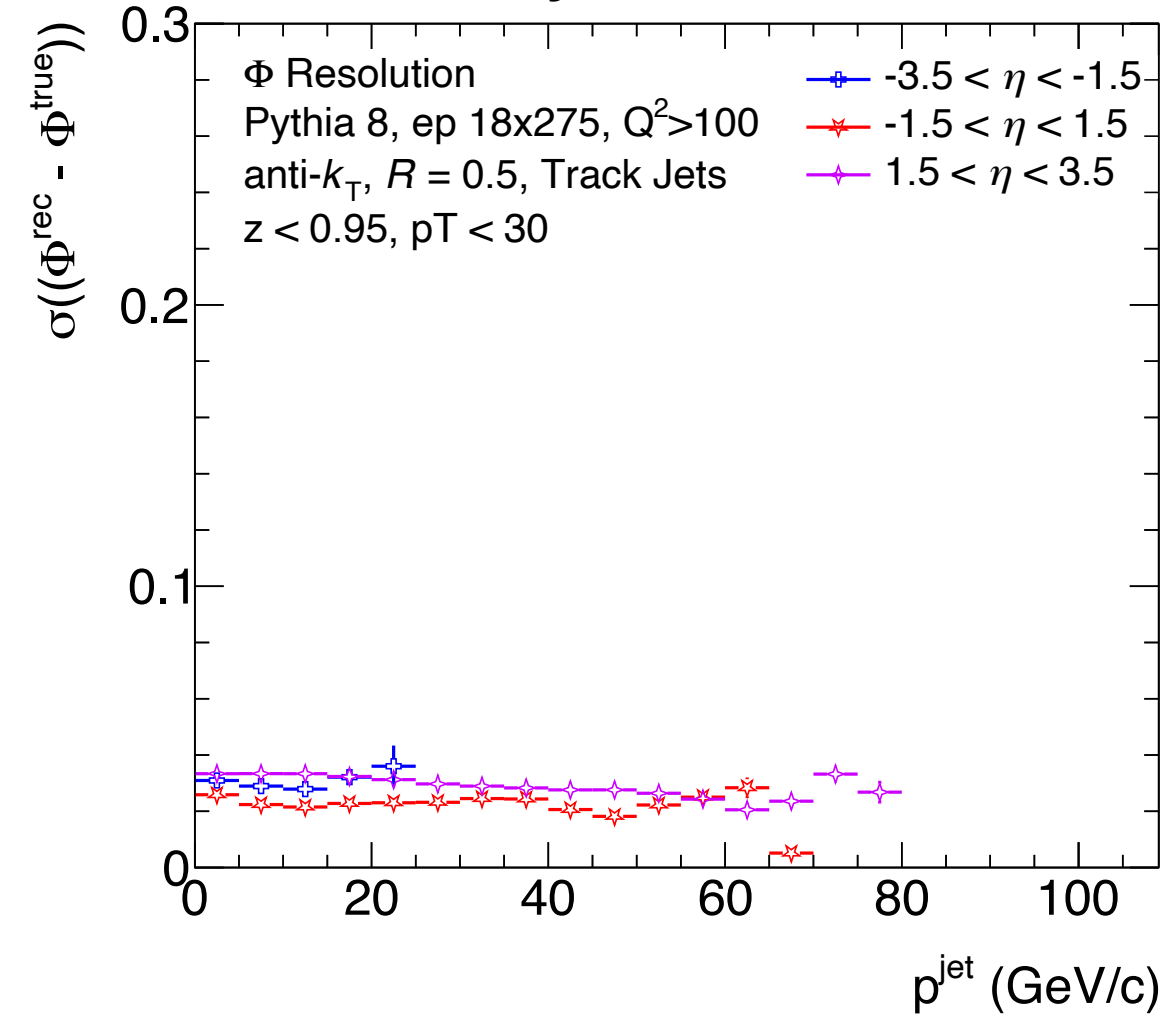


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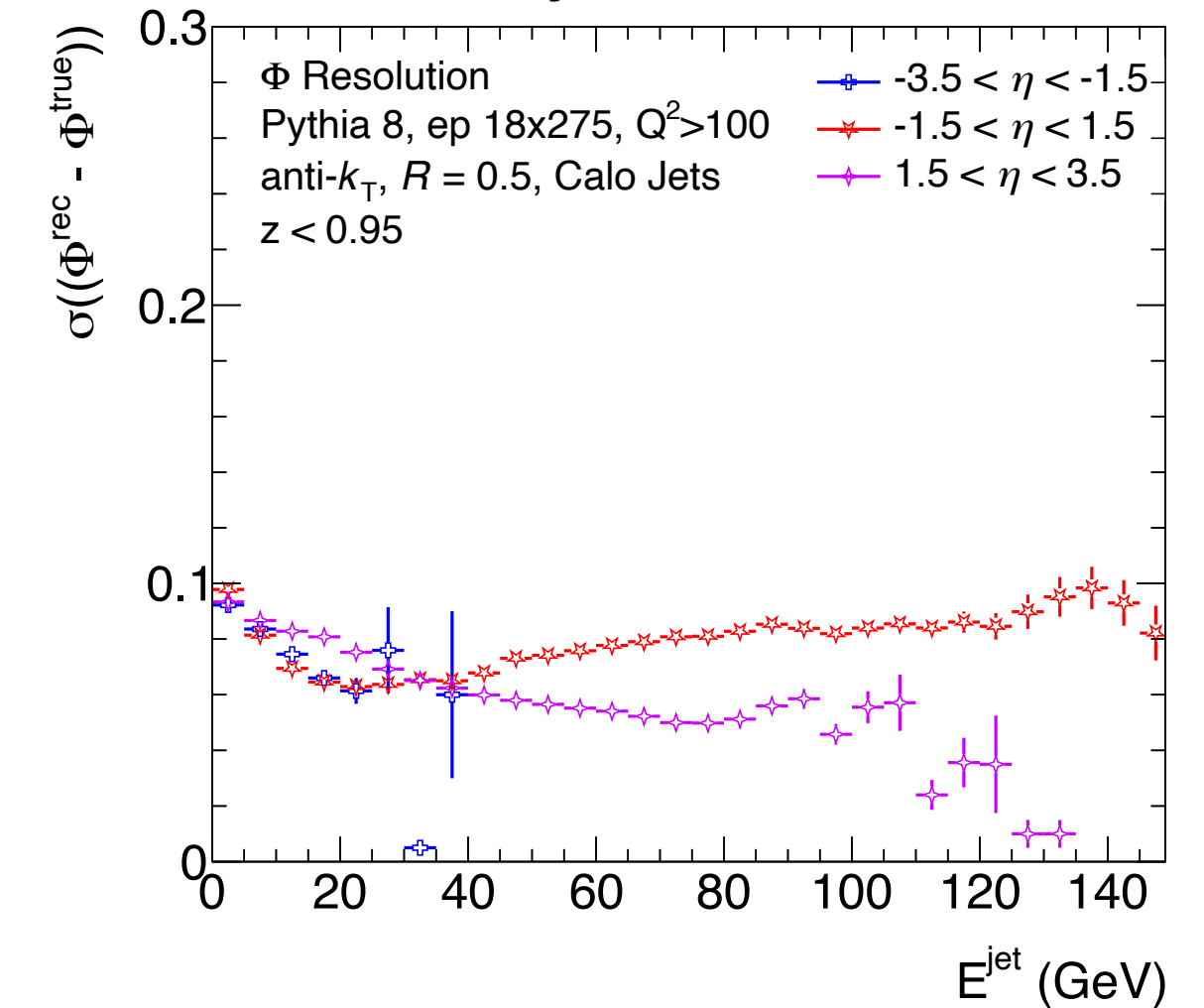
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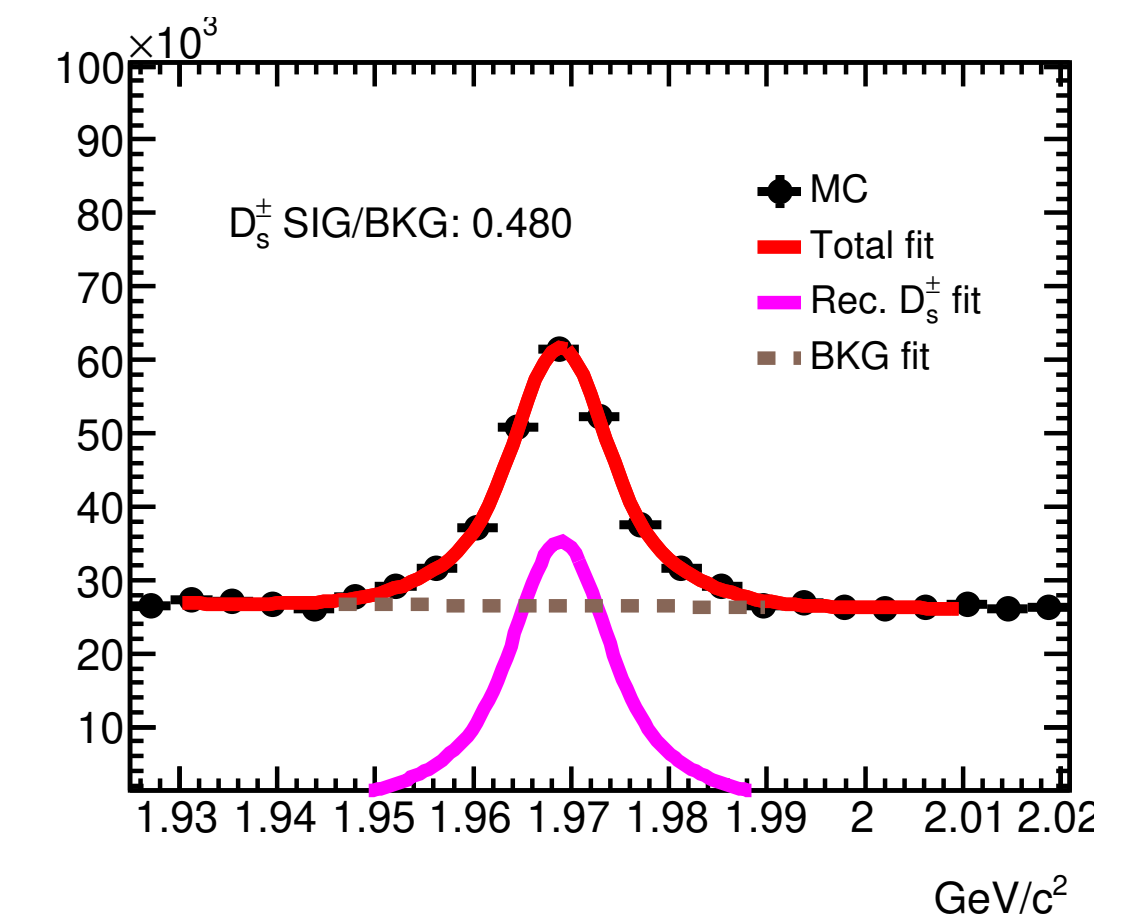
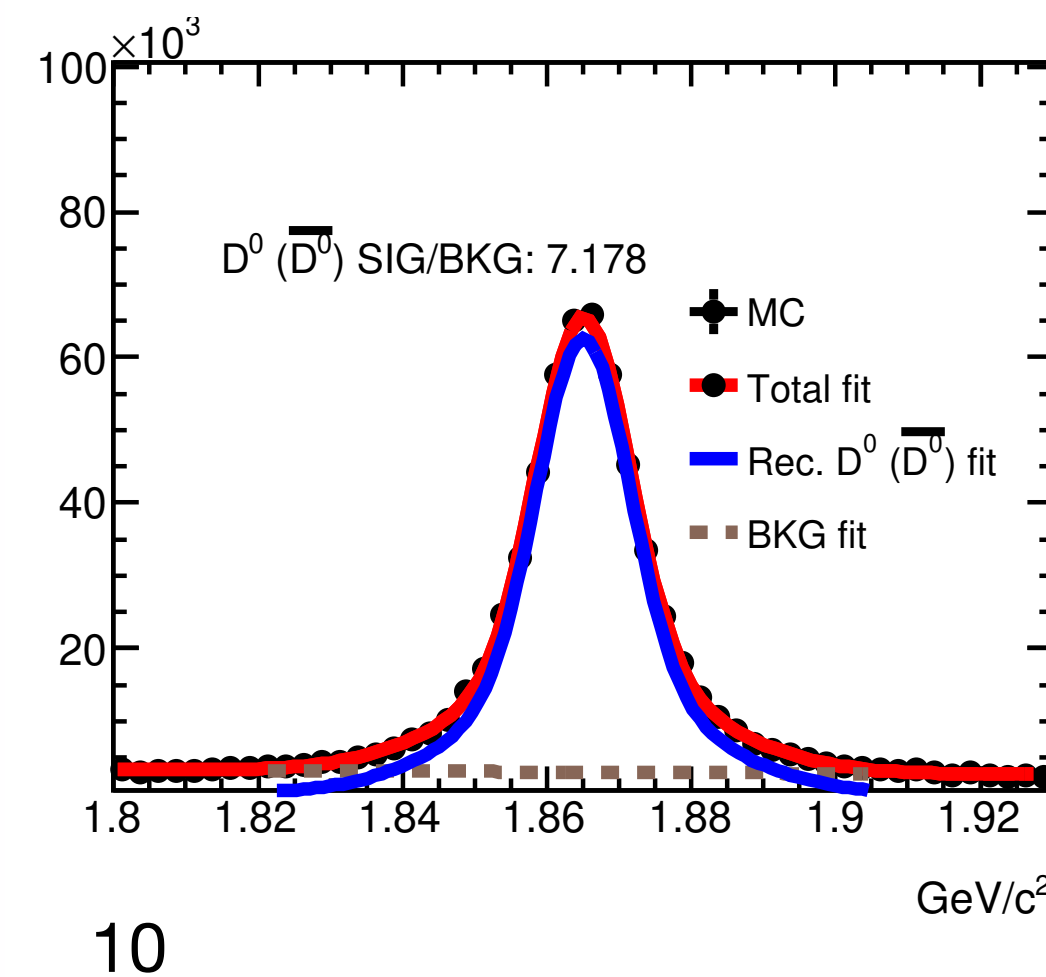
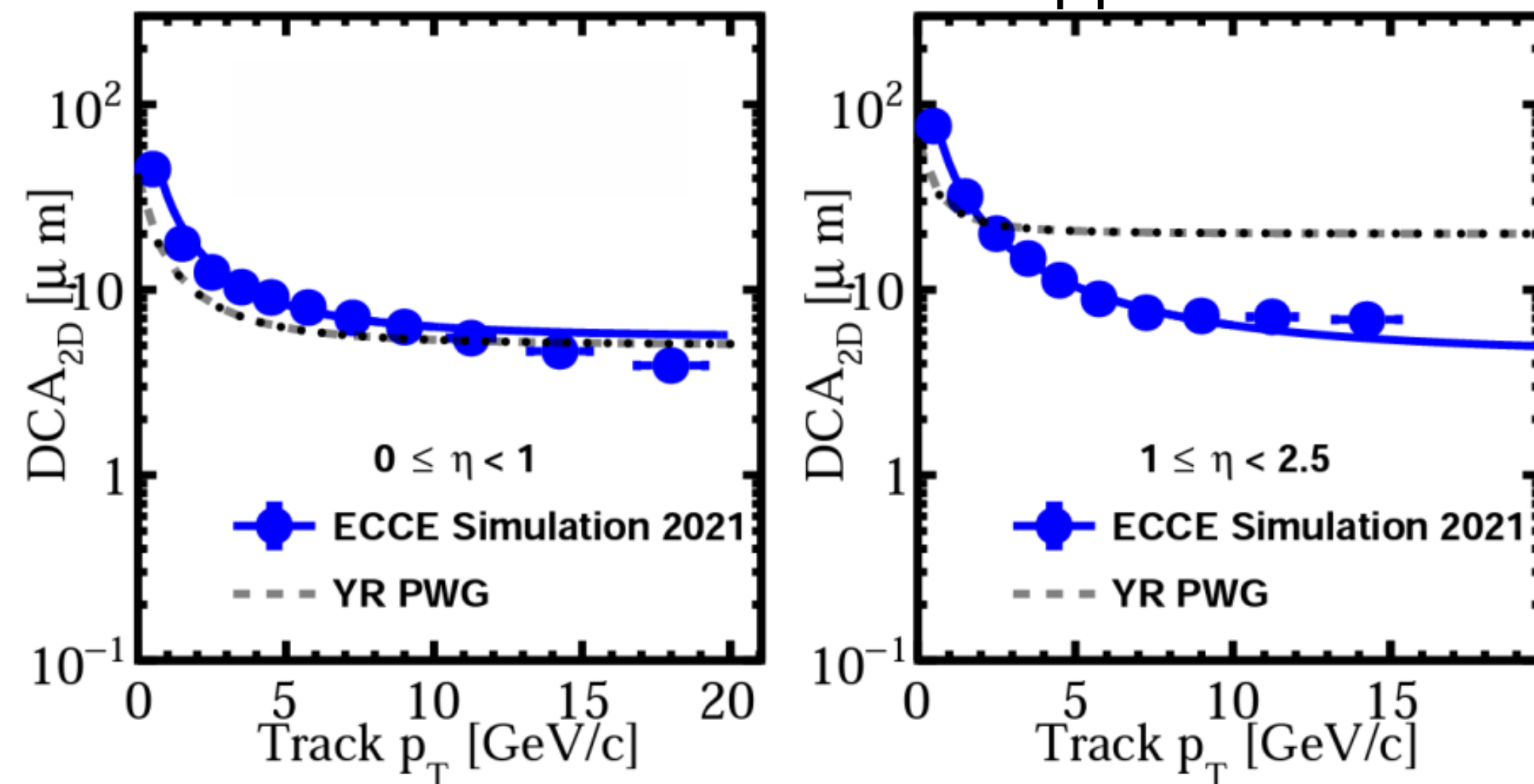


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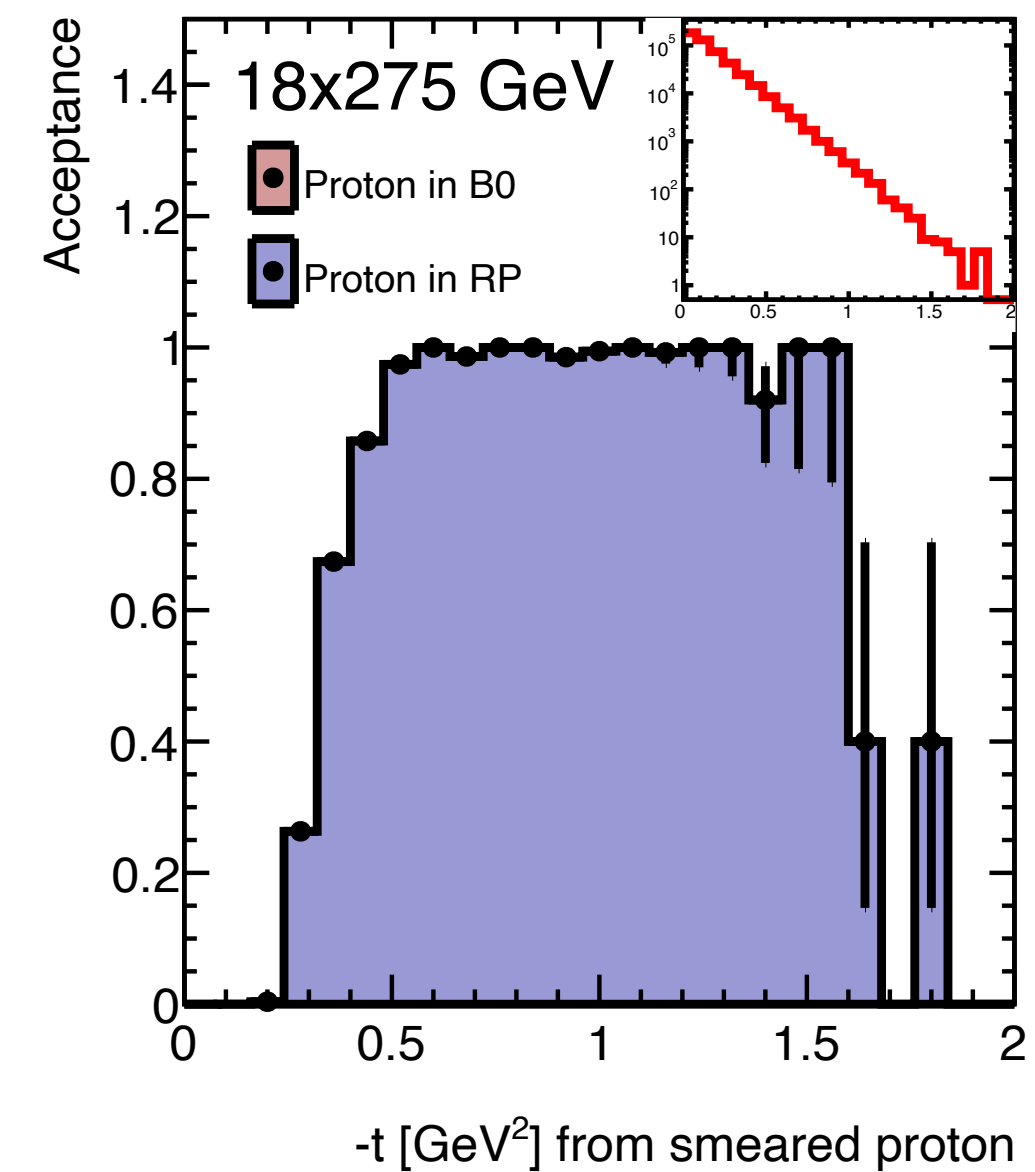
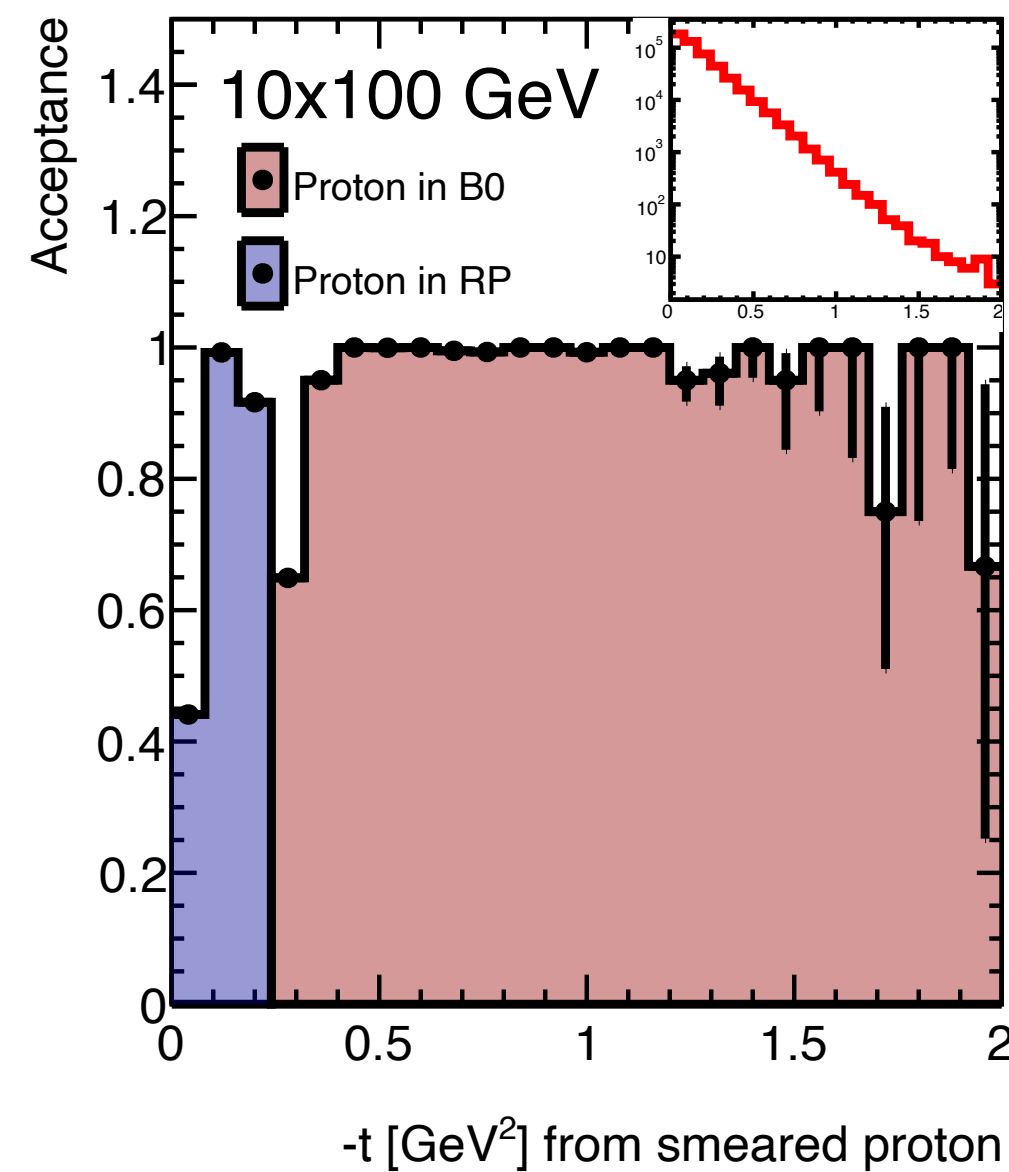
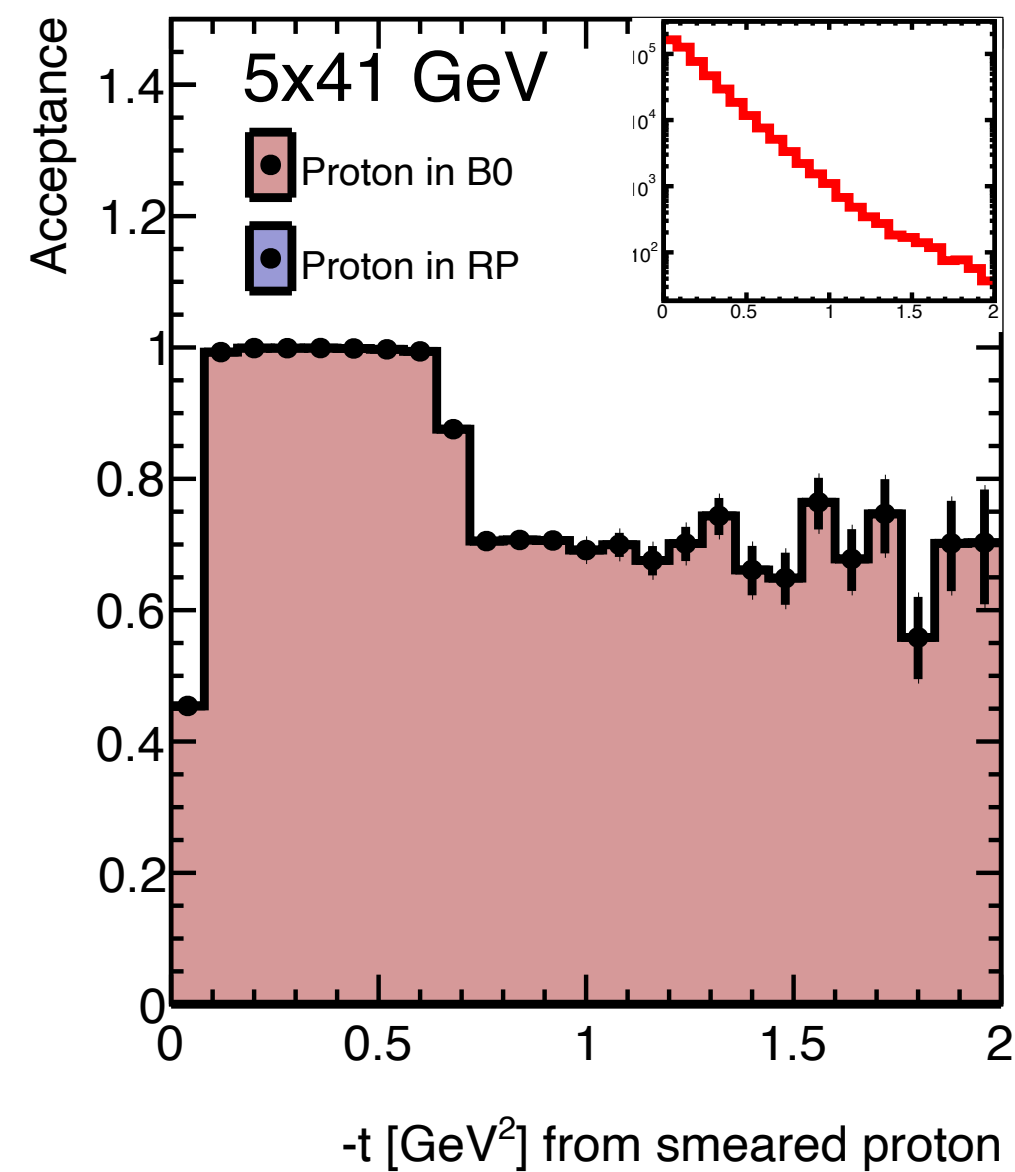
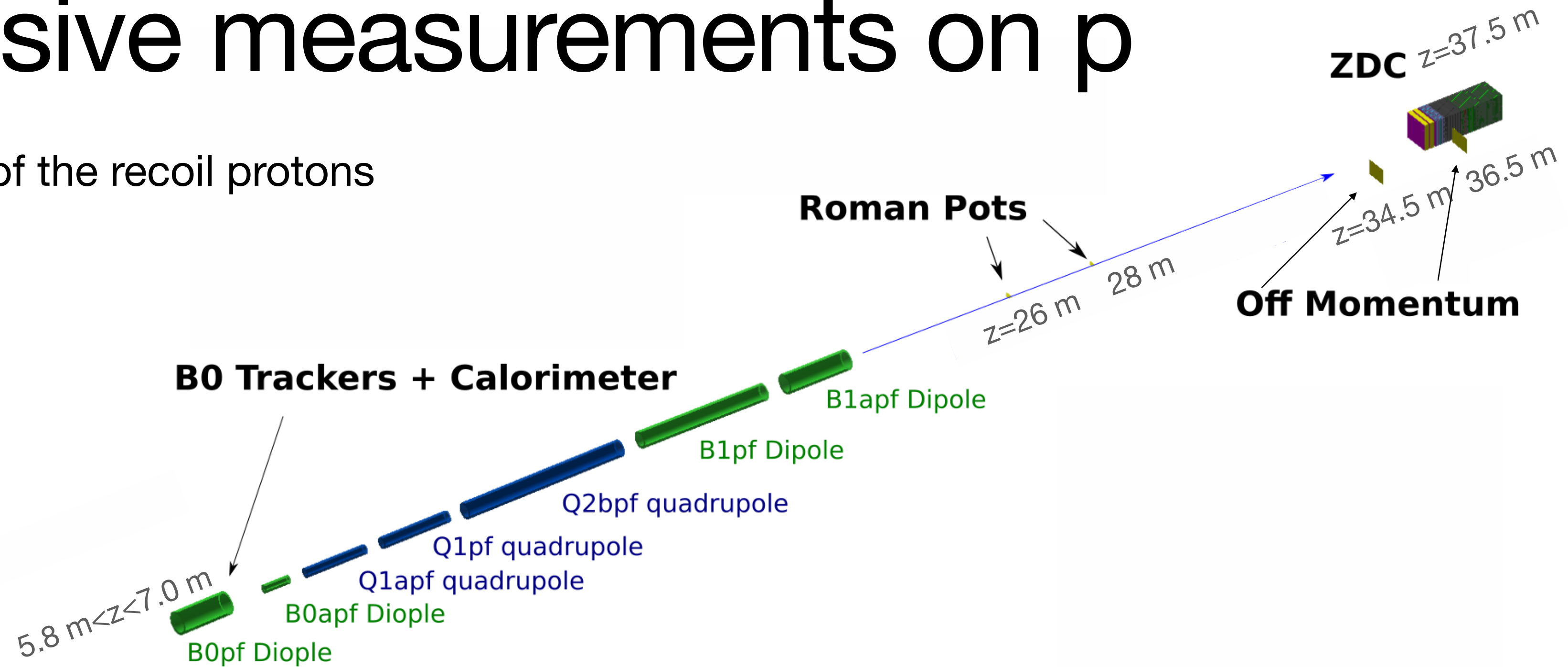
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# Exclusive measurements on p

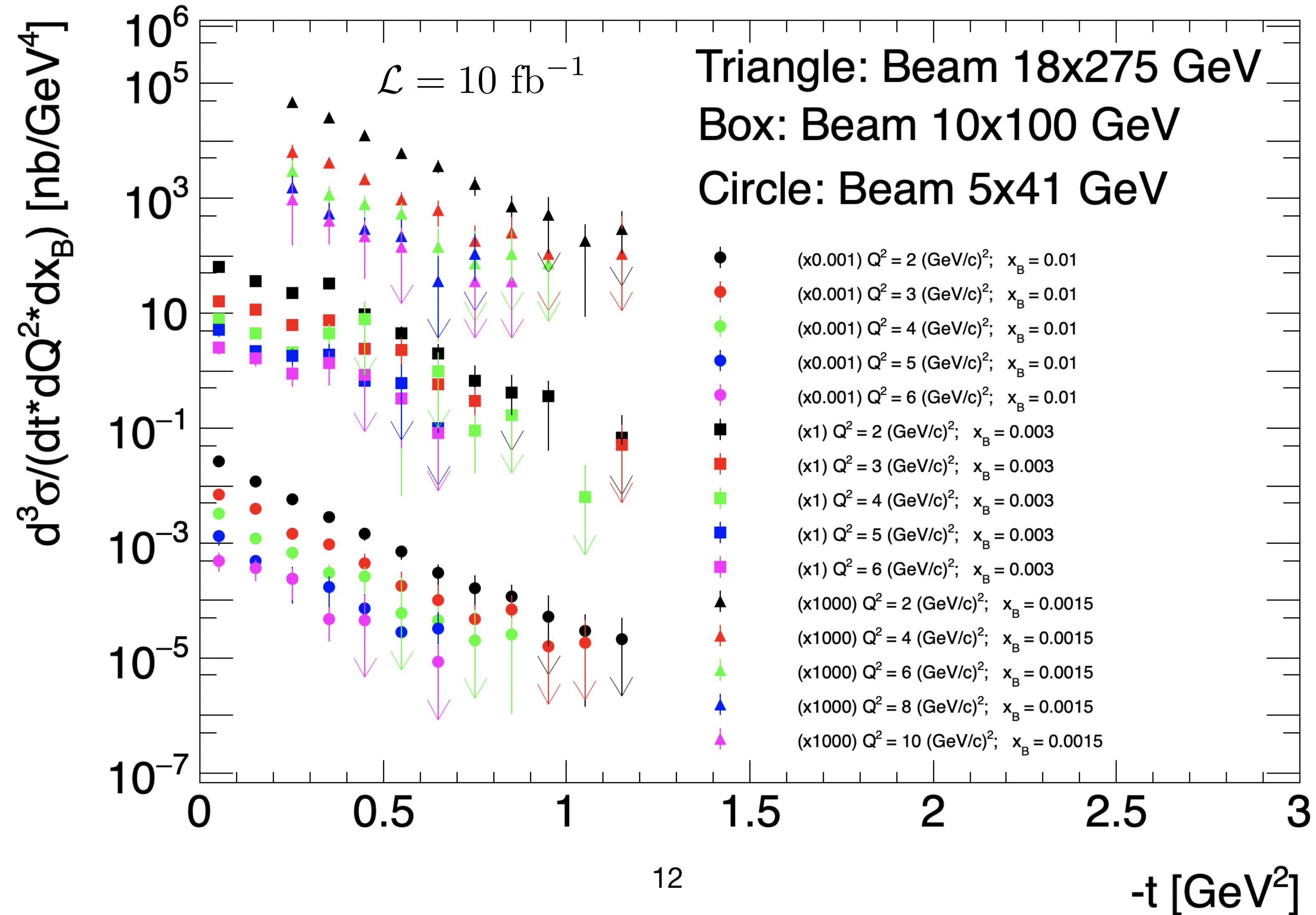
Detection of the recoil protons





# Deeply virtual Compton scattering on p

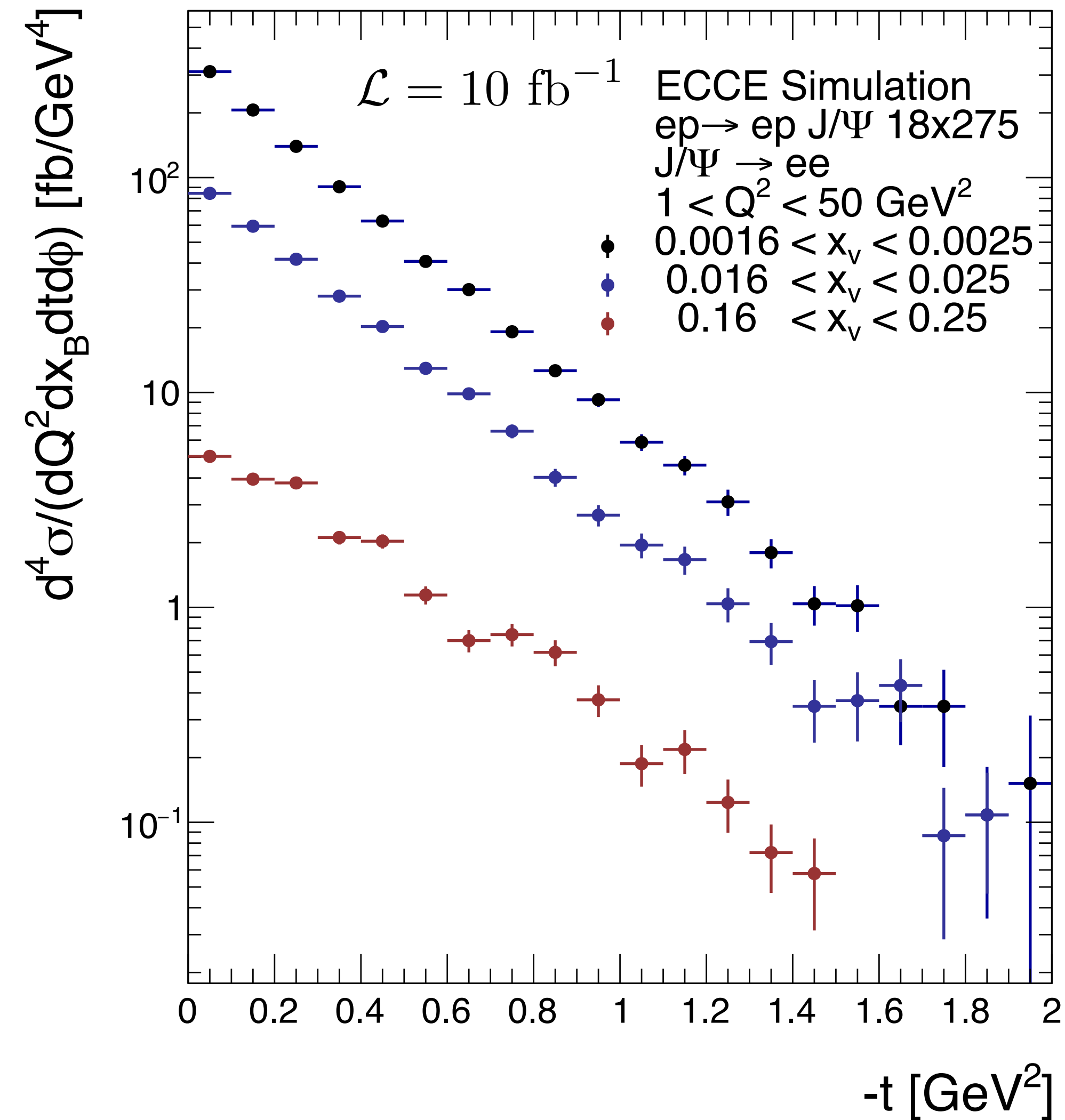
→ sensitive to quark (and gluon) GPDs





# Exclusive J/ $\psi$ electroproduction on p

→ excellent to probe gluon GPDs



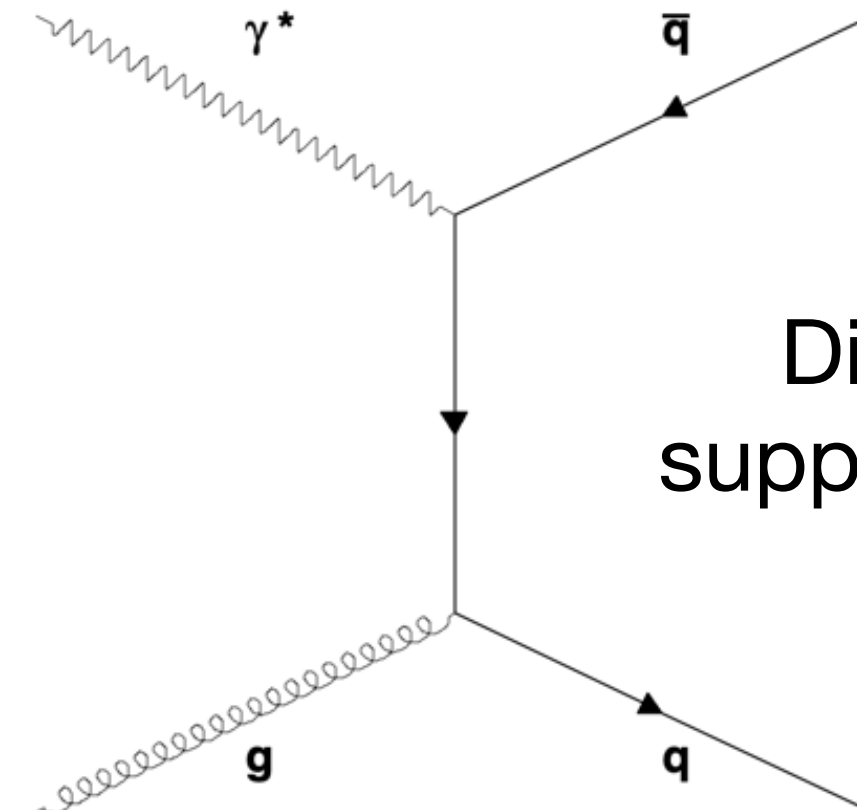
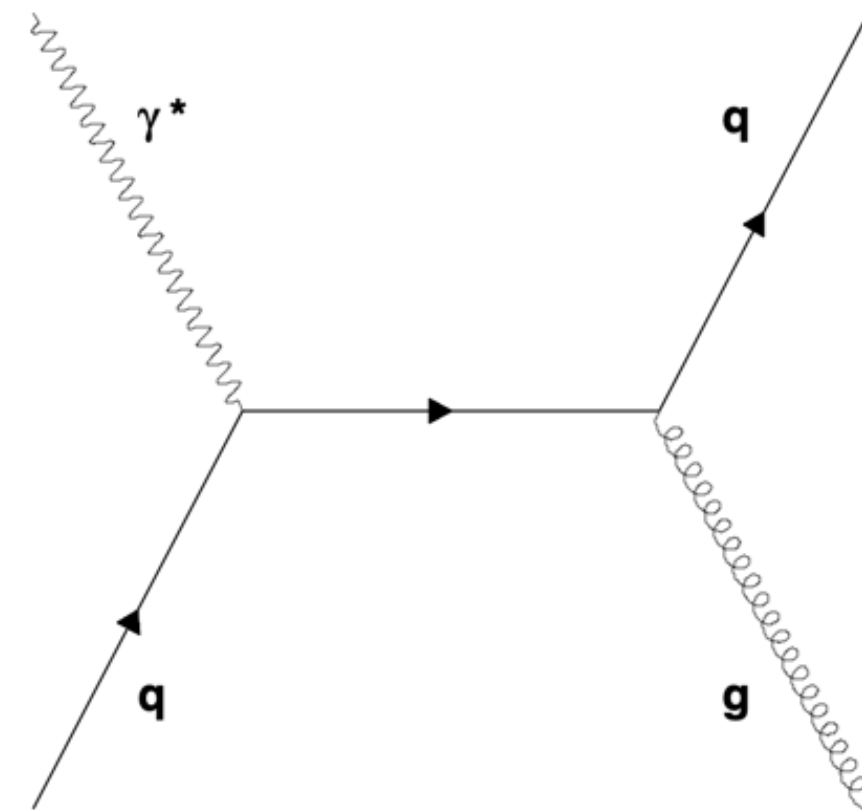


# Probing the nuclear medium

- Additional requirements for certain channels of interest:
  - Diffractive/exclusive measurements:
    - veto of events where nuclei break up → use entire far-forward detector systems
    - low- $t$  for nuclei → reconstruction via scattered lepton and exclusively produced vector meson/photon

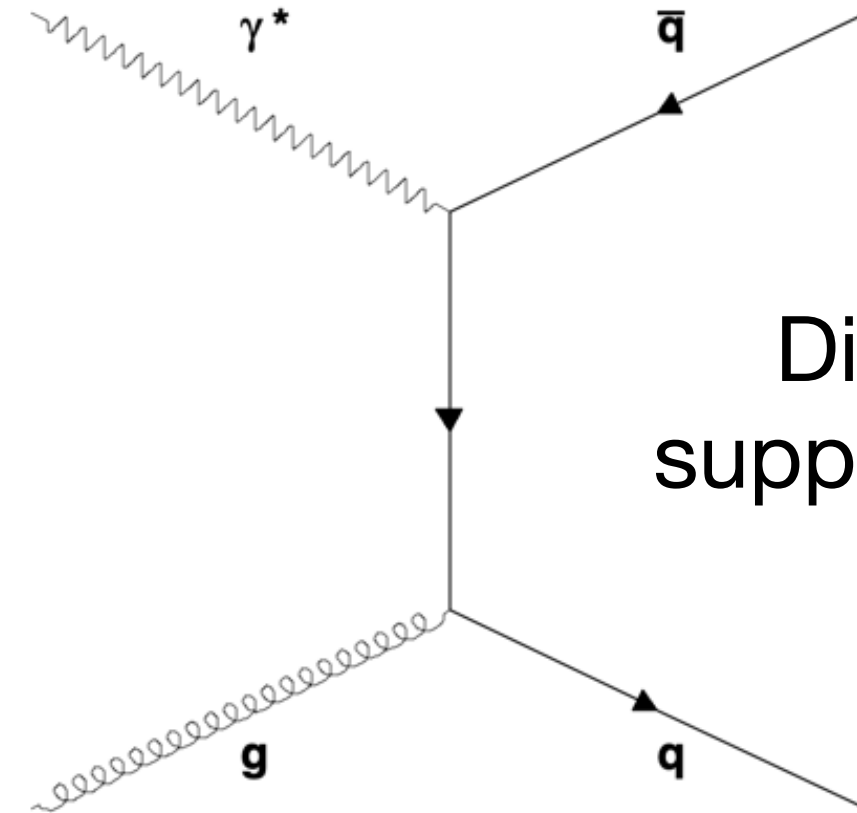
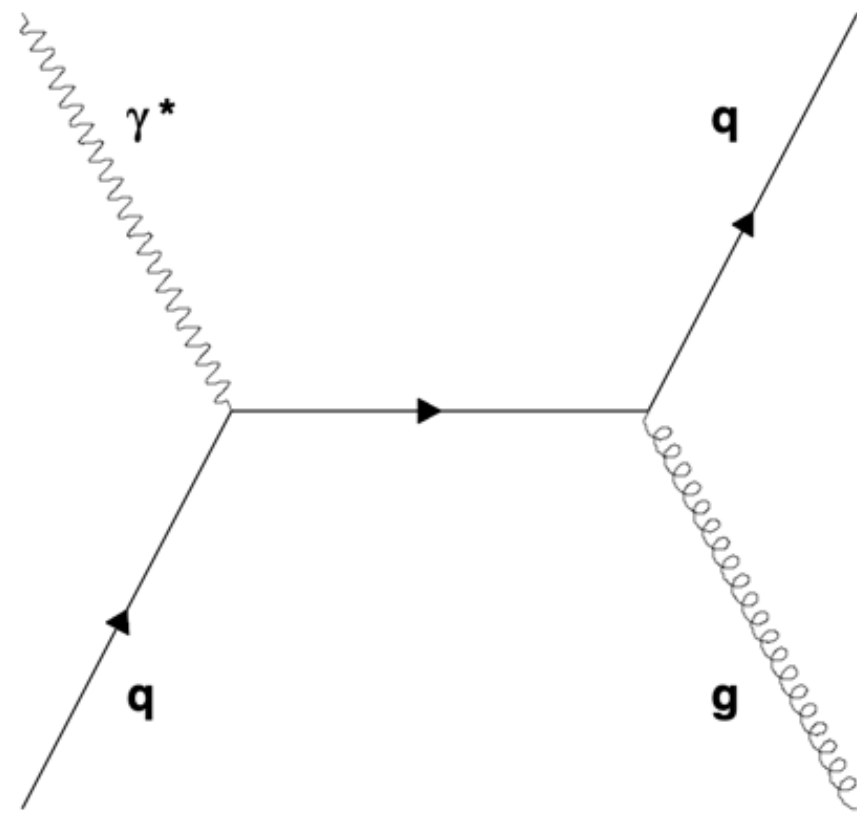


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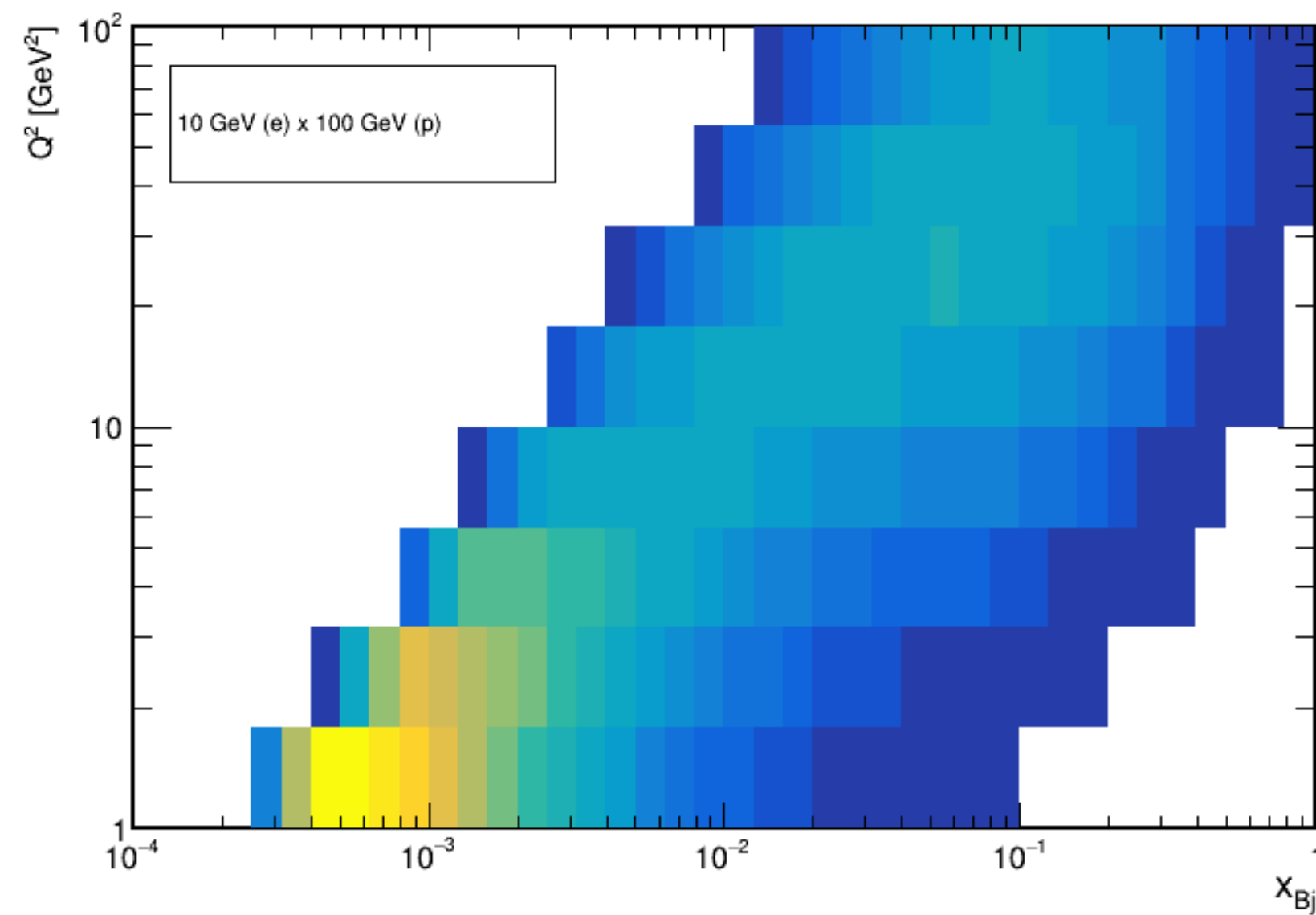
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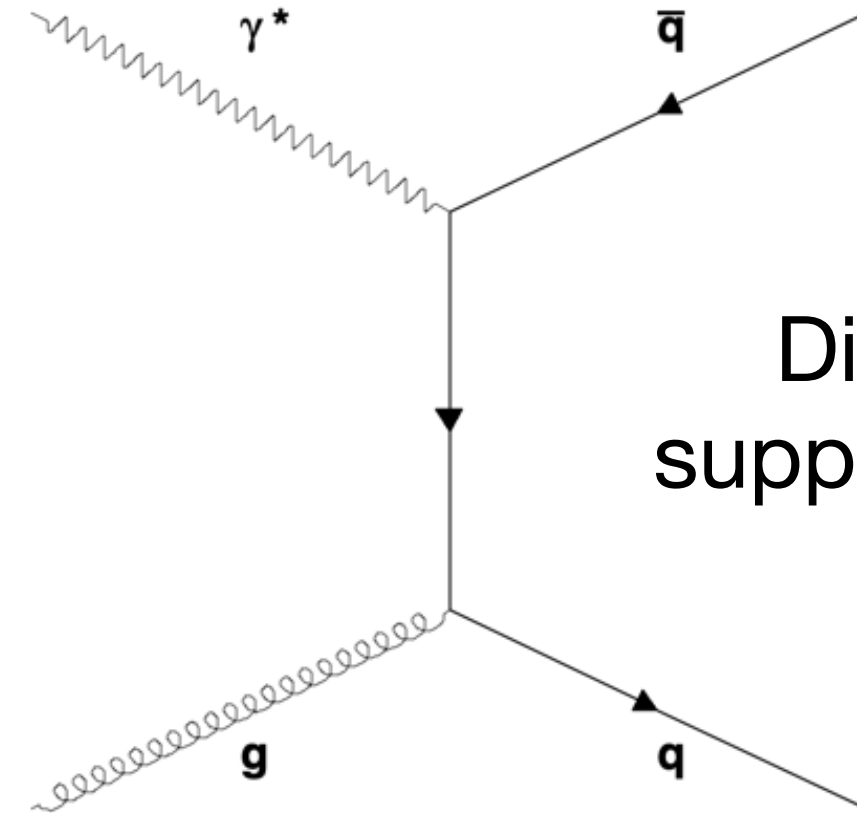
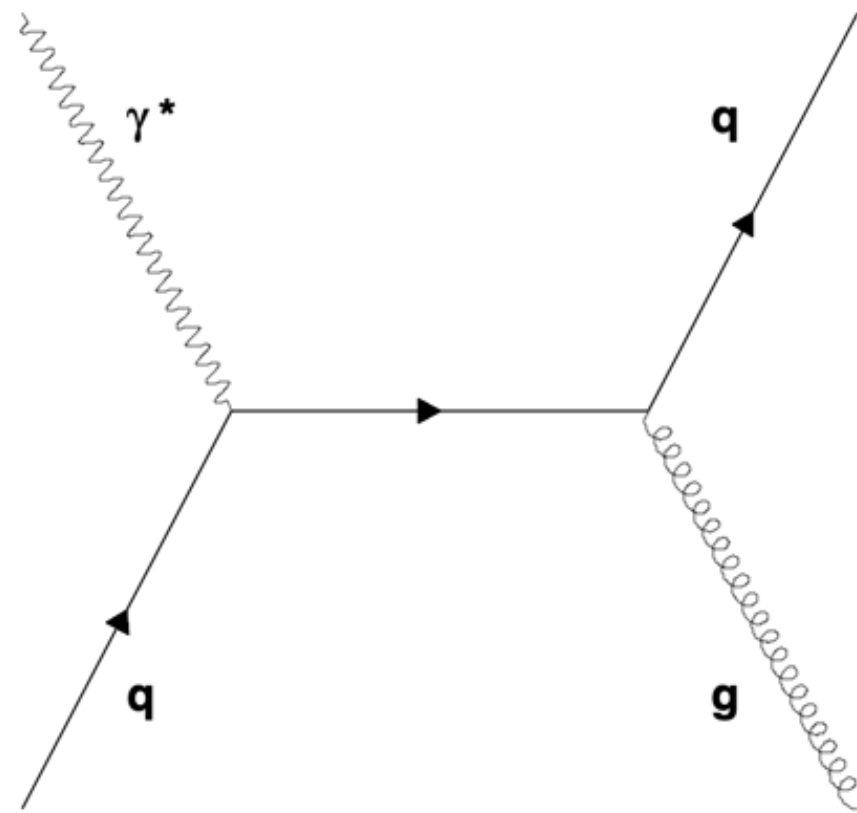
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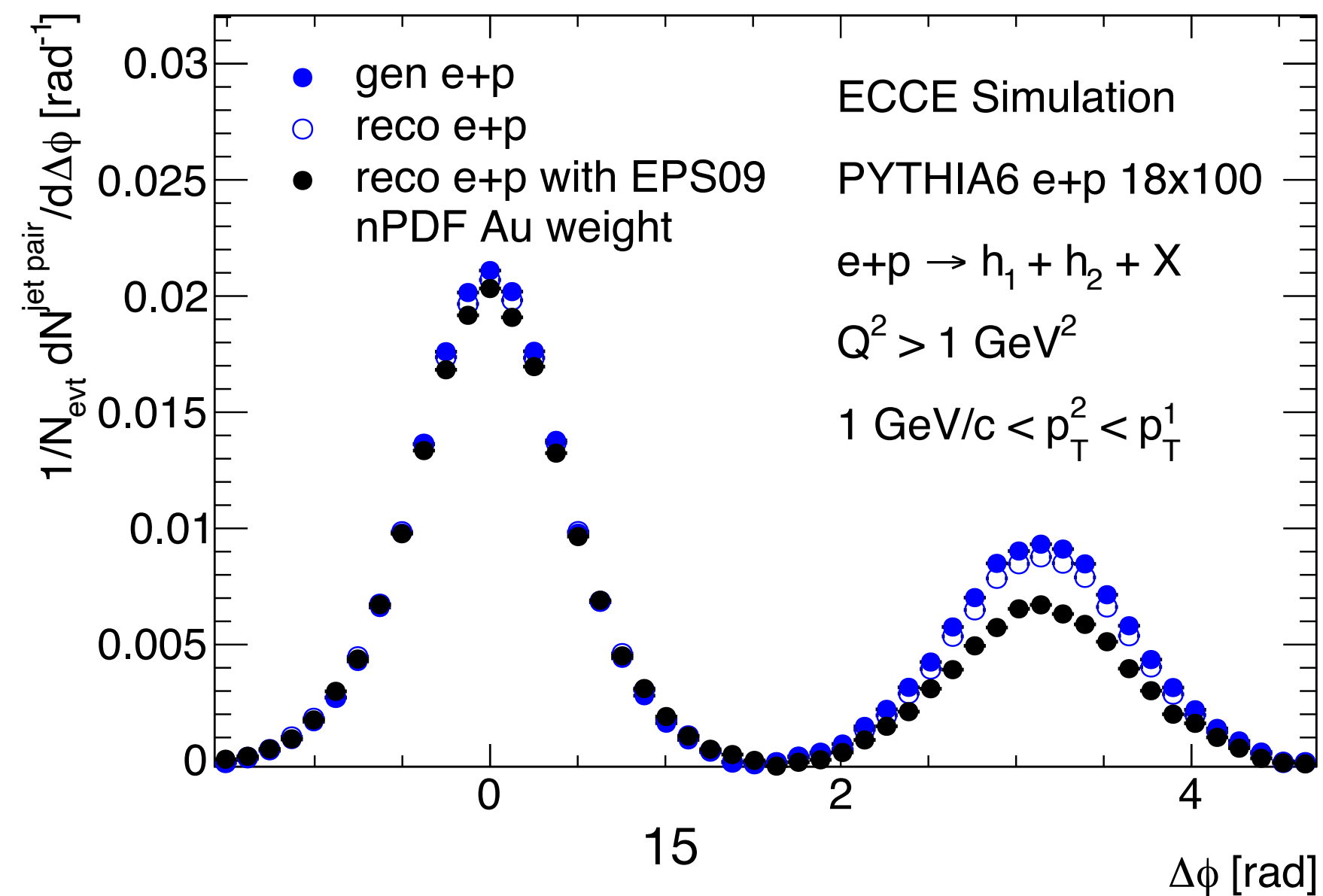
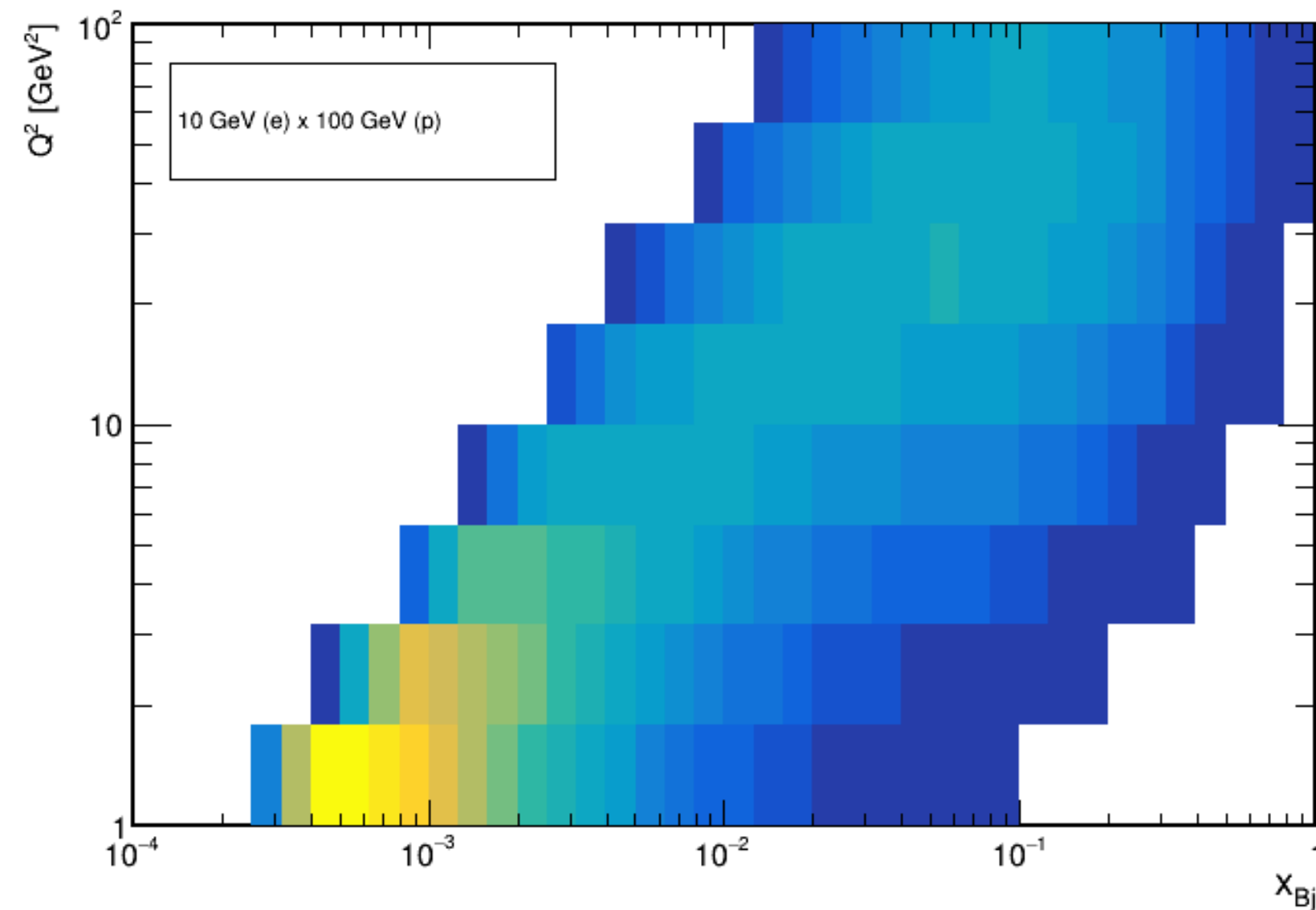


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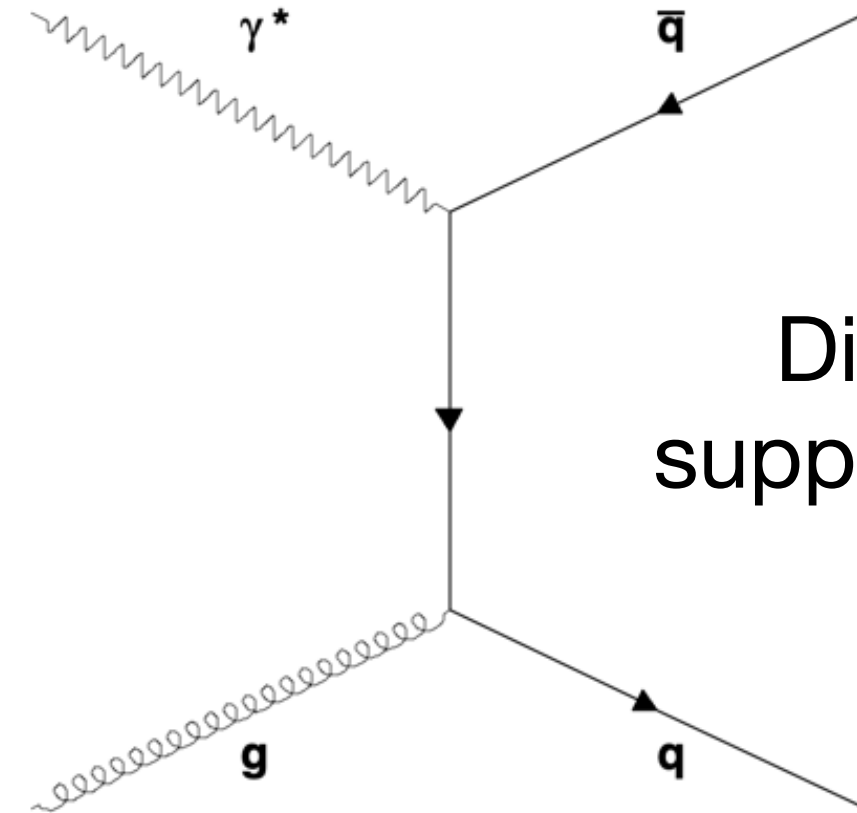
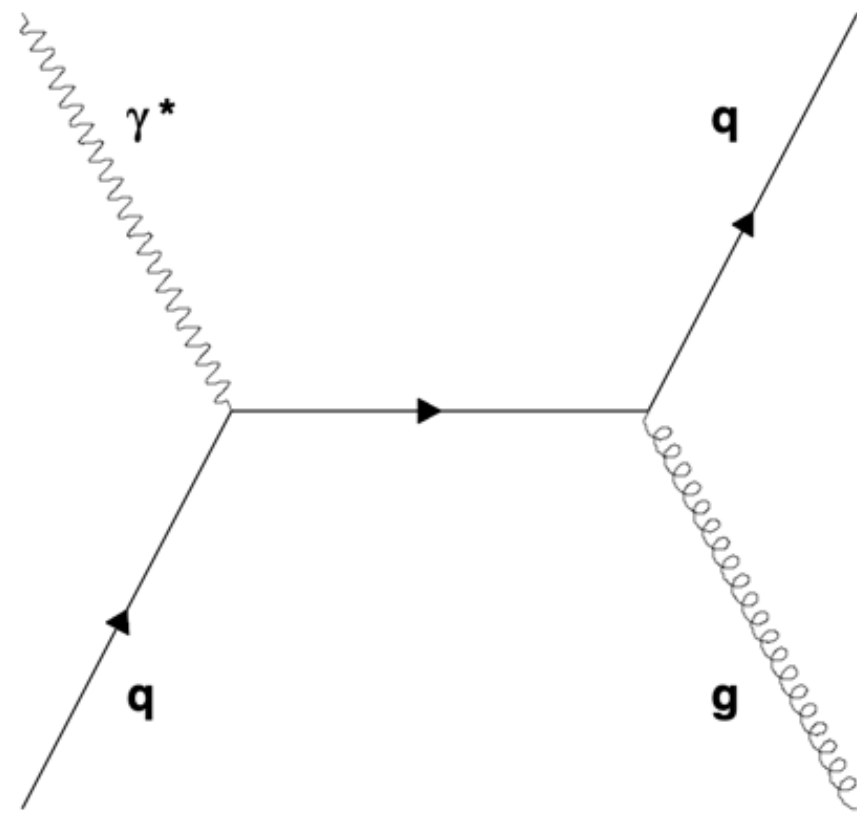


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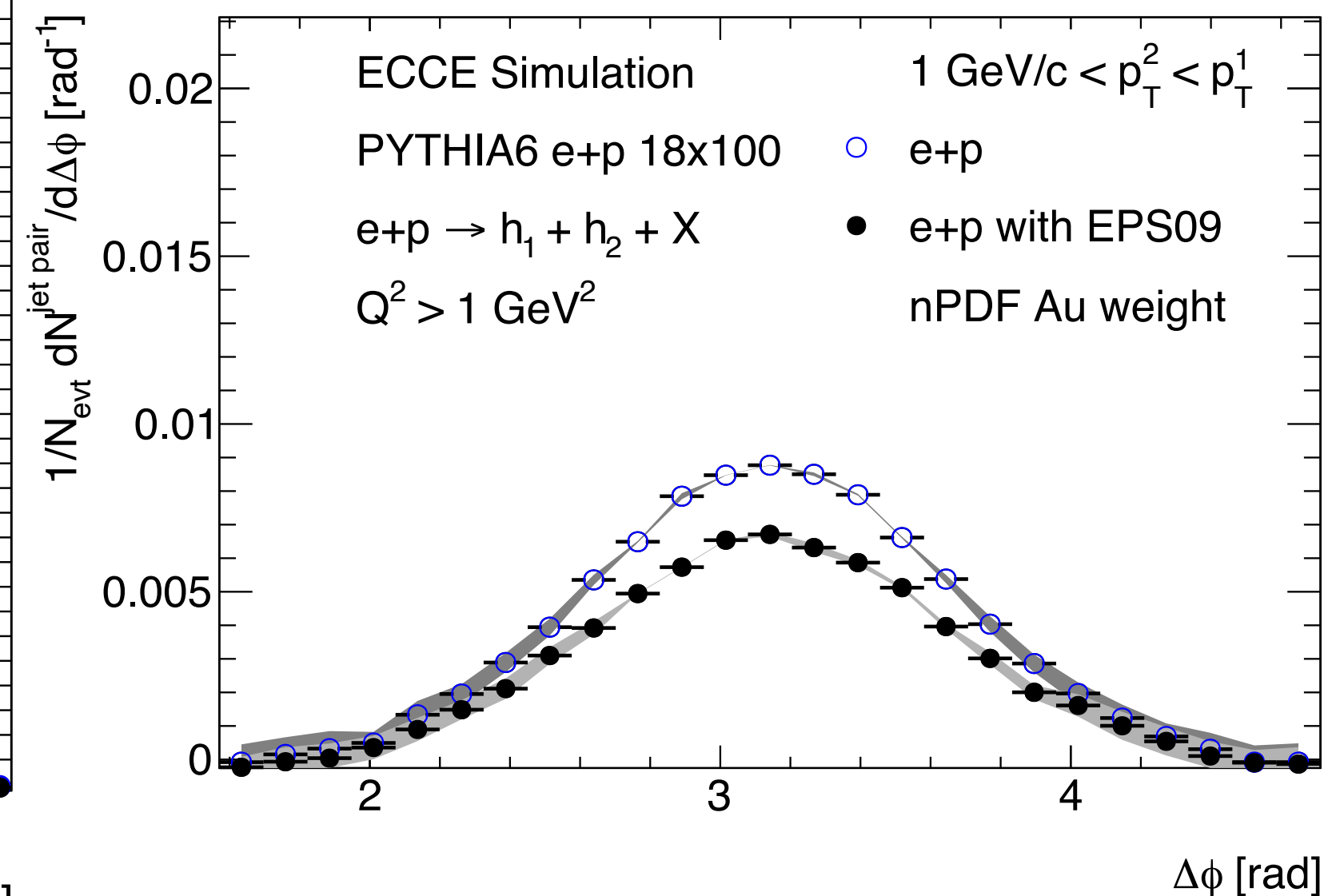
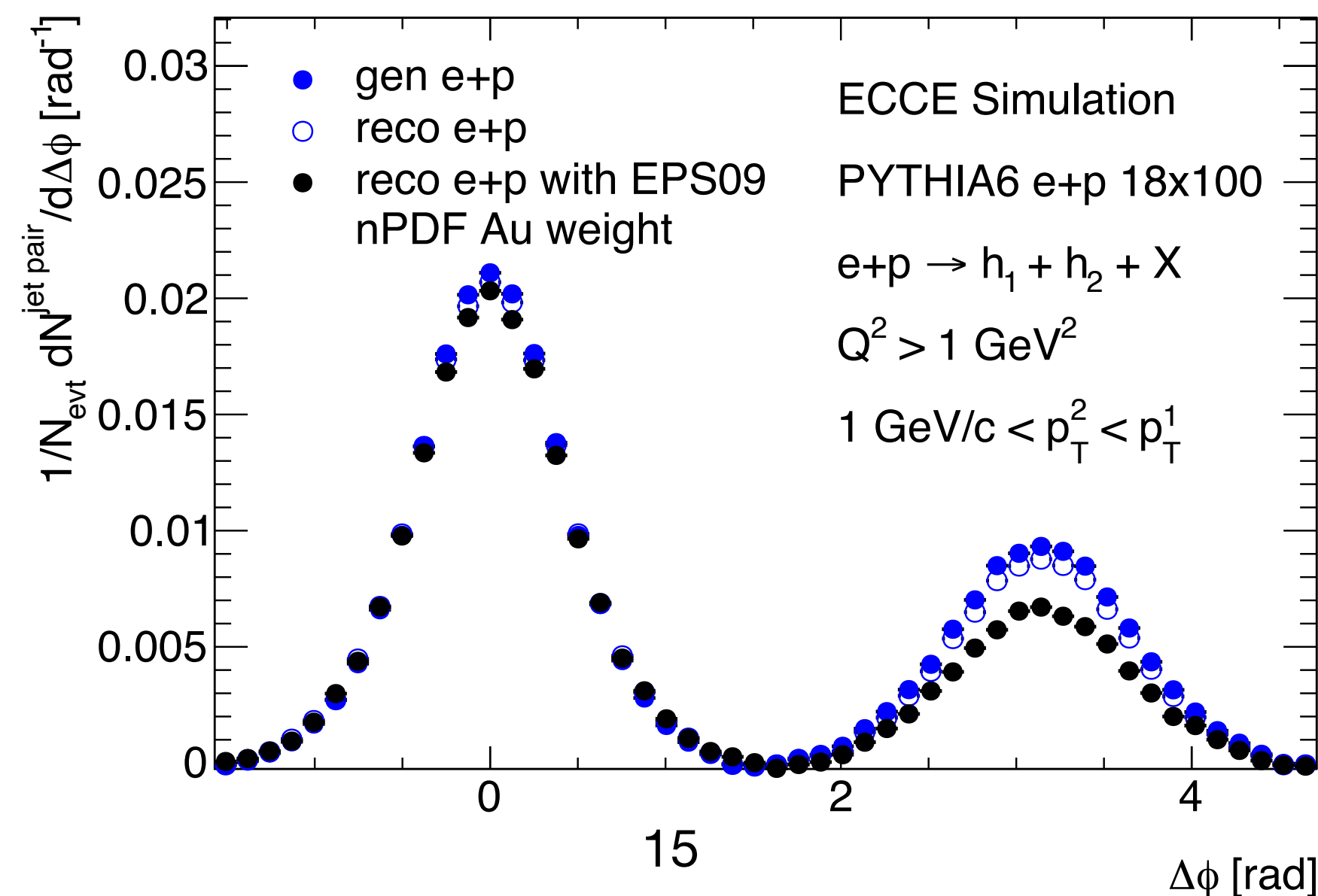
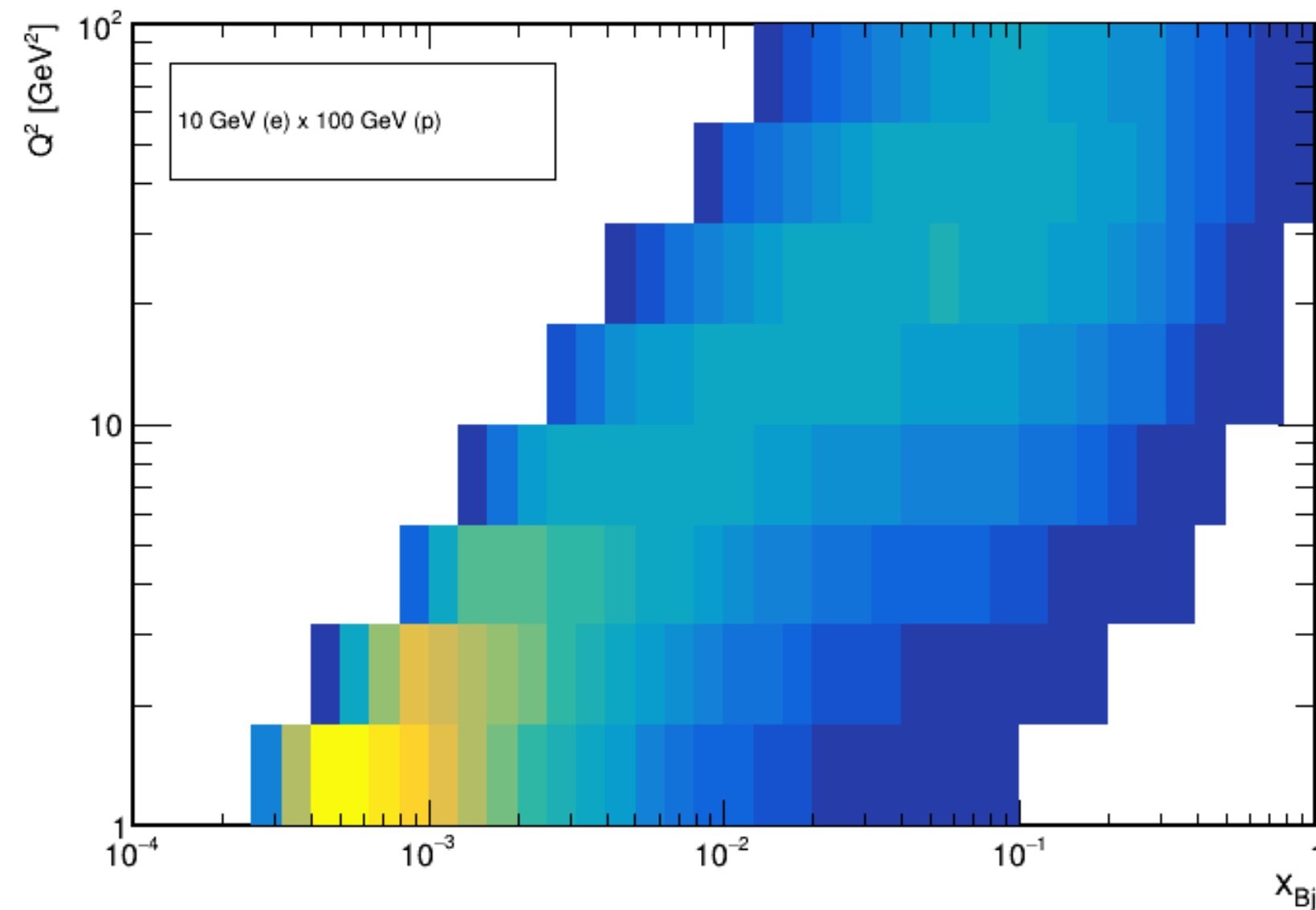
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For  $\pi/2 < \Delta\phi < 3\pi/2$  difference eA–ep

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systematic uncertainties (grey band)  
systematic=diff. (gen.,rec.)

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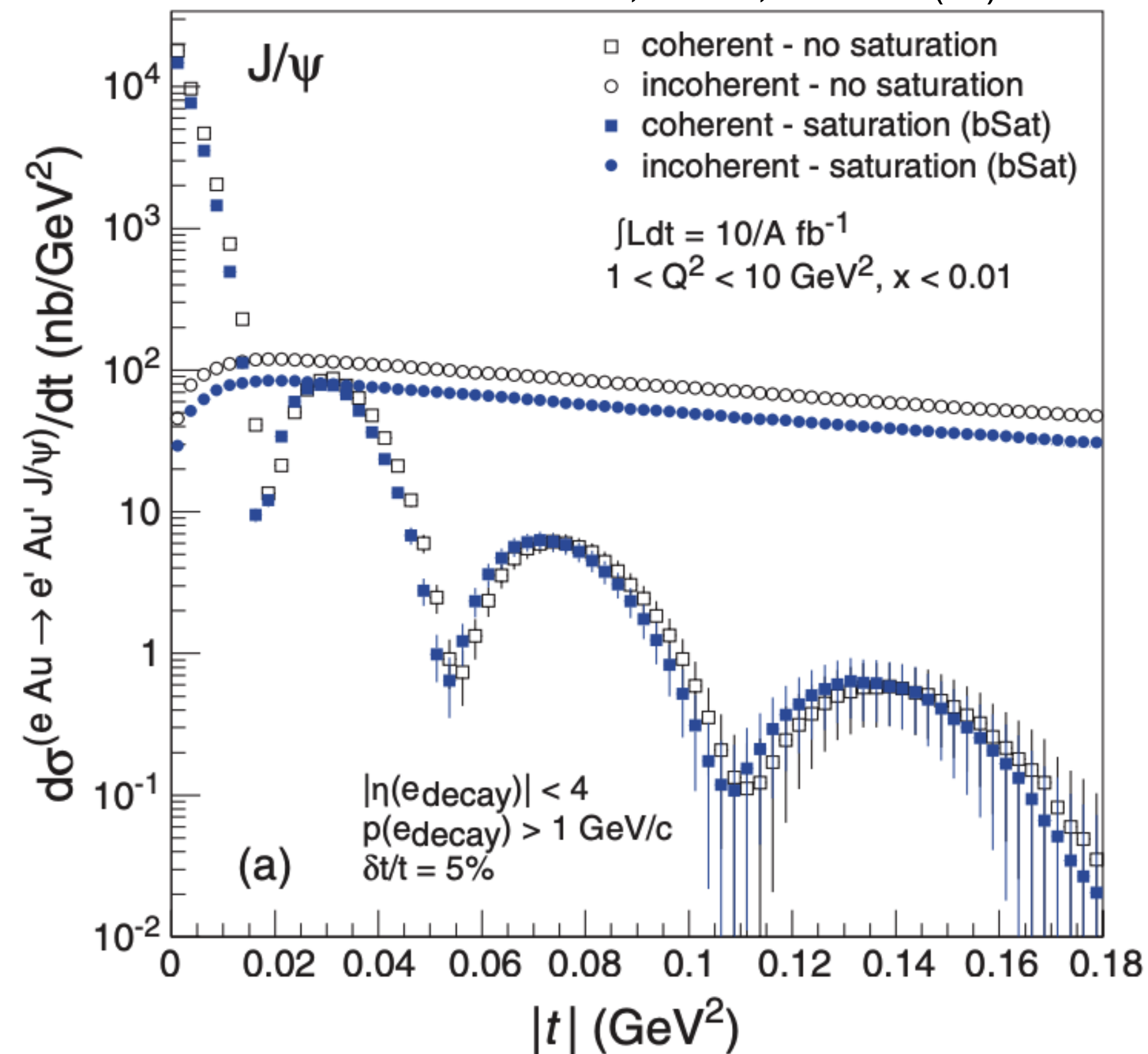




# Diffraction eA

- probe gluon saturation
- nuclear imaging in position space
- resolving minima is crucial

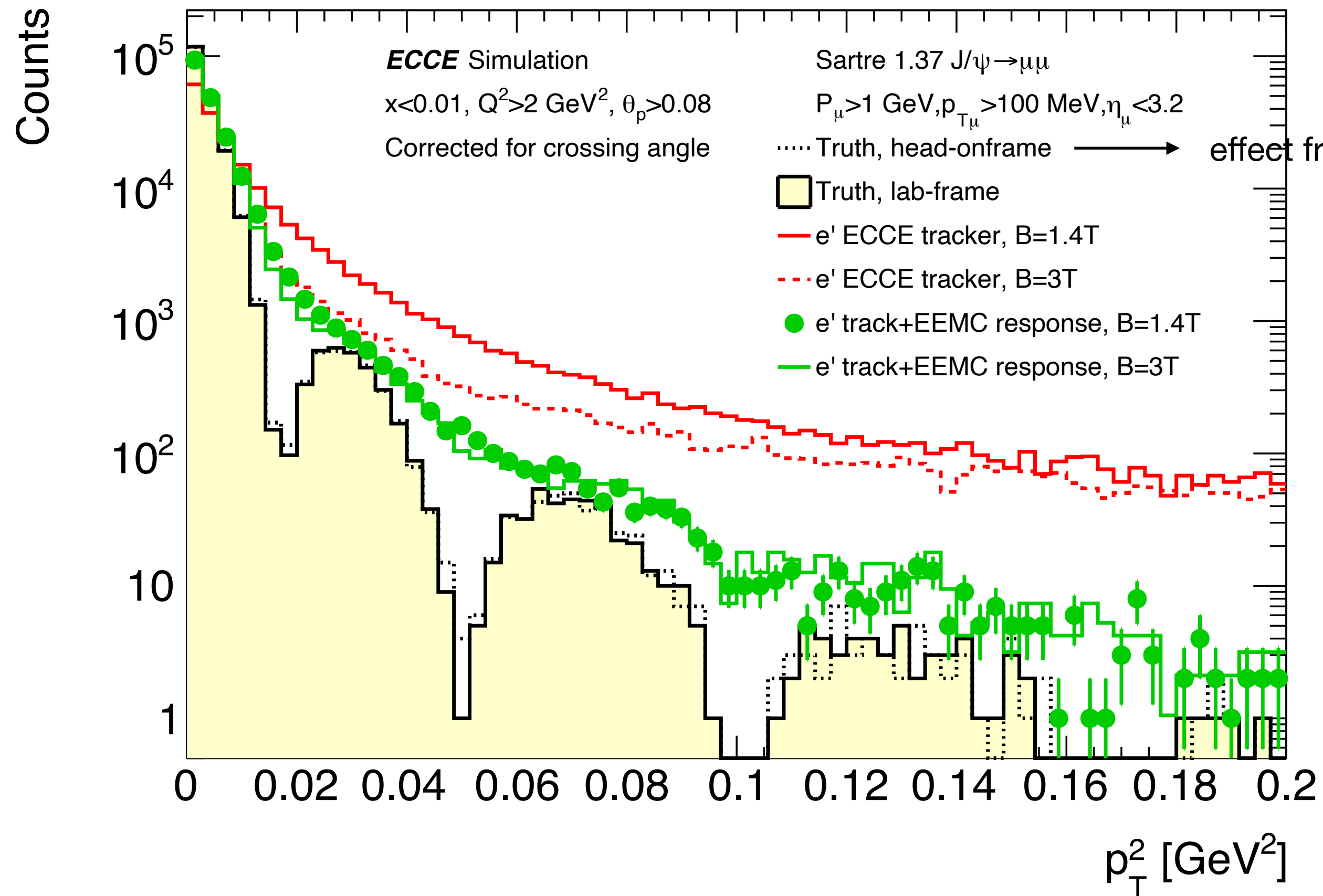
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Need 90%, 99%, and > 99.8% veto efficiency for incoherent production, for the respective minima at increasing  $t$ .

Need precise determination of  $t$ .

# Diffraction eA: study of exclusive J/ψ production in ePb

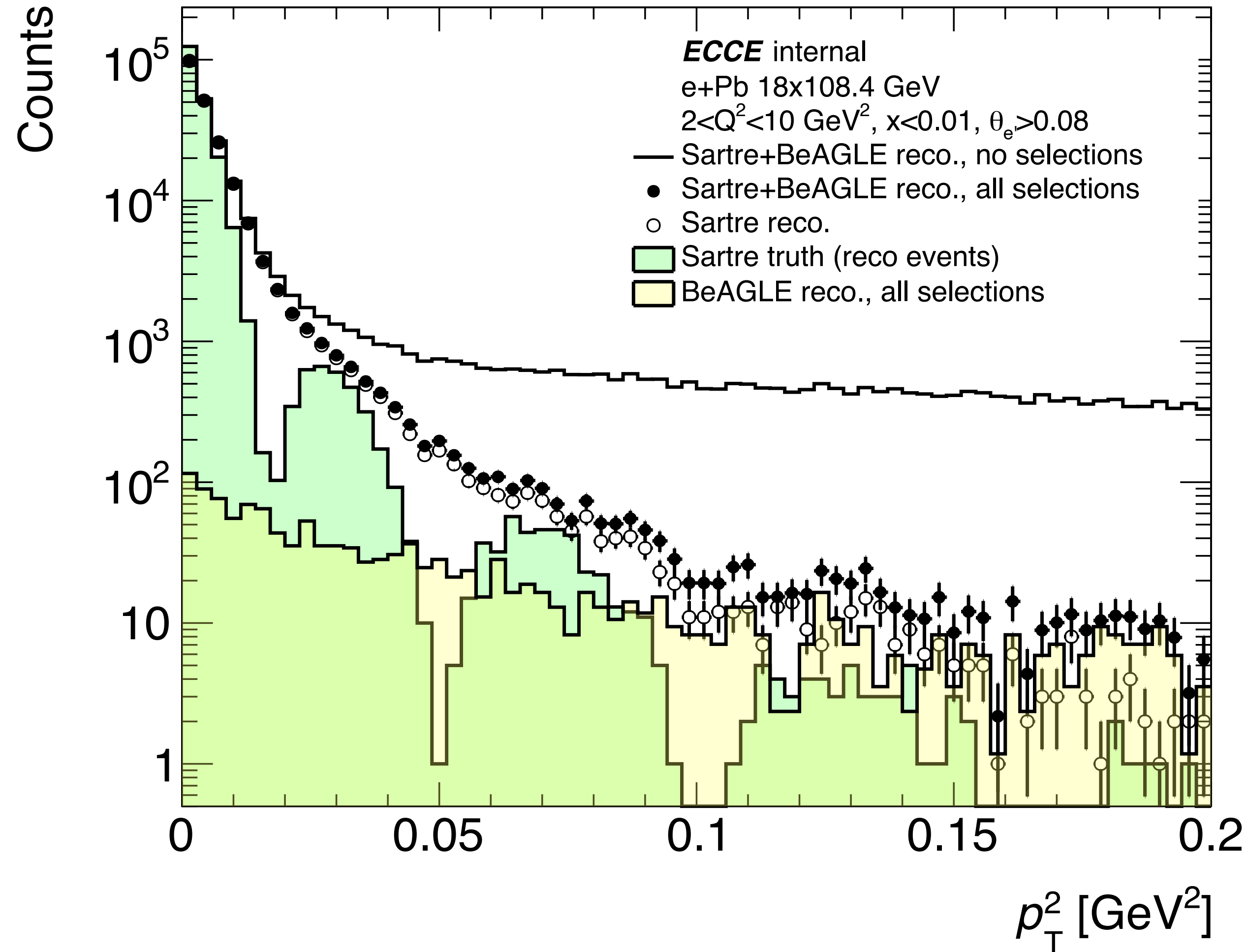


- t via scattered lepton and reconstructed vector meson

$$p_T^2 \approx (\vec{p}_{J/\psi, T} + \vec{p}_{e', T})^2$$

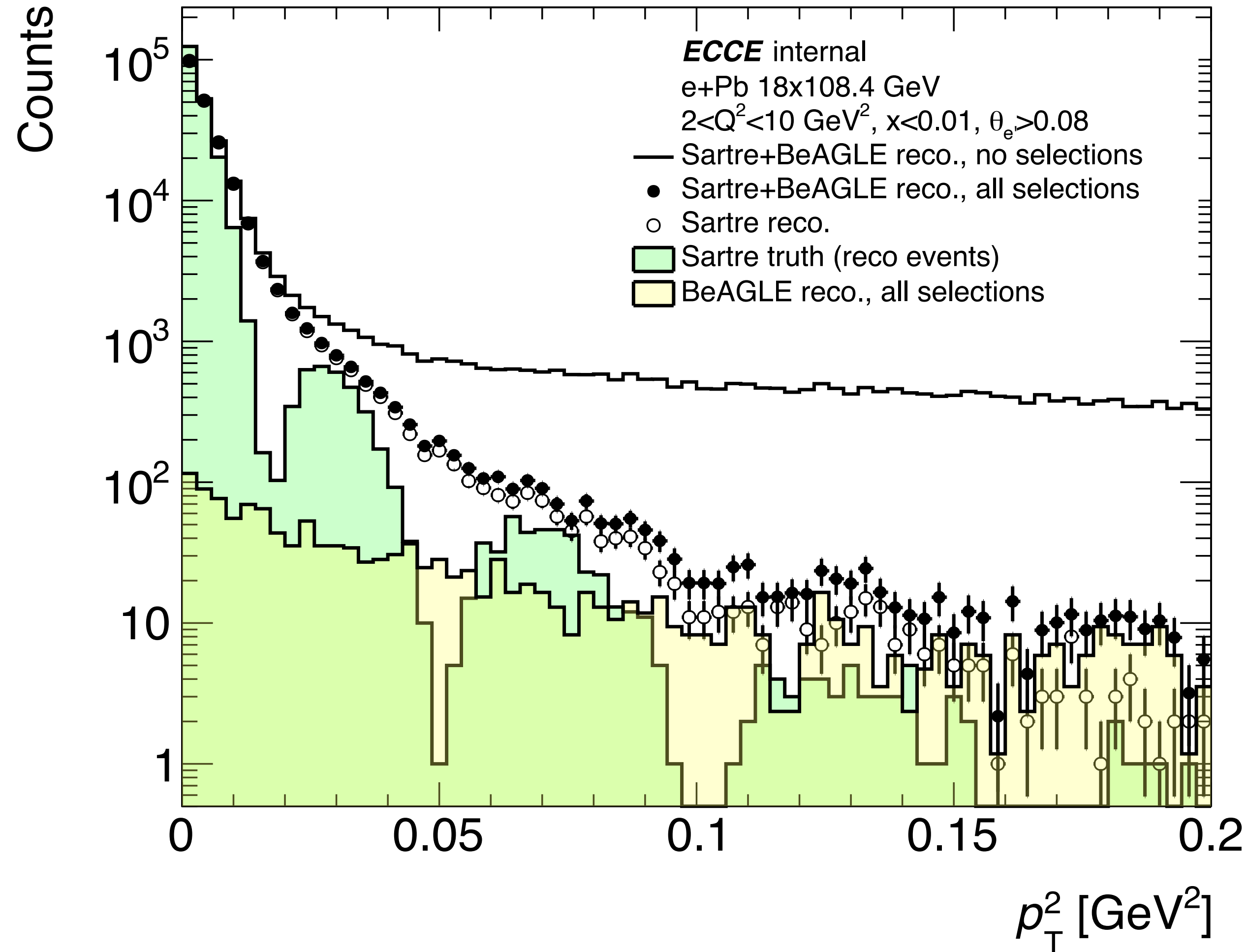


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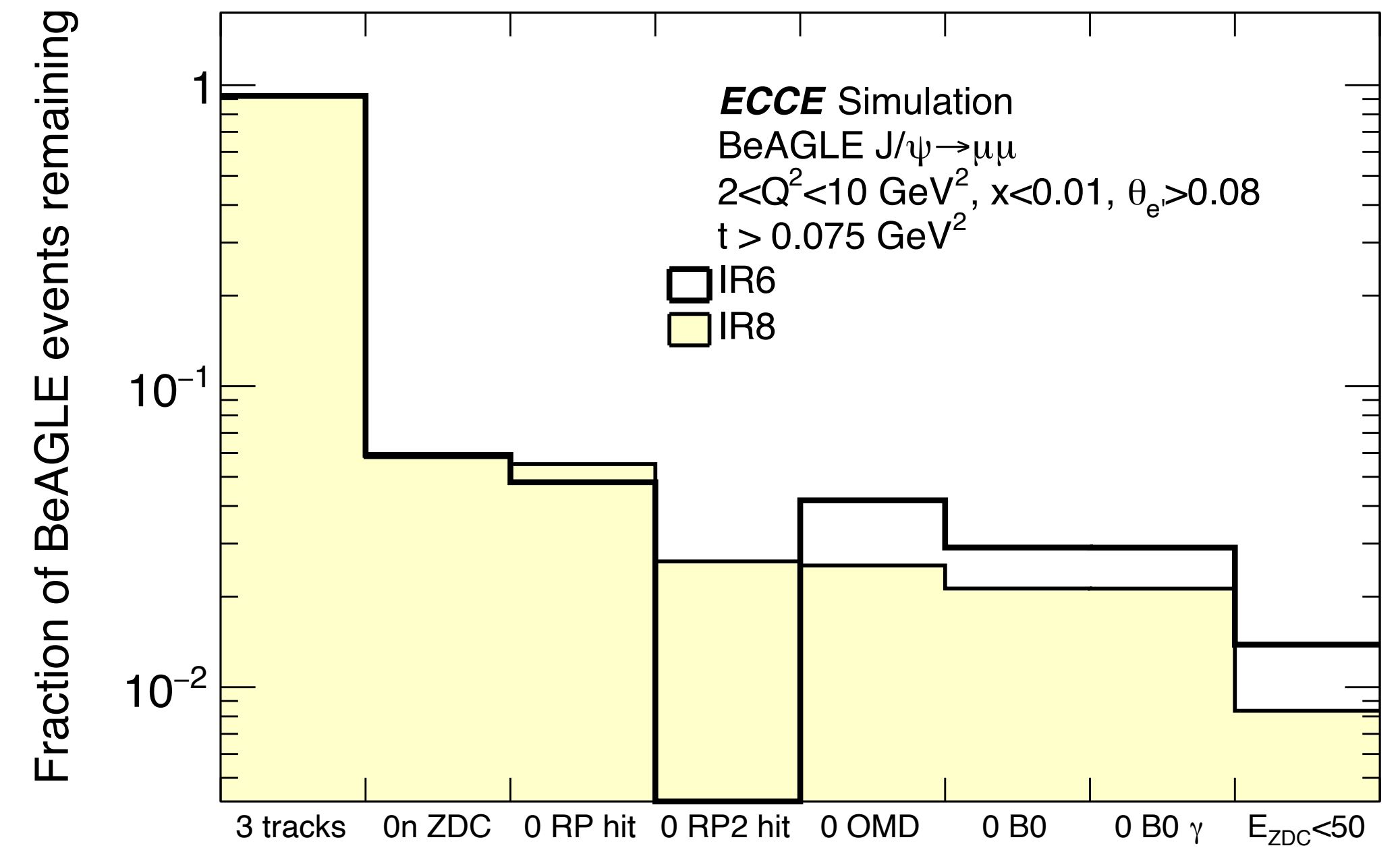


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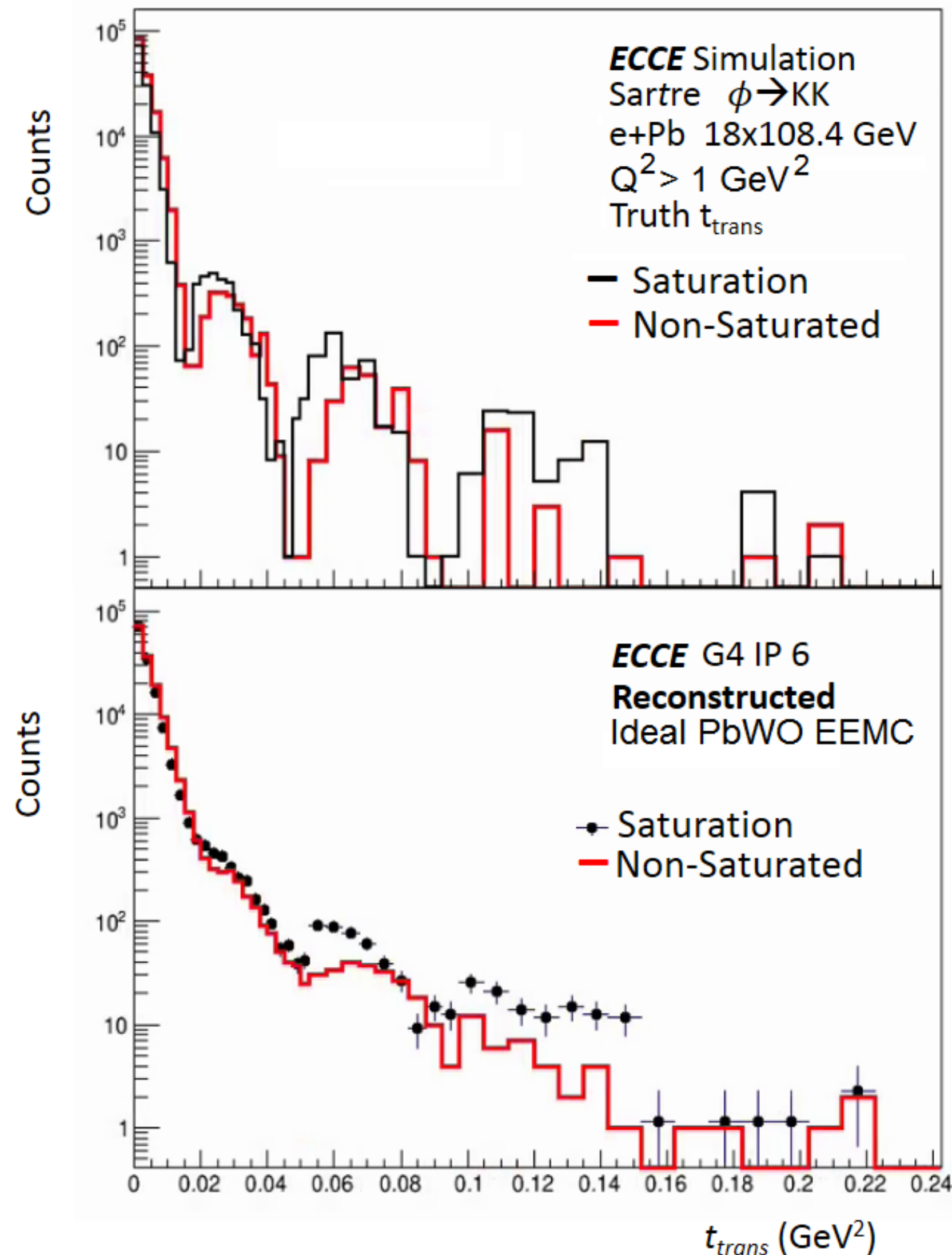
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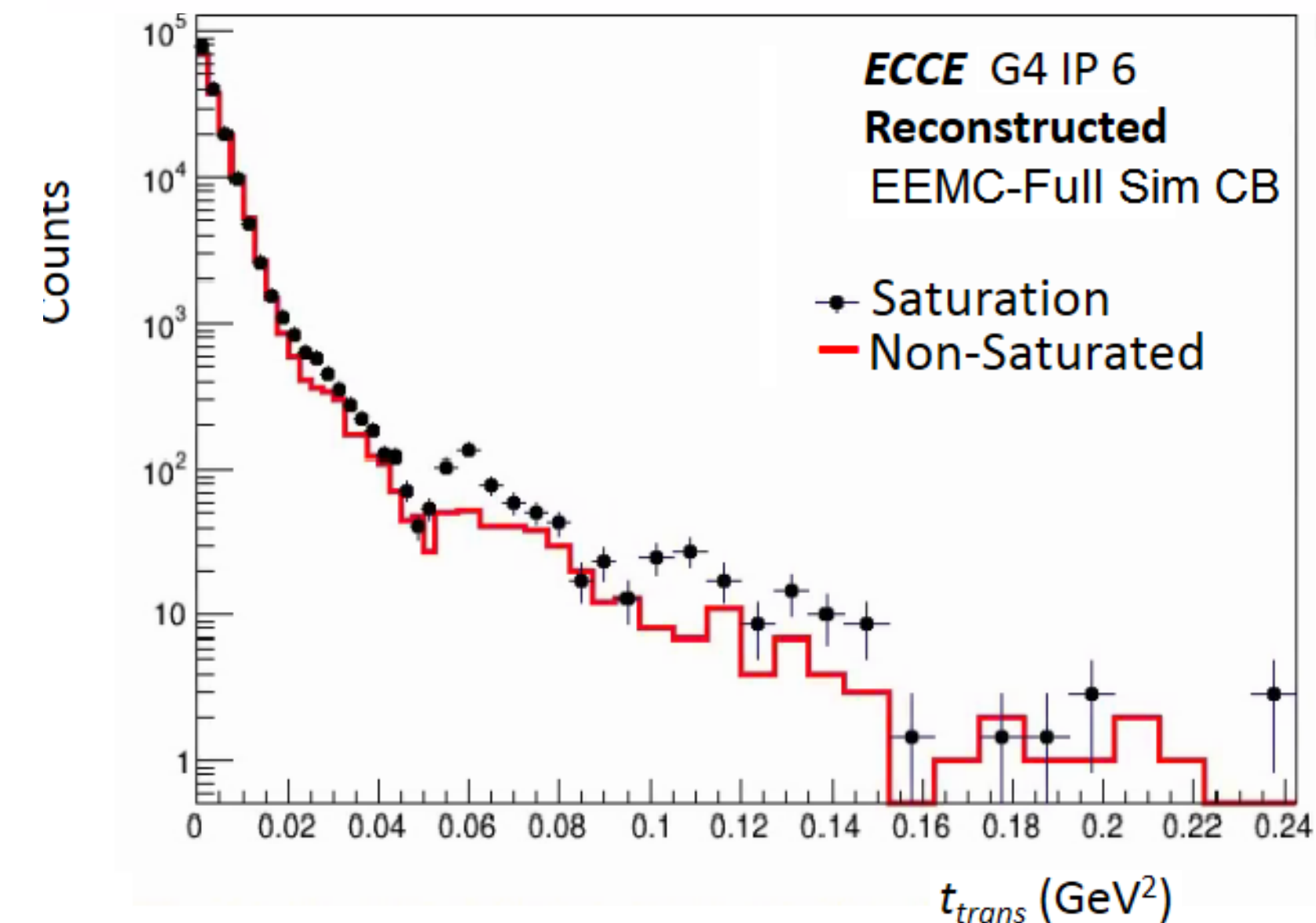


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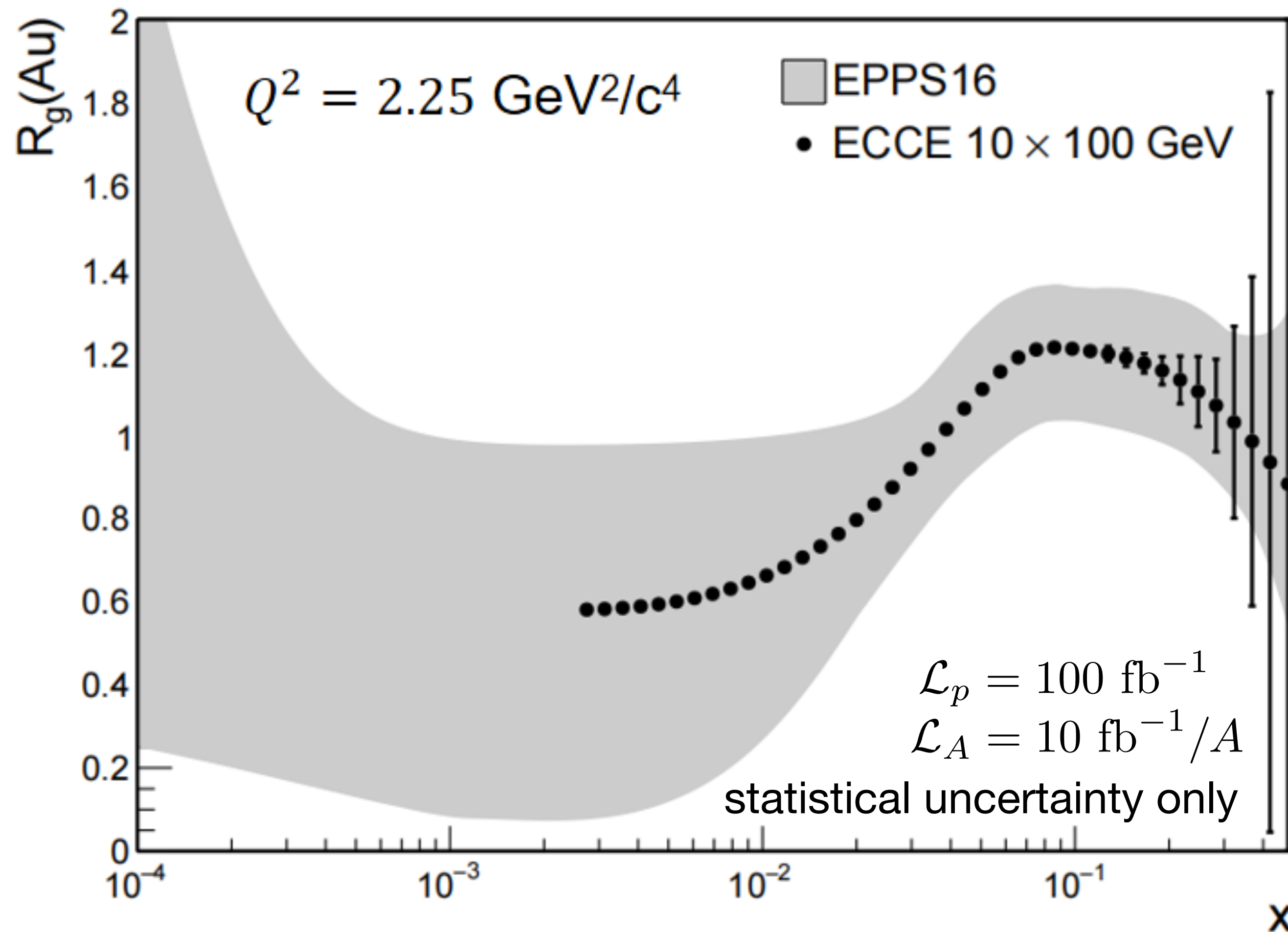
→ higher sensitivity to gluon saturation than J/ $\psi$



- Search for saturation via shift in  $t$  spectrum
- Optimisation of detector configuration and analysis: expected performance in between 'EEMC-Full Sim' and 'Ideal EEMC'



# Exclusive J/ψ photo-production in ep and eAu



At low  $x_B$ : approximate access to gluon PDF

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma}{dt} \right|_{t=0} \propto [g(x_B)]^2$$

M. G. Ryskin, Z. Phys. C57 (1993) 89–92;  
S. P. Jones et al., arXiv:1609.09738

- ratio eAu and ep measurements →  
constrain nuclear PDFs in low  $x$  region where  
uncertainties at present are large



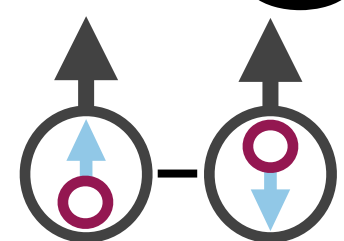
# Summary

- ECCE can address various low-x physics topics through:
  - Precise inclusive (spin-dependent) DIS measurements via high-resolution EM calorimeters.
  - Measurements for 3D (spin-dependent) tomography in momentum space provided by good Cherenkov-based and TOF AC-LGAD hadron PID detectors and tracking.
- Very good jet resolution via 1.4 T field, thin magnet, good hadron calorimetry:
  - Semi-inclusive DIS: 3D momentum tomography
  - Study of nuclear matter via heavy-flavour production and di-hadron correlations in jets.
- Diffractive and exclusive measurements with coherent/incoherent separation via very precise EM calorimeters and forward detector system.

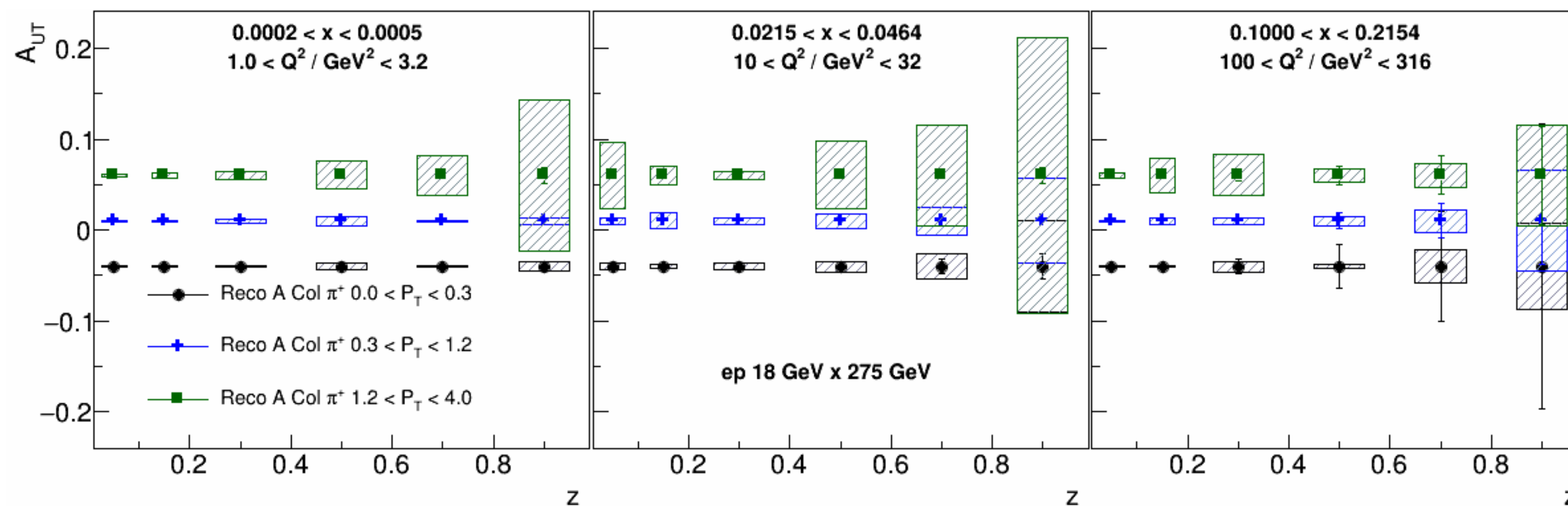
Back up



# Spin structure: transversity



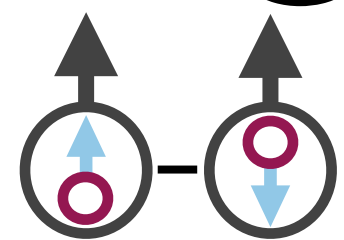
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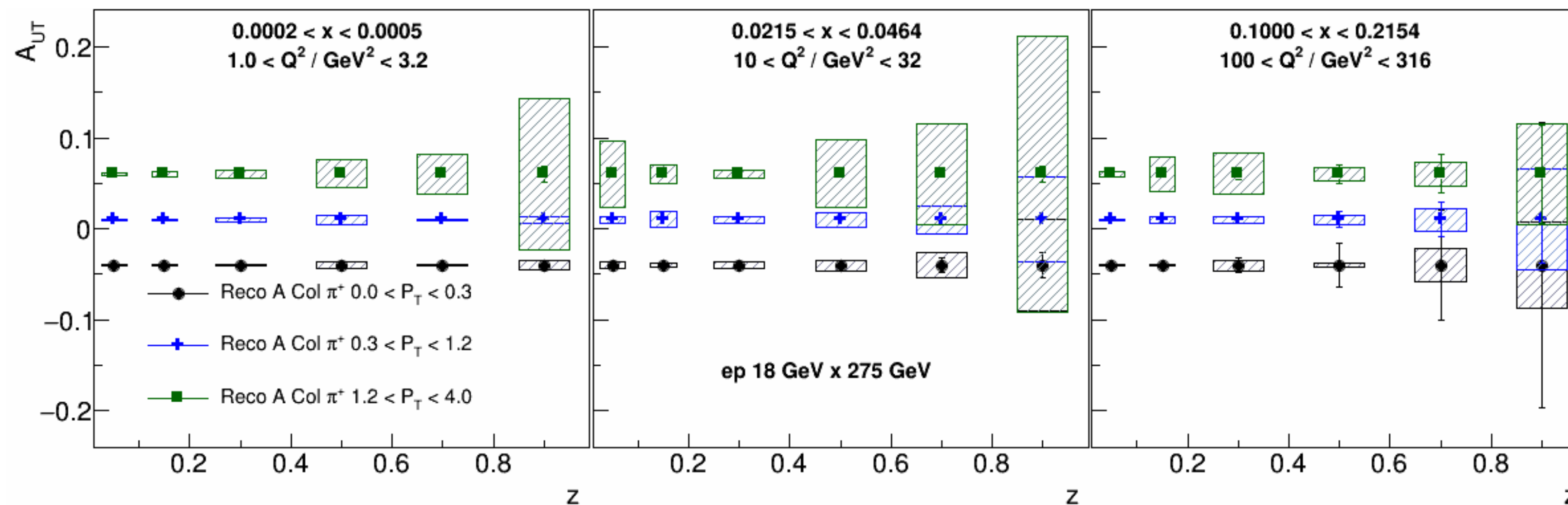
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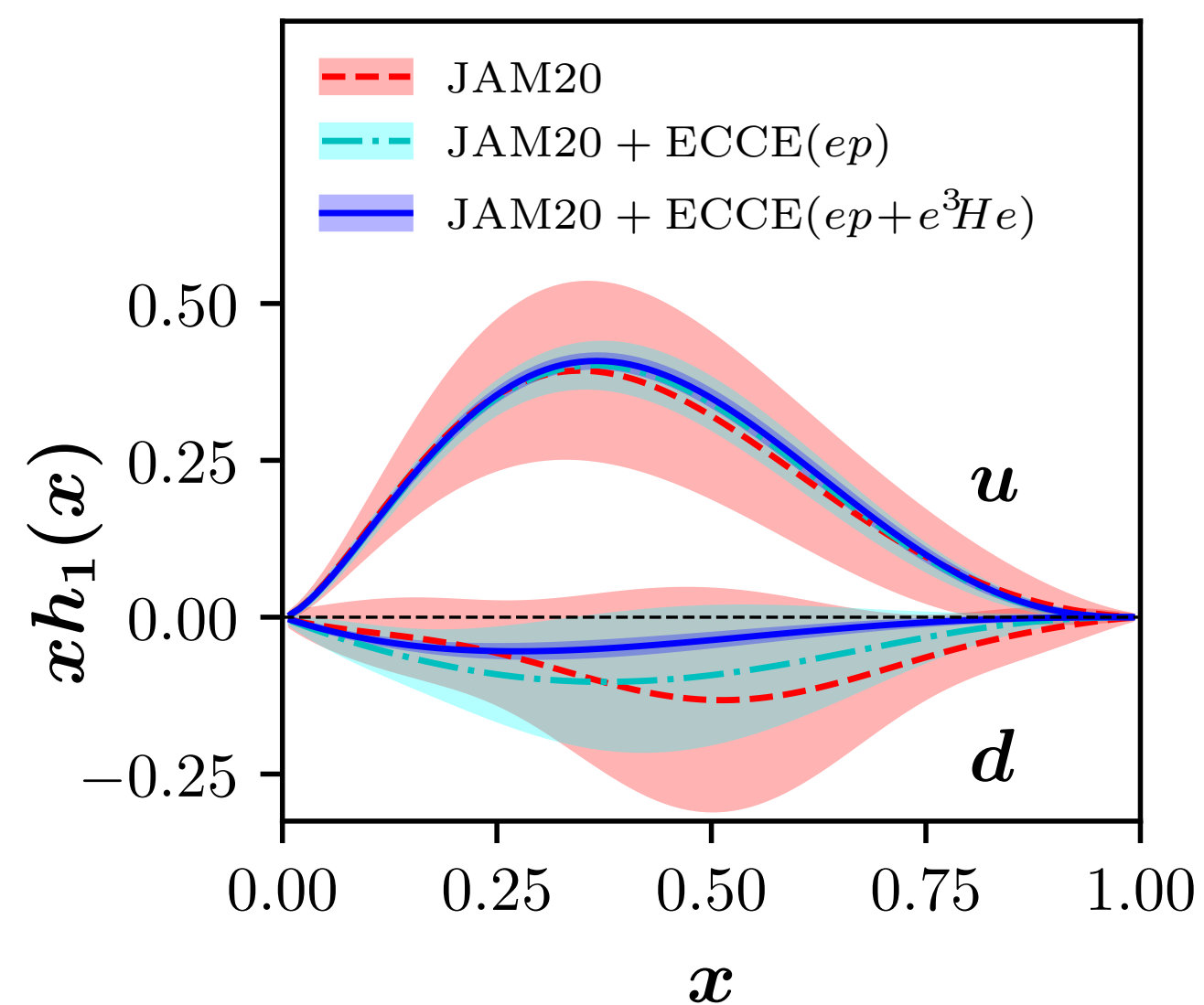


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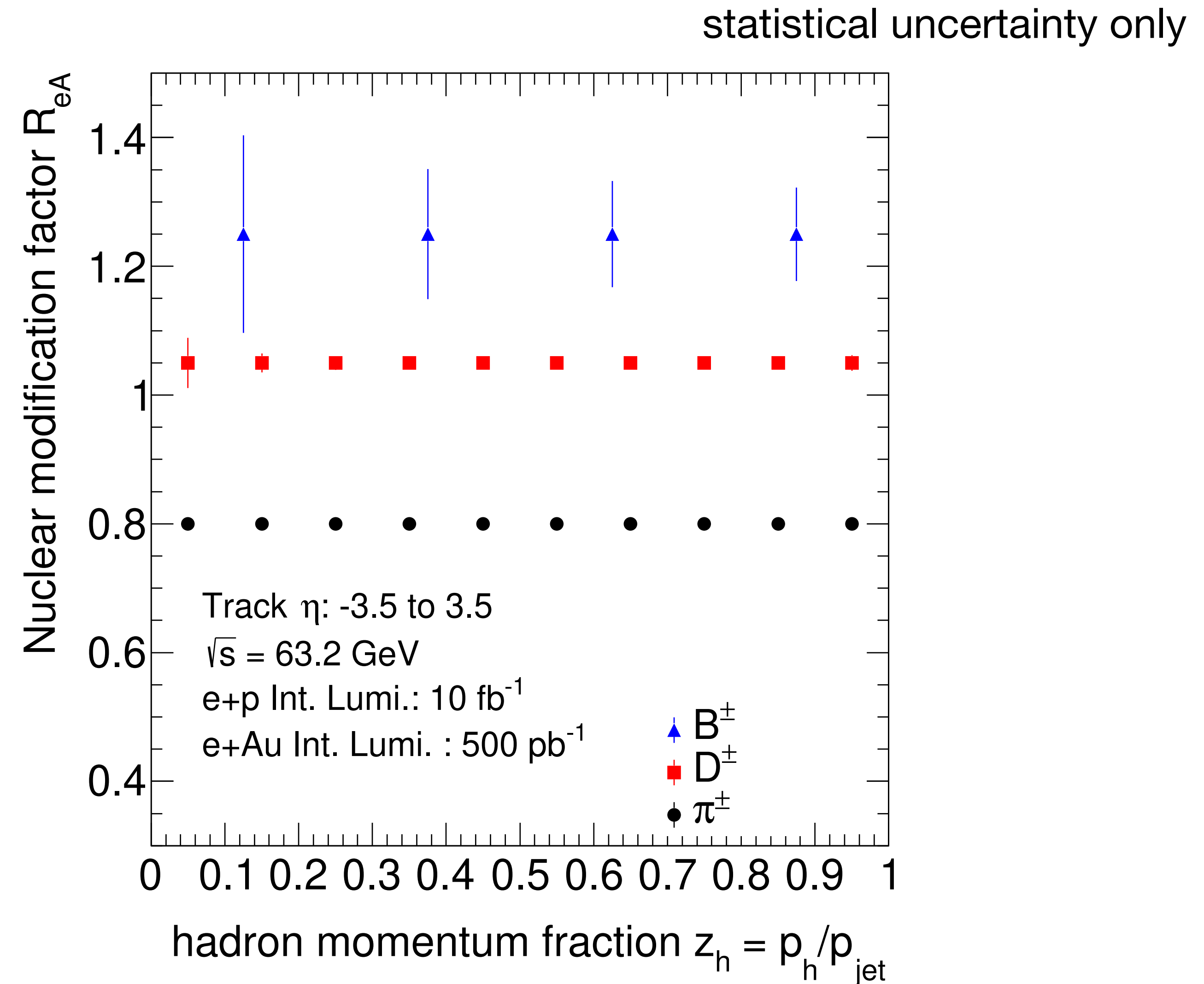
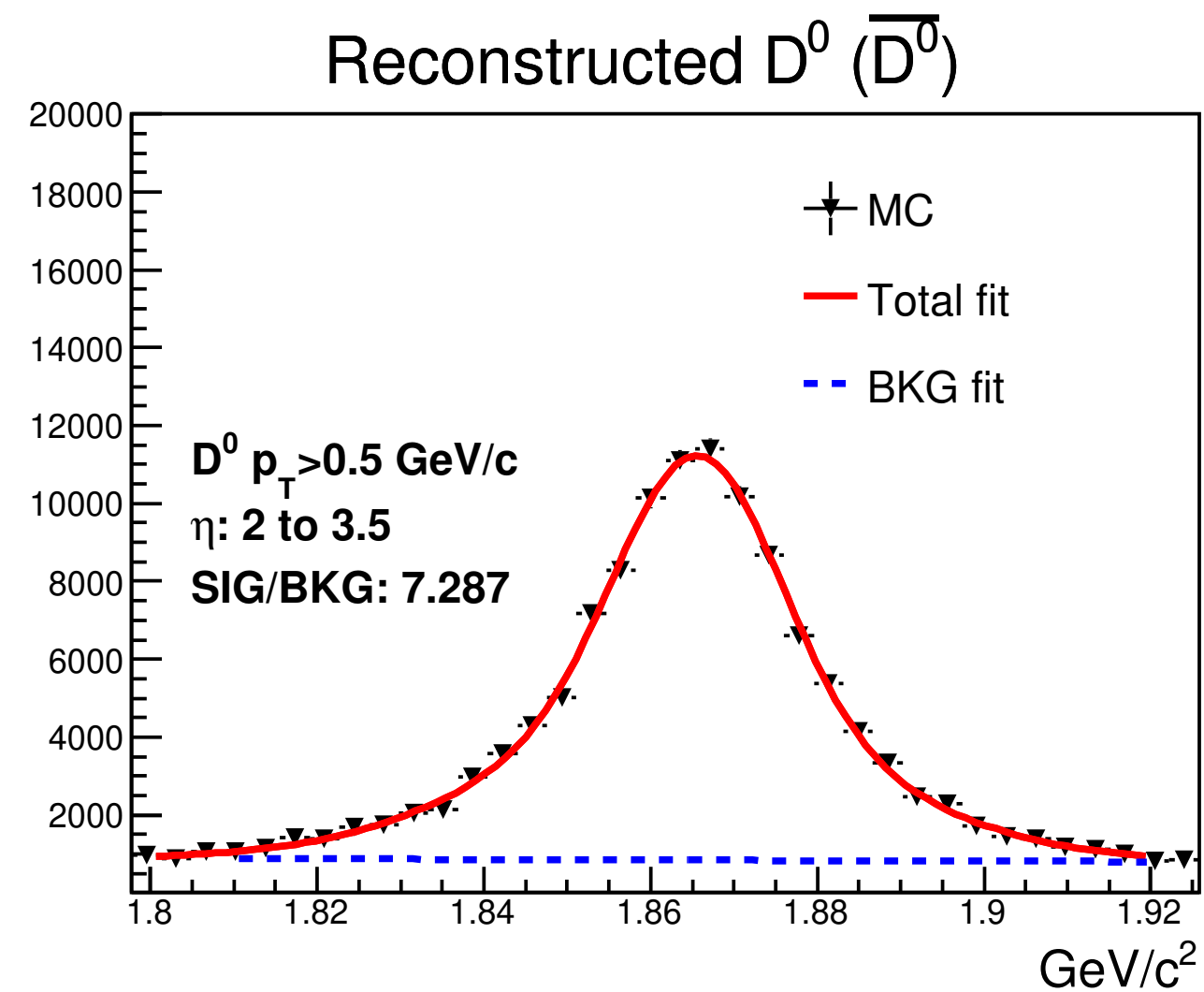
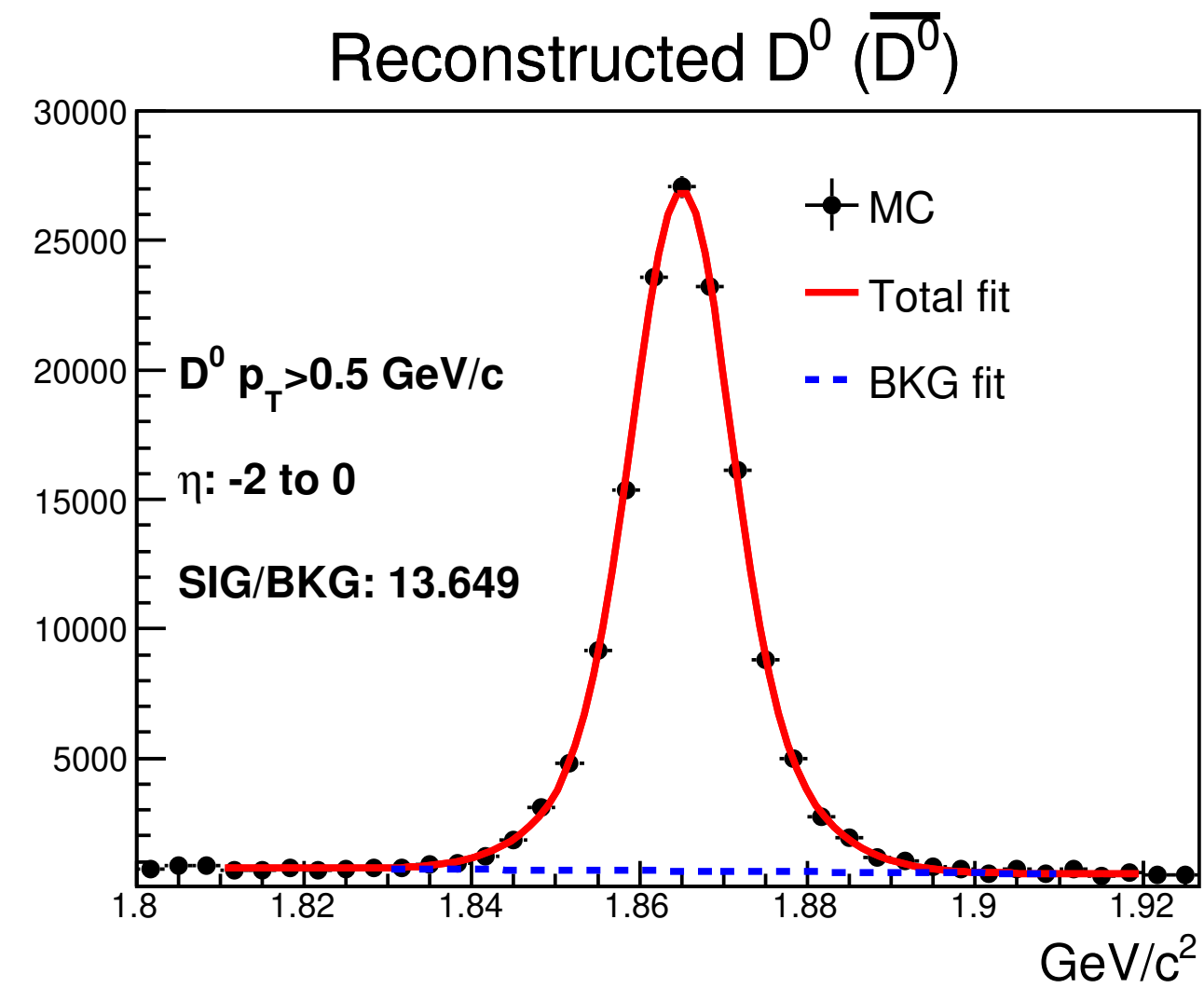
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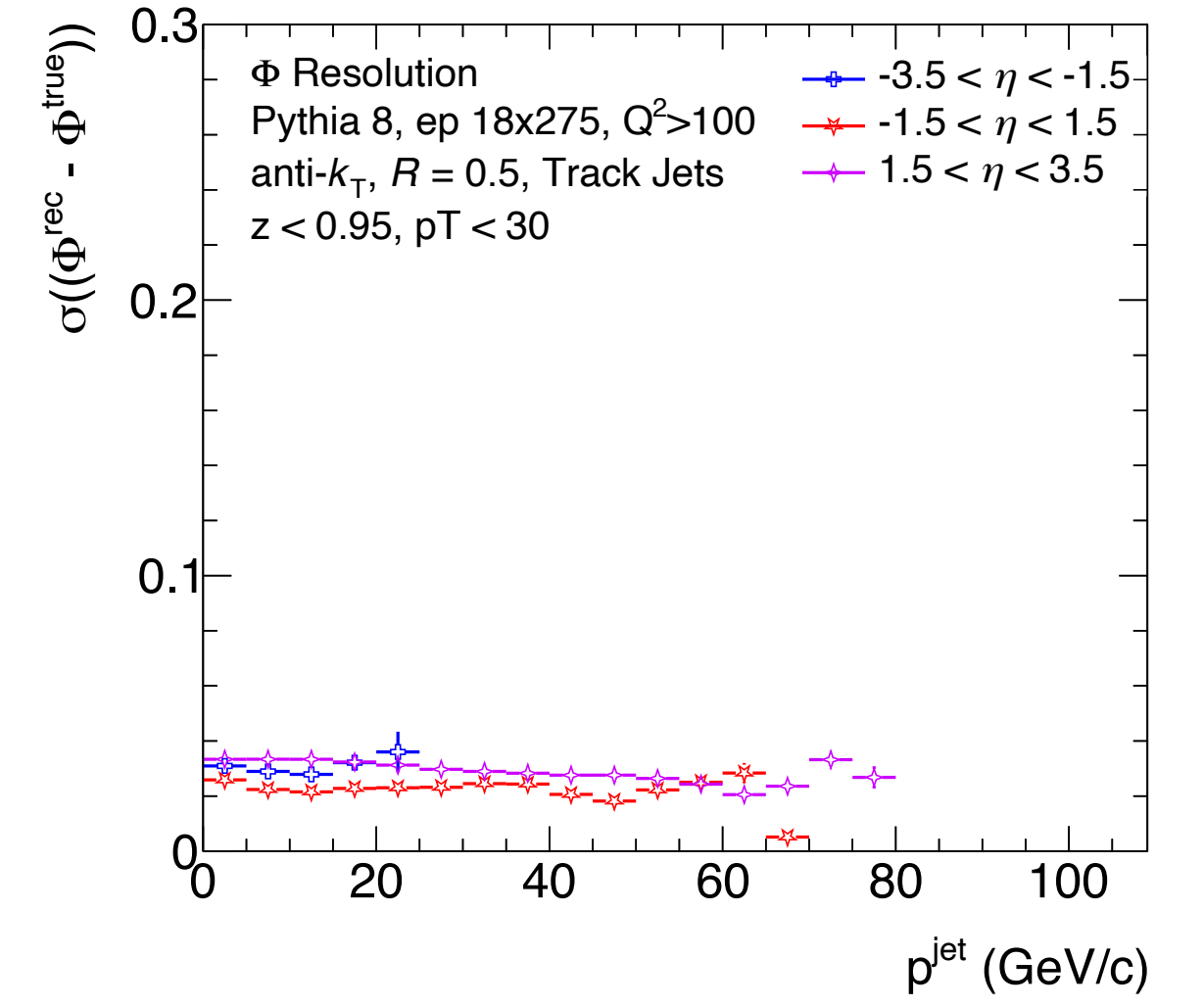
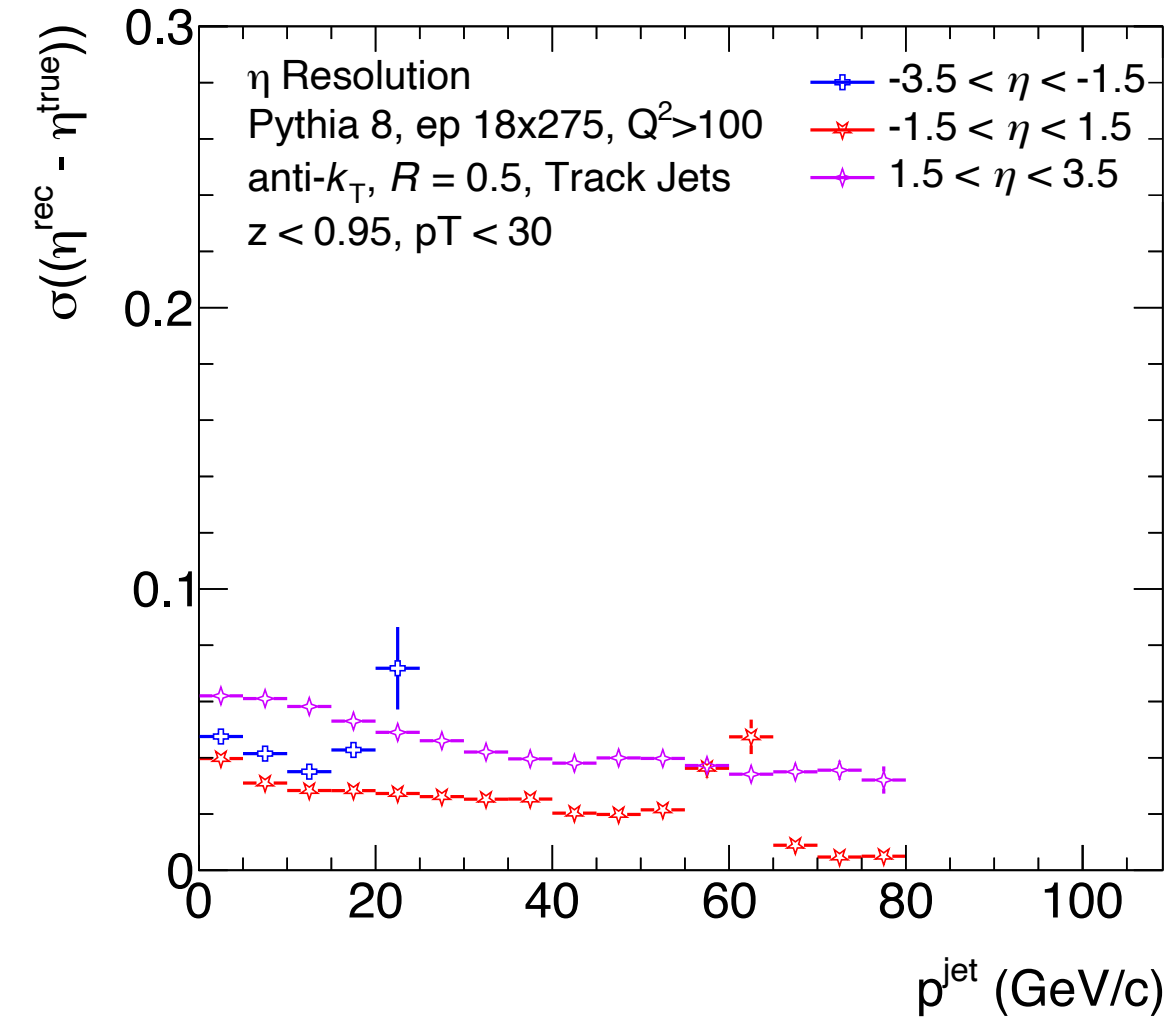
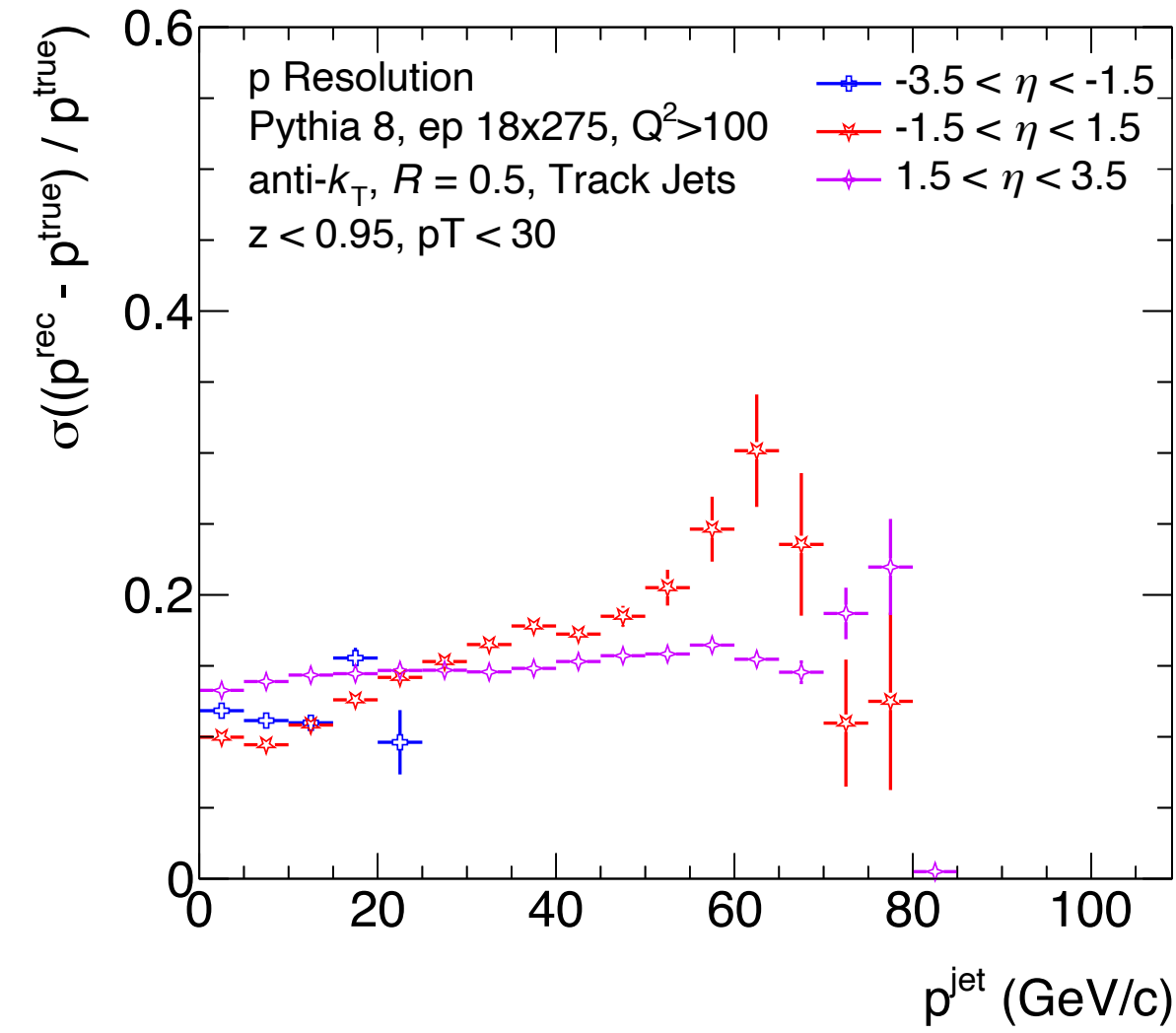


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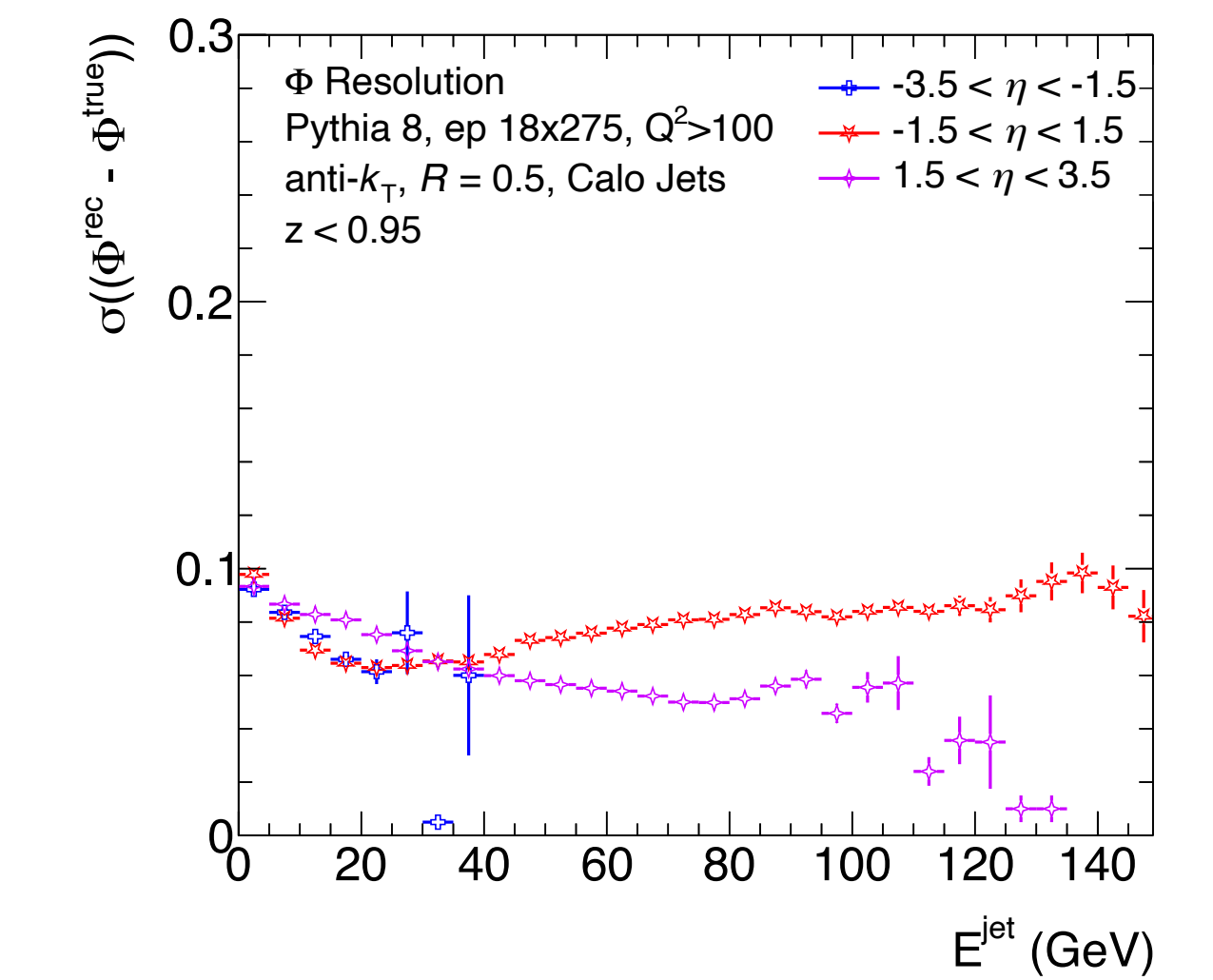
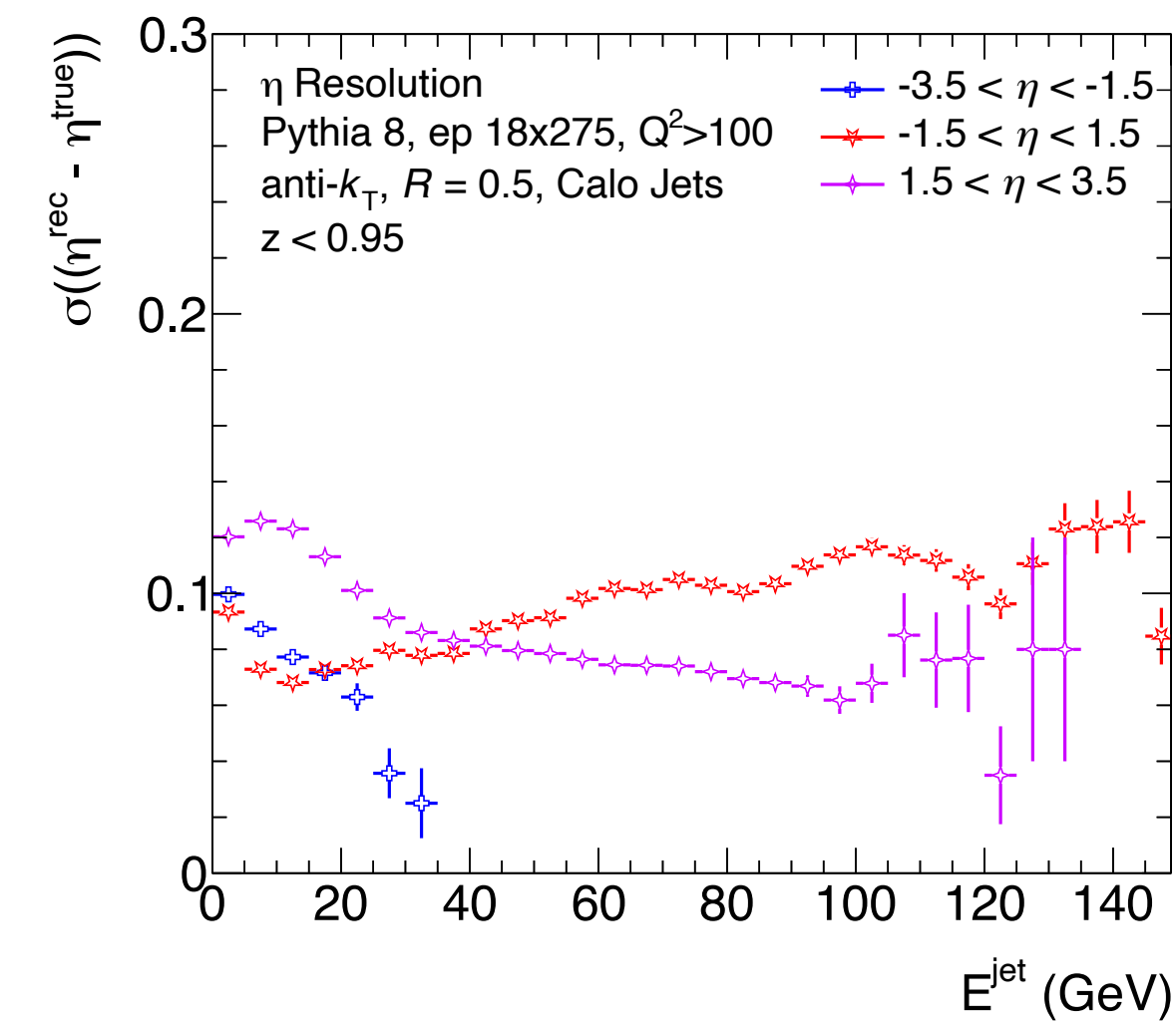
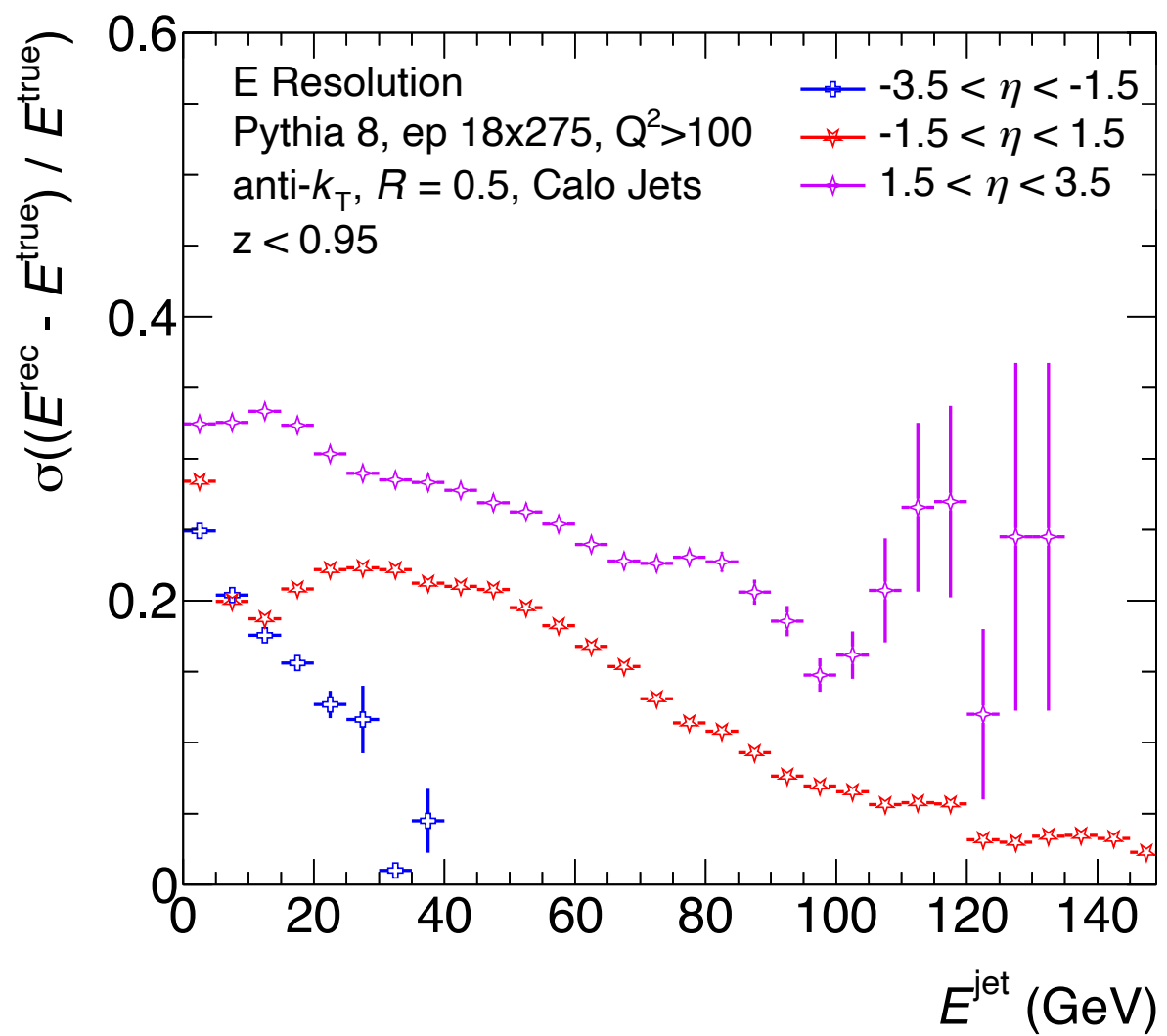


# Jet resolution

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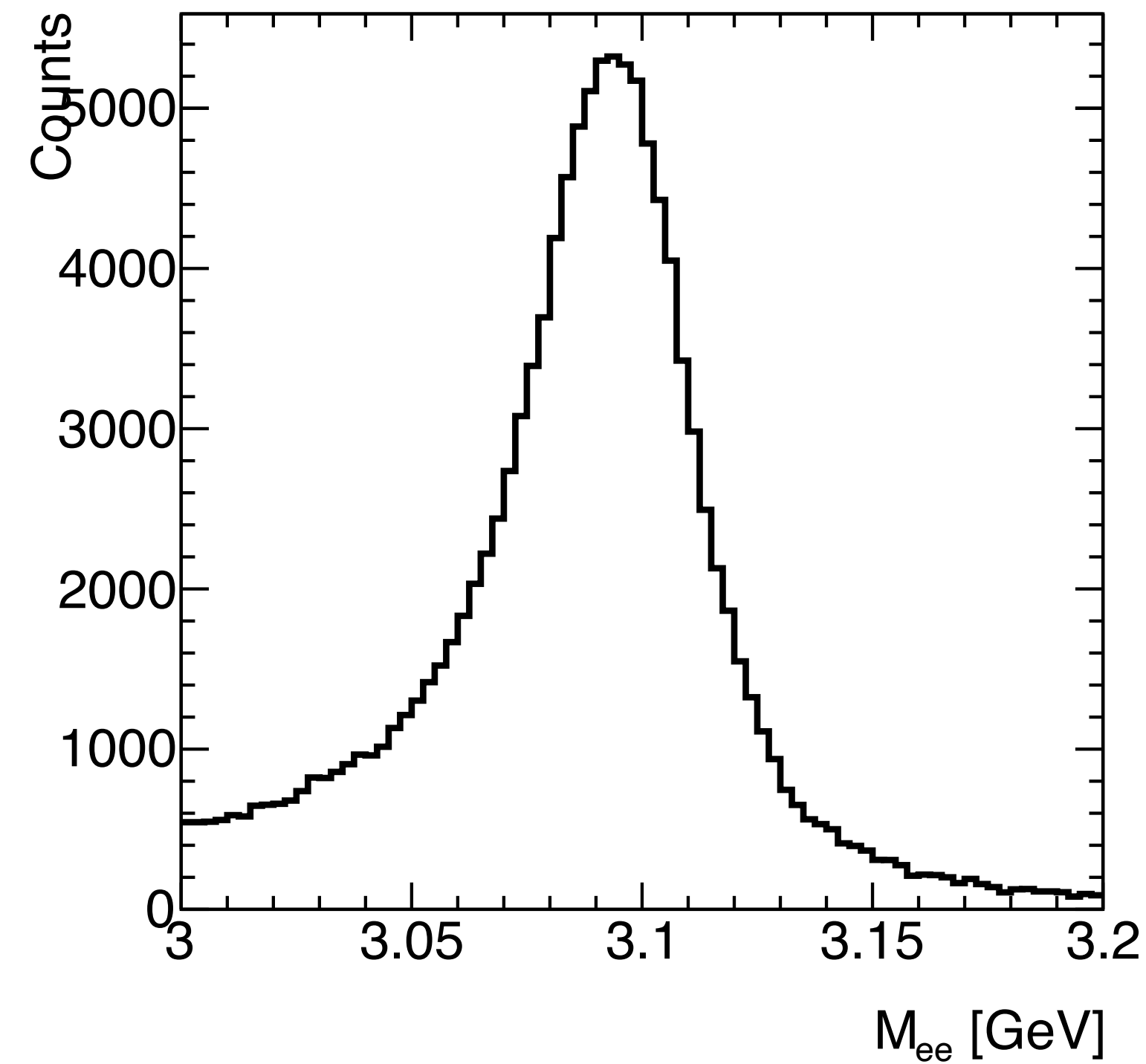
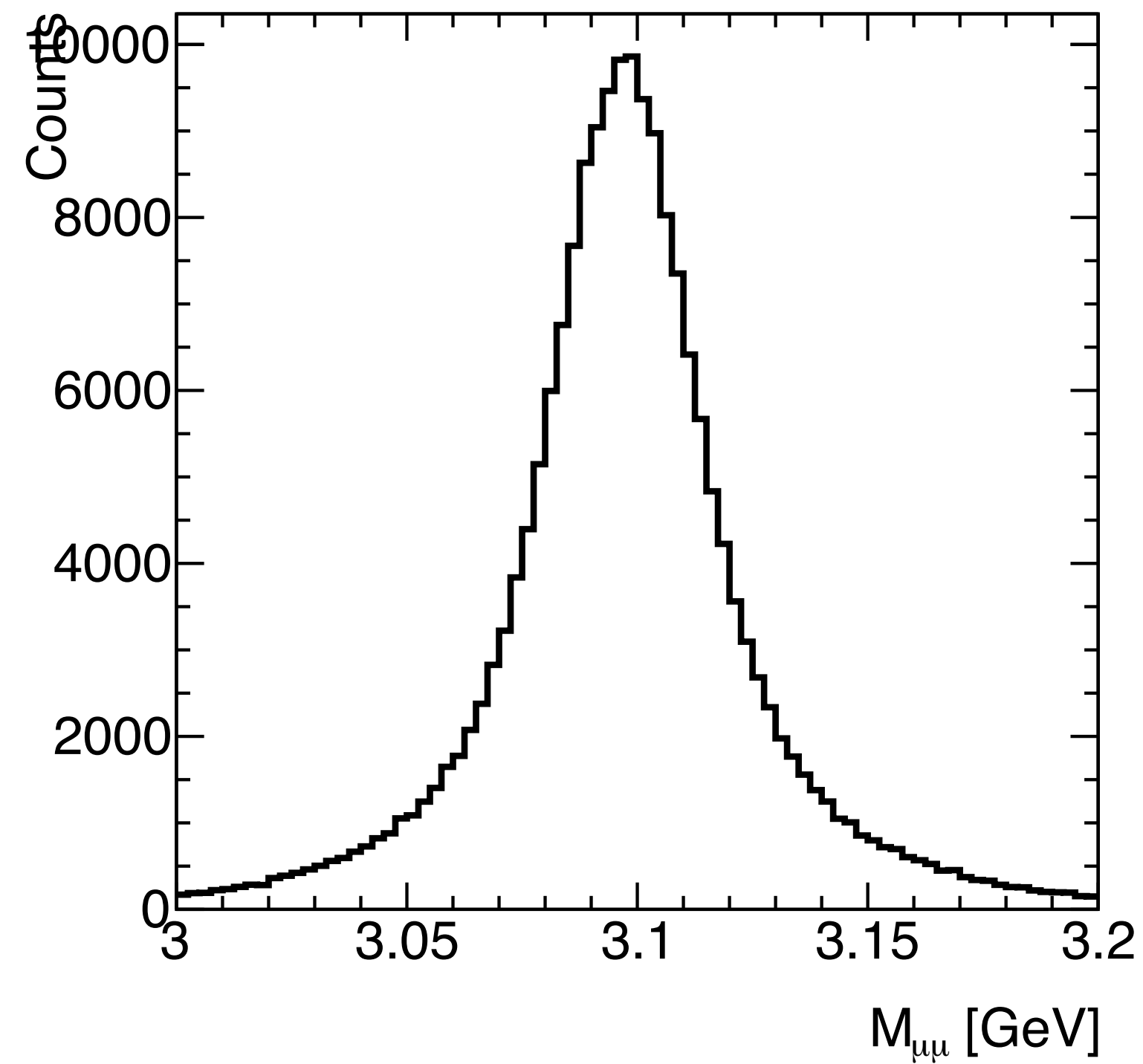


- Calo jet resolution



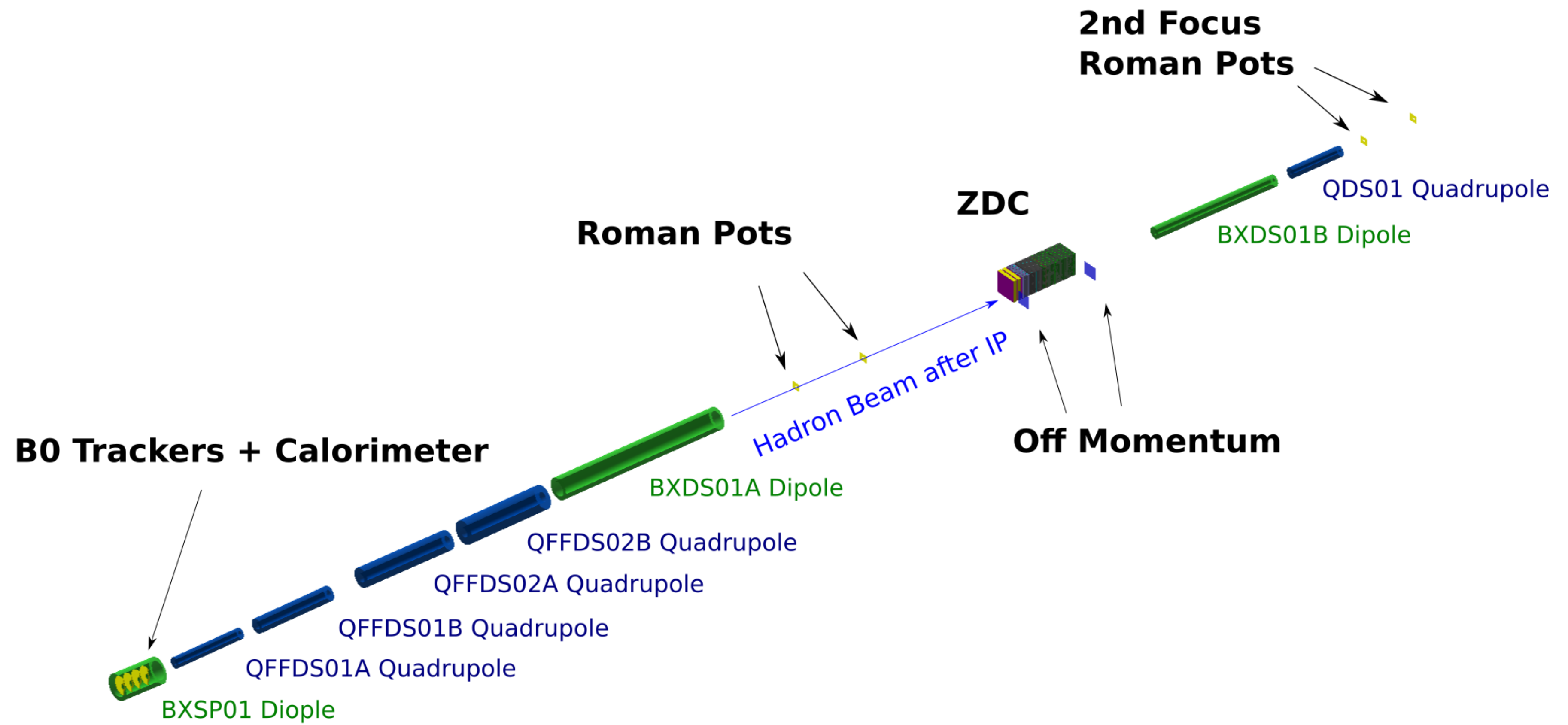


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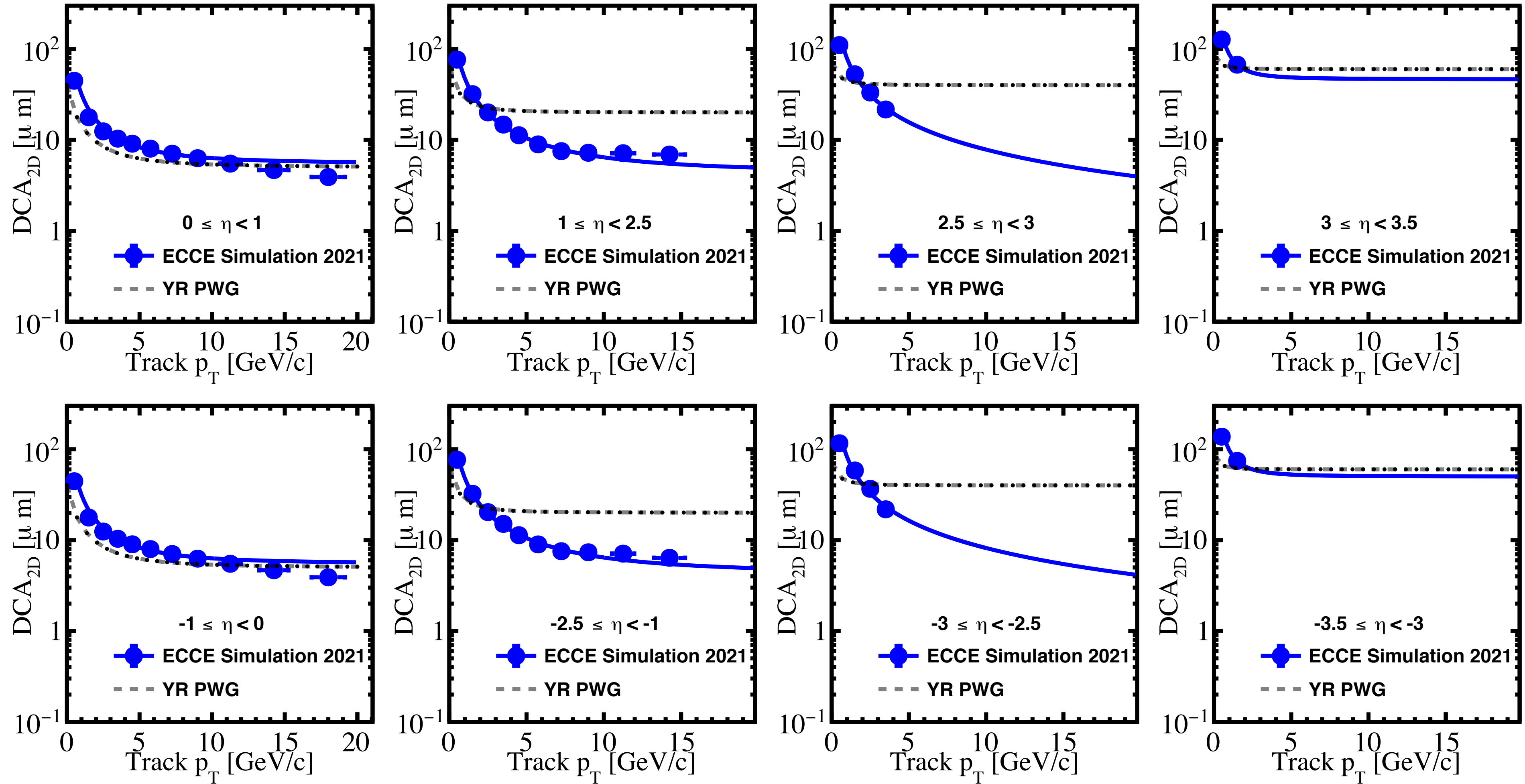


Sartre (coherent) + Beagle (incoherent)  
true PID

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**Figure 2.8:** Pion  $DCA_{2D}$  resolutions (data points), which is compared to the EIC YR PWG requirement (dashed lines). The ECCE DCA resolution is consistent with YR requirements.