

Ultra-peripheral collisions and hadronic structure

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Introduction: Why UPCs?

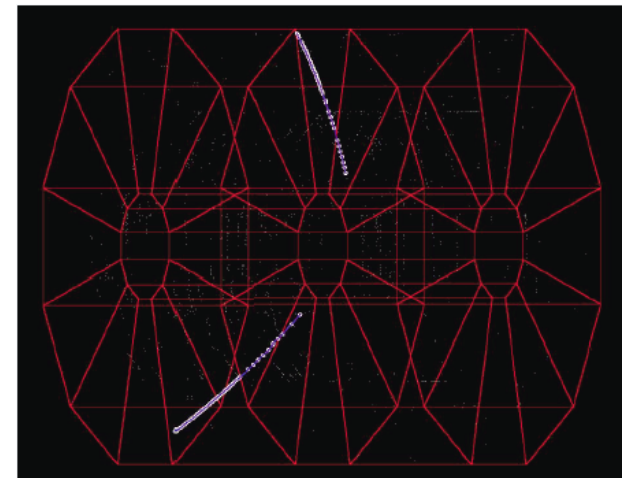
QED: dilepton production

The structure of heavy nuclei

Toward nucleon parton distributions at low x

Gluon shadowing w/ nuclear targets

Conclusions



Some experimental emphasis; experiment-agnostic

Why ultra-peripheral collisions (UPCs)?

- UPCs are electromagnetic interactions of heavy ions/protons.
- Useful to study nuclear structure, search for new physics, and study meson spectroscopy
- They are the energy frontier for electromagnetic probes
 - ◆ Maximum CM energy $W_{\gamma p} \sim 3$ TeV for pp at the LHC
 - ✦ ~ 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.

Ultra-peripheral collisions (UPCs)

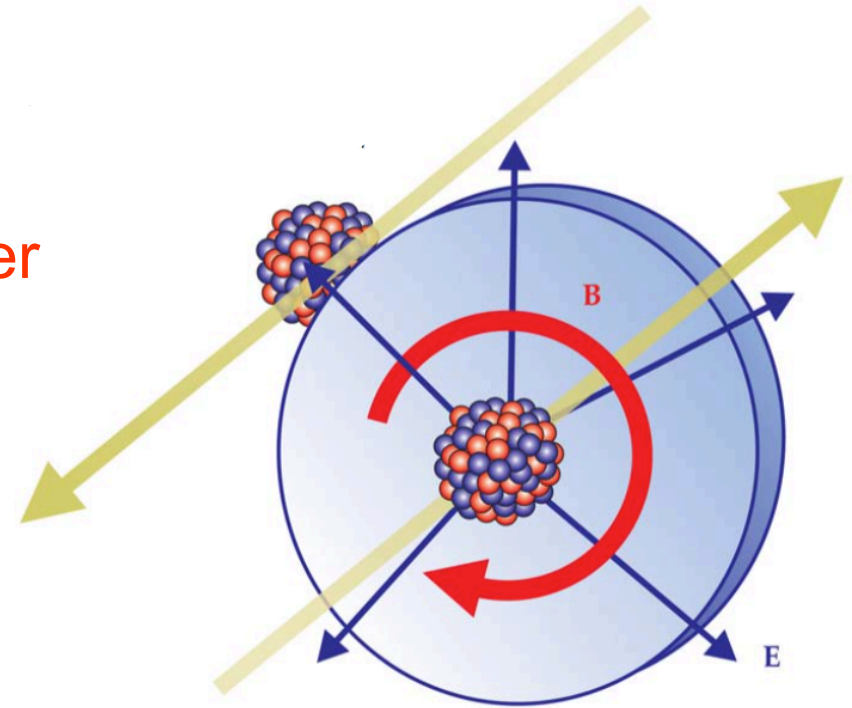
- Heavy nuclei carry strong electric and magnetic fields
 - ◆ Fields are perpendicular -> treat as nearly-real virtual photons
 - ✦ $E_{\max} = \gamma hc/b$
 - ◆ Photonuclear interactions
 - ◆ Two-photon interactions
- Visible when $b > \sim 2R_A$, so there are no hadronic interactions;
 - ◆ STAR & ALICE 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	~3,000 GeV
Max $\gamma\gamma$ Energy	6 GeV	~100 GeV	200 GeV	~1,400 GeV

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

Photons from nuclei

- Crossed E and B fields -> photons
 - ◆ Usually, neglect photon virtuality
- Photon energy spectrum is the Fourier transform of E(M) field, as seen at impact parameter b
 - ◆ Equivalent photon approximation – massless photons
 - ✦ Usually OK
 - ◆ Photon wavelength > width of EM ‘pancake’
 - ◆ $k_{\max} \sim \gamma hc/b$
 - ✦ $N(k,b) \sim 1/b^2$
 - ✦ Most energetic photons are near $b \sim R_A$
- Photon flux inside nucleus drops off rapidly, per Gauss’ law



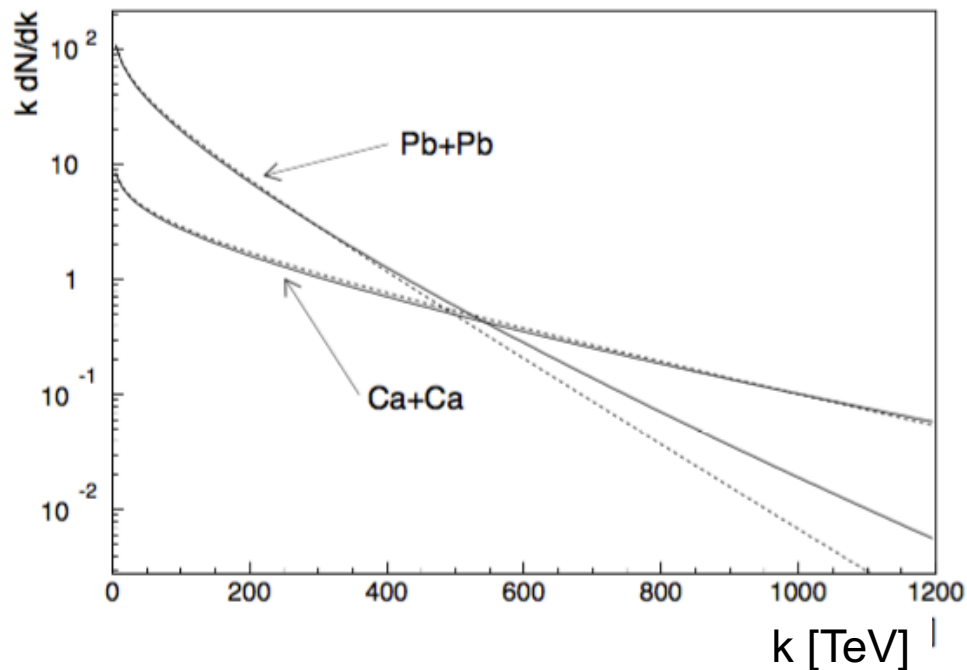
$$n(k,b) = \frac{d^3 N}{dkd^2 b} = \frac{Z^2 \alpha}{\pi^2 k b^2} x^2 K_1^2(x)$$

$$x = bk/\gamma$$

Photon energy spectrum

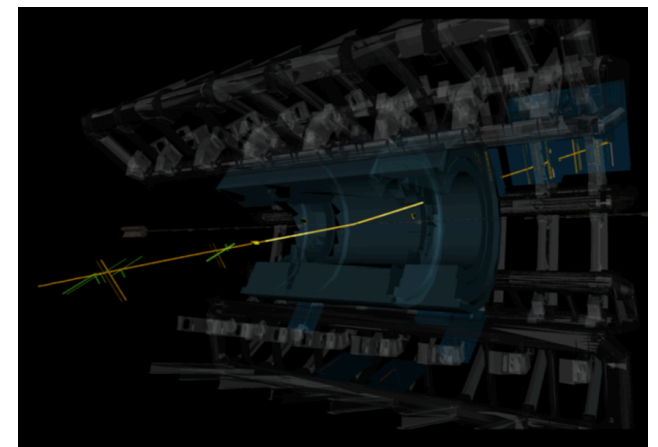
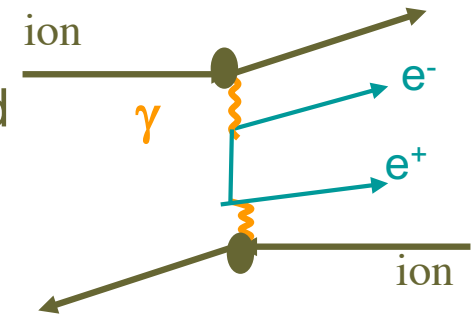
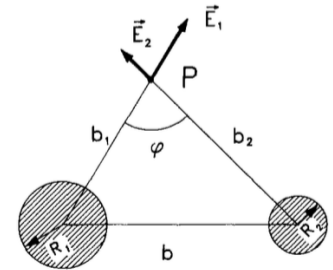
- “ k_{\max} ” = $\gamma \hbar c / R_A$
 - ◆ Lighter nuclei -> higher photon energies
 - ◆ Cutoff is gentle – ‘cutoff’ is an overstatement
- $k dN/dk \sim 1/k$
- Z^2 flux enhancement partially cancelled out by higher luminosities

LHC photon energy spectrum in the target frame



Two photon collisions

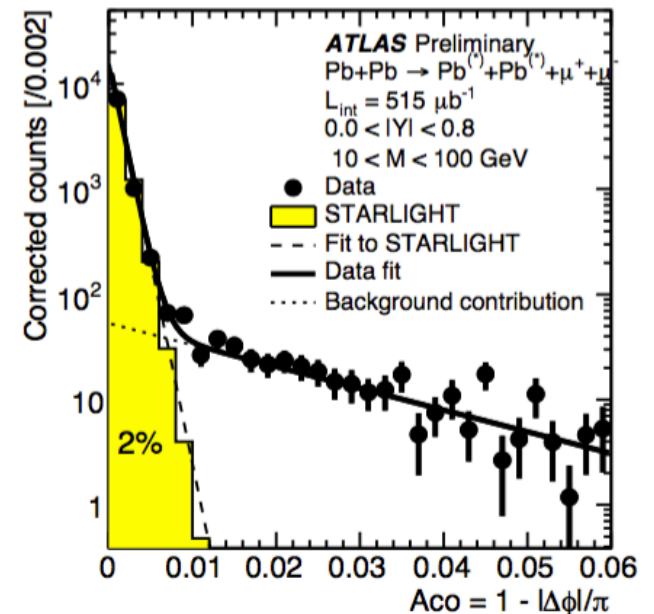
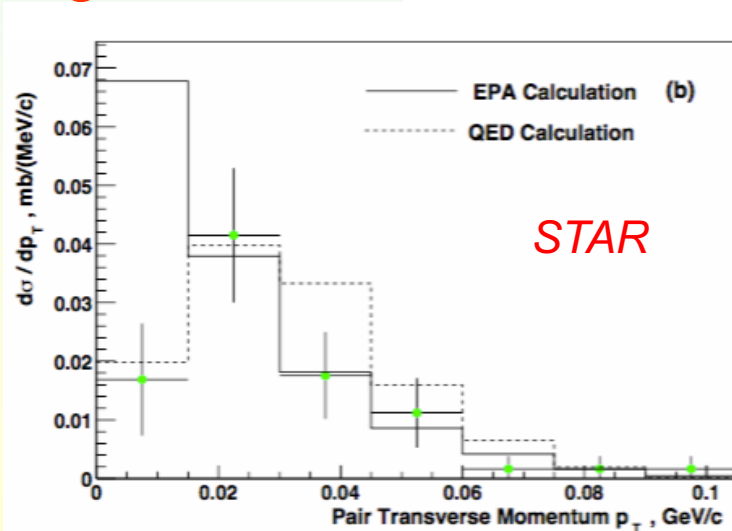
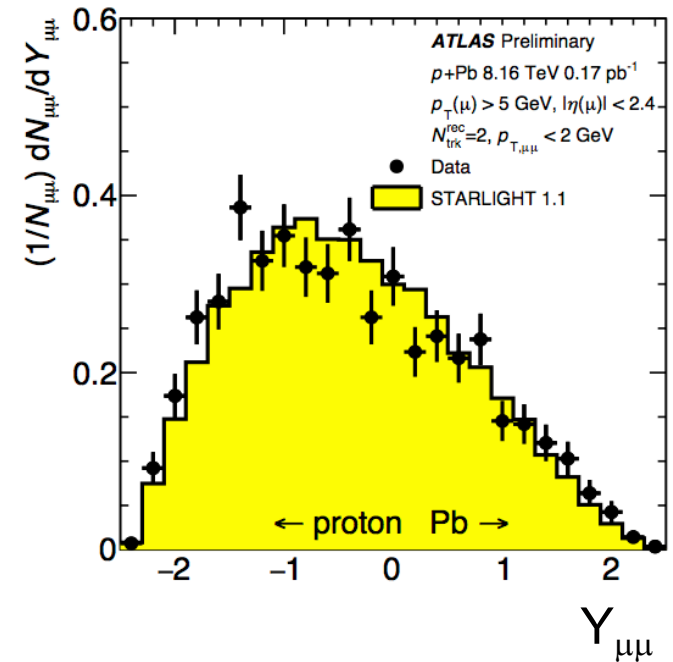
- Two photon fields collide
 - ◆ 3 transverse positions: 2 nuclei+ interaction point
 - ◆ $\sigma \sim \int d\phi \int b_1 db_1 \int b_2 db_2 N_{\gamma_1}(b_1) N_{\gamma_2}(b_2) \sigma(\gamma_1 \gamma_2 \rightarrow F)$
- Copious production of dileptons
 - $\sigma \sim 200,000$ barns with lead at the LHC
 - Mostly near threshold, with lepton $p_T \sim m_e$, produced at small angles to the beampipe
 - Significant background in vertex detectors
 - ◆ Special case: bound-free pair production
 - ✦ Electron bound to nucleus
- $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow$ Higgs
 - ◆ Small cross-section, but maybe Run 3 or 4
- $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow$ new physics
- Meson spectroscopy



$M_{\mu\mu} = 173$ GeV dimuon UPC in ATLAS

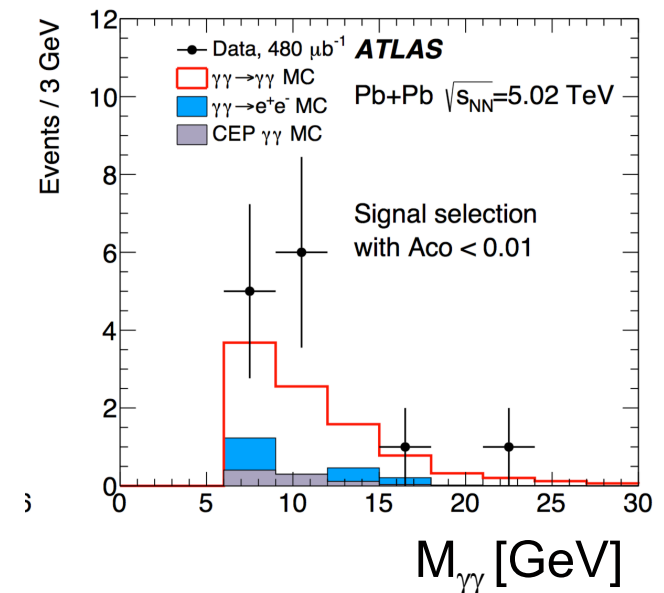
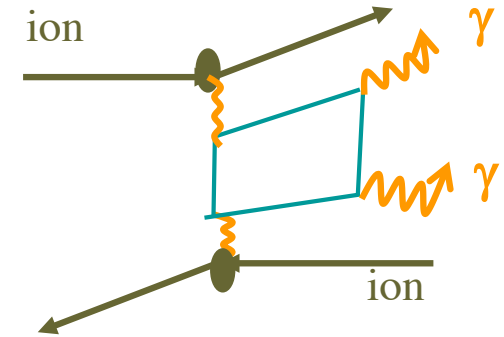
$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow$ Dileptons

- ALICE, ATLAS & STAR data is in good agreement with lowest order QED
 - STARlight Monte Carlo
 - $Z\alpha \sim 0.6$, so perturbation theory might fail
- STAR sees failure at low pair p_T due to equivalent photon approximation
- ATLAS sees acoplanarity tail – higher order correction, incoherent photons or background?



$$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$$

- Light-by-light scattering
 - ◆ Not possible classically
- Proceeds via a 'box' diagram
 - ◆ Small cross-section
- The 'box' gets contributions from all charged particles
 - ◆ Standard model and beyond-SM
 - ◆ Sensitive to new physics
- ATLAS sees 13 events, vs. a background of 2.5 ± 0.7
- Limited precision, but already used by Ellis et al. to set limits on anomalous couplings

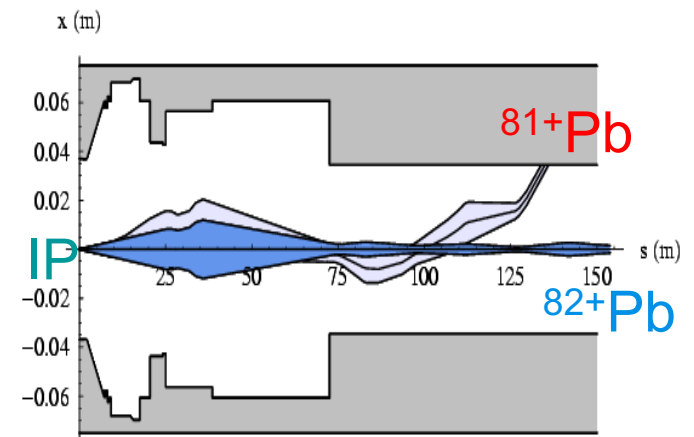
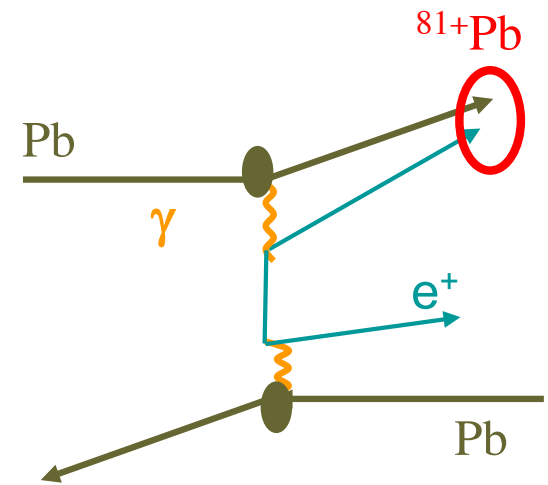


ATLAS: arXiv:1702.01625

J. Ellis et al., PRL 118, 261802 (2017)

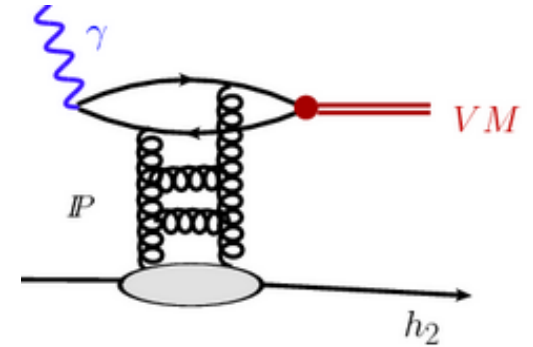
UPCs and LHC luminosity

- $\sigma[\text{PbPb}(\gamma\gamma) \rightarrow (\text{Pbe}^-) \text{Pb e}^+] \sim 280 \text{ b @ LHC}$
- Single-electron lead has charge:mass ratio reduced by 1/82
- The (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.



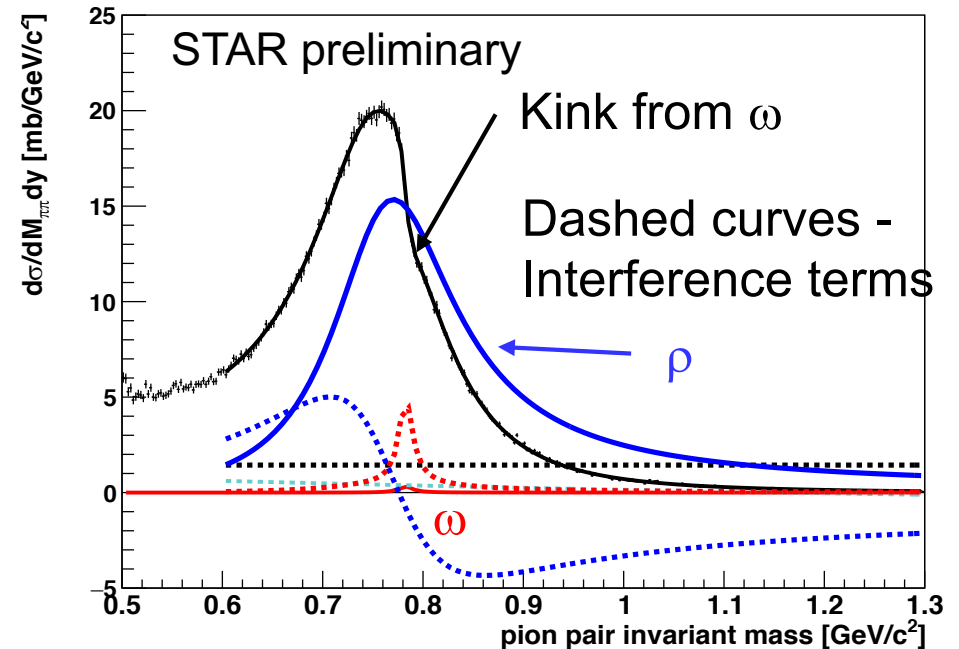
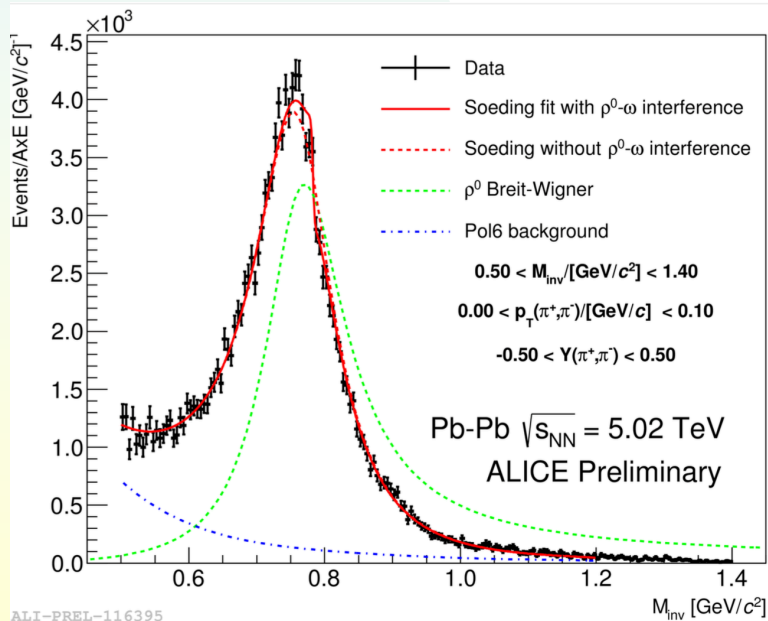
Vector Meson photoproduction

- Process has large cross-sections
- Produced via colorless 'Pomeron exchange'
 - ◆ Require ≥ 2 gluon exchange for color neutrality
 - ✦ Gluon ladder
- Light meson production usually treated via vector meson dominance model
 - ◆ ρ , direct $\pi^+\pi^-$, ω , ρ' observed at RHIC &/or LHC
- Heavy meson production treated with pQCD
 - ◆ J/ψ , ψ' , $Y(1S)$, $Y(2S)$, 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 $< 10\%$



ρ^0 mass spectrum

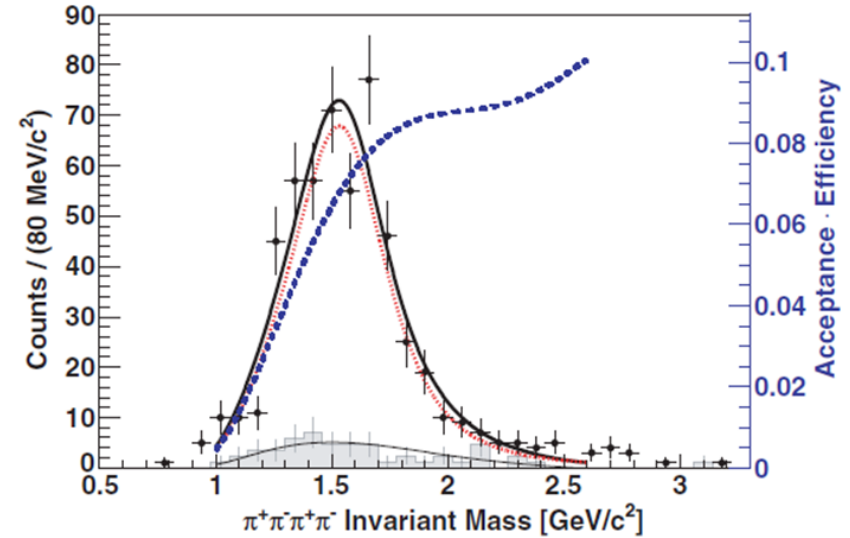
- 294,000 exclusive $\pi^+\pi^-$ with $p_T < 100$ MeV/c seen by STAR
- Mass spectra fit by $\rho^0 + \text{direct } \pi\pi + \omega \rightarrow \pi\pi$
 - ◆ ω required for acceptable fit
 - ◆ Masses, amplitude ratios & phase angle consistent with low-energy fixed-target studies
 - ✦ Pomeron exchange @ high energies; meson exchange at lower



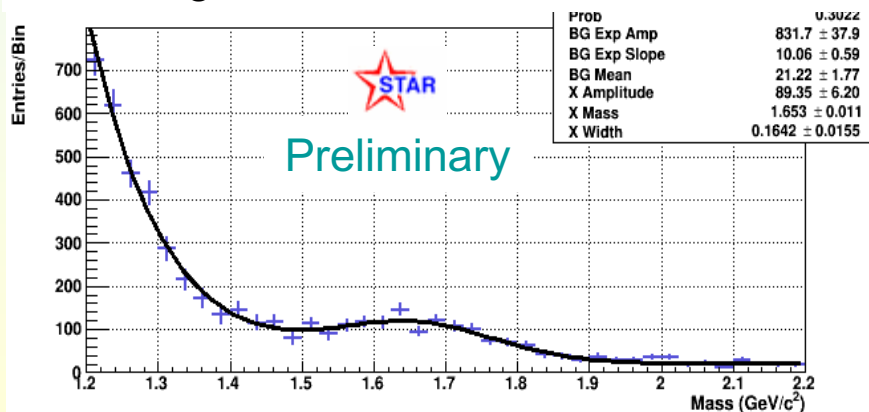
Higher mass states

- Expect higher mass ρ' states
 - ◆ Radial excitations of the ρ , etc.
 - ✦ Like 2s,3s in hydrogen
 - ✦ Decays to $\pi\pi$, $\pi\pi\pi\pi$, etc.
 - ◆ Possible high-spin excitations
 - ✦ Like 2p,3d, etc. in hydrogen
- Meson spectroscopy in UPCs
 - ◆ Production \sim to σ_{VA} (elastic)

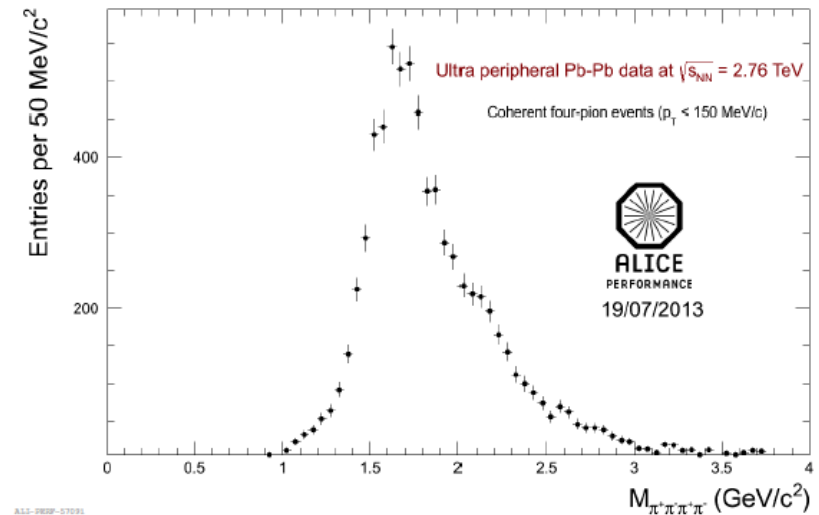
STAR $\pi\pi\pi\pi$ mass
PRC81, 044901 (2010)



STAR high mass $\pi\pi$ SK, presented at DIS2016



Extra resonance required for a good fit
Consistent with $\rho_3(1690)$

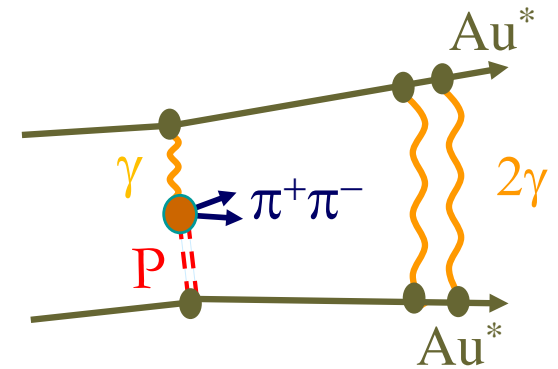


ALICE $\pi\pi\pi\pi$ mass

C. Mayer, 2014 CERN UPC wkshp

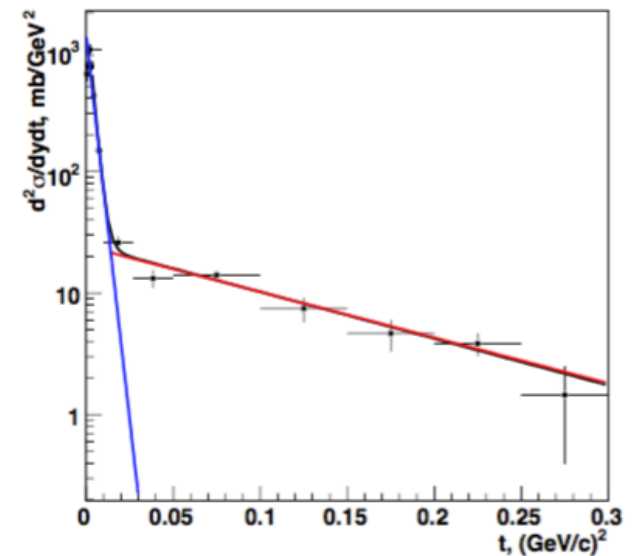
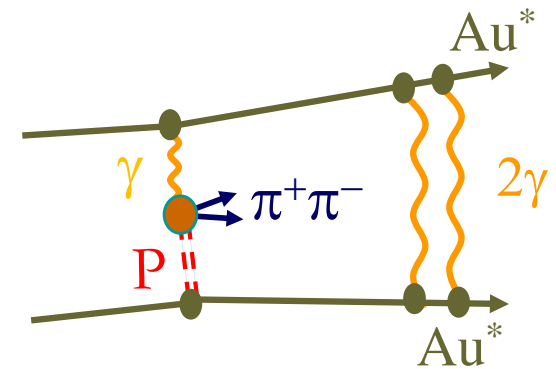
Incoherent production: coherence vs. incoherence

- Coherence in quantum mechanics:
 - ◆ Common picture: Final state == initial state
 - ✦ Then, add amplitudes
- Slightly looser condition: indistinguishable final states
 - ◆ Example: vector meson production on a nuclear target
 - ✦ Amp = $\sum_i A_i \exp(ikx_i)$
 - i nucleons at positions x_i
 - ◆ Happens whether nucleons are bound or not
 - ✦ E. g.: ρ^0 photoproduction with mutual Coulomb excitation
 - STAR showed that nuclear excitation does not destroy coherent addition of amplitudes, even though the nuclei break up
 - In QED, emission of low-energy photons is independent
 - Nucleon positions do not change much during the reaction
 - ◆ Coherence requires only a definite phase relationship
- Muddies separation of coherent & incoherent production



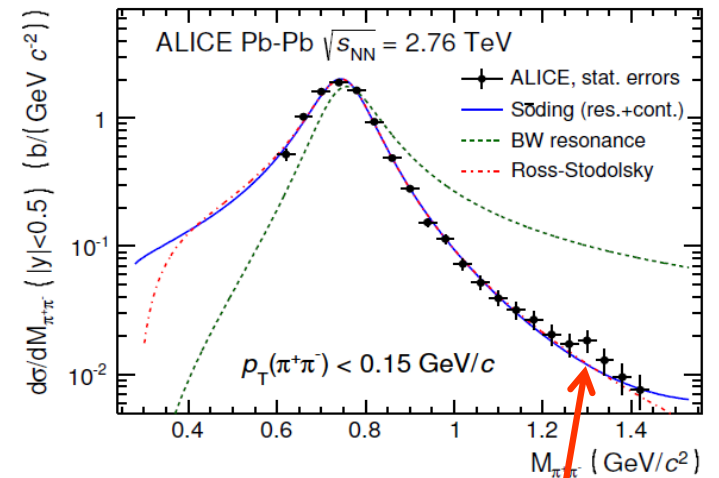
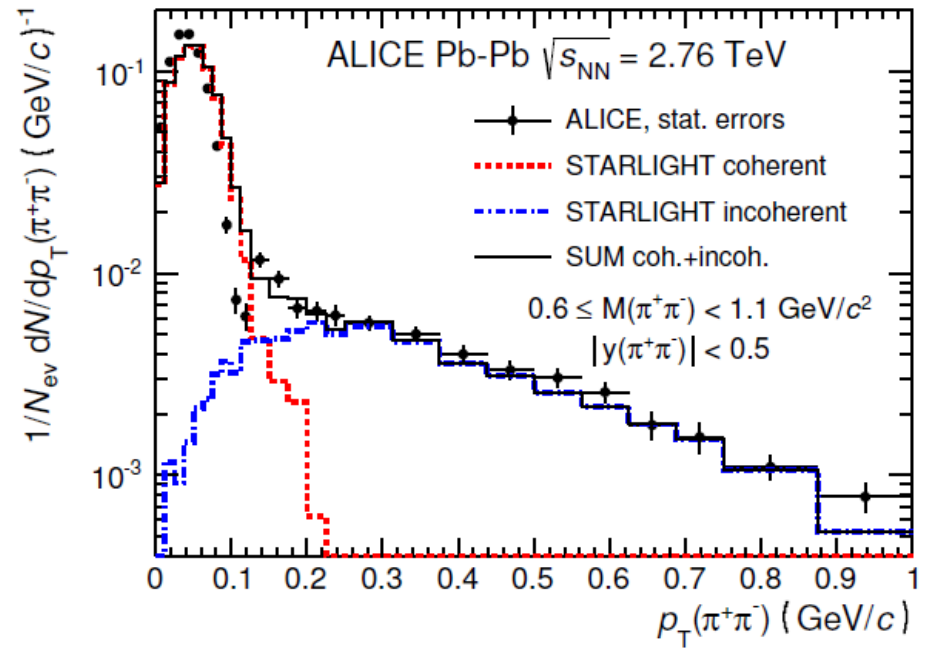
Separating coherent & incoherent

- ρ^0 + mutual Coulomb excitation
- $d\sigma/dt$ fit by two exponentials
 - ◆ Cut out very small t (interference) region
 - ◆ Slope 1 $b_1 = 388 \pm 24/\text{GeV}^2$
 - ◆ Slope 2 $b_2 = 8.8 \pm 1.0/\text{GeV}^2$
- Slope determined by size of target
 - ◆ p_T^* size $\sim \hbar b c$
 - ✦ Details depend on assumed shape
 - ◆ More accurately, radius $\sim \pi/2 \hbar b c \sqrt{b}$
 - ✦ Radius₁ $\sim 6.1 \text{ fm} \sim R_{\text{Au}}$
 - ✦ Radius₂ $\sim 0.9 \text{ fm} \sim R_p$
- Hard scattering centers within nucleus
- The nuclear density distribution is the Fourier transform of $d\sigma/dt$



ALICE ρ^0 p_T spectrum

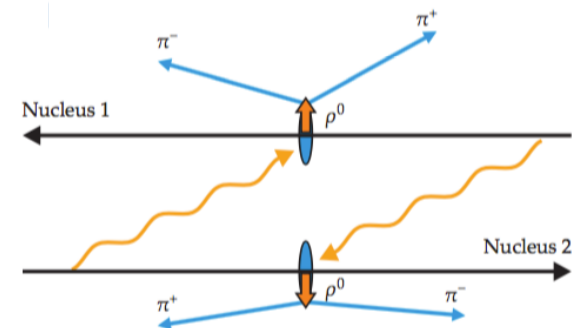
- Trigger on charged particles (neutrons not required)
- p_T spectrum shows coherent peak $p_T < \sim 100$ MeV/c and incoherent tail due to scattering from individual protons
 - ◆ Dip at $p_T = 120$ MeV/c not understood
- Mass peak consistent with ρ^0 , with possible hint of $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow f_2(1270) \rightarrow \pi\pi$



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

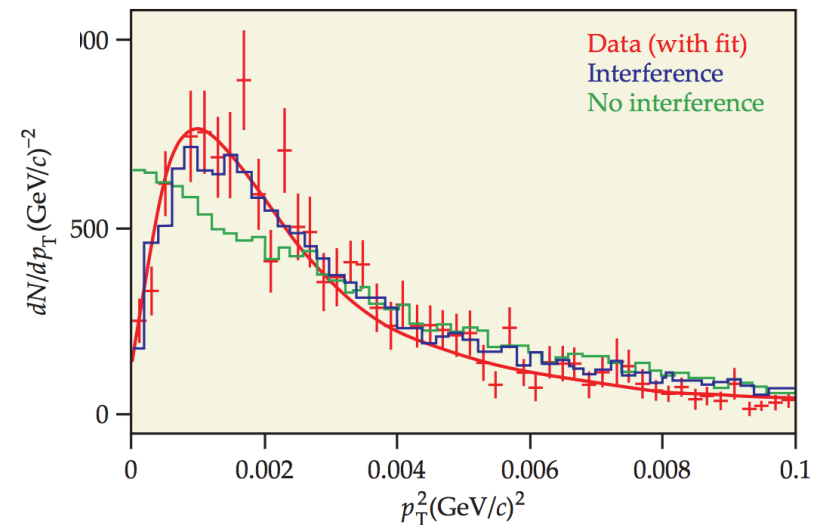
Extreme coherence: ρ^0 interferometry

- 2 nuclei \rightarrow 2 indistinguishable ρ^0 sources
 - ◆ Add amplitudes
- Typical separation 20-40 fm
 - ◆ Propagator $\exp(ikb)$
- Moving from nucleus 1 to nucleus 2 is a parity transform
 - ◆ Vector mesons are negative parity \rightarrow subtract amplitudes



$$\sigma \propto |A_1 - A_2 \exp(i\mathbf{p}_T \cdot \mathbf{b})/\hbar|^2$$

- ◆ A_1, A_2 are amplitudes
- ◆ For pbar p , it is a CP transform
 - ◆ Add amplitudes
- σ suppressed for $p_T < \langle |b| \rangle$
- Example of Einstein-Podolsky-Rosen paradox



STAR data + fit

SK, Joakim Nystrand, PRL **84**, 2330 (2000) & Phys. Lett. A308, 323 (2003);
 STAR PRL 102, 112301 (2009)

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

◆ 1st dip at $t=0.018 \text{ GeV}^2$

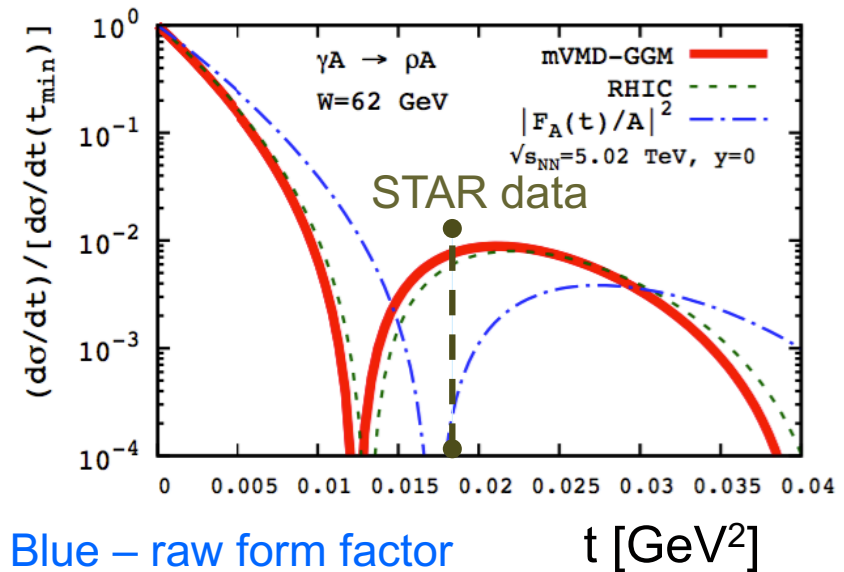
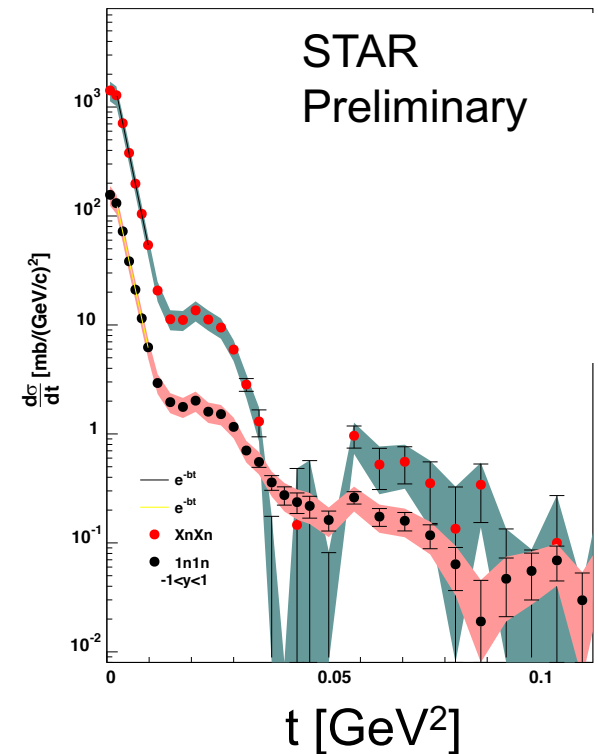
Mimima positions depend on locations of interaction sites

◆ Nuclear shadowing decreases the # c 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

◆ Dip partly washed out by photon p_T



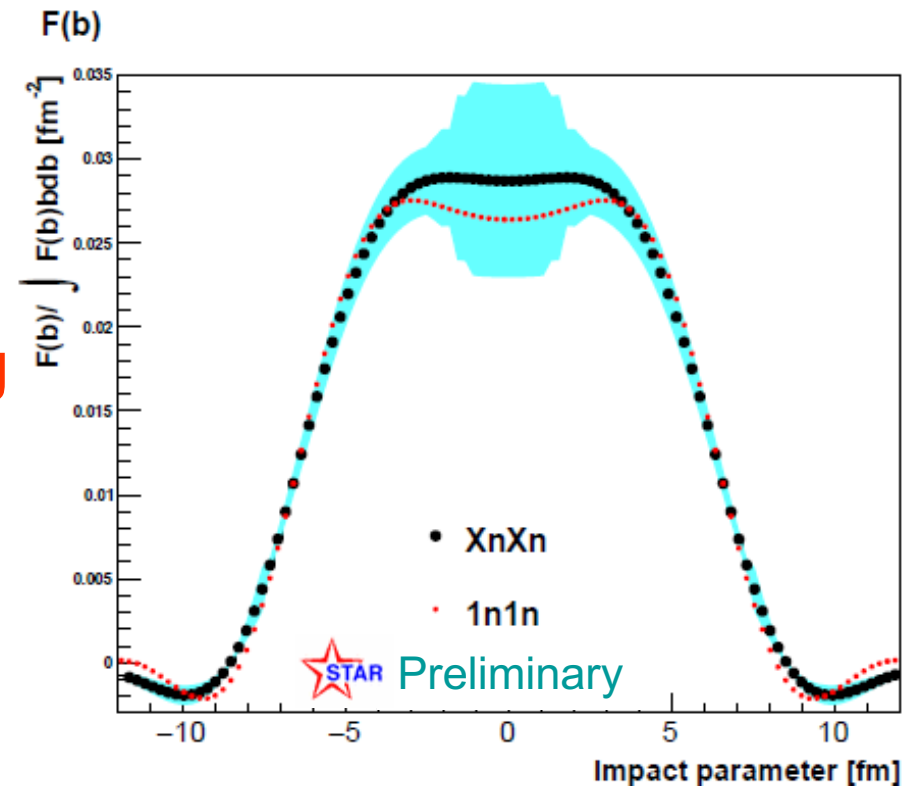
Blue – raw form factor

Red – w/ shadowing

“Imaging” the nucleus

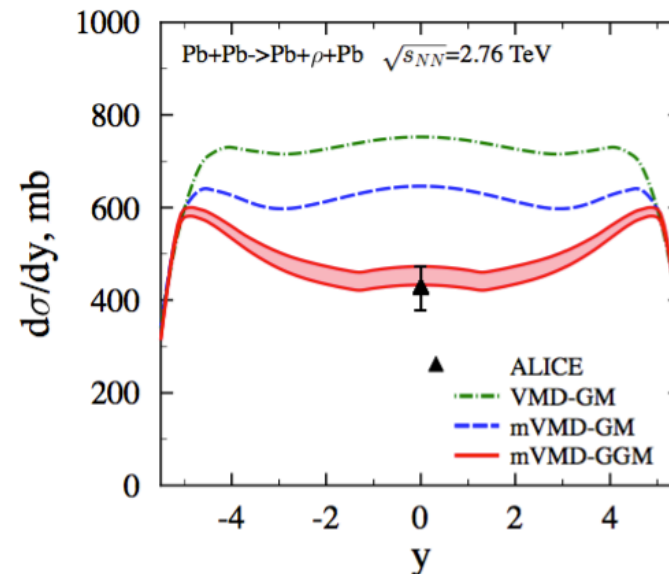
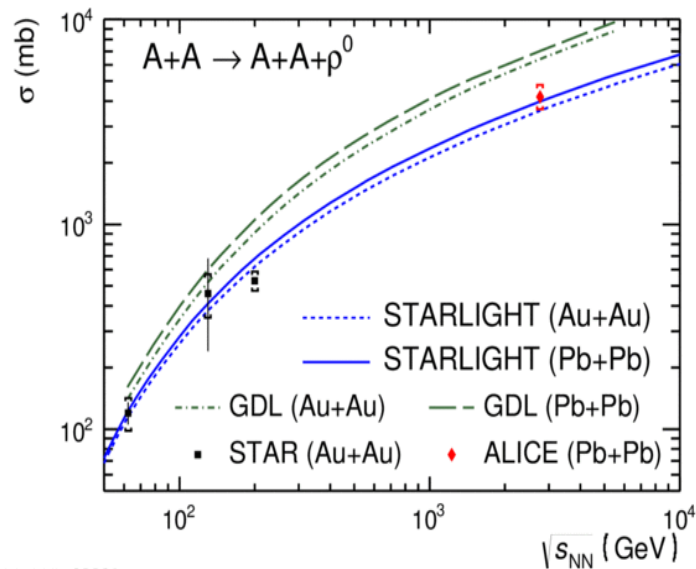
- Target (gluons?) density is the Fourier transform of $d\sigma/dt$
 - ◆ $|t|_{\max} = 0.06 \text{ GeV}^2$
- 2-d Fourier (Hanckel) transform
 - ◆ Targets, integrated over z
 - ◆ 2-d avoids 2-fold ambiguity
- Blue band shows effect of varying $|t|_{\max}$ from 0.05 - 0.09 GeV^2
 - ◆ Variation at small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

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



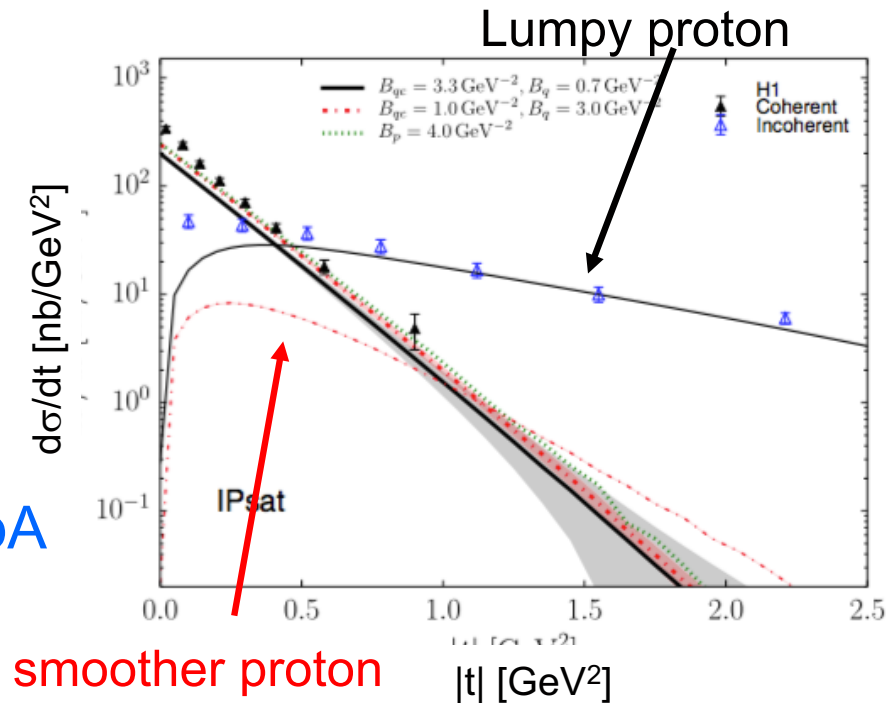
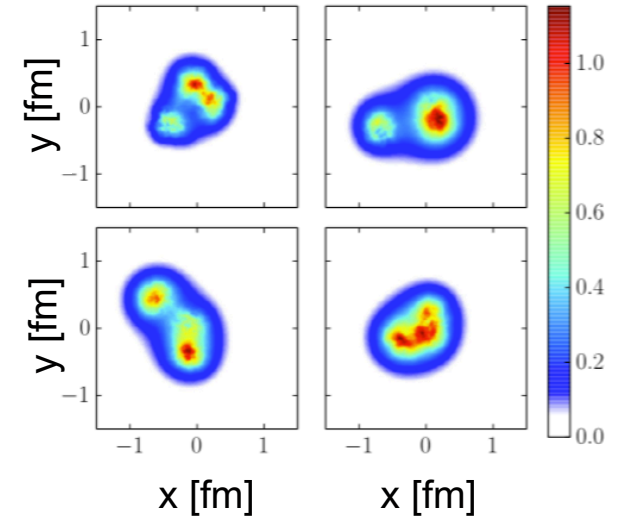
ρ^0 coherent cross-section

- Coherent photoproduction cross-section from 62.4 GeV to 2.9 TeV
 - ◆ σ below colored dipole model & generalized VDM model
 - ✦ With quantum Glauber calculation
 - ◆ σ in agreement with classical Glauber model ala STARlight
 - ✦ Theorists are not happy!
- New model adds nuclear shadowing to quantum Glauber model and finds agreement with σ data (but not dip position)

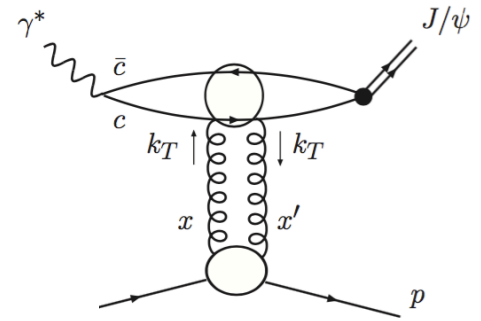


Incoherent VM photoproduction

- Probes event-by-event fluctuations in the nuclear configuration
 - ◆ Quark/gluon transverse positions
- Walker-Good (QM) 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
- High energy limit: lumps dominate incoherent production drops



VM photoproduction in pQCD



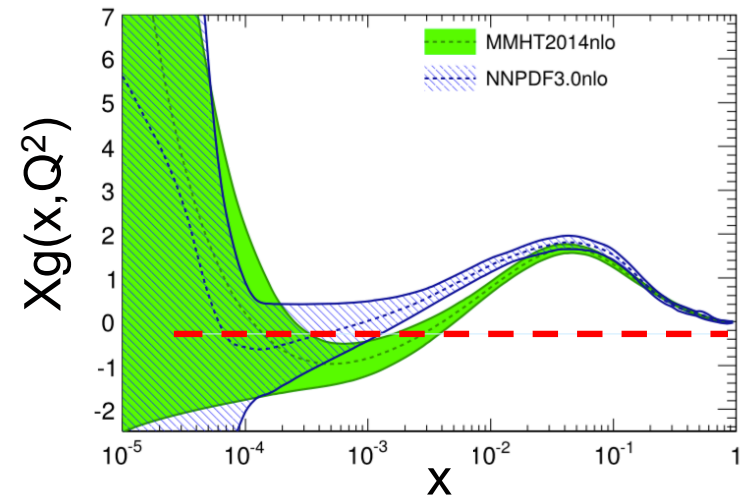
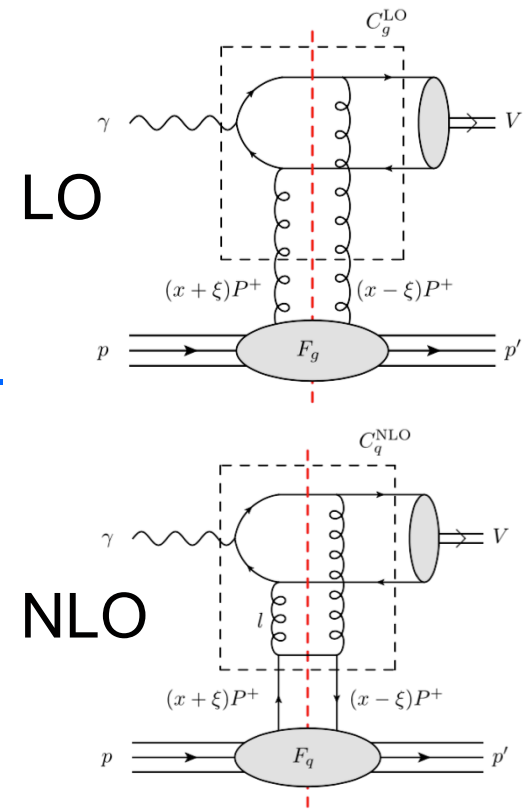
- In 2-gluon model, leading order pQCD

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

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

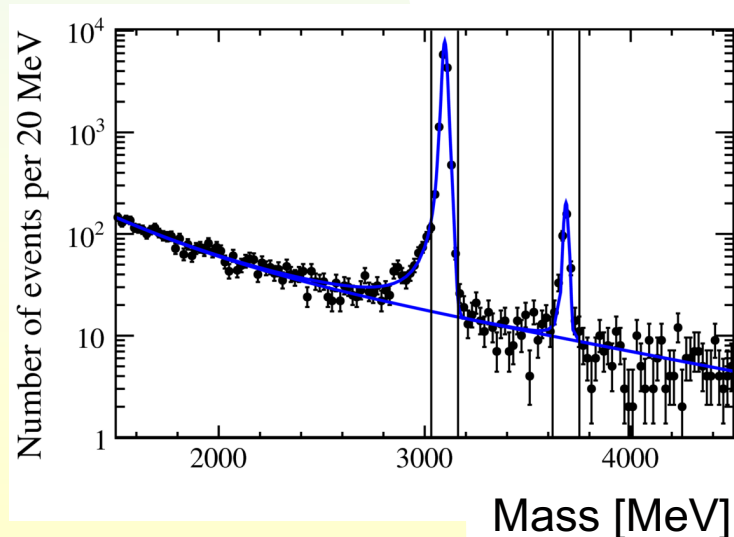
VM photoproduction at NLO

- 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?



$\gamma p \rightarrow Q\bar{Q}$ with proton targets in pp & pA

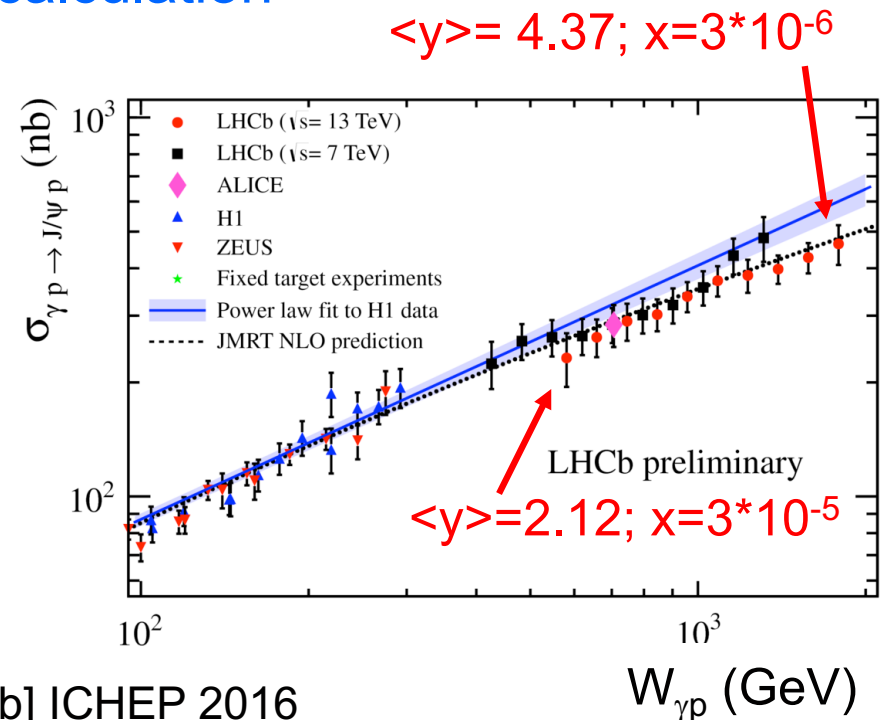
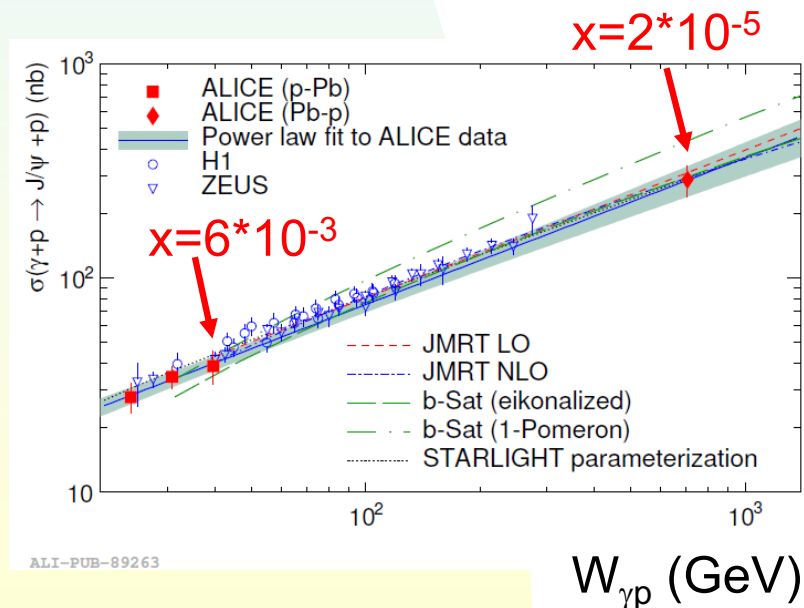
- High statistics data extends HERA $\gamma p \rightarrow J/\psi p$ studies to higher energies
 - ◆ Access gluon distributions down to 10^{-6} at $Q^2 \sim m_{\text{quark}}^2$
- Avoiding the two-fold ambiguity: $k = M_V/2 \exp(\pm y)$
 - ◆ Ambiguity disappears at $y=0$ (solutions are degenerate) or large $|y|$, 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 γp & γA give further discrimination



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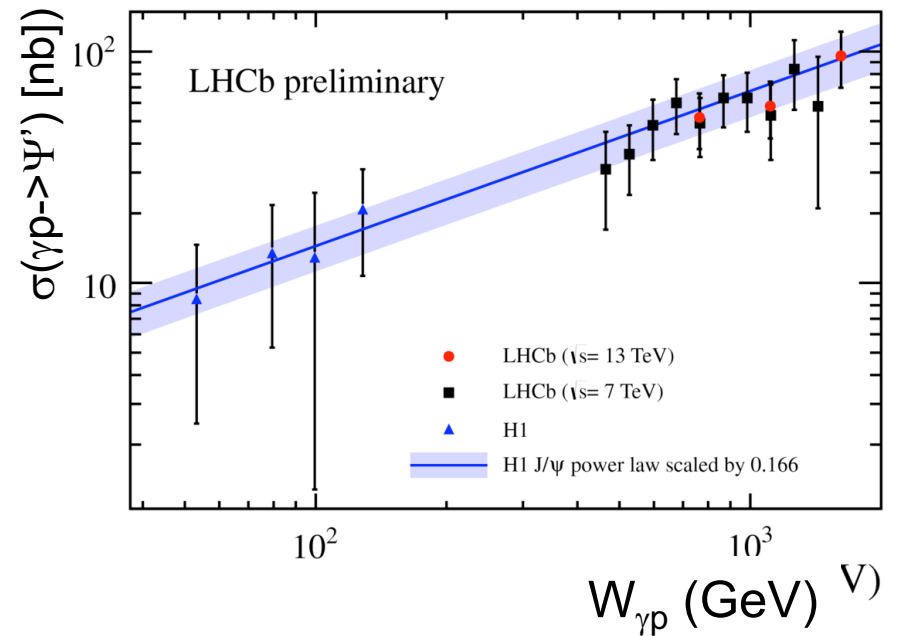
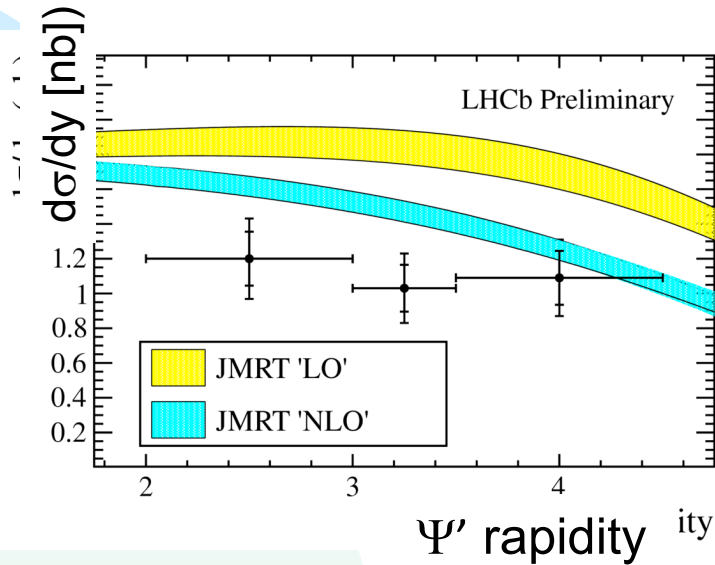
$\sigma(\gamma p \rightarrow J/\psi p)$

- 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 bootstraps from HERA range to avoid 2-fold ambiguity
- NLO calculation predicts a small down-turn from power law prediction at energies above ~ 300 GeV
 - ◆ 13 TeV data agrees well with NLO calculation



J. Adams [ALICE], DIS 2016; R. McNulty [LHCb] ICHEP 2016

ψ' photoproduction on proton targets



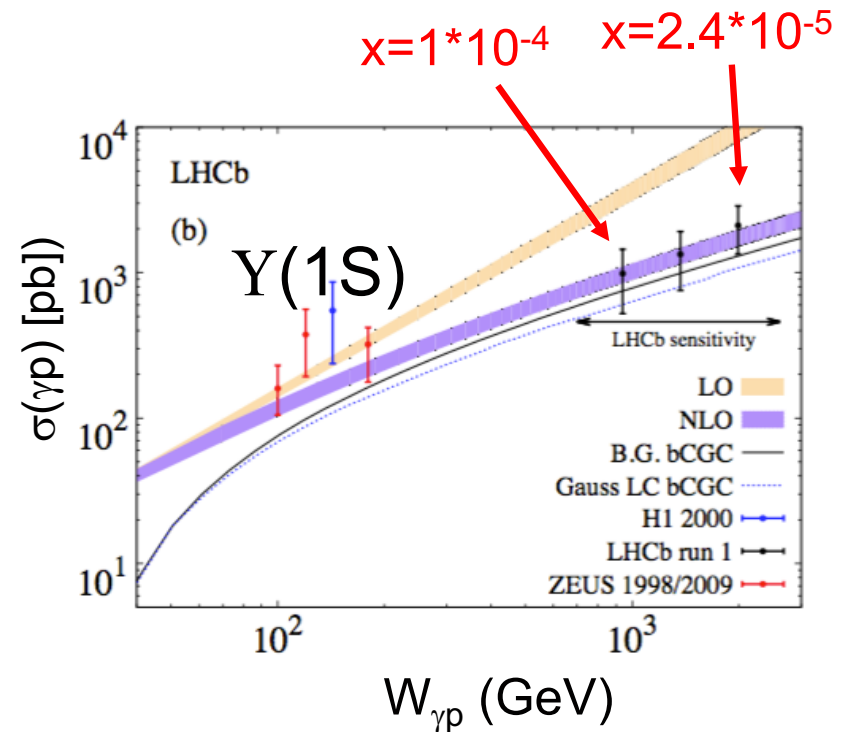
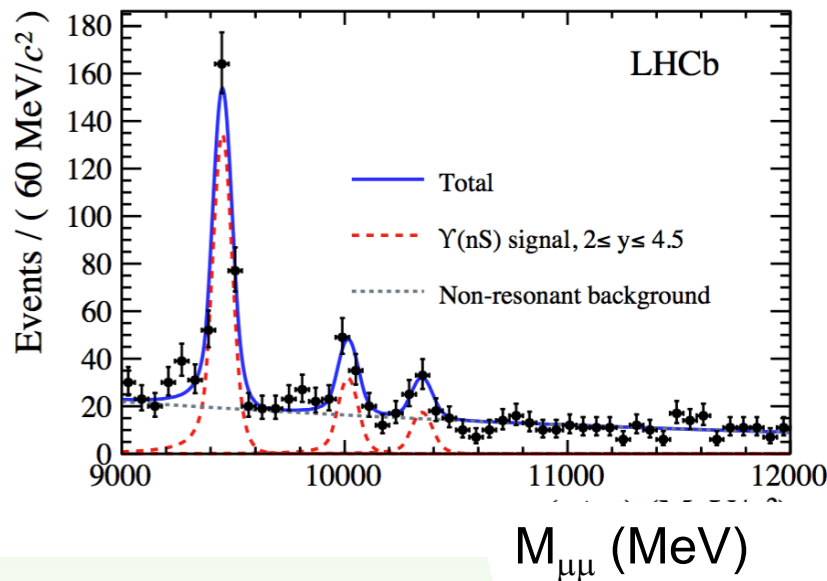
Good fit to power law

Data is a bit below the NLO pQCD

As with J/ψ , 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/ψ & Y data, at different Q^2

No evidence for saturation at low Q^2

Heavy quarkonium photoproduction on ion targets

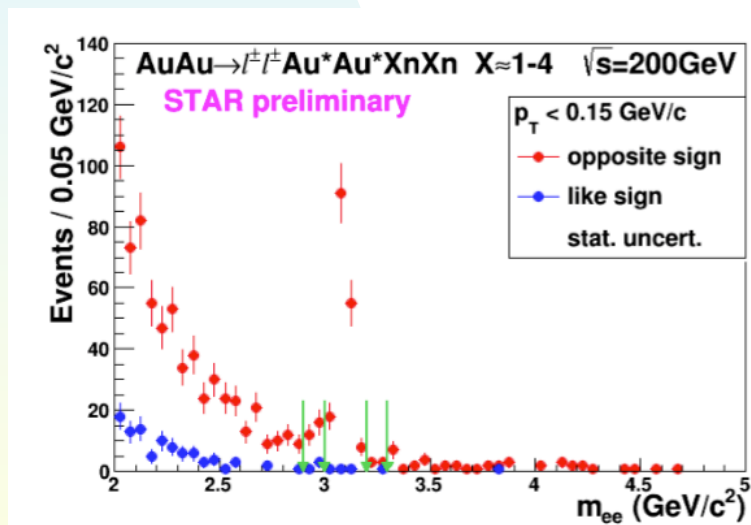
- Best data for nuclear gluon distributions for $x < 10^{-3}$
 - ◆ No HERA data for $A > 1$ nuclei
 - ◆ $Q^2 = (M_{VM}/2)^2$
- Measure/calculate suppression relative to proton targets
 - ◆ Many theoretical uncertainties cancel
- Impulse approximation calculation sometimes used as reference
 - ◆ Replaces 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

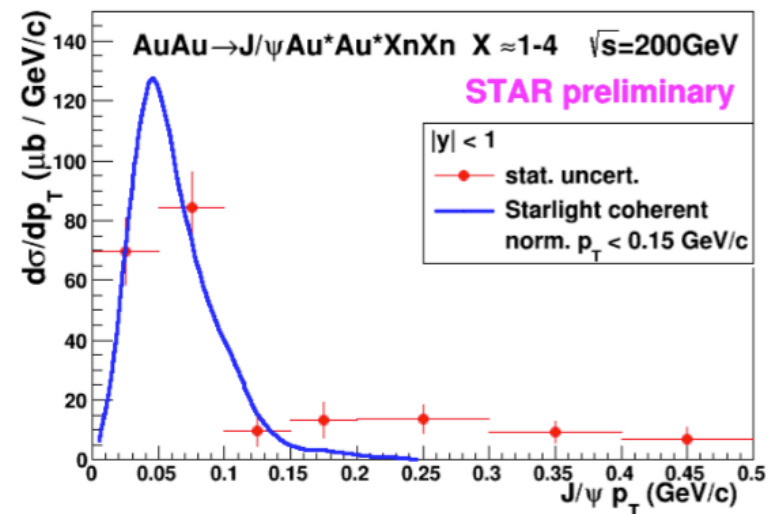
Coherent & incoherent J/ψ Photoproduction

Bjorken- $x \sim 0.015$

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



M_{ee} (GeV)

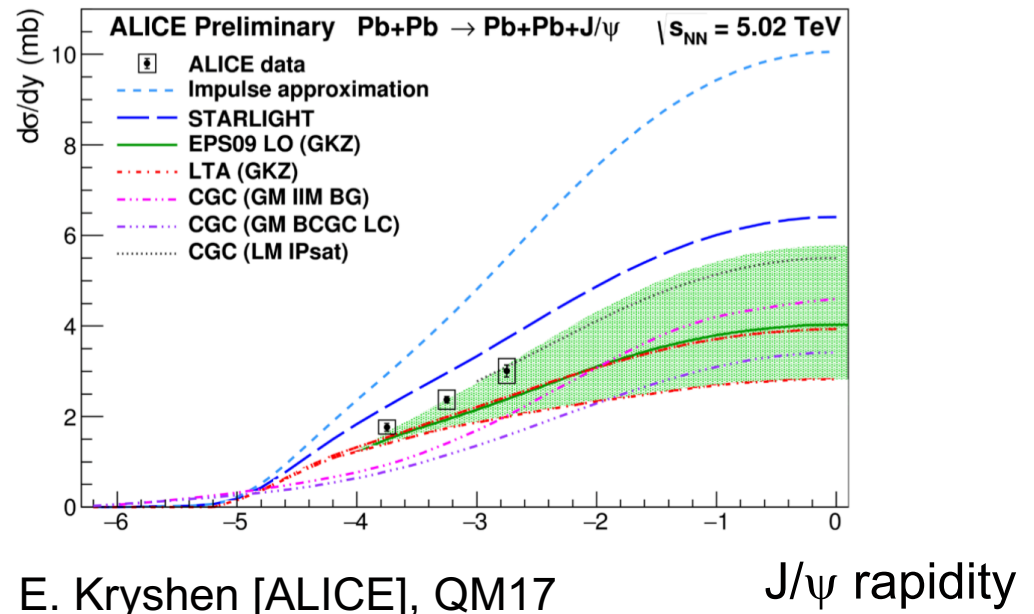
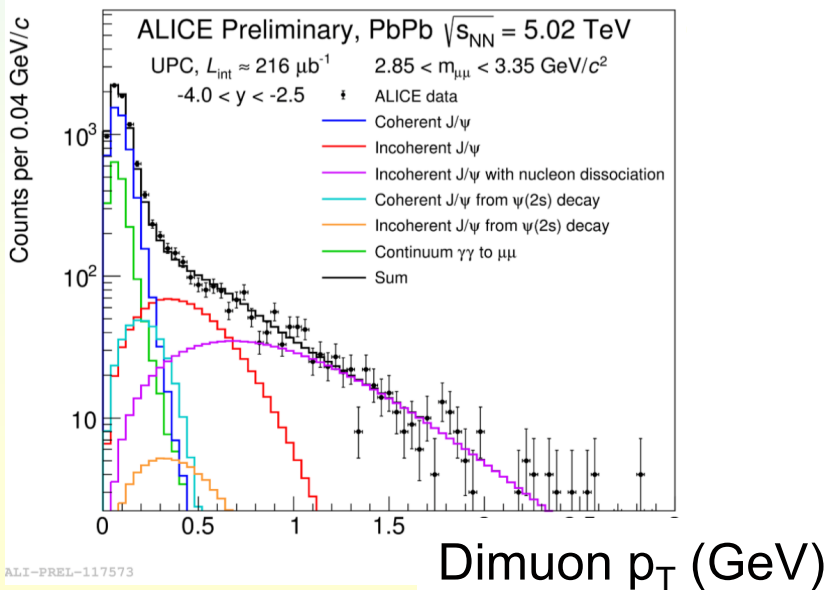


$J/\psi p_T$ (GeV)

W. Schmidke [STAR], DIS 2016

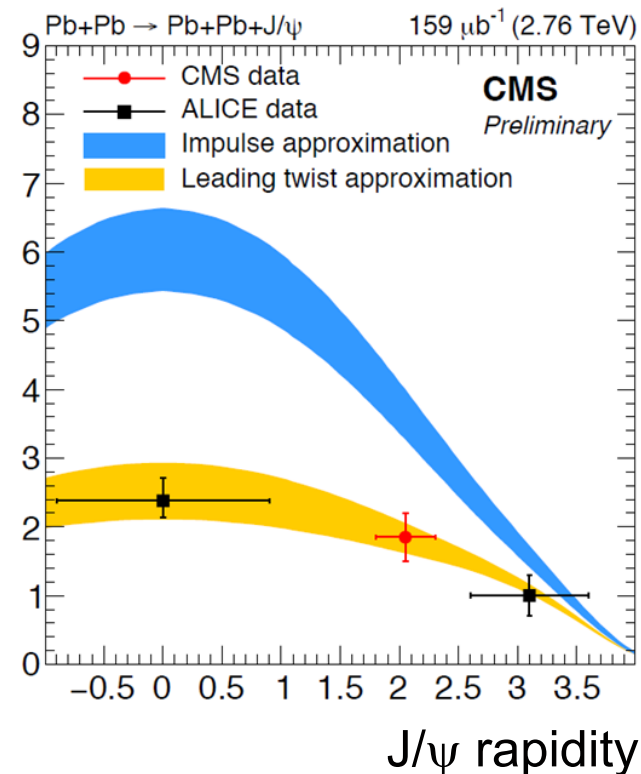
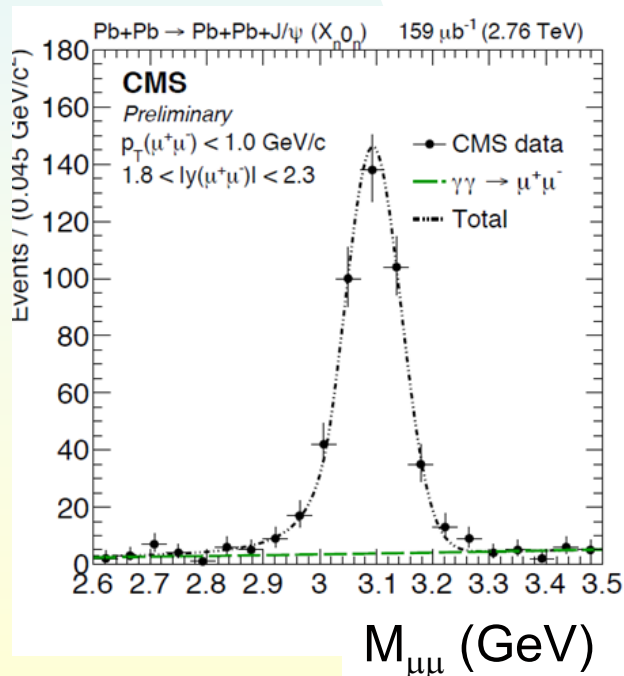
ALICE PbPb \rightarrow J/ψ at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ GeV

- p_T spectrum measured out to 2.5 GeV/c
 - ◆ Coherent (Pb), incoherent (single N) & nucleon dissociation seen
- σ_{coherent} is $\sim 40\%$ of impulse approximation prediction
 - ◆ 75% of STARlight (Glauber calc; no gluon shadowing)
 - ◆ Consistent with EPS09 model
 - ◆ Consistent with leading twist approximation
- Also: J/ψ in pPb @ 8 GeV, $J/\psi \rightarrow p\bar{p}$, $\psi' \rightarrow J/\psi \pi^+\pi^-$



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

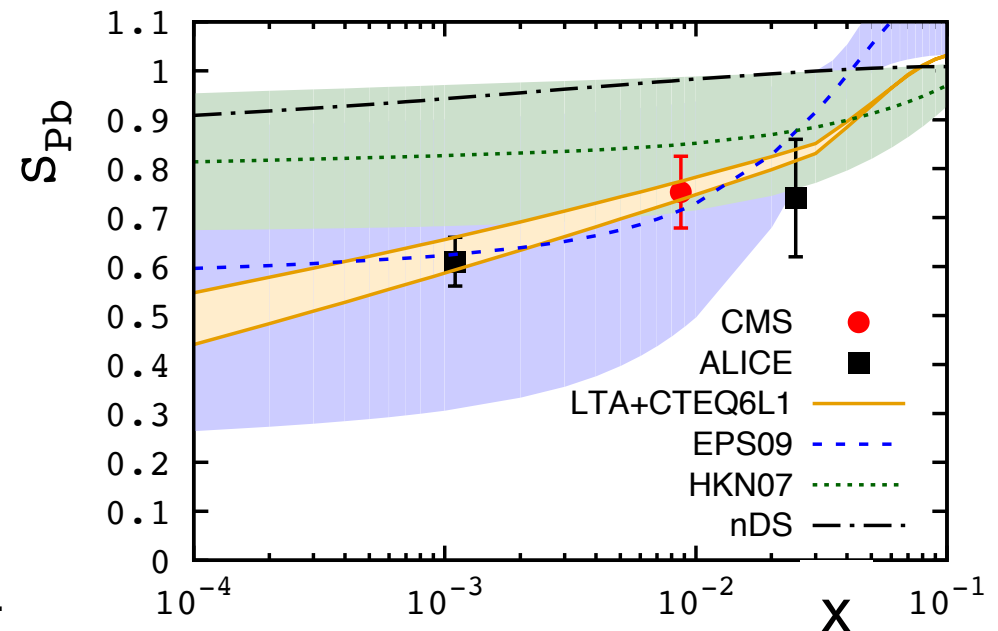
- $\mu^+\mu^-$ at $|y| = 2.05$
- Cross-section is $\sim 40\%$ of impulse approximation
 - ◆ Moderate nuclear shadowing
 - ◆ Consistent with leading twist calculation



Nuclear Shadowing

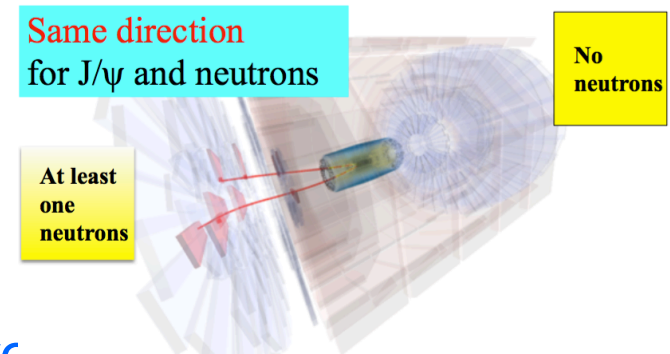
- Compare ALICE & CMS data with PDF shadowing models
 - ◆ Use impulse approximation for proton reference
 - ✦ Normalize to HERA data to correct for higher order terms
 - ✦ 6 different parton distributions
- Consistent w/ 2012 leading twist approximation calculation
 - ◆ Except for MNRT07 parameterization
- 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,
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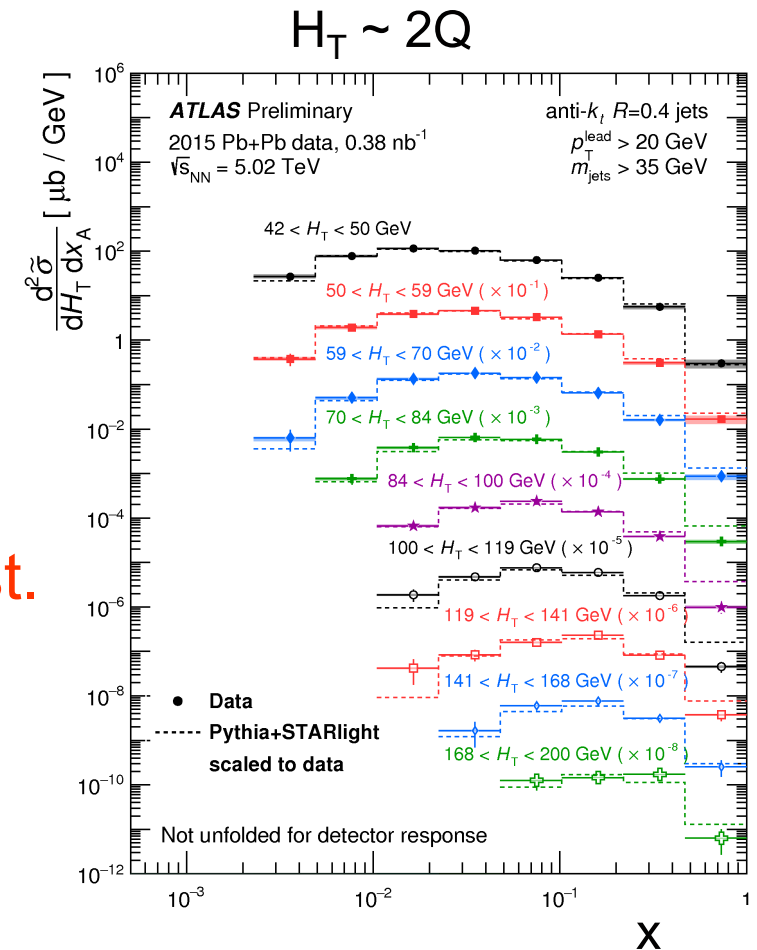
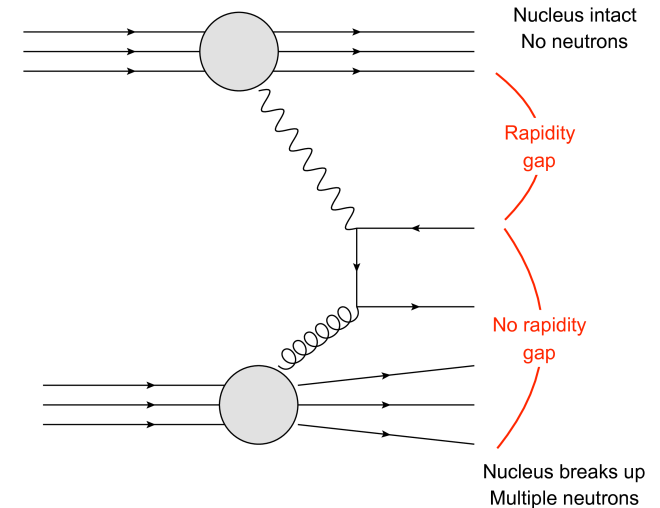
Back to coherence....

- Photon energy $k = M_{\psi}/2 \exp(\pm y)$
 - ◆ $k > M_{\psi}/2 \rightarrow J/\psi$ follows photon direction
 - ◆ $k < M_{\psi}/2 \rightarrow J/\psi$ opposes photon direction
- In incoherent production, target fragmentation neutrons go in opposite direction from photon
- Neutrons from Coulomb excitation in coherent or incoherent production are evenly distributed
- Neutron flux vs. hemisphere probes energy dependence of $\sigma_{\text{incoherent}}/\sigma_{\text{coherent}}$
- CMS observes more neutrons in opposite hemisphere
 - ◆ Incoherent production is suppressed (compare coherent) at high photon energies
 - ✦ Probes gluons with low Bjorken- x in target
 - ✦ Possible sign of saturation



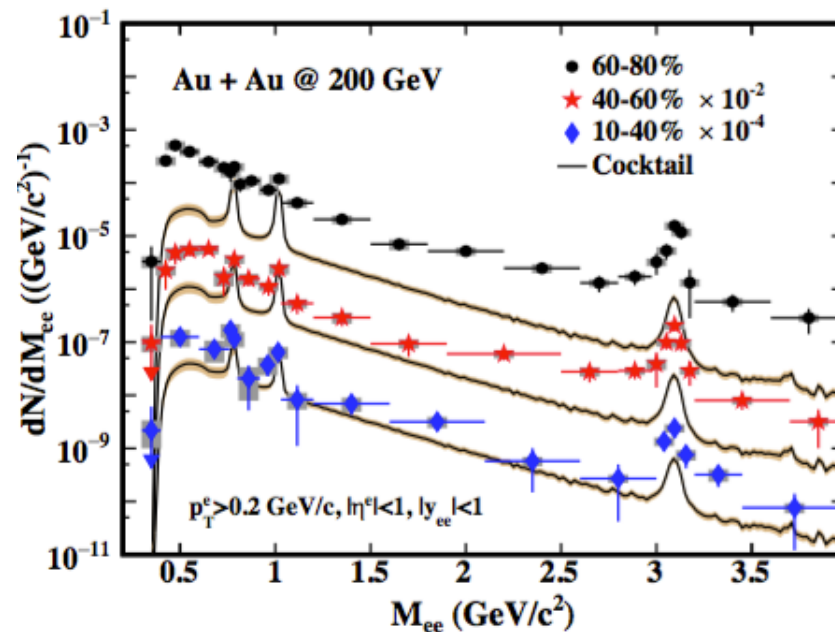
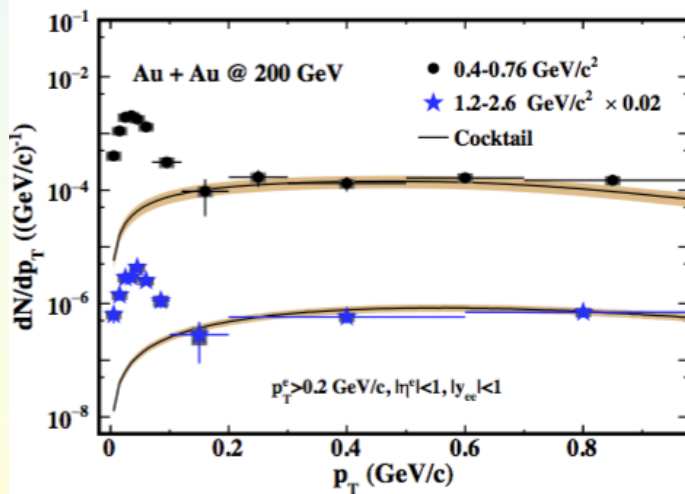
Photoproduction of dijets

- 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



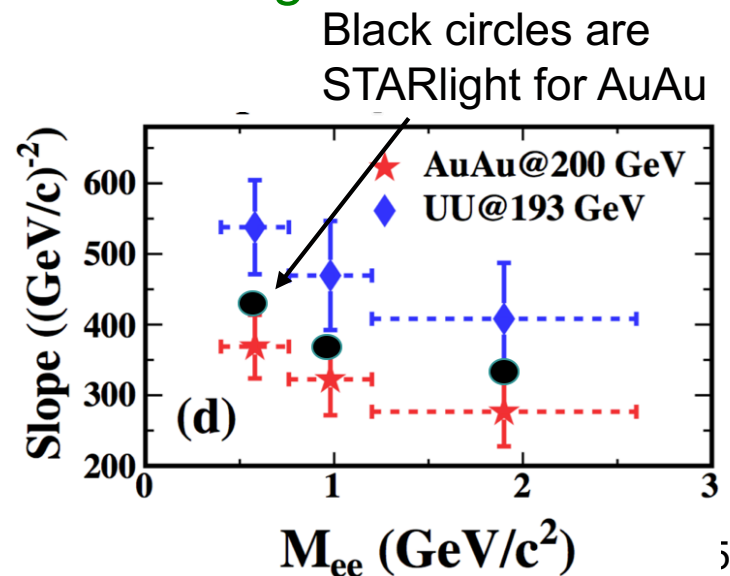
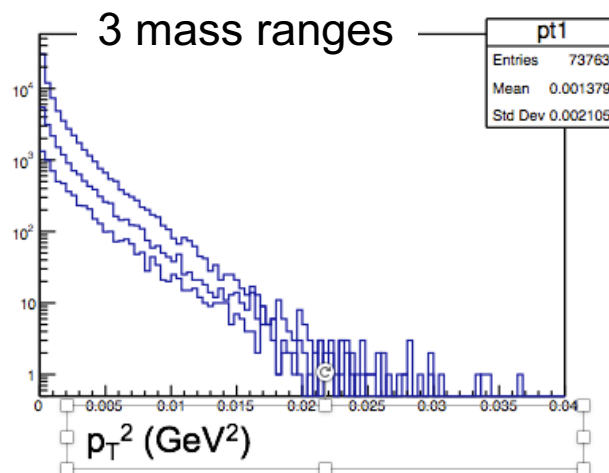
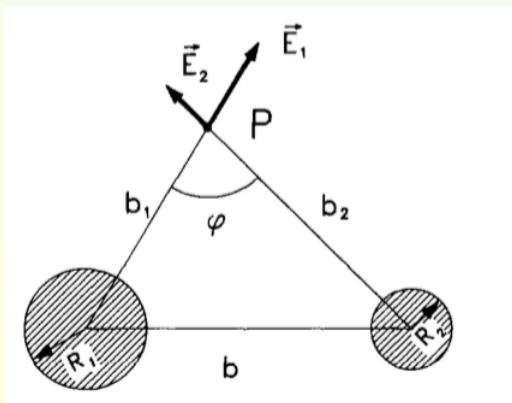
Photonic reactions in peripheral collisions

- ALICE & STAR see an excess of lepton pairs with $p_T < 100$ MeV/c
 - ◆ Excess is significant - “ $R_{AA} \sim 7$ ”
 - ◆ STAR – continuum + J/ψ at midrapidity
 - ◆ ALICE – forward J/ψ only
- “Big Mystery...”



$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow ee$ in peripheral collisions

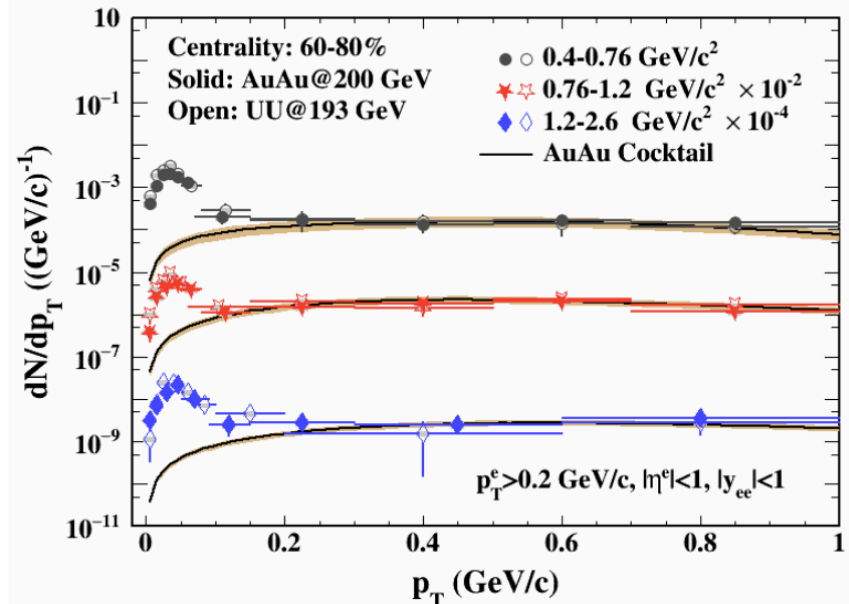
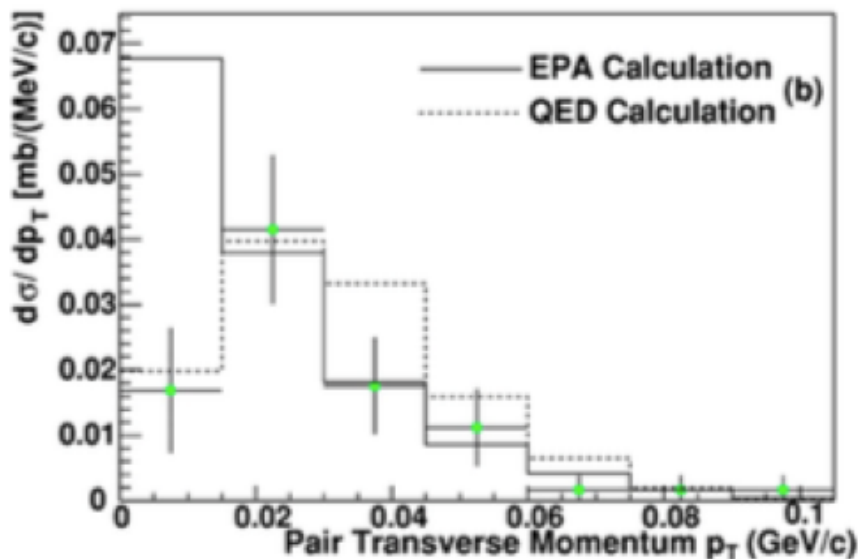
- Photonic reactions do not disappear when $b < 2R_A$
- Continuum $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow l^+l^-$ + photoproduced J/ψ
- Two-photon production is usually outside nucleus
 - ◆ Calculate rate, etc. in STARlight with constraints on $|b|$
 - ◆ **Preliminary:** kinematics, seem consistent with STAR excess
 - ✦ Rate comparison in progress
 - ◆ Fit p_T^2 spectrum: $dN/dp_T^2 \sim \exp(-bp_T^2)$
 - ✦ b 's are consistent with STAR data in 3 mass ranges



S. Yang [STAR], QM17; SK, paper in progress

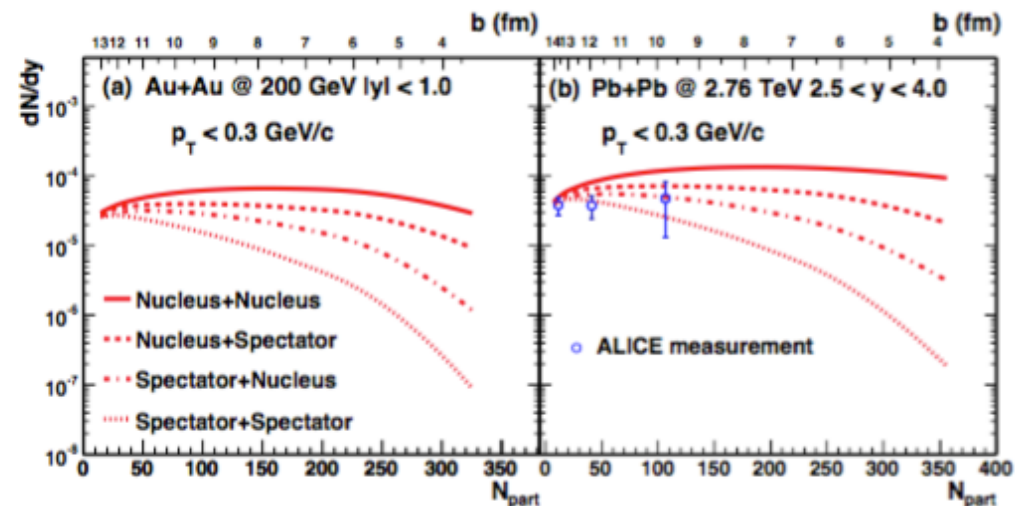
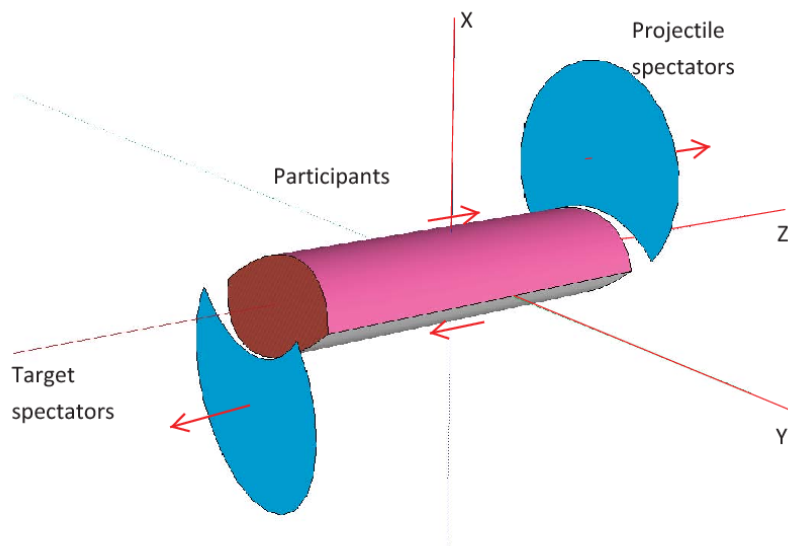
The low p_T drop

- The STAR $p_{T_{ee}}$ spectrum drops for $p_{T_{ee}} < 40$ MeV/c
 - ◆ Looks similar to interference dip in vector meson photoproduction, but cause is different
 - ◆ Equivalent (real) photon approximation fails at low γ p_T
 - ◆ $Q^2 \sim < (\hbar/R_A)^2$
- A full QED calculation reproduces the p_T spectrum in UPCs
 - ◆ Dip width should scale with photon energy, i. e. with M_{ee}
 - ✦ Scaling STAR UPC result by minimum M_{ee} (from 140 MeV/c² to 400 MeV/c²) -> p_T peak @ 75 MeV/c – pretty close



Photoproduced J/ψ in PCs

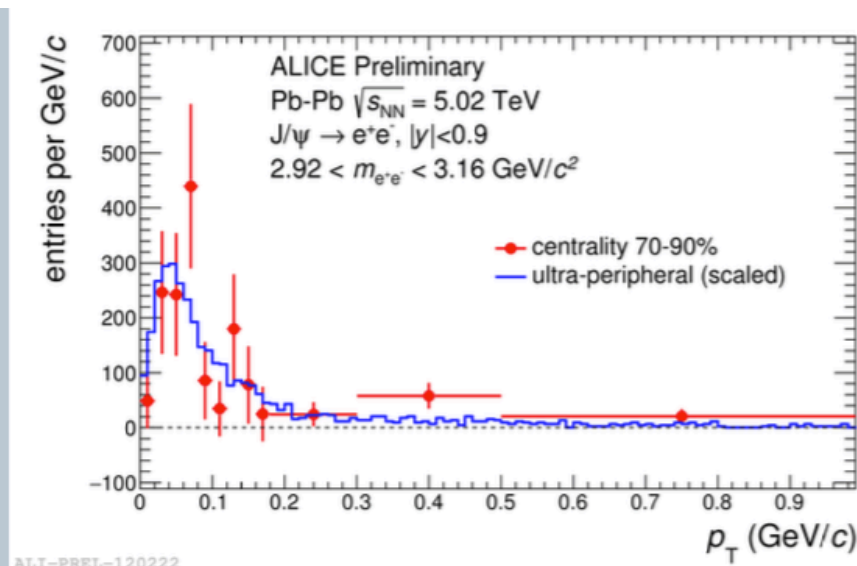
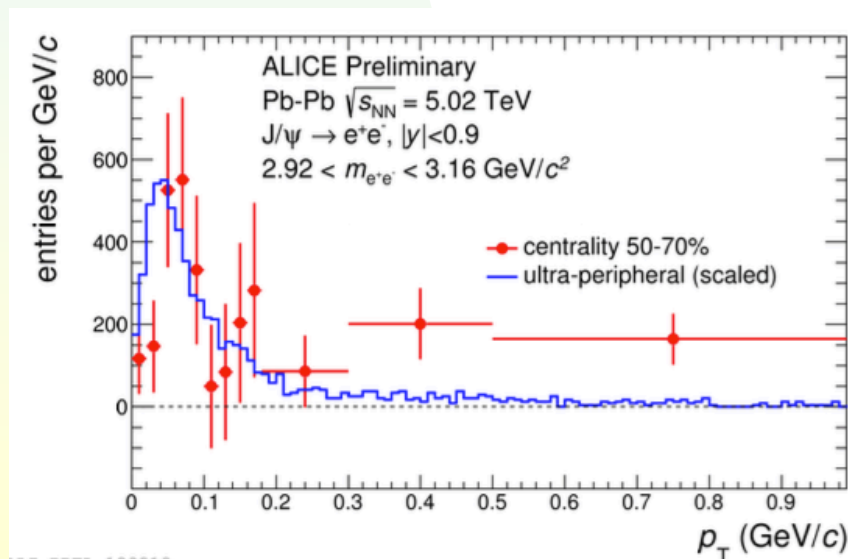
- Calculations for different assumptions of photon emitter & target coherence: entire nucleus, or spectator region
 - ◆ Photons are emitted before collision, at a typical time $t=k/\gamma$
 - ✦ Think retarded time, ala Jackson
 - ◆ Re. target (participant nucleons) the photon flux is lower (Gauss' law), there is destructive interference, and the nucleons may lose energy via hadronic interactions before the photonic interaction
 - ✦ Small contribution to cross-section
- Cross-sections consistent with photoproduction expectations



W. Zha et al. (SK), arXiv:1705.01460

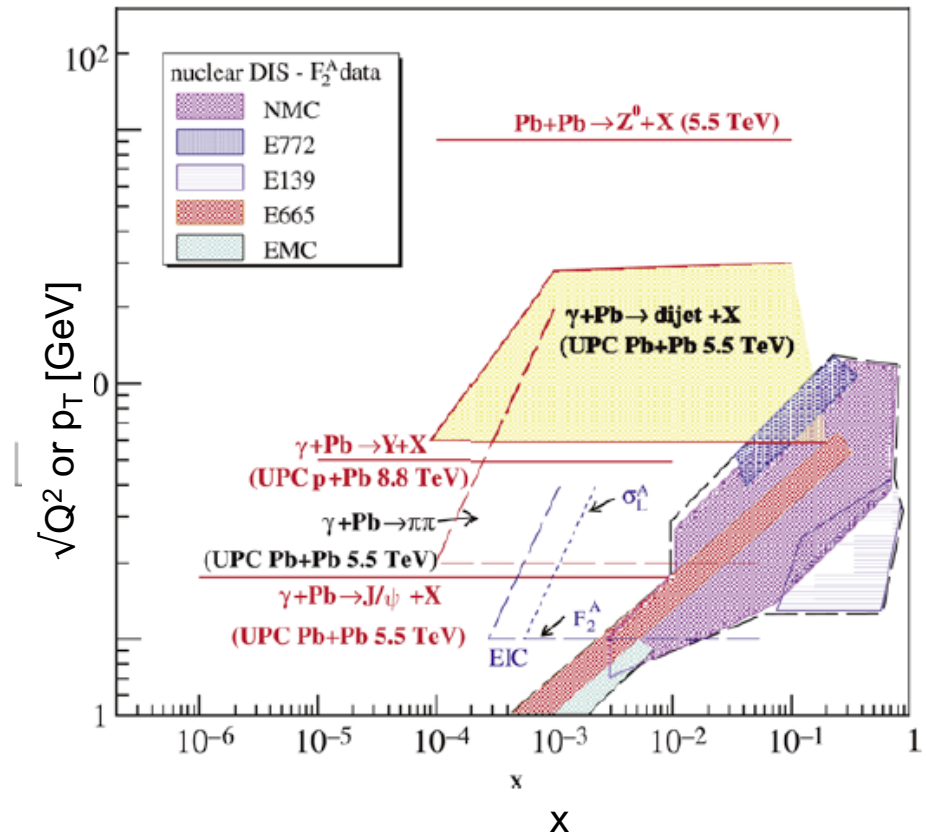
p_T spectrum for $\gamma A \rightarrow J/\psi$ in PCs

- p_T spectrum is consistent with UPC J/ψ photoproduction data
 - ◆ Drop at low p_T due to interference between two directions
 - ✦ System is smaller ($|b|$ is smaller), so interference extends to higher p_T than for UPCs
- Spectator-only target has a different matter distribution than full nucleus target.
 - ◆ Different p_T spectrum + some azimuthal anisotropy
 - ✦ Sensitive to event plane?



Looking ahead

- More vector meson photoproduction data
 - ◆ Incorporation into gluon distributions
- More open jets and charm
 - ◆ Experimentally harder, but theoretically cleaner
- J/ψ tomography
- γ 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

