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*Vector meson photoproduction:
recent results and discussion*

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Plan of this talk

- **Review of some of the physics questions**
- **Discussion of recent results**
- **Points for discussion:**
 - Future planned Measurements
 - Impact of detector upgrades
 - Special runs

Physics questions (II)

- Initial stage of the proton and nuclei: space, momentum and polarization features
- Extract info on parton distribution functions (GPDs, PDFs)
- Determine the onset of gluon saturation in protons
- Study nuclear effects such as shadowing present in nuclei and not in protons
- Role of high-mass energy stages in hadron-nucleus interactions

Physics questions (II)

- Test different mechanics. e.g. DGLAP vs perturbative Pomeron dynamics
- Role of the dipole size in photon-hadron interactions
- Color fluctuations of the photon
- Hadronic and Odderon searches
- Role of Quantum correlations, entanglement

Vector meson photoproduction at LHC

- **ALICE measurements:**

- Coherent J/ψ in PbPb: *Phys.Lett.B* 718 (2013) 1273-1283 e-Print: [1209.3715](#) [nucl-ex]
- Coherent Charmonium and two-photon process in UPC PbPb *Eur.Phys.J.C* 73 (2013) 11, 2617 e-Print: [1305.1467](#) [nucl-ex]
- Exclusive J/ψ in UPC pPb *Phys.Rev.Lett.* 113 (2014) 23, 232504 e-Print: [1406.7819](#) [nucl-ex]
- Coherent ρ^0 in PbPb *JHEP* 09 (2015) 095 e-Print: [1503.09177](#) [nucl-ex]
- Coherent $\psi(2S)$ *Phys.Lett.B* 751 (2015) 358-370 e-Print: [1508.05076](#) [nucl-ex]
- Energy dependence of UPC pPb *Eur.Phys.J.C* 79 (2019) 5, 402 e-Print: [1809.03235](#) [nucl-ex]
- Coherent J/ψ in PbPb *Phys.Lett.B* 798 (2019) 134926 e-Print: [1904.06272](#) [nucl-ex]
- Coherent ρ^0 in PbPb *JHEP* 06 (2020) 035, *JHEP*06 (2020) 35 e-Print: [2002.10897](#) [nucl-ex]
- Coherent J/ψ and $\psi(2S)$ in UPC PbPb e-Print: [2101.04577](#) [nucl-ex]
- t-dependence of coherent J/ψ in UPC PbPb [2101.04623](#) [nucl-ex]
- Coherent ρ^0 in UPC XeXe [2101.02581](#) [nucl-ex]

Vector meson photoproduction at LHC

- CMS measurements:

- Coherent J/ψ in PbPb: *Phys.Lett.B* 772 (2017) 489-511 e-Print: [1605.06966](#) [nucl-ex]
- Exclusive Upsilon in UPC pPb: *Eur.Phys.J.C* 79 (2019) 3, 277 e-Print: [1809.11080](#) [hep-ex]
- Exclusive ρ^0 in UPC pPb *Eur.Phys.J.C* 79 (2019) 8, 702 e-Print: [1902.01339](#) [hep-ex]

Vector meson photoproduction at LHC

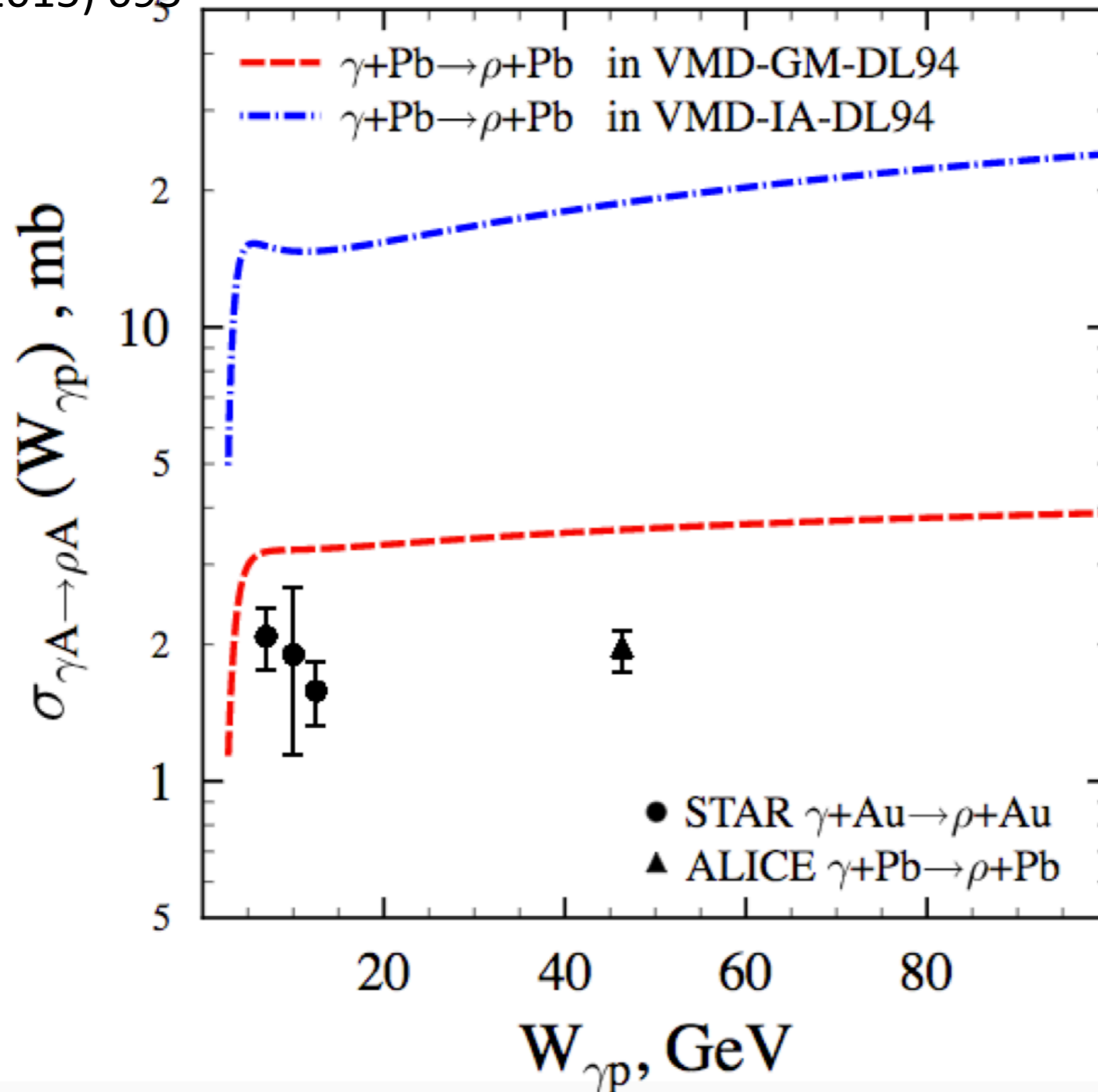
- **LHCb measurements:**

- Exclusive J/ψ and $\Psi(2S)$ in UPC pp *J.Phys.G* 40 (2013) 045001 e-Print: [1301.7084](#) [hep-ex]
- Update on exclusive J/ψ and $\Psi(2S)$ in UPC pp at 7 TeV *J.Phys.G* 41 (2014) 055002 e-Print: [1401.3288](#) [hep-ex]
- Exclusive Upsilon in UPC pp at 7 and 8 TeV *JHEP* 09 (2015) 084 e-Print: [1505.08139](#) [hep-ex]
- Exclusive J/ψ and $\Psi(2S)$ in UPC pp at 13 TeV *JHEP* 10 (2018) 167 e-Print: [1806.04079](#) [hep-ex]
- Preliminary results on coherent J/ψ in UPC PbPb presented at QM 2018

Coherent ρ^0 in UPC PbPb

ALICE

JHEP 1509 (2015) 095



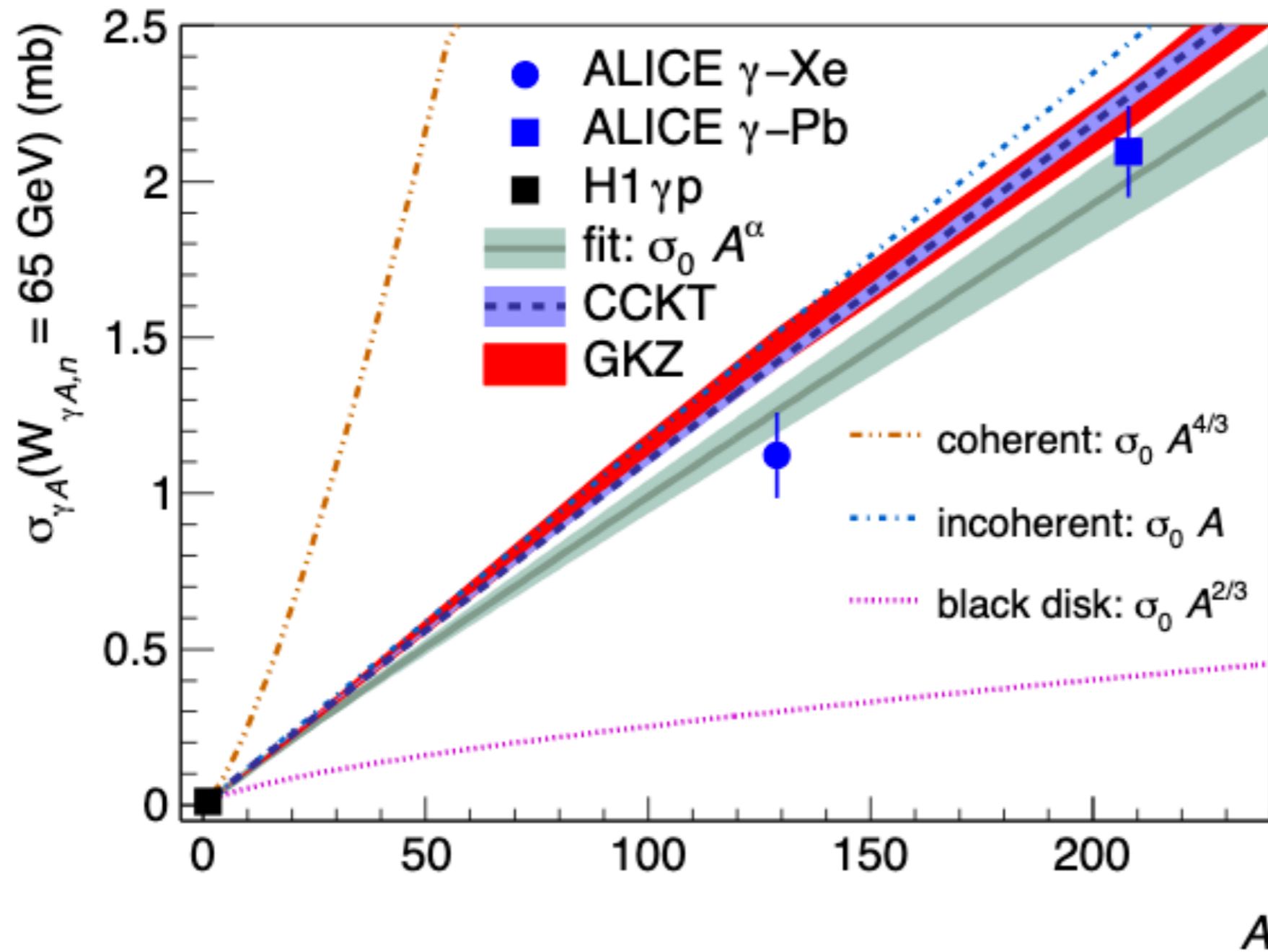
L. Frankfurt et al.

Phys. Lett. B 752 (2016) 51-58

Both ALICE and STAR find measured cross section $\sim 40\%$ lower than predicted by Glauber, ...although works fine at fixed-target experiments

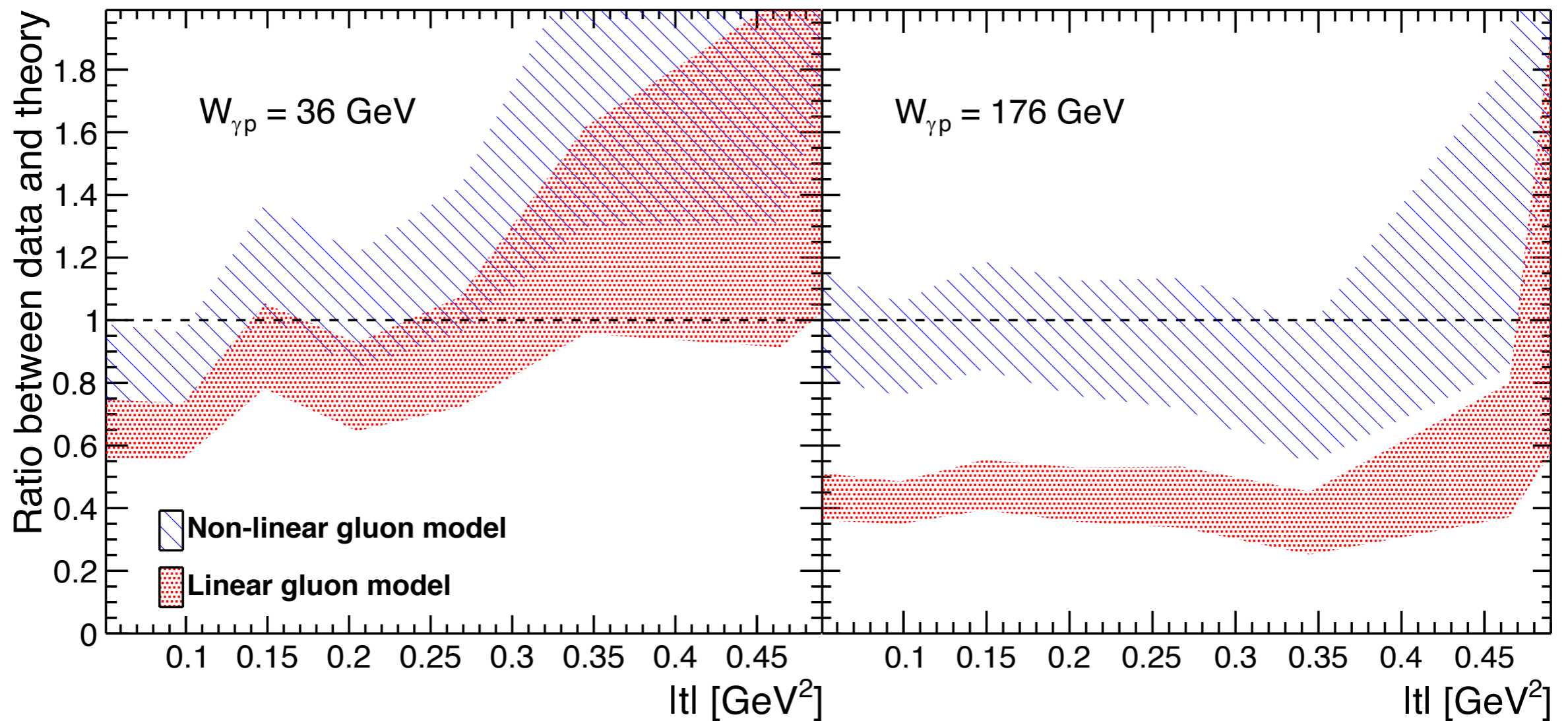
Nuclei does not behave like individual nucleons

Coherent ρ^0 in UPC PbPb

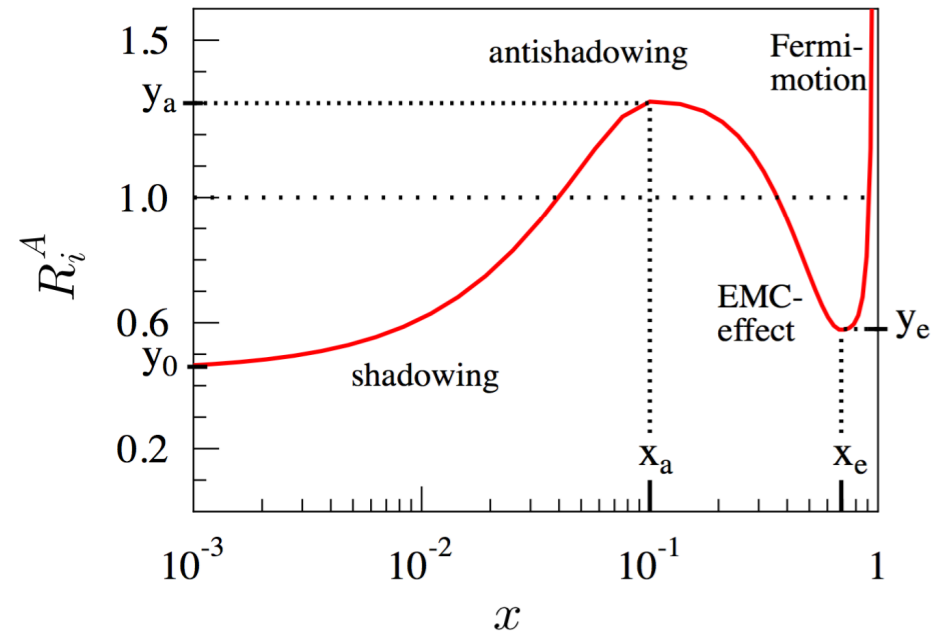


Coherent ρ^0 in UPC pPb

Exclusive ρ^0 photoproduction off the proton. CMS data, $16.9 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$ pPb at 5.02 TeV



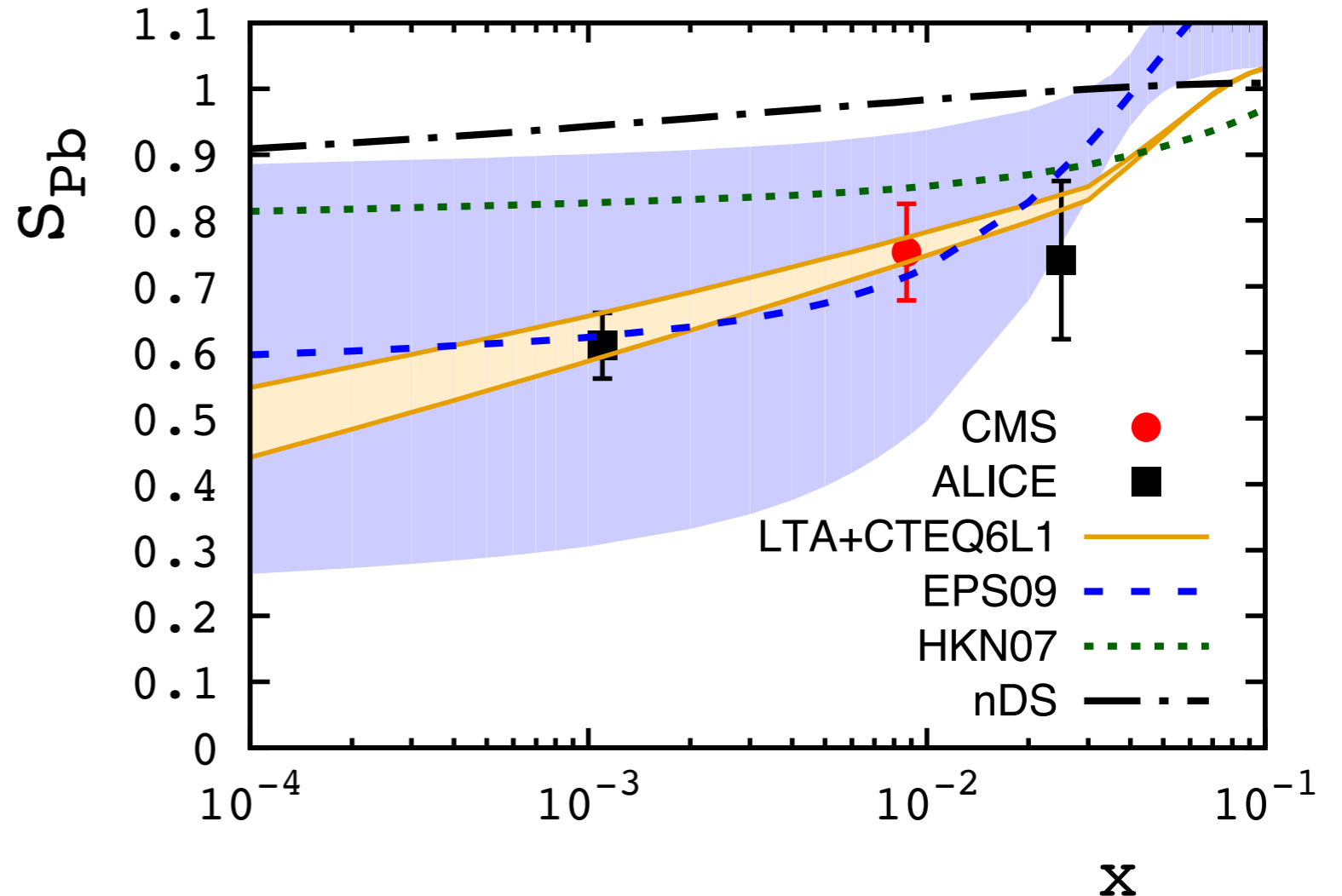
Nuclear effects at Low x



See talk by Vadim Guzey

Coherent J/ψ photoproduction off Pb nuclei

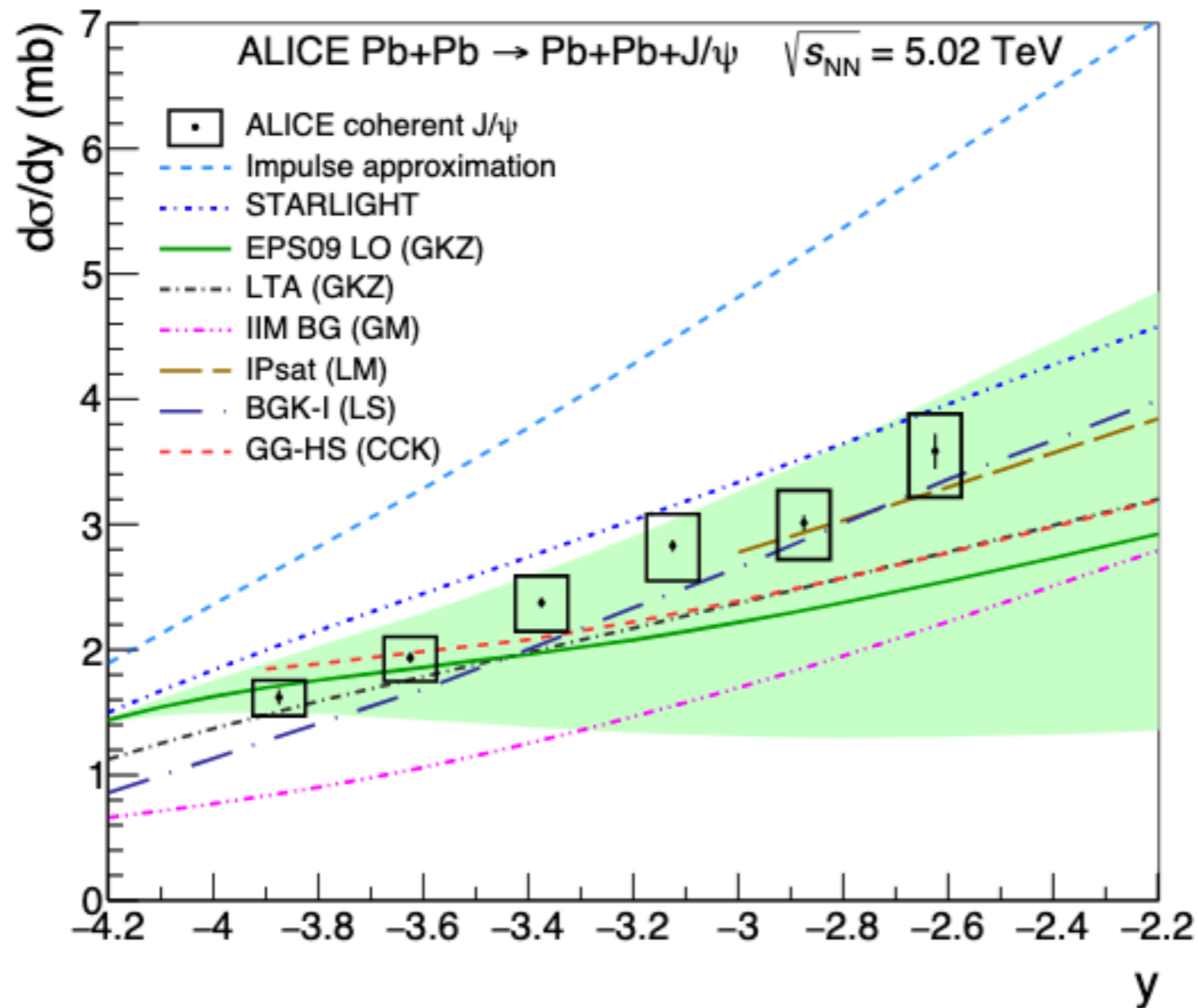
By V. Guzey, et. al using Phys. Lett. B726 (2013) 290–295 and ALICE and CMS results from Run 1



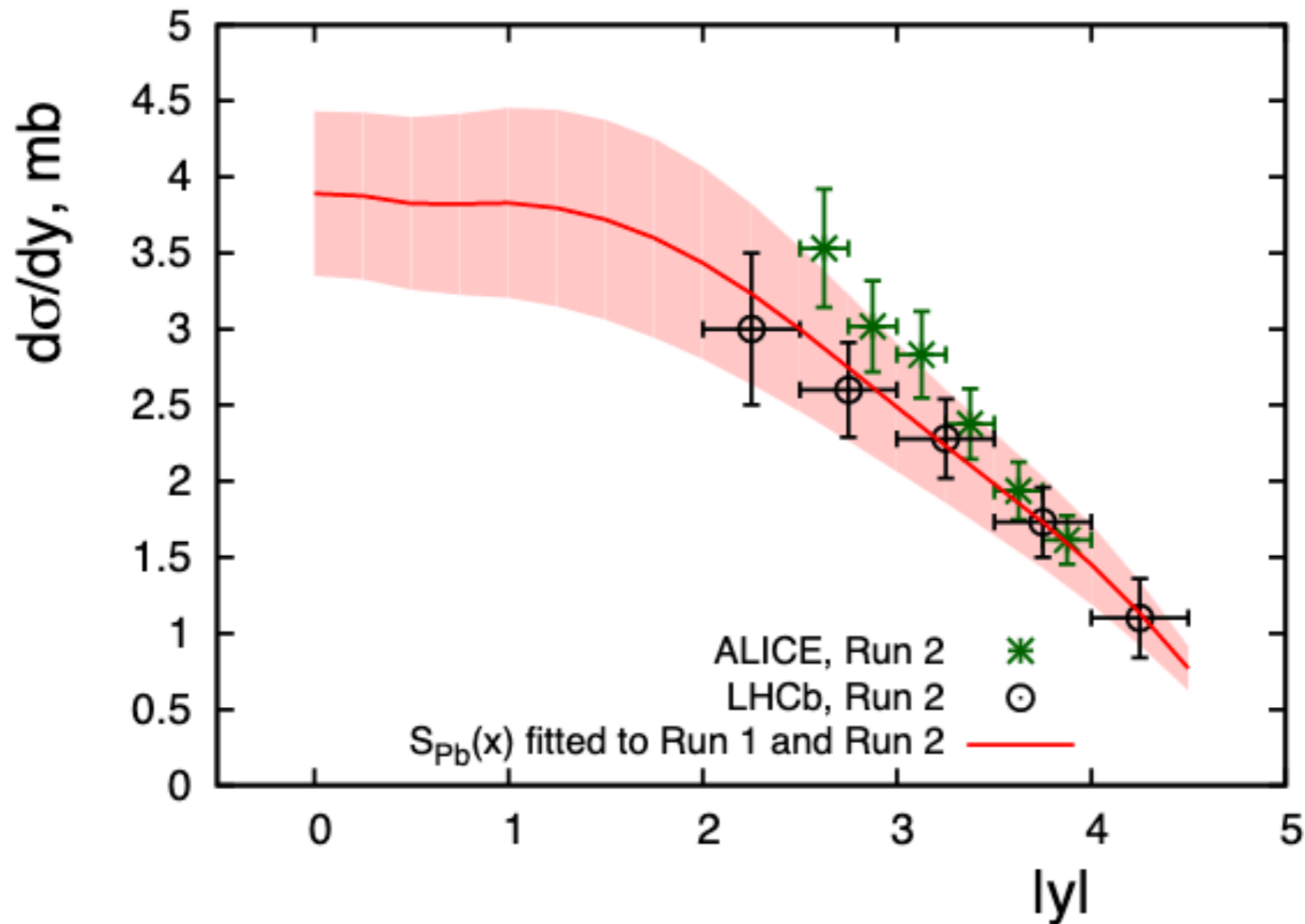
$$R = \frac{f_{i/A}}{A f_{i/p}} \approx \frac{\text{measured}}{\text{expected if no nuclear effects}}$$

Coherent J/ψ in UPC PbPb - Forward data

Phys. Lett. B 798 (2019) 134926

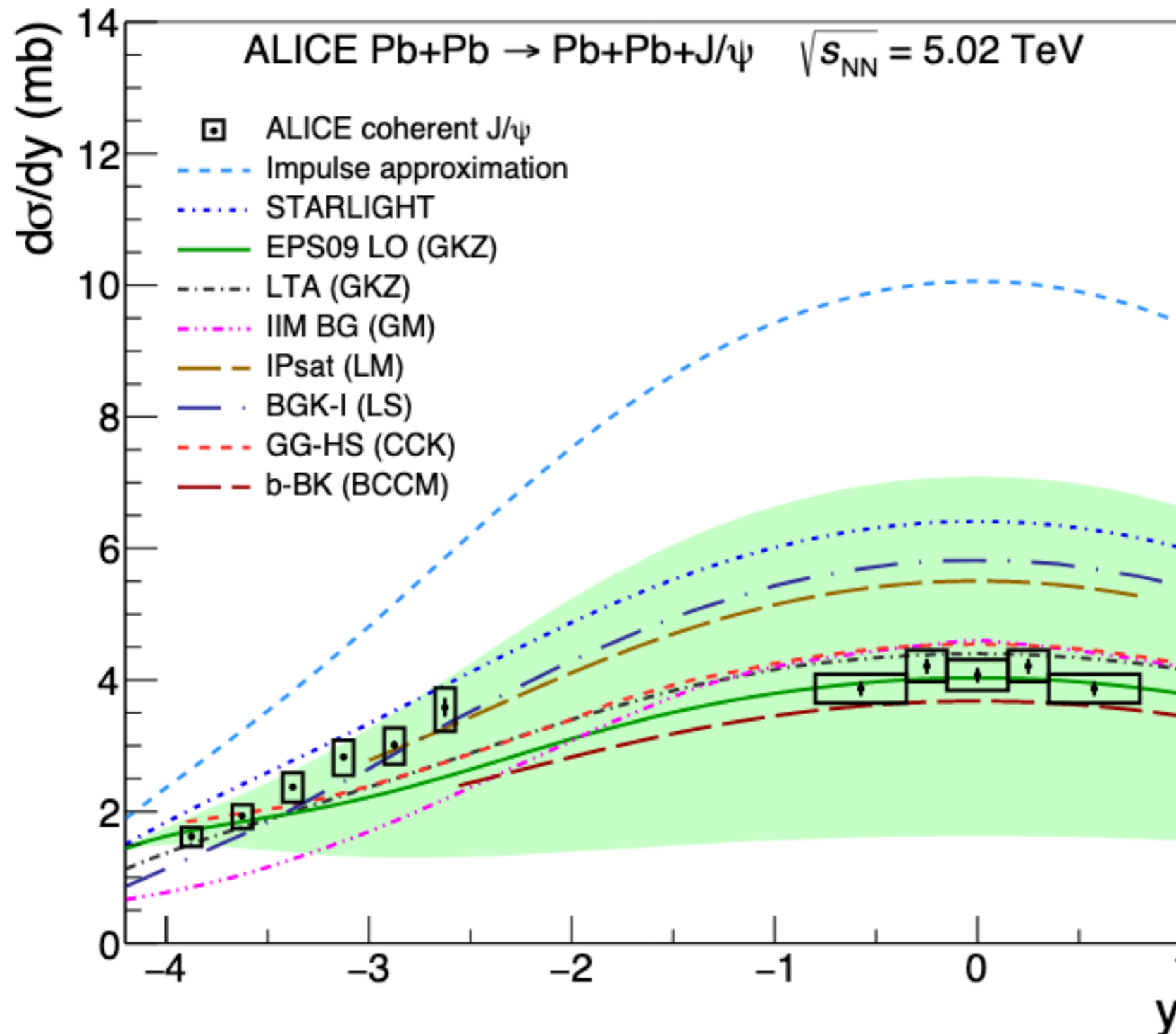


Coherent J/ψ data in UPC Forward ALICE and LHCb



V. Guzey et al. e-Print: [2008.10891](https://arxiv.org/abs/2008.10891) [hep-ph]

Coherent J/ψ in UPC PbPb

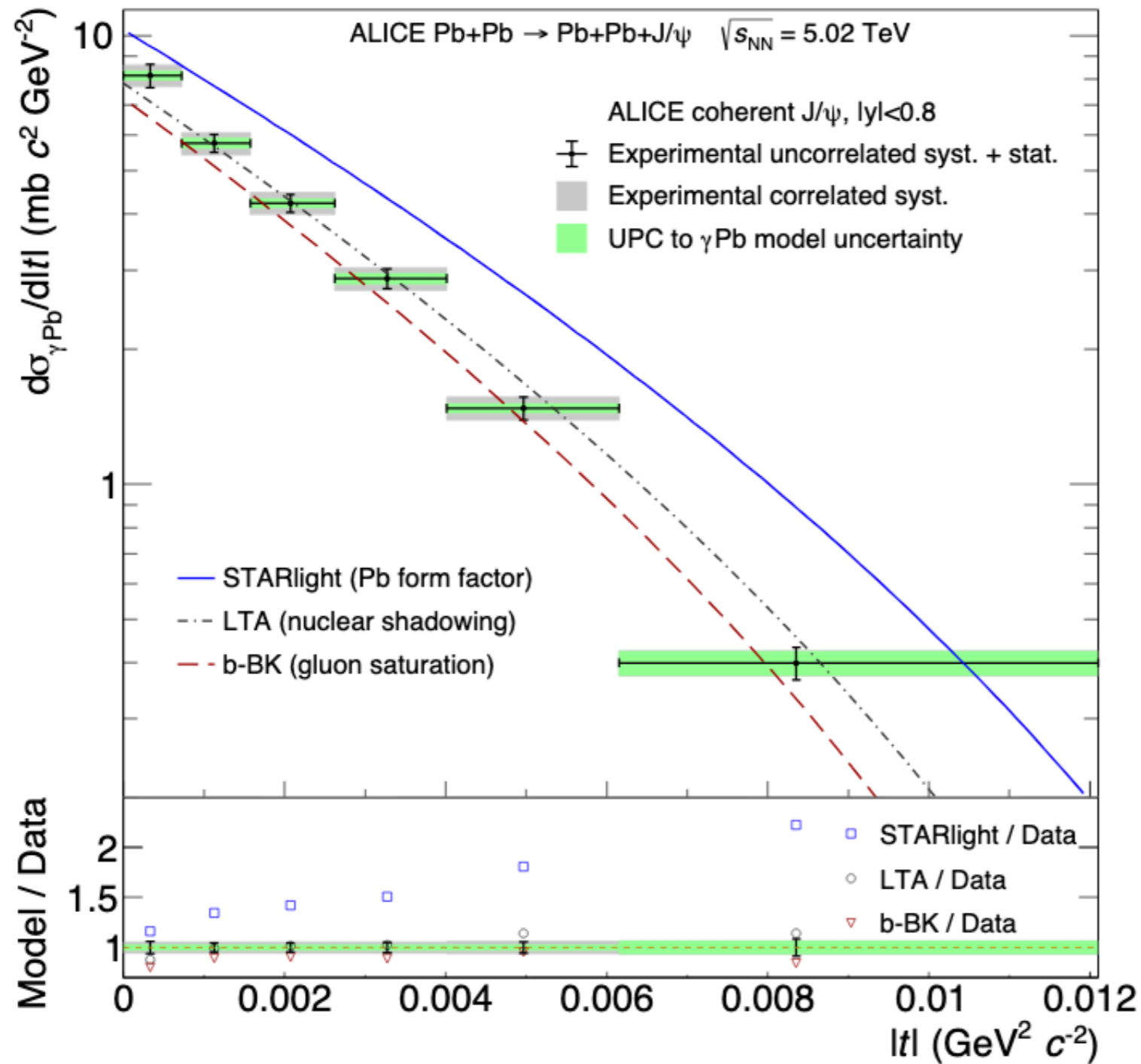


None of the models can fully describe the y -dependence

Different high- x and low- x contributions at intermediate y ?

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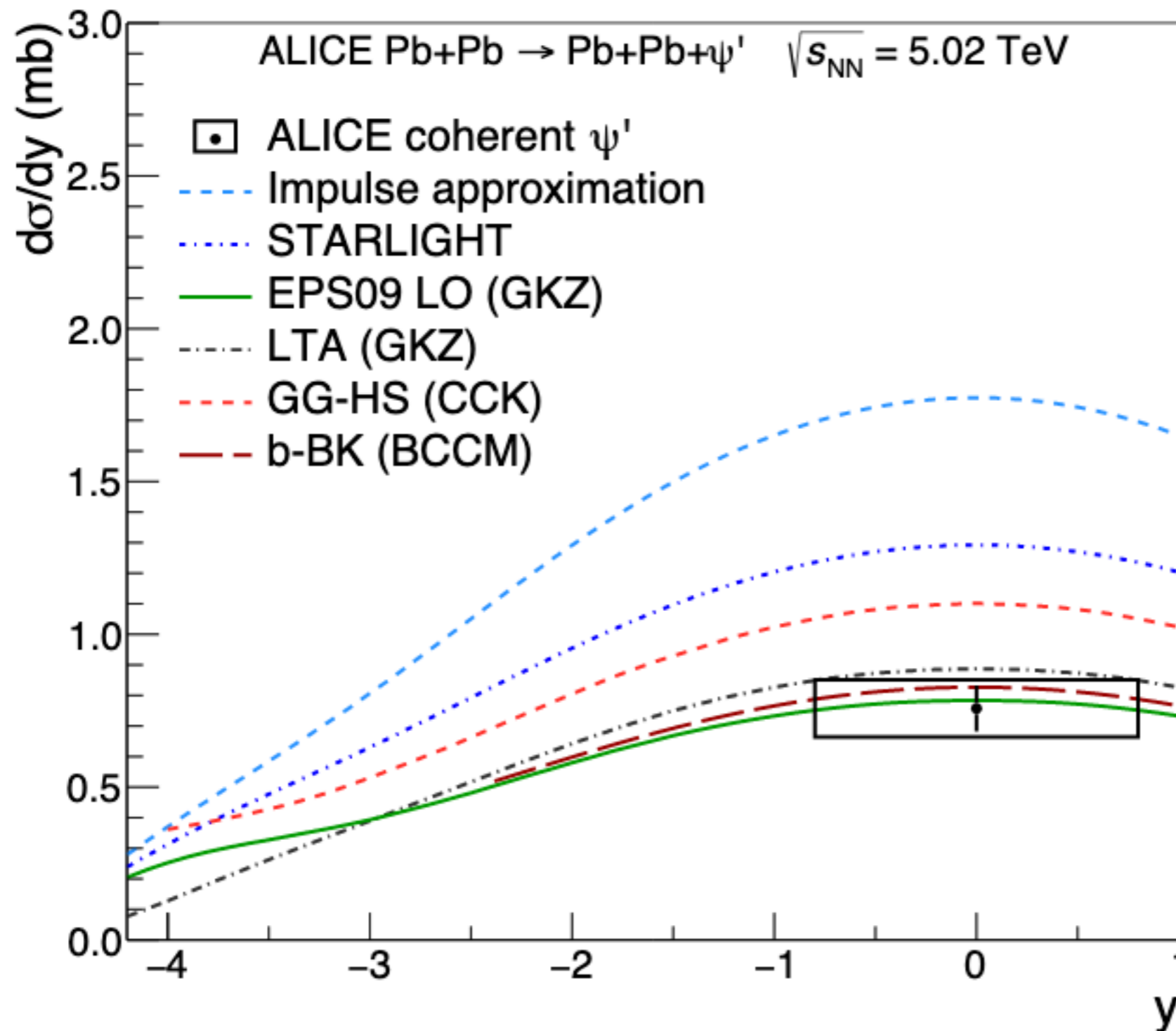
t-dependence of UPC J/ψ in PbPb



Nuclear shadowing (LTA)
 or gluon saturation (b-BK)
 describe the data

[2101.04623 \[nucl-ex\]](#)

Recent results: Coherent $\psi(2S)$



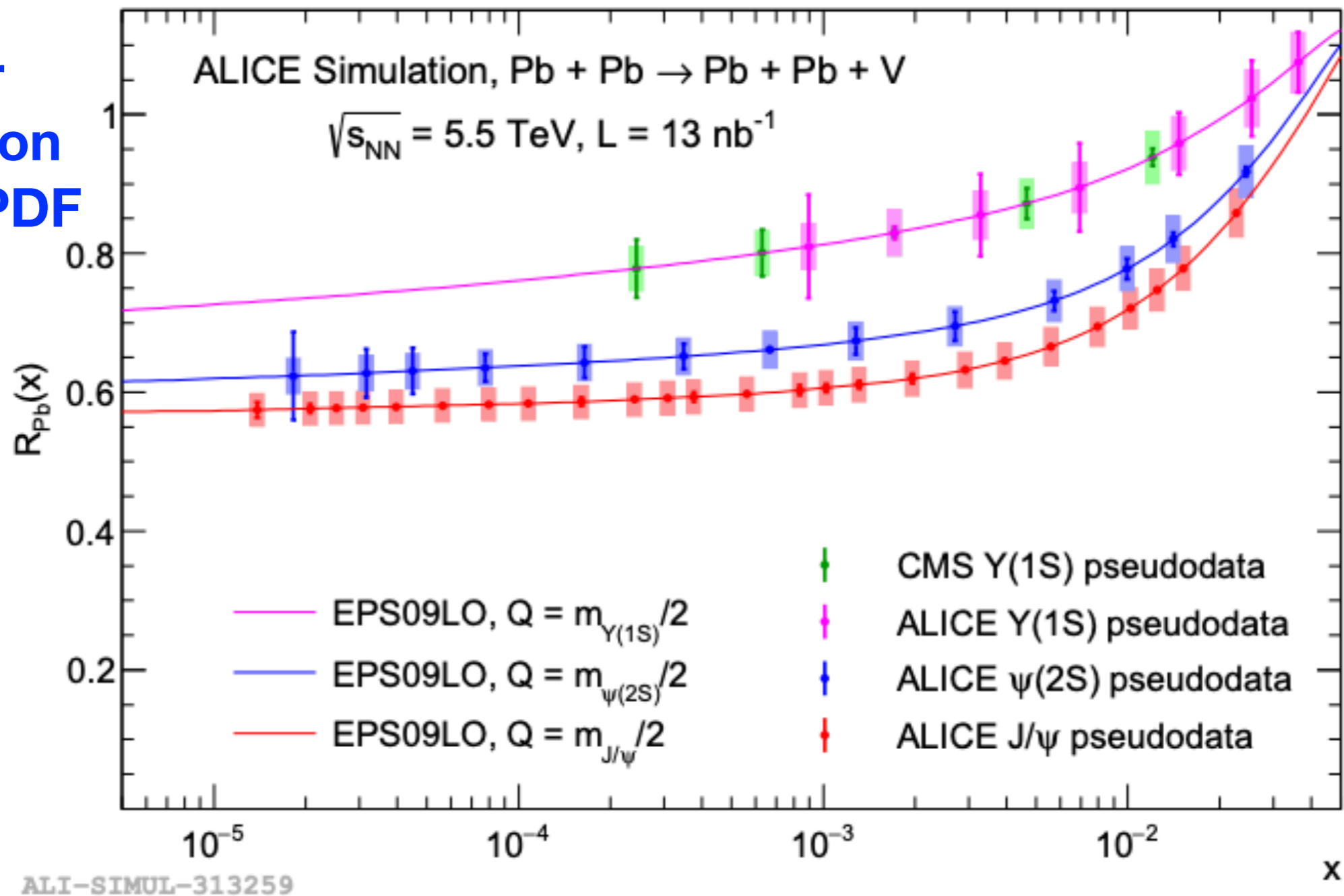
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$\psi(2s)$ to J/ψ ratio
agrees with world data

Future prospects

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/1812.06772.pdf>

**Nuclear
suppression
factor \sim nPDF**



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Discussion points - Future measurements (I)

- **Incoherent photoproduction**
- **Coherent Upsilon in UPC PbPb**
- **Neutron dependence cross section of all UPC VMs**
- **More “semi-forward” measurements**

- **Polarization of VMs**
 - Are there any models predicting any observables beyond s-channel helicity conservation?
- **More A-dependence studies**
- **Role of dipole size on exclusive VM photoproduction at the same photon-proton energy**

Discussion points - Detector upgrades at LHC

- **In ALICE**

- Run 3: continuous readout, access to all luminosity
- Potential for FoCal detectors: $3.2 < n < 5.8$
- Use of MUON/MFT + FoCal for very large rapidity selections

- **LHCb:**

- Run 4 looks very promising for UPC studies, but new forward detectors like HERSCHEL will be needed. Plans for ZDCs?

- **Fixed-target mode:**

Plans/discussions at ALICE and LHCb sounds very promising

Discussion points - Special runs

- Special runs in Run 3 and Run 4 for UPC VMs?
- **A-dependence of VM photoproduction of ρ^0 and J/ψ ?**
- **Higher statistics in pPb for t-dependence studies of light vector mesons**
 - Extracting transverse profile of the target from t-dependence

Discussion points - Challenges

- **Separating coherent and incoherent production**
- **Separating exclusive and dissociative production (more challenging!)**
- **Experimental strategies for inclusive photoproduction**
- **Use of TOTEM in pPb runs in CMS?**

Discussion points - Theory

- **What is compatible across all models describing UPC VMs? What models or what parts can be “discarded”?**
- **What are the challenges from the theory side?**
- **New NLO calculations**
- **How this knowledge serve the community preparing for future facilities like the EIC?**

Summary

- **Tremendous progress on UPC VMs results at LHC. Several studies indicating nuclear effects beyond those in photon-hadron**
- **Lots of new experimental studies foreseen**
- **Run 3 and Run 4 prospects very promising to do systematic studies of UPC VMs thanks to high statistics and new detector capabilities**