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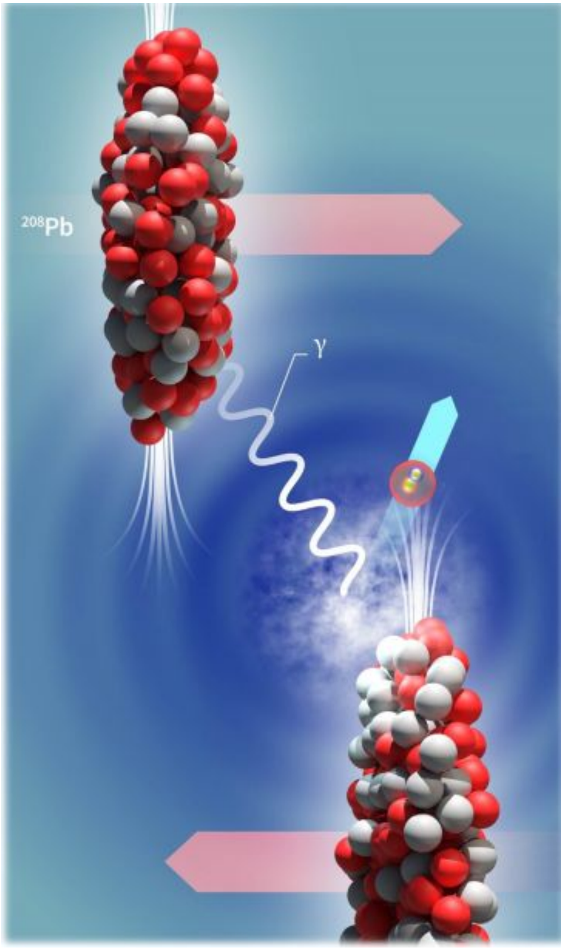

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Probing initial state with EW production

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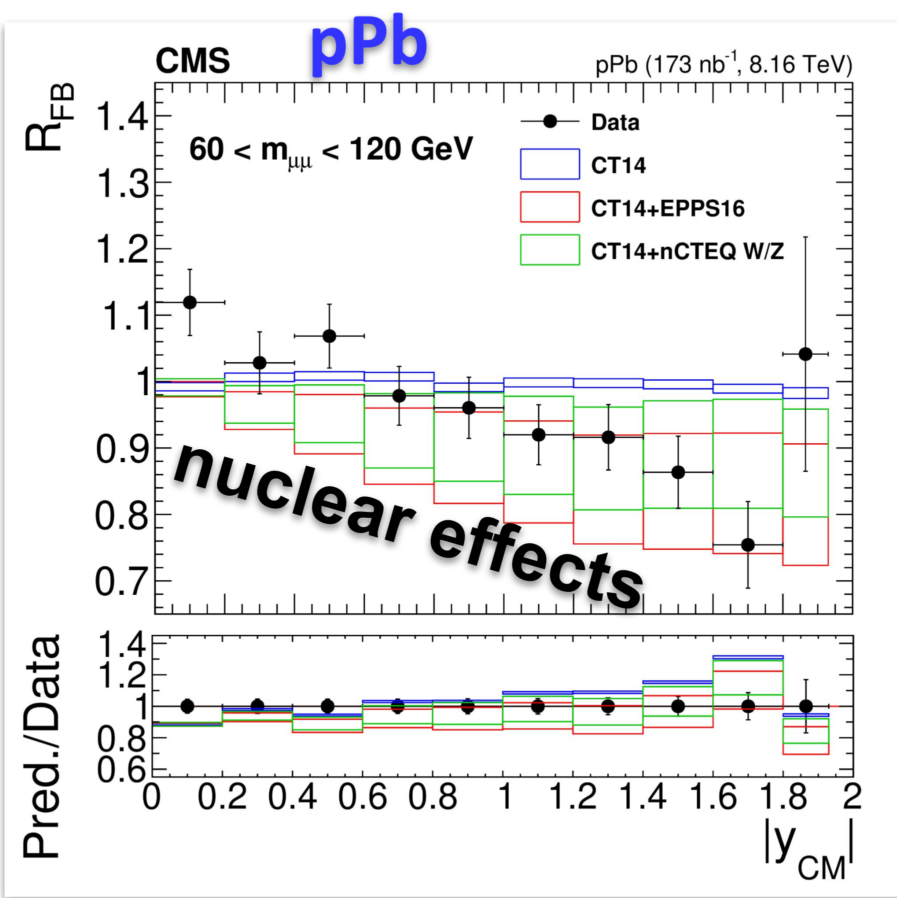
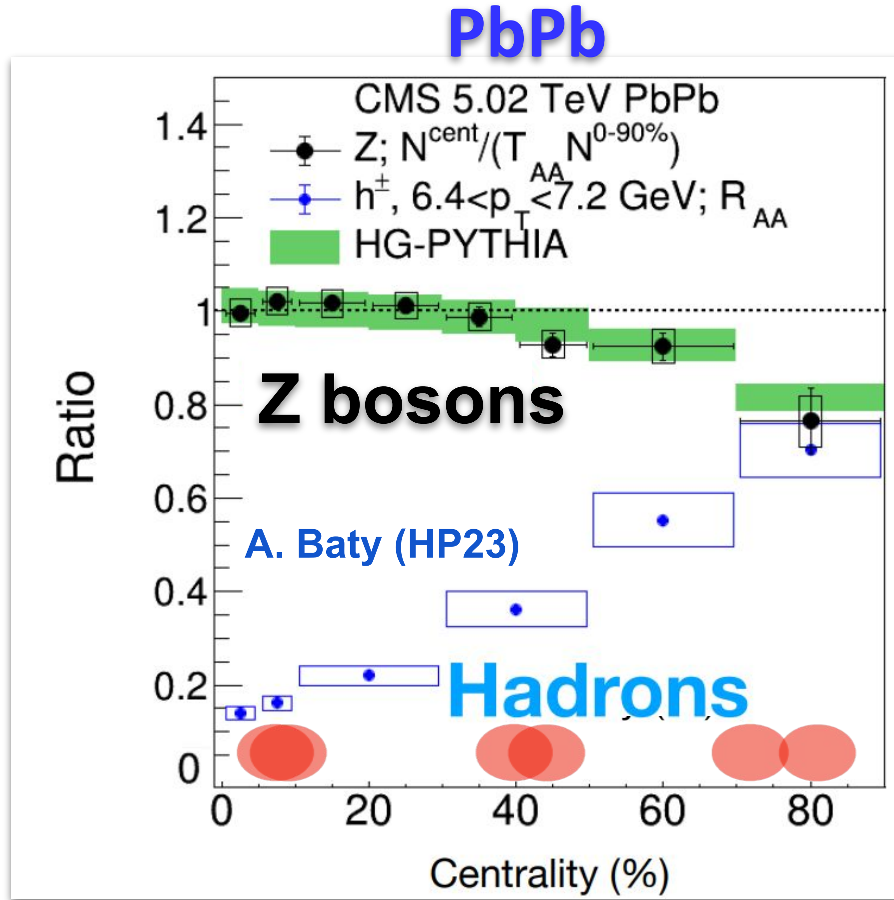
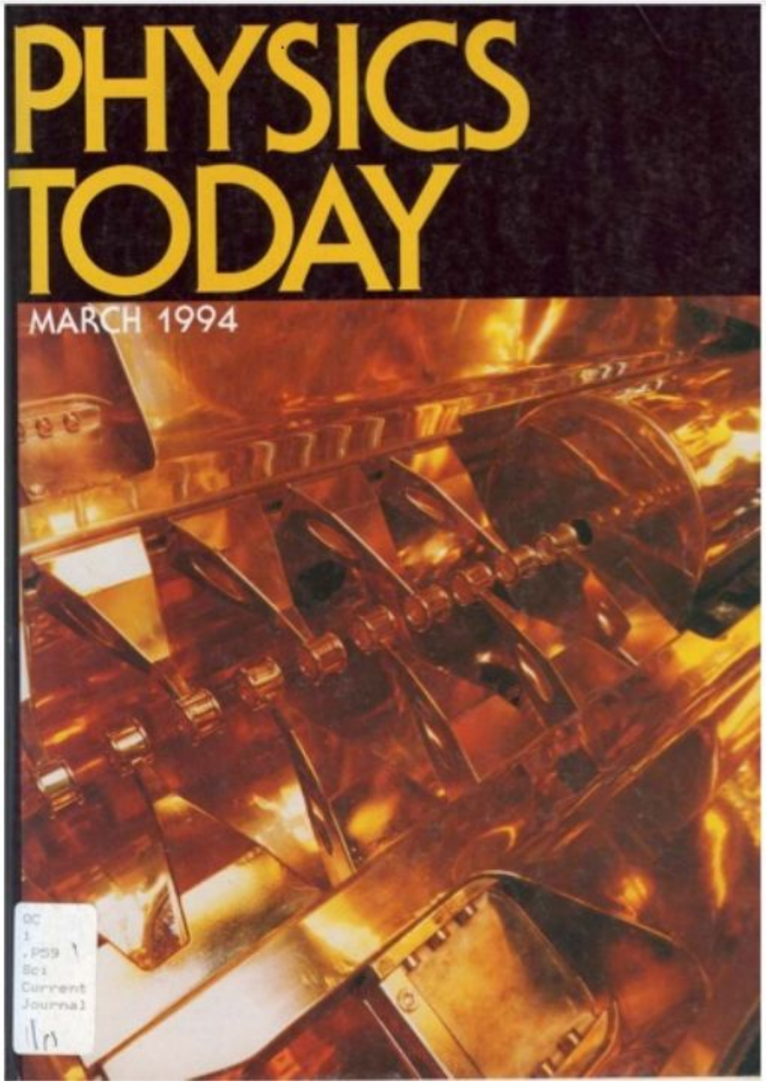
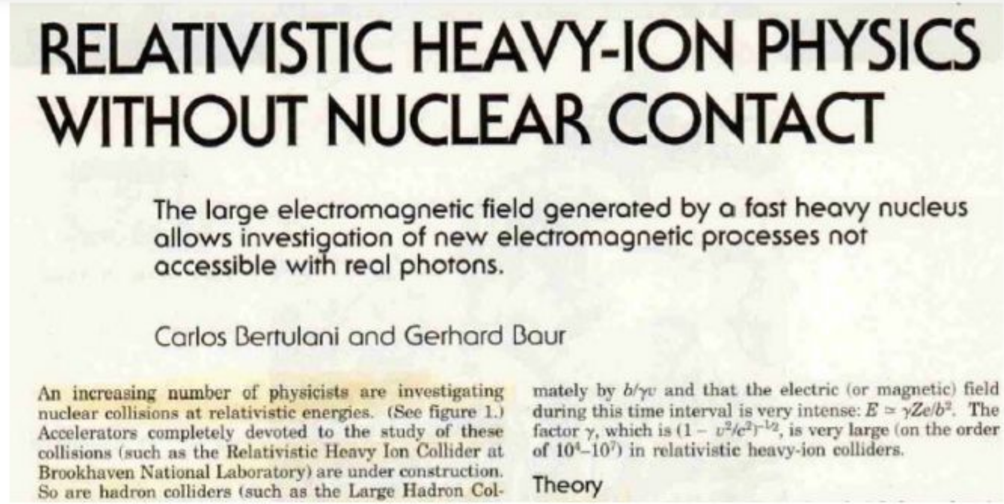




- Left: Forward-backward σ ratio R_{FB} ≡ 1 in the absence of nuclear effects
- Right: EW bosons in central PbPb unmodified contrary to hadrons (R_{AA}!=1)
- W bosons, dijets, top quarks sensitive to gluon nPDF at different Bjorken-*x*





RELATIVISTIC HEAVY-ION PHYSICS WITHOUT NUCLEAR CONTACT

The large electromagnetic field generated by a fast heavy nucleus allows investigation of new electromagnetic processes not accessible with real photons.

Carlos Bertulani and Gerhard Baur

An increasing number of physicists are investigating nuclear collisions at relativistic energies. (See figure 1.) Accelerators completely devoted to the study of these collisions (such as the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider at Brookhaven National Laboratory) are under construction. So are hadron colliders (such as the Large Hadron Col-

mately by $b/\gamma v$ and that the electric (or magnetic) field during this time interval is very intense: $E \simeq \gamma Ze/b^2$. The factor γ, which is $(1 - v^2/c^2)^{-1/2}$, is very large (on the order of 10^4–10^7) in relativistic heavy-ion colliders.

Theory

COVER: Inside of a compact high-frequency linear accelerator for heavy ions developed at the Technical University of Munich and at GSI in Darmstadt, Germany. The polished copper structure uses a quadrupole field to focus highly charged ions. Accelerators of this design at GSI and CERN bring ions up to high enough energies that the main accelerators can take them to relativistic energies. In their article on page 22, Carlos Bertulani and Gerhard Baur discuss the physics one can probe by colliding relativistic heavy ions without nuclear contact.

- **A rich physics program, unique on its own**
  - **Seminal results by all 4 major LHC experiments**
- **Featured in the high-density QCD reviews by ALICE and CMS**

Focus of this talk

Free lepton pair production

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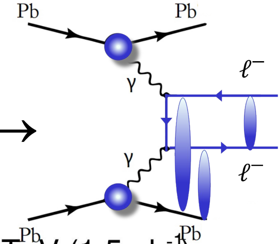

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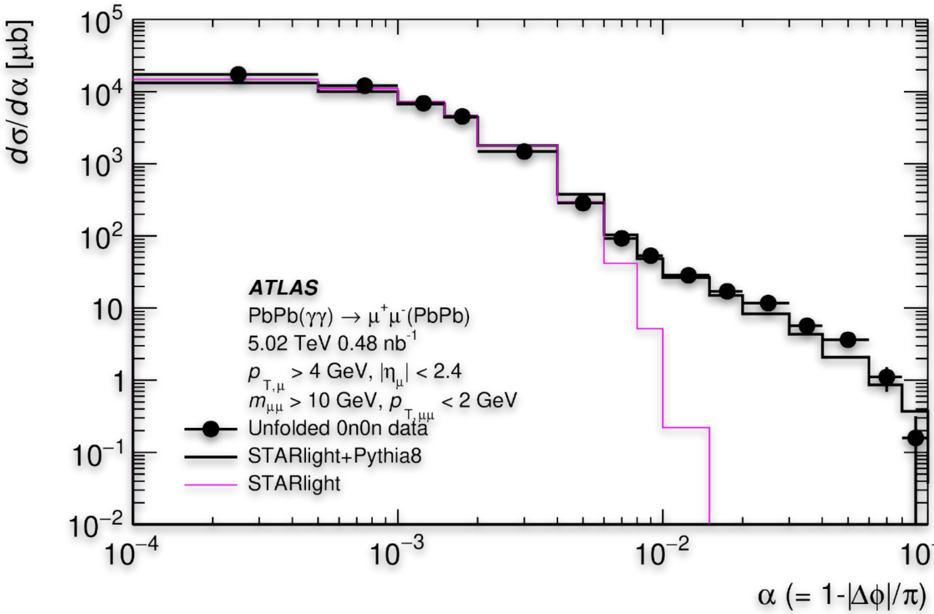

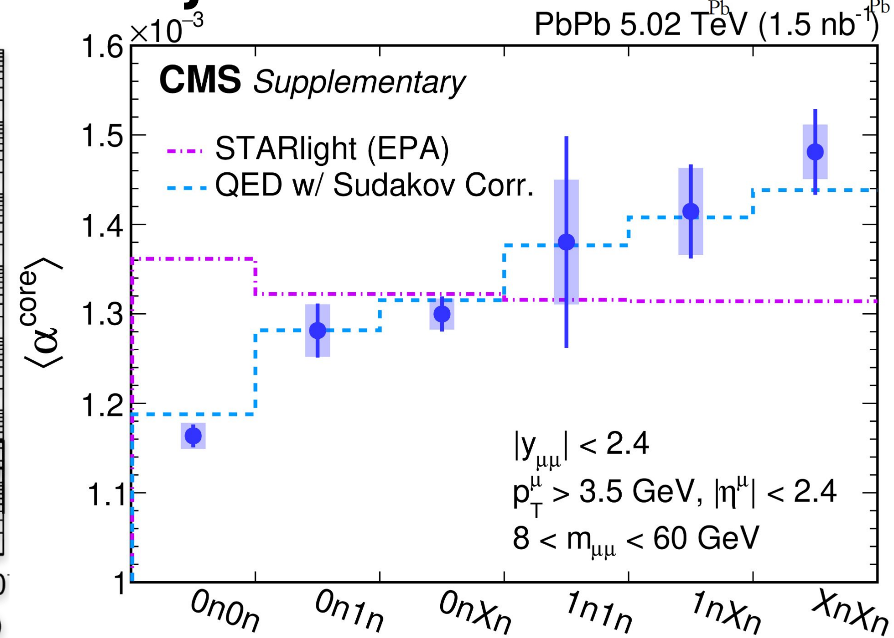

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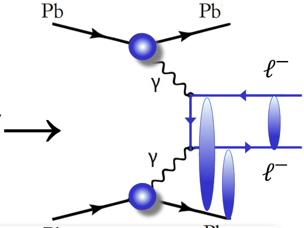

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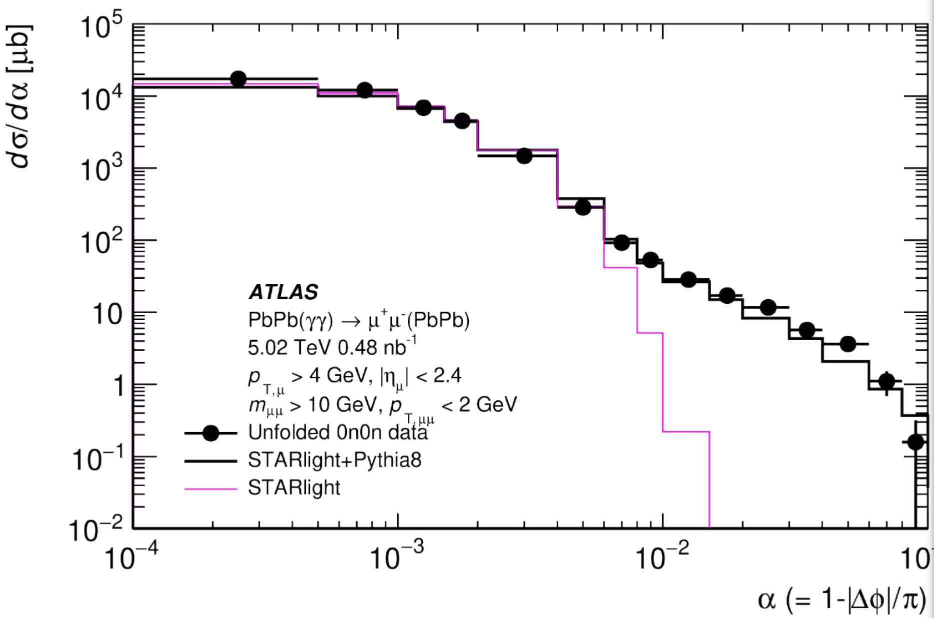

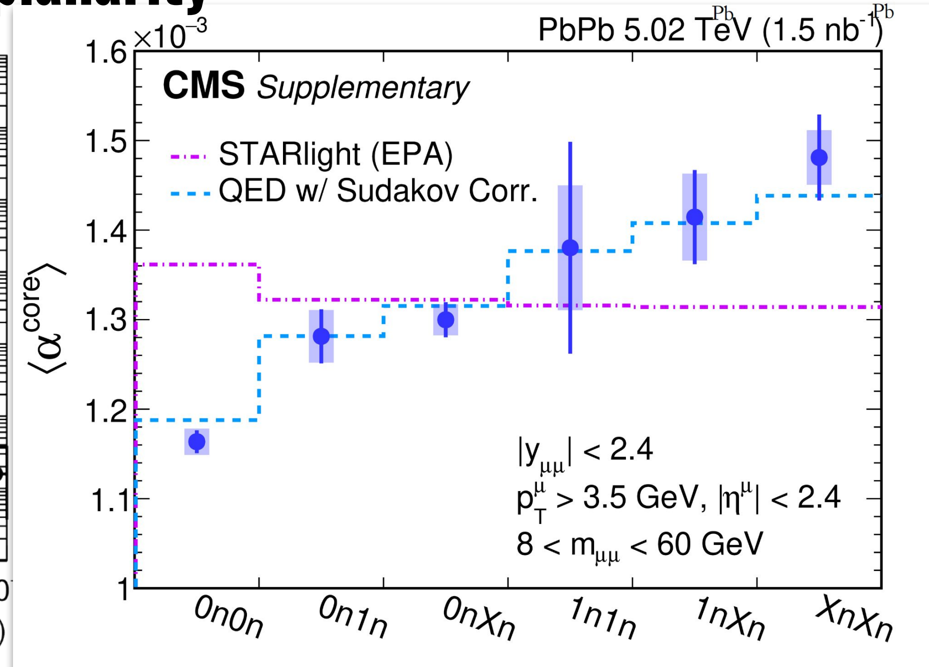

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    - AnAn-dependent production → reflects the **initial γ energy distribution**

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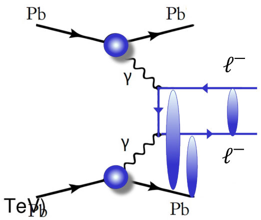

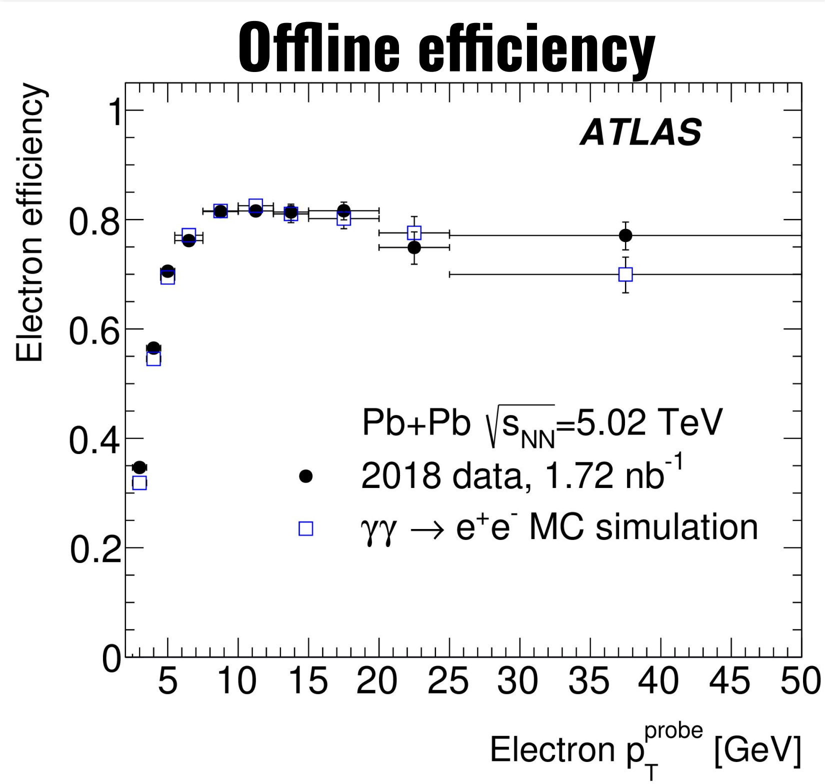

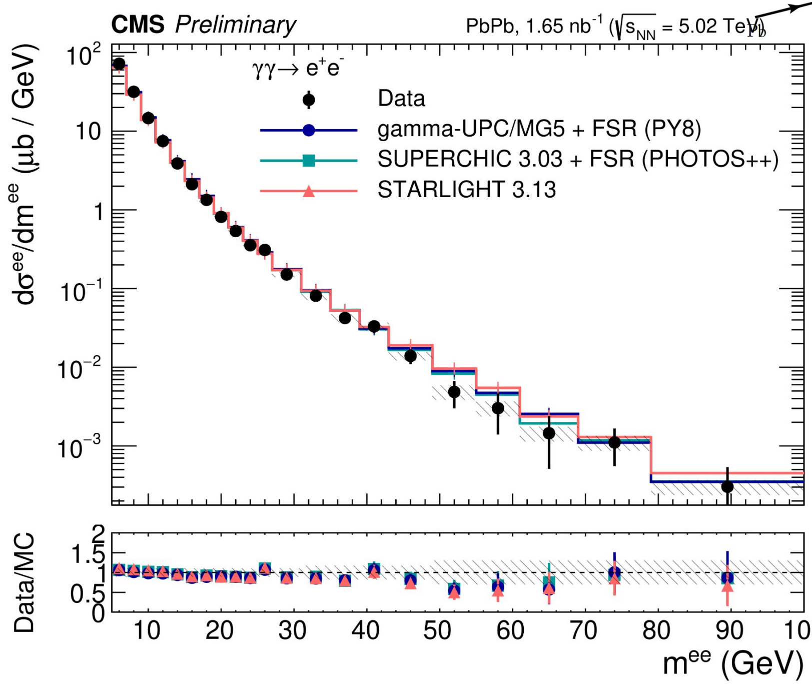

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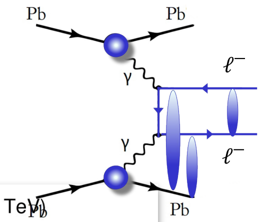

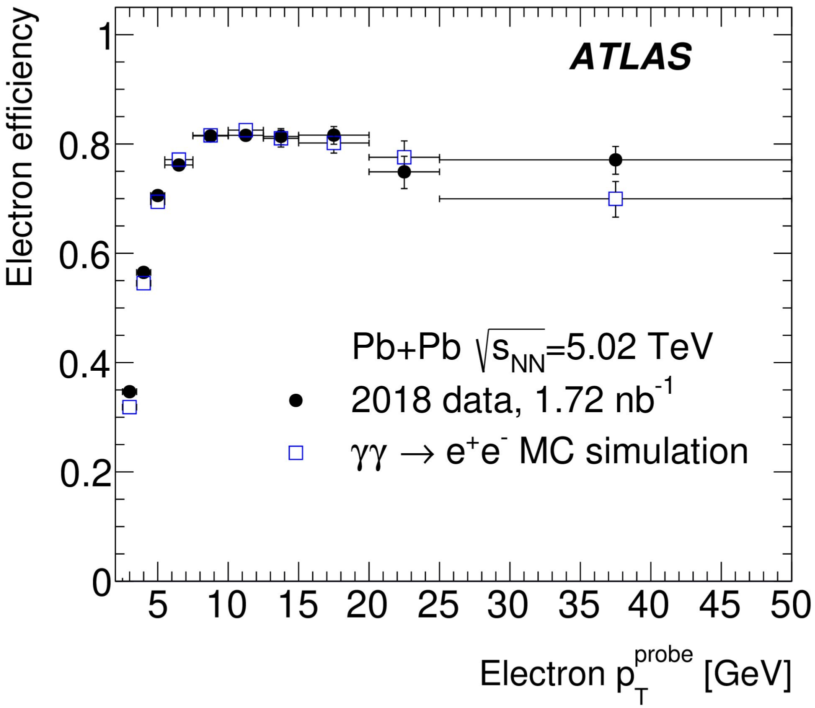

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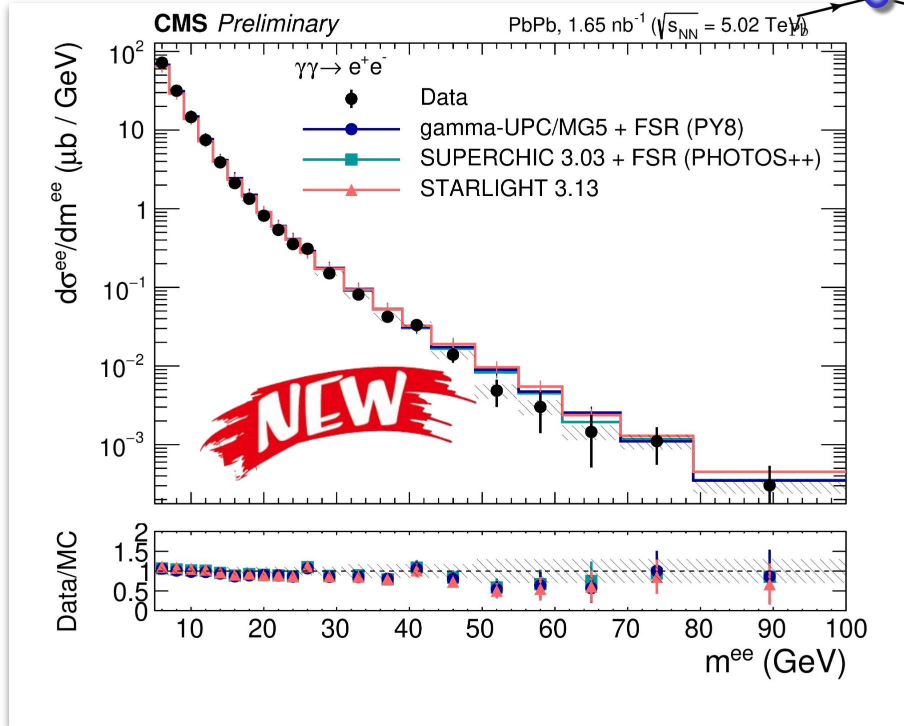

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- **Combined with increased luminosity ⟶ detailed differential studies**
  - probing **two orders** of magnitude in inv mass (5–100 GeV)
    - NLO QED predictions in better agreement with data

γγ→ ll differential production in pPb

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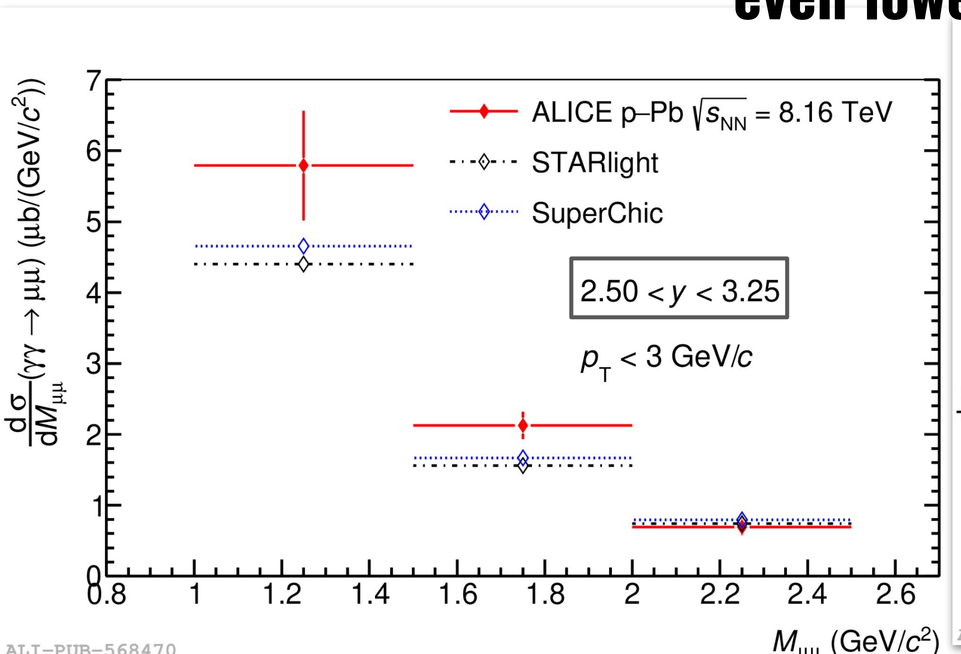
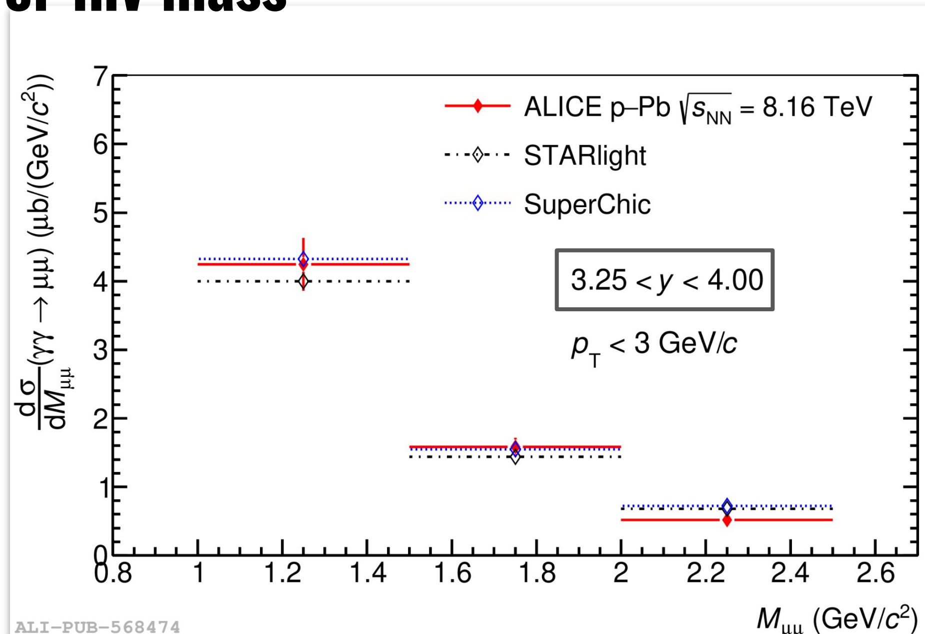
even lower inv mass





- **ALICE extends the inv mass reach**
  - consistent picture with UPC pPb: LO QED predictions up to 3σ away from data
    - the measurement will profit from more pPb data (foreseen for Run 4..)
    - dedicated workshop at CERN in July; everyone is kindly invited :)

τ lepton pair production in UPC PbPb

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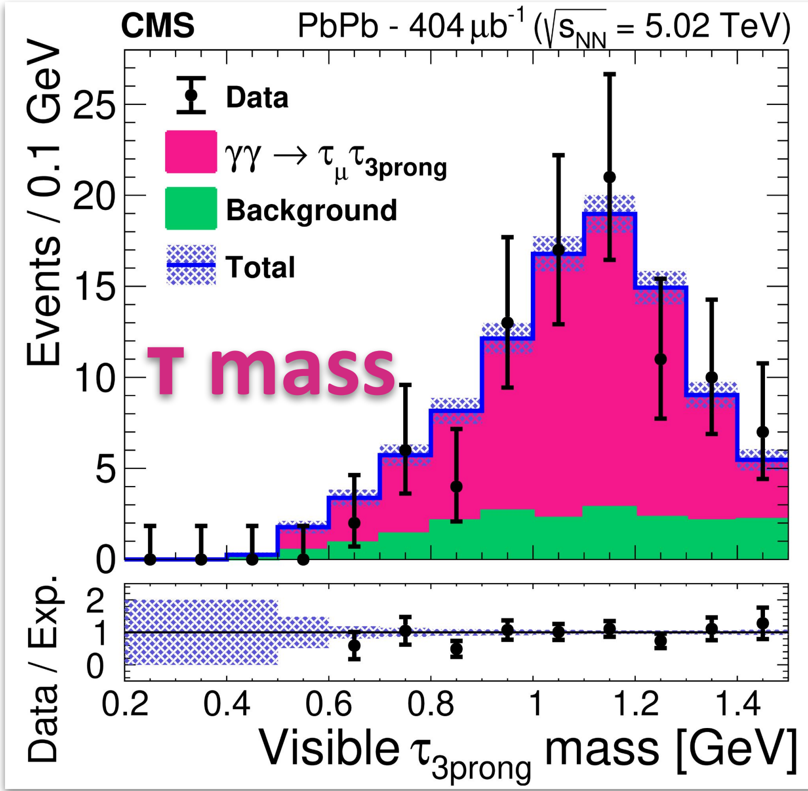

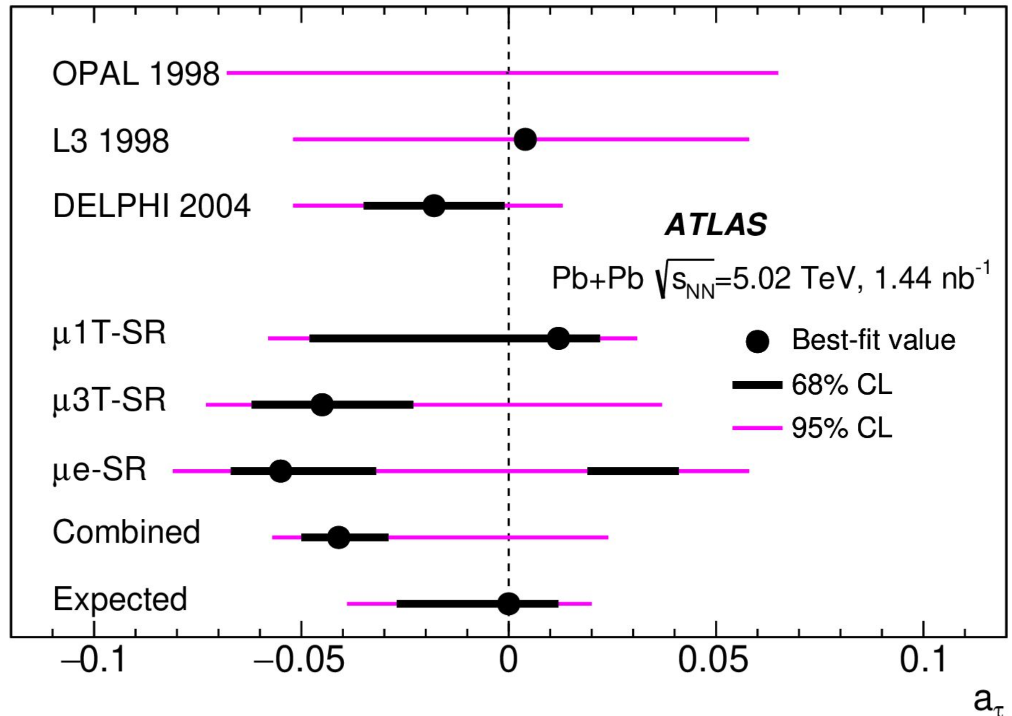

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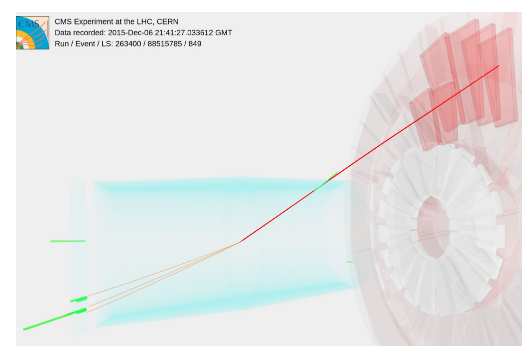

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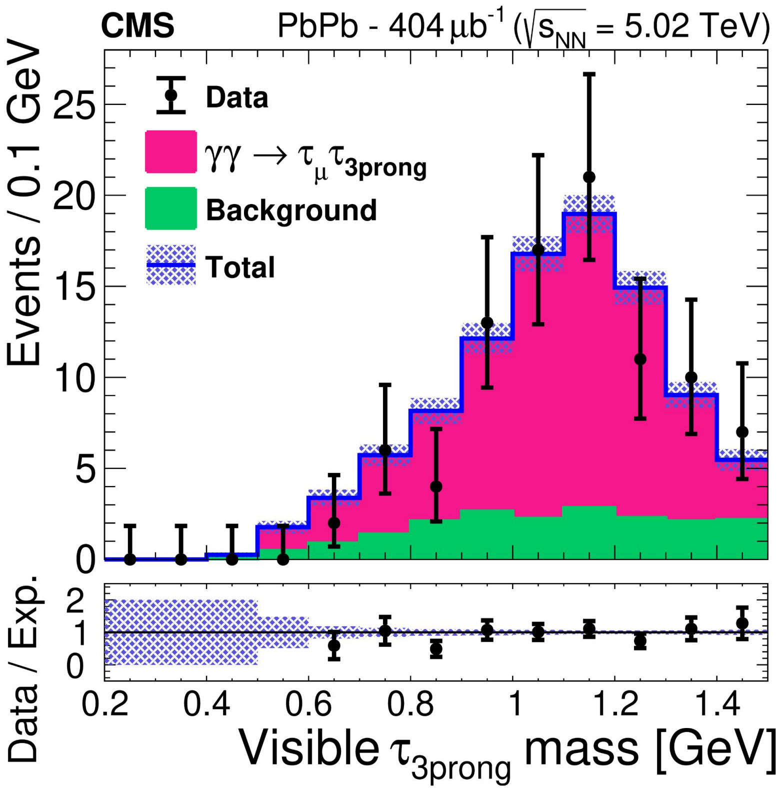

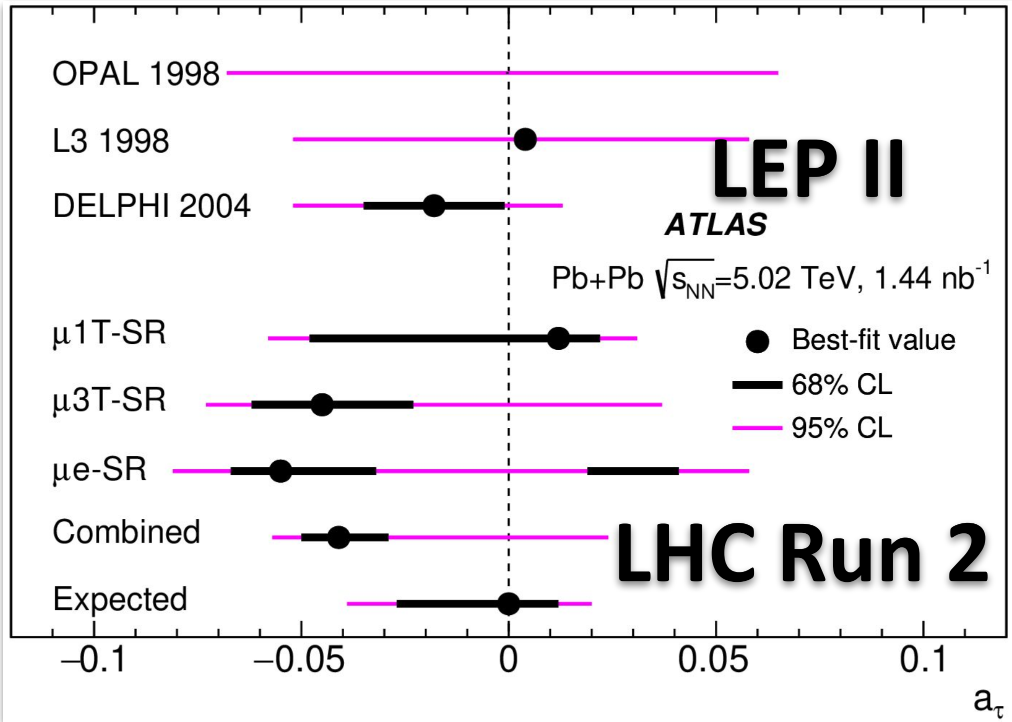

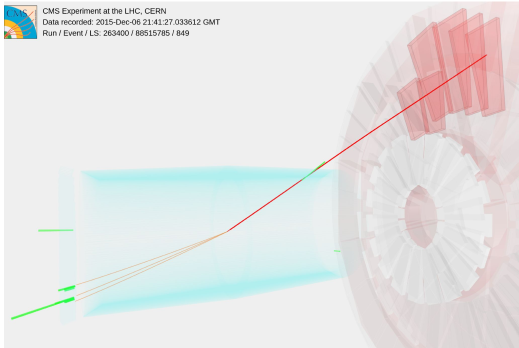

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Coherent J/ψ production in UPC PbPb

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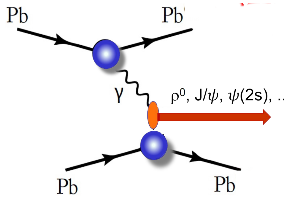

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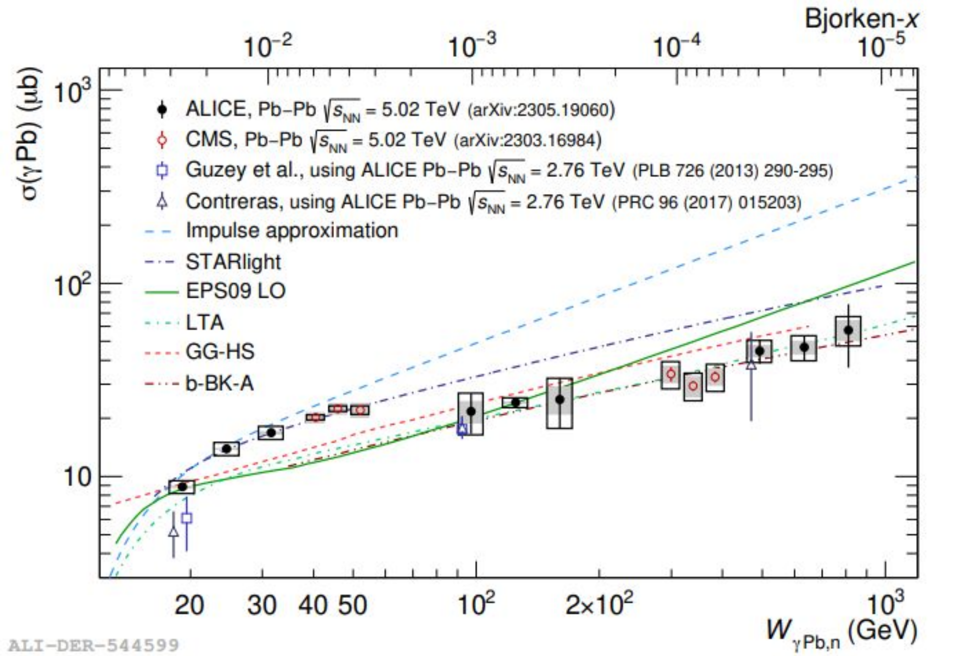

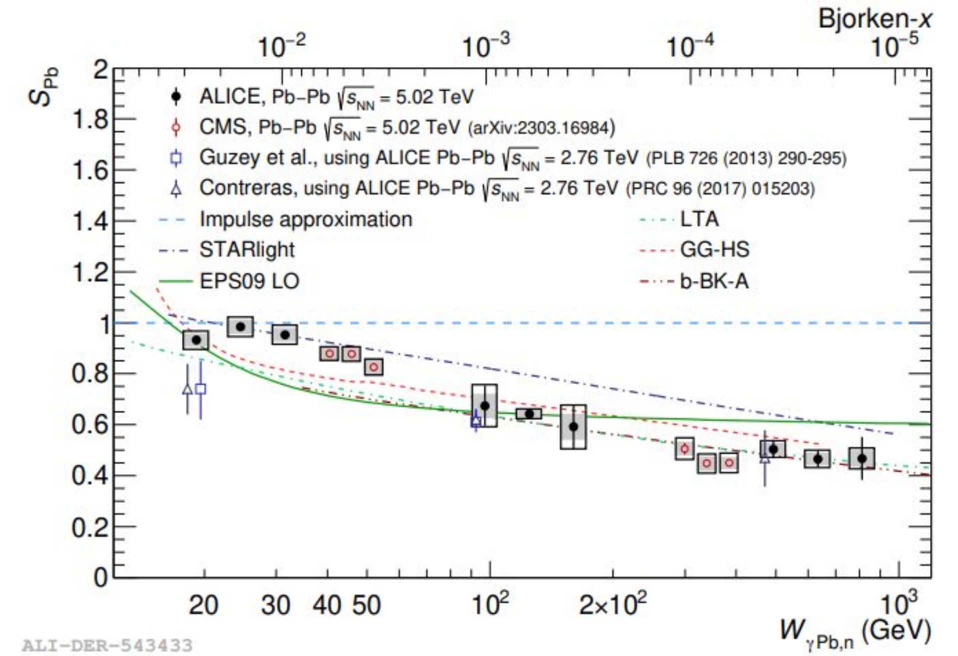

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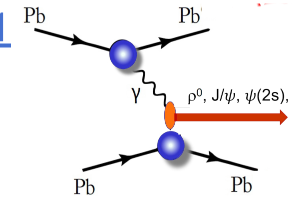

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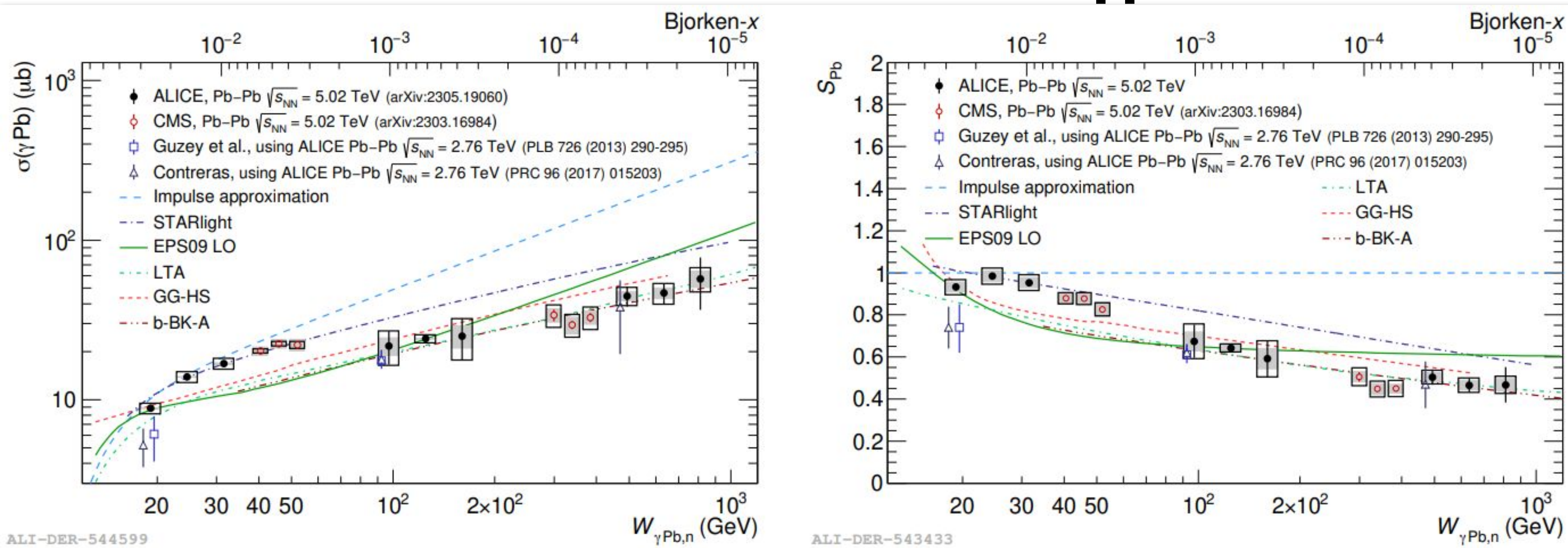

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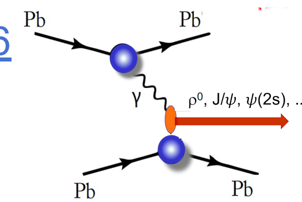

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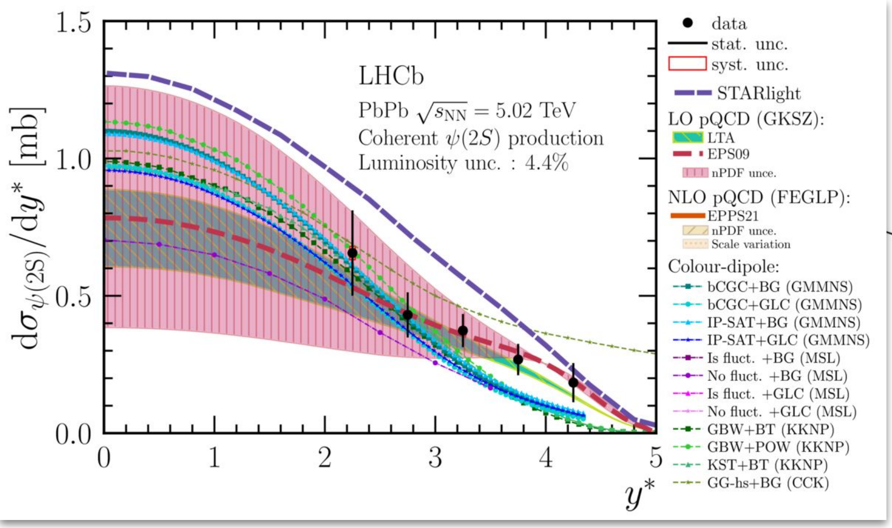

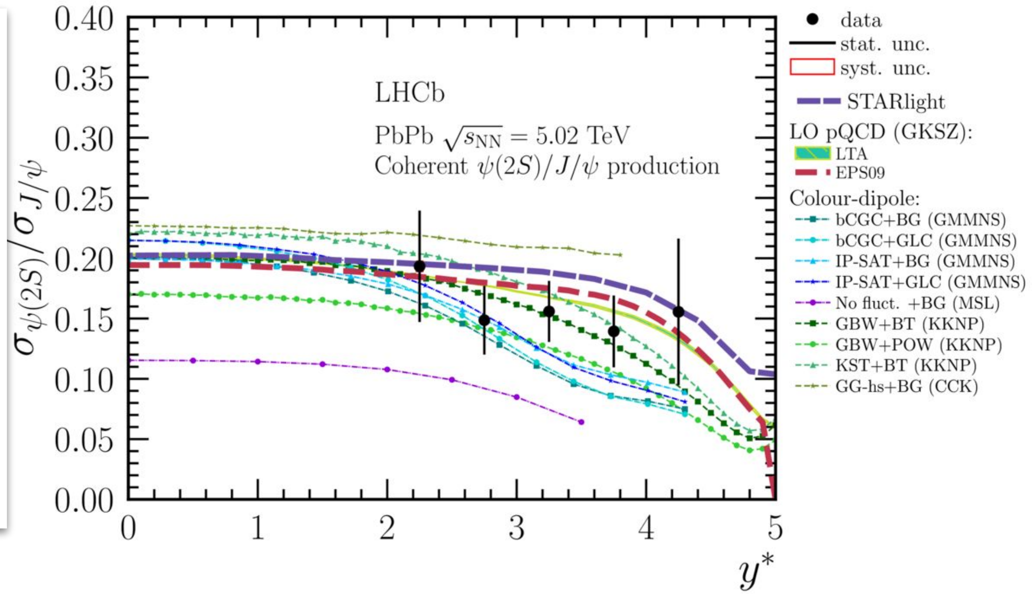

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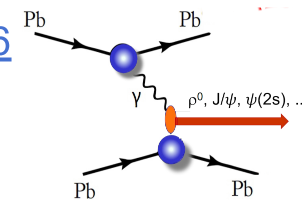

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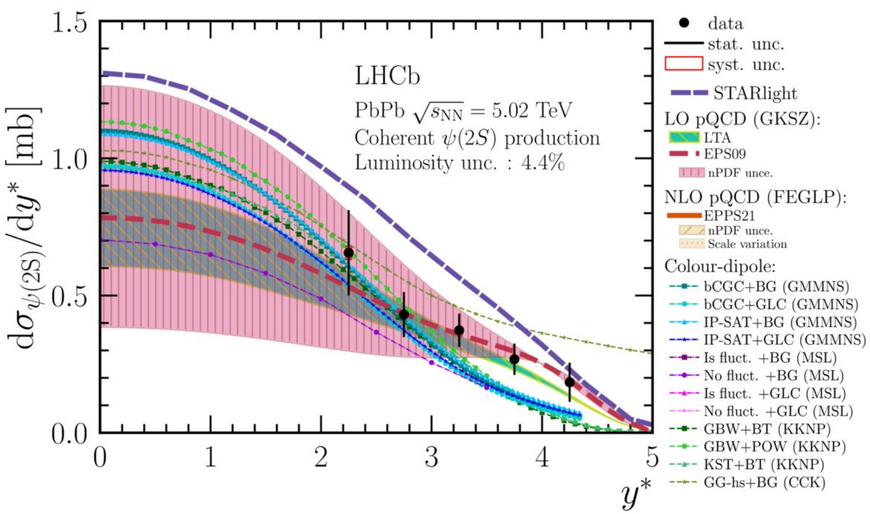

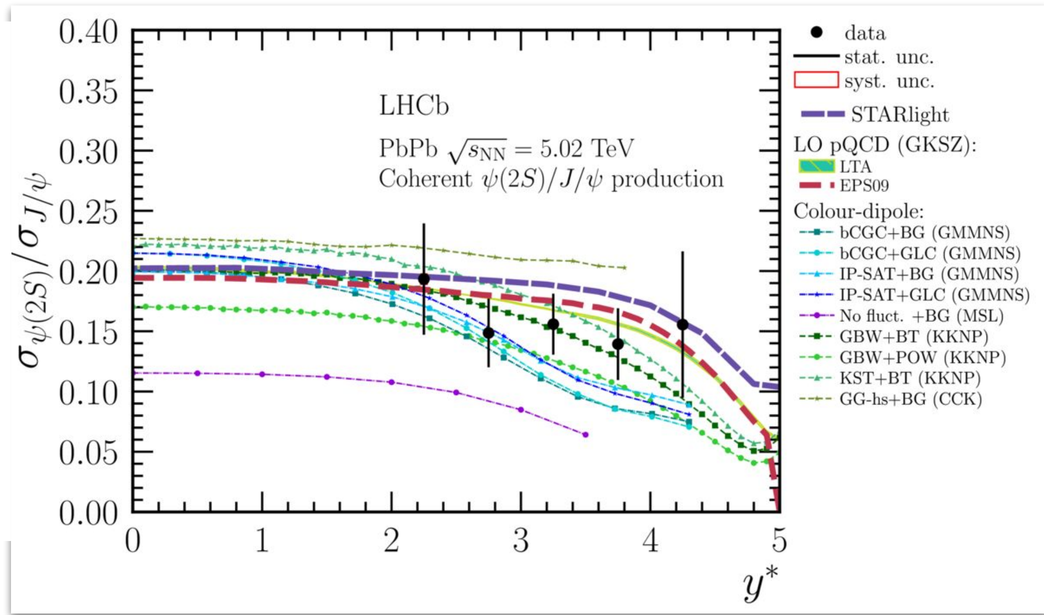

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Polarization and incoherent J/ψ

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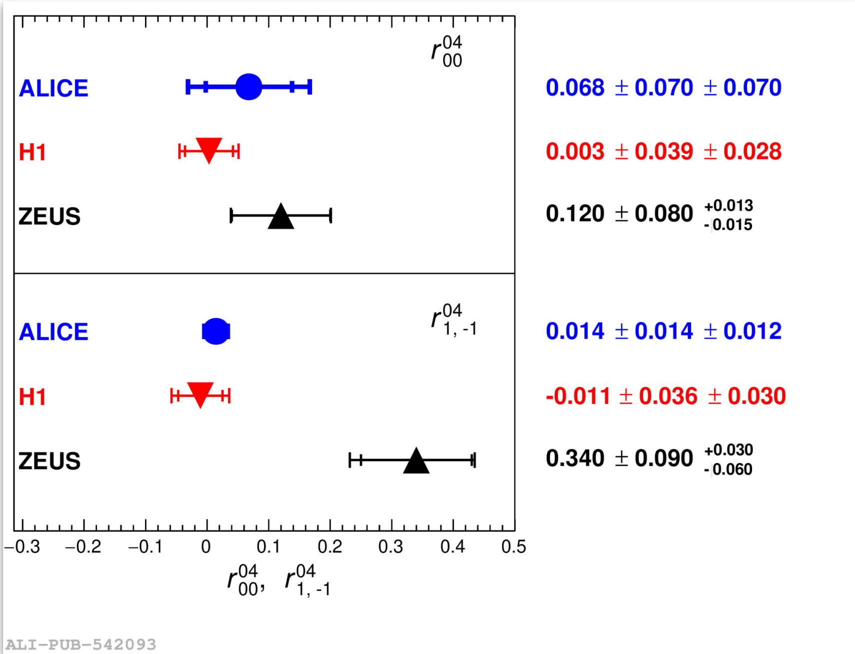

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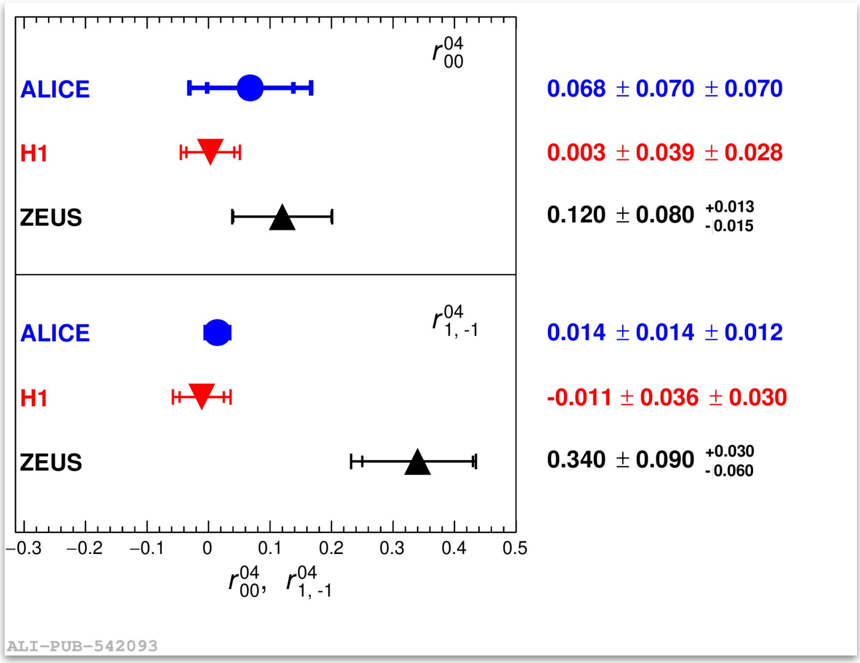

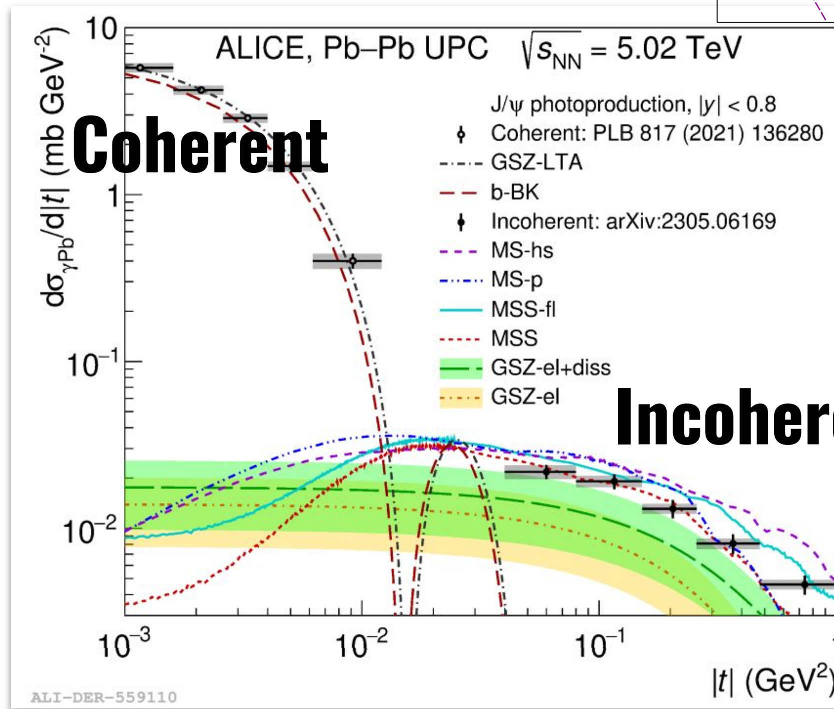

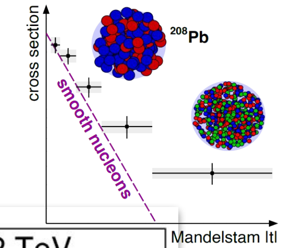

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ρ^0 and 4π production in UPC PbPb

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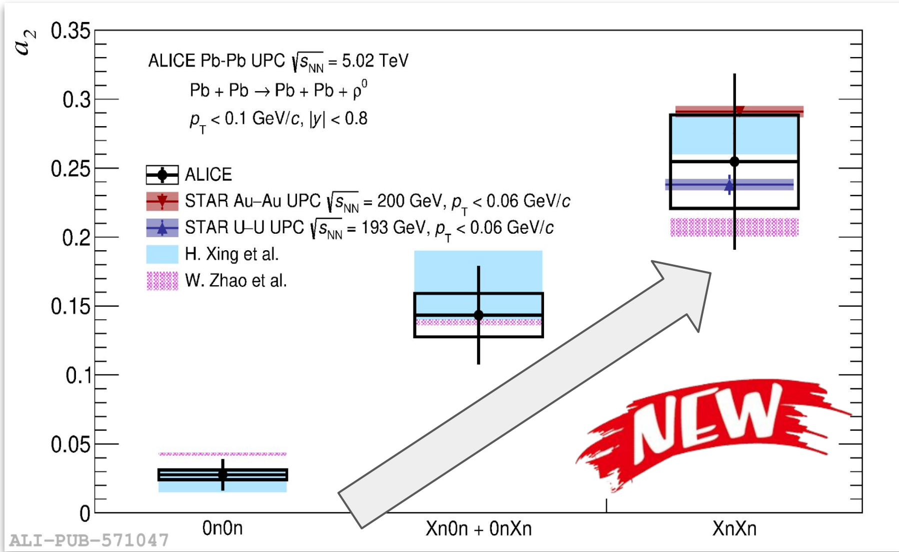
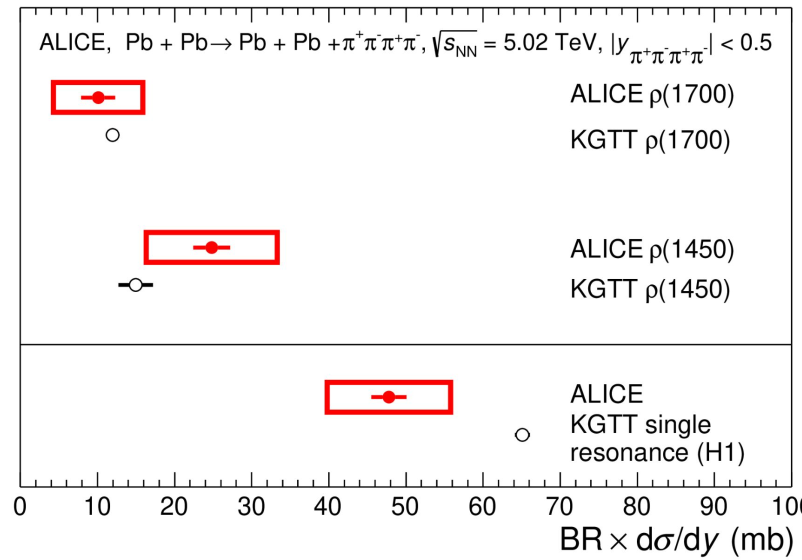
Angular modulation





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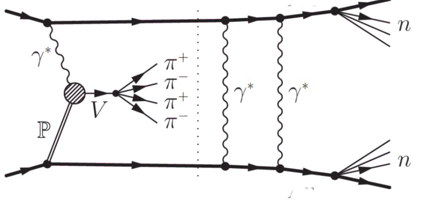

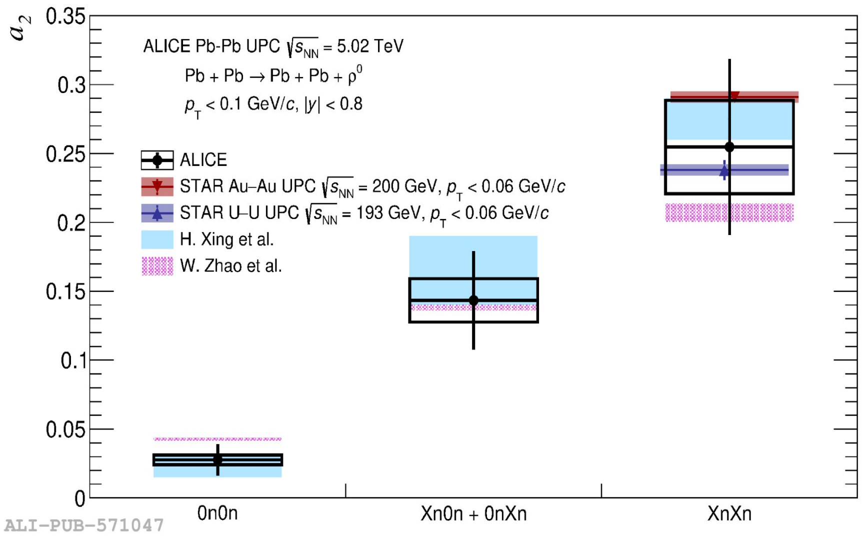

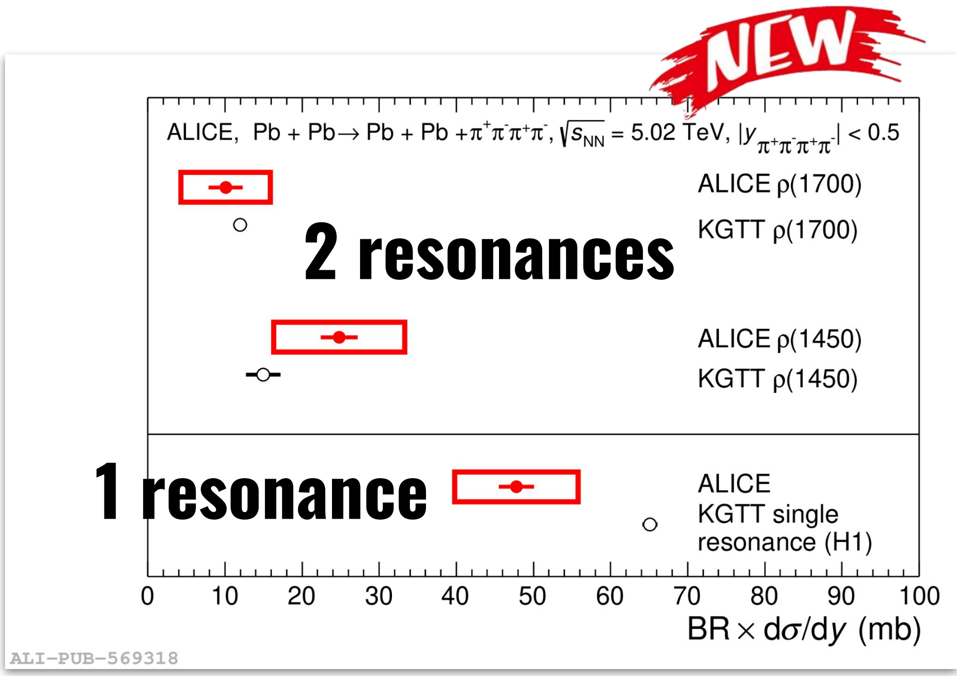

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  - ρ / ρ^0 production ratio **lower than at RHIC**: Reggeon exchange contributions?

$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ production in UPC PbPb

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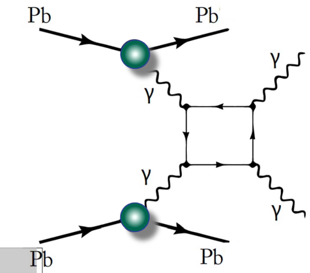

Inv mass

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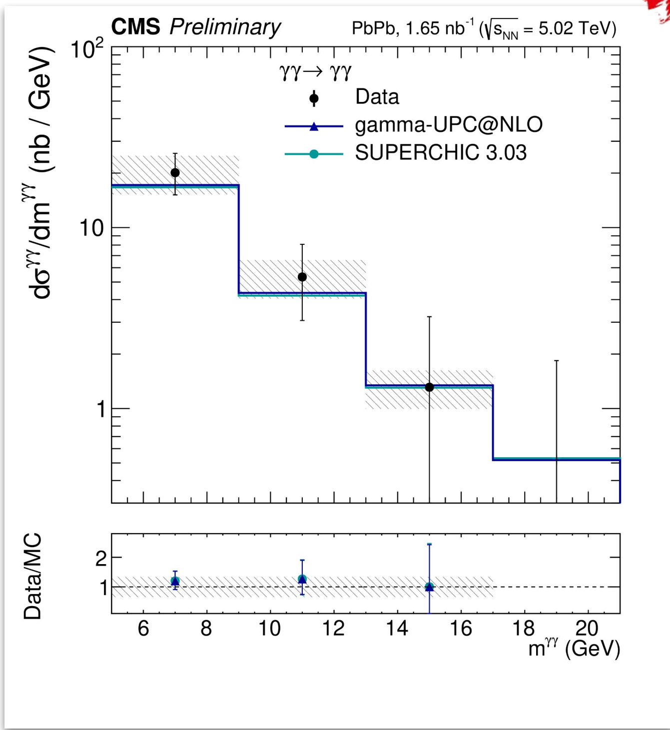

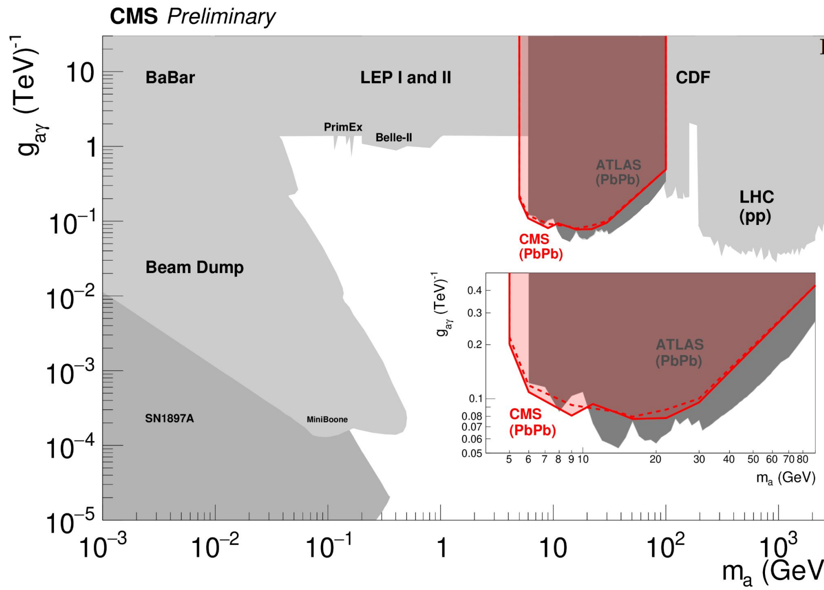

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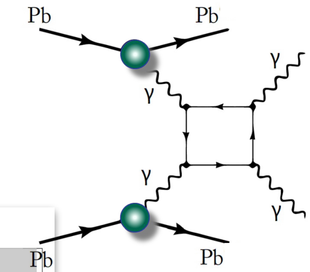
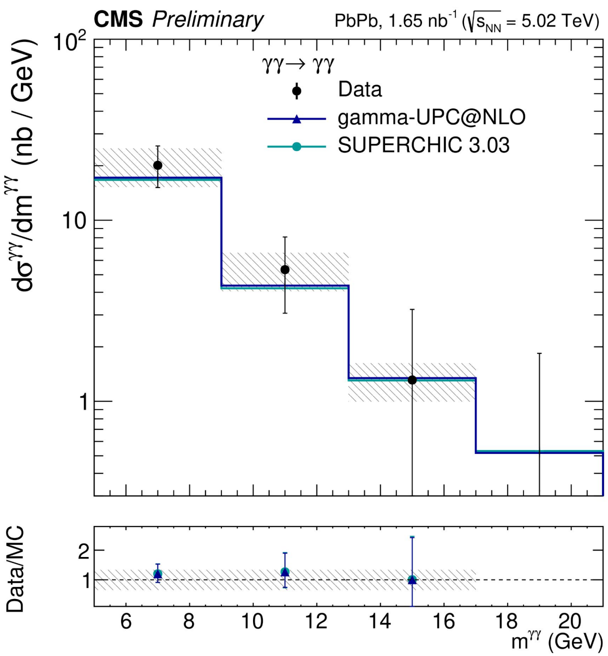
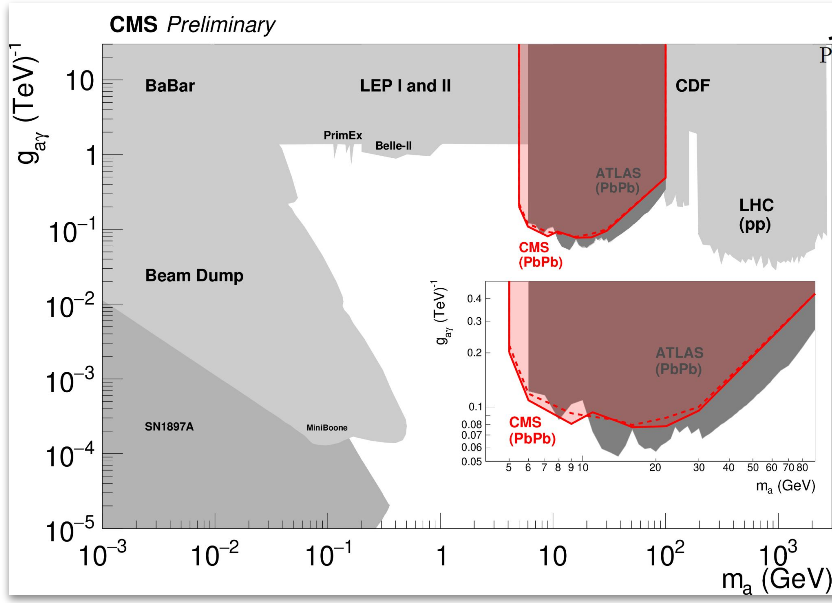


Limits on ALPs





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  - UPC PbPb uniquely cover the **1–100 GeV** mass range
  - ATLAS (CMS) better limits at high (lower) mass due to event count (trigger)

Angular correlations in γPb and γp

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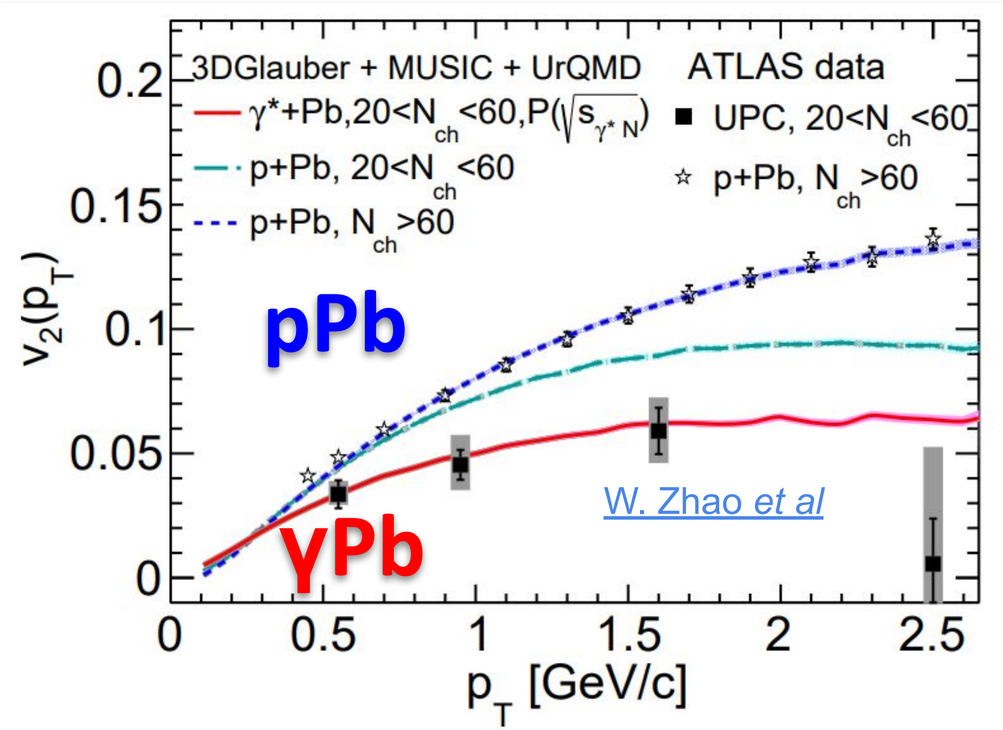

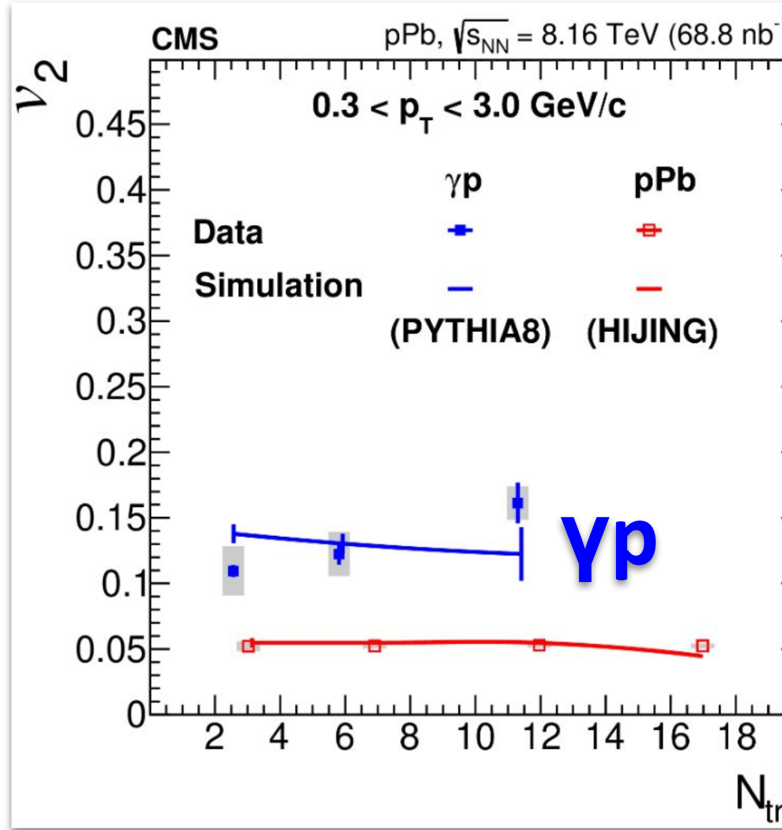

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Angular correlations in γPb and γp

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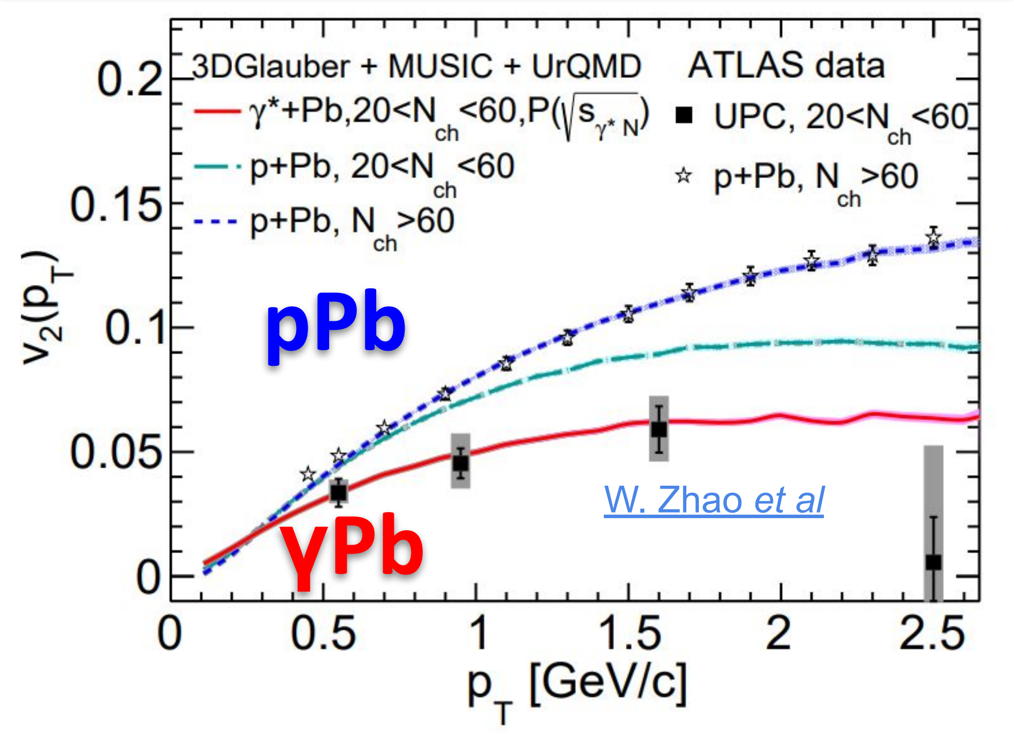

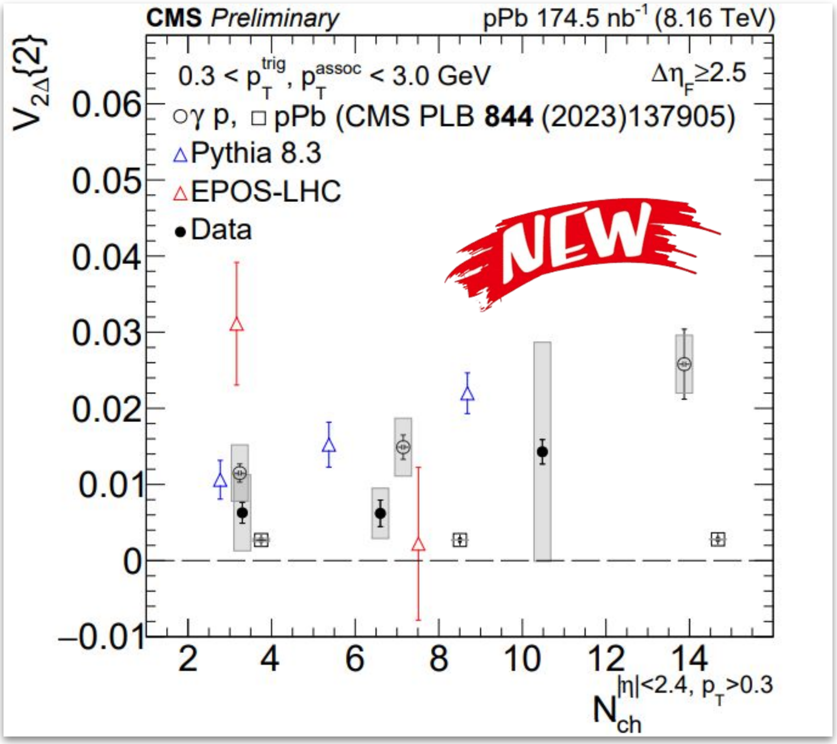

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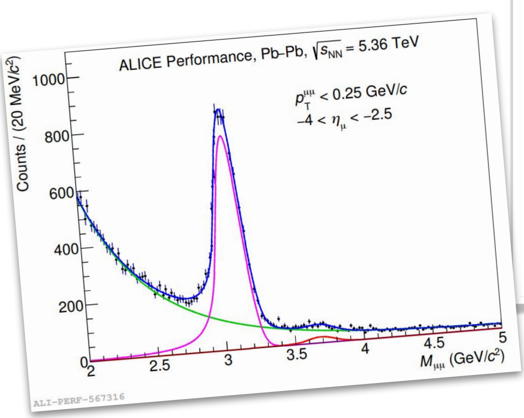
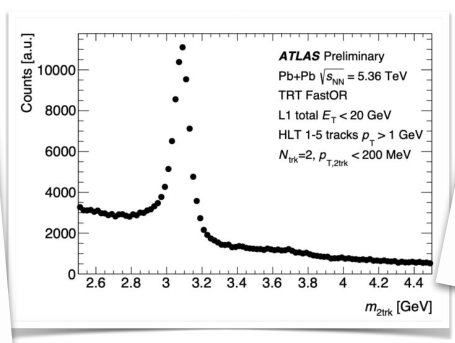
  - same for events with **large rapidity gaps**

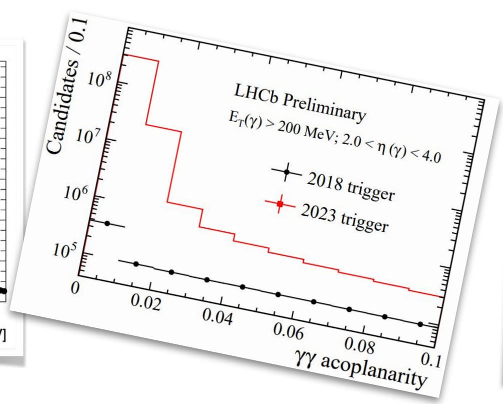
Bright future ahead

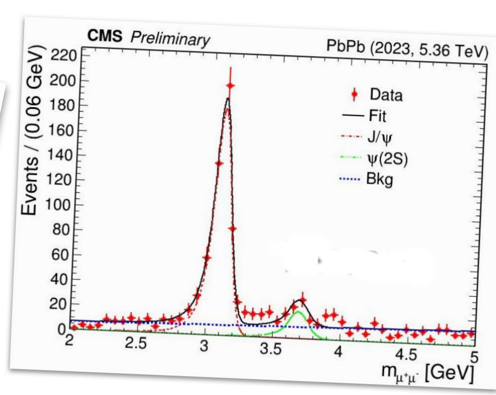
- **Exciting time for UPCs in Runs 3 and 4 (order of magnitude increase in lumi)**
- **Experiments collected Run 3 PbPb data with major improvements to Run 2**
  - **pPb only in Run 4**
- **Precision measurements, low-mass/exotic resonances as well as new physics!**
- **Strangeness, open charm, heavy quarkonia (Υ) in UPCs**
- **New physics searches: ALPs, g_τ-2, ..**
- **Yet nonexhaustive list: jet production, particle collectivity, ..**
- **Most welcome to join the effort!**

UPC performance in Run 3









slides

Z/γ* & W production in pPb

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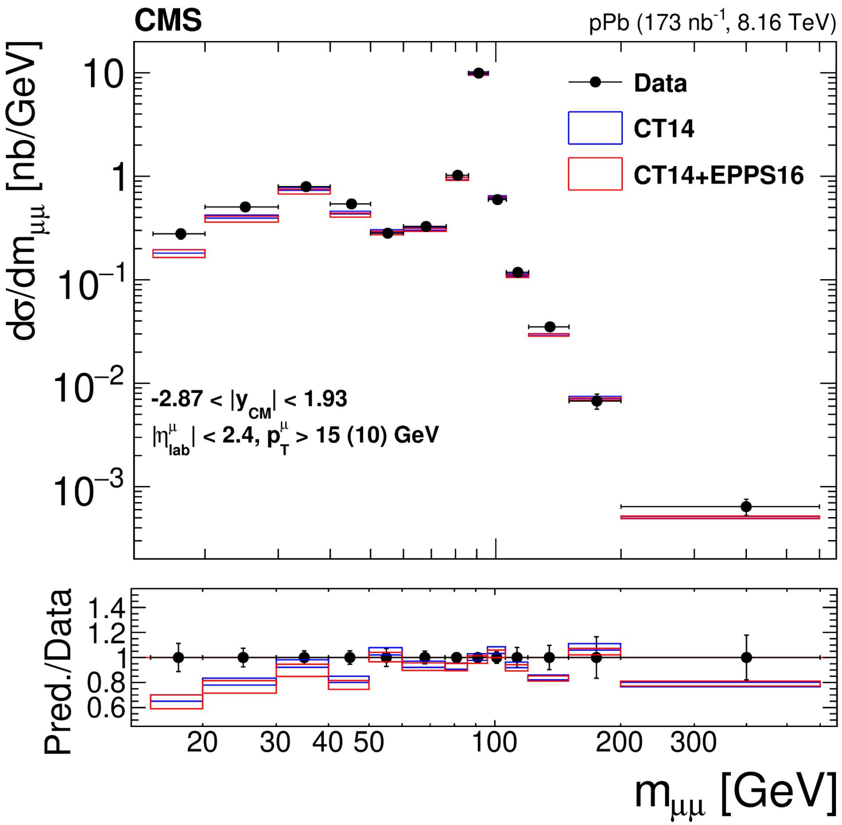

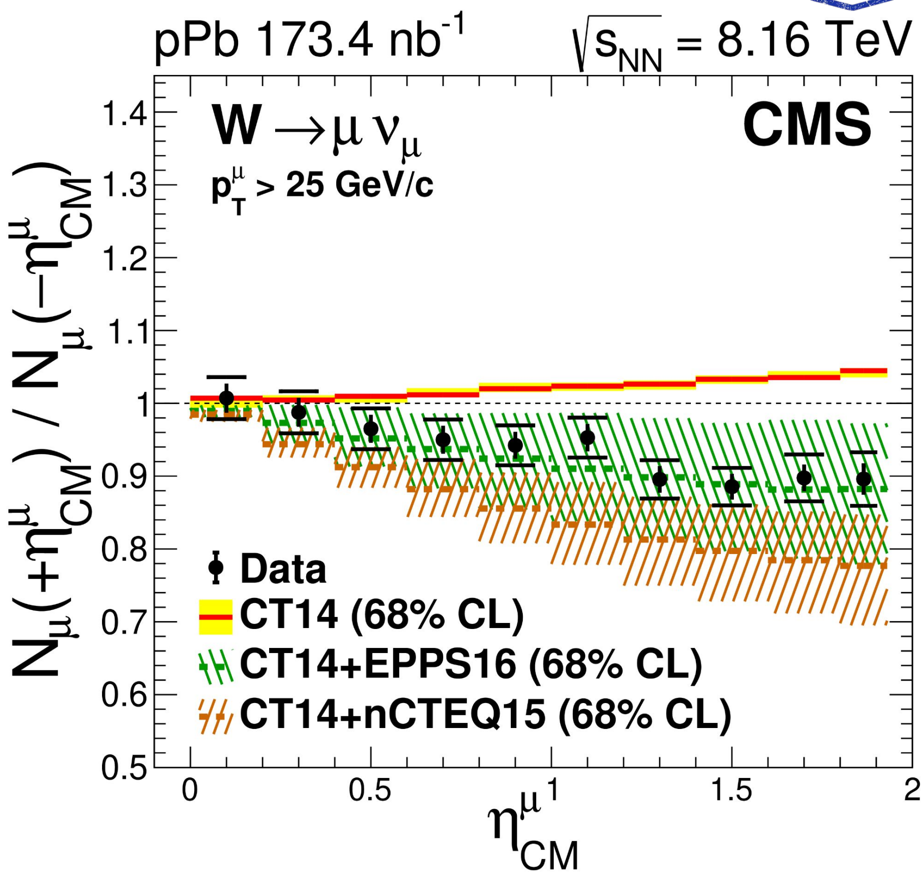

- **First Z/γ* study in an extended $m_{\mu\mu}$ range**
  - low $m_{\mu\mu}$ sensitive to NNLO corrections
  - on-shell production less well described: statistical fluctuations(?)
- **Observation of nuclear effects in W boson production**
  - included in all recent nPDF fits

Key characteristics of the nPDF global fits

	KSASG20	nCTEQ15WZSIH	TUJU21	EPPS21	nNNPDF3.0
Order in α_s	NLO & NNLO	NLO	NLO & NNLO	NLO	NLO
lA NC DIS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
νA CC DIS	✓		✓	✓	✓
pA DY	✓	✓		✓	✓
πA DY				✓	
RHIC dAu π^0,$\pi^\pm$		✓		✓	
LHC pPb π^0,$\pi^\pm$,$K^\pm$		✓			
LHC pPb dijets				✓	✓
LHC pPb D^0				✓	✓ reweight
LHC pPb W,Z		✓	✓	✓	✓
LHC pPb γ					✓
Q, W cut in DIS	1.3, 0.0 GeV	2.0, 3.5 GeV	1.87, 3.5 GeV	1.3, 1.8 GeV	1.87, 3.5 GeV
$p_{\rm T}$ cut in D^0,h-prod.	N/A	3.0 GeV	N/A	3.0 GeV	0.0 GeV
Data points	4353	948	2410	2077	2188
Free parameters	9	19	16	24	256
Error analysis	Hessian	Hessian	Hessian	Hessian	Monte Carlo
Free-proton PDFs	CT18	~CTEQ6M	own fit	CT18A	~NNPDF4.0
Free-proton corr.	no	no	no	yes	yes
HQ treatment	FONLL	S-ACOT	FONLL	S-ACOT	FONLL
Indep. flavours	3	5	4	6	6
Reference	PRD 104, 034010	PRD 104, 094005	arXiv:2112.11904	arXiv:2112.12462	arXiv:2201.12363

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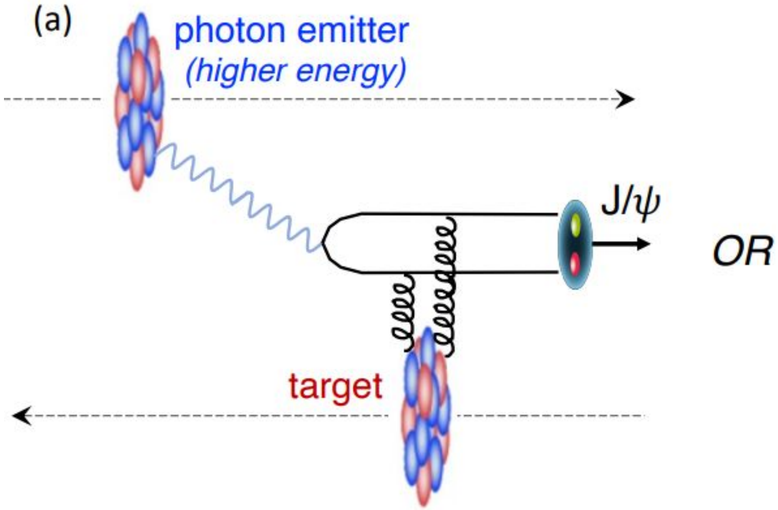
How to unambiguously access **low-x gluons**?

The theo. solution

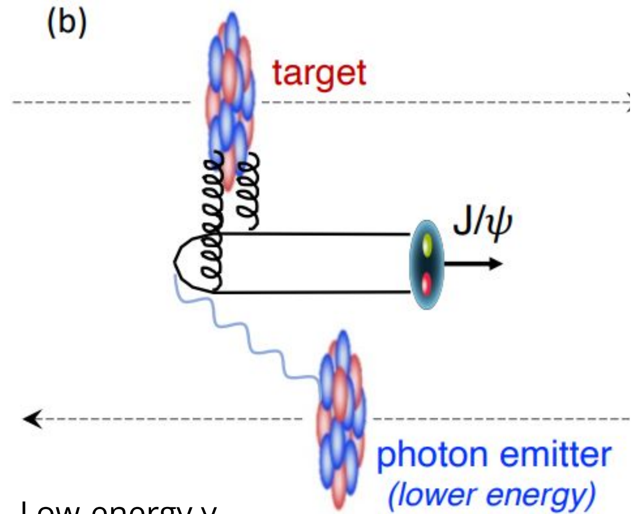
Guzey et al., **EPJC 74 (2014) 2942**



High-energy γ

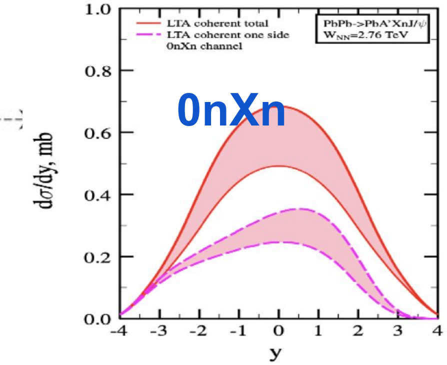
$$w_2 = \frac{M_{VM}}{2} e^{+y}$$

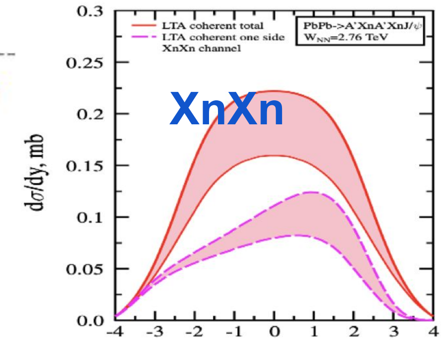
The issue



Low-energy γ

$$w_1 = \frac{M_{VM}}{2} e^{-y}$$





The exp. solution

What is measured — **Photon flux from theory** — **What we want to extract**

$$\frac{d\sigma^{0nXn}_{AA\to AA'J/\psi}}{dy} = N^{0nXn}_{\gamma/A}(\omega_1)\cdot\sigma_{\gamma A\to J/\psi A'(\omega_1)} + N^{0nXn}_{\gamma/A}(w_2)\cdot\sigma_{\gamma A\to J/\psi A'(w_2)}$$

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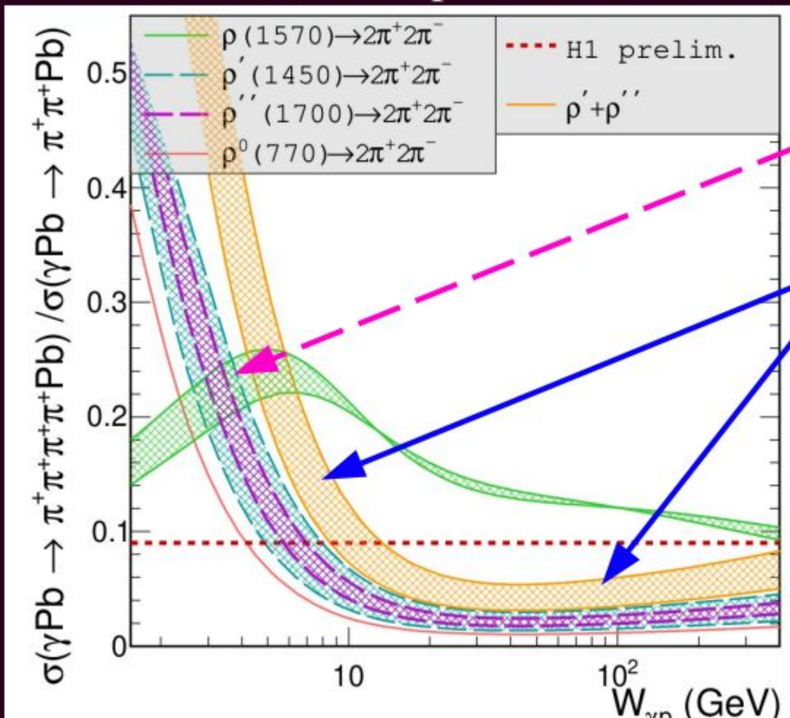
Entering a new regime of small x ~ 10^{-4}-10^{-5} in nuclei w/o the need to increase the energy!

Cross section ratio

$$(\rho \to \pi^+\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-)/(\rho^0 \to \pi^+\pi^-)$$

Theory calculation from
M. Klusek and D. Tapia Takaki Acta Phys. Polon. B 51 (2020) 6, 1393



Rapid reduction of Reggeon exchange for excited ρ at low center-of-mass energies.

		√sNN	Ratio
STAR	Au–Au	200 GeV	(13.4 ± 0.8 ± 4.4) %
ALICE	Pb–Pb	5.02 TeV	(7.3 ± 0.4 ± 1.2) %

STAR Collaboration performed the measurement for the events with mutual nuclear excitation.

Theoretical calculation is performed as a function of $W_{\gamma p}$, so no direct comparison is possible, but a qualitative agreement is observed.

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Improvements in Run 3 PbPb

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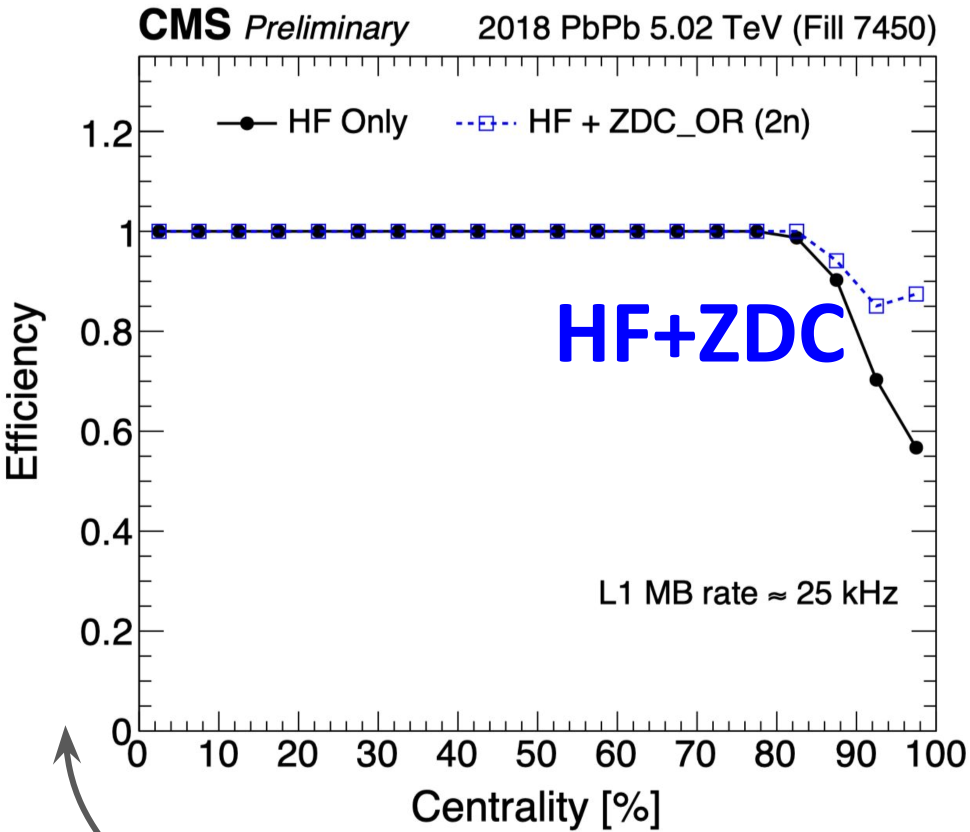
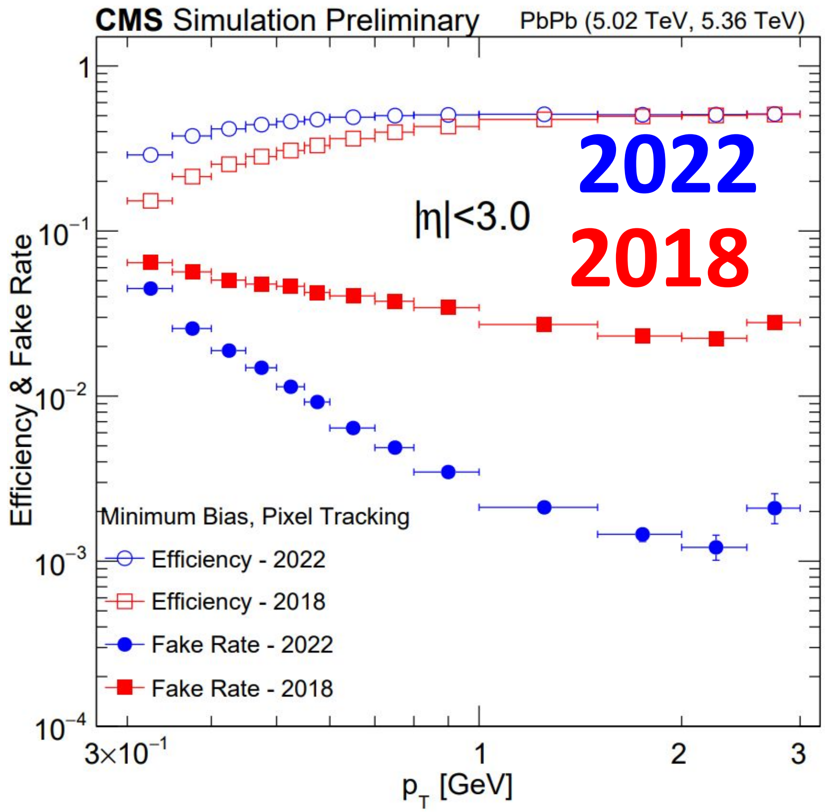




- **Improvements expected already in Run 3, e.g.,**
  - online: increased MB trigger efficiency in peripheral events with ZDC inclusion
  - offline: better low-p_T tracking thanks to innermost pixel layer consideration
- **Overall CMS will record 25 kHz of MB PbPb events**
  - representing an increase of 80x to 2015 and 3x to 2018

CMS Phase 2 Upgrades (HI related)

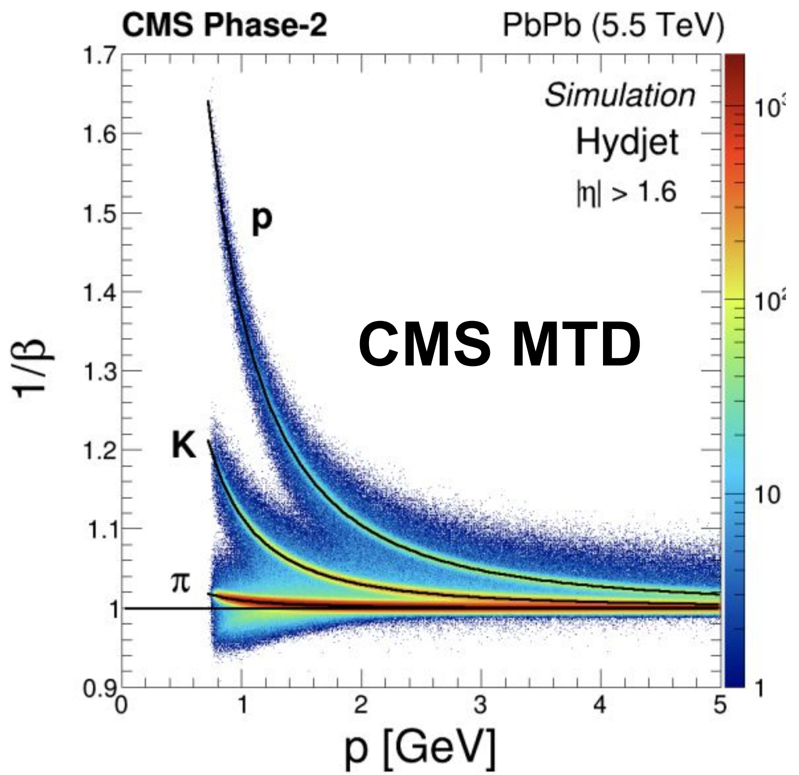
CMS-DP-2021-037

Phase 2 Upgrade

CMS Phase 2 for Run 4

- Tracker |η|<4
- Muon ID up to |η|<2.8
- High Granularity Calorimeter
- MIP timing detector
  - 4D vertexing
  - **p/K/π PID (CMS MTD)**
- L1 trigger update: 750 kHz for CMS
- DAQ: 51 GB/s for CMS
- L1 track triggers
- ZDC

p/K/π separation



- **Main batch of CMS Upgrades in Run 4**
  - Among others, unique hermetic particle identification coverage by CMS MTD
- **Physics requests documented in past years over a diverse set of reports**
  - WG5 HL-LHC, ATLAS+CMS Snowmass'22, QCD Town Meeting WP, CMS HIN