

# **W2 Small-x, Diffraction and Vector Mesons Summary: Experimental talks**

**Conveners:**

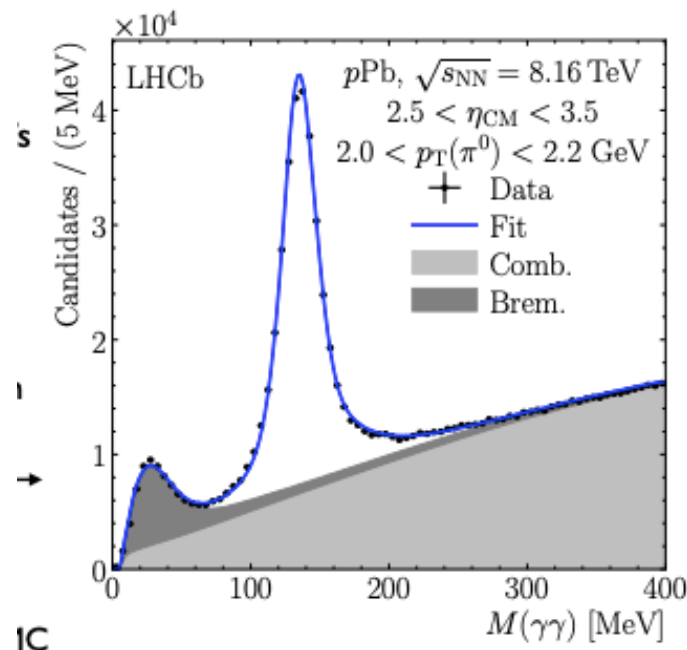
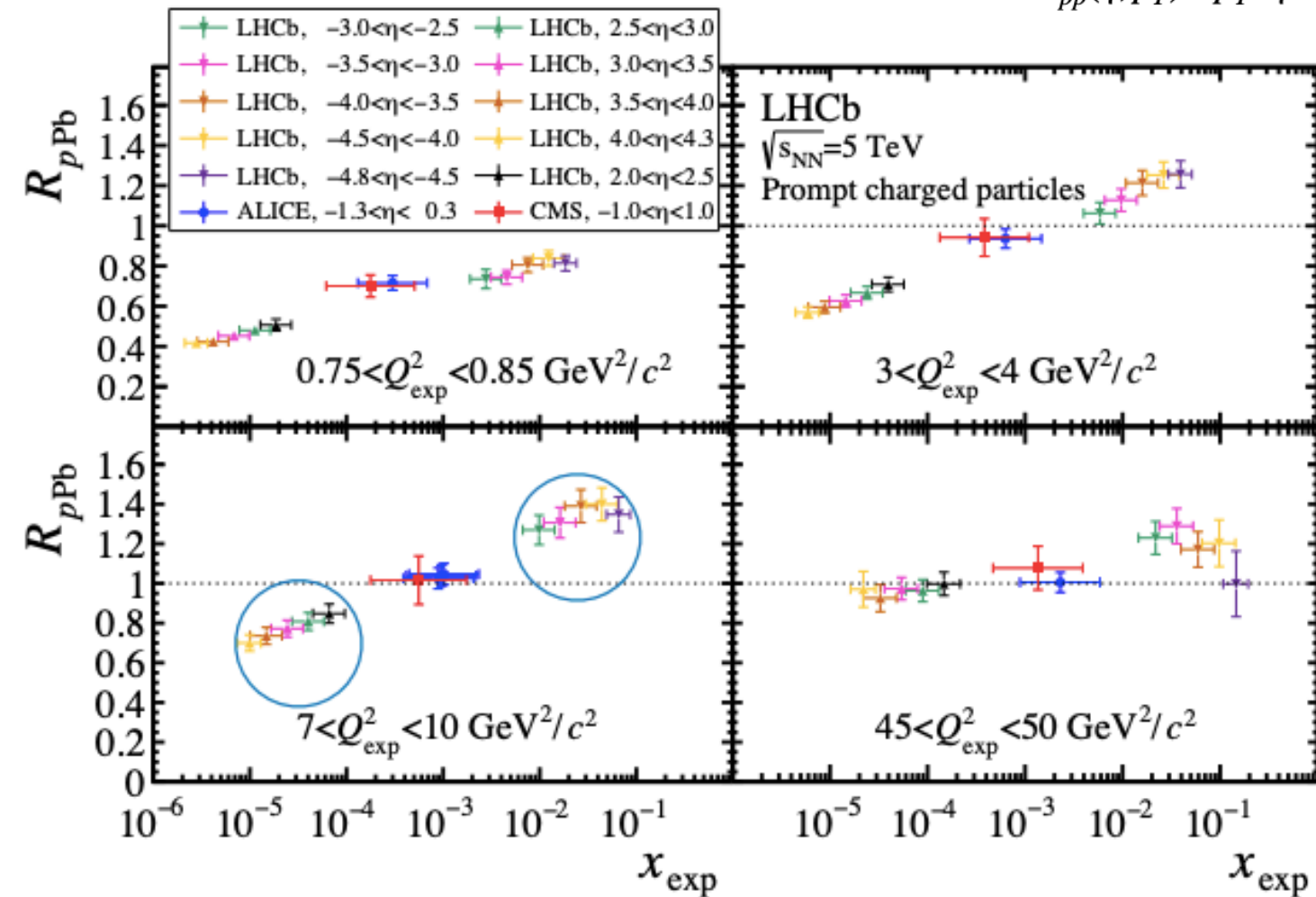
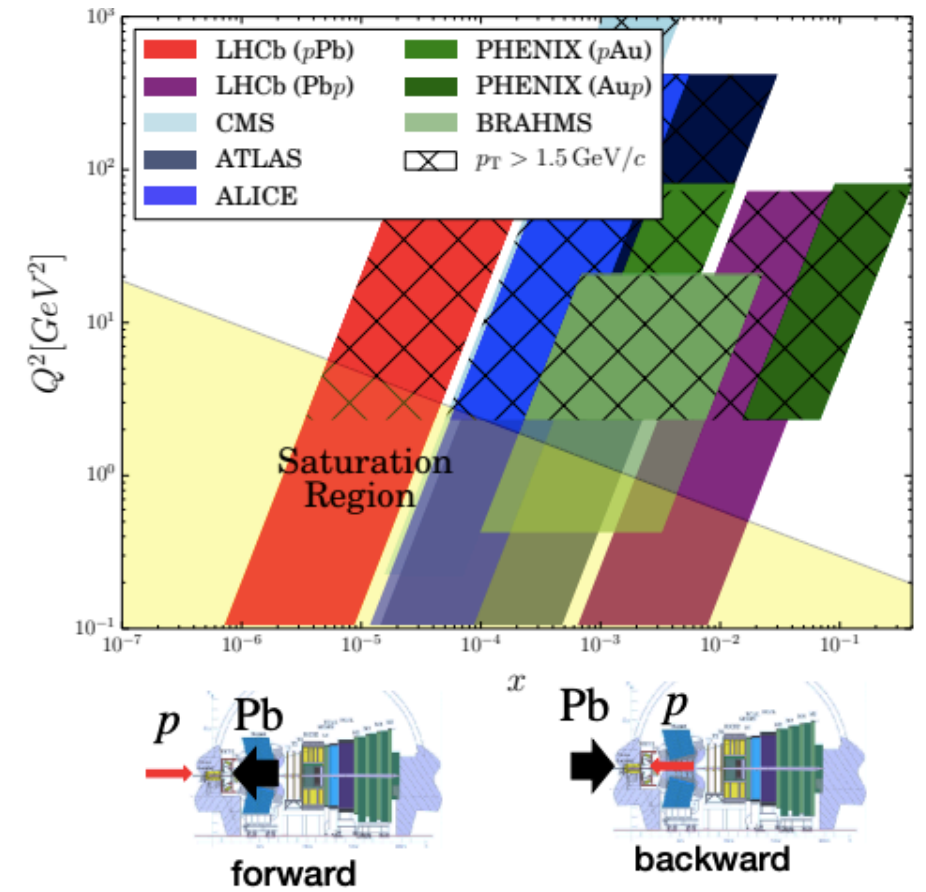
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**46 talks: 10 experimental, 36 theory**

# Imanol Corredoira: Studies of low-x phenomena with LHCb

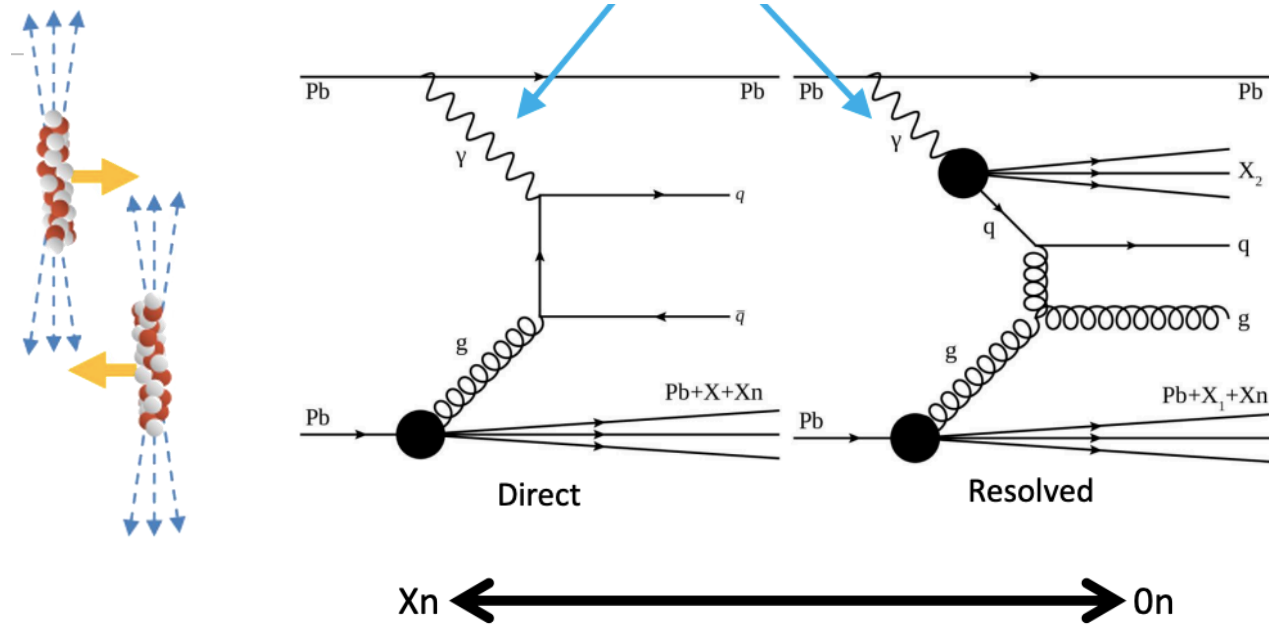
- Can study same system in forward & backward configuration: two different x-regions
- Charged hadron production, nuclear modification factor:

$$R_{pPb}(\eta, p_T) = \frac{1}{A} \frac{d^2\sigma_{pPb}(\eta, p_T)/dp_T d\eta}{d^2\sigma_{pp}(\eta, p_T)/dp_T d\eta}, A = 208$$

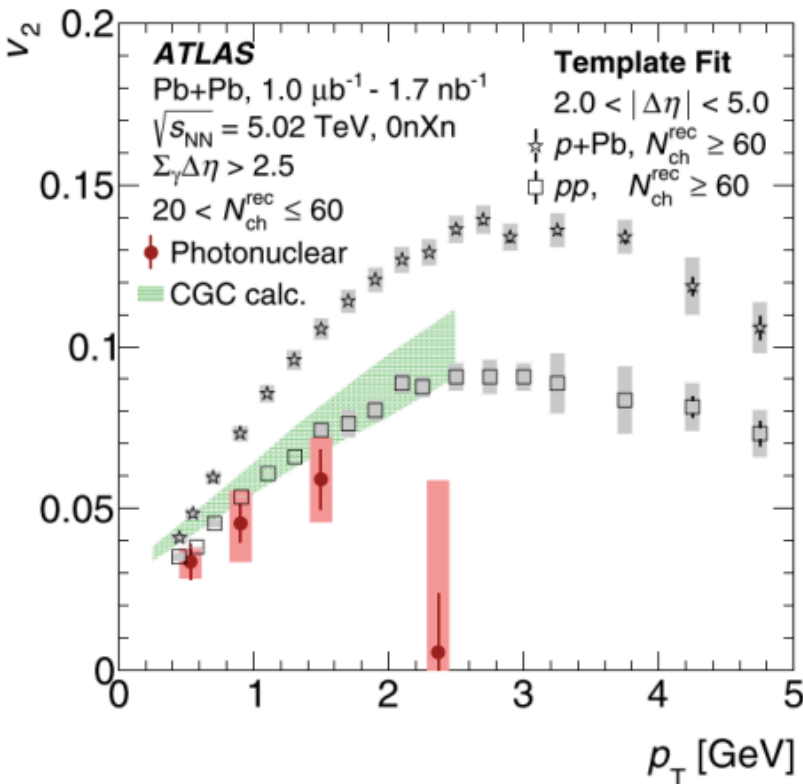


- Also neutral pion production in both x-ranges.
- Measurements help to constrain nPDFs (better modelling of nuclear effects), tune saturation models and non-linear effects.

# Ben Gilbert: ATLAS measurement of photo nuclear processes in UPC Pb+Pb

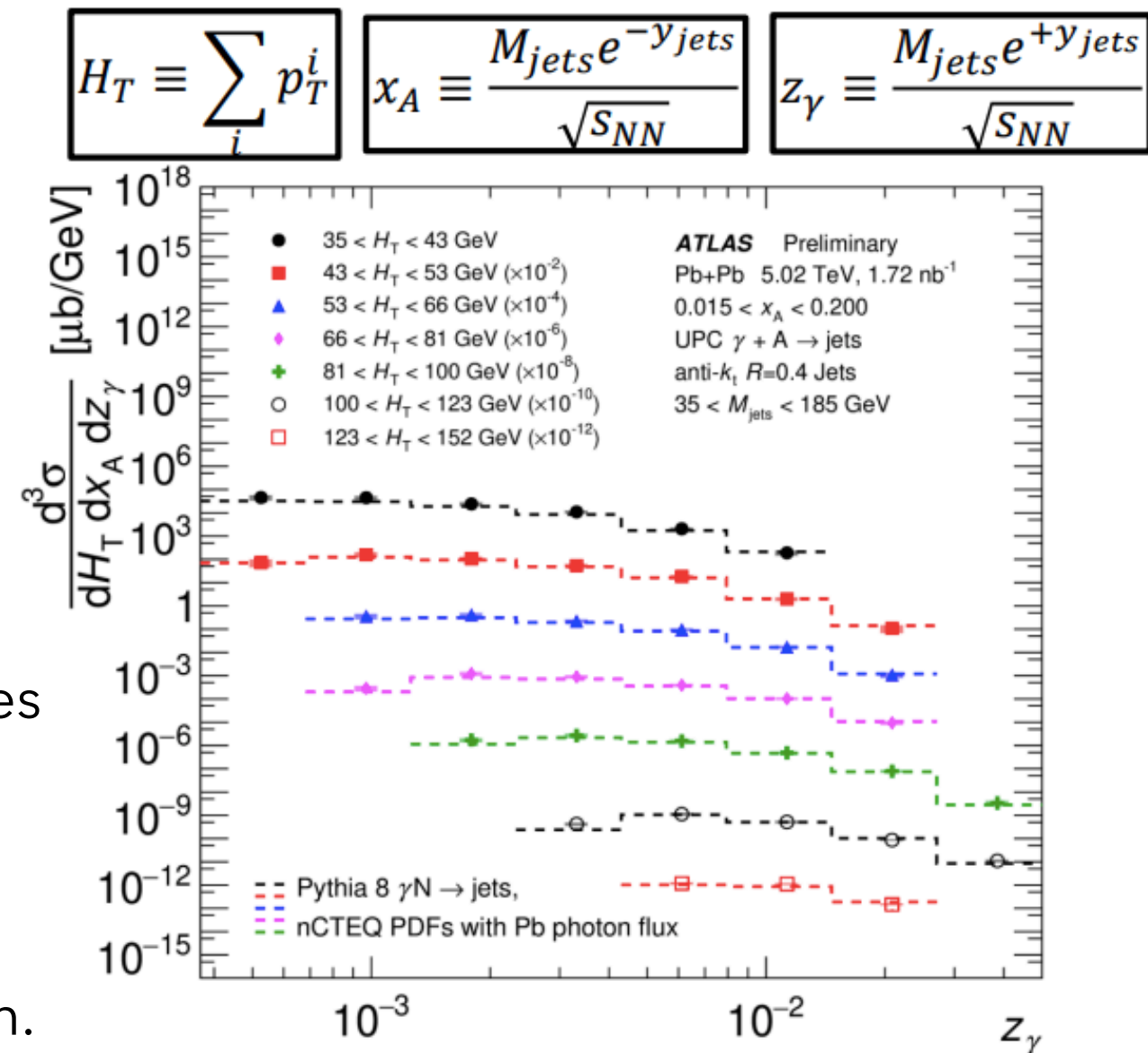


- Photonuclear can be used to study collectivity in a novel small system and inclusive jet production (hard scattering) as probe of nPDFs: saturation physics probe.

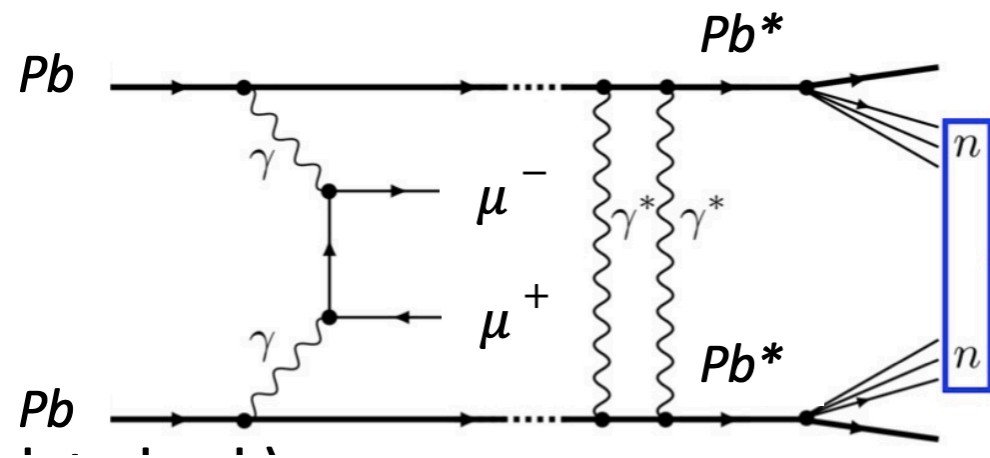


- Vector-dominance model and hydrodynamic evolution reproduces ATLAS data for flow dependence on  $p_T$ : can be modelled as rho-nucleus collision.

- Rapidity gaps help separate hadronic from photonuclear, which are highly asymmetric and fall quickly with multiplicity.

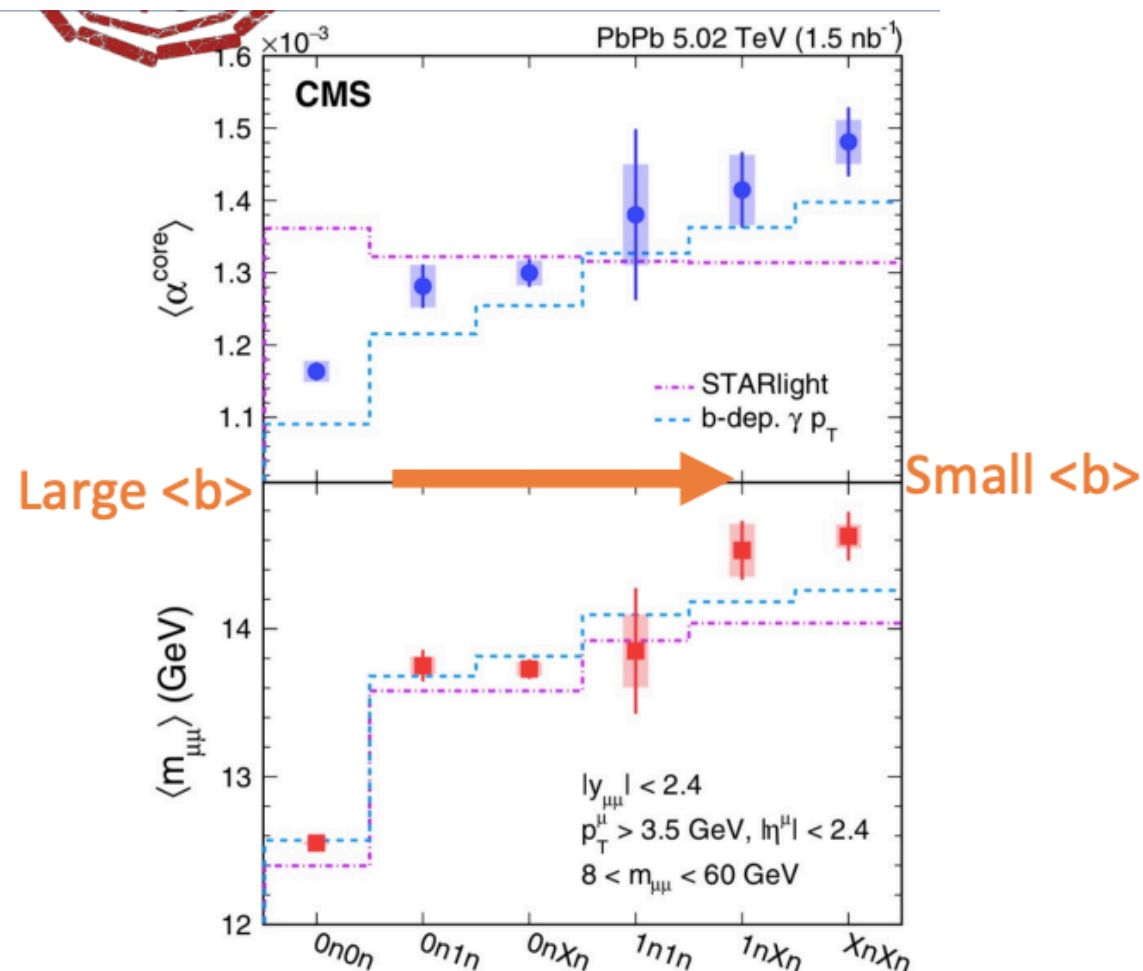


# Irais Bautista: Forward neutron multiplicity dependence of di-muon acoplanarity in UPC with PbPb at 5.02 TeV (CMS)



- Neutron multiplicity is a measure of impact parameter for ion collisions.
- Acoplanarity in  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  an indication of interaction of produced leptons and QGP.

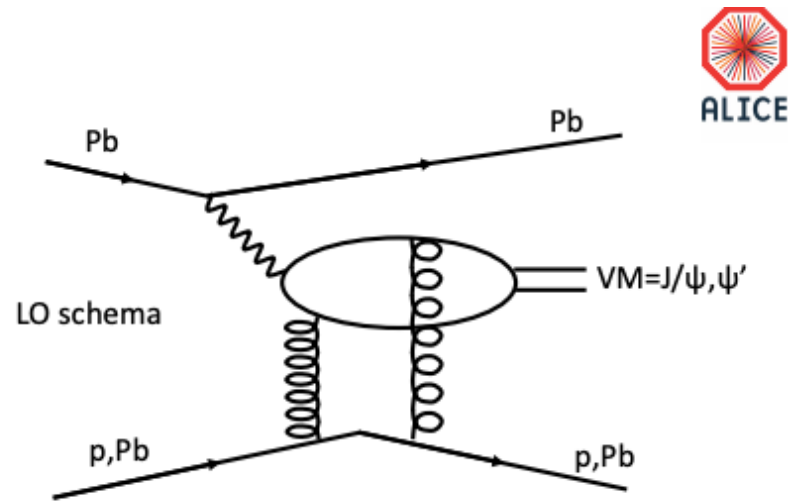
$$\alpha = 1 - \frac{|\phi^+ - \phi^-|}{\pi}$$



- Significant broadening of back-to-back azimuthal correlations for increasing multiplicities of emitted forward neutrons. Qualitatively reproduced by a LO QED calculation: importance of an impact-parameter-dependent photon  $p_T$ .
- First experimental demonstration that the initial energy and transverse momentum of photons exchanged in UPC depend on the impact parameter of the interaction.

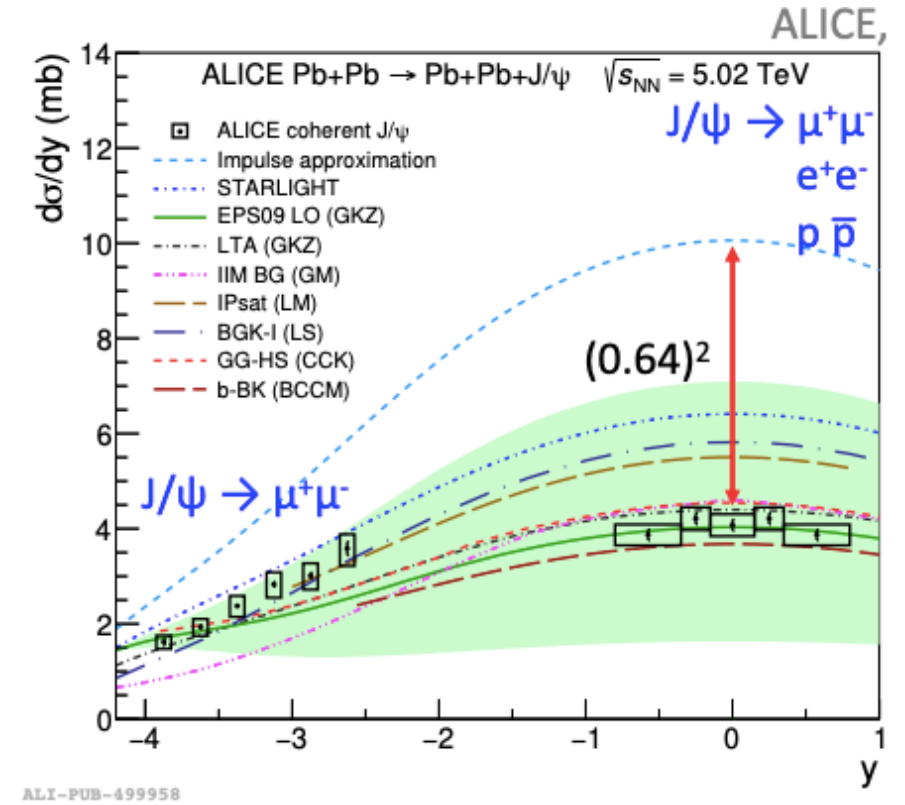


# Diego Stocco: Quarkonium and di-lepton photoproduction ALICE

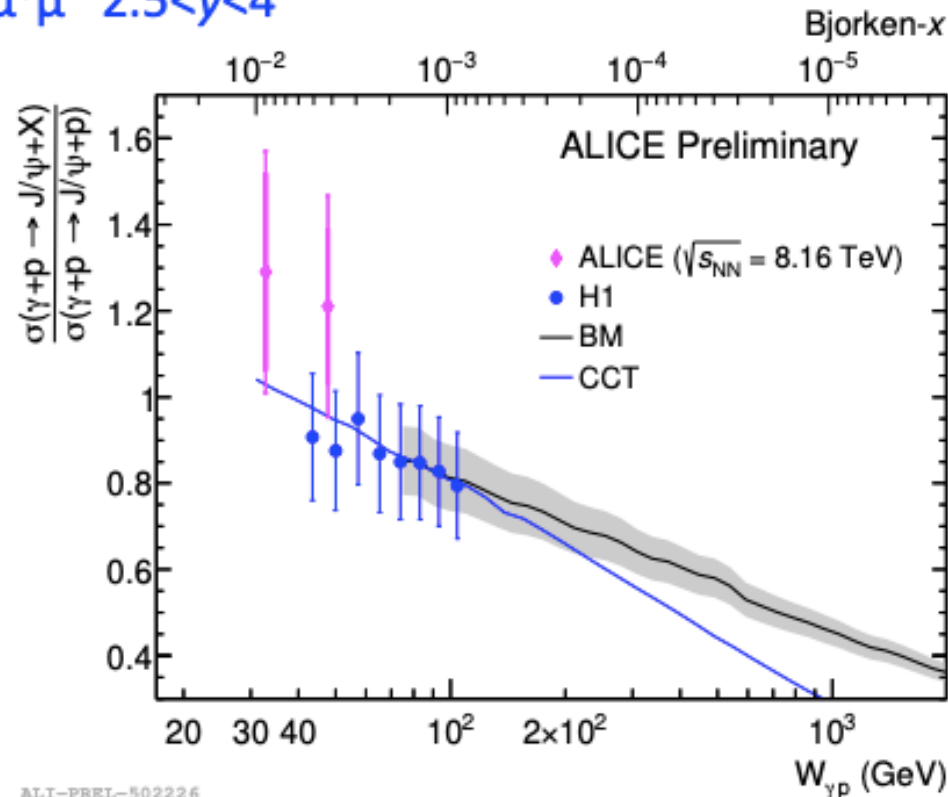


- First measurement of dissociative J/ψ production at LHC, in p-Pb

- Photonuclear cross-section sensitive to gluon distribution at low-x
- Moderate gluon shadowing, t-dependence described by models including saturation or shadowing

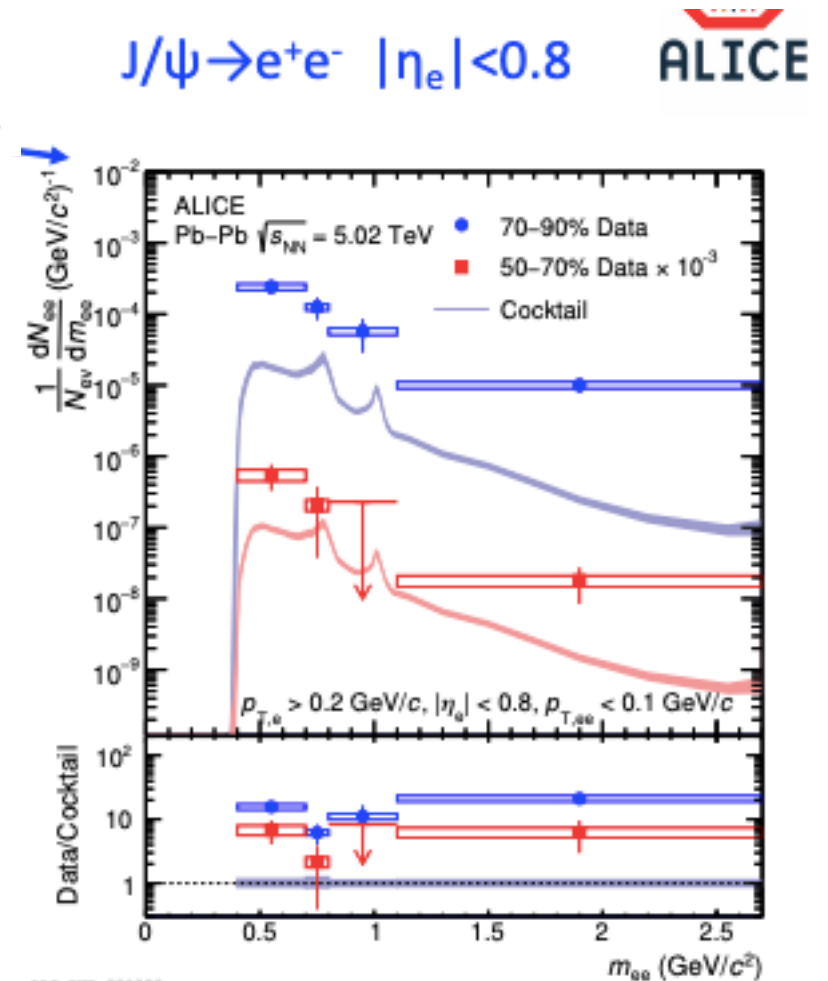


J/ψ → μ<sup>+</sup>μ<sup>-</sup> 2.5 < y < 4



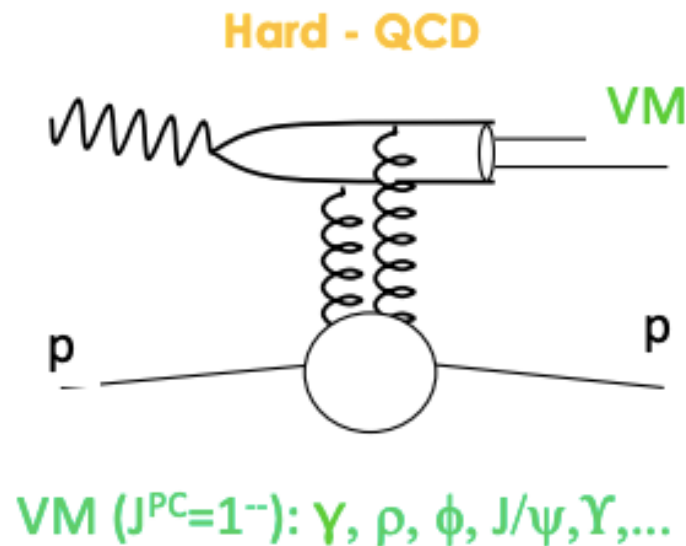
γγ → e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> in Pb-Pb collisions

- Excess observed over known hadronic e+e- states, first measurement with low invariant mass in peripheral Pb-Pb collisions.

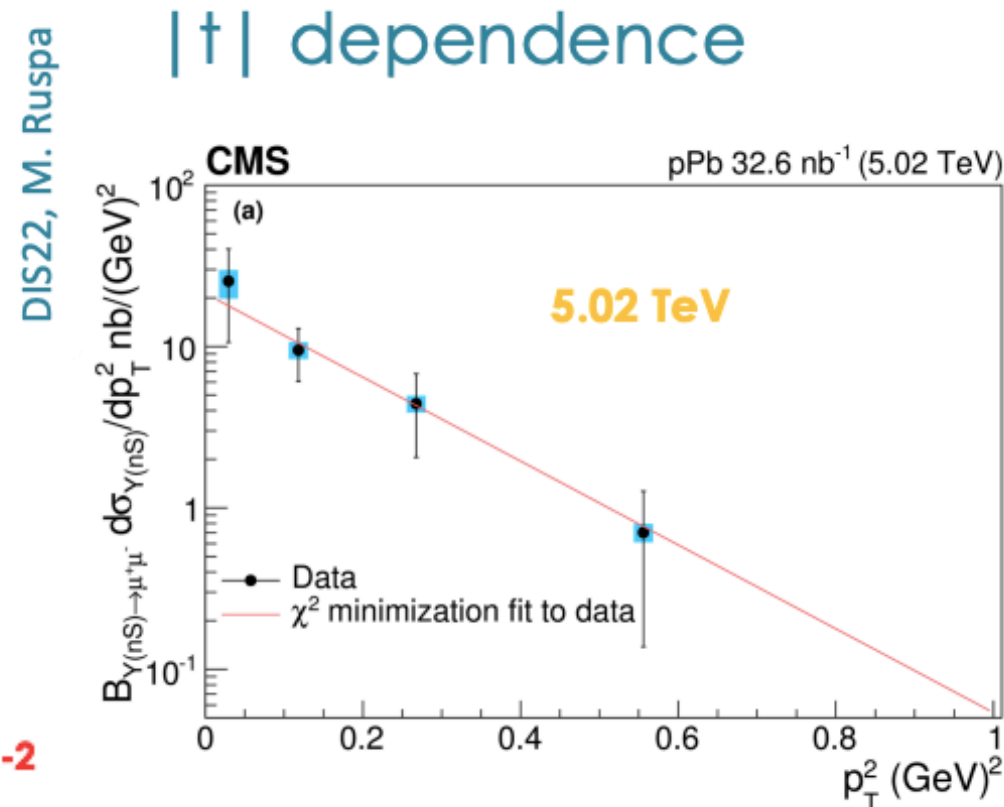


# Marta Ruspa: Exclusive vector meson production in p+Pb at CMS

- Exclusive Upsilon at 5 TeV

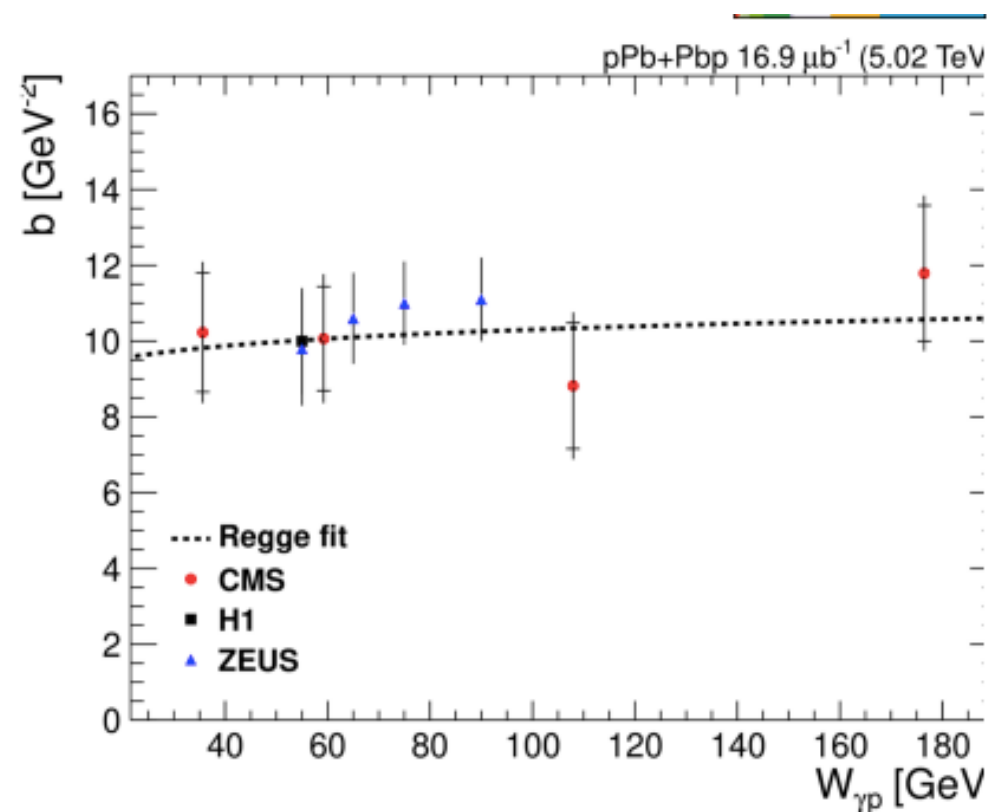
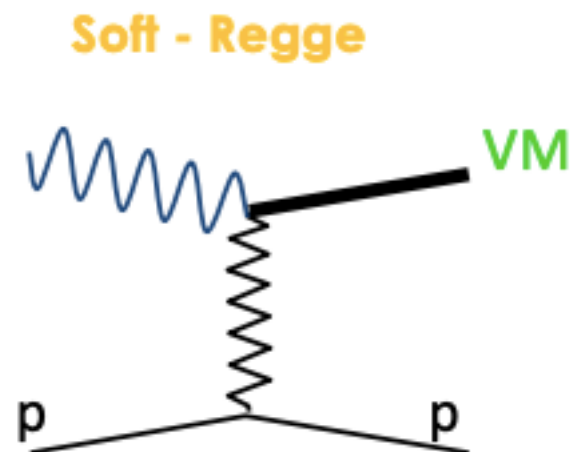


$$b = 6.0 \pm 2.1 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.3 \text{ (syst.) GeV}^{-2}$$



- In agreement with ZEUS measurement, and predictions based on pQCD models (NLO)

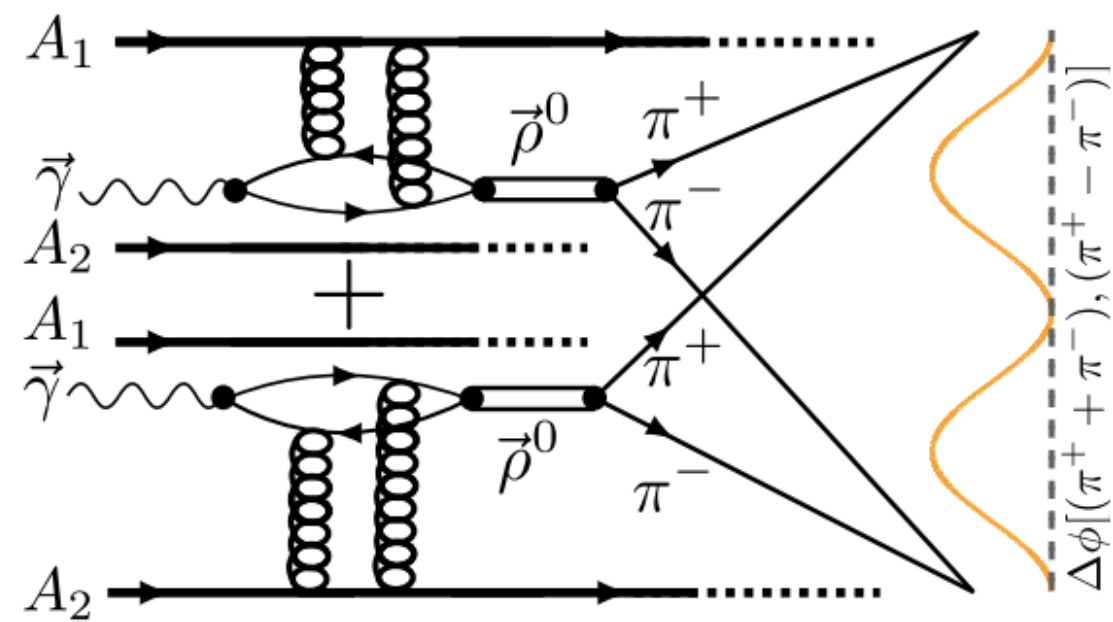
- Exclusive rho (770) at 5 TeV



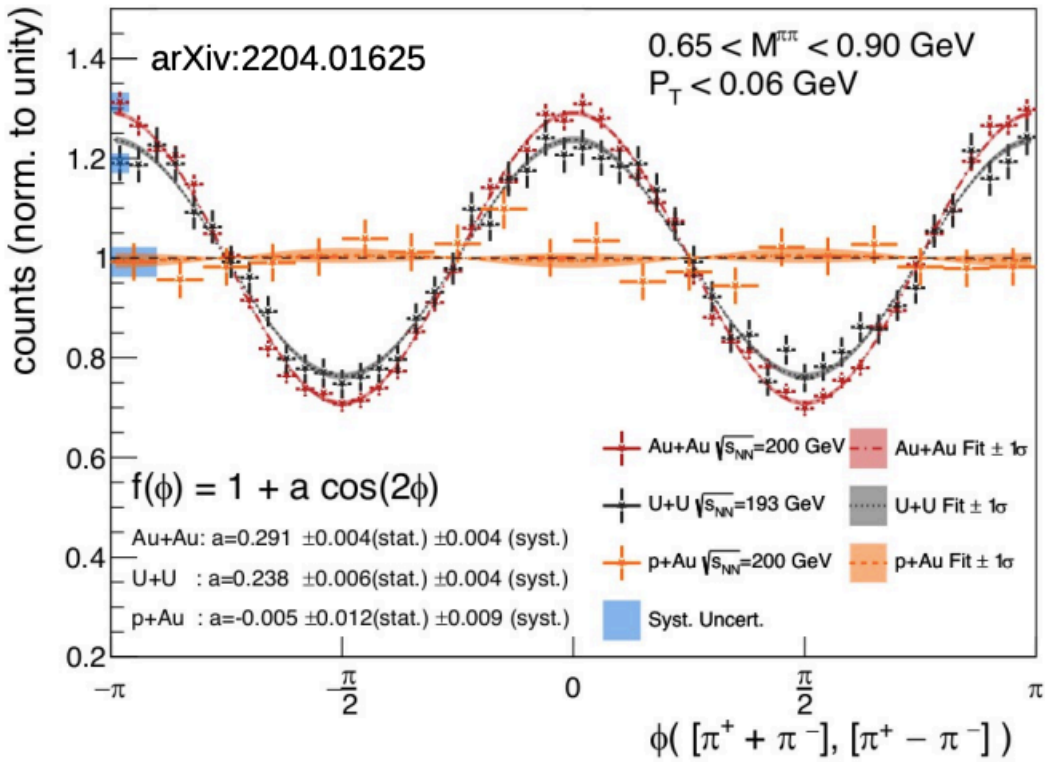
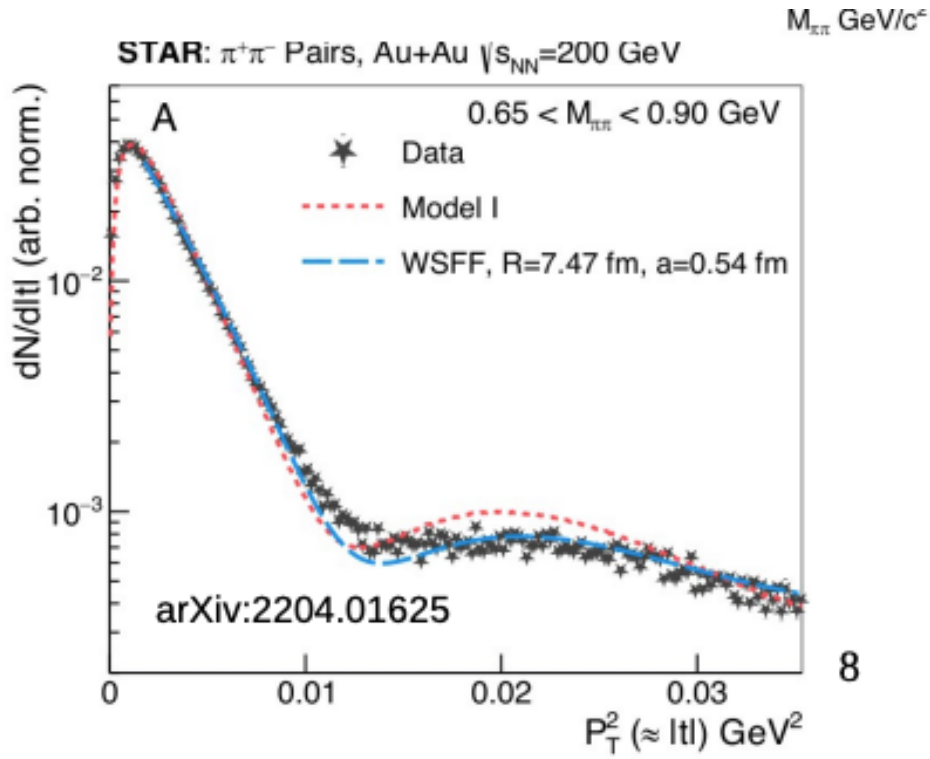
- Consistent with ZEUS measurement, and Regge model expectation

# Isaac Upsal: Nuclear Tomography with polarised photon-gluon collisions at STAR

- UPC photon can fluctuate into qq-bar pair, interacts with pomeron or reggeon.
- Photon polarisation aligned with emitting source, dictates rho polarisation.
- Excess at low pT: observe diffractive production



[1] Xing, H et.al. *J. High Energy. Phys.* **2020**, 64 (2020).

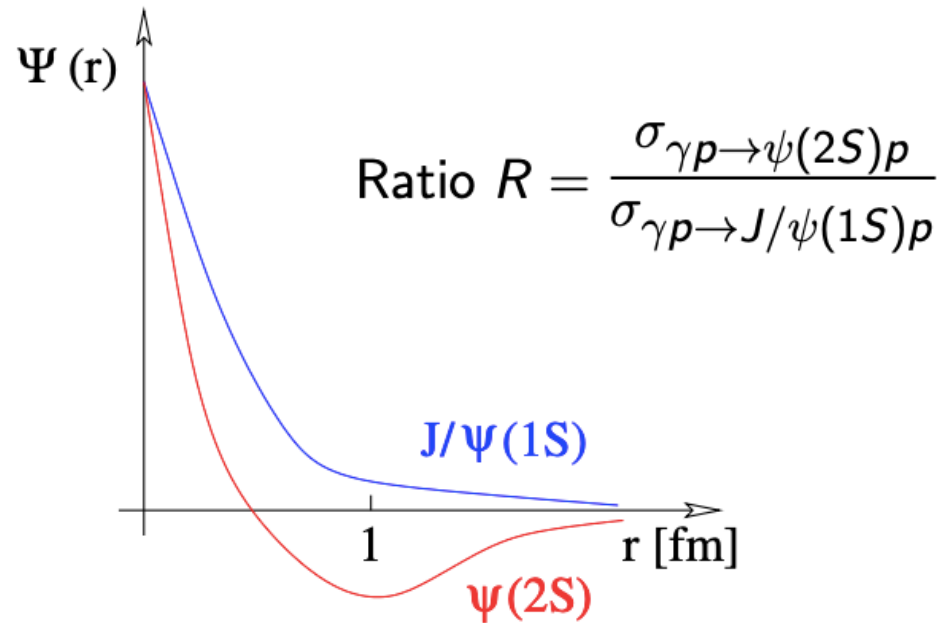


- Modulation sensitive to gluon distribution, nuclear radius

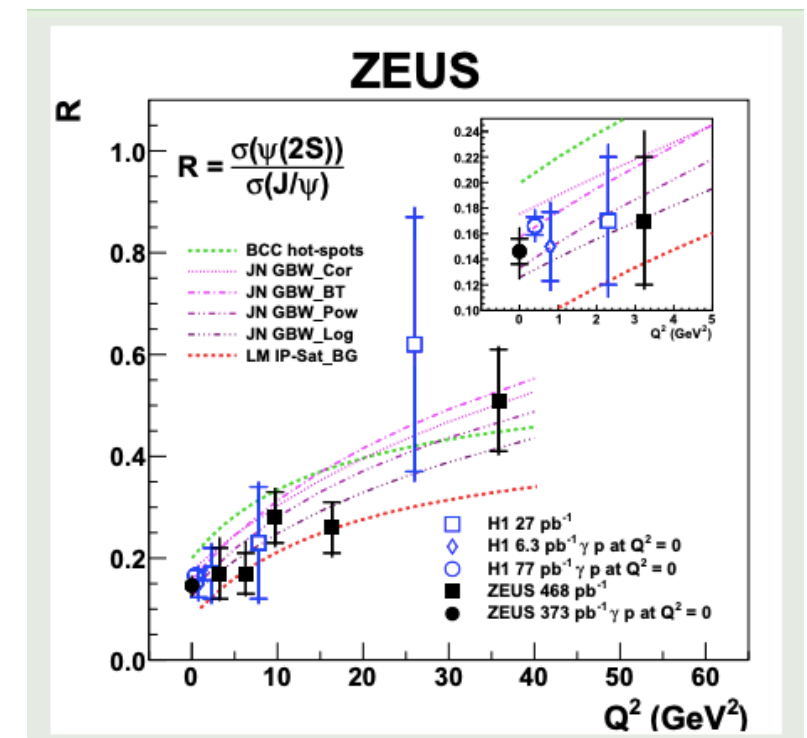
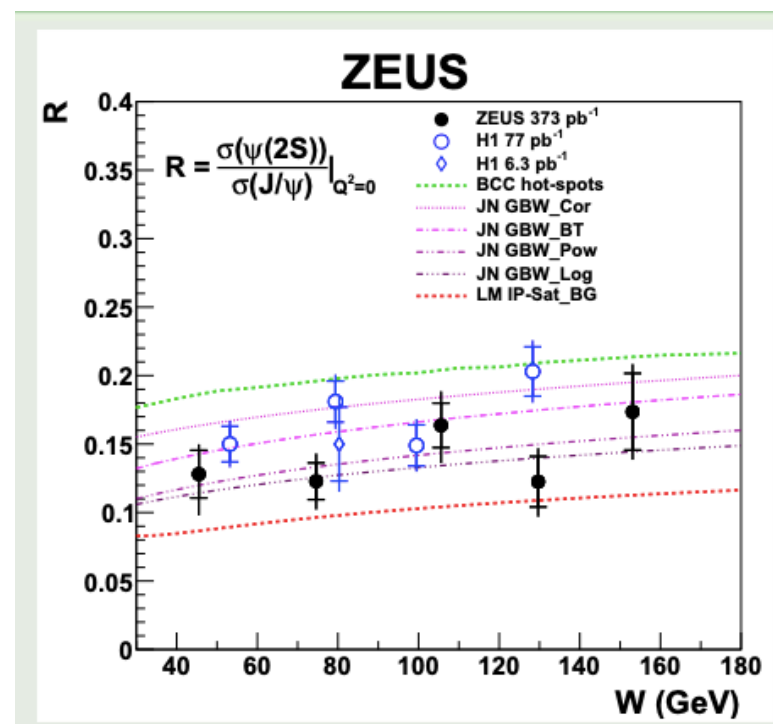
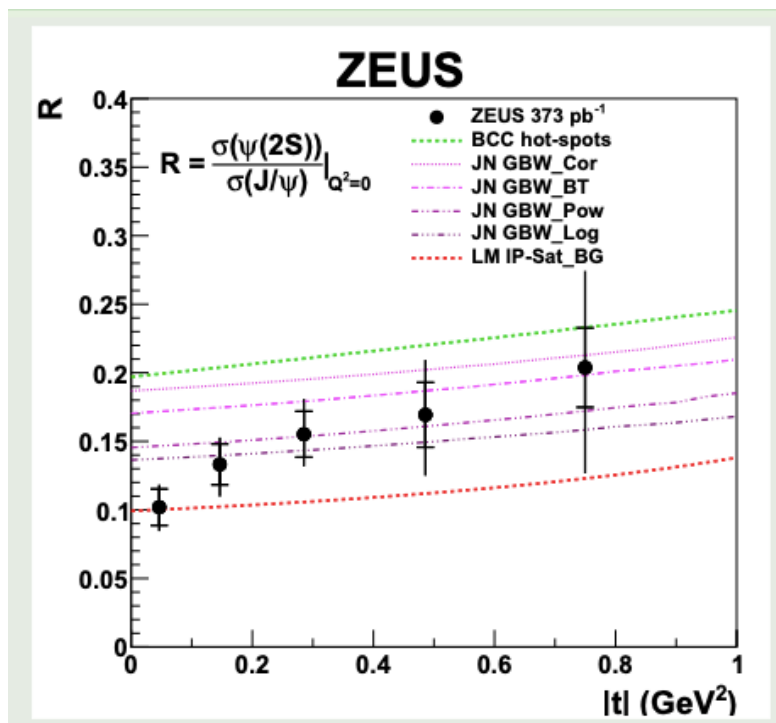
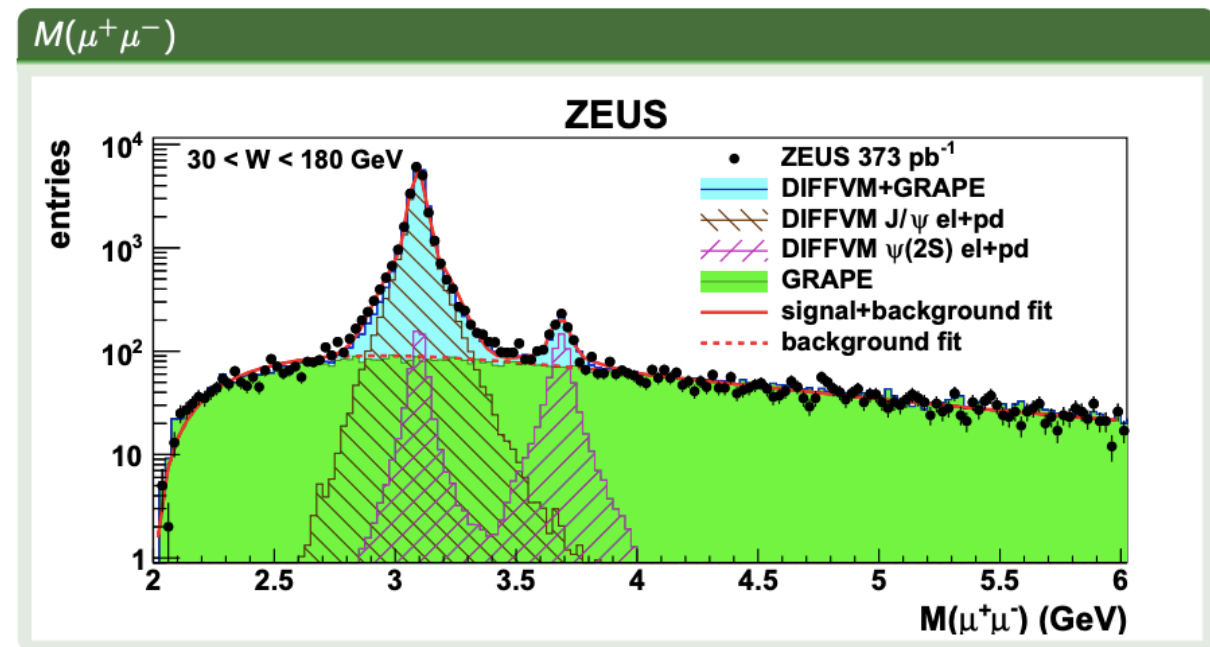
	Au+Au (fm)	U+U (fm)
Charge Radius	6.38 (long: 6.58, short: 6.05 )	6.81 (long: 8.01, short: 6.23)
Inclusive  t  slope (STAR 2017) [1]	7.95 ± 0.03	--
Inclusive  t  slope (WSFF fit)*	7.47 ± 0.03	7.98 ± 0.03
Tomographic technique*	6.53 ± 0.03 (stat.) ± 0.05 (syst.)	7.29 ± 0.06 (stat.) ± 0.05 (syst.)
DESY [2]	6.45 ± 0.27	6.90 ± 0.14
Cornell [3]	6.74 ± 0.06	--
Neutron Skin (Tomographic Technique)*	0.17 ± 0.03(stat.) ± 0.08(syst.) ~ 2σ	0.44 ± 0.05 (stat.) ± 0.08 (syst.) ~ 4.7σ (Note: for Pb ≈ 0.3 )
		*arXiv:2204.01625

# Grzegorz Grzelak : Cross-section ratio of $\Psi(2S)$ and $J/\Psi$ in exclusive photo-production at HERA

- HERA II data (2003 - 2007)



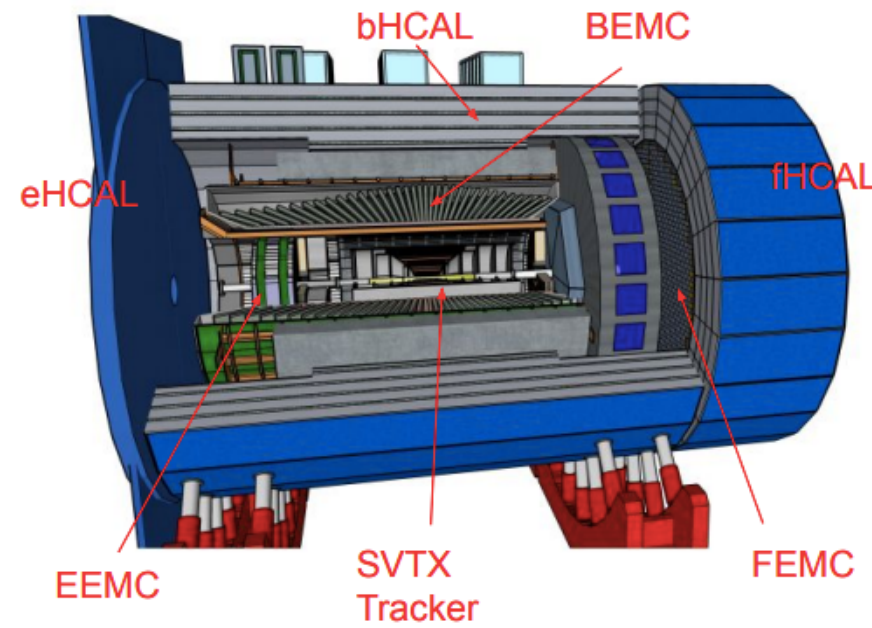
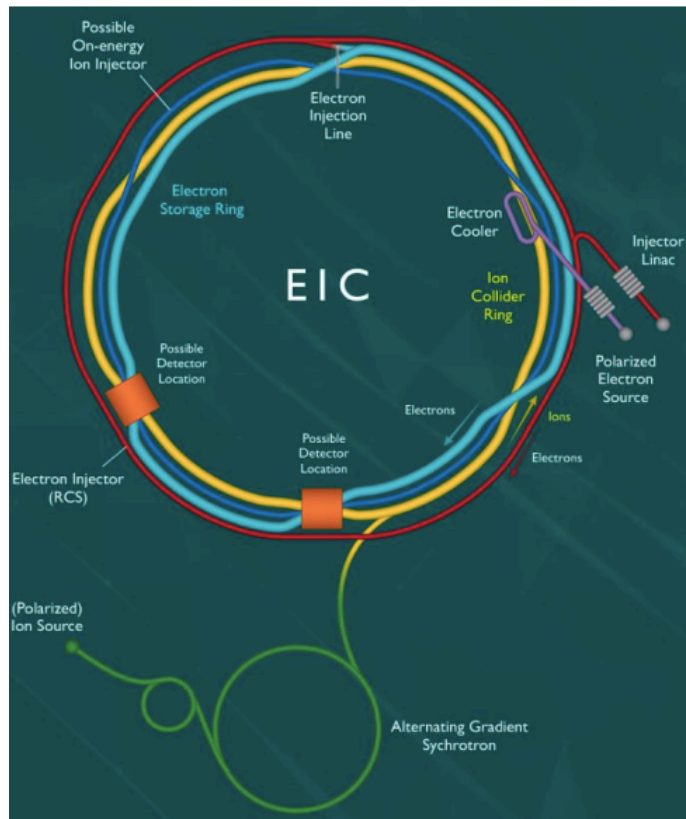
- Ratio has discriminating power for charmonium models



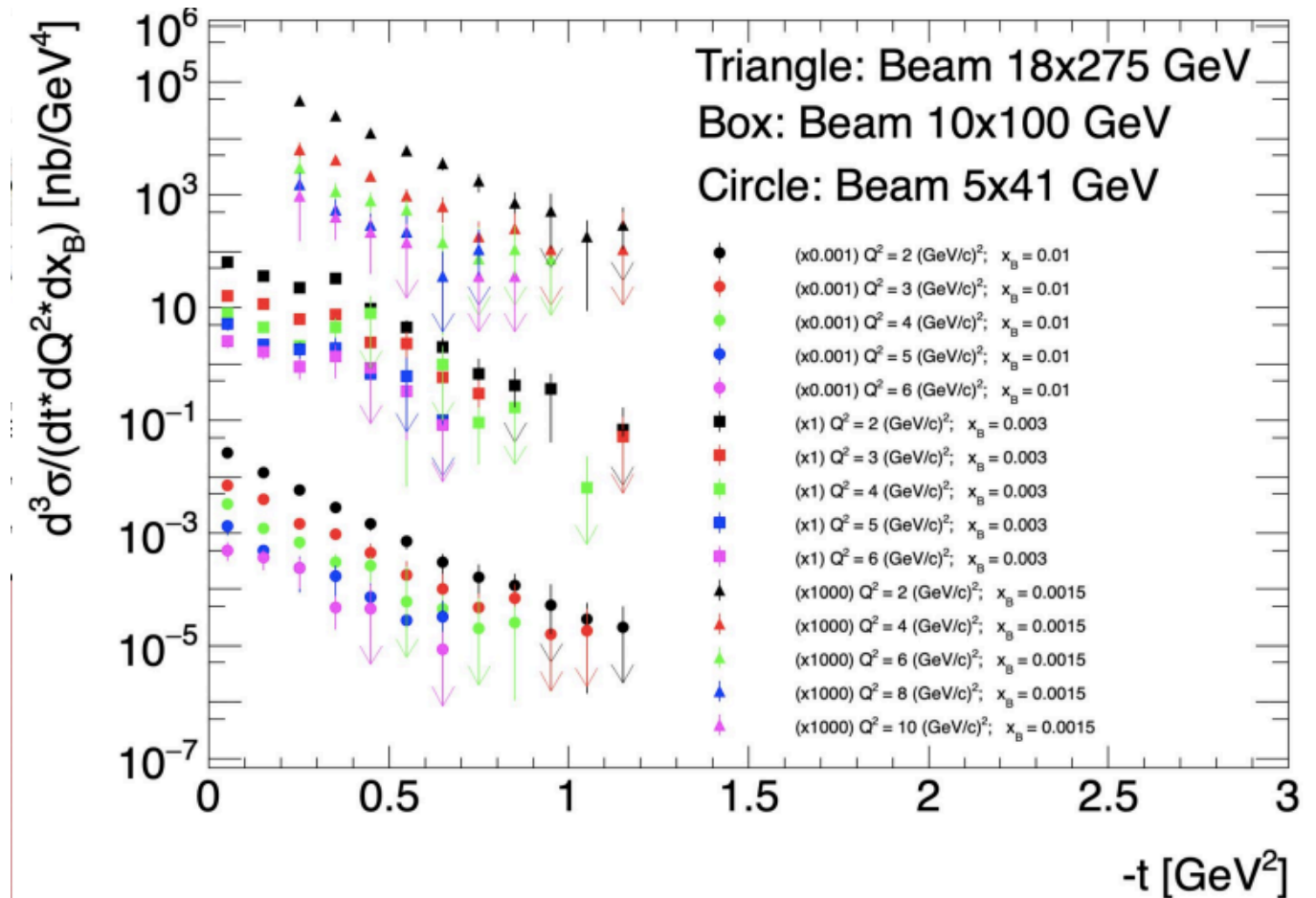
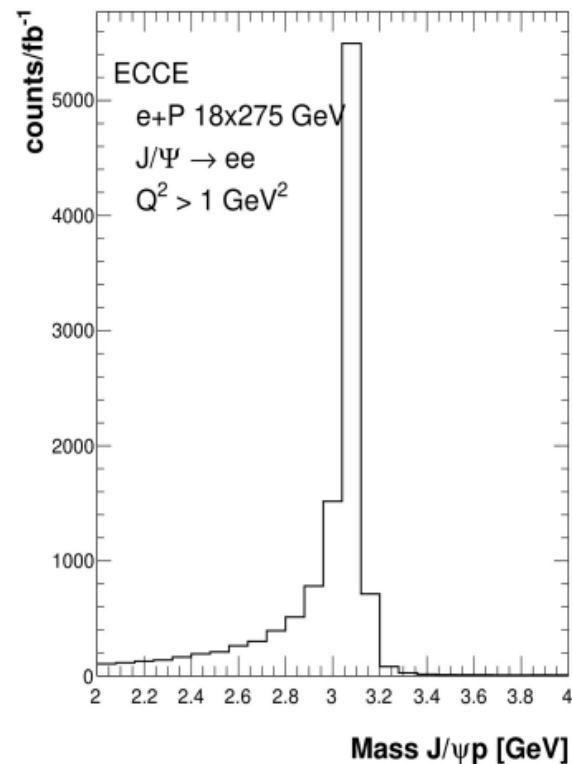
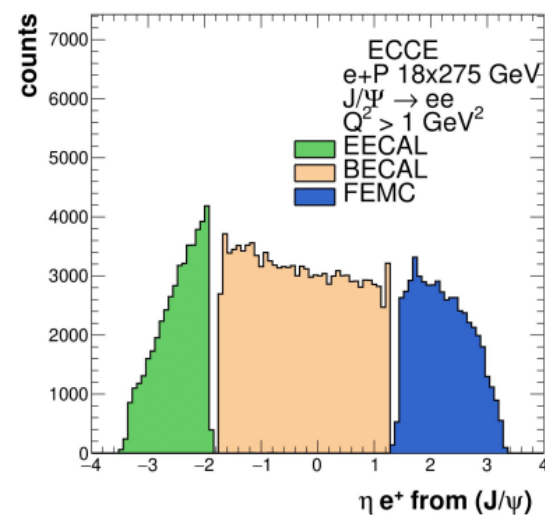


# Gary Penman: 3D imaging of nucleons and nuclei with ECCE at the future EIC

- Exclusive and diffractive processes are sensitive to Generalised Parton Distributions and gluon densities.

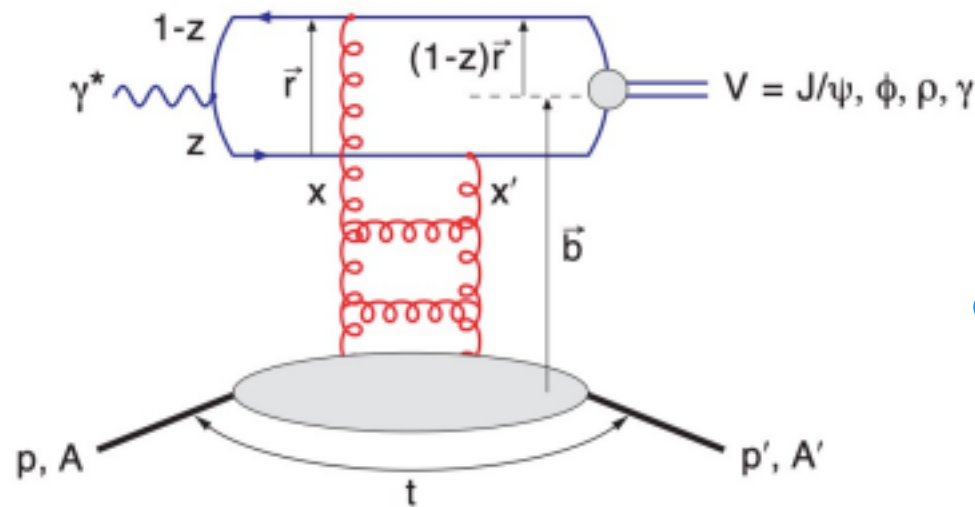


DVCS ep	
DVCS eA (e-He4)	
TCS	
DVMP ep	$J/\psi$
DVMP eA (e-Pb)	$\phi$



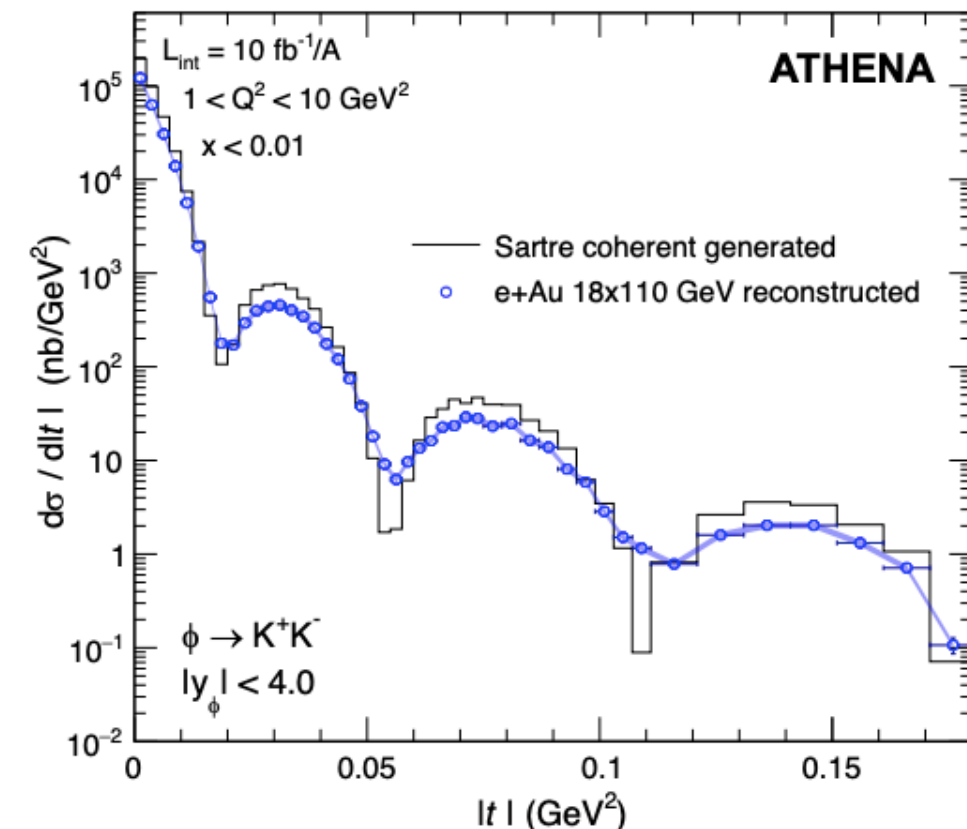
# Kong Tu: Diffractive Vector Meson production at the EIC

- Probe of gluon density, spatial distributions, their fluctuations.



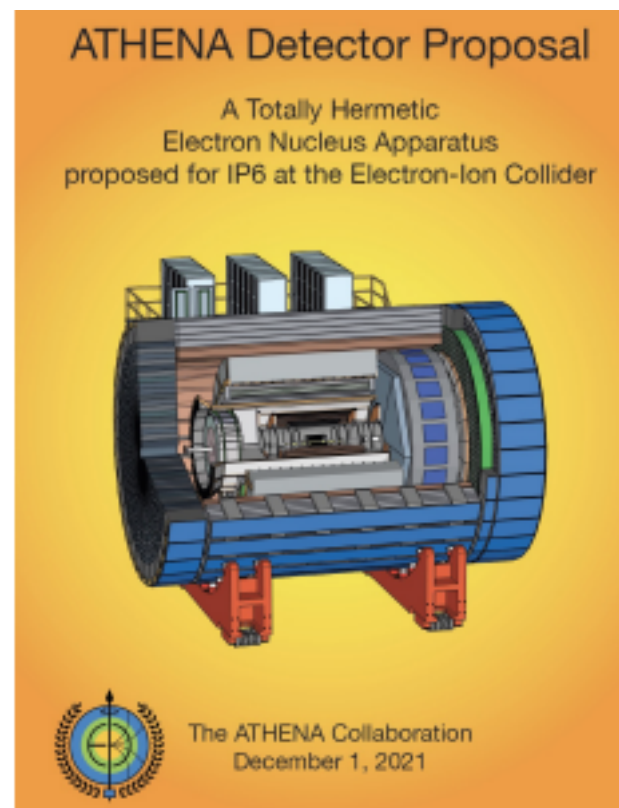
$t \sim$  momentum transfer (kicks)

Gaussian smearing = 1% energy resolution



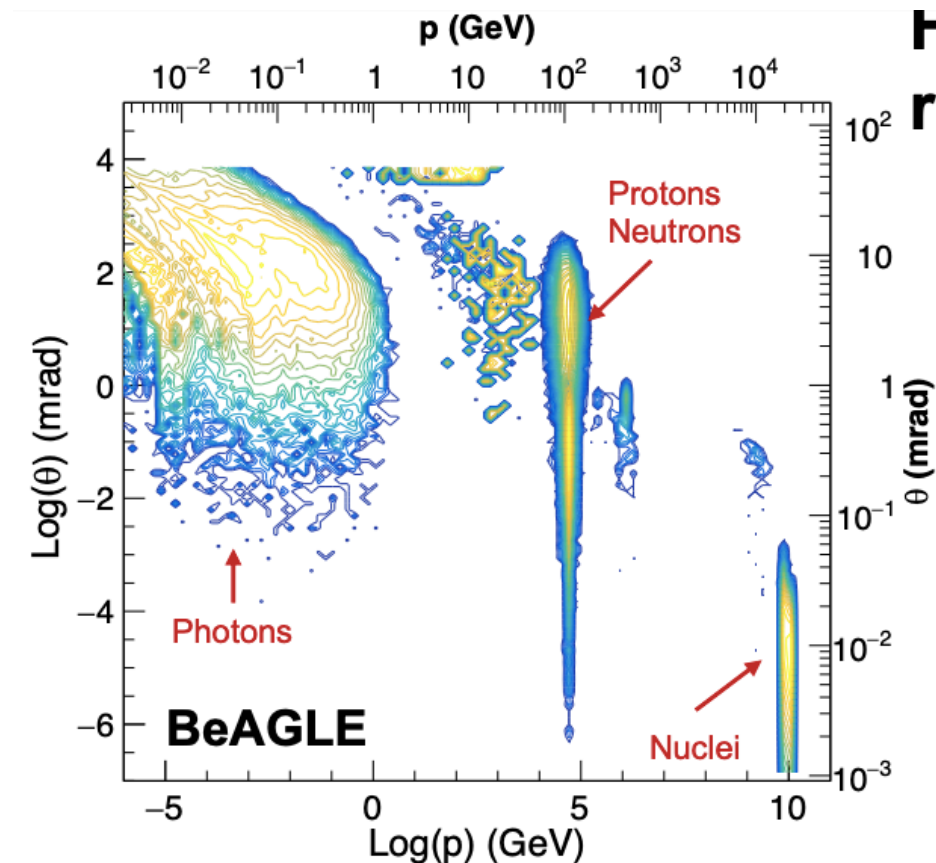
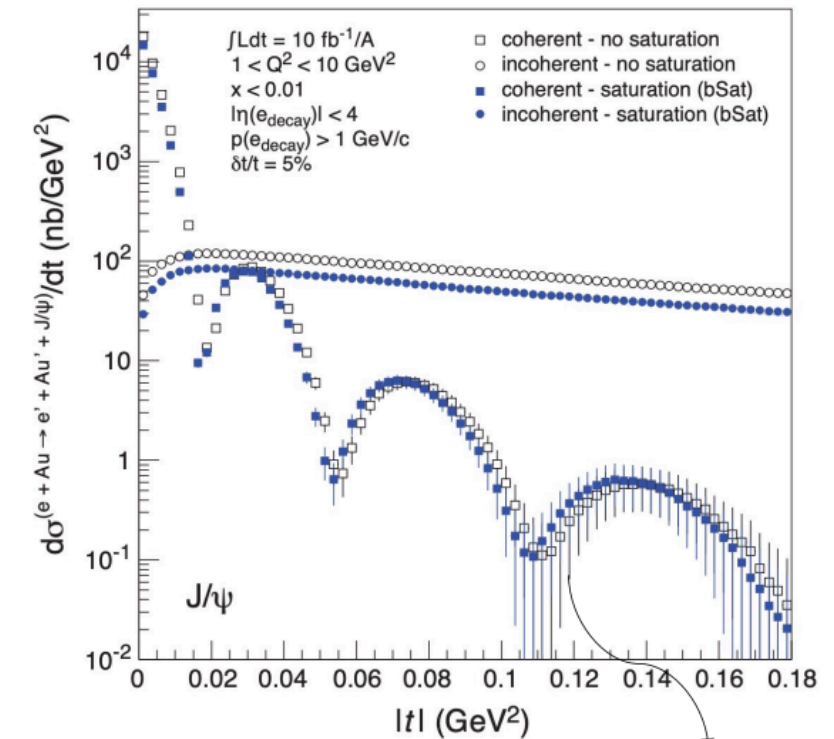
- Very large incoherent background

- Study with ATHENA detector at the EIC



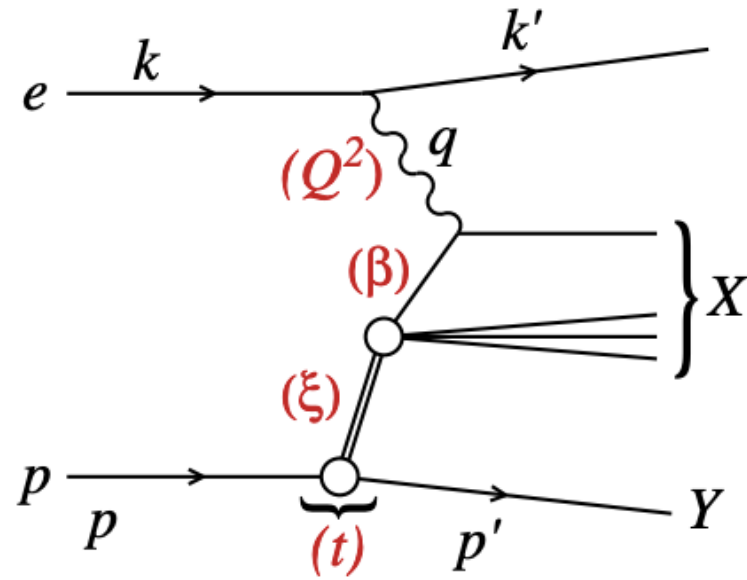
- Tracking and calorimetry can achieve background suppression and minima resolution

(EIC White Paper)



Incoherent backgrounds

# Anna Stasto: Diffractive Longitudinal Structure Function at EIC



Reduced cross section depends on two structure functions:

$$\sigma_r^{D(4)}(\xi, \beta, Q^2, t) = F_2^{D(4)}(\xi, \beta, Q^2, t) - \frac{y^2}{Y_+} F_L^{D(4)}(\xi, \beta, Q^2, t)$$

- $F_L^D$ : sensitive to gluon density (saturation, higher-twist effects), only measured once at HERA with large error bars.
- Five energy combinations are sufficient to extract it from EIC measurements through linear fit to reduced cross-sections.

- Also possible to extract ratios of structure functions:

$$R^{D(3)} = F_L^{D(3)} / F_T^{D(3)}$$

