#### **Results on photon and electroweak boson production in PbPb collisions**

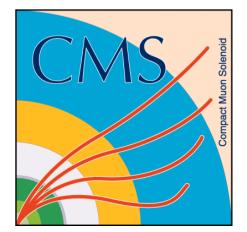
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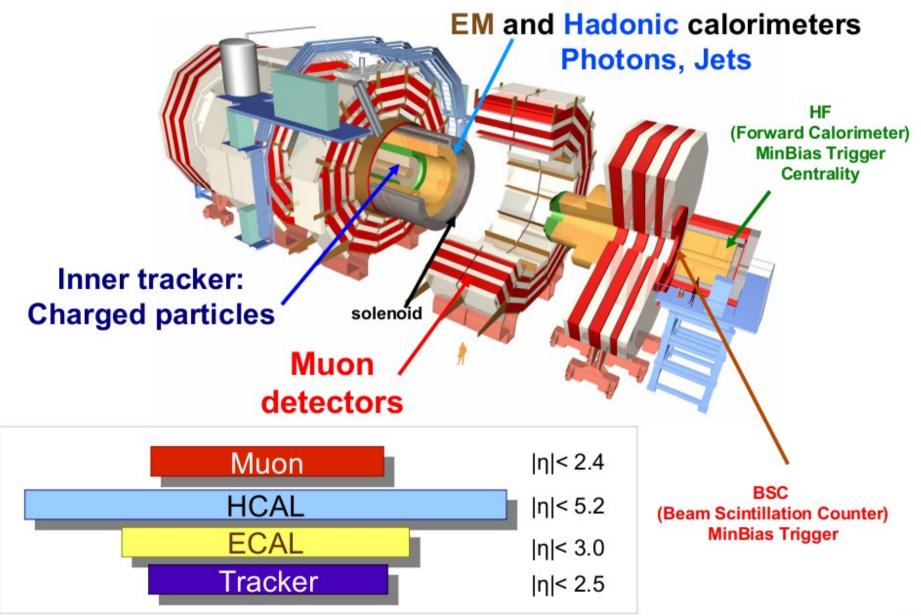


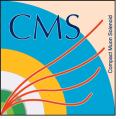




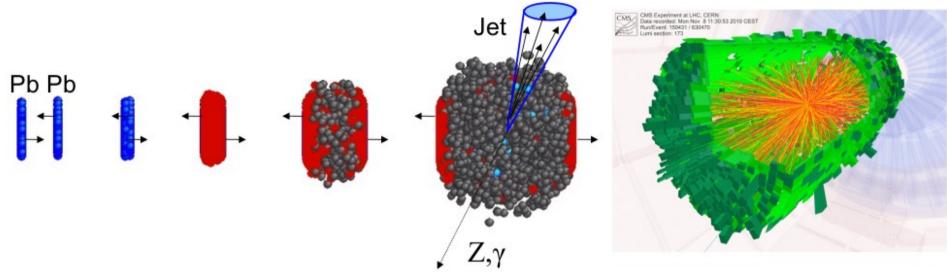


#### **CMS** detector





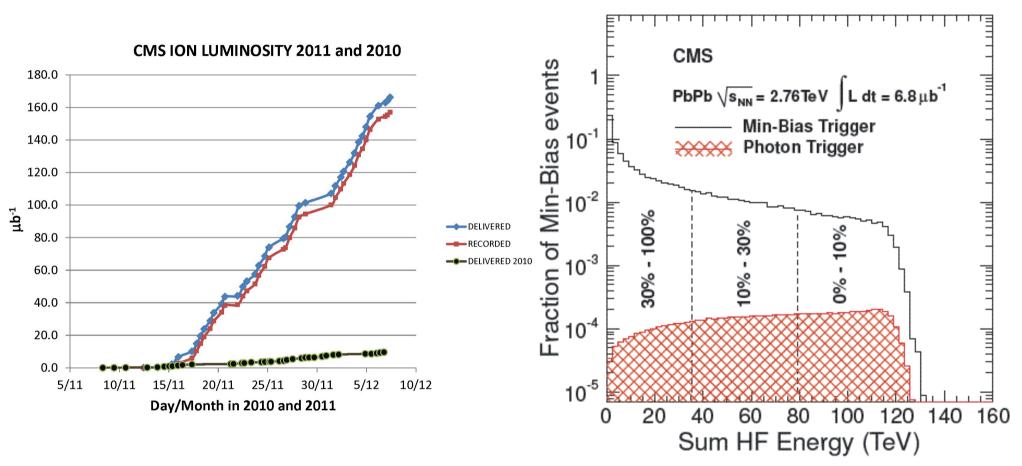
## Studies of PbPb collisions



- Bulk properties: charged particle production, elliptic flow, two-particle correlations
- Study of the initial state: Z, W and photons
- Study of the medium properties:
  - Medium modification to hard probes (Yen-Jie's talk)
  - Quarkonium suppression



## PbPb collisions in CMS



- The total hadronic cross section is divided into centrality classes
- The corresponding impact parameter and number of binary collisions comes from Glauber model calculations



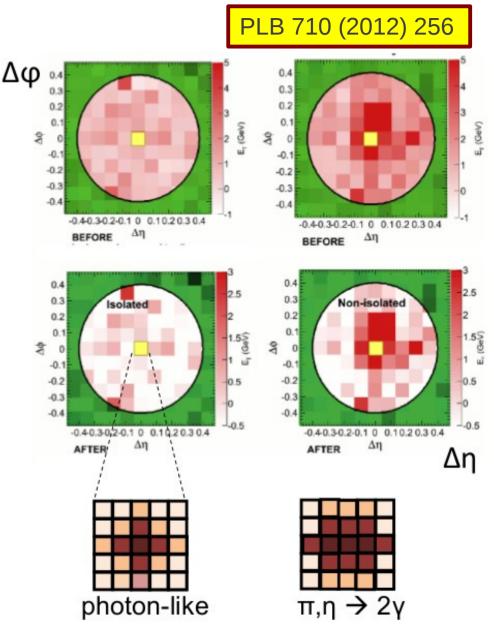
## Introduction to EWK bosons

- Electroweak bosons (photon, Z, W) are essentially not perturbed by the QCD medium
  - At first order, check the binary scaling hypothesis
  - Serve as a reference to modified processes (jets...)
  - Second order modifications ultimately constrain initial state (npdf)
- Isolated photons
  - From 2010: PLB 710 (2012) 256
  - From 2011: accepted (in press) by PLB, photon+jet (Yen-Jie's talk)
- Z → μμ
  - From 2010: PRL 106 (2011) 212301
  - From 2011: PAS-HIN-12-008
- $W \rightarrow \mu \nu$ 
  - From 2010: PLB 715 (2012) 66



# Isolated photons

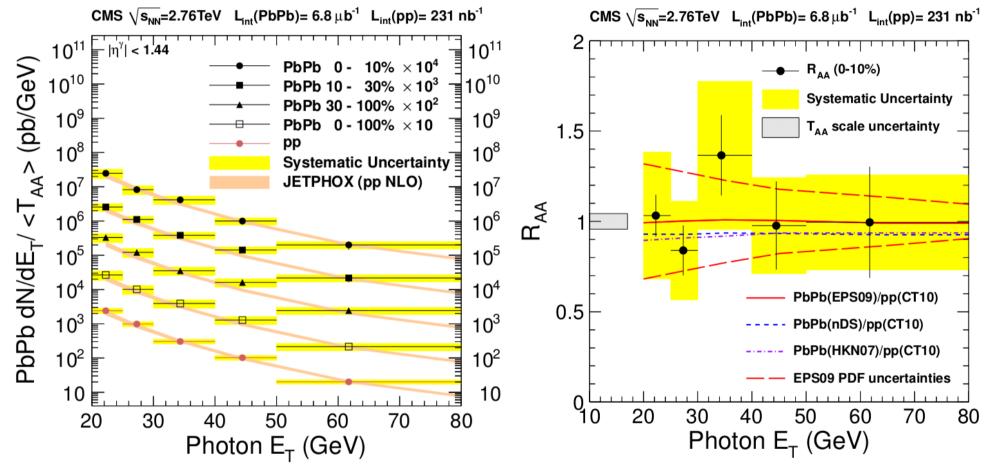
- Trigger on ECAL clusters
  - Uncorrected  $E_{\tau} > 15$  GeV, fully efficient for  $E_{\tau} > 20$  GeV
- Subtract underlying event
  - From same pseudorapidity strip, event by event
- Look for isolated cluster
  - Remove photons from bremsstrahlung and jet fragmentation...
- Look at shower shape in the highly segmented ECAL
  - Further remove isolated  $π^0$ , η





# Isolated photon spectra and $R_{AA}$

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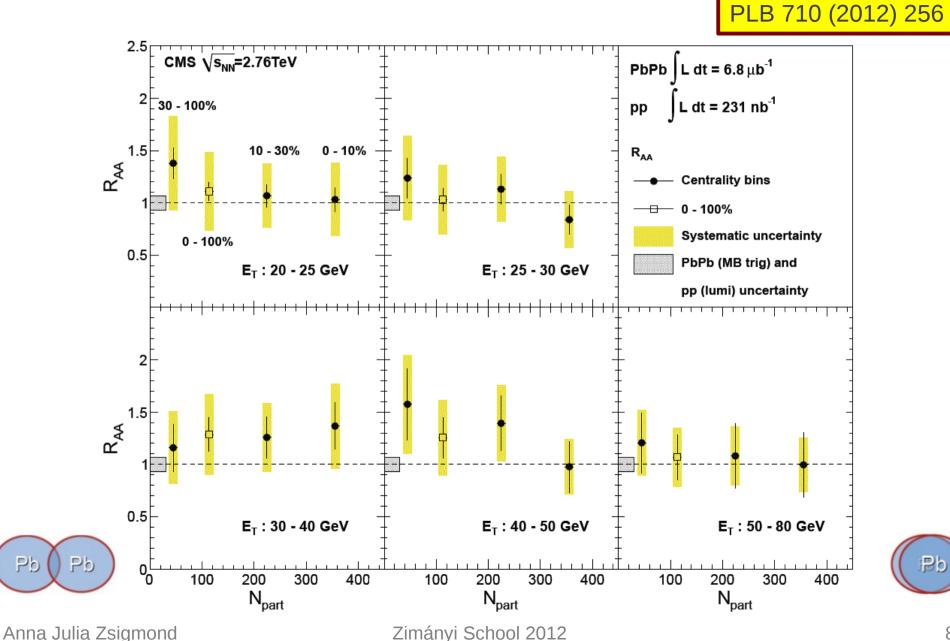


- Photons are not influenced by the strongly interacting matter
- Spectrum is consistent with NLO calculations



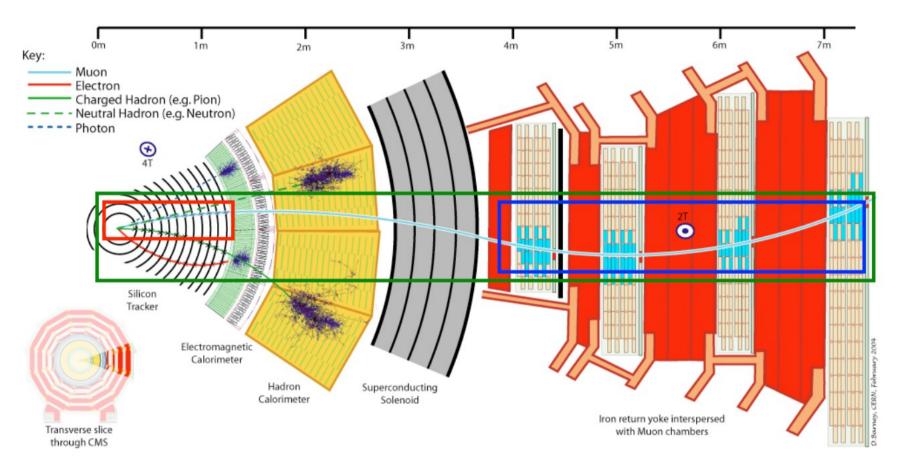
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## Centrality (in)dependence





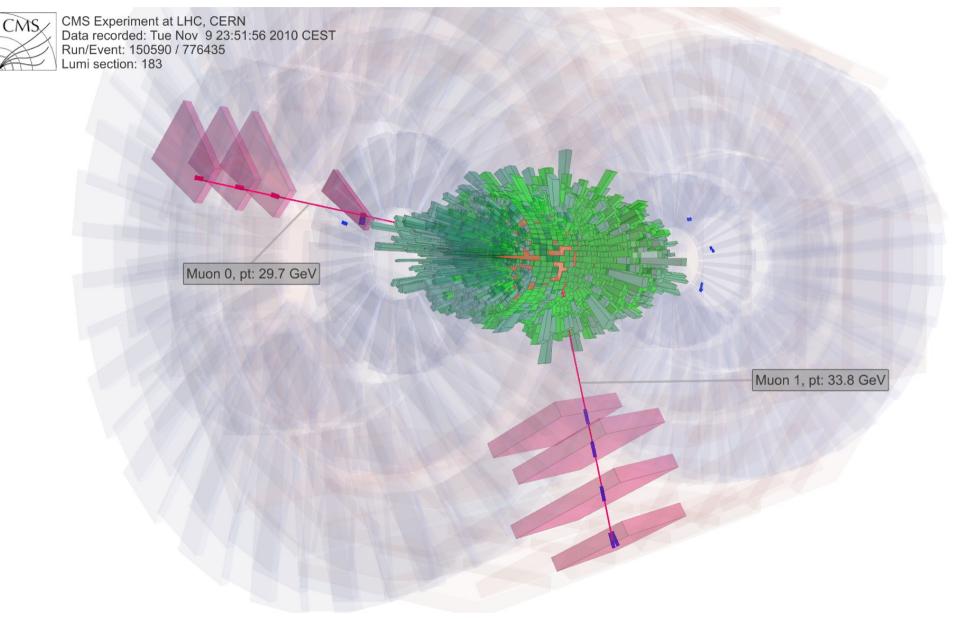
#### **Muon reconstruction**

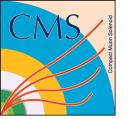


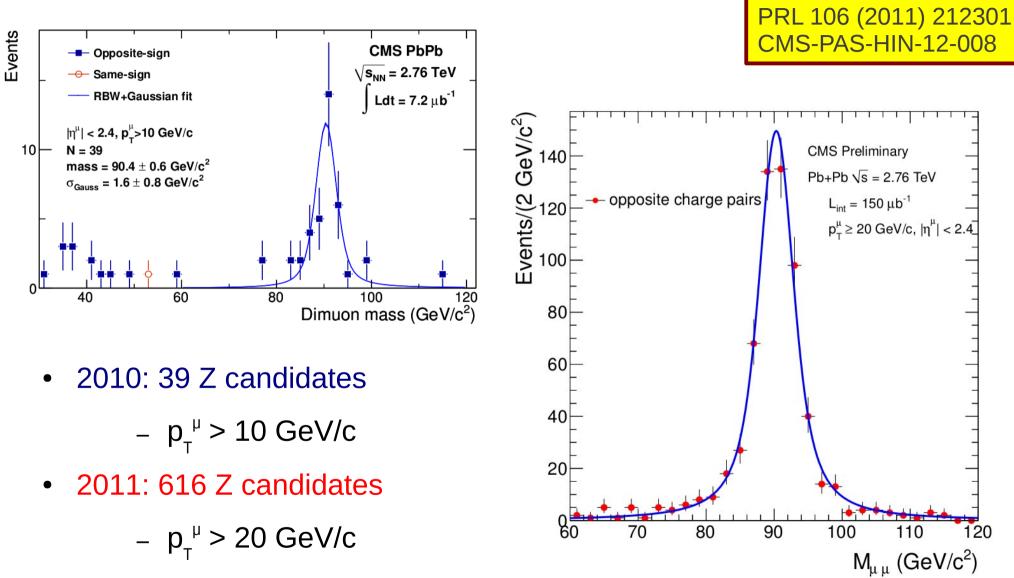
- Z and W bosons are identified through their muon decay channels
- Global muons reconstructed with information from inner tracker and muon stations



#### First $Z \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ candidate in PbPb



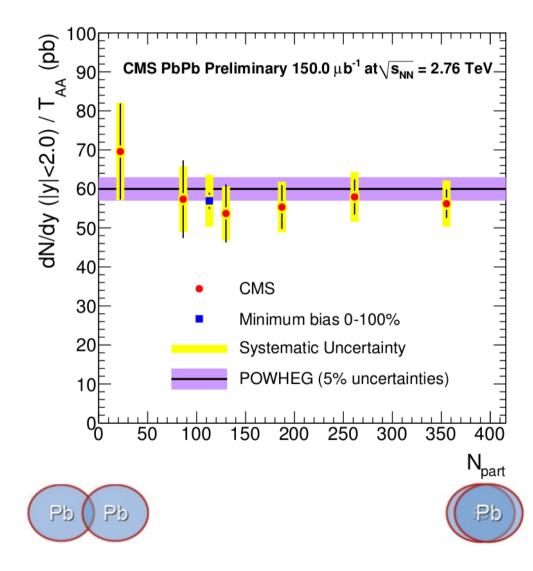






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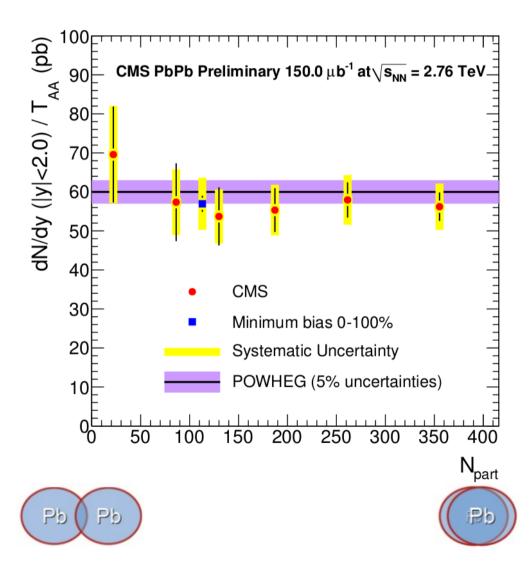
- 20 times less proton-proton reference data to PbPb at 2.76 TeV c.m. energy
- Comparison with POWHEG
   NLO generator
  - Good description of data at LHC and Tevatron energies



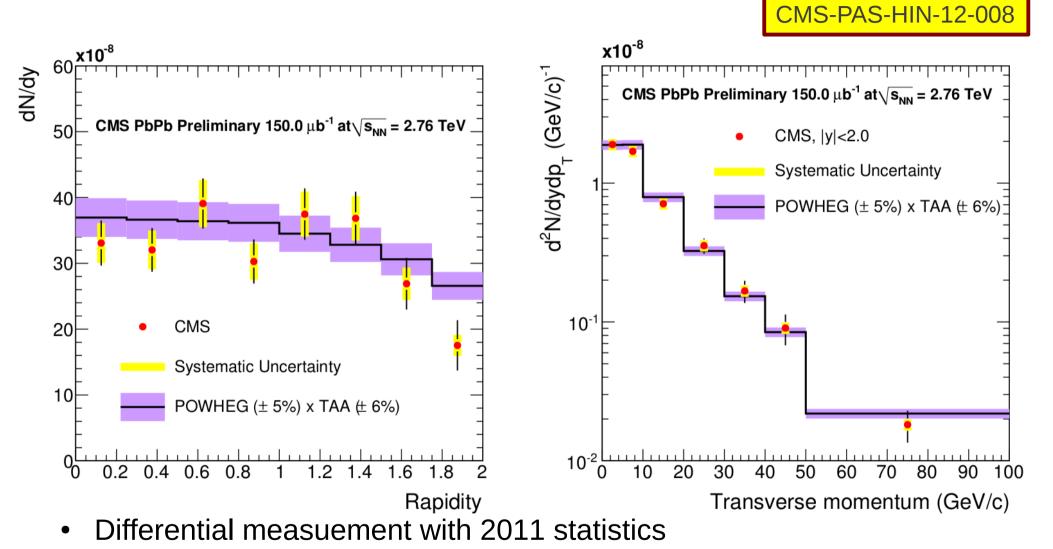


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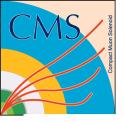
- $dN_{AA} / T_{AA} = d\sigma^{pp} \times R_{AA}$
- T<sub>AA</sub>: nuclear overlap function from Glauber-model calculations
- Z production scales with T<sub>AA</sub>
- $dN_{AA}/T_{AA} = 56.9 \pm 2.0 \pm 6.7 \text{ pb}$
- According to POWHEG  $d\sigma^{pp} / dy = 59.6 \pm 3.0 \text{ pb},$  if |y| < 2
- →  $R_{AA} = 0.95 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.13$







• No large deviations from the POWHEG reference



#### $W \rightarrow \mu\nu \text{ boson candidate}$



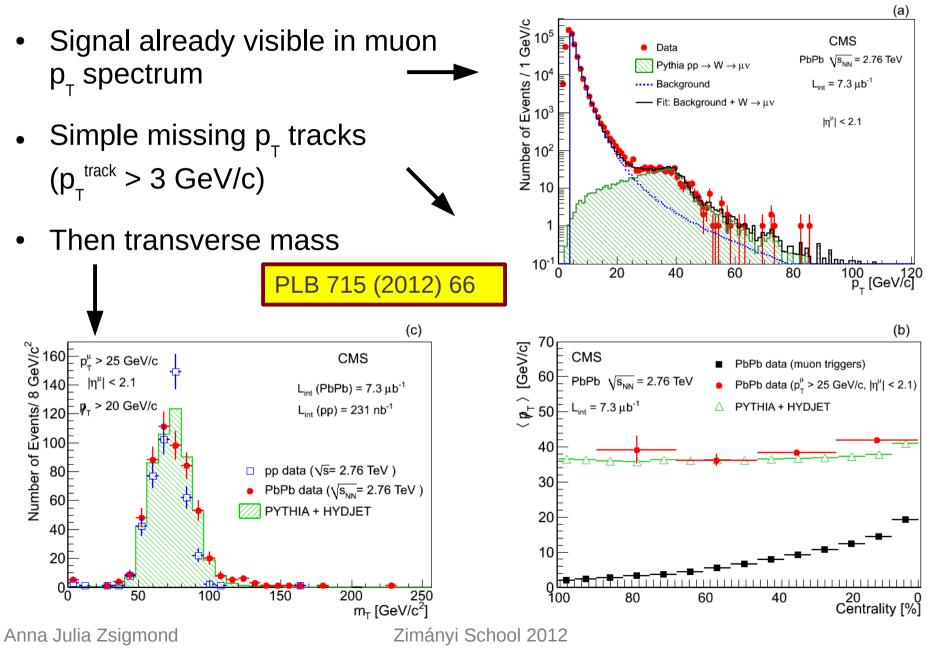
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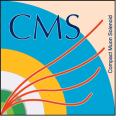
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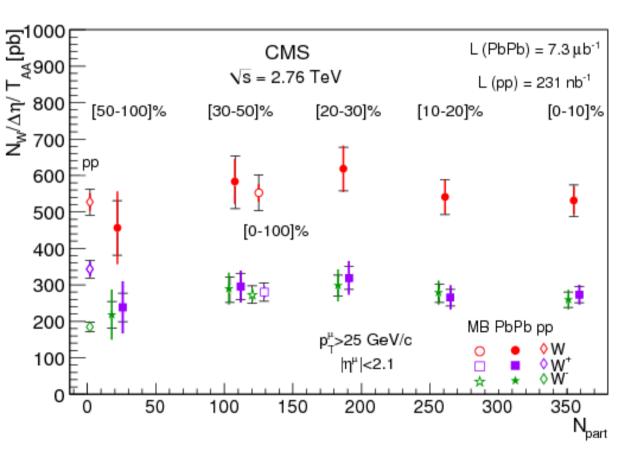




# W boson production results

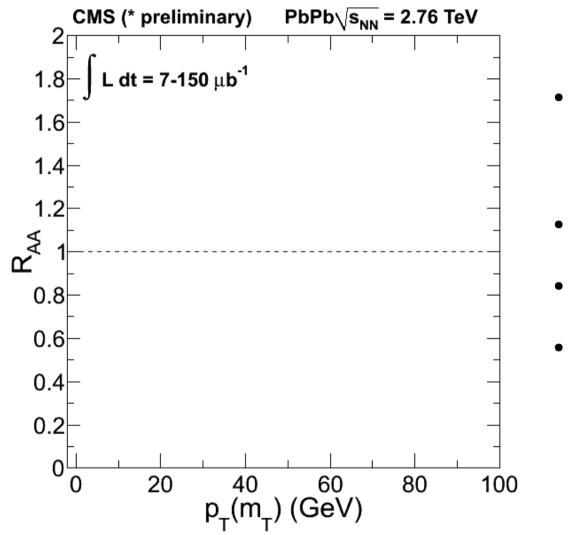
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- Less W+ and more W- produced in PbPb, then in pp  $\rightarrow$  isospin effect
- 2010 PbPb statistics  $\approx$  2011 pp statistics at 2.76 TeV c.m. energy



$$dN_{AA} / T_{AA} = d\sigma^{pp} \times R_{AA}$$
  
 $R_{AA} (W) = 1.04 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.12$   
 $R_{AA} (W^{+}) = 0.82 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.09$   
 $R_{AA} (W^{-}) = 1.46 \pm 0.14 \pm 0.16$   
Consistent with isospin effect

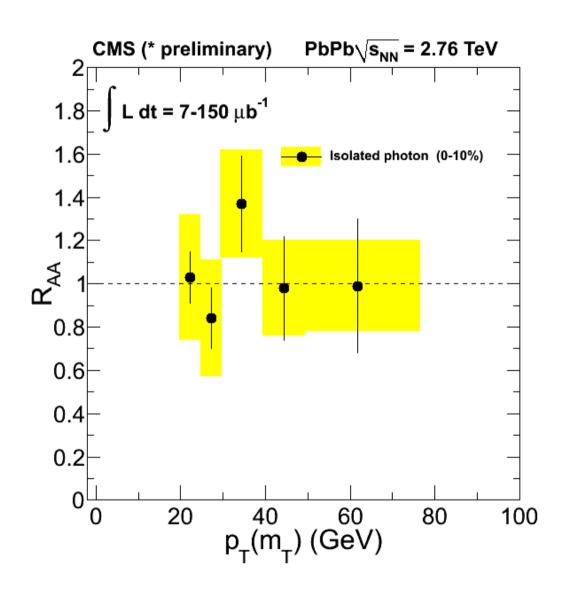




- R<sub>AA</sub> = PbPb yield / pp yield (normalized by the number of binary collisions)
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- $R_{AA} = 1$  no modification

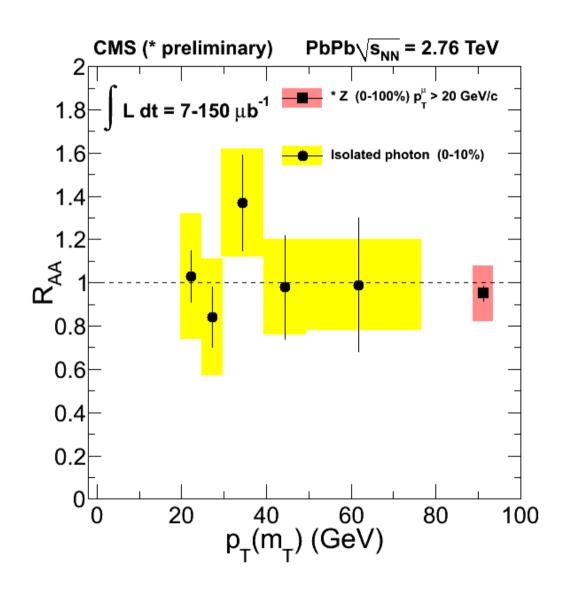
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$$R_{AA} > 1$$
 enhancement





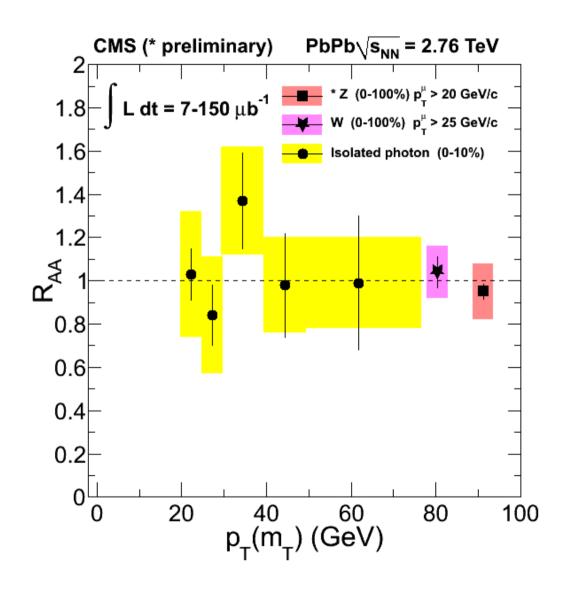
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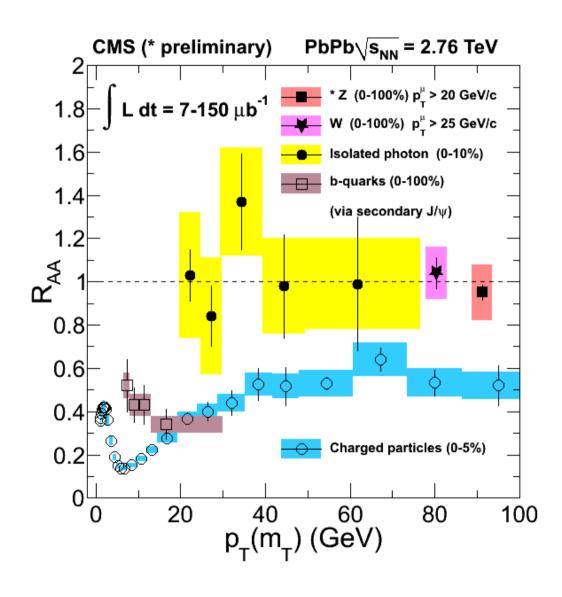
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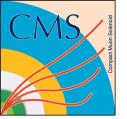


- Photons are not modified by the strongly interacting matter
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- W boson production also scales with number of binary collisions
- Strong isospin effect when separating W<sup>-</sup> and W<sup>+</sup>





- Photon, Z and W boson production scales with number of binary collisions
- BUT other strongly interacting particle yields are modified
  - Inclusive charged particle production
  - b quarks identified from secondary J/ψ

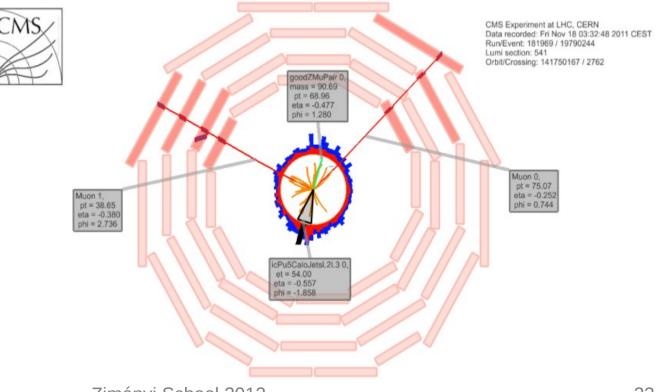


#### Outlook

Analyses of 2011 PbPb data are still ongoing

 $Z \ \rightarrow \ e^+ e^{\text{-}}, \ W \ \rightarrow \ \mu \nu$ 

- High statistics pPb and pp data in 2013
- Longer term: high statistics from  $\gamma$ +jet, Z+jet, ...



#### Backup

#### **CMS Heavy-ion results**



#### https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/CMSPublic/PhysicsResultsHIN

