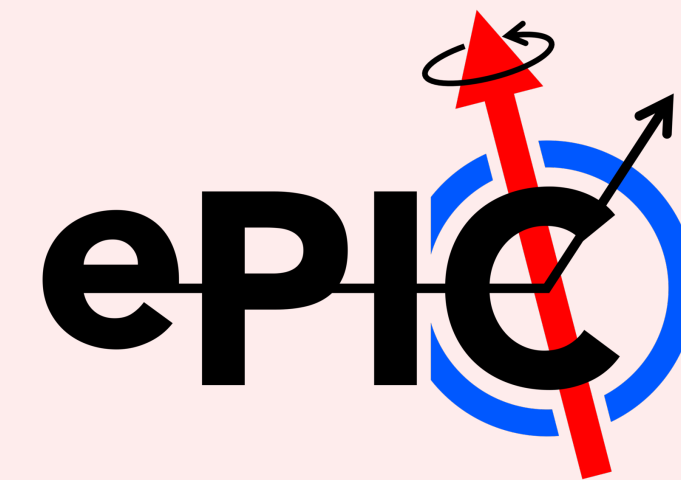
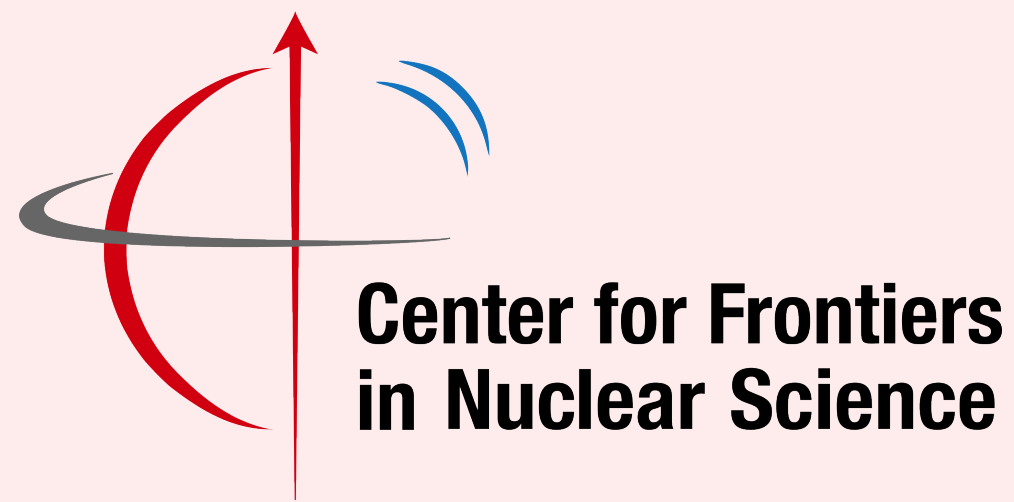


Projection study for A_1^n and g_1^n Measurement at ePIC in the Early Running of EIC

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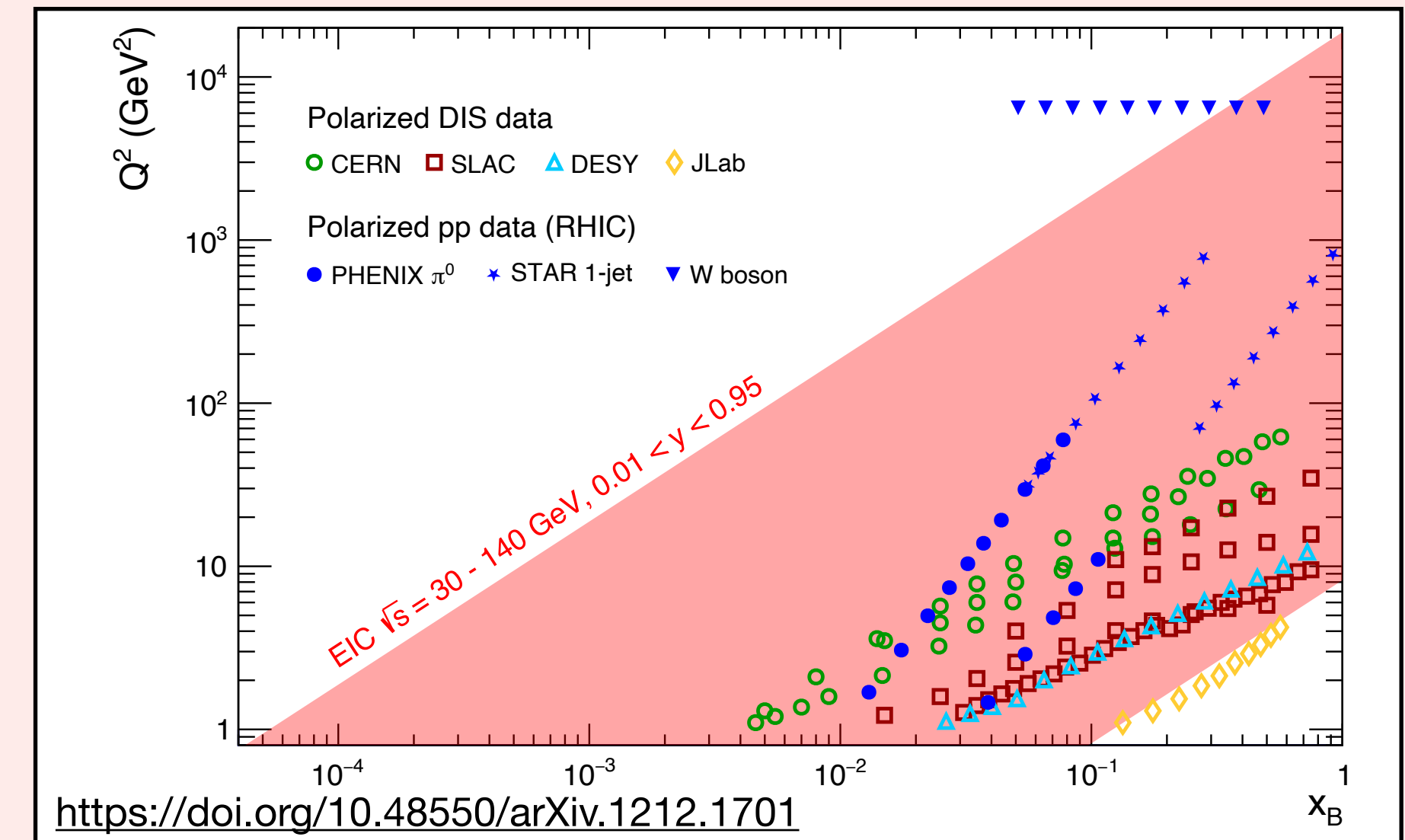
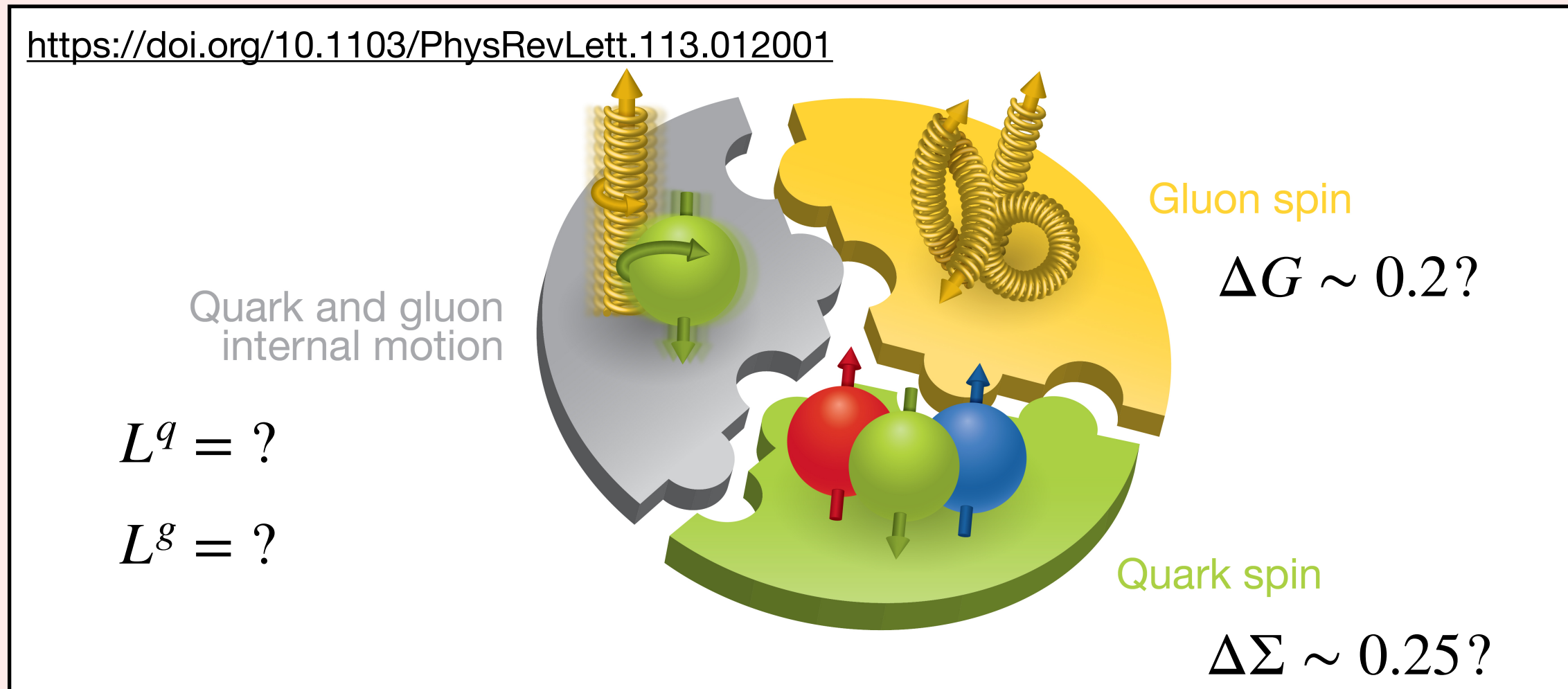


Current Early Science Matrix

	Species	Energy (GeV)	Luminosity/year (fb-1)	Electron polarization	p/A polarization
YEAR 1	e+Ru or e+Cu	10 x 115	0.9	NO (Commissioning)	N/A
YEAR 2	e+D e+p	10 x 130	11.4 4.95 - 5.33	LONG	NO TRANS
YEAR 3	e+p	10 x 130	4.95 - 5.33	LONG	TRANS and/or LONG
YEAR 4	e+Au e+p	10 x 100 10 x 250	0.84 6.19 - 9.18	LONG	N/A TRANS and/or LONG
YEAR 5	e+Au e+3He	10 x 100 10 x 166	0.84 8.65	LONG	N/A TRANS and/or LONG
Note: the eA luminosity is per nucleon					

A_1^n Double spin asymmetry

g_1^n Spin structure function



Perturbative QCD:

$$g_1(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{n_f} \frac{e_k^2}{n_f} \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} \left[C_q^S \left(\frac{x}{y}, \alpha_s(t) \right) \Delta \Sigma(y, t) + 2n_f C_g \left(\frac{x}{y}, \alpha_s(t) \right) \Delta G(y, t) + C_q^{\text{NS}} \left(\frac{x}{y}, \alpha_s(t) \right) \Delta q_{\text{NS}}(y, t) \right]$$

Bjorken sum:

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_1^{p-n}(\alpha_s) &= \Gamma_1^{p-n}(Q^2) = \int_0^1 (g_1^p(Q^2) - g_1^n(Q^2)) dx \\ &= \sum_{n>0} \frac{\mu_{2n}^{p-n}(\alpha_s)}{Q^{2n-2}} = \frac{g_A}{6} \left[1 - \frac{\alpha_s(Q^2)}{\pi} - 3.58 \left(\frac{\alpha_s(Q^2)}{\pi} \right)^2 - 20.21 \left(\frac{\alpha_s(Q^2)}{\pi} \right)^3 - 175.7 \left(\frac{\alpha_s(Q^2)}{\pi} \right)^4 - \mathcal{O}((\alpha_s)^5) \right] \\ &\text{at finite } Q^2 \end{aligned}$$

Double Spin Asymmetry

$$g_1 = \frac{F_2}{2x(1+R)}(A_1 + \gamma A_2)$$

$$A_1(x, Q^2) \equiv \frac{\sigma_{1/2} - \sigma_{3/2}}{\sigma_{1/2} + \sigma_{3/2}} = \frac{A_{\parallel}}{D(1 + \eta\xi)} - \frac{\eta A_{\perp}}{d(1 + \eta\xi)}$$

p & γ^* spins
anti-aligned

p & γ^* spins
aligned

$$A_{\parallel} = \frac{\sigma_{\downarrow\uparrow} - \sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow}}{\sigma_{\downarrow\uparrow} + \sigma_{\uparrow\uparrow}}$$

p & e spins
anti-aligned

p & e spins
aligned

$$A_{\perp} = \frac{\sigma_{\downarrow\Rightarrow} - \sigma_{\uparrow\Rightarrow}}{\sigma_{\downarrow\Rightarrow} + \sigma_{\uparrow\Rightarrow}}$$

p & e spins
perpendicular

$$D = \frac{y(2-y)(2+\gamma^2 y)}{2(1+\gamma^2)y^2 + (4(1-y) - \gamma^2 y^2)(1+R)}$$

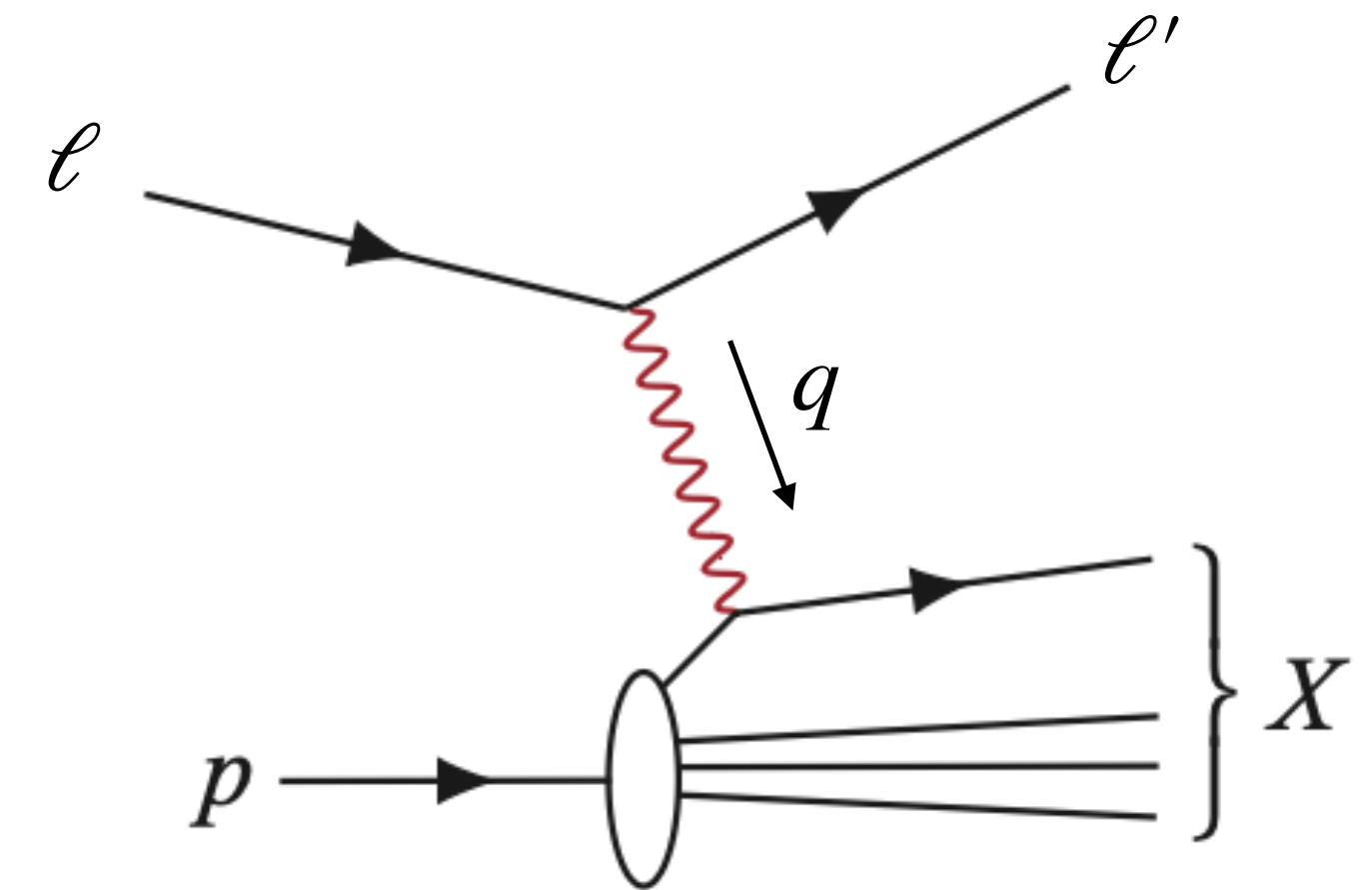
$$d = \frac{D\sqrt{4(1-y) - \gamma^2 y^2}}{2-y}$$

$$R \equiv \frac{\sigma_L}{\sigma_T} = \frac{F_L}{F_2 - F_L}$$

$$\gamma^2 = \frac{4M^2 x^2}{Q^2}$$

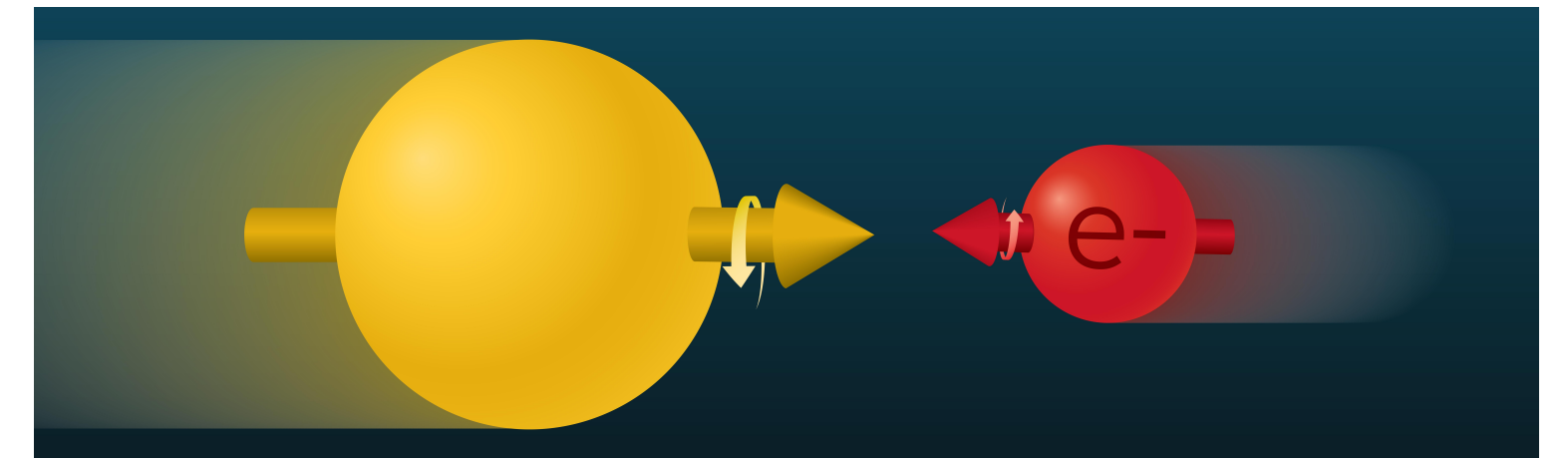
$$\eta = \frac{4(1-y) - \gamma^2 y^2}{(2-y)(2+\gamma^2 y)}$$

$$\xi = \frac{\gamma(2-y)}{2+\gamma^2 y}$$



NC Inclusive DIS: $e + p \rightarrow e' + X$

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2103.05419>



- Can be extracted from $A_1^{3\text{He}} = P_n \frac{F_2^n}{F_2^{3\text{He}}} A_1^n + 2P_p \frac{F_2^p}{F_2^{3\text{He}}} A_1^p$

$$P_n = 0.86 \pm 0.02 \quad P_p = -0.028 \pm 0.004$$

<https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevC.64.024004>

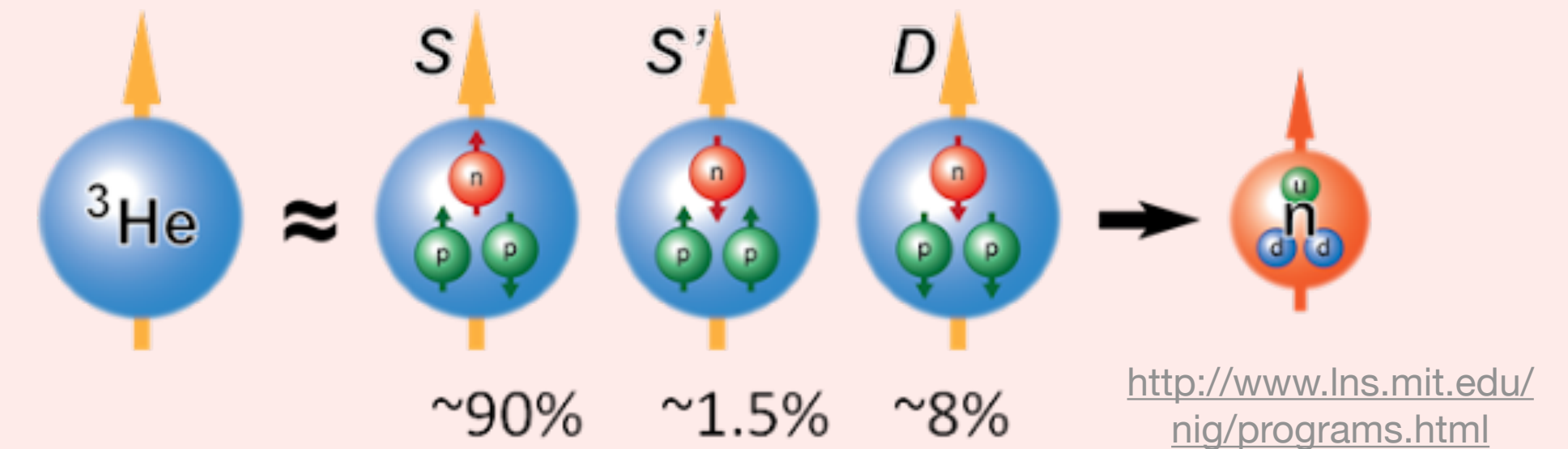
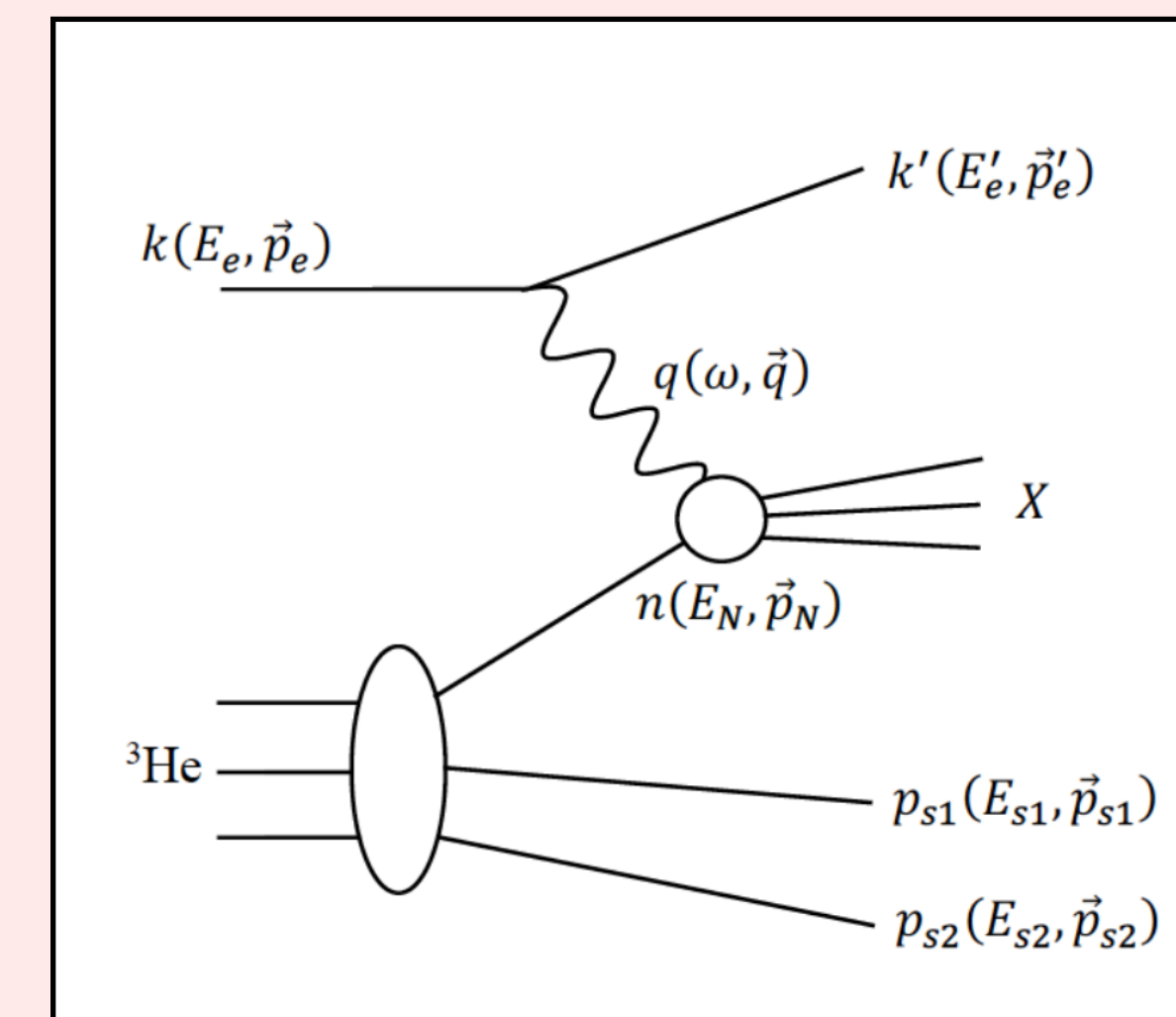


Diagram of the DIS process



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- Or **directly** measured using double spectator tagging:

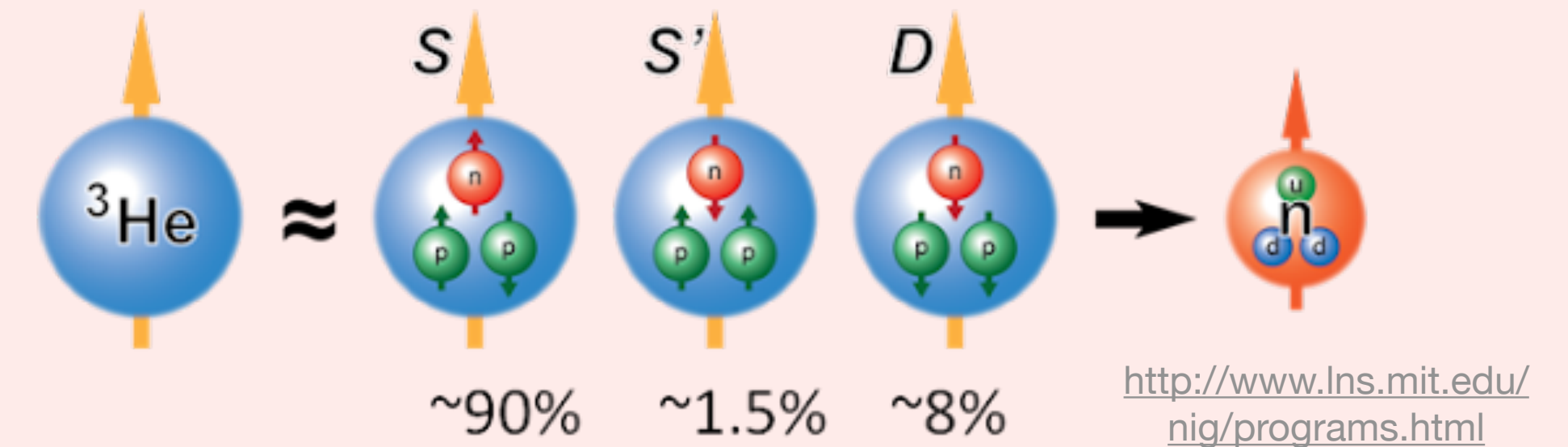
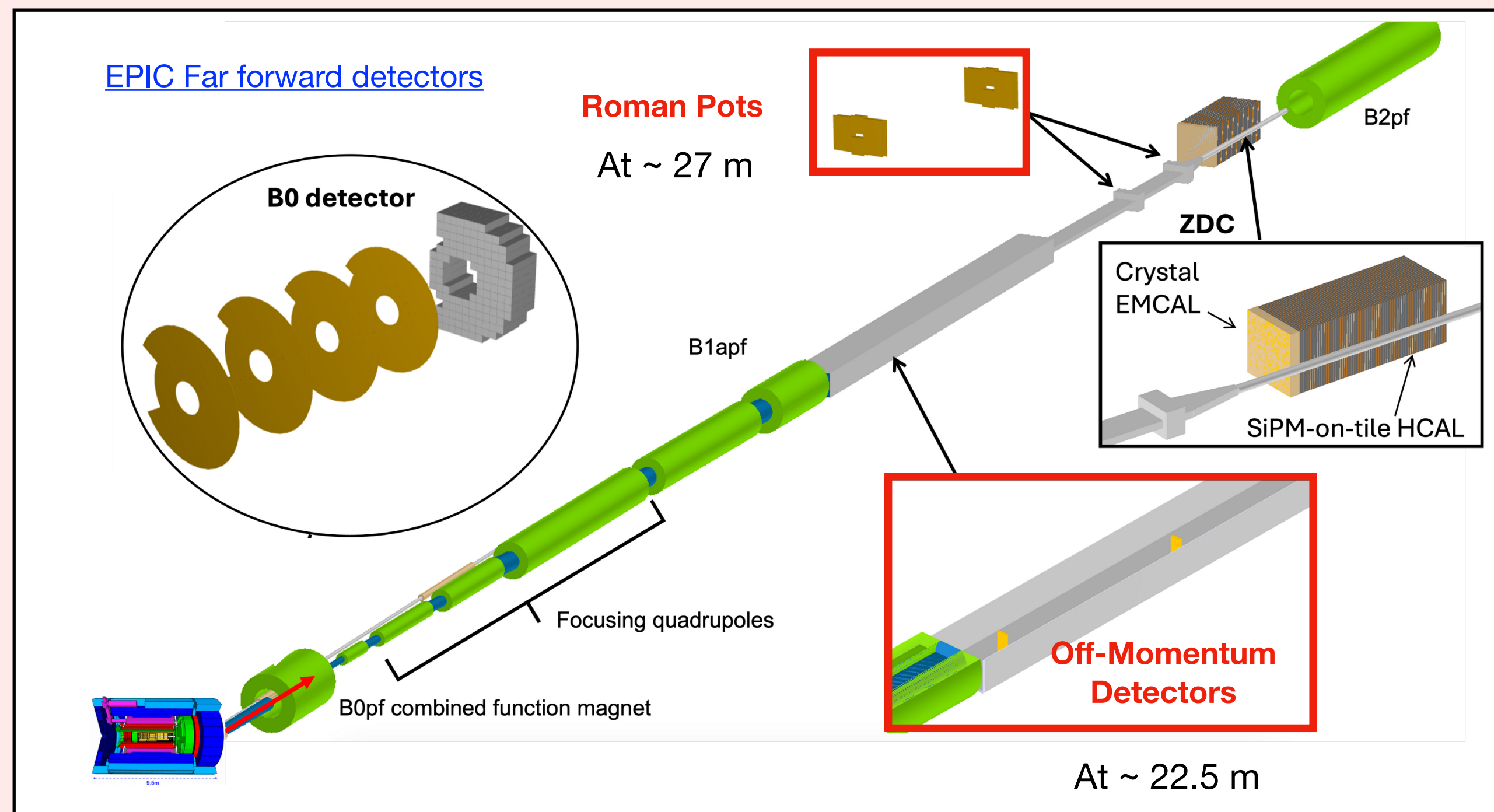
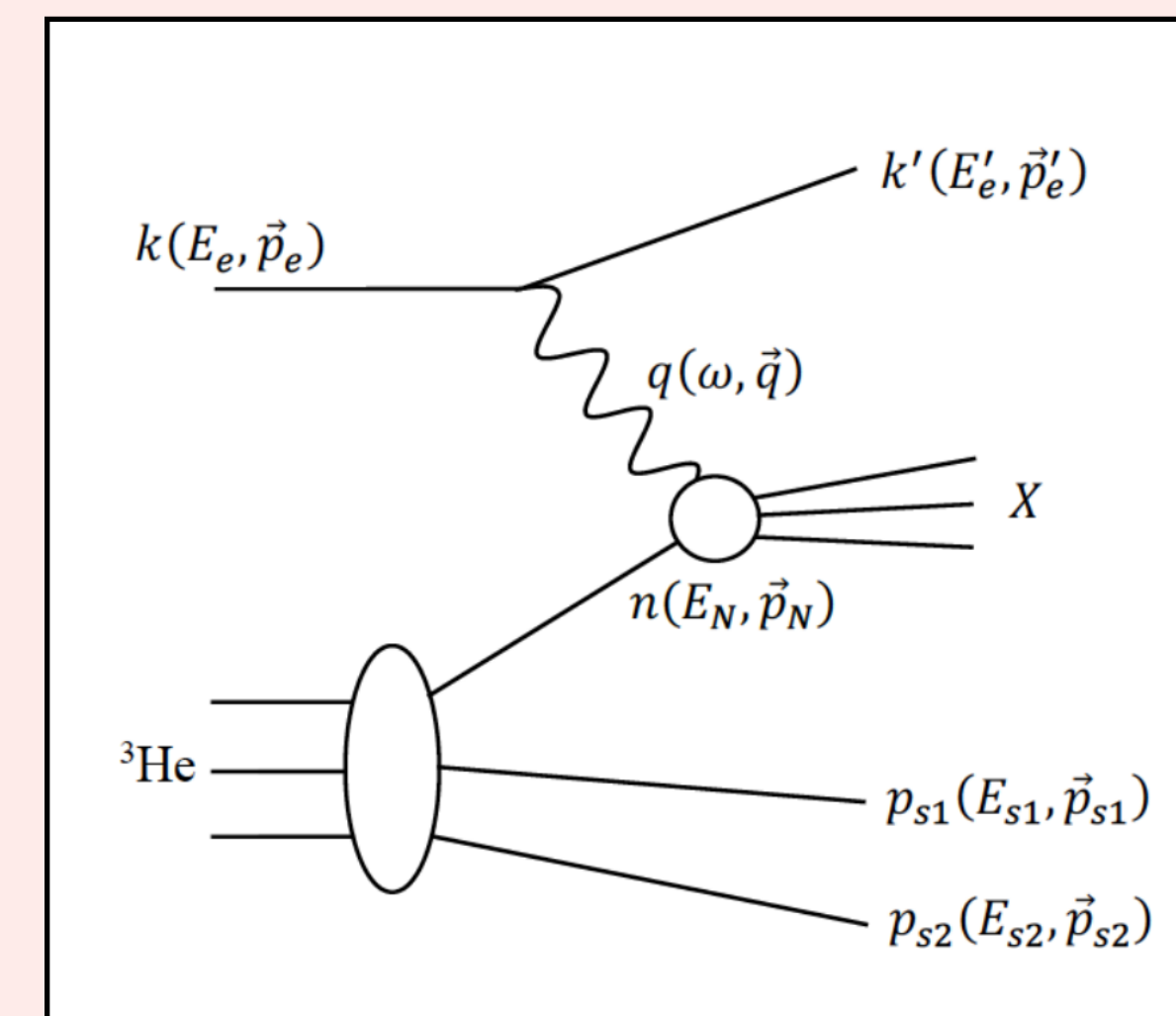
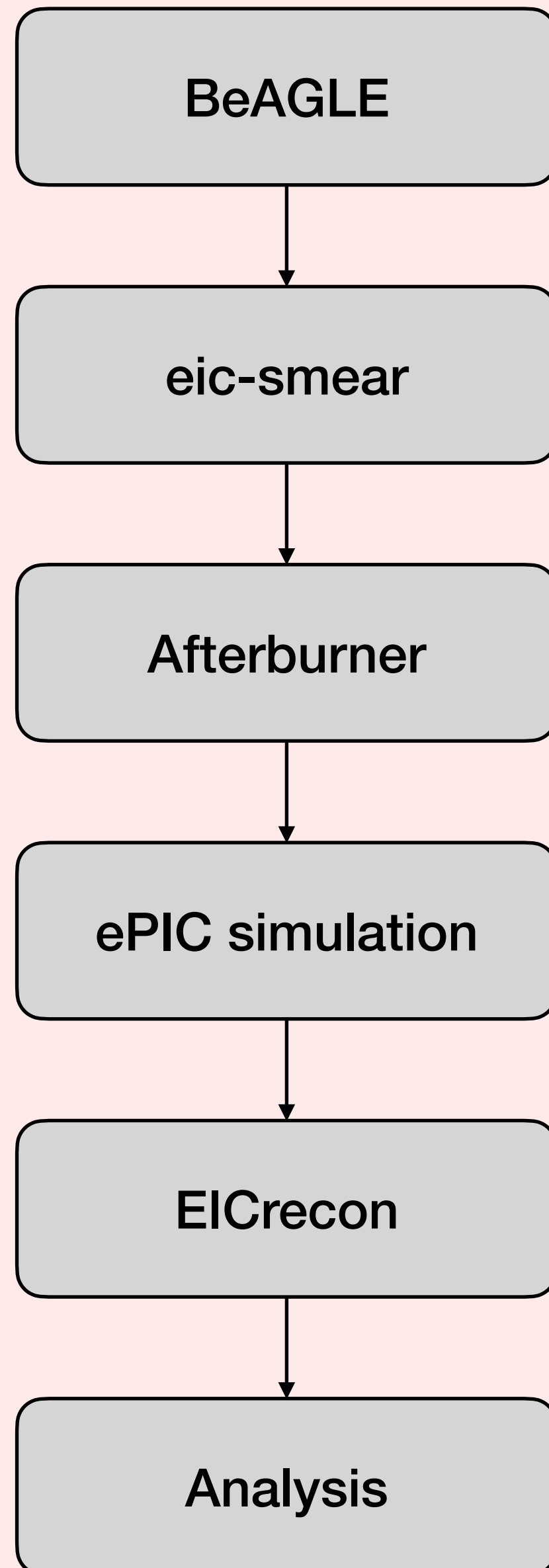
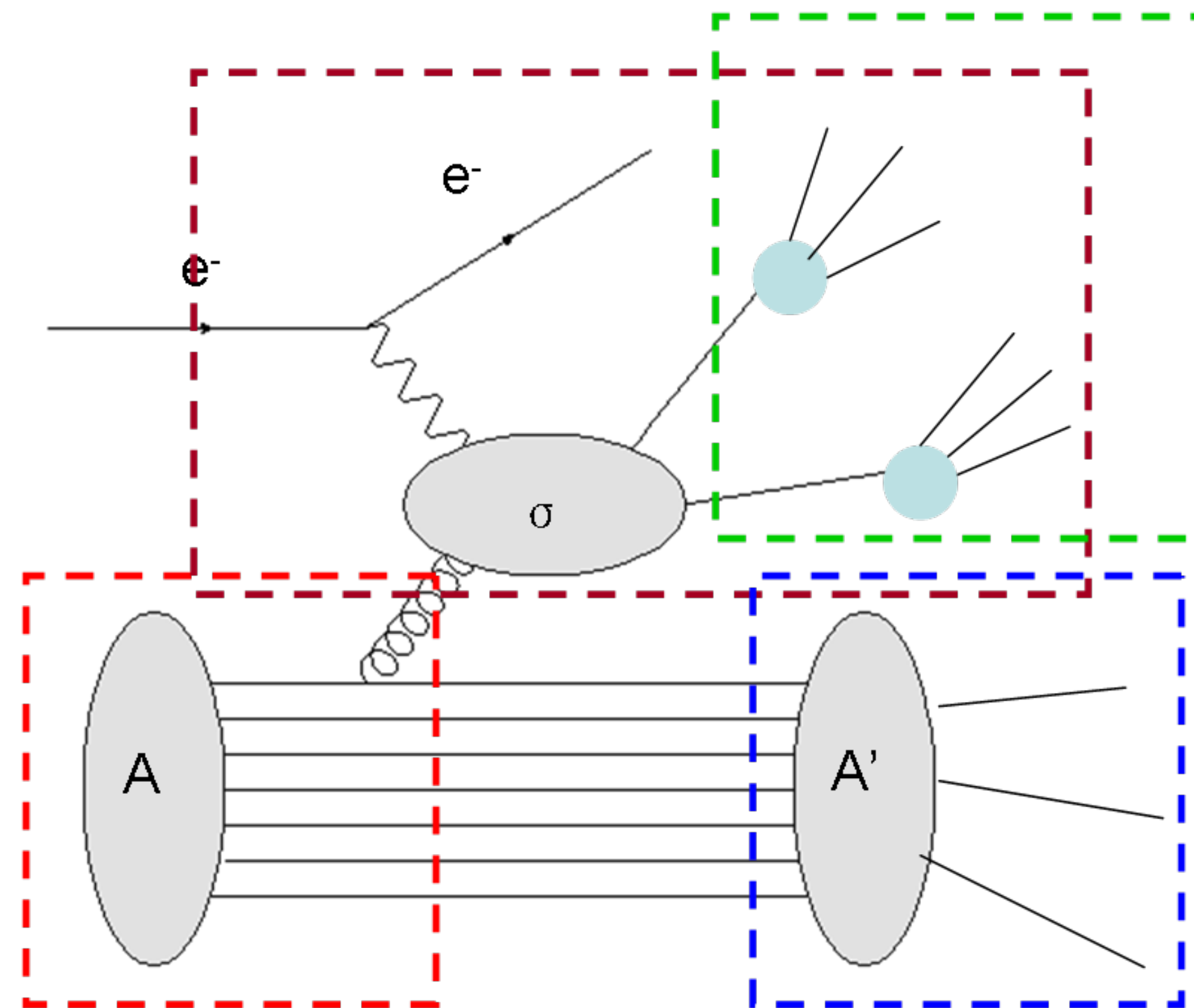


Diagram of the DIS process





BeAGLE: eA event generator



A hybrid model consisting of DPMJet and PYTHIA with nPDF EPS09.

Nuclear geometry by DPMJet and nPDF provided by EPS09.

Parton level interaction and jet fragmentation completed in PYTHIA.

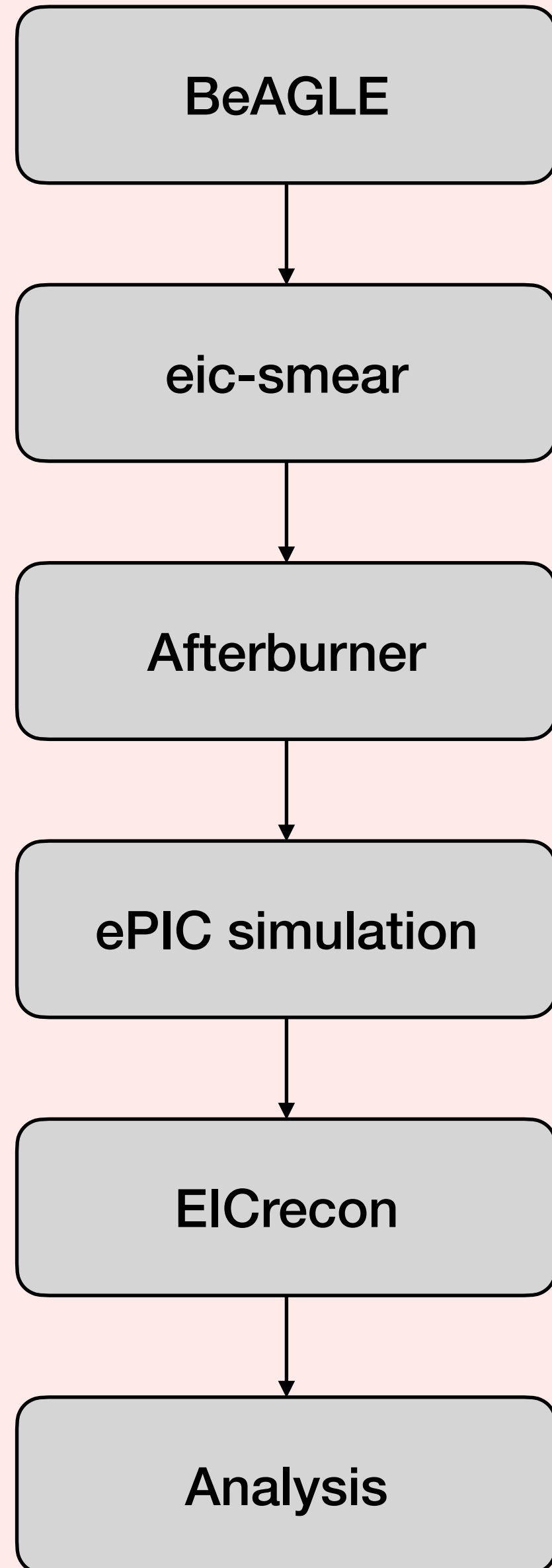
Nuclear evaporation (gamma deexcitation/nuclear fission/fermi break up) treated by DPMJet

Energy loss effect from routine by Salgado&Wiedemann to simulate the nuclear fragmentation effect in cold nuclear matter

- ✓ Parton distribution functions
- ✓ Short-range correlations
- ✓ Fermi motion

- ✓ Partonic (or “dipole”) MS
- ✓ Partonic gluon radiation
- ✓ Formation times
- ✓ Hadronic Cascade

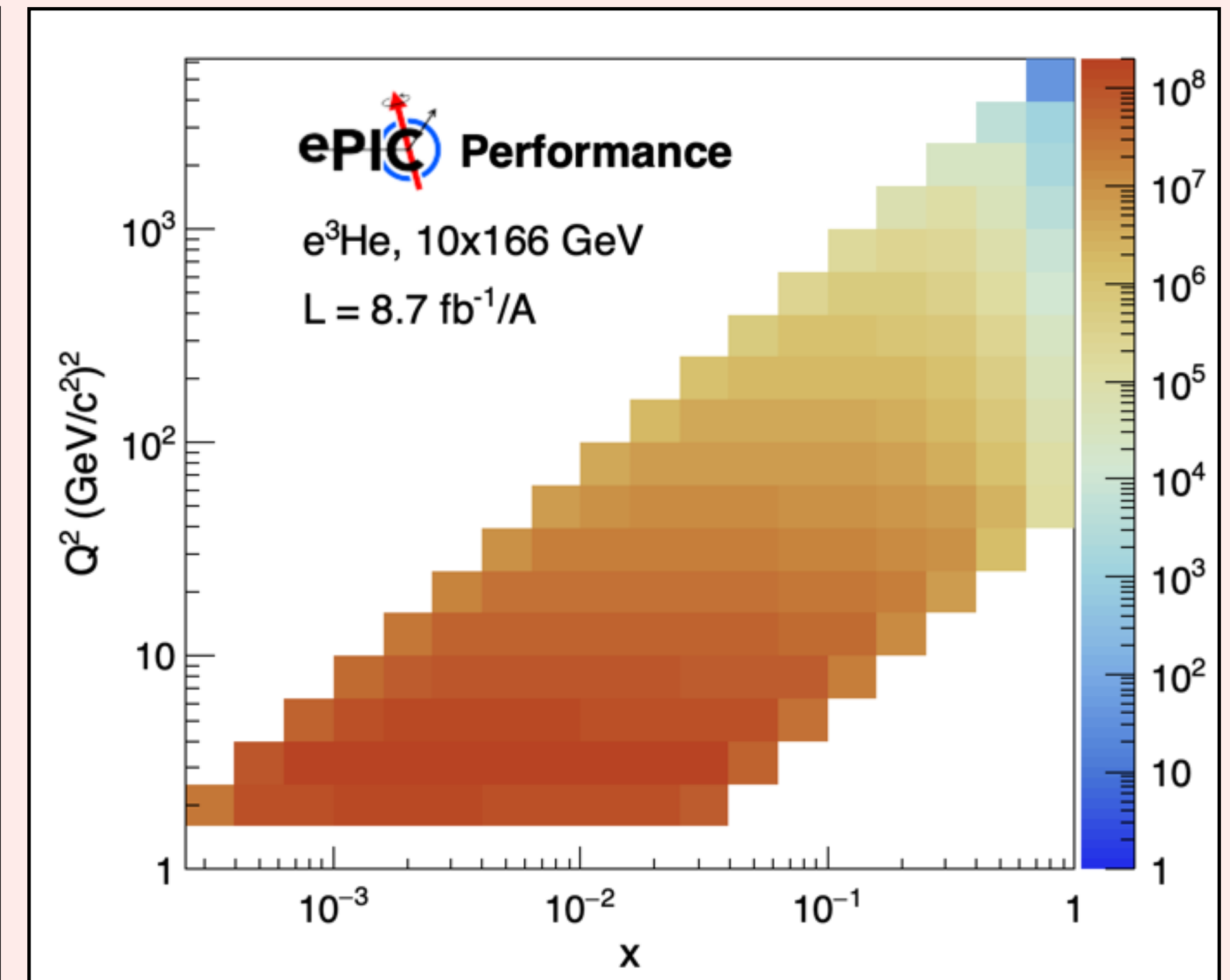
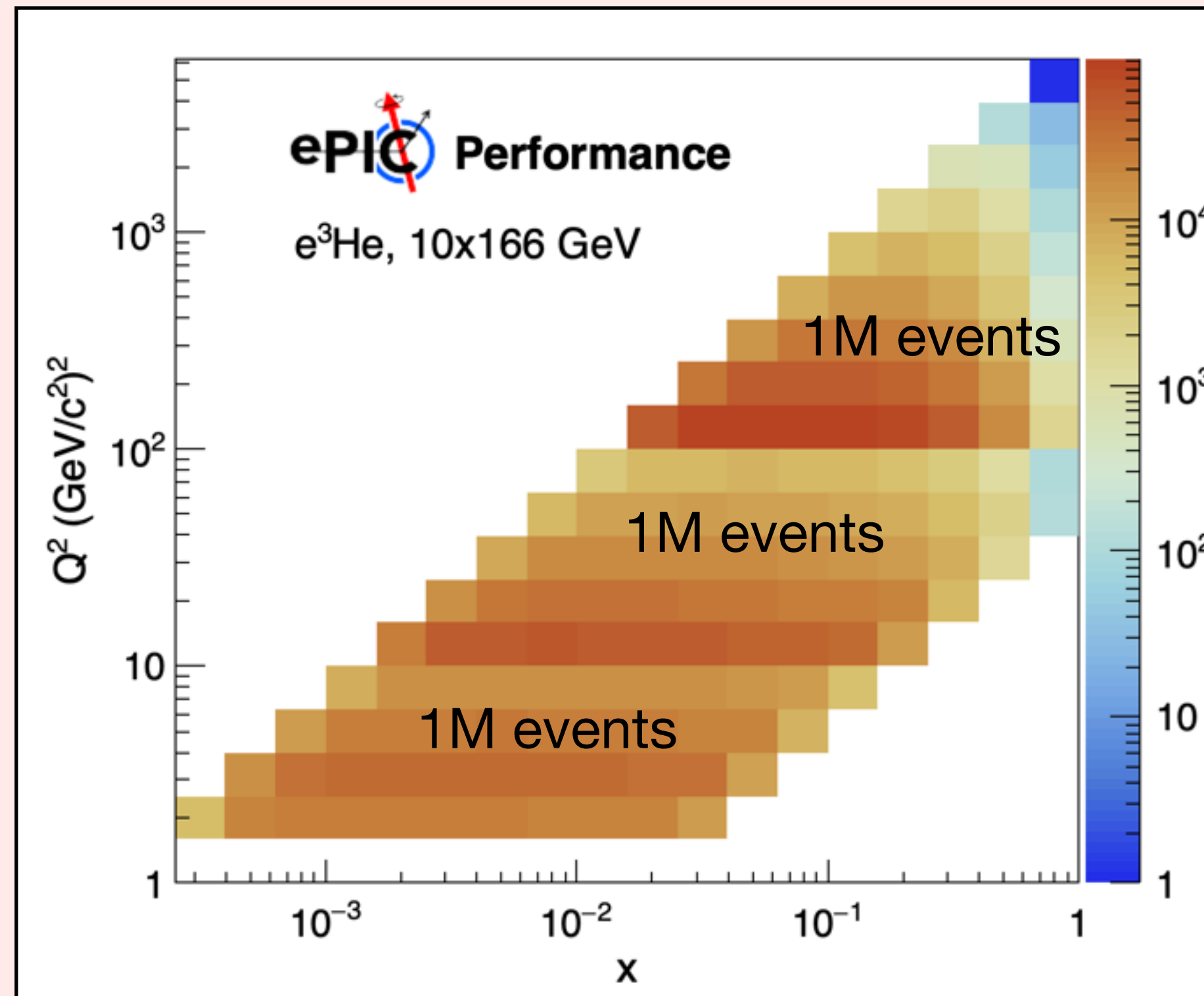
- ✓ Nuclear evaporation, break up
- ✓ Photonic de-excitation of A^*

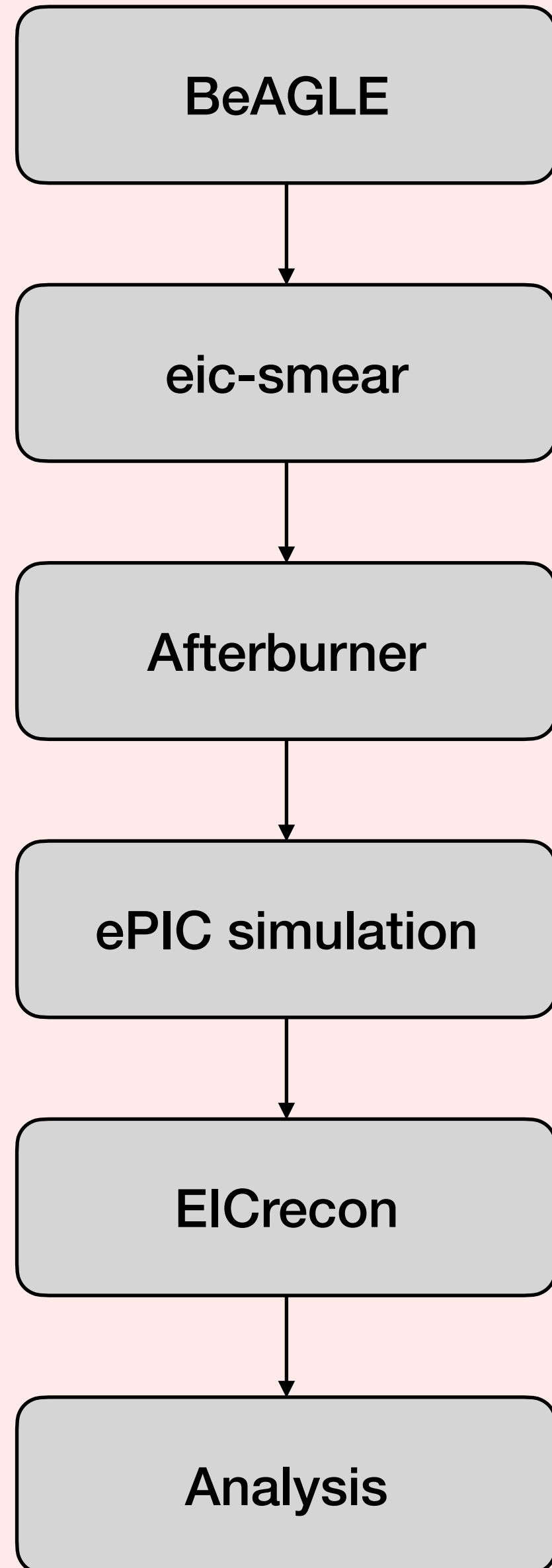


- ▶ Generated events are non-polarized, and have no QED radiative effect
- ▶ Use generated event to estimate statistical uncertainty: $\delta A_{\parallel,\perp} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}P_e P_N}$
- ▶ Use parameterization for central values of A_1^n

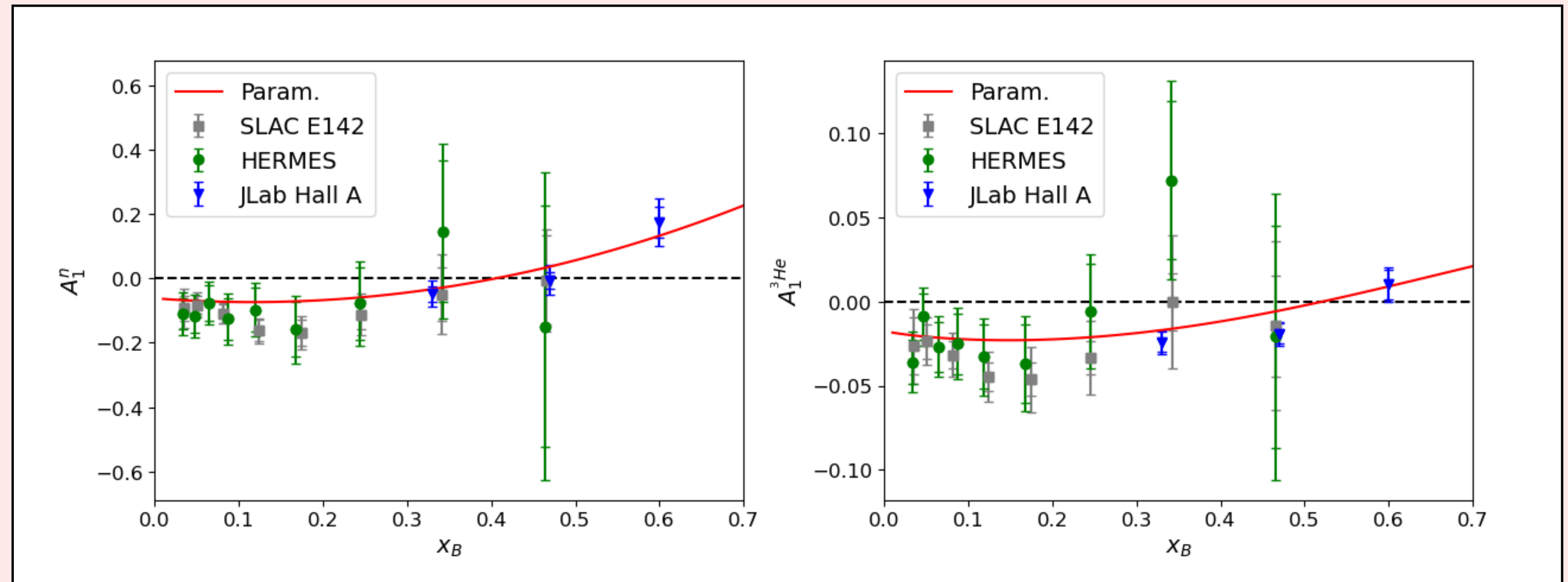
generated events

scaled to planned luminosity

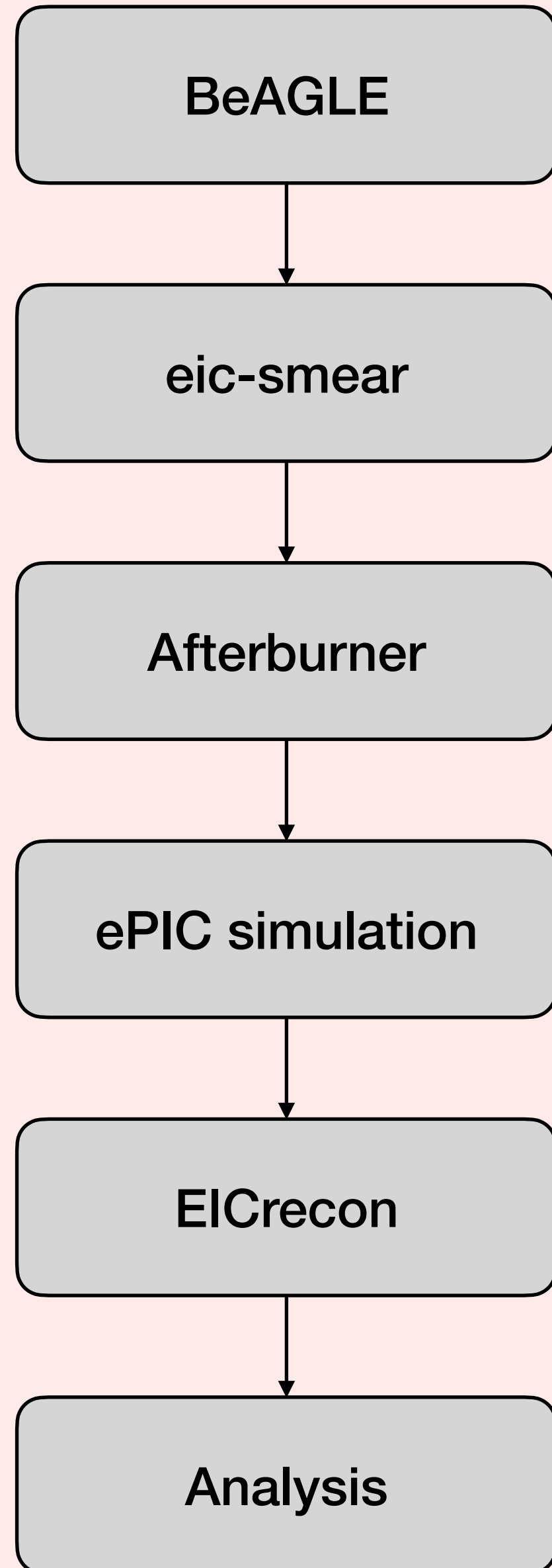




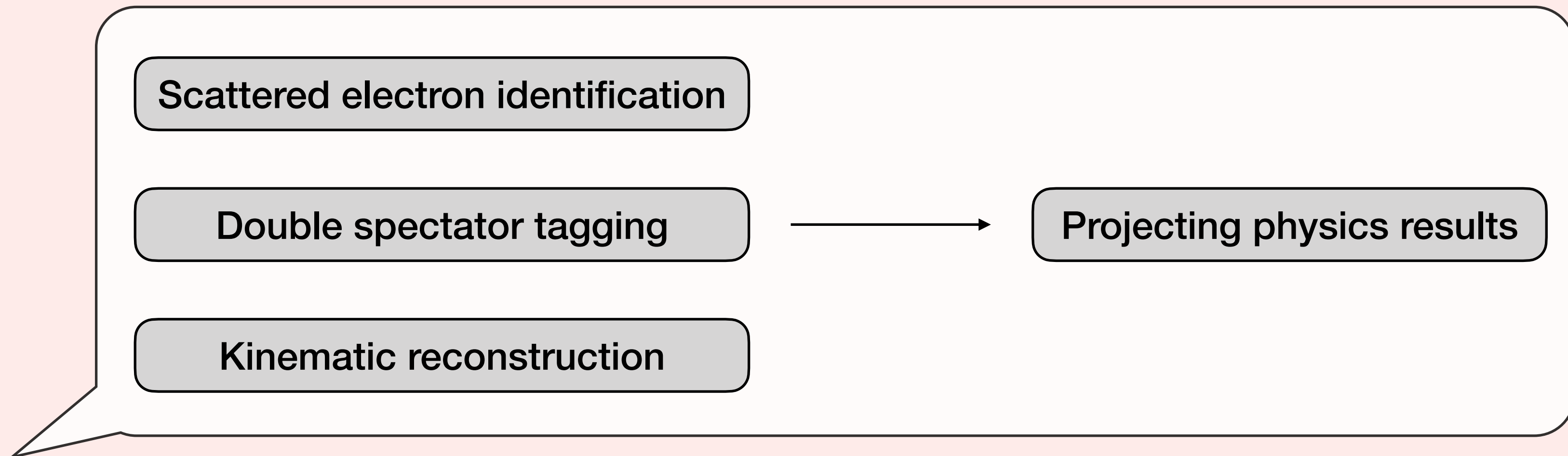
- ▶ A_1^n calculated from: [Doi: 10.1103/PhysRevC.70.065207](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevC.70.065207)
- ▶ $A_1^{^3\text{He}} = P_n \frac{F_2^n}{F_2^{^3\text{He}}} A_1^n + 2P_p \frac{F_2^p}{F_2^{^3\text{He}}} A_1^p$ $P_p = -0.028 \pm 0.004$ $P_n = 0.86 \pm 0.02$
- ▶ all F_2 's are taken from [JAM22](#)



- Parameterization at $Q^2 = 2.88 \text{ GeV}^2$
- Data points are at various Q^2 with majority $< 5 \text{ GeV}^2$



- Event reconstruction is done in ROOT codes: [GitHub link](#)



- ▶ Start from “ReconstructedParticleCollection” ← Currently using MC to match clusters and tracks

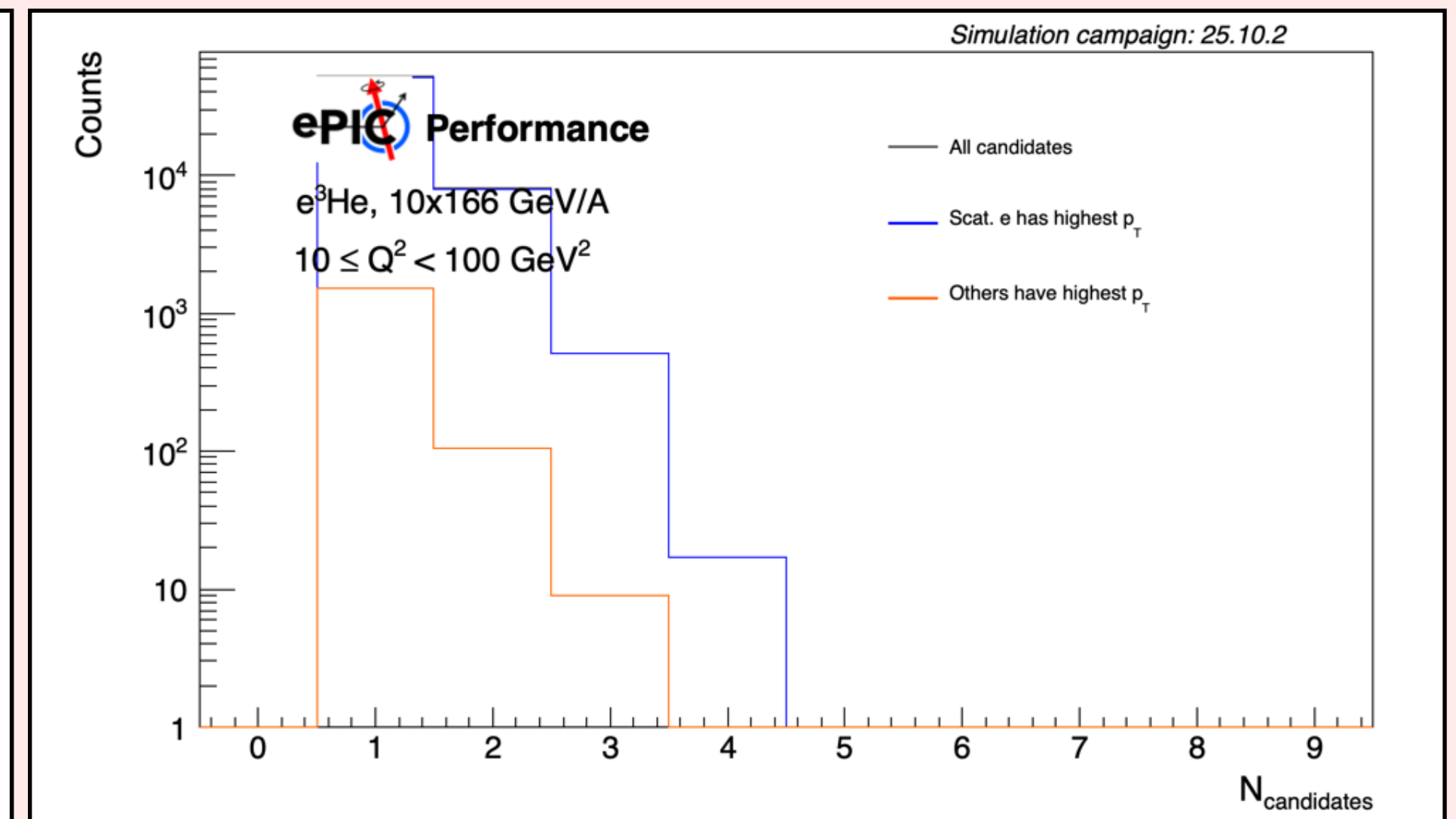
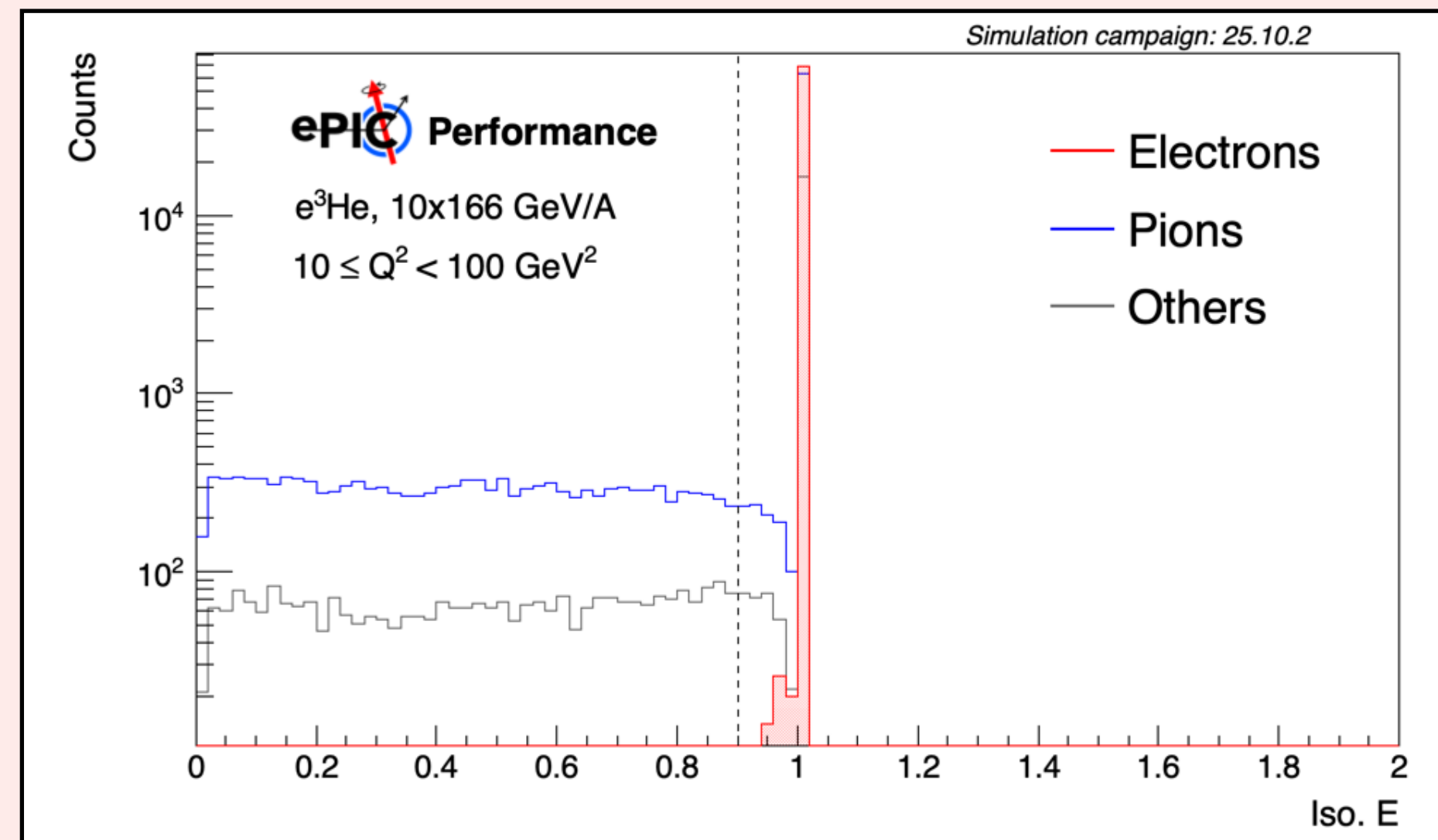
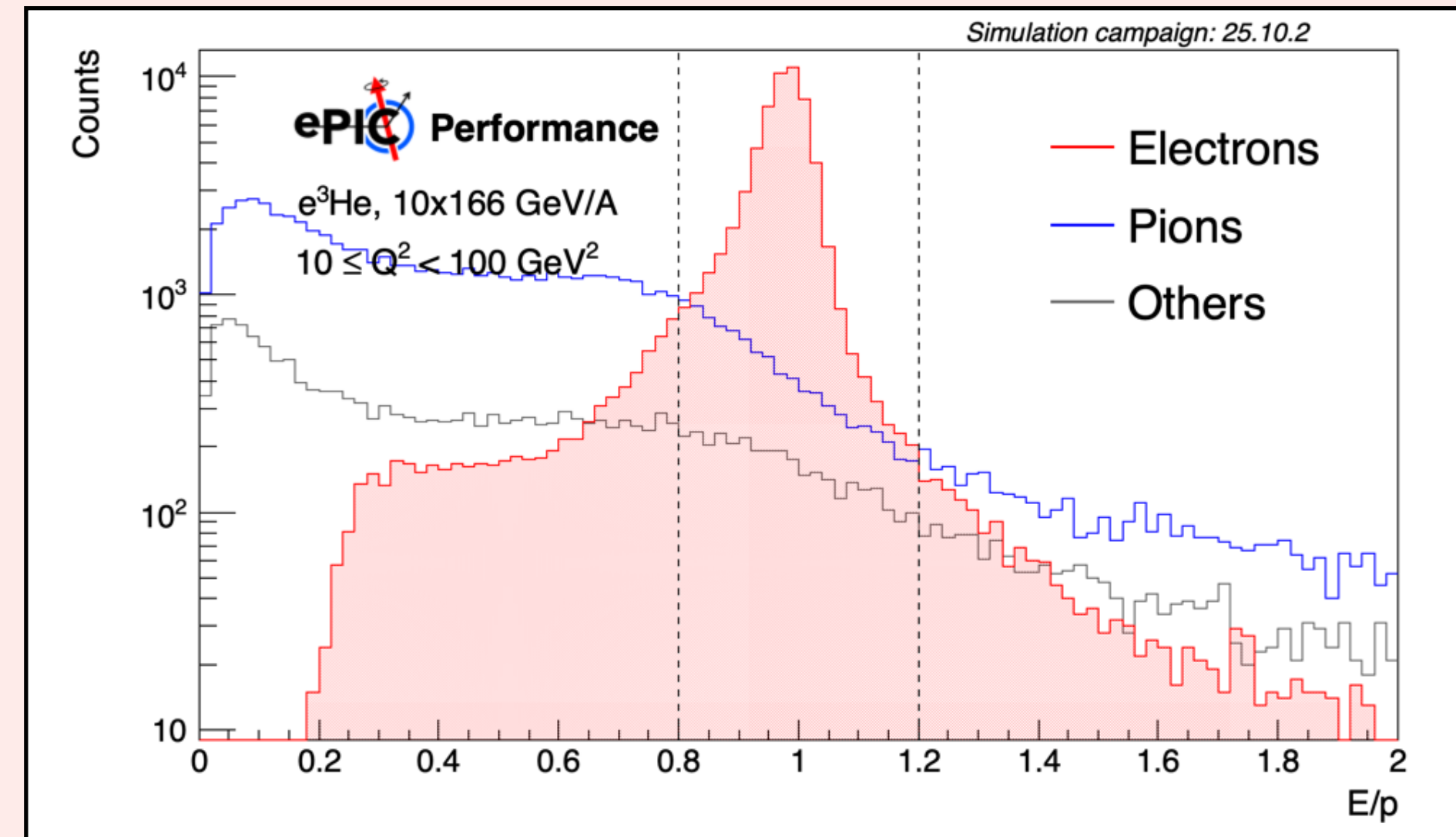
- ▶ Require clusters and negative tracks

- ▶ $0.8 < E/p < 1.2$

- ▶ Isolated cluster:

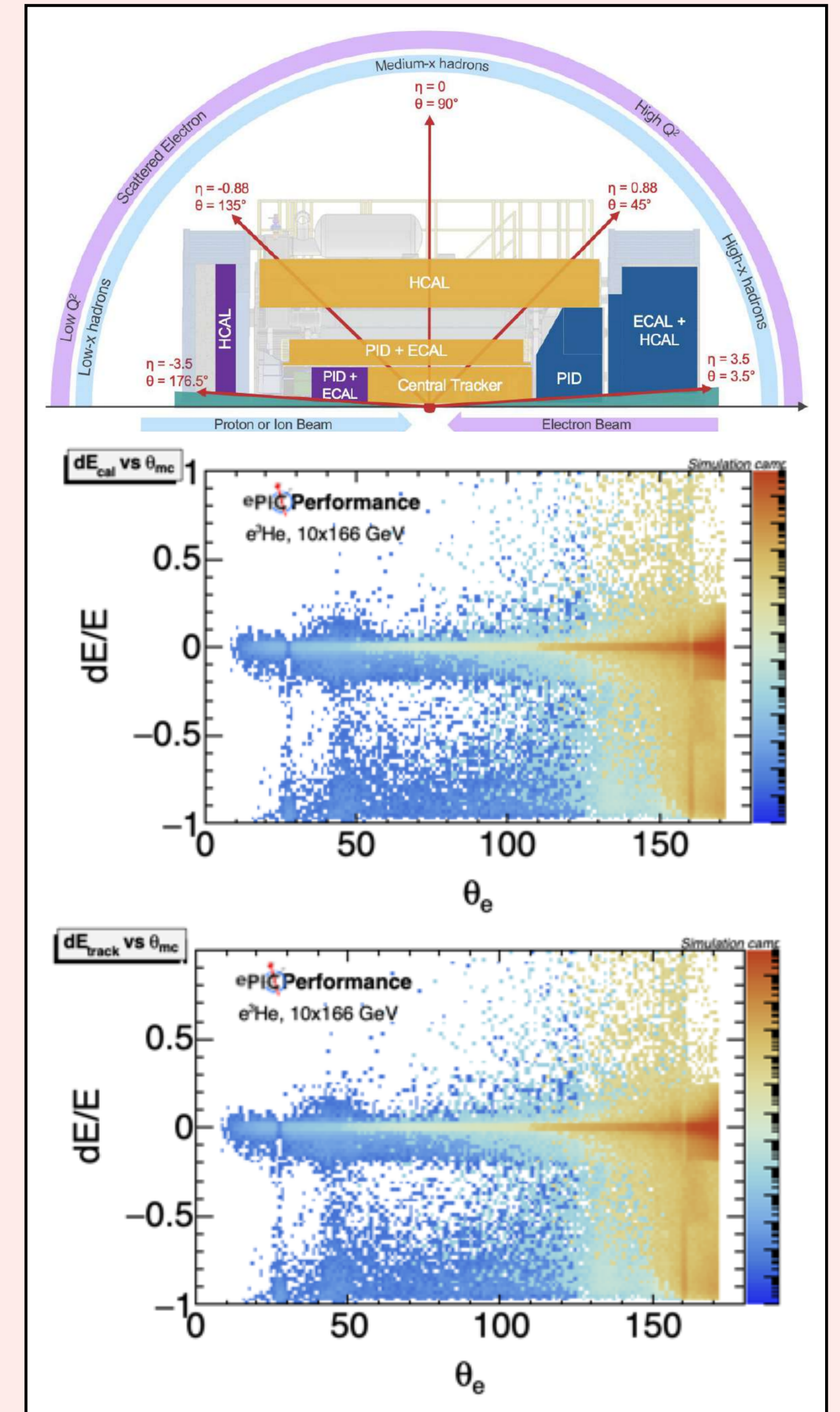
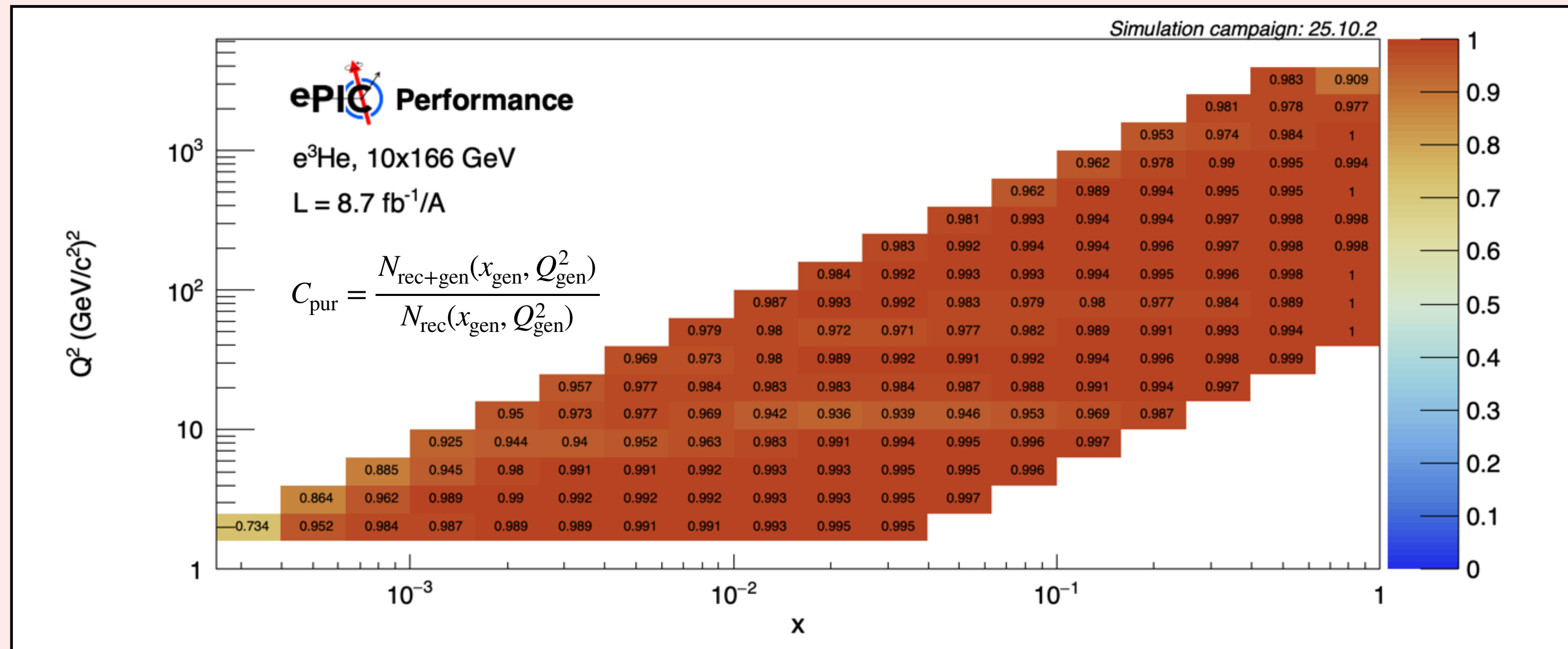
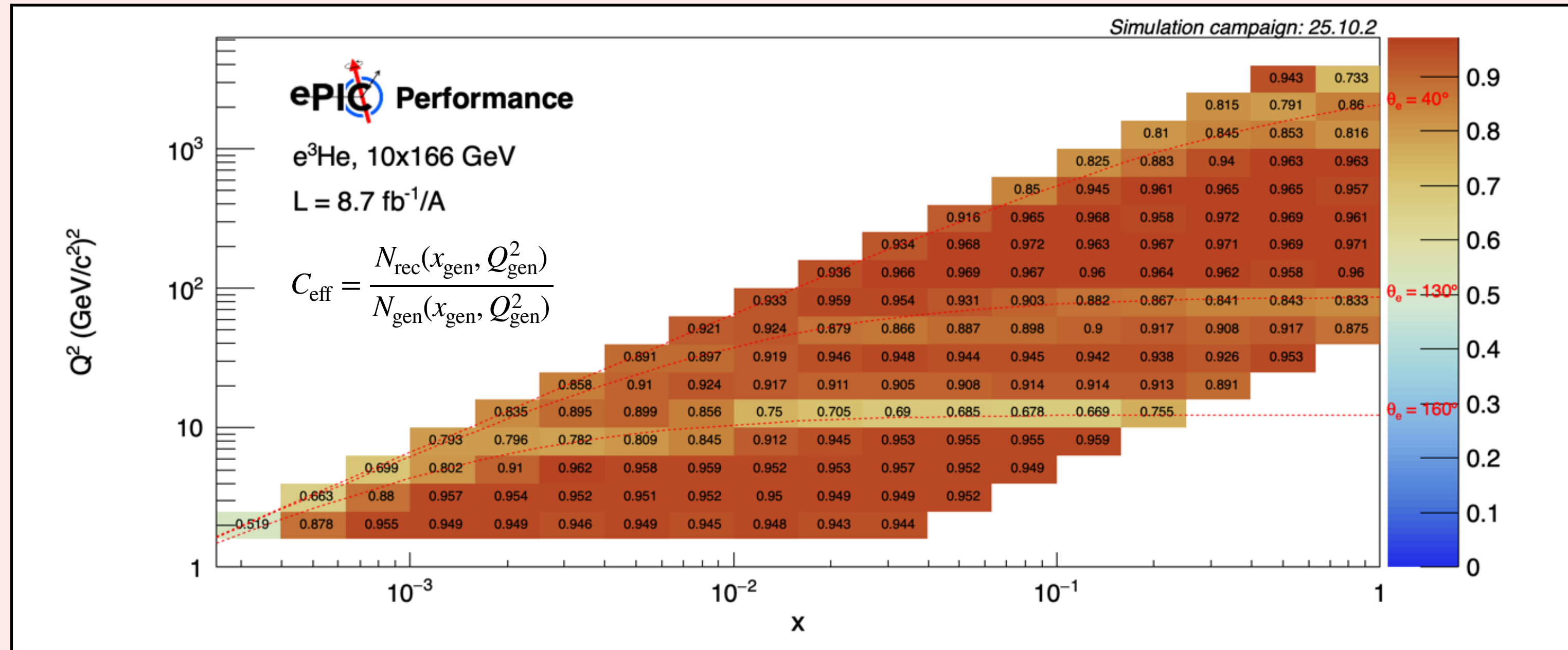
$$E_0 / \sum (E_{\Delta R < 0.4}) > 0.9, \Delta R = \sqrt{\Delta\eta^2 - \Delta\phi^2}$$

- ▶ Select the highest P_T particle



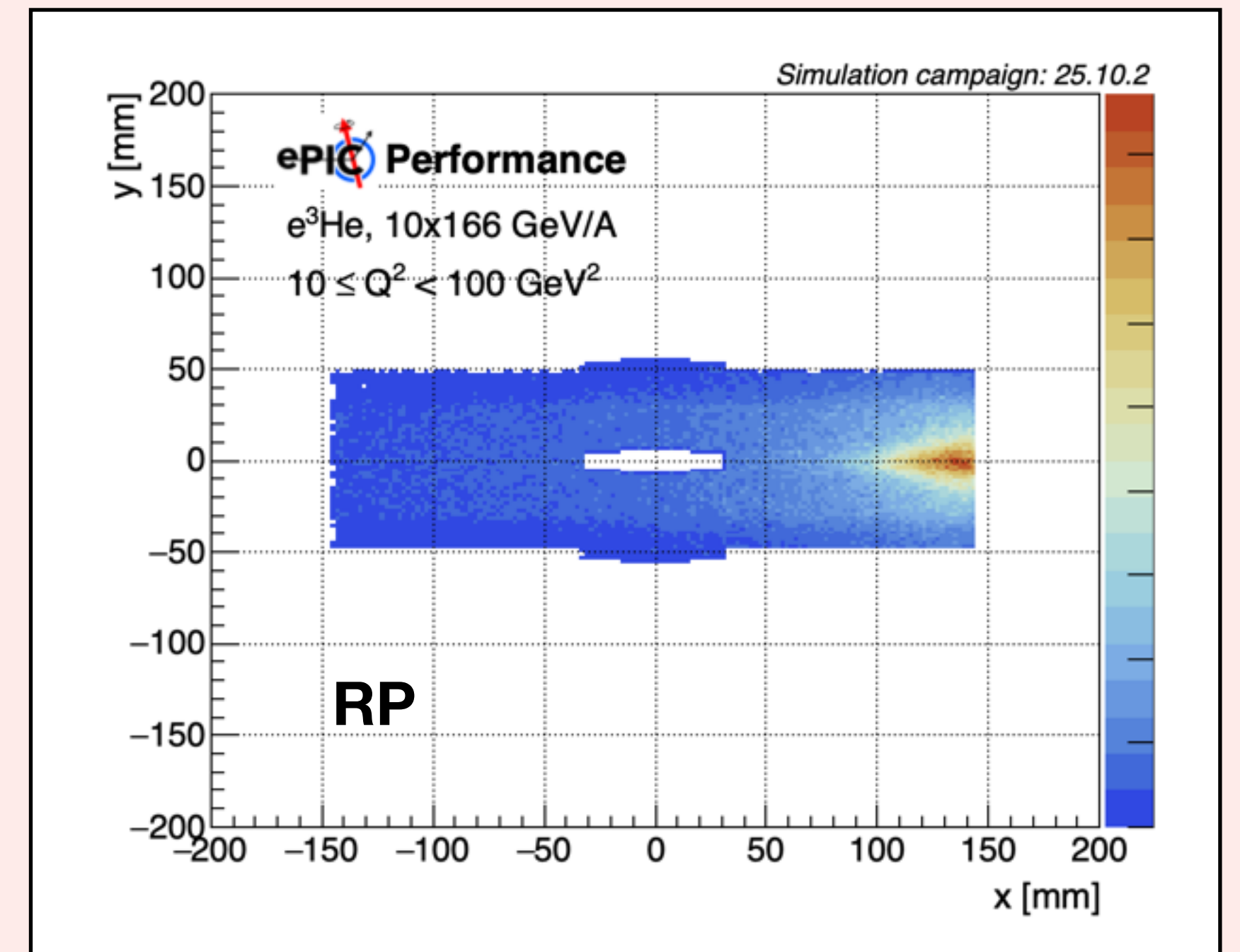
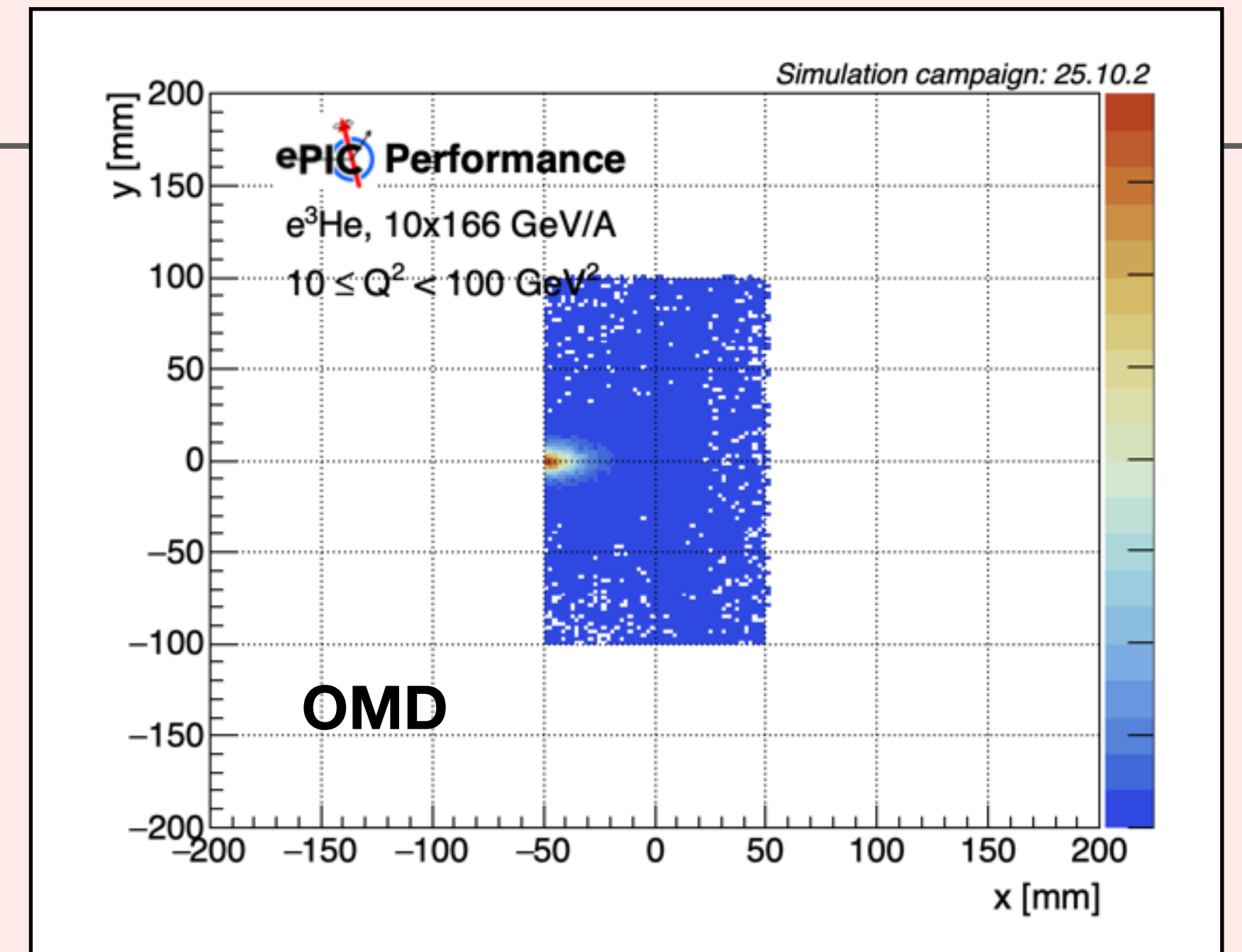
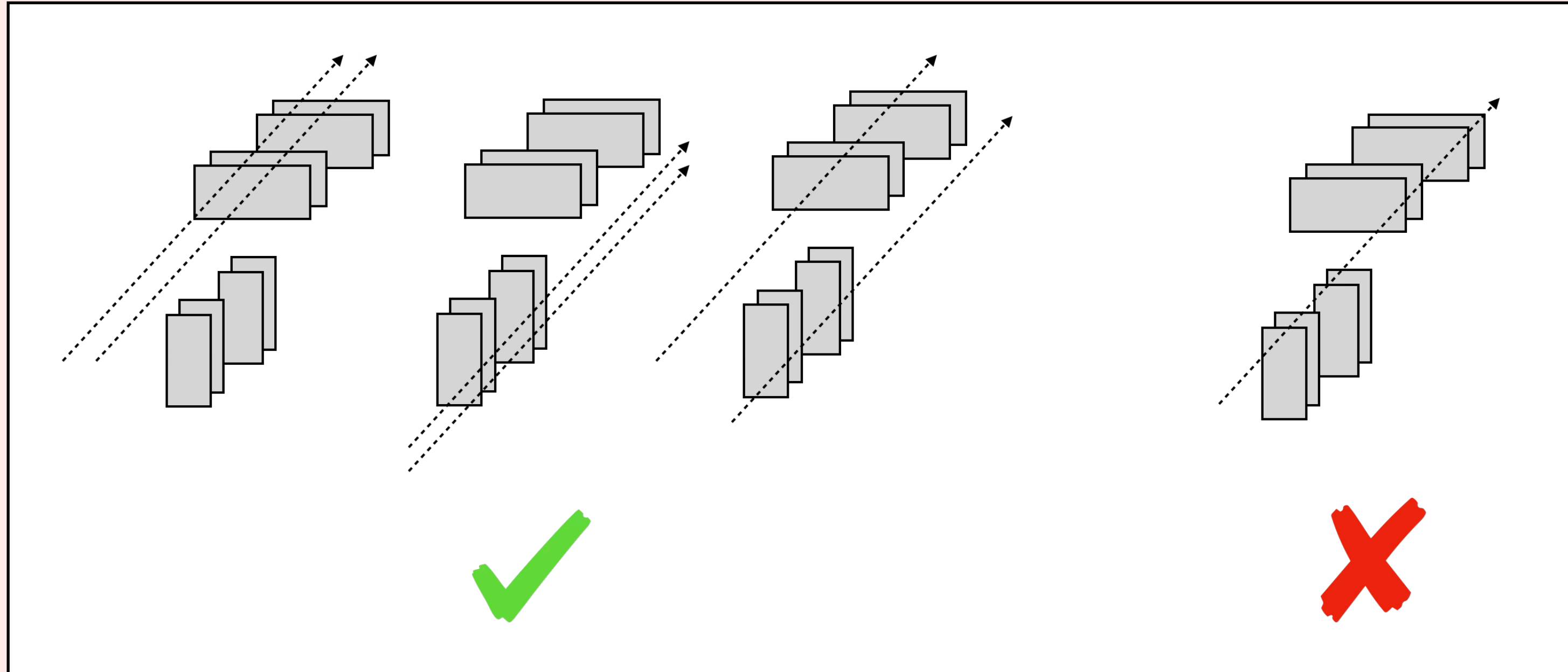
Scattered electron identification - efficiency & purity

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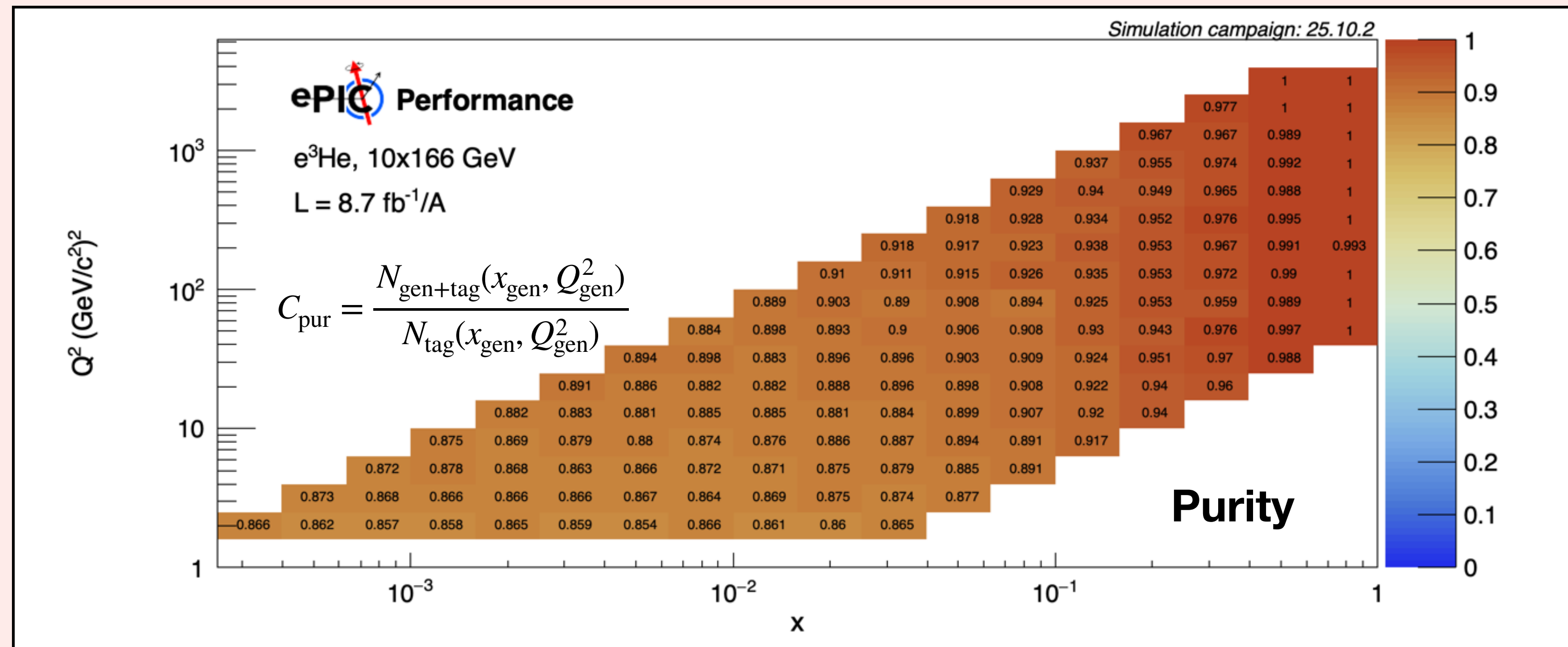
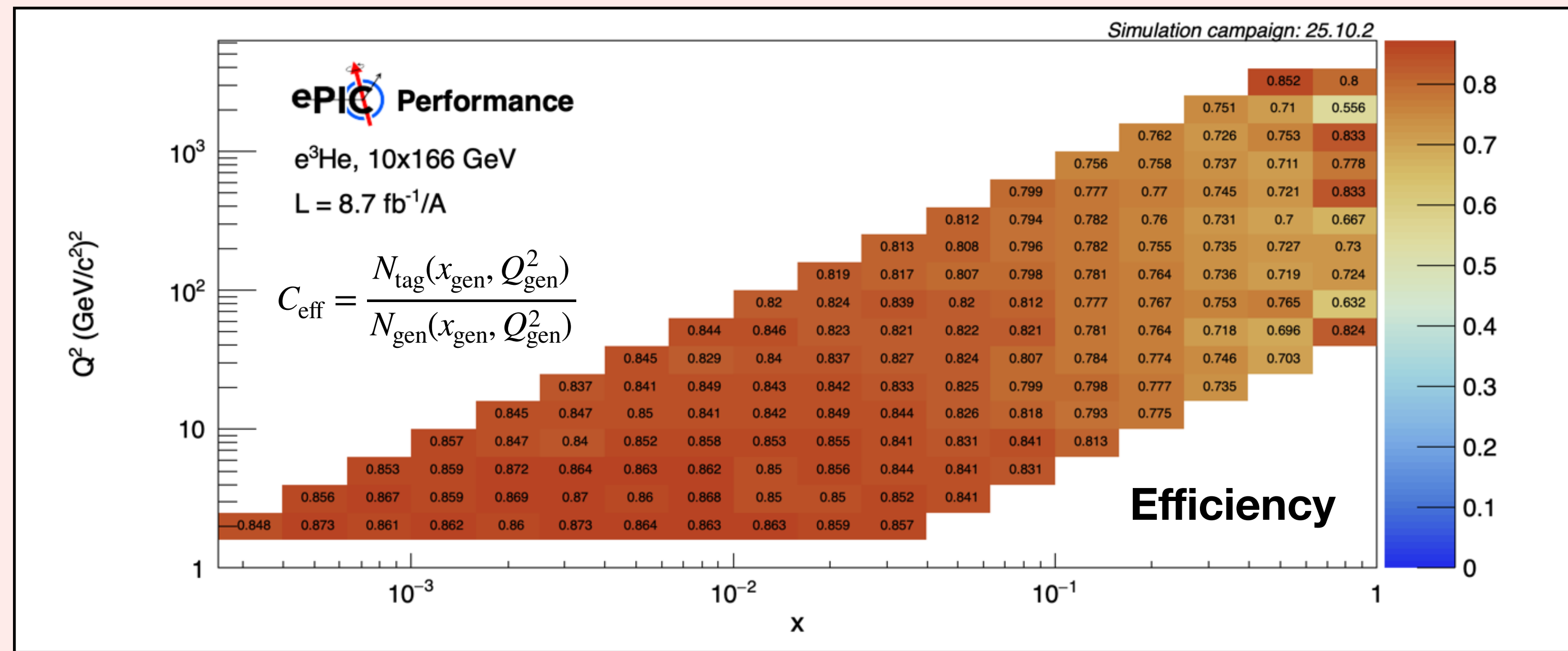
Double spectator tagging - method

- ▶ Hit-based tagging algorithm
- ▶ Number of proton tracks = min number of hits per plane per detector
- ▶ If number of proton tracks > 2 , then tag as double spectator



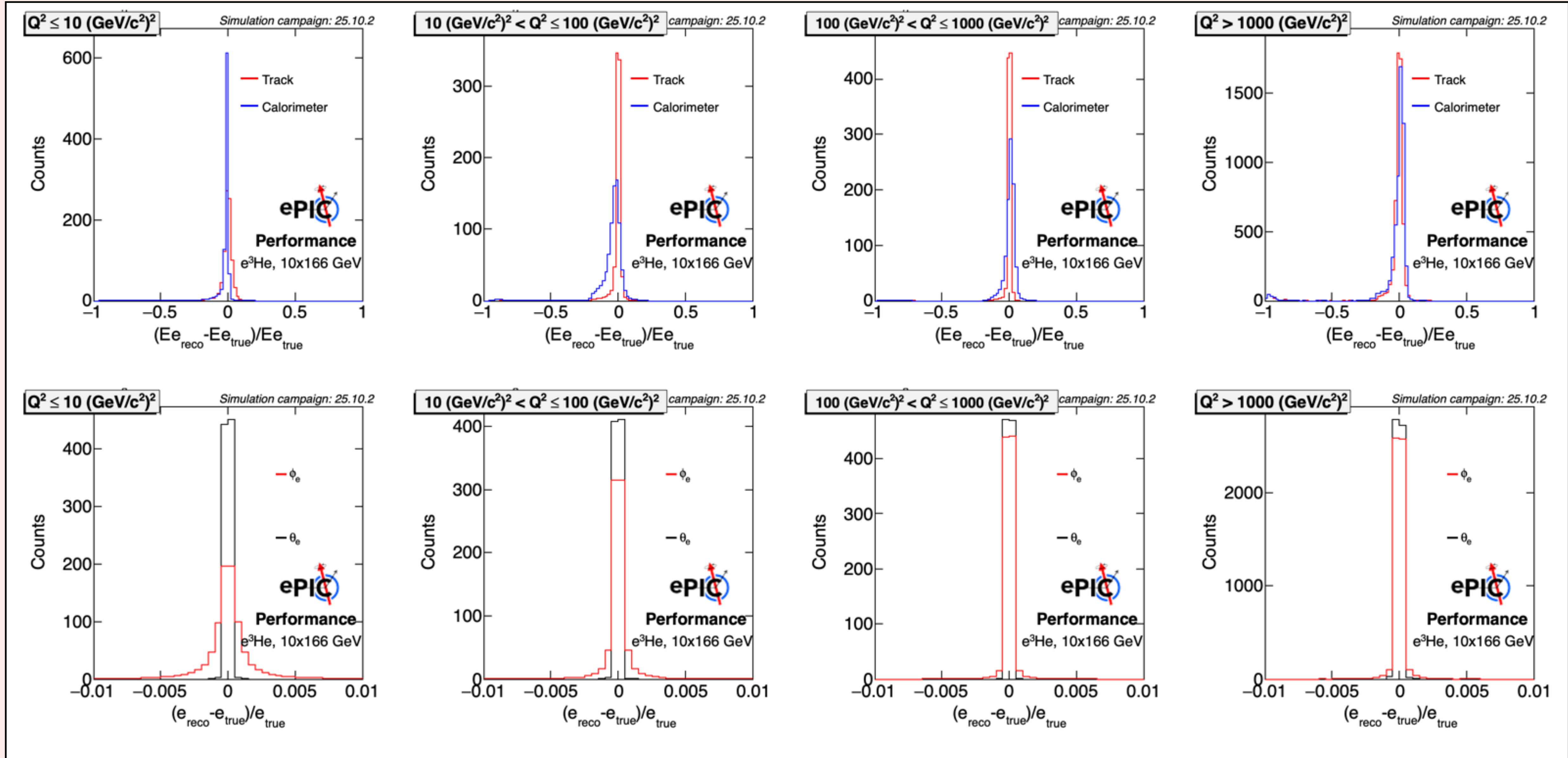
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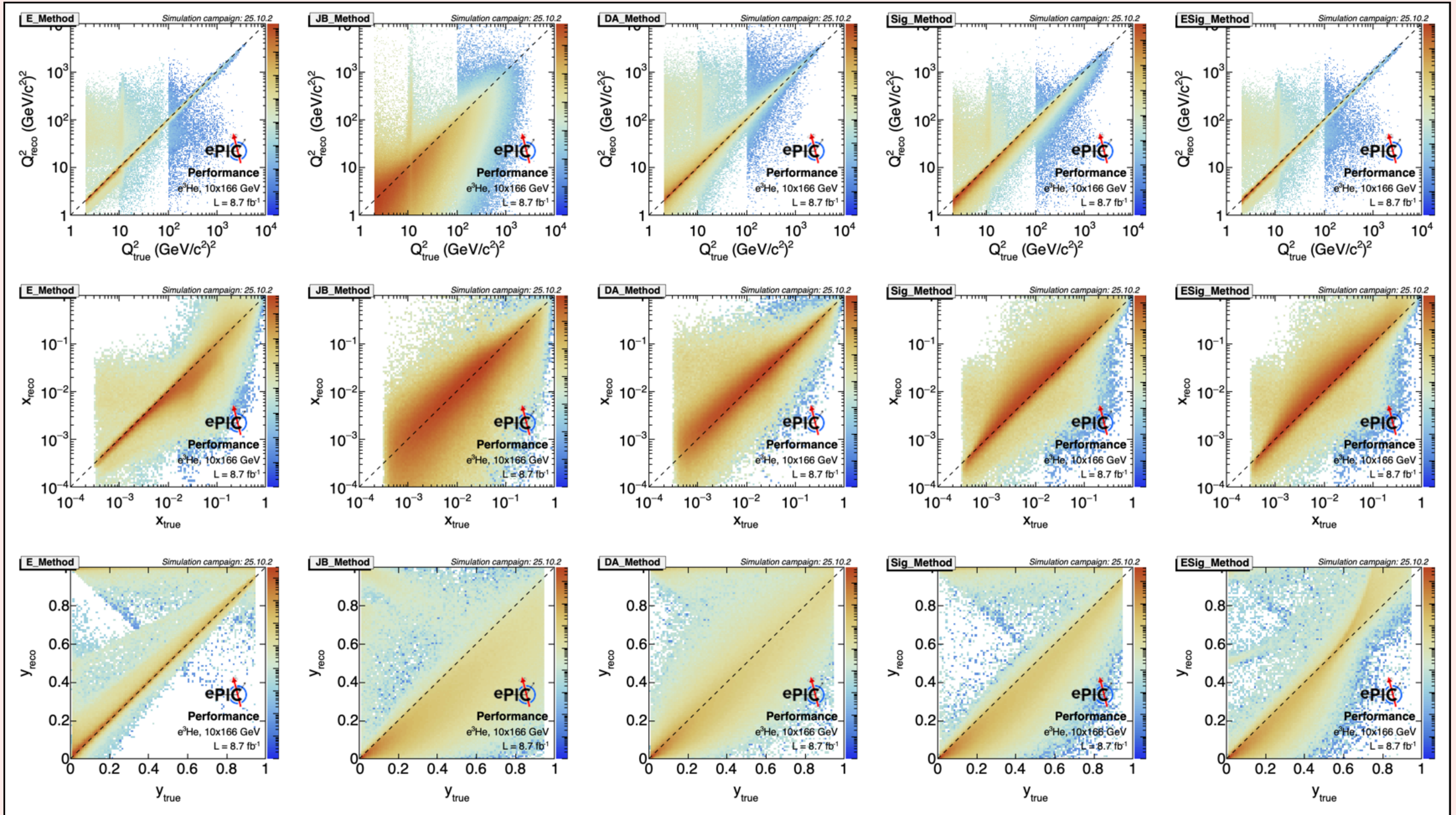
Kinematic reconstruction - energy from track vs. cluster

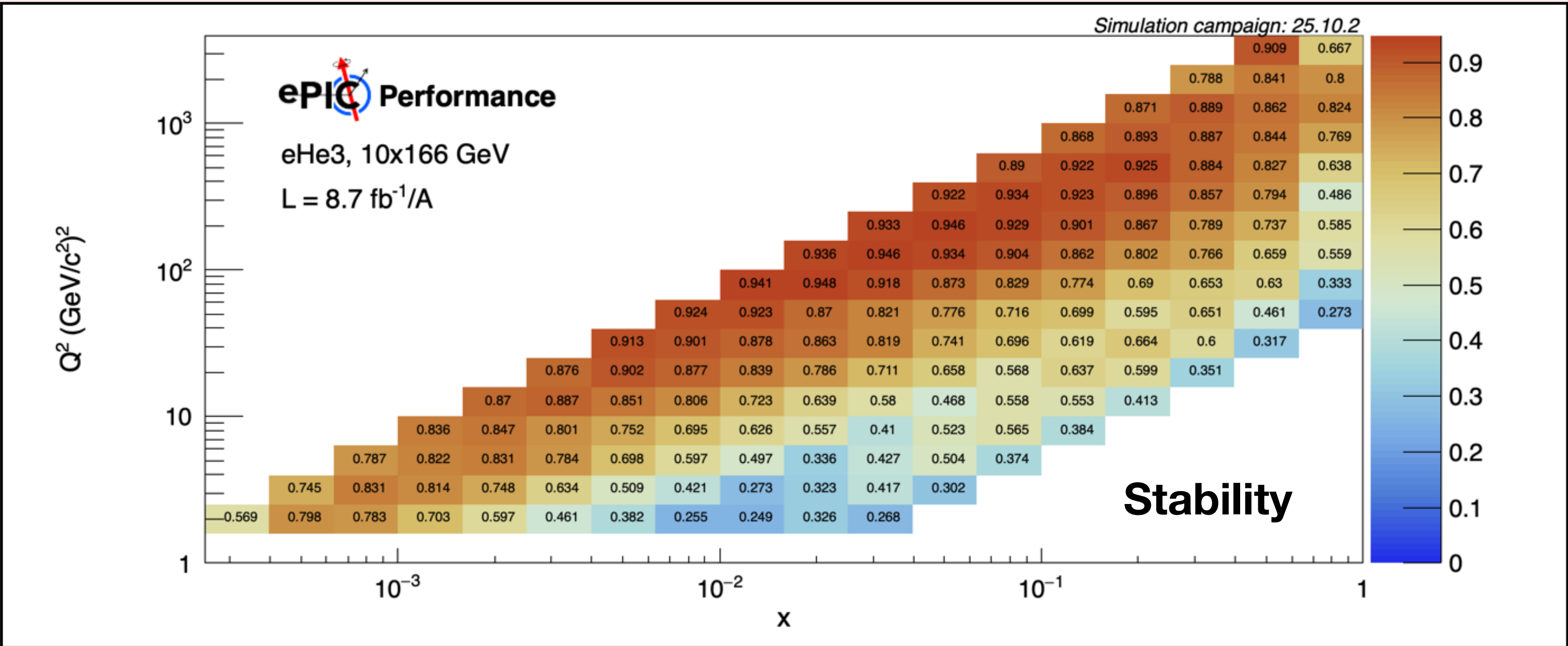
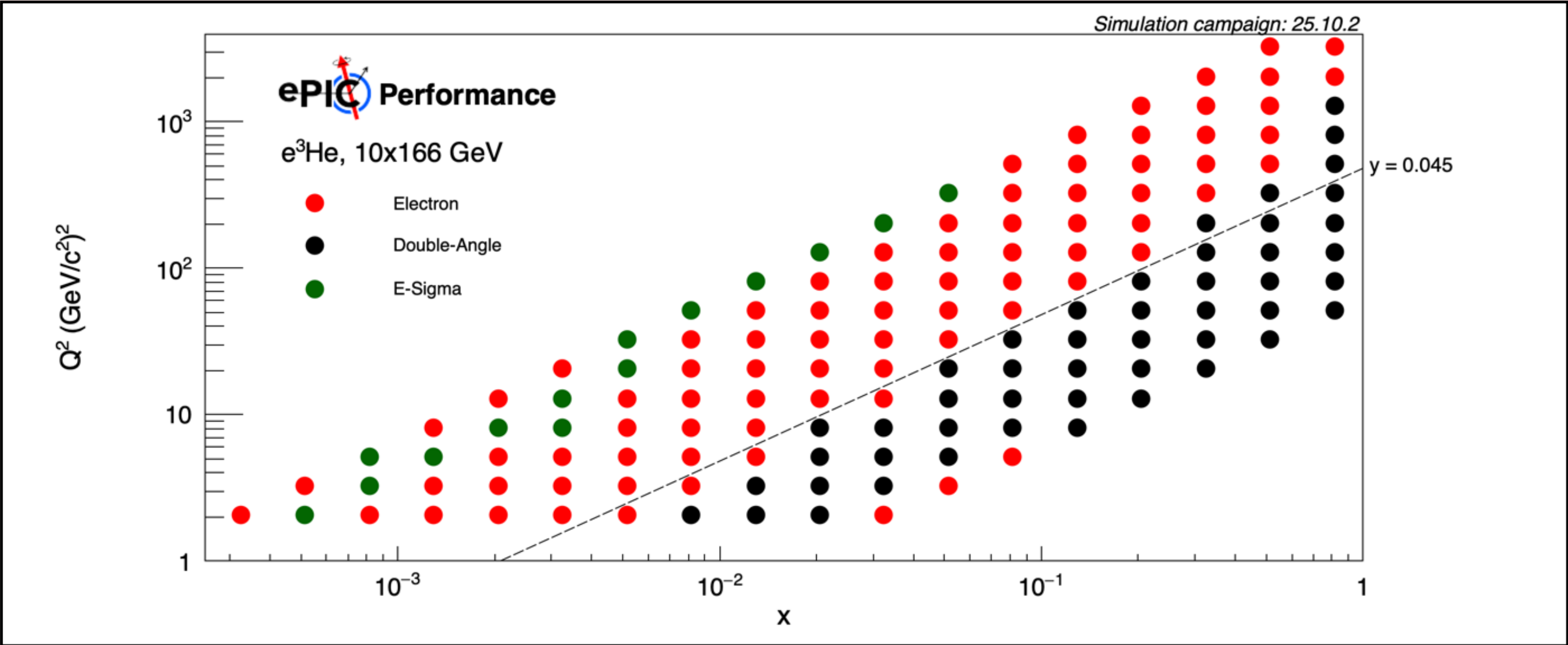
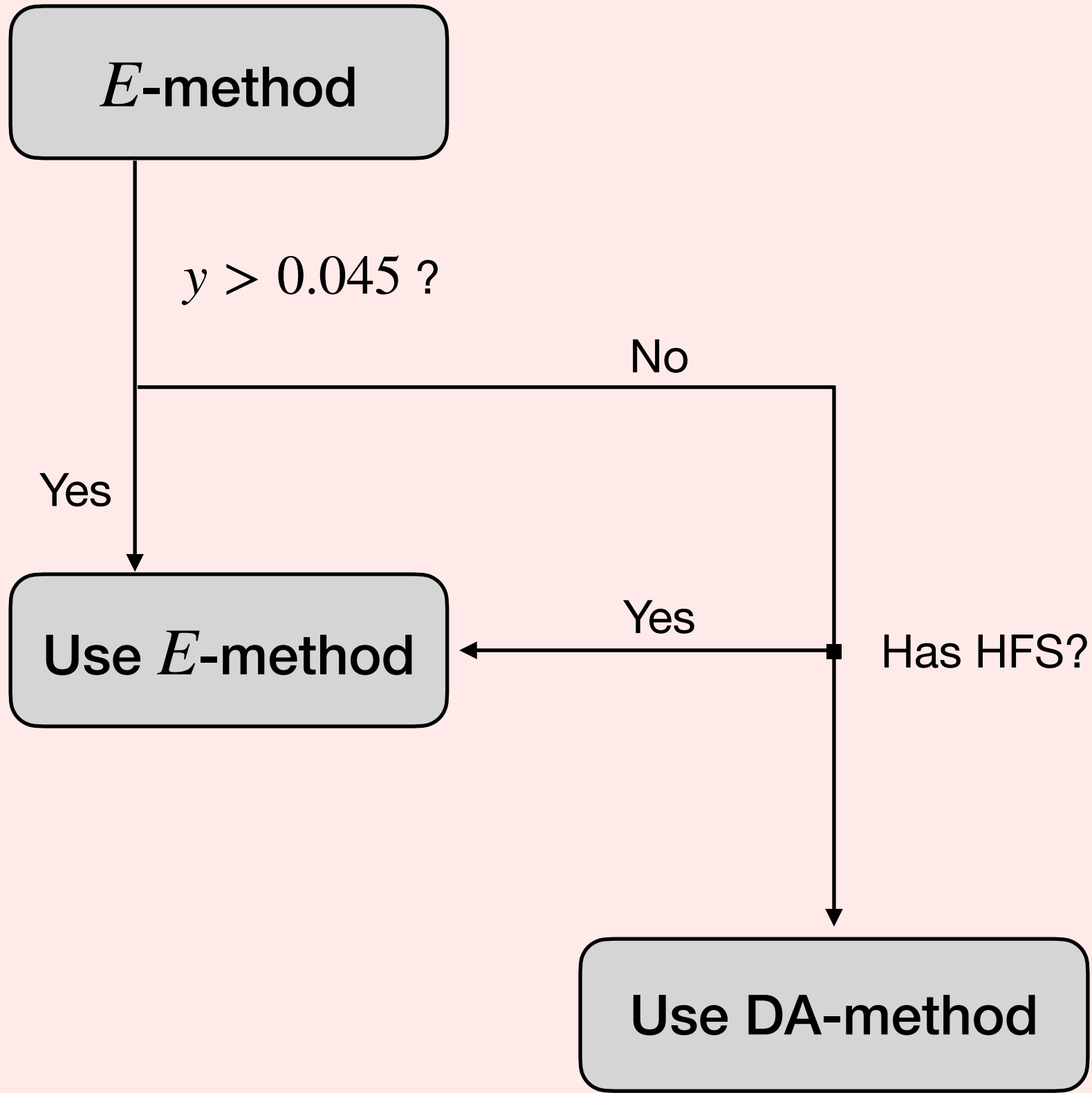
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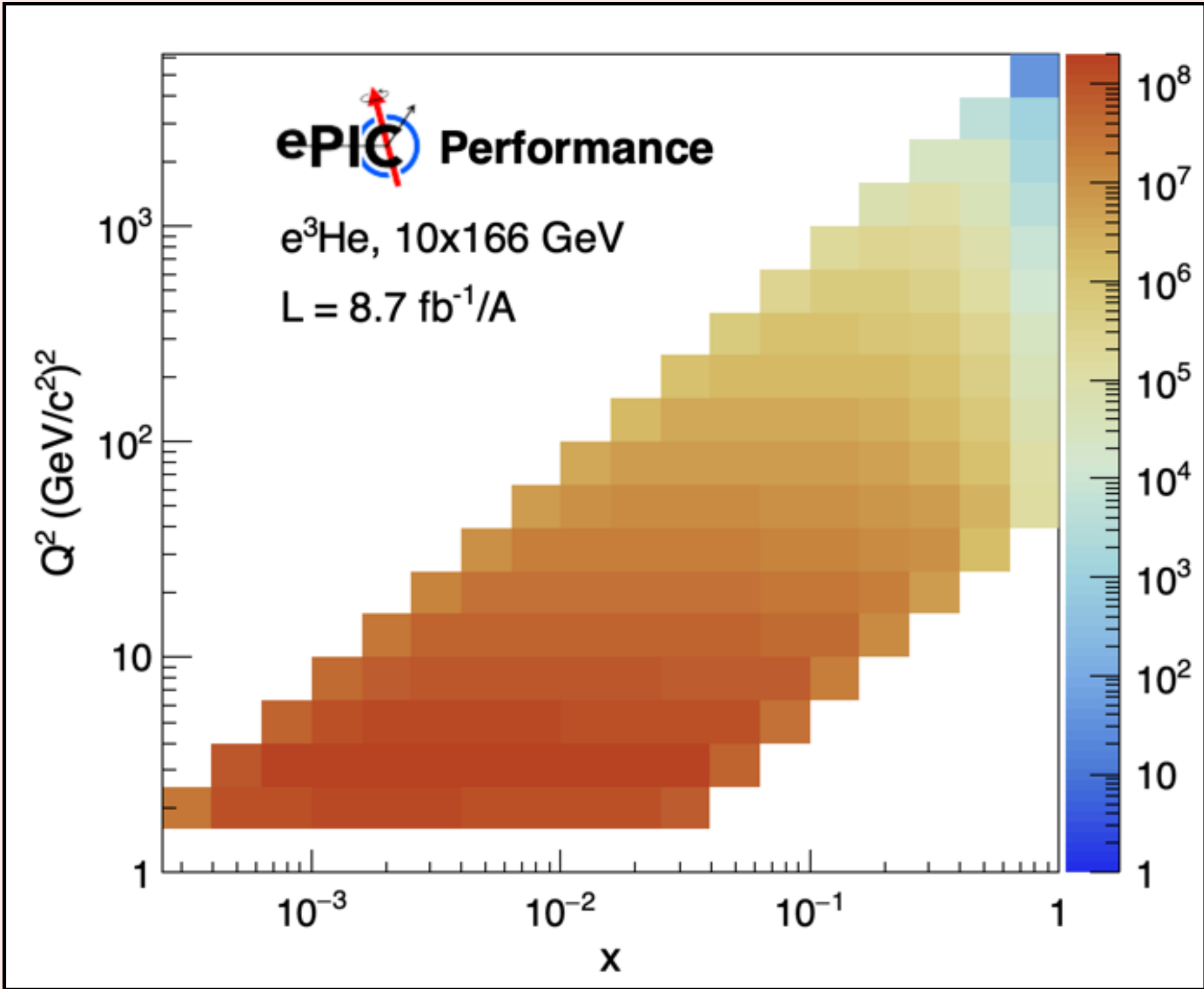
Current available reconstruction in EICRecon				
	Algorithm	Q^2	Inelasticity y	Bjorken x
Uses only scattered e^- info	Electron (E)	$2E_0E_e(1 + \cos \theta_e)$	$1 - \frac{E_e(1 - \cos \theta_e)}{2E_0}$	$\frac{Q^2}{4E_0E_e y}$
Uses everything else	Jacquet-Blondel (JB)	$\frac{p_{t,h}^2}{1-y}$	$\frac{\delta_h}{2E_0}$	
No use of scattered E_e	Double-Angle (DA)	$\frac{4E_0^2}{\tan(\frac{\theta_e}{2})(\tan(\frac{\theta_e}{2}) + \delta_h/p_{t,h})}$	$\frac{\delta_h/p_{t,h}}{\tan(\frac{\theta_e}{2}) + \delta_h/p_{t,h}}$	
No use of scattered E_0	Sigma (Σ)	$\frac{E_e^2 \sin^2 \theta_e}{1-y}$	$\frac{\delta_h}{\delta_h + E_e(1 - \cos \theta_e)}$	
Combine E and Σ method	E-Sigma ($e\Sigma$)	Q_E^2	$\frac{Q_E^2}{4E_0E_e x_\Sigma}$	x_Σ
$p_{t,h}^2 = (\sum_h p_{x,h})^2 + (\sum_h p_{y,h})^2$ $\delta_h = \sum_h E_h - p_{z,h}$				

Kinematic reconstruction - qualities

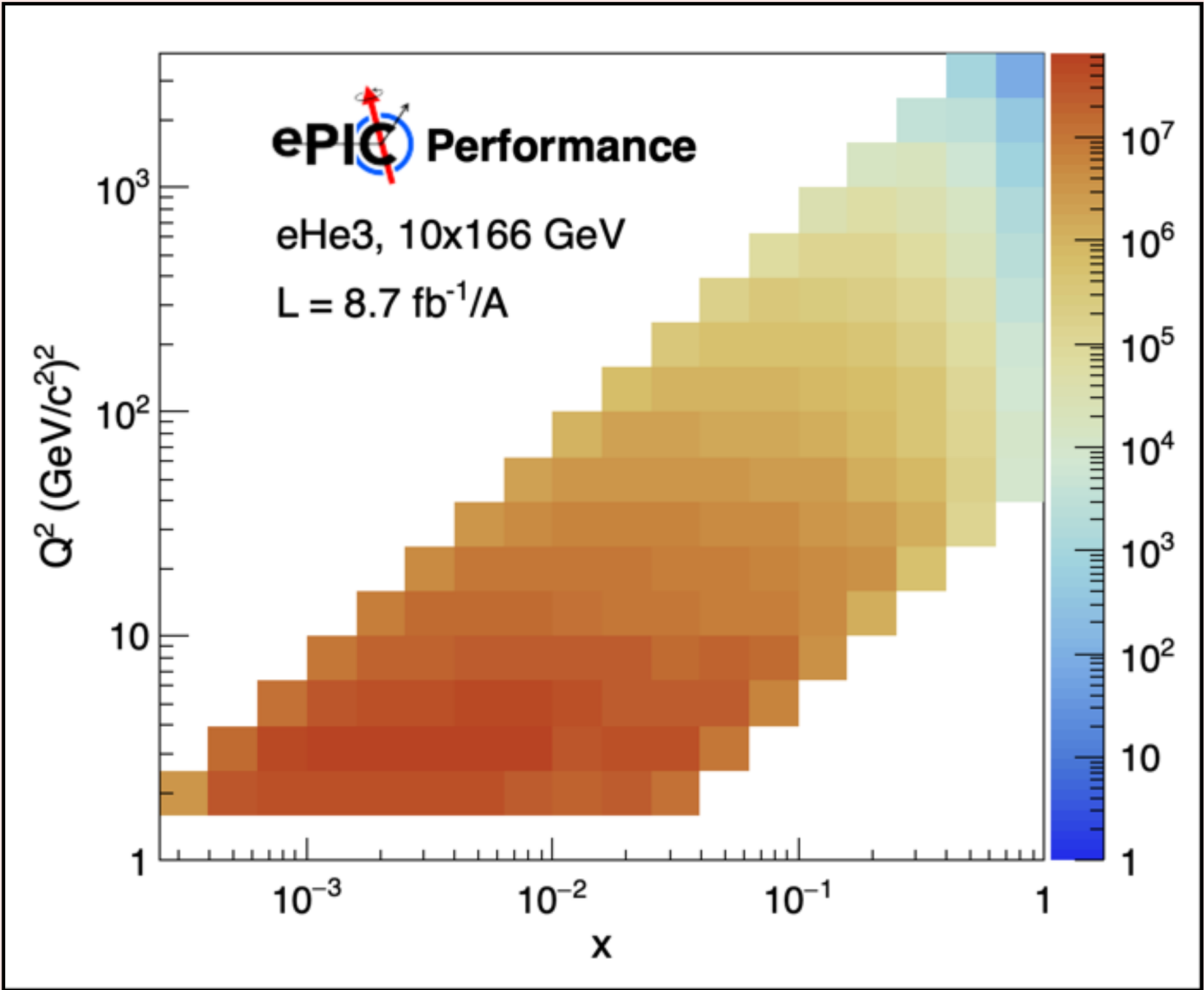




Scaled generated $e^3\text{He}$ events



Scaled reconstructed en events



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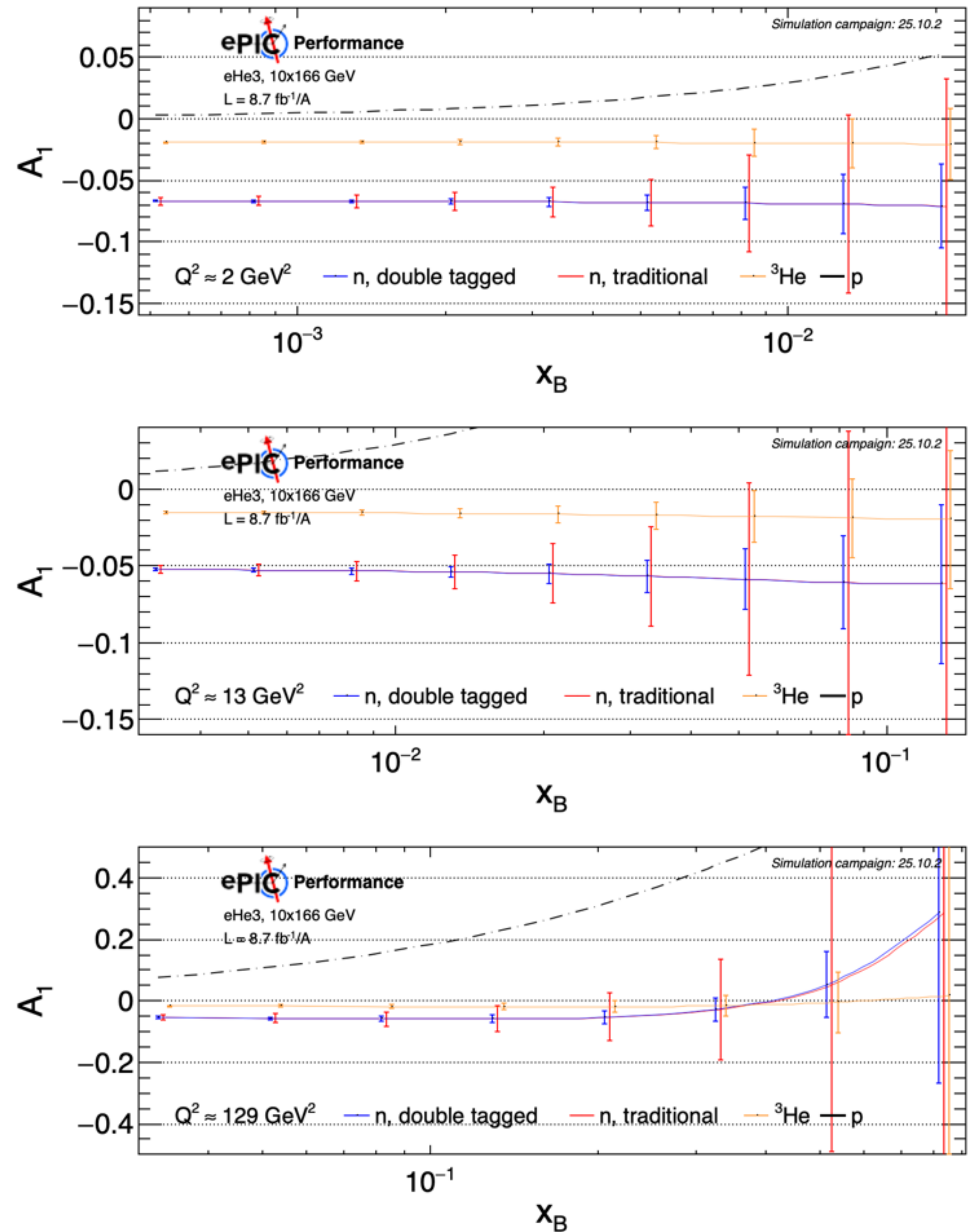
Kinematic reconstruction



Projecting physics results

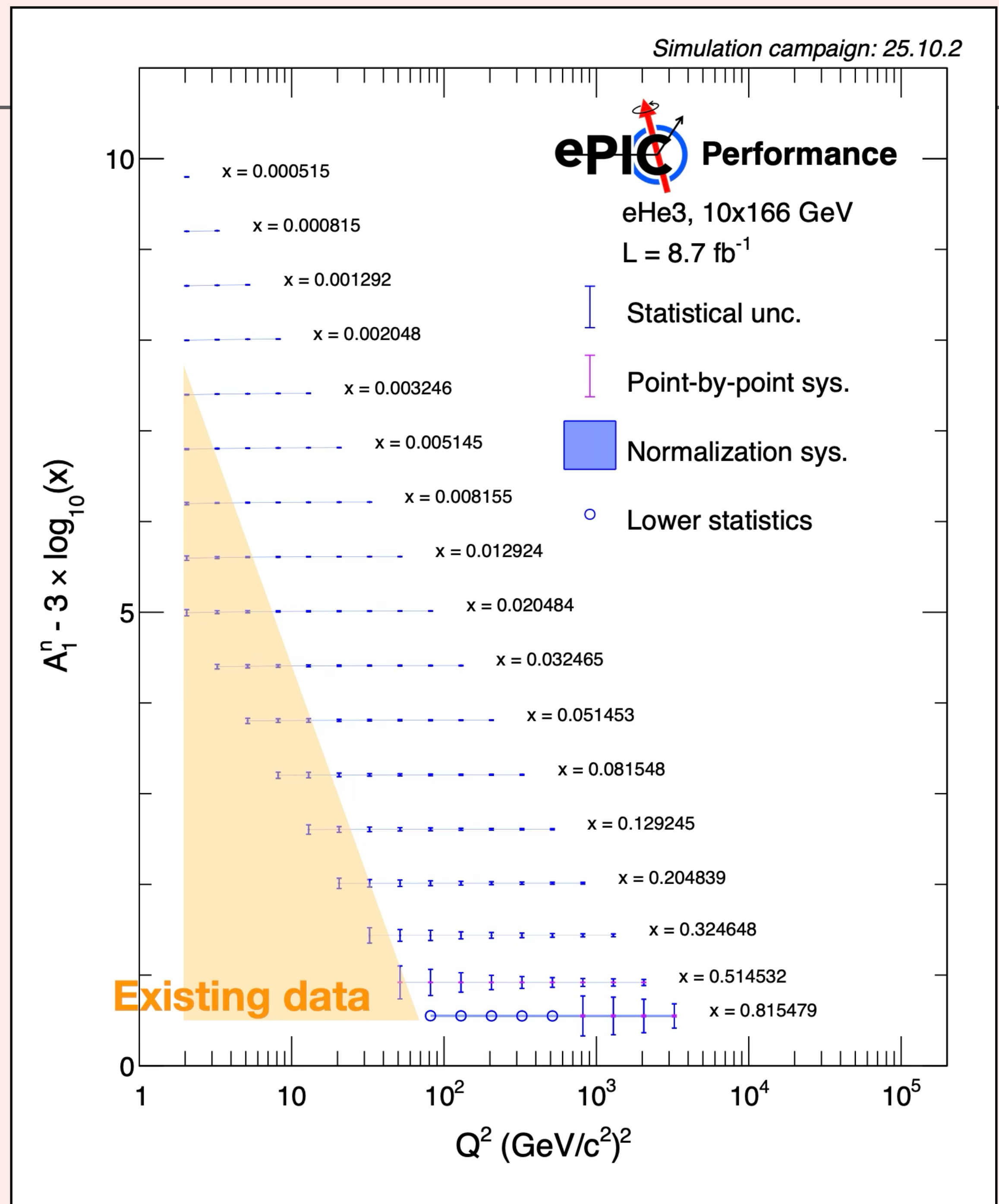
Projected A_1^n from $e^3\text{He}$ DIS:

- $$A_1(x, Q^2) \equiv \frac{\sigma_{1/2} - \sigma_{3/2}}{\sigma_{1/2} + \sigma_{3/2}} = \frac{A_{\parallel}}{D(1 + \eta\xi)} - \frac{\eta A_{\perp}}{d(1 + \eta\xi)}$$
- $$\delta A_{\parallel, \perp} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{NP_e P_N}}$$
- $\mathcal{L} = 8.65 \text{ fb}^{-1}, P_e = P_n = 70 \%$
- $0.01 < y < 0.95, Q^2 \geq 2, W^2 > 4$
- R calculated from [https://doi.org/10.1016/S0370-2693\(99\)00244-0](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0370-2693(99)00244-0)
- Included statistical uncertainty and model uncertainties



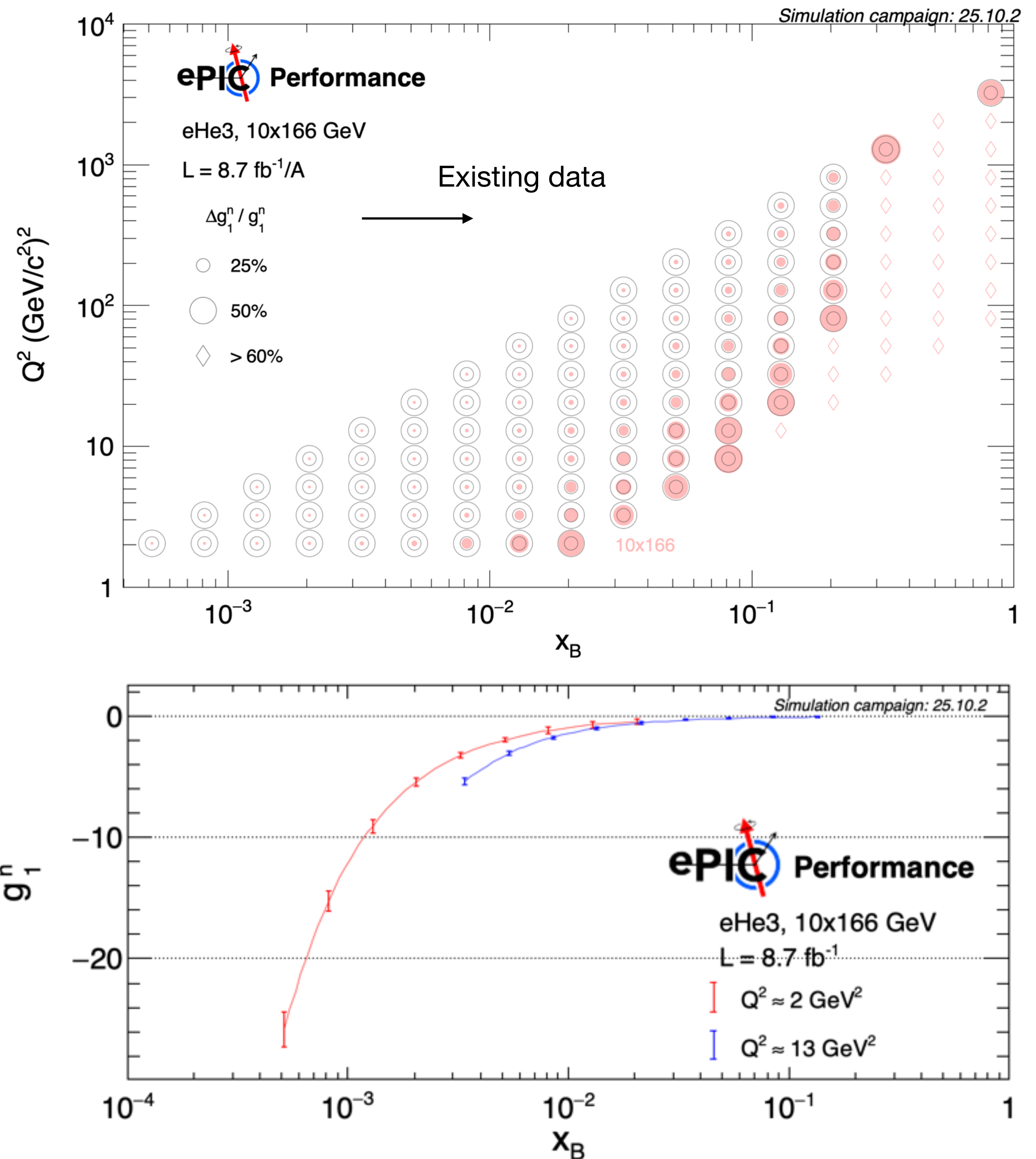
Projected A_1^n from $e^3\text{He}$ DIS:

- ▶ Statistical: $\delta A_{\parallel,\perp} \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}P_e P_N}$
- ▶ Systematics using estimate for ATHENA for $A_{\parallel}$
 - ▶ 1.5% point-by-point uncorrelated
 - ▶ 3% pion contamination
 - ▶ 4.7% normalization
 - ▶ 3% δP_e , 3% δP_N
 - ▶ 1-2% detector effects
- ▶ Estimated using $A_1 \approx \frac{A_{\parallel}}{D}$
- ▶ Systematics to be studied in more details

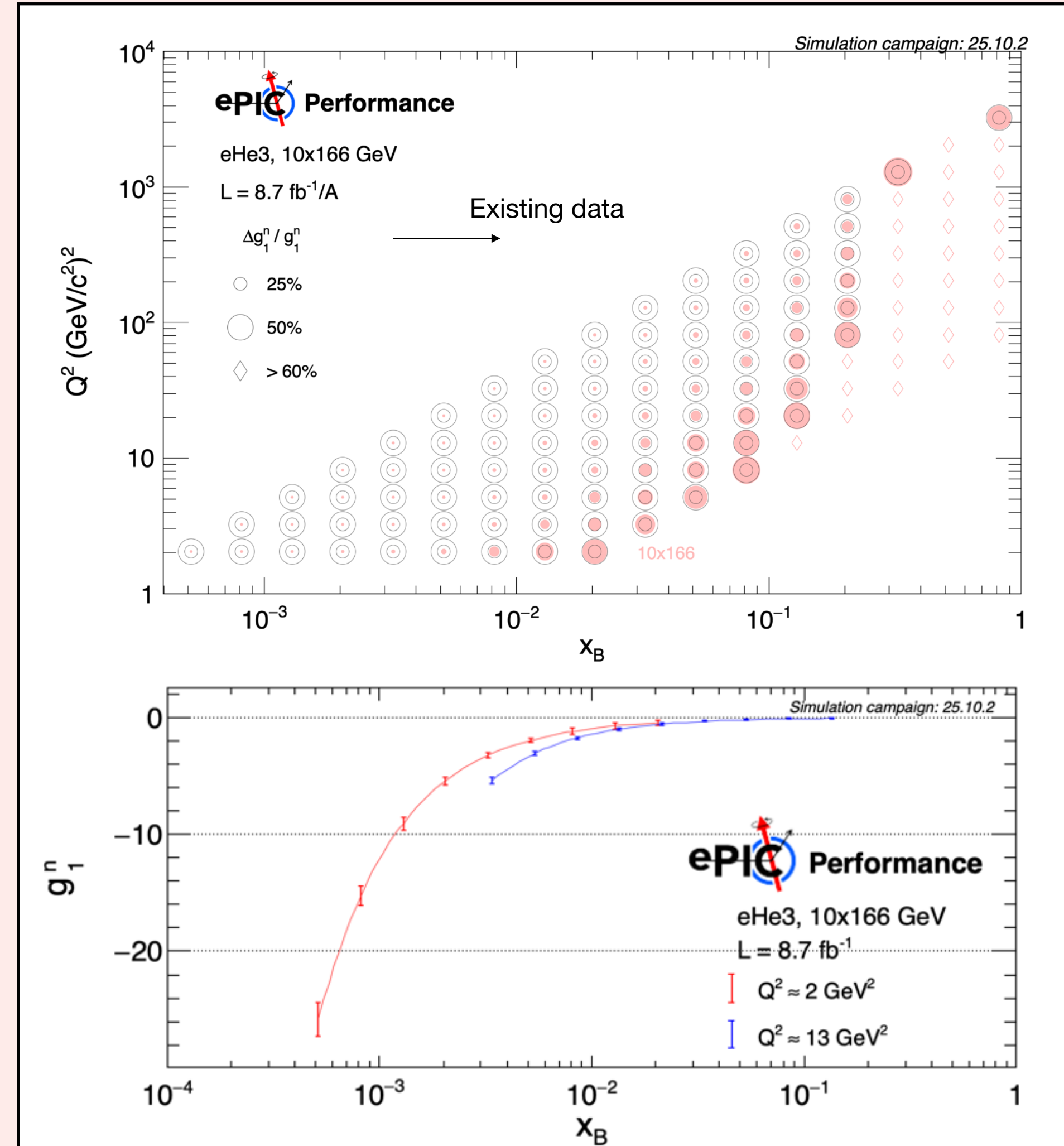
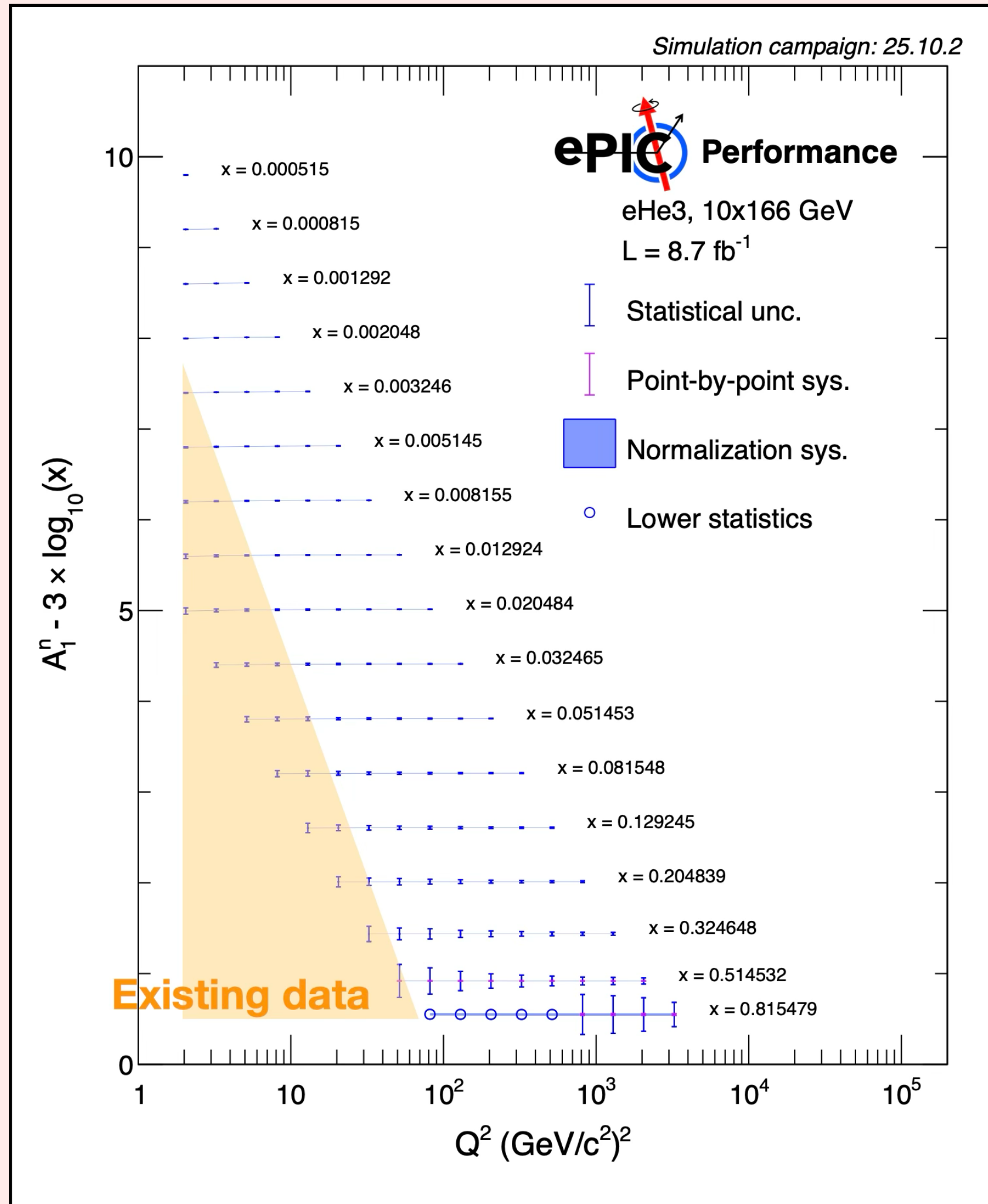


Projected g_1^n from $e^3\text{He}$ DIS:

- ▶ $A_1 \approx g_1/F_1$ with F_1 calculated from JAM22
- ▶ $\mathcal{L} = 8.65 \text{ fb}^{-1}$, $P_e = P_n = 70 \%$
- ▶ $0.01 < y < 0.95$, $Q^2 \geq 2$, $W^2 > 4$
- ▶ Top plot: Includes statistical uncertainty, systematic estimate
- ▶ Bottom plot: Includes statistical uncertainty, systematic estimate, and F_1 uncertainty



- High statistics, large & new kinematic coverage A_1^n and g_1^n starting in year 5 of early EIC running!



Thank you!

Analysis note: [Link](#)