# Probing gluon PDF at $x \rightarrow 0$ with Ultraperipheral PbPb collisions at 5.02 TeV in CMS

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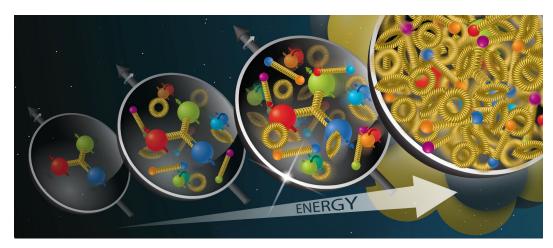
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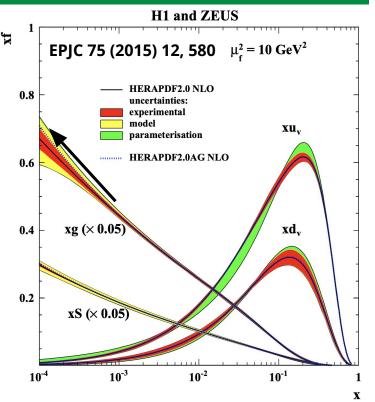




#### Understand the Glue that binds us all



- DIS results show a rapid increase of gluon density towards small *x*, by gluon splittings.
- Indefinite growth at small-x violates unitarity → mechanism beyond gluon splitting expected.

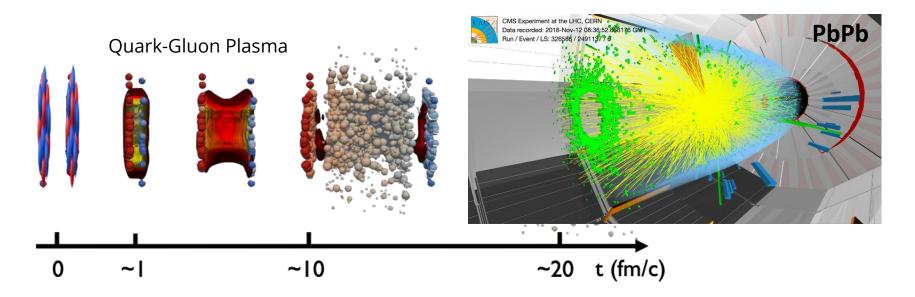


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What is the fate of gluons at extreme densities toward the unitary limit?

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#### Heavy ion collisions and Hot Quark-Gluon Matter

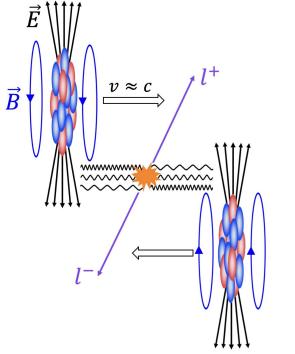


A comprehensive program of investigating novel properties of quark-gluon plasma created at highest temperatures with the CMS experiment, using a multitude of probes in large (PbPb) and small (pp, pPb) systems



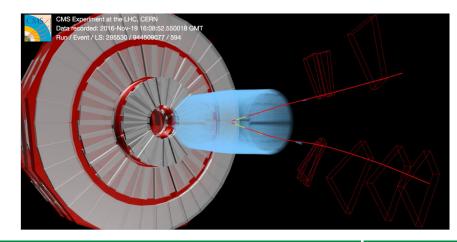
### Ultra-peripheral nuclear collisions

When two ions "miss" each other, no QGP is created but,



- light-light and light-Nucleus collider
- BSM searches (ALP, g<sub>τ</sub>-2).

- Strong EM fields generated by relativistic ions (B ~ 10<sup>16</sup> T).
- Lorentz contracted EM fields  $\rightarrow$  flux of quasi-real y (Q<sup>2</sup>< $\hbar^2/R^2$ ). The photon flux  $\propto Z^2$ .
- Photon kinematics:  $p_T < \hbar/R_A \sim 30$  MeV ( $E_{max} \sim 80$  GeV) at LHC.



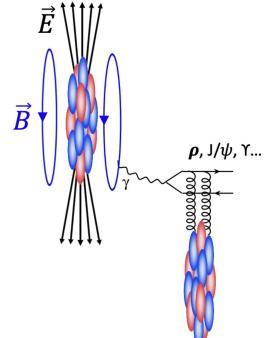


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### Ultra-peripheral nuclear collisions: photon-nuclear interactions

# Vector meson (e.g., J/ $\Psi$ ) photoproduction directly probes gluonic structure of nucleus and nucleon.

At LO in pQCD, cross section ~ photon flux  $\otimes [xG(x)]^2$  (gluon PDFs)



#### **Coherent production:**

- Photon ( $\hbar/k_L > 2R$ ) couples coherently to whole nucleus.
- Vector Meson (VM)  $\langle p_T \rangle \sim 50$  MeV.
- Target nucleus usually remains intact.

### Incoherent production:

- Photon couples to part of nucleus.
- VM  $< p_{T} > \sim 500$  MeV.
- Target nucleus usually breaks.

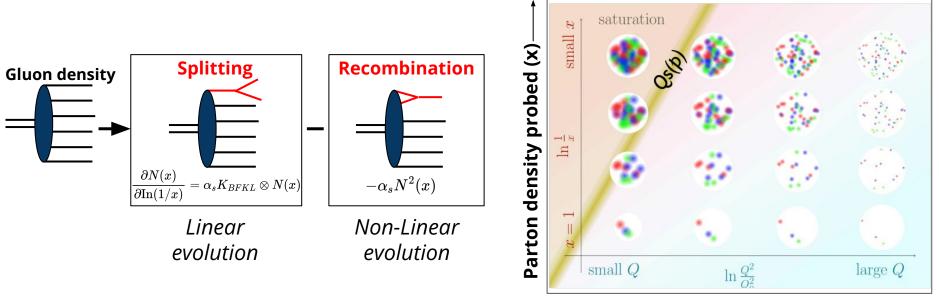
Final state kinematics directly map to:

- Photon energy:  $\omega = \frac{M_{VM}}{2}e^{\pm y}$
- **Bjorken-x** of gluons:  $x = \frac{M_{VM}}{\sqrt{s_{NN}}}e^{\mp y}$

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### Gluon Saturation and Non-linear QCD regime

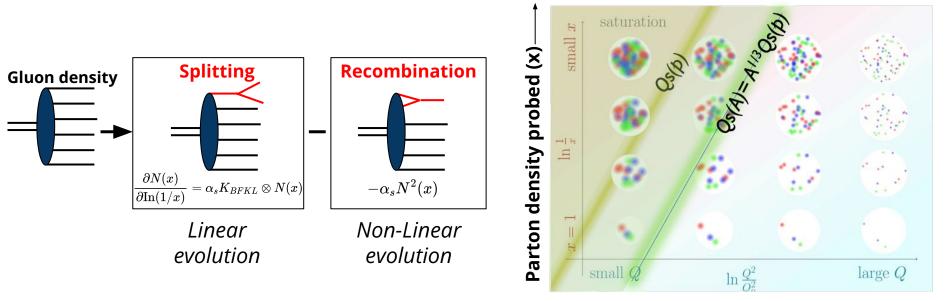


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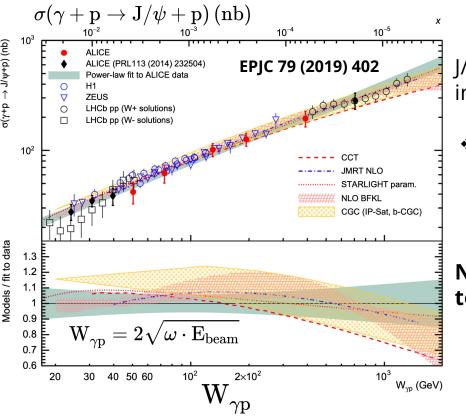
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- Saturation region is expected to be easier to be reached in nuclei:  $Q_s \propto A^{1/3}$



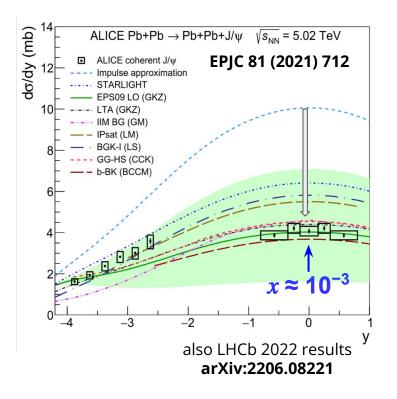
J/Ψ photoproduction from **photon-proton** interactions in ep, pPb and pp collisions

 Data follow a power-law trend, consistent with expectation from the rapidly increasing gluon density in a proton.

No clear indication of gluon saturation down to  $x \sim 10^{-5}$  in a free nucleon.



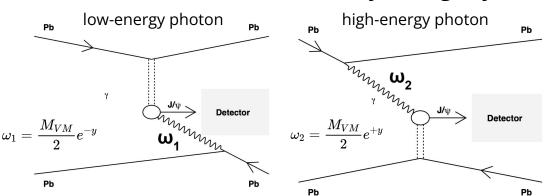
- Coherent Vector Meson production extensively measured at LHC.
- $\sigma(J/\Psi) \propto [xG(x)]^2 \rightarrow \sigma(J/\Psi) < I.A.$  (no nuclear effects)  $\rightarrow$  evidence for strong nuclear modification in heavy nuclei.
- No theory calculations (e.g., shadowing, saturation) can simultaneously predict mid- and forward rapidity data!?

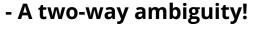


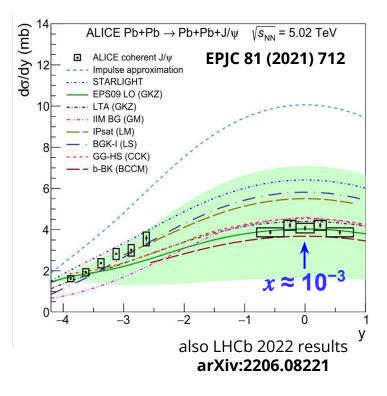


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- A two-way ambiguity!

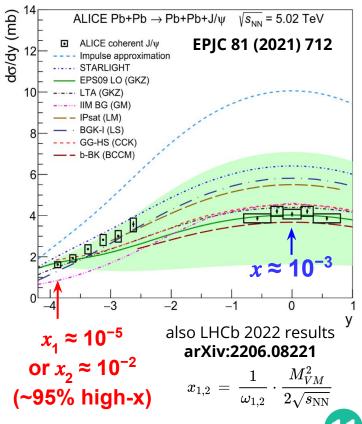
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The cross section at a given *y* consists of low- and high-x gluon contributions (except for y=0)

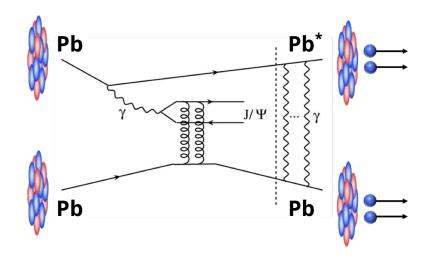
- No easy access to x ~ 10<sup>-5</sup>



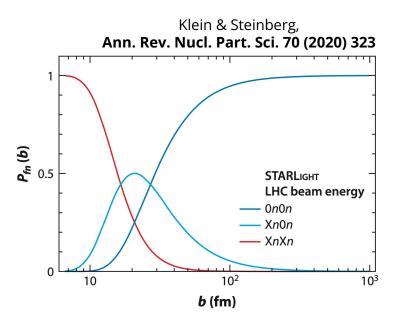
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### A solution to the two-way ambiguity puzzle

Control the impact parameter or "centrality" of UPCs via forward emitted neutrons



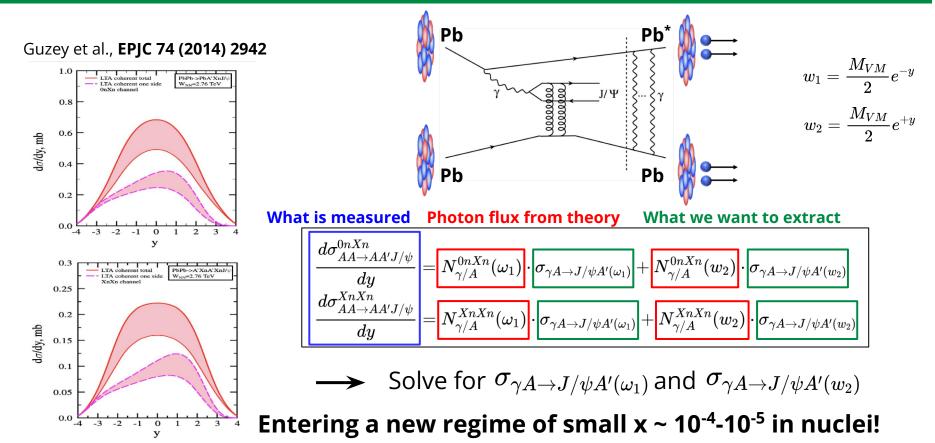
Nucleus excitation probability:  $P_i(b) \propto 1/b^2$ 



Analogous to centrality:
 b<sub>XnXn</sub> < b<sub>0nXn</sub> < b<sub>0n0n</sub>



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### Outline

#### • Introduction:

- General introduction to heavy ion physics and ultra-peripheral collisions.
- State-of-the-art measurements and physics of interest.

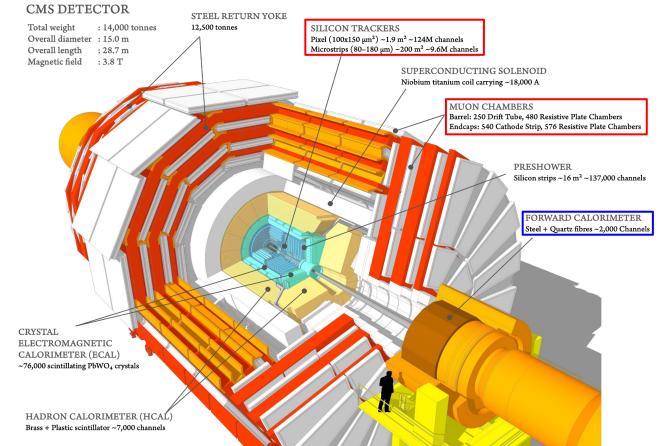
#### • Experimental setup:

- Compact Muon Solenoid detector.
- Event selection and muon reconstruction.
- Zero Degree Calorimeter and neutron multiplicity classification.
- Controlling impact parameter dependence in UPC PbPb at 5.02 TeV:
  - Neutron multiplicity dependence of  $\mu^+\mu^-$  acoplanarity.
- Coherent J/Ψ photoproduction in UPC PbPb at 5.02 TeV
  - Results and discussion on new CMS result (CMS-PAS-HIN-22-002).
- Future prospects
- Summary





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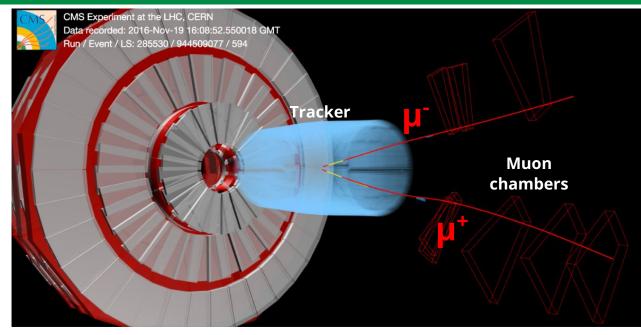


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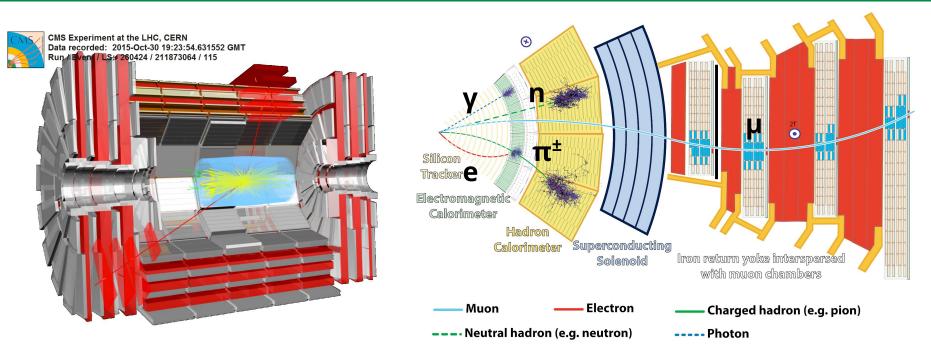
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- UPC collisions produce few particles:
  - Require low energy measured in HF to suppress hadronic collisions.
- Select events with exactly two reconstructed tracks identified as muons.



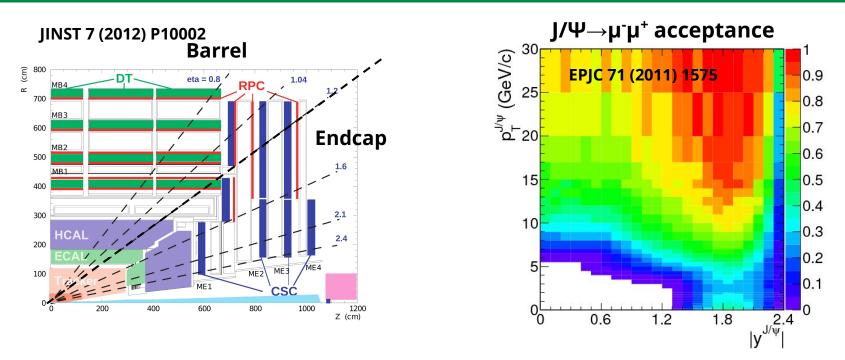
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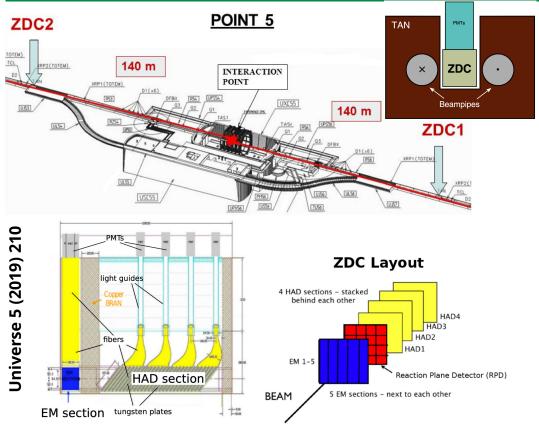
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- CMS able to reconstruct muons down to muon  $p_T \sim 1$  GeV in forward region.

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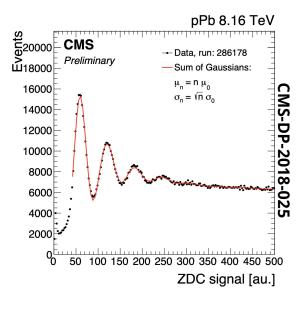
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Key to identify J/Ψ mesons down to 0 GeV.

#### Zero Degree Calorimeter



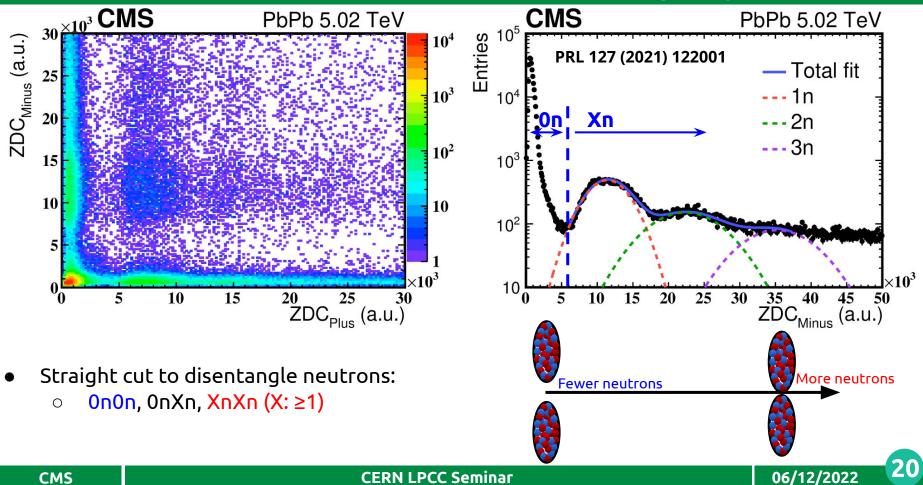
- Located ~ 140 m from IP5, between the two beam pipes.
- Measures forward neutral particles at  $|\eta| > 8.5$ .
- Used for neutron detection.



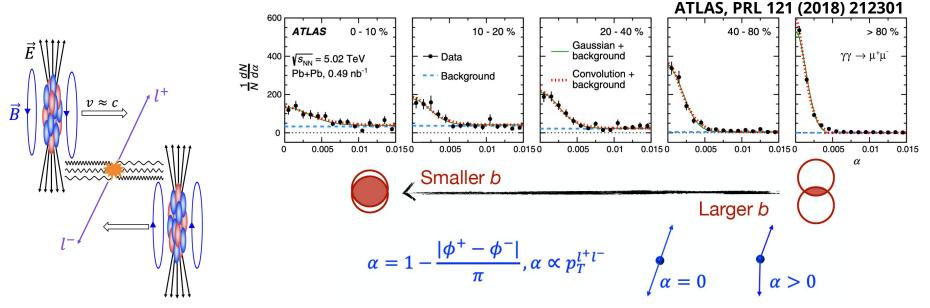
• Segmented in 1 RPD, 5 EM and 4 hadronic channels.

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#### Event classification via neutron multiplicity



### Strong-field QED processes with impact parameter dependence



Back-to-back correlation becomes weaker towards central events

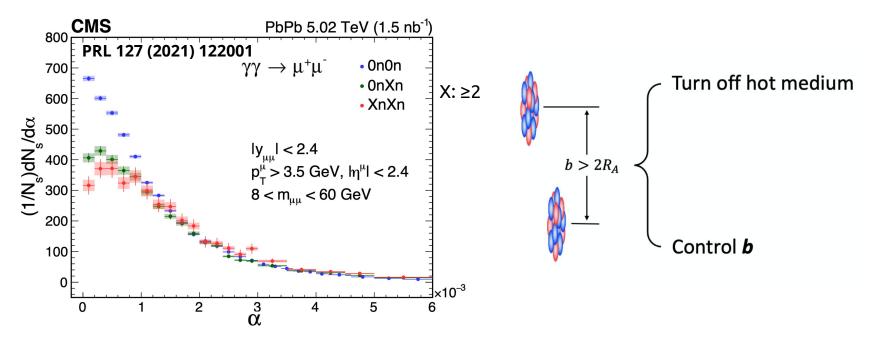
Final-State Effect?

• EM rescatterings by OR the QGP medium?

Initial-State Effect?

• Initial photon  $p_{\tau}$  varies with b?

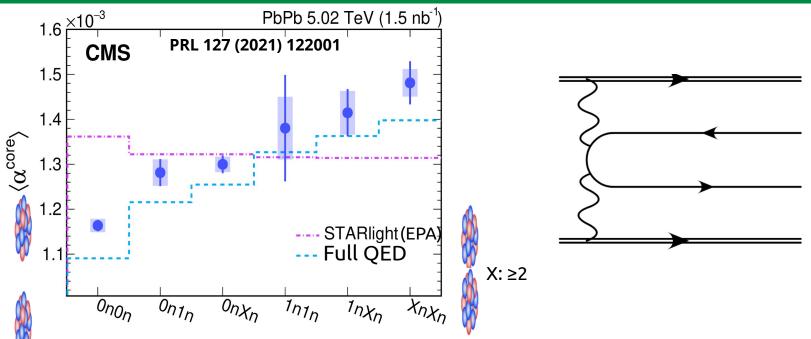




Significant broadening of back-to-back correlations toward smaller b still observed when final effects are turned off, which must be related to the initial photon  $p_T$ 

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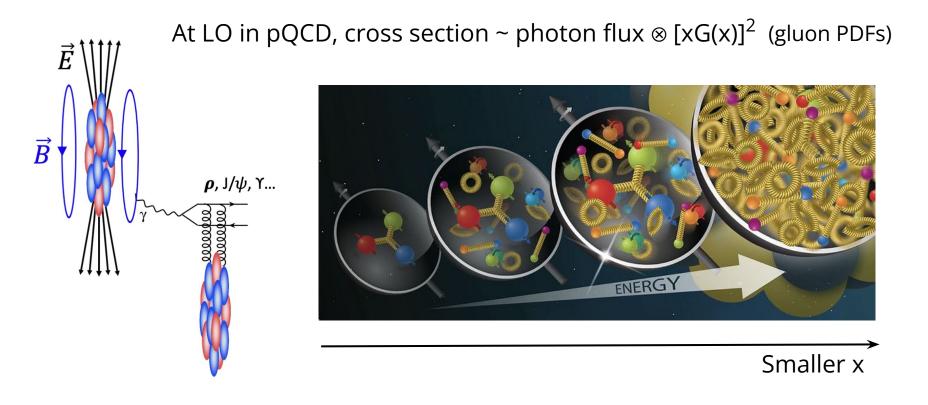
### $\langle \alpha^{core} \rangle$ vs. neutron multiplicity class



Strong (5.7  $\sigma$ ) neutron multiplicity dependence of  $\langle \alpha^{core} \rangle \propto \gamma p_{T}$ 

- b dependence of initial photon  $p_{T}$ , not captured by STARLight
- Described by a leading order QED calculation with b dependence.

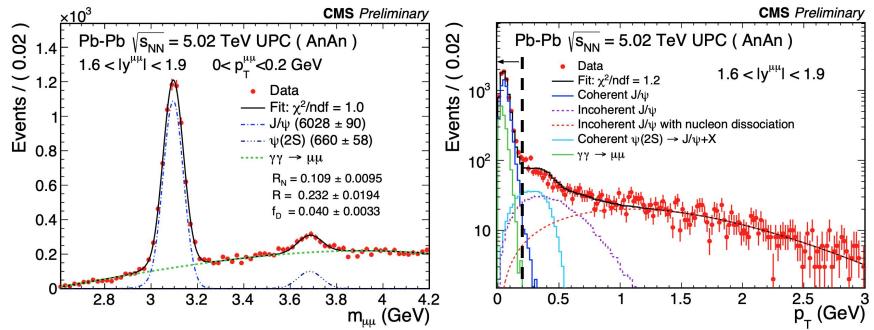
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#### Signal extraction

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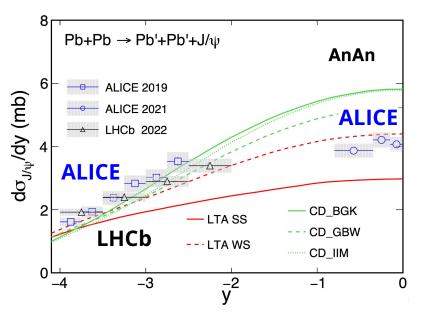


Signal yields are extracted by fitting the mass and transverse momentum spectra.

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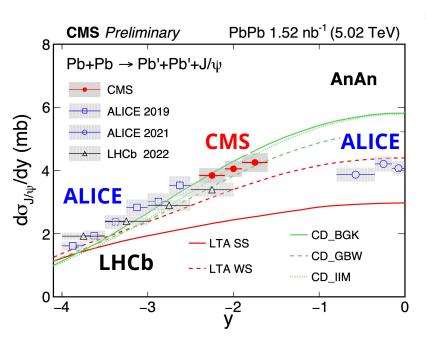
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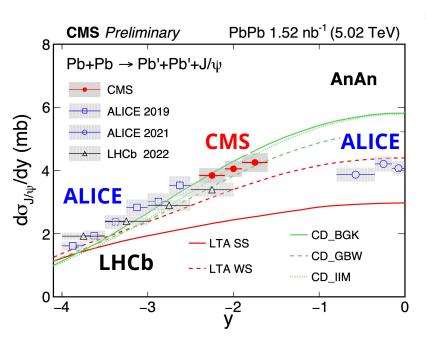
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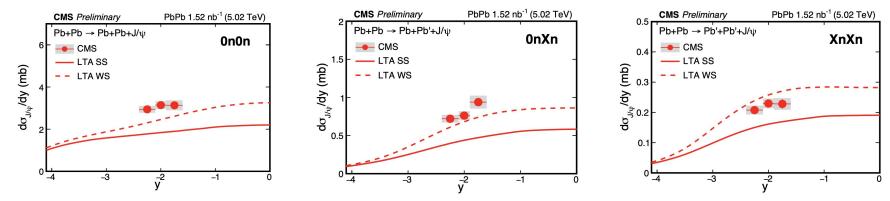
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 A deeper look at J/Ψ production from γ+Pb at a given ω without the "two-way ambiguity" may tell more.



### Coherent J/ $\Psi$ in OnOn, OnXn, XnXn

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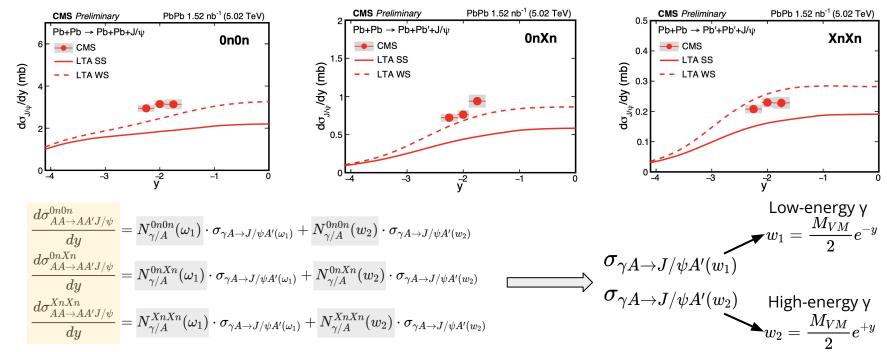


- Data in 0n0n and 0nXn are higher than Leading Twist Approximation (LTA) prediction.
- Data in XnXn stay in between LTA weak suppression (WS) and strong suppression (SS) assumptions.



### Coherent J/ $\Psi$ in OnOn, OnXn, XnXn help to disentangle

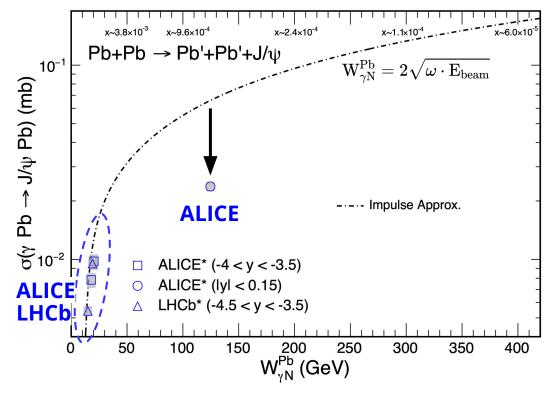
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• Disentangle the low- and high- energy photon-nucleus contributions of a single γ+Pb.

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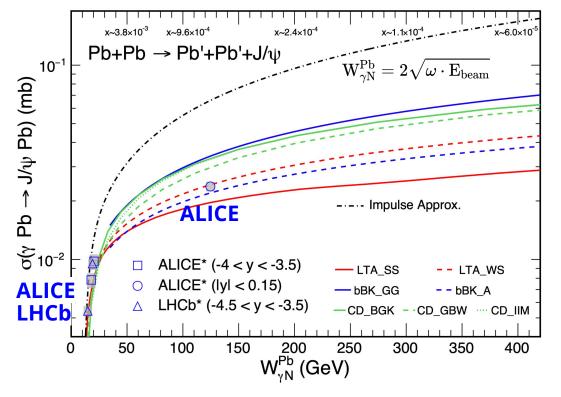


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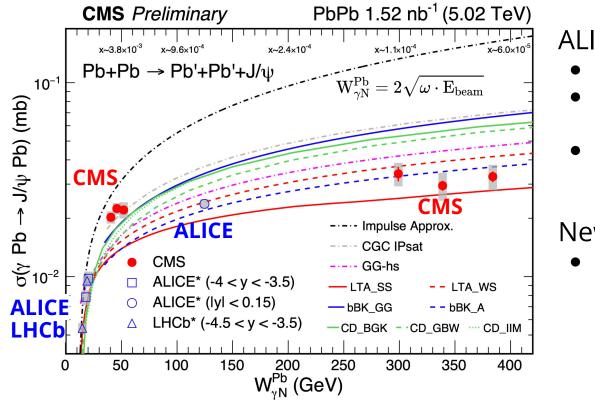


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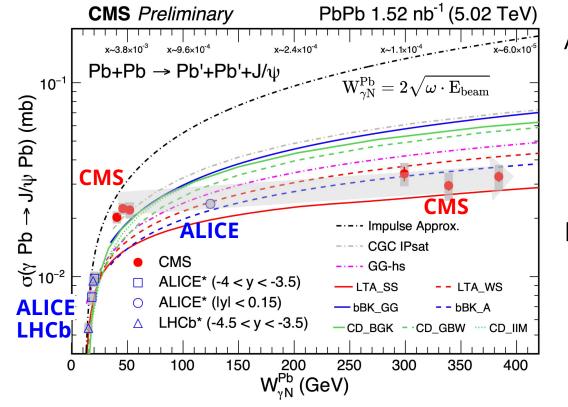
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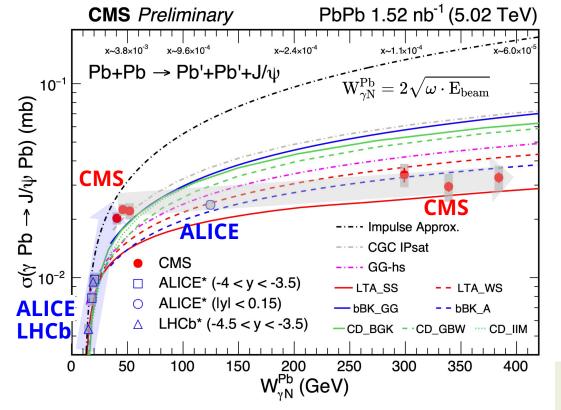
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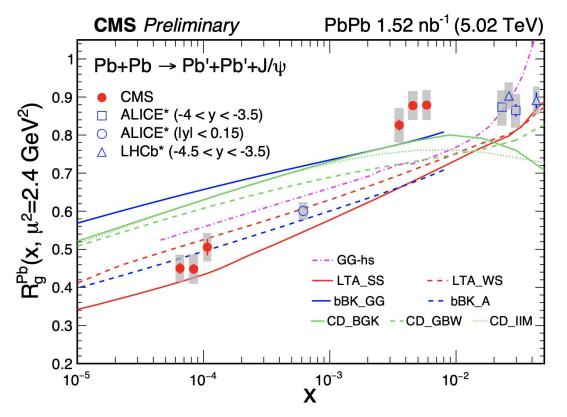
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# No models can describe the entire data distribution.



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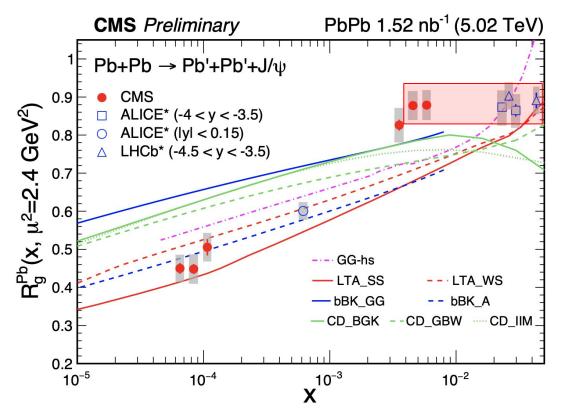
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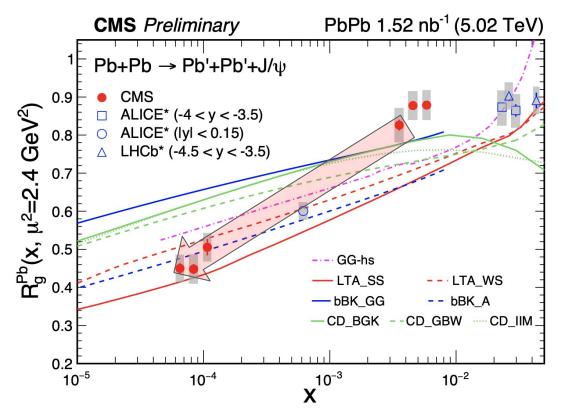
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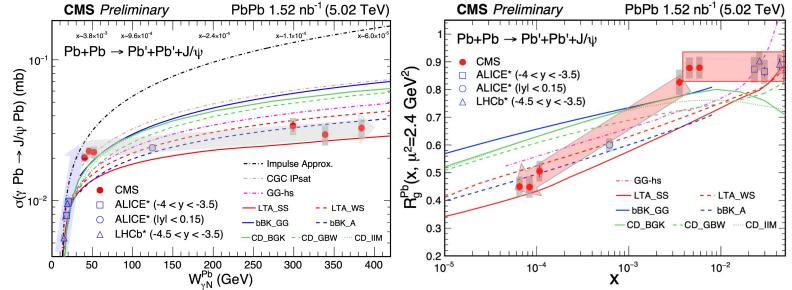
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- x~10<sup>-3</sup> 10<sup>-2</sup>: flat trend.
- Quickly decrease towards lower x region.

# **Beyond model expectation**



### What we learnt



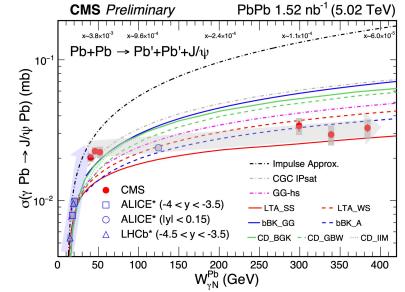


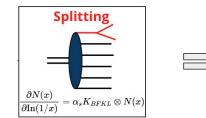
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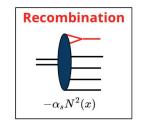
- At W<40 GeV, quickly rise and the growth slope ~ free nucleons calculation.
- At W>40 GeV, nearly flat with a much smaller increasing trend.
- CMS, ALICE, LHCb data follows the same trend.

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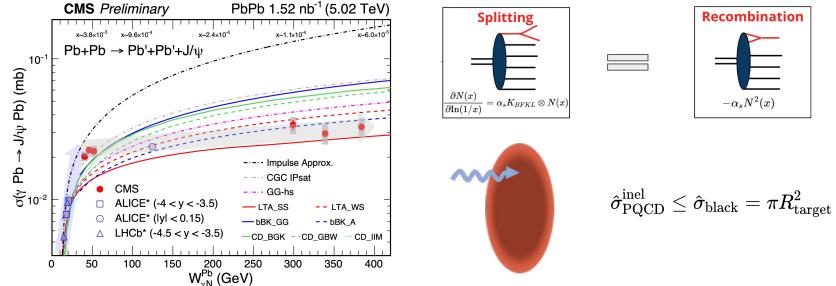


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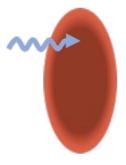
#### OR

- Nucleus target becomes totally absorptive to incoming photons  $\rightarrow$  **Black Disk Limit!!?** 
  - Nucleus becomes a black disk, internal structure is invisible.

# Another novel regime of QCD: Black Disk Limit

L. Frankfurt, V. Guzey, M. McDermott, M. Strikman **PRL 87 (2001)192301** L. Frankfurt, M. Strikman, M. Zhalov, **PLB 537 (2002) 51** 

In the *strong absorption scenario*, the interaction probability may reach the unitarity limit. The nucleus target becomes totally absorptive to incoming photons.

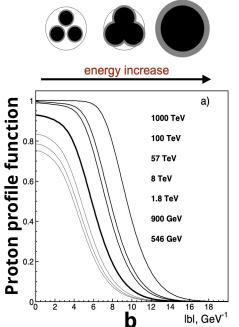


$$\hat{\sigma}_{
m PQCD}^{
m inel} \leq \hat{\sigma}_{
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m target}^2$$

# "Black Disk Limit (BDL)"

opposite to the "color transparency"

Inner structure disappears



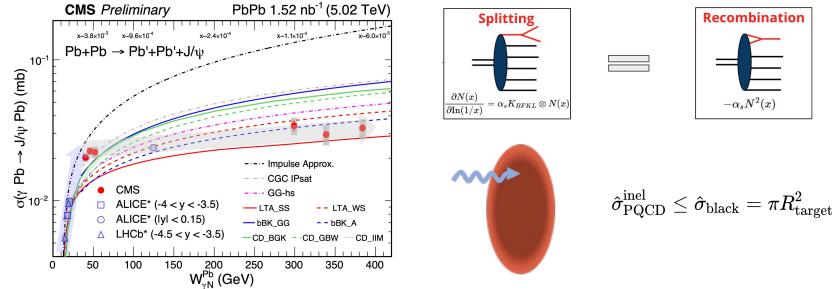
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The BDL represents a novel regime at small x when the LO QCD and the notion of the parton distributions becomes inapplicable for describing hard processes .

- New theoretical tools are needed in this regime!

# The slowly increasing trend at high W

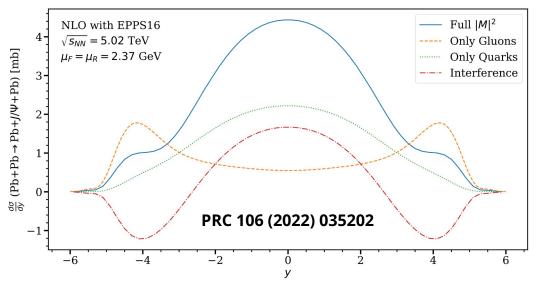
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• Periphery of nucleus may not be fully saturated or fully black at W~40 GeV, but gradually turn to saturated or fully black with further increasing of the probing energy.

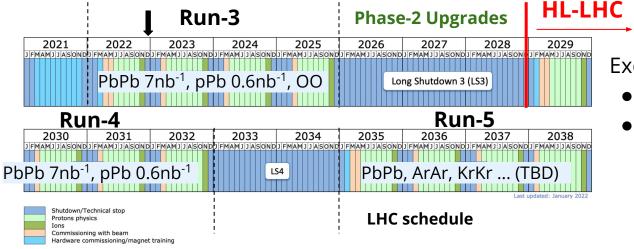
# First NLO calculations on exclusive $J/\Psi$ production

- First NLO pQCD calculations published recently (Eskola et al).
- Quark contributions at NLO + strong cancellations between LO and NLO gluons
   *→ dominance of quark contribution at central rapidities.*



- Needs careful attention when interpreting the data.
- "σ ∝ (gluon PDF)<sup>2</sup>" not true at NLO.



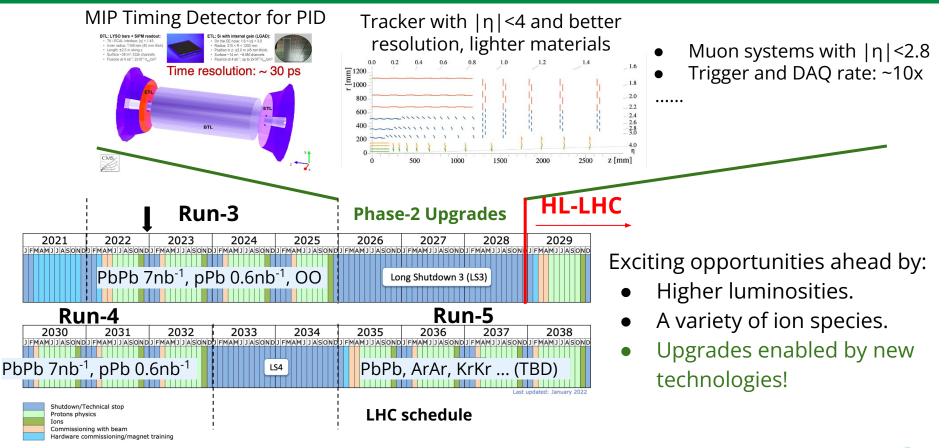


Exciting opportunities ahead by:

- Higher luminosities.
- A variety of ion species.

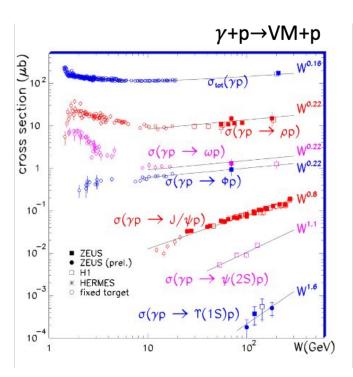






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Various vector meson species in **yPb** as a function of a broad W range with neutron taggings

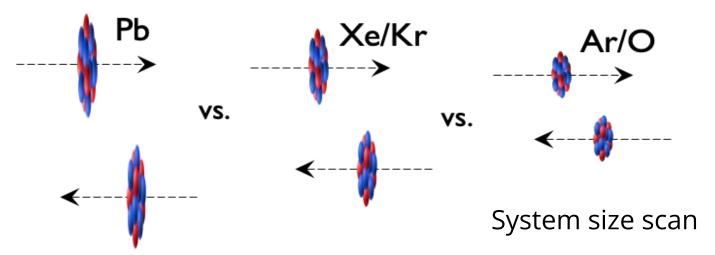
➢ e.g., control of dipole sizes and hard scales.

#### CERN yellow report, arXiv:1812.06772

Condition	Tot.	Central 1	Central 2	Forward 1	Forward 2
		Narrow	Wide	Narrow	Wide
Rapidity	-	y  < 0.9	y  < 2.4	2.5 < y < 4.0	2 < y < 5
$e/\pi/\mu$ pseudorapidity	-	$ \eta  < 0.9$	$ \eta  < 2.4$	$2.5 < \eta < 4.0$	$2<\eta<5$

	<b>PbPb</b> $L_{int} = 13 \text{ nb}^{-1}$									
	σ	All	Central 1	Central 2	Forward 1	Forward 2				
Meson		Total	Total	Total	Total 1	Total				
$ ho  o \pi^+ \pi^-$	5.2b	68 B	5.5 B	21B	4.9 B	13 B				
$\rho' \to \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^-$	730 mb	9.5 B	210 M	2.5 B	190 M	1.2 B				
$\phi \rightarrow \mathrm{K}^{+}\mathrm{K}^{-}$	0.22b	2.9 B	82 M	490 M	15 M	330 M				
${ m J}/\psi  o \mu^+\mu^-$	1.0 mb	14 M	1.1 M	5.7 M	600 K	1.6 M				
$\psi(2S)  o \mu^+ \mu^-$	30µb	400 K	35 K	180 K	19 K	47 K				
$ m Y(1S)  ightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	$2.0 \ \mu b$	26 K	2.8 K	14 K	880	2.0 K				

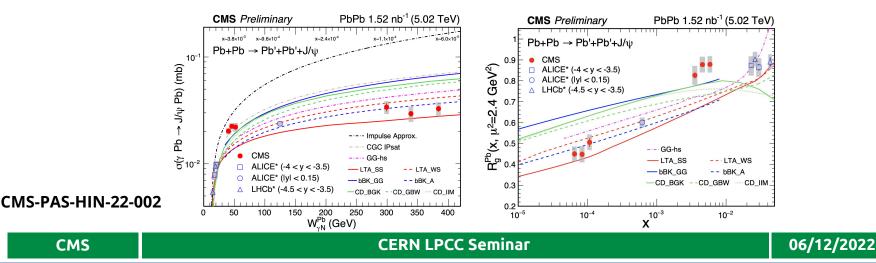




- Variation of saturation scales in search for gluon saturation.
- When approaching the BDL:
  - $\circ$  Coh. cross section scales with A<sup>2/3</sup>
  - Incoh. cross section strongly suppressed, internal substructure becomes invisible

### Summary

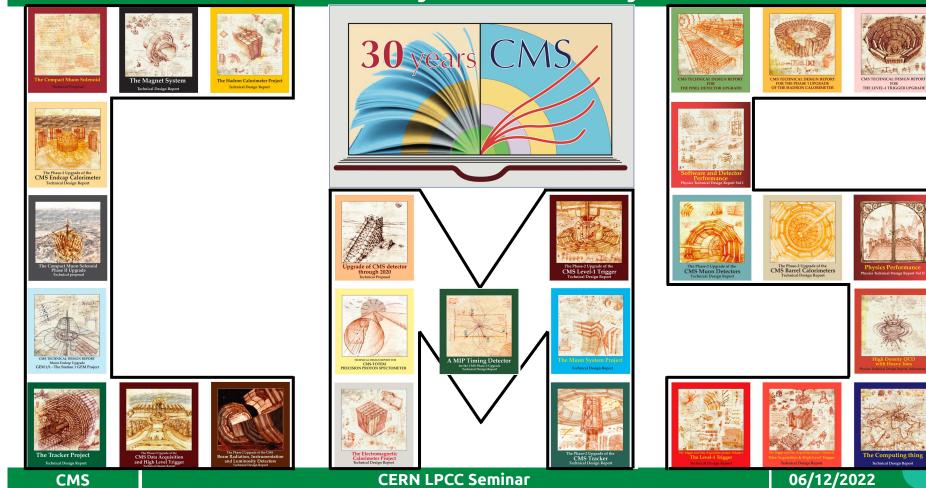
- For the first time, **disentangled the low and high y energy** contributions to coh.  $J/\Psi$ .
- CMS measured coh. J/Ψ at a **new unprecedentedly low-x gluon regime** (10<sup>-4</sup>-10<sup>-5</sup>).
- **Flattening** of coh.  $\sigma(J/\Psi)$  vs. W not predicted by state of the art models
  - **Gluon saturation?** or **black disk limit?** or other physic effects?
- HL-LHC including CMS Phase-2 upgrades will bring new exciting opportunities.



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# Thank you for your attention!







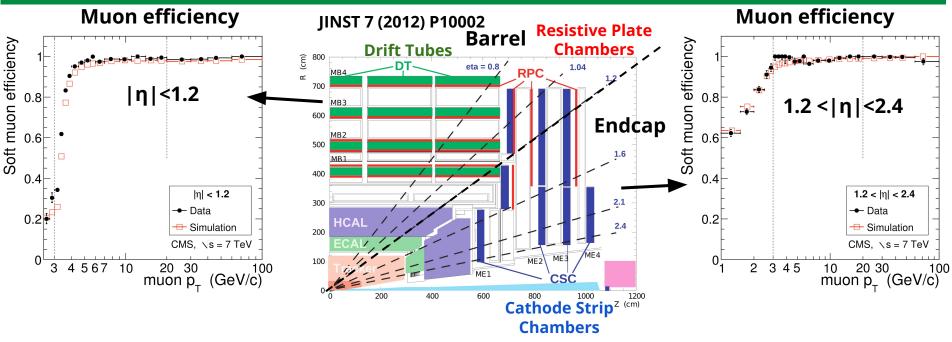








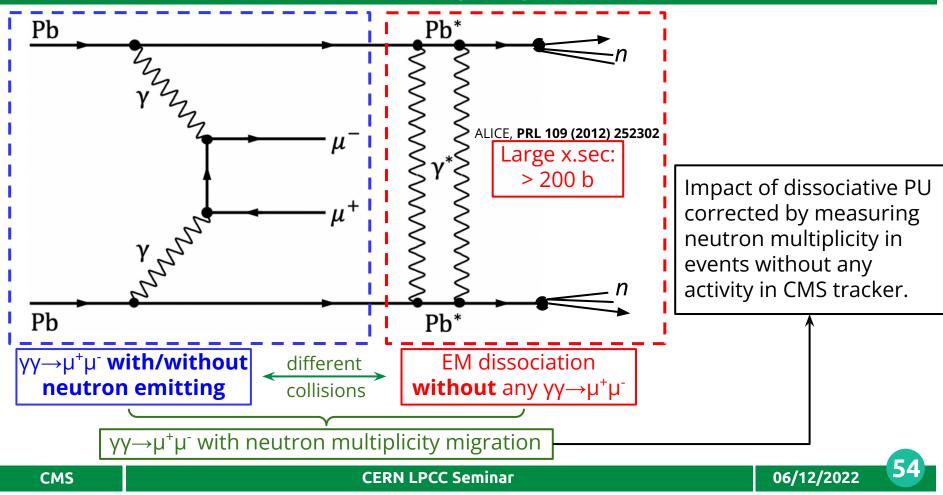
#### **Muon reconstruction**



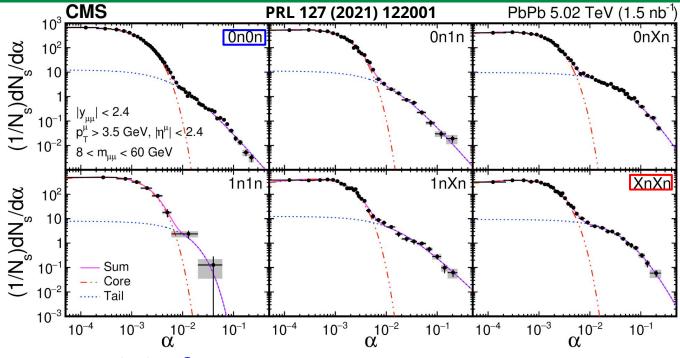
- Tracker and muon detectors used to reconstruct/identify muons.
- CMS able to reconstruct muons down to muon  $p_T \sim 1$  GeV in forward region.

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### EM dissociative pileup correction

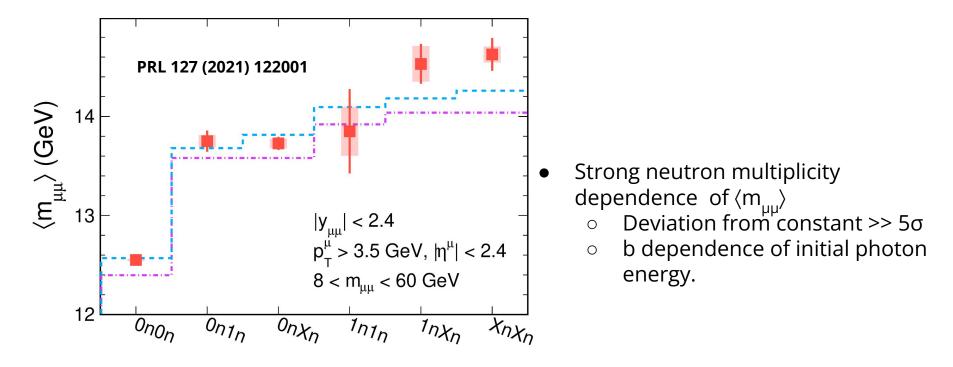


### α spectrum vs. neutron multiplicity



- **OnOn (fewer neutrons)** → XnXn (more neutrons)
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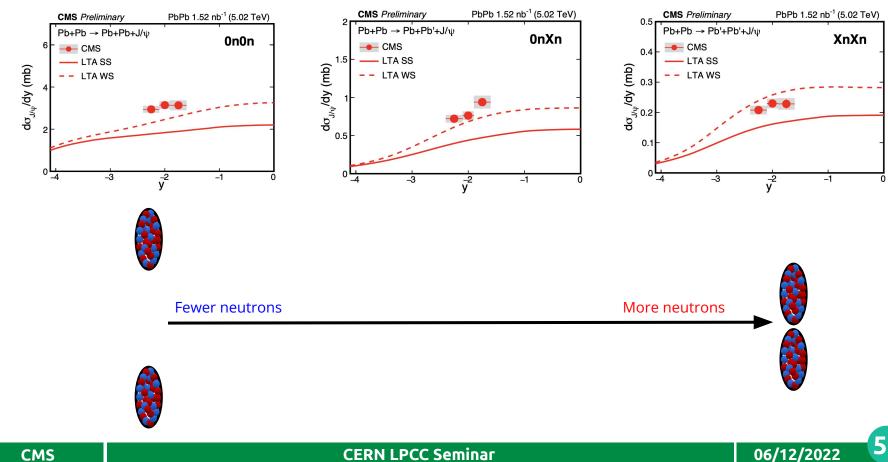
# $\langle m^{\mu\mu} \rangle$ vs. neutron multiplicity





# Coherent Jpsi in OnOn, OnXn, XnXn

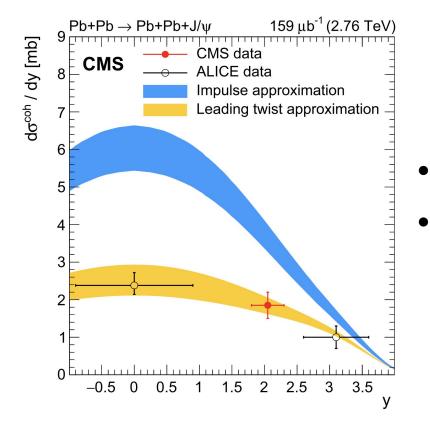
#### CMS-PAS-HIN-22-002



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# **Coherent Jpsi in Run 1**

#### PLB 772 (2017) 489

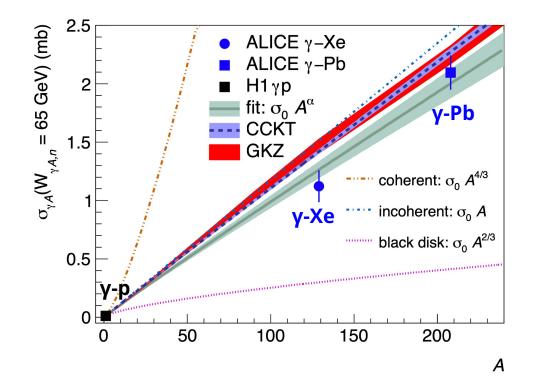


Run 1 data from CMS and ALICE well consistent with LTA model calculations
 Large uncertainties and wide y bins



# ALICE UPC $\rho$ vs system size

#### ALICE, PLB 820 (2021) 136481

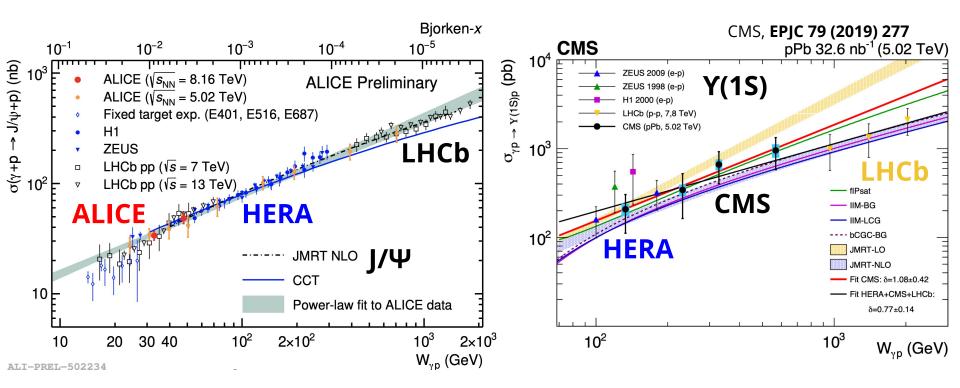


If J/ $\Psi$ -nucleus approaches BDL, why  $\rho$ -Nucleus does not?

- With A decrease, it is harder to reach BDL  $\rightarrow$  the direct A<sup>2/3</sup> cannot scale to small A.
- Relation of dipole size vs. M in seen by nucleus is different to what seen by nucleon?

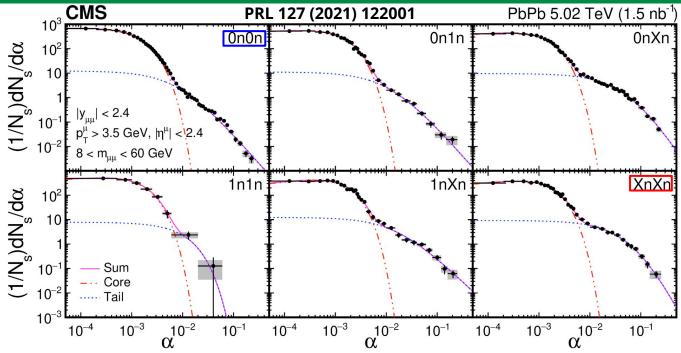


# Quarkonium photoproduction in y-p



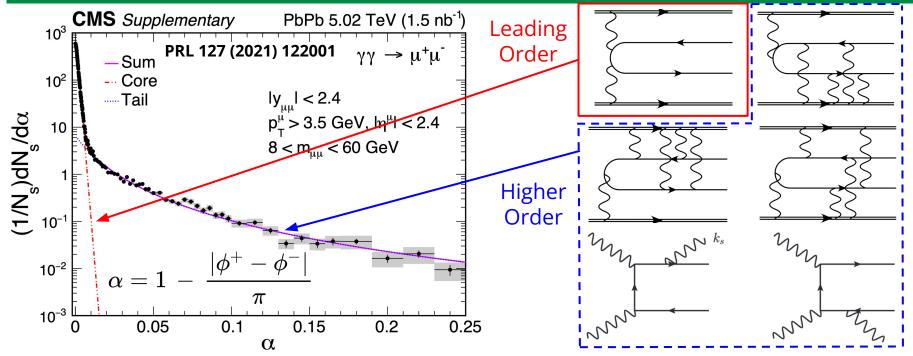


### α spectrum vs. neutron multiplicity class



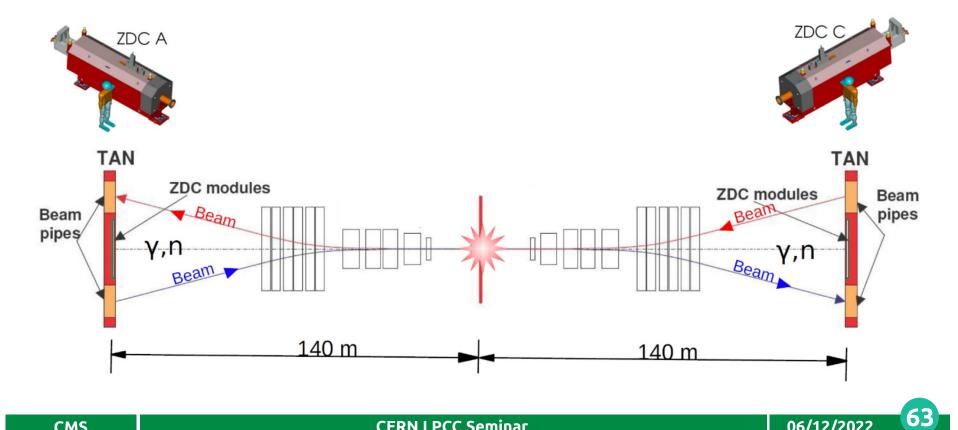
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### Decomposing LO and HO in $\alpha$ spectrum





### Zero Degree Calorimeter



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