

# Ultra-peripheral collisions and hadronic structure

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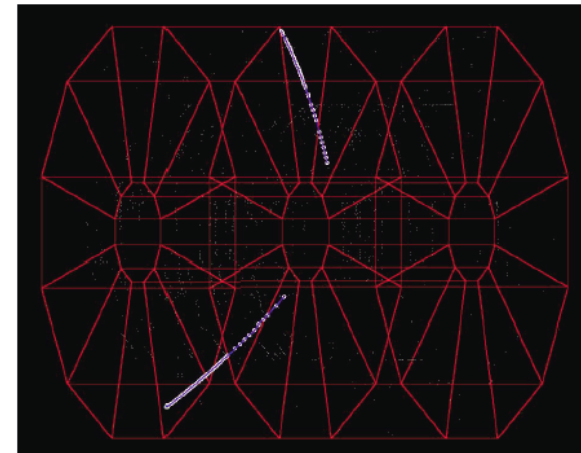
QED: dilepton production

The structure of heavy nuclei

Toward nucleon parton distributions at low  $x$

Gluon shadowing w/ nuclear targets

Conclusions



*Focus on new results (past ~ year)!*

*Many more new results than I can cover*

*Some experimental preference*

*Apologies to authors that I neglect*

# Ultra-peripheral collisions (UPCs)

- Heavy nuclei carry strong electric and magnetic fields
  - ◆ Fields are perpendicular -> treat as nearly-real virtual photons
    - ✦  $E_{\max} = \gamma hc/b$
  - ◆ Photonuclear interactions
  - ◆ Two-photon interactions
- Visible when  $b > \sim 2R_A$ , so there are no hadronic interactions;
  - ◆ STAR & ALICE also see photon interactions in peripheral nuclear collisions

Energy	AuAu RHIC	pp RHIC	PbPb LHC	pp LHC
Photon energy (target frame)	0.6 TeV	~12 TeV	500 TeV	~5,000 TeV
CM Energy $W_{\gamma p}$	24 GeV	~80 GeV	700 GeV	~3000 GeV
Max $\gamma\gamma$ Energy	6 GeV	~100 GeV	200 GeV	~1400 GeV

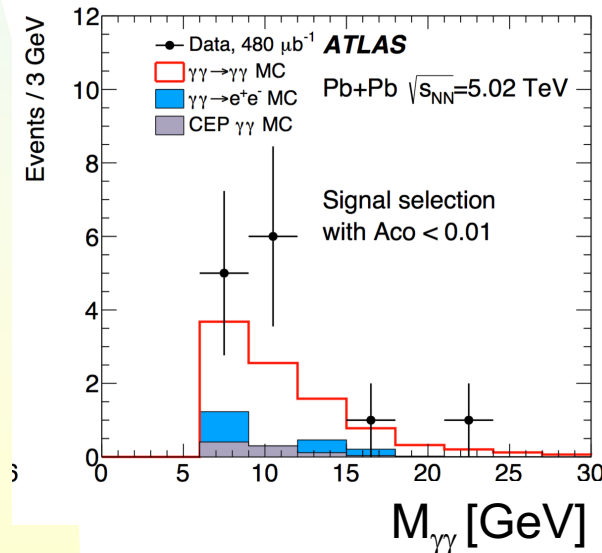
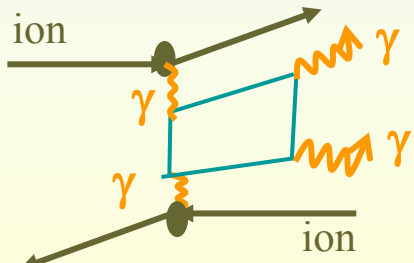
\*LHC at full energy  $\sqrt{s}=14$  TeV/5.6 TeV

# Why UPCs?

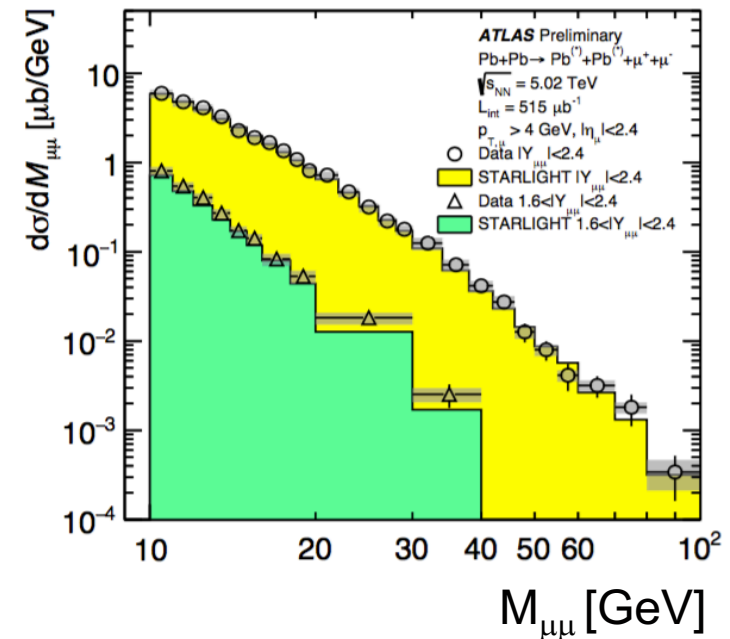
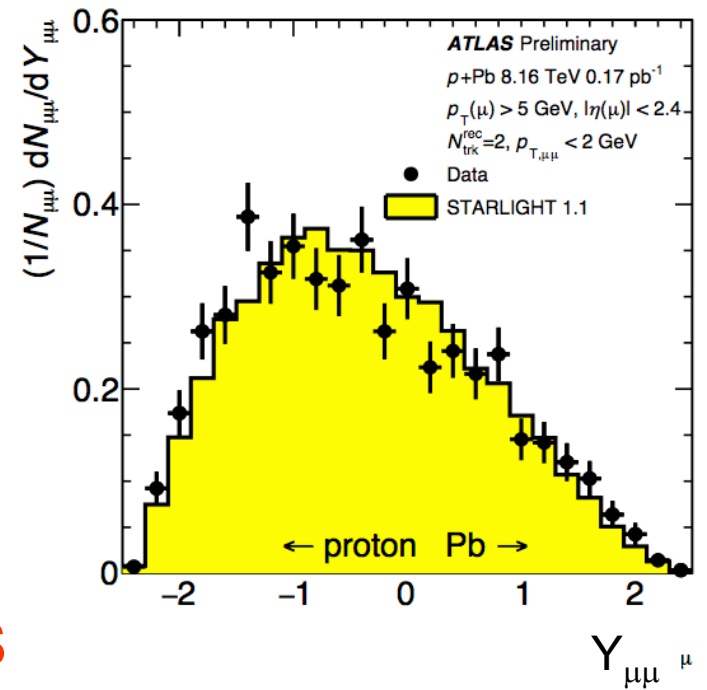
- The energy frontier for electromagnetic probes
  - ◆ Maximum CM energy  $W_{\gamma p} \sim 3$  TeV for pp at the LHC
    - ✦  $\sim 10$  times higher in energy than HERA
  - ◆ Probe parton distributions in proton and heavy-ions down to
    - ✦ Bjorken-x down to a few  $10^{-6}$  at moderate  $Q^2$
- Electromagnetic probes have  $\alpha_{EM} \sim 1/137$ , so are less affected by multiple interactions than hadronic interactions
  - ◆ “Precision” measurements,
  - ◆ Exclusive interactions
- Two-photon physics & couplings at the energy frontier
  - ◆ New particle searches (axions),  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow W^+W^-$ , etc.

# $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow$ Dileptons

- Large samples from ALICE, ATLAS & STAR
- Data is in excellent agreement with lowest order QED
  - ◆ STARlight Monte Carlo
  - ◆  $Z\alpha \sim 0.6$ , so perturbation theory might fail
- Light-by-light scattering seen by ATLAS
  - ◆ Sensitive to new particles

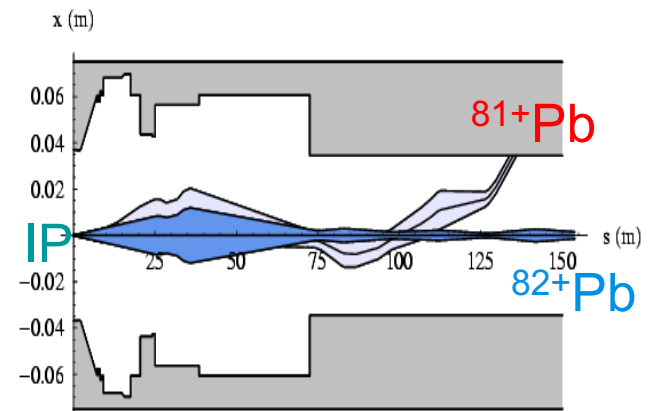
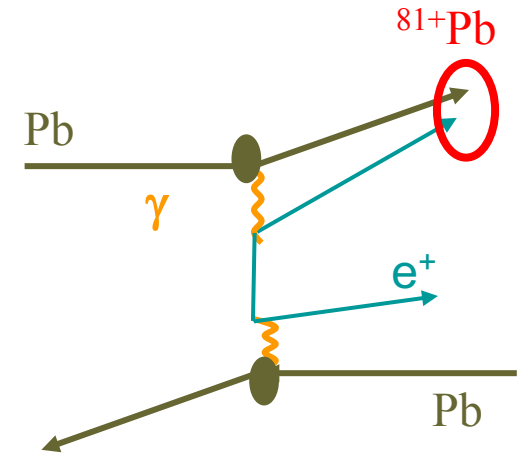


ATLAS: arXiv:1702.01625; M. Dyndal, this conference



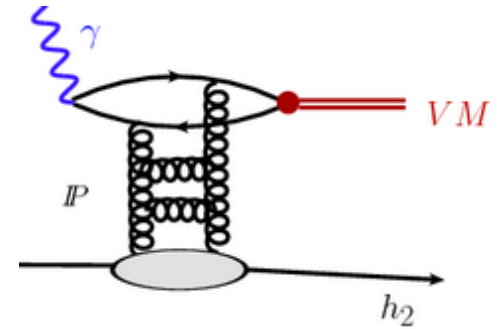
# UPCs and LHC luminosity

- $\sigma[\text{PbPb}(\gamma\gamma) \rightarrow (\text{Pbe}^-) \text{Pb} e^+] \sim 280 \text{ b @ LHC}$
- Single-electron lead has charge:mass ratio reduced by 1/82
- The  $(\text{Pbe}^-)$  beam strikes the beampipe 135 m downstream from the magnet
  - ◆ At  $L = 10^{27}/\text{cm}^2/\text{s}$ , the beam deposits 23 Watts
- LHC magnet quench from BFPP demonstrated!
  - ◆  $L_{\text{max}} = 2.3 \cdot 10^{27}/\text{cm}^2/\text{s}$
- Luminosity limit for LHC & potentially fcc
  - ◆ Some mitigation possible by orbit bumps.



# Vector Meson photoproduction

- Process has large cross-sections
- Produced via colorless 'Pomeron exchange'
  - ◆ Require  $\geq 2$  gluon exchange for color neutrality
    - ✦ Gluon ladder
- Light meson production usually treated via vector meson dominance model
  - ◆  $\rho$ , direct  $\pi^+\pi^-$ ,  $\omega$ ,  $\rho'$  observed at RHIC
- Heavy meson production treated with pQCD
  - ◆  $J/\psi$ ,  $\psi'$ ,  $Y(1S)$ ,  $Y(2S)$ , and  $Y(3S)$  seen at LHC
- Rapidity maps into photon energy
  - ◆  $k = M_V/2\exp(\pm y)$ 
    - ✦ Twofold ambiguity – which nucleus emitted the photon?
  - ◆ Cross-section is convolution of bi-directional photon flux with  $\sigma(\gamma A)$ 
    - ✦ Photon flux is understood to  $< 10\%$



# $\rho^0$ photoproduction

294,000 exclusive  $\pi^+\pi^-$  with  $p_T < 100$  MeV/c seen by STAR

Mass spectra fit by  $\rho^0 + \text{direct } \pi\pi + \omega \rightarrow \pi\pi$

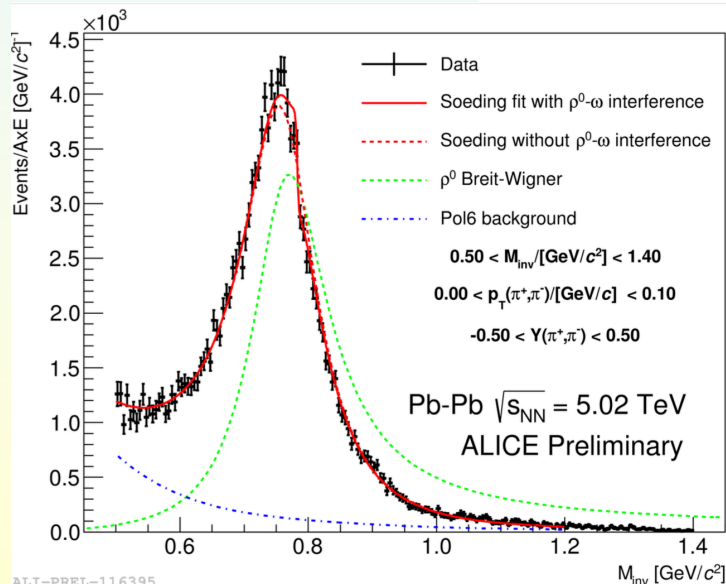
- ◆  $\omega$  required for acceptable fit

- ◆ Ratios & phase angle consistent with low-energy fixed-target studies

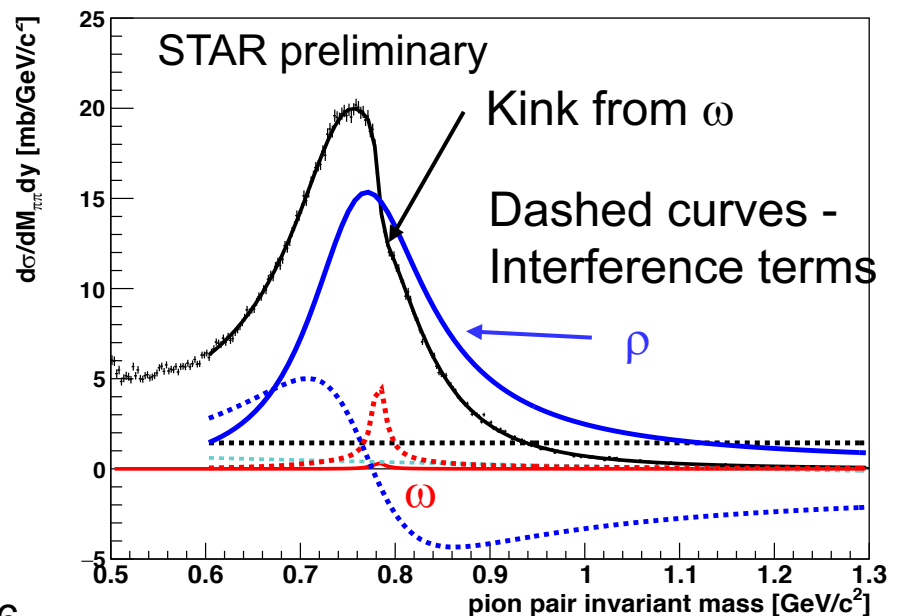
- ◆ Pomeron exchange @ high energies; meson exchange at lower

STAR also sees a high mass state  $M = 1653$  MeV,  $\Gamma = 164$  MeV

- ◆  $\rho_3(1690)$ ?

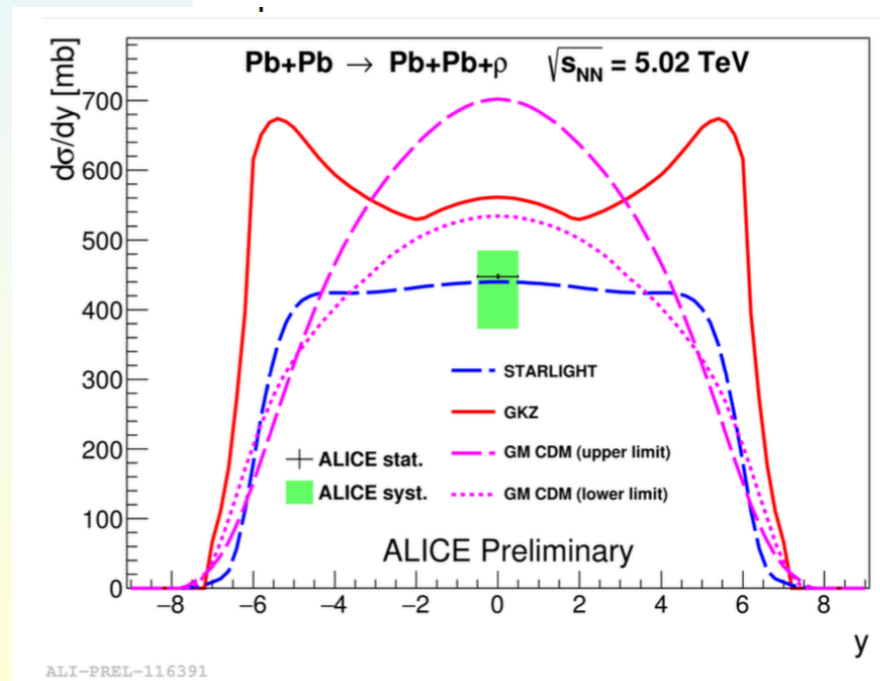


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# ALICE $\rho^0$ cross-section

- Coherent cross-section found for  $|y| < 0.5$ 
  - ◆  $\sigma$  below colored dipole model
  - ◆  $\sigma$  below generalized VDM model
    - ✦ With nuclear shadowing correction
  - ◆  $\sigma$  in agreement with STARlight





# Imaging the nucleus

STAR has measured  $\rho^0 d\sigma/dt$

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma}{dt} \right|_{\text{Coherent}} = \left. \frac{d\sigma}{dt} \right|_{\text{Total}} - \left. \frac{d\sigma}{dt} \right|_{\text{Incoherent}}$$

✦ Incoherent determined at large  $|t|$

2 diffraction minima observed

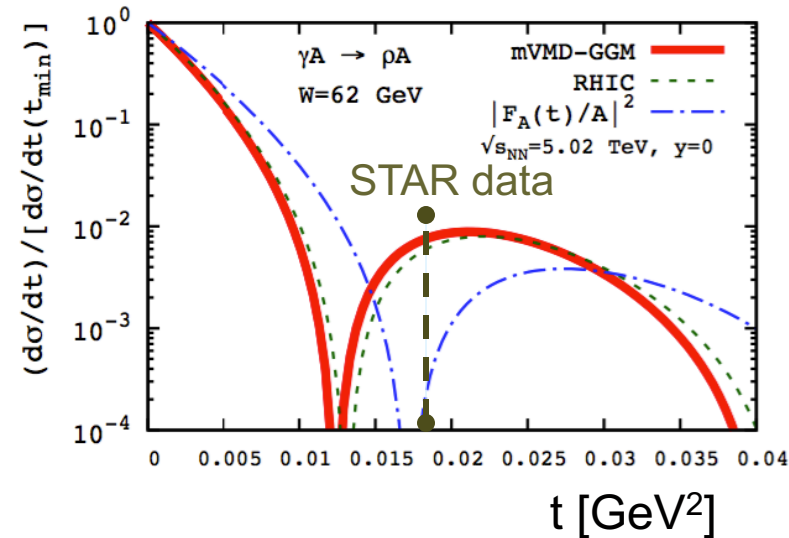
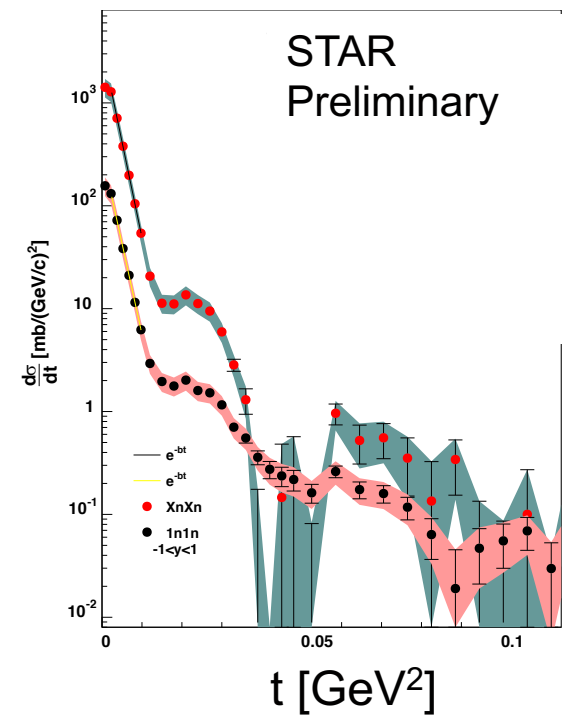
◆ 1<sup>st</sup> dip at  $t = 0.018 \text{ GeV}^2$

mimima positions depend on distribution of interaction sites

◆ Nuclear shadowing decreases the # of interactions in the nuclear interior,

- ✦ Larger mean radius
- ✦ Shadowing explained cross-section
- ✦ Calculated dip at  $t = 0.012 \text{ GeV}^2$

- Data matches ‘no-shadowing’ position better



Blue – raw form factor

Red – w/ shadowing

# $\gamma p \rightarrow Q\bar{Q}$ in pp and pA

## ■ High statistics data

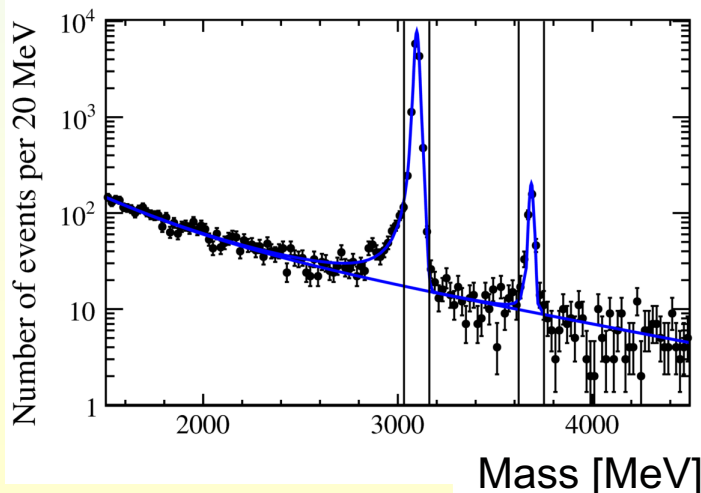
- ◆ Extend HERA  $\gamma p \rightarrow J/\psi p$  studies to higher energies
- ◆ Access gluon distributions down to  $10^{-6}$  at  $Q^2 \sim m_{\text{quark}}^2$

## ■ In pp & AA there is the two-fold ambiguity: $k = M_V/2 \exp(\pm y)$

- ◆ Ambiguity disappears at  $y=0$  (solutions are degenerate) or large  $|y|$ , where the low- $k$  solution dominates.
- ◆ Estimate lower- $k$  solution and correct

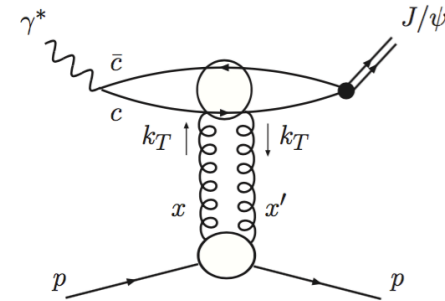
## ■ In pA, most of the photons come from the heavy nucleus

- ◆ Kinematic differences between  $\gamma p$  &  $\gamma A$  give further discrimination



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# VM photoproduction in pQCD



- In 2-gluon model, leading order pQCD

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt}(\gamma^* p \rightarrow J/\psi p) \Big|_{t=0} = \frac{\Gamma_{ee} M_{J/\psi}^3 \pi^3}{48\alpha} \left[ \frac{\alpha_s(\bar{Q}^2)}{\bar{Q}^4} x g(x, \bar{Q}^2) \right]^2 \left( 1 + \frac{Q^2}{M_{J/\psi}^2} \right).$$

- With  $\bar{Q}^2 = (Q^2 + M_{J/\psi}^2)/4$ ,  $x = (Q^2 + M_{J/\psi}^2)/(W^2 + Q^2)$

- Vector meson mass provides hard scale

- Some caveats

- pQCD factorization does not strictly hold

- Two gluons have different  $x$  values (with  $x' \ll x \ll 1$ )

- Use generalized (skewed) gluon distributions – smallish correction.

- Can do exactly with Shuvaev transform

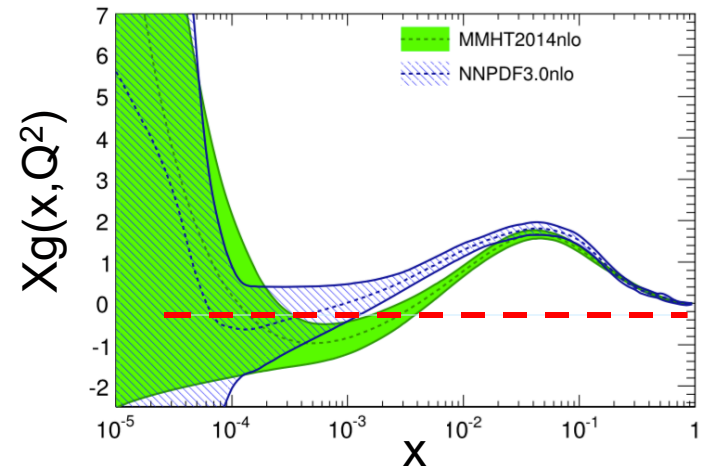
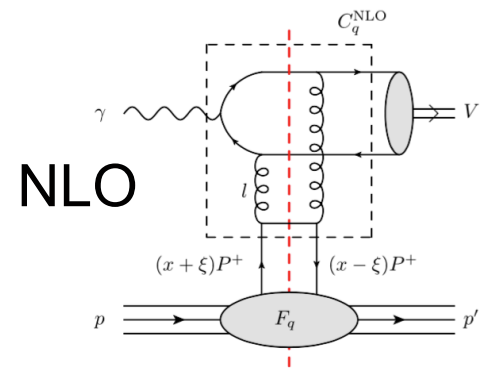
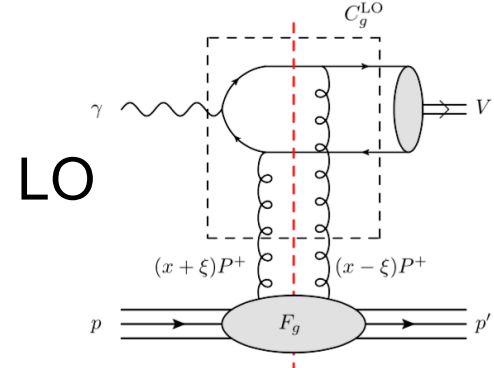
- Photon is not pure  $q\bar{q}$  dipole

- Choice of scale  $\mu$

- “Absorptive corrections” for pp akin to  $b > R_A + R_b$

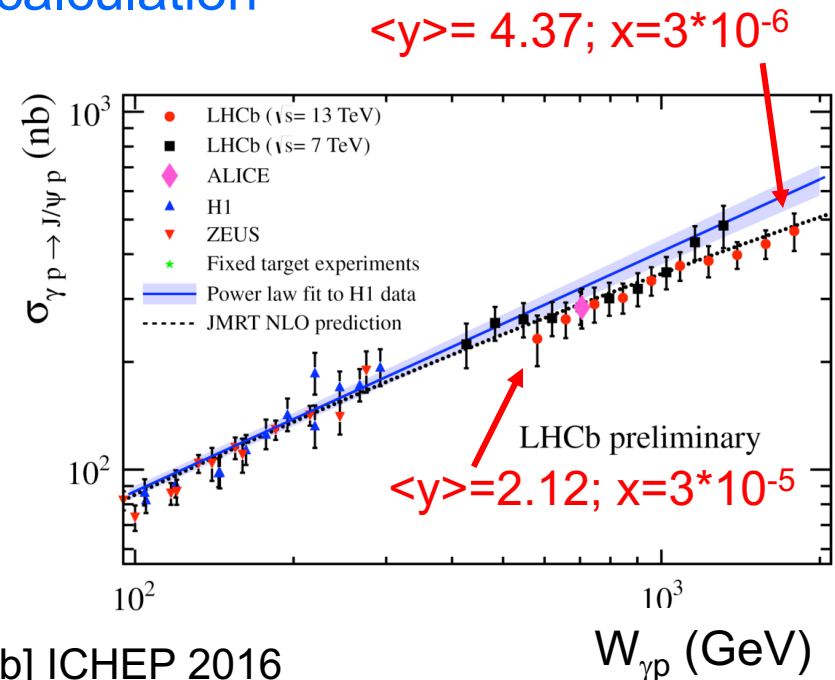
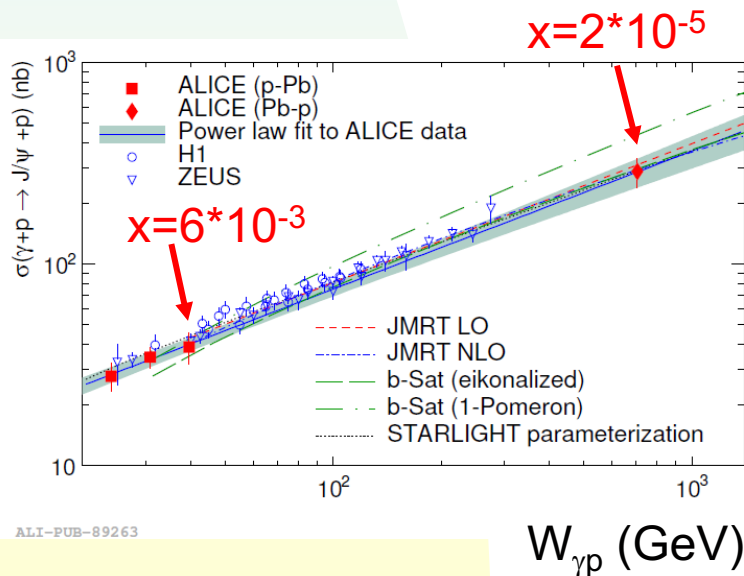
# VM photoproduction at NLO

- NLO 'correction' larger than LO amplitude & opposite sign
  - ◆ "Standard" parton distributions have too few low- $x$ , low- $Q^2$  gluons, suppressing the LO term
    - ✦ More gluons would increase the LO term
- High sensitivity to scale
  - ◆ Reduce by picking LO scale  $\mu_F = m_{VM}/2$ 
    - ✦ Reduces overall scale problem
  - ◆  $\sigma(\gamma p \rightarrow Y p)$  variation with scale is  $\sim \pm 15$  to  $\pm 25\%$
- NNLO terms need to be checked
  - ◆ With higher gluon density, probably OK
- Use in structure function determination?

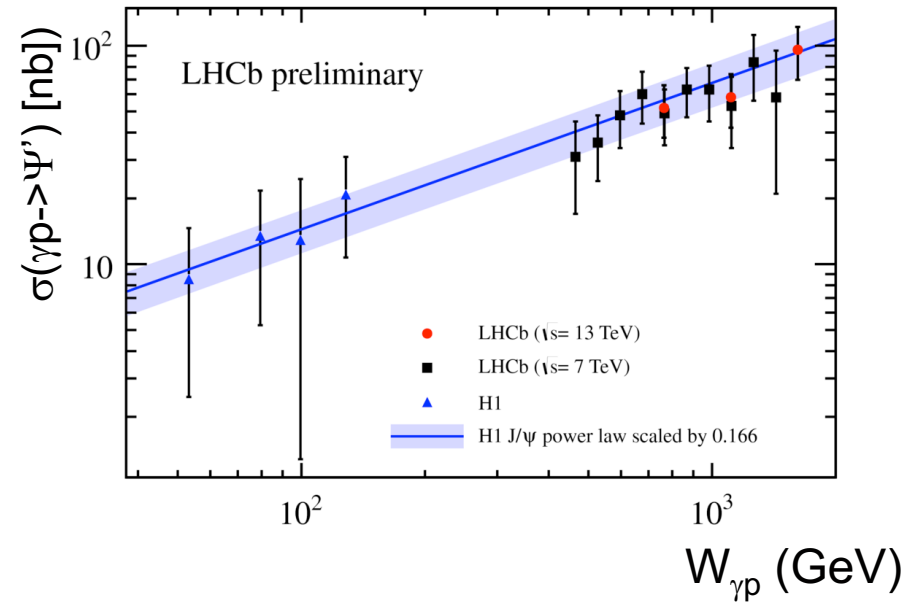
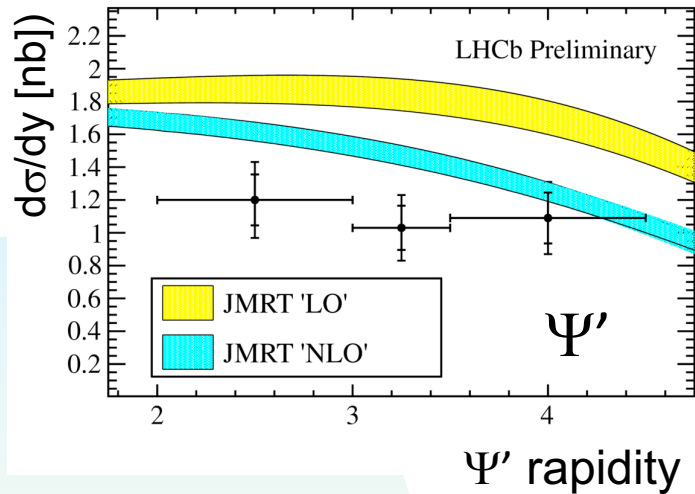


# $\sigma(\gamma p \rightarrow J/\psi p)$

- Data up to  $W_{\gamma p} = 1.5$  TeV -5 times the HERA maximum
- ALICE sees good pA agreement with HERA data
- LHCb 13 TeV-beam data somewhat below 7 TeV data?
  - ◆ LHCb uses bootstraps from HERA range for 2-fold ambiguity
- NLO calculation predicts a small down-turn from power law prediction at energies above  $\sim 300$  GeV
  - ◆ 13 TeV data agrees well with NLO calculation



# $\Psi'$ photoproduction on proton targets



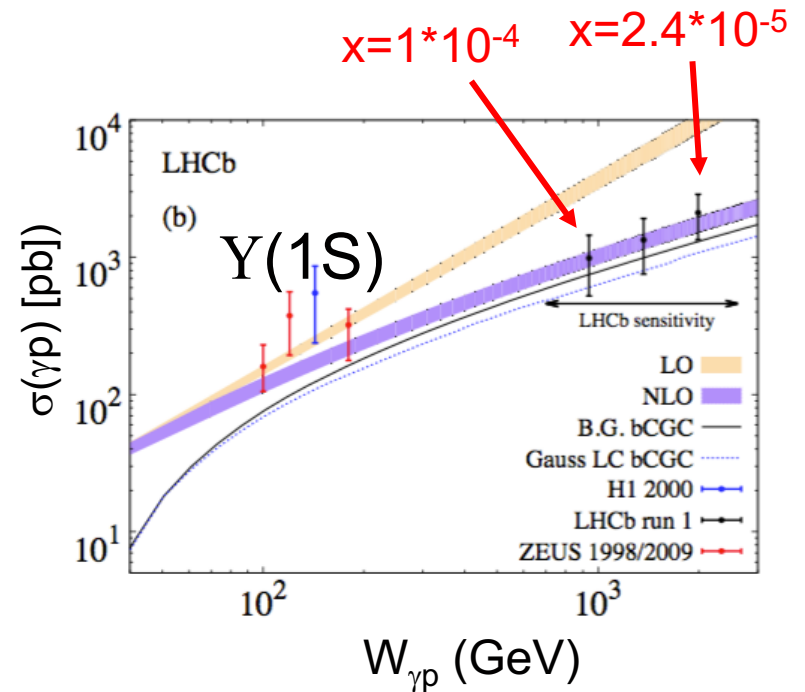
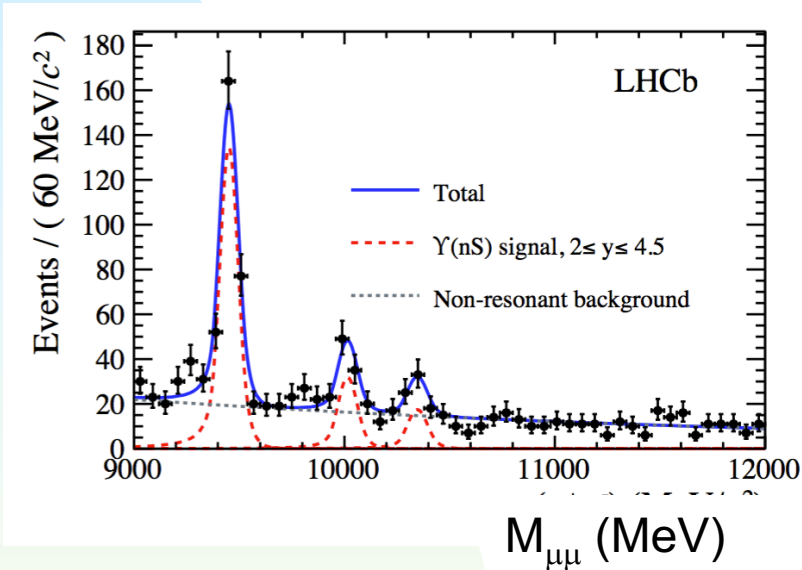
Good fit to power law

Data is a bit below the NLO pQCD

As with  $J/\psi$ , LHCb data quality is more precise than HERA & extends to higher energy

# $\gamma p \rightarrow Y p$

## Forward dimuons with LHCb



Y(1S), Y(2S) & Y(3S) resolved

Good agreement with NLO calculation ( $Q^2 \sim 25 \text{ GeV}^2$ )

Higher  $Q^2 \rightarrow$  less sensitivity to some theoretical uncertainties

Same calculations match J/ $\Psi$  & Y data, at different  $Q^2$

No evidence for saturation at low  $Q^2$

# Heavy quarkonium photoproduction on ion targets

- Best data for nuclear gluon distributions for  $x < 10^{-3}$ 
  - ◆  $Q^2 = (M_{V_M}/2)^2$
- Measure/calculate suppression relative to proton targets
  - ◆ Many theoretical uncertainties cancel
- Impulse approximation calculation sometimes used as reference
  - ◆ Replaces missing proton data at correct  $\sqrt{s}$
  - ◆ Account for higher order corrections by tie-in to HERA data
- Shadowing is expected, because a single  $q\bar{q}$  dipole may interact with multiple nucleons in a heavy target
  - ◆ “Leading twist” shadowing

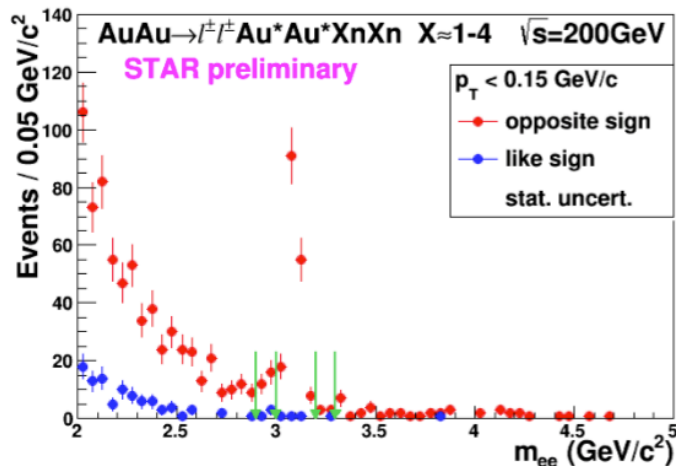


# J/ψ in AuAu at RHIC

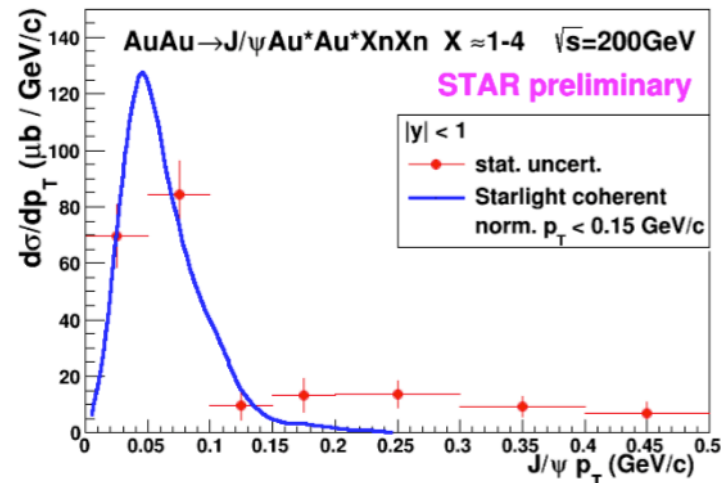
Coherent & incoherent J/ψ Photoproduction

Bjorken-x ~ 0.015

$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-$  observed



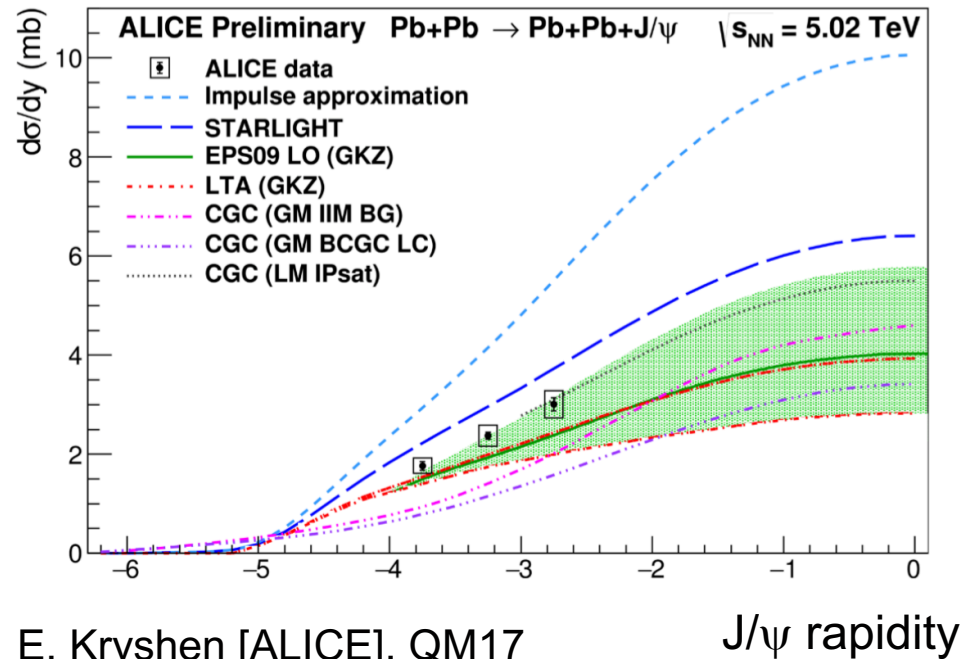
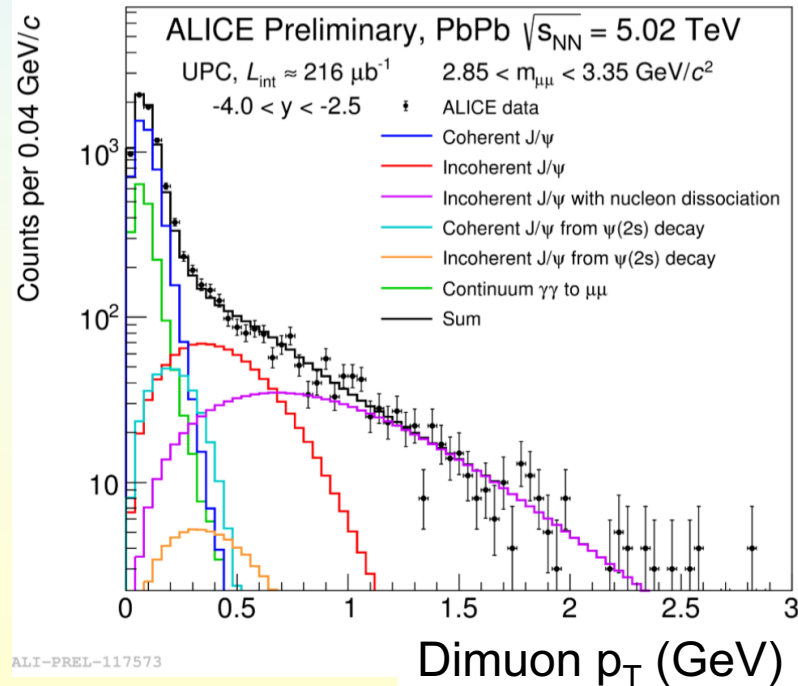
$M_{ee}$  (GeV)



J/ψ  $p_T$  (GeV)

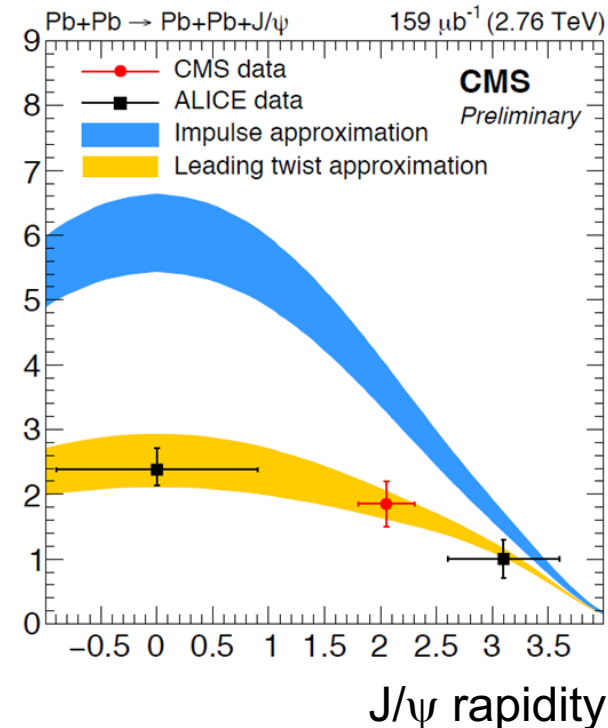
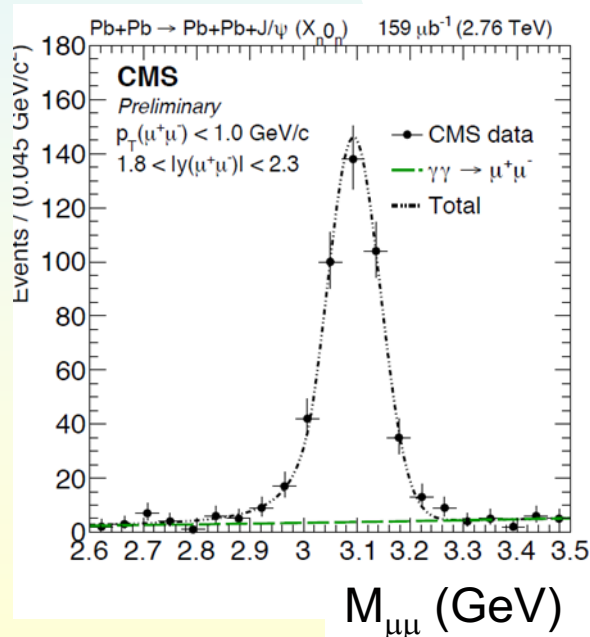
# ALICE PbPb $\rightarrow$ J/ $\psi$ at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=5.02$ GeV

- $p_T$  spectrum measured out to 2.5 GeV/c
  - ◆ Coherent (Pb), incoherent (single N) & nucleon dissociation seen
- $\sigma_{\text{coherent}}$  indicates gluon shadowing  $\sim 0.8$ 
  - ◆ Consistent with EPS09 model
  - ◆ Consistent with leading twist approximation
- Also: J/ $\psi$  in pPb @ 8 GeV, J/ $\psi \rightarrow p\bar{p}$ ,  $\psi' \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+\pi^-$



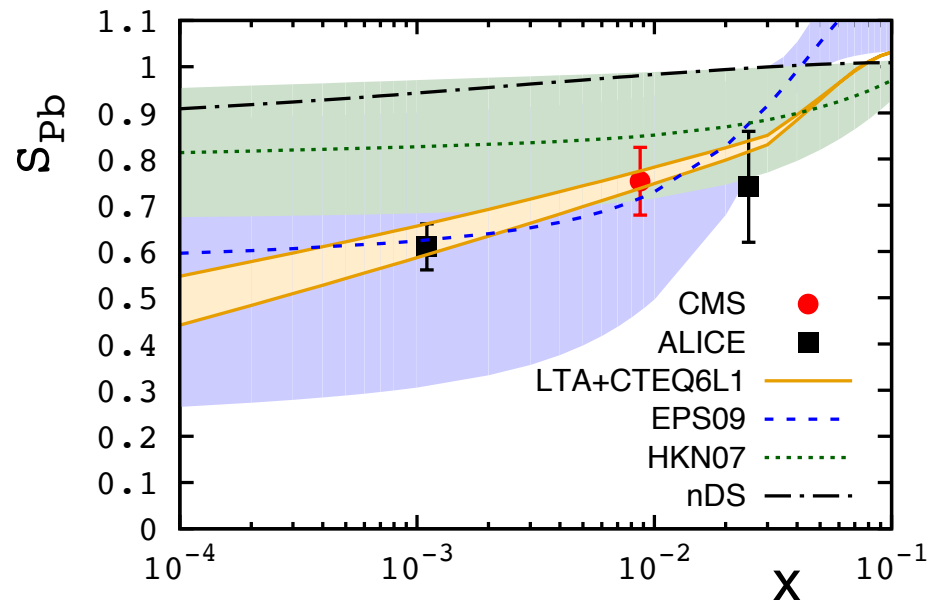
# PbPb- $\rightarrow$ J/ $\psi$ in CMS at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=2.76$ GeV

- $\mu^+\mu^-$  at  $|y| = 2.05$
- Cross-section is  $\sim 40\%$  of impulse approximation
  - ◆ Moderate nuclear shadowing
  - ◆ Consistent with leading twist calculation
- In incoherent photoproduction, J/ $\psi$  & neutrons go in same direction
  - ◆ Incoherent cross-section increases rapidly with photon energy?



# Nuclear Shadowing

- Compare ALICE & CMS data with PDF shadowing models
  - ◆ Use impulse approximation for proton reference
    - ✦ Normalize to HERA data to correct for higher order terms
    - ✦ 6 different parton distributions
- Consistent w/ 2012 leading twist approximation calculation
  - ◆ Except for MNRT07 parameterization
- More shadowing than HKN07 parameterization
- EPS09 parameterization fits data well
  - ◆ Error bars should shrink
    - ✦ Also true w/ EPPS'16
- No need for exotica e. g.
  - ◆ Colored glass condensate
  - ◆ Hard saturation cutoff



V. Guzey & M. Zhalov, JHEP 1310, 207 (2013)  
Frankfurt Guzey & Strikman, Phys. Rept. 512,  
255 (2012) updated by V. Guzey & M. Strikman.

# Incoherent VM photoproduction

- Probes event-by-event fluctuations in the nuclear configuration

- Quark/gluon transverse positions

- Walker-Good formalism:

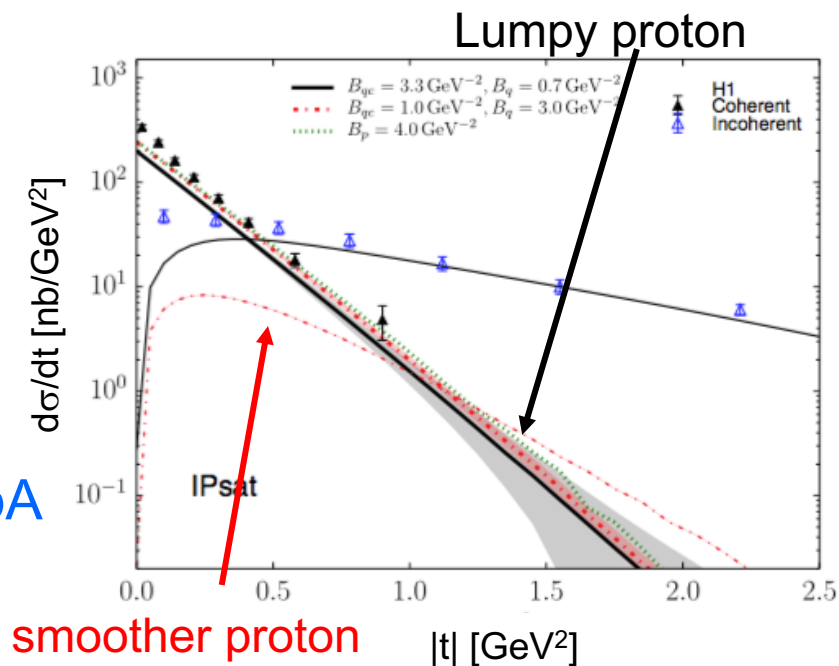
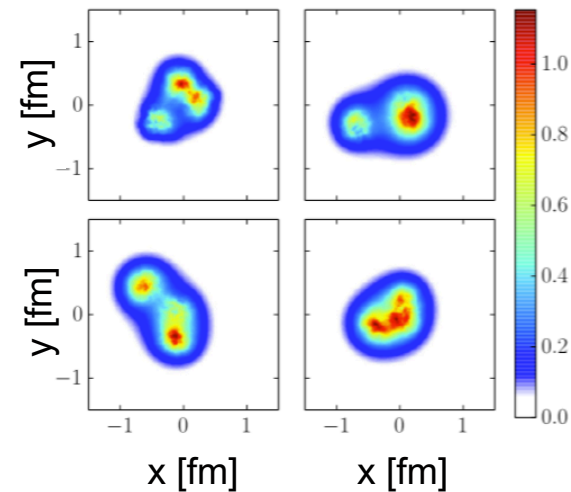
- $d\sigma/dt_{\text{total}} \sim \langle |\text{Amp}(K, \Omega)|^2 \rangle_{\Omega}$ 
  - $\Omega =$  nuclear configurations
    - positions of nucleons (gluons)
  - $K =$  kinematic factors:  $x, Q^2, t, \dots$
- $d\sigma/dt_{\text{Coherent}} \sim |\langle \text{Amp}(K, \Omega) \rangle_{\Omega}|^2$
- $d\sigma/dt_{\text{Incoherent}} = d\sigma/dt_{\text{total}} - d\sigma/dt_{\text{Coherent}}$

- HERA data on  $\gamma^* p \rightarrow J/\psi p$  indicates protons are quite lumpy/stringy

- Reproduces most  $v_2$  &  $v_3$  results in pA

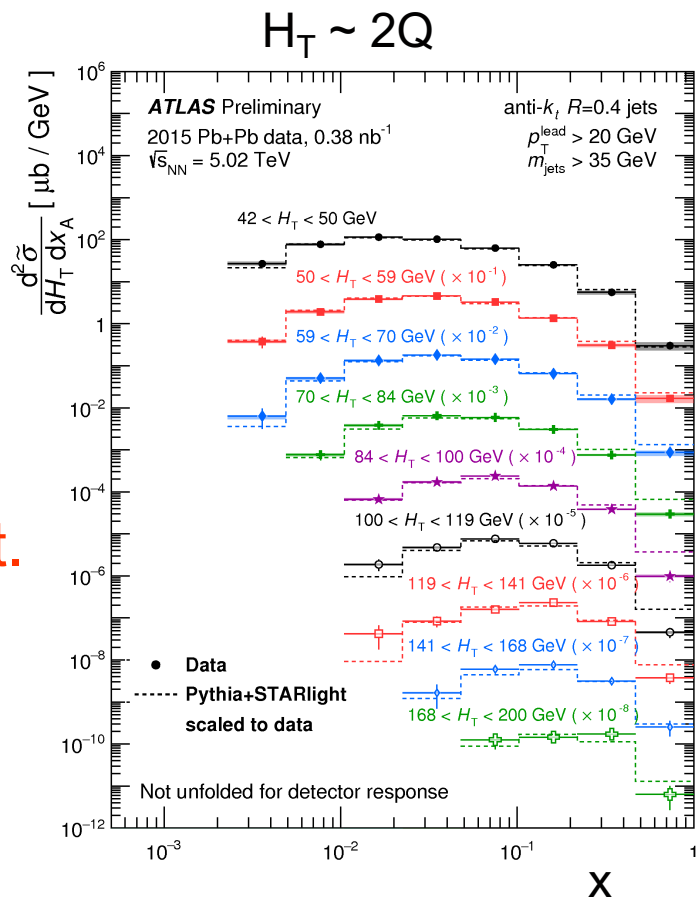
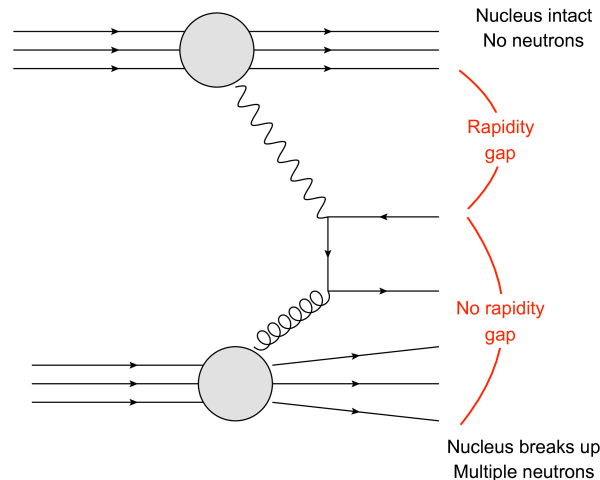
- AA data & calculations exist

- Need comparisons



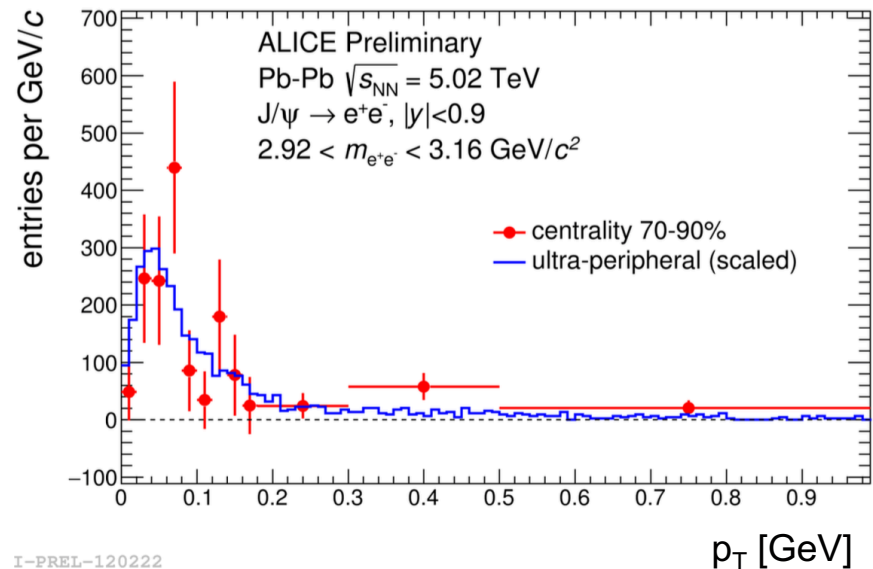
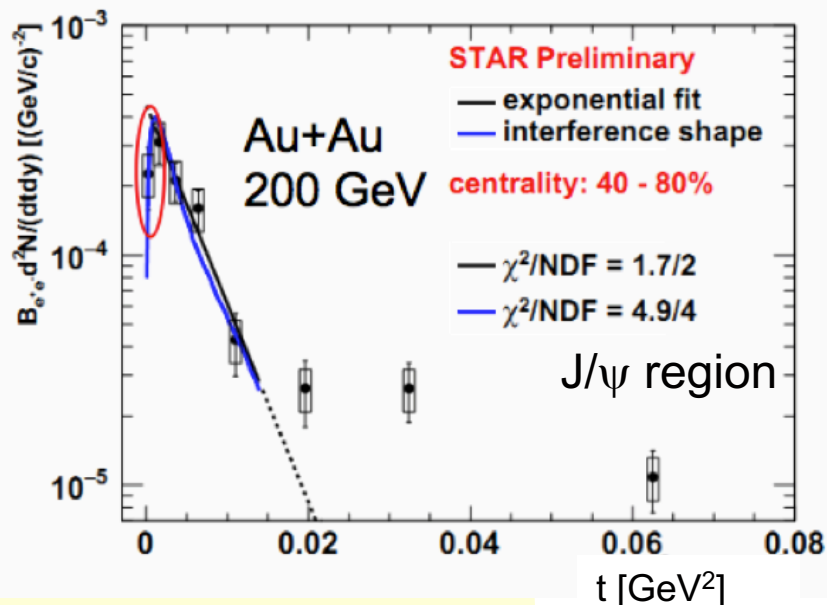
# Photoproduction of dijets

- Single gluon exchange
  - ◆ theoretically clean
  - ◆ One rapidity gap
- $x$  depends on dijet mass & rapidity
  - ◆  $10^{-2} < x < 1$
- Jet masses give  $Q^2$ 
  - ◆  $1600 \text{ GeV}^2 < Q^2 < 40,000 \text{ GeV}^2$
- Data vs. STARlight/PYTHIA hybrid
  - ◆ Some differences
    - ✦ Detector?
    - ✦ Nuclear modifications to pdfs?
- Unfolding in progress, to probe gluon dist.
- Room to expand kinematic reach



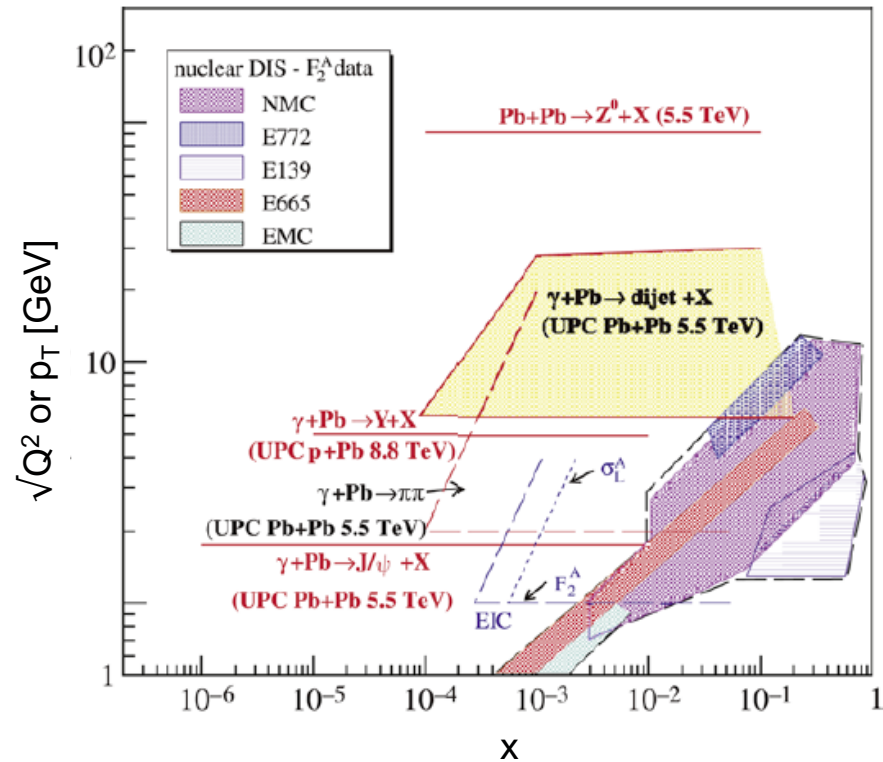
# UPCs in peripheral collisions

- Photon reactions do not disappear when  $b < 2R_A$ 
  - ◆ Rates are reduced due to lower photon flux inside nucleus
  - ◆ Interference effects alter  $p_T$  spectrum
- Data shows an excess of lepton pairs with  $p_T < 100$  MeV/c
  - ◆ Excess is significant - " $R_{AA} \sim 7$ "
- Mix of photoproduced  $J/\psi$  + continuum  $I^+I^-$



# Looking ahead

- More vector meson photoproduction data
  - ◆ Incorporation into gluon distributions
- More open jets and charm
  - ◆ Experimentally harder, but theoretically cleaner
- $J/\psi$  tomography
- $\gamma$  on polarized protons at RHIC
  - ◆  $\gamma + p\uparrow \rightarrow J/\psi + p\uparrow$  probes parton distribution-E
    - ◆ pp and pA collisions
    - ◆ Roman pots detect scattered protons to measure  $\vec{t}$  directly.
- UPCs at the fcc can reach down to Bjorken-x  $\sim 10^{-7}$
- Connects to precision data from EIC





# Conclusions

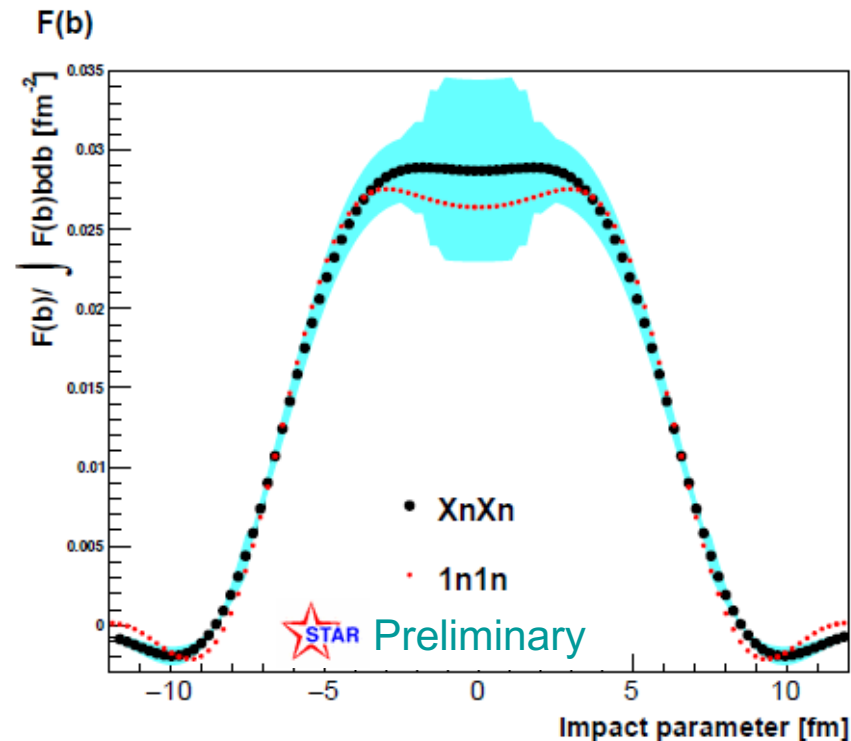
- Ultra-peripheral collisions are the energy frontier for electromagnetic & electroweak interactions.
- Electromagnetic dilepton production can be used to test strong field QED, search for new physics, and quench LHC magnets.
- Light vector meson photoproduction has been used to observe diffraction patterns from gold nuclei.
  - ◆ Determine the hadronic size and shape of the gold nucleus.
- The high-quality quarkonium photoproduction data is consistent with next to leading order QCD.
  - ◆ Proton-target data meshes smoothly with lower-energy HERA results.
  - ◆ Lead-target data demonstrates moderate shadowing, consistent with leading order twist.
    - ✦ There is no need for a colored glass condensate to explain the data.
- Expect an explosion of UPC data using more diverse probes, including dijet production and open charm.

# Backup

# “Imaging” the nucleus

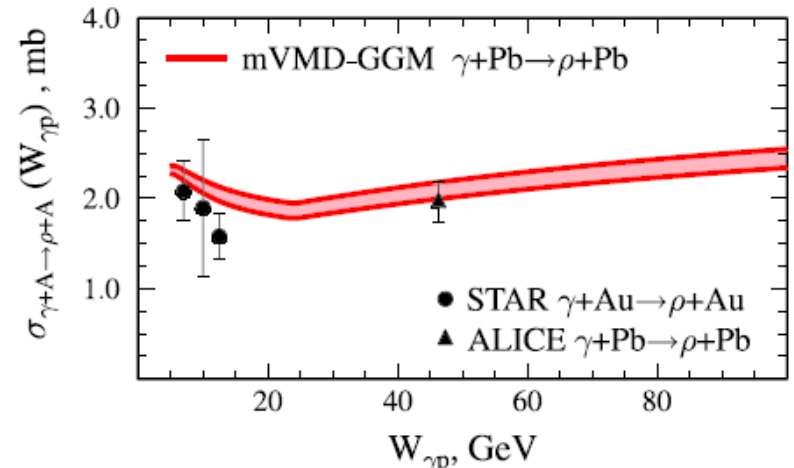
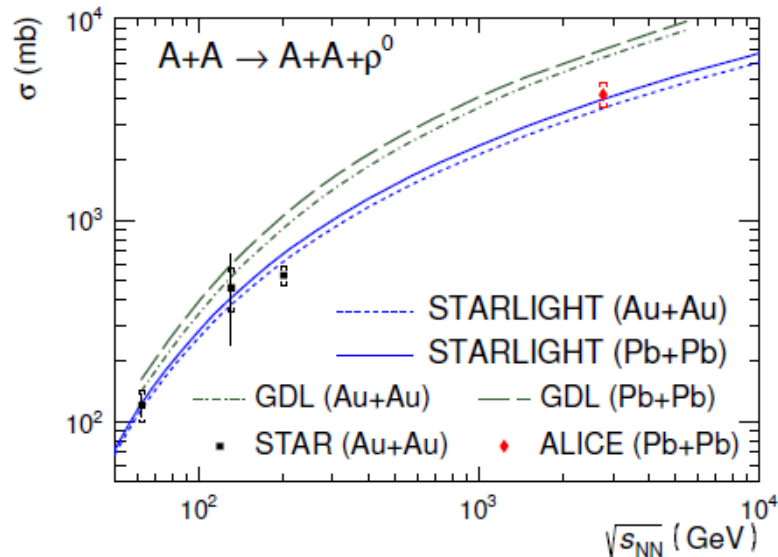
- Target (gluons?) density is the Fourier transform of  $d\sigma/dt$ 
  - ◆  $|t|_{\max} = 0.06 \text{ GeV}^2$
- 2-d Fourier (Hanckel) transform
  - ◆ Targets, integrated over  $z$
  - ◆ 2-d avoids 2-fold ambiguity
- Blue band shows effect of varying  $|t|_{\max}$  from 0.05 - 0.09  $\text{GeV}^2$ 
  - ◆ Variation at small  $|b|$  may be due to windowing (finite  $t$  range)
- Negative wings at large  $|b|$  are likely from interference
- $\text{FWHM} = 2 * (6.17 \pm 0.12 \text{ fm})$

$$F(b) \propto \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty dp_T p_T J_0(b p_T) \sqrt{\frac{d\sigma}{dt}}$$



# $\rho^0$ cross-section

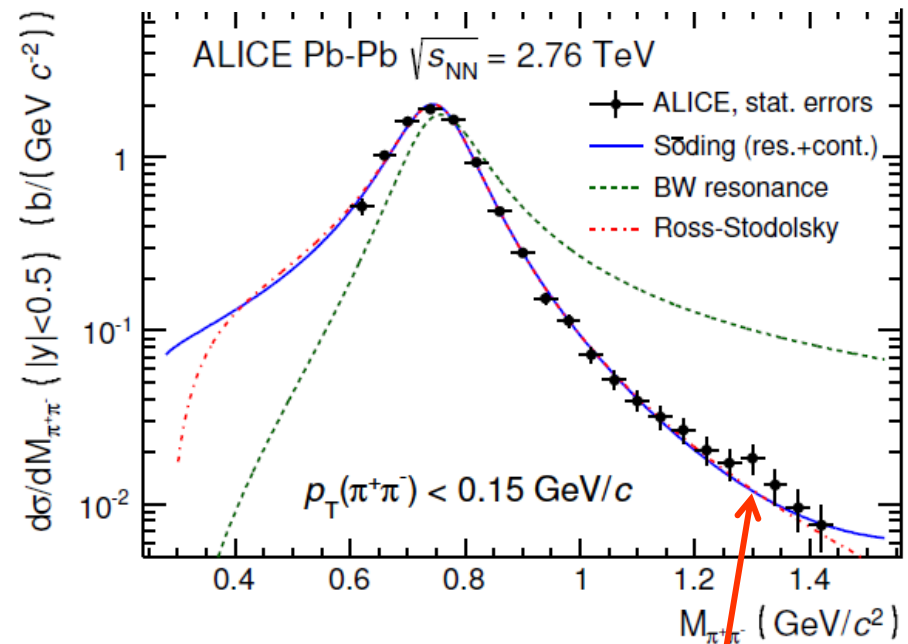
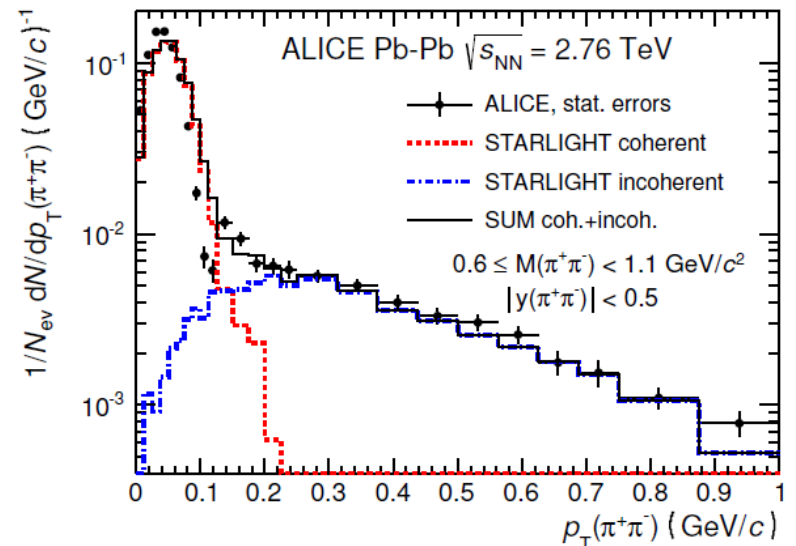
- Cross-section is convolution of Weizsacker-Williams photon flux with  $\sigma(\gamma A \rightarrow VA)$ 
  - ◆ Calculate  $\sigma(\gamma A \rightarrow VA)$  with a Glauber calculation, using HERA data (or HERA data tied to first principles) as input
- ALICE & STAR cross-sections are half the predictions of a quantum Gribov-Glauber calculation (“GDL”)
  - ◆ “Shadowing” from cross-section fluctuations
    - ✦ Higher mass qq  $\rightarrow$  smaller dipole size  $\rightarrow$  smaller  $\sigma$



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# ALICE $\rho^0$

- Trigger on charged particles (neutrons not required)
- Coherent peak for  $p_T < \sim 100$  MeV/c
- Dip at  $p_T = 120$  MeV/c not understood
- Mass peak consistent with  $\rho^0$ , with possible hint of  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow f_2(1270) \rightarrow \pi\pi$



$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow f_2(1270) \rightarrow \pi\pi?$