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# Charmonium photoproduction in ultra-peripheral p-Pb and Pb-Pb collisions with ALICE at the LHC

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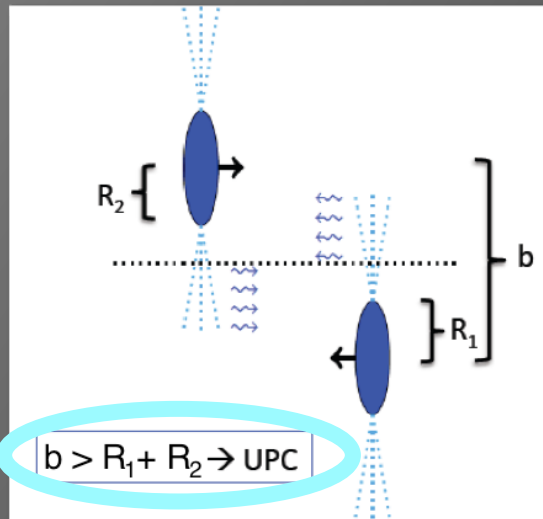


# Overview

- ✓ LHC as  $\gamma$ Pb and  $\gamma$ p collider (Ultra-peripheral collisions)
- ✓ Physics motivation (gluon distribution in nuclei and nucleons)
- ✓ ALICE and UPC (detector and trigger description)
- ✓ charmonium cross section (forward and mid-rapidity)
- ✓ first results in pA (proton as a target)
- ✓ results and comparison with models (gluon shadowing and saturation)
- ✓ conclusions (achieved results and on going analyses)

# LHC as $\gamma$ Pb and $\gamma$ p collider

- ✓ heavy ions accelerated towards each other at ultra relativistic energies
- ✓ being charged particles, they are accompanied by an **electromagnetic field**
- ✓ the EM field can be viewed as a flux of **quasi-real photons**
- ✓ intensity of the photon beam proportional to  $Z^2$
- ✓ hadronic processes strongly suppressed when  $b > R_1 + R_2$
- ✓ LHC used as **photon collider**
- ✓ high  $\sigma$  for  $\gamma$ -induced reactions e.g. **vector meson photoproduction**



- ✓ **virtuality** of the photon dependent on the radius of the emitting particle:

$$Q^2 \approx \left( \frac{\hbar c}{R} \right)^2$$

$$\gamma \text{ from p} \rightarrow Q^2 \approx (250 \text{ MeV})^2$$

$$\gamma \text{ from Pb} \rightarrow Q^2 \approx (30 \text{ MeV})^2$$

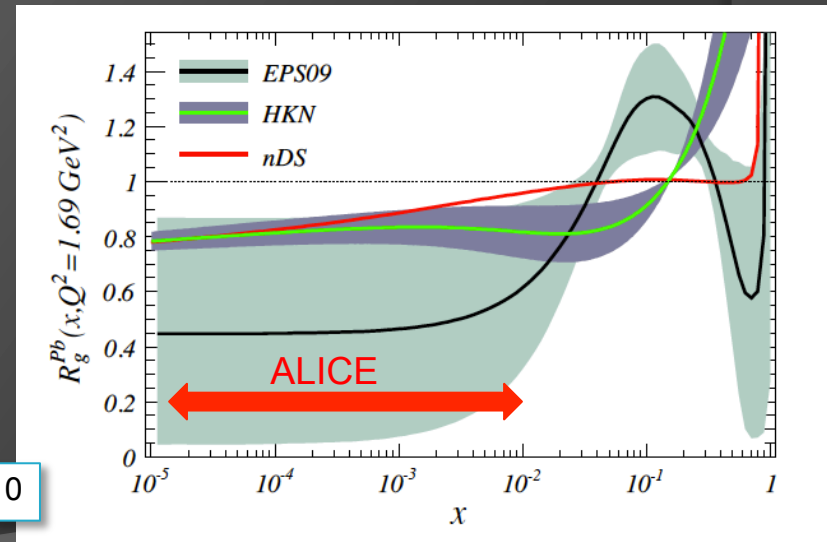
# Physics motivation

- ✓ possibility to study non linear effects at **low x** in the gluon distribution of the target
- ✓ quarkonia **photo-production** allows to study the gluon density  $G(x, Q^2)$  in Pb

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma(\gamma N \rightarrow VN)}{dt} \right|_{t=0} \approx \frac{\alpha_s \Gamma_{ee}}{3\alpha_e M_V^5} 16\pi^3 \left( xG(x, Q^2) \right)^2$$

- ✓ Bjorken-x accessible at LHC:  $x = (M_V/\sqrt{s_{NN}})\exp(\pm y) \sim 10^{-2} - 10^{-5}$
- ✓ vector meson photo-production as tool to measure **nuclear gluon shadowing** and **saturation**

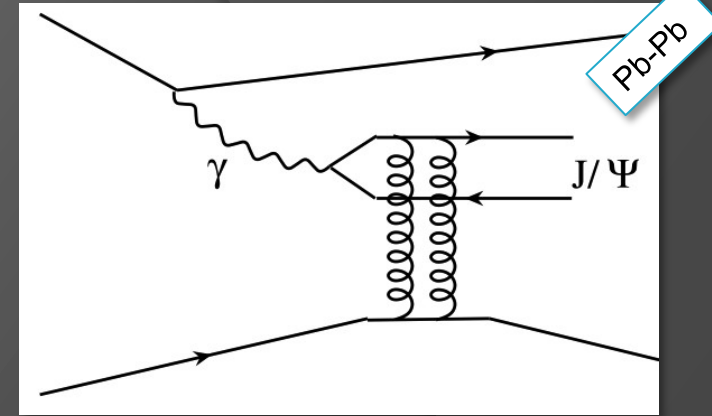
$$R_g^A(x, Q^2) = \frac{G_A(x, Q^2)}{G_p(x, Q^2)}$$



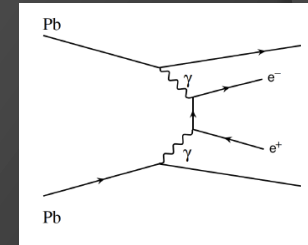
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# Physics motivation

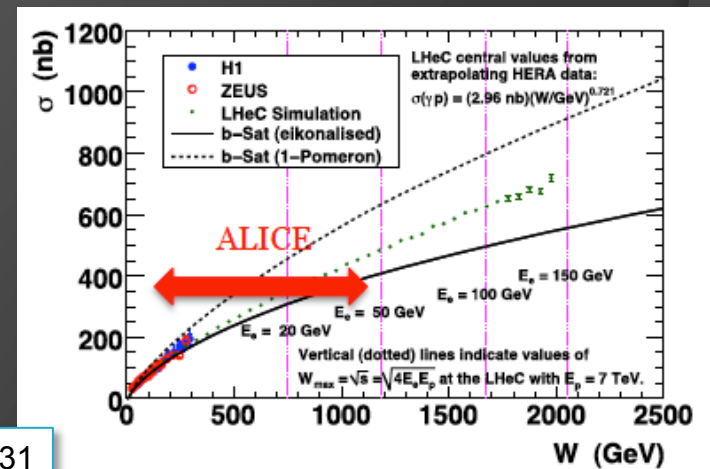
- ✓ **coherent** vector meson production:
  - ✧ photon couples coherently to all nucleons
  - ✧  $\langle p_T \rangle \sim 1/R_{Pb} \sim 60 \text{ MeV}/c$
  - ✧ no neutron emission in  $\sim 80\%$  of cases
- ✓ **incoherent** vector meson production:
  - ✧ photon couples to a single nucleon
  - ✧  $\langle p_T \rangle \sim 1/R_p \sim 500 \text{ MeV}/c$
  - ✧ target nucleus normally breaks up



- ✓ an interesting physics case is also  $\gamma\gamma$  interactions to provide informations on QED processes when the vertex  $\sqrt{\alpha}$  is replaced by  $Z\sqrt{\alpha}$  (backup)



$\gamma p$  cms energy  $W_{\gamma p}$  beyond previous experiments

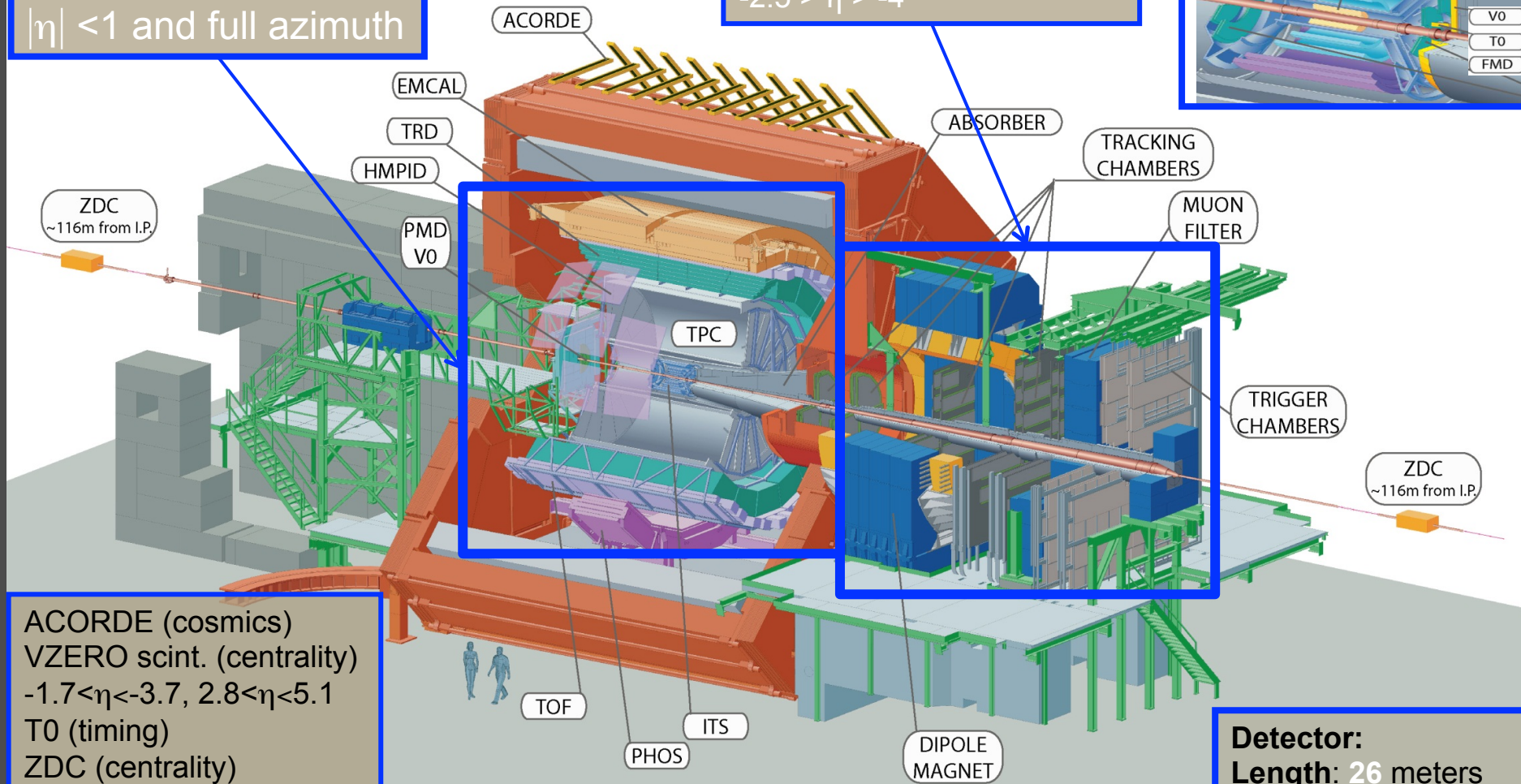
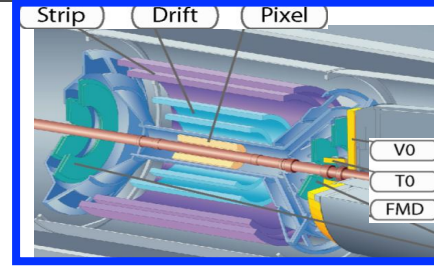


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# ALICE layout

**Central Barrel tracking & PID**  
 $|\eta| < 1$  and full azimuth

**muon spectrometer**  
 $-2.5 > \eta > -4$

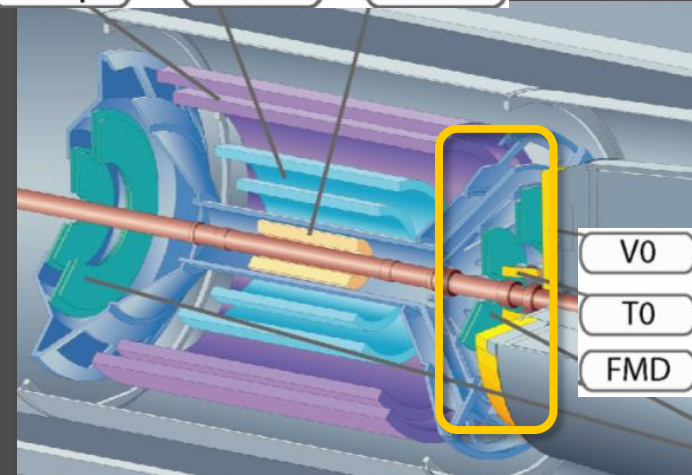


ACORDE (cosmics)  
 VZERO scint. (centrality)  
 $-1.7 < \eta < -3.7, 2.8 < \eta < 5.1$   
 T0 (timing)  
 ZDC (centrality)  
 FMD ( $N_{ch}$   $-3.4 < \eta < 5$ )  
 PMD ( $N_{\gamma}, N_{ch}$ )

**Detector:**  
**Length: 26 meters**  
**Height: 16 meters**  
**Weight: 10,000 tons**

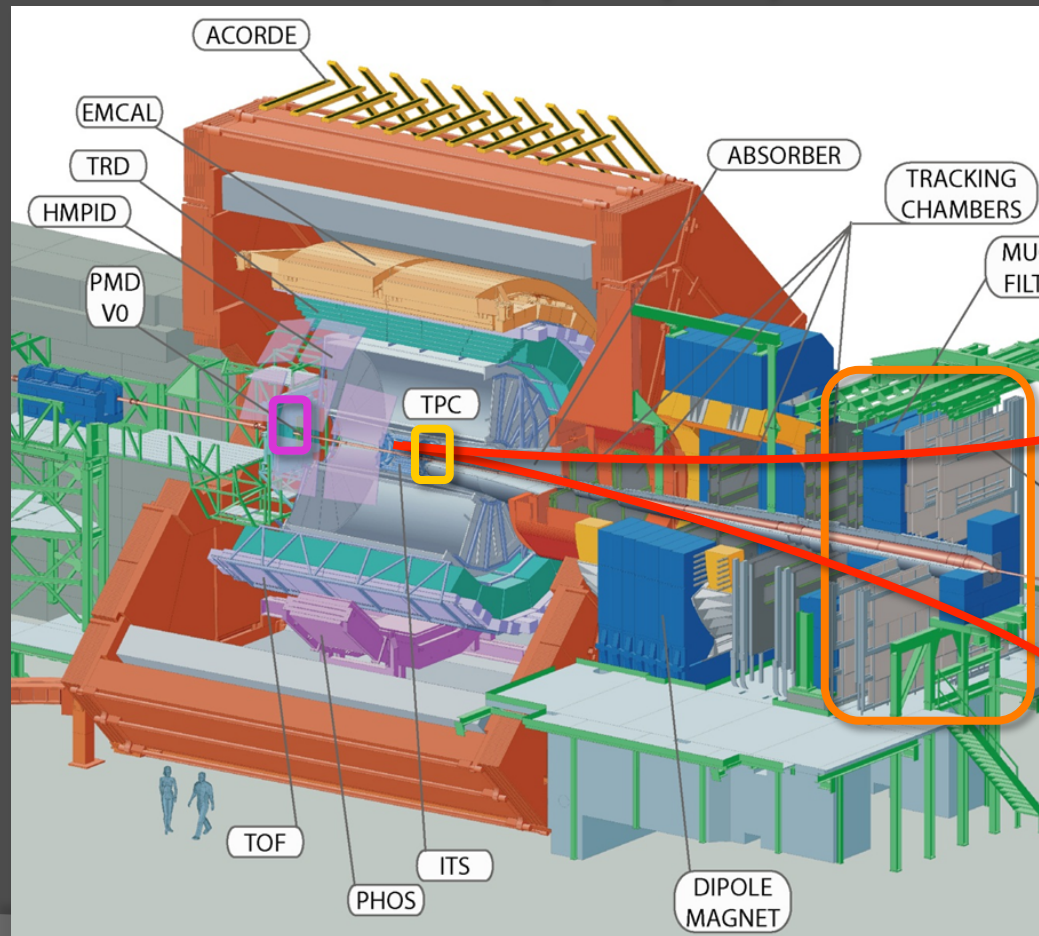
# ALICE and UPC ( $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ )

Strip      Drift      Pixel



## UPC **forward** trigger

- ✧ single **muon trigger** with  $p_T > 1$  GeV/c ( $-4 < \eta < -2.5$ )
- ✧ hit in **VZERO-C** ( $-3.7 < \eta < -1.7$ )
- ✧ no hits in **VZERO-A** ( $2.8 < \eta < 5.1$ )



integrated luminosity in Pb-Pb  $\sim 55 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$

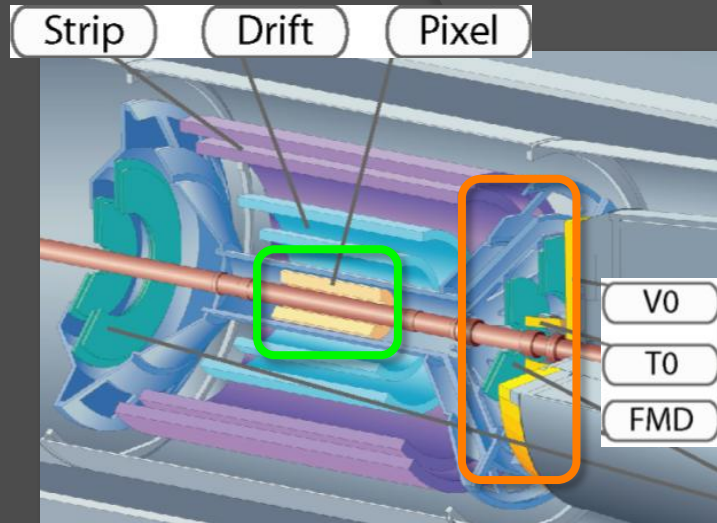
### ✓ offline event selection:

- ✧ beam gas rejection with VZERO
- ✧ hadronic rejection with ZDC and SPD

### ✓ track selection:

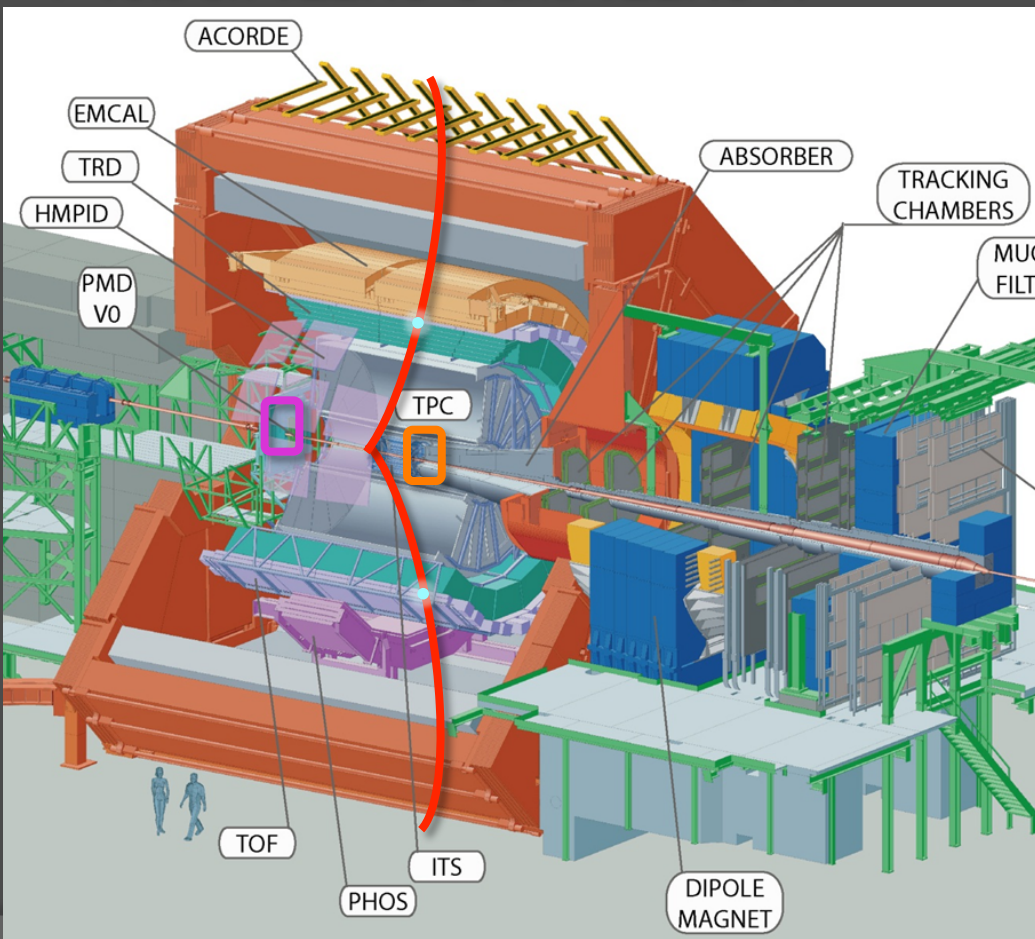
- ✧ muon tracks:  $-3.7 < \eta < -2.5$
- ✧ matching with the trigger
- ✧ radial position for muons at the end of absorber:  $17.5 < R_{\text{abs}} < 89.5$  cm
- ✧  $p_T$  dependent DCA cut
- ✧ opposite sign dimuon:  $-3.6 < y < -2.6$

# ALICE and UPC ( $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ and $J/\psi \rightarrow e^+e^-$ )



UPC **mid-rapidity** trigger

- ✧  $\geq 2$  hits in **SPD**
- ✧  $2 \leq$  **TOF** hits  $\leq 6$  and back-to-back topology
- ✧ veto on **VZERO-C** and **VZERO-A**



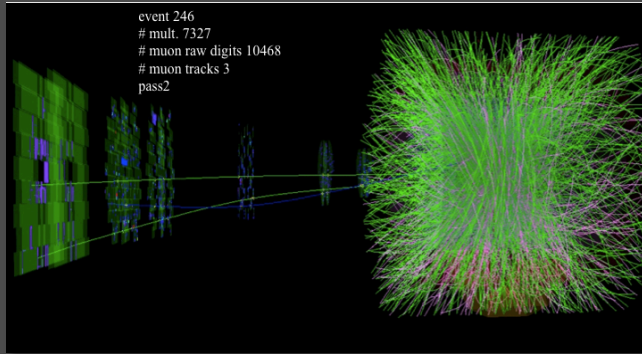
integrated luminosity in Pb-Pb  $\sim 23 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$

✓ offline event selection:

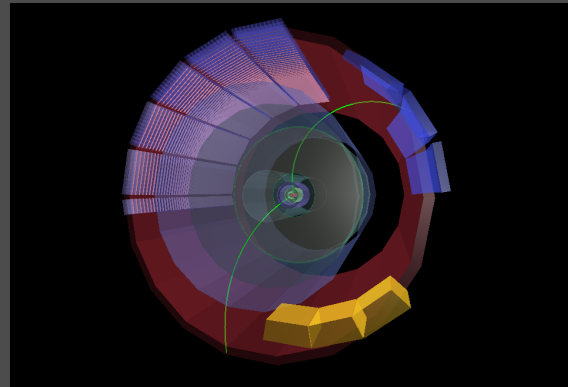
- ✧ rejection with VZERO and **FMD**
- ✧ primary vertex
- ✧  $\max(p_{T1}, p_{T2}) > 1 \text{ GeV}/c$
- ✧  $dE/dx$  consistent with  $e/\mu$
- ✧ opposite sign tracks



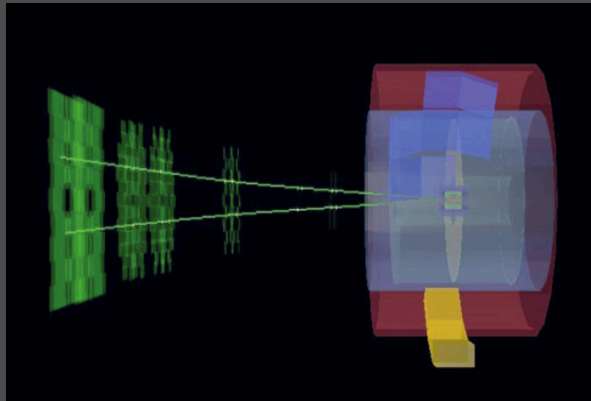
# ALICE and Ultra-Peripheral Collisions



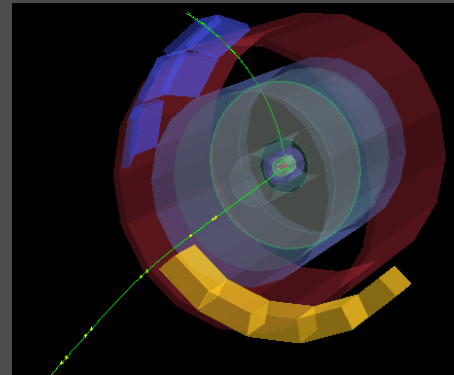
central Pb-Pb collision



UP Pb-Pb collision at mid-rapidity



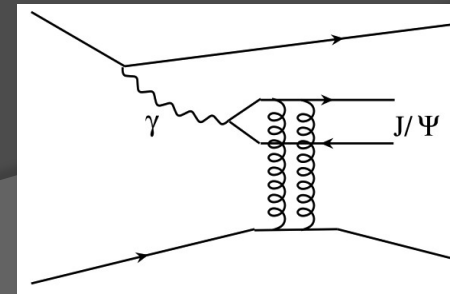
UP Pb-Pb collision at forward rapidity



UP p-Pb collision at semi-forward rapidity

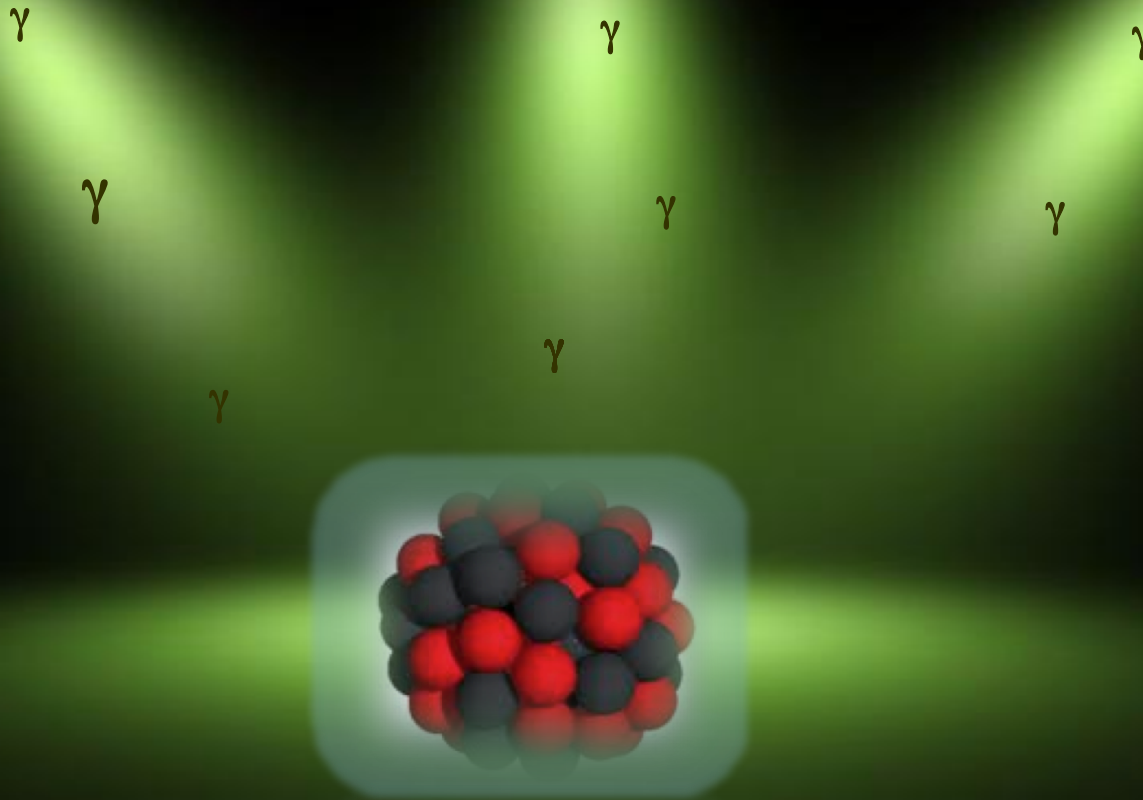
**2 (or 4) tracks in an otherwise empty detector**

detailed studies done to understand the noise and the emptiness of the detector



# $\gamma$ Pb processes (Pb-Pb collisions)

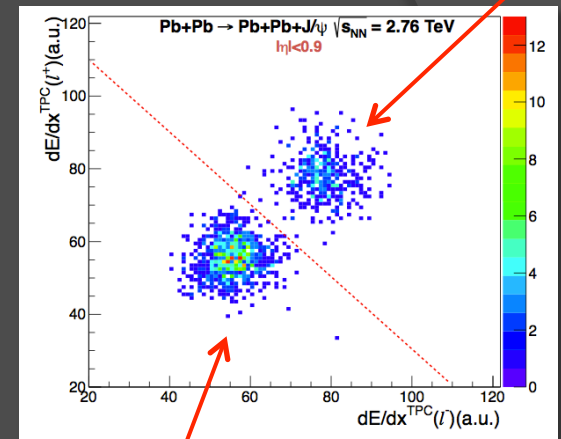
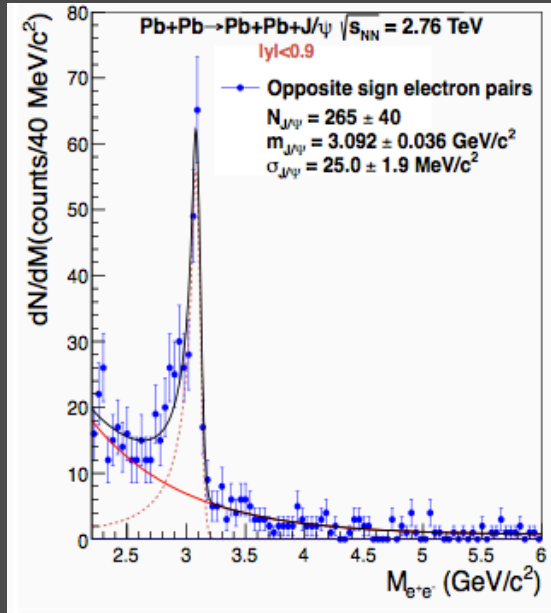
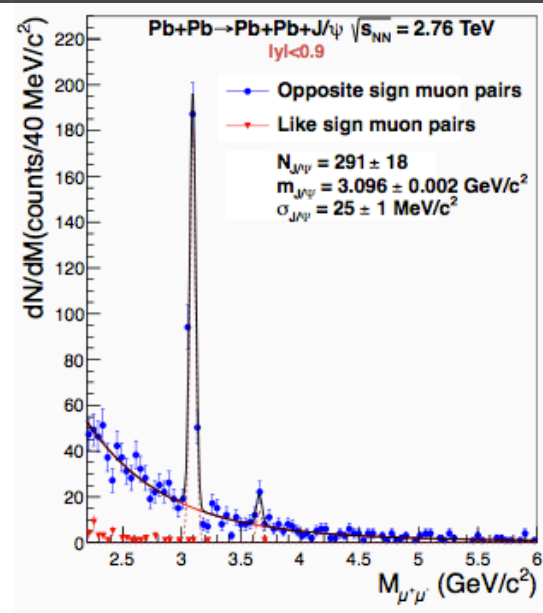
shedding light on the nucleus



# J/ψ measurements at mid-rapidity

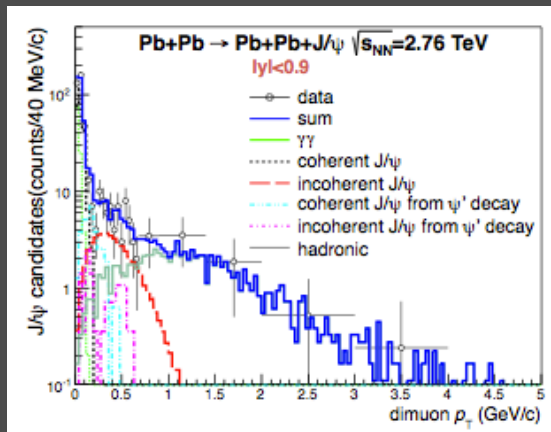
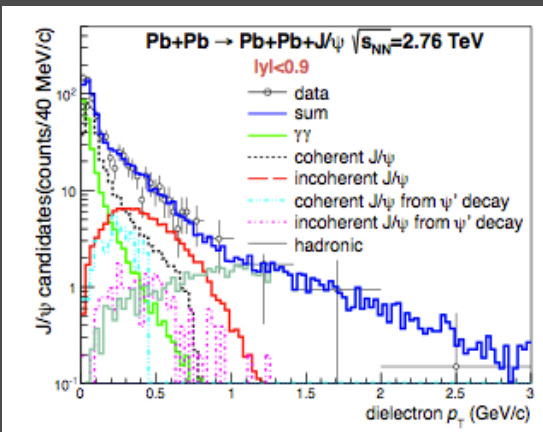
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electrons



muons

- ✧ coherent and incoherent J/ψ
  - ✧ (coh and inc) ψ' feed down
  - ✧ γγ → μ<sup>+</sup>μ<sup>-</sup>(e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup>)
  - ✧ hadronic
- (more details in the backup)



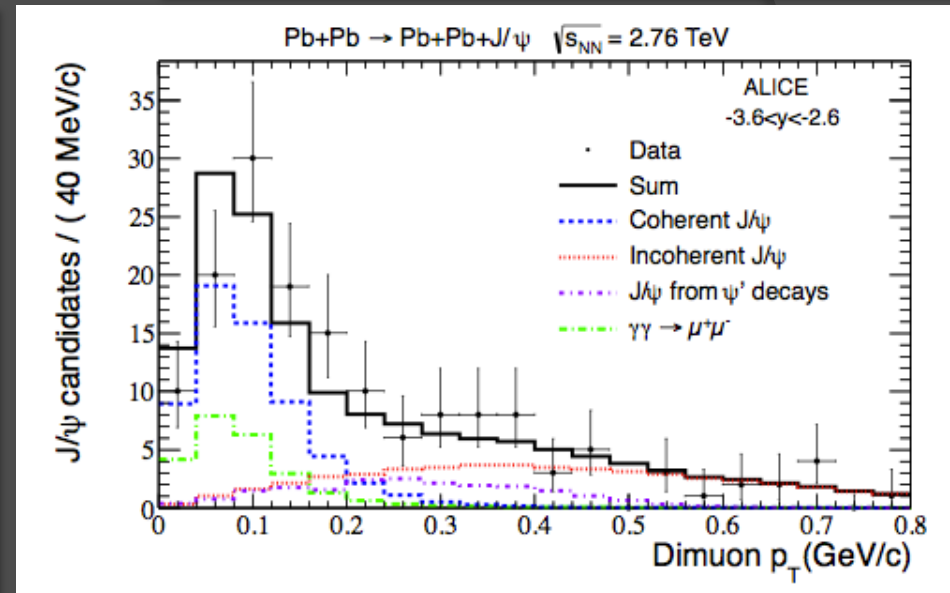
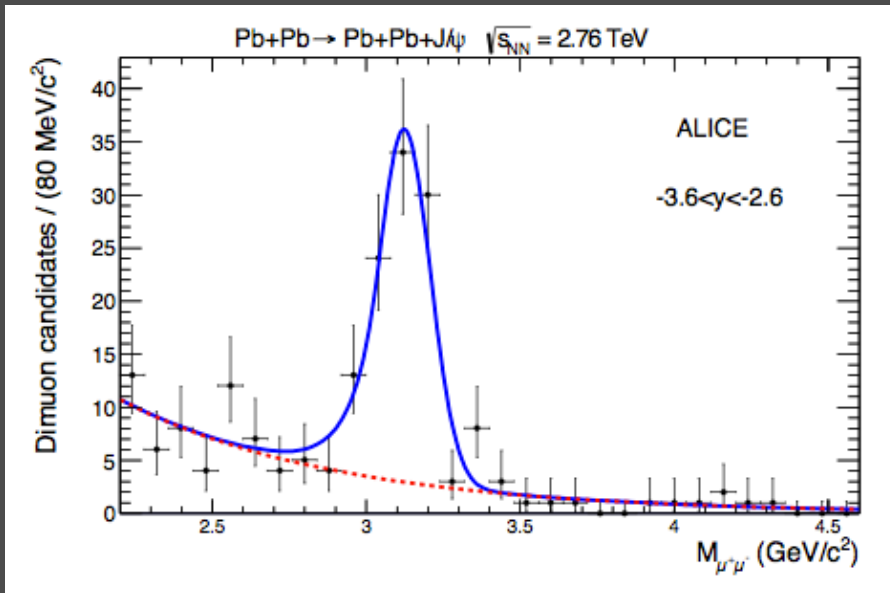
coherent enriched sample  
p<sub>T</sub> < 200 (300) MeV/c

J/ψ photo-production probes the gluon distribution in Pb at x~10<sup>-3</sup>

# J/ψ measurements (coherent at forward rapidity)

first measurement of J/ψ photo-production done at LHC

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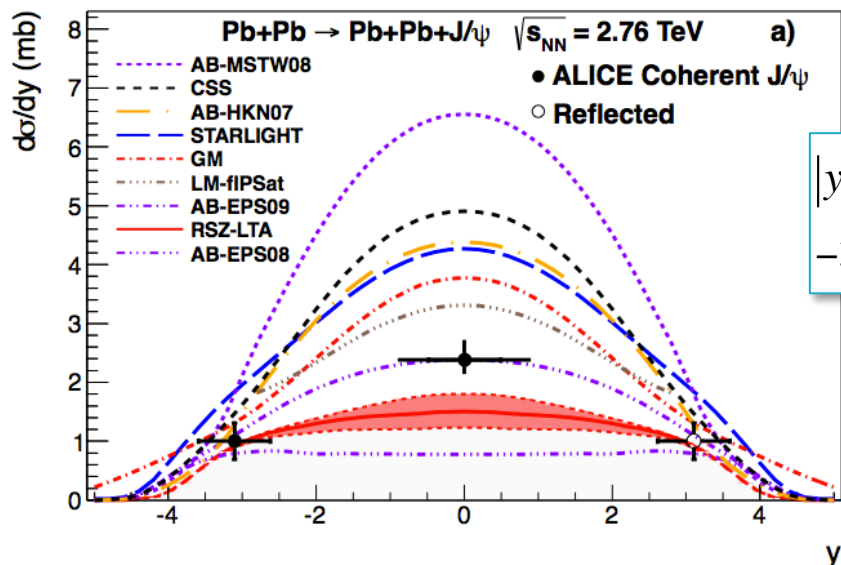
$p_T$  distribution fitted using MC samples representing several components:

- ◇ coherent and incoherent J/ψ
- ◇  $\psi'$  feed down
- ◇  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$

distribution peaked at low momentum as expected from coherent production

J/ψ photo-production probes the gluon distribution in Pb at  $x \sim 10^{-2}$

# Results and comparison with models



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$$|y| < 0.9 \rightarrow d\sigma_{J/\psi}^{coh} / dy = 2.38_{-0.24}^{+0.34} (stat + syst) \text{ mb}$$

$$-3.6 < y < -2.6 \rightarrow d\sigma_{J/\psi}^{coh} / dy = 1.00 \pm 0.18 (stat)_{-0.26}^{+0.24} (syst) \text{ mb}$$

data are closer to models  
incorporating  
**nuclear gluon shadowing**

✓ AB: Adeluyi and Bertulani, PRC85 (2012) 044904

these models use LO pQCD scaled by an effective constant to correct for missing contributions

MSTW08 assumes no nuclear effects, EPS08/09 incorporate nuclear effects according to different parametrizations

✓ CSS: Cisek, Szczurek, Sch.fer PRC86 (2012) 014905

color dipole model based on unintegrated gluon distribution of the proton

✓ STARLIGHT: Klein, Nystrand PRC60 (1999) 01493

GVDM coupled to a Glauber approach and using HERA data to fix the  $\gamma p$  cross section

✓ GM: Goncalves, Machado, PRC84 (2011) 011902

color dipole model, where the dipole nucleon cross section is from the IIM saturation model

✓ RSZ: Rebyakova, Strikman, Zhalov, PLB 710 (2012) 252

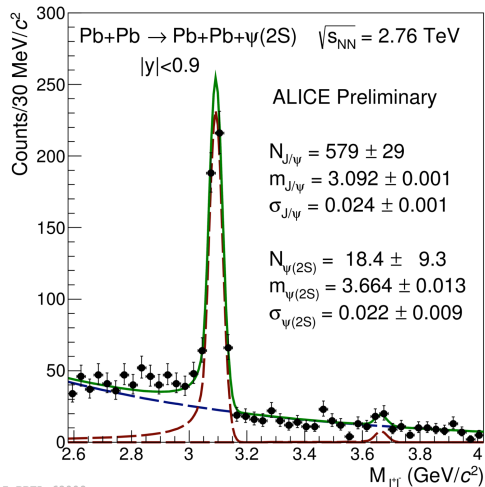
based on LO pQCD amplitude for two gluon exchange where the gluon density incorporates shadowing computed in leading twist approximation

measured cross section in good  
agreement with the calculation using  
the **EPS09** nuclear gluon fit

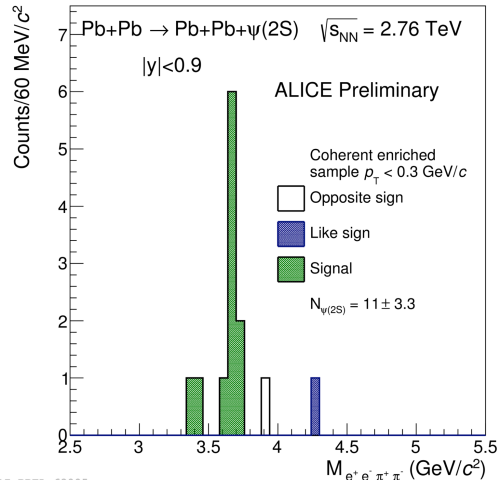
- ✓ no nuclear effects: AB-MSTW08
- ✓ Glauber approach: STARLIGHT, GM, CSS, LM
- ✓ partonic models: RSZ-LTA, AB-EPS08,09, AB-HKN07

# $\psi(2S)$ measurements (mid-rapidity)

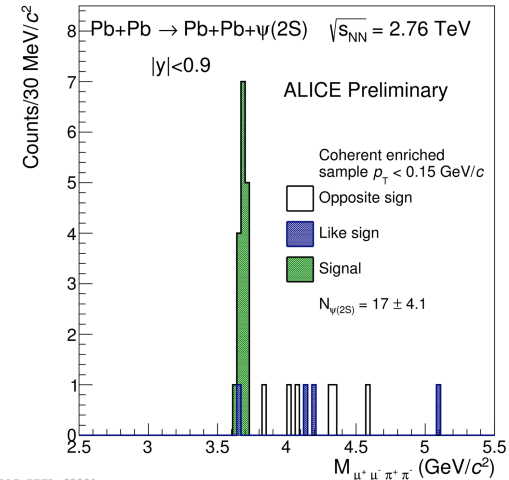
first exclusive photonuclear production of  $\psi(2S)$



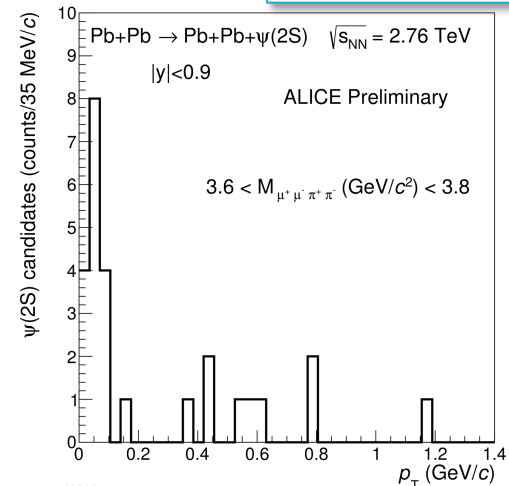
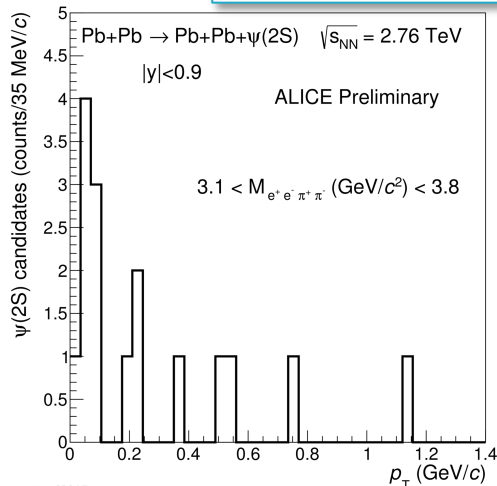
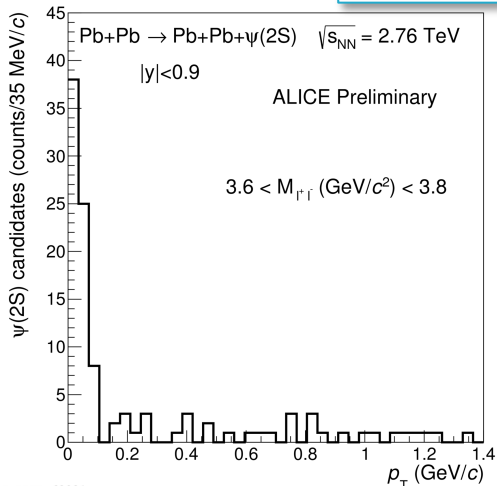
$\psi(2S) \rightarrow I^+I^-$



$\psi(2S) \rightarrow e^+e^- + \pi^+\pi^-$



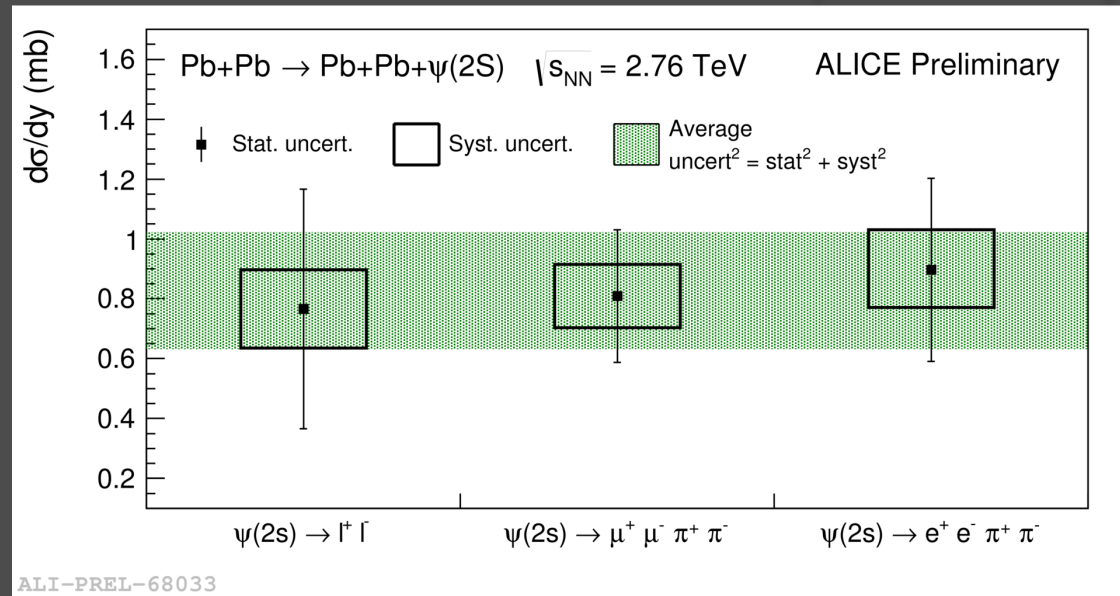
$\psi(2S) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^- + \pi^+\pi^-$



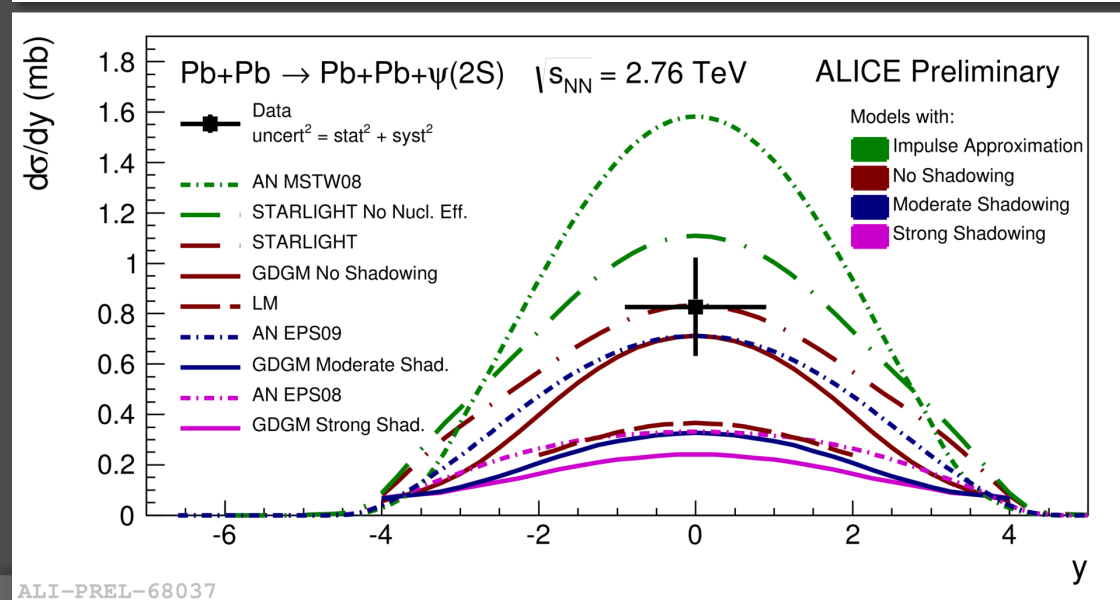
- ✓ clear coherent contribution at very low  $p_T$
- ✓ moderate number of candidates in 4-lepton channels, but very clear signal

# $\psi(2S)/\psi$ ratio

first exclusive photonuclear production of  $\psi(2S)$



$$\frac{d\sigma}{dy} = 0.83 \pm 0.19 \text{ (stat+syst) mb}$$



- ✓ data disfavor models using impulse approximation and strong nuclear shadowing
- ✓ difficult to give a preference between models with mild shadowing (EPS09) or Glauber nuclear treatment (STARLIGHT, GDGM, LM)

# $\psi(2S)/\psi$ ratio

✓ many sources of systematic uncertainties will cancel in the measured ratio

✓  $R[\sigma(\psi(2S))/\sigma(J/\psi)] = 0.34^{+0.08}_{-0.07}$  (stat+syst)

## comparison with pp data and models

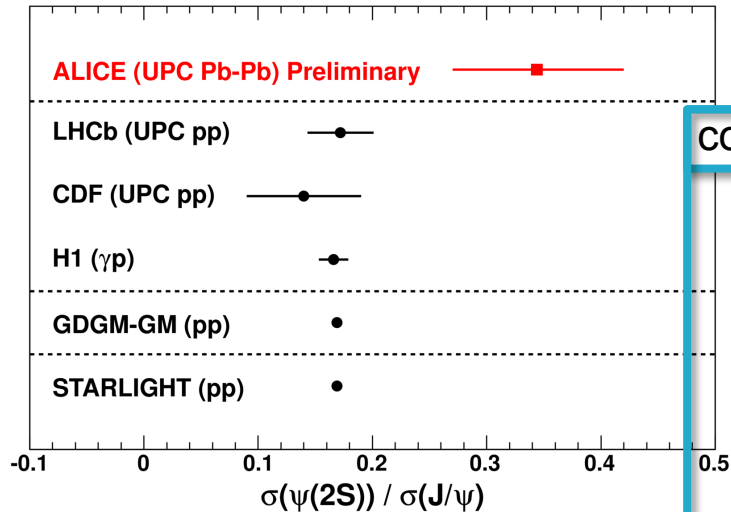
✓ change of R from pp to Pb-Pb may indicate that nuclear effects affect 1S and 2S states differently

✓ models predict the ratio for pp correctly

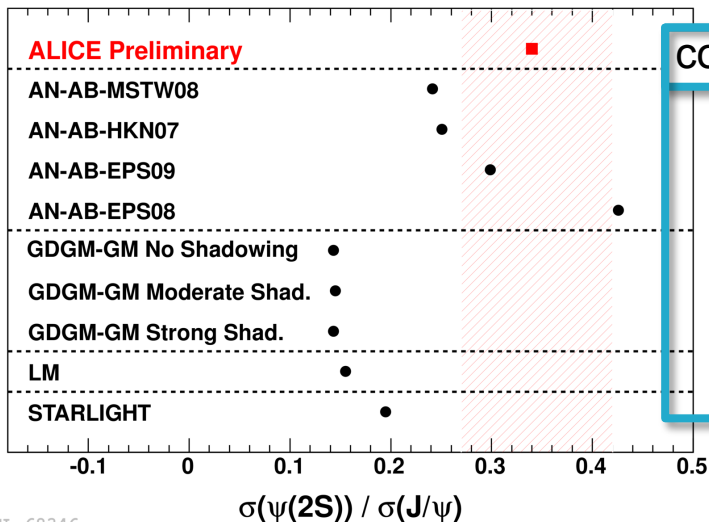
## comparison with Pb-Pb models

✓ the same models that reproduce correctly the pp ratio, fail in describing the Pb-Pb ratio

✓ the AN EPS09 model, although it assumes a  $\psi(2S)$  wave function identical to the  $J/\psi$  one, describes in a satisfactory way this ratio



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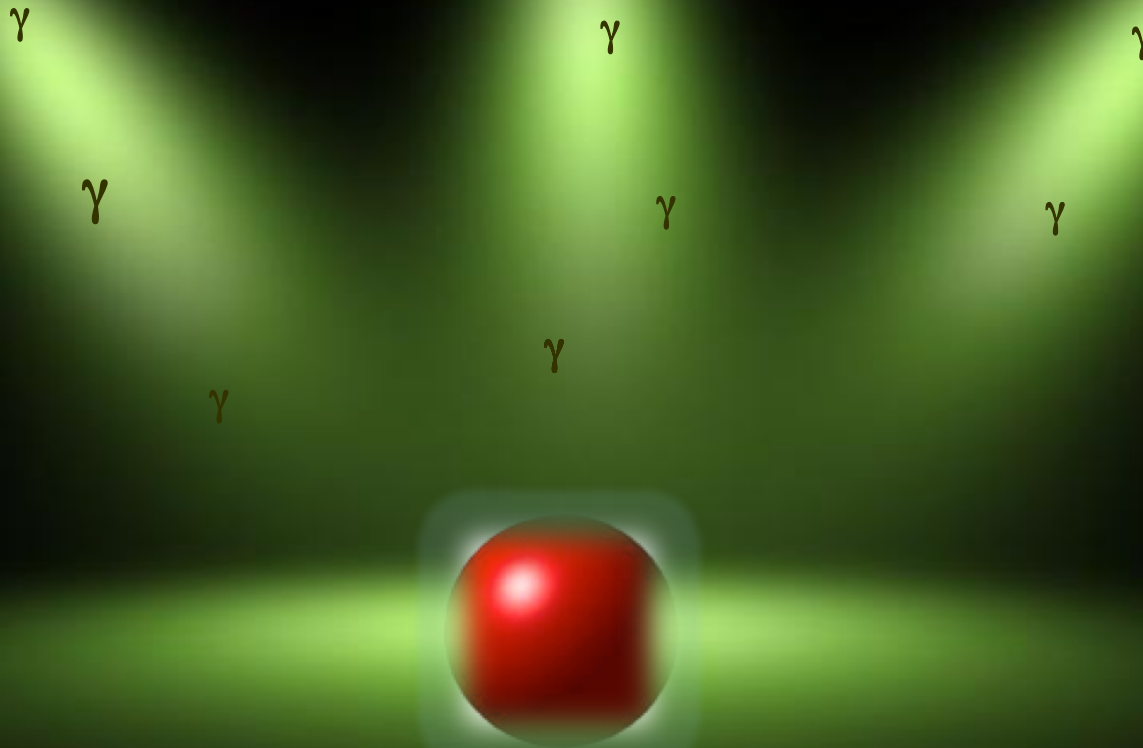


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# $\gamma p$ processes (p-Pb collisions)

shedding light on the proton



# ALICE Physics potential in p-A

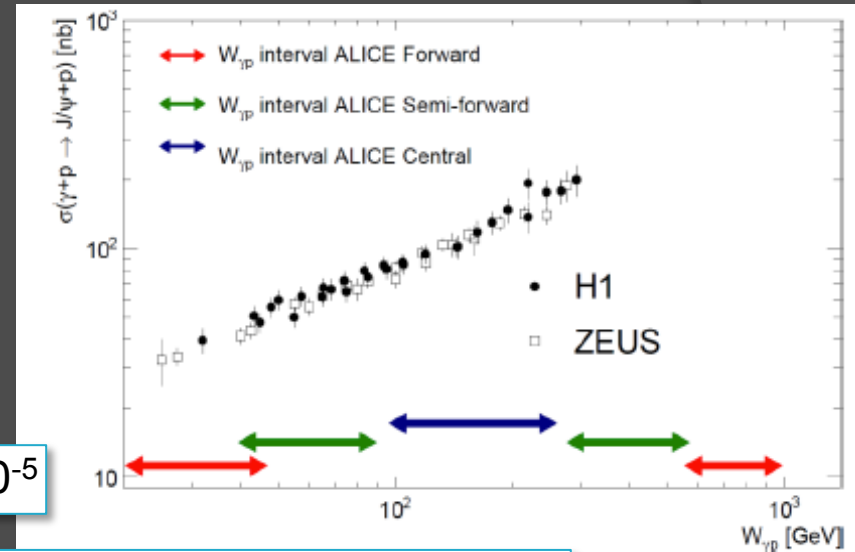
J/ψ photoproduction dominated by  $\gamma+p$  process

p-Pb: proton moves towards the muon arm

Pb-p: Pb-nucleus moves towards the muon arm

accessible kinematics regions:

p-Pb forward	$21 < W_{\gamma p} < 45$ GeV
p-Pb semi-forward	$45 < W_{\gamma p} < 82$ GeV
mid-rapidity	$100 < W_{\gamma p} < 250$ GeV
Pb-p semi-forward	$300 < W_{\gamma p} < 550$ GeV
Pb-p forward	$550 < W_{\gamma p} < 1160$ GeV



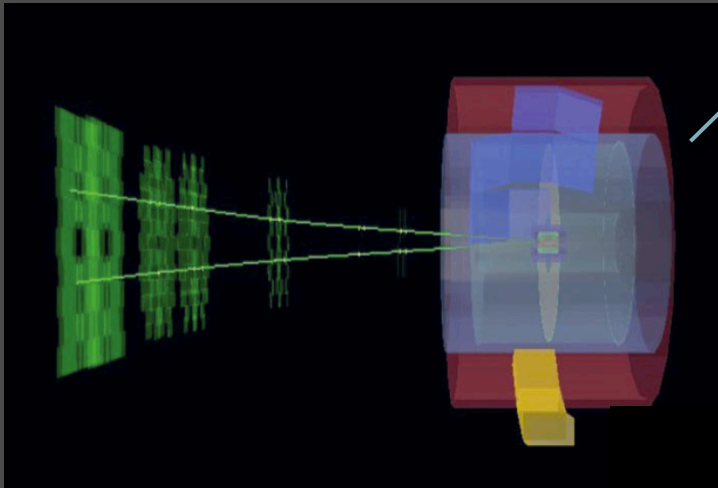
possibility to study gluon PDFs in proton up to  $x \sim 10^{-5}$

H1: A. Aktas et al. Eur.Phys. J.C46:585-603,2006 ZEUS: S. Chekanov et al., Nucl. Phys. B695 (2004) 3

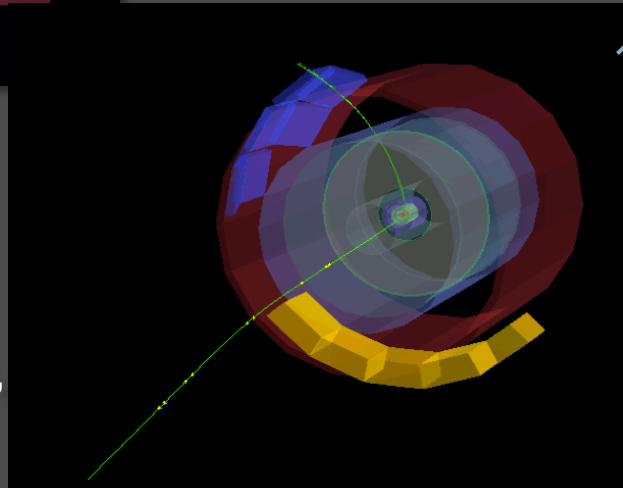
- ✓ measuring the charmonium rapidity w.r.t. the direction of the target, the energy in the photon target system can be determined
- ✓ the source of the photon is known (big advantage w.r.t. pp and Pb-Pb)

# UPCs in pA

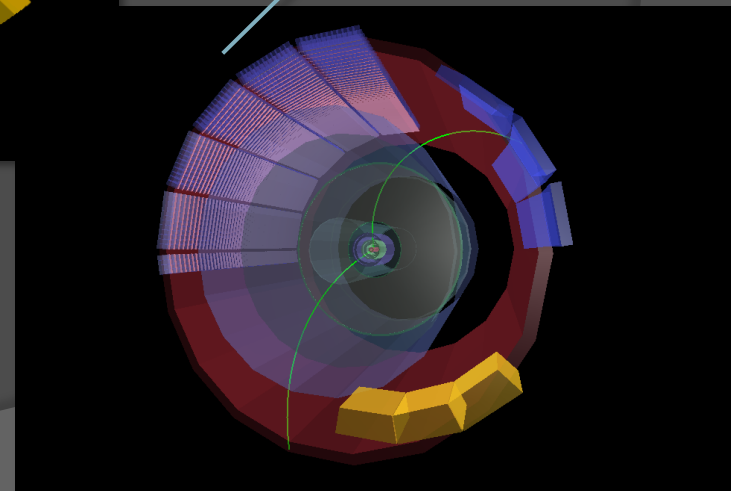
forward rapidity ( $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ )



semi-forward rapidity ( $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ )



mid-rapidity ( $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$   
and  $J/\psi \rightarrow e^+e^-$ )

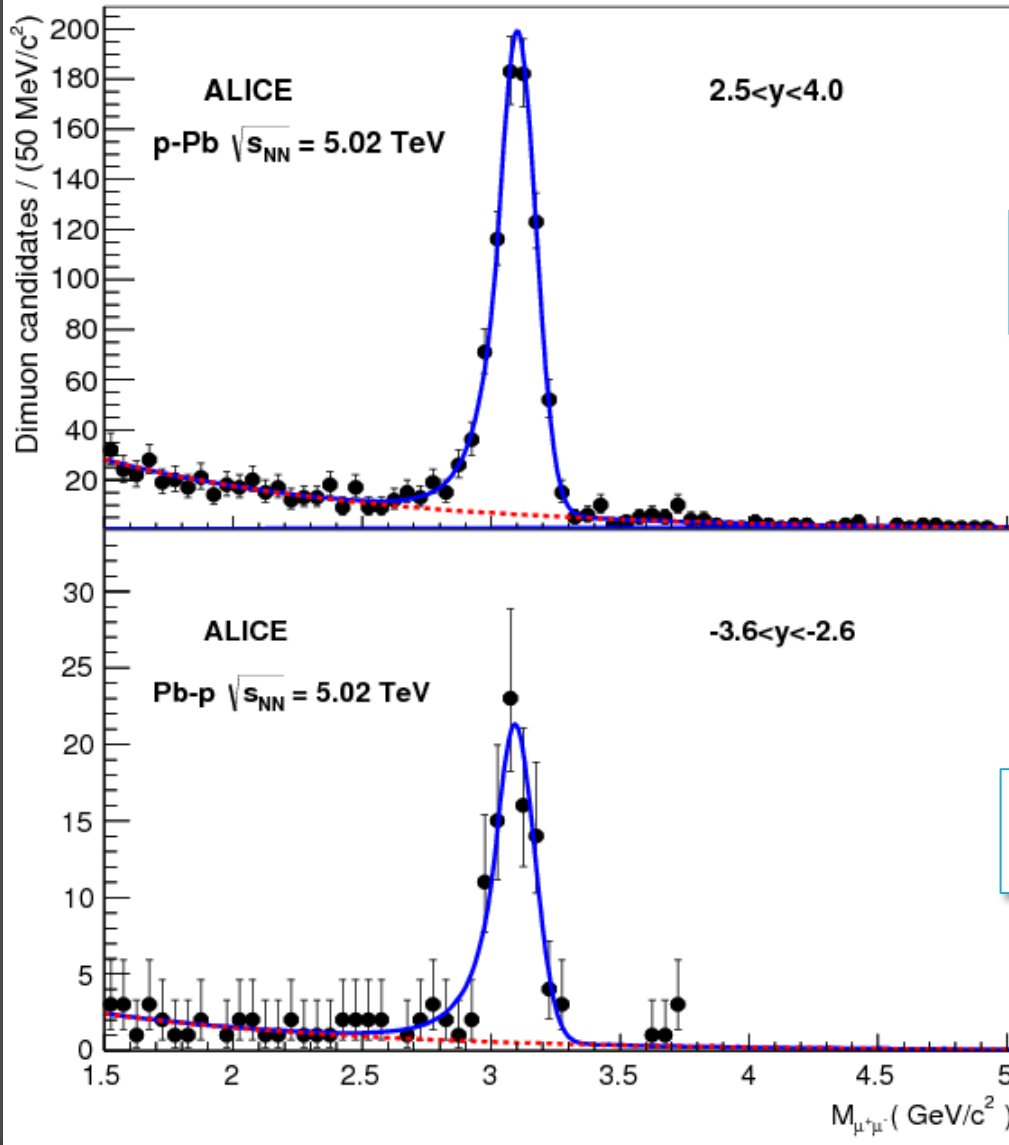


trigger logic:

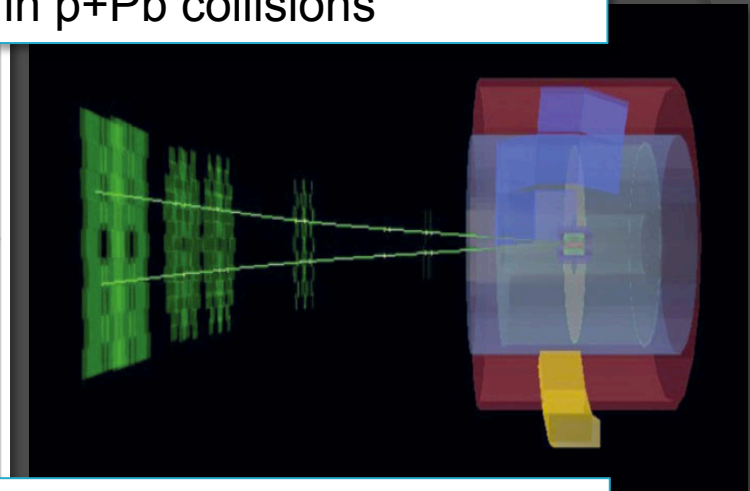
- ✓ similar to Pb-Pb case for forward and mid-rapidities, but improved purity
- ✓ semi-forward
  - ✧ V0A and V0C ( $\geq 5$  cells) vetoed
  - ✧ SPD multiplicity ( $\geq 7$  outer chips) vetoed
  - ✧ single muon with  $p_T > 0.5 \text{ GeV}/c$
  - ✧ SPD ( $\geq 1$  chips)

# J/ψ in p-Pb and Pb-p

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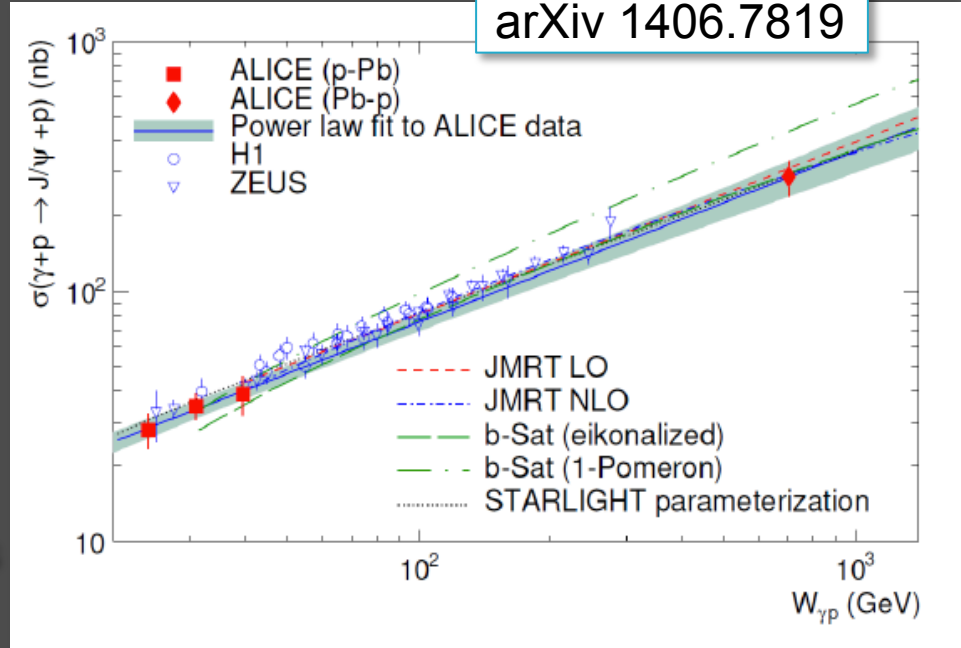
J/ψ → μ<sup>+</sup>μ<sup>-</sup> at forward rapidity in p+Pb collisions



J/ψ → μ<sup>+</sup>μ<sup>-</sup> at forward rapidity in Pb+p collisions

# Measured $\gamma p$ cross sections in p-Pb

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- ✓ first direct  $\gamma p$  measurement at the LHC
- ✓ ALICE data are compatible with a **power law** with exponent  $0.67 \pm 0.06$
- ✓ exponent is compatible with those from **H1** ( $0.67 \pm 0.03$ ) and **ZEUS** ( $0.69 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.03$ )
- ✓ LHCb solutions consistent with the power-law fit obtained from ALICE results

- ✓ **JMRT**: LO model based on a power law; NLO model includes the expected main NLO contributions
- ✓ **b-Sat** (eikonalised) includes b-dependent **saturation** effects based on a CGC inspired model
- ✓ **HERA and ALICE** cross section points stay on the **same power law**
- ✓ the most straightforward interpretation is that **no change** in the behavior of the **gluon PDF** in the proton manifests itself between **HERA and LHC**

# Conclusions

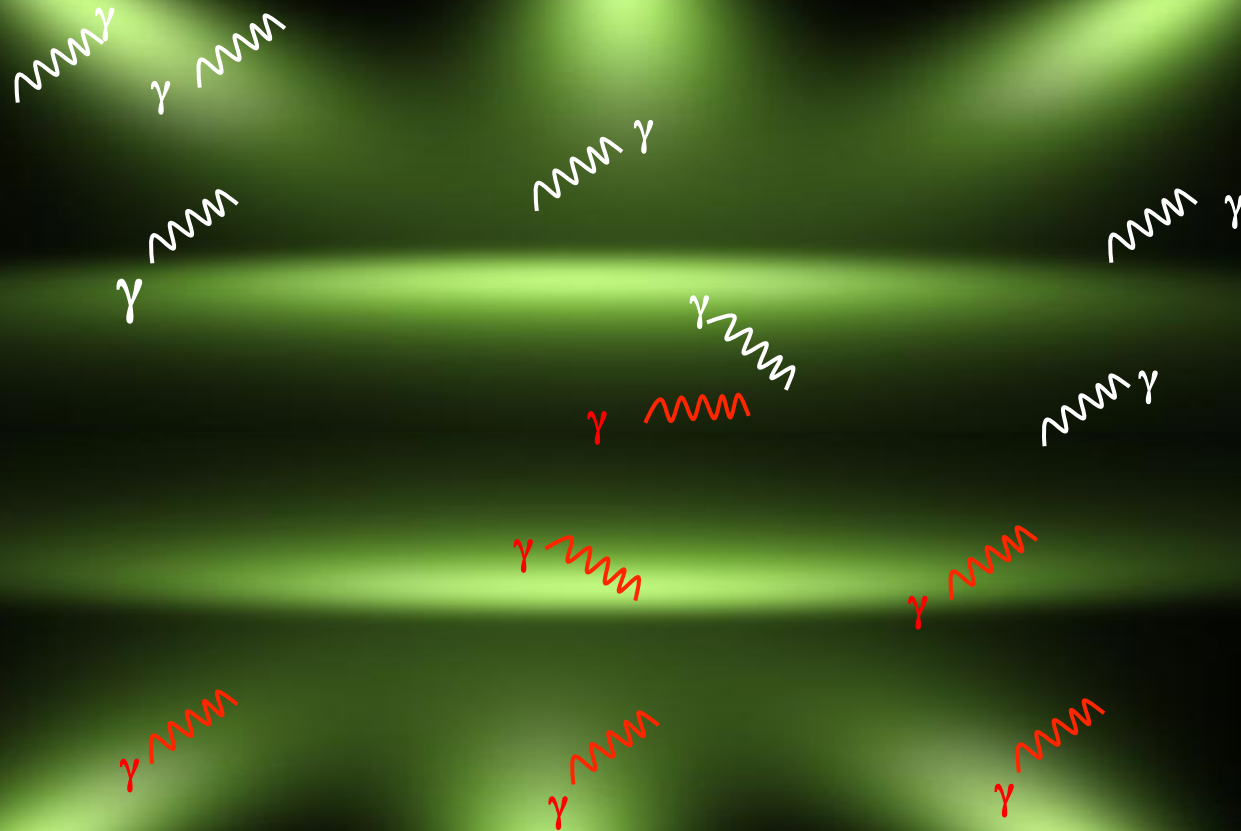
LHC as  $\gamma\text{Pb}$ ,  $\gamma\text{p}$  and  $\gamma\gamma$  collider to study:

- ✓ (Pb-Pb) measurement of exclusive vector meson ( $J/\psi$ ) cross sections to investigate the gluon distribution in the nuclei
- ✓ (Pb-Pb) results agree with EPS09 gluon distribution, favoring the presence of gluon shadowing
- ✓ (Pb-Pb)  $\psi(2S)$  vector meson photoproduction measured
- ✓ (p-Pb and Pb-p) no change in the behavior of the gluon PDF in the proton manifests itself between HERA and LHC(p-Pb)
- ✓ two ALICE papers:
  - ✧ Phys. Lett. B718 (2013) 1273-1283
  - ✧ Eur. J. Phys. C73, 2617 (2013)
- ✓ other three ALICE papers in preparation

back up

# $\gamma\gamma$ processes (Pb-Pb collisions)

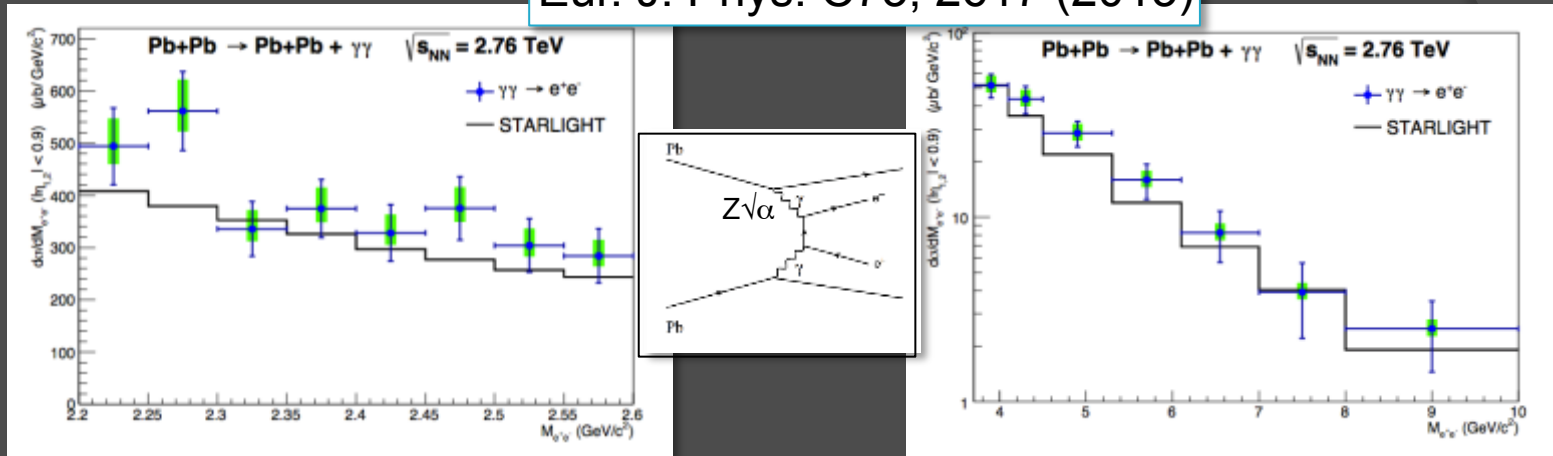
shedding light on...light





# $\gamma\gamma$ cross section

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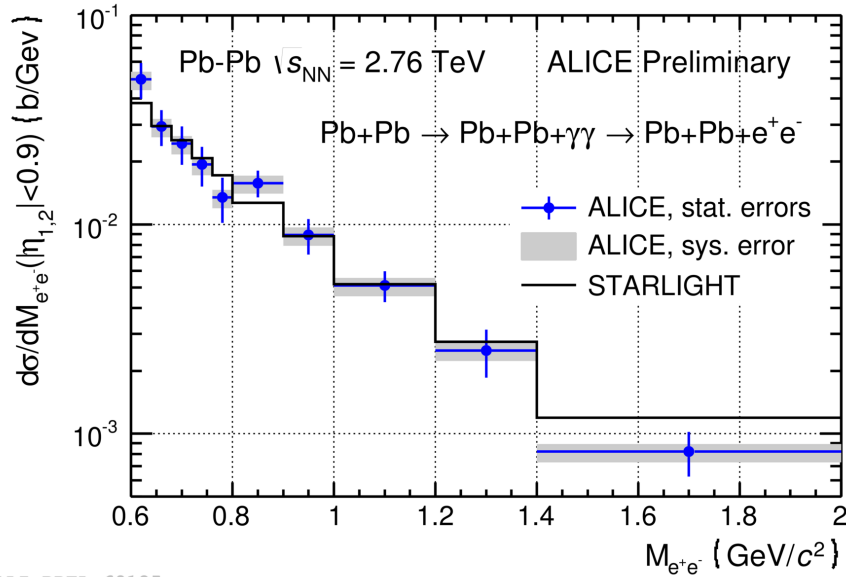
- ✓ the  $\gamma\gamma$  cross section measurement provides important constraints on QED calculations when the vertex  $\sqrt{\alpha}$  has to be replaced by  $Z\sqrt{\alpha}$
- ✓ due to the large Pb charge, giving  $Z\sqrt{\alpha} \sim 0.6$ , the inclusion of higher order terms is not straightforward  $\rightarrow$  the models\* including higher order terms predict a reduction of the cross section up to 30%
  - ✧ [2.2,2.6] GeV/c<sup>2</sup>  $\rightarrow$   $\sigma_{\gamma\gamma}^{e^+e^-} = 154 \pm 11(stat)_{-10.8}^{+16.6}(syst) \mu b$  precision 12%
  - ✧ [3.7,10] GeV/c<sup>2</sup>  $\rightarrow$   $\sigma_{\gamma\gamma}^{e^+e^-} = 91 \pm 10(stat)_{-8.0}^{+10.9}(syst) \mu b$  precision 16%
- ✓ the measured values for the  $\gamma\gamma$  cross sections are 20% above but fully compatible within 1.0  $\sigma$  and 1.5  $\sigma$  with the STARLIGHT (LO) prediction for the low and high invariant mass intervals (128  $\mu b$  and 77  $\mu b$ )

$\rightarrow$  the models predicting a strong contribution of higher-order terms (not included in STARLIGHT) are not favored

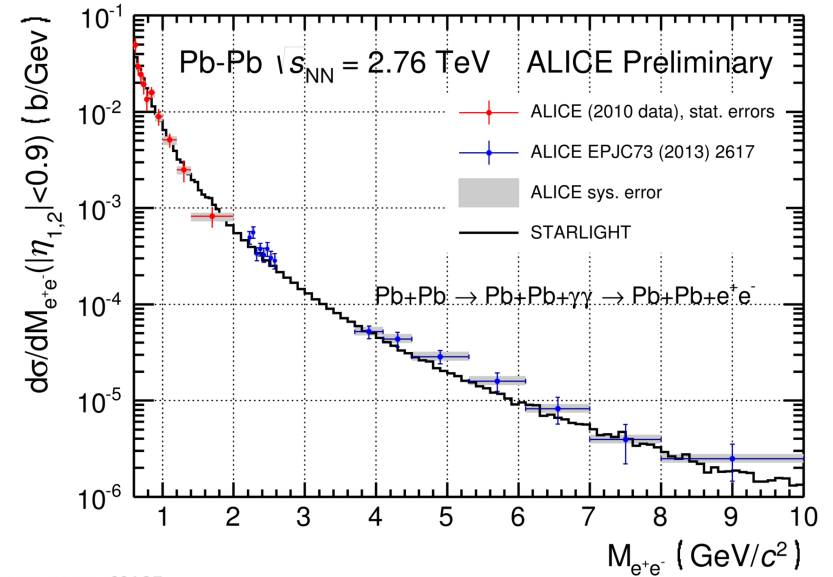
\*Baltz Phys. Review 80 2009 034-901

# $\gamma\gamma$ cross section

using 2010 Pb-Pb data this measurement can be extended down to  $M_{ee} = 0.6 \text{ GeV}/c^2$  and the results can be combined to cover the range  $M_{ee} = 0.6 - 10 \text{ GeV}/c^2$



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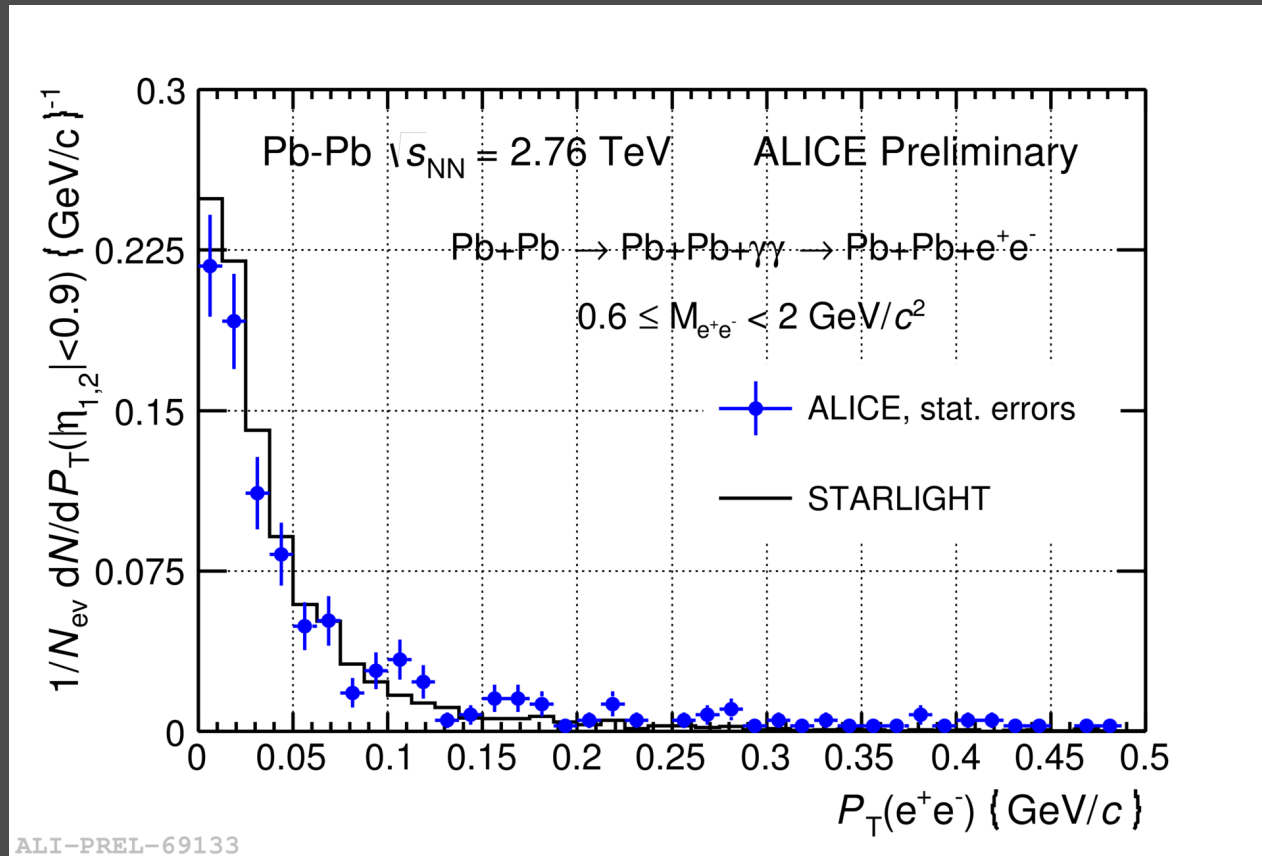


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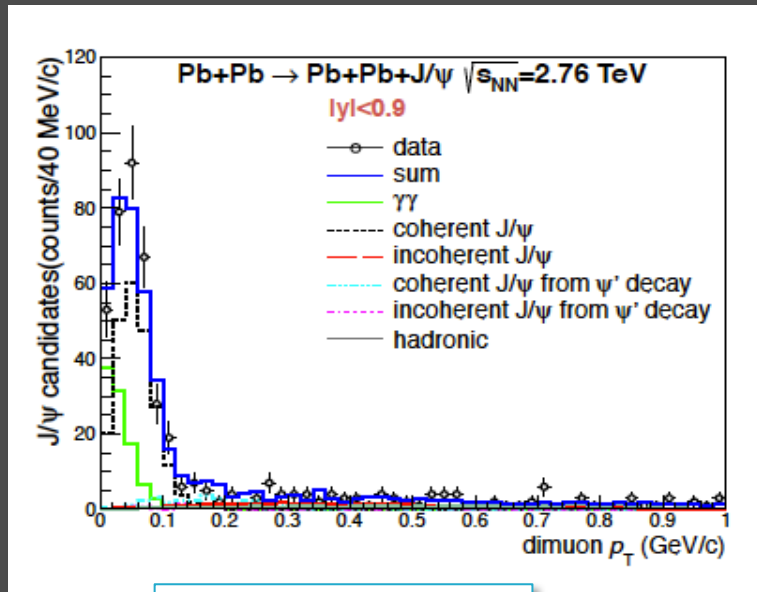
$\sigma( \eta_{1,2}  \leq 0.9)$	data	STARLIGHT
$(0.6 \leq M_{ee} \leq 2.0 \text{ GeV}/c^2)$	$9.8 \pm 0.6(\text{stat}) + 0.9/-1.2(\text{syst}) \text{ mb}$	9.7 mb
$(2.2 \leq M_{ee} \leq 2.6 \text{ GeV}/c^2)$	$154 \pm 11(\text{stat}) + 17/-11(\text{syst}) \mu\text{b}$	128 $\mu\text{b}$
$(3.7 \leq M_{ee} \leq 10.0 \text{ GeV}/c^2)$	$91 \pm 10(\text{stat}) + 11/-8(\text{syst}) \mu\text{b}$	77 $\mu\text{b}$

# $\gamma\gamma$ cross section

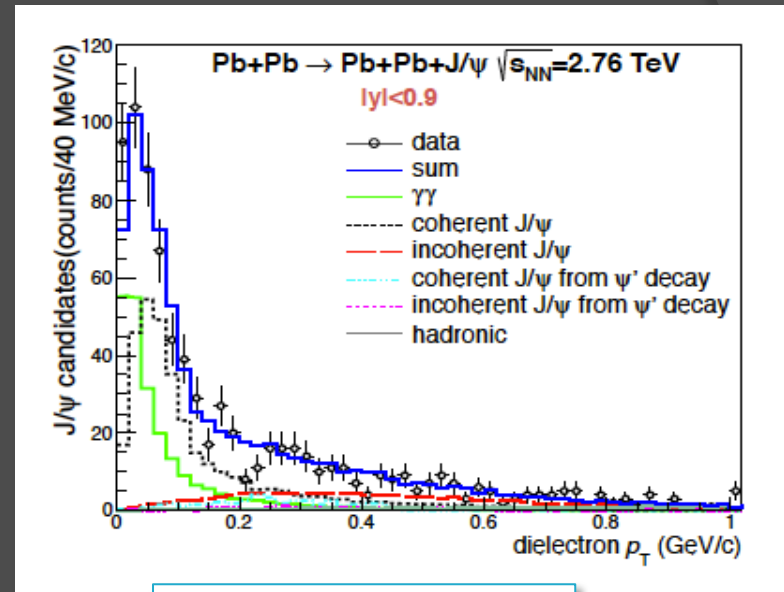
transverse momentum distribution well described by the Monte Carlo (STARLIGHT)



# $p_T$ distributions (linear scale)



dimuon channel



dielectron channel

$p_T$  distribution fitted using MC samples representing several components:

- ✧ coherent and incoherent J/ $\psi$
- ✧ (coherent and incoherent)  $\psi'$  feed down
- ✧  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$
- ✧ hadronic

$$N_{J/\psi}^{\text{coh}} = \frac{N_{\text{yield}}}{1 + f_I + f_D}$$

distribution peaked at low momentum as expected from coherent production

# Feed down ( $\psi' \rightarrow J/\Psi + \text{anything}$ )

- ✓ fraction  $f_D$  of  $J/\Psi$  coming from the decay of  $\psi' \rightarrow J/\Psi + \text{anything}$  estimated by simulating a sample of coherently produced  $\psi'$  with STARLIGHT, using PYTHIA to simulate their decay into  $J/\Psi$
- ✓ contribution from incoherent  $\psi'$  expected to be negligible for the enriched coherent  $J/\Psi$  samples  $\rightarrow$  not considered
- ✓  $\psi'$  polarization can be shared between  $J/\Psi$  and the other daughters  $\rightarrow$   $\psi'$  decay simulated assuming no polarization, full transverse and full longitudinal polarization for the  $J/\Psi$

for a given polarization P:

$$f_D^P = \frac{\sigma_{\psi'} \cdot BR(\psi' \rightarrow J/\psi + \text{anything}) \cdot (\text{Acc} \times \epsilon)_{\psi' \rightarrow J/\psi}^P}{\sigma_{J/\psi} \cdot (\text{Acc} \times \epsilon)_{J/\psi}}$$

see table in the next slide for the results

# Feed down ( $\psi' \rightarrow J/\psi + \text{anything}$ )

alternatively the ratio  $\psi'$  over  $J/\psi$ , used to compute the feed-down  $f_D$ , can be extracted from the data

due to the limited statistics the two decay channels were combined:

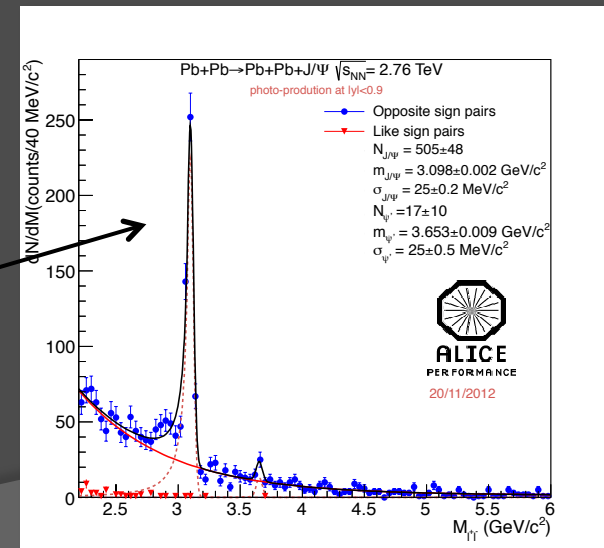
$$N_{\psi'} = 17 \pm 10 \text{ and } N_{J/\psi} = 505 \pm 48$$

$$f_D^P = \frac{N_{\psi'} \cdot BR(J/\psi \rightarrow l^+l^-) \cdot BR(\psi' \rightarrow J/\psi + \text{anything}) \cdot (\text{Acc} \times \epsilon)_{\psi' \rightarrow J/\psi}^P}{N_{J/\psi} \cdot BR(\psi' \rightarrow l^+l^-) (\text{Acc} \times \epsilon)_{\psi' \rightarrow l^+l^-}^P}$$

$\rightarrow f_D$  ranges from  $11.0 \pm 6.5\%$  for transverse  $\psi'$  polarization to  $15 \pm 9\%$  for longitudinal  $\psi'$  polarization

the average of these estimates is  $f_D = 0.10^{+0.05}_{-0.06}$

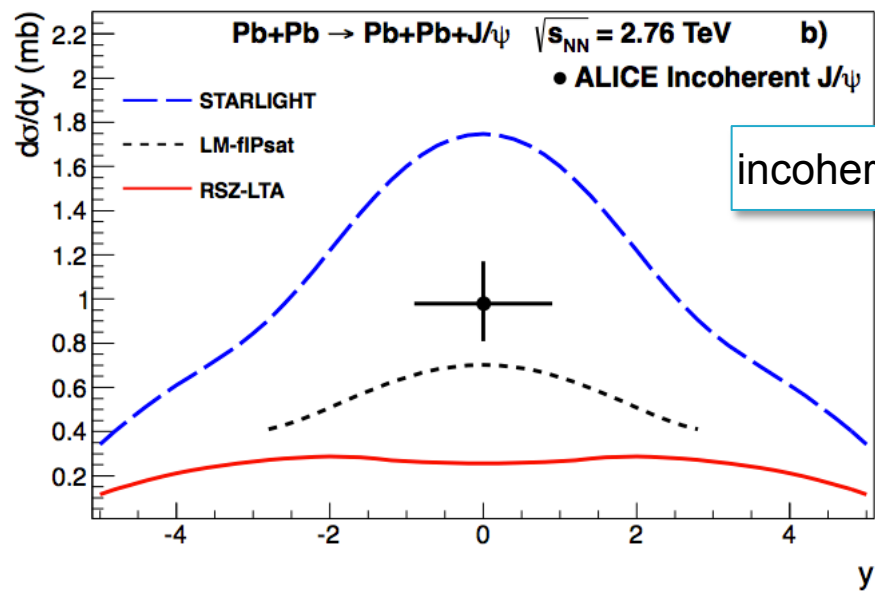
invariant mass distribution for combined dimuon and dielectron channels



# Fit procedure

- ✓ exponential for underlying continuum (systematics evaluated using polynomial)
- ✓ Crystall Ball (exp+gauss) to extract the  $J/\Psi$  signal
- ✓ tail CB parameters ( $\alpha$  and  $n$ ) left free for the coherent sample (systematics evaluated fixing the parameters) and fixed to MC values for the incoherent one
- ✓ incoherent dimuons fitted also using a polynomial to take into account the combinatorial background, as constrained to the LS pair spectrum
- ✓ fit also constrained to a MC cocktail ( $J/\Psi + \gamma\gamma$ )

# Results and comparison with models



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incoherent  $|y| < 0.9 \rightarrow d\sigma_{J/\psi}^{inc} / dy = 0.98^{+0.19}_{-0.17} (stat + syst)$  mb

- ✧ none of the three existing models predicts the **incoherent** cross section correctly
- ✧ **STARLIGHT** predicts a correct incoherent-to-coherent ratio (0.41)
- ✧ ALICE measurement  $0.41^{+0.10}_{-0.08} (stat + syst)$

- ✓ STARLIGHT: Klein, Nystrand PRC60 (1999) 01493  
GVDM coupled to a Glauber approach and using HERA data to fix the  $\gamma p$  cross section
- ✓ RSZ: Rebyakova, Strikman, Zhalov, PLB 710 (2012) 252  
based on LO pQCD amplitude for two gluon exchange where the gluon density incorporates shadowing computed in leading twist approximation
- ✓ LM: Lappi, Mantysaari, PRC87 (2013) 032201  
color dipole model based with Glauber approach and a saturation prescription

the ratio  $\sigma_{inc}/\sigma_{coh}$  provides further constraints on the treatment of the nuclear modifications implemented in the different models