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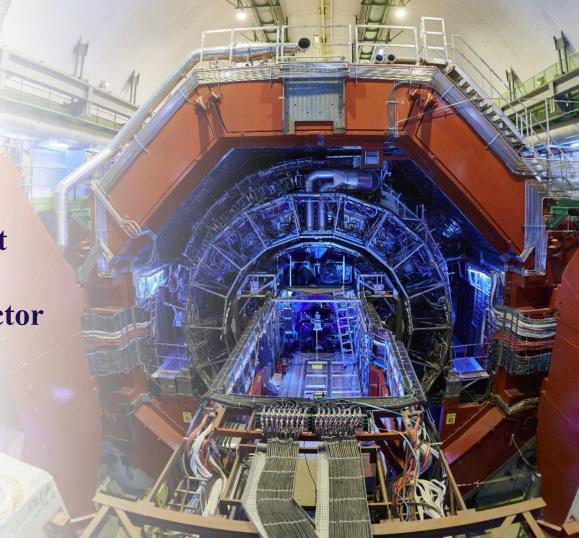
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Drell-Yan measurements at low invariant masses with the upgraded ALICE detector

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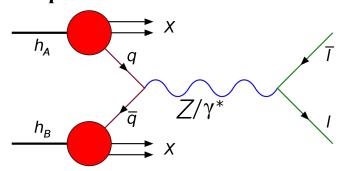




## **Drell-Yan process**



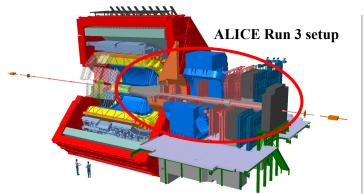
→ The Drell-Yan (DY) process is the production of a **lepton pair** from an **electroweak** interaction of a quark-antiquark pair :

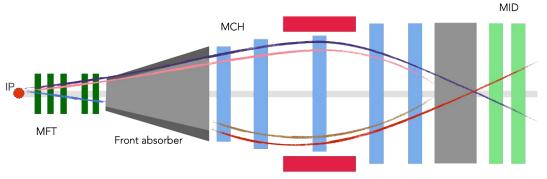


- → Measuring the DY process at LHC energies is particularly important to characterize thermodynamic and transport properties of the hot and dense medium created in ultra-relativistic heavy-ion collisions
- → Measurements provide stringent **tests for the theory of perturbative Quantum** Chromodynamics (pQCD) as well as **significant constraints on** the evaluation of **parton distribution functions** (PDFs)

## **Drell-Yan measurements with upgraded ALICE**







- $\rightarrow$  Drell-Yan with **ALICE Run 3 setup**  $\rightarrow \mu + \mu -$  detection and tracking in **forward direction** (-3.6 <  $\eta$  < -2.5) using the **ALICE muon spectrometer**
- $\rightarrow$  Goal: To measure low-mass DY lepton pairs  $(M_{\rm DY} \text{ down to } 4 \text{ GeV/c}^2)$  to constrain nuclear PDFs at small  $Q^2$  and x (down to 10<sup>-5</sup>) where there is lack of data
- $\rightarrow \sim 10^4$  expected Drell-Yan statistics at forward rapidity in pp with the proposed luminosity (L)  $\sim 200$ /pb (Pythia and NLO calculations for lepton  $p_{\rm T} \sim 3$  GeV/c)

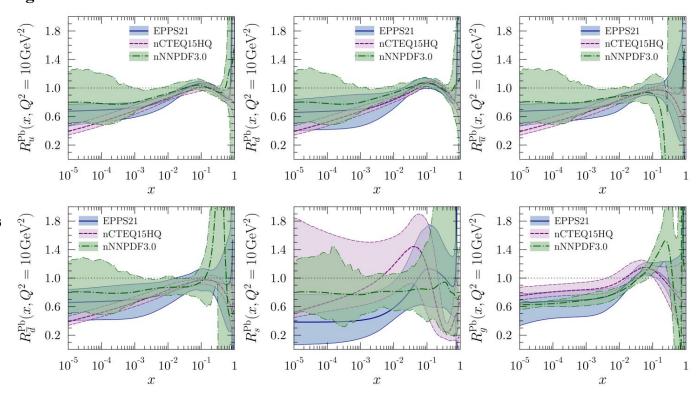
### **Prospect**



 $\rightarrow$  At small-x, the ratio of the **nuclear modification factors** of DY and  $J/\psi$  in **p-Pb collisions**  $(R_{pPb})$  can provide important **constraints on gluon densities** 

→ Comparison of the  $^{208}$ Pb nuclear modifications from the EPPS21, nCTEQ15HQ and nNNPDF3.0 global analyses of nuclear PDFs show large uncertainties for  $x<10^{-3}$ 

 $\rightarrow$  Certainly a need to improve the precision of the low-x calculations





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