

Overview of latest UPC results from CMS (& first glimpse in Run 3)

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UPC 2023: International workshop on the physics of
Ultra Peripheral Collisions



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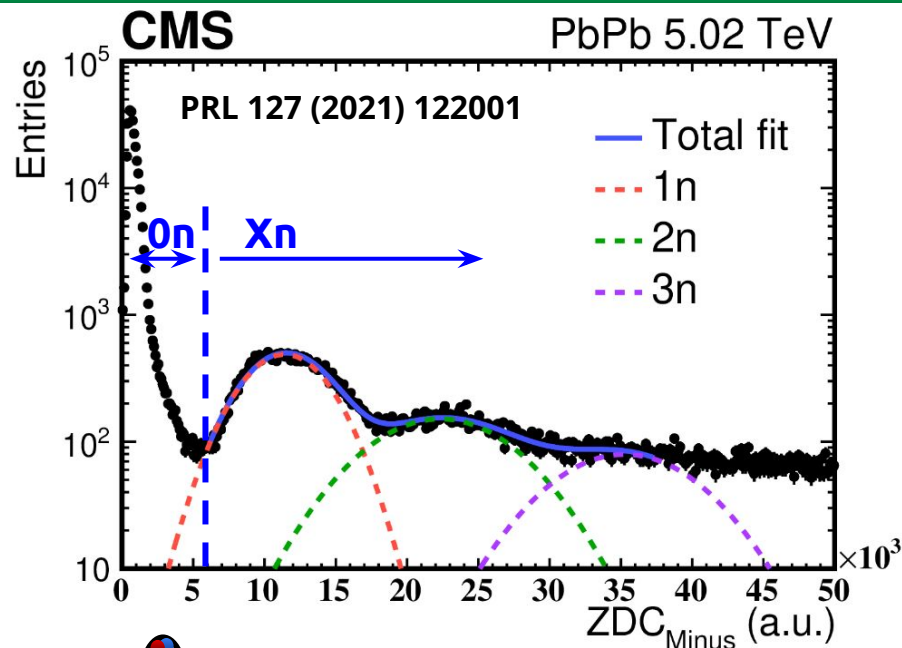
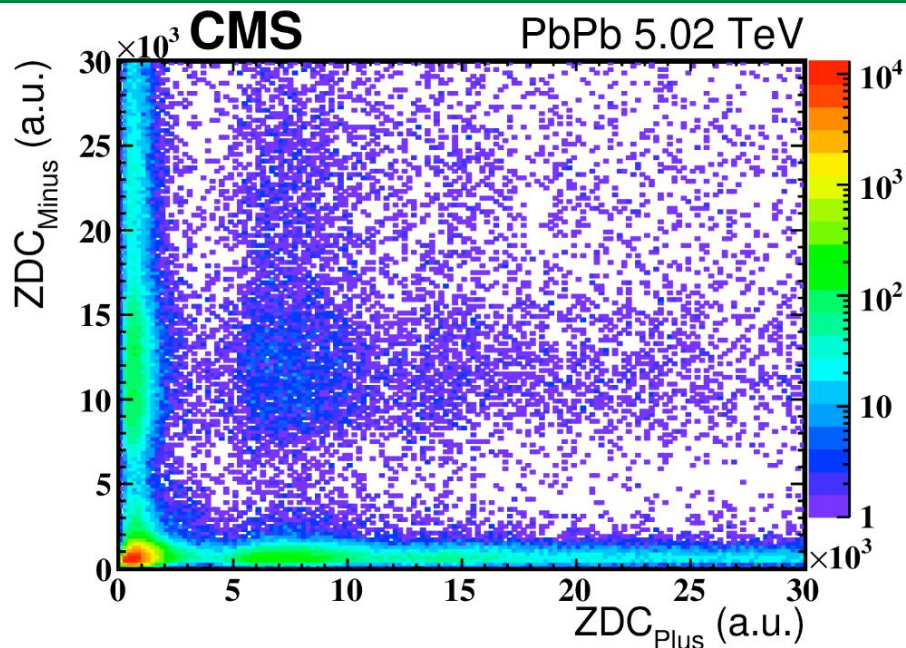
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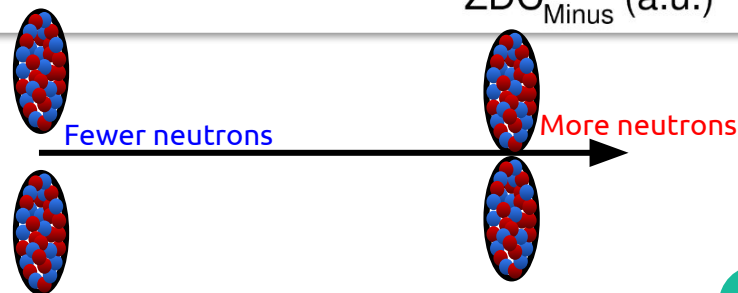
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All results published as letters (*) nonexhaustive list (e.g., [rapidity gaps](#), etc)

Event classification in neutron multiplicity classes



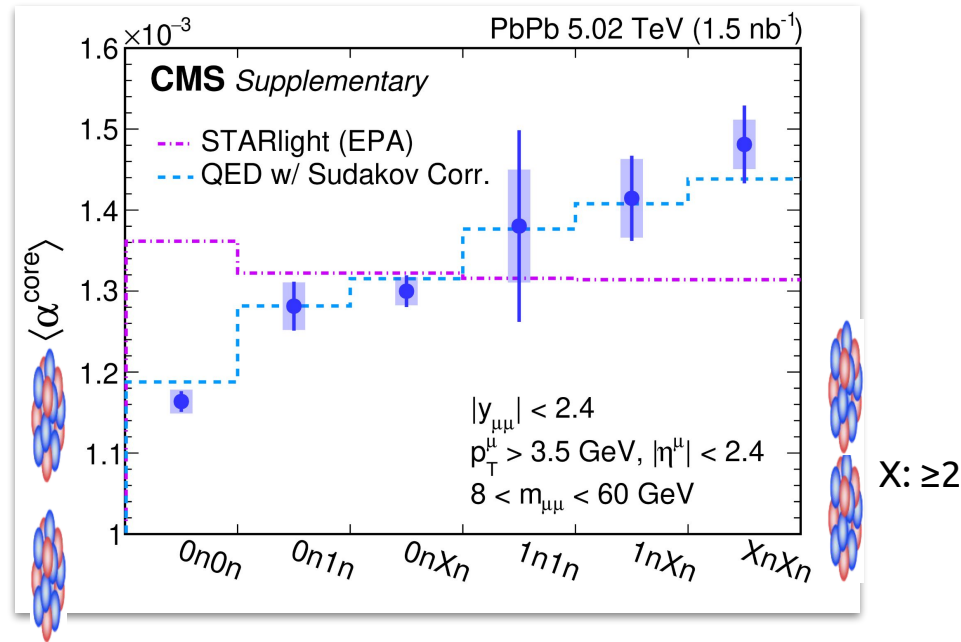
- Multi-Gaussian fits to disentangle # of neutrons:
 - $0n0n$, $0nXn$, $XnXn$ ($X: \geq 1$)
 - high purity



Method established in **HIN-19-014**

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

HIN-19-014

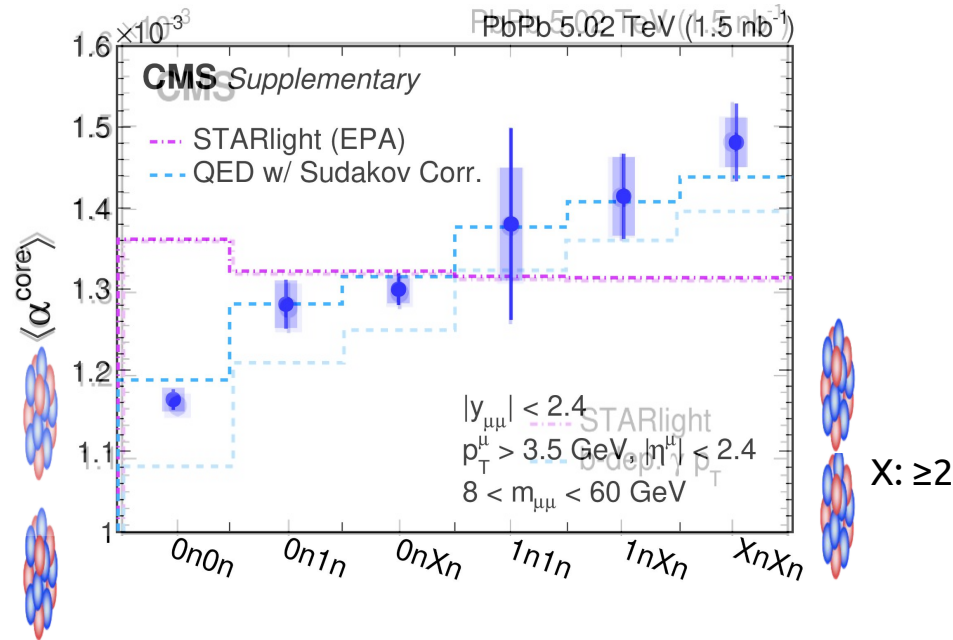


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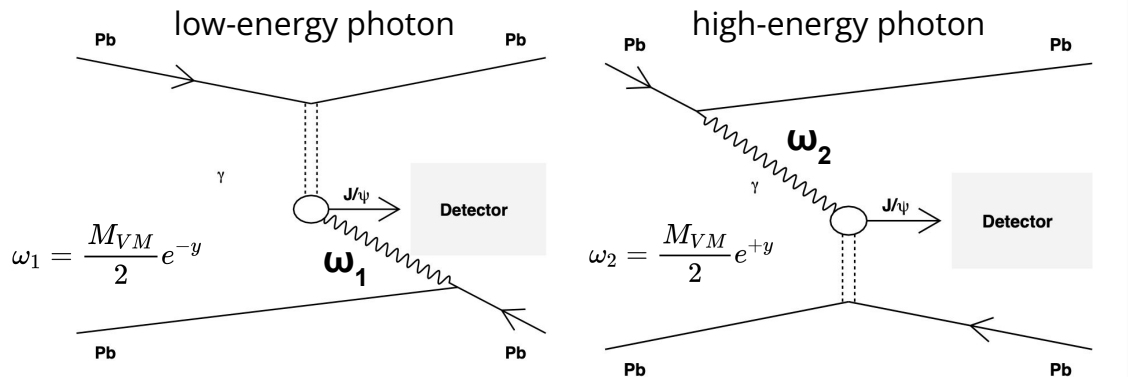
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Search for gluon saturation in heavy nuclei—the challenge

Symmetric system: either ion can serve as the photon source or target nucleus

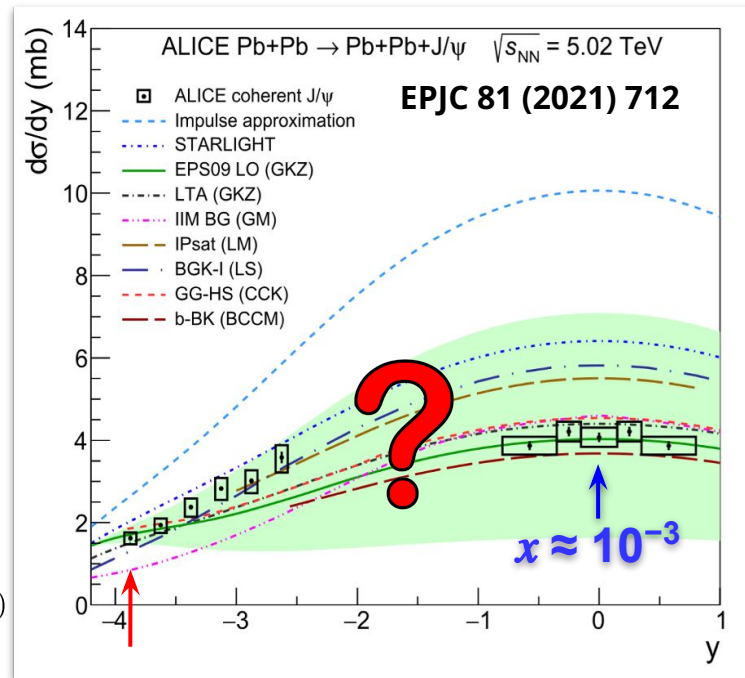
- A two-way ambiguity!



$$\frac{d\sigma_{AA \rightarrow AA' J/\psi}}{dy} = N_{\gamma/A}(\omega_1) \cdot \sigma_{\gamma A \rightarrow J/\psi A'}(\omega_1) + N_{\gamma/A}(\omega_2) \cdot \sigma_{\gamma A \rightarrow J/\psi A'}(\omega_2)$$

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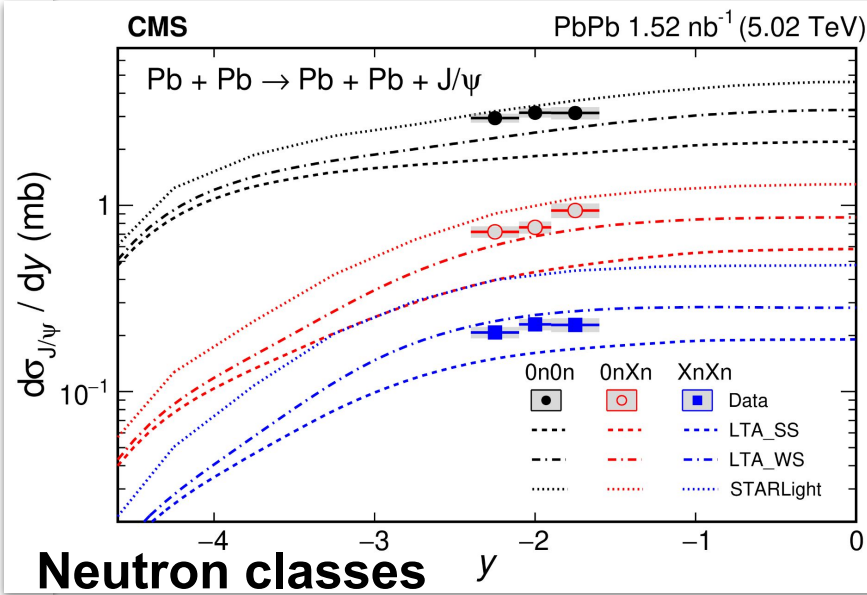
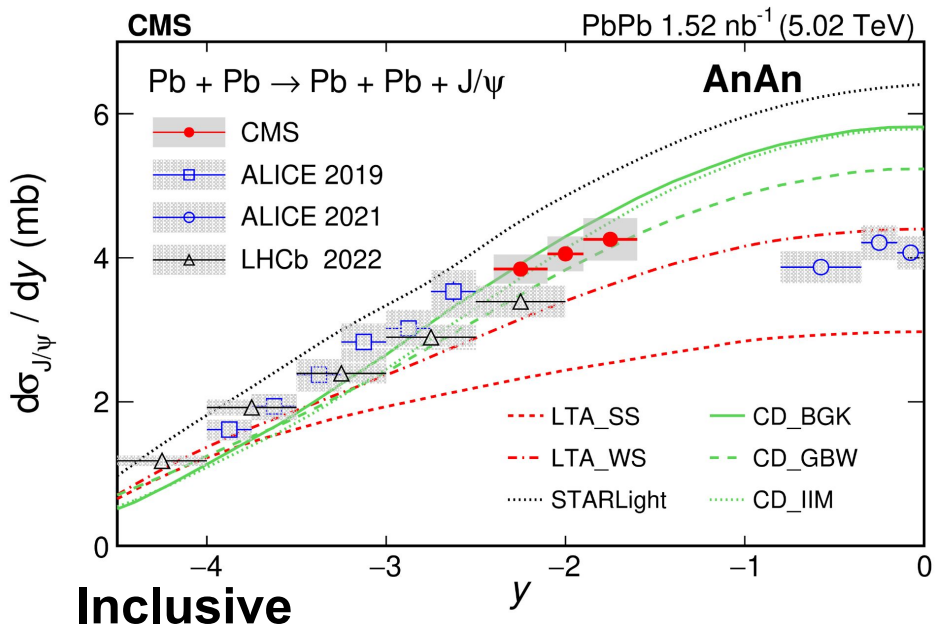
- **No unambiguous access to $x \sim 10^{-5}$**



$x_1 \approx 10^{-5}$
or $x_2 \approx 10^{-2}$
(~95% high- x)

$$x_{1,2} = \frac{1}{\omega_{1,2}} \cdot \frac{M_{VM}^2}{2\sqrt{s_{NN}}}$$

Search for gluon saturation in heavy nuclei—the answer?



HIN-22-002

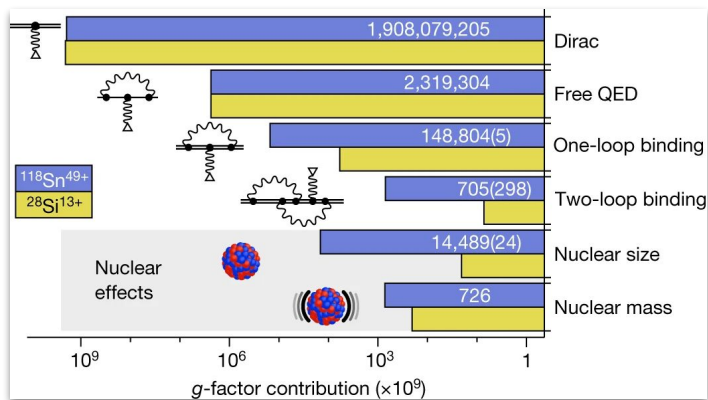
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See [Luis's talk](#)

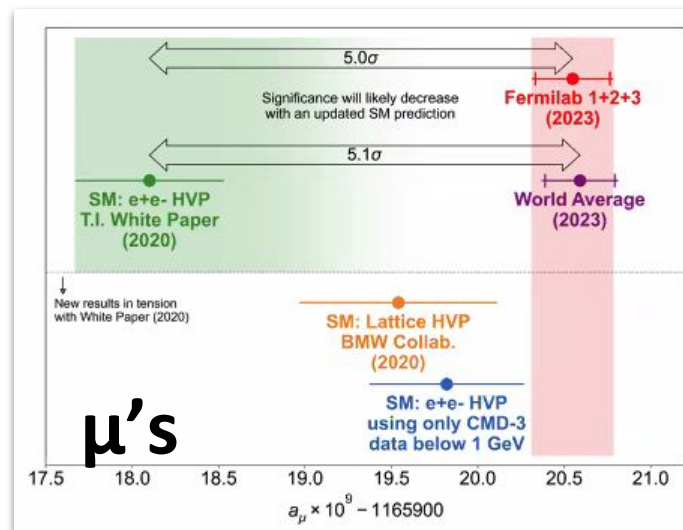
The anomalous anomaly for e's & μ's

bound e's



[Nature 622 \(2023\) 53](#)

- ALPHATRAP tested **high-field QED** in hydrogen-like heavy nuclei
- FNAL g-2 **reconfirmed** previous discrepancy
 - the exact level depends on theory considerations

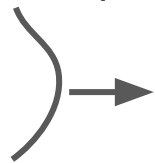


[PRL 26 \(2021\) 141801](#), [2308.06230](#)

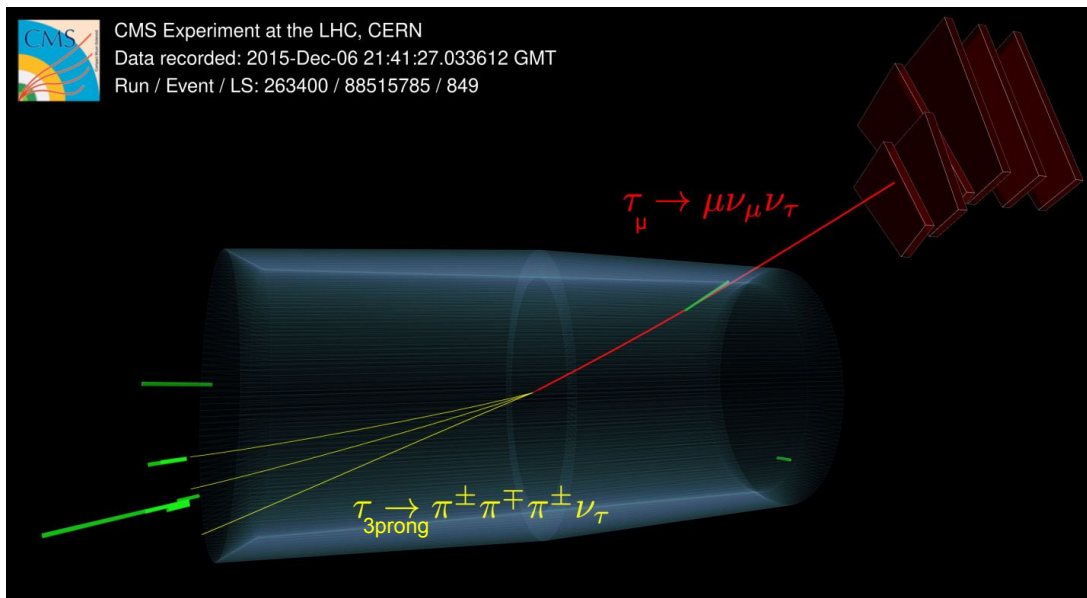
Maybe their heavier cousin is more sensitive to new physics?

τ 's are multifaceted

- $\tau\tau$ signal regions can be then defined based on the lepton and/or hadron multiplicity
 - dilepton: the lowest reco efficiency
 - $1\ell + 1$ track: main bkg due to $\mu\mu$, ee
 - **$1\ell + 3$ tracks**: clean with high enough yield



All channels needed for ultimate precision

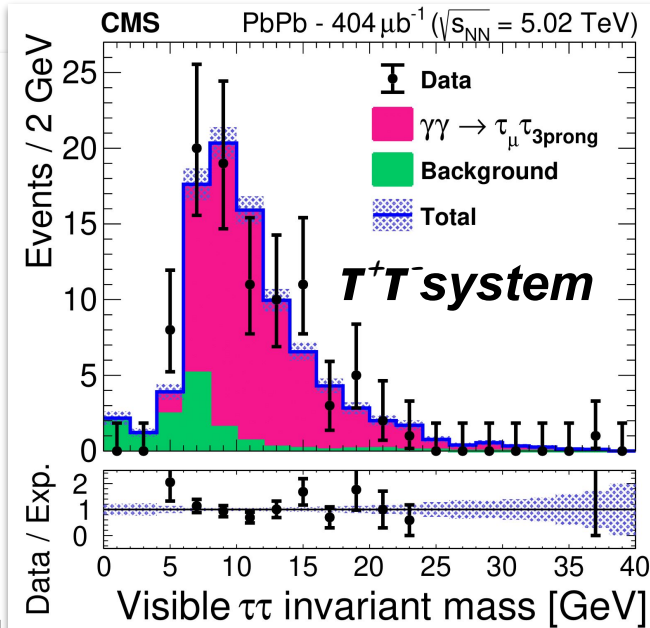
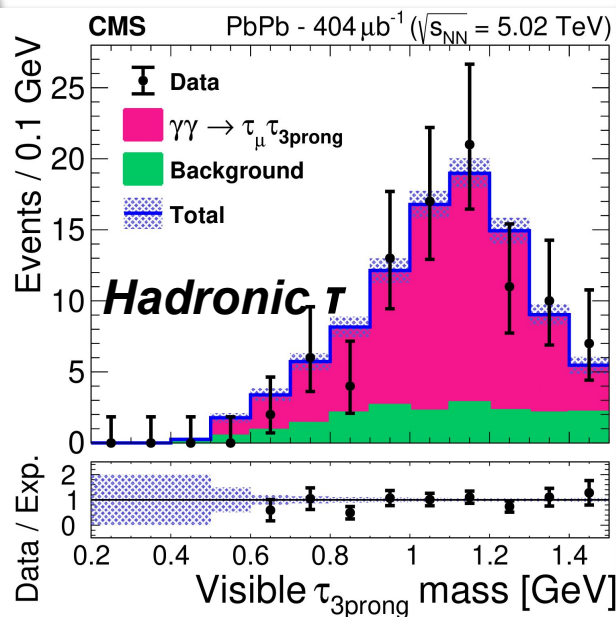
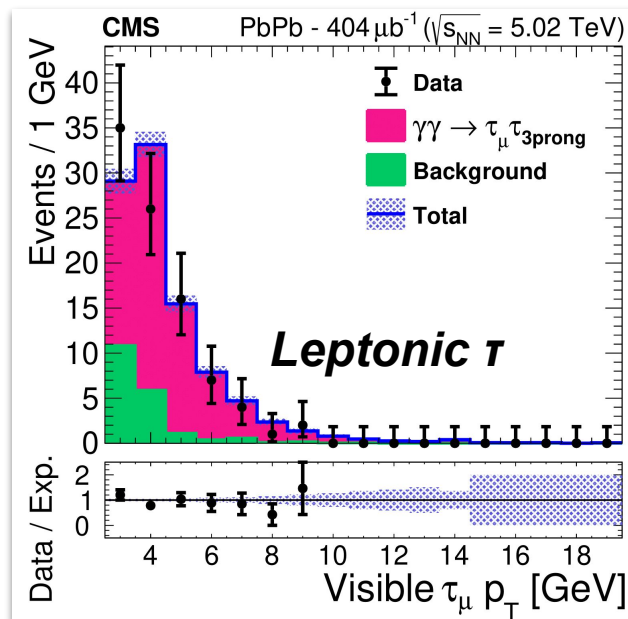


Data-to-exp comparison: control plots in the signal region

- Very good **agreement** between data & expectations
 - signal MC (aMC@NLO) is scaled to the **integrated luminosity**
 - we're in an almost **bkg-free** phase space region(!)
 - **unambiguous reconstruction** of the T^+T^- system

HIN-21-009

See [Matthew's talk](#)



Available LbyL UPC measurements (so far)

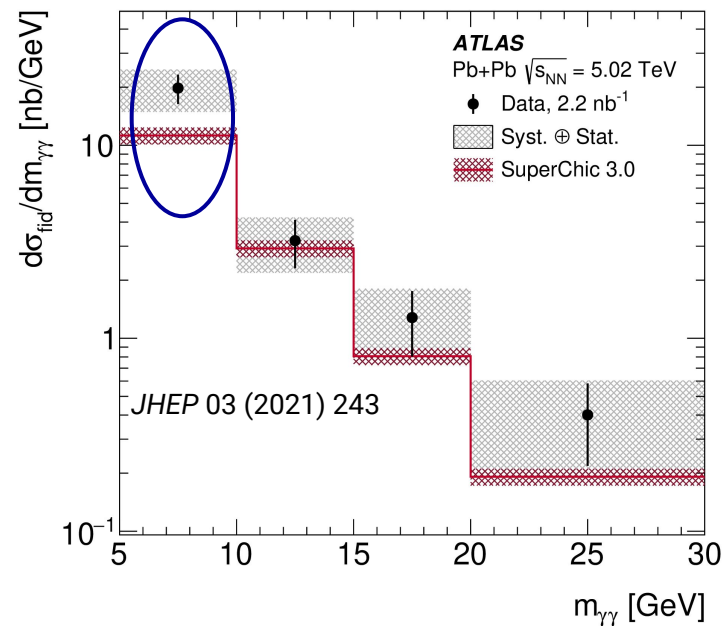
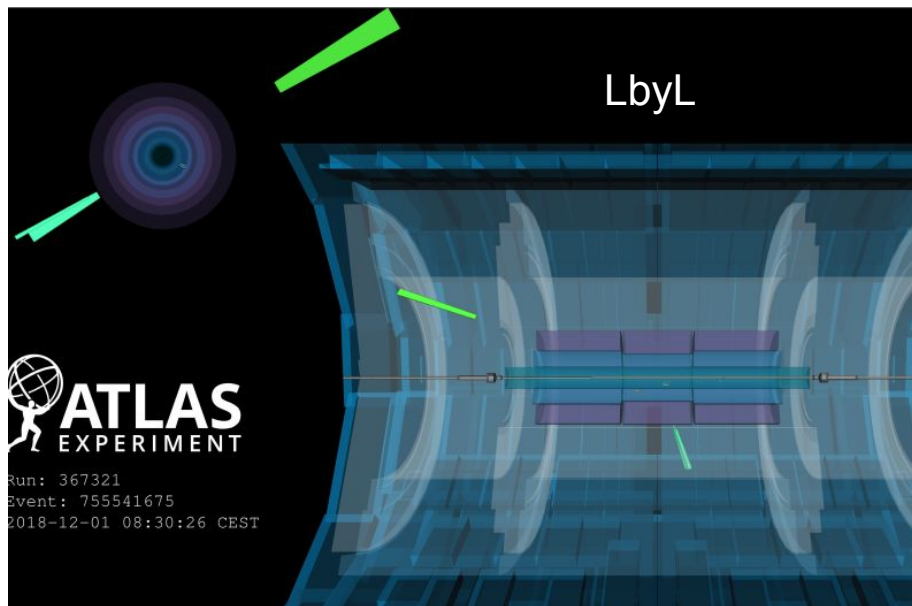
- **ATLAS**

- 2015 data, 0.48/nb, *Nature Phys.* 13 (2017) 9, 852-858
- 2018 data, 1.73/nb, *Phys.Rev.Lett.* 123 (2019) 052001
- 2015+18 data, 2.2/nb, *JHEP* 03 (2021) 243

- **CMS**

- 2015 data, 0.39/nb, *Phys.Lett.B* 797 (2019) 134826

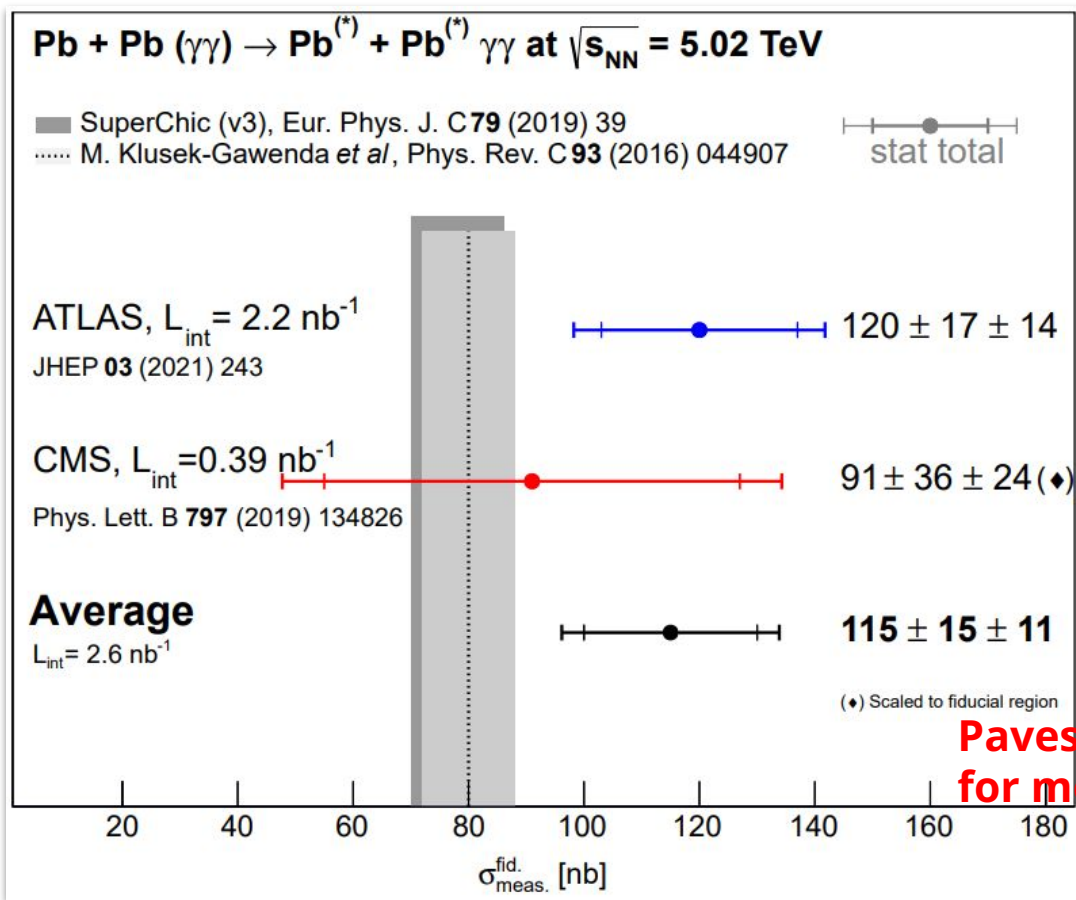
1. How an **averaged value** compared to theory?
2. Could some **SM bkg** explain the excess?



Averaged result and comparison to theory

GKK *et al* arXiv:2204.02845
(presented in QM22)

- The data-to-theory discrepancy is at $\sim 2\sigma$ level

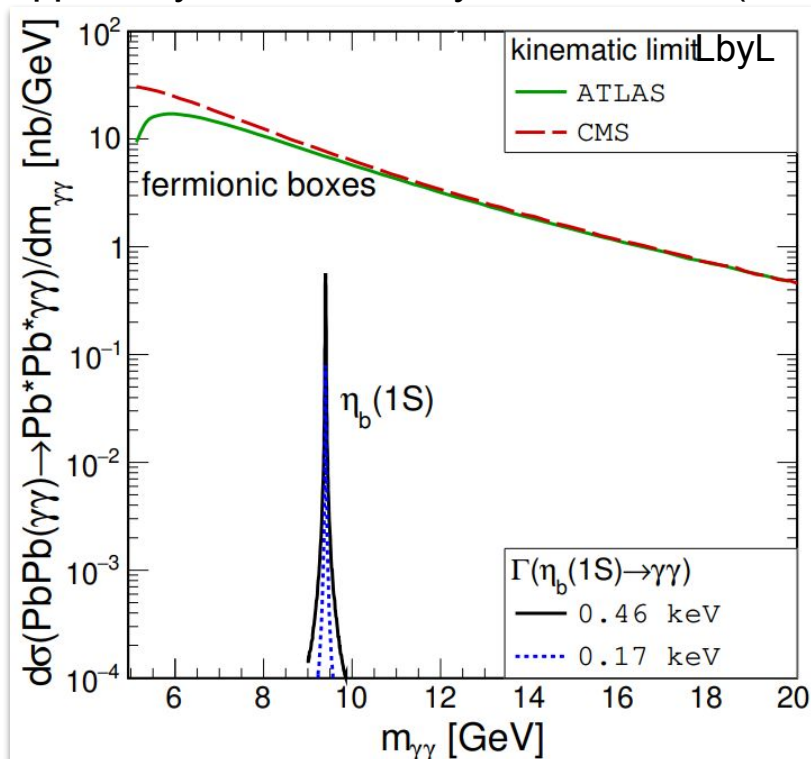


Paves the way
for more combinations!

Trying to explain the excess

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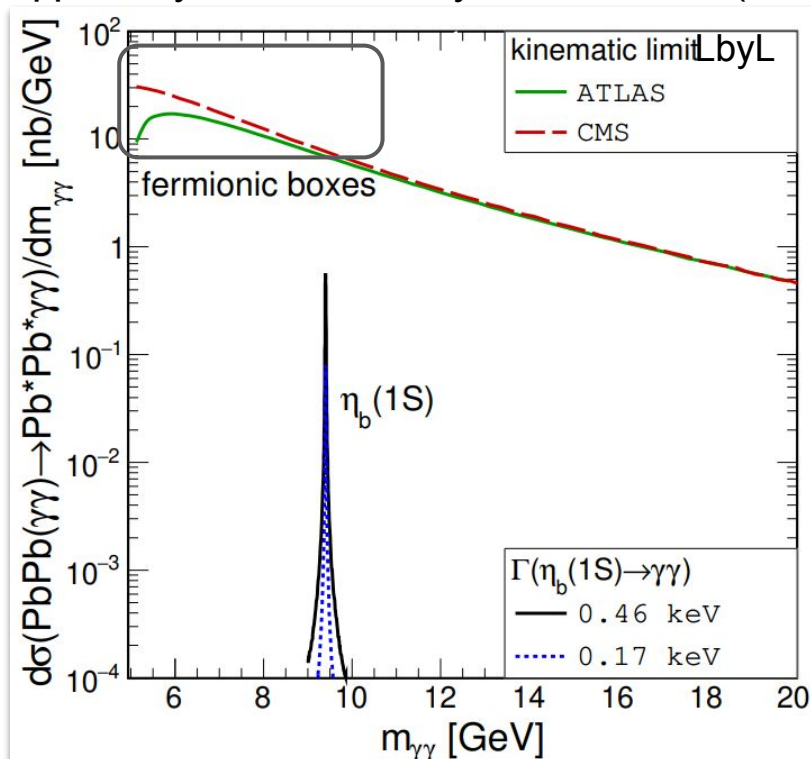
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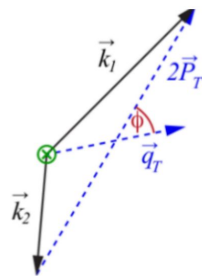
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Exclusive dijets with large momentum transfer in γ Pb collisions

- Good agreement between data and MC.
 - Photon flux in RAPGAP correctly reproduces UPC γ Pb data
- The measurement is performed in $Q_T < 25$ GeV
 - large momentum transfer but “back-to-back” regime, i.e., $P_T > Q_T$



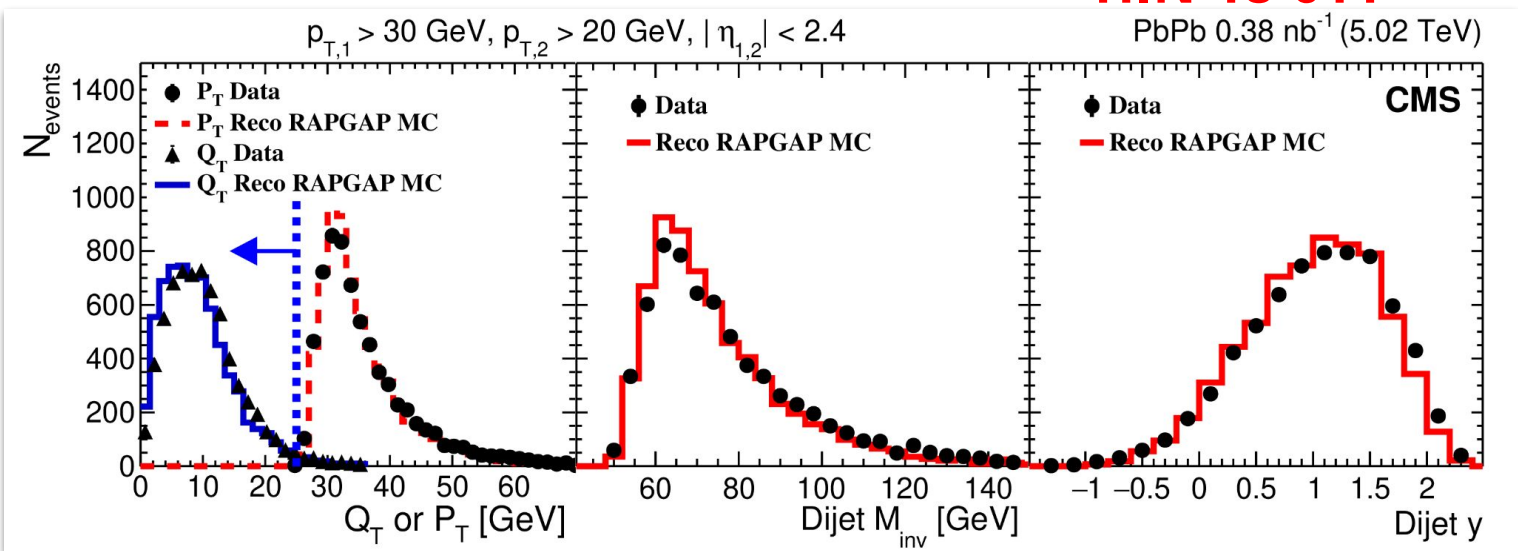
Vector sum of 2 jets:

$$\vec{Q}_T = \vec{k}_1 + \vec{k}_2$$

Vector difference of 2 jets

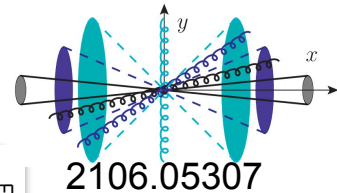
$$\vec{P}_T = \frac{1}{2}(\vec{k}_1 - \vec{k}_2)$$

HIN-18-011

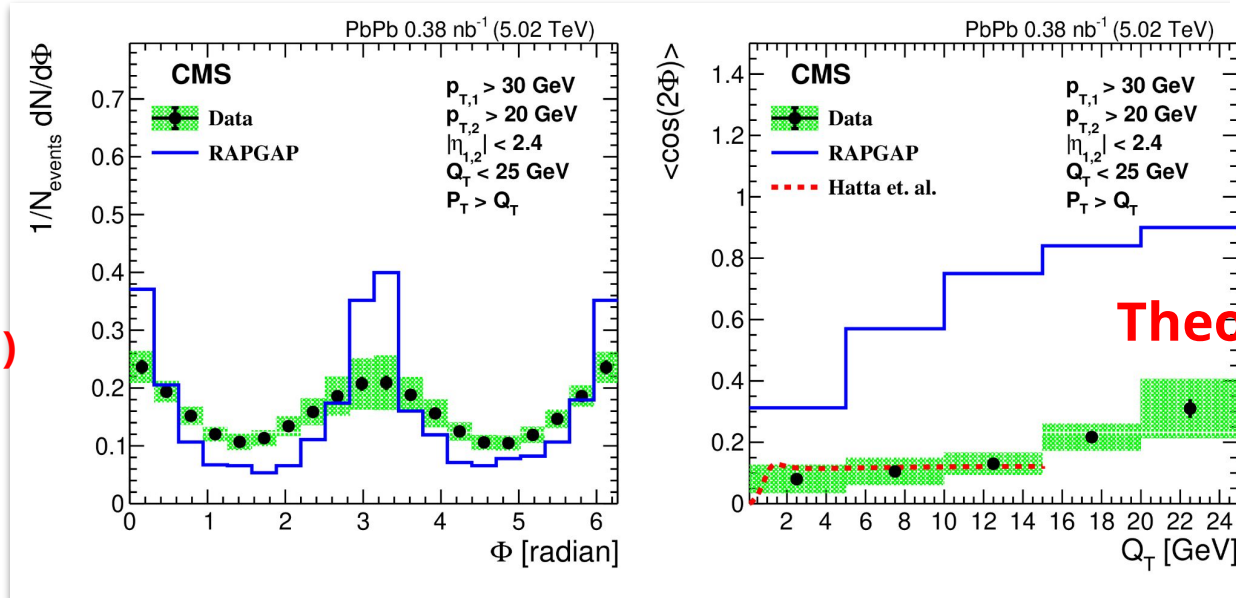


Angular correlations in exclusive dijets

- $\Phi \equiv$ correlation between \mathbf{P}_T and \mathbf{Q}_T
- Similar trend between data and RAPGAP, with prediction slightly above (below) the data
- $\langle \cos(2\Phi) \rangle$ reaches a constant value ~ 0.4 at $Q_T > 5$ GeV
 - prediction including final-state interactions better describes data
 - [recent finding](#): **initial** soft gluon emissions also gives sizeable $\langle \cos(2\Phi) \rangle$



HIN-18-011
(unfolded data!)

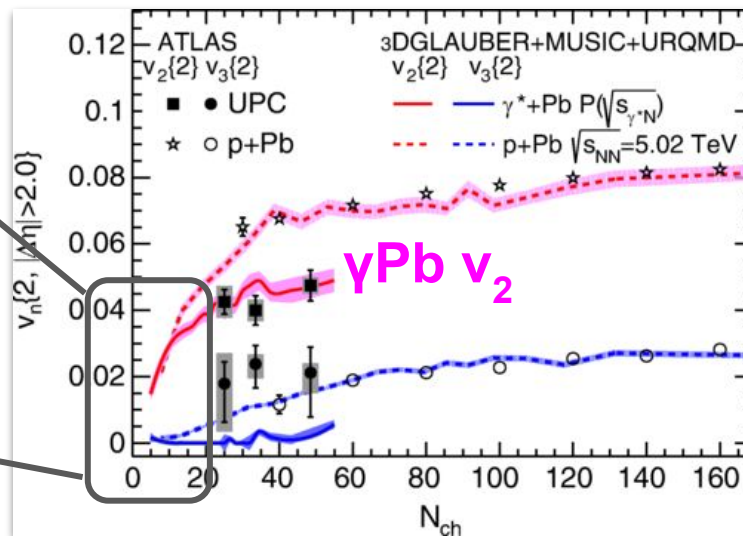
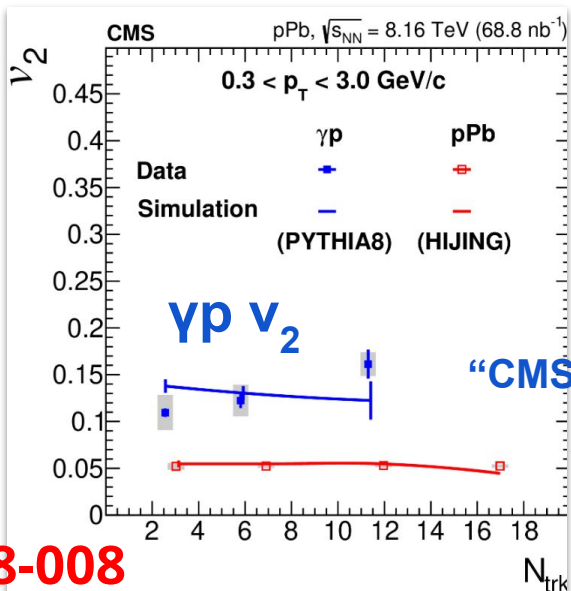


Collectivity in γp vs γPb collisions

- v_2 in γp > than min-bias events
 - no “non-flow” subtraction: challenging in low N_{trk}
 - PYTHIA8 describes $v_2 \rightarrow$ jet-like correlations dominate(?)
- v_2 in γPb < than pPb and pp at similar multiplicity
 - Done with “non-flow” subtraction

Interesting to bridge the two systems

Zhao *et al* 2203.06094



HIN-18-008

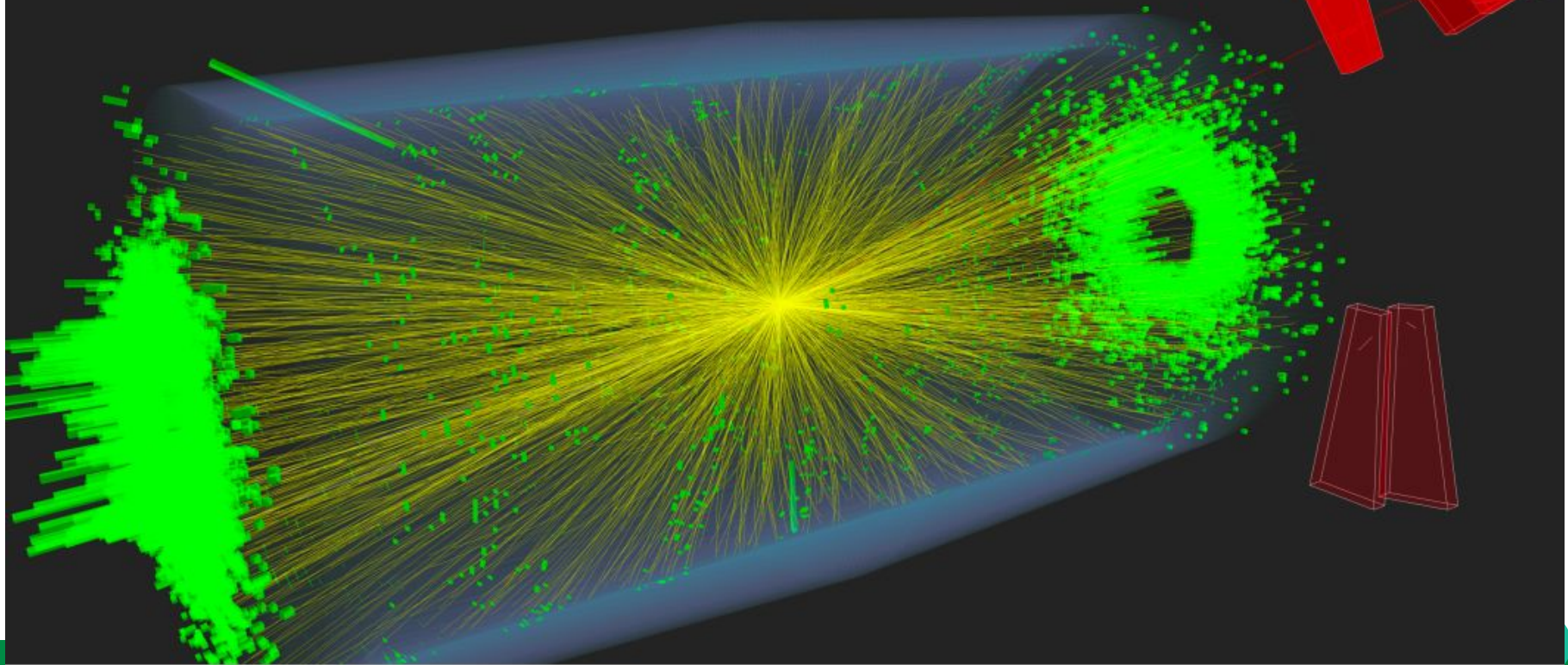
5.36 TeV PbPb Collisions!



CMS Experiment at the LHC, CERN

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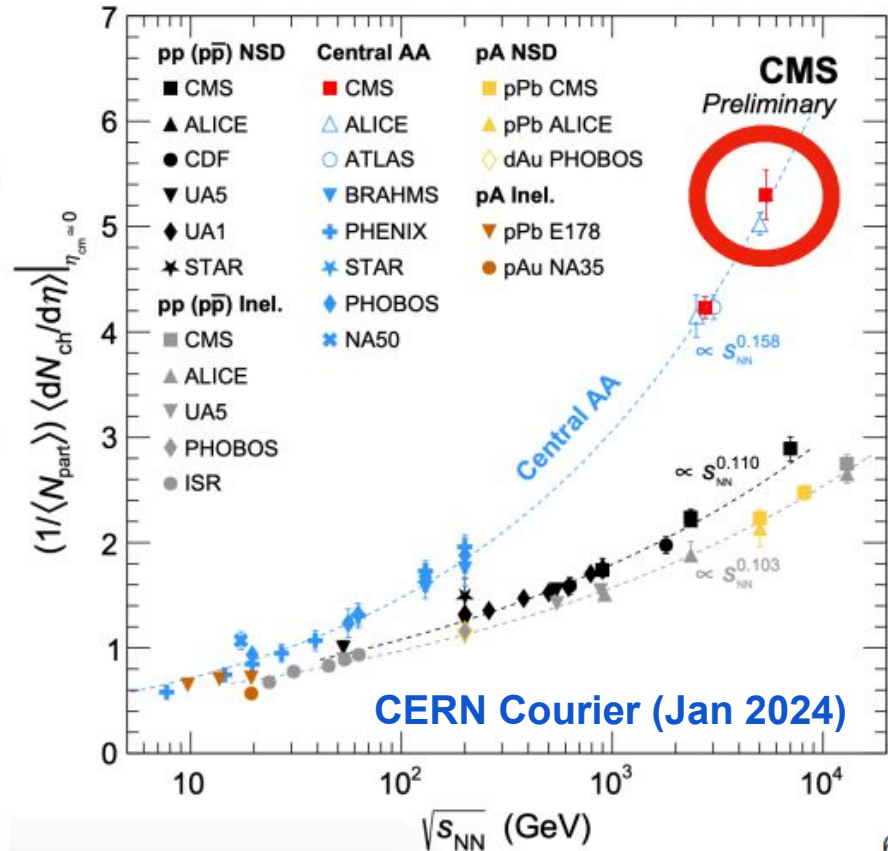


First CMS Run 3 result - $dN_{ch}/d\eta$

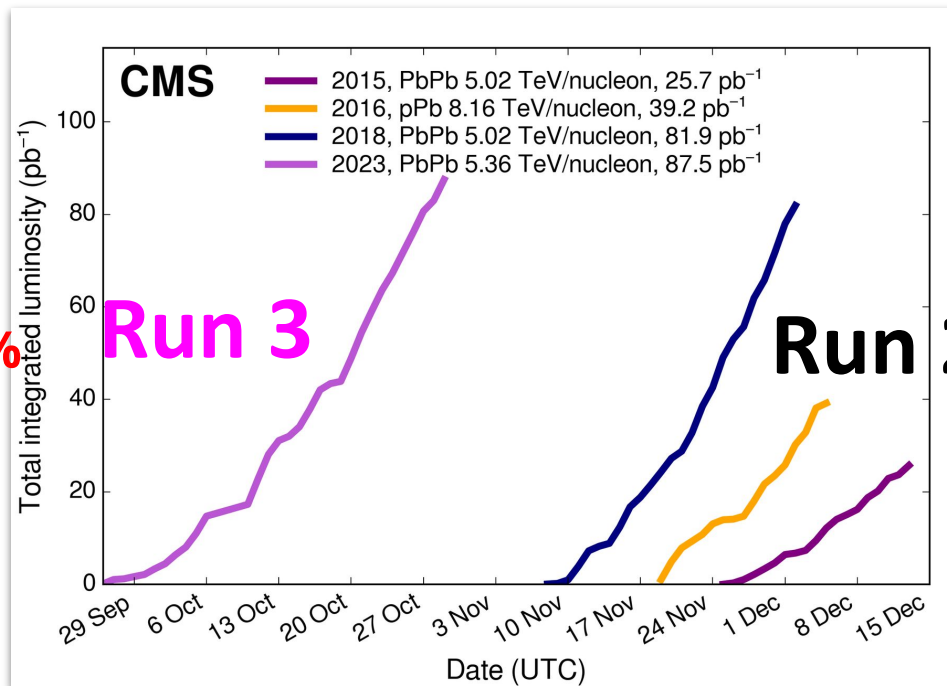
- 5.36 TeV data from 2022 test run
- Challenging for MC generators to predict both magnitude and shape of $dN_{ch}/d\eta$
- $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ dependence consistent with power law calculated using lower energies



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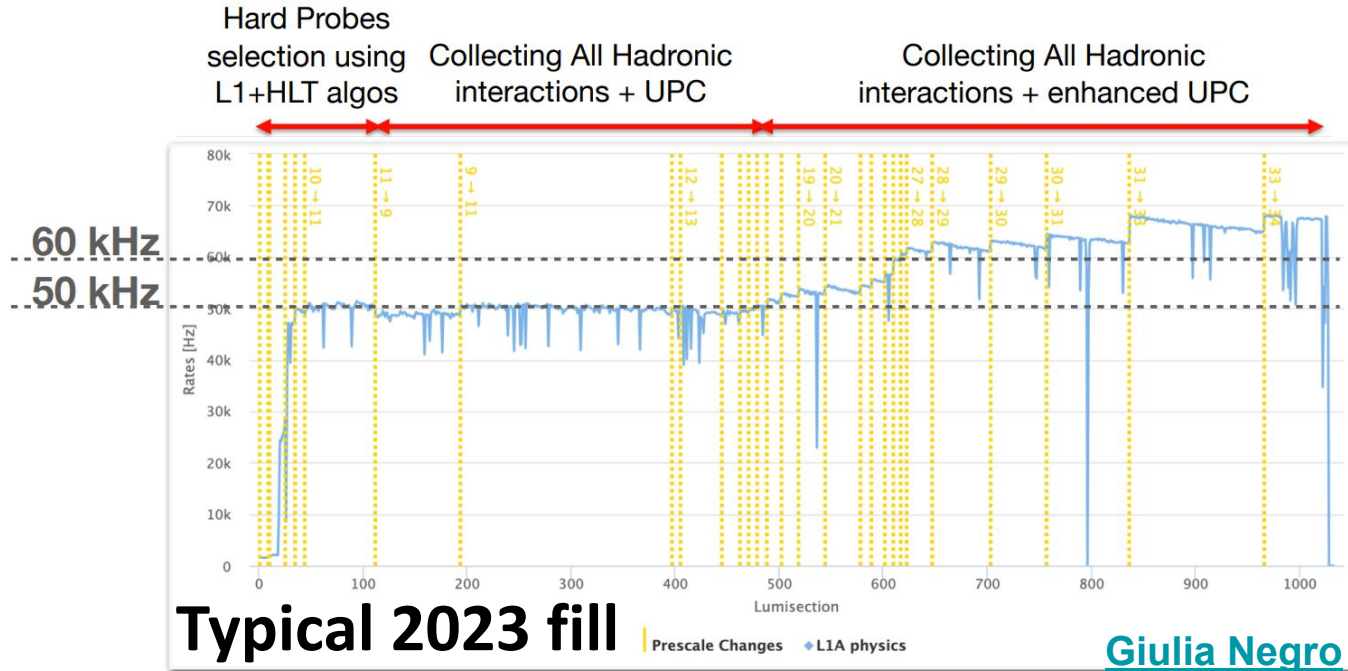
Grand summary so far..



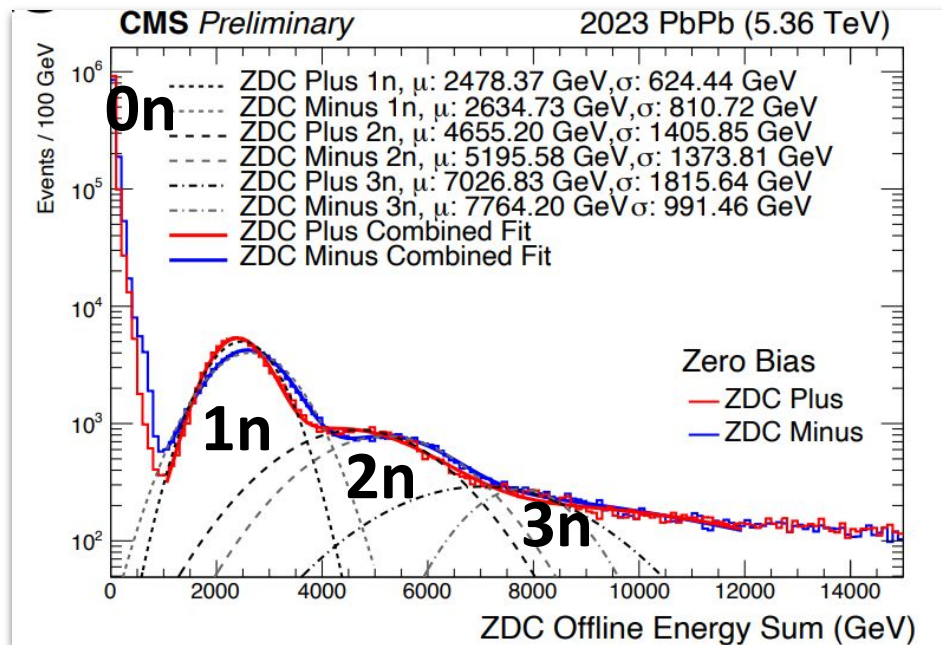
CMS recorded >90%

- Despite decreased LHC availability, PbPb lumi in Run 3 already ~ Run 2
- Relied on many new concepts → lessons learned (see Roderik's [talk](#) at 156th LHCC)
→ *Ongoing studies to improve understanding and define mitigation measures*

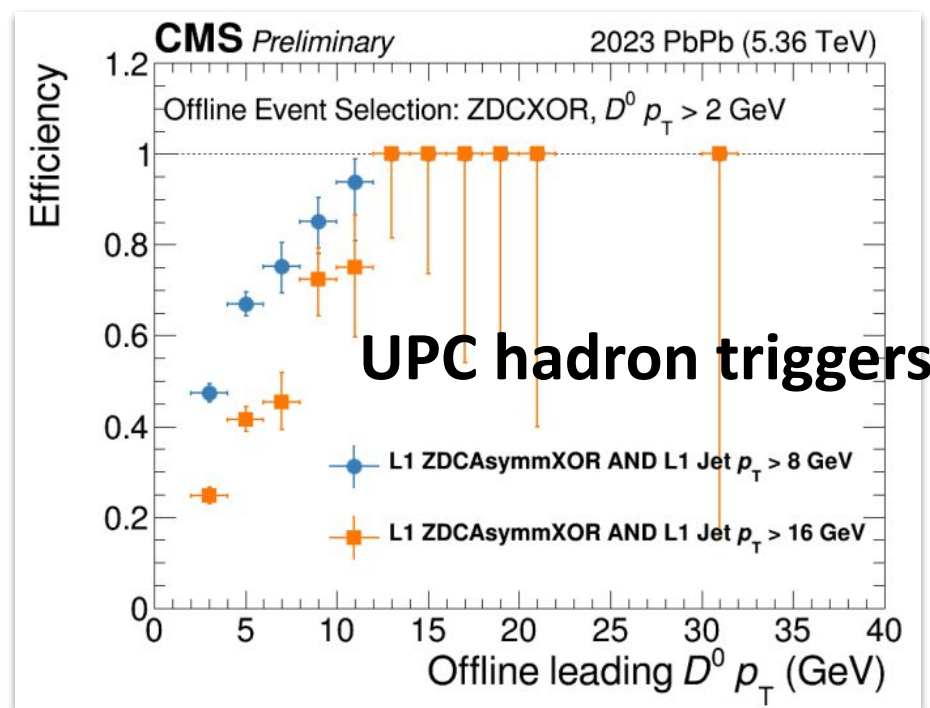
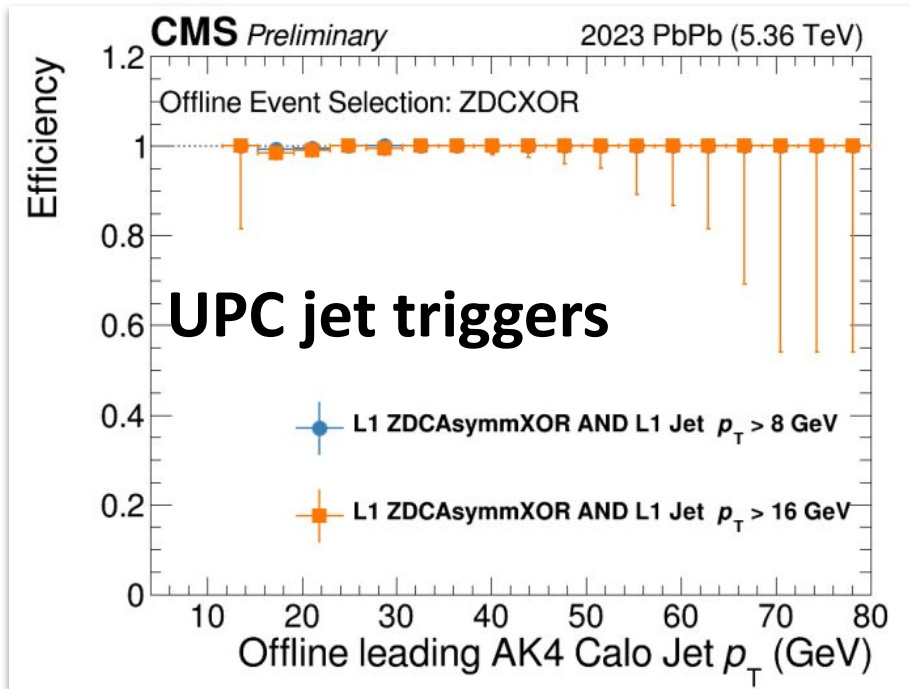
Heavy ion data-taking strategy in 2023



- **Record** L1 rate > 50 kHz (vs 35 kHz in 2018) with less than 8% deadtime
 - up to 50 kHz at the beginning of the fill (**large amount of MB**)
 - > 60 kHz at the end of the fill recording **increased amount of UPC**
 - other physics triggers too (high- p_T jets, leptons, etc)

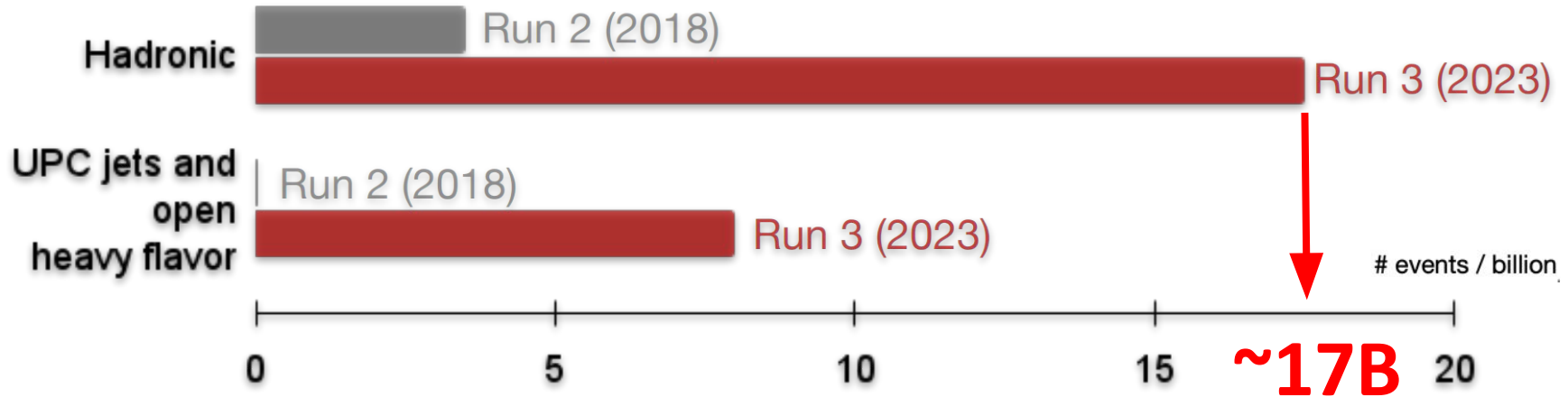


- **Excellent** ZDC performance
 - neutron peaks are clearly seen
 - ZDC+ has slightly better resolution
 - ZDC included as **part of the trigger** for the first time

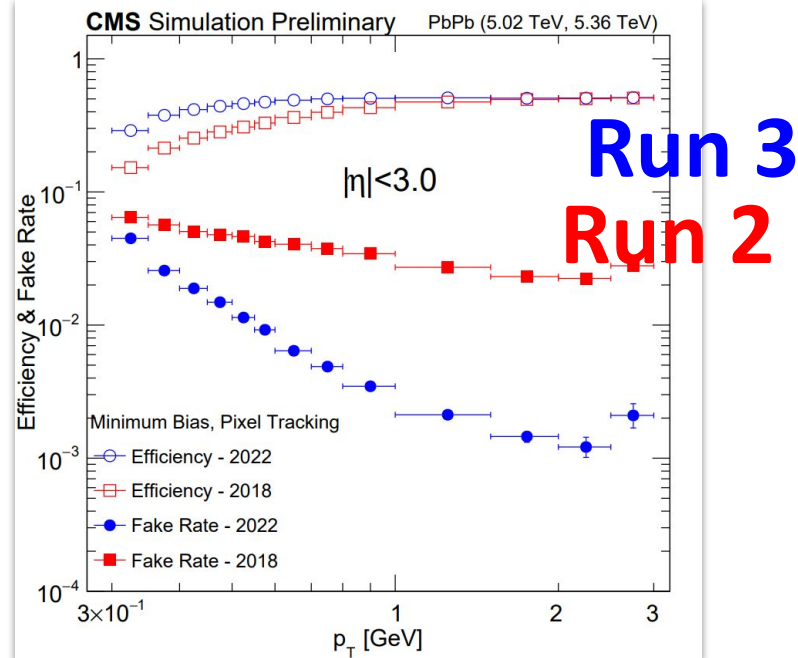
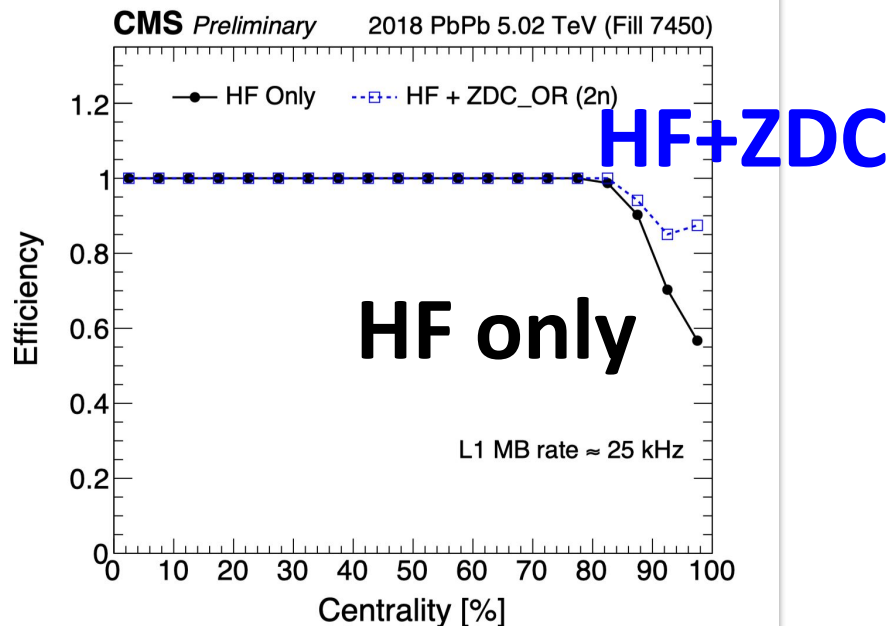


- **UPC jet and heavy flavor** data sample
 - jet $p_T > 16$ GeV was run **unprescaled** over the entire data-taking period
 - access of HF hadrons down to p_T of **2.5 GeV**

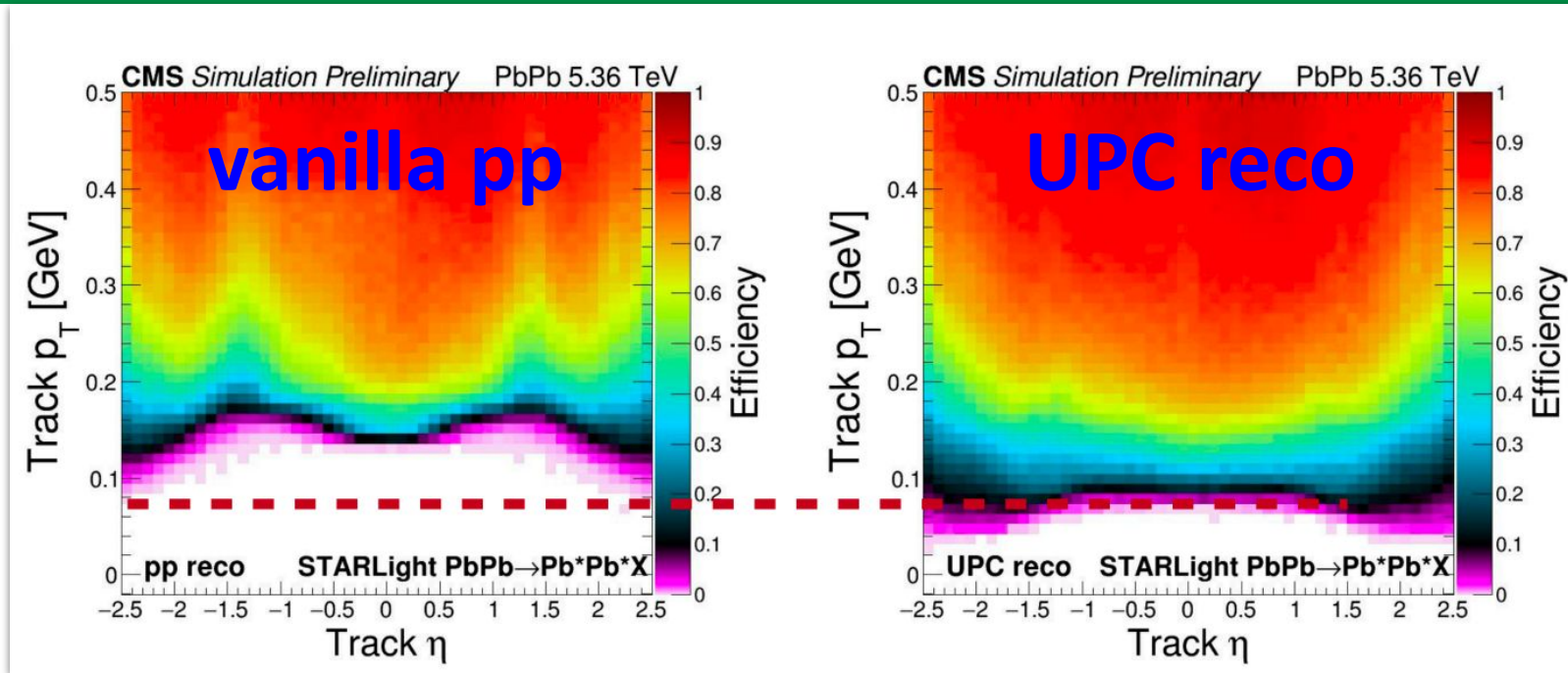
Similar lumi, but huge improvements in Run 3 PbPb DP-2023-X



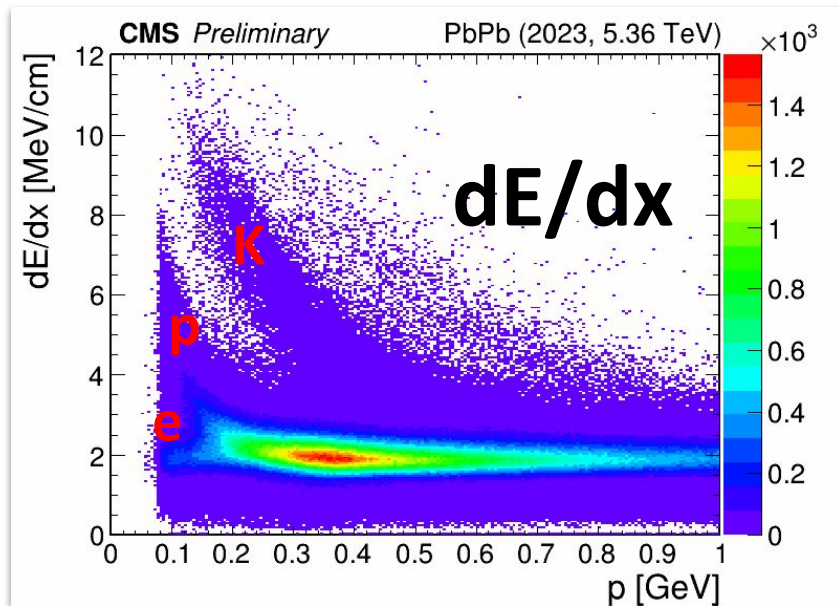
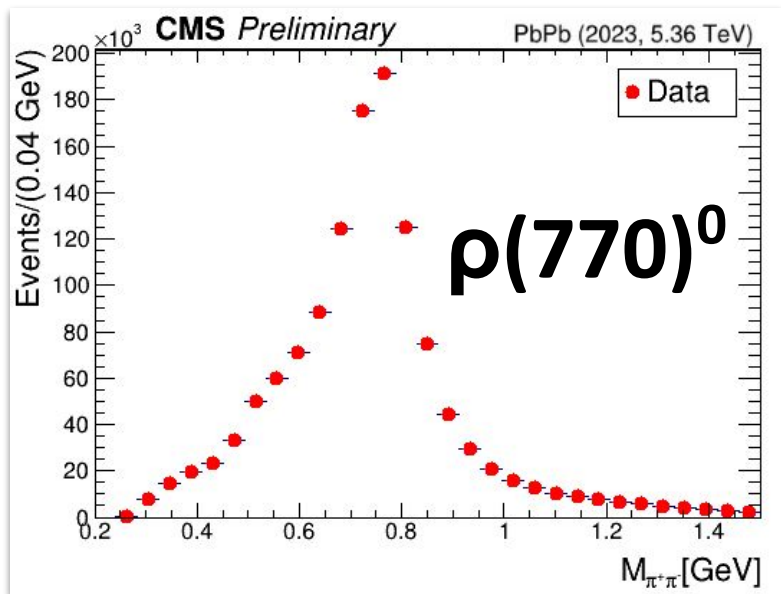
- **>3 times** the MB events from 2018: [compressed event size](#), apart from the increased rate
- **Unprecedented sample** of UPC jet and heavy flavor events
→ *in 2018 we relied on zero-bias trigger meaning we went from millions to billions*



- Increased MB trigger efficiency in **peripheral events** with ZDC inclusion
- better low- p_T tracking thanks to innermost pixel layer consideration
 → *increased efficiency and reduced fake rate*

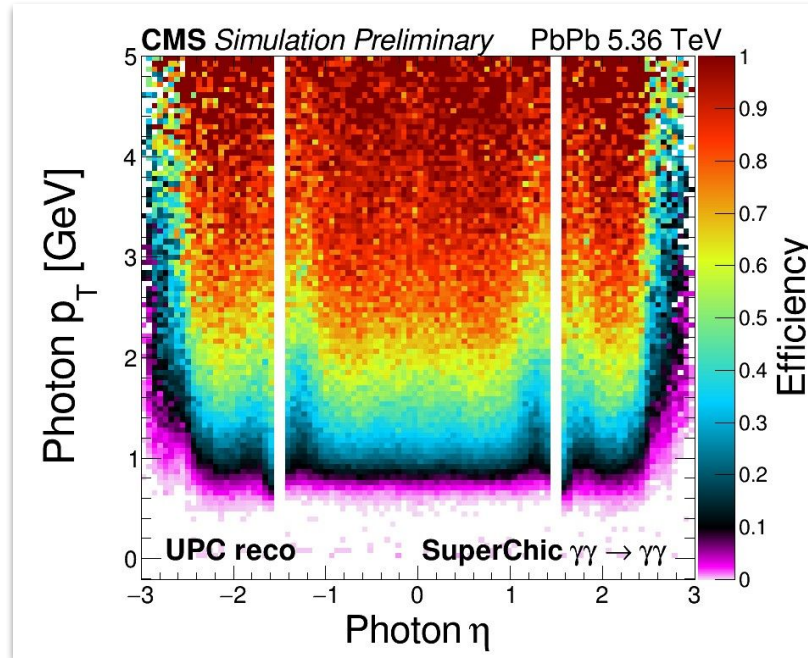
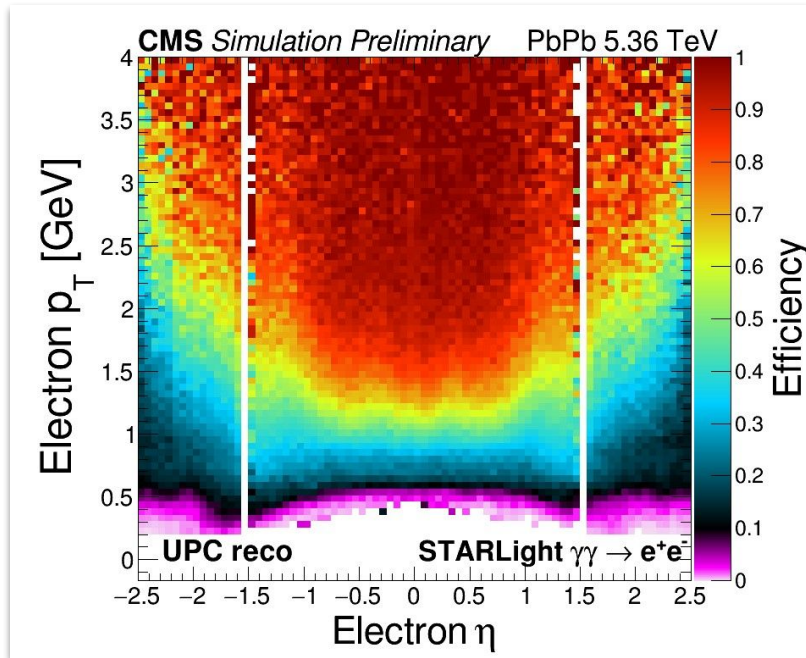


- **Dedicated UPC setup** to further improve low- p_T reconstruction capabilities
→ *tracks down to p_T of 50 MeV*

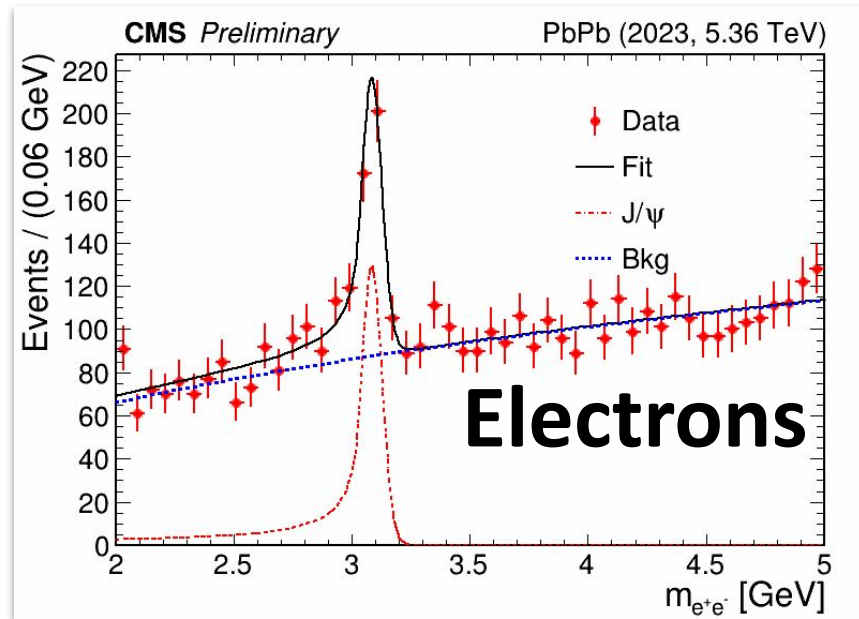
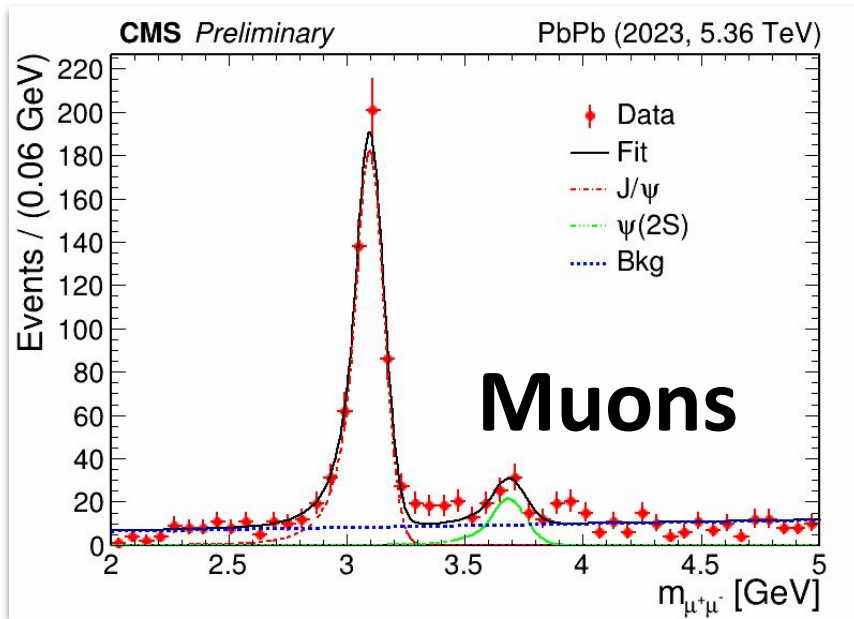


- Excellent resolution for **low-mass resonances**
- Good **PID discrimination** using dE/dx
→ *better control of background*

Testing the limits of low p_T EGM reconstruction in Run 3 PbPb DP-2023-X



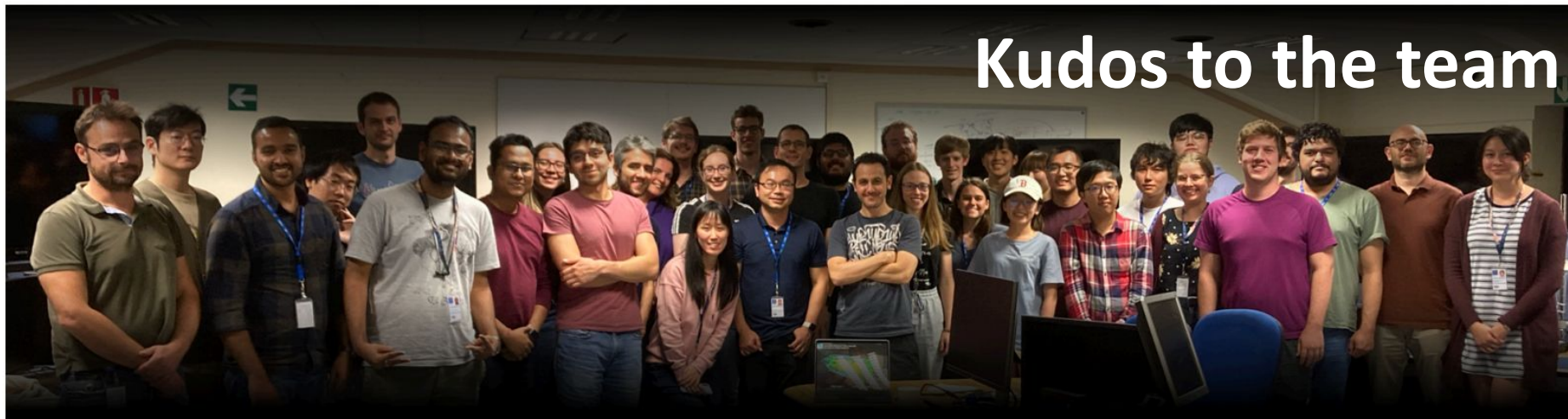
- **Dedicated UPC setup** to access low- p_T electrons (new) and photons (like in Run 2)
→ *electromagnetic (EGM) objects down to p_T of 0.5–1 GeV*



- Excellent resolution for **intermediate-mass resonances**
 → $\psi(2S)$ peak already evident despite a small fraction of data is shown

Outlook

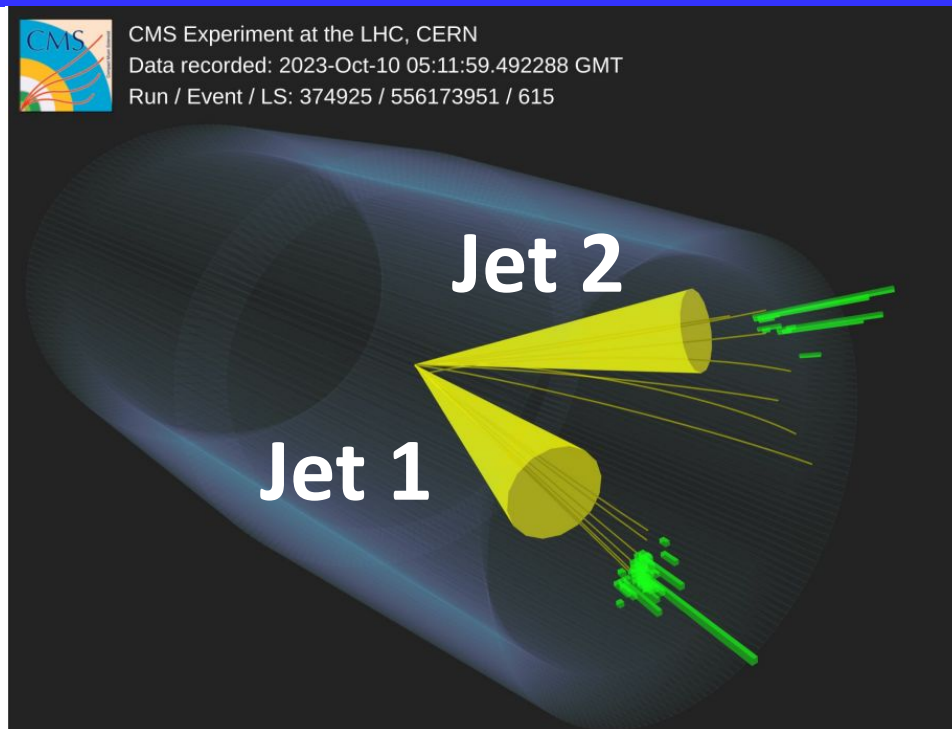
- Rich set of UPC results with the Run 2 CMS data set
 - more questions than answers...
- CMS has invested heavily (also) in the PbPb Run 3
 - as of now **O(10B) UPC** events recorded
 - further offline optimization in the (very) low- p_T realm



Thank you for your attention!



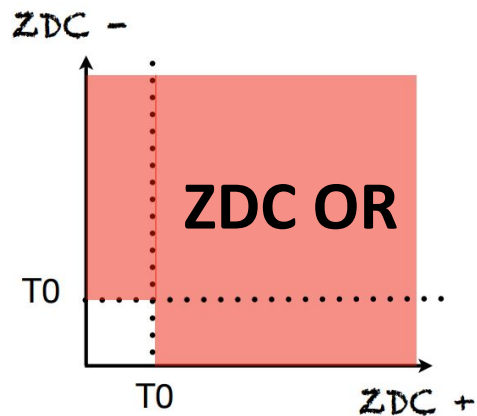
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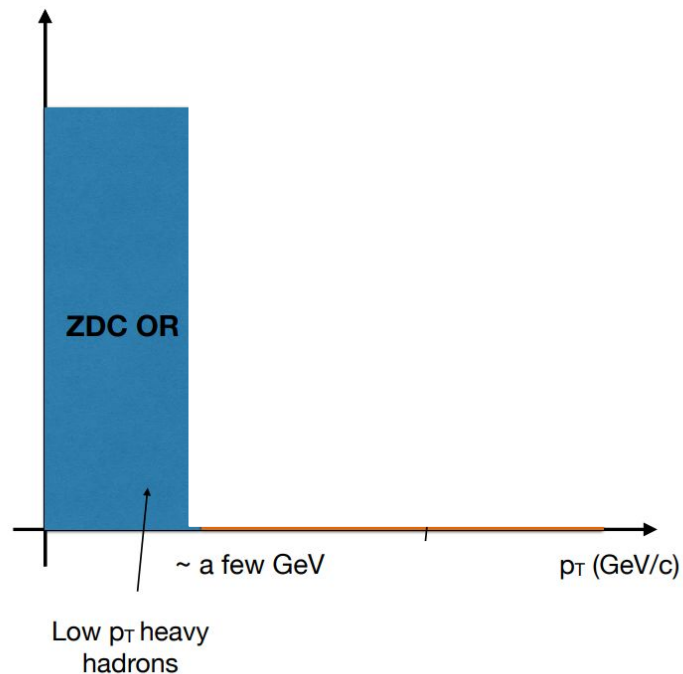
EXTRA SLIDES



New hadron triggers for photo-nuclear events

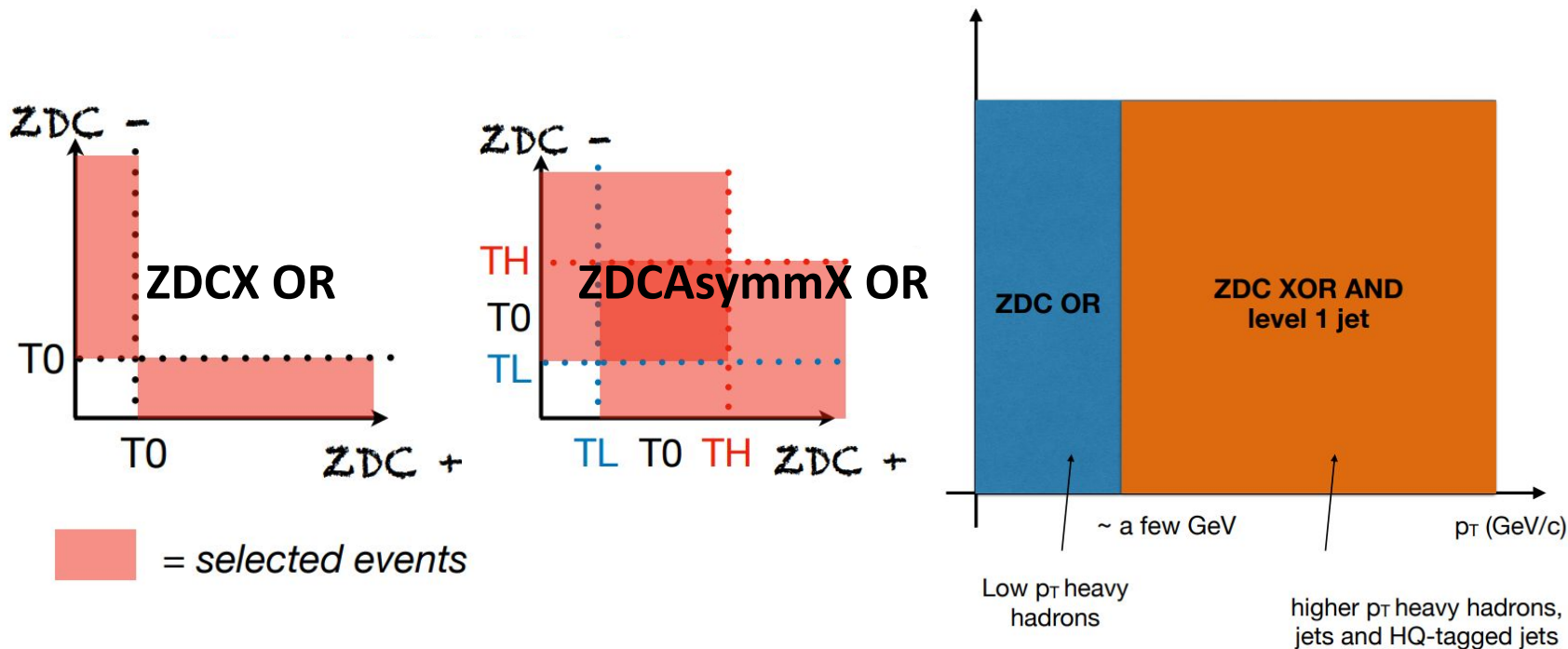


 = *selected events*



- ZDC trigger strategy
 - **For low p_T** : at least 1 broken nucleus ("ZDC OR") - **no p_T requirement** on central system

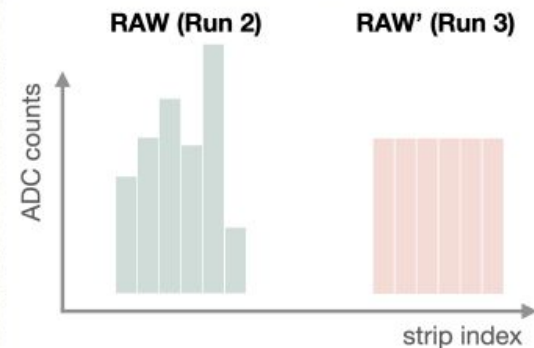
New jet triggers for photo-nuclear events



- ZDC trigger strategy
 - For low p_T : at least 1 broken nucleus ("ZDC OR") - no p_T requirement on central system
 - **For high p_T :** one nucleus remains intact ("ZDCXOR") & **asymmetric ZDCXOR for jets**
 - 1 ZDC > a low threshold (TL), and the other ZDC < a high threshold (TH)

Approximated SST clusters — “RAW”

- PbPb Run2 at 5.02 TeV (2015-2018):
SST info is stored as per-strip ADC counts in raw data
- PbPb Run3 at 5.36 TeV (from 2023): new **RAW'** data format is deployed
 - Implemented in the High Level Trigger
 - Rectangular cluster-amplitude approximation, in place of the original per-strip-ADC-count data format:
 - Barycenter: amplitude-weighted strip-index center (10% strip's width precision)
 - Size: the length of the cluster's strip sequence (exact info from original cluster)
 - Average charge: average amplitude of the strip sequence (integer precision)
*Total charge has the precision of (cluster's size) * (integer precision)*
 - Booleans for the strips' amplitude saturation and the cluster shape peak filter
- A list of modules associated to Front End Driver in error state is stored on the event basis

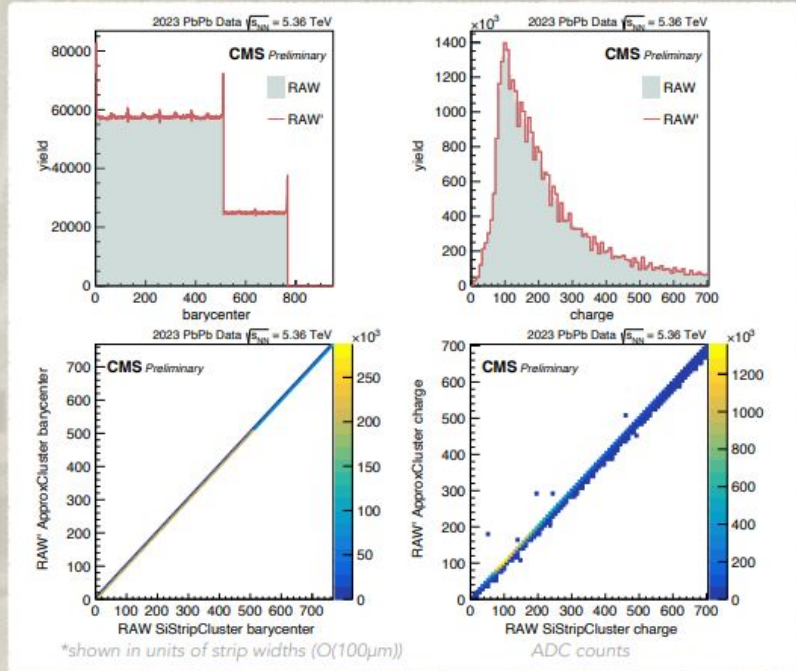


SST cluster format	RAW		RAW'	
Stored content	Strip index	ADC counts (8-bit int)	Approximated cluster properties	
Example stored tracker data	First strip 123 (16-bit int)	75	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barycenter = 125.5 (10-bit int) <i>(We store 10x barycenter as int)</i> Size = 6 (6-bit int) Average charge = 100 (8-bit int) Cluster shape: (1-bit Boolean) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saturated strip Peak filter 	
	(derived by first strip & ADC list)	124	103	[Event-basis] FED modules & readout error info
		125	127	
		126	94	
		127	161	
	128	42		
Example total bits per cluster	16 + 8*6 = 64 bits		10 + 6 + 8 + 1*2 = 26 bits + smaller FED error contribution	

An example and sketch of RAW & RAW' SST cluster data format

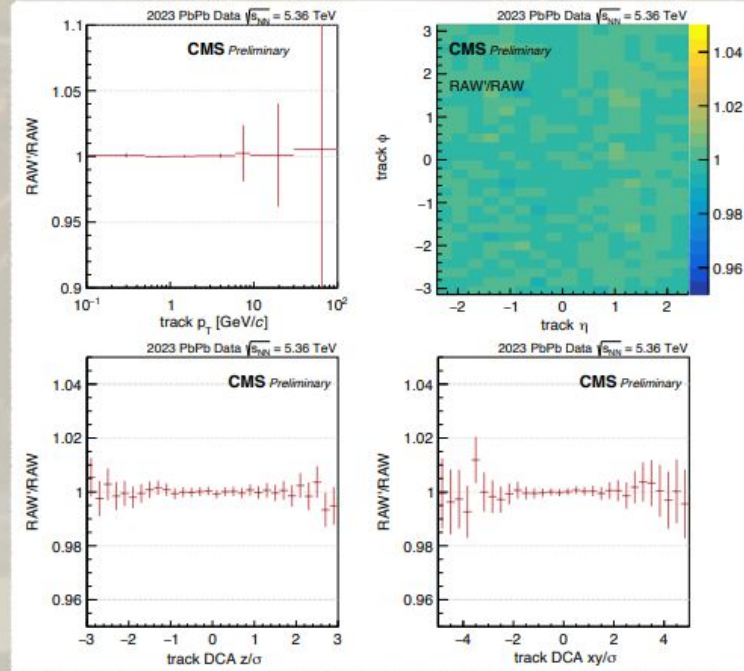
SST cluster property validations **LHCC poster** Performance check on tracks

- Good agreement on cluster barycenter & charge btw original RAW v.s. RAW' data format!



- Preserving barycenter accuracy within a deviation of 10% the strip's width
- Outliers in the cluster charge scatter plot are impacts from noisy and dead SST channels

- An agreement better than 2% btw RAW & RAW' is achieved!



* The uncertainties shown in the plots are statistical errors

* Analysis-level track selections are applied

Some relevant publicity

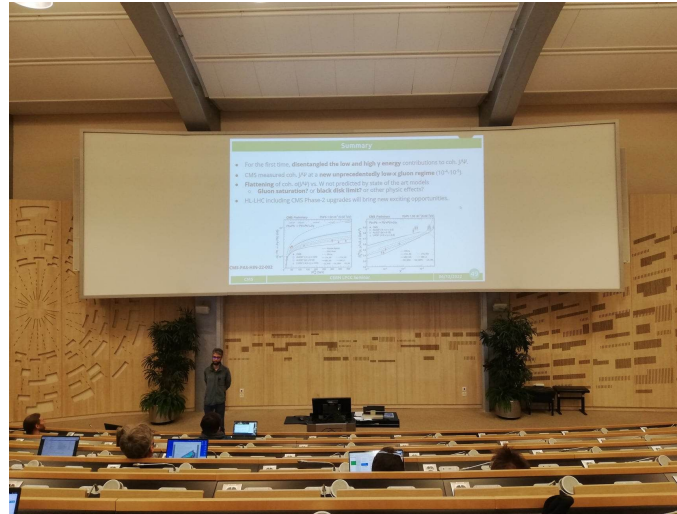
- **Photon-nucleus energy dependence of coherent J/ψ cross section in UPC PbPb, HIN-22-002**

- comprehensive study of the coherent J/ψ photo-production, also in neutron multiplicities



[CERN seminar](#) (CMS Collaboration)

Probing gluon pdf at $x \rightarrow 0$ with ultraperipheral PbPb collisions at 5.02 TeV in CMS



PRL Editor's suggestion, [Summary](#)



- **Observation of τ lepton pair production in UPC PbPb, HIN-21-009**

- pursuing better constraints on τ lepton anomalous magnetic moment than LEP(II)

In-jet v_2 with respect to the jet axis

CMS Preliminary

138 fb⁻¹ (pp 13 TeV)

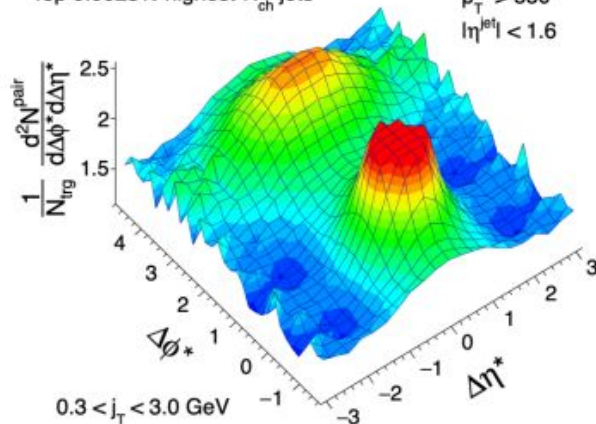
$\langle N_{ch}^j \rangle = 101$

Top 0.0023% highest- N_{ch}^j jets

Anti k_T R=0.8

$p_T^{jet} > 550$

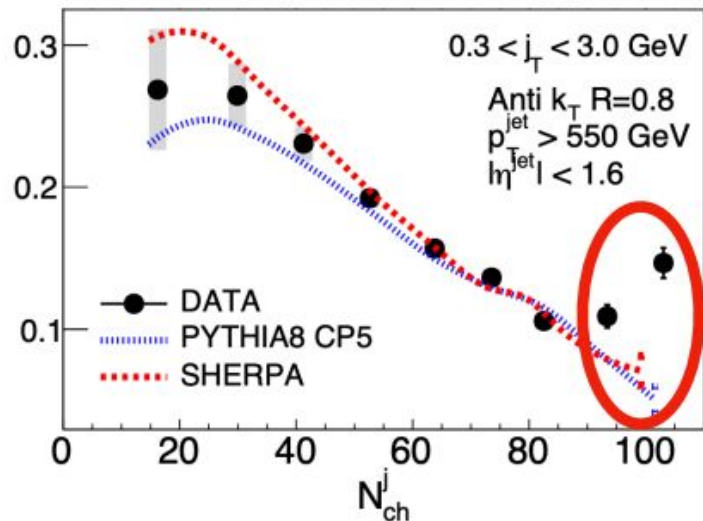
$|\eta^{jet}| < 1.6$



CMS Preliminary

138 fb⁻¹ (pp 13 TeV)

$v_2^j\{2, |\Delta\eta^*| > 2\}$

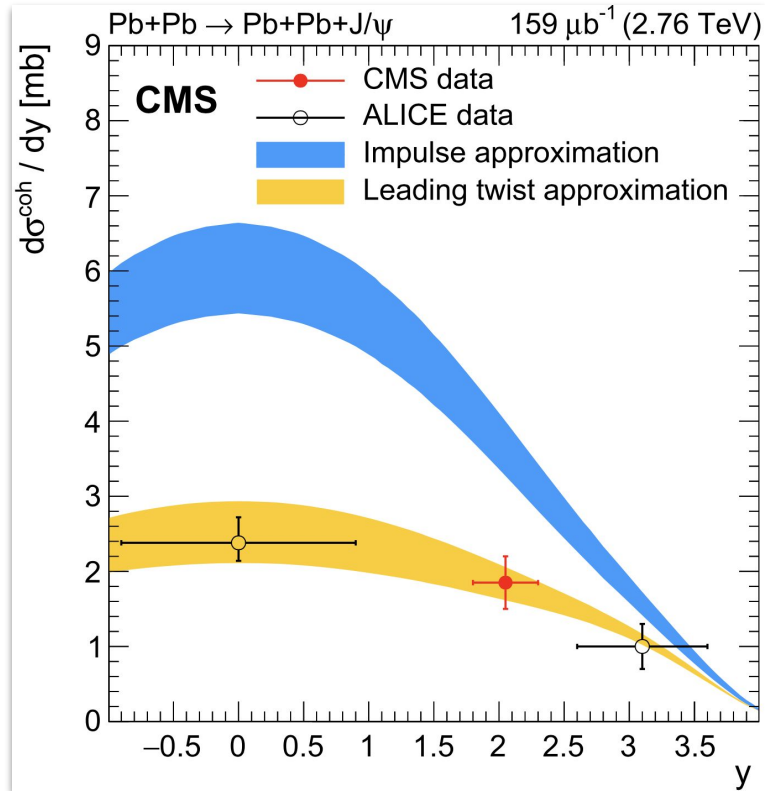


- **In rotated reference frame**, calculate two particle correlation using jet constituents
- v_2 well described by MC for $N_{ch}^{jet} < 80$
- Upward trend seen for $N_{ch}^{jet} > 80$
- Potential sign of collectivity in jets?

CMS PAS HIN-23-013

Coherent J/ ψ in Run 1

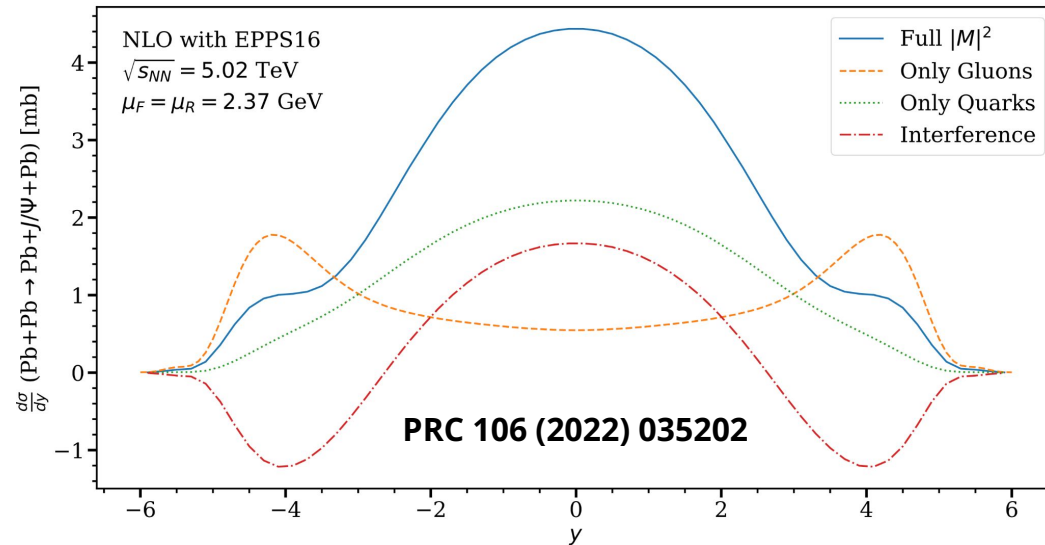
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- Run 1 data from CMS and ALICE well consistent with LTA model calculations
- **Large uncertainties and wide y bins**

First NLO calculations on exclusive J/ψ production

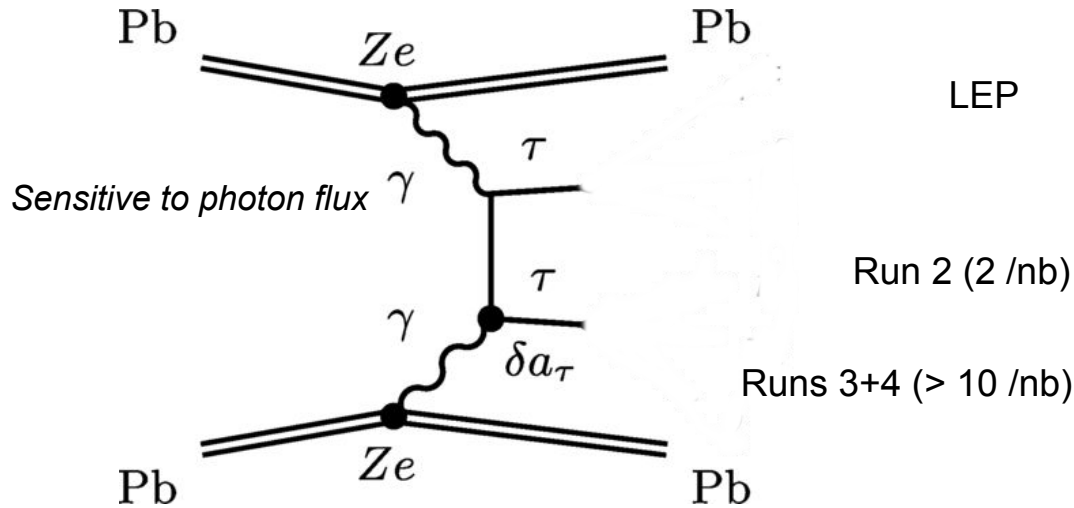
- First NLO pQCD calculations published recently (Eskola et al).
- Quark contributions at NLO + strong cancellations between LO and NLO gluons → ***dominance of quark contribution at central rapidities.***



- Needs careful attention when interpreting the data.
- “ $\sigma \propto (\text{gluon PDF})^2$ ” not true at NLO.
- Large scale dependency.

Overview of the $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$ process

- **Promising candidate** for the $a_\tau = (g_\tau - 2)/2$ determination
 - “using a large heavy ion collider” for $g_\tau - 2$ suggested since **90s**
 - cross section in UPC receives a **Z^4 enhancement** relative to pp
- LHC could **improve** the sensitivity on a_τ relative to LEP
 - **probe** the anomalous τ lepton **electric moment** too like **BELLE**

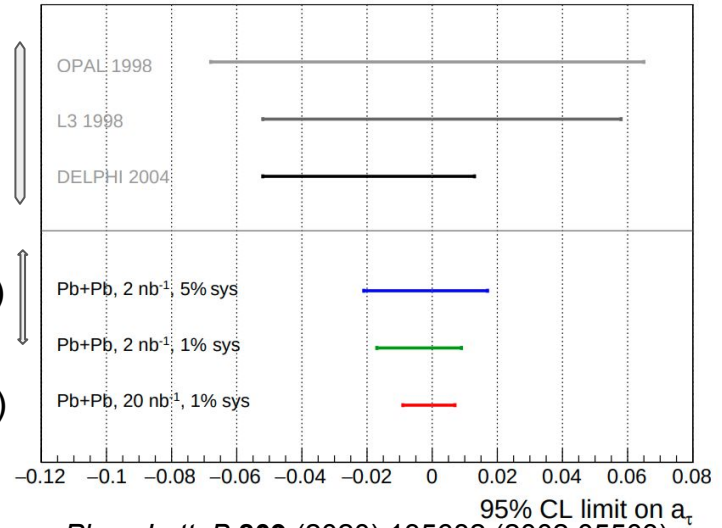


τ lepton photoproduction in ultraperipheral collisions (UPC)

LEP

Run 2 (2 /nb)

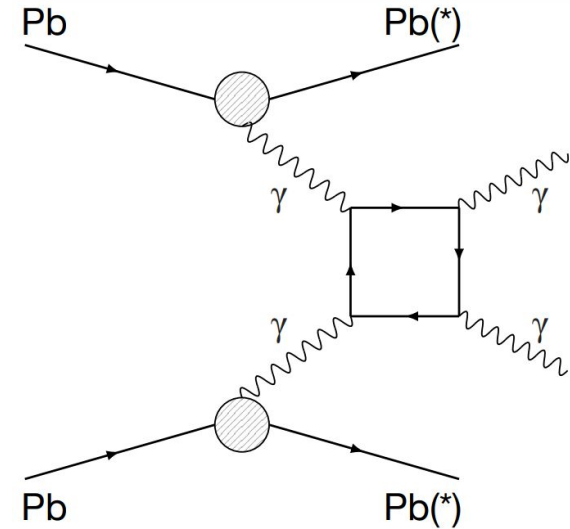
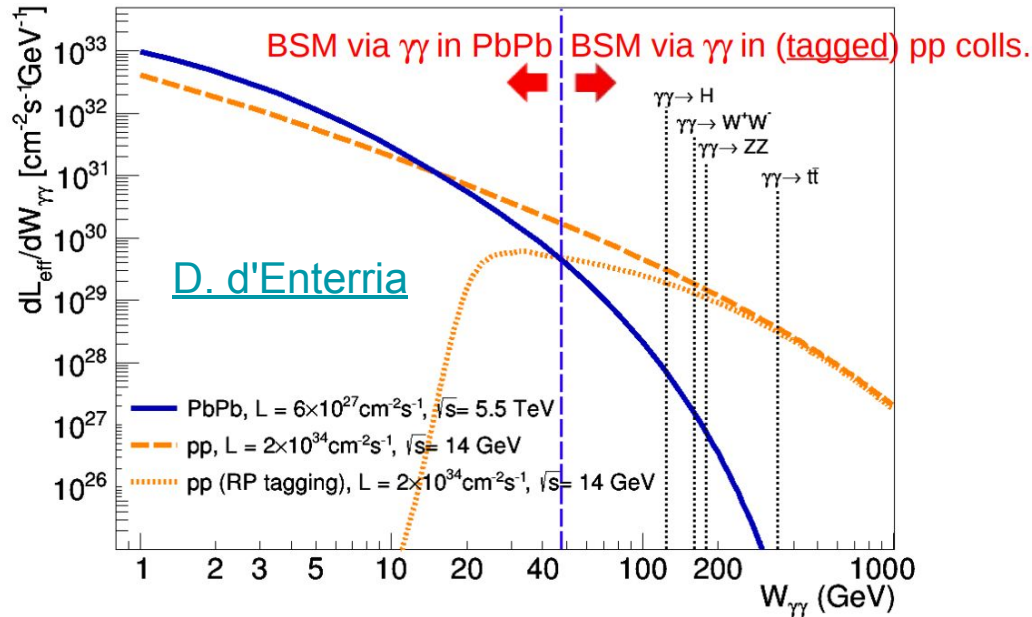
Runs 3+4 (> 10 /nb)



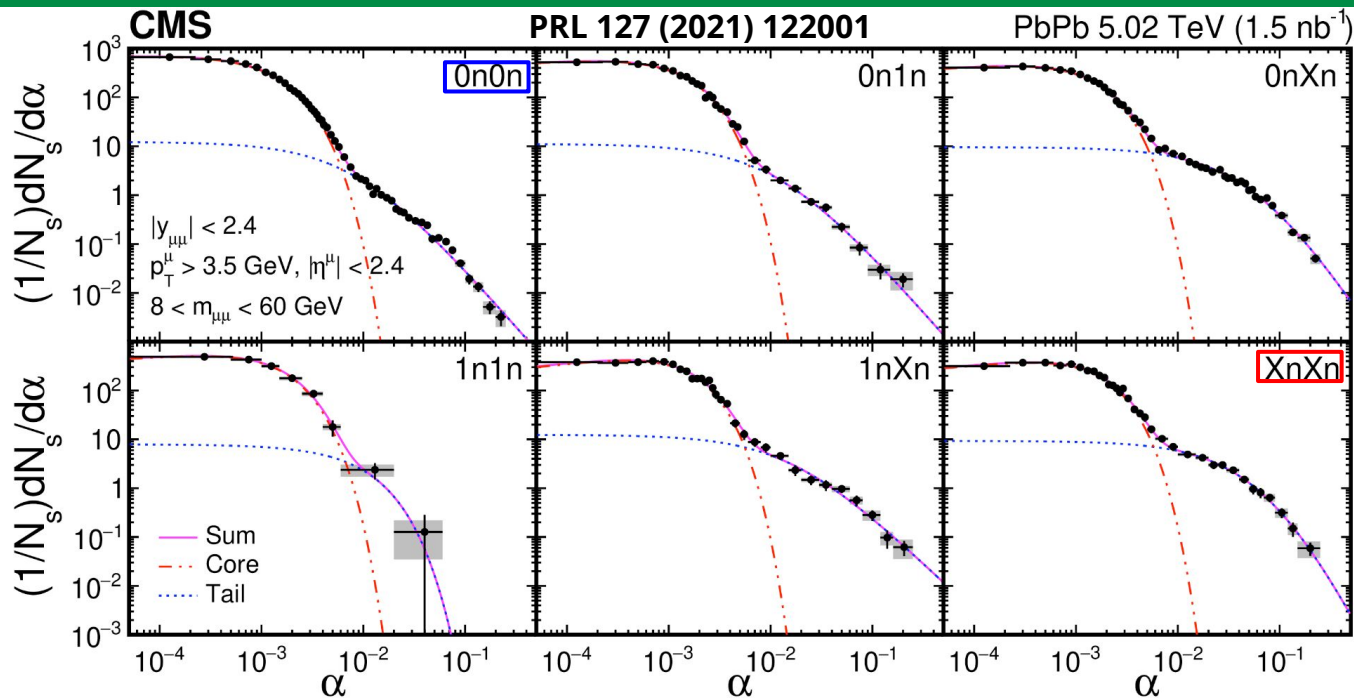
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LbyL scattering (with UPC)

- BSM at high masses: Increase \sqrt{s}
- BSM at low couplings: Increase \mathcal{L}
 - plus **taking advantage of** reduced pileup, kin. thresholds, and clean final states
- Thanks to $Z^4 \sim 10^7$ factor in PbPb, $\gamma\gamma$ luminosities \gg pp ones at low $W_{\gamma\gamma}$

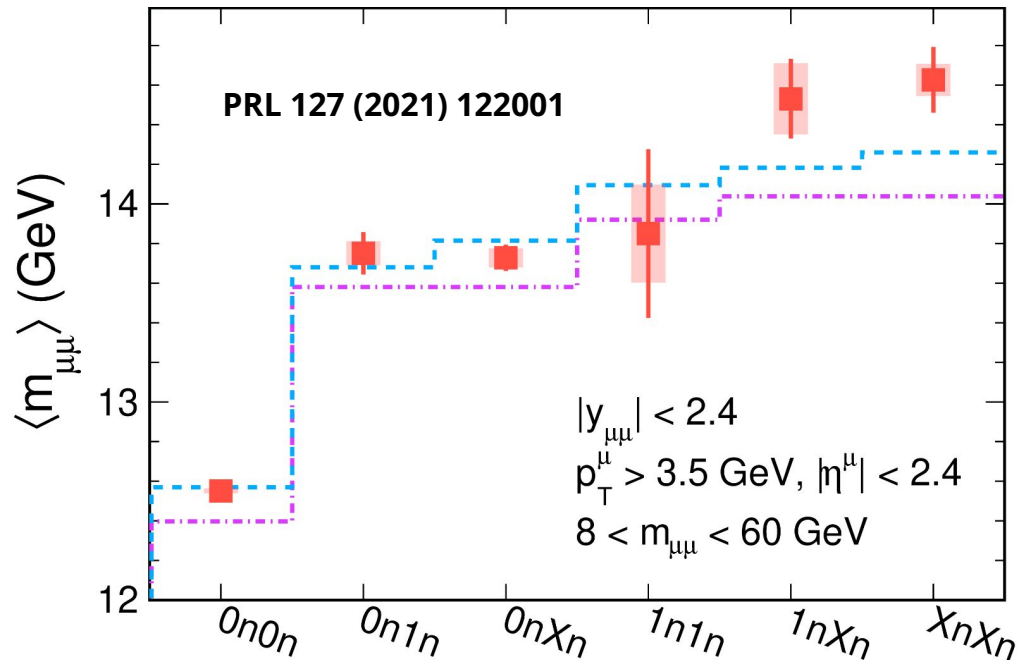


α spectrum vs. neutron multiplicity



- **0n0n (fewer neutrons) → XnXn (more neutrons)**
 - Tail contribution becomes larger.
 - Seems has depletion in the very small α .

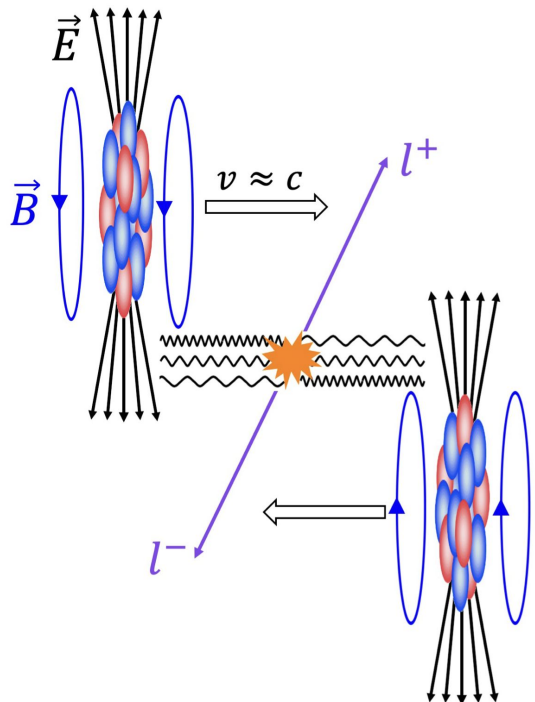
$\langle m_{\mu\mu} \rangle$ vs. neutron multiplicity



- Strong neutron multiplicity dependence of $\langle m_{\mu\mu} \rangle$
 - Deviation from constant $\gg 5\sigma$
 - b dependence of initial photon energy.

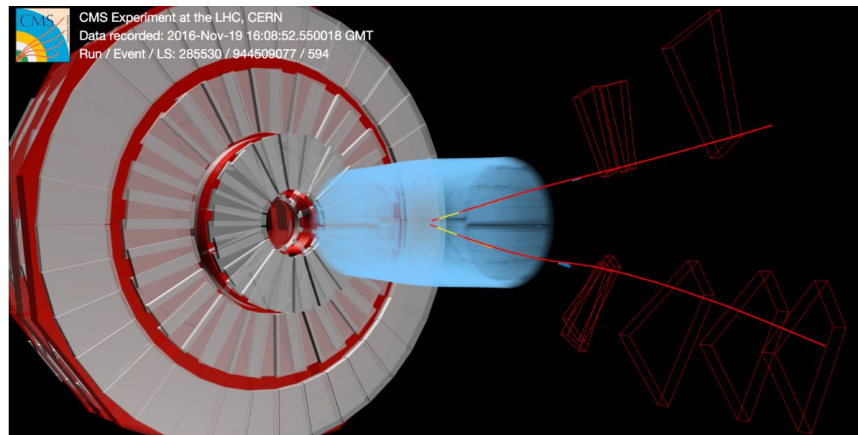
Ultra-peripheral nuclear collisions

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



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

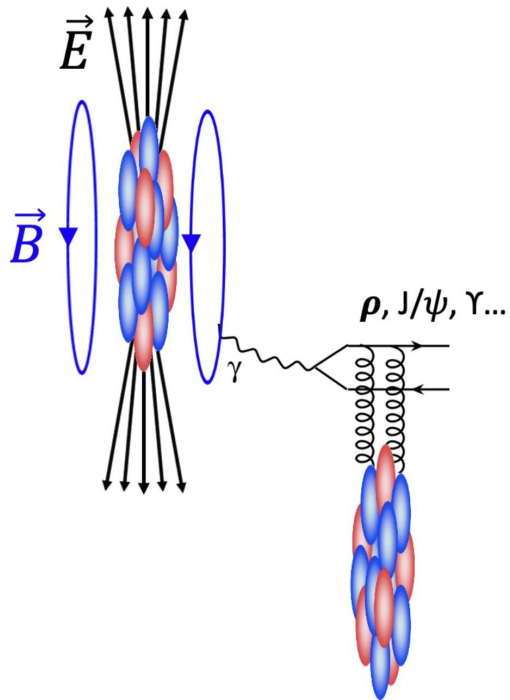
- light-light and light-Nucleus collider
- BSM searches (ALP, $g_{\tau-2}$).



Vector meson photoproduction

Directly probes gluonic structure of nucleus and nucleon.

At LO in pQCD, cross section \sim 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:

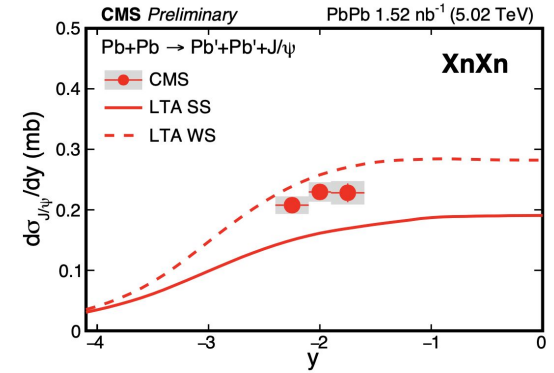
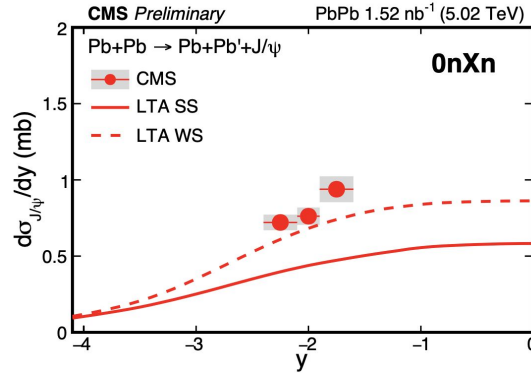
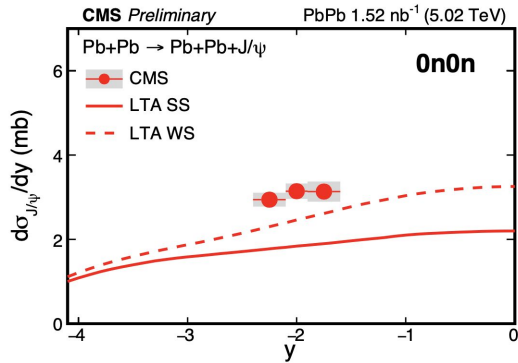
- Photon couples to part of nucleus.
- VM $\langle p_T \rangle \sim 500$ MeV.
- Target nucleus usually breaks.

Final state kinematics directly map to:

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

Coherent J/ψ in $0n0n$, $0nXn$, $XnXn$ help to disentangle

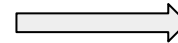
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$$\frac{d\sigma_{AA \rightarrow AA' J/\psi}^{0n0n}}{dy} = N_{\gamma/A}^{0n0n}(w_1) \cdot \sigma_{\gamma A \rightarrow J/\psi A'}(w_1) + N_{\gamma/A}^{0n0n}(w_2) \cdot \sigma_{\gamma A \rightarrow J/\psi A'}(w_2)$$

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Low-energy γ

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

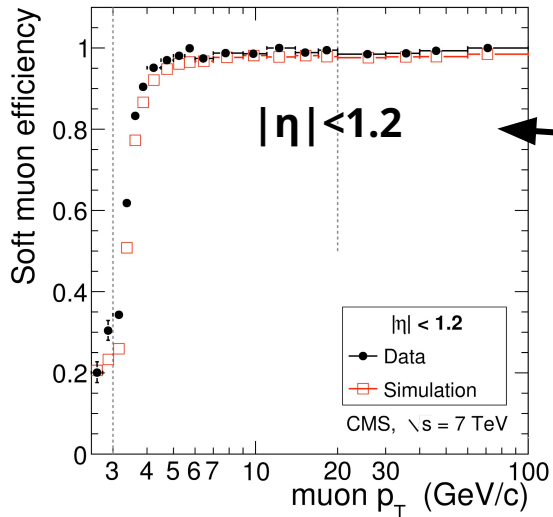
High-energy γ

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

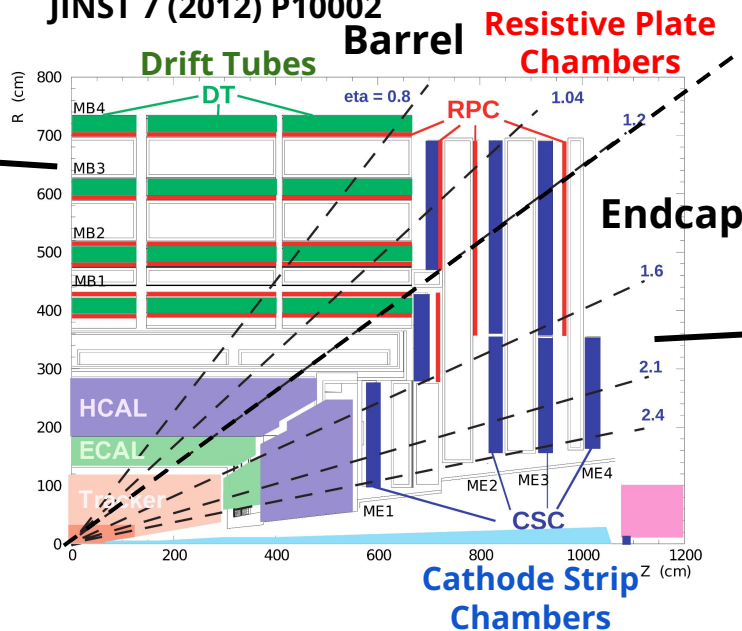
- Disentangle the low- and high- energy photon-nucleus contributions of a single γ +Pb.

Muon reconstruction

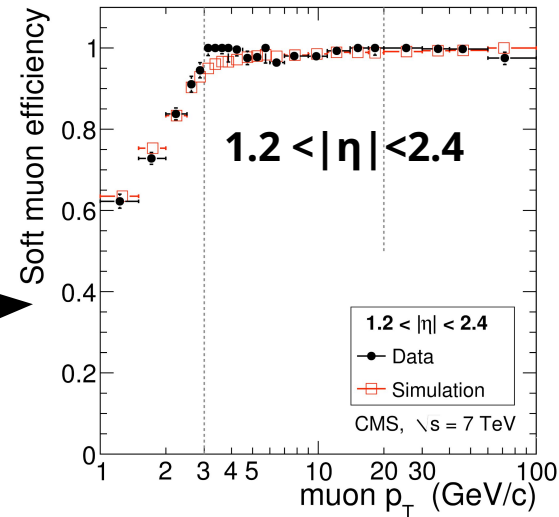
Muon efficiency



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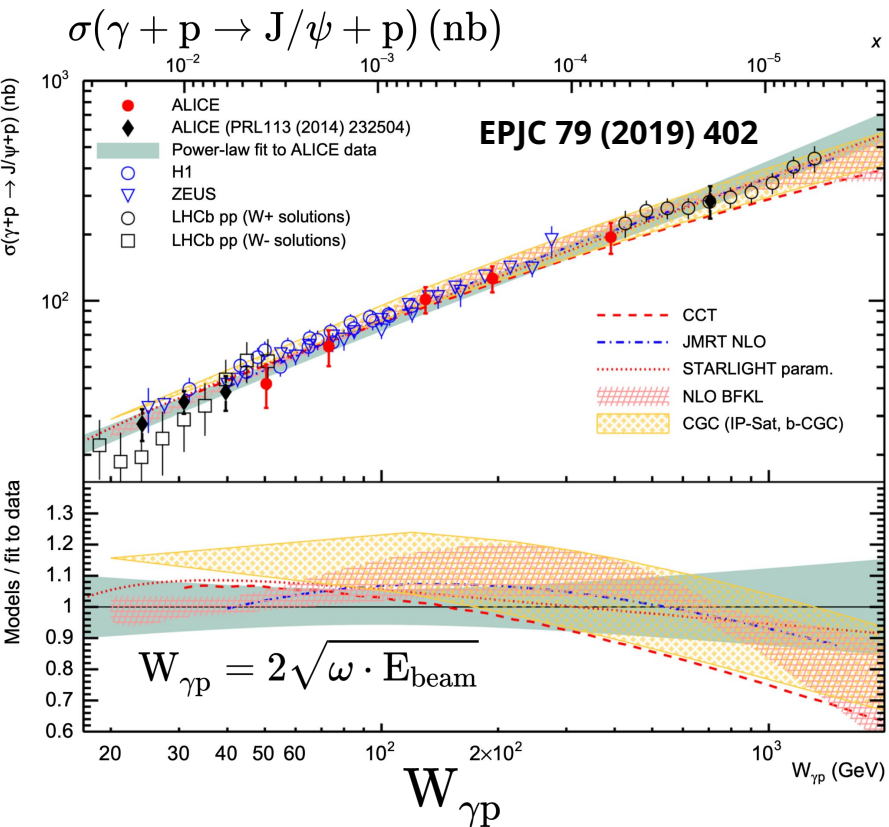


Muon efficiency



- 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.

Search for gluon saturation with γp interactions



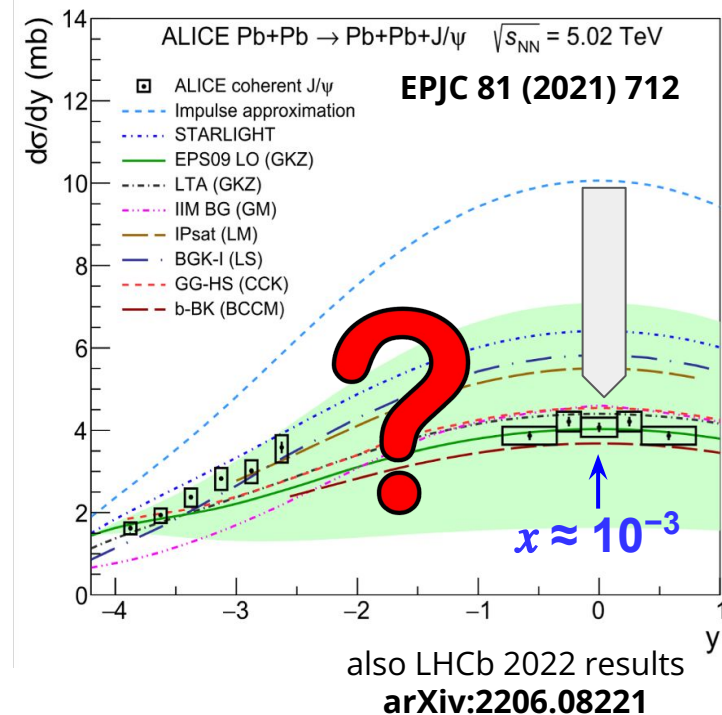
J/ψ photoproduction from **photon-proton** interactions in ep, pPb and pp collisions

❖ 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.

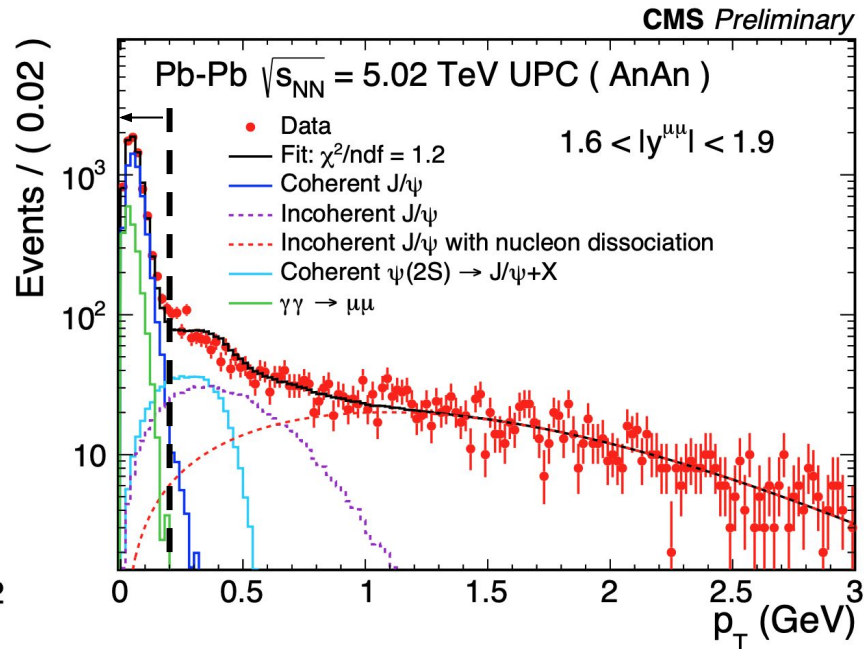
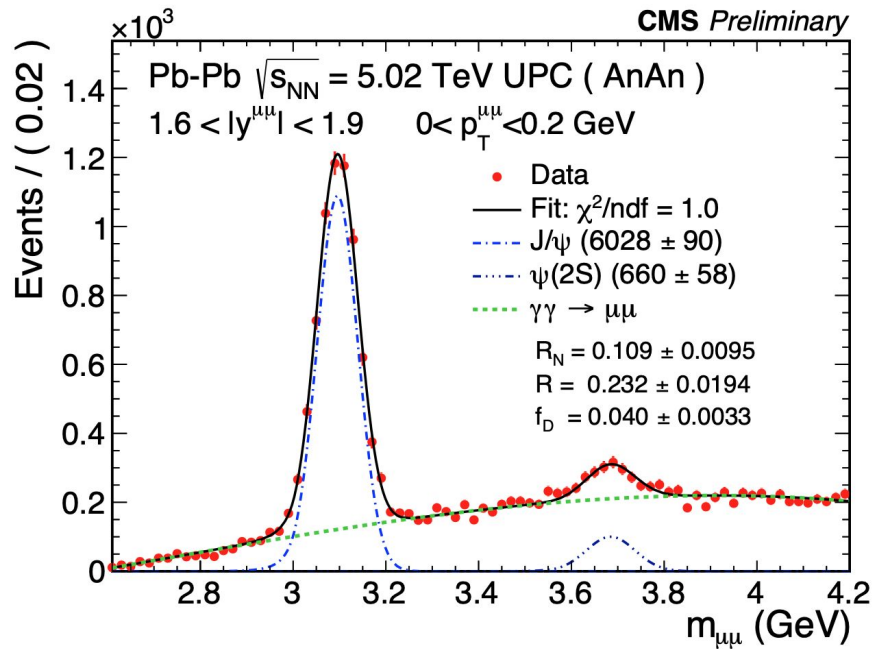
Search for gluon saturation with heavy nuclei

- Coherent Vector Meson production extensively measured at LHC.
- **LO:** $\sigma(J/\psi) \propto [xG(x)]^2 \rightarrow \sigma(J/\psi) < \text{I.A.}$ (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!?



How robust our signal extraction is?

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

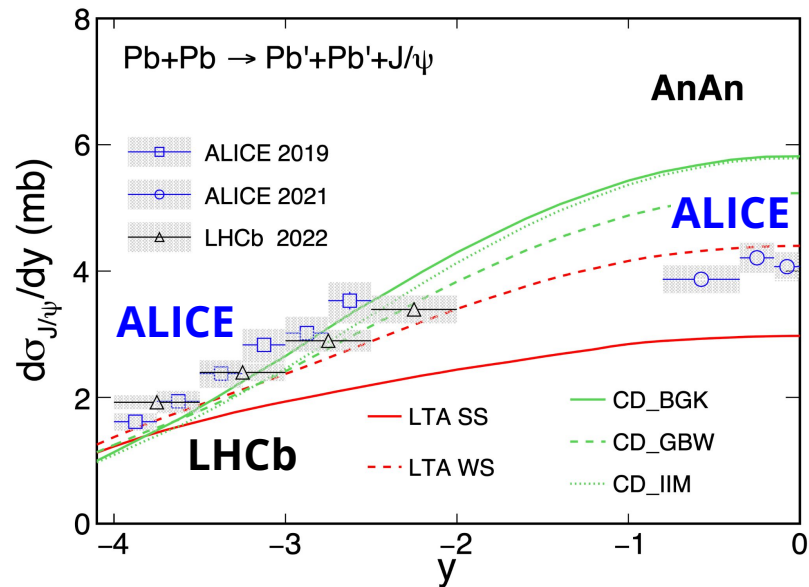
Clean event sample, well described

Coherent J/ψ in forward and mid-rapidity ranges

ALICE, [EPJC 81 \(2021\) 712](#)

LHCb, [arXiv:2206.08221](#)

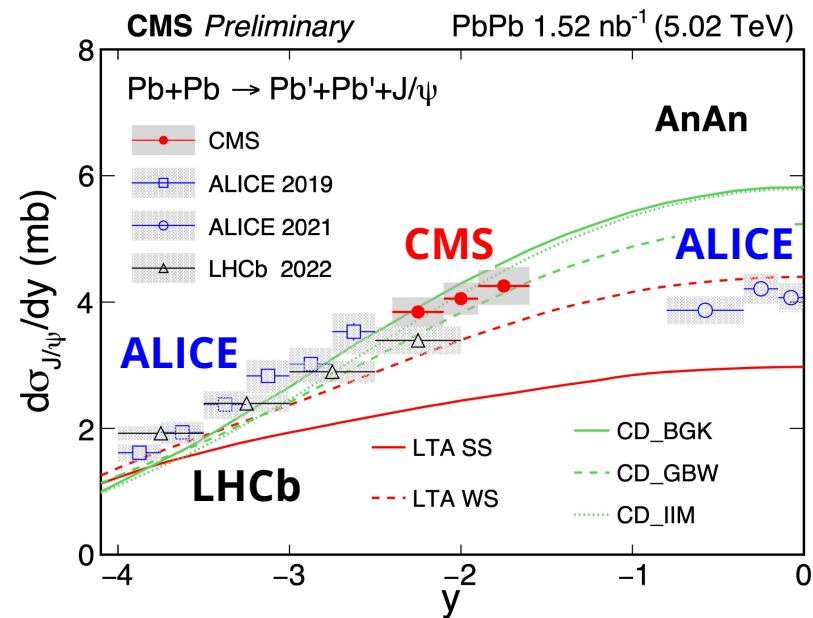
- A tension between ALICE forward and mid-rapidity data?



AnAn: No forward neutron selection

Coherent J/ψ in extended rapidity range

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(* measured in $|y|$ but placed in $y < 0$ for illustration

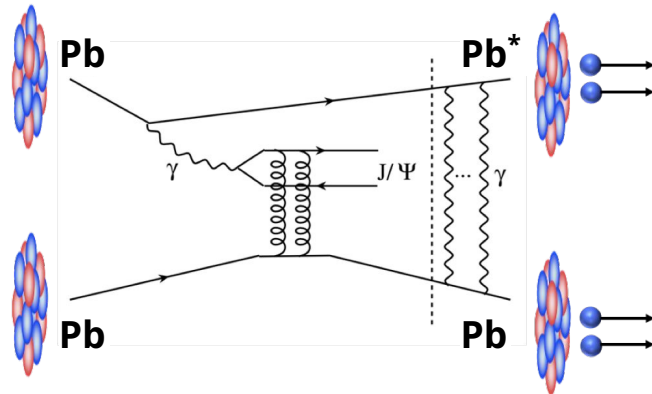
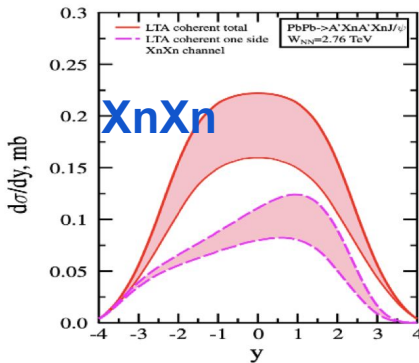
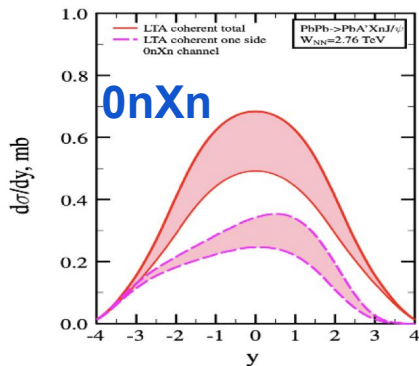
- A tension between ALICE forward and mid rapidity data?
- **CMS data cover a unique rapidity region.**

$$\frac{d\sigma_{J/\psi}^{coh}}{dy} = \frac{N(J/\psi)}{(1 + f_I + f_D) \cdot \epsilon(J/\psi) \cdot Acc(J/\psi) \cdot BR(J/\psi \rightarrow \mu\mu) \cdot L_{int} \cdot \Delta y}$$

- Extracted from the fits
 - incoherent (f_I) and feed-down (f_D) fractions
- Calculated in-situ
 - efficiency (ϵ) and acceptance (Acc)
- Estimated from calibration methods
 - integrated luminosity L_{int} ([PAS-LUM-18-001](#))
- Given as external input
 - the BR

A solution to the two-way ambiguity puzzle

Guzey et al., EPJC 74 (2014) 2942



Low-energy γ

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

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

High-energy γ

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

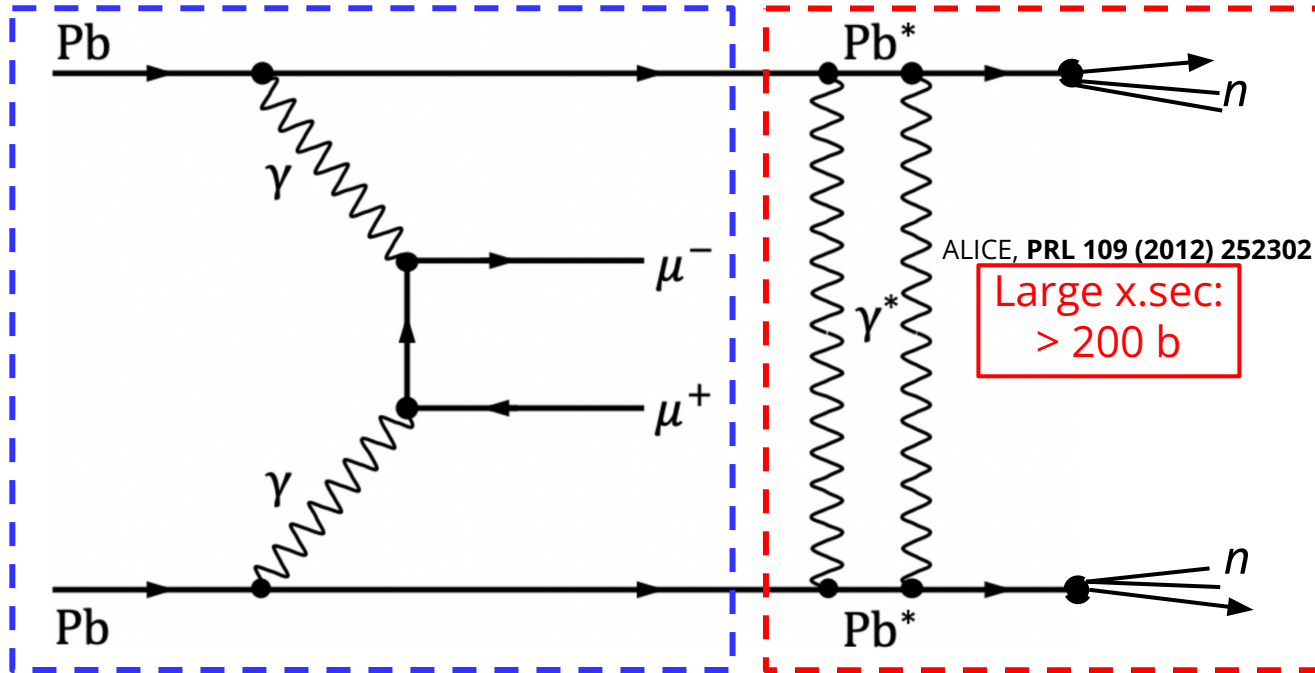
$$\frac{d\sigma_{AA \rightarrow AA' J/\psi}^{0nXn}}{dy} = N_{\gamma/A}^{0nXn}(\omega_1) \cdot \sigma_{\gamma A \rightarrow J/\psi A'}(\omega_1) + N_{\gamma/A}^{0nXn}(\omega_2) \cdot \sigma_{\gamma A \rightarrow J/\psi A'}(\omega_2)$$

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→ Solve for $\sigma_{\gamma A \rightarrow J/\psi A'}(\omega_1)$ and $\sigma_{\gamma A \rightarrow J/\psi A'}(\omega_2)$

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

EM dissociative pileup correction



Impact of dissociative PU corrected by measuring neutron multiplicity in events without any activity in CMS tracker.

$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ with/without neutron emitting

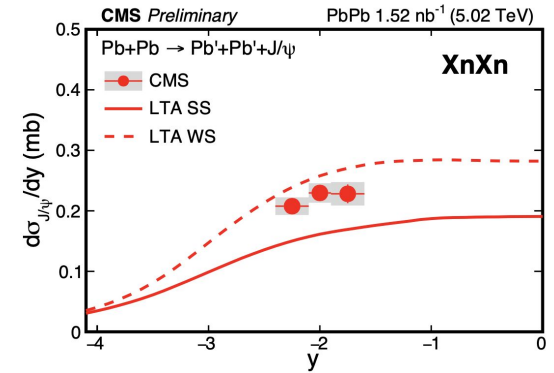
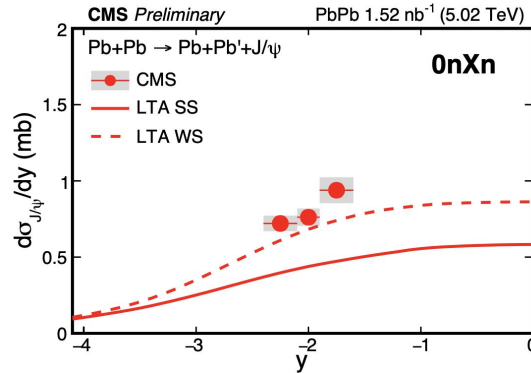
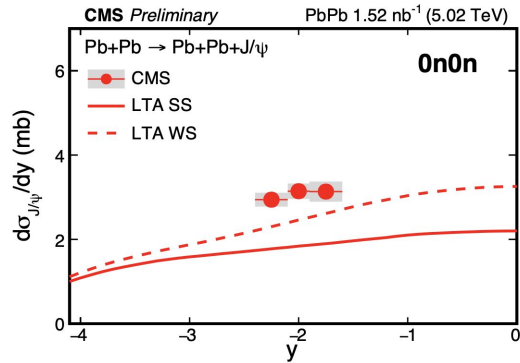
different collisions

EM dissociation without any $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$

$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ with neutron multiplicity migration

Coherent J/ψ in $0n0n$, $0nXn$, $XnXn$

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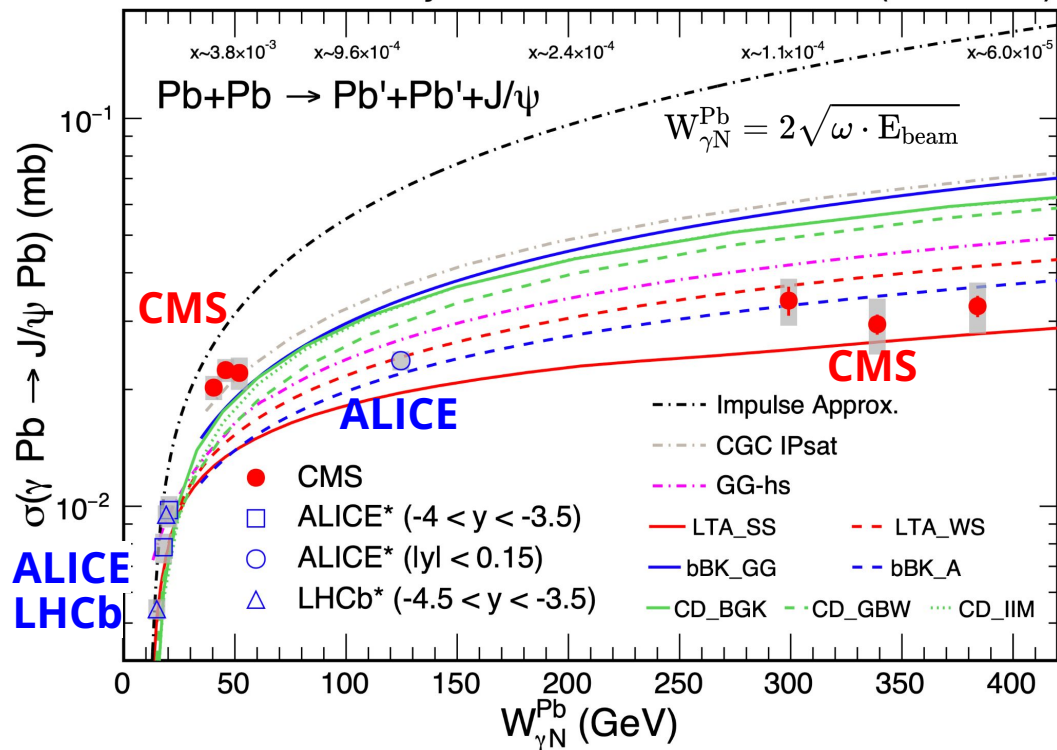
- Data in $0n0n$ and $0nXn$ are higher than Leading Twist Approximation (LTA) prediction.
- Data in $XnXn$ stay in between LTA weak suppression (WS) and strong suppression (SS) assumptions.
- Competing experimental (up to ~8%) and theory (up to ~9%) systematic uncertainty
 - experimental related to fit extraction
 - subdominant efficiency, luminosity, exclusivity, and neutron bin migrations
 - theory related to photon flux estimation

Coherent J/ψ cross section of single γ +Pb vs. W

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CMS Preliminary

PbPb 1.52 nb⁻¹ (5.02 TeV)



ALICE, LHCb vs. IA:

- Data close to IA at low W .
- Data lower than IA at $W \sim 125$ GeV.

New data from CMS:

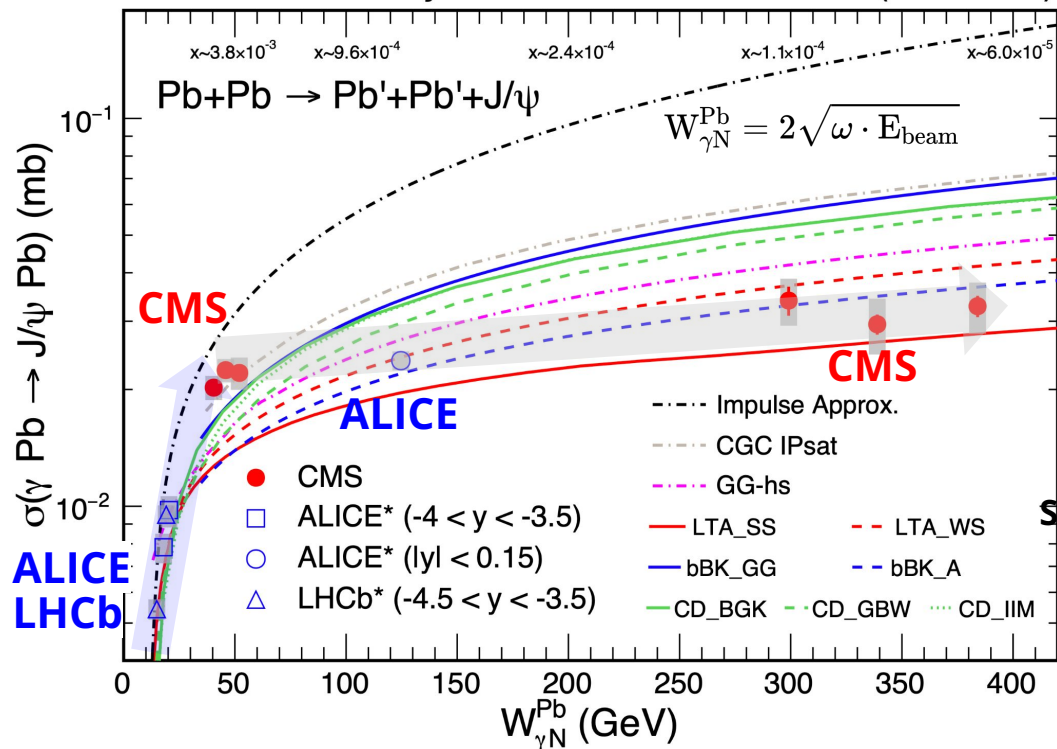
- Rapid increase at $W < 40$ GeV.

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ALICE, LHCb vs. IA:

- Data close to IA at low W.
- Data lower than IA at W~125 GeV.

New data from CMS:

- Rapid increase at W<40 GeV.
- A nearly flat trend for W>40 GeV.

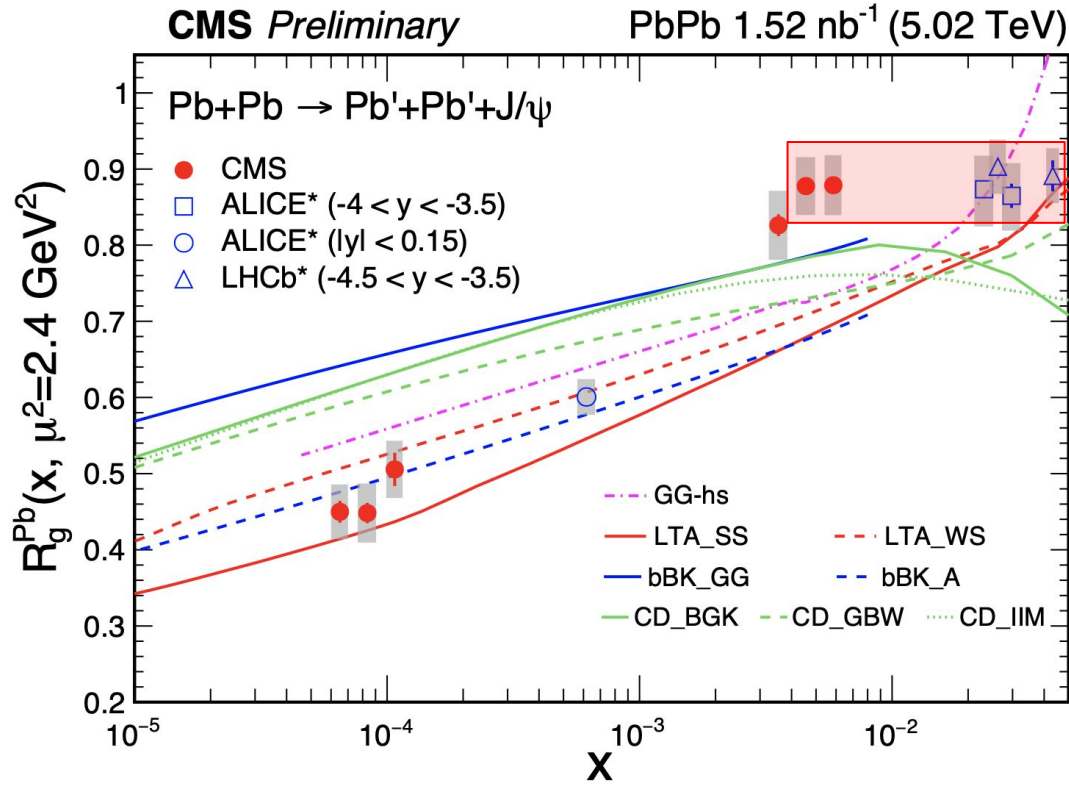
Slope = 2.98 ± 0.42 (stat.) ± 1.06 (syst.) $\times 10^{-5}$ mb/GeV

No models can describe the entire data distribution.

Experimental uncertainty highly correlated across W

Nuclear gluon suppression factor

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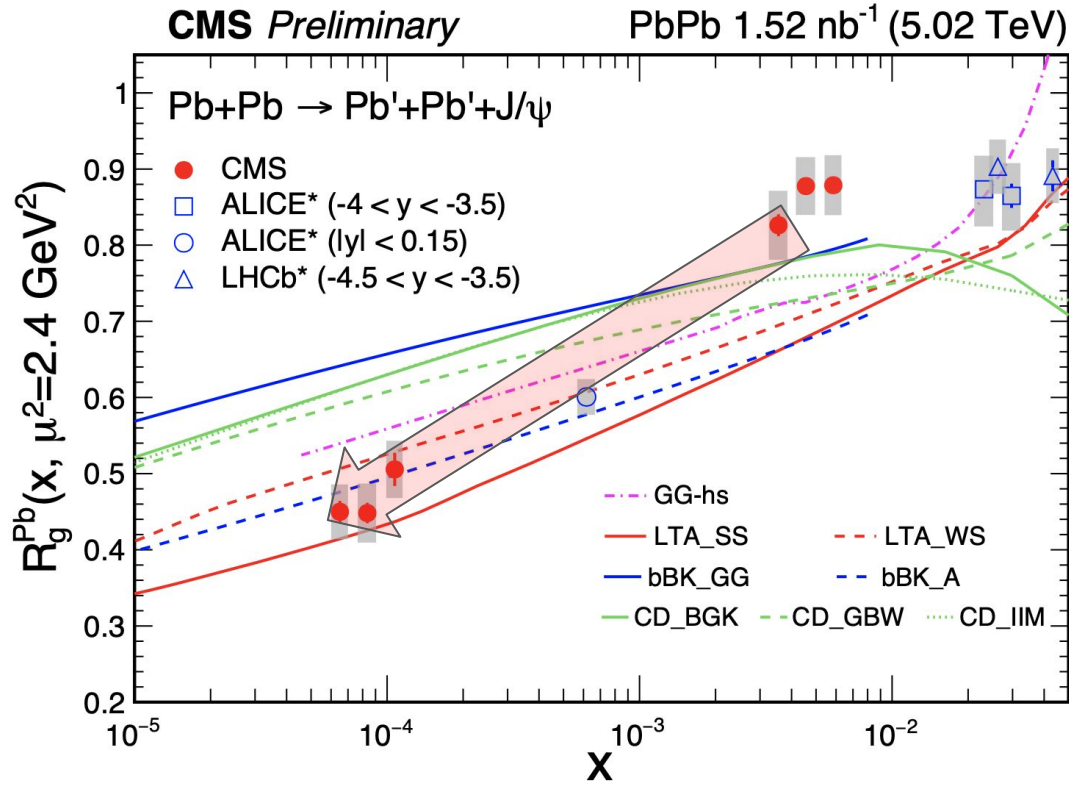
$$R_g^A = \left(\frac{\sigma_{\gamma A \rightarrow J/\psi A}^{exp}}{\sigma_{\gamma A \rightarrow J/\psi A}^{IA}} \right)^{1/2}$$

Impulse approx. (IA)
neglects all nuclear effects.

- R_g represents nuclear gluon suppression factor at LO.
- x ~ 10⁻³ - 10⁻²: flat trend.

Nuclear gluon suppression factor

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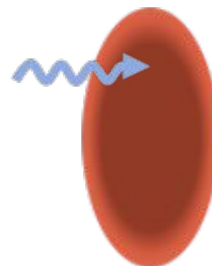
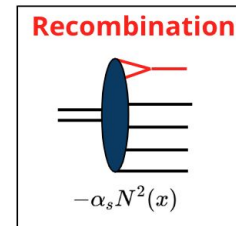
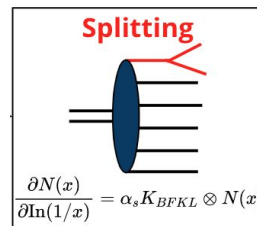
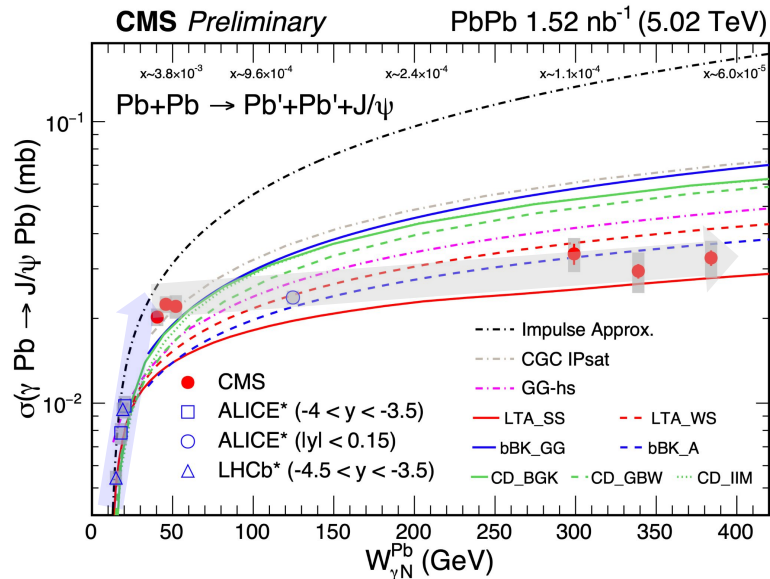
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neglects all nuclear effects.

- R_g represents nuclear gluon suppression factor at LO.
- x ~ 10⁻³ - 10⁻²: flat trend.
- Quickly decrease towards lower x region.

Beyond models' expectations

What physics behind?

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$$\hat{\sigma}_{\text{PQCD}}^{\text{inel}} \leq \hat{\sigma}_{\text{black}} = \pi R_{\text{target}}^2$$

- σ stops rapid rising trend → splitting and recombination of gluons become equal
 - **Clear evidence for gluon saturation!!?**

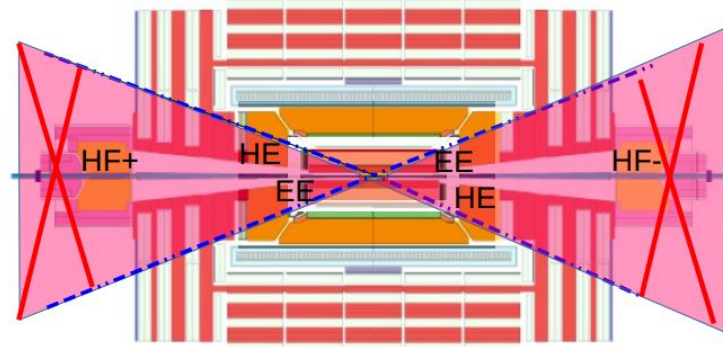
OR

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

Exclusive dijets in UPC PbPb @5 TeV



- Analysis selections (part I):
 - At least one track in the central tracker
 - Particle flow jets using the anti- k_t algorithm with $R=0.4$
 - Only two jets $|\eta_{\text{lab}}| < 2.4$, $p_{T,1} > 30$ GeV, $p_{T,2} > 20$ GeV
 - Veto activity in the forward region ($2.8 < |\eta| < 5.2$): HF, HE and EE calorimeters



RAPGAP MC extensively exploited for **ep** collisions at HERA
 is used for modelling exclusive dijet photoproduction via photon-gluon fusion

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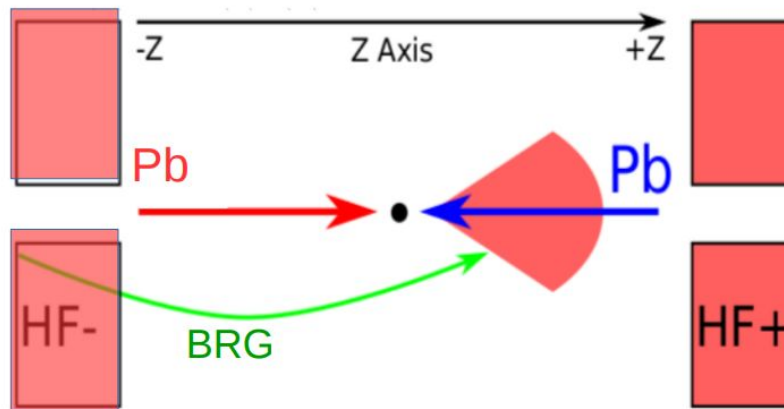


$\gamma + \text{Pb} \rightarrow \text{jet} + \text{jet} + \text{Pb}$ events are asymmetric in rapidity.

Rapidity Gap Selection: No track with $p_T > 0.2 \text{ GeV}$, $|\eta| < 2.5$

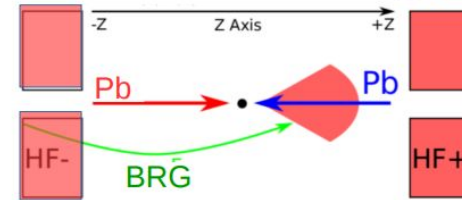
Two separate data sets are defined:

one of them has $\text{BRG} > \text{FRG}$, and the other $\text{FRG} > \text{BRG}$



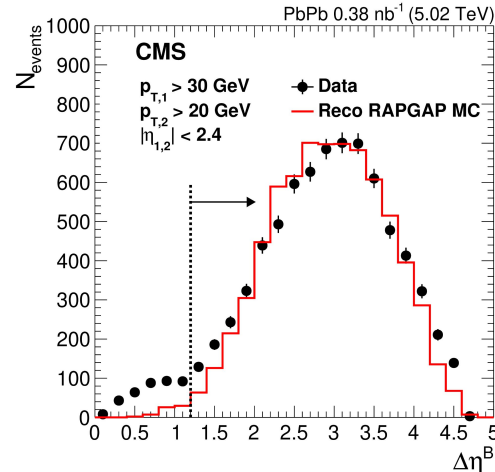
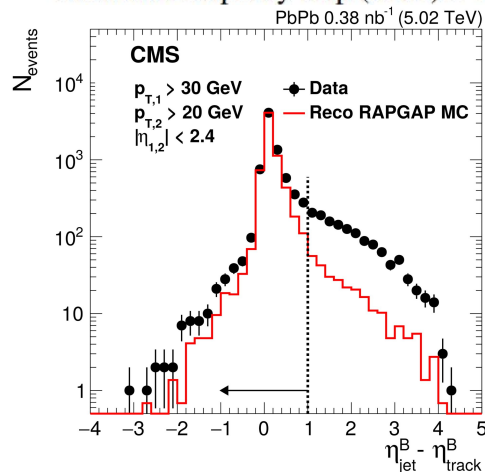
Samples are merged by changing the rapidity sign of the jets in the $\text{FRG} > \text{BRG}$ dataset.

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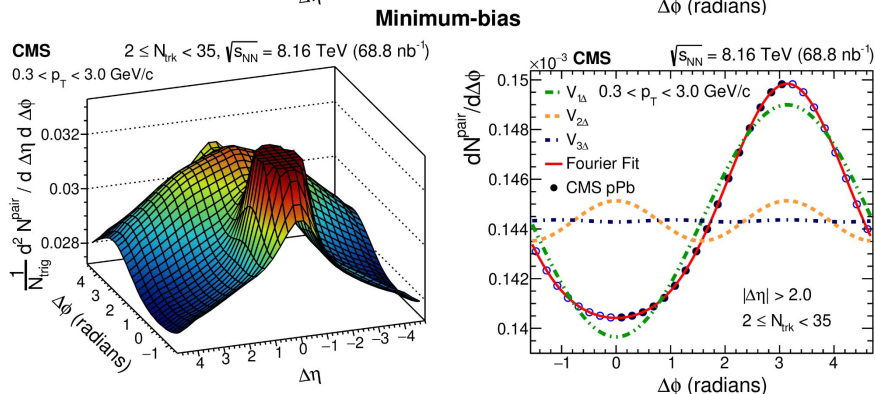
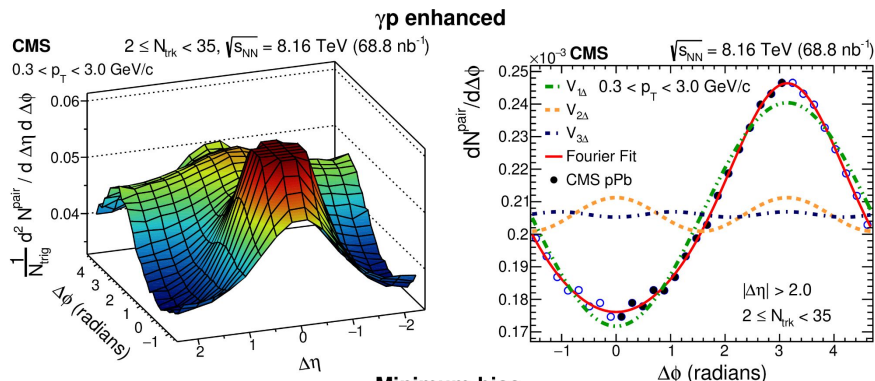


No tracker activity far from the jets to reject non-exclusive and two-photon processes.

- $\max[\eta_{\text{jet}} - \eta_{\text{track}}] < 1$
- Backward Rapidity Gap (BRG) > 1.2



Two-particle (2PC) azimuthal correlations in γp interactions using pPb



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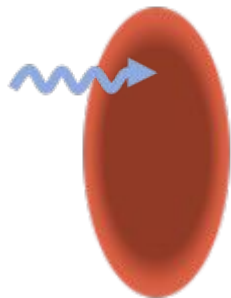
- Select enriched sample of γp events in UPC pPb collisions.
- Require no neutron on Pb-going size ZDC, as well as a large region with no detector activity on Pb going side.
- Plots show 2D and 1D 2PCs in γp events and min-bias pPb events.
- Stronger away-side correlation observed in γp events compared to min-bias pPb.

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.



$$\hat{\sigma}_{\text{PQCD}}^{\text{inel}} \leq \hat{\sigma}_{\text{black}} = \pi R_{\text{target}}^2$$

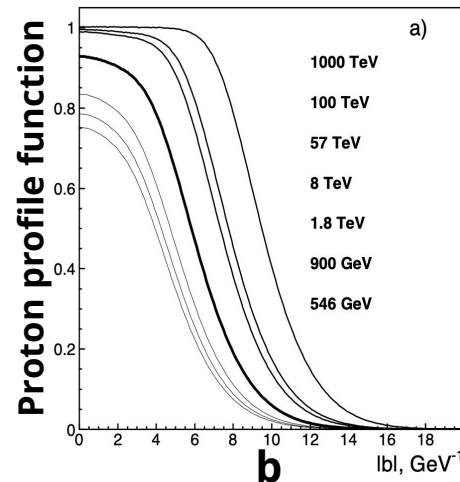
“Black Disk Limit (BDL)”

- opposite to the “color transparency”

... Inner structure disappears



energy increase

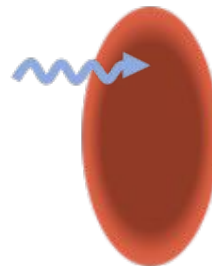
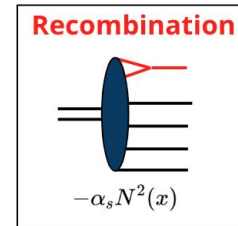
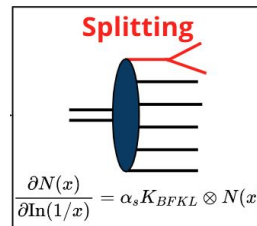
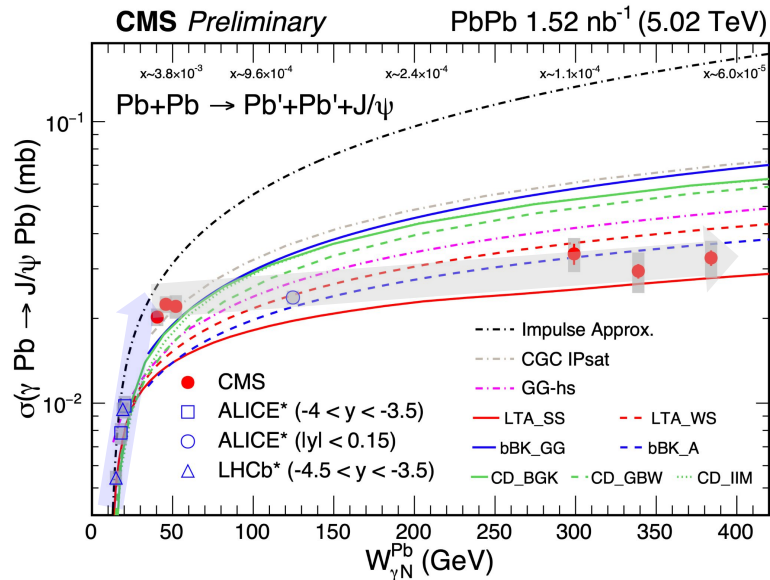


The BDL represents a novel regime at small x when the LO QCD and the notion of the parton distributions becomes inapplicable for describing hard processes .

- **New theoretical tools are needed in this regime!**

The slowly increasing trend at high W

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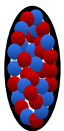
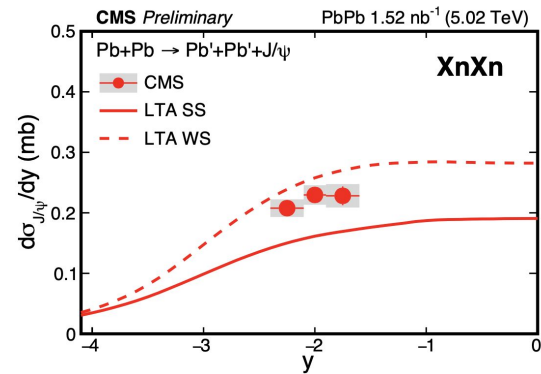
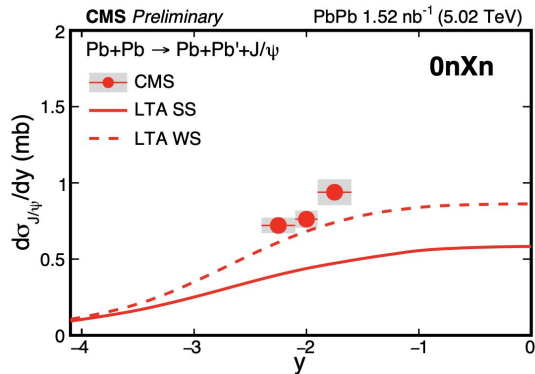
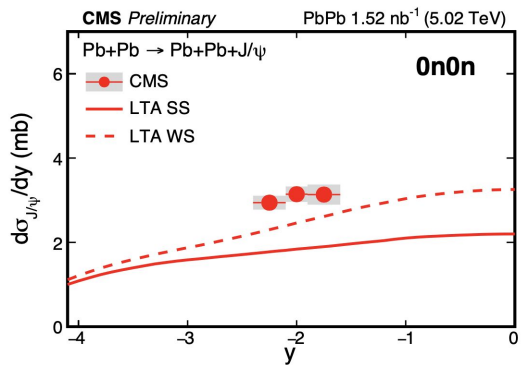


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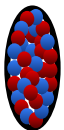
- Periphery of nucleus may not be fully saturated or fully black at $W \sim 40$ GeV, but gradually turn to saturated or fully black with further increasing of the probing energy.

Coherent Jpsi in 0n0n, 0nXn, XnXn

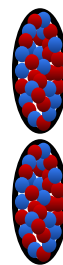
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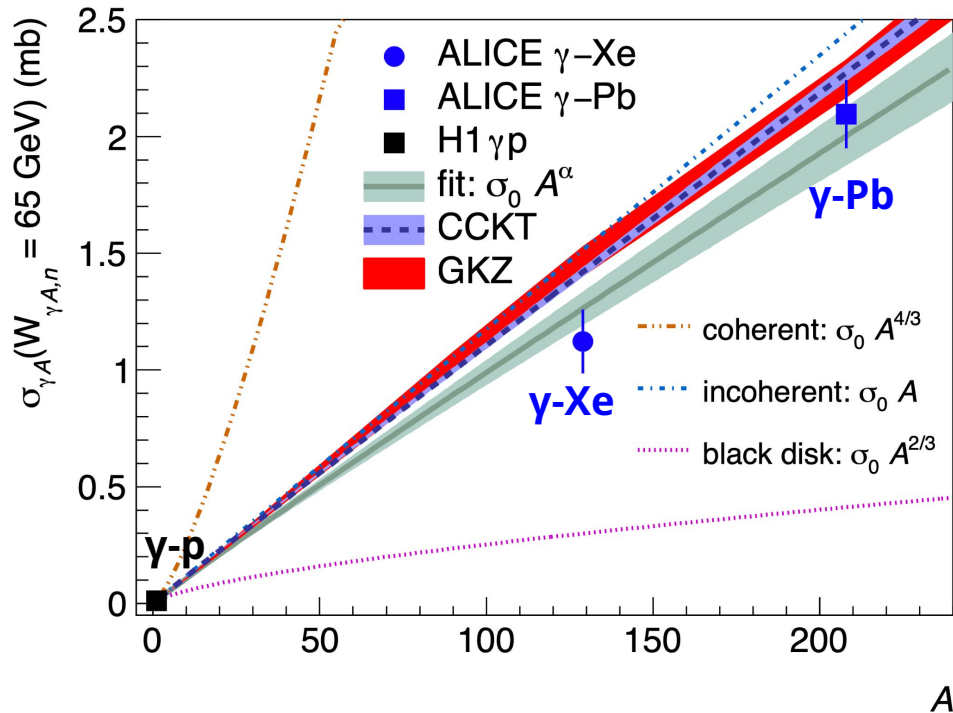


More neutrons



ALICE UPC ρ vs system size

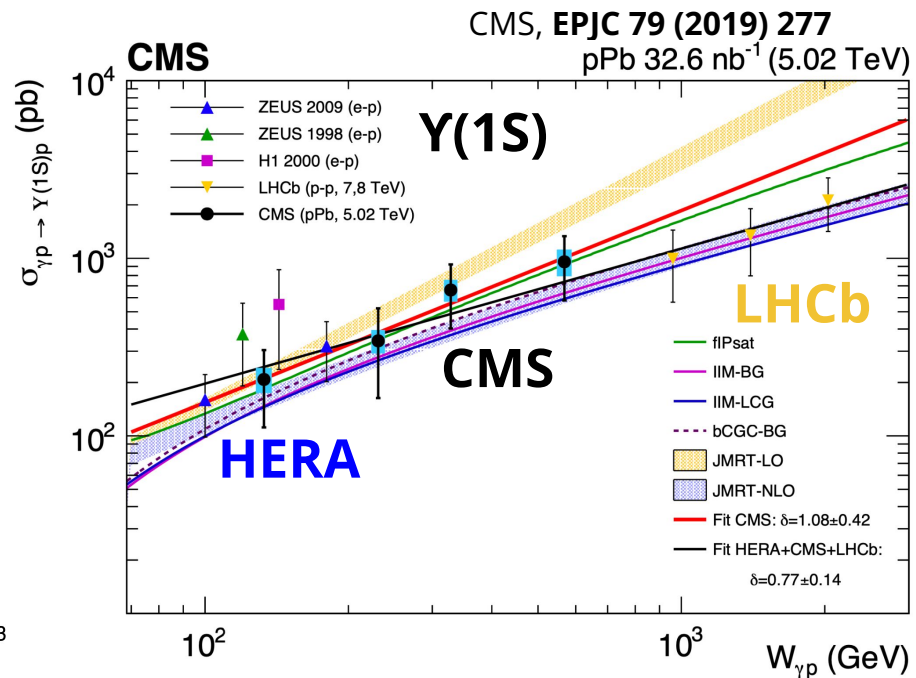
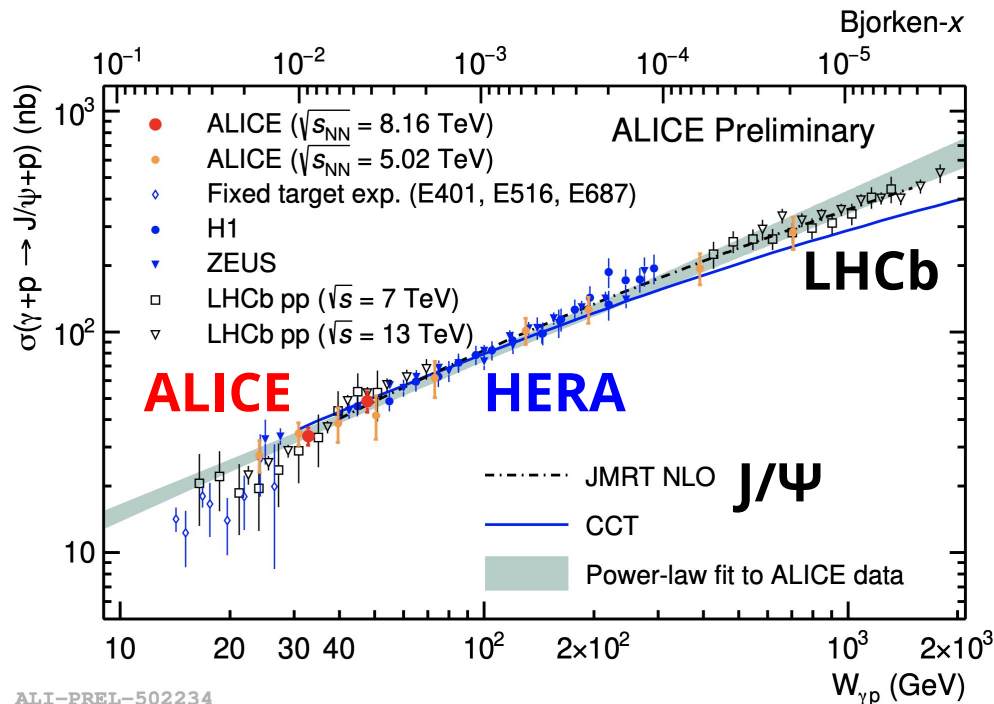
ALICE, PLB 820 (2021) 136481



If J/ψ -nucleus approaches BDL, why ρ -Nucleus does not?

- With A decrease, it is harder to reach BDL \rightarrow the direct $A^{2/3}$ 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 γ -p



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Future opportunities

MIP Timing Detector for PID

BTL: LYSO bars + SiPM readout:

- Thick (6 mm) readout by $\times 4$
- Inner radius: 1148 mm (40 mm thick)
- Length: ± 2.0 m along z
- Surface: ~ 30 m², 332k channels
- Fluence at 4 ab⁻¹: 2×10^{10} n_{eq}/cm²

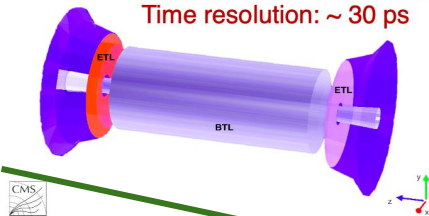


ETL: Si with internal gain (LGAD):

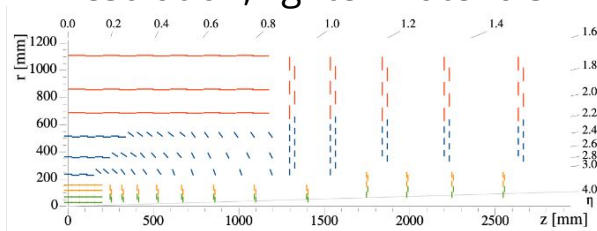
- On the CE: inner: $3.0 \times 3.0 \times 0.15$
- Radius: 315 R 1200 mm
- Position: ± 0.2 m (± 0.05 mm thick)
- Surface: ~ 14 m², $\sim 8.9M$ channels
- Fluence at 4 ab⁻¹: up to 2×10^{10} n_{eq}/cm²



Time resolution: ~ 30 ps



Tracker with $|\eta| < 4$ and better resolution, lighter materials

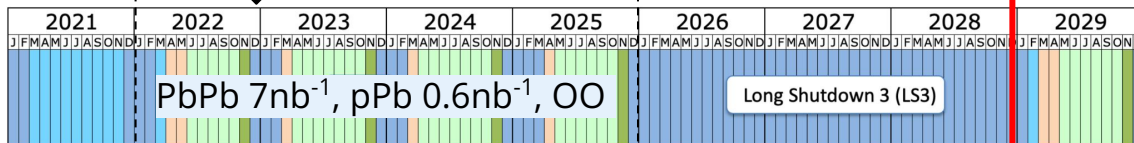


- Muon systems with $|\eta| < 2.8$
- Trigger and DAQ rate: $\sim 10 \times$
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Run-3

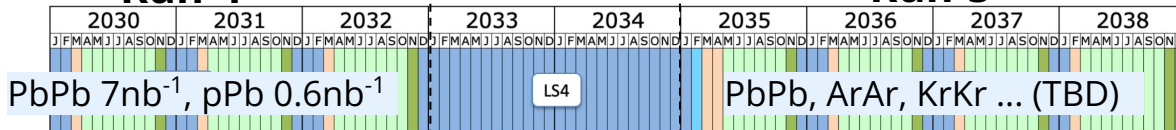
Phase-2 Upgrades

HL-LHC



Run-4

Run-5



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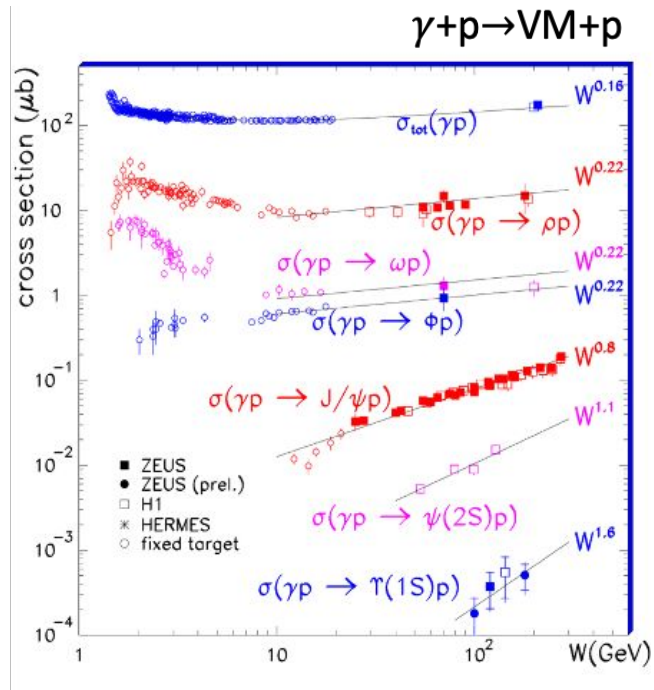
LHC schedule

- Shutdown/Technical stop
- Protons physics
- Ions
- Commissioning with beam
- Hardware commissioning/magnet training

Exciting opportunities ahead by:

- Higher luminosities.
- A variety of ion species.
- Upgrades enabled by new technologies!

Future opportunities



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

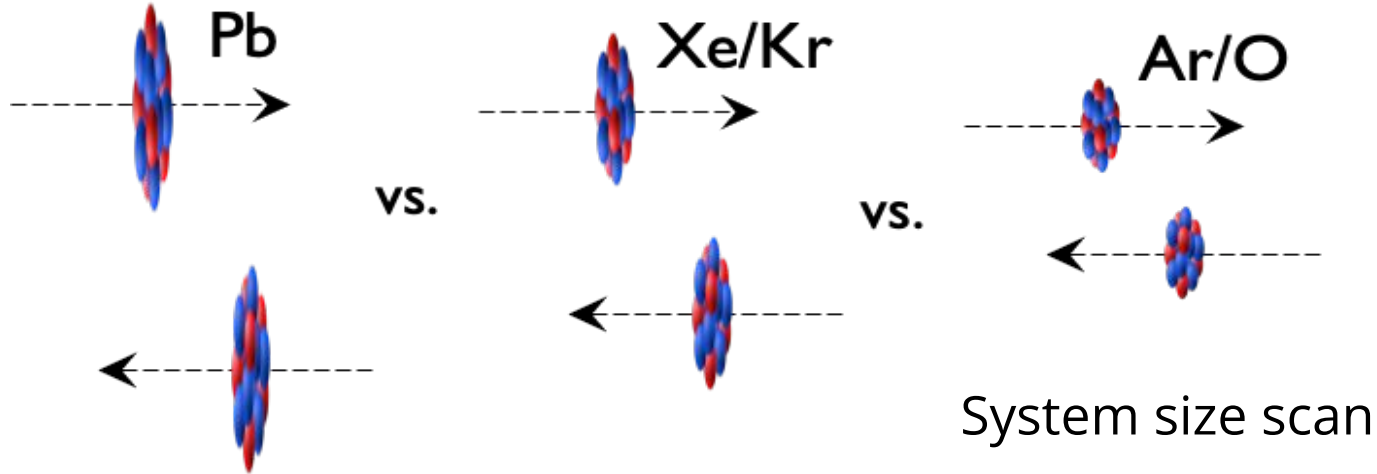
➤ e.g., control of dipole sizes and hard scales.

CERN yellow report, [arXiv:1812.06772](https://arxiv.org/abs/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$	$2.5 < \eta < 4.0$	$2 < \eta < 5$

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

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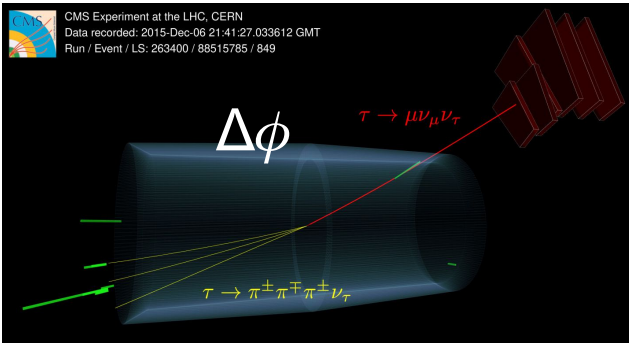
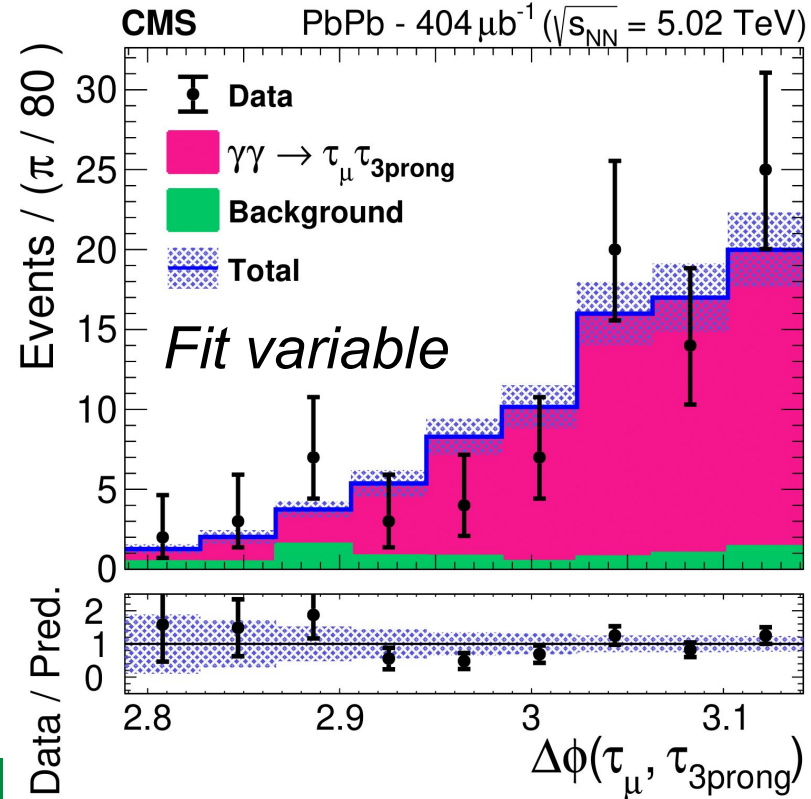


- Variation of saturation scales in search for gluon saturation.
- When approaching the BDL:
 - Coh. cross section scales with $A^{2/3}$
 - Incoh. cross section strongly suppressed, internal substructure becomes invisible

Signal yield estimation

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- Binned likelihood fit to a discriminating variable
- **Angular separation** ($\Delta\phi$) between leptonic and hadronic candidates
 - MC signal (peaky) and bkg template (flat) from data
- Number of observed post-fit **signal events**: 77 ± 12
- Observed significance is **more than 5σ**
 - **taking into account** systematic uncertainties
 - affecting the rate with log-normal priors
 - affecting the shape with Gaussian prior

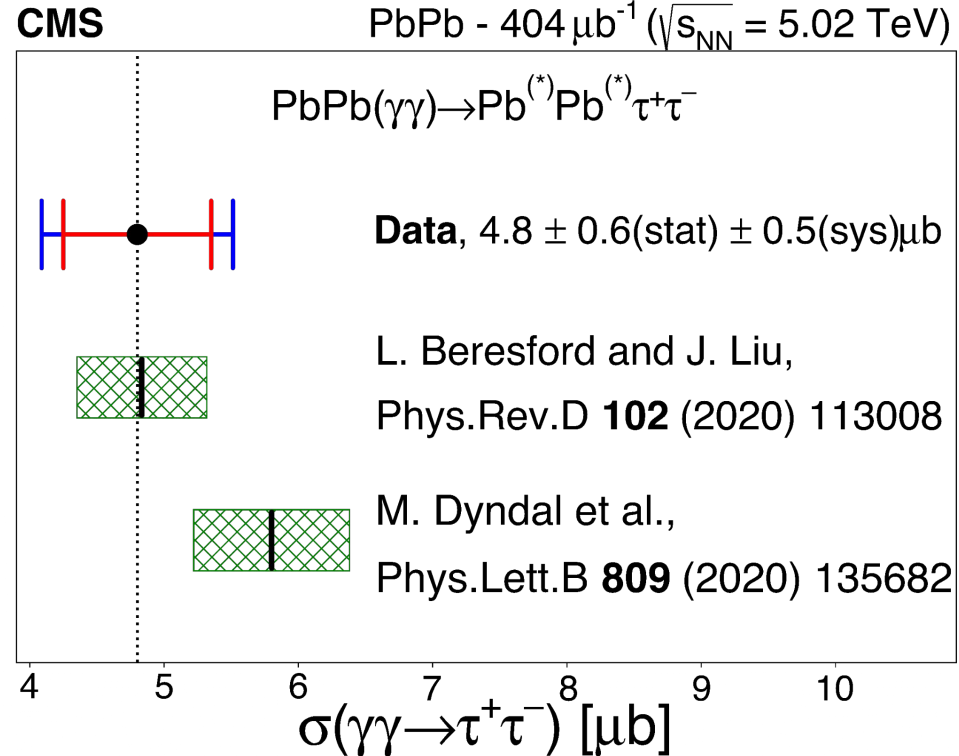


Cross section measurement

- Extra ingredients needed
 - $L = 404 \text{ } \mu\text{b}$
 - $B_{\tau_{\mu}} = 17.39\%$
 - $B_{\tau_{3\text{prong}}} = 14.55\%$
 - **efficiency** (ϵ) from MC = 78.5%

$$\sigma(\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-) = N_{\text{sig}} / (2\epsilon \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} B_{\tau_{\mu}} B_{\tau_{3\text{prong}}})$$

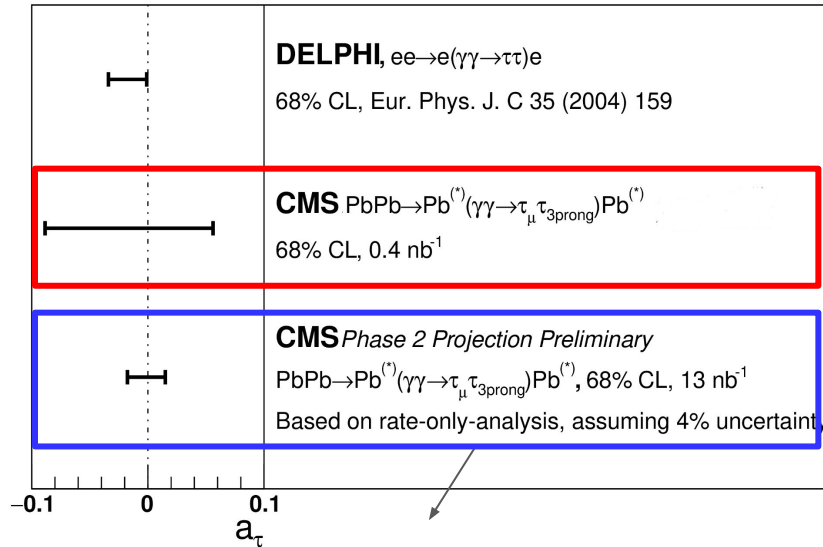
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$$\sigma_{\text{fiducial}} = 4.8 \pm 0.6(\text{stat}) \pm 0.5(\text{sys}) \mu\text{b}$$

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- Using the [theo calculation](#) of $\sigma(\gamma\gamma\rightarrow\tau\tau)$ as a function of a_τ –scale only
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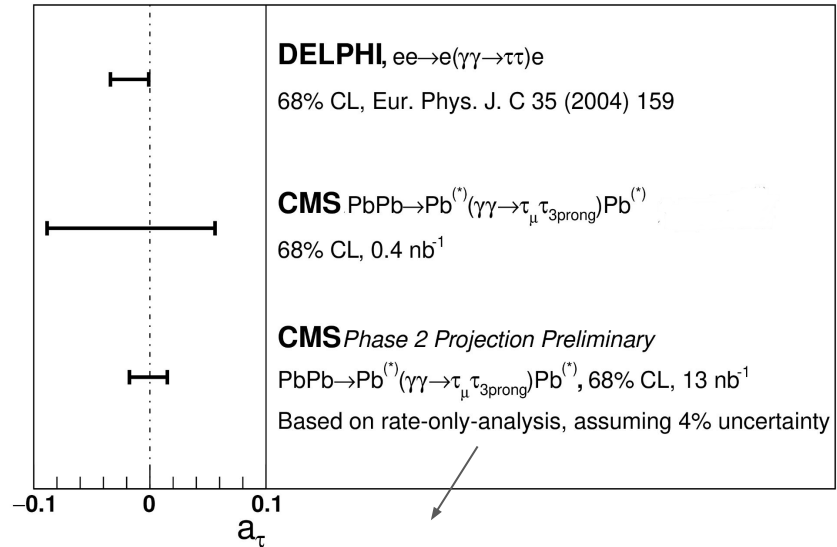
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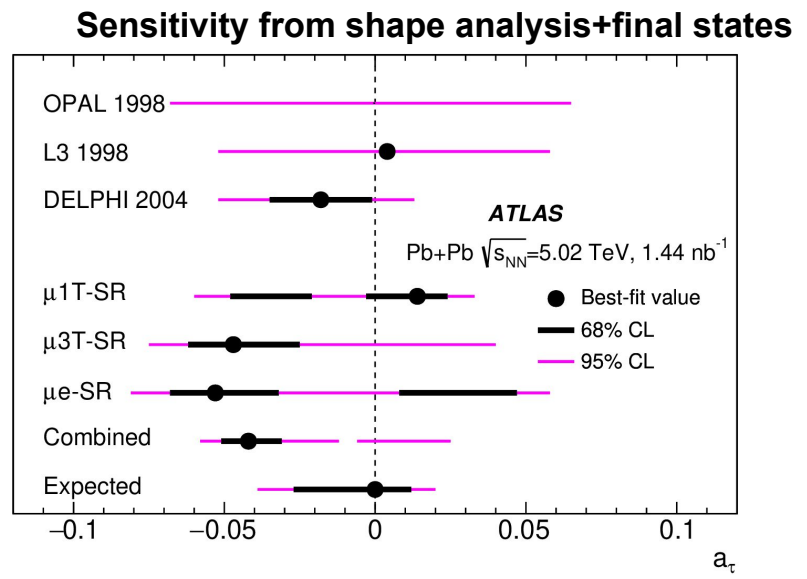
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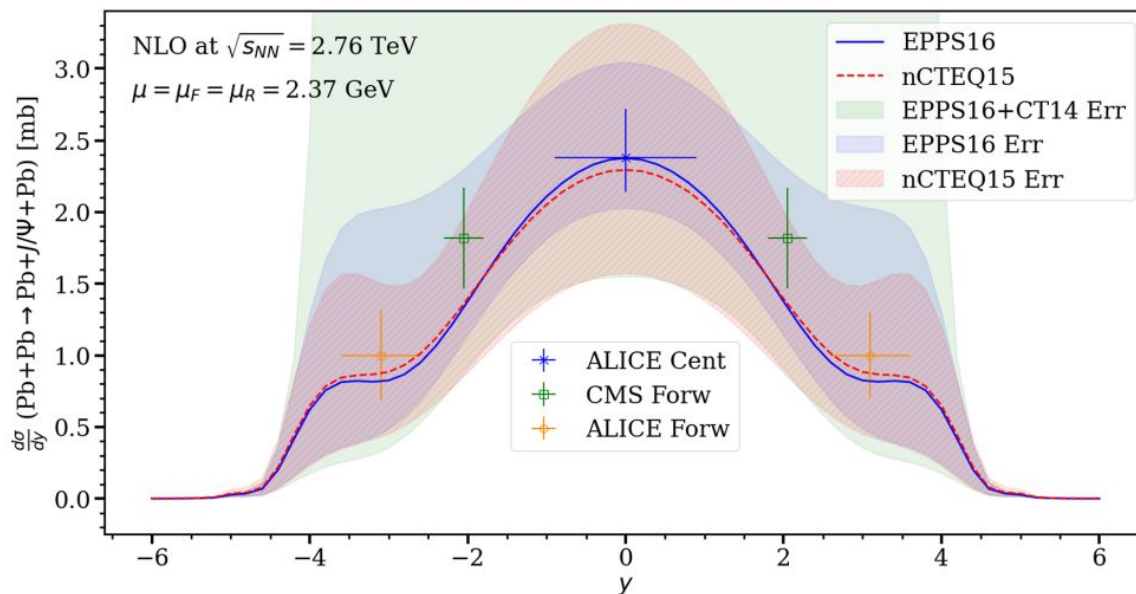


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Nuclear PDFs uncertainty in exclusive J/Ψ production

- EPPS16 larger unc in fwd region (more freedom in the gluon PDF shape than nCTEQ)
- Rapid gluon increase at low-x dictates the upper boundaries of the large unc
→ *reduced scale sensitivity and stronger dependence on the gluon PDFs for Y 's?*



Outlook

- For the first time, **disentangled the low and high y energy** contributions to coh. J/ψ
 - a new region from $W=40$ to 400 GeV to be studied/understood
 - interesting recent theo dev that the small- x **quark** PDFs dominate exclusive J/ψ at $y \sim 0$
- $\tau^+\tau^-$ observation paves the way for **precise at a_τ (HL-)LHC \rightarrow cross exp combinations**

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