



Exclusive quarkonium photoproduction in
pPb collisions at the HL-LHC

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State of the art

Exclusive heavy-vector-meson photoproduction from
experiment past&present

Theory developments

Focus on pQCD developments

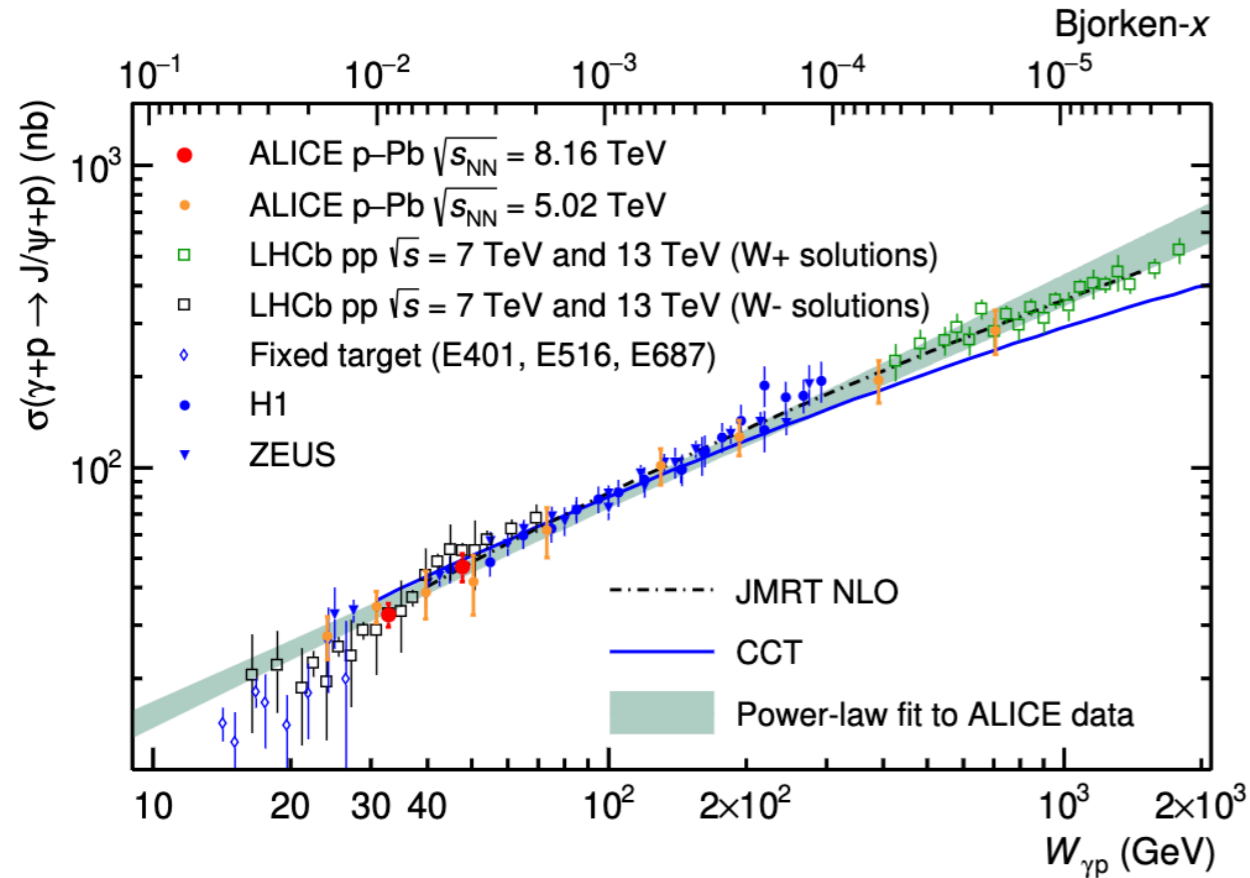
Desirable measurements and Outlook

Polarisation studies

t dependence

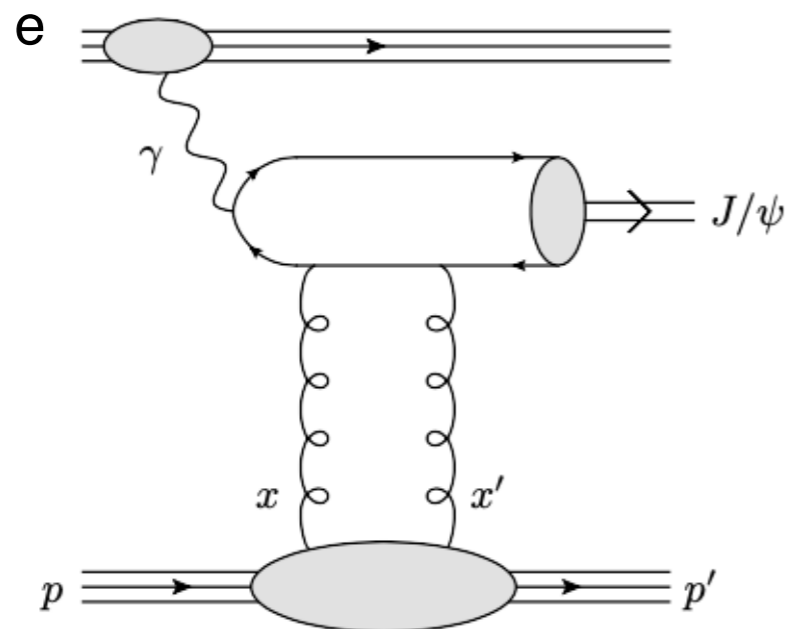
gluon PDF probes

Exclusive J/ψ photoproduction to date (fixed target+ ep , pp , pPb)



ep @HERA:

[hep-ex/0201043](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ex/0201043), [hep-ex/0404008](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ex/0404008), [hep-ex/0510016](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ex/0510016), [hep-ex/0404008](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ex/0404008)

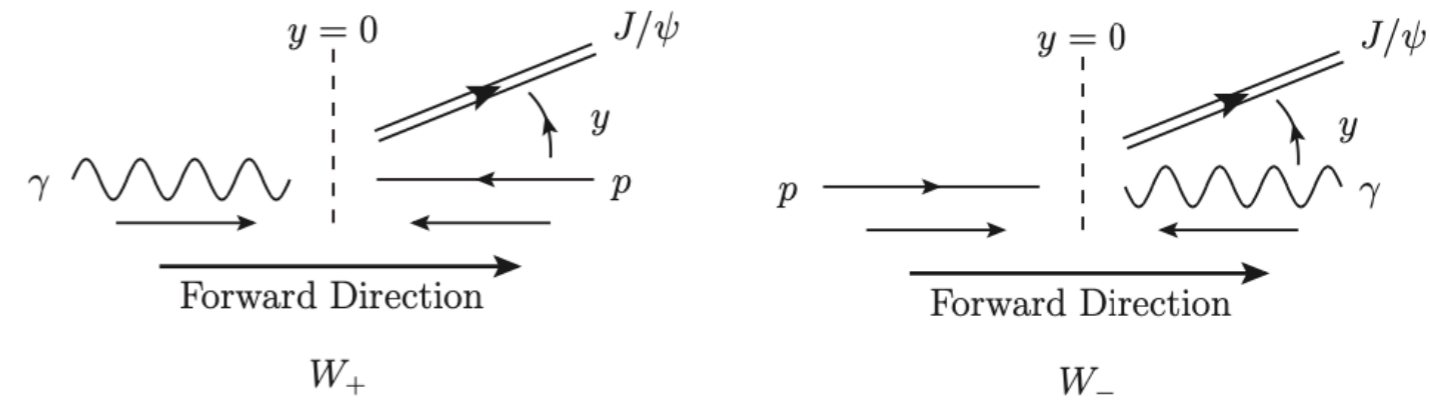
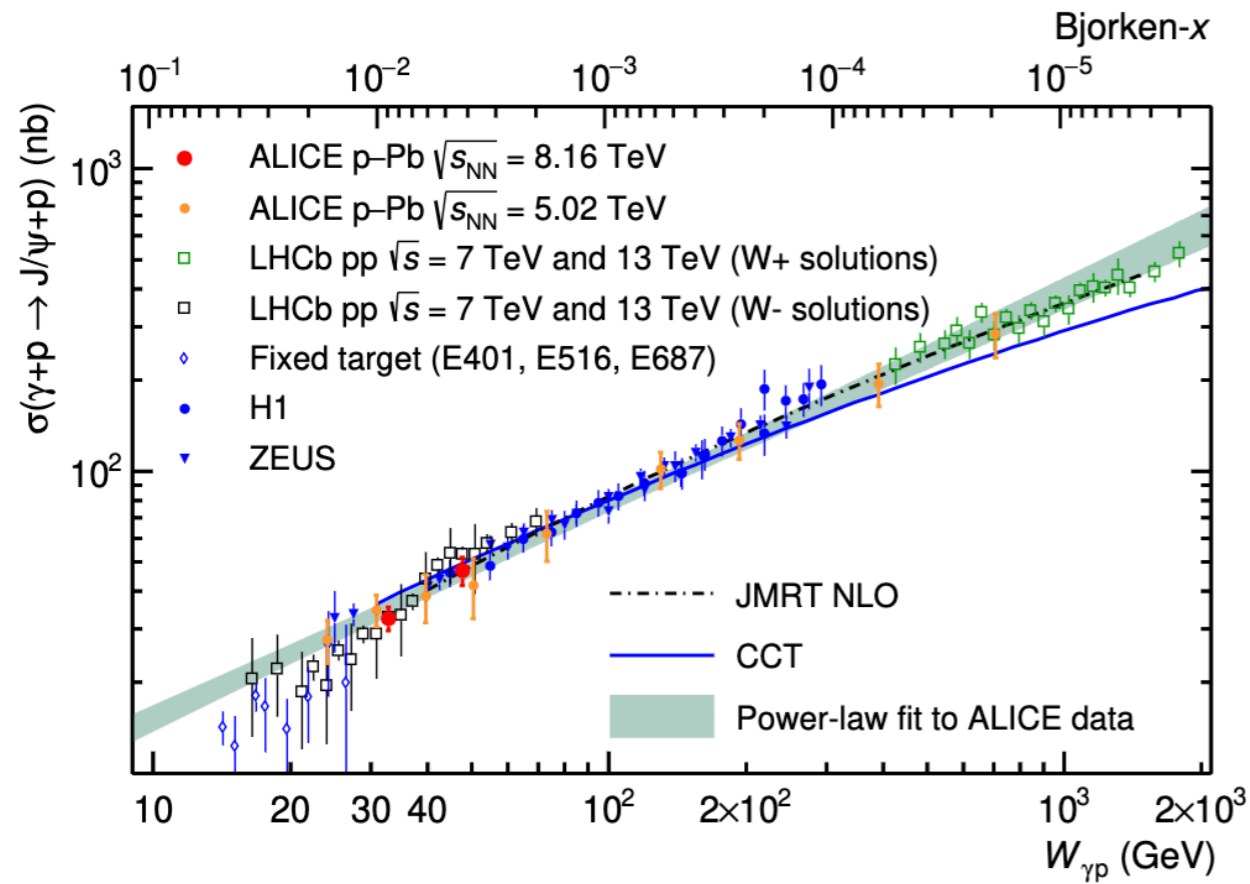


Tagged electron \Rightarrow measure photon virtuality. Here, discuss photoproduction (quasi-real photons)

Photon fluctuation into heavy-quark pair, producing J/ψ via two-parton colour-singlet exchange

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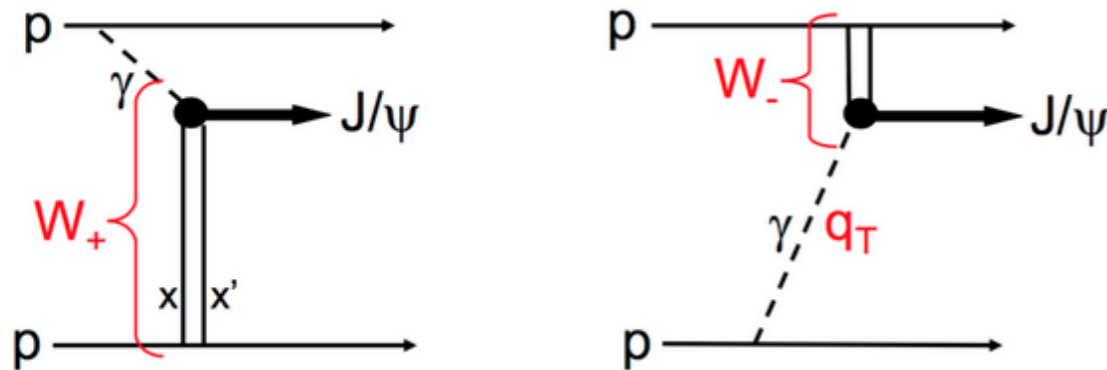
Unfolding at LHCb:

LHCb data

$$\frac{d\sigma(pp)}{dy} = S^2(W_+) \left(k_+ \frac{dn}{dk_+} \right) \sigma_+(\gamma p) + S^2(W_-) \left(k_- \frac{dn}{dk_-} \right) \sigma_-(\gamma p)$$

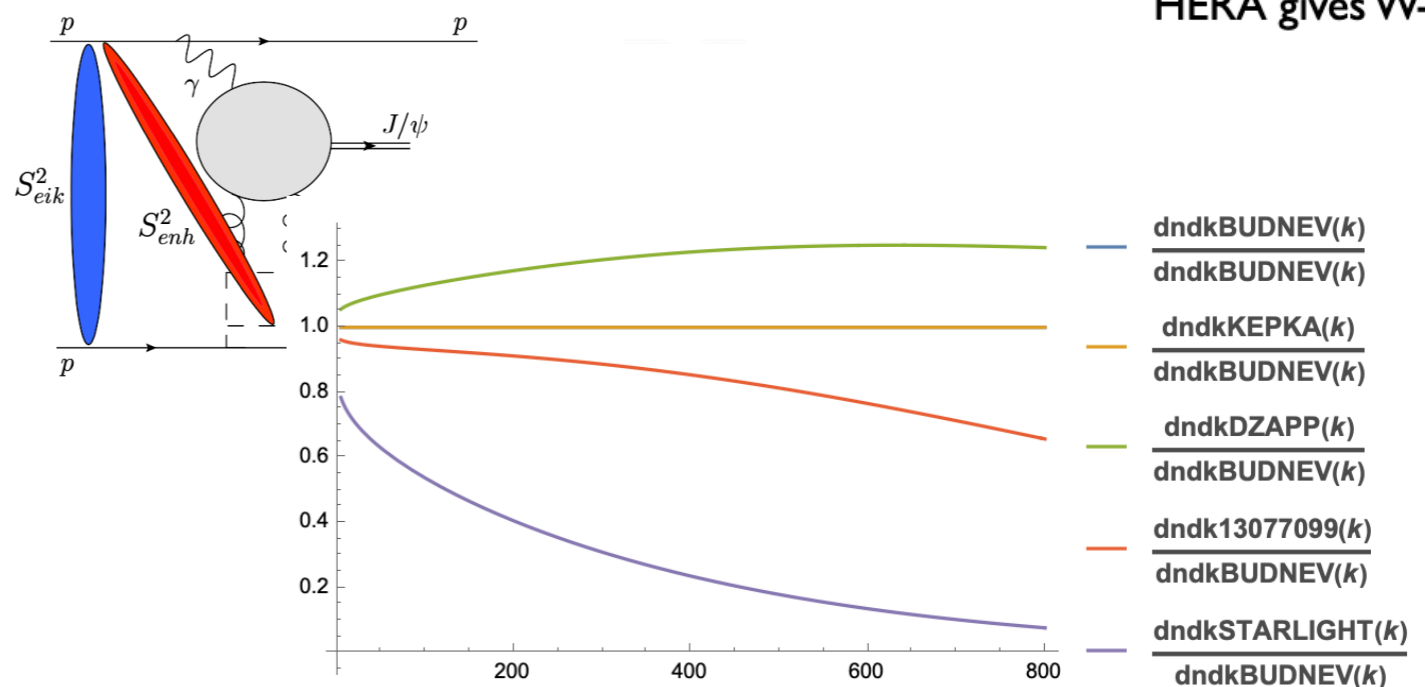
survival probability factors
 LHCb 'data'
 photon flux
 HERA gives W-

pp@LHCb: 1401.3288, 1806.04079

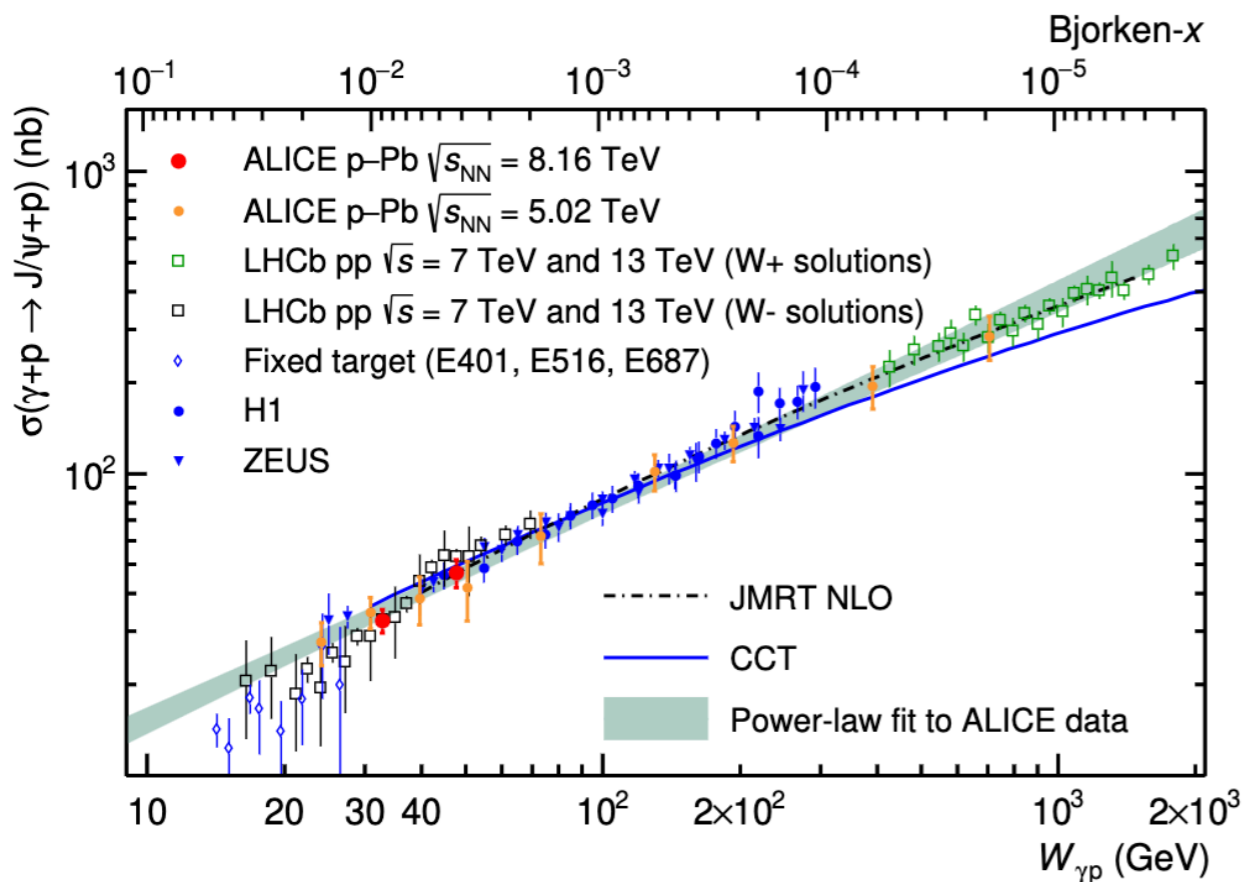


W+/W- ambiguity:

$$W_{\pm}^2 = M_{J/\psi} \sqrt{s} e^{\pm|y|}$$



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pPb@LHC: [1406.7819](#), [1809.03235](#), [2304.12403](#)

-For pp, have more lumi. but more pileup than pPb

-For pp, have W^+/W^- ambiguity,
very much less so for pPb

-For pp, more model dependence in survival
factor/photon flux combination

-For pp, more contamination from Odderon-pomeron due
to relatively smaller impact parameter

ALICE: Exclusive J/psi photoproduction in
pPb at 5.02 & 8.16 TeV [no Ups, psi']

5.02 TeV at both **semi-forward, forward & mid-rapidity (wrt to p directn)**

pPb ($2.5 < y < 4$)
PbP ($-3.6 < y < -2.6$) } yield $\sim 70-400$ depend. on
rapidity and lumi

Lint: $4-8 \text{ nb}^{-1}$

8.16 TeV **forward only (wrt to p directn)**

pPb ($2.5 < y < 4$) } yield ~ 1180

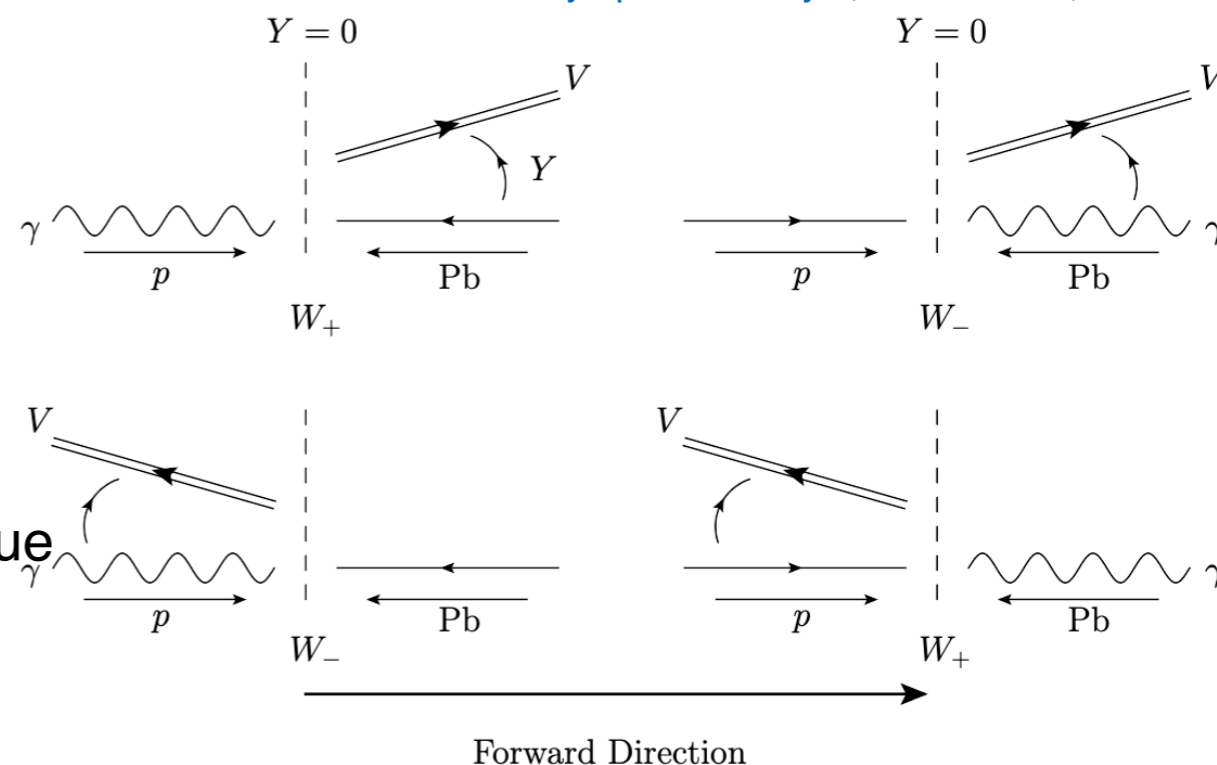
CMS: Exclusive Ups photoproduction in pPb

at 5.02 TeV

[1809.11080](#)

yield ~ 24 , Lint: 33 nb^{-1}

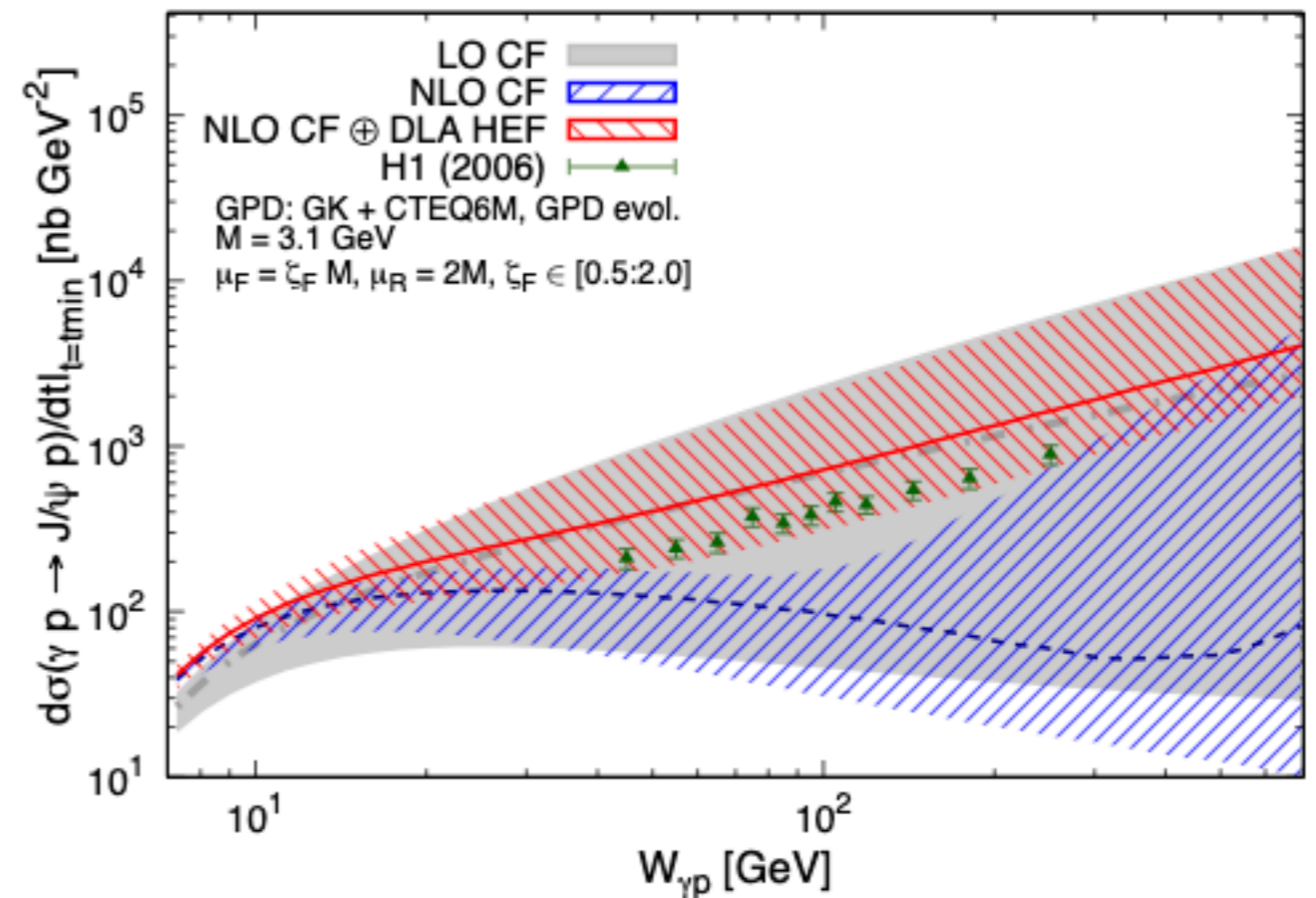
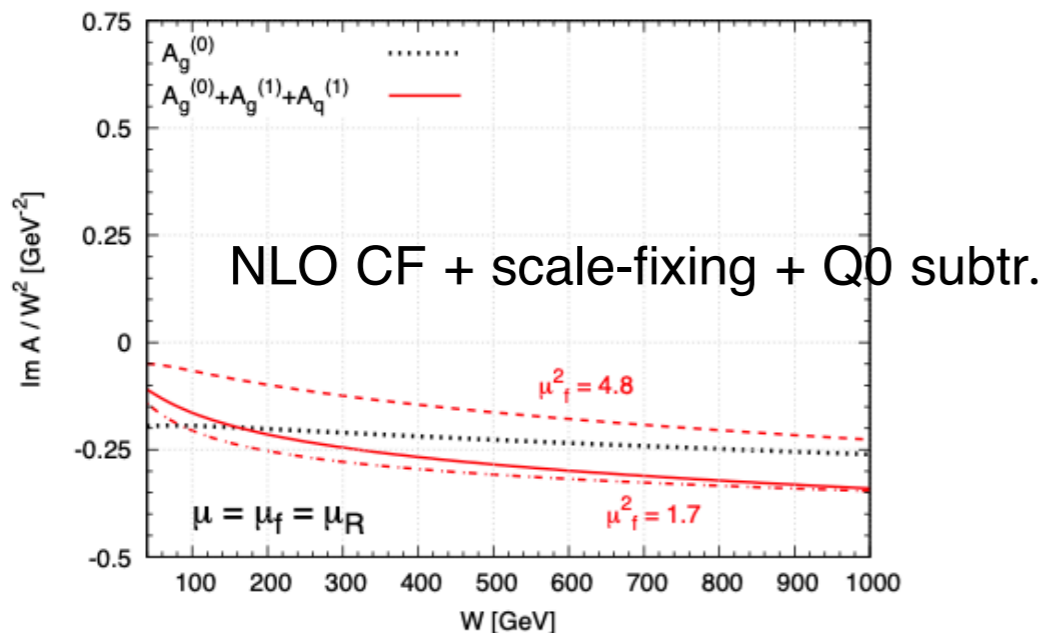
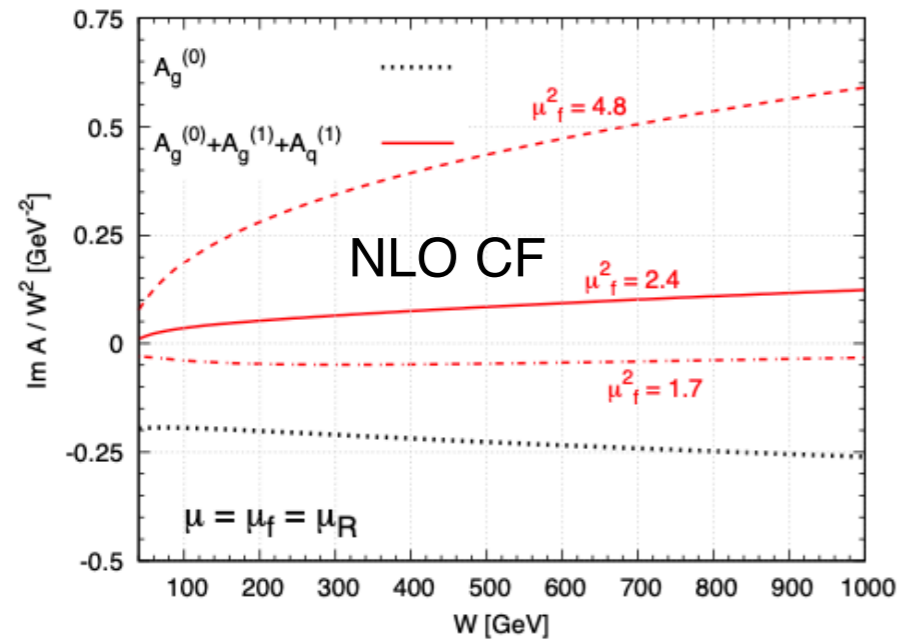
[DAE Symp. Nucl. Phys., 63:958-959, 2018](#)



Predictions from variety of approaches: kt fact., colour dip., CGC, **pQCD**.

Current pQCD:

Two approaches to cure the infamously large scale dependence of the gamma p -> J/psi
 p NLO amplitude in coll. fact. (CF) driving the ep and pp/pPb collisions



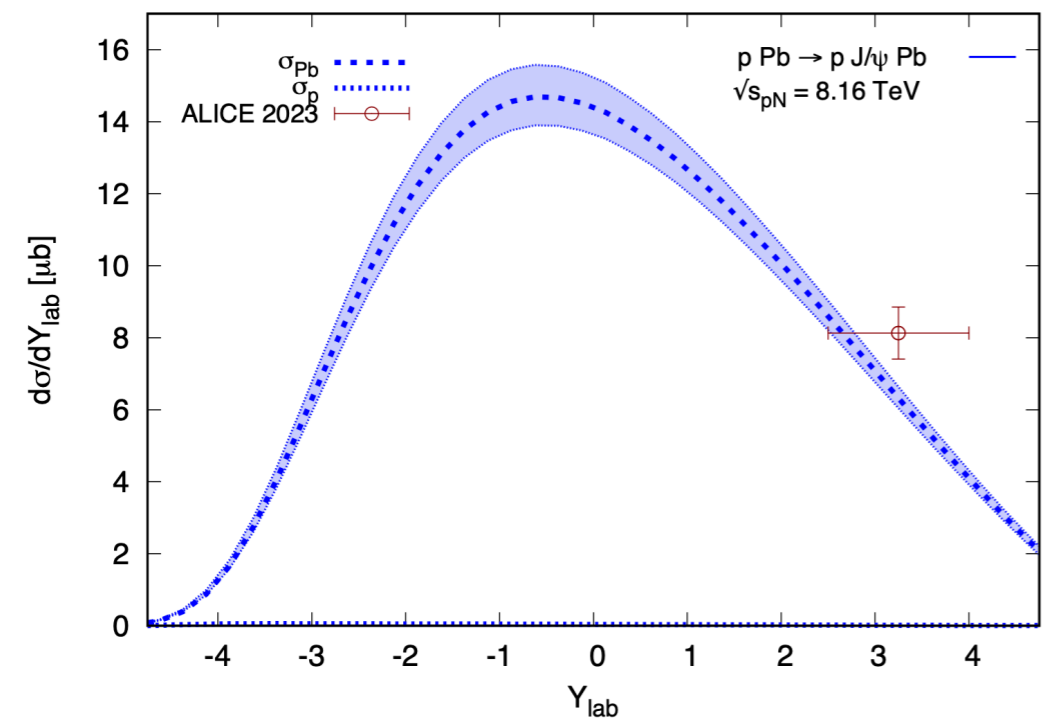
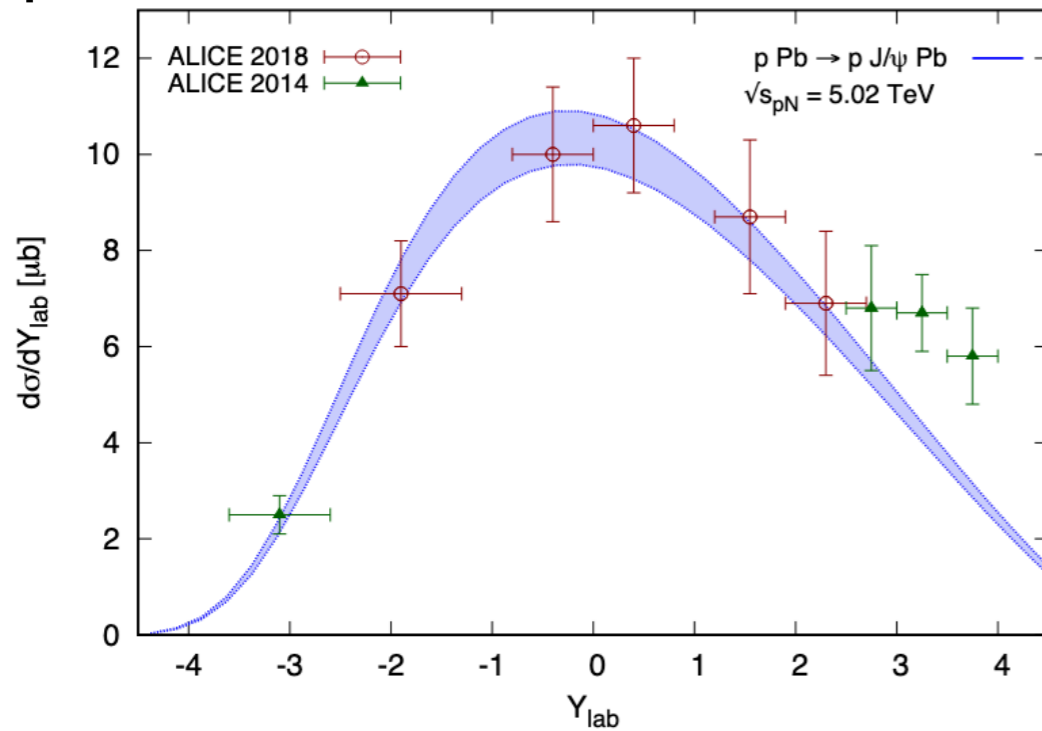
CAF, Lansberg, Nabeebaccus, Nefedov, Sznajder, Wagner, to appear

NLO CF + resummation in the double-leading-logarithmic approximation (DLA) within High-energy factorisation (HEF)

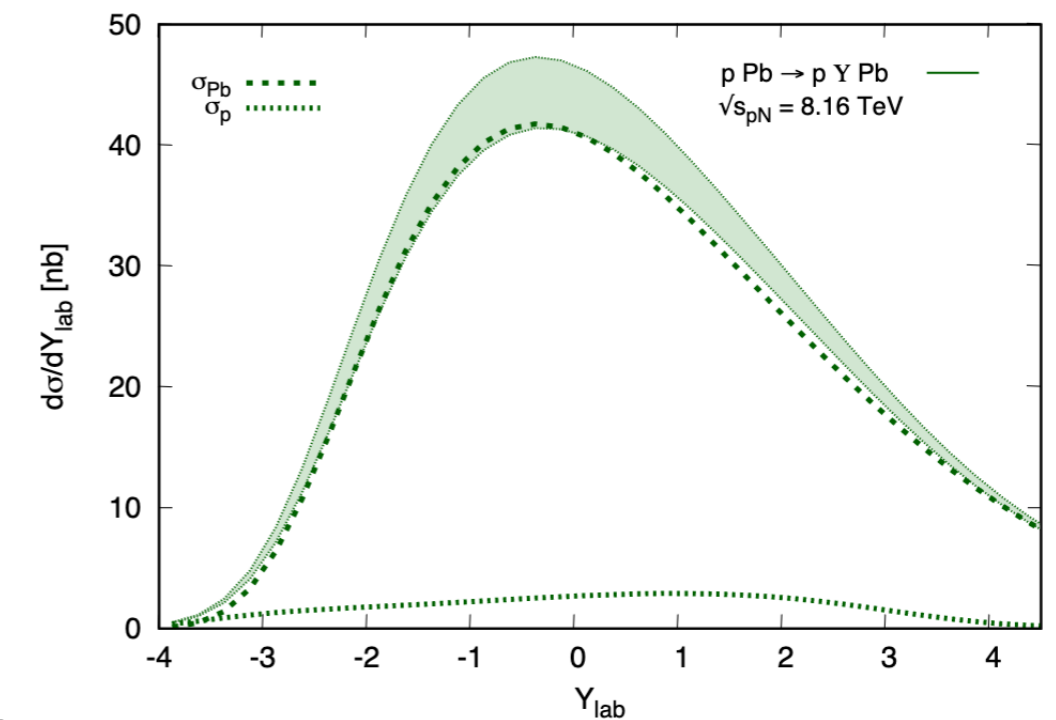
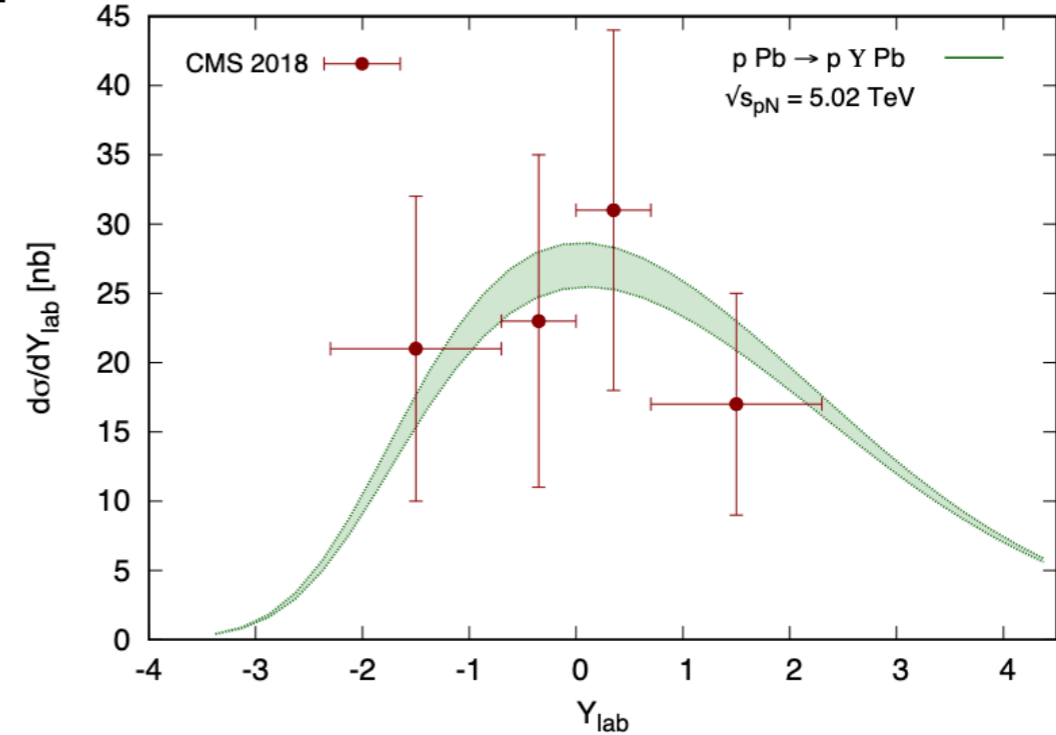
Current pQCD:

From NLO CF + scale-fixing + Q0 subtr. approach, obtained pre- and postdictions for rapidity-differential pPb distributions + quantified size of photoproduction on Pb contribution

J/psi:

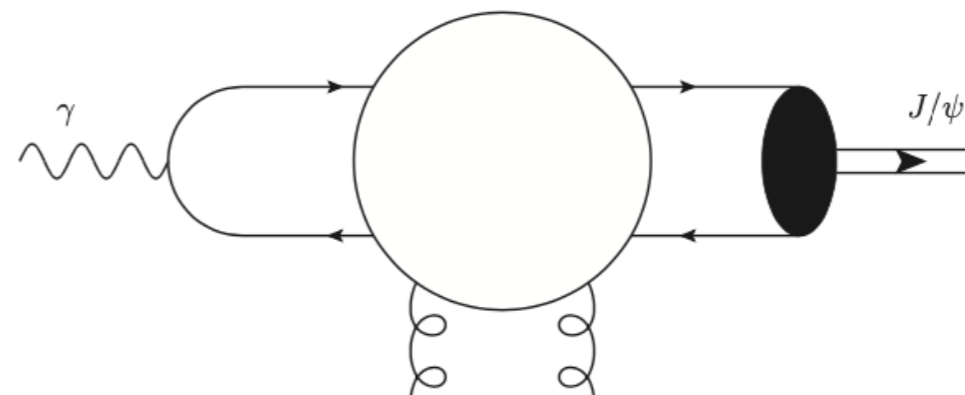


Ups:



Polarisation

Leading-twist collinear factorisation (CF) =>
transversely polarised J/psi



=> Validate these assumptions via explicit polarisation studies

Polarisation measurements of J/psi
photoproduction in ep at HERA confirmed
transverse J/psi polarisation, i.e. s-channel
helicity conservation

[hep-ex/0510016](#), [hep-ex/0404008](#)

If the conservation is seen and no
helicity flip then can put constraints
on higher twist

Vector-meson photoproduction analyses
at the LHC always assumed transverse
J/psi polarisation



Pb+Pb analysis [2304.10928](#) constitutes the
first measurement of the J/psi polarisation
in UPCs where they find value consistent
with unity



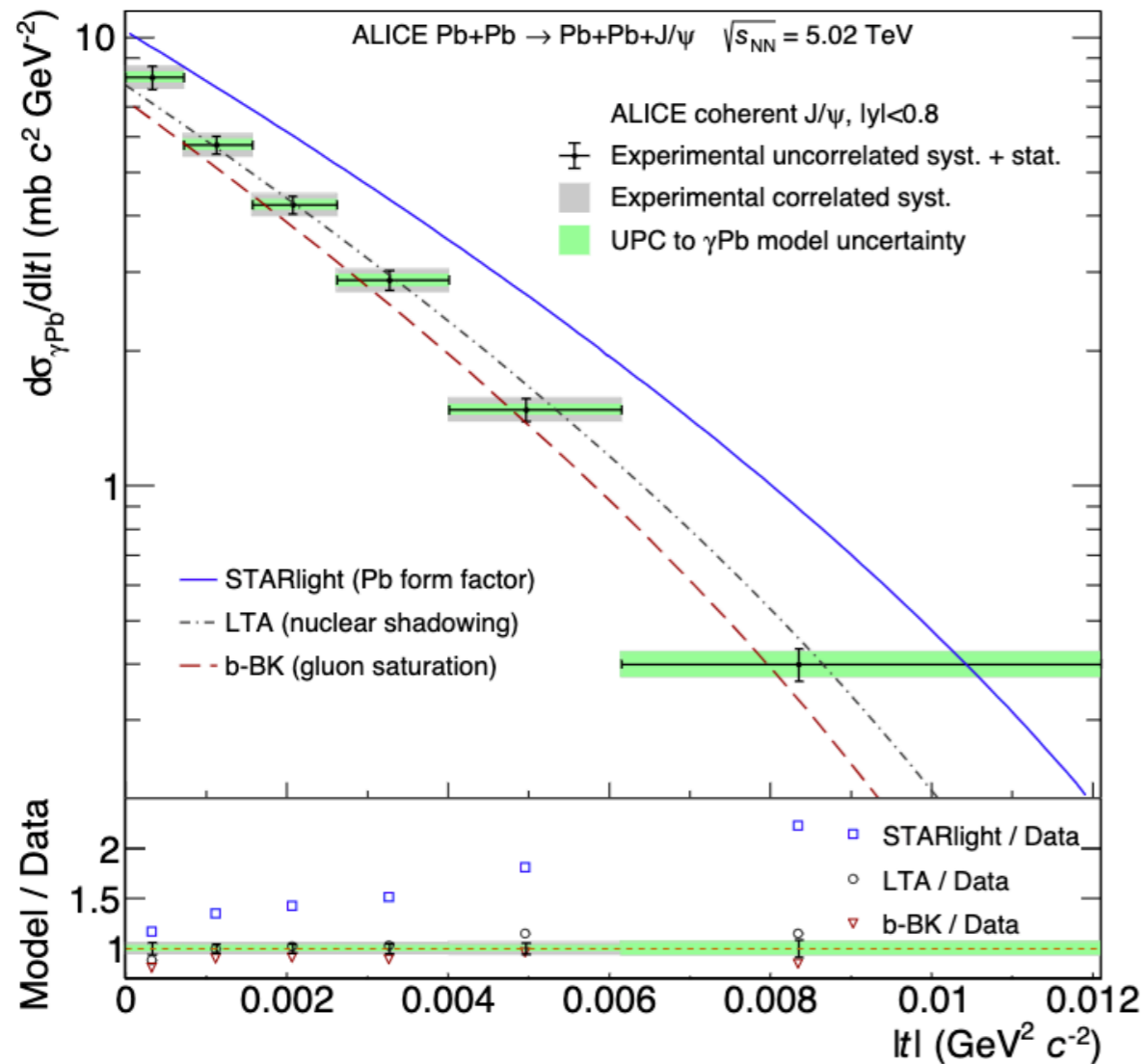
On-going analysis in peripheral PbPb puts 2sig deviation from unity.

=> $\Delta\lambda_\theta = 0.5$ with 1700 events. To reach $\Delta\lambda'_\theta = 0.1$ need 42,500 events

→ HL-LHC and complement with pPb measurement

$$(\Delta\lambda_\theta / \Delta\lambda'_\theta = \sqrt{N'/N})$$

t dependence



2101.04623

Complement first analysis by ALICE in PbPb where they measure t-differential cross section

In coherent PbPb, t dependence driven by Pb size. In pPb it is wrt. proton size as photoproduction on p largely dominates.

t_{min} practically the same in pp and pPb
 low t: coherent-production dominated



such measurements can probe validity of t-dependence factorisation in GPD modellings widely adopted

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PbPb allows access to nuclear modification factor but then currently no robust understanding of GPDs in nuclear environment (and W⁺/W⁻ ambiguity in PbPb)

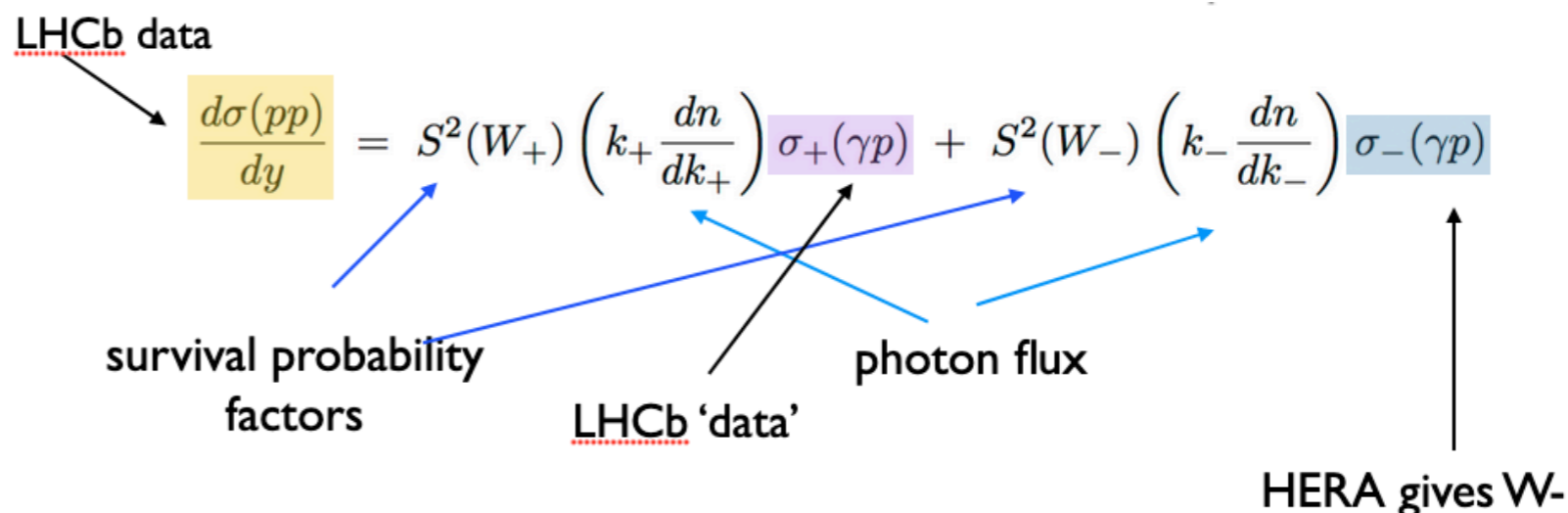
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Sensitive to GPD not PDF! but can relate PDF & GPD at low x reliably via the so-called Shuvaev transform [1908.08398](#) & [2006.13857](#)

UPC ⁽¹⁾ \rightarrow large W photoproduction ⁽²⁾ \rightarrow constraints on gluon PDF

In pPb, survival factor close to unity/
less modelling dependence in (1) as
compared to pp

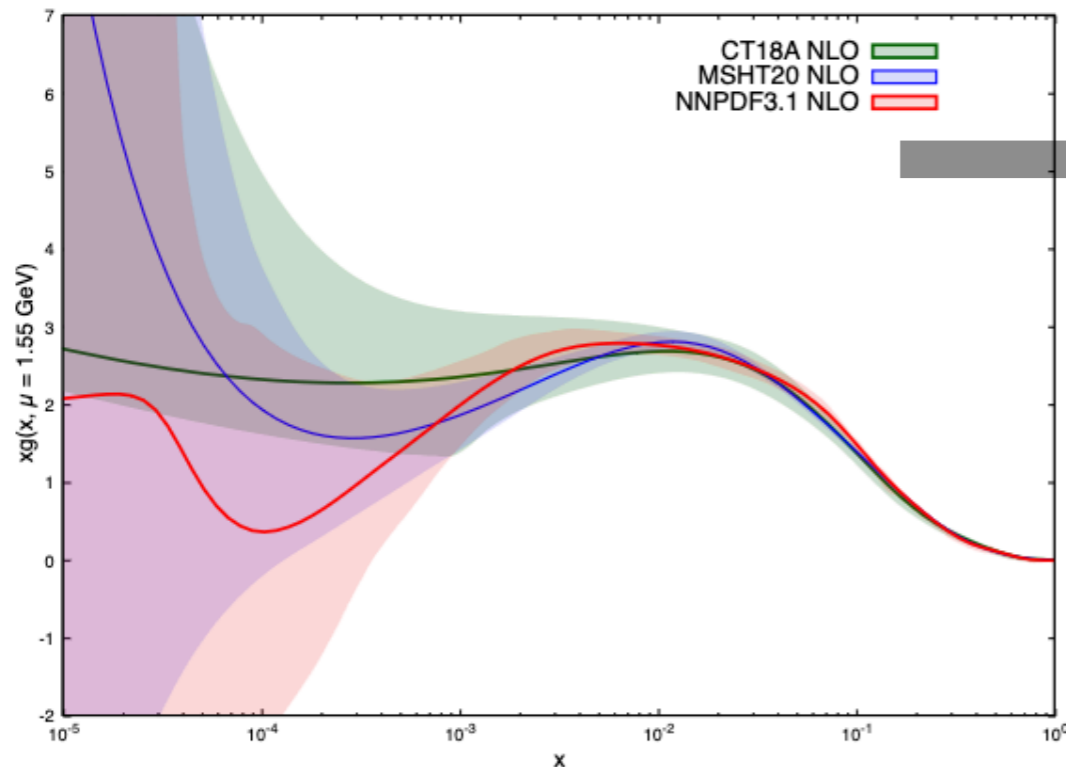


There will be data from EIC in eA where such modelling does not play a role but then the energy range is limited. **Only** in pPb can we push the **precision** of (2), i.e. that of low x and low scale exclusive quarkonium data as constraints on the gluon PDF

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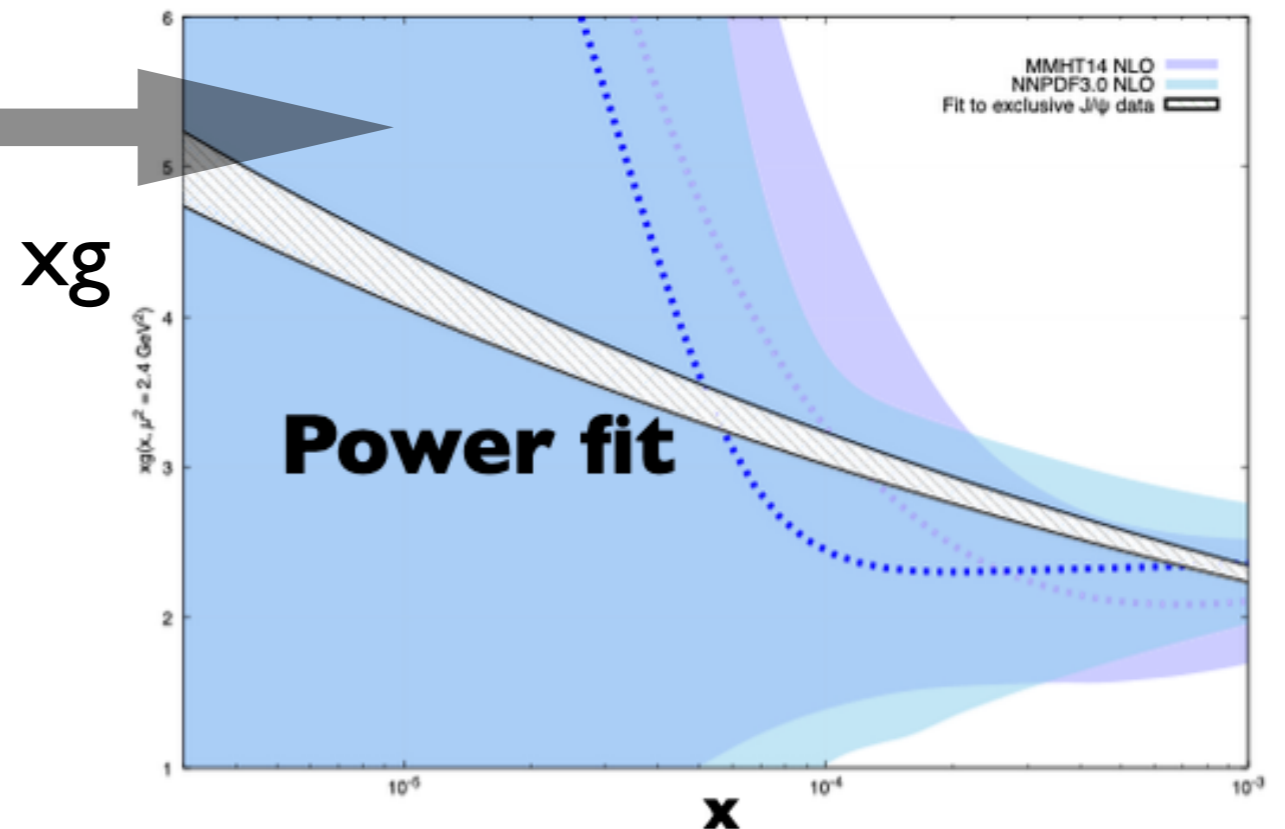
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kinematics in pPb probe $x \sim 10^{-5}$
 ...unconstrained domain in PDF fits!

CAF, Martin, Ryskin, Teubner 2006.13857



Fits + reweighting exercises using the more plentiful pp data so far

Summary

Good variety of exclusive quarkonium-photoproduction measurements in small and large collision systems covering wide kinematic range

Current pp and pPb systems from LHC extend the coverage of HERA and upcoming EIC measurements

But generally, pPb@HL-LHC has the potential for **discovery** (i.e. probes at unprecedented x), **measure with high precision** (plentiful statistics anticipated) and be **less susceptible to model dependences**

A variety of observables can be measured to supplement existing data or ignite new discoveries (polarisation, t dep., gluon PDF probes)

All such data will increase our understanding of the underlying theoretical mechanisms at play in these interactions and, importantly, lead to an improved understanding of the behaviour of the gluon distribution at small x .

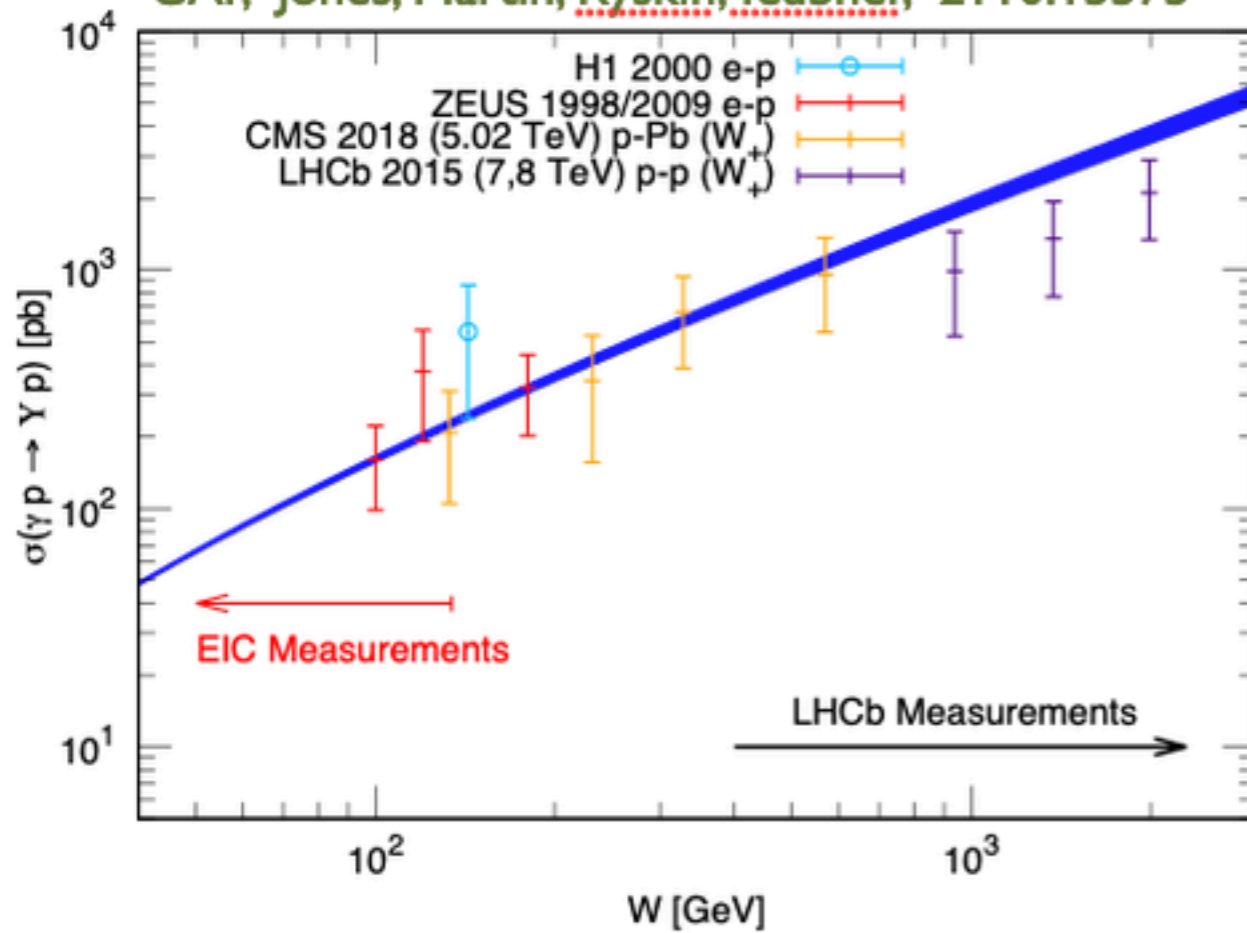
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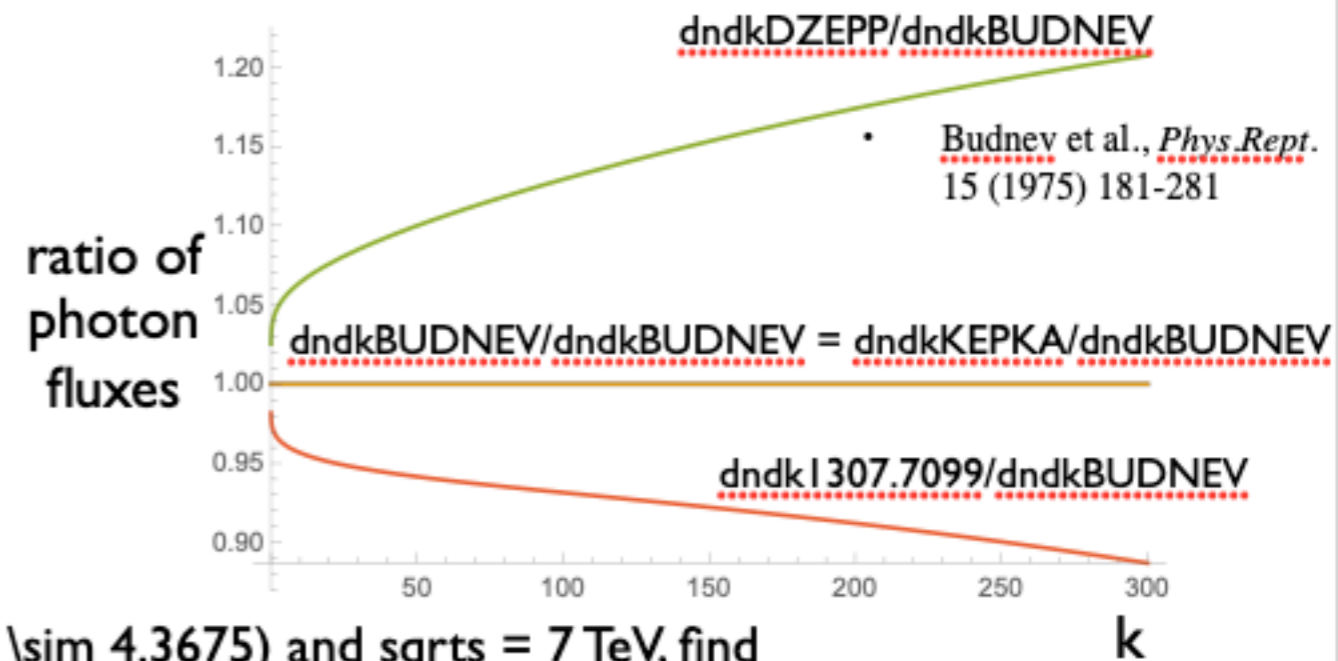
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Other results in UPC: Photon flux in Upsilon photoprod. in μA

CAF, Jones, Martin, Ryskin, Teubner, 2110.15575



-DGLAP evolve gluon PDF obtained from fit to J/ψ data to scale of Upsilon photoproduction and use as input to make cross-section prediction (blue band)



For J/ψ rapidity at border of LHCb acceptance ($y \sim 4.3675$) and $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$, find
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 ~ 5% effect

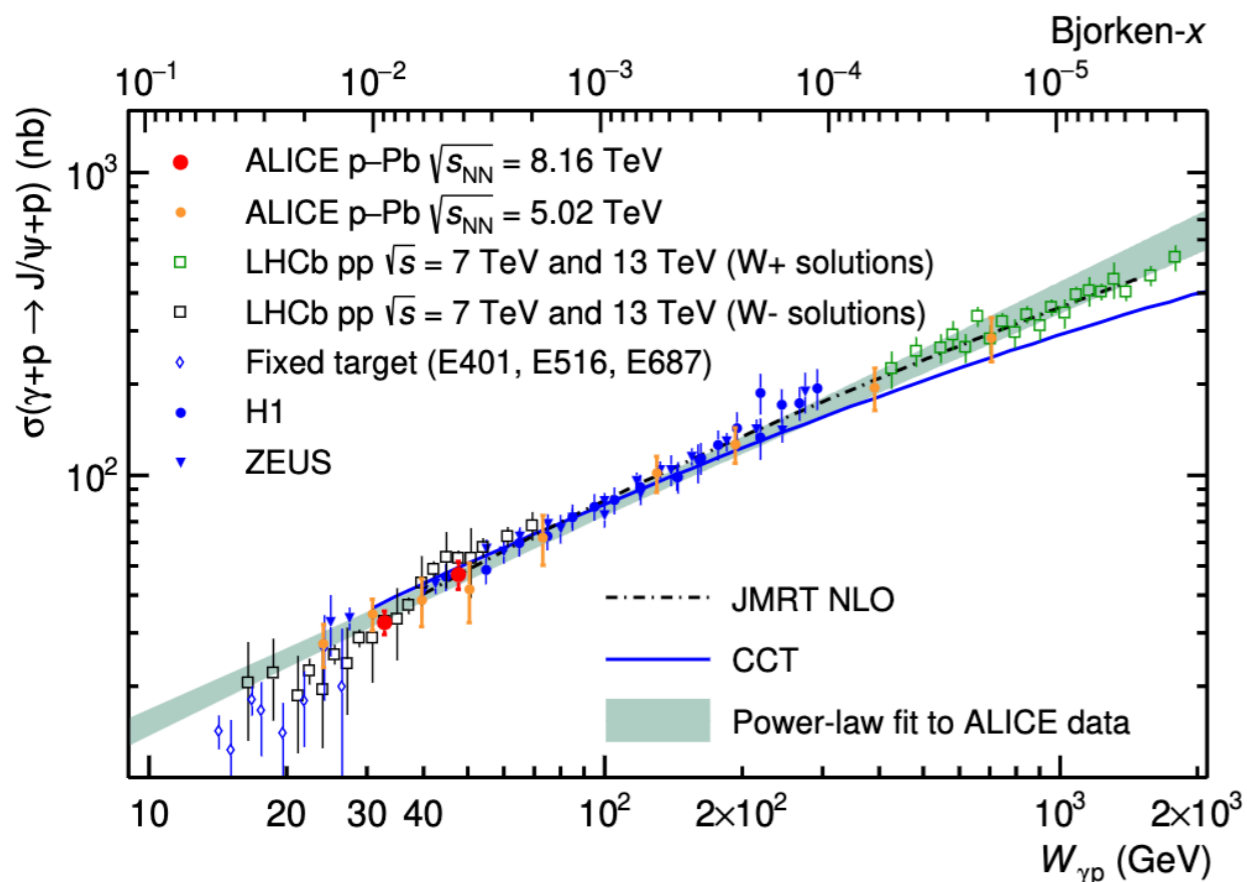
For J/ψ rapidity outside border of LHCb acceptance ($y \sim 5.125$) and $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$, find
 $(\text{ss I 307.7099} * \text{flux I 307.7099}) / (\text{ss Budnev} * \text{flux Budnev}) = 1.24832$
 ~ 25% effect

Upsilon photoproduction photon energies will be larger so discrepancy between fluxes (and survival factors) will be larger and we enter the region where the approximation of I 307.7099 flux breaks down at much lower rapidities and, importantly, within the acceptance of LHCb

=> use Budnev flux (without negligence of $\mathcal{O}(x)$ terms)

=> large W unfolded photoproduction LHCb data should be shifted upwards

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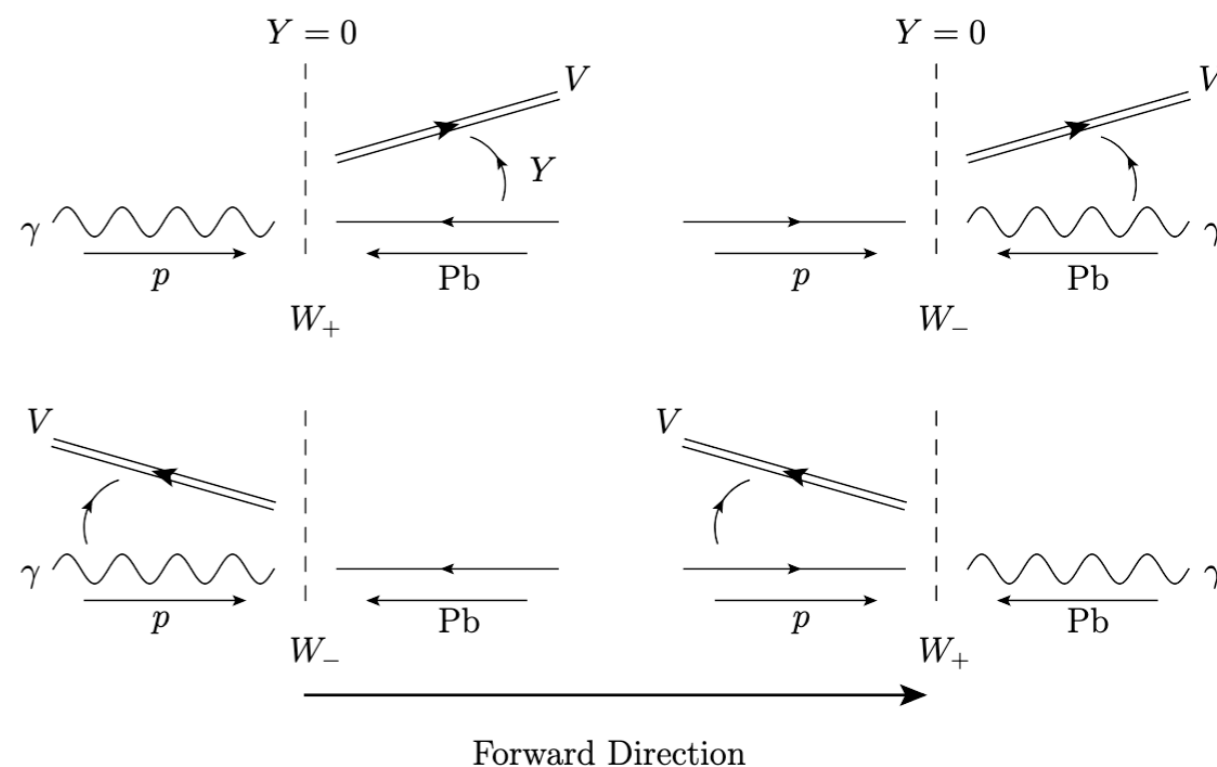
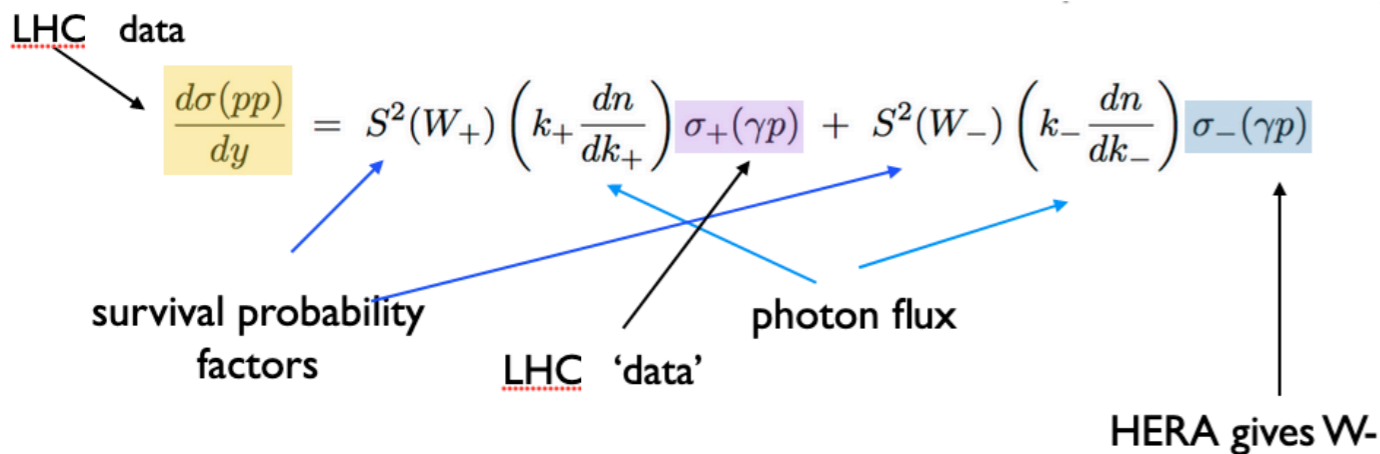
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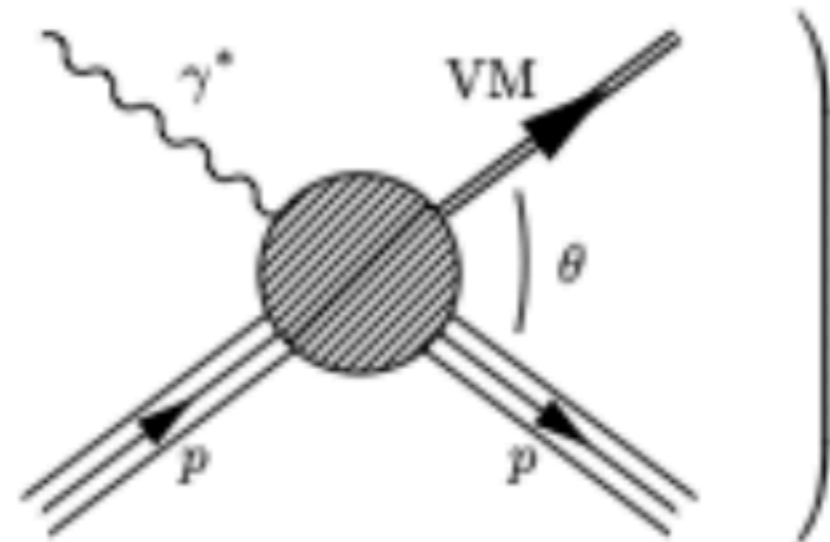
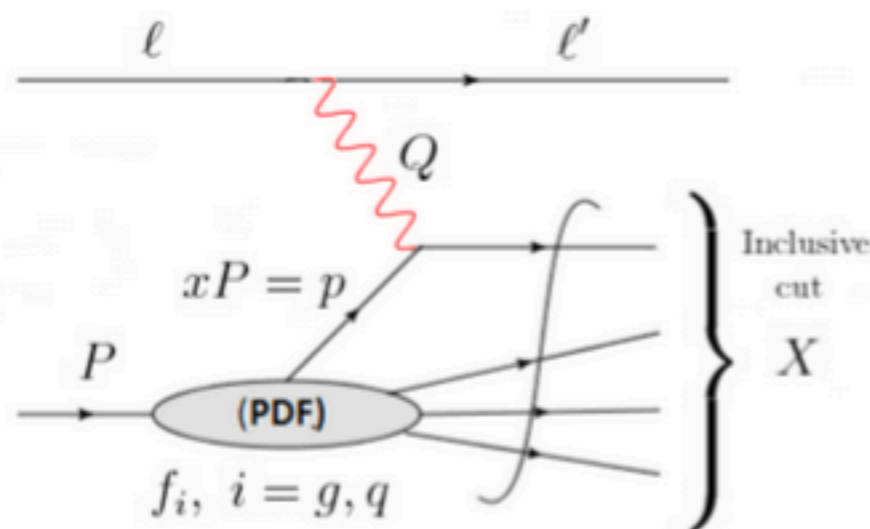
- As higher CM energies are realised at LHC, pushed towards small x domain, $W \sim 1/x$

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Inclusive – e.g. DIS included in global parton analyses

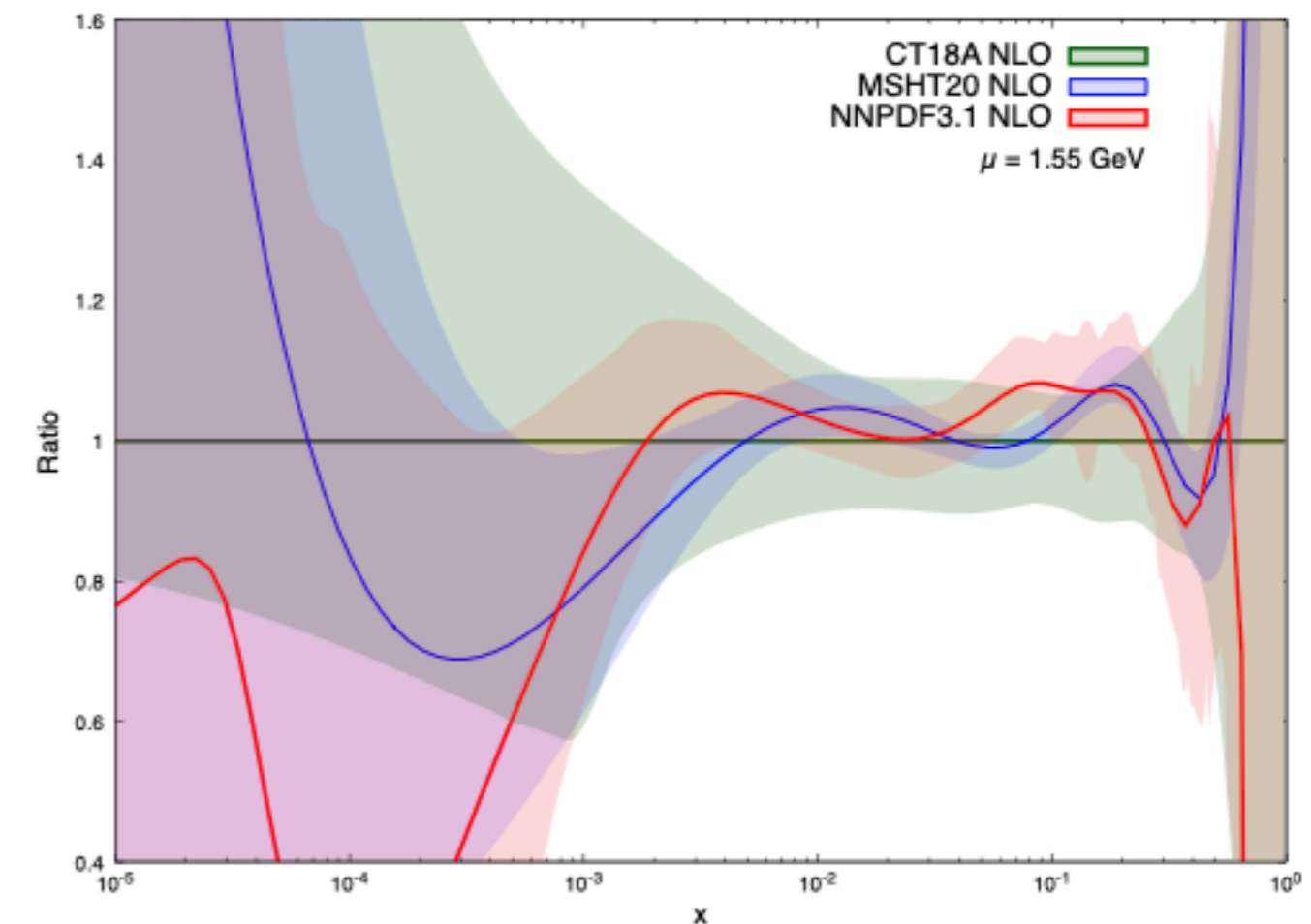
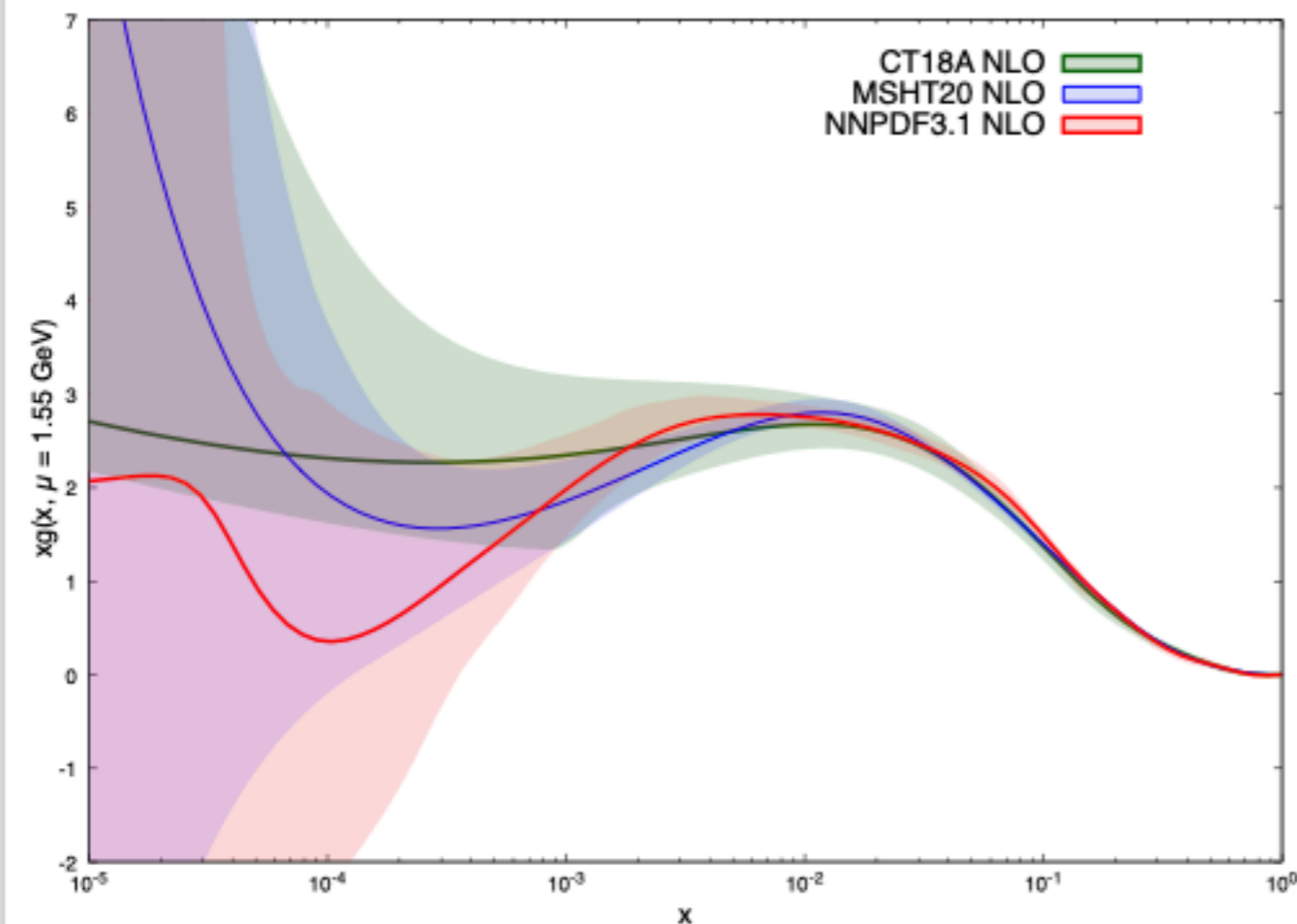
Exclusive – can we use the data?



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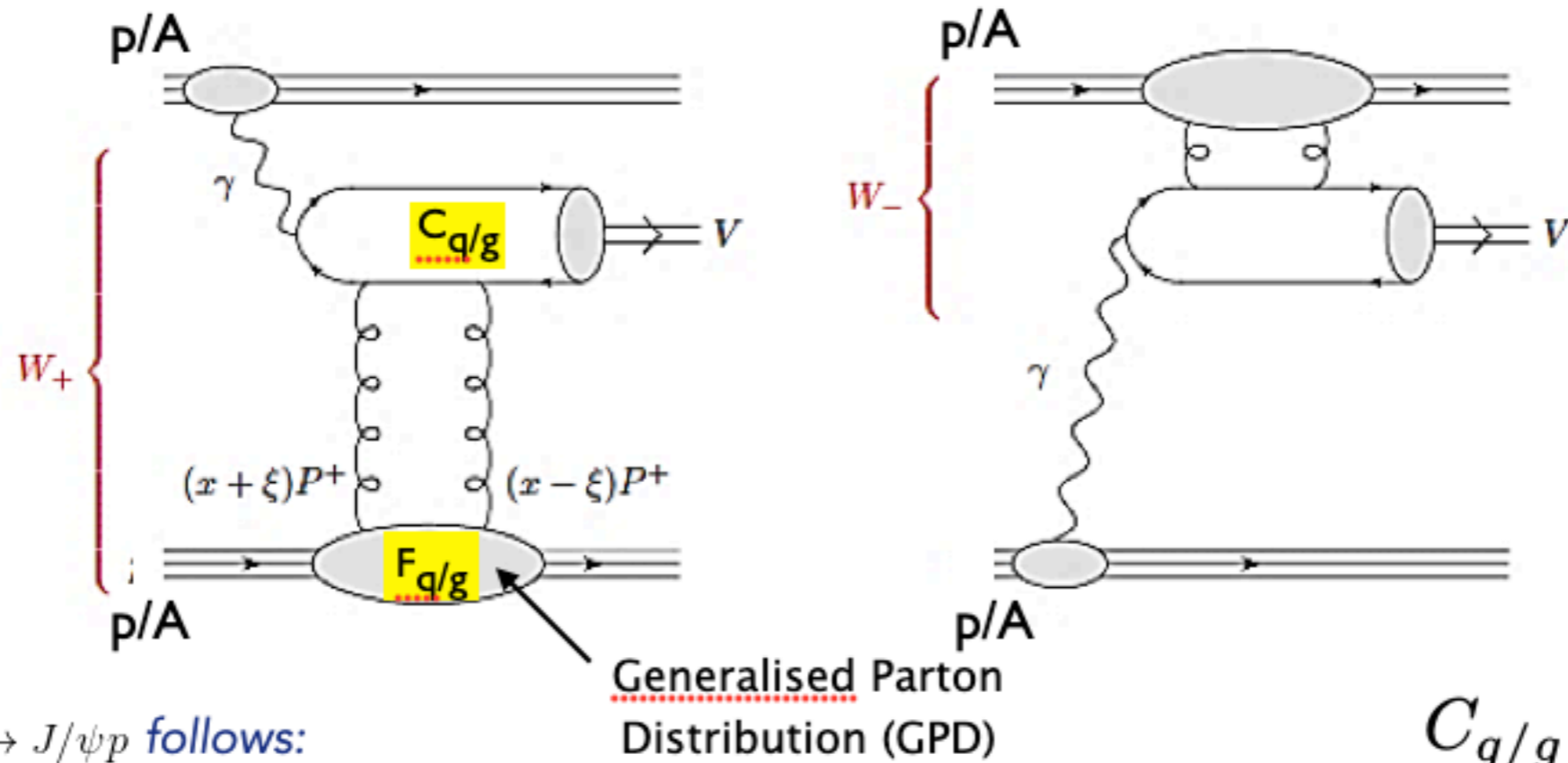
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Scope: how to counteract these problems and so allow exclusive J/ψ data to probe gluon PDF down to $x \sim 3 \times 10^{-6}$ & $\mu = O(M_{J/\psi}/2)$



General Set up and Framework

Exclusive J/ψ photoproduction in $p+p$ ($A+A$) UPC collisions in collinear factorisation



Setup for $\gamma p \rightarrow J/\psi p$ follows:

Ivanov, Schäfer, Szymanowski, Krasnikov, 04

- Factorisation: $F_{q/g} \otimes C_{q/g} \otimes \phi_{Q\bar{Q}}^V$
- Leading zeroth order term in rel. velocity (NRQCD)
- Colour singlet exchange between hard and soft sectors

$$A \propto \int_{-1}^1 dx \left[C_g(x, \xi) F_g(x, \xi) + \sum_{q=u,d,s} C_q(x, \xi) F_q(x, \xi) \right]$$

$C_{q/g}$

Photoproduction:

- hep-ph/0401131

Ivanov, Schäfer, Szymanowski, Krasnikov, 04

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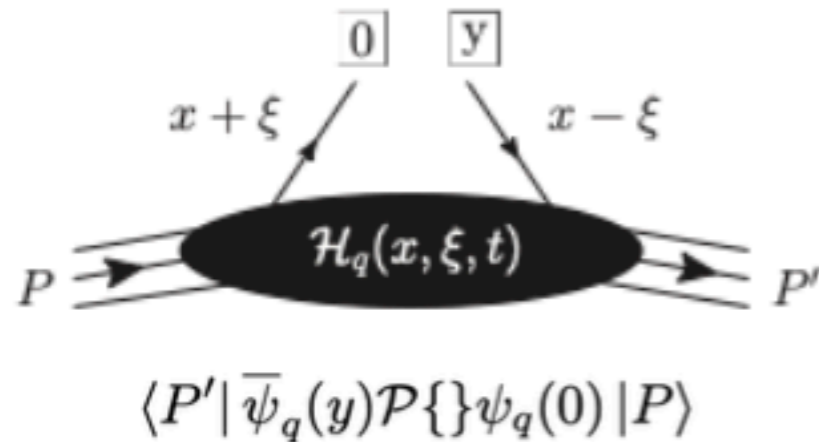
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Chen, Qiao, 19

CAF, Gracey, Jones, Teubner, 21

GPDs and the Shuvaev transform

GPDs generalise PDFs: outgoing/incoming partons carry different momentum fractions *Müller 94; Radyushkin 97; Ji 97*



Shuvaev: Relates GPDs to PDFs at small x under physically motivated assumptions c.f analyticity

Shuvaev 99 Martin et al. 09

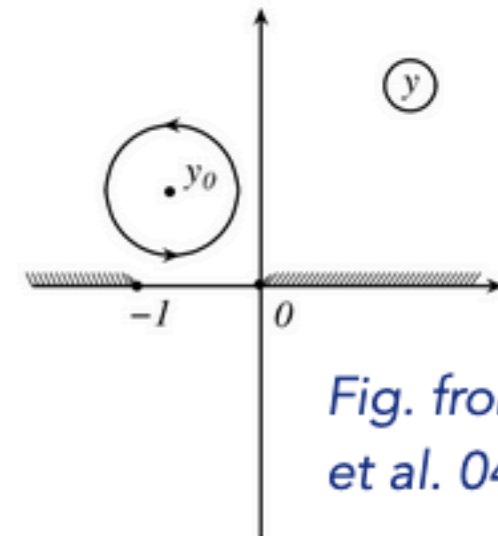


Fig. from Ivanov et al. 04

Idea: Conformal moments of GPDs = Mellin moments of PDFs
(up to corrections of $O(x^2)$ @ LO and $O(x)$ @ NLO)

- Construct GPD grids in multidimensional parameter space $x, \xi/x, qsq$ with forward PDFs from LHAPDF
- Costly computationally due to slowly converging double integral transform
- Regge theory considerations => Shuvaev transform valid in space-like (DGLAP) region only. In time-like (ERBL) region imaginary part of coefficient function is zero

NLO in $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme

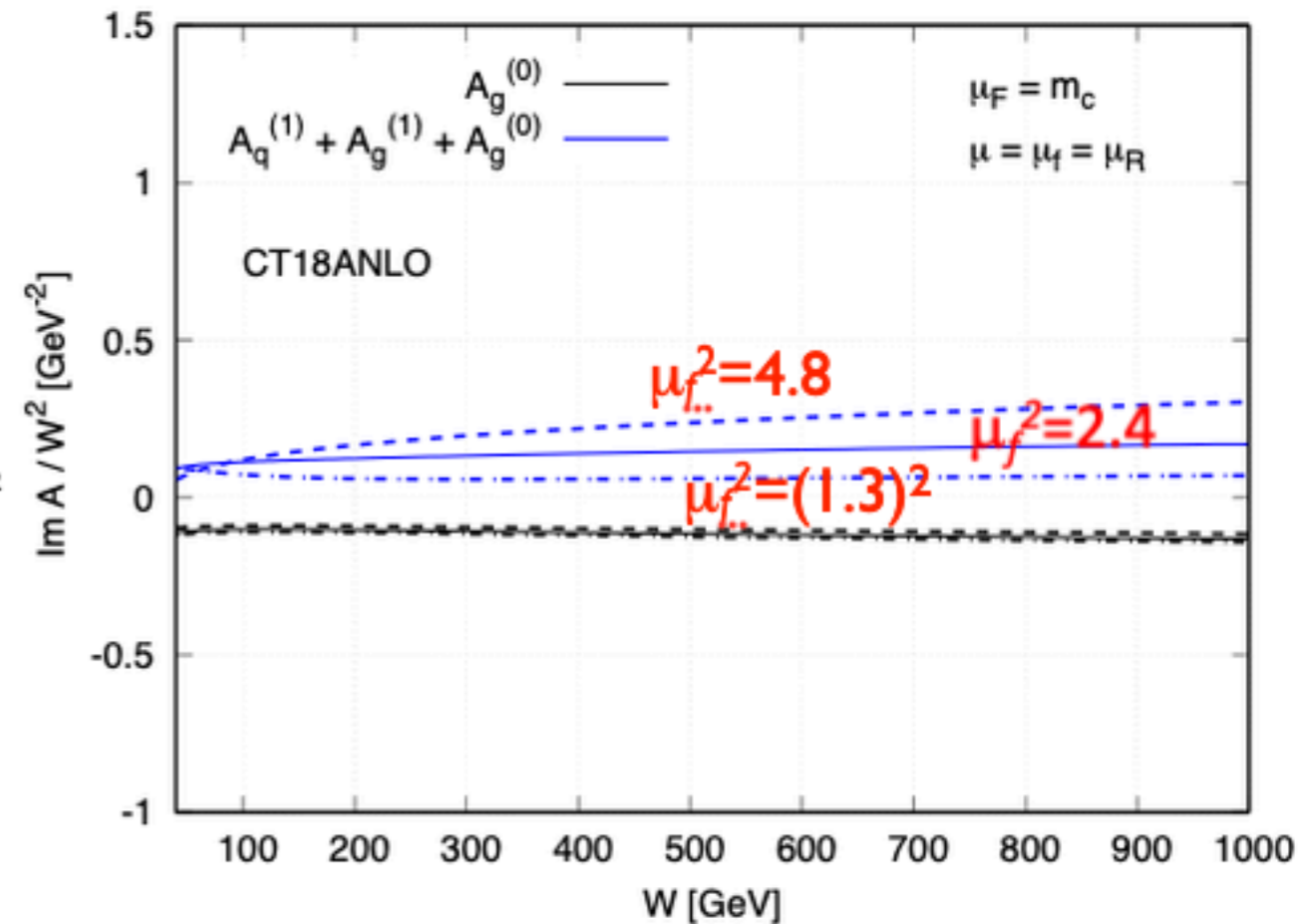
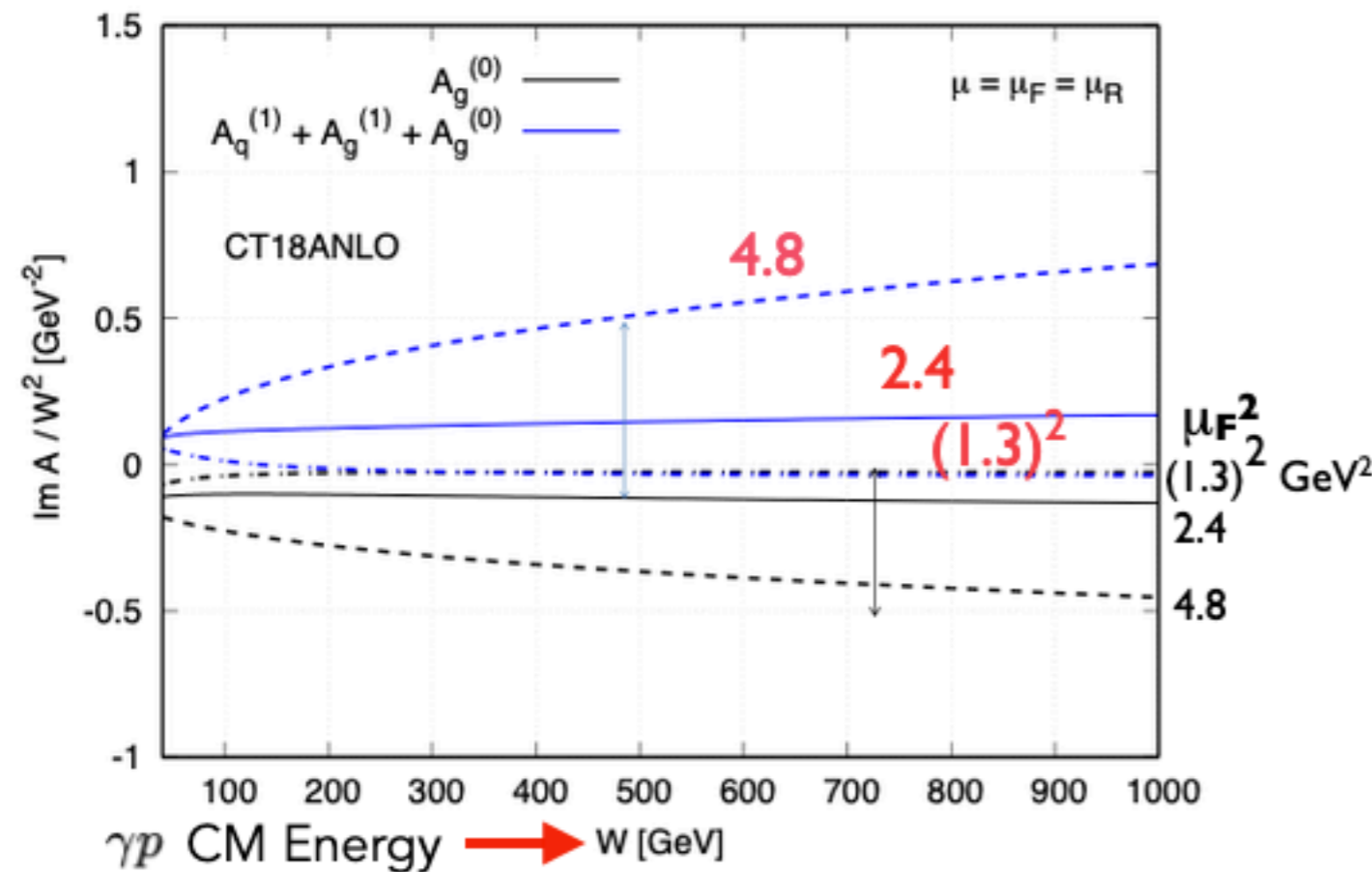
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'Effective' small-x resummation

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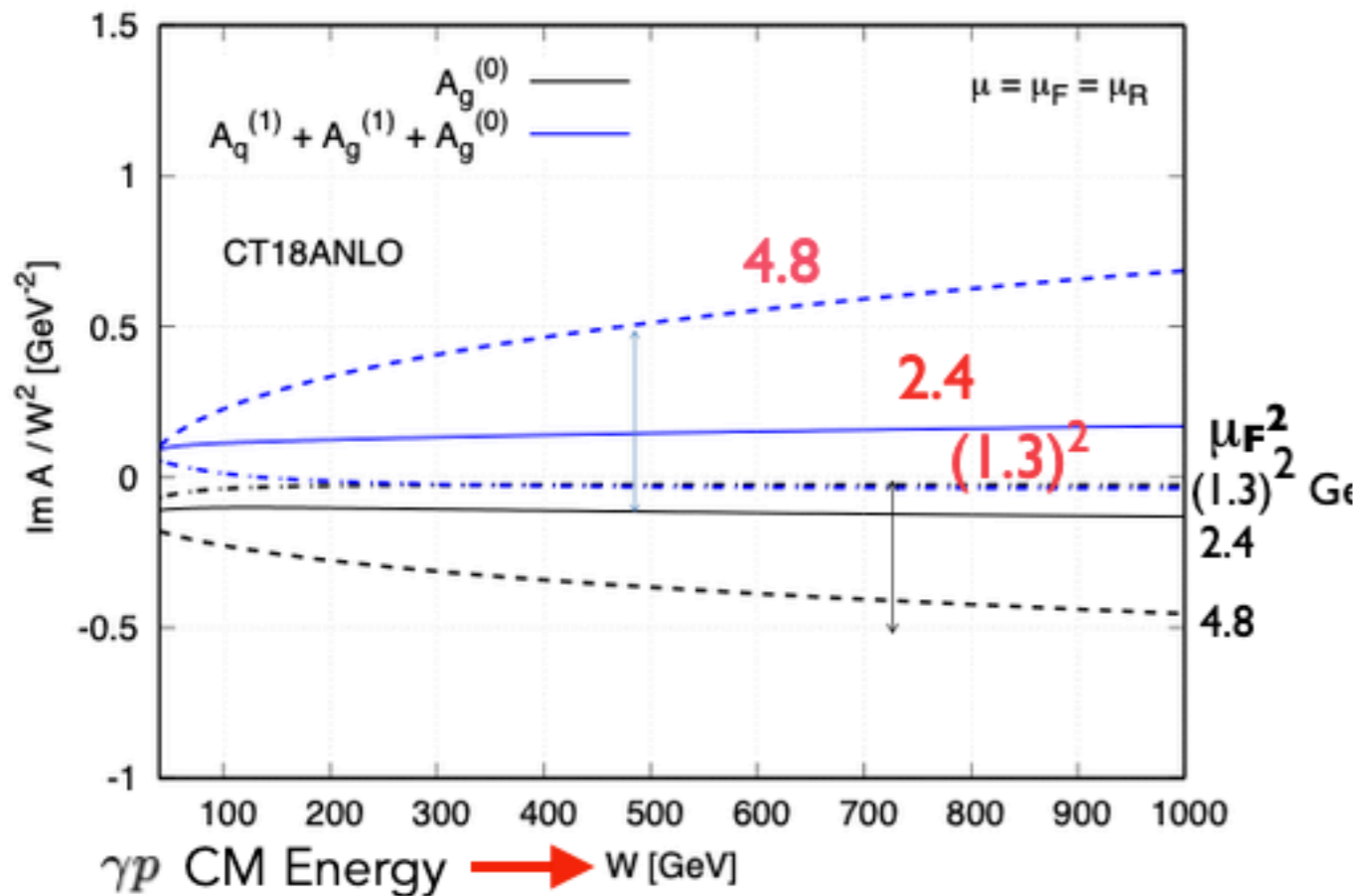
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NLO High-energy limit:

$$\mathcal{M} \approx \frac{-4i\pi^2 \sqrt{4\pi\alpha} e_q (e_V^* e_\gamma)}{N_c \xi} \left(\frac{\langle O_1 \rangle_V}{m^3} \right)^{1/2} \times$$

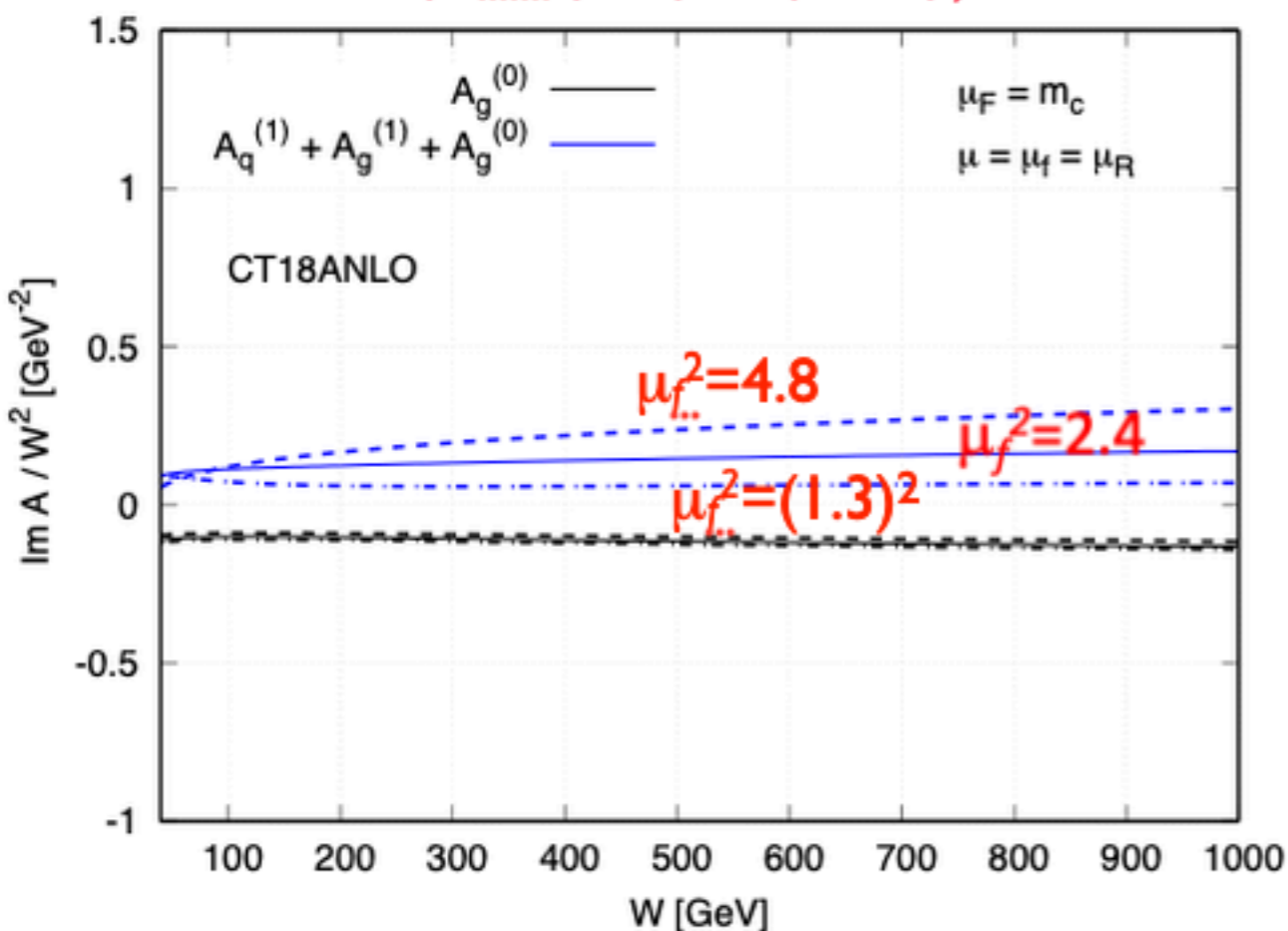
$$\times \left[\alpha_S(\mu_R) F^g(\xi, \xi, t) + \frac{\alpha_S^2(\mu_R) N_c}{\pi} \ln \left(\frac{m^2}{\mu_F^2} \right) \int_\xi^1 \frac{dx}{x} F^g(x, \xi, t) \right.$$

$$\left. + \frac{\alpha_S^2(\mu_R) C_F}{\pi} \ln \left(\frac{m^2}{\mu_F^2} \right) \int_\xi^1 dx (F^{q,S}(x, \xi, t) - F^{q,S}(-x, \xi, t)) \right]$$

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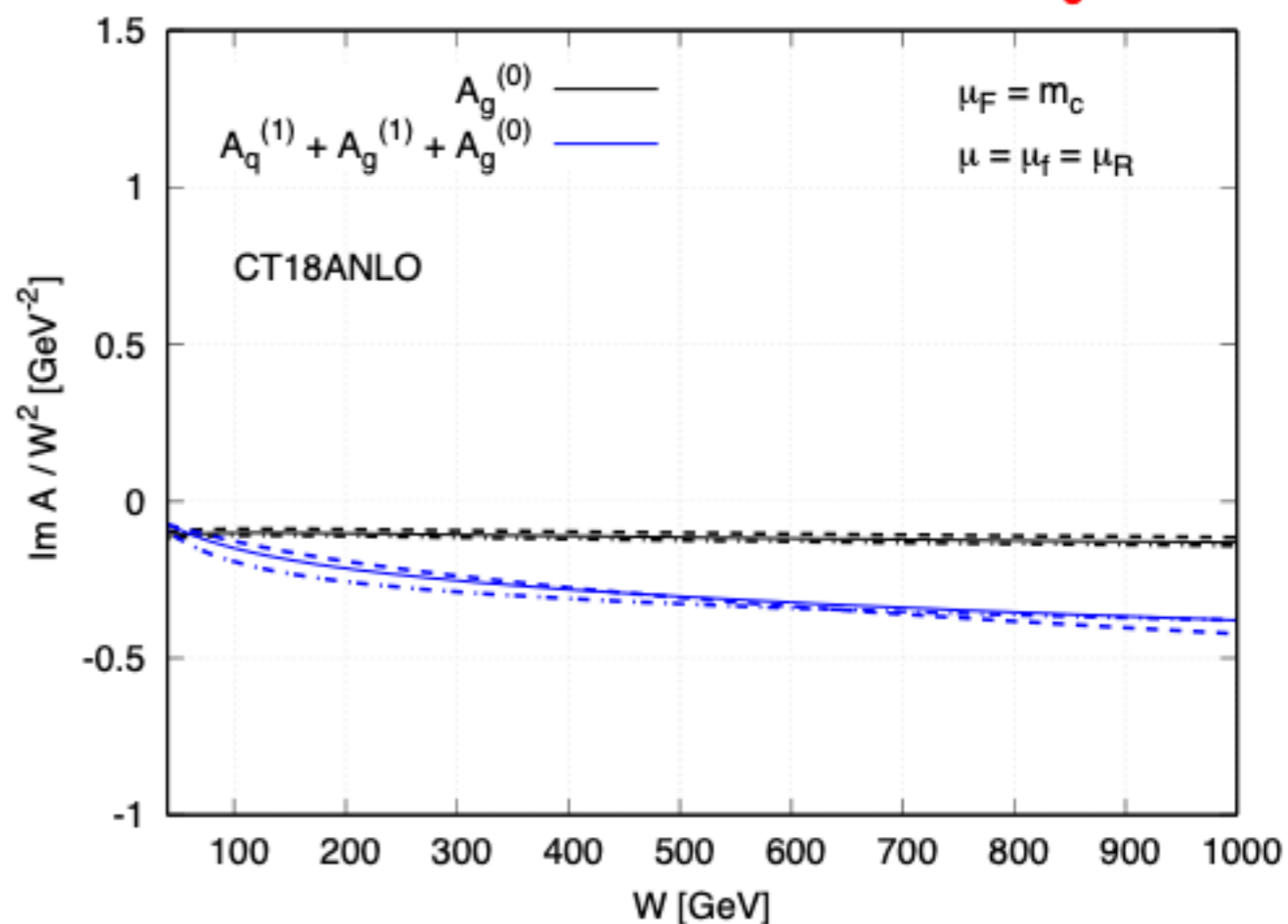
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Low $l_t < Q_0$ subtraction

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Subtract DGLAP contribution $NLO (|\ell^2| < Q_0^2)$
from known NLO MSbar coefficient function to avoid a
double counting with input GPD at Q_0 .



Predictions based on three global PDF analyses differ dramatically in large energy LHC region but are compatible in lower energy HERA region*

Extraction of low x gluon PDF via exclusive J/psi

Left Approach 1: Fit a low x gluon PDF ansatz to the data

Right Approach 2: Bayesian reweight current global PDF analyses

	λ	n	χ^2_{\min}	$\chi^2_{\min}/\text{d.o.f}$
NNPDF3.0	0.136	0.966	44.51	1.04
MMHT14	0.136	1.082	47.00	1.09
CT14	0.132	0.946	48.25	1.12

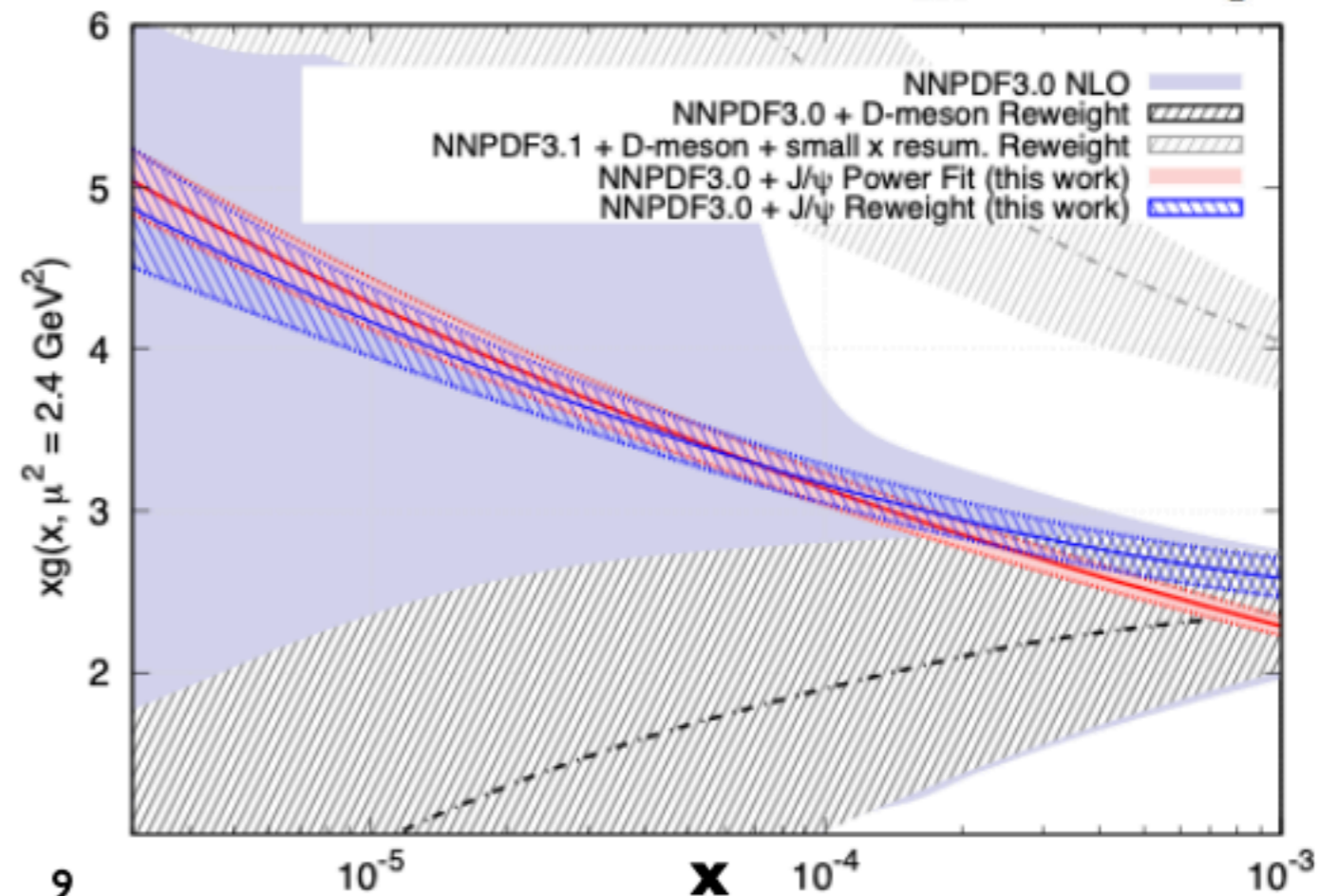
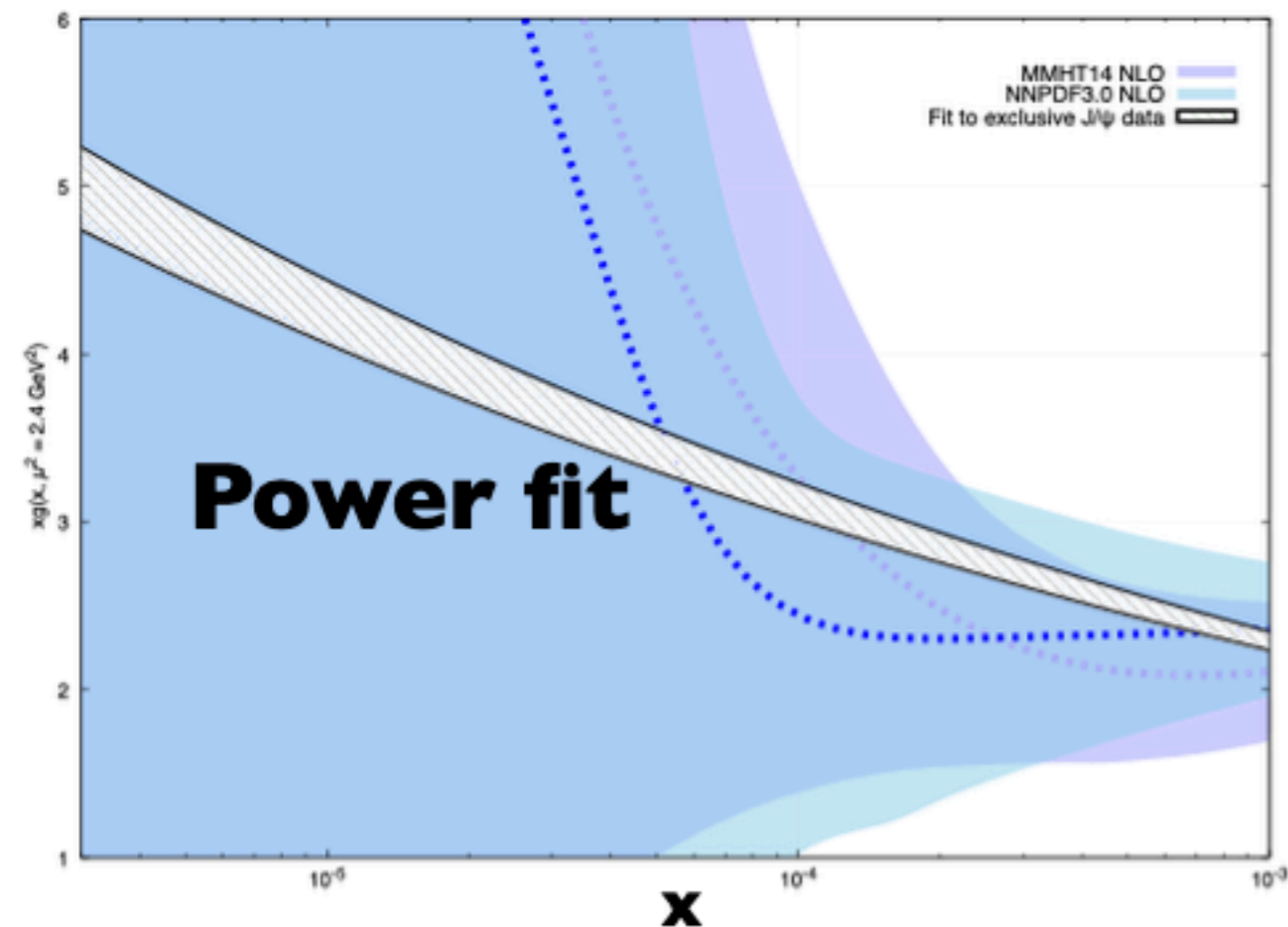
$$xg^{\text{new}}(x, \mu_0^2) = nN_0 (1-x) x^{-\lambda}$$

$$\lambda = 0.136 \pm 0.006$$

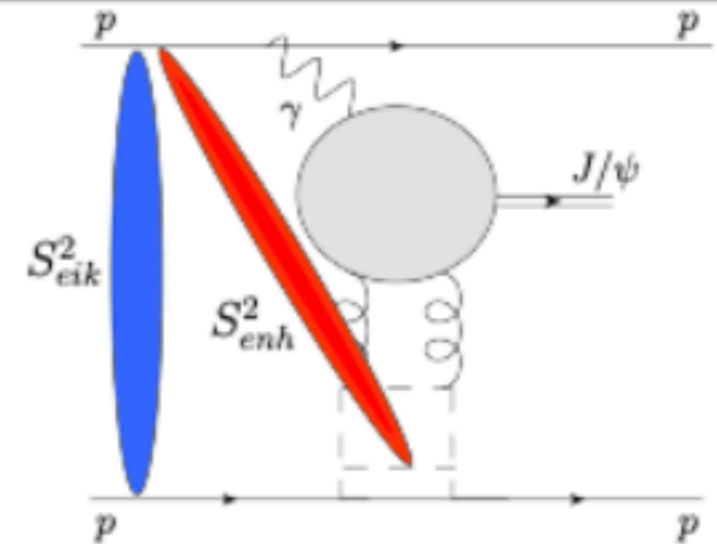
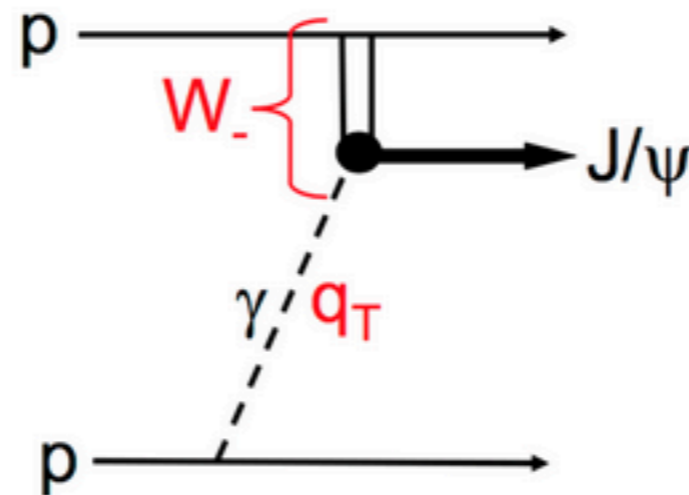
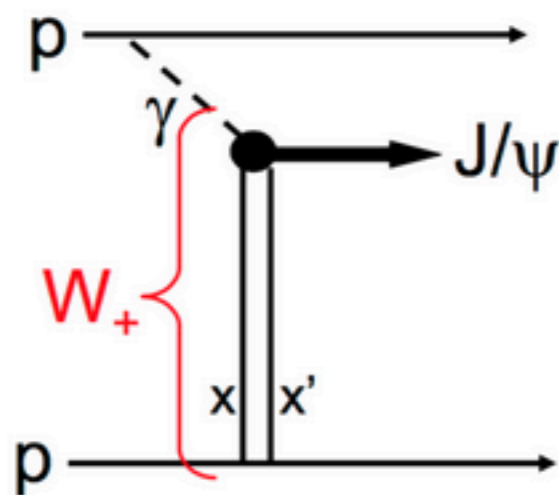
$$n = 0.966 \pm 0.025$$

CAF, Martin, Ryskin, Teubner 2006. 13857

$$N_{\text{eff}} \ll N_{\text{rep}}$$



Unfolding photoproduction from UPC



LHCb data

$$\frac{d\sigma(pp)}{dy} = S^2(W_+) \left(k_+ \frac{dn}{dk_+} \right) \sigma_+(\gamma p) + S^2(W_-) \left(k_- \frac{dn}{dk_-} \right) \sigma_-(\gamma p)$$

survival probability factors

LHCb 'data'

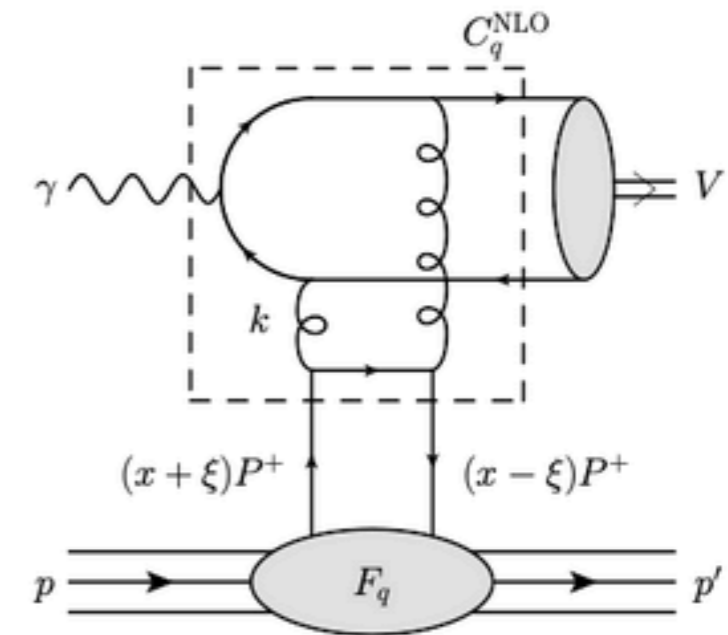
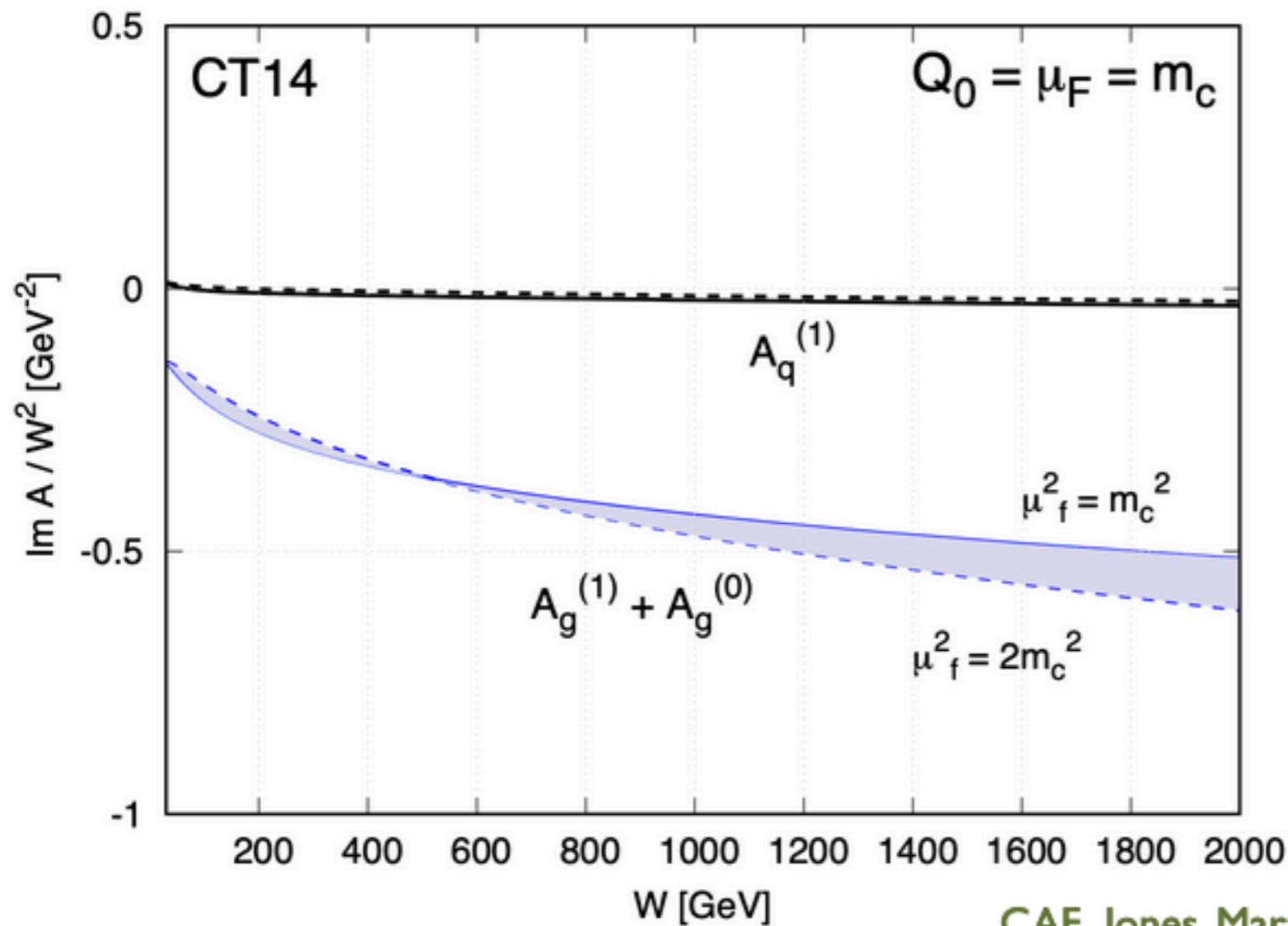
photon flux

HERA gives W_-

$$W_{\pm}^2 = M_{J/\psi} \sqrt{s} e^{\pm|y|} \Rightarrow x_{\pm} = \begin{cases} 10^{-5} \\ 0.02 \end{cases} \text{ at } y = 4, \sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$$

Interplay of quark and gluons at NLO

After Q_0 subtraction:



CAF, Jones, Martin, Ryskin, Teubner, 1908.08398

Quark contribution separated from hard scattering by at least one step of DGLAP evolution and is therefore removed after imposition of Q_0 subtraction (as reflected in the numerics)

→ **Gluon driven like at LO**