

Ions at HE-LHC: Lessons from FCC-AA studies

Workshop on HL-LHC physics
& HE-LHC perspectives

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High-Energy-LHC with ions

■ HE-LHC:

☞ NN center-of-mass energies ("2×LHC". Note FCC is "7×LHC"):

$\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 27 \text{ TeV}$ (pp), 17 TeV (pPb), 10.6 TeV (PbPb), lighter ions?

☞ Integrated luminosities (~HL-LHC. Note FCC is "30×LHC"!):

$L_{\text{int}} \sim 1 \text{ pb}^{-1}/\text{"year"}$ (pPb), $\sim 3 \text{ nb}^{-1}/\text{"year"}$ (PbPb), lighter ions?

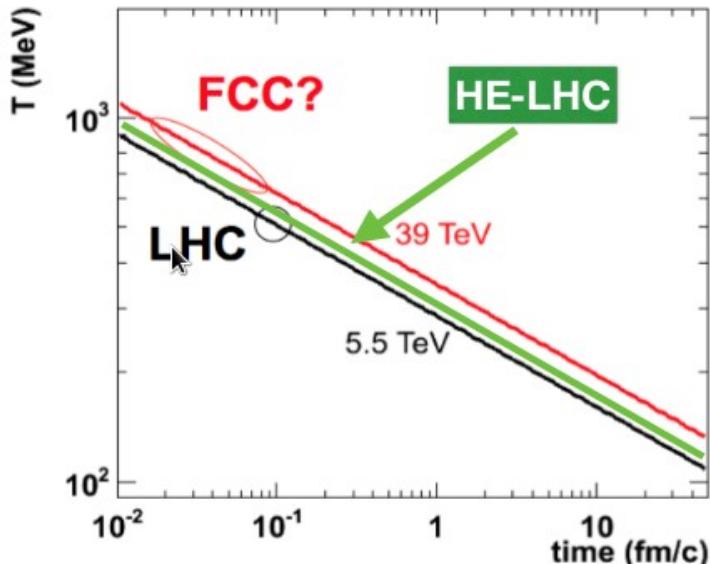
■ Global PbPb event properties: $dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta|_{\eta=0} \sim 2400$ (~20% above LHC)

Quantity	Pb-Pb 2.76 TeV	Pb-Pb 5.5 TeV	Pb-Pb 39 TeV
$dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta$ at $\eta = 0$	1600	2000	3600
Total N_{ch}	17000	23000	50000
$dE_T/d\eta$ at $\eta = 0$	1.8–2.0 TeV	2.3–2.6 TeV	5.2–5.8 TeV
Homogeneity volume	5000 fm ³	6200 fm ³	11000 fm ³
Decoupling time	10 fm/c	11 fm/c	13 fm/c
ε at $\tau = 1 \text{ fm/c}$	12–13 GeV/fm ³	16–17 GeV/fm ³	35–40 GeV/fm ³

$$\left. \frac{dN_{\text{ch}}}{d\eta} \right|_{\eta=0} \propto (\sqrt{s_{NN}})^{0.3}.$$

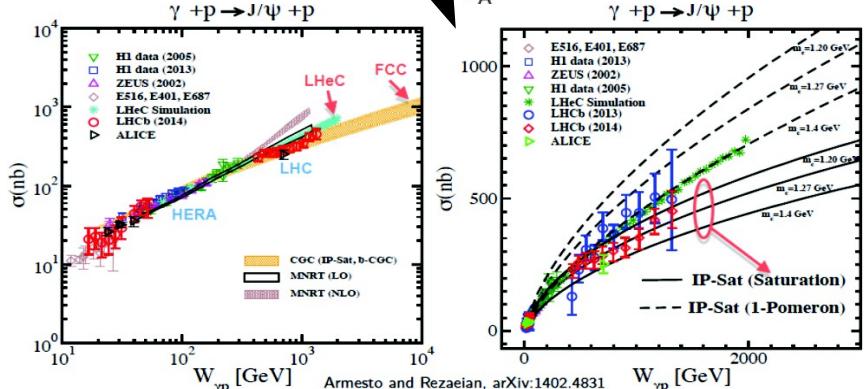
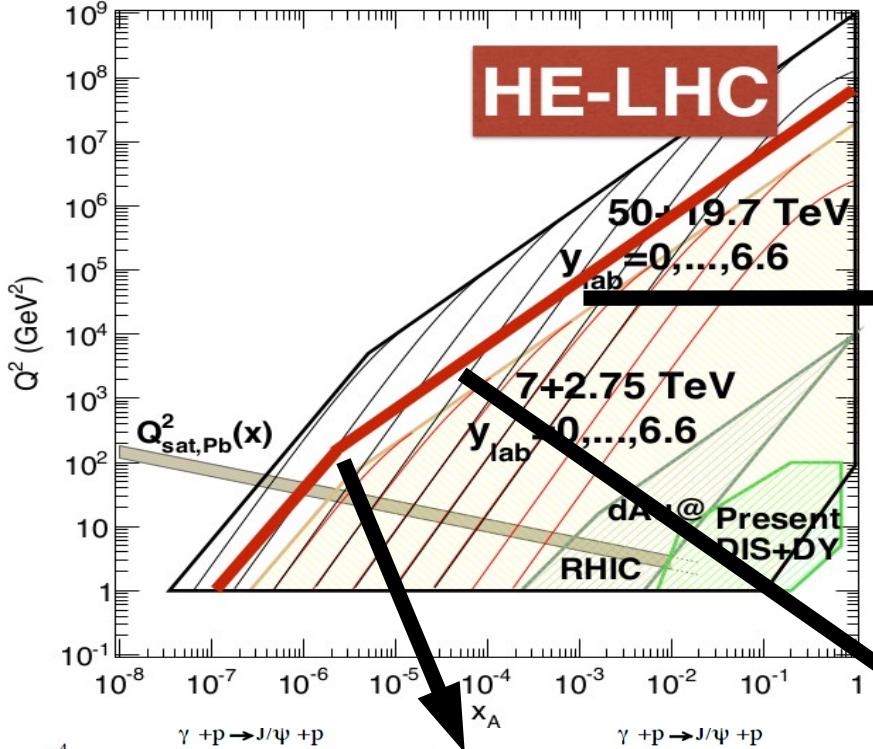
Moderate ~20% increase in multiplicity

■ $^{129}\text{Xe}^{129}\text{Xe}(11.3 \text{ TeV})$? Same $dN/d\eta$ as PbPb(5.5 TeV), but $\times 5$ lumi



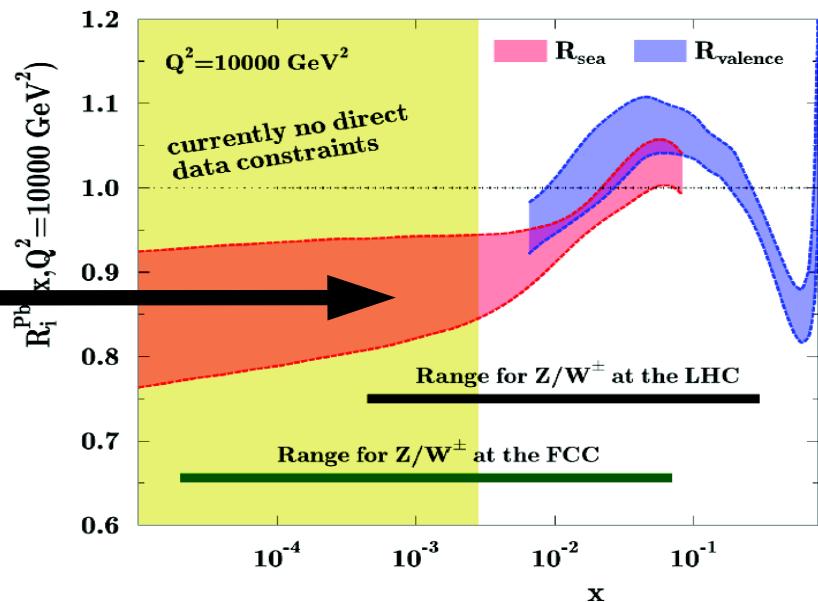
Small-x physics via pPb at HE-LHC

■ Kinematical reach: $\times 2$ smaller x than LHC (10^{-3} with W, Z at $y \sim 0$)

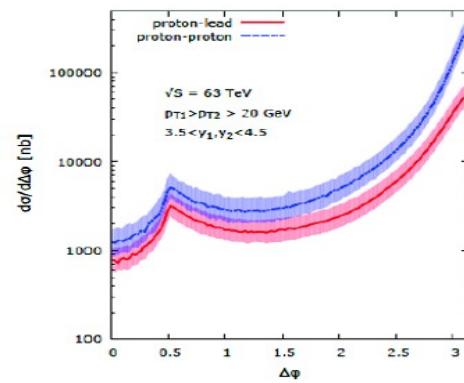
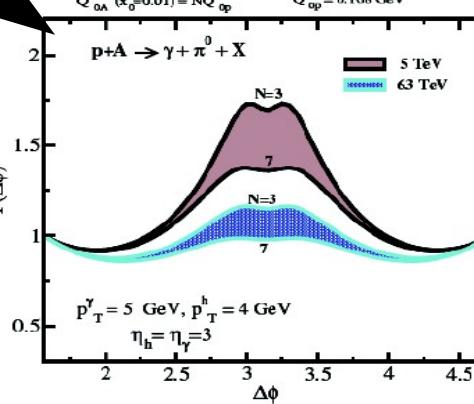


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Ions at HL-LHC & HE-LHC, CERN Jun'18



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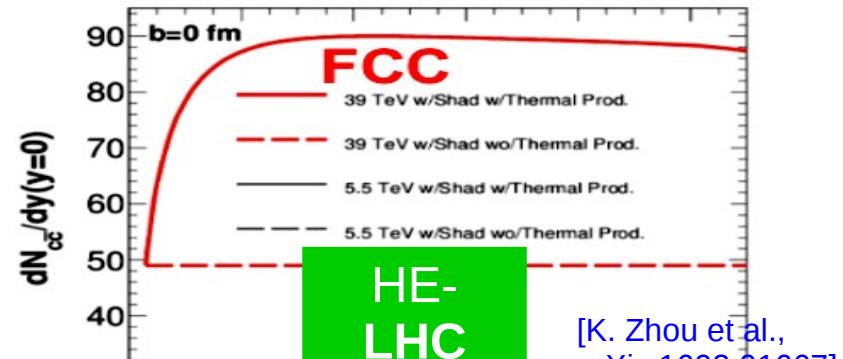
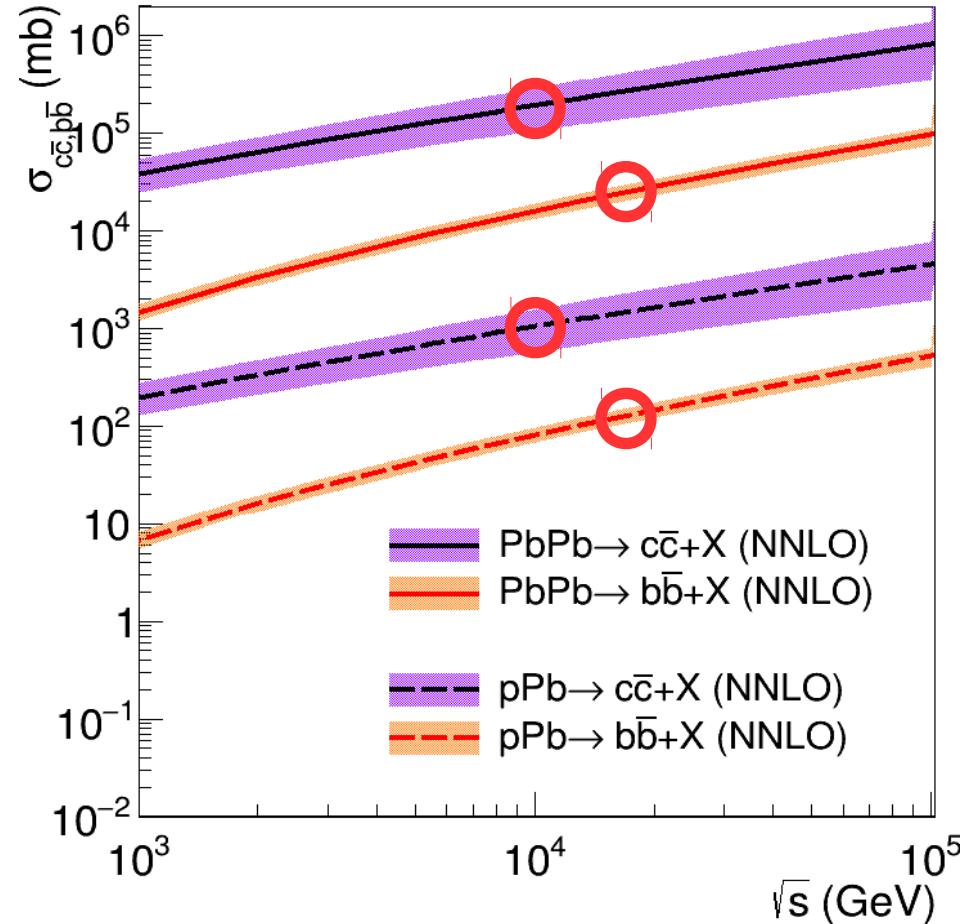


$\gamma - \pi^0$ in $p\text{Pb}$

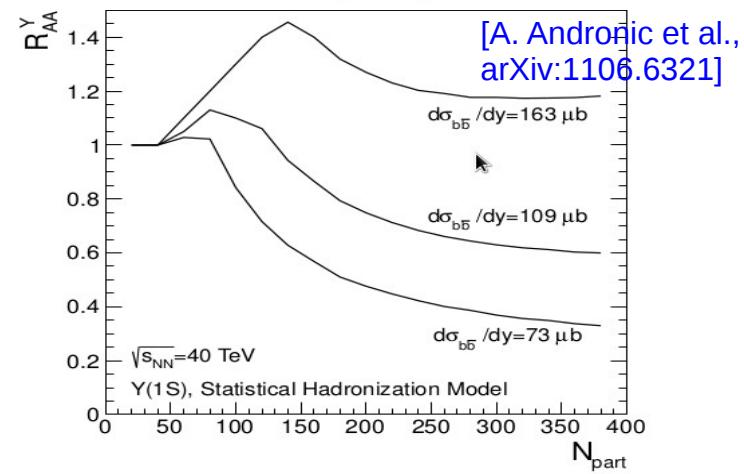
jet-jet in $p\text{Pb}$

Charm & beauty at HE-LHC

[DdE & Snigirev, arXiv:1612.08112]



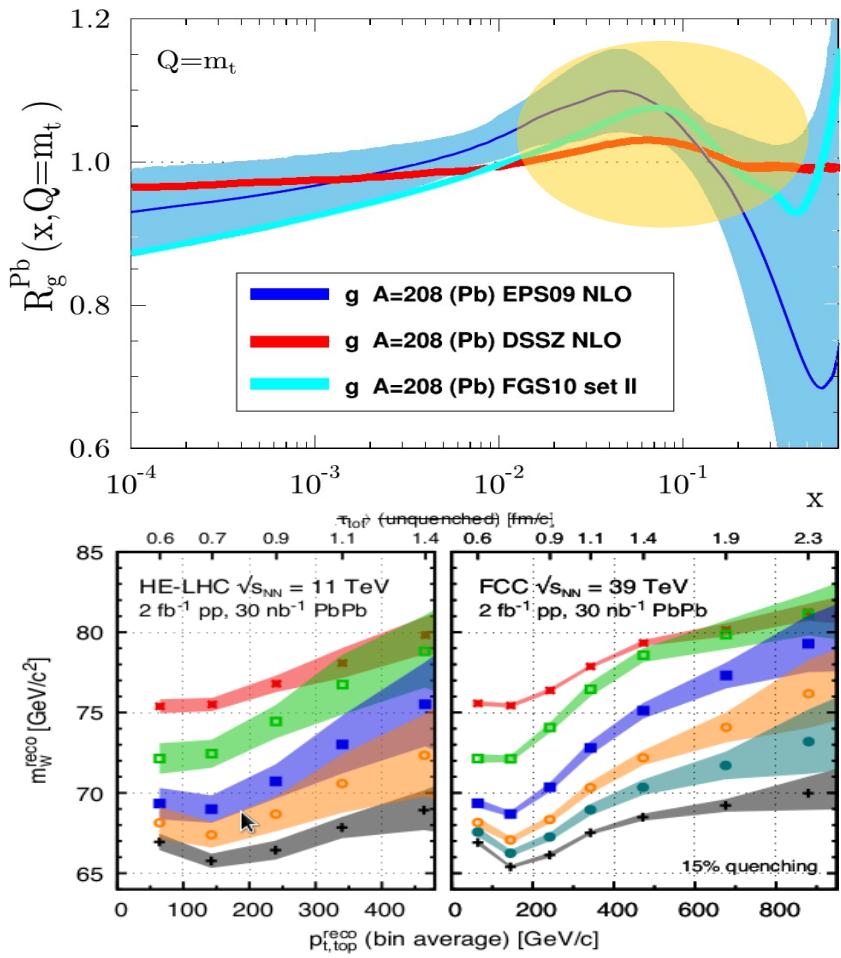
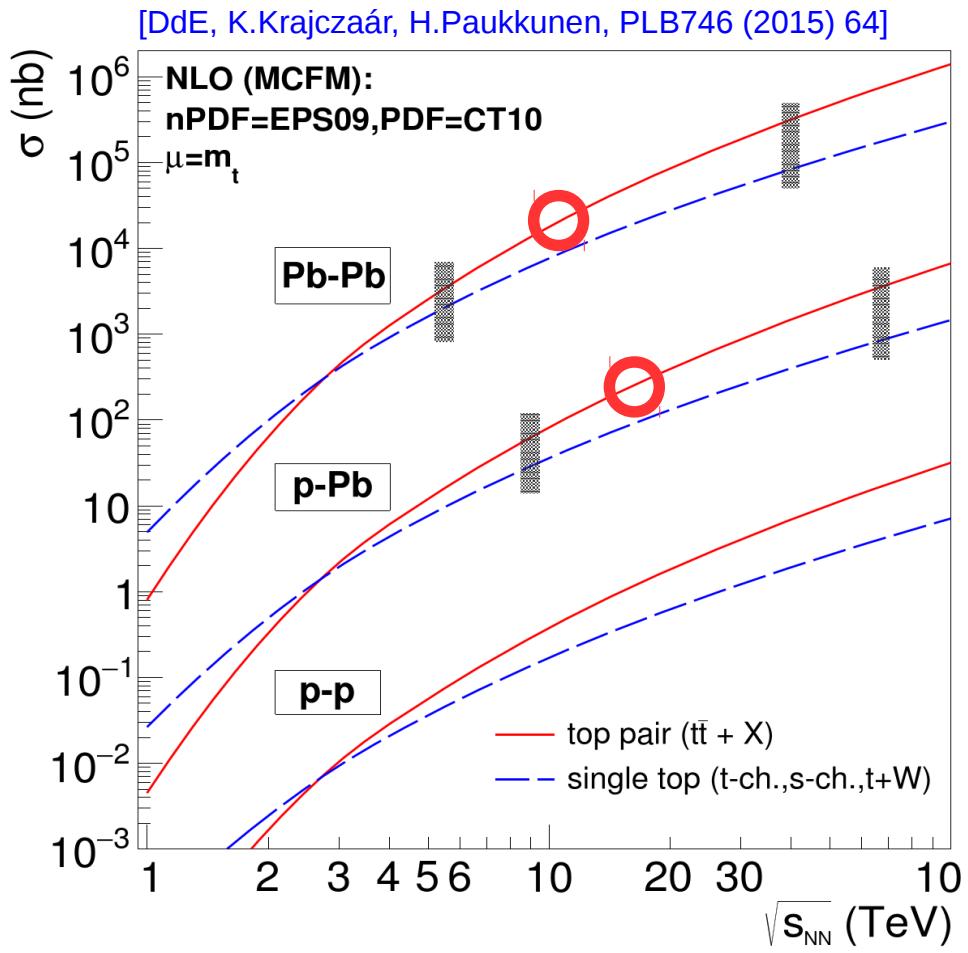
[K. Zhou et al.,
arXiv:1602.01667]



[A. Andronic et al.,
arXiv:1106.6321]

- Abundant **charm** ($\times 1.6$ more than LHC) & **beauty** ($\times 6$ more than LHC).
- Enough **thermal charm** to participate in EoS?
- **Recombination** in-between LHC and FCC. Enough for Y(1S) recomb.?
- Detailed studies (higher-stats, higher p_T) of **HF energy loss** possible

Top quarks at HE-LHC

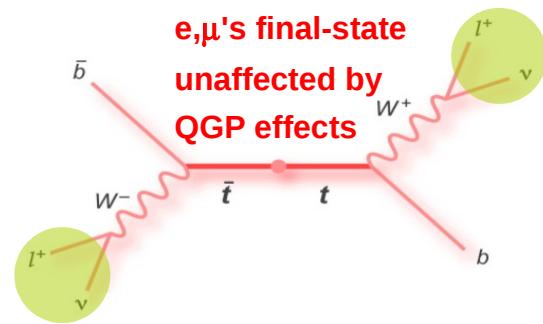


- Large $t\bar{t}$ prod.: $\times 6$ more than LHC ($\times 80$ more at FCC). [Apolinaro et al, PRL (2018) 1711.03105]
- Studies of **high-x gluon PDF** in Pb possible.
- Jet quenching chronography via **boosted-top** decay products possible.

Top-quark dileptons measurement

■ Experimental setup:

- LHC (ATLAS/CMS): $|\eta_{lepton}|, |\eta_{b\text{-jet}}| < 2.5$
- FCC ("CMS+LHCb"): $|\eta_{lepton}|, |\eta_{b\text{-jet}}| < 5.0$



■ Analysis cuts (typical ones in p-p at LHC, $l=e,\mu$):

t-tbar: $p_T(l), p_T(\text{b-jet}) > 20, 30 \text{ GeV}; R_{\text{isol}}(\text{b-jet}, l) = 0.3$

$|\eta(l)|, |\eta(\text{b-jet})| < 2.5 \text{ (LHC)}, 5.0 \text{ (FCC)}$

$\text{MET} > 40 \text{ GeV}; m_{ll} > 20 \text{ GeV}; |m_{ll} - m_Z| > 15 \text{ GeV}$

Single-t: Same cuts as for t-tbar
(only W+t, backgrounds are much worst for s-,t-channel)

■ Branching ratios, acceptance & efficiency losses:

t-tbar: BR~**5%**, Acc×Eff ~ 40% (LHC), **50%** (FCC)

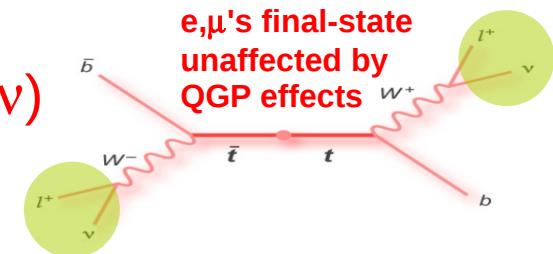
Single-top: BR~**22%**, Acc×Eff ~ 21% (LHC), **30%** (FCC)

■ Backgrounds (W,Z+jets): Controllable for t-tbar (much worst for single-t)

NOTE: $\times 4$ more stats in $\ell + \text{jets}$ (for pPb)

Top pair & single-top yields: LHC vs. FCC

- Final-state: $t\bar{t} \rightarrow b(\bar{b}) + 2\ell (\text{e},\mu) + \text{MET}(2\nu)$
- Final-state: $\text{single } t \rightarrow b + 1\ell (\text{e},\mu) + \text{MET}(\nu)$
Note: $\times 4$ more stats in $\ell+\text{jets}$ (for pPb)

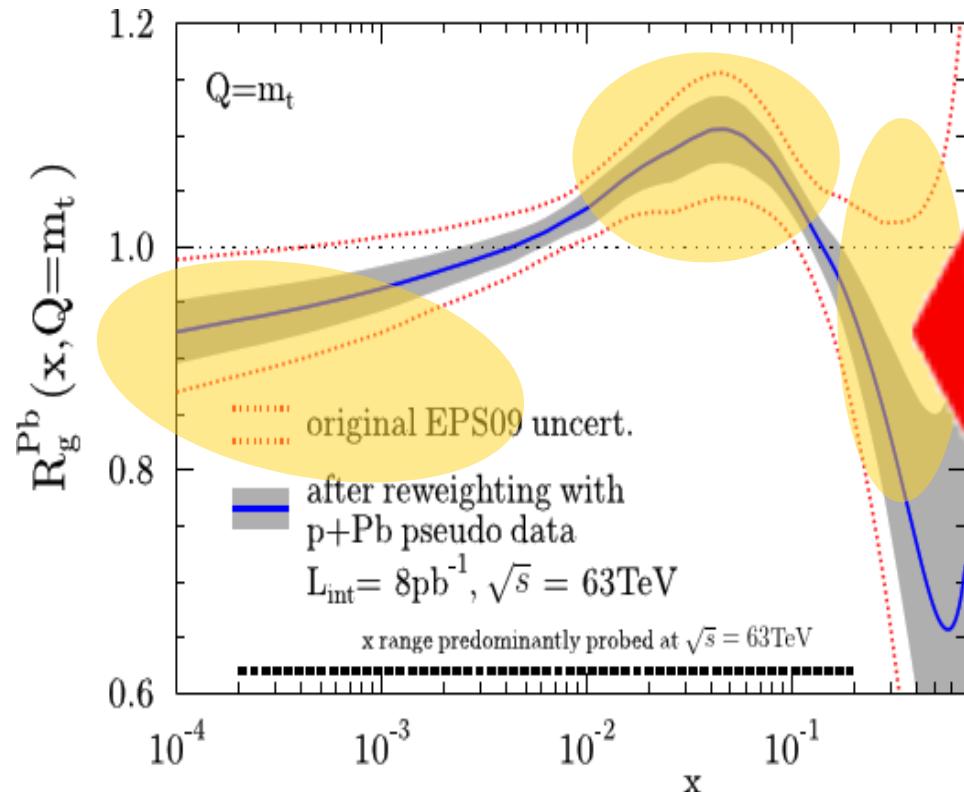


System	$\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}}$ (TeV)	\mathcal{L}_{int}	$t\bar{t}$	$t\bar{t} \rightarrow b\bar{b}\ell\ell\nu\nu$ yields	$tW \rightarrow b\ell\ell\nu\nu$	yields
			σ_{tot}		σ_{tot}	
PbPb	5.5	10 nb^{-1}	$3.4 \mu\text{b}$	450	$2.0 \mu\text{b}$	30
pPb	8.8	1 pb^{-1}	59 nb	750	27 nb	50
PbPb	39	33 nb^{-1}	$300 \mu\text{b}$	1.5×10^5	$80 \mu\text{b}$	8000
pPb	63	8 pb^{-1}	$3.2 \mu\text{b}$	4×10^5	775 nb	2.1×10^4

- LHC (nominal \mathcal{L}_{int}): 500–750 $t\bar{t}$ in Pb-Pb, p-Pb. 5.000 (in $\ell+\text{jets}$)
- FCC (updated \mathcal{L}_{int}): 1–3 million $t\bar{t}$ pairs in Pb-Pb,p-Pb
→ HE-LHC: 5.000 (leptonic)–30.000 ($\ell+\text{jets}$) visible counts

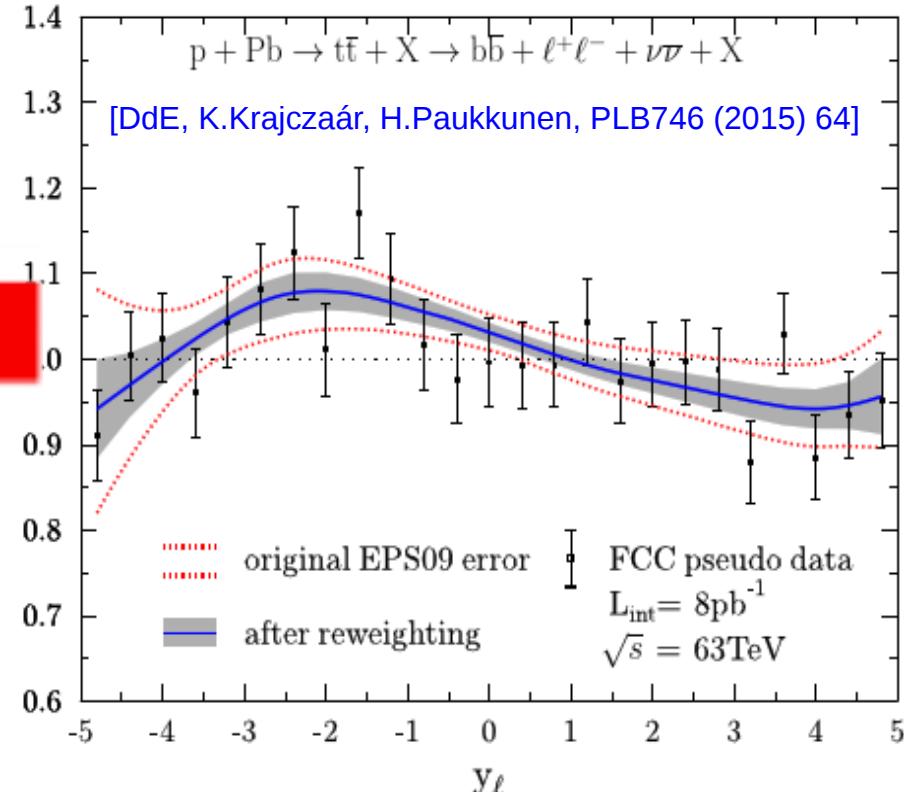
Improved Pb gluon from ℓ^\pm top at FCC pPb

- Improved gluon density via Hessian PDF reweighting



- Significant reduction in uncertainties at low- x ($x < 10^{-2}$), antishadowing ($x \sim 0.05$) and EMC ($x \sim 0.5$) regions

- Isolated lepton y-distrib. after cuts: (Pseudodata for $L_{\text{int}} = 8 \text{ pb}^{-1}$)



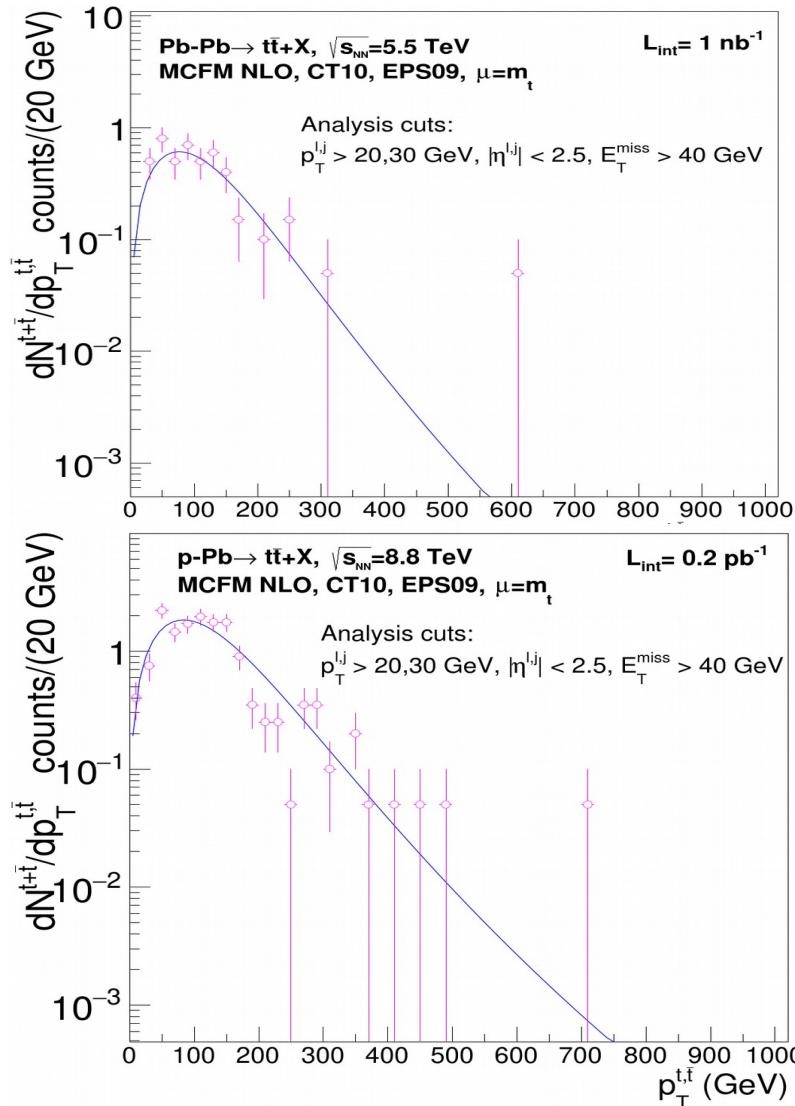
(stat. to dominate over syst. uncertainties)

- nPDF effects (lepton): $\pm 10\%$
Strong constraining power

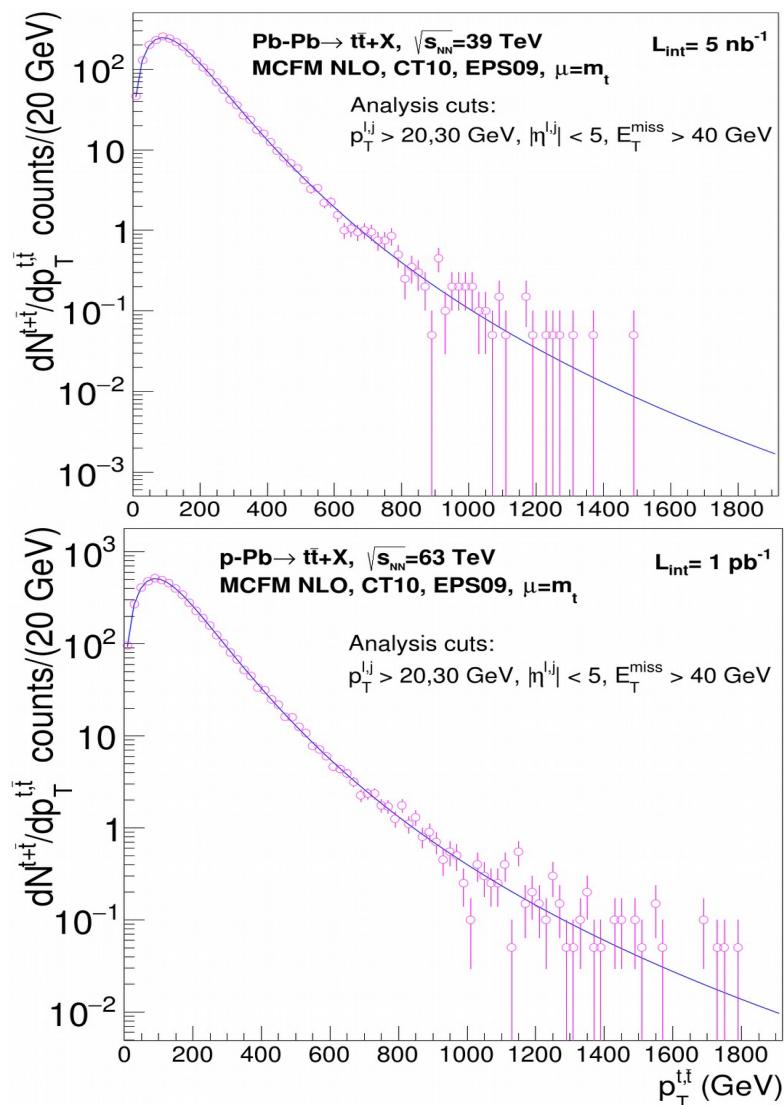
Note: $\times 3.6$ more \mathcal{L} , $\times 4$ more stats in I+4j: $\times 4$ better nPDF improvements

Top-quark p_T reach: LHC vs. FCC

■ LHC: p_T reach up to ~ 500 GeV



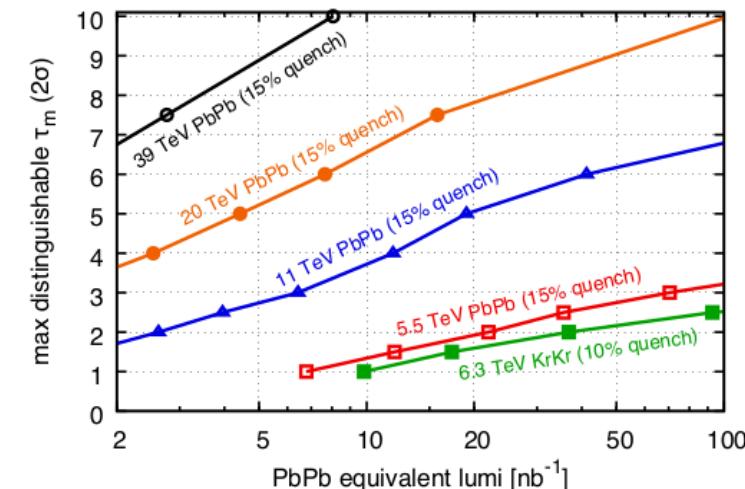
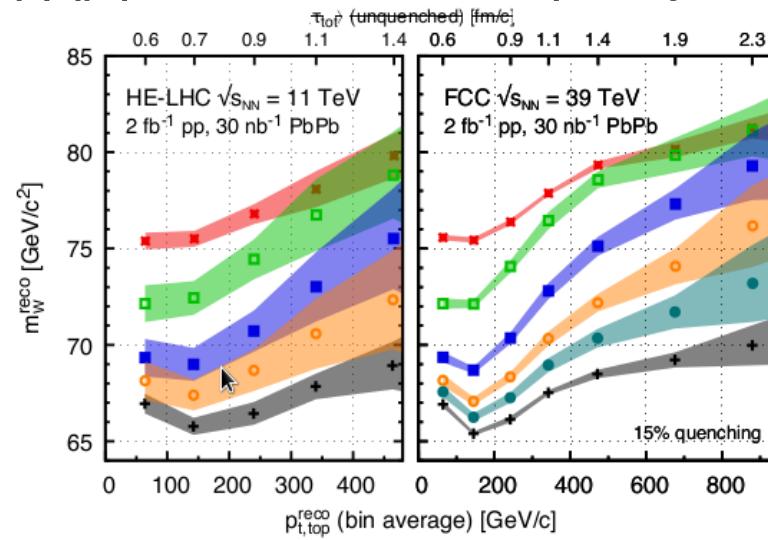
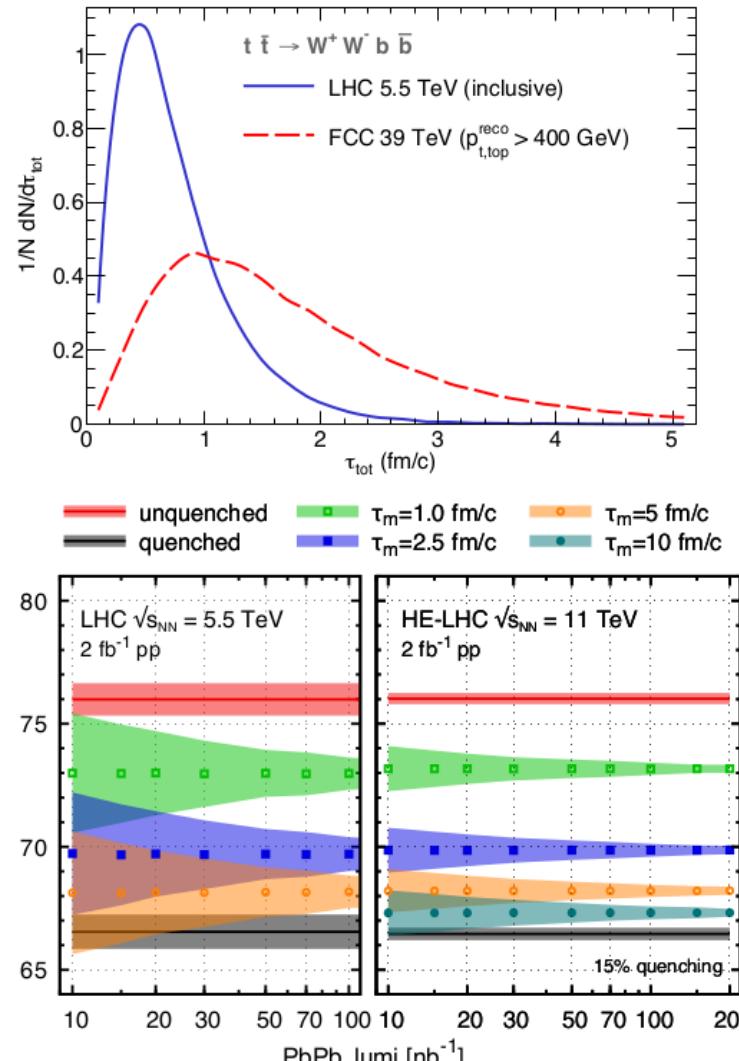
■ FCC: p_T reach up to ~ 2 TeV



HE-LHC: $\times 6$ larger cross sections: $p_T > 1 \text{ TeV}$ (boosted top studies possible)

Top-quark jets as a QGP space-time probe

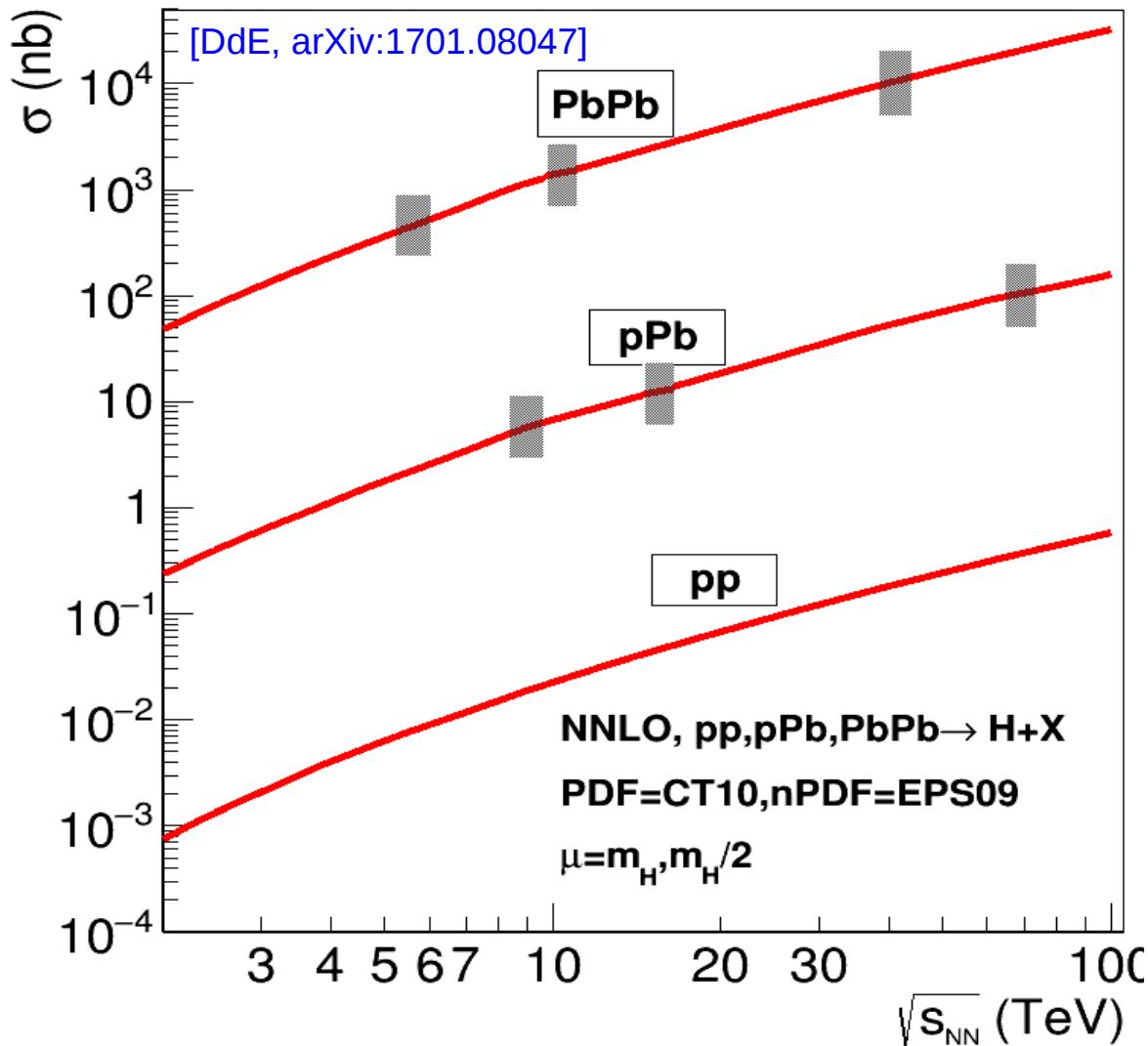
- Boosted single-top (>1 TeV): $\tau > 1$ fm/c (enhanced g radiation in QGP?)
- Boosted t-tbar = color-singlet W(qq) probes medium opacity at diff. τ



[Apolinaro et al, PRL (2018); 1711.03105]

Higgs total x-sections vs. $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$

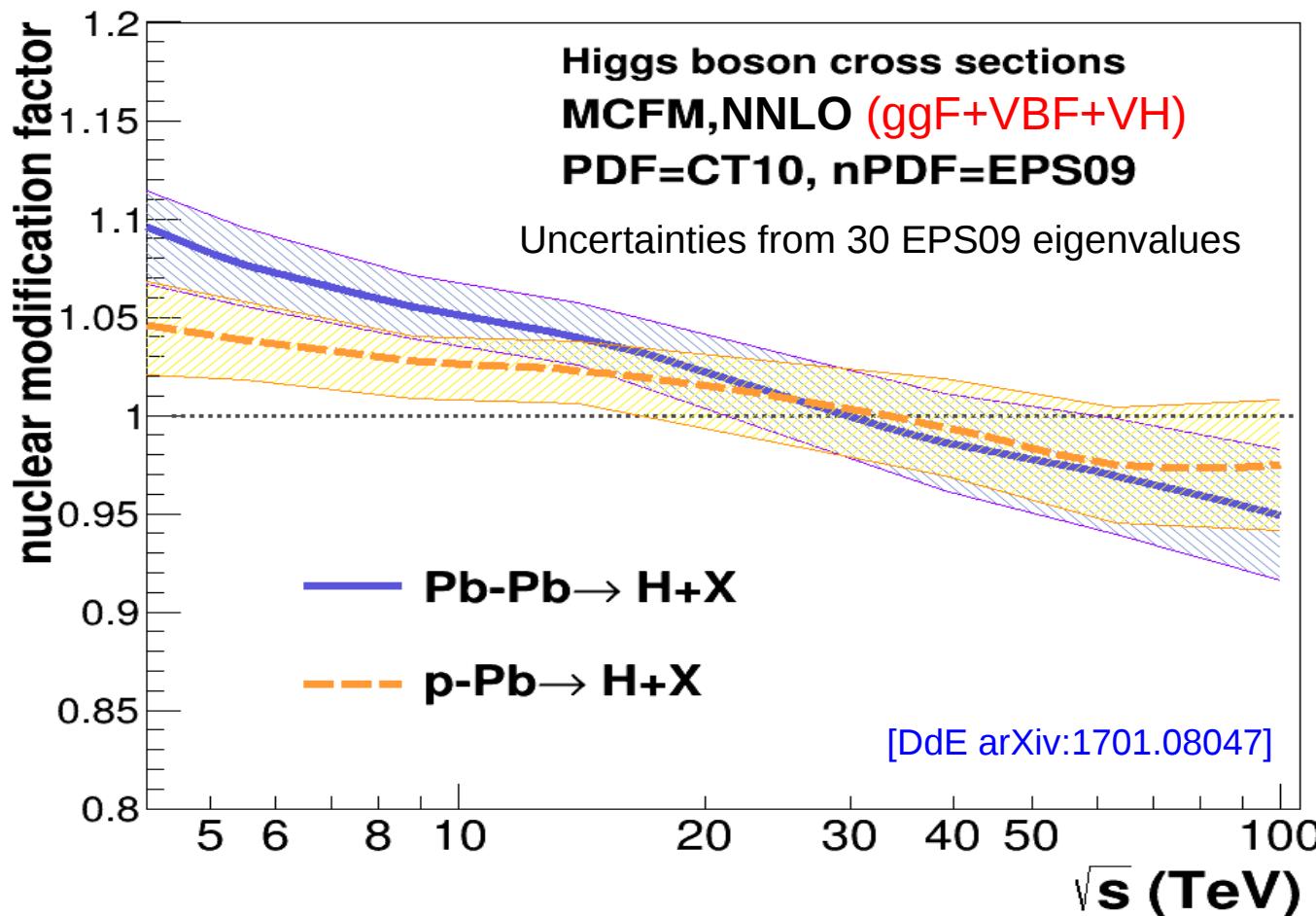
- MCFM $\sigma(ggF+VBF+VH)$ scaled to NNLO+NNLL pp x-sections



→ Cross-sections increase by $\times 4$ ($\times 20$) from LHC to HE-LHC (FCC)

Higgs nPDF modification factor vs. \sqrt{s}

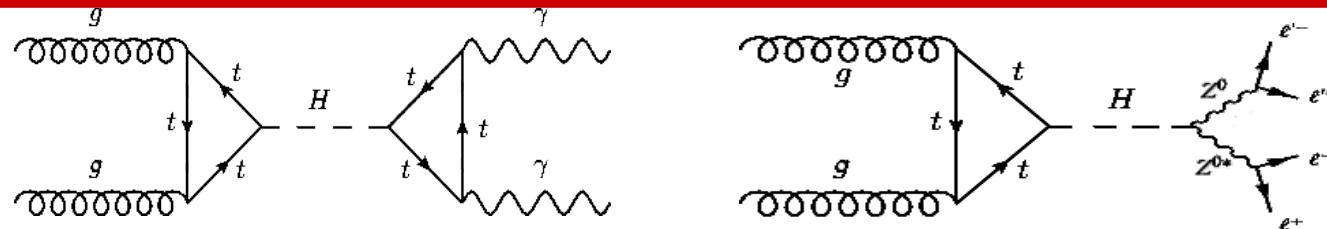
- EPS09 nuclear PDFs modify slightly x-sections wrt. pp PDFs:



→ HE-LHC: Small antishadowing: $R_{AA} \sim 1.05$, $R_{pA} \sim 1.03$

→ FCC: Mild shadowing: $R_{AA} \sim R_{pA} \sim 0.97$

$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, 4l$ (discovery channels) measurement



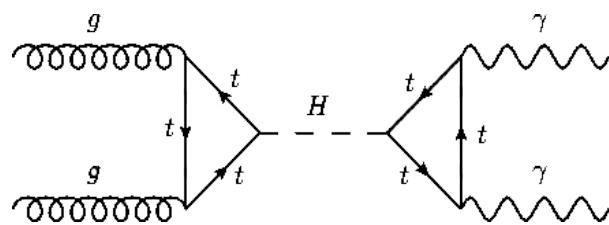
- **Experimental setup:** LHC (FCC): $|\eta_l|, |\eta_\gamma| < 2.5$ (5.0)
- **Analysis cuts** (typical fiducial cuts in CMS/ATLAS, $l=e,\mu$):

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma\gamma: \quad & p_T(\gamma_1, \gamma_2) > 40, 30 \text{ GeV}; R_{\text{isol}}(\gamma) = 0.3 \\ & |\eta(\gamma)| < 2.5 \text{ (LHC)}, 5.0 \text{ (FCC)}; m_{\gamma\gamma} = 100\text{--}140 \text{ GeV} \\ 4l: \quad & p_T(l_1, l_2, l_3, l_4) > 20, 15, 10, 10 \text{ GeV}; R_{\text{isol}}(l) = 0.3 \\ & |\eta(l)| < 2.5 \text{ (LHC)}, 5.0 \text{ (FCC)}; m_{4l} = 100\text{--}140 \text{ GeV} \end{aligned}$$

- **Branching ratio, acceptance & efficiency losses:**
- $\gamma\gamma$: BR = 0.27%, Acc \times Eff \sim 45% (LHC), 60% (FCC)
- $ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$: BR = 0.12%, Acc \times Eff \sim 60% (LHC), 70% (FCC)
- **Backgrounds:** As for p-p (under control in pPb,PbPb: high- p_T iso γ, l)
- $\gamma\gamma$: QCD continuum (MCFM $nproc=285$) +30% $\gamma\gamma^*$, $\gamma^*\gamma^*$
- $ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$: ZZ^* non-resonant (MCFM $nproc=90$)

$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ visible counts: LHC vs. FCC

[DdE, arXiv:1701.08047]



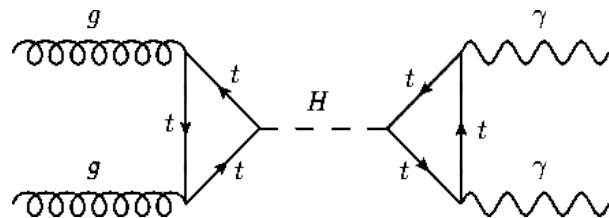
Analysis based on NNLO MCFM
pseudo-data for $H(\gamma\gamma)$ and $\gamma\gamma$
backgrounds after typical CMS/ATLAS cuts

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pPb	8.8	1 pb $^{-1}$	6.0 nb	7	0.4
PbPb	39	33 nb $^{-1}$	11.5 μ b	450	25
pPb	63	8 pb $^{-1}$	115 nb	950	50

- LHC (nominal \mathcal{L}_{int}): ~ 10 Higgs bosons visible in Pb-Pb, p-Pb
- HE-LHC: ~ 40 Higgs bosons in Pb-Pb, p-Pb
- FCC (nominal \mathcal{L}_{int}): $500\text{-}1000$ H bosons/month in Pb-Pb, p-Pb

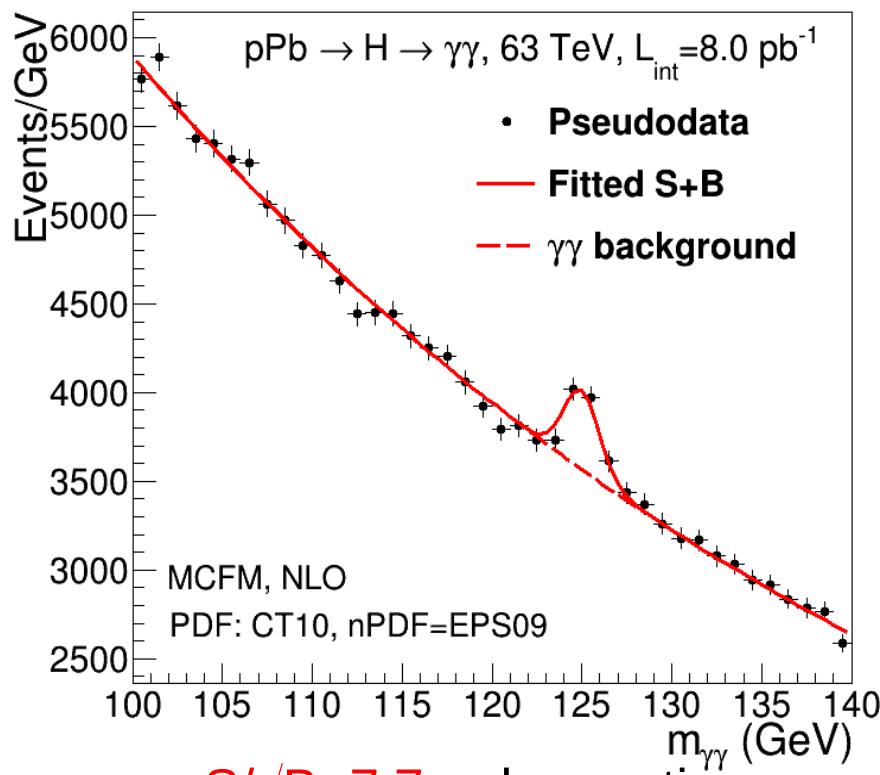
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ observation at FCC

[DdE, arXiv:1701.08047]



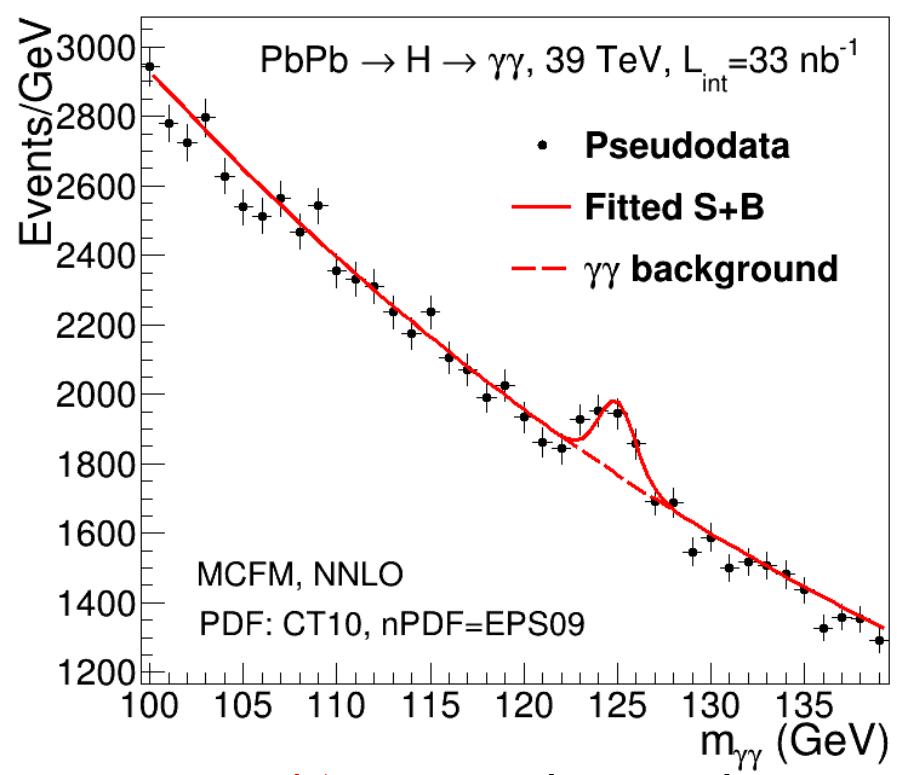
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■ p-Pb @ 63 TeV ($L_{\text{int}} = 8 \text{ pb}^{-1}$)



$S/\sqrt{B} \sim 7.7\sigma$ observation

■ Pb-Pb @ 39 TeV ($L_{\text{int}} = 33 \text{ nb}^{-1}$)



$S/\sqrt{B} \sim 5.2\sigma$ observation

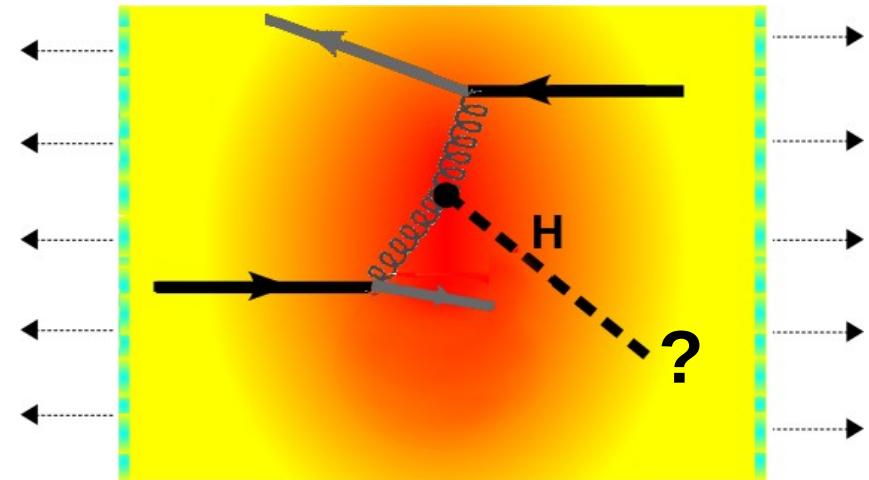
■ HE-LHC: Observation requires $\times 20$ more L_{int} (2-yrs run). Lighter ions?

H boson suppression in the QGP

[DdE,C.Loizides, to be submitted]

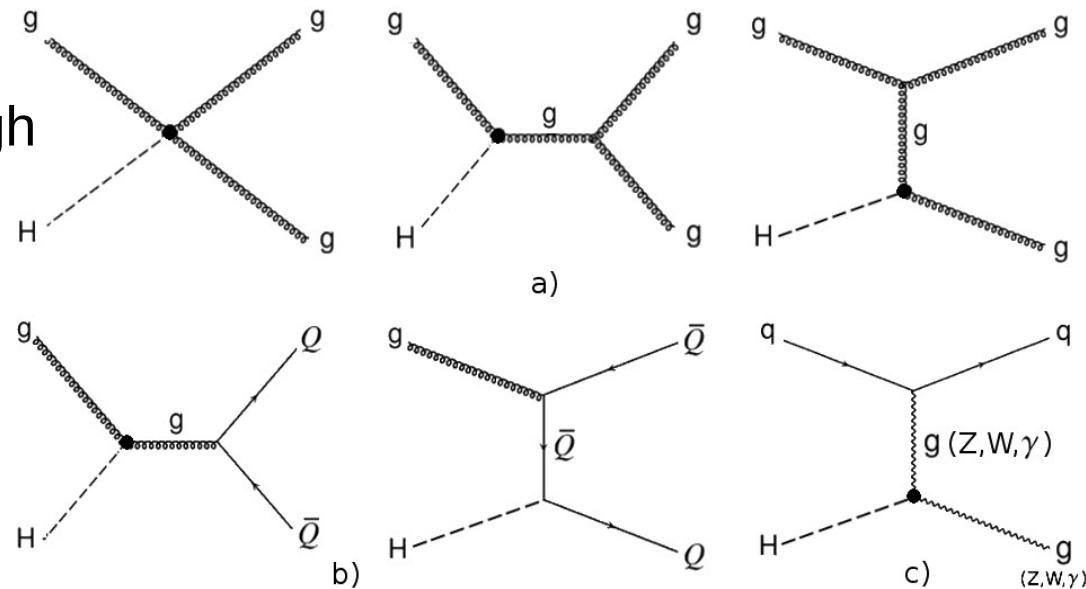
- SM boson ($\Gamma_H = 4 \text{ MeV}$) lifetime
 $\tau = 1/\Gamma_H \sim 50 \text{ fm} > \tau_{\text{QGP}} \sim 10 \text{ fm.}$

Once produced it will **traverse** the QGP and decay outside the medium. What are its q,g scattering x-sections ?



- The SM **Higgs couples to plasma gluons** (through dominant top loop) & **quarks** (as per their Yukawas).

LO x-sections computed (WHIZARD/CalcHEP/MG5) for relevant $E_{g,H}$ ranges



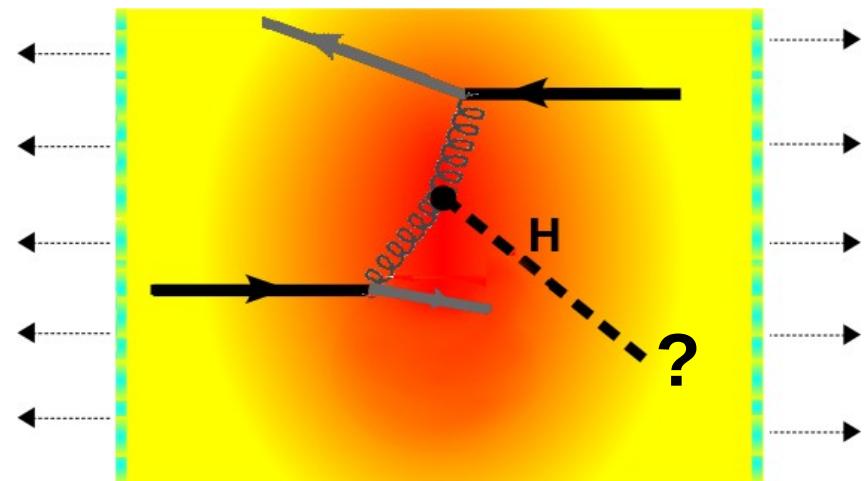
→ Full (including K-factors) Higgs “absorption” x-section: $\sigma \sim \mathcal{O}(1\text{-}10 \mu\text{b})$

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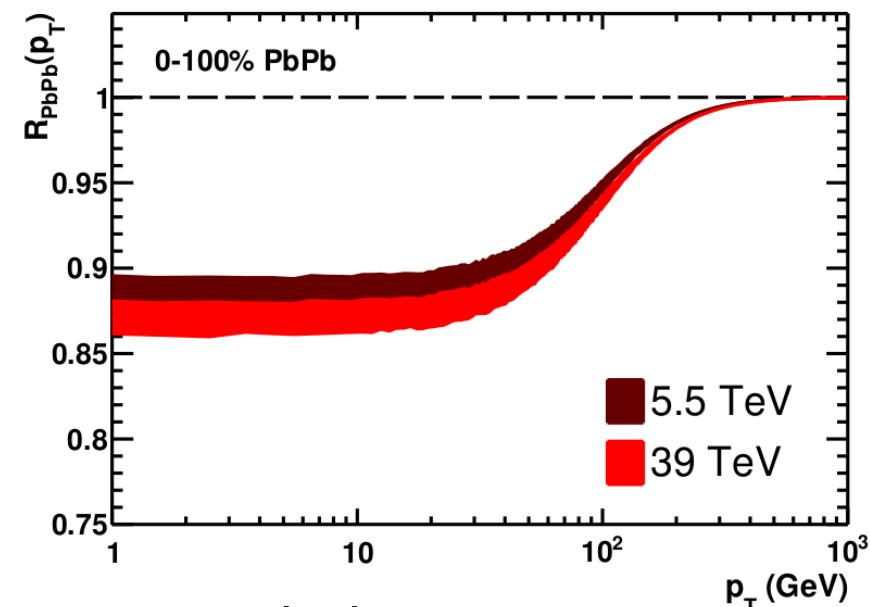
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- Survival probability computed embedding Higgs in QGP (2D+1 viscous SuperSonic hydrodynamics):

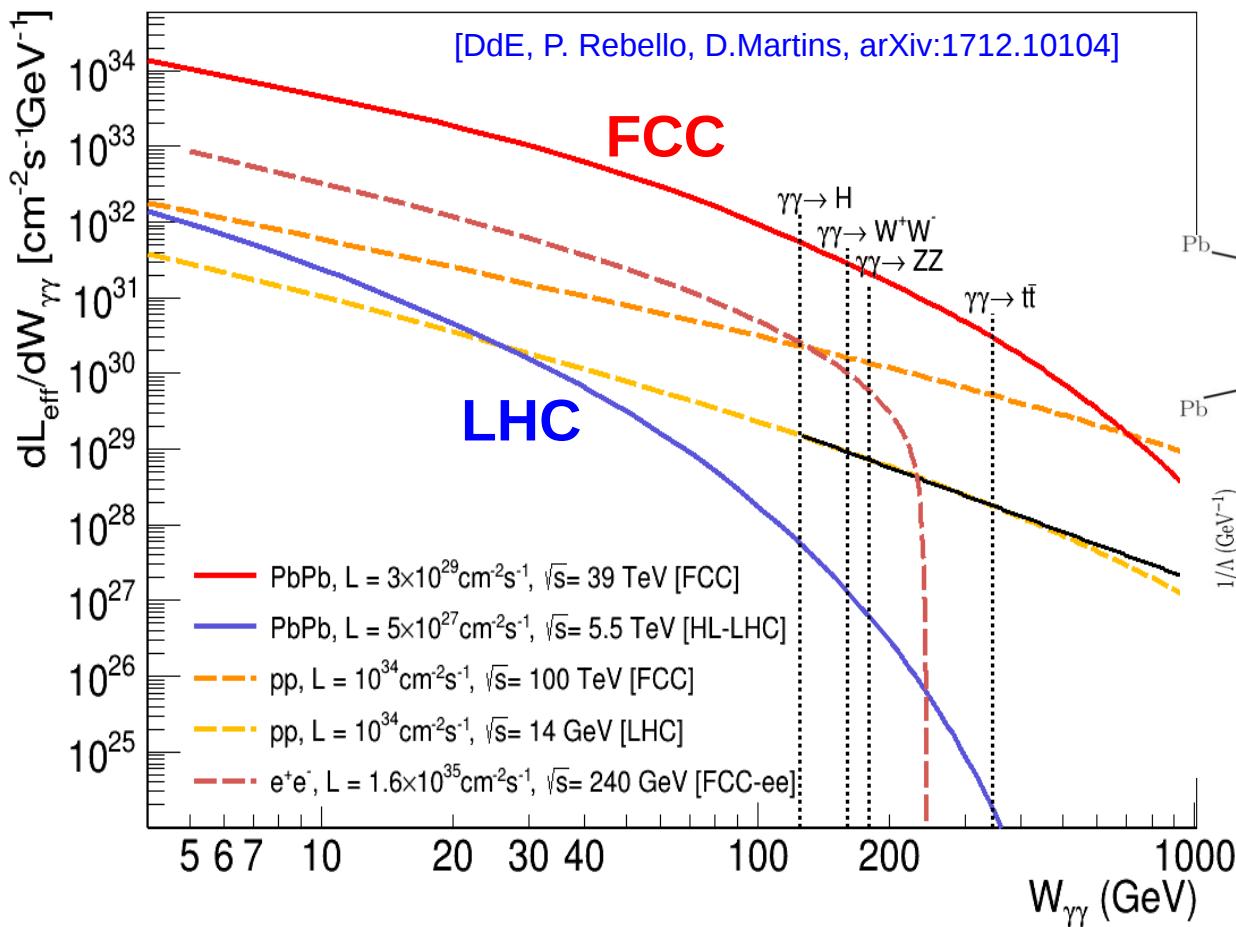
→ Higgs suppression factor in PbPb: ~15%, dominantly at $p_T < 100$ GeV.



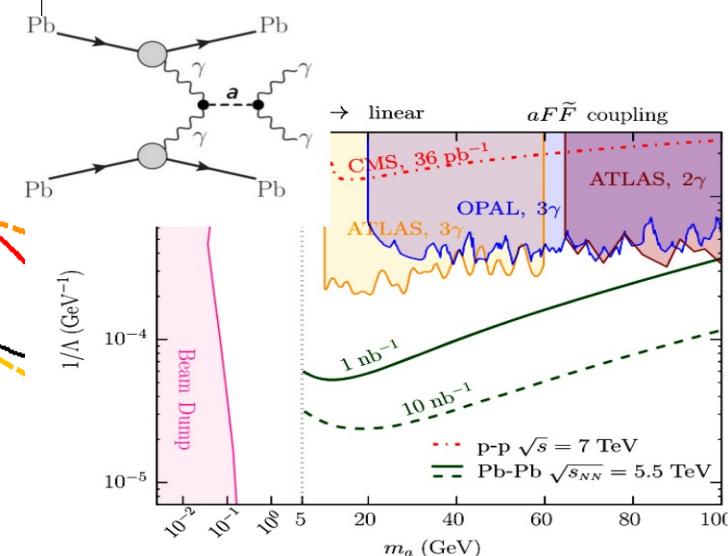
- Enough motivation to convince proton-proton community to run for 2 years PbPb at HE-LHC?

$\gamma\gamma$ luminosity: LHC vs. FCC

- “Low masses”: $\times 2\text{--}3$ higher effective lumi than at PbPb(5.5 TeV)
Enough stats for: $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$, $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow a(\gamma\gamma)$, double VM ($\gamma\gamma \rightarrow pp$, $J/\psi J/\psi$, $\Upsilon\Upsilon$)
- Lighter ions (higher lumi, E_γ) would be very beneficial to reach high $m_{\gamma\gamma}$



- Competitive limits in some BSM corners (e.g. axions):



[S.Knapen et al. PRL 118 (2017) 171801]

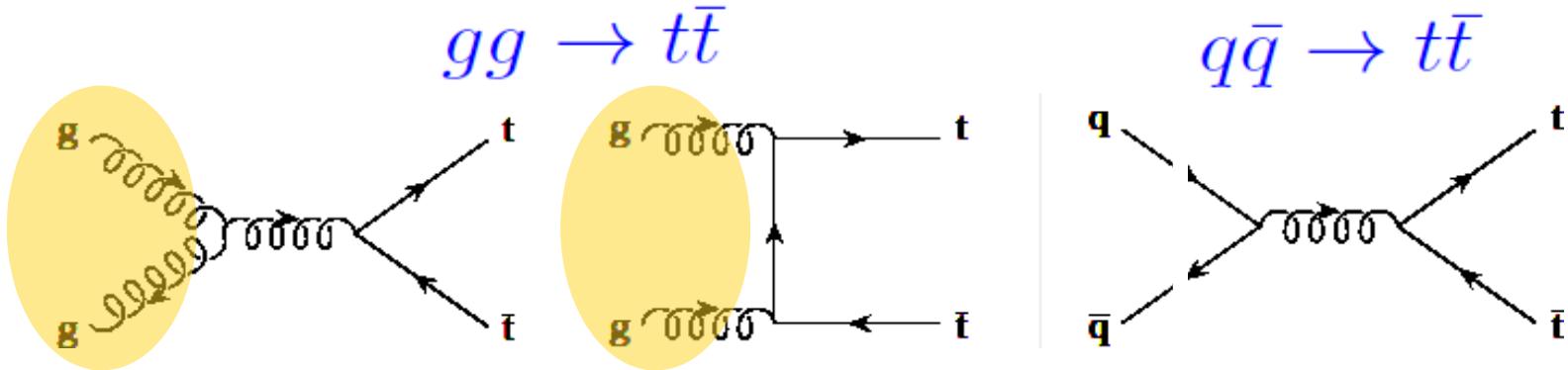
HE-LHC summary: pPb(17 TeV), PbPb(10.6 TeV)

- Accessible HI physics at $\times 2$ larger \sqrt{s} and similar L_{int} than at LHC:
 - 20% larger particle densities than LHC. Low-x: $\times 2$ smaller than LHC
 $dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta|_{\eta=0} \sim 2.400$
 - $\times 1.6$ more charm than at LHC:
Thermal charm participates in QGP EoS?
 - $\times 6$ more bottom than at LHC:
Enough to observe $Y(1S)$ recombination?
 - $\times 6$ more top-quarks than at LHC:
High-x gluon studies accessible.
Enough to study QGP space-time via jets from boosted-top decays.
 - $\times 4$ times more Higgs bosons than at LHC:
Observation of scalar boson requires $\times 20$ more lumi.
 - $\times 2\text{--}3$ more photon-photon effective luminosity than at LHC:
Lighter ions more beneficial. Limits on BSM (axions).
- Higher lumis would help a lot: Lighter ions? Quantitative studies needed.

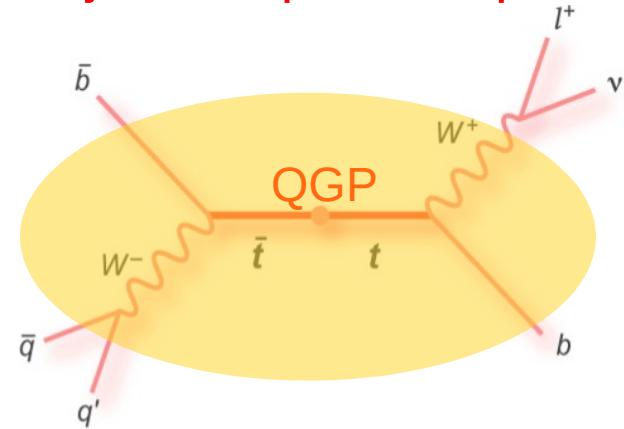
Back-up slides

Top-quark in nuclear collisions

- Top-pair production: QCD interaction dominated by gluon-induced processes ($80\% \rightarrow 90\%$ from LHC \rightarrow FCC energies):



- Top-quark decays ($\tau \sim 0.1$ fm/c) before hadronization into W+b (BR $\sim 100\%$, $V_{tb} \sim 1$). 3 final-states: 2bjets+ 4jets, 2jets+1lepton, 2leptons
- $t \rightarrow b + 2\text{jets}$ (66%)
 $t \rightarrow b + 1\ell + \text{MET}(v)$ (33%, w/o τ : 22%)
- $t\bar{t} \rightarrow b\bar{b} + 4\text{jets}$ (45%)
 $t\bar{t} \rightarrow b\bar{b} + 2\text{jets} + 1\ell + \text{MET}(v)$ (45%)
 $t\bar{t} \rightarrow b\bar{b} + 2\ell + \text{MET}(2v)$ (10%, w/o τ : 5%)



t-tbar (dileptons, AA): high-x gluon nPDFs probe

- Top-quark decays ($\tau \sim 0.1$ fm/c) before hadronization into W+b:

Final isolated-leptons are unsensitive to final-state QGP interactions:

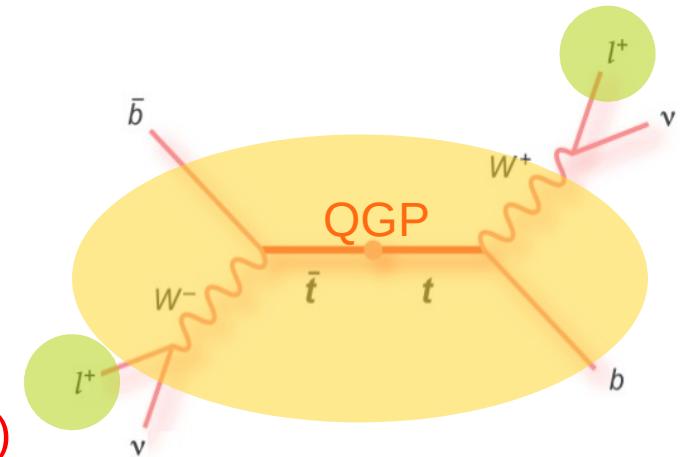
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ttbar \rightarrow bbar + 2 ℓ + MET(2 ν) (10%, w/o τ : 5%)

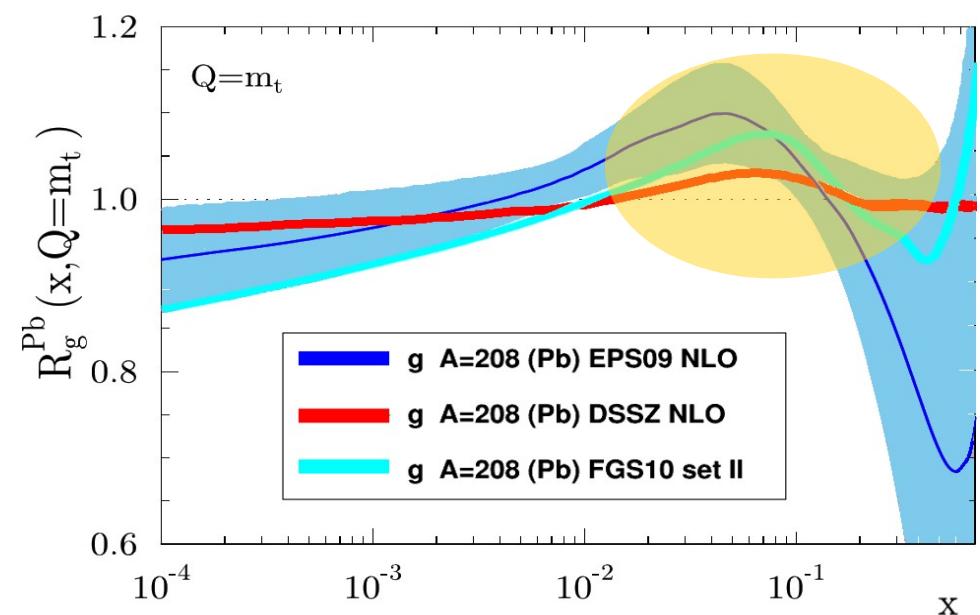
- Motivations for leptonic measurement:

→ Cleanest channel for its first discovery in A-A collisions.

→ Probes gluon nPDF in unexplored high-x range:
 $x \sim 0.3 - 10^{-3}$, $Q \sim m_t \sim 173$ GeV

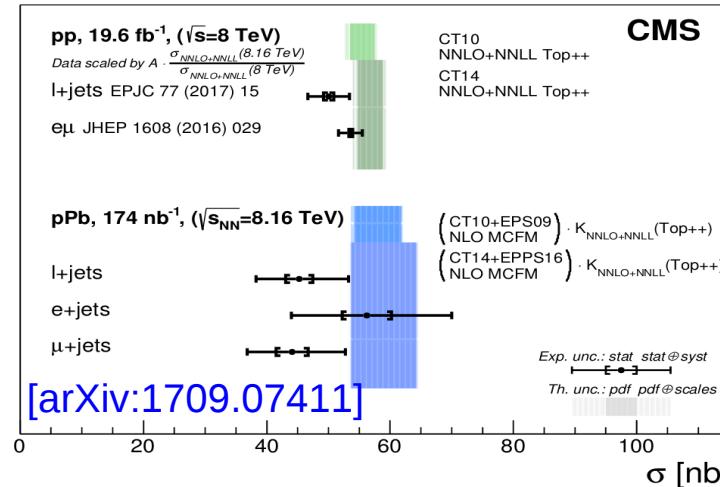
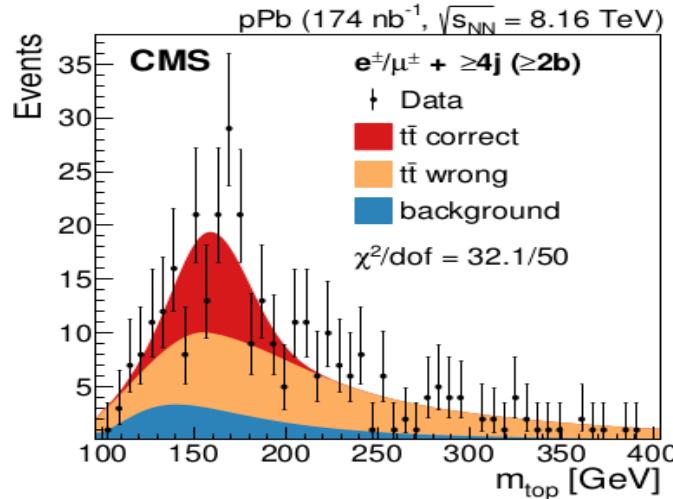


Cleanest decay channels:
 $\mu+\mu, \mu+e, e+e$ (BR~5%)

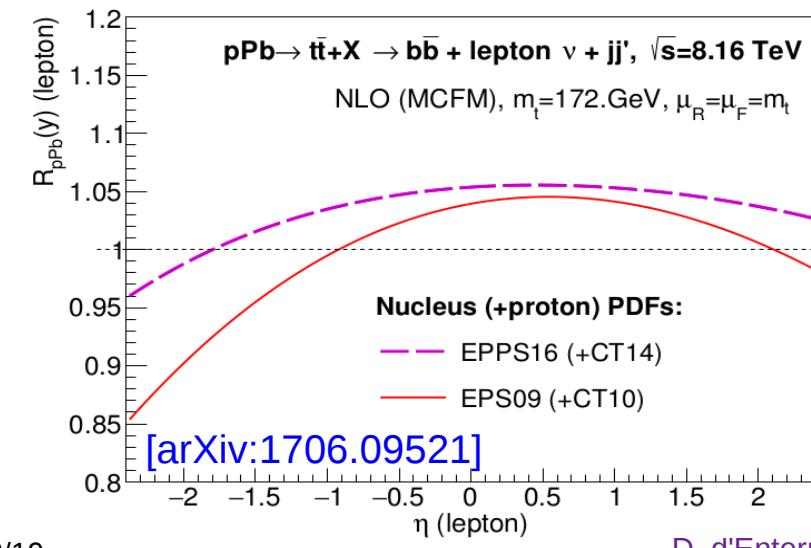
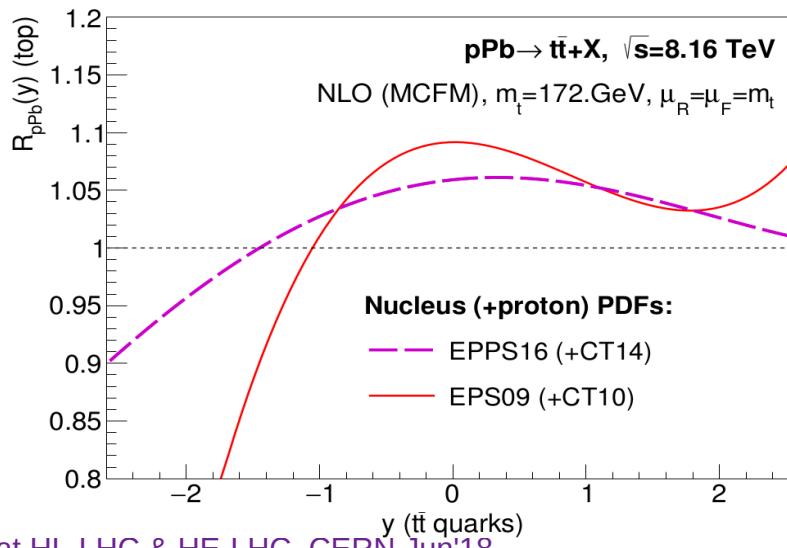


t-tbar (ℓ +jets, pA): high-x gluon nPDFs probe

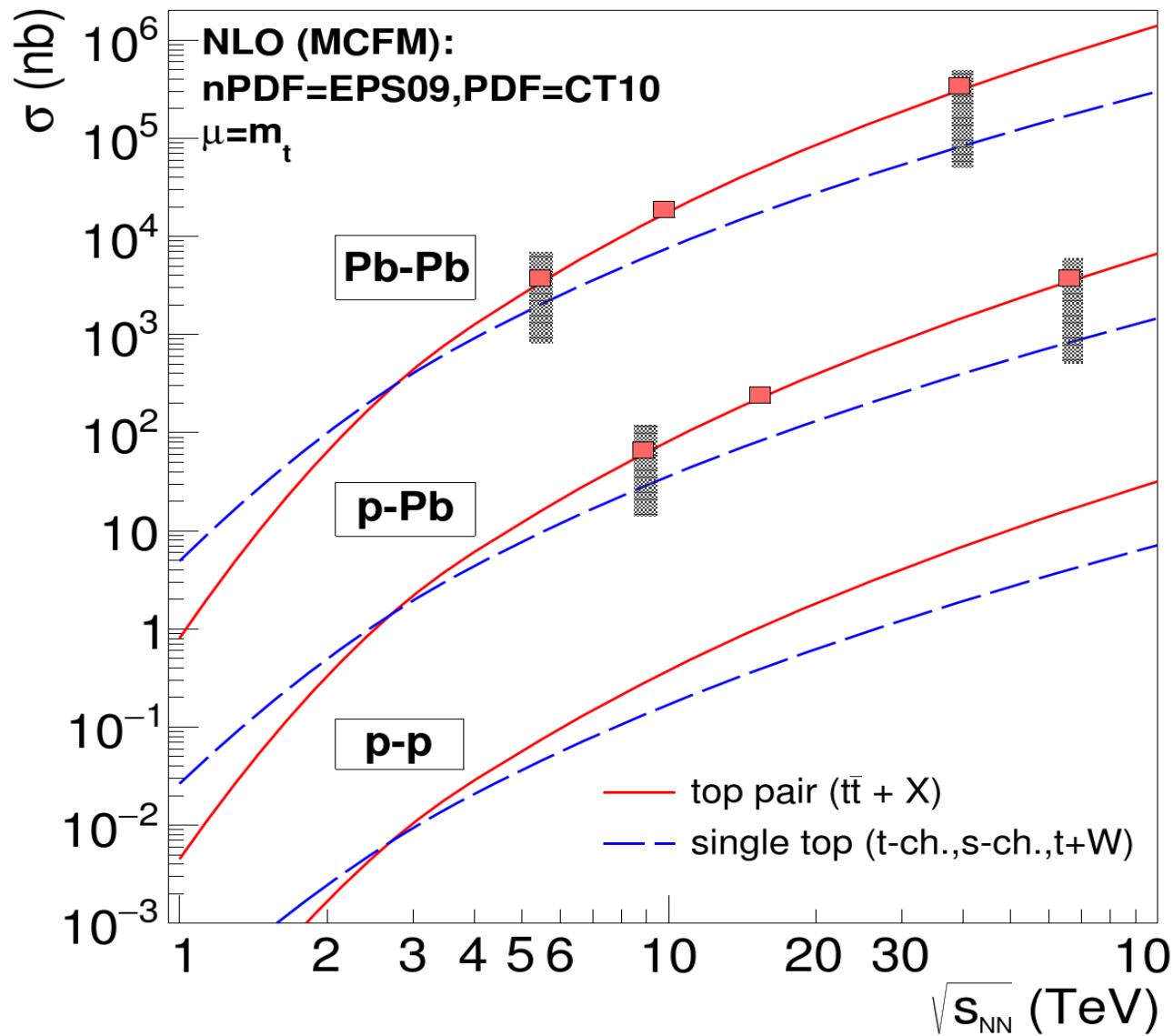
- In p-A collisions one can easily measure ttbar cross sections in the lepton+4jets channel, as demonstrated by CMS in pPb(8.16 TeV):



- Differential measurements in pPb at high-lumi will constrain nPDFs:



Top-quark at HE-LHC



■ Pb-Pb:

LHC(5.5 TeV) = $3.4 \mu b$
 HE-LHC(10 TeV)= $20 \mu b$
 FCC(39 TeV) = $300 \mu b$

■ p-Pb:

LHC(8.8 TeV) = $60 nb$
 HE-LHC(16TeV)= $250 nb$
 FCC(63 TeV) = $3.2 \mu b$

nPDF anti-shadowing
 increases σ_{tt} by +(2-8)%

→ Cross-sections increase by $\times 4-6 / 55-85$ from LHC to HE-LHC / FCC

t-tbar (ℓ +jets, AA): QGP parton radiation probe

- Top-quark decays ($\tau \sim 0.1$ fm/c) before hadronization into W+b.

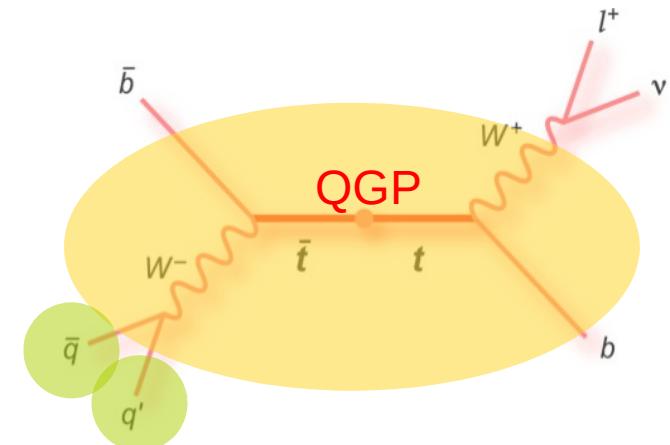
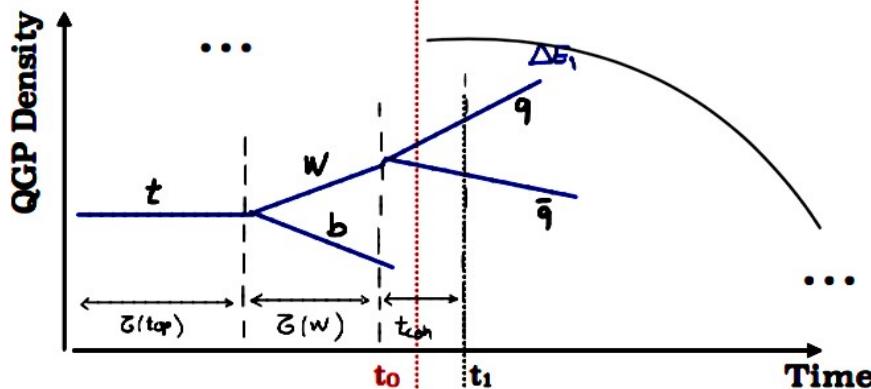
Boosted $t \rightarrow W \rightarrow q\bar{q}'$ traverses QGP

$t \rightarrow b + 2\text{jets}$ (66%)

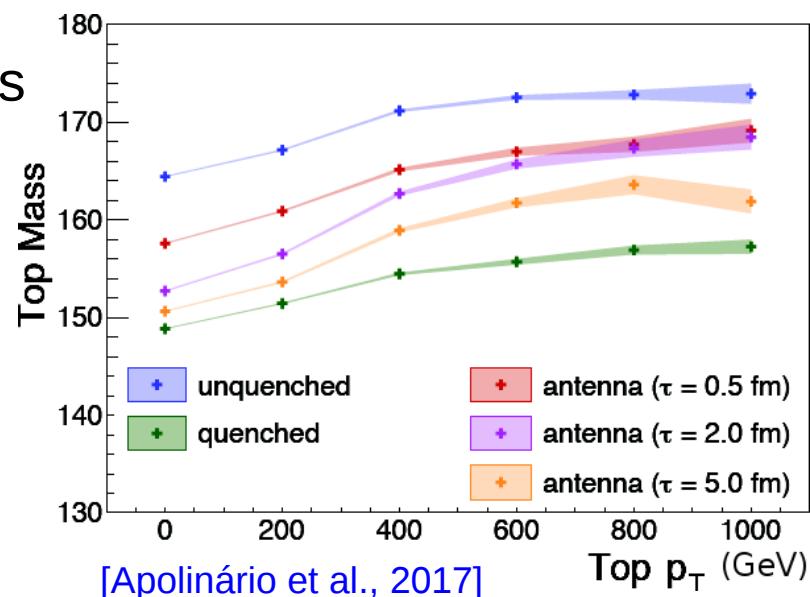
$t\bar{t}$ → $b\bar{b} + 2\text{jets} + 1\ell + \text{MET}(\nu)$ (45%)

- Motivations for 2j measurement:

- Colour reconnection of decay b, q, q' ?
- Boosted single-top (>1 TeV): $\tau > 1$ fm/c
(enhanced gluon radiation in QGP?)
- Boosted t-tbar = color-singlet probes
medium opacity at diff. τ -scales

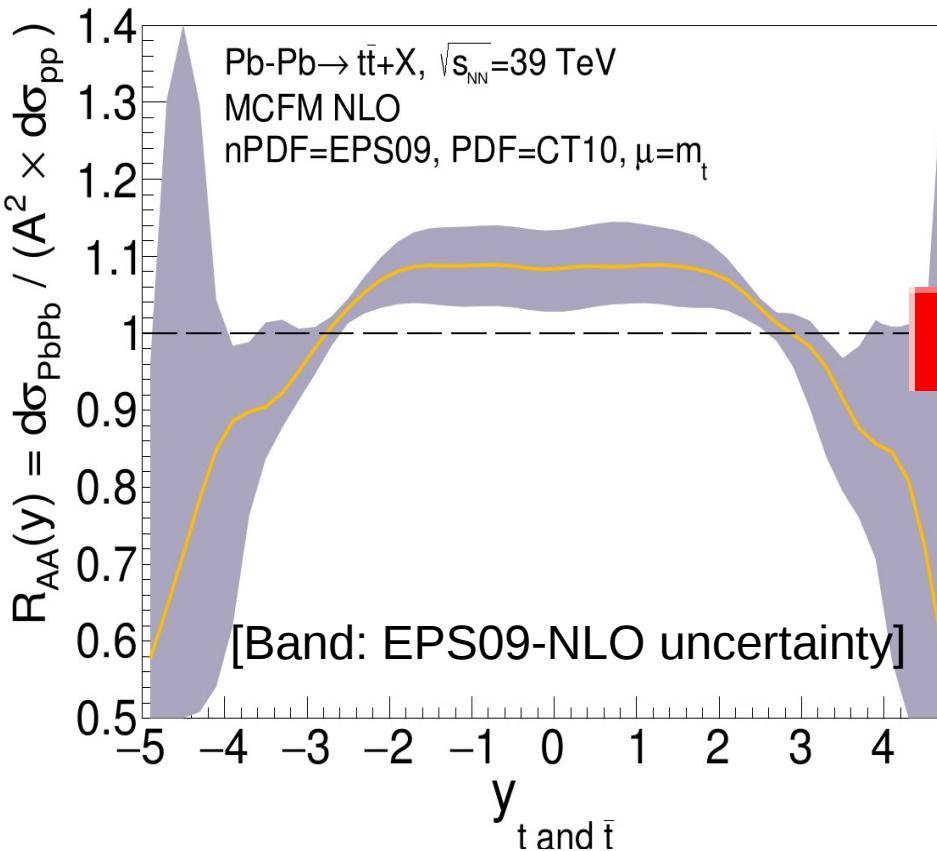


High-stats decay channel:
2jets+2 ℓ (BR~45%)

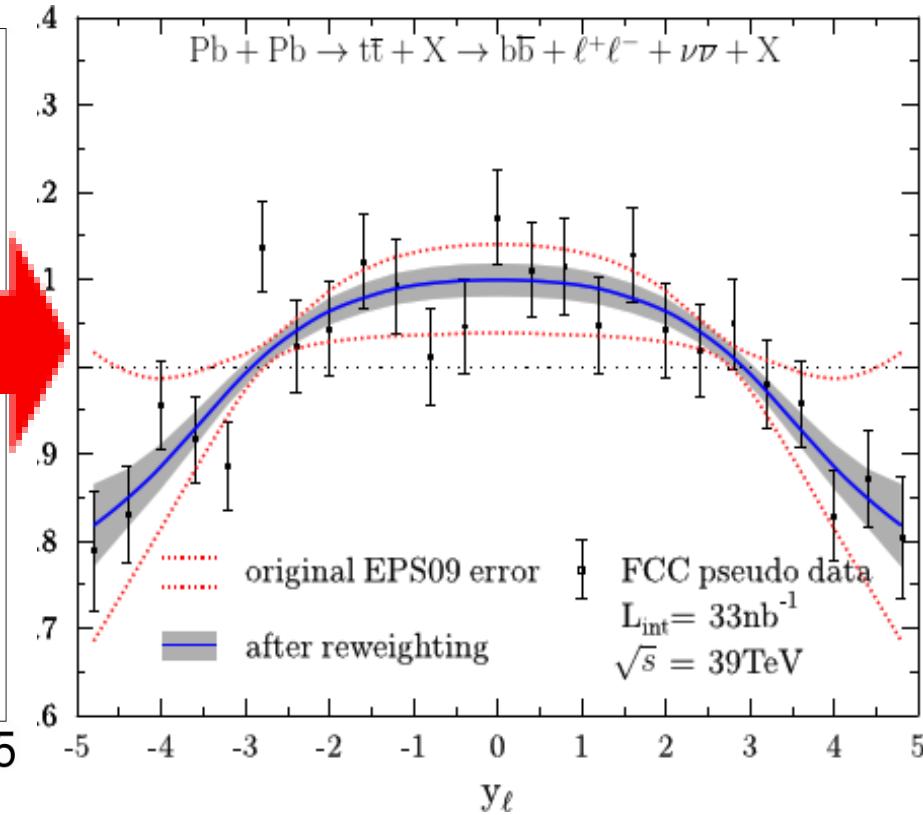


Pb-Pb(39 TeV) \rightarrow t-tbar: $R_{AA}(y)$ for top & ℓ^\pm

■ Top quarks y-distrib. (MC level):



■ Isolated lepton y-distrib. after cuts:
(Pseudodata for $L_{int}=33 \text{ nb}^{-1}$)



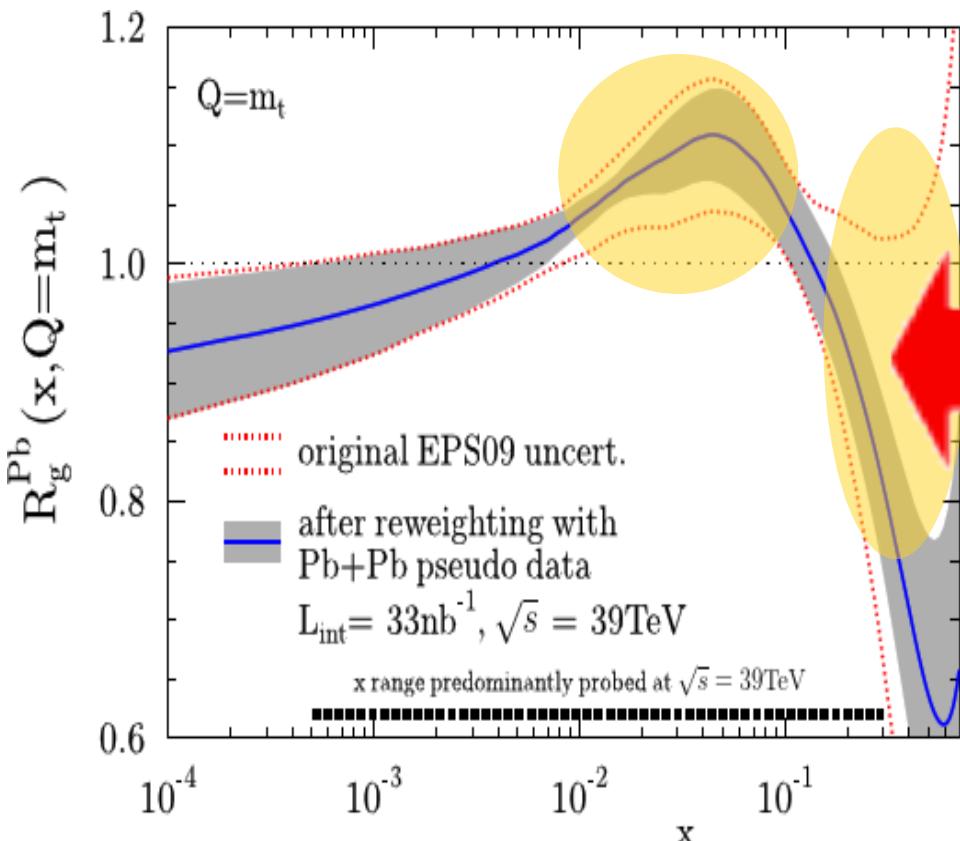
(stat. dominate over syst. uncertainties)

■ nPDF effects (top): -20% (fwd/backwd.)
+10% (central)

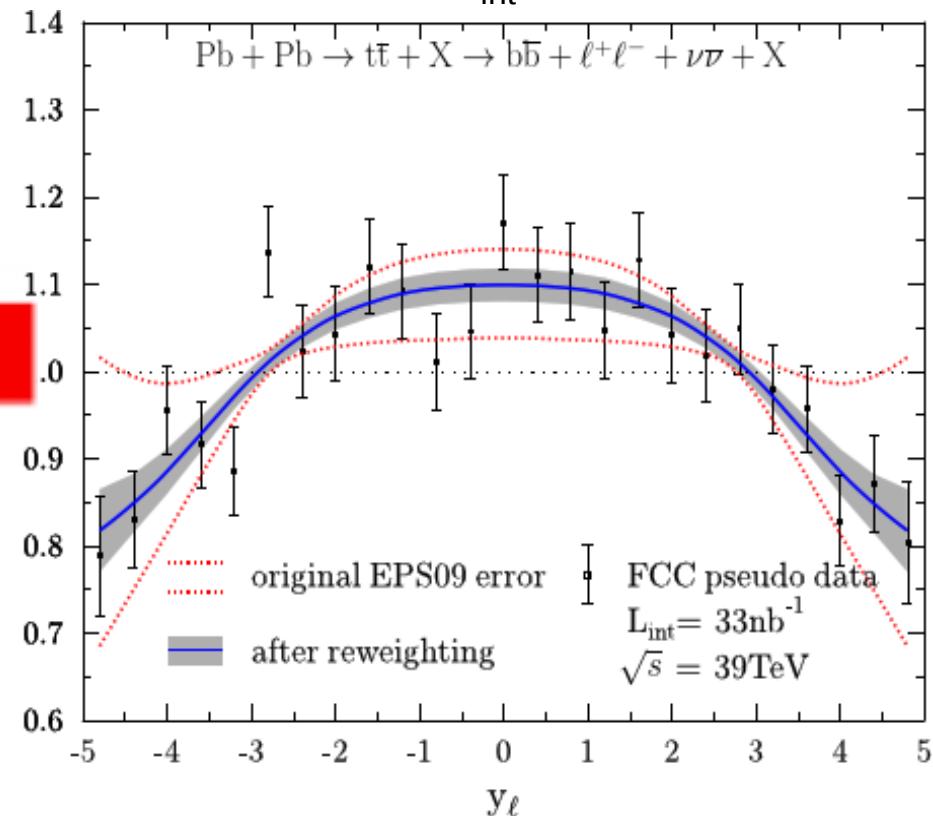
■ nPDF effects (lepton): $\pm(10-20)\%$
Strong constraining power

Pb-Pb(39 TeV) \rightarrow t-tbar: $R_{AA}(y)$ for ℓ^\pm & $R_g^{\text{Pb}}(x, Q^2)$

- Improved gluon density via Hessian PDF reweighting



- Isolated lepton y-distrib. after cuts:
(Pseudodata for $L_{\text{int}} = 33 \text{ nb}^{-1}$)



- Significant reduction in uncertainties at antishadowing ($x \sim 0.05$) and EMC region ($x \sim 0.5$) regions

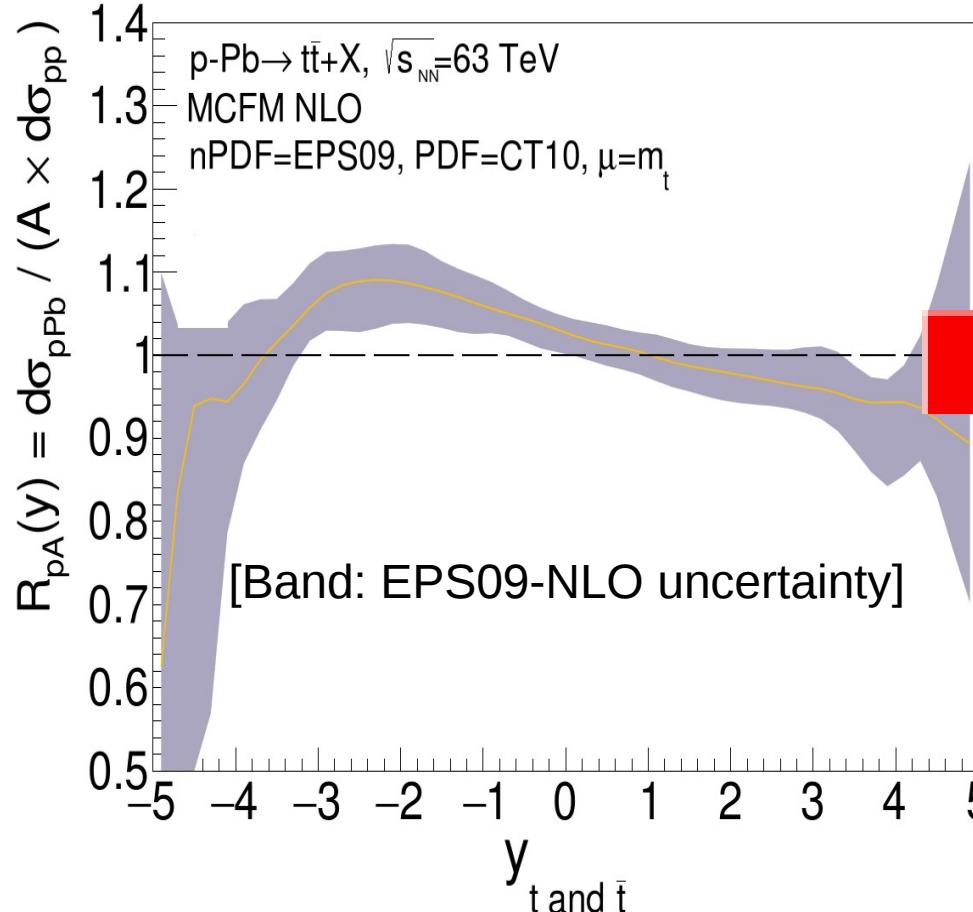
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- nPDF effects (lepton): $\pm(10\text{-}20)\%$
Strong constraining power

Note: $\times 3.2$ more stats with updated \mathcal{L} : $\times 2$ better nPDF improvements

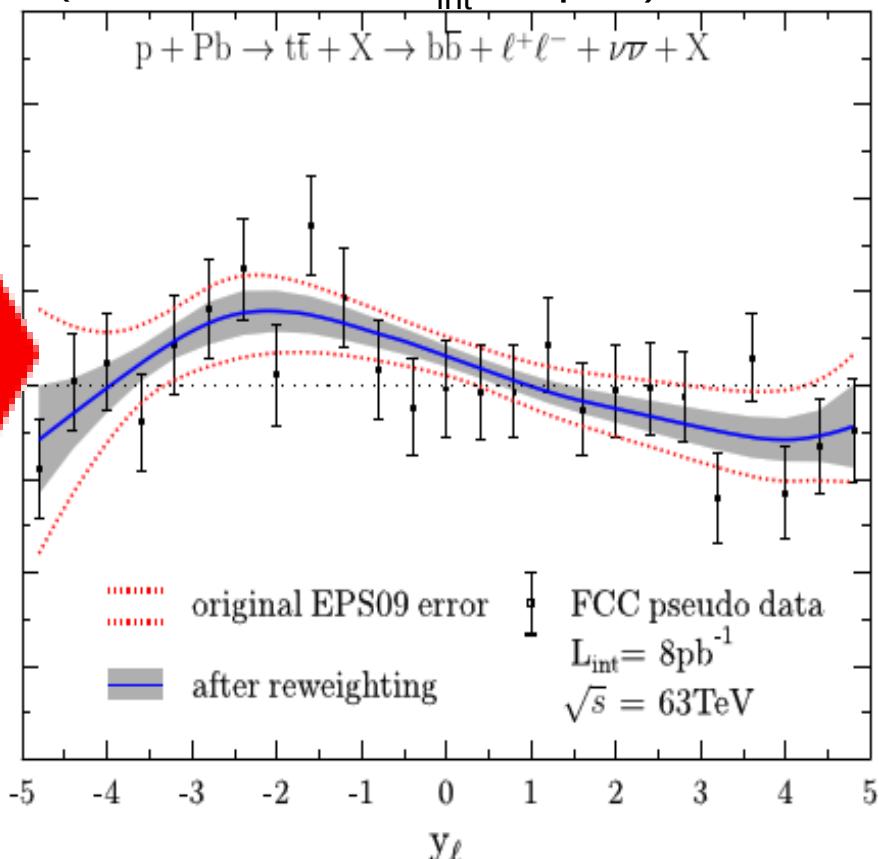
p-Pb(63 TeV) \rightarrow t-tbar: $R_{AA}(y)$ for top & ℓ^\pm

■ Top quarks y-distrib. (MC level):



■ nPDF effects (top): -30% (bckwd)
 $\pm 10\%$ (fwd/cent)

■ Isolated lepton y-distrib. after cuts:
 (Pseudodata for $L_{int} = 8 \text{ pb}^{-1}$)

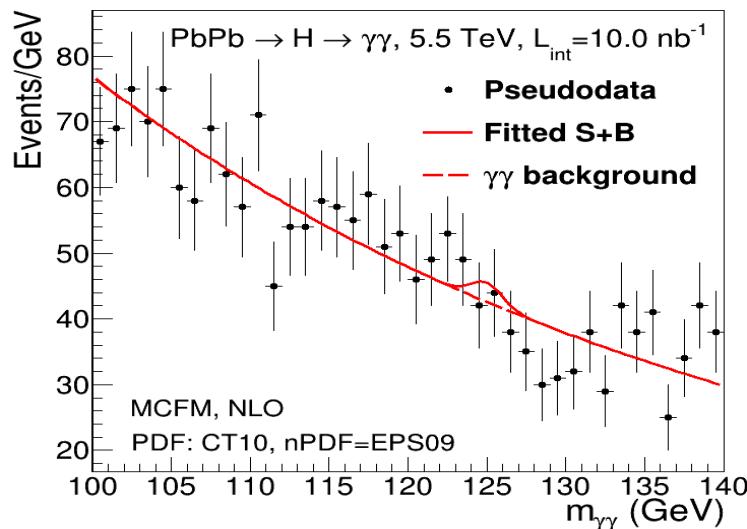


(stat. to dominate over syst. uncertainties)

■ nPDF effects (lepton): $\pm 10\%$
 Strong constraining power

$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ observation in Pb-Pb (LHC, FCC)

- Pb-Pb @ 5.5 TeV ($L_{int} = 10 \text{ nb}^{-1}$)



→ LHC (5.5 TeV, 10 nb^{-1}):

Nomin. lumi: $S/\sqrt{B} \sim 0.36$ (0.5, adding $4l$)

$L_{int} = 500 \text{ nb}^{-1}$: 3σ evidence (HL-LHC?)

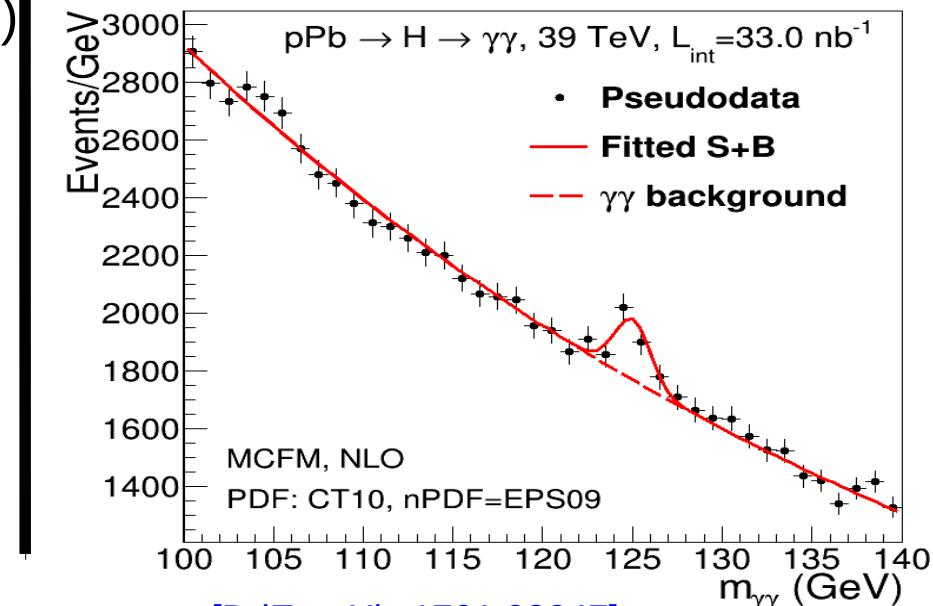
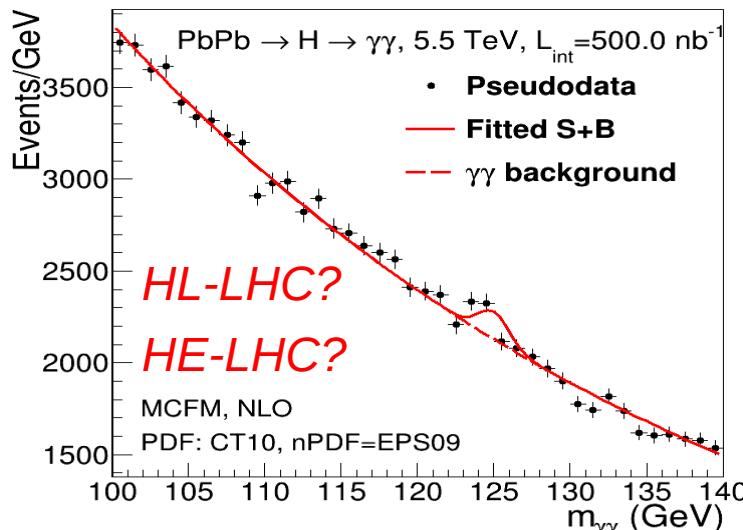
4.2σ combined with $H(4l)$

→ FCC (39 TeV, 33 nb^{-1}):

Nominal lumi: $S/\sqrt{B} \sim 5.2\sigma$ observation

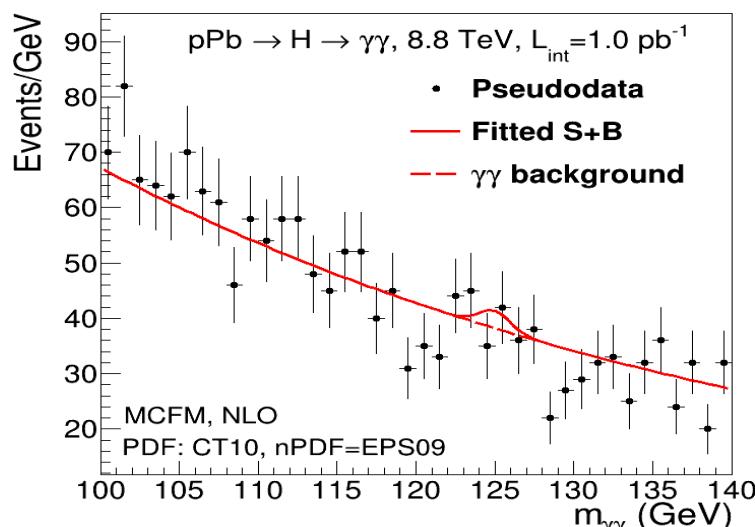
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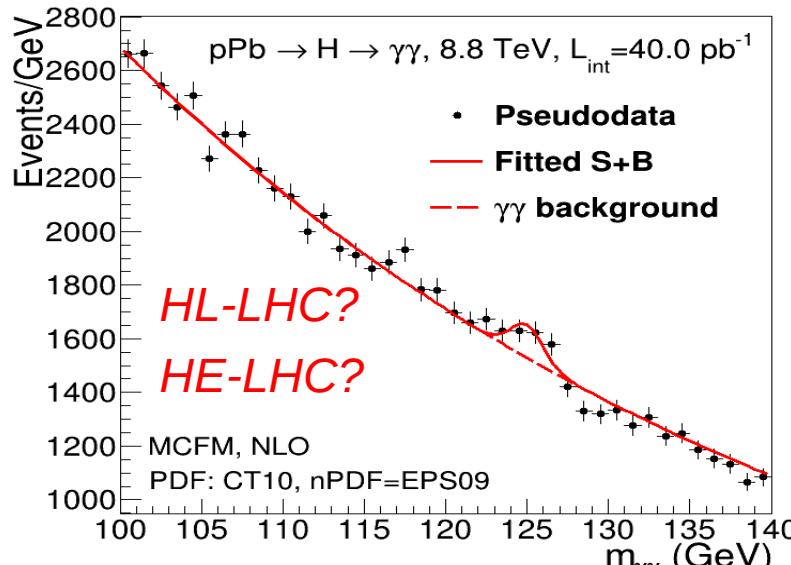


$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ observation in p-Pb (LHC, FCC)

■ p-Pb @ 8.8 TeV ($L_{int} = 1 \text{ pb}^{-1}$)



■ p-Pb @ 8.8 TeV ($L_{int} = 40 \text{ pb}^{-1}$)



→ LHC (8.8 TeV, 1 pb^{-1}):

Nominal lumi: $S/\sqrt{B} \sim 0.4$ (0.6, adding $4l$)

$L_{int} = 40 \text{ pb}^{-1}$: 3σ evidence (HL-LHC?)

4.2σ combined with $H(4l)$

→ FCC (63 TeV, 8 pb^{-1}):

Nominal lumi: $S/\sqrt{B} \sim 7.7\sigma$ observation

■ p-Pb @ 63 TeV ($L_{int} = 8 \text{ pb}^{-1}$)

