



ALICE

# Vector meson photoproduction in ALICE at the LHC

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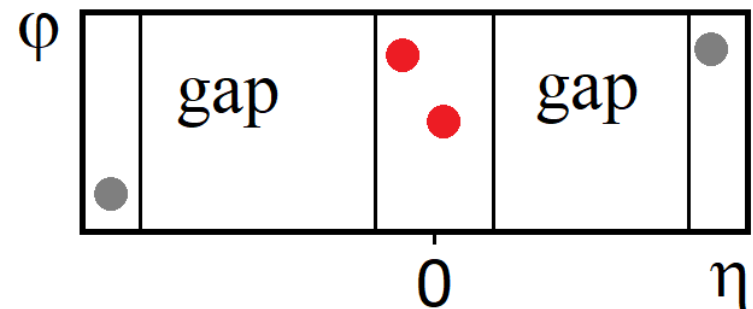
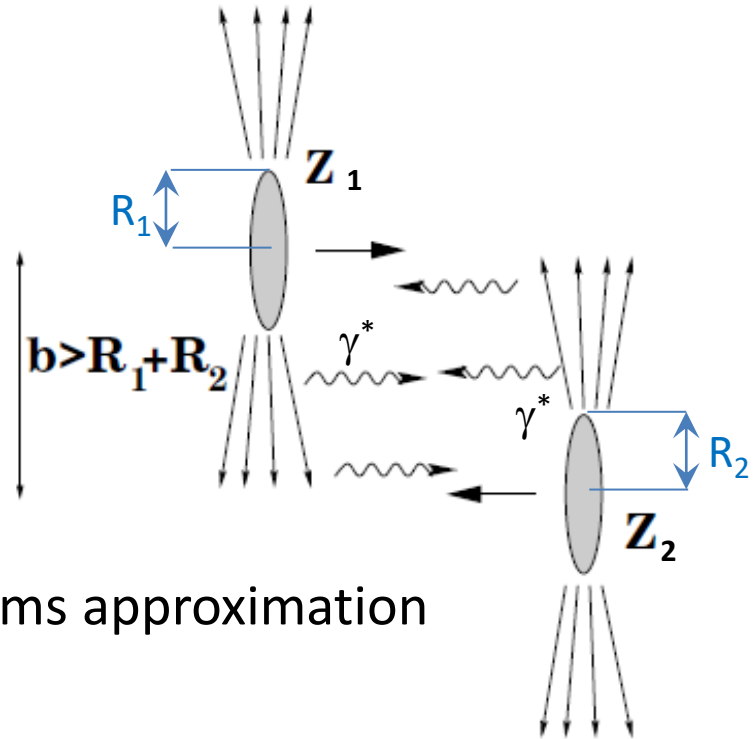


# Outline

- Introduction
- ALICE detector
- Measurements
  - $\rho^0$  photoproduction in Pb-Pb and Xe-Xe
  - $J/\psi$  and  $\psi'$  photoproduction in Pb-Pb
  - $\mu^+\mu^-$  pair production and  $J/\psi$  photoproduction in p-Pb
- Detector upgrade
- Run 3 and beyond perspectives
  - Anomalous magnetic moment of  $\tau$  lepton
  - Light-by-light scattering
- Summary

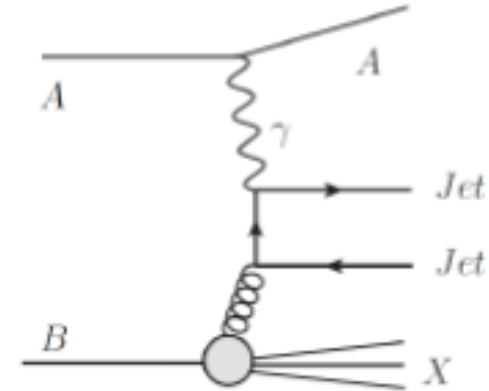
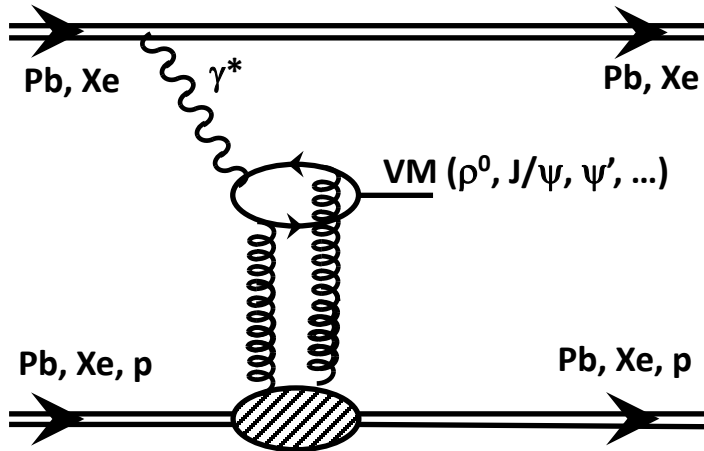
# Ultra-peripheral collisions (UPC)

- Impact parameter  $b > R_1 + R_2$ 
  - Hadronic interactions suppressed
- Photon induced reactions:
  - Well described in Weizsäcker-Williams approximation
  - Photon flux  $\sim Z^2$  ( $Z_{Pb} = 82$ )
  - Large  $\gamma$ -induced interaction cross section
- Clear signature - rapidity gap(s)

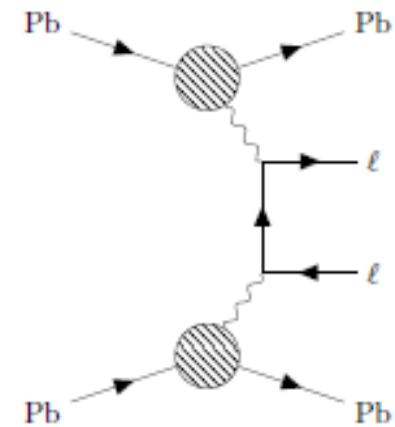
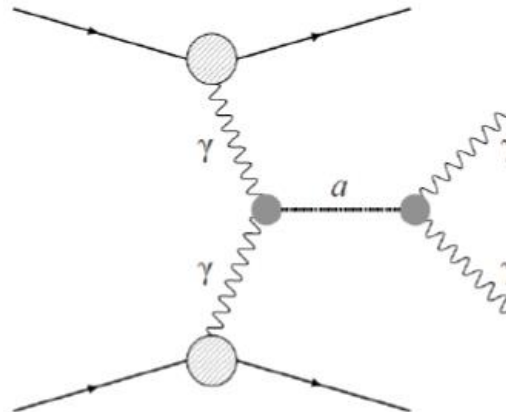
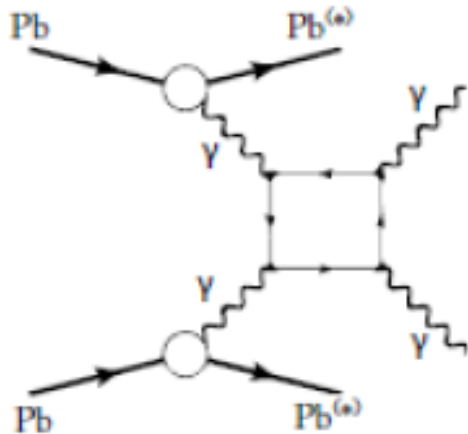


# Photon induced processes

## ■ Photon – hadron interactions

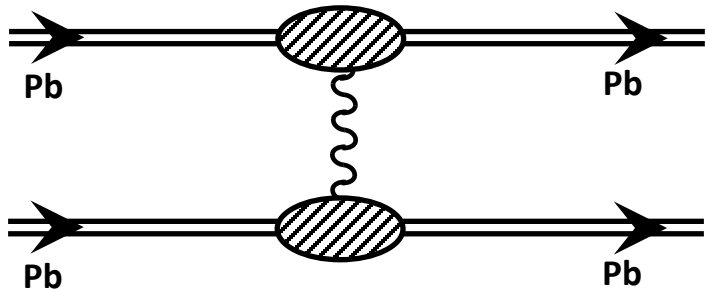


## ■ Photon – photon interactions

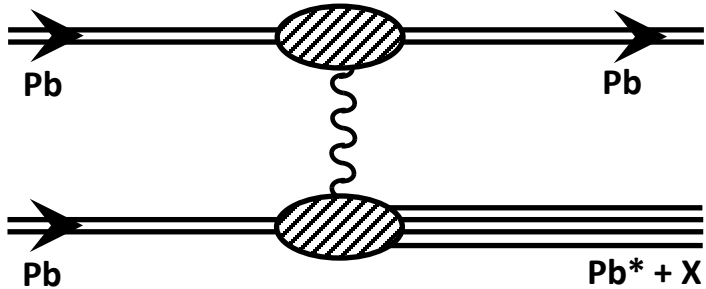


# Impact parameter dependence

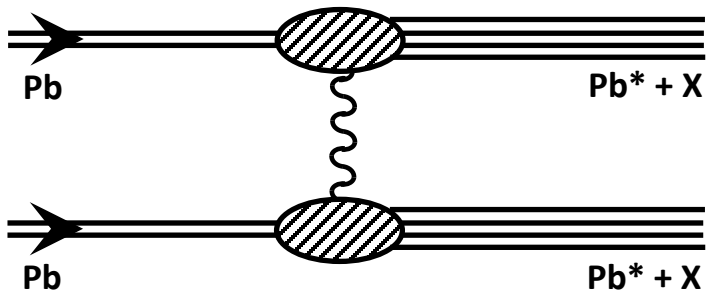
No breakup (0n0n)



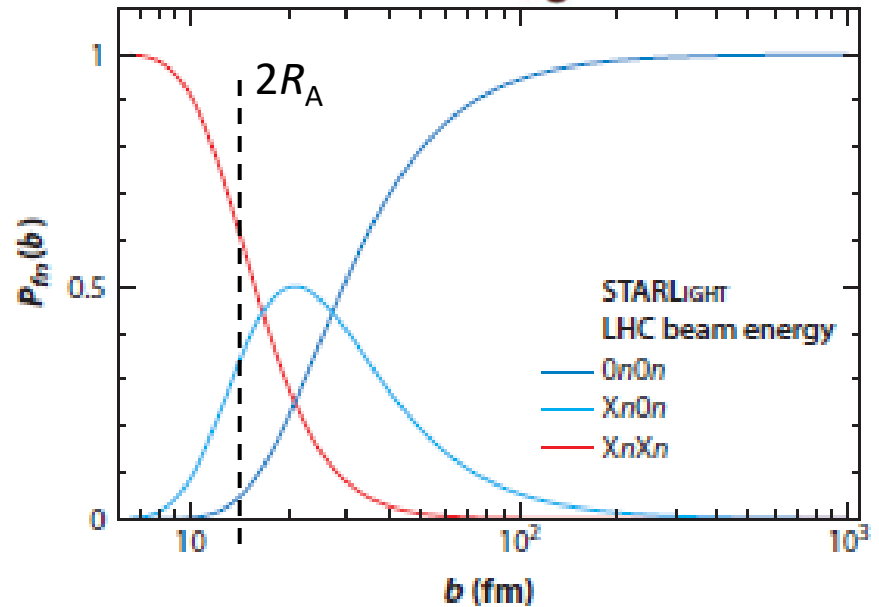
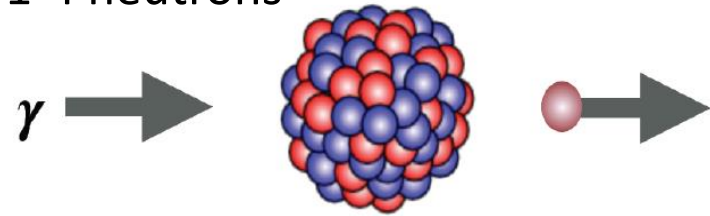
Single breakup (Xn0n + 0nXn)



Double breakup (XnXn)



- Excitation of the nuclei possible through the secondary photon exchange
- ⇒ Giant dipole resonance
- All protons vibrating against all neutrons →
- Knocks out 1-4 neutrons



UPC event classifier: 0n0n, 0nXn, XnXn  
→ via electromagnetic dissociation (EMD)

# Photoproduction and main variables

- Photon virtuality  $Q^2 \sim M_{VM}^2 / 4$
- Vector Meson (VM) quantum numbers:
  - $J^{PC} = 1^{--}$
- Bjorken-x

$$x_B = \frac{M_{VM}}{\sqrt{s_{NN}}} e^{\pm y}$$

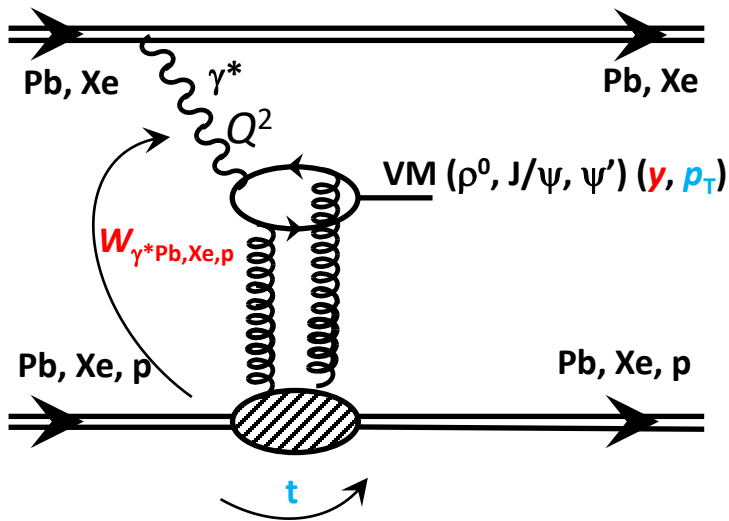
- Photoproduction is sensitive to the  $x_B$  evolution at LO of the gluon distribution (nPDFs)

- Photon-target centre-of-mass energy

$$W_{\gamma^* Pb, Xe, p}^2 = 2E_{Pb, Xe, p} M_{VM} e^{\mp y}$$

- 4-momentum transfer  $t$

- Transverse plain gluon distribution
- $$|t| \sim p_T^2$$

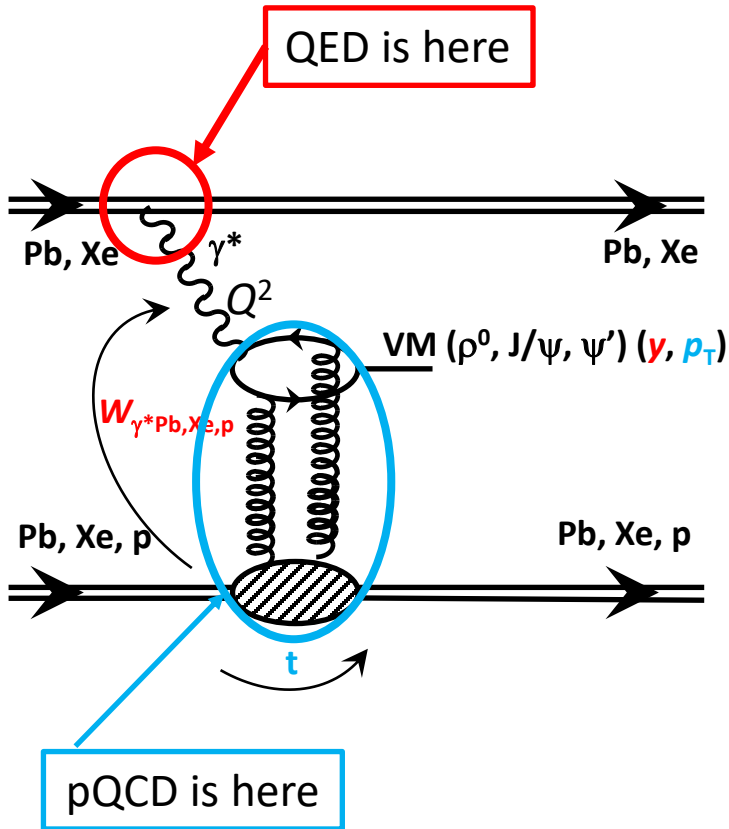


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$$\frac{d\sigma^T(\gamma p \rightarrow J/\Psi + p)}{dt} = \frac{|M|^2}{16\pi s^2}$$

$$= [F_N^{2G}(t)]^2 \frac{\alpha_s^2 \Gamma_{ee}^J m_J^3}{3\alpha_{e.m.}} \pi^3 \left[ \bar{x} G(\bar{x}, \bar{q}^2) \frac{2\bar{q}^2 \cdot |q_t^J|^2}{(2\bar{q}^2)^3} \right]^2$$

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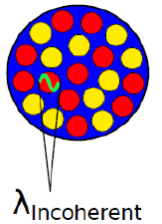
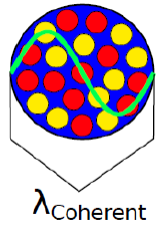
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# $p_T$ signature

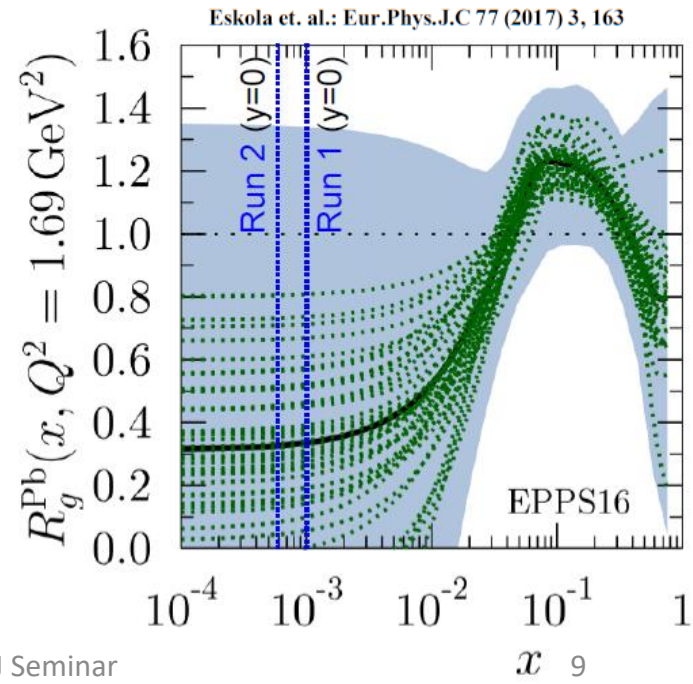
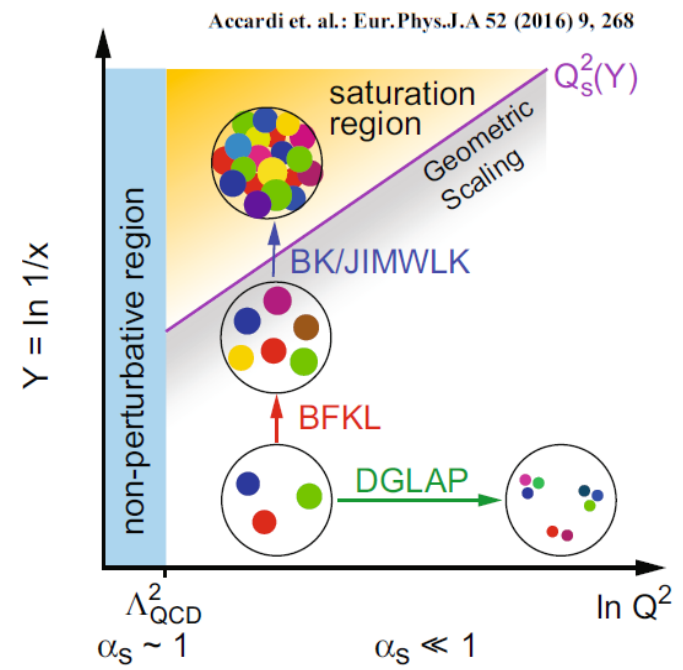
- **Coherent** Vector Meson (VM) photoproduction:
  - Photon couples coherently to all nucleons (whole nucleus)
  - $\langle p_T^{VM} \rangle \sim 1/R_{pb} \sim 50$  MeV/c
  - Target ion stays intact
- **Incoherent** VM photoproduction:
  - Photon couples to a single nucleon
  - $\langle p_T^{VM} \rangle \sim 1/R_p \sim 400$  MeV/c
  - Target ion breaks, nucleon stays intact
  - Usually accompanied by neutron emission
- **Exclusive** VM photoproduction:
  - Photon couples to a single nucleon (proton)
  - $\langle p_T^{VM} \rangle \sim 1/R_p \sim 400$  MeV/c
  - Target proton stays intact (similar to coherent) in p-Pb case
- **Dissociative** VM photoproduction:
  - Photon interacts with a single nucleon and excites it
  - $\langle p_T^{VM} \rangle \sim 1$  GeV/c
  - Target nucleon and ion break (in heavy ion collision)
  - Target proton breaks (in p-Pb)





# Motivation

- Coherent vector meson ( $\rho^0, J/\psi, \psi'$ ) photoproduction allows for the study of (gluon) shadowing and atomic number  $A$  dependence
- Heavy VMs particularly sensitive to gluon shadowing
  - Nuclear gluon shadowing factor  $R_g^A(x, Q^2) = g_A(x, Q^2) / Ag_p(x, Q^2) < 1$
  - Saturation may contribute to nuclear shadowing
  - Search for saturation at low  $x_B$
- $|t|$ -dependence helps to constrain transverse gluonic structure at low  $x_B$
- Large photonuclear production cross section of  $\rho^0$  meson allows for studies of black-disk limit of QCD approach
- How well do we model photon flux?
- Coupling at the vertex is large ( $Z\alpha \sim 0.6$ )  $\Rightarrow$  do we need NLO corrections?
- Constrain parameters of models



# ALICE detector

- a. ITS SPD Pixel
- b. ITS SDD Drift
- c. ITS SSD Strip
- d. V0 and T0
- e. FMD

**ZDC**

**AD**

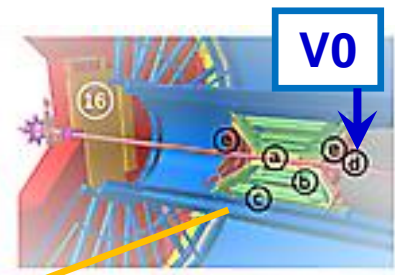
1. ITS
2. FMD, T0, V0
3. TPC
4. TRD
5. TOF
6. HMPID
7. EMCal
8. DCal
9. PHOS, CPV
10. L3 Magnet
11. Absorber
12. Muon Tracker
13. Muon Wall
14. Muon Trigger
15. Dipole Magnet
16. PMD
17. AD
18. ZDC
19. ACORDE

**ITS**

**TPC**

**TOF**

**Muon Arm**



- Central Barrel tracking ( $e^\pm, h^\pm$ )

- $|\eta| < 0.9, 0 < \phi < 2\pi$
- ITS - silicon detector
- TPC - gas drift detector
- TOF - resistive plate chambers

- Forward tracking ( $\mu^\pm$ )

- $-4 < \eta < -2.5$
- Absorber
- Muon tracker
- Muon trigger
- Dipole magnet

**AD**

**ZDC**

- Diffractive detectors

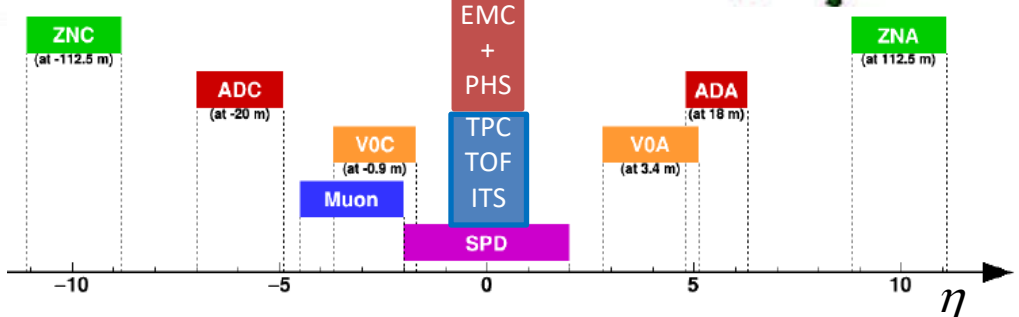
- AD - scintillator counter
- V0 - scintillator counter
- ZDC - sampling calorimeter

## Vertex

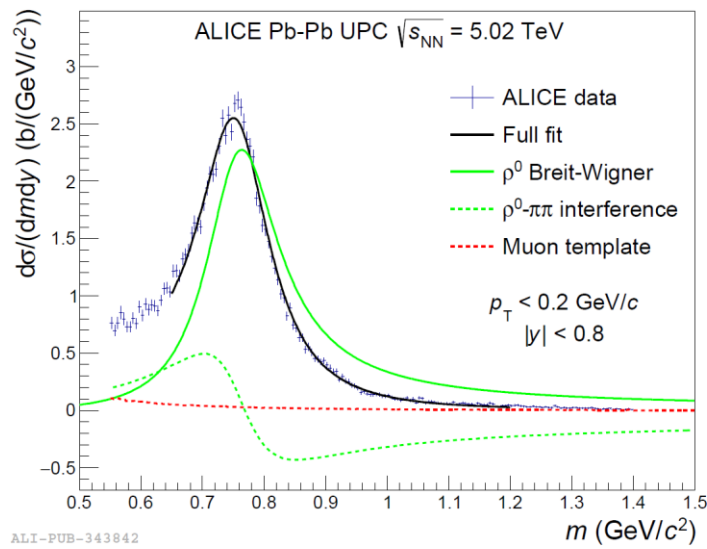
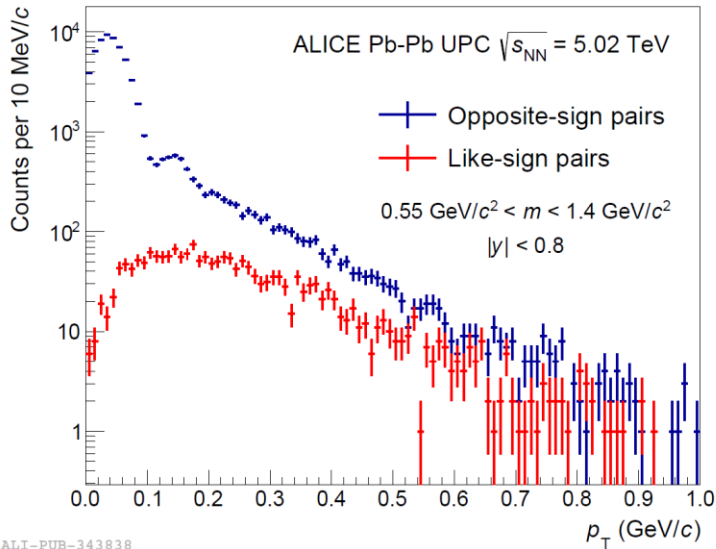
- Pixel

## Trigger

- SPD, TOF, AD, V0, Muon



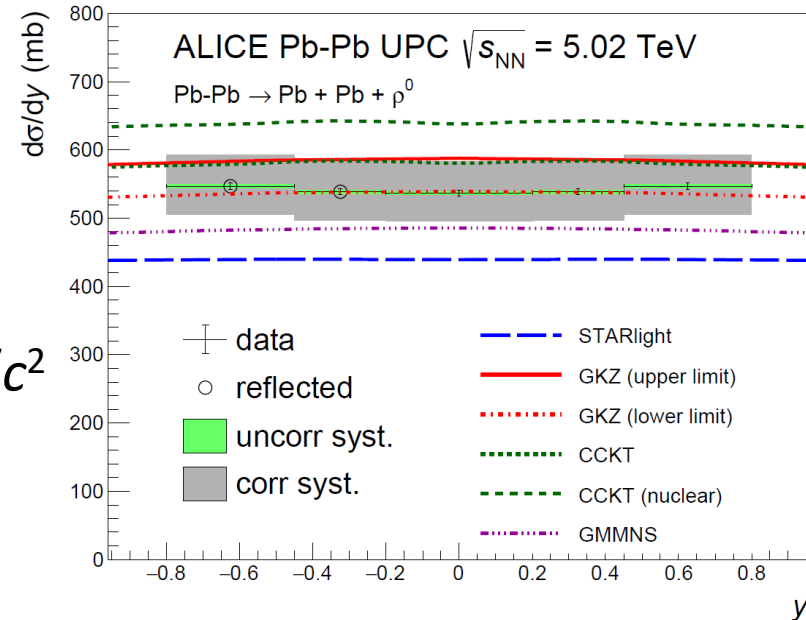
# $\rho^0$ in Pb-Pb at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV



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$$\frac{d\sigma}{dm dy} = |A \cdot BW_\rho + B|^2 + M,$$

$$BW_\rho = \frac{\sqrt{m \cdot m_{\rho^0} \cdot \Gamma(m)}}{m^2 - m_{\rho^0}^2 + im_{\rho^0} \cdot \Gamma(m)} \quad \Gamma(m) = \Gamma(m_{\rho^0}) \cdot \frac{m_{\rho^0}}{m} \cdot \left( \frac{m^2 - 4m_\pi^2}{m_{\rho^0}^2 - m_\pi^2} \right)^{3/2}$$

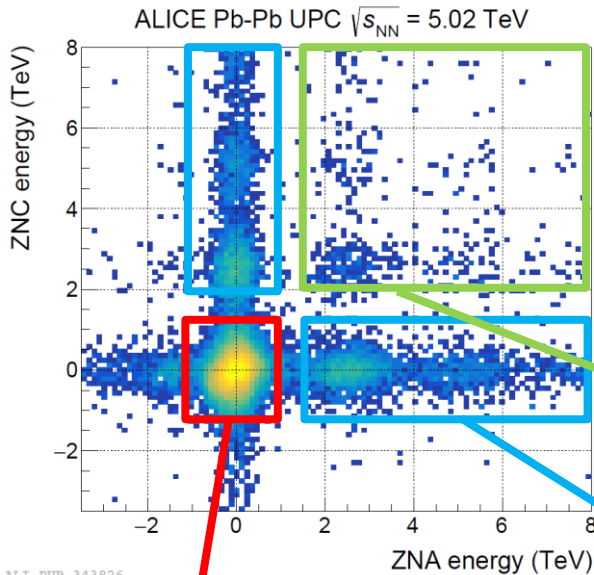


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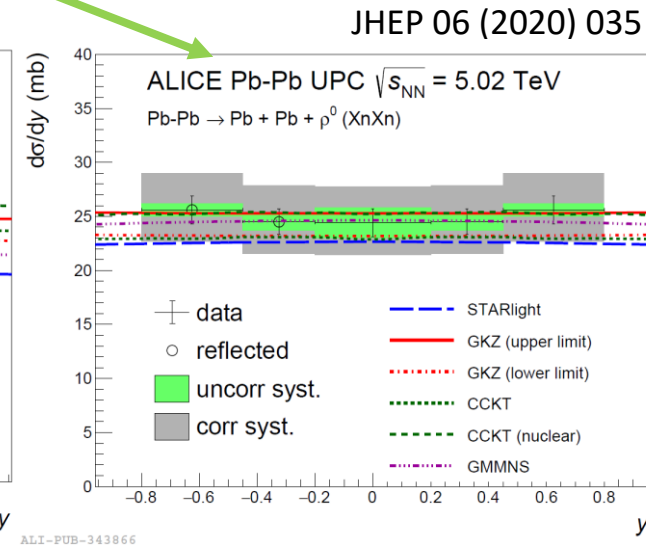
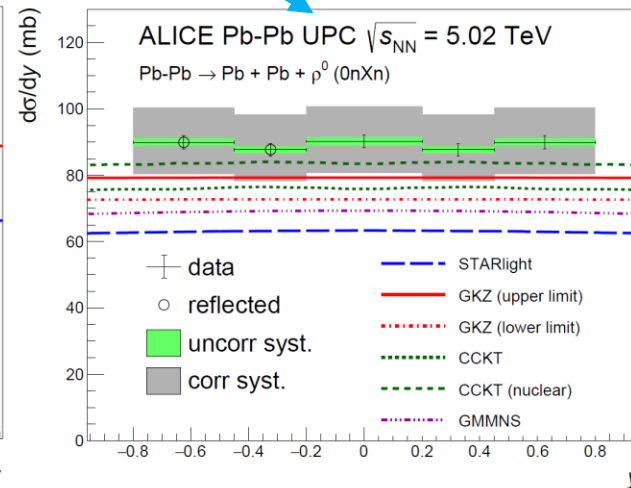
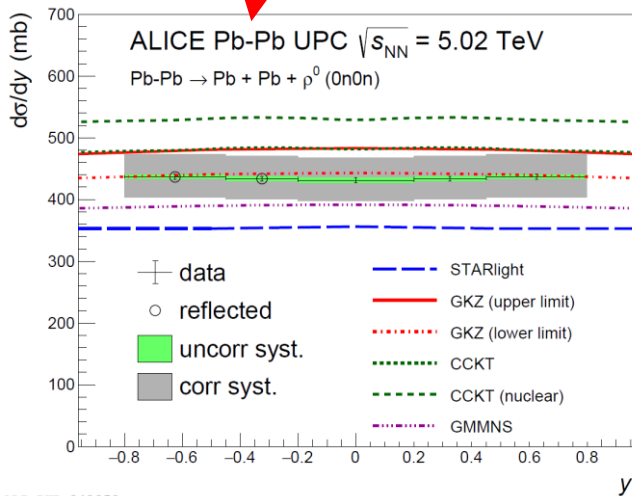
## ■ Coherent $\rho^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$

- Pole mass  $769.5 \pm 1.2^{\text{stat}} \pm 2.0^{\text{syst}} \text{ MeV}/c^2$
- width  $156 \pm 2^{\text{stat}} \pm 3^{\text{syst}} \text{ MeV}/c^2$
- agree with PDG
- Large cross section  $\sim 550 \text{ mb}$

# $\rho^0$ in Pb-Pb at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV



- Impact parameter dependence via ZDC selection in 3 classes: 0n0n, 0nXn, XnXn
- Comparisons with models
  - GKZ (nuclear shadowing) gives the best description
  - CCKT (saturation) is slightly worse
  - STARlight and GMMNS (saturation) underestimate
- Test of photon flux description

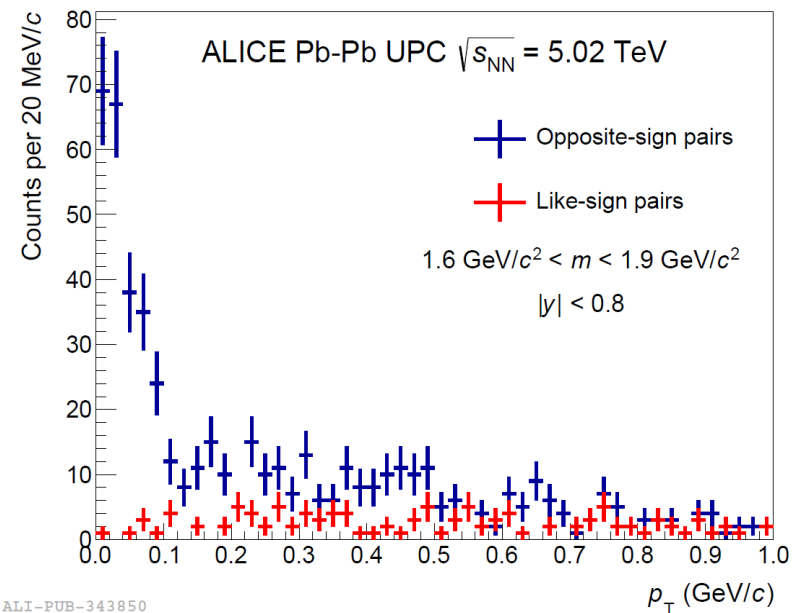
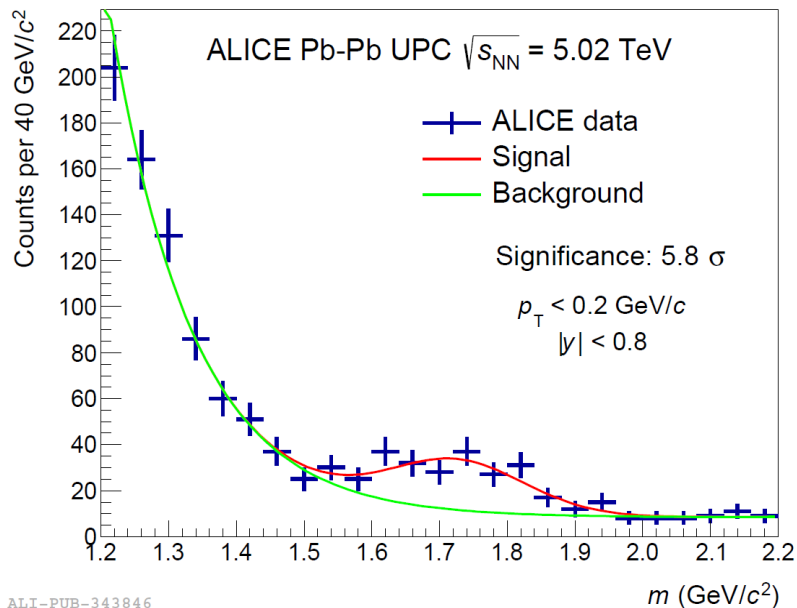


# $\rho'$ in Pb-Pb at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV

- Resonance-like structure  $M^{\pi\pi} \sim 1.7$  GeV/c<sup>2</sup>
  - Significance of 4.5  $\sigma$
  - Seen also by STAR, ZEUS, H1
  - Most probably  $\rho_3(1690)$  with angular momentum  $J = 3$

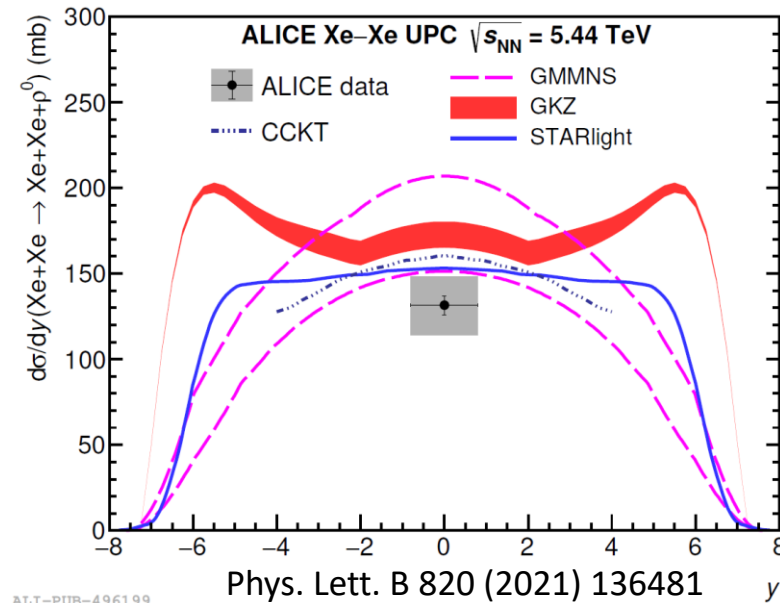
$$\frac{dN_{\pi\pi}}{dm} = P_1 \cdot \exp(-P_2 \cdot (m - 1.2 \text{ GeV}/c^2)) + P_3 + P_4 \cdot \exp(-(m - M_x)^2 / \Gamma_x^2)$$

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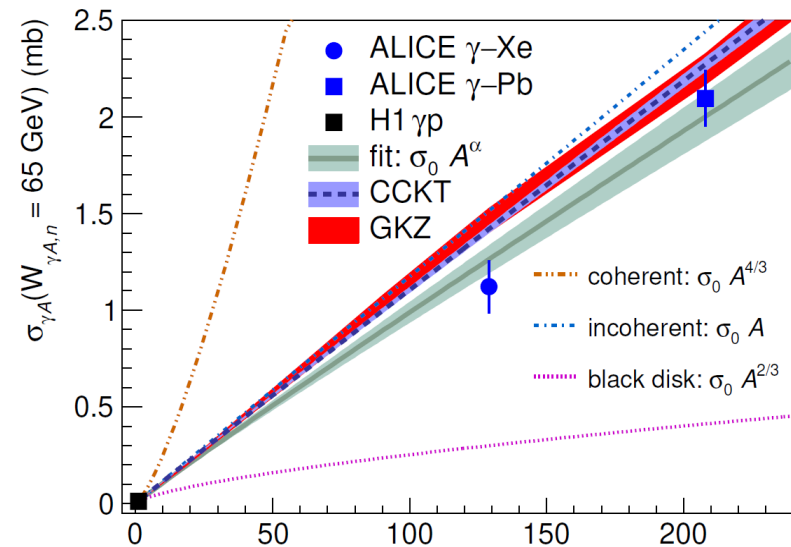


# $\rho^0$ in Xe-Xe at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.44$ TeV

- $d\sigma/dy = 131.5 \pm 5.6^{\text{st}+17.5}_{-16.9}{}^{\text{sy}}$  mb
- All models relatively close to data
  
- $W_{\gamma A,n} = 65$  GeV
- $\sigma(\gamma A \rightarrow \rho^0 A) \sim A^\alpha$  with a slope  $\alpha = 0.96 \pm 0.02^{\text{sy}}$ 
  - ⇒ Signals important shadowing effect
    - Far from black disk limit
    - Slope close to 1 by coincidence
- Fair description of data by models CCKT (saturation) and GKZ (shadowing)



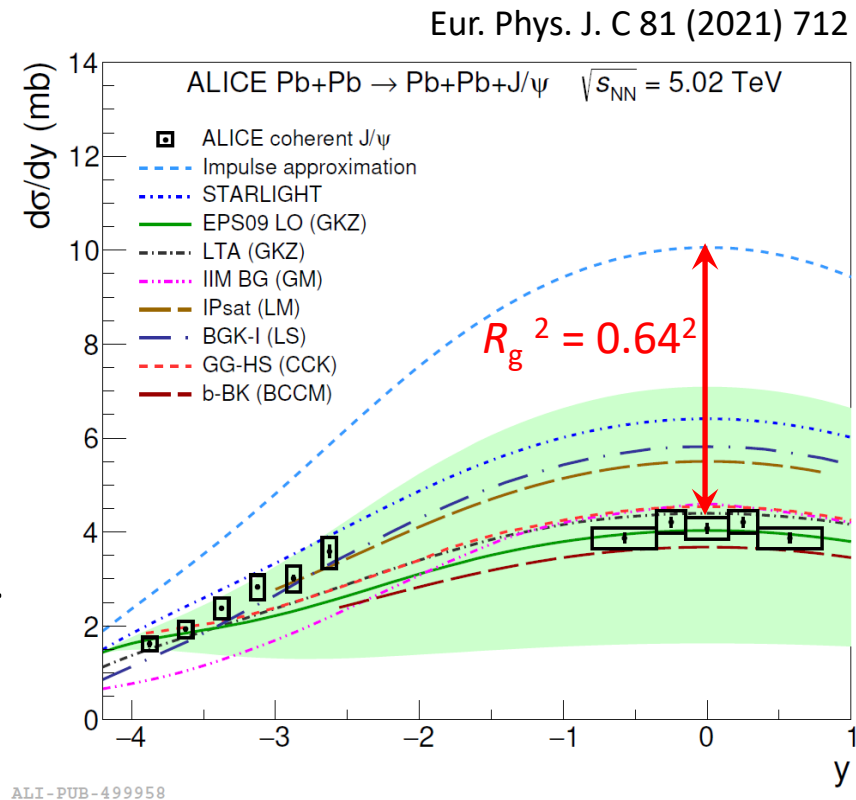
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# J/ψ in Pb-Pb at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV

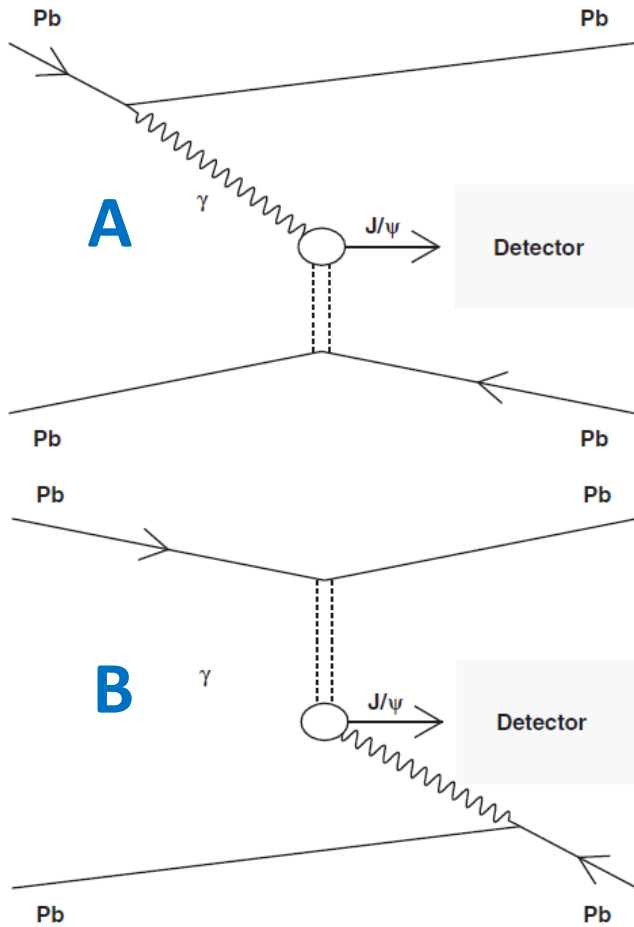
- Forward region:
  - J/ψ → μ<sup>+</sup>μ<sup>-</sup>
- Central region:
  - J/ψ → μ<sup>+</sup>μ<sup>-</sup>, e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup>, p $\bar{p}$
- Nuclear gluon shadowing factor  $R_g = 0.64 \pm 0.04$  for  $0.3 \times 10^{-3} < x_B < 1.4 \times 10^{-3}$
- No model describes the full rapidity dependence
  - Models with nuclear shadowing (EPS09 LO, LTA) or saturation (GG-HS) describe central and very forward data but tensions in semiforward region
  - Other models describe either forward or central rapidity region



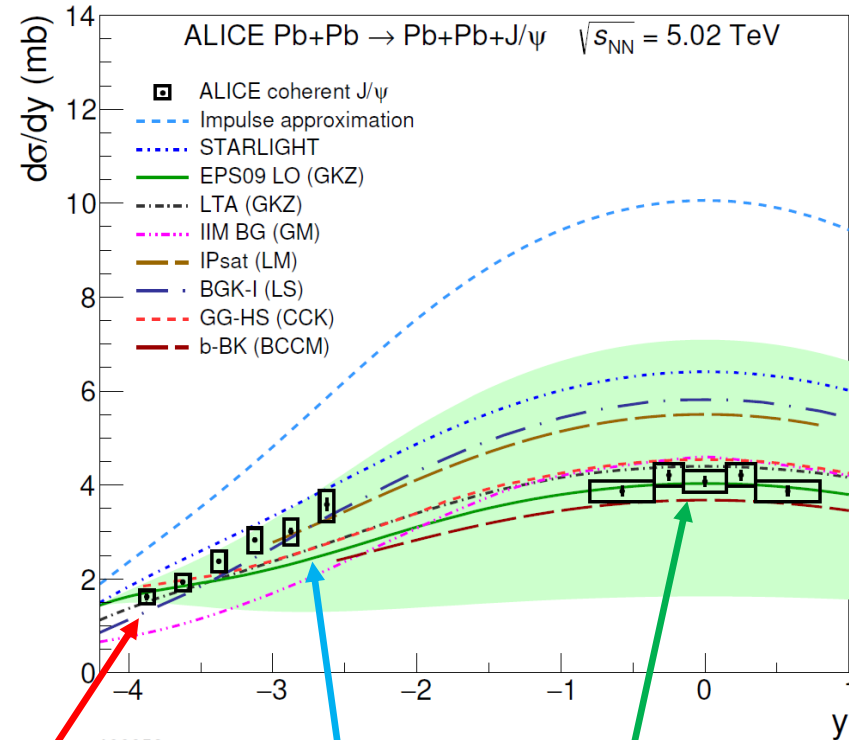
# Rapidity dependence: Ambiguity problem

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- Two sources  $\Rightarrow$  two values of  $x_B$



J. G. Contreras, PRC 96, 015203 (2017)



A: 5 %  $x_B \sim 1.1 \times 10^{-5}$   
 B: 95 %  $x_B \sim 3.3 \times 10^{-2}$

50 % each  $x_B \sim 10^{-3}$

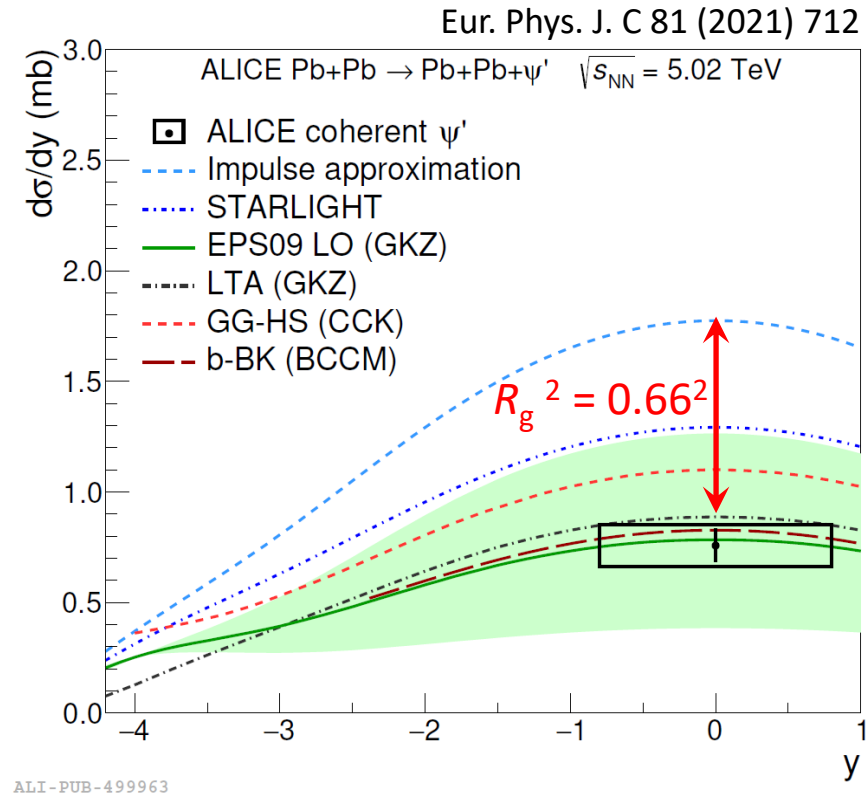
A: 40 %  $x_B \sim 5.1 \times 10^{-4}$   
 B: 60 %  $x_B \sim 0.7 \times 10^{-2}$

To disentangle both contributions we need to measure the same process with **EMD** or in **peripheral** collisions



# $\psi'$ in Pb-Pb at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV

- $\psi' \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\pi^+\pi^-, e^+e^-\pi^+\pi^-, l^+l^-$
- Nuclear gluon shadowing factor
  - $R_g = 0.66 \pm 0.06$  for  $0.3 \times 10^{-3} < x_B < 1.4 \times 10^{-3}$
  - Consistent with  $J/\psi$  result
- Good agreement of models with shadowing (EPS09 LO, LTA)
- Good agreement of model BCCM with saturation
- Other models overpredict data



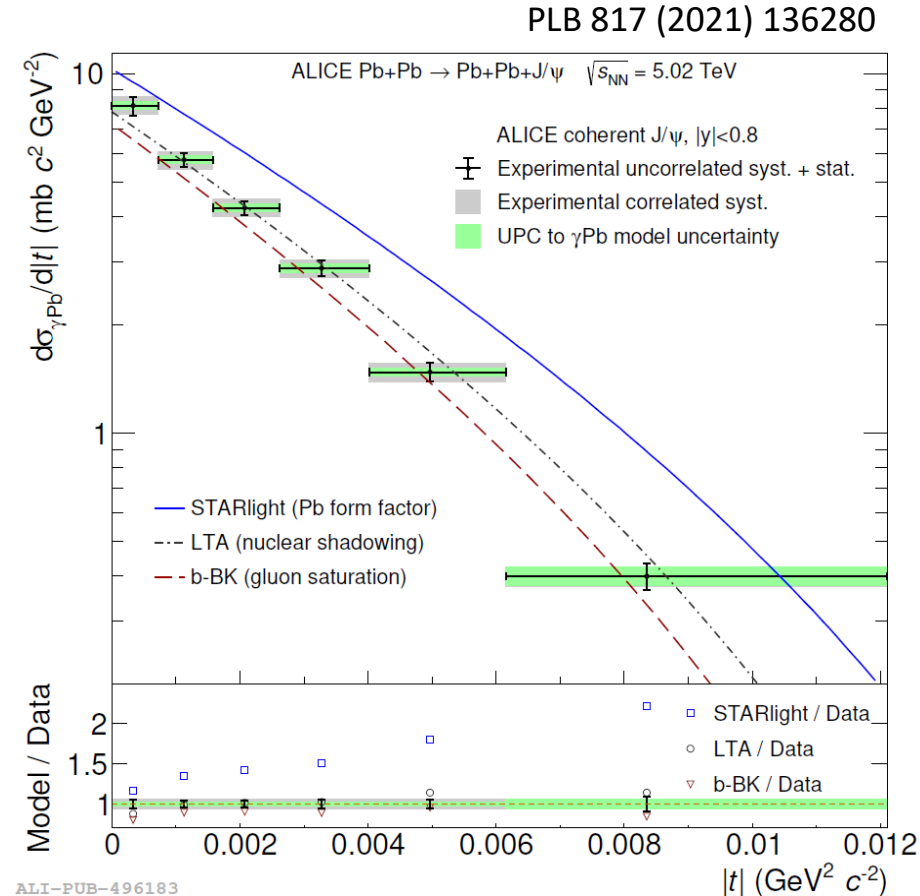
# J/ψ in Pb-Pb at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV

- Central region
  - $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$
- $|t|$  dependence is sensitive to spatial gluon distribution
- Bayesian and SVD unfolding used to transform  $p_T^2 \rightarrow |t|$
- Transition from UPC to photonuclear cross section

$$\left. \frac{d^2 \sigma_{J/\psi}^{coh}}{dy dp_T^2} \right|_{y=0} = \overset{\text{Photon flux}}{2n_{\gamma Pb}(y=0)} \frac{d\sigma_{\gamma Pb}}{d|t|}$$

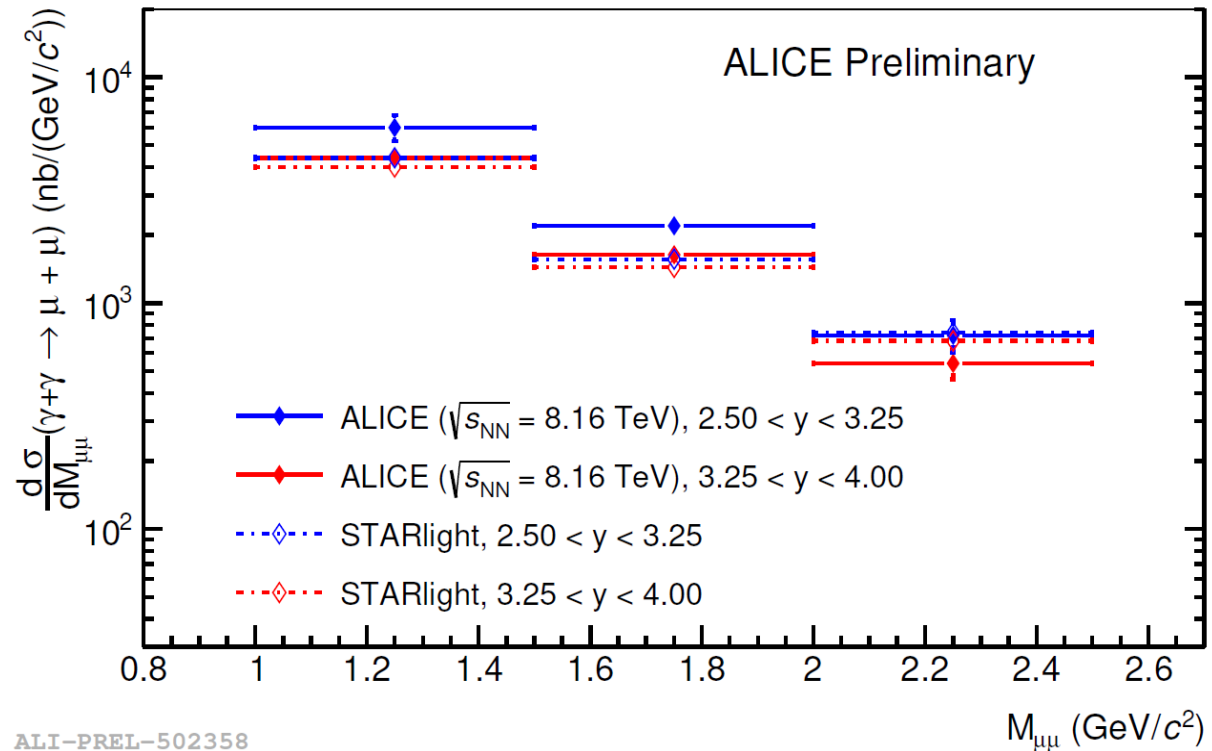
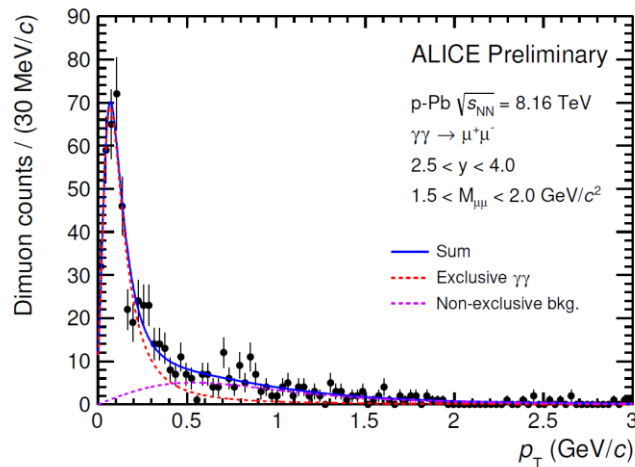
- Comparison to models:
  - STARlight does not contain explicitly shadowing – do not describe shape nor magnitude
  - LTA contains nuclear shadowing – agrees with data
  - b-BK based on gluon saturation – agrees with data

⇒ Reflects effects of QCD dynamics at small  $x_B \sim 10^{-3}$



# $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu\mu$ in p-Pb at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 8.16$ TeV

- $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu\mu$  cross section
- Good agreement of simulation and data
- Comparison with STARlight (LO QED, no FSR) shows slight excess in data
- Important background for other UPC processes
- Constrain theoretical models



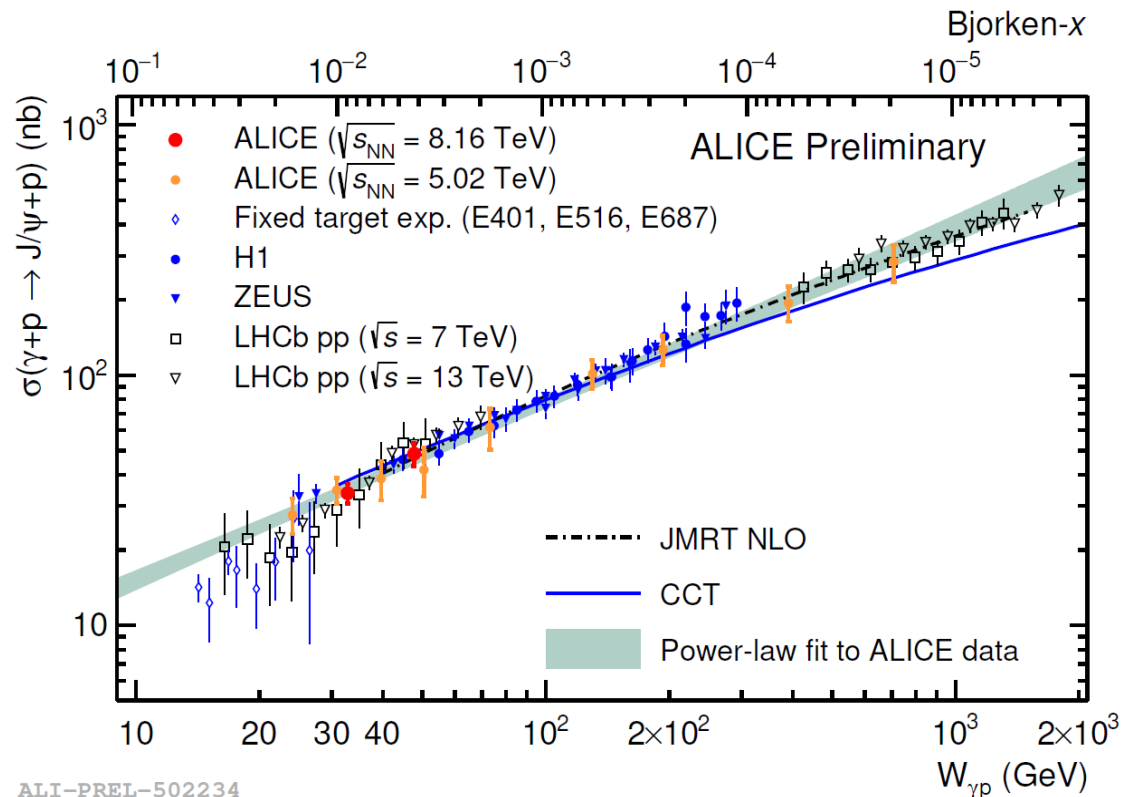
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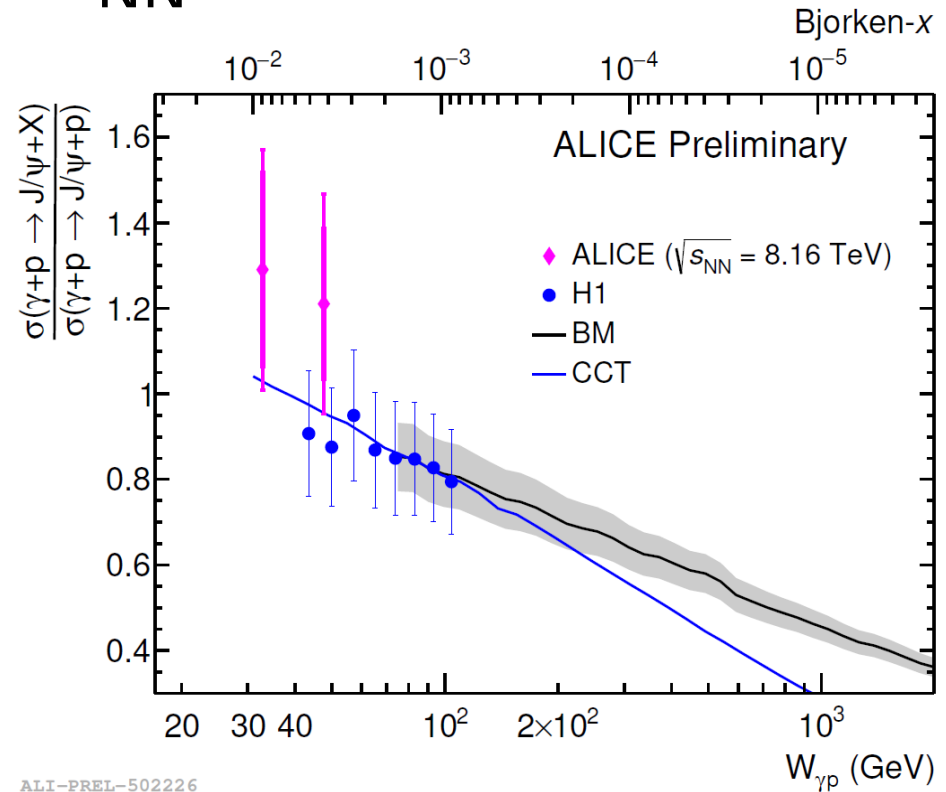
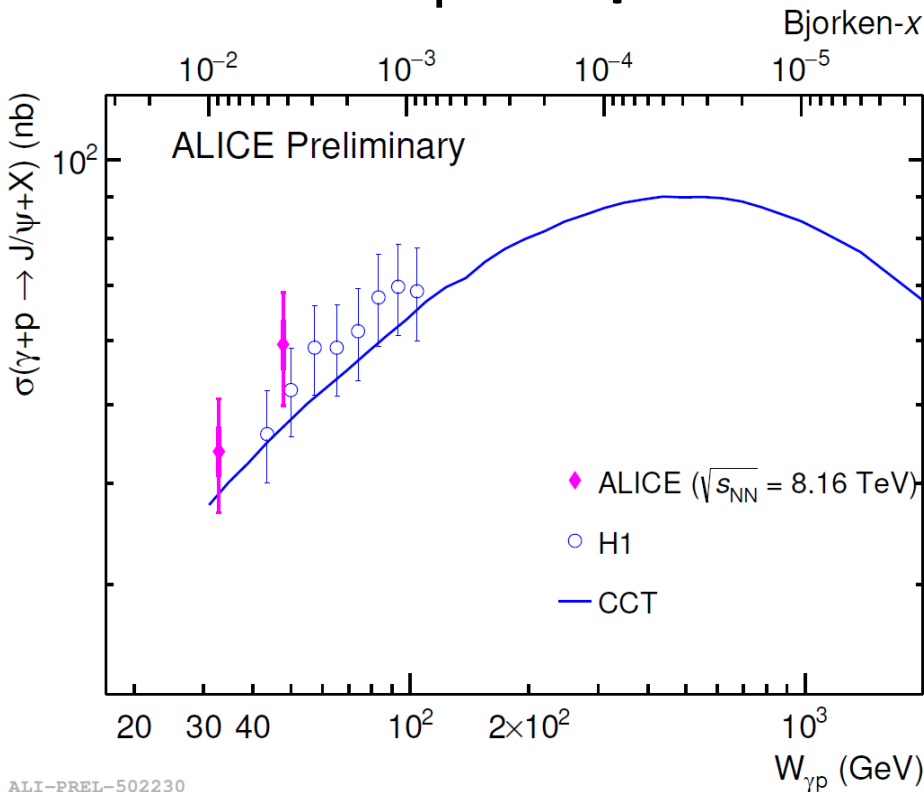
- Gluon distribution at HERA energies follows power law at low  $x_B$   
 $\Rightarrow$  similar trend in  $W_{\gamma p}$
- **Exclusive J/ψ cross section** fits well into trend of photo nuclear energy dependence
- A deviation from trend  $\rightarrow$  a change in the evolution of the gluon PDF  
 $\Rightarrow$  expected at the onset of saturation

- Power law fit to ALICE data  
 $\sigma \sim W_{\gamma p}^\delta$  with  $\delta = 0.7 \pm 0.04$   
 $\Rightarrow$  agreement LHC and HERA  
 $\Rightarrow$  agreement ALICE and LHCb
- Models show agreement
  - JMRT NLO: based on DGLAP evolution with dominant NLO contribution
    - valid to  $x_B \sim 2 \times 10^{-5}$
  - CCT: Saturation in an energy dependent hot spot model



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# J/ψ in p-Pb at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 8.16$ TeV



- **First measurement** of the dissociative cross section at the LHC
- Energy dependent **dissociative J/ψ cross section** ( $x_B \sim (0.5, 2) \times 10^{-2}$ )
- Agreement with HERA results
- CCT model with saturation agrees with data
  - Predicted maximum at  $W_{\gamma p} \sim 500$  GeV to be checked in Run 3
- BM: perturbative JIMWLK evolution with parameters constrained to H1 data to be checked in Run 3

# LHC and ALICE outline

You are here!

LHC Schedule	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3	Run 4	Run 5	Run 6
Years	2009 – 2013	2015 – 2018	2022 – 2025	2029 – 2032	2035 – 2038	...
ALICE version	ALICE 1		ALICE 2	ALICE 2.1	ALICE 3	
Collision System	pp, p-Pb, Pb-Pb	pp, p-Pb, Xe-Xe, Pb-Pb	pp, p-O, O-O, p-Pb, Pb-Pb	pp, p-Pb, Pb-Pb	pp, p-A?, A-A	pp, p-A?, A-A

Pb-Pb luminosity  
 $\sim 1-2 \times 10^{27} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

High luminosity for ions  
 $\sim 7 \times 10^{27} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

Higher luminosities for ions

Period	$L^{\text{Pb-Pb}}$
Run 2	1/nb
Run 3	6/nb
Run 4	7/nb
Run 5*	5.6/nb

\* per year

- Major upgrade:
- TPC GEM
  - ITS 2
  - MFT
  - FIT
  - O<sup>2</sup> (online-offline)
  - All systems readout

HL-LHC  
 pp luminosity  $\sim 4 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

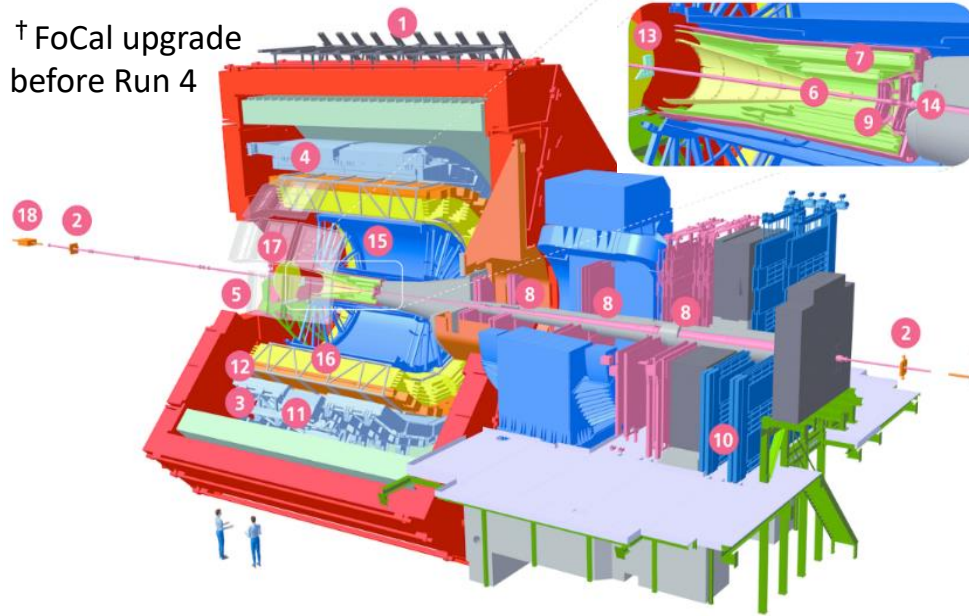
- Upgrade:
- ITS 3
  - FoCal

Major upgrade:  
 Next generation detector

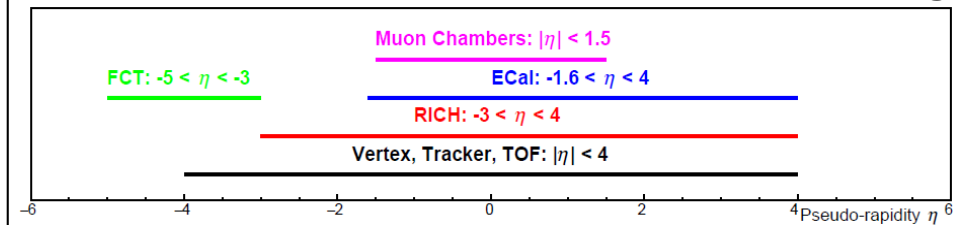
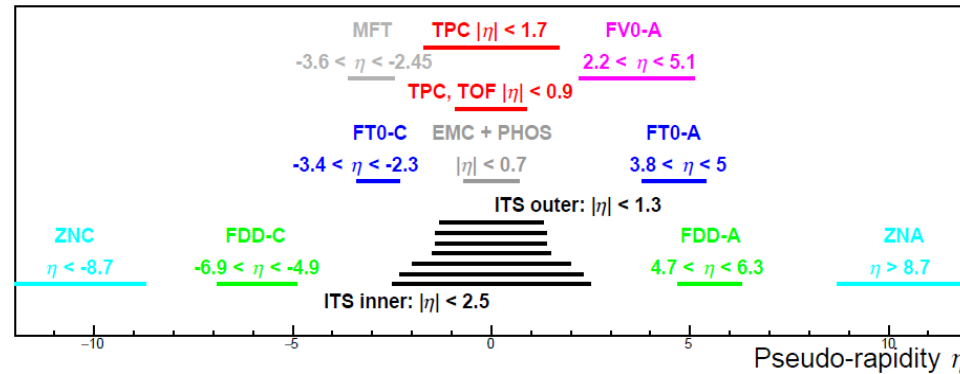
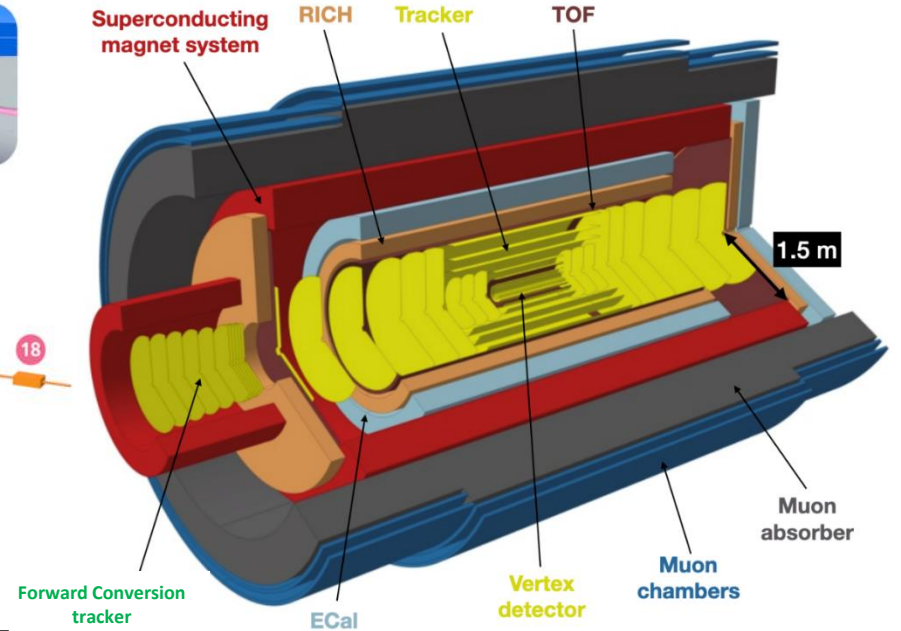
# ALICE 2 vs ALICE 3

ALICE in Run 3 + 4 (2022 - 2032<sup>†</sup>)

<sup>†</sup> FoCal upgrade before Run 4



ALICE 3 detector in Run 5 (2035 - 2038)



- |  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| 1 ACORDE   ALICE Cosmic Rays Detector                    | 7 ITS-OB   Inner Tracking System - Outer Barrel | 13 T0+A   Tzero + A                    |
| 2 AD   ALICE Diffractive Detector                        | 8 MCH   Muon Tracking Chambers                  | 14 T0+C   Tzero + C                    |
| 3 DCal   Di-jet Calorimeter                              | 9 MFT   Muon Forward Tracker                    | 15 TPC   Time Projection Chamber       |
| 4 EMCal   Electromagnetic Calorimeter                    | 10 MID   Muon Identifier                        | 16 TRD   Transition Radiation Detector |
| 5 HMPID   High Momentum Particle Identification Detector | 11 PHOS / CPV   Photon Spectrometer             | 17 V0+   Vzero + Detector              |
| 6 ITS-IB   Inner Tracking System - Inner Barrel          | 12 TOF   Time of Flight                         | 18 ZDC   Zero Degree Calorimeter       |

# Run 3 and beyond

- Luminosity increase
  - Detector upgrade and continuous readout  
 ⇒ More than  $10^4$  data with respect to Run 2!
  - Precise and new measurements in VM sector
  - Light-by-light scattering
  - $\tau$  anomalous magnetic moment
- } + BSM searches

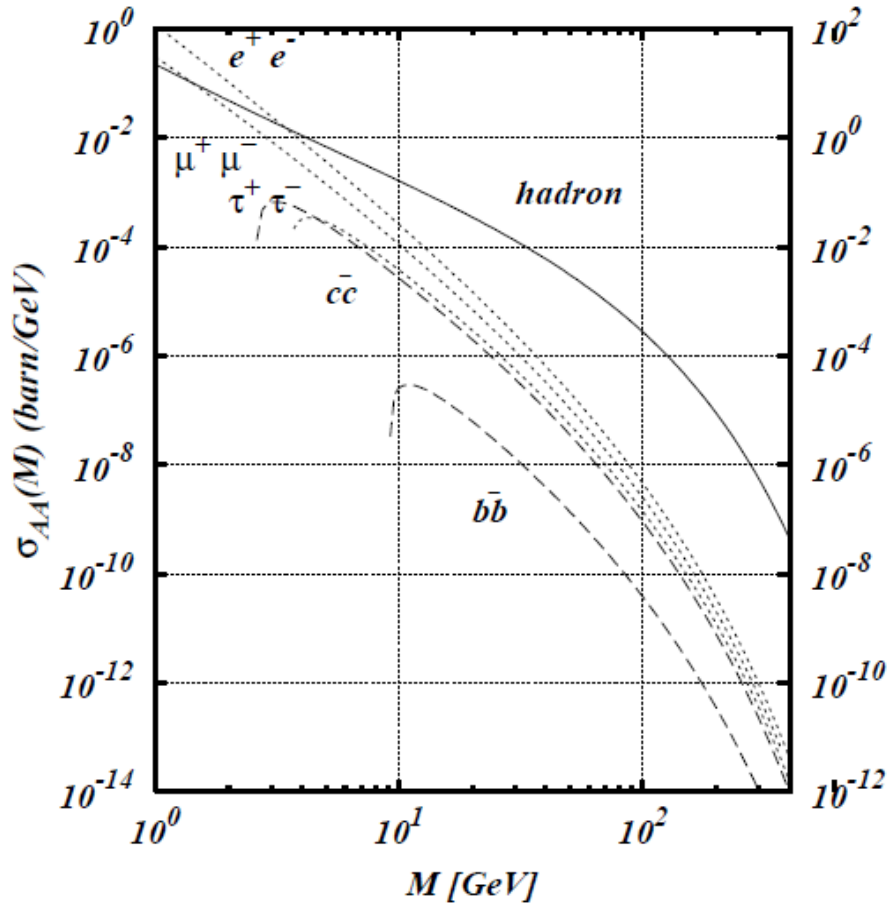
CERN Yellow Rep. Monogr. 7 (2019) 1159

Meson, channel	$\sigma^{\text{Pb-Pb}}$	$N^{\text{Tot}}$	$N^{ \eta  < 0.9}$	$N^{-4 < \eta < -2.5}$
$\rho^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$	5.2 b	$68 \times 10^9$	$5.5 \times 10^9$	-
$\rho' \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^-$	730 mb	$9.5 \times 10^9$	$210 \times 10^6$	-
$\phi \rightarrow K^+ K^-$	0.22 b	$2.9 \times 10^9$	$82 \times 10^6$	-
$J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	1.0 mb	$14 \times 10^6$	$1.1 \times 10^6$	$600 \times 10^3$
$\psi(2S) \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	30 $\mu\text{b}$	$400 \times 10^3$	$35 \times 10^3$	$19 \times 10^3$
$\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	2.0 $\mu\text{b}$	$26 \times 10^3$	$2.8 \times 10^3$	880



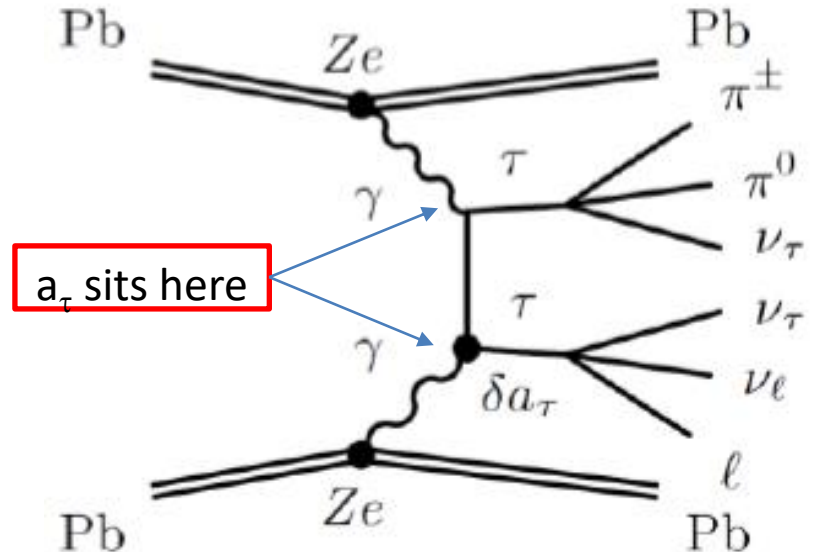
# $\tau$ pair production

Pair production at LO at LHC for Pb-Pb collisions



G. Baur et al., hep-ph/0112211 (2001)

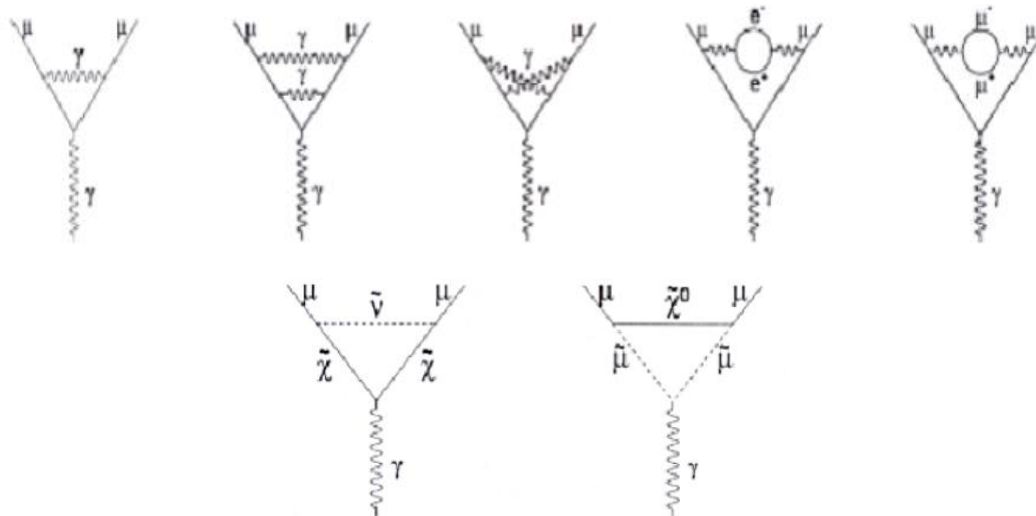
- $\tau$  pair photoproduction in Pb-Pb UPC  $\rightarrow$  Cross section scales with  $Z^4$
- Suppression by factor  $O(\alpha_{em}^2 \approx 5 \times 10^{-5})$
- $\tau$  leptons decay quickly and can not be observed directly
  - Lifetime  $10^{-13}$  s
  - Difficult due to at least 1  $\nu$  in each  $\tau$  decay
- Sensitive to anomalous magnetic moment:  $a_\ell = (g-2)_\ell/2$



# Anomalous magnetic moment

- $a_{\tau(\mu,e)} \neq 0$  because  $\tau$  lepton ( $\mu$ ,  $e$ ) is surrounded by virtual particles
- $a_{\tau(\mu,e)} \neq 0$  becomes evident in interaction of  $\tau$  lepton ( $\mu$ ,  $e$ ) with external B field
- $a_\ell = (g-2)_\ell/2$ 
  - $g$  is gyromagnetic moment which relates particle's magnetic moment to its spin  

$$\vec{\mu} = g \frac{q}{2m} \vec{S}$$
  - Dirac's equation predicts  $g = 2$
  - Higher order corrections (loops) make  $g \neq 2$
  - Sensitive to particles beyond SM

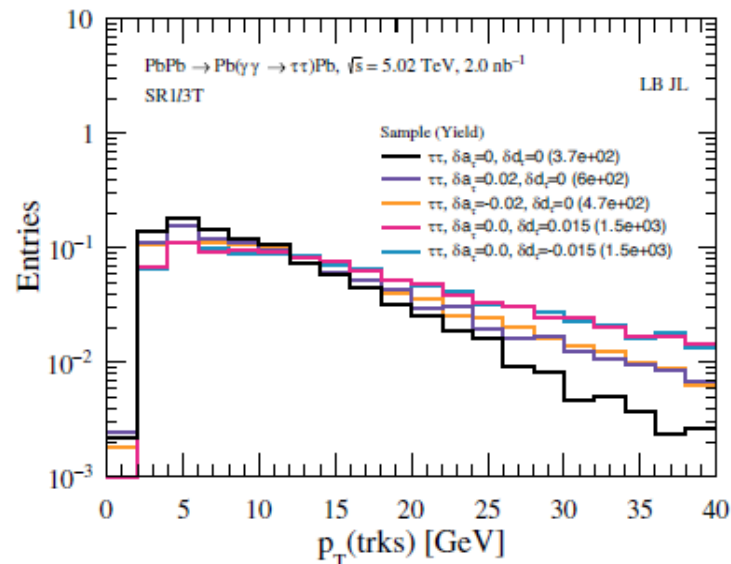
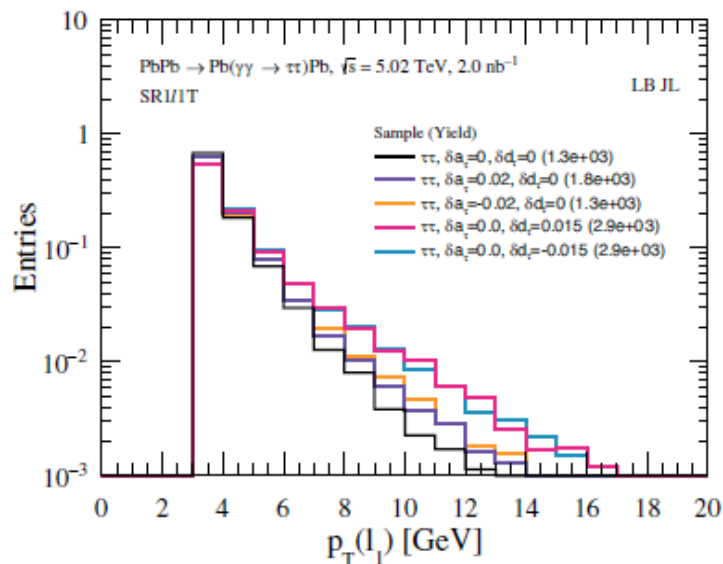


# Analysis strategy

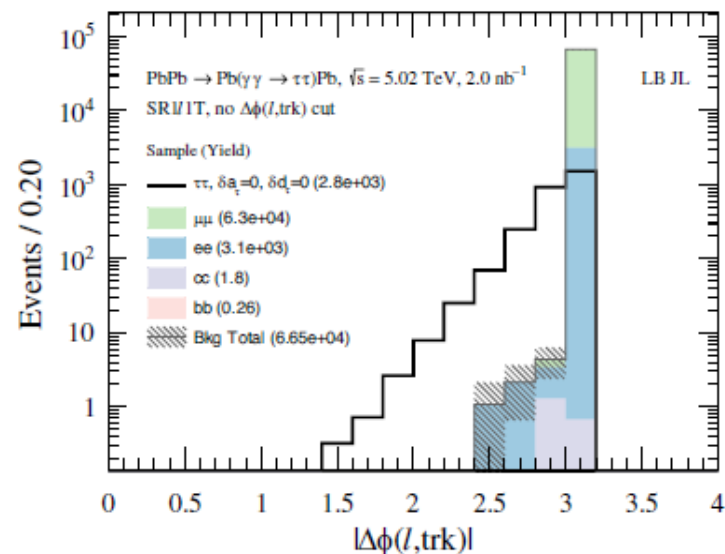
- $\tau$  decay channels:
  - 1 prong:
    - $\text{BR}(\tau^\pm \rightarrow \nu_\tau e^\pm \nu_l) = 17.8 \%$
    - $\text{BR}(\tau^\pm \rightarrow \nu_\tau \mu^\pm \nu_l) = 17.4 \%$
    - $\text{BR}(\tau^\pm \rightarrow \nu_\tau h^\pm n\pi^0) \approx 50 \%$  ( $h = \pi, K$ )
  - 3 prongs:
    - $\text{BR}(\tau^\pm \rightarrow \nu_\tau 3\pi^\pm n\pi^0) \approx 15 \%$
- Event topology:
  - 1+1 tracks  $\sim 70 \%$ 
    - $e, \mu, \pi, K$  tracks
  - 1+3 tracks  $\sim 25 \%$ 
    - $e, \mu, \pi, K$  tracks + 3 charged  $\pi$
- Reject dilepton continuum production
- Use displaced vertex for 3 prong  $\tau$  decay

# $p_T$ and acoplanarity spectra

L. Beresford, J. Liu, PRD 102 (2020) 113008

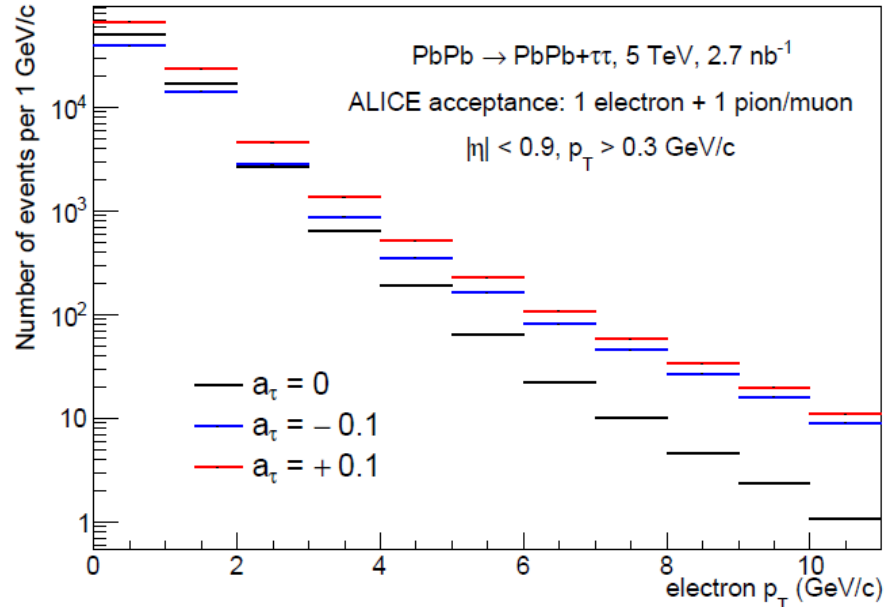


- $p_T$  differential spectra give better  $a_\tau$  sensitivity
- Expectations for different  $a_\tau$
- Acoplanarity shows large background reduction power

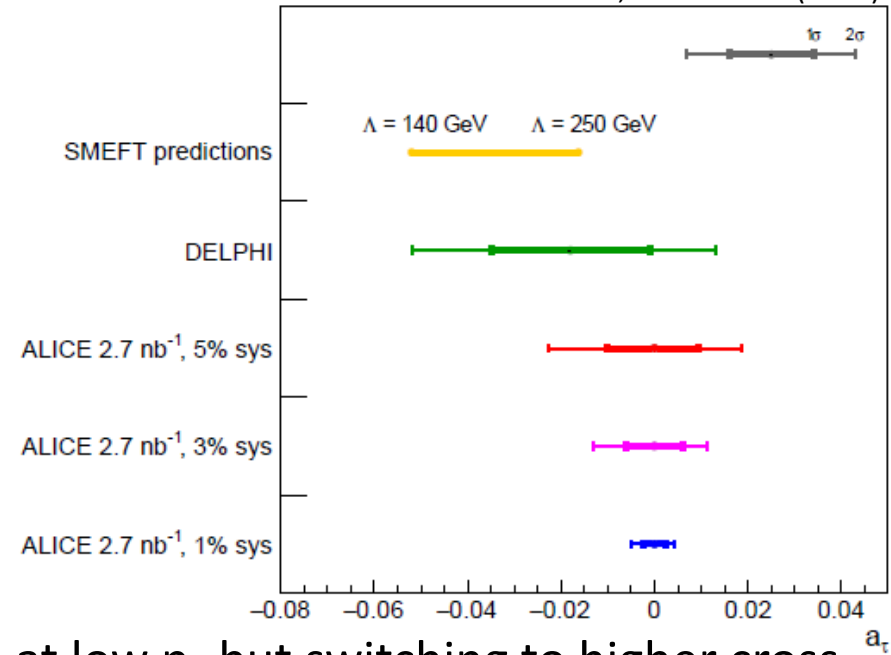


# ALICE in Run 3 expectations

Burmasov et al., 2203.00990 (2022)



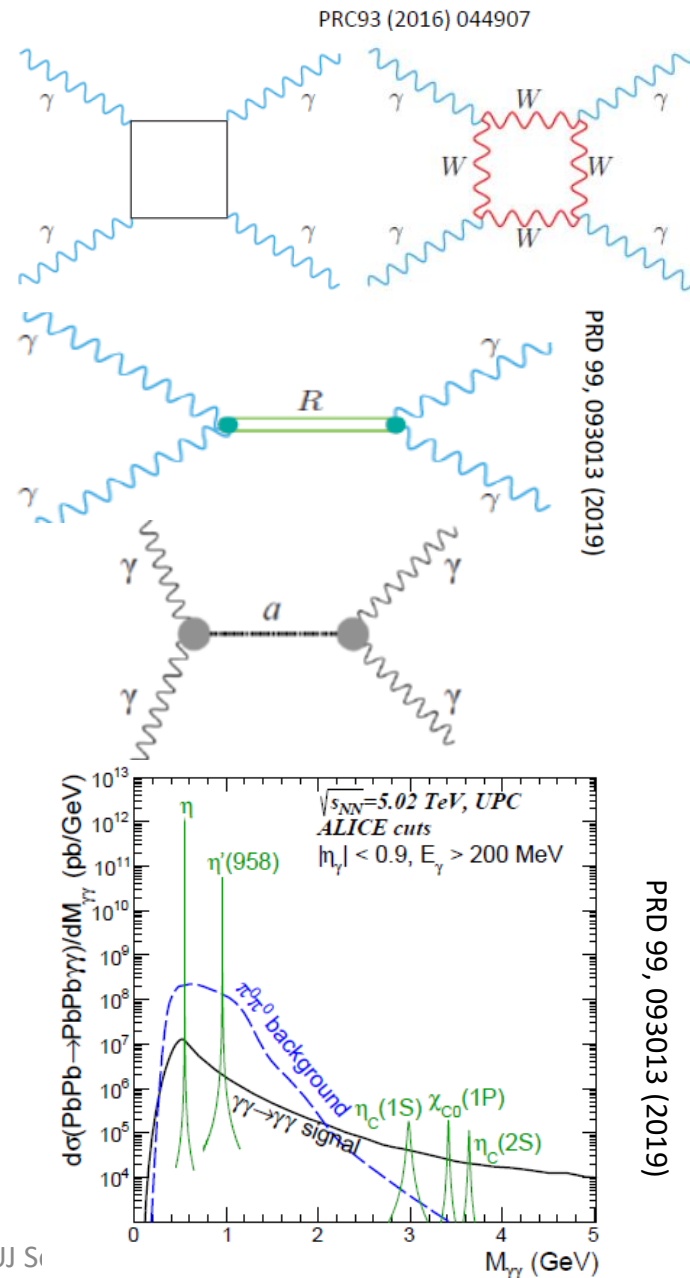
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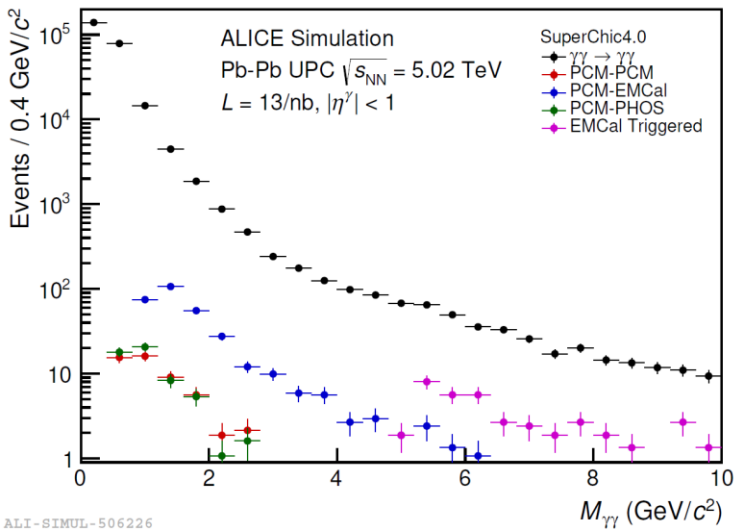
- Cross sections with  $a_\tau = -0.1$  are below SM at low  $p_T$  but switching to higher cross sections starting from  $p_T^e > 3$  GeV/c  $\rightarrow$   $p_T$  differential measurements provide better sensitivity
- At least x2 improvements on  $a_\tau$  limits with Pb-Pb data to be collected in the first year (2023 ???) with current ALICE (2)
- ALICE 3 will provide much more data
  - Finner binning
  - Lower  $p_T$  accesibility
  - Larger  $\eta$  range
  - Better PID (not only electrons will be used)

# Light-by-light scattering

- Pure quantum effect
- Contributes to electron/muon anomalous magnetic moment ( $g-2$ )
- Challenging process:  $O(\alpha_{em}^4 \approx 3 \times 10^{-9})$
- Quarks, leptons or  $W$  bosons can be exchanged in the loop in the lowest order
- Higher order corrections allow also for mesons exchange:  $\eta$ ,  $\eta'(958)$ ,  $\eta_c(1S)$ ,  $\eta_c(2S)$ ,  $\chi_{c0}(1P)$ , ...
- There is a place for Beyond Standard Model physics: SUSY particles, spin-even resonances (ALPs), magnetic monopoles, ...
- Cross section is calculated by several groups



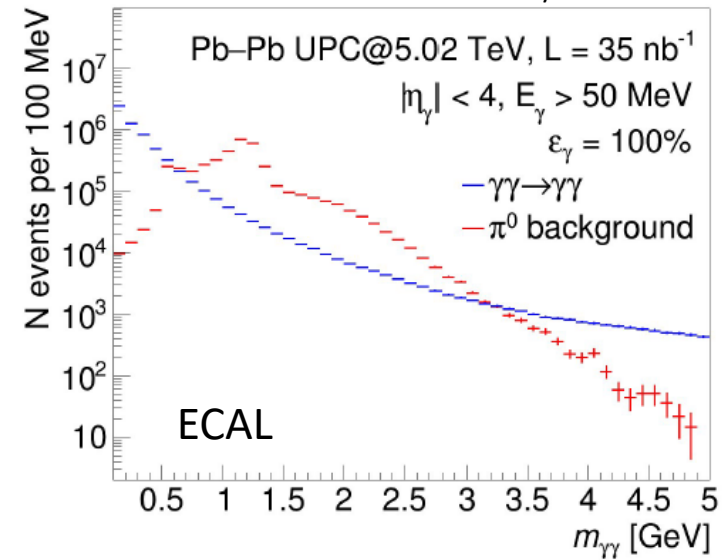
# Feasibility studies for ALICE 2 and 3



$$A_S = \frac{|\vec{p}_T(1)| - |\vec{p}_T(2)|}{|\vec{p}_T(1)| + |\vec{p}_T(2)|}$$

Background reduction with  $A_S$  variable

ALICE3 LOI: CERN-LHCC-2022-009 / LHCC-I-038



ALI-SIMUL-506226

## Considered topologies in Run 3 and 4

Both  $\gamma$ 's reconstructed with Photon Conversion Method (PCM) from  $e^+e^-$  pairs

- $p_T^{\gamma, \text{PCM}} > 0.1 \text{ GeV}/c$

One  $\gamma$  via PCM, other in EMCal acceptance

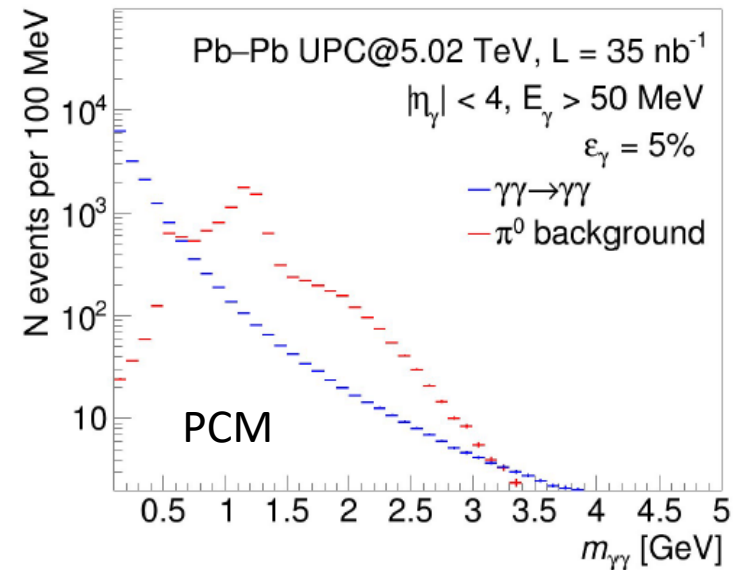
- $p_T^{\gamma, \text{EMCal}} > 0.5 \text{ GeV}/c$
- $p_T^{\gamma, \text{PCM}} > 0.1 \text{ GeV}/c$

One  $\gamma$  via PCM, other in PHOS acceptance

- $p_T^{\gamma, \text{PHOS}} > 0.3 \text{ GeV}/c$
- $p_T^{\gamma, \text{PCM}} > 0.1 \text{ GeV}/c$

Both  $\gamma$ 's in EMCal acceptance, one triggered

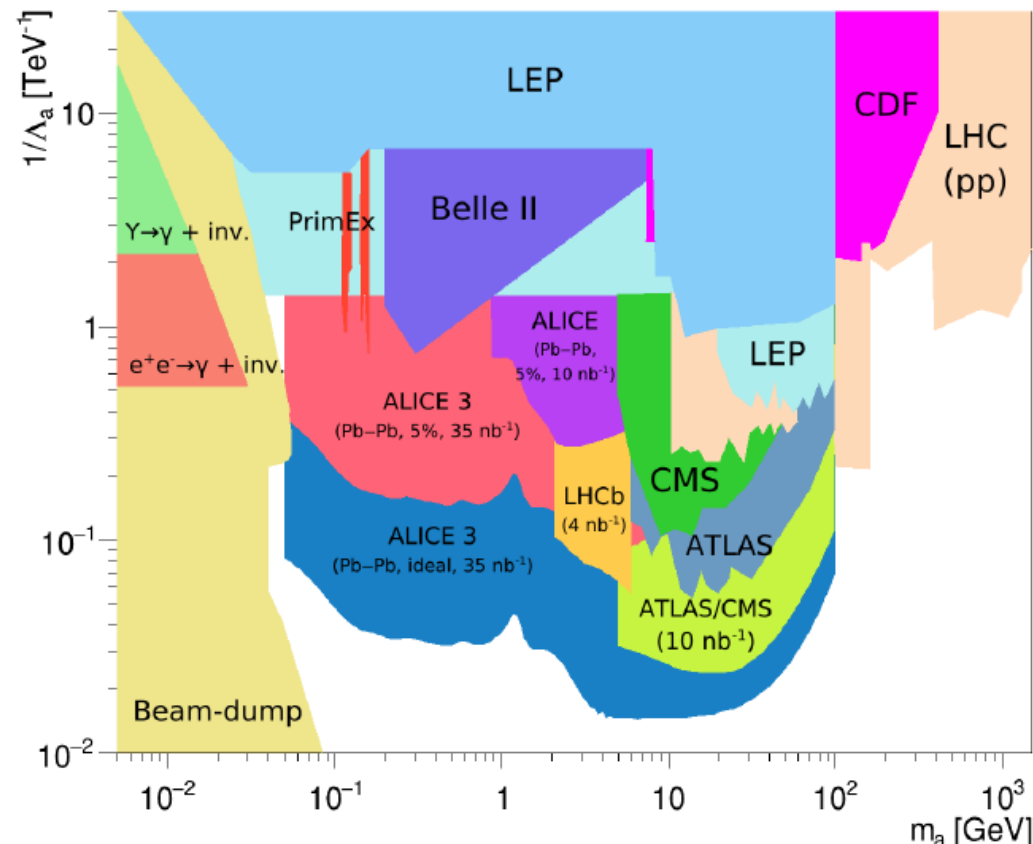
- $p_T^{\gamma, \text{EMCal}} > 0.5 \text{ GeV}/c$
- $p_T^{\gamma, \text{EMCal triggered}} > 2.5 \text{ GeV}/c$



# Expected upper limits for ALP production

- Poissonian limits for ALPs in UPCs at  $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 5.5$  TeV (Based on PRL 118, 171801 (2017))
- Signal: ALPs from STARlight;  $\Gamma(a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = 1/64\pi m_a^3/\Lambda^2$
- Background: L-by-L,  $\pi^0\pi^0$ , fake electrons and bremsstrahlung
- Asymmetry requirement  $A_S < 0.02$

- ALICE 3 is designed to measure very low particle  $p_T$
- ALICE 3 can provide complementary result in low mass region  $50 \text{ MeV}/c^2 < M_{\gamma\gamma} < 5 \text{ GeV}/c^2$





# Summary

- Light VM photoproduction signals large shadowing effects
  - No model describes all the breakup classes ( $0nXn$  is the most difficult)
- Resonance-like structure at  $M^{\pi\pi} \sim 1.7 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
- Nuclear gluon structure probed with  $J/\psi$  at  $x_B \sim 10^{-3}$ 
  - Nuclear gluon shadowing factor  $R_g \sim 0.65$
  - Models with shadowing or saturation describe data the best
  - No model describe all the rapidity points
  - $|t|$  dependence is sensitive to spatial gluon distribution
- Proton gluon structure probed at  $x_B \sim 10^{-2}$ 
  - Agreement of exclusive and dissociative  $J/\psi$  photoproduction with saturation models
  - Agreement with previous results
  - First measurement of the dissociative cross section at the LHC
- Analyses of data coming from Run 3 and beyond will provide new exciting results

# Backup

# Coverage

- V0A:  $2.8 < \eta < 5.1$ ,  $z = 3.4$  m
- V0C:  $-3.7 < \eta < -1.7$ ,  $z = -0.9$  m
- ADA:  $4.7 < \eta < 6.3$ ,  $z = 16.9$  m
- ADC:  $-6.9 < \eta < -4.9$ ,  $z = -19.5$  m
- ZDC:  $z = \pm 112.5$  m,  $|\eta| > 8.8$

# Triggers

## ■ Central barrel trigger

–  $\rho^0$  in Pb-Pb

- Veto in AD and V0
- SPD topology  $\Delta\varphi > 153^\circ$

$$L = 485 \pm 24 \text{ mb}^{-1}$$

–  $\rho^0$  in Xe-Xe

- Veto in V0
- SPD and TOF signal

$$L = 279.5 \pm 29.9 \text{ mb}^{-1}$$

–  $J/\psi, \psi'$  in Pb-Pb

- Veto in AD, V0
- SPD and TOF topology  $\Delta\varphi > 153^\circ$
- Signal in central barrel ITS, TPC, TOF

$$L^{\text{Central}} = 233 \text{ } \mu\text{b}^{-1}$$

## ■ Forward trigger

–  $J/\psi, \psi'$  in Pb-Pb

- Veto in SPD, AD, V0
- Signal in muon spectrometer

$$L^{\text{Forward}} = 754 \pm 38 \text{ } \mu\text{b}^{-1}$$

–  $J/\psi$  in p-Pb

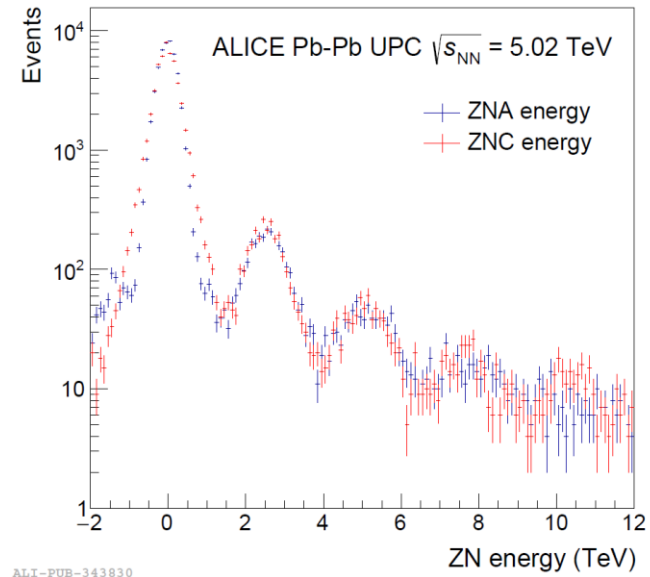
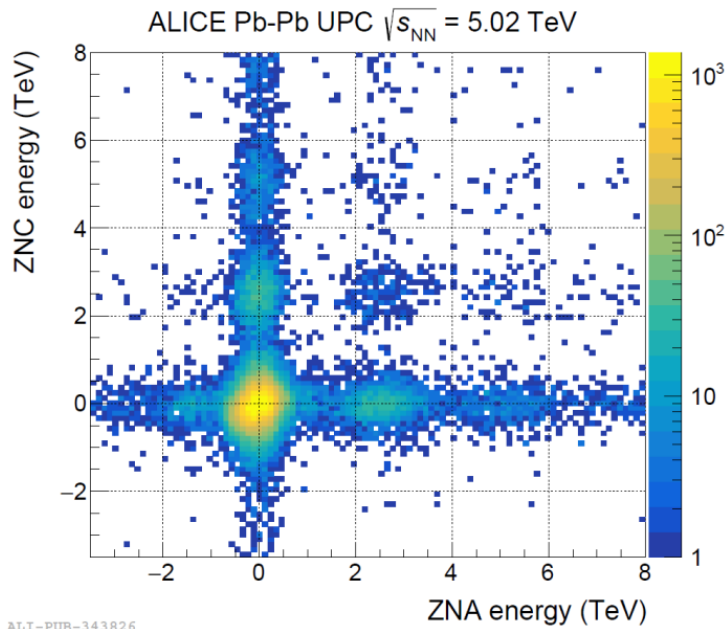
- Veto in AD, V0
- Signal in muon spectrometer

$$L = 7.62 \pm 0.14 \text{ nb}^{-1}$$

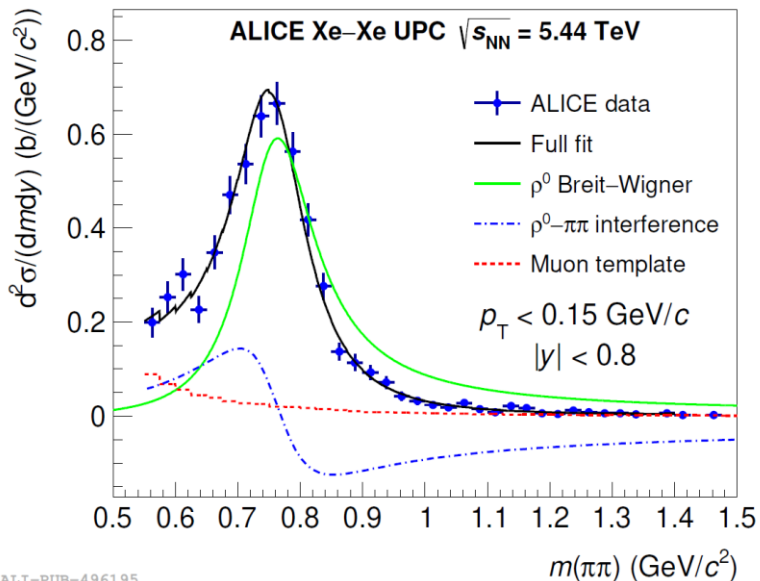
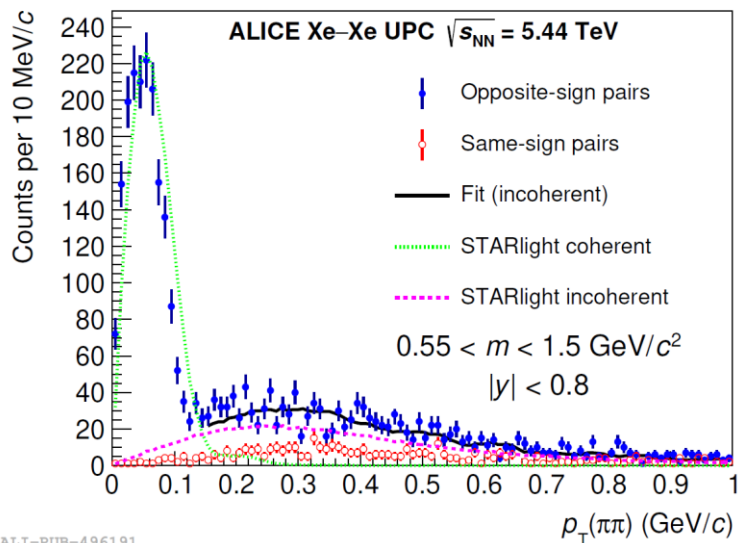
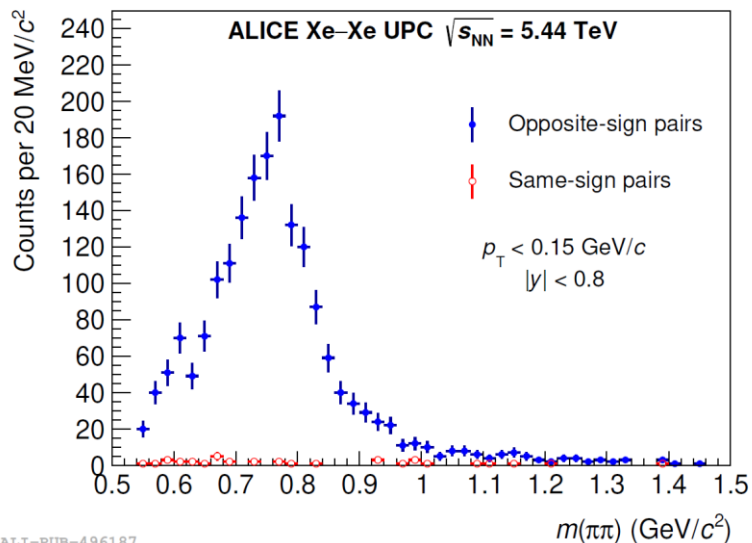
# VM photoproduction publications

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- First measurement of coherent  $\rho^0$  photoproduction in ultra-peripheral Xe-Xe collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.44$  TeV, Phys. Lett. B 820 (2021) 136481.
- Coherent  $J/\psi$  photoproduction at forward rapidity in ultra-peripheral Pb-Pb collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$  TeV, Phys.Lett. B798 (2019) 134926.
- Coherent  $J/\psi$  and  $\psi'$  photoproduction at midrapidity in ultra-peripheral Pb-Pb collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$  TeV, Eur. Phys. J. C 81 (2021) 712.
- First measurement of the  $|t|$ -dependence of coherent  $J/\psi$  photonuclear production, PLB 817 (2021) 136280.
- Energy dependence of exclusive  $J/\psi$  photoproduction off protons in ultra-peripheral p-Pb collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$  TeV, Eur. Phys. J. C (2019) 79: 402.

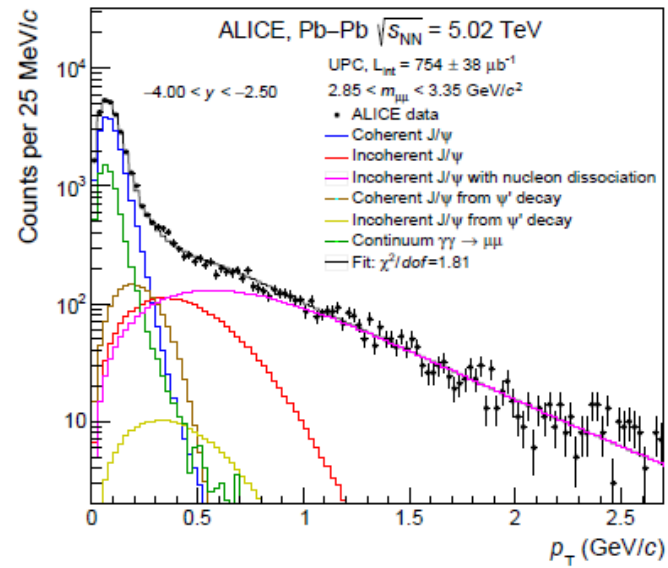
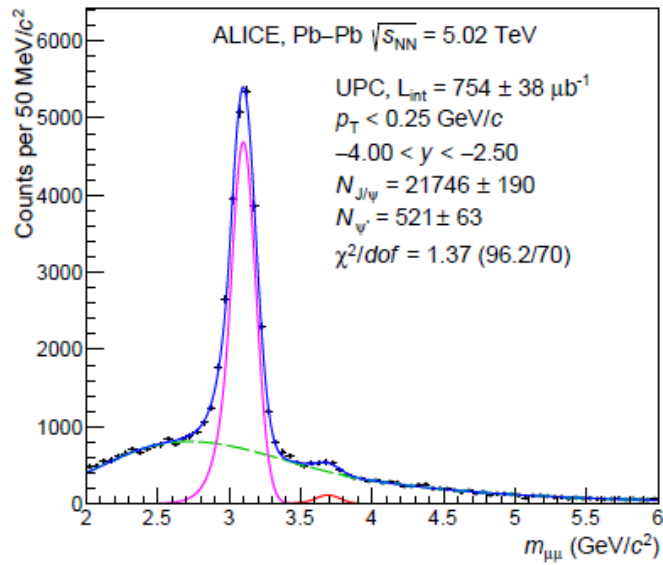
# $\rho^0$ – ZDC energy



# $\rho^0$ in Xe-Xe

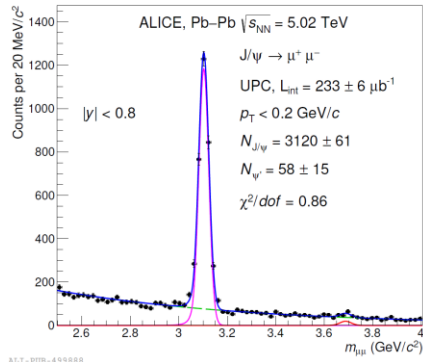


# J/ψ in Pb-Pb – forward

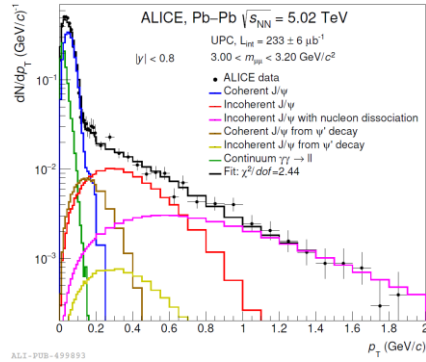




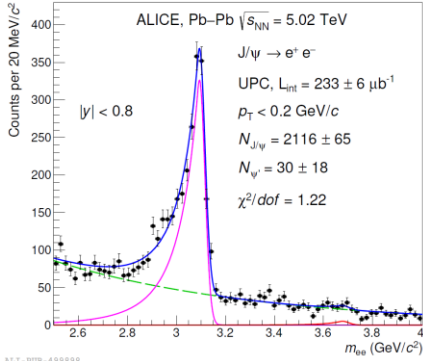
# J/ψ in Pb-Pb – central barrel



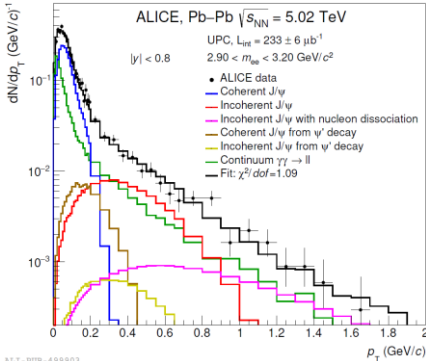
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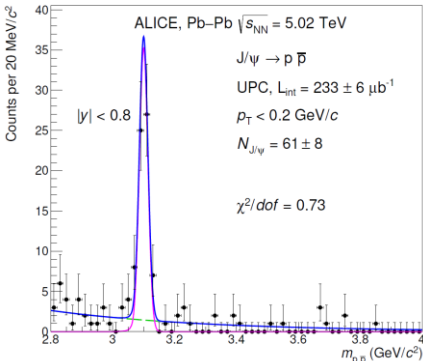
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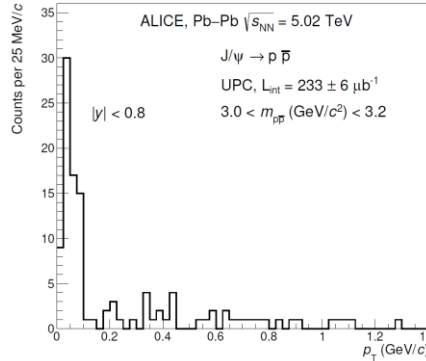
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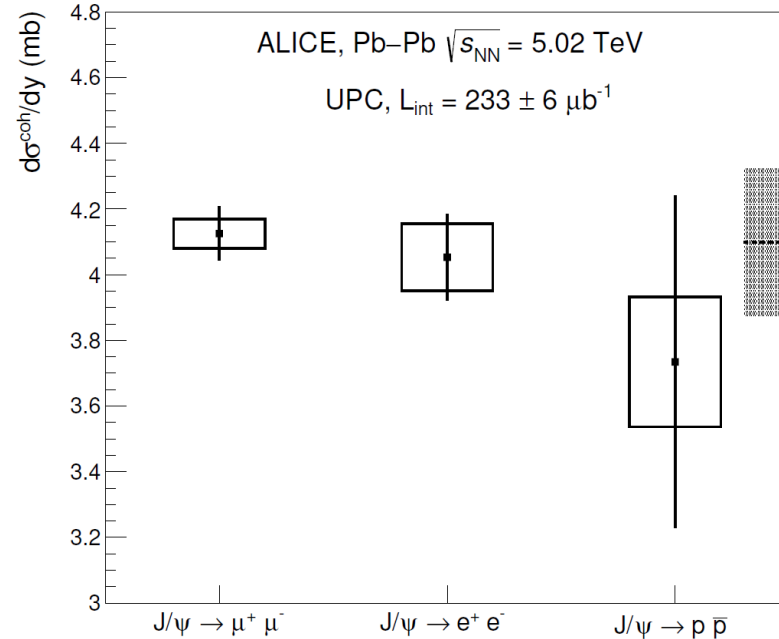
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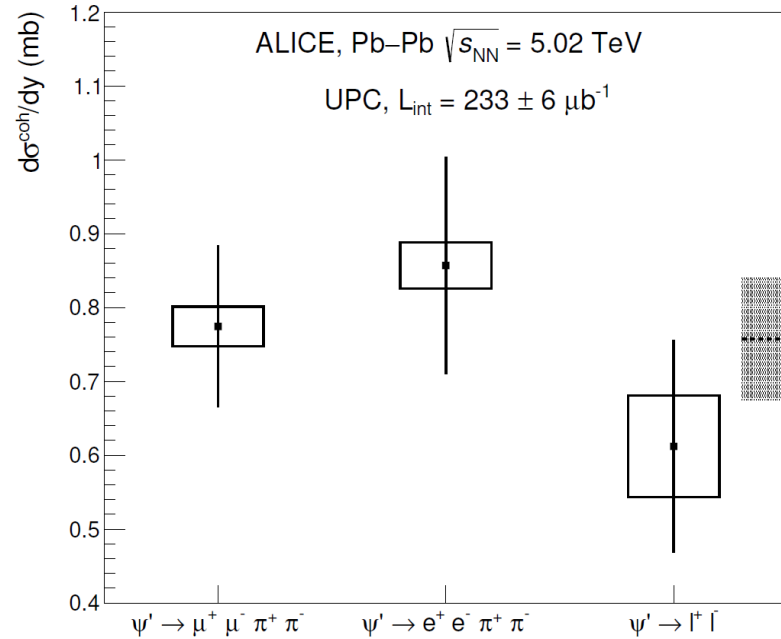
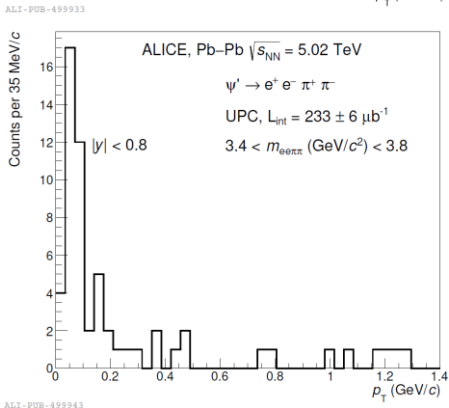
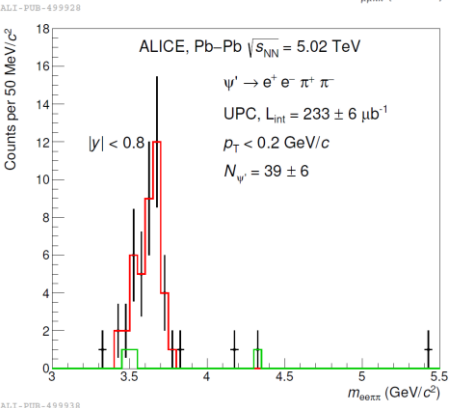
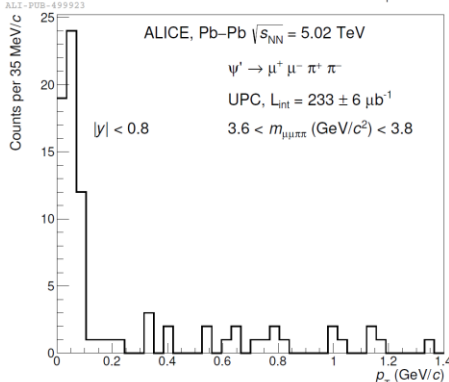
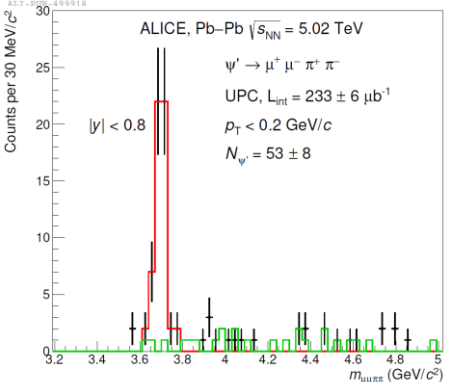
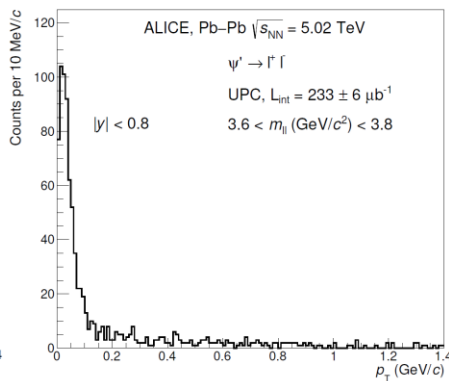
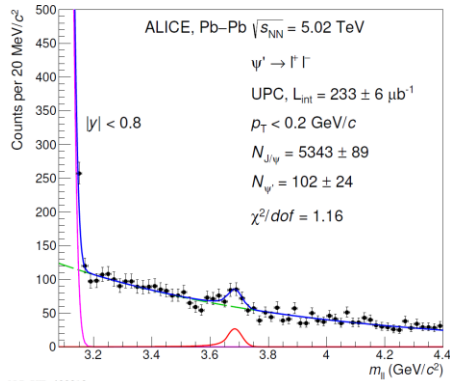


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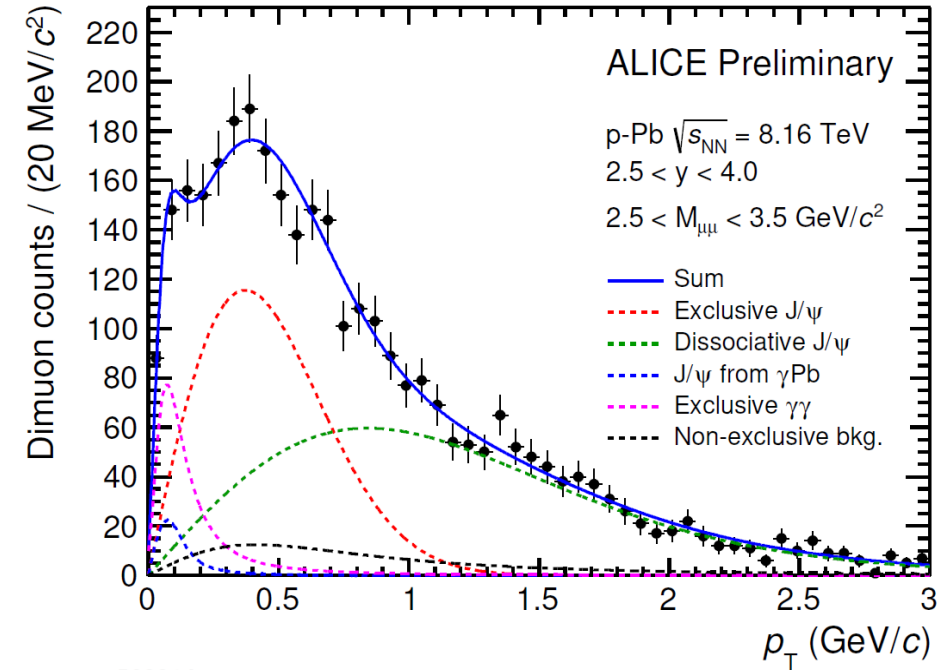
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# $\psi'$ in Pb-Pb – central barrel

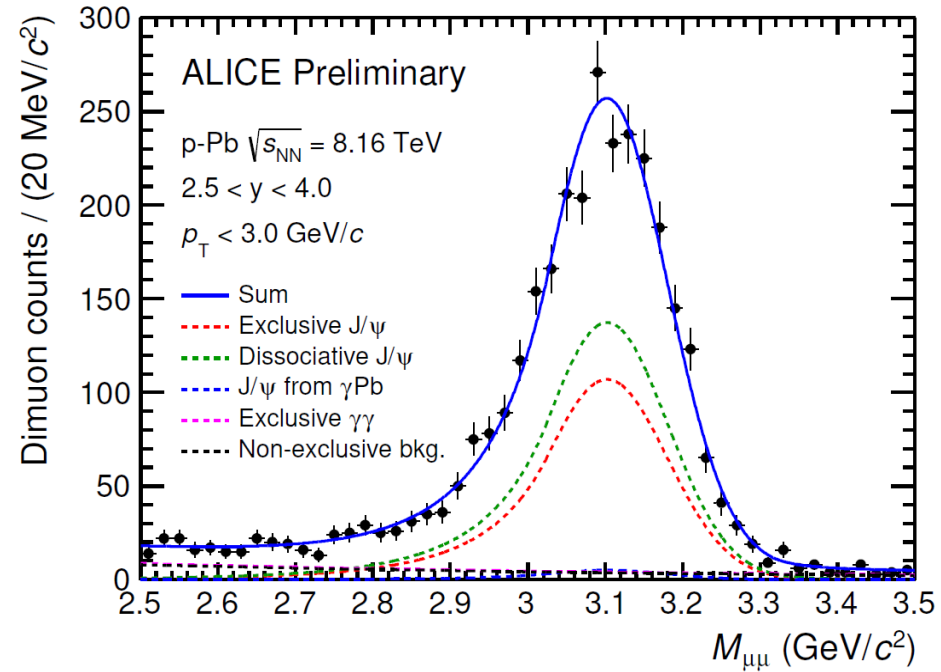


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# Exclusive $J/\psi$ in p-Pb



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# Cross section parameterization

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dm dy} = |A \cdot BW_\rho + B|^2 + M,$$

$$BW_\rho = \frac{\sqrt{m \cdot m_{\rho^0} \cdot \Gamma(m)}}{m^2 - m_{\rho^0}^2 + im_{\rho^0} \cdot \Gamma(m)};$$

$$\Gamma(m) = \Gamma(m_{\rho^0}) \cdot \frac{m_{\rho^0}}{m} \cdot \left( \frac{m^2 - 4m_\pi^2}{m_{\rho^0}^2 - m_\pi^2} \right)^{3/2}$$

$\rho_3(1690)$  with angular momentum  $J = 3$

$$\frac{dN_{\pi\pi}}{dm} = P_1 \cdot \exp(-P_2 \cdot (m - 1.2 \text{ GeV}/c^2)) + P_3 + P_4 \cdot \exp(-(m - M_x)^2 / \Gamma_x^2)$$

Soding formula

- A – normalization
- B – non resonant amplitude
- M – other background
- $BW_\rho$  – Breit-Wigner function
- $\Gamma(m)$  – mass dependent width
- $m_{\rho^0}$  – pole mass
- $m_\pi$  – pion mass

# VM cross section

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{VM}}^{\text{coh}}}{dy} = \frac{N_{\text{VM}}^{\text{coh}}}{\epsilon_{\text{VM}} \times \epsilon_{\text{veto}}^{\text{pileup}} \times \epsilon_{\text{veto}}^{\text{EMD}} \times \text{BR} \times \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} \times \Delta y}$$

$$N_{J/\psi}^{\text{coh}} = \frac{N_{\text{yield}}}{1 + f_{\text{I}} + f_{\text{D}}}$$

$$N_{\psi'}^{\text{coh}} = \frac{N_{\text{yield}}}{1 + f_{\text{I}}}$$

- $N_{\text{yield}}$  – J/ψ or ψ' raw yield,
- $\epsilon_{\text{VM}}$  - reconstruction efficiency
- $f_{\text{I}}$  – incoherent contamination fraction
- $f_{\text{D}}$  – feed down contamination fraction
- $\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}$  – integrated luminosity
- $\Delta y$  – rapidity interval
- BR – branching ratio of the Decay
- $\epsilon_{\text{veto}}^{\text{pileup}}$  – pileup veto efficiency
- $\epsilon_{\text{veto}}^{\text{EMD}}$  – electromagnetic dissociation veto efficiency

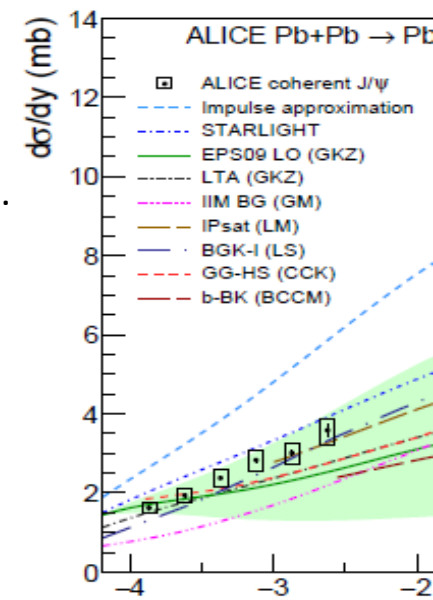
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  - J. L. Albacete and C. Marquet, “Gluon saturation and initial conditions for relativistic heavy ion collisions”, Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 76 (2014) 1–42.

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- **CCKT (Cepila, Contreras, Krelina and Tapia):**
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  - Based on the **colour dipole model** with the structure of the nucleon in the transverse plane described by so-called **hot spots**, regions of high gluonic density, whose number increases with increasing energy. The nuclear effects are implemented along the ideas of the Glauber model. Version without hot spots (named *nuclear*) and including them.
  - Indicates **gluon saturation**.

# Models



- **Impulse approximation:**
  - Exclusive photoproduction off protons, neglects all nuclear effects but coherence.
  - Based on STARlight.
- **EPS09 LO:**
  - GKZ model with parameterization of **nuclear shadowing** data.
  - Eskola, Paukkunen, Salgado, JHEP 04 (2009) 065.
- **LTA:**
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  - **Color dipole** approach coupled to the Color Glass Condensate (CGC) formalism with different assumptions on the dipole-proton scattering amplitude.
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  - next-to-leading-order calculations
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  - Perturbative JIMWLK evolution based on HERA data
  - Mantysaari, Schenke, Phys. Rev. D 98 no. 3, (2018) 034013

# Systematic uncertainty

$\rho^0$  in Pb-Pb

Source	Uncertainty
Variations to the fit procedure	0.4–5.9 %
Ross-Stodolsky fit model	+3.5%
Track selection	$\pm 1.5\%$
Track matching	$\pm 4.0\%$
Acceptance and efficiency	$\pm 1.0\%$
Muon background ( $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ )	$\pm 0.3\%$
Incoherent contribution	$\pm 0.5\%$
Trigger efficiency of SPD chips	$\pm 1.0\%$
Pile-up	$\pm 3.8\%$
Luminosity	$\pm 5.0\%$
Total	$^{+(8.5-10.3)}_{-(7.8-9.7)}\%$

$\rho^0$  in Xe-Xe

Source	Uncertainty
Variations to the fit procedure	$\pm 2.5\%$
Ross–Stodolsky fit model	+3.5%
Acceptance and efficiency	$\pm 0.5\%$
Track selection	$\pm 3.0\%$
Track ITS–TPC matching	$\pm 4.0\%$
SPD trigger-to-track matching	$\pm 2.0\%$
TOF trigger efficiencies	$\pm 2.8\%$
Vertex selection	$\pm 1.5\%$
Incoherent contribution	$\pm 2.0\%$
Pile-up	$\pm 1.0\%$
Muon background ( $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ )	$^{+(0.5)}_{-(0.2)}\%$
Electromagnetic dissociation	$\pm 0.2\%$
Luminosity	$\pm 10.7\%$
Total	$^{+(13.3)}_{-(12.8)}\%$

Source	No forward-neutron selection	0n0n	0nXn	XnXn	Class	Measured fraction	$n_0^n$ prediction
Signal either in ZNA or in ZNC	$^{-1.0}_{+1.1}$	$\pm 0.1$	$^{-6.6}_{+7.3}$	$^{+0.6}_{-0.7}$	0n0n	$(90.46 \pm 0.70 \pm 0.17 \mp 0.68)\%$	92.4%
Signal in both ZNA and ZNC	$^{-0.3}_{+0.4}$	$\pm 0.7$	$^{+0.3}_{-0.4}$	$^{-8.9}_{+10.6}$	0nXn+Xn0n	$(8.48 \pm 0.66 \mp 0.13 \pm 0.64)\%$	6.9%
					XnXn	$(1.07 \pm 0.25 \mp 0.04 \pm 0.07)\%$	0.7%

# Systematic uncertainty

## ■ J/ψ forward

Source	Value
Lumi. normalization	$\pm 5.0\%$
Branching ratio	$\pm 0.6\%$
SPD, V0 and AD veto	from $-3.6\%$ to $-6.0\%$
MC rapidity shape	from $\pm 0.1\%$ to $\pm 0.8\%$
Tracking	$\pm 3.0\%$
Trigger	from $\pm 5.2\%$ to $\pm 6.2\%$
Matching	$\pm 1.0\%$
Signal extraction	$\pm 2.0\%$
$f_D$ fraction	$\pm 0.7\%$
$\gamma\gamma$ yield	$\pm 1.2\%$
$p_T$ shape for coherent J/ψ	$\pm 0.1\%$
$b_{pd}$ parameter	$\pm 0.1\%$
Total	from $^{+8.3}_{-9.2}\%$ to $^{+8.9}_{-10.3}\%$

## ■ J/ψ central

	J/ψ → μ <sup>+</sup> μ <sup>-</sup>	J/ψ → e <sup>+</sup> e <sup>-</sup>	J/ψ → p $\bar{p}$
Signal Extraction	0.5	2.4	0.7
Incoherent contamination	0.8	0.5	0.8
Branching ratio	0.5	0.5	1.4
TOF matching	–	–	5.0
ITS-TPC matching	2.8	2.8	2.8
AD and V0 veto	3.0	3.0	3.0
SPD trigger efficiency	1.0	1.0	1.0
TOF trigger efficiency	0.7	0.7	0.7
Luminosity	2.7	2.7	2.7
EMD correction	2.0	2.0	2.0
Feed down	0.6	0.6	0.6
Channel uncorrelated	1.1	2.5	5.3
Channel correlated	5.5	5.5	5.5

# Systematic uncertainty

## ■ $\psi'$ central

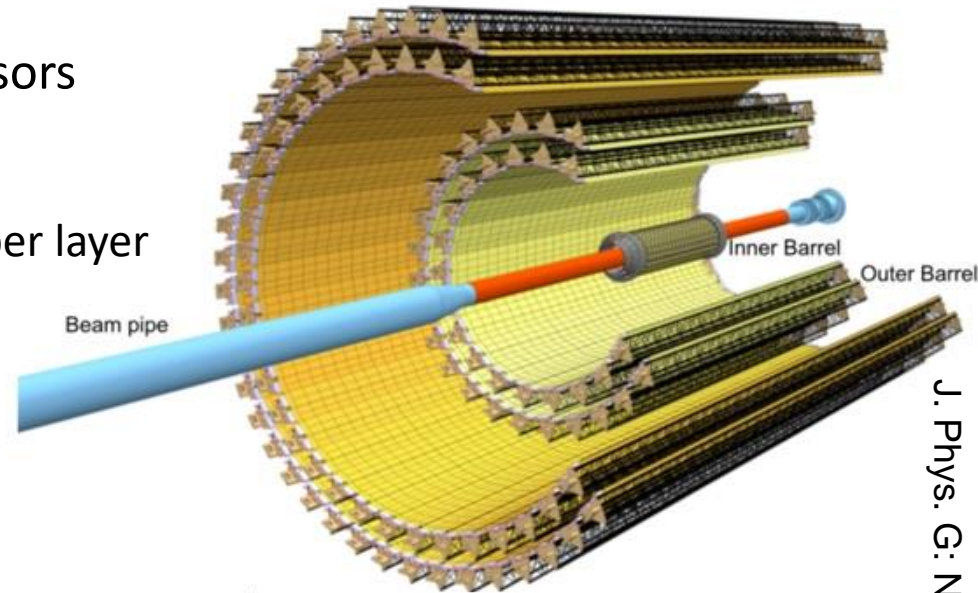
	$\psi' \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \pi^+ \pi^-$	$\psi' \rightarrow e^+ e^- \pi^+ \pi^-$	$\psi' \rightarrow l^+ l^-$
Signal Extraction	1.0	2.0	10.0
Incoherent contamination	1.4	1.8	1.8
Branching ratio	1.5	1.5	4.8
ITS-TPC matching pions	2.8	2.8	–
ITS-TPC matching leptons	2.8	2.8	2.8
AD and V0 veto	10.0	10.0	10.0
SPD trigger efficiency	1.0	1.0	1.0
TOF trigger efficiency	0.7	0.7	0.7
Luminosity	2.7	2.7	2.7
EMD correction	2.0	2.0	2.0
Channel uncorrelated	3.5	5.8	11.2
Channel correlated	11.0	11.0	11.0

$J/\psi$  central t dep.

Source	Uncertainty (%)
Signal extraction	(0.7,2.2)
$f_D$	(0.1,0.5)
$f_l$	(1.1,2.3)
$p_T^2$ migration unfolding	(0.6,2.3)
Luminosity	2.7
V0 and AD veto	3
EM dissociation	2
ITS-TPC tracking	2.8
SPD and TOF efficiency	1.3
Branching ratio	0.5
Variations in interference strength	(0.3,1.2)
Value of the photon flux at $y = 0$	2
$p_T^2 \rightarrow  t $ unfolding	(0.1,5.7)

# Upgrade - Inner Tracking System (ITS) v2

- Newly designed **beam pipe** with a smaller outer radius of 19 mm
- 7 layers of Monolithic Active Pixel Sensors (MAPS)
  - Area  $\sim 10 \text{ m}^2$
  - **Smaller material budget:**  $\sim 0.35\% X_0$  per layer for layers 0-2,  $\sim 0.8\%$  for layers 3-6 (was  $\sim 1.1\%$  for ITS1)
  - Power consumption  $< 40 \text{ mW/cm}^2$



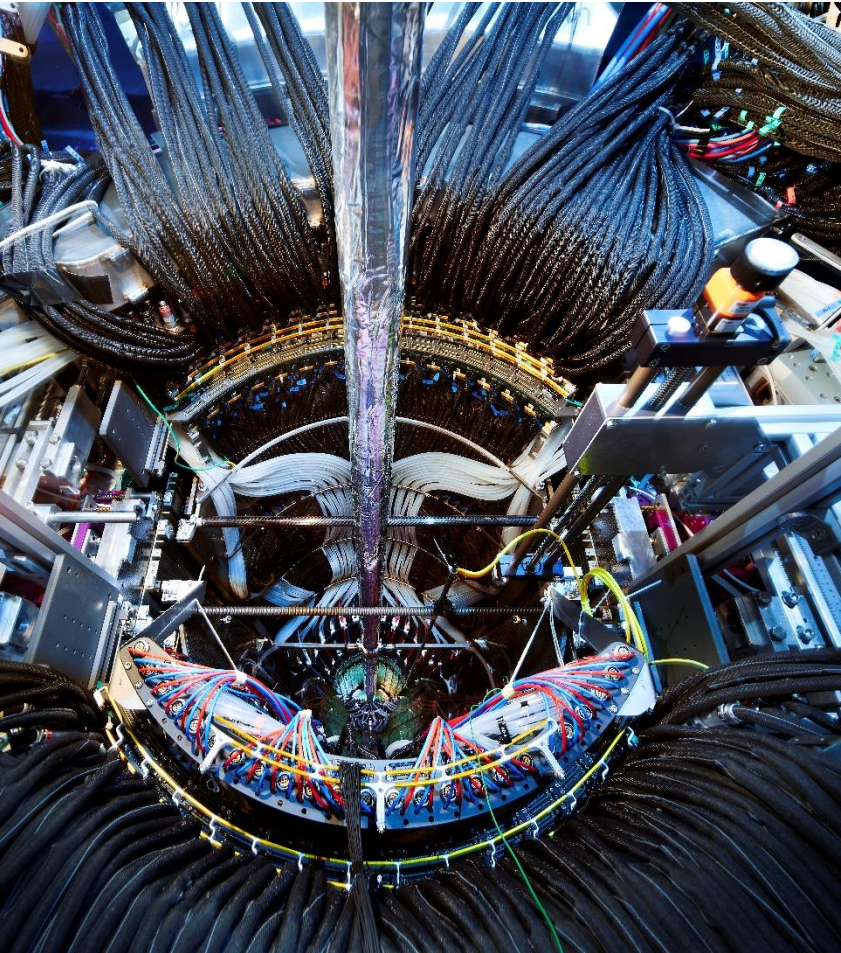
- **Faster readout** rate
  - up to  $\sim 50 \text{ kHz}$  in Pb-Pb ( $1 \text{ kHz}$  in ITS1)
  - $\sim 500 \text{ kHz}$  in pp
- **Improved tracking** and resolution
  - Spatial resolution  $\sim 5 \mu\text{m}$
  - Impact parameter resolution:
    - $3 \times$  better in the transverse plane
    - $5 \times$  better along the beam axis
  - Momentum resolution  $\sim 4\%$  at  $2 \text{ GeV}/c$
  - $p_T$  down to very low values
- More **precise vertexing** in higher rates with resolution better than  $100 \mu\text{m}$

Layer	$R_{\min}$ [mm]	$\eta$
0	22.4	$\pm 2.5$
1	30.1	$\pm 2.3$
2	37.8	$\pm 2.0$
3	194.4	$\pm 1.5$
4	243.9	$\pm 1.4$
5	342.3	$\pm 1.4$
6	391.8	$\pm 1.3$

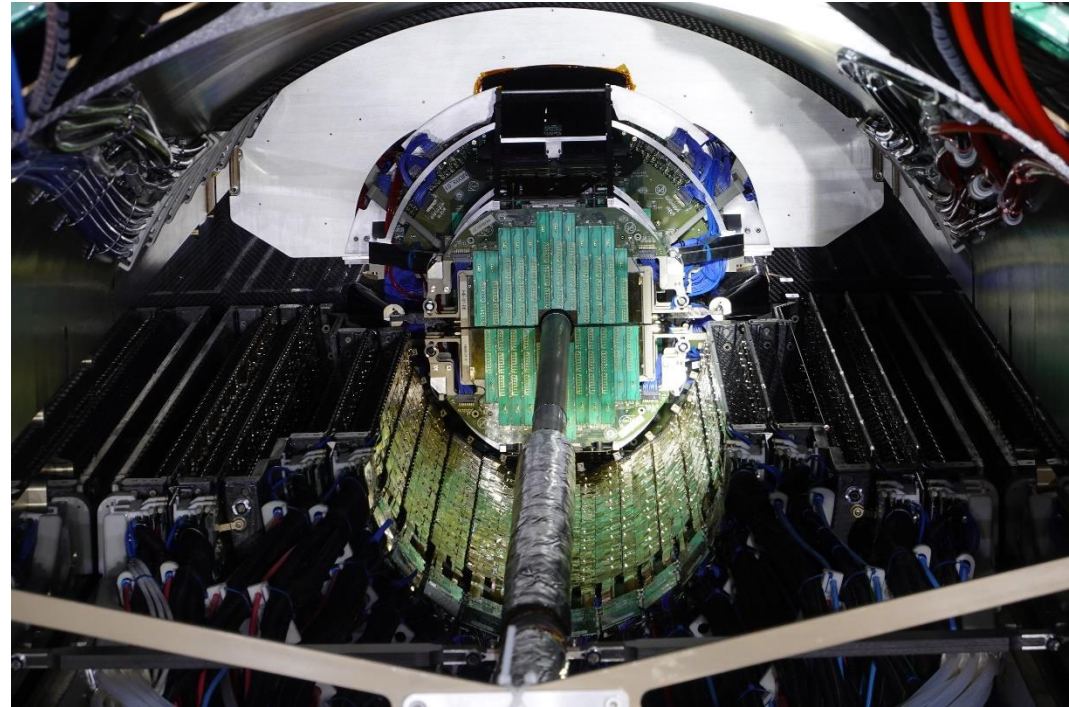
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# ITS installation

Inner barrel

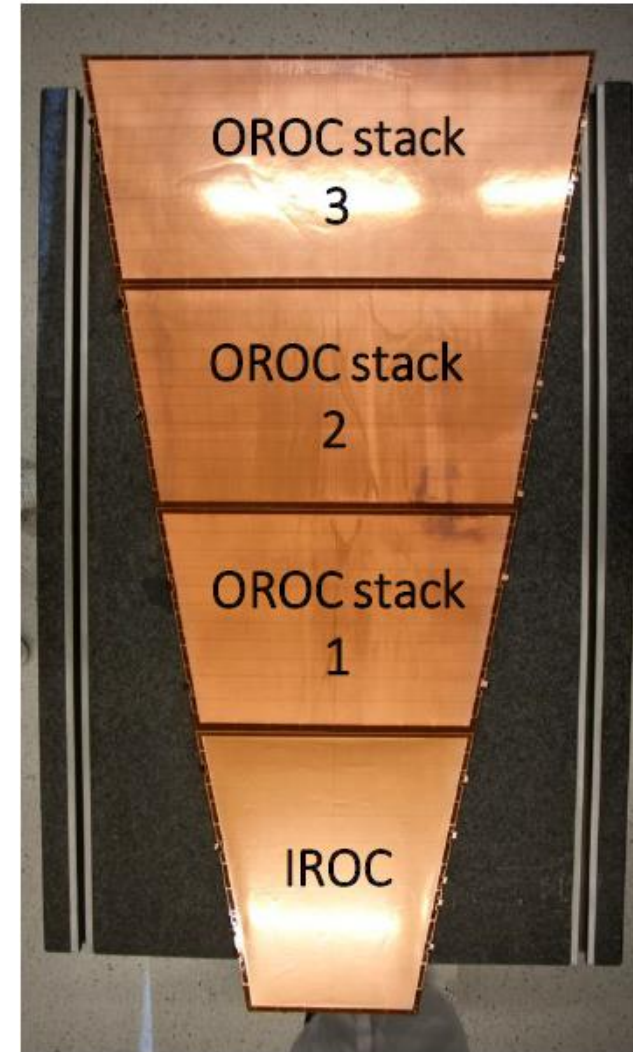
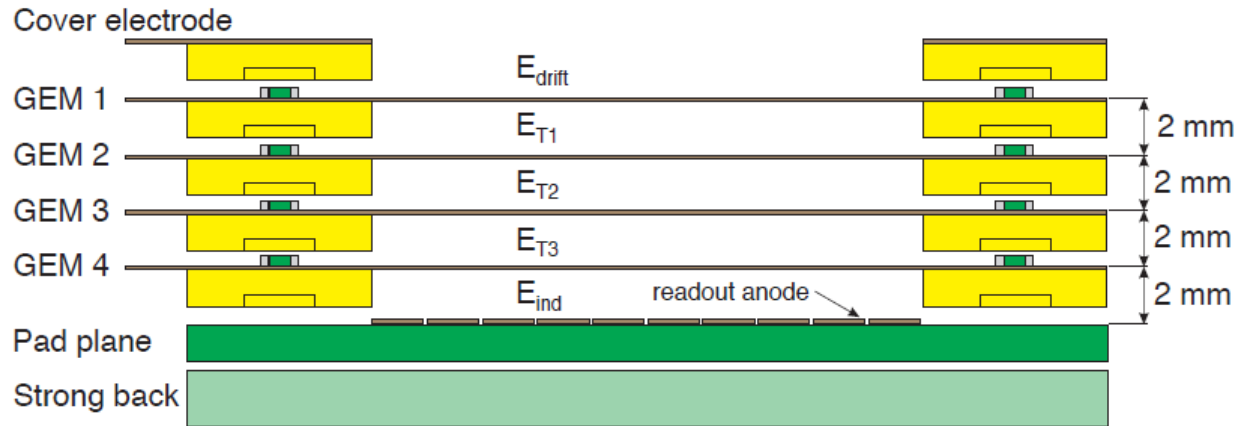


Outer barrel



# Time Projection Chamber (TPC)

- Gas Electron Multiplier (GEM) technology readout
- Continuous readout
- Factor 100 increase of data collection rate
- Tracking and PID remains the same
- 1 stack in IROC, 3 stacks in OROC
- Ion Back Flow < 1% at gain = 2000
- Local energy resolution  $\sigma_E/E < 12\%$  for  $^{55}\text{Fe}$

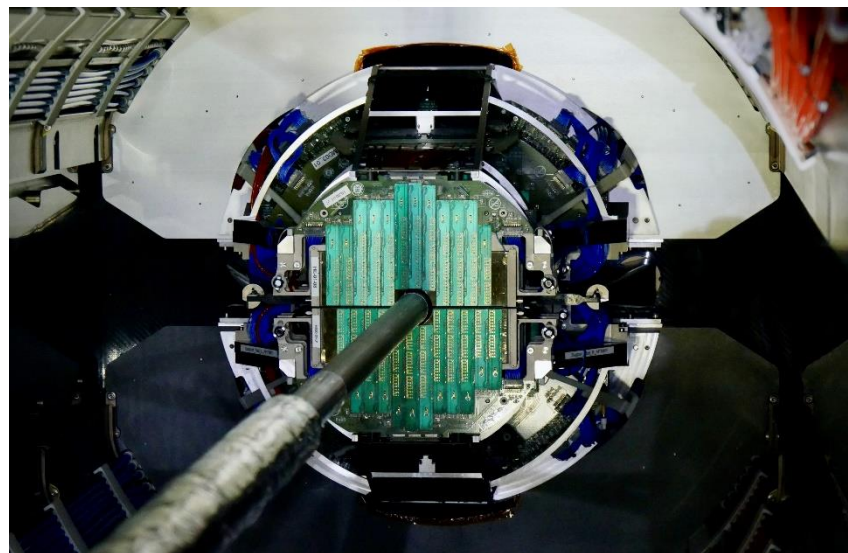
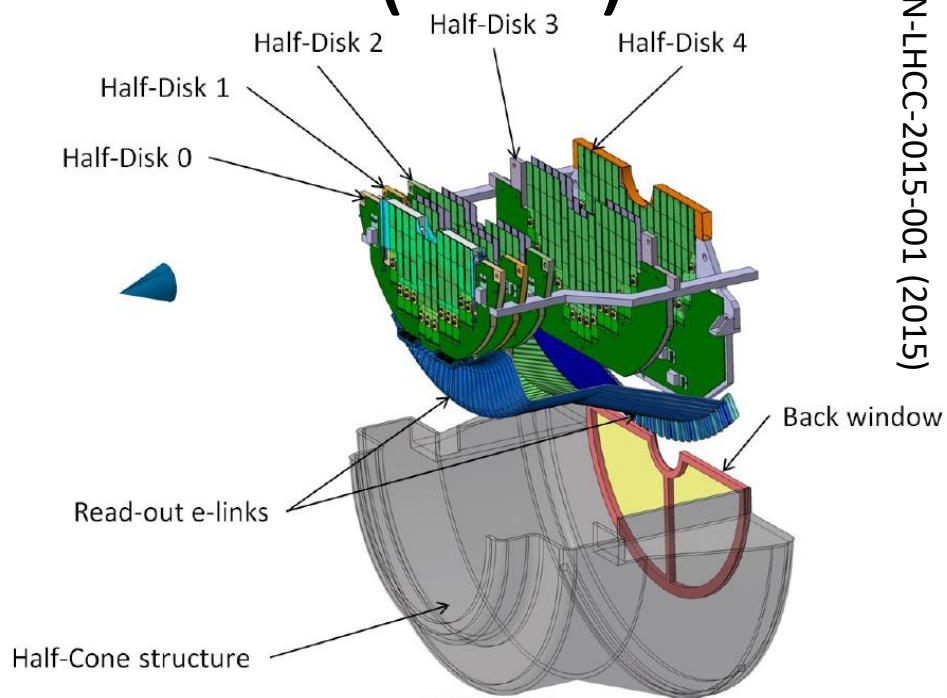


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# Muon Forward Tracker (MFT)

- Two half-cones
- Five detection disks
- - 460 mm <  $z$  < - 768 mm
- -  $3.6 < \eta < - 2.45$
- Technology similar to ITS 2
- Material budget 0.6%  $X_0$  per disk
- Spatial resolution  $\sim 5 \mu\text{m}$

$\Rightarrow$  Access for prompt  $J/\psi$  or  $\psi(2S)$  production and nuclear modification factors  $R_{AA}$  down to zero  $p_T$ .





# Fast Interaction Trigger (FIT)

- Interaction trigger
- Online luminometer
- Beam quality
  - Beam – gas events
  - Background conditions
- Vertex position indicator
- Forward multiplicity counter
  - Centrality
  - Event plane

## FDD:

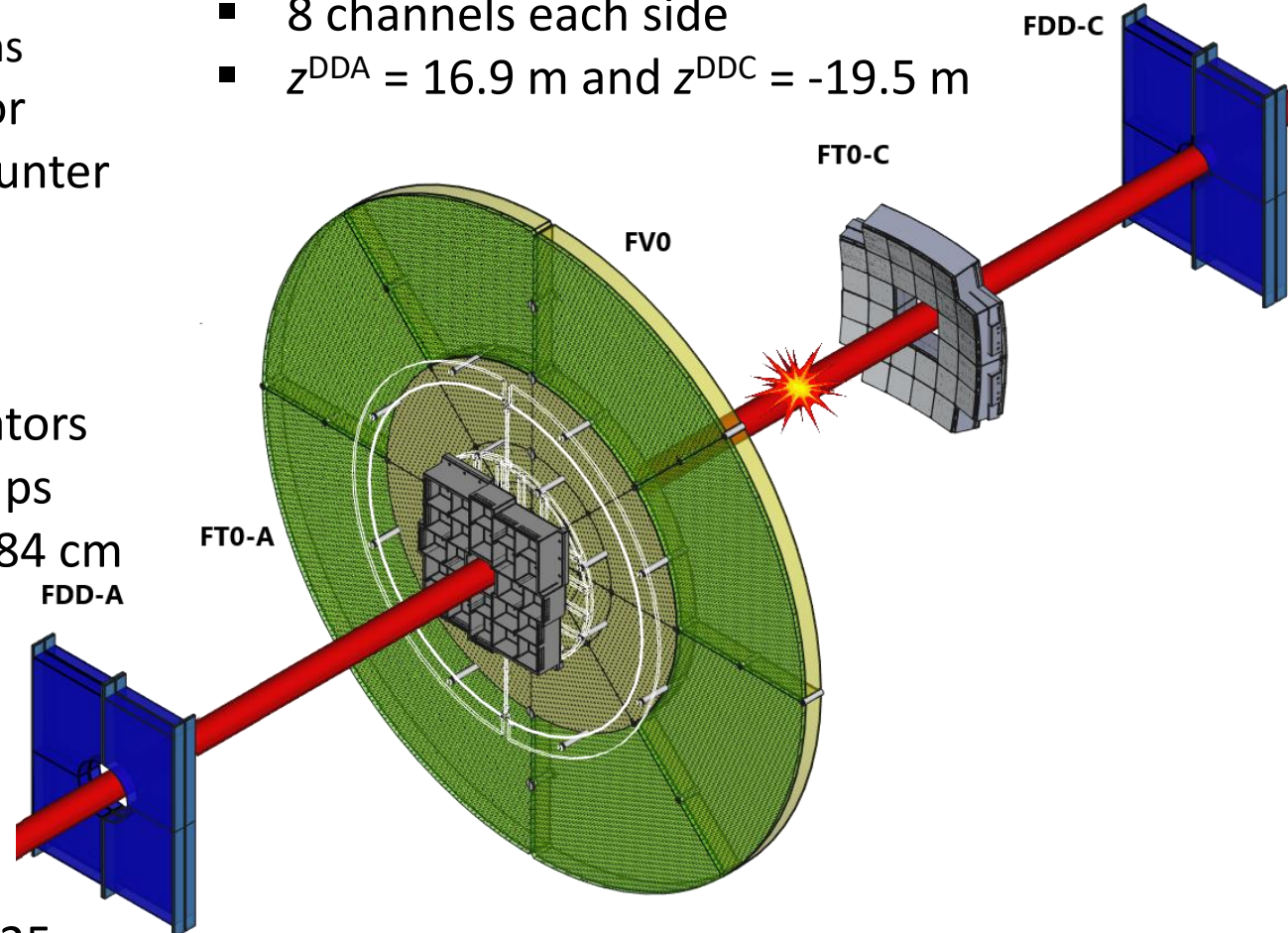
- Two arrays of scintillator pads
- 8 channels each side
- $z^{\text{DDA}} = 16.9 \text{ m}$  and  $z^{\text{DDC}} = -19.5 \text{ m}$

## FTO:

- Quartz Cherenkov radiators
- Time resolution  $\sigma_t \approx 13 \text{ ps}$
- $z^{\text{TOA}} = 3.3 \text{ m}$  and  $z^{\text{TOC}} = -84 \text{ cm}$
- 96 and 112 modules

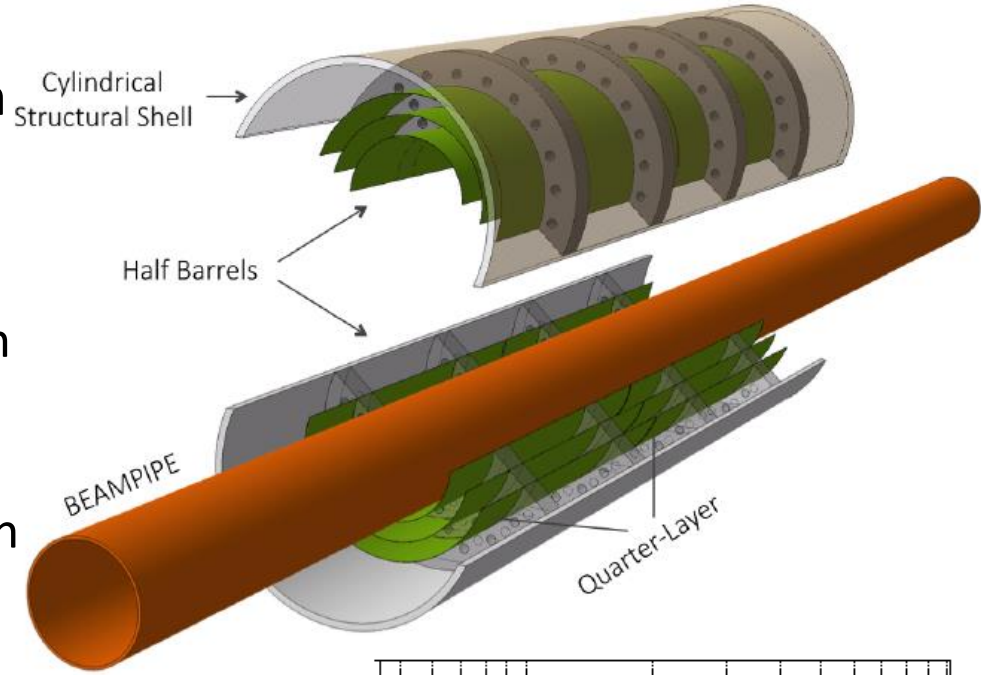
## FVO:

- Large scintillator disk
- $8 \text{ cm} < R < 144 \text{ cm}$
- 48 sectors
- Trigger with latency  $< 425 \text{ ns}$



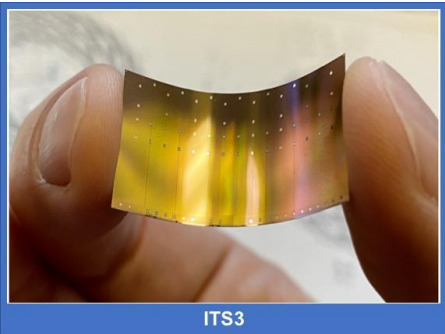
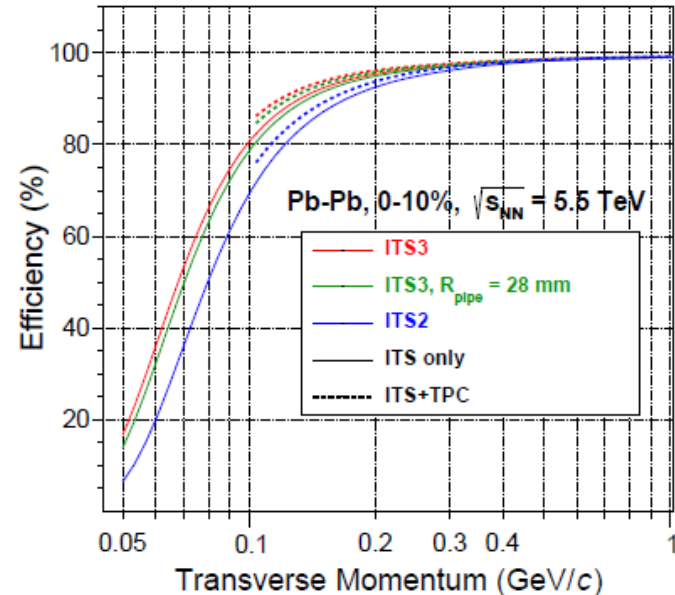
# ITS3 in Run 4

- Replacement of 3 most inner layers
- **Curved** wafer-scale **ultra-thin** silicon sensors arranged in perfectly cylindrical layers
  - Removal of mechanical support
  - Homogeneous material distribution
- Extremely **low material budget** 0.05%  $X_0$  per layer
  - Power and data buses integrated on chip
- **Power consumption**  $\sim 20$  mW/cm<sup>2</sup>
  - Removal of water cooling



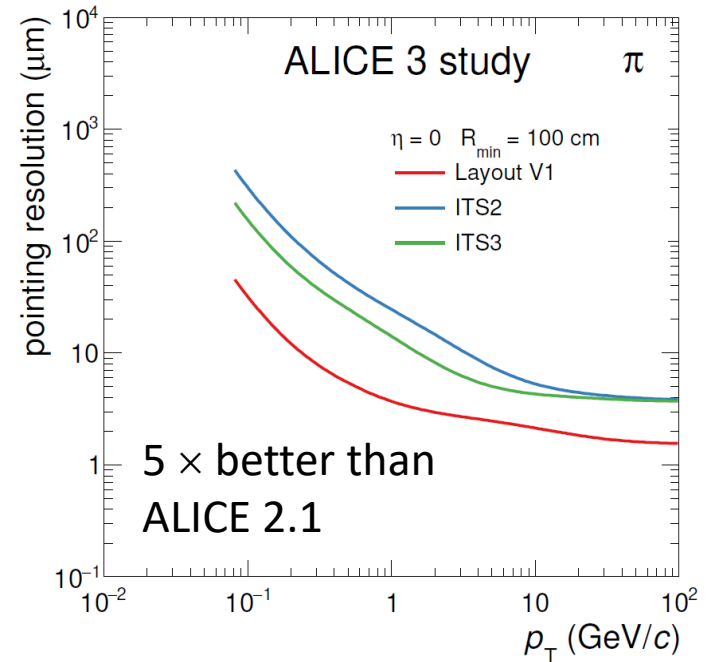
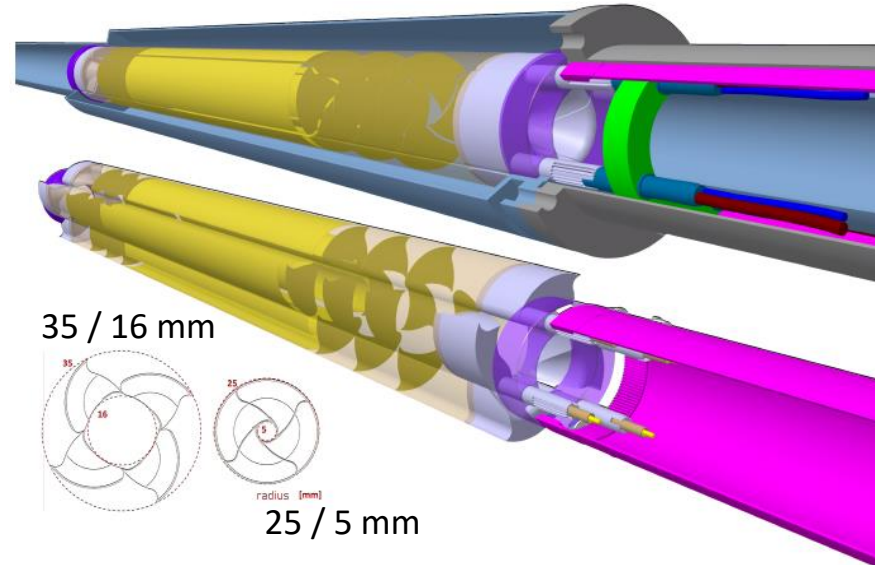
⇒ Improved tracking precision and efficiency at low  $p_T$

Layer	$R_{min}$ [mm]	$\eta$
Beam pipe	16	
0	18	$\pm 2.5$
1	24	$\pm 2.3$
2	30	$\pm 2.0$



# ALICE 3 design

- **Retractable** vertex detector
  - Detector into beam pipe ( $R^{\text{in}} = 16 \rightarrow 5 \text{ mm}$ )
- **All silicon** tracker (12 tracking layers + discs based on MAPS)
  - Power consumption  $\sim 70 \text{ mW/cm}^2$
  - Inner tracker:
    - Ultra thin – flexible wafer scale sensors (MAPS)
      - $X/X_0 \sim 0.01\%/ \text{layer}$
    - Position resolution  $\sim 1 \mu\text{m}$
  - Outer tracker:
    - Low material budget  $X/X_0 \sim 1\%/ \text{layer} \Rightarrow$  low weight support and services
    - Position resolution  $\sim 10 \mu\text{m}$
- **Particle ID** systems (TOF, Cherenkov, EM shower, muon ID, forward detector for soft photons)
  - TOF resolution  $< 20 \text{ ps}$  challenging and material budget  $X/X_0 \sim 1\text{-}3\%/ \text{layer}$  and power consumption  $\sim 50 \text{ mW/cm}^2$  and large area ( $\sim 45 \text{ m}^2$ )
- Large acceptance  $\Delta\eta \sim 9$
- Continuous readout
- Superconducting magnet



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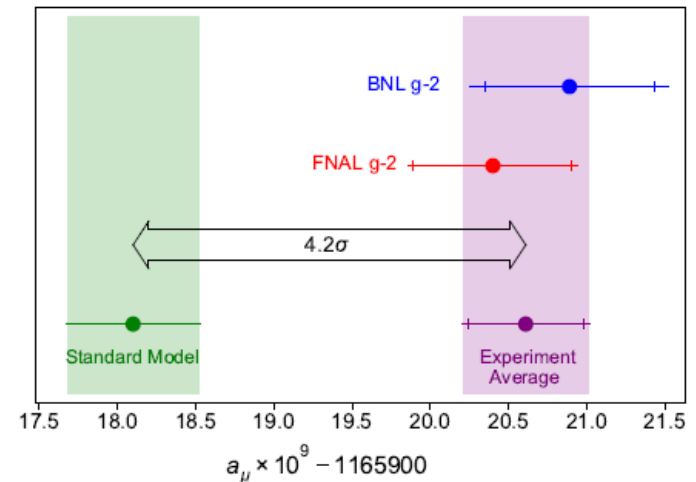
# Anomalous magnetic moment – cont.

## ■ For electrons:

- $a_e^{\text{exp}} = 115\,965\,218\,076 (28) \times 10^{-14}$  (PDG22)
- $a_e^{\text{th}} = 115\,965\,218\,164.3 (76.4) \times 10^{-14}$  (T. Aoyama et al., PRD. 91 (3): 033006)
  - $\Rightarrow 2.5 \sigma$  discrepancy
- Contribution to  $a_e$  from particles heavier than electrons is  $\sim 4 \times 10^{-12}$ 
  - $\Rightarrow$  Not so sensitive to BSM particles
- $(m_\mu/m_e)^2 \approx 40000 \Rightarrow a_\mu$  is 40000  $\times$  more sensitive to new physics ( $\delta a_l \sim m_l^2/M_S^2$ );  $M_S$  – supersymmetry scale

## ■ For muons:

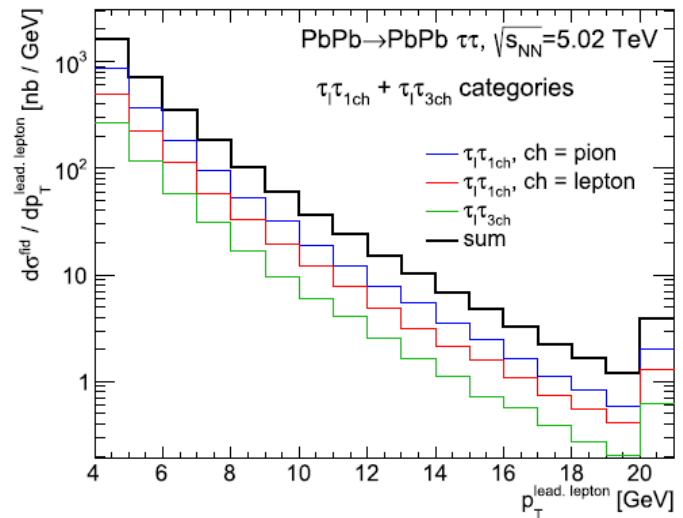
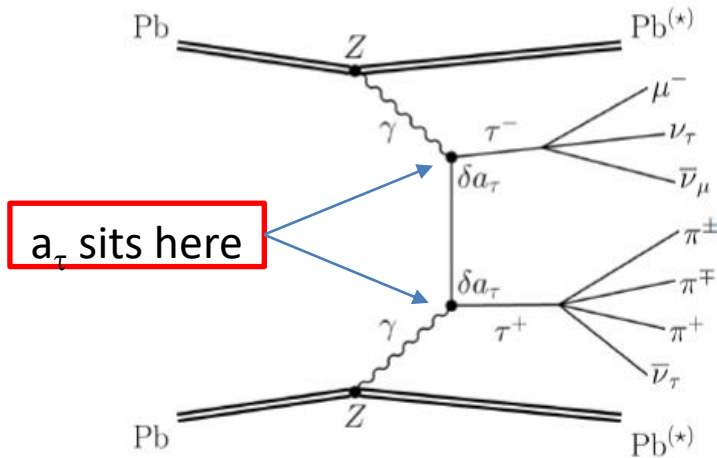
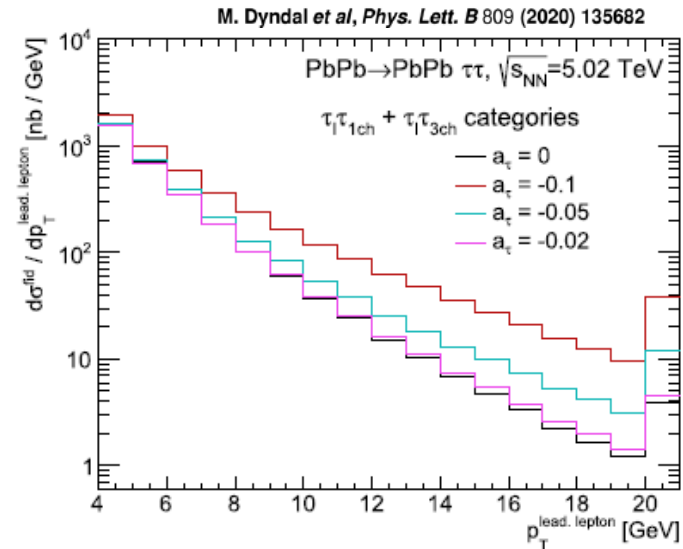
- $a_\mu^{\text{exp}} = 116\,592\,061 \pm 41 \times 10^{-11}$  (PDG22)
- $a_\mu^{\text{SM}} = 116\,591\,810 \pm 43 \times 10^{-11}$  (0.37 ppm) (T. Aoyama et al., Phys. Rept. 887, 1(2020))
  - $\Rightarrow 4.2 \sigma$  discrepancy
- $(m_\tau/m_\mu)^2 \approx 280 \Rightarrow a_\tau$  is 280  $\times$  more sensitive to new physics



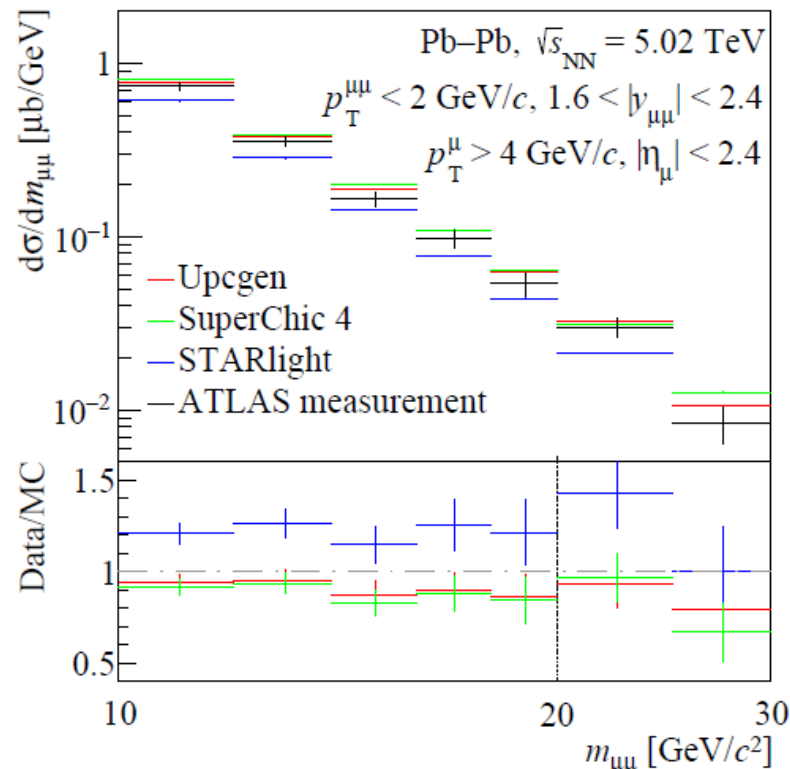
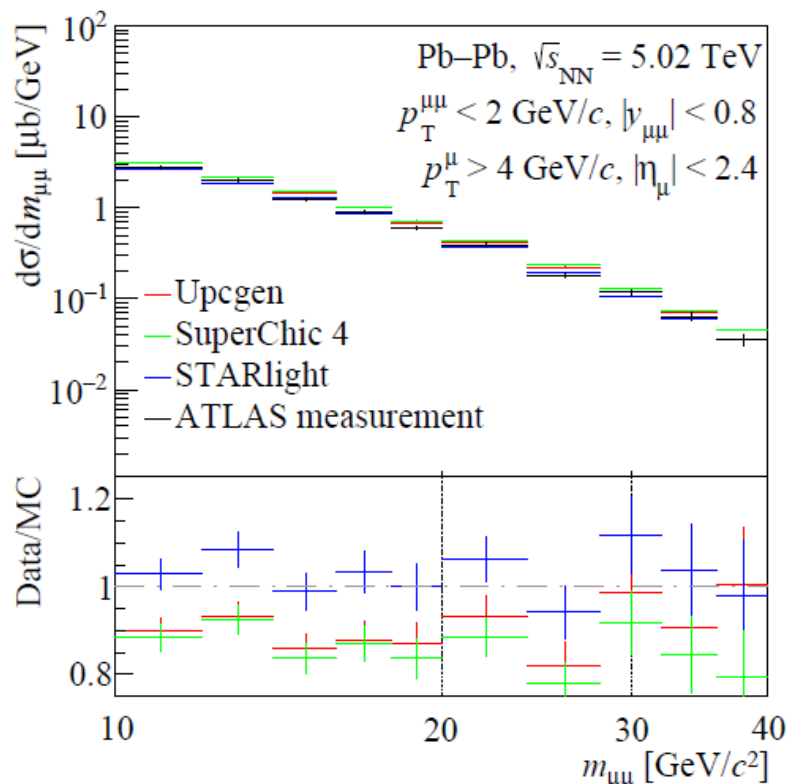
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# $\tau$ anomalous magnetic moment

- Anomalous magnetic moment:
  - $a_\tau^{\text{exp}} = -0.018(17)$  (DELPHI, EPJC 35 (2004) 159)
  - $a_\tau^{\text{SM}} = 0.00117721(5)$  (S. Eidelman and M. Passera, Mod. Phys. Lett. A 22, 159 (2007))
- Cross section and  $\tau$  kinematics sensitive to  $a_\tau$ 
  - L. Beresford and J. Liu, PRD 102 (2020) 113008
  - M. Dyndał et al., PLB 809 (2020) 135682
  - Burmasov et al., arXiv:2203.00990 (2022)



# Background description



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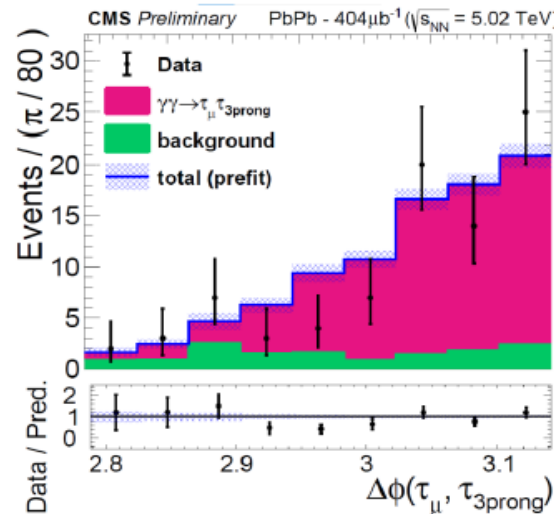
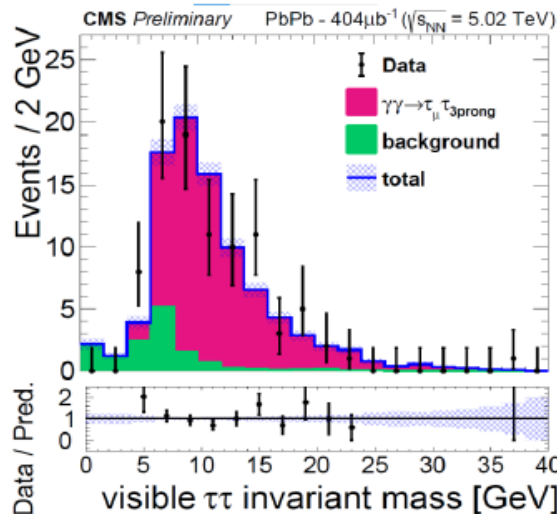
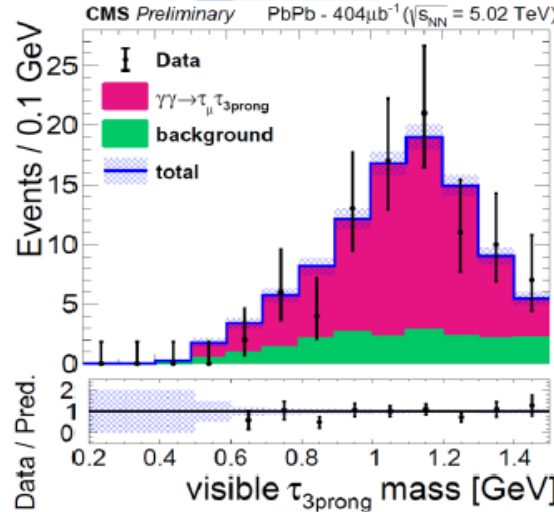
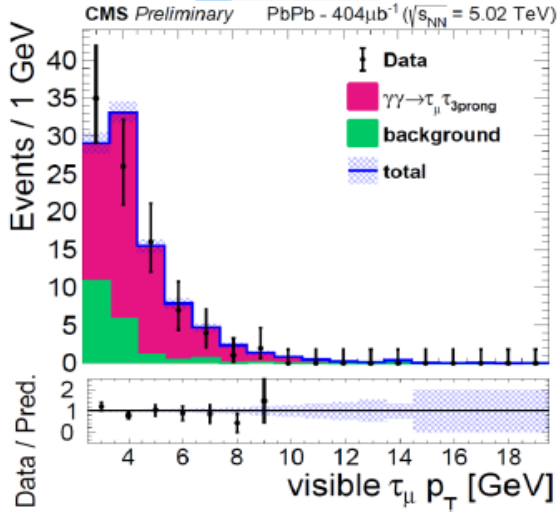
- Good description of background processes by MC generators:
  - UPCgen (Burmasov et al., arXiv:2111.11383 (2022))
  - STARlight (Klein et al., Comput. Phys. Commun. 212 (2017))
  - SuperChic (Harland-Lang et al., EPJ C80 (2020))

# Measurement of $\tau$ pair production



- CMS observation shown at QM2022

CMS-PAS-HIN-21-009



- $\mu + 3\text{tracks}$  topology
- $N_{\text{sig}} = 77 \pm 12$
- $L = 404 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$
- Good agreement between MC and data
- Only 1+3 topology
- Only  $\mu$
- Not full statistics

# Measurement of $\tau$ pair production

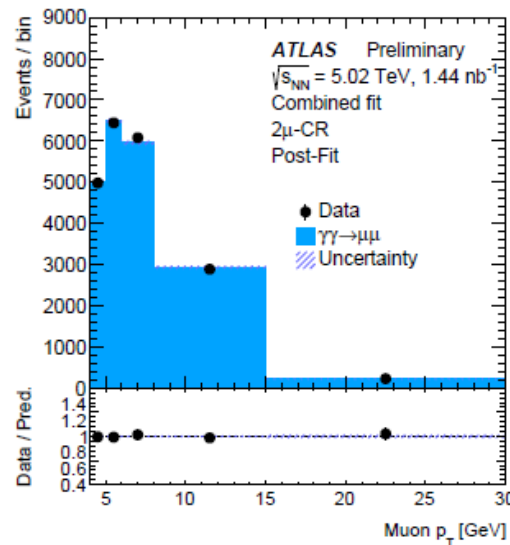
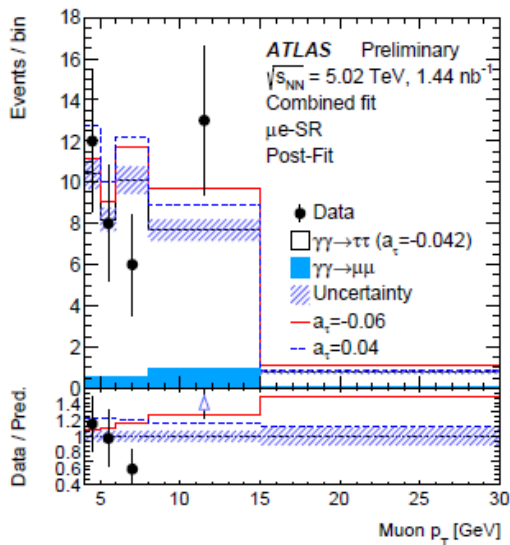
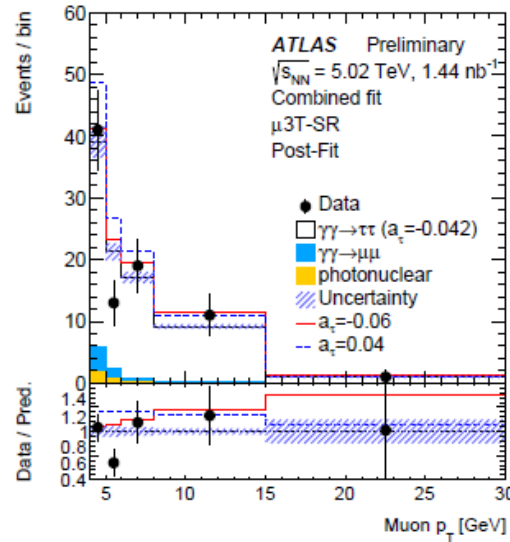
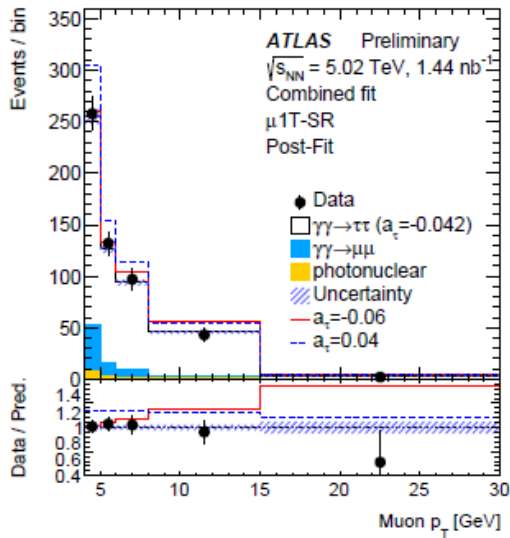
## ■ ATLAS observations shown at QM2022

arXiv:2204.13478v1

- $\mu 1T$ -SR: muon + 1 track ( $e/\mu$ /hadron)
- $\mu 3T$ -SR: muon + 3 tracks (3 hadrons)
- $\mu e$ -SR: muon + electron

$$N_{\text{sig}} = 532, 85 \text{ and } 39$$

$$L = 1.44 / \text{nb}$$



- Good agreement between MC and data
- Several topologies with  $\mu$
- Not full statistics



# Cross-section predictions

PRL 12 (2016) 129901

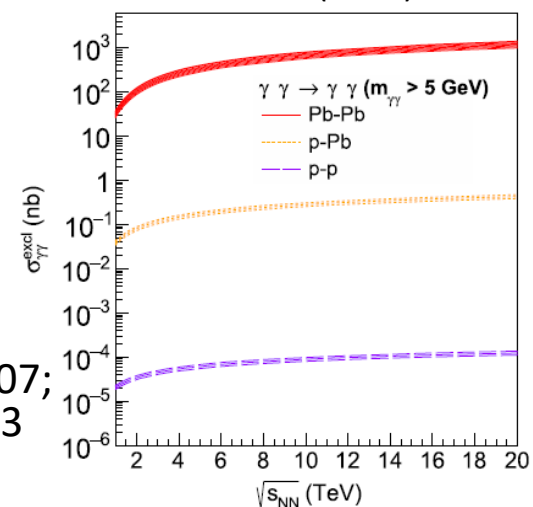
- Calculations of cross-section at the LHC energies:

- d'Enterria group:

- d'Enterria, Silveira, PRL 111 (2013) 080405 + Erratum PRL 12 (2016) 129901.
    - High  $W_{\gamma\gamma} > 5 \text{ GeV}/c^2$

- Kraków group:

- Kłusek-Gawenda, Lebiedowicz, Szczurek, PRC 93 (2016) 044907;
    - Kłusek-Gawenda, McNulty, Schicker, Szczurek, PRD 99, 093013 (2019)
    - Includes resonances contribution
    - Both high ( $W_{\gamma\gamma} > 5 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ ) and low ( $W_{\gamma\gamma} < 5 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ ) masses
    - ALICE and LHCb acceptance



- MC generators:

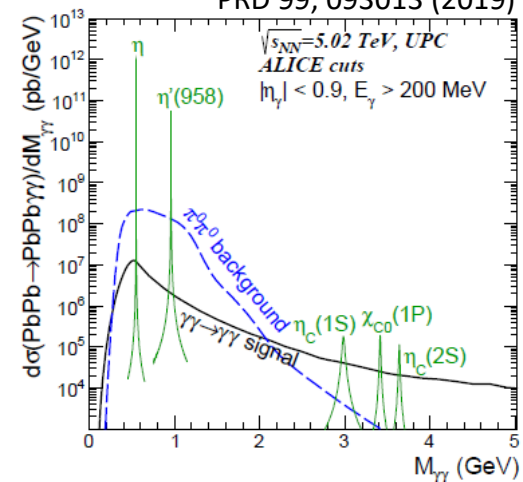
- SuperChic 4 (Durham group):

- Paper - EPJ C 79 (2019) 39
    - Code - <https://superchic.hepforge.org/>

- gamma-UPC (d'Enterria et al.):

- Paper - <https://arxiv.org/abs/2207.03012>
    - Code - <http://cern.ch/hshao/gammaupc.html>

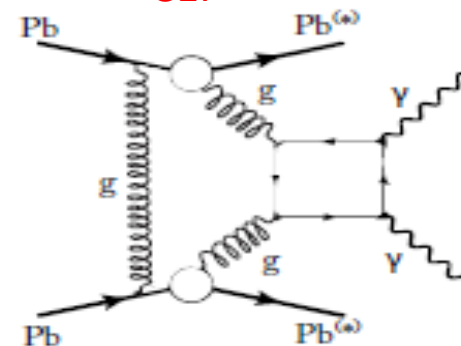
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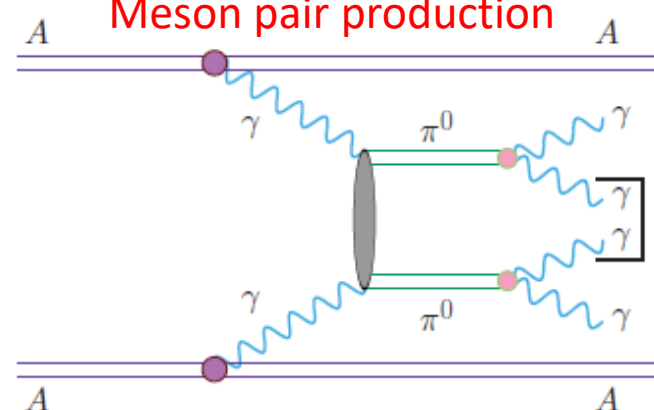
# Background sources

- 3 regimes:
  - $W_{\gamma\gamma} > 5 \text{ GeV}/c^2$  – perturbative, well-known region
  - $2 < W_{\gamma\gamma} < 5 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
  - $W_{\gamma\gamma} < 2 \text{ GeV}/c^2$  – non-perturbative, not explored
- Background types
  - Central exclusive production (CEP)
  - (CE) Meson pair production ( $\pi^0\pi^0$ ,  $\eta\eta$ ,  $\eta\eta'$ ,  $\eta'\eta'$ , ...)
  - Combinatorial  $\gamma\gamma$  from vector meson photoproduction ( $\omega \rightarrow \pi^0\gamma \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\gamma$ ,  $J/\psi \rightarrow \eta_c\gamma$ , ...)
  - Exclusive dielectron production  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-$
  - Hard bremsstrahlung photons emitted by electrons

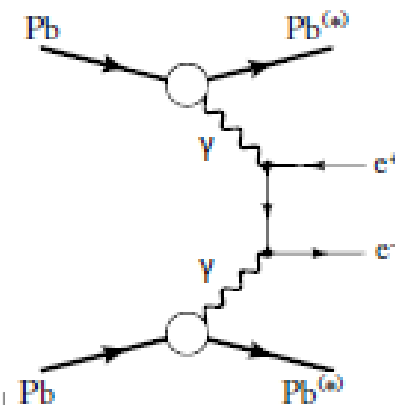
CEP



Meson pair production

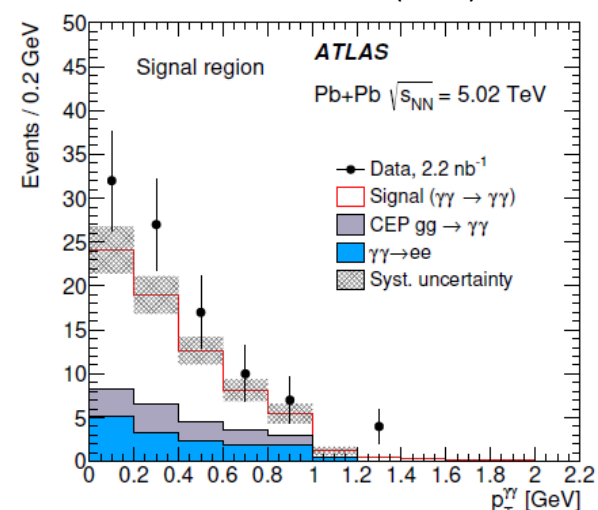
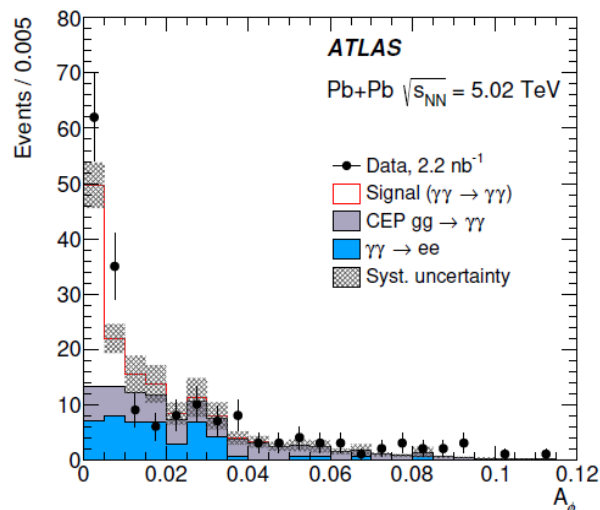
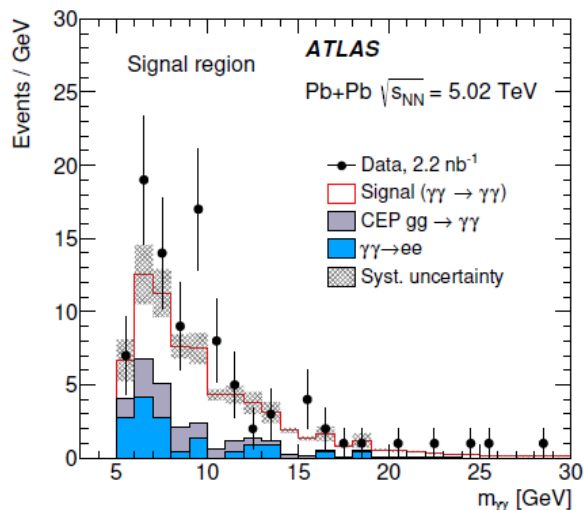


Dielectron production



# Measurements

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- $E_T^\gamma > 2.5 \text{ GeV}$
- $|\eta_\gamma| < 2.4$
- $N_\gamma = 2$
- $W_{\gamma\gamma} > 5 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
- Charged particle track veto to suppress  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-$
- $p_T^{\gamma\gamma} < 1 \text{ GeV}/c$  for  $W_{\gamma\gamma} < 12 \text{ GeV}/c^2$  or  $p_T^{\gamma\gamma} < 2 \text{ GeV}/c$  for  $W_{\gamma\gamma} > 12 \text{ GeV}/c^2$  to reduce fake photons
- Acoplanarity  $A_\phi = (1 - |\Delta\phi_{\gamma\gamma}|/\pi) < 0.01$  to reduce CEP  $gg \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
- Efficiency factor  $C^{\text{ATLAS}} = 0.35 \pm 0.024$

# Data/Theory comparison

- Measurements at LHC:
  - ATLAS (Nature Phys. 13(2017) 852-858; PRL 123, 052001 (2019); JHEP 03 (2021) 243)
  - CMS (PLB 797 (2019) 134826)

Experiment	$N_{\text{events}}$	Cross-section [nb]	significance	$W_{\gamma\gamma}$ [GeV/c <sup>2</sup> ]
ATLAS (480 $\mu\text{b}^{-1}$ )	13	$70 \pm 24$ (stat) $\pm 17$ (syst)	4.4 $\sigma$	> 6
CMS (390 $\mu\text{b}^{-1}$ )	14	$120 \pm 46$ (stat) $\pm 28$ (syst) $\pm 12$ (theo)	3.7 $\sigma$	> 5
ATLAS (1.73 $\text{nb}^{-1}$ )	59	$78 \pm 13$ (stat) $\pm 7$ (syst) $\pm 9$ (lumi)	8.2 $\sigma$	> 6
ATLAS (2.2 $\text{nb}^{-1}$ )	97	$120 \pm 17$ (stat) $\pm 13$ (syst) $\pm 4$ (lumi)		> 5

- Theory calculations at LHC:

Group	Cross-section [nb]	$W_{\gamma\gamma}$ [GeV/c <sup>2</sup> ]
d'Enterria et al.	$45 \pm 9$	> 6
Kraków	$51 \pm 5$	> 6
SuperChic	$50 \pm 5$	> 6

Less than  $2\sigma$  discrepancy

Data-to-theory ratio:

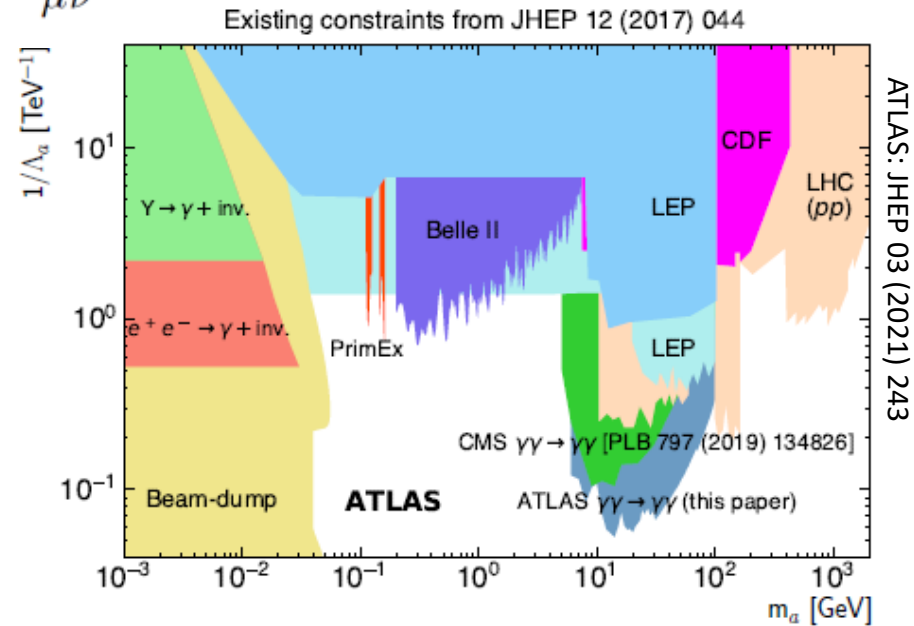
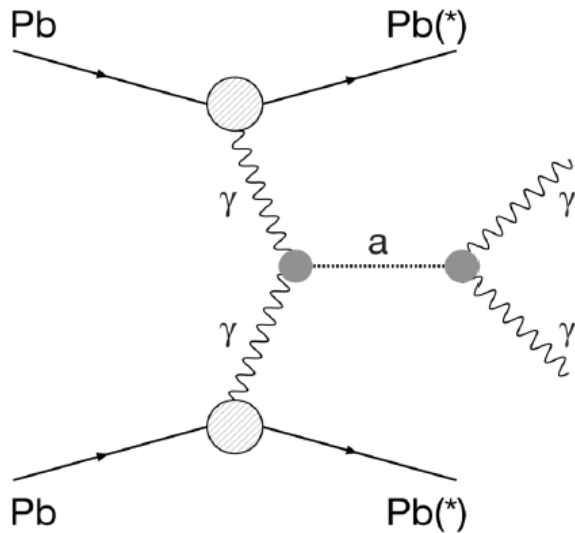
- $1.50 \pm 0.32$  (ATLAS – Kraków)
- $1.54 \pm 0.32$  (ATLAS – SuperChic)

ALICE can provide complementary result in low  $W_{\gamma\gamma} < 5 \text{ GeV}/c^2$

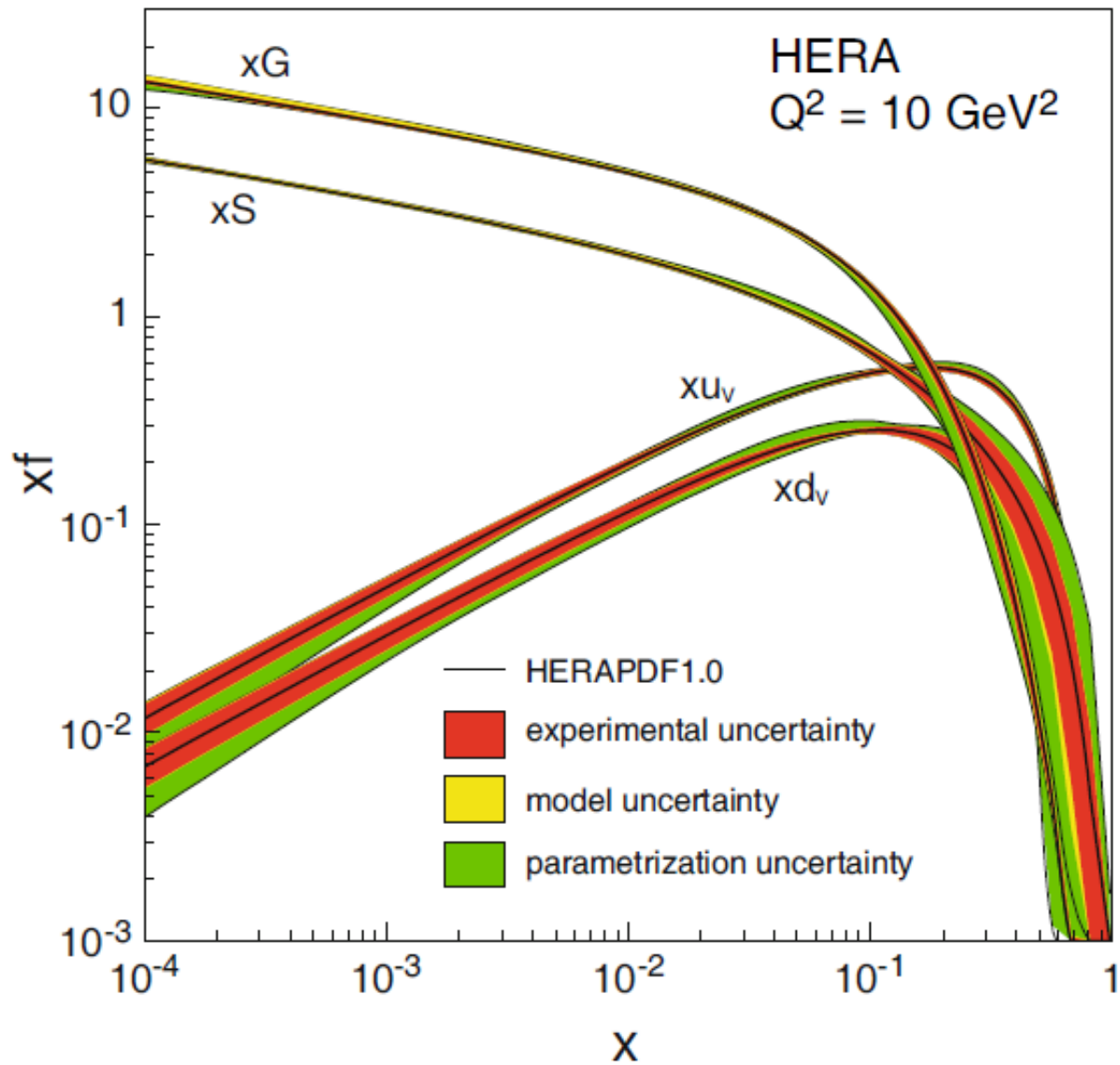
# Search for axion-like particles (ALPs)

- Light-by-light scattering is sensitive for BSM physics
- ALPs are class of hypothetical pseudoscalar particles with unknown mass-coupling relation
- Dark matter candidates
- Axions initially proposed to solve CP problem

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \partial^\mu a \partial_\mu a - \frac{1}{2} m_a^2 a^2 - \frac{1}{4} g_{a\gamma} a F^{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}$$



ATLAS and CMS set limits in a mass range  $5 < m_a < 100 \text{ GeV}/c^2$



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