

Experimental results on exclusive, diffractive and diffractive dissociative quarkonium production at the LHC

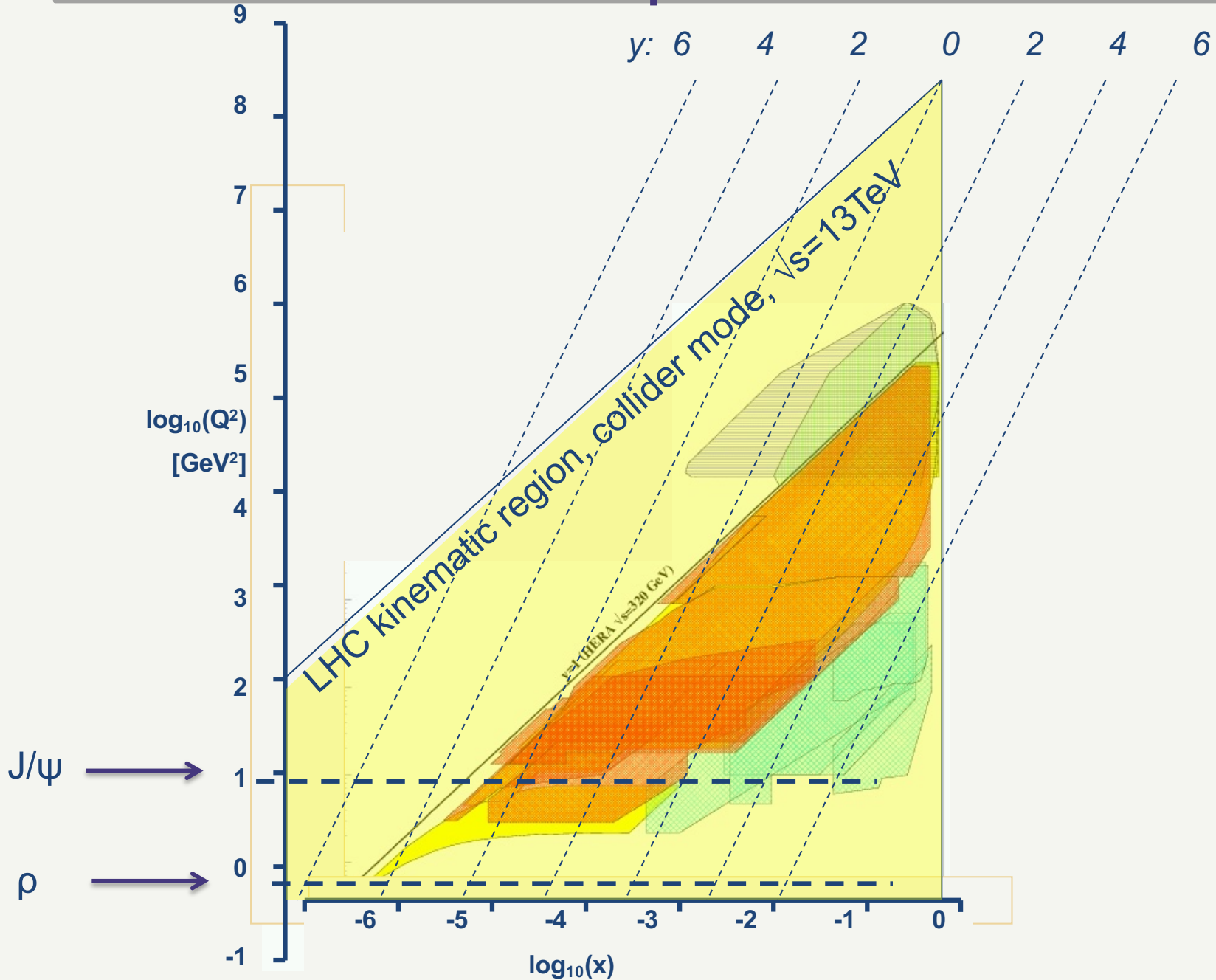
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Synergies between LHC and EIC for quarkonium physics
EIC*, Trento, July 8-12 2024

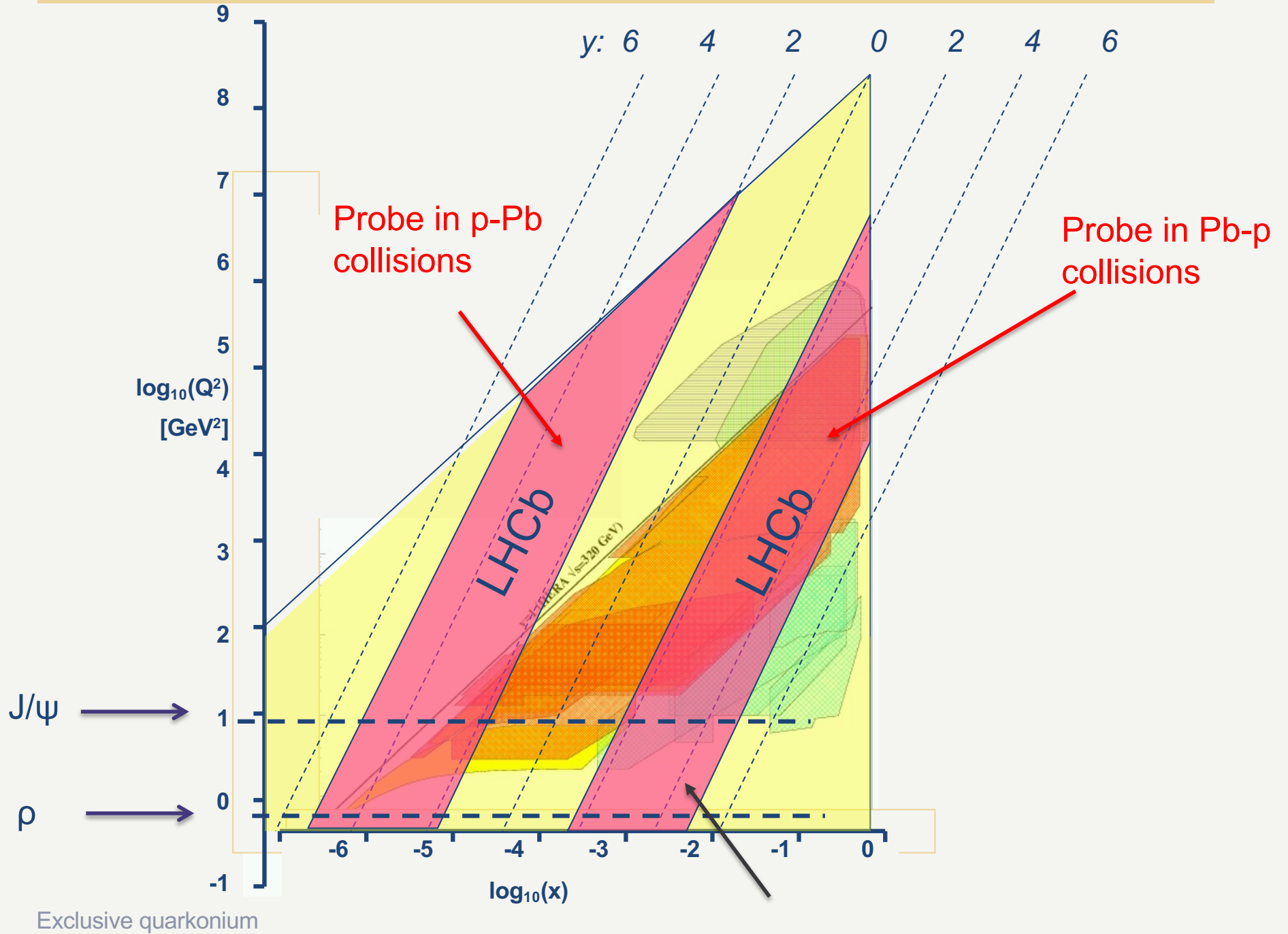
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x - Q^2 values probed at LHC

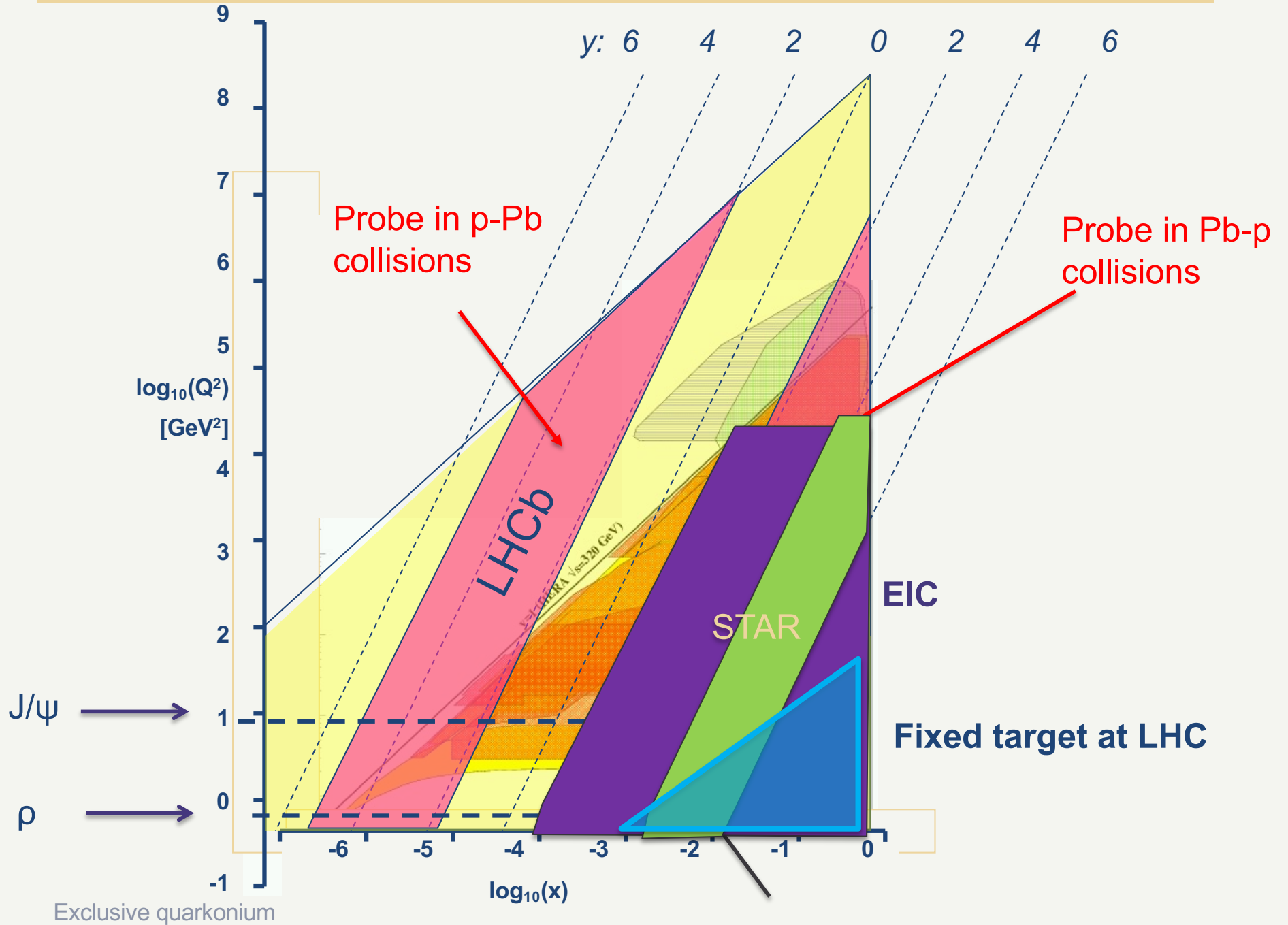


Exclusive quarkonium




Low-x & Forward physics



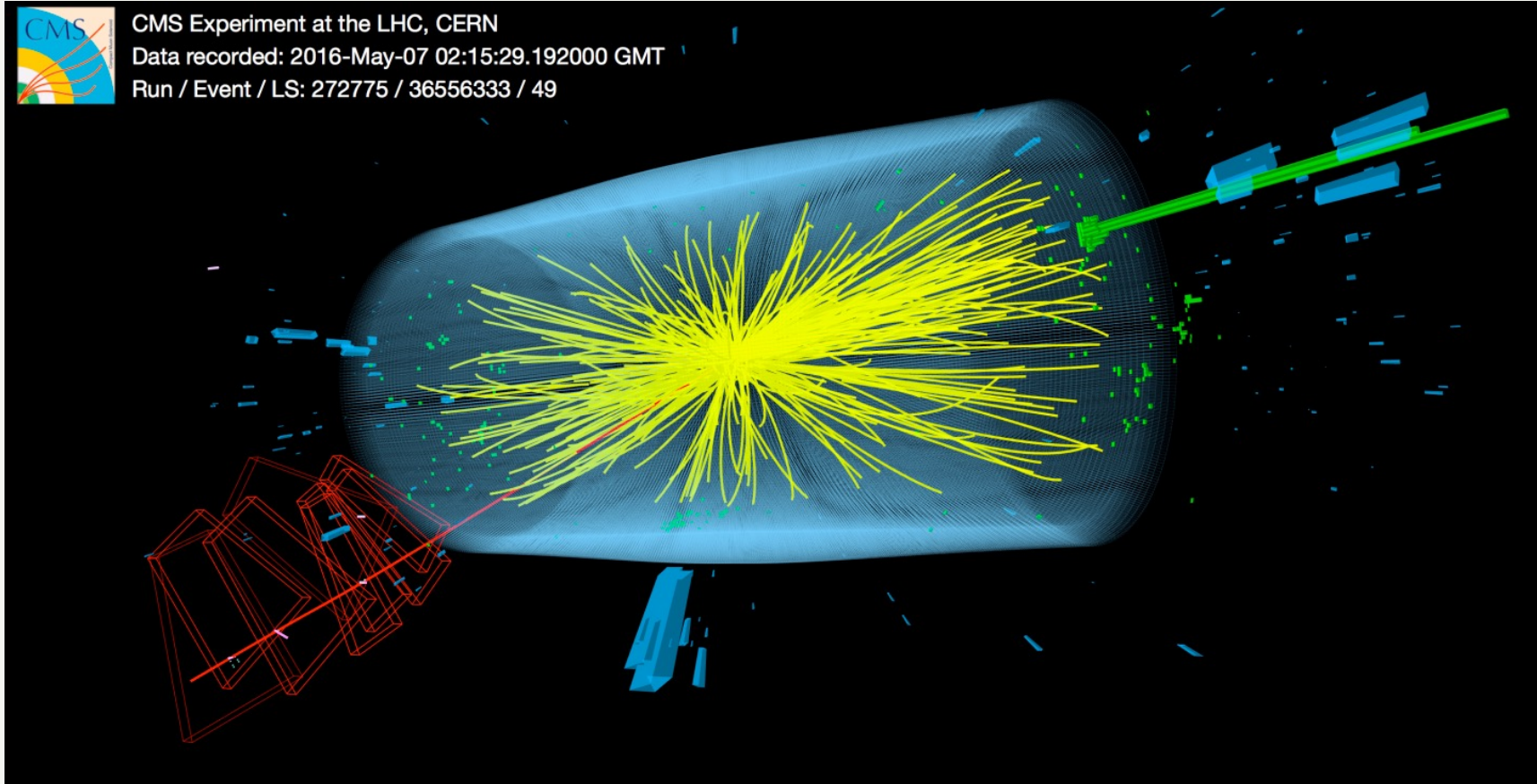
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Motivation

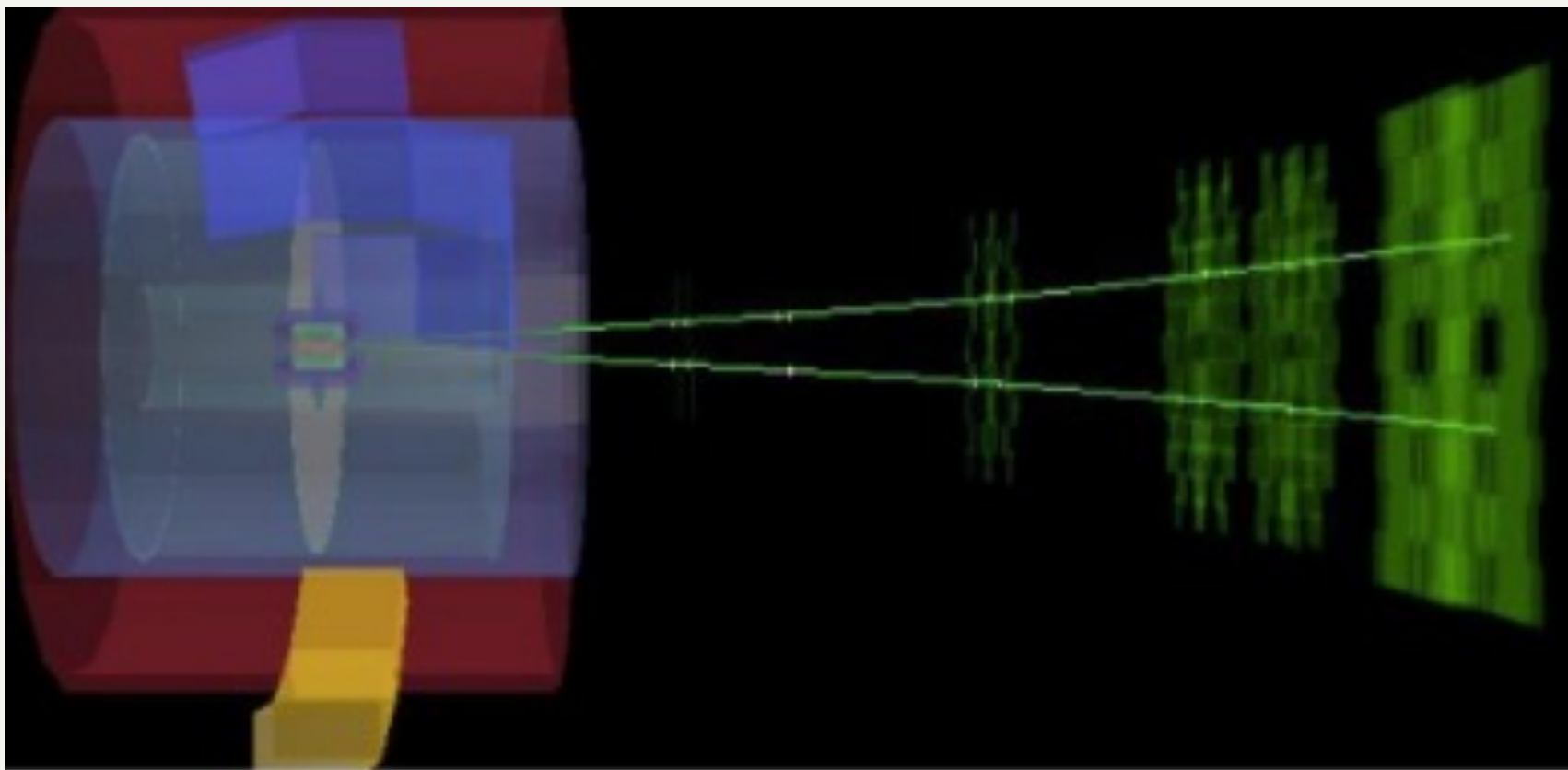
- Much to understand about QCD
 - perturbative / non-perturbative regime
 - proton and nuclear structure (PDFs GPDs)
 - hot spots 
 - saturation 
 - quark model bound states ($\eta_c, J/\psi, \chi_c$)
 - beyond the naïve quark model (hybrids, tetraquarks , glueballs)
- Can be addressed in diffractive DIS.

pp collision



Most collisions at the LHC, pp, pA, AA have enormous multiplicities due to colour flow. However, when colourless propagators are involved, multiplicities are low and events have large **rapidity gaps**.

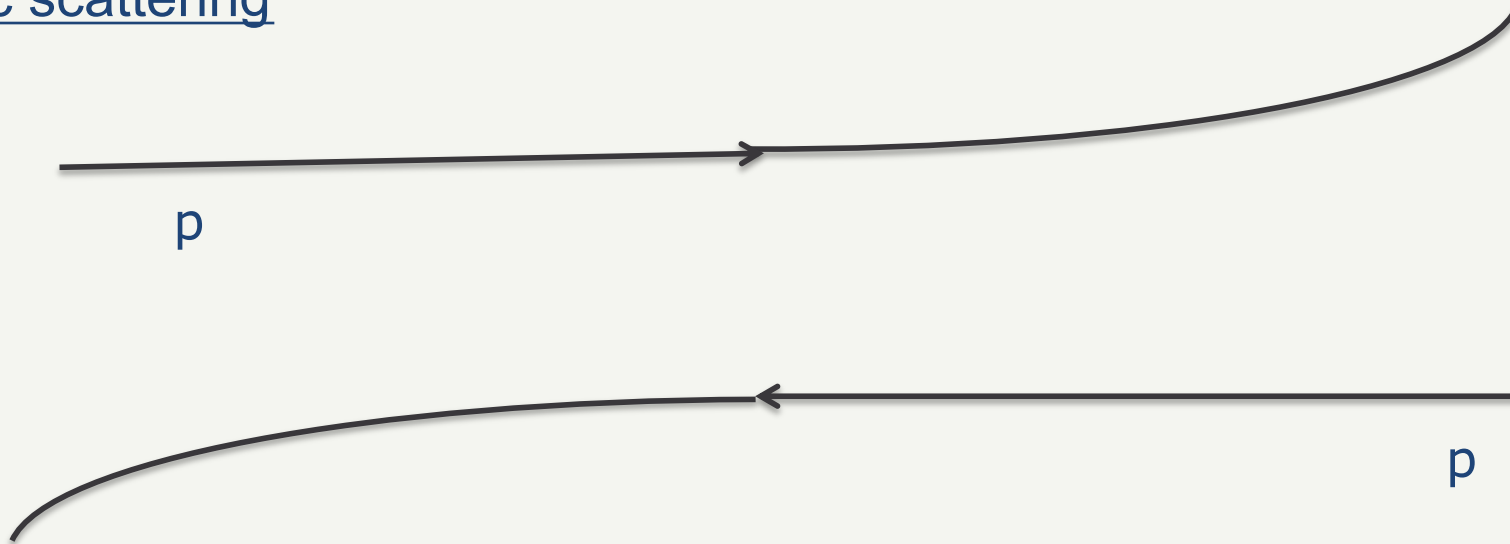
UPC J/ψ at forward rapidity in ALICE PbPb data



(from Evgeny Kryshen talk at INT workshop)

Physics of the Vacuum

Elastic scattering

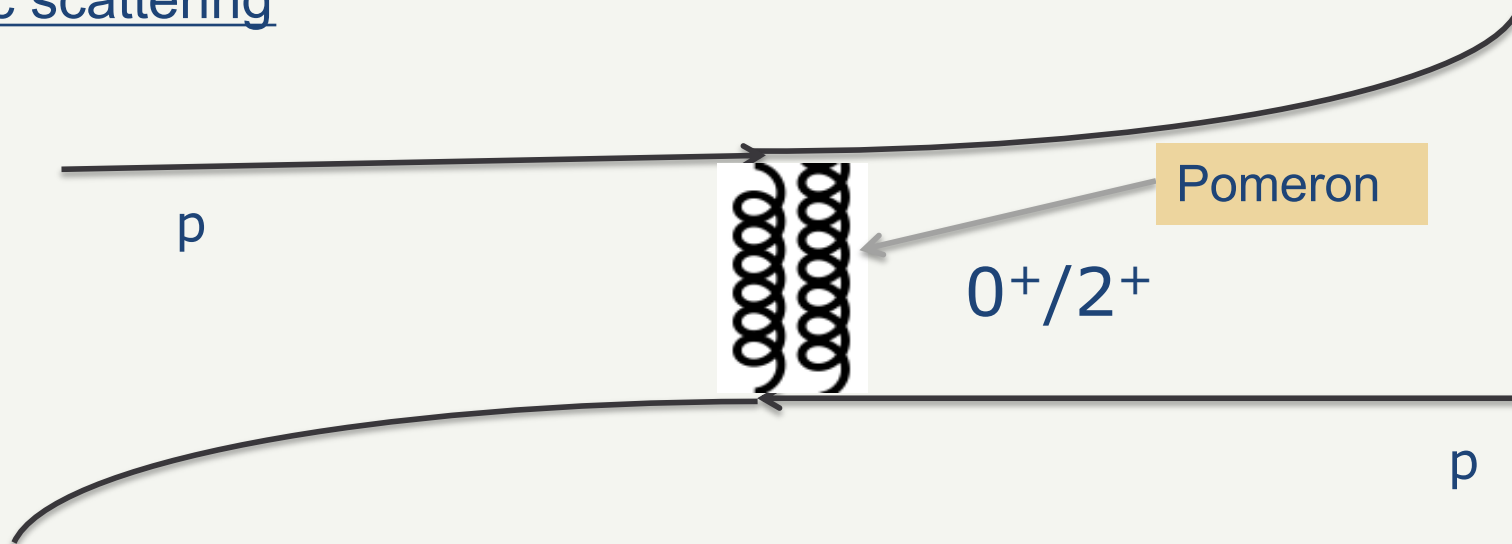


It's QCD – but not as we normally see it. It's colour-free

σ_{elastic}	$\approx 40\text{mb}$	←
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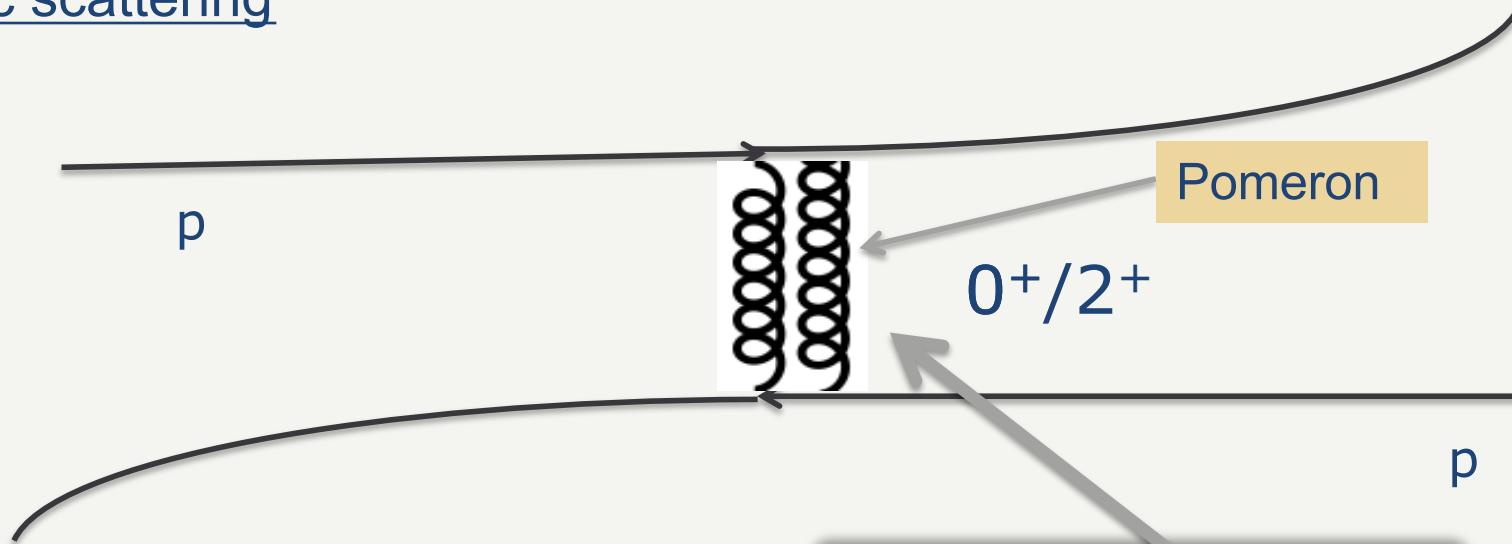


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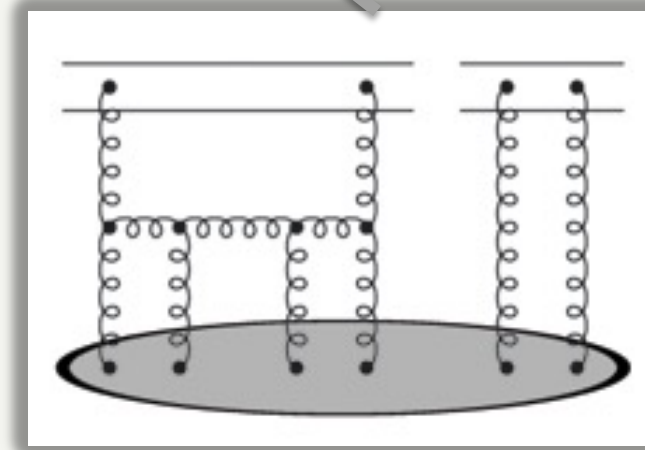
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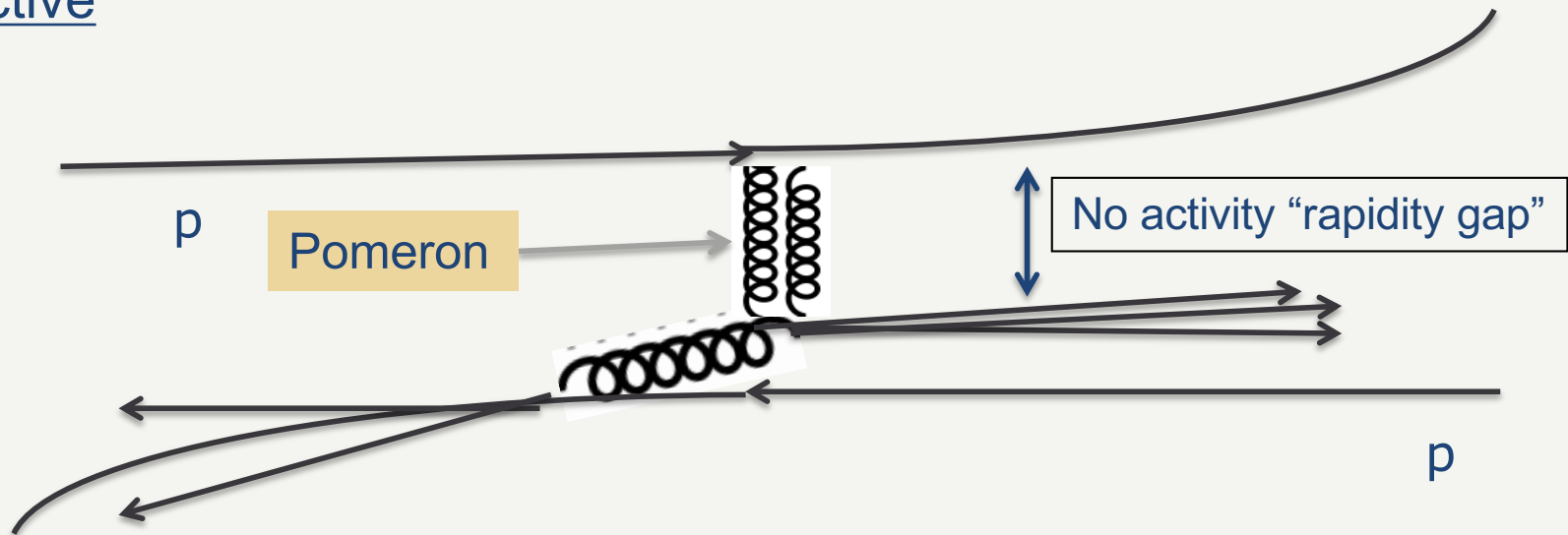
At high energy: $A(s,t)=s^{\alpha(t)}$
 $\alpha_P(t)=\alpha_P(0)+\alpha't$

$\sigma_{\text{elastic}} \approx 40\text{mb}$ ←
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Physics of the Vacuum

Diffractive



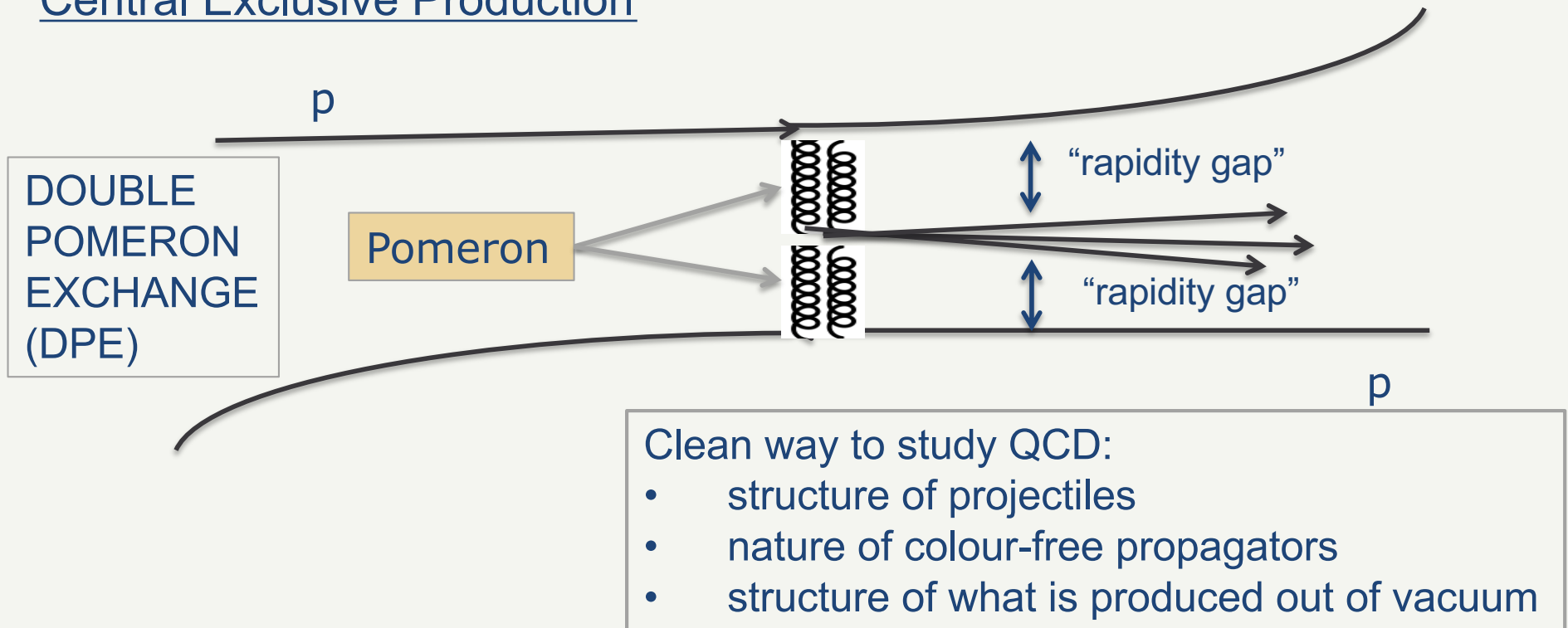
Experimental working definition of diffraction is presence of rapidity gap

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Physics of the Vacuum

Central Exclusive Production



$\sigma_{\text{elastic}} \approx 40\text{mb}$ ←
 $\sigma_{\text{diffractive}} \approx 10\text{mb}$ ← 100 μb
 $\sigma_{\text{inelastic}} \approx 60\text{mb}$

Physics of the Vacuum

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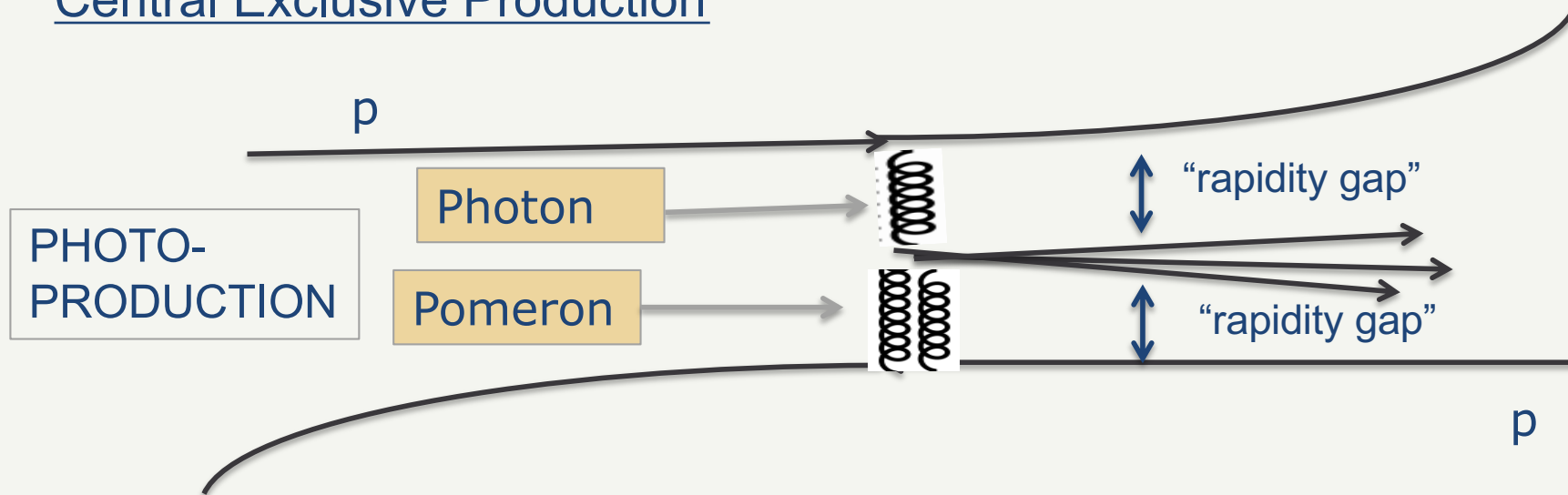


PHOTO-
PRODUCTION

Photon

Pomeron

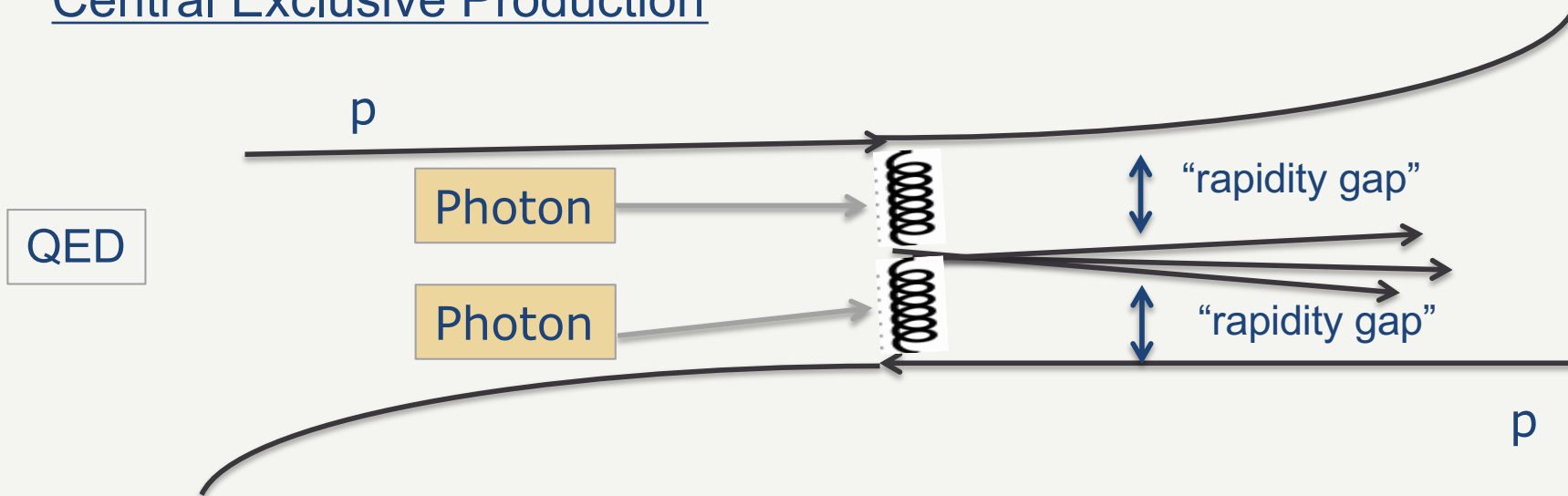
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Physics of the Vacuum

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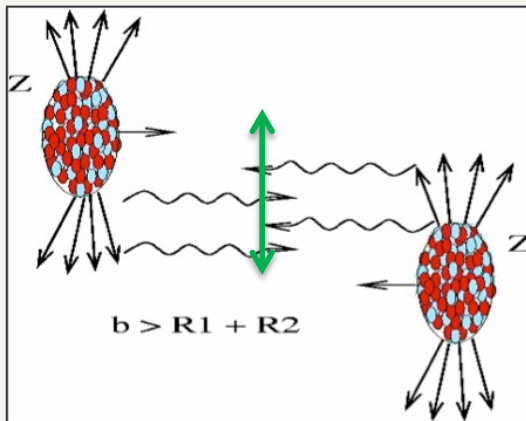
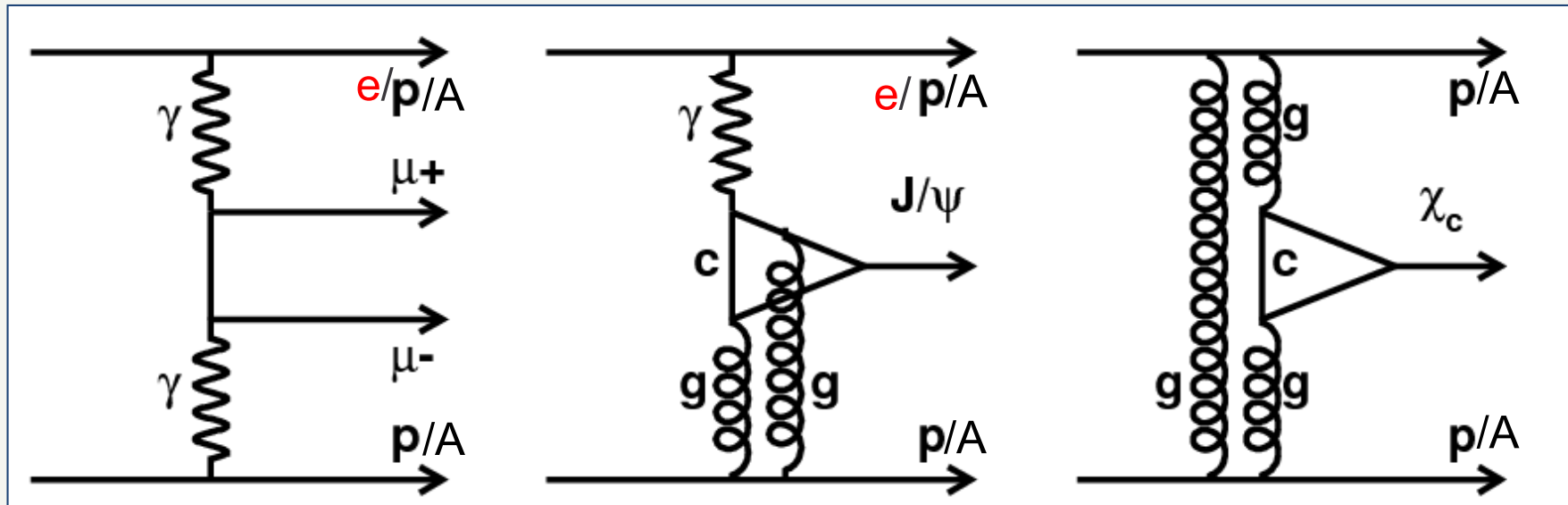


CEP is characterised by a rapidity gap all the way to the proton

Detect as large a gap as possible...

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$\sigma_{\text{diffractive}}$	$\approx 10\text{mb}$	←	
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Colourless propagators



Exclusive quarkonium

Hadron colliders:

Generally, to ensure no (colourful) QCD interaction, $d > R_1 + R_2$ (1.5 - 6 fm).

Large impact parameter \leftrightarrow Small p_T

Electron-hadron collider:

$\sim 70\%$ of total cross-section is diffractive

$\gamma\mathcal{P}$ & $\mathcal{P}\mathcal{P}$ measurements at LHC

- LHCb
 - J/ψ pp 7 TeV, *J.Phys.G* 41 (2014) 055002
 - J/ψ pp 13 TeV, *JHEP* 10 (2018) 167
 - J/ψ PbPb 5 TeV, *JHEP* 06 (2023) 146
 - Ψ pp 7 TeV, *JHEP* 09 (2015) 084
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- ALICE
 - ρ PbPb 5.02 TeV, *JHEP* 06 (2020) 035
 - J/ψ pPb 5.02 TeV, *Phys.Rev.Lett.* 113 (2014) 23, 232504, *Eur.Phys.J.C* 79 (2019) 5, 402
 - J/ψ PbPb 2.76 TeV, *Phys.Lett.B* 718 (2013) 1273-1283
 - J/ψ PbPb 5.02 TeV, *Phys.Lett.B* 798 (2019) 134926, *Eur. Phys. J. C* 81 (2021) 712, *Phys.Lett.B* 817 (2021) 136280, *JHEP* 10 (2023) 119
- CMS (+ TOTEM)
 - ρ pPb 5.02 TeV, *Eur.Phys.J.C* 79 (2019) 8, 702
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 - J/ψ PbPb 5.02 TeV, arXiv: 2303.16984
 - Ψ pPb 5.02 TeV *Eur.Phys.J.C* 79 (2019) 3, 277, *Eur.Phys.J.C* 82 (2022) 4, 343 (erratum)
 - $\pi\pi$ pp 5,02 and 13 TeV, *Eur.Phys.J.C* 80 (2020) 8, 718
 - Searches in pp 13TeV: tt arXiv: 2310.11231, new physics 2303.04596

$\gamma\gamma$ measurements at LHC

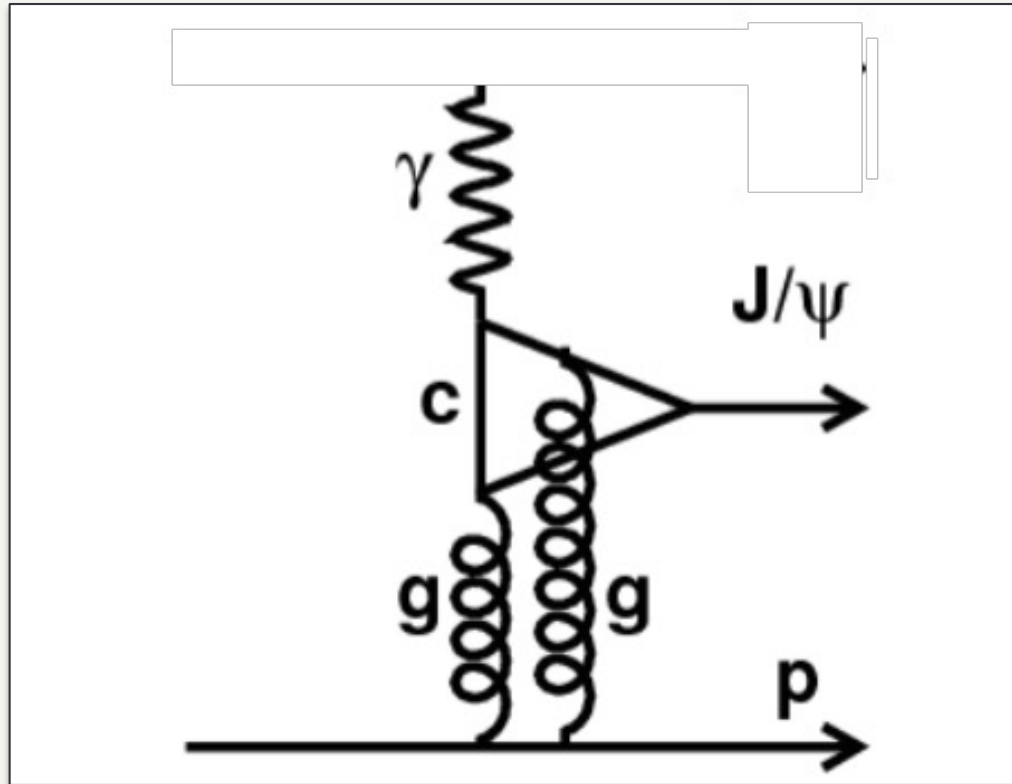
- ATLAS

- ee PbPb 5 TeV, *JHEP* 2306 (2023) 182
- $\mu\mu$ pp 13 TeV, *Phys.Lett.B* 777 (2018) 303
- $\mu\mu$ PbPb 5.02 TeV *Phys.Rev.C* 104 (2021) 024906
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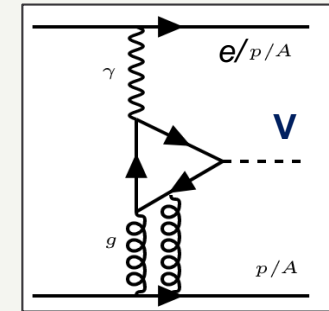
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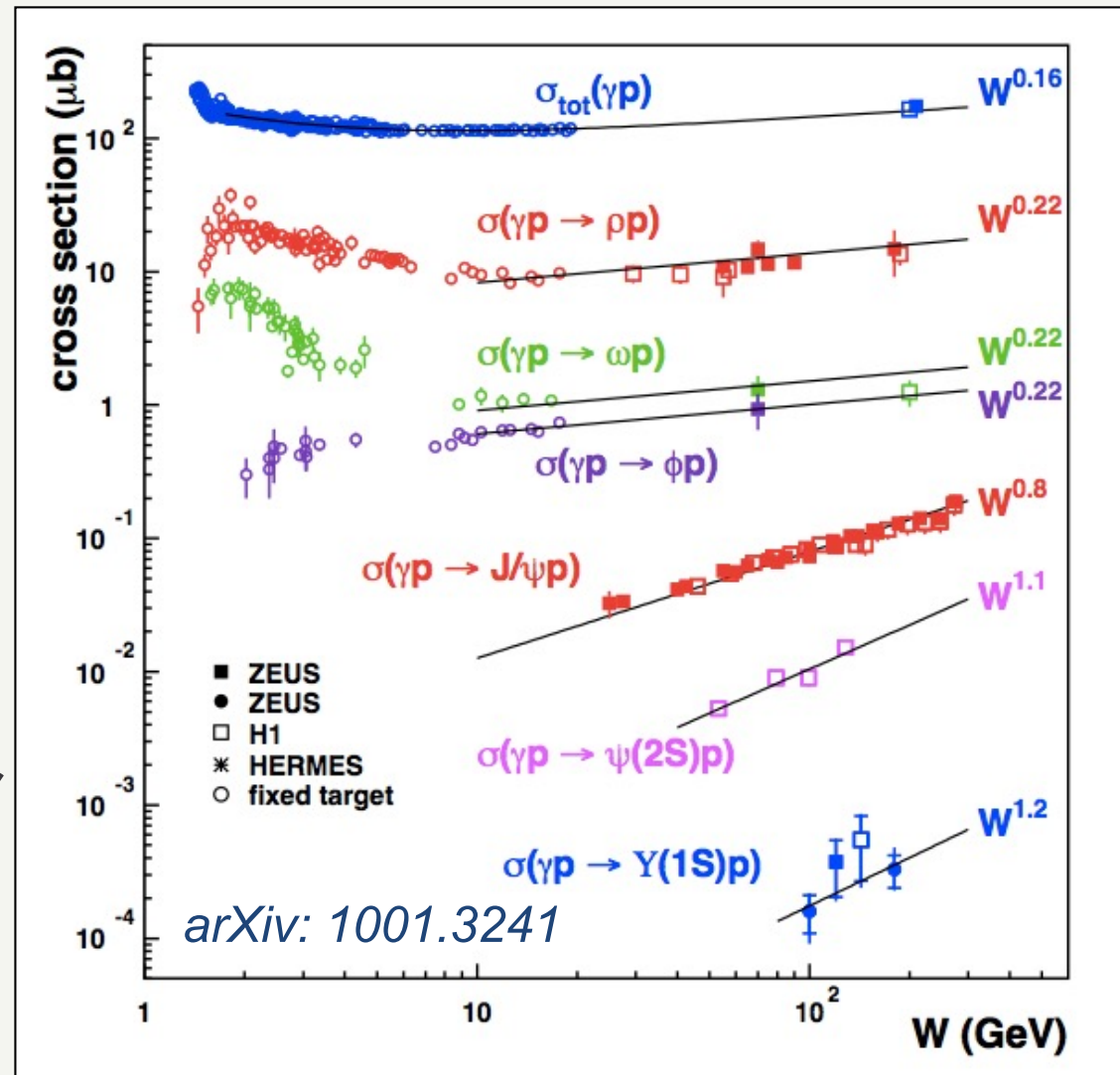


Unlike in inclusive J/ψ production, theory work really well in exclusive production.

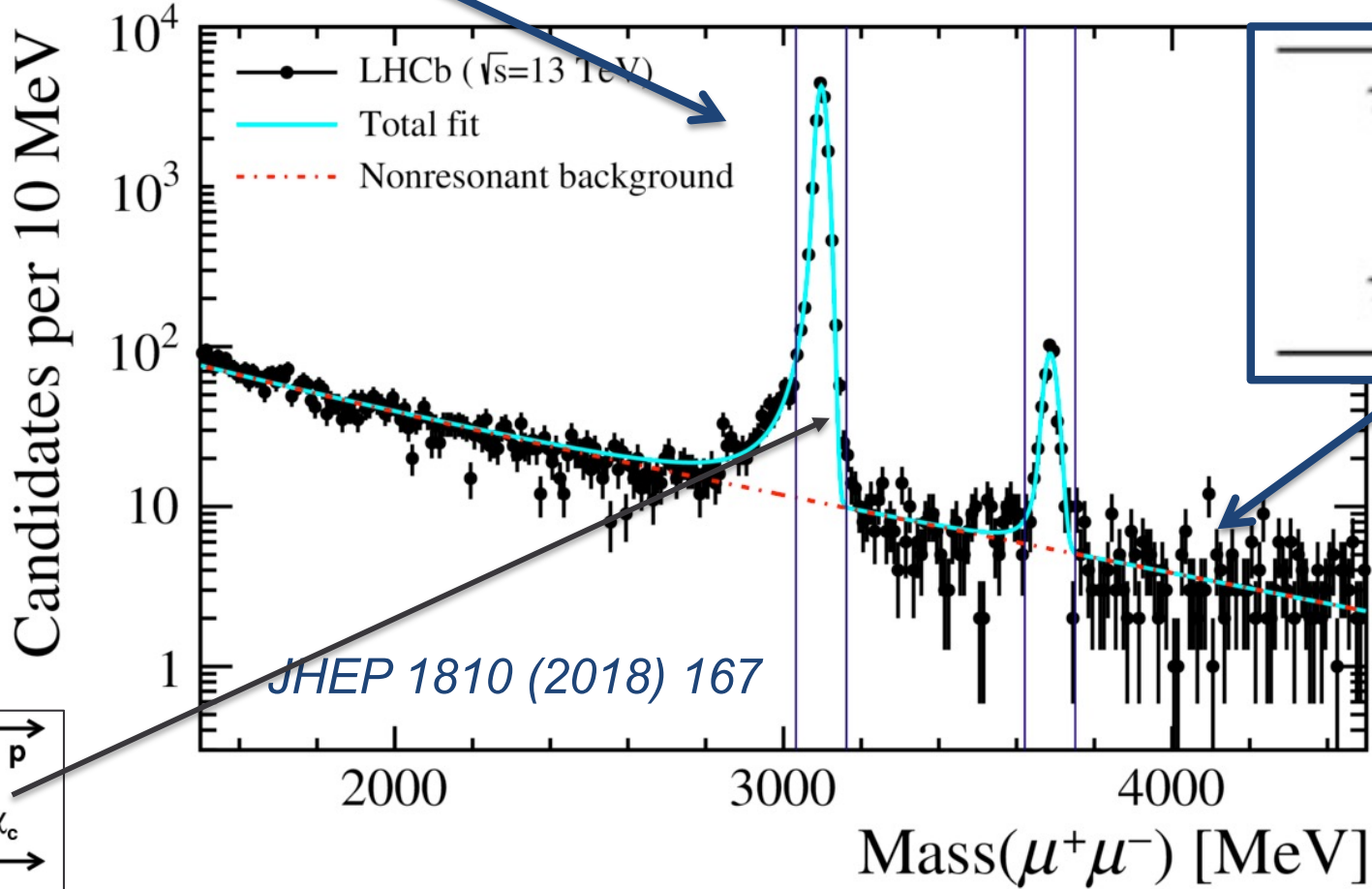
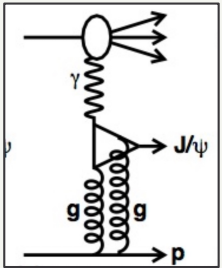
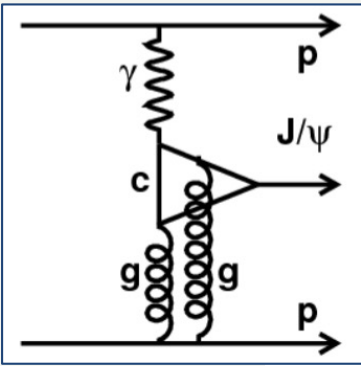
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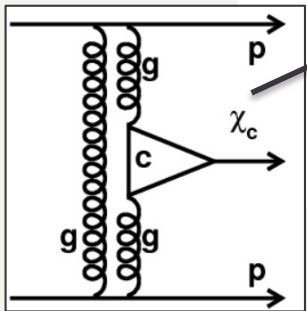
- Rise in σ related to Pomeron intercept
 - $\sigma \sim W^\delta$
 - $\delta = 4(\alpha_P(t) - 1)$
 - $\alpha_P(t) = \alpha_P(0) + \alpha' t$
- Compare slopes ρ, ω, ϕ to $J/\psi, \psi', \Upsilon$
- Extract $g(x, Q^2)$



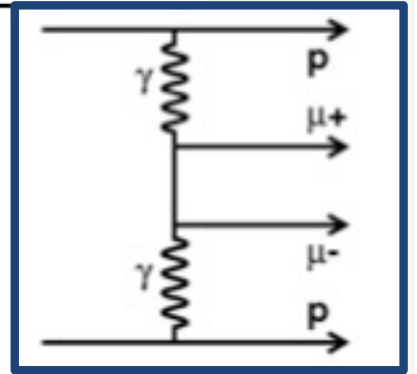
J/ ψ and $\psi(2s)$ in pp collisions



Feed-down

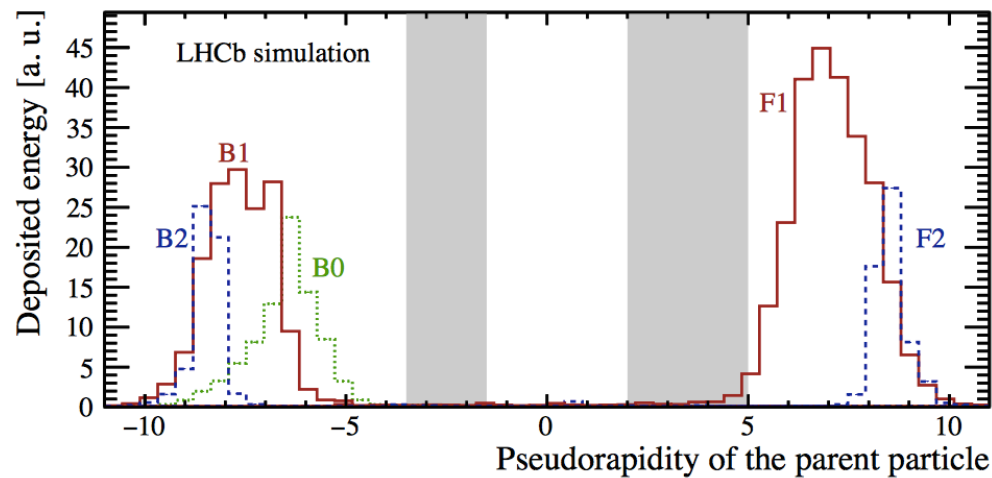
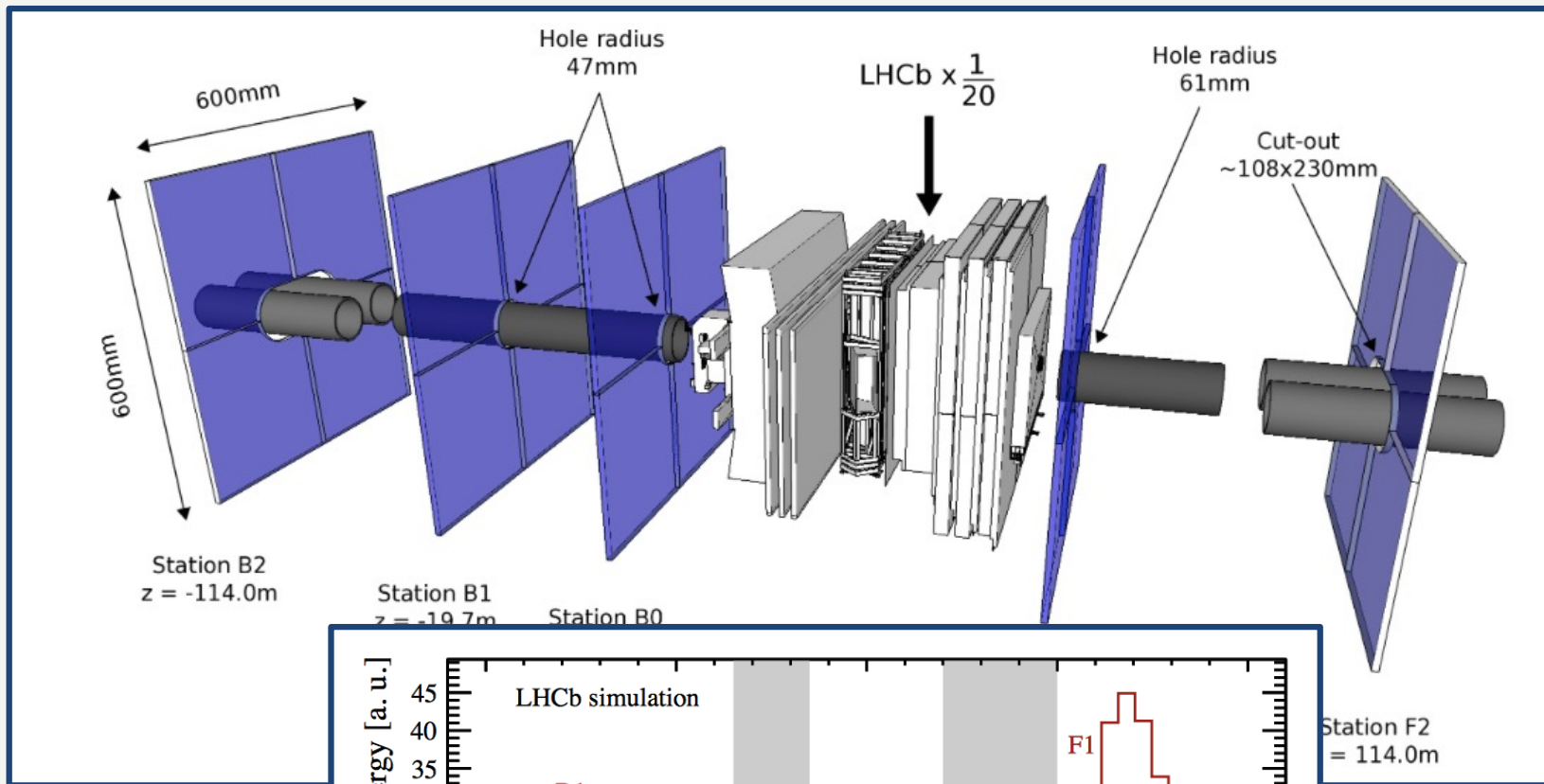


Exclusive quarkonium



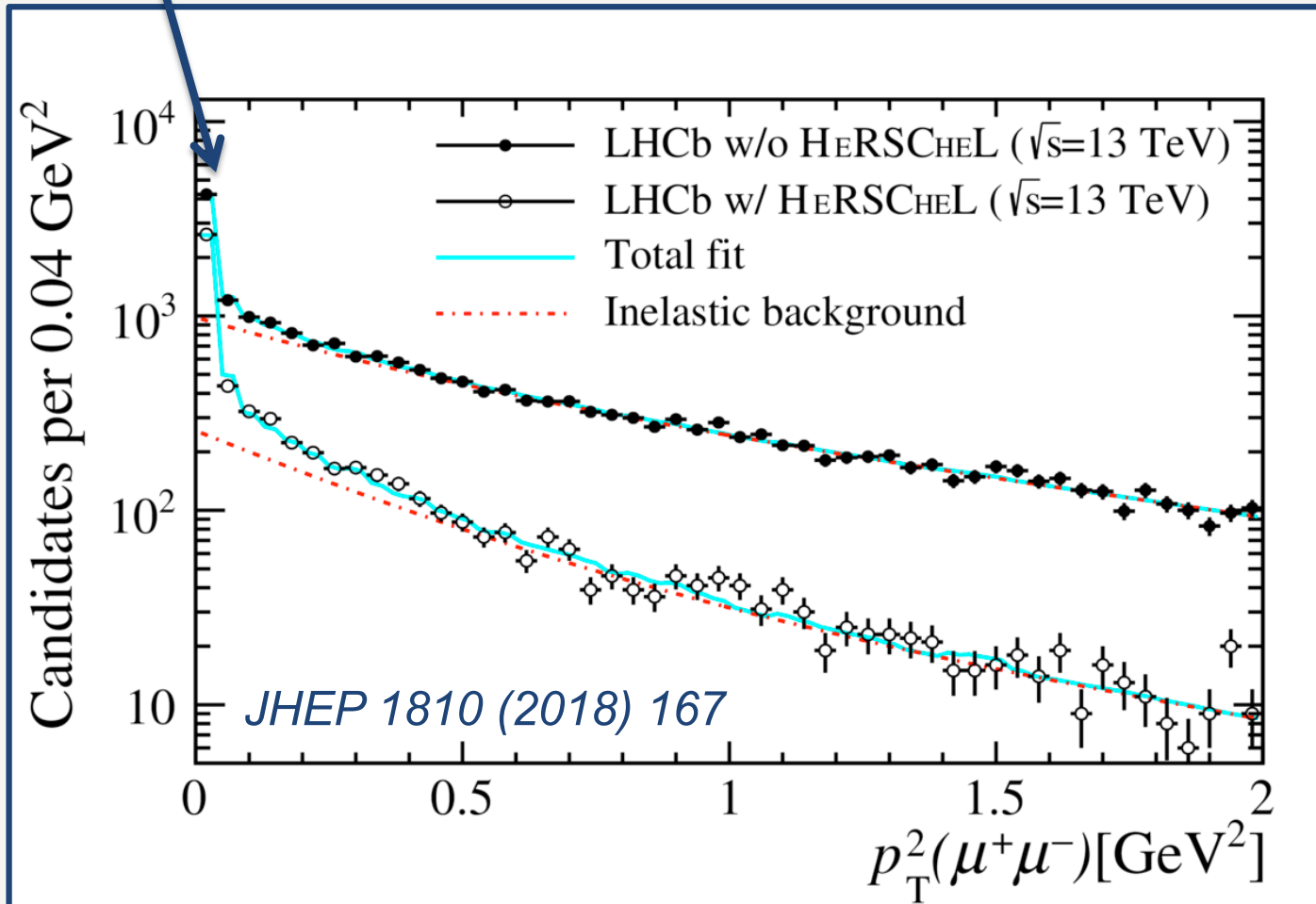
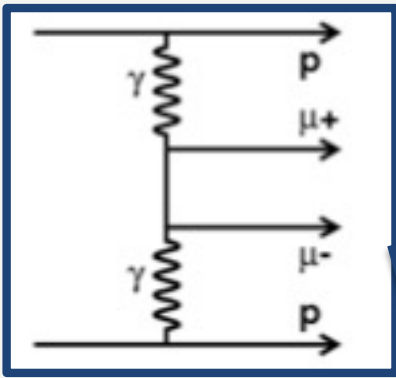
Two muons and nothing else in the LHCb detector

The LHCb detector



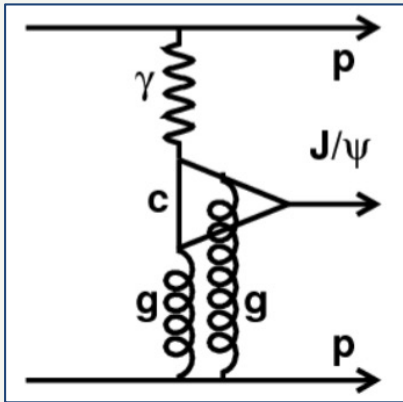
Exclusive quarkonium

Forward tagging suppresses dissociation



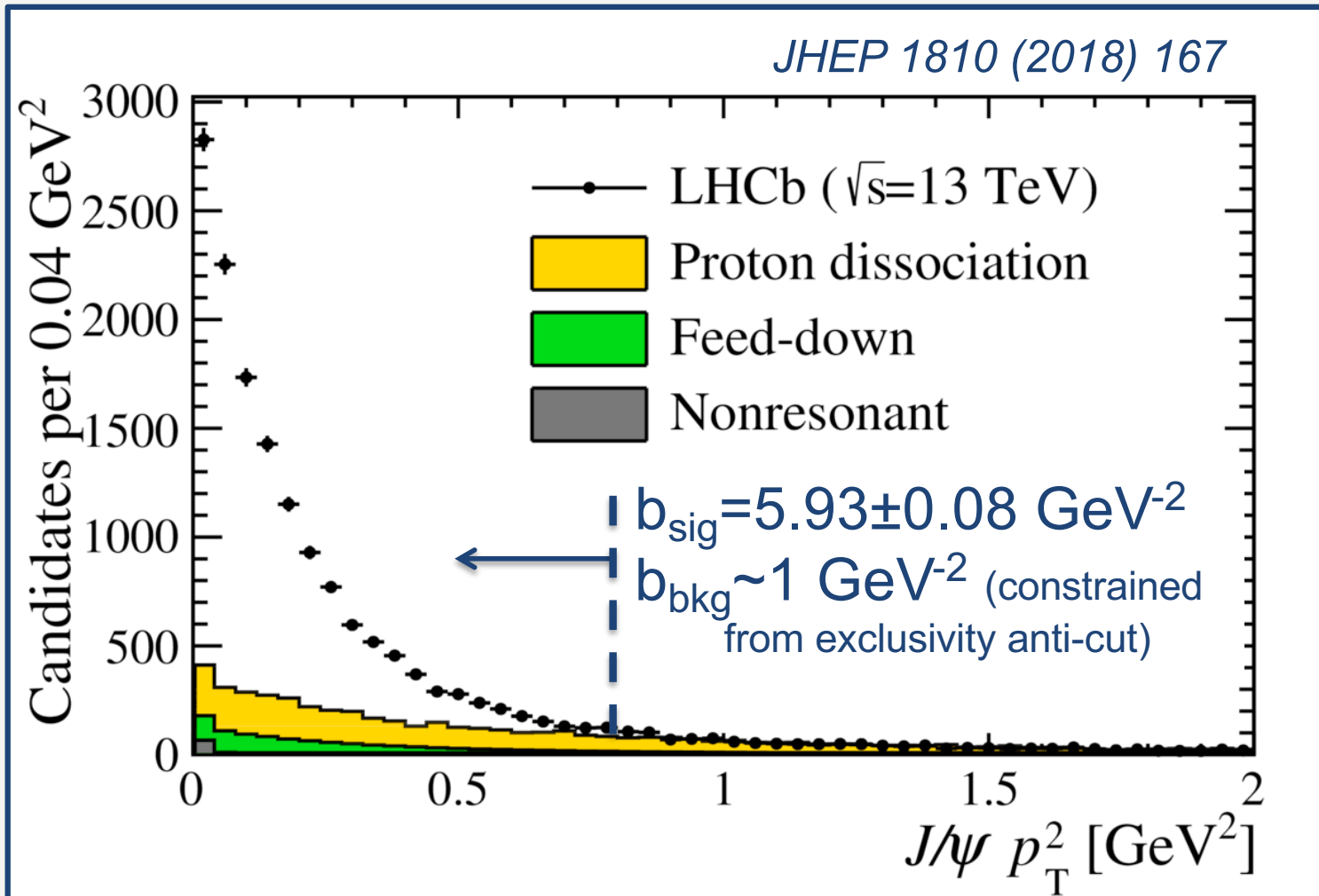
Note for later: this is $p_T \sim 50$ MeV

Separating elastic and dissociative J/ψ

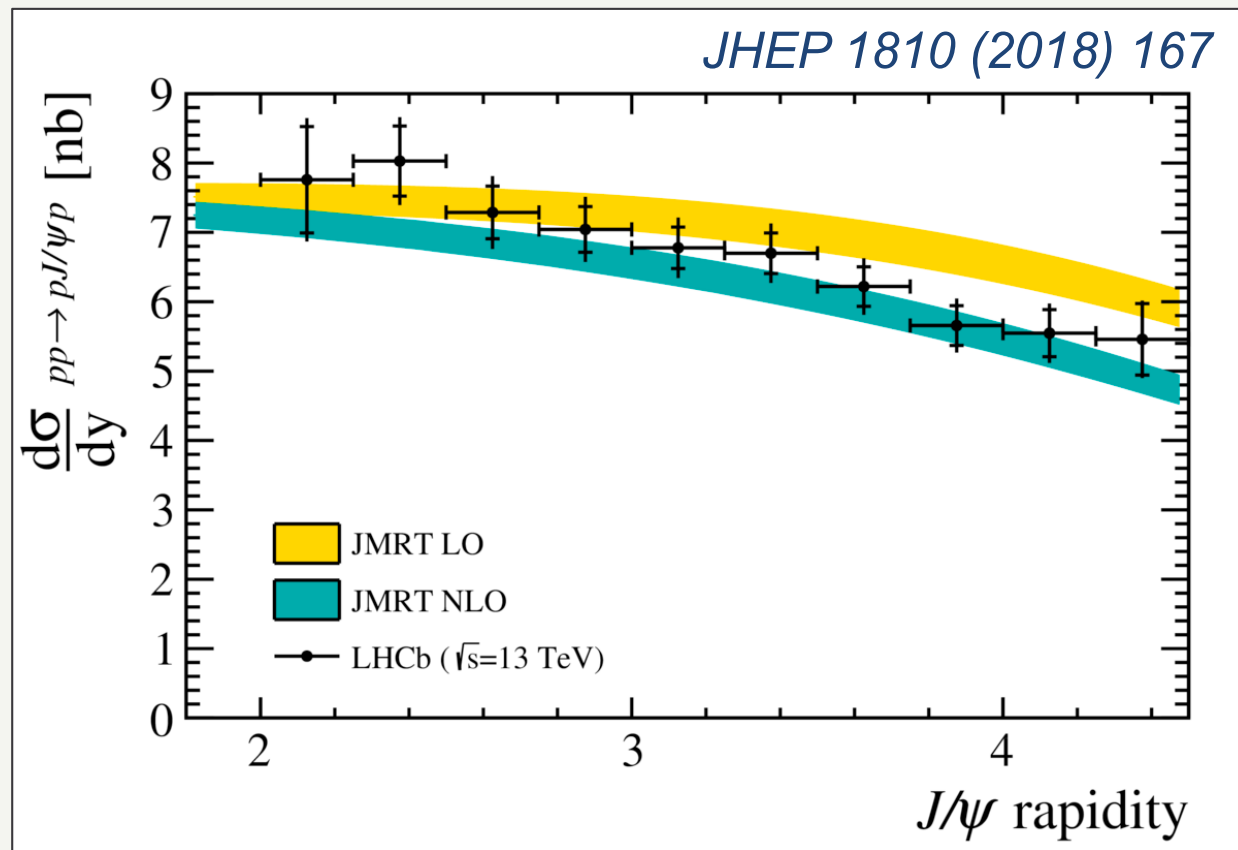


Assume
Signal and
Background

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt} \sim e^{bt}$$

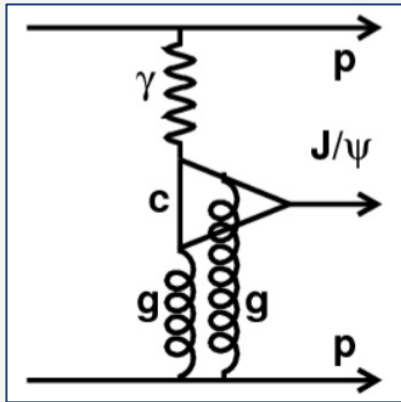


Differential cross-section $pp \rightarrow pJ/\psi p$



Implications: GPDs and PDF

Ryskin, Z. Phys. C 57 (1993) 89

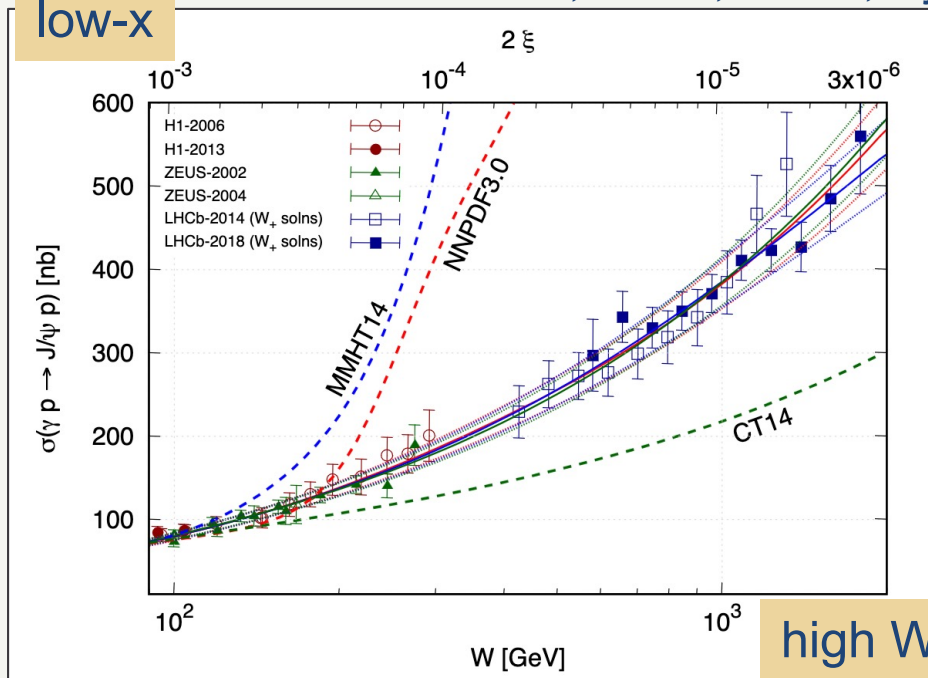


$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt} (\gamma^* p \rightarrow J/\psi p) \Big|_{t=0} = \frac{\Gamma_{ee} M_{J/\psi}^3 \pi^3}{48\alpha} \left[\frac{\alpha_s(\bar{Q}^2)}{\bar{Q}^4} xg(x, \bar{Q}^2) \right]^2 \left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{M_{J/\psi}^2} \right)$$

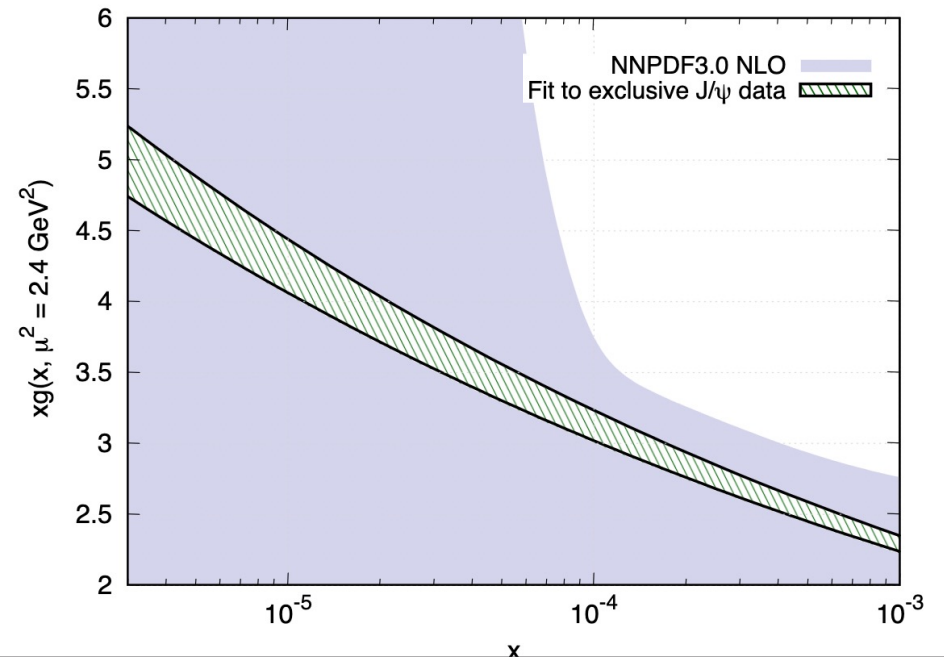
Flett, Martin, Ryskin, Teubner. Phys.Rev.D 102 (2020) 114021

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low-x



high W



makes use of Shuvaev transform to relate GPDs and PDFs

Exclusive quarkonium

$$H_q(X, \xi) = \int_{-1}^1 dx' \left[\frac{2}{\pi} \text{Im} \int_0^1 \frac{ds}{y(s)\sqrt{1-y(s)x'}} \right] \frac{d}{dx'} \left(\frac{q(x')}{|x'|} \right),$$

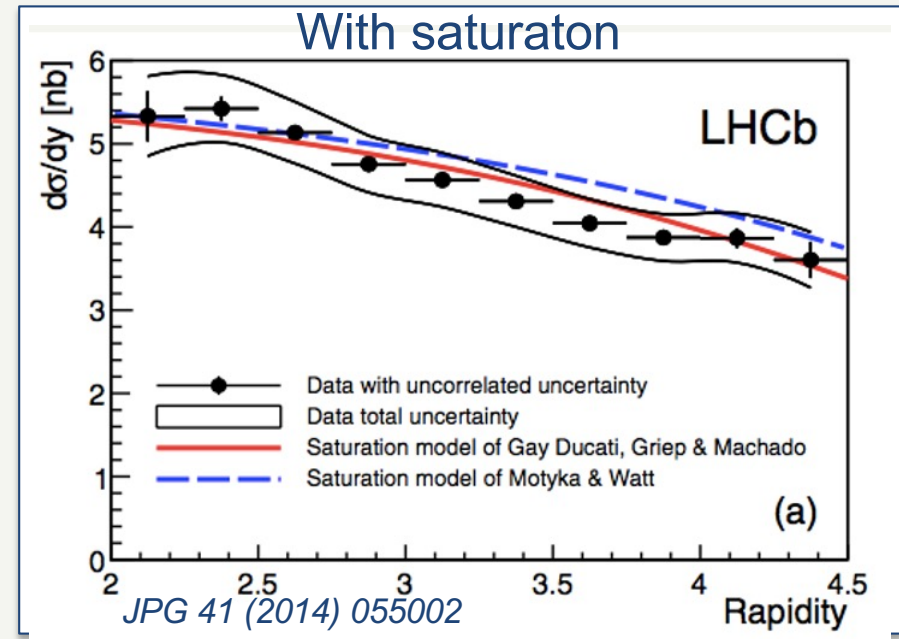
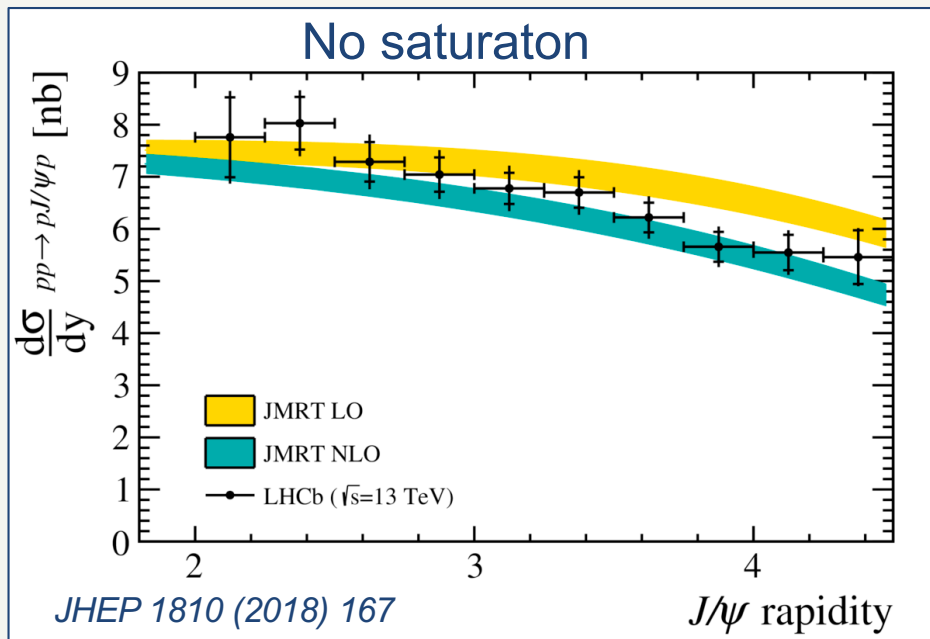
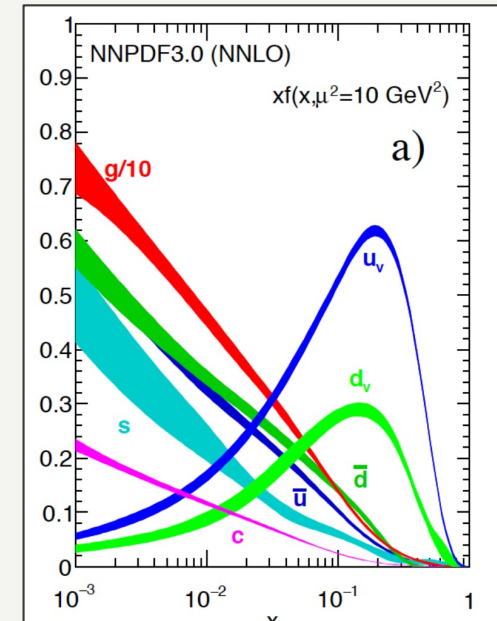
$$H_g(X, \xi) = \int_{-1}^1 dx' \left[\frac{2}{\pi} \text{Im} \int_0^1 \frac{ds (X + \xi(1-2s))}{y(s)\sqrt{1-y(s)x'}} \right] \frac{d}{dx'} \left(\frac{g(x')}{|x'|} \right),$$

where the transform kernel,

$$y(s) = \frac{4s(1-s)}{(X + \xi(1-2s))}.$$

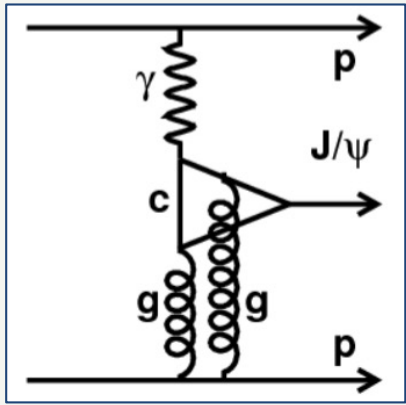
Implications: Saturation

Saturation effects become visible at low- x .
 Onset of saturation expected to scale with nucleon density $\sim A^{1/3}$ so
may be easier to see in nuclear collisions



Saturation is not inconsistent with the data, but is also not required.

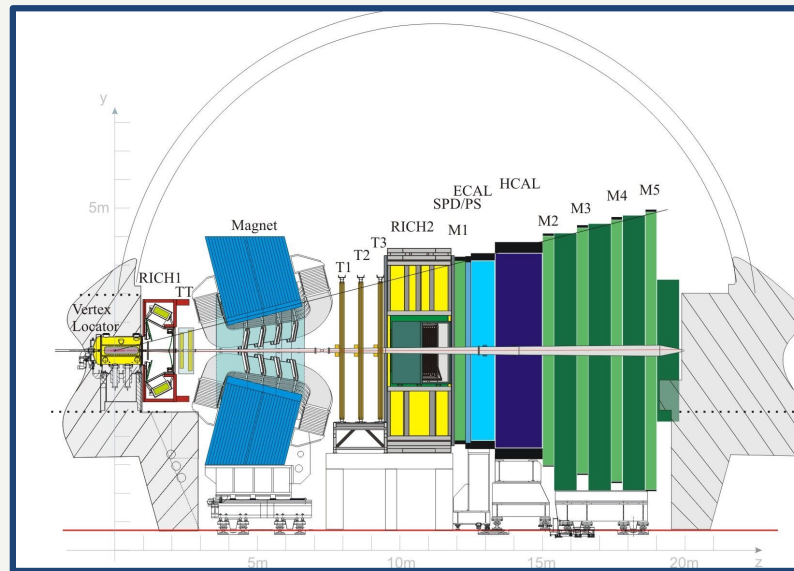
Which proton produced the photon?



pomeron



Softer photon.
Harder pomeron
Low W.



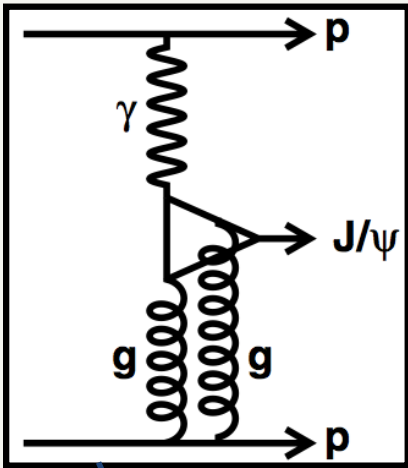
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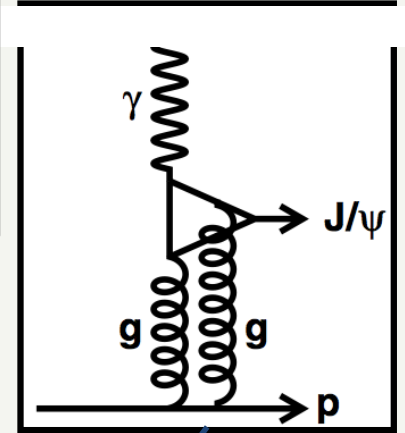
Harder photon,
Softer pomeron
High W

Exclusive quarkonium

Convert to photo-production cross-section



LHCb
measures



HERA
measured

Photon
Flux

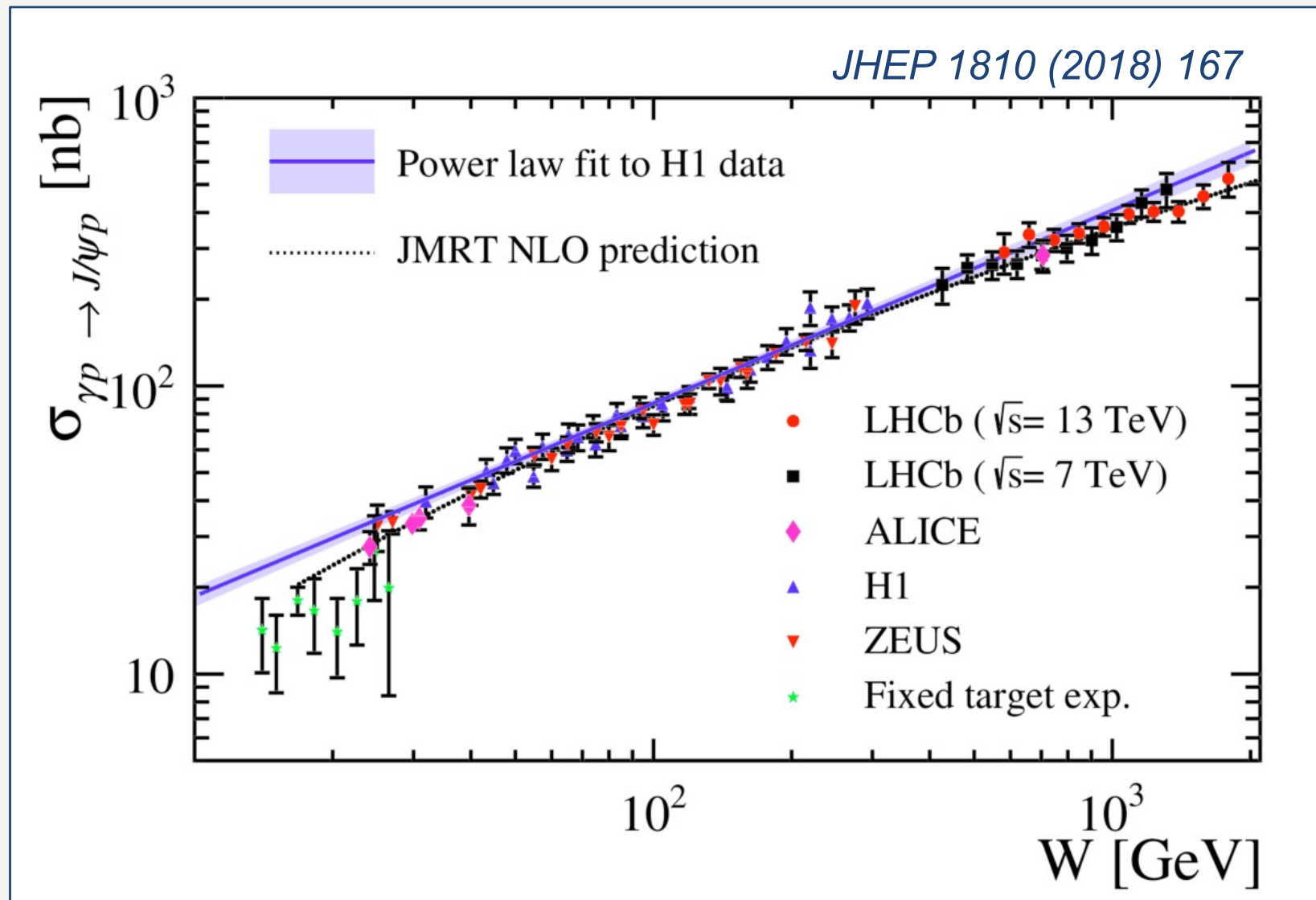
$$\frac{d\sigma}{dy}_{pp \rightarrow pJ/\psi p} = r_+ k_+ \frac{dn}{dk_+} \sigma_{\gamma p \rightarrow J/\psi p}(W_+) + r_- k_- \frac{dn}{dk_-} \sigma_{\gamma p \rightarrow J/\psi p}(W_-)$$

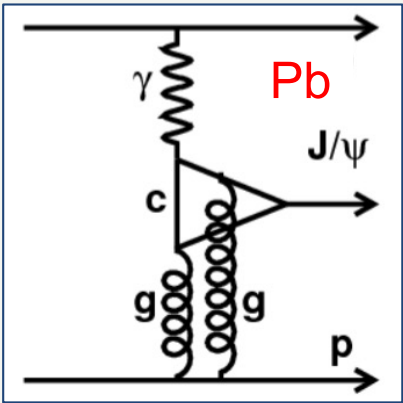
Gap
Survival

HERA measured power-law:

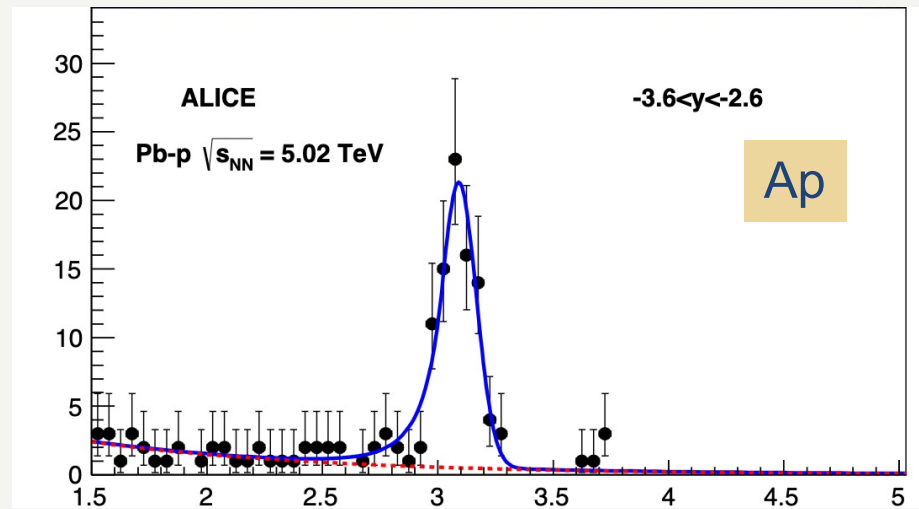
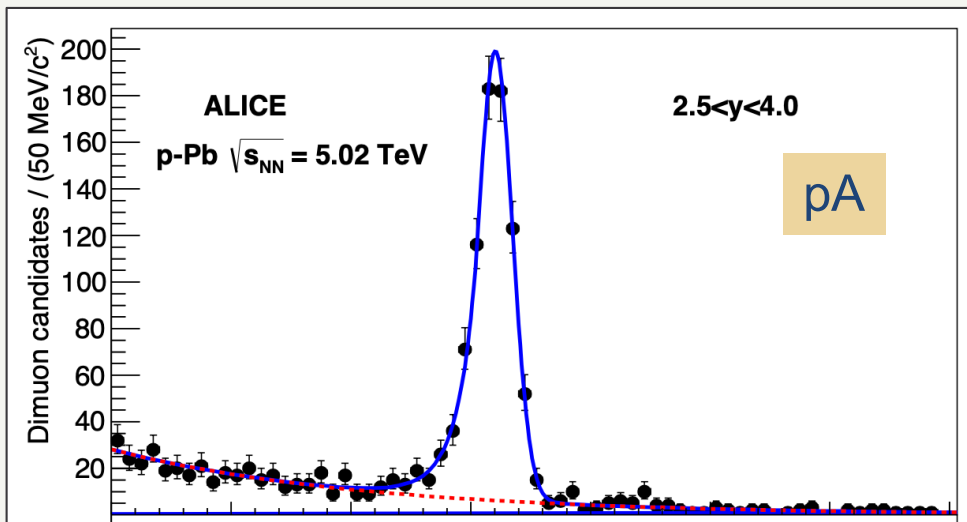
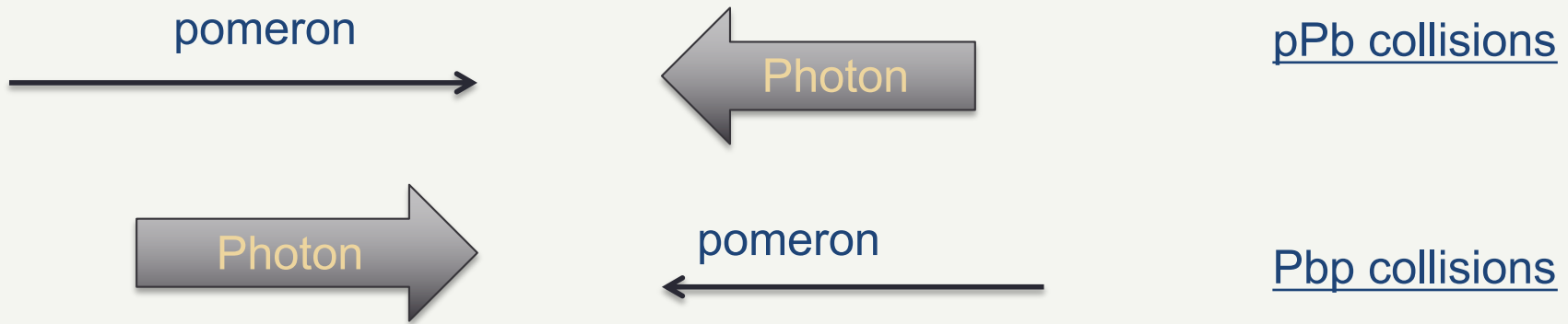
$$\sigma_{\gamma p \rightarrow J/\psi p}(W) = 81(W/90 \text{ GeV})^{0.67} \text{ nb}$$

Photoproduction cross-section



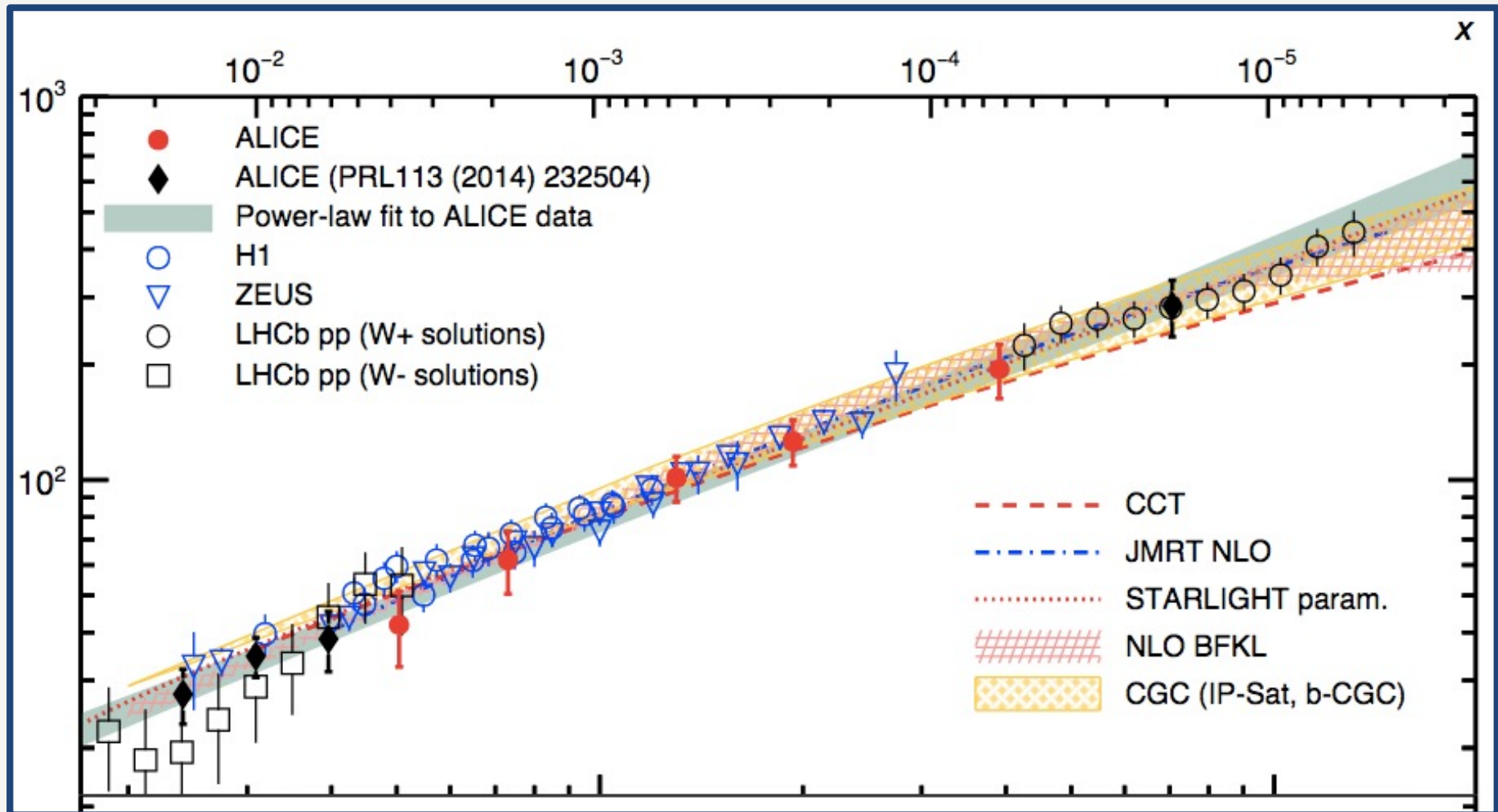


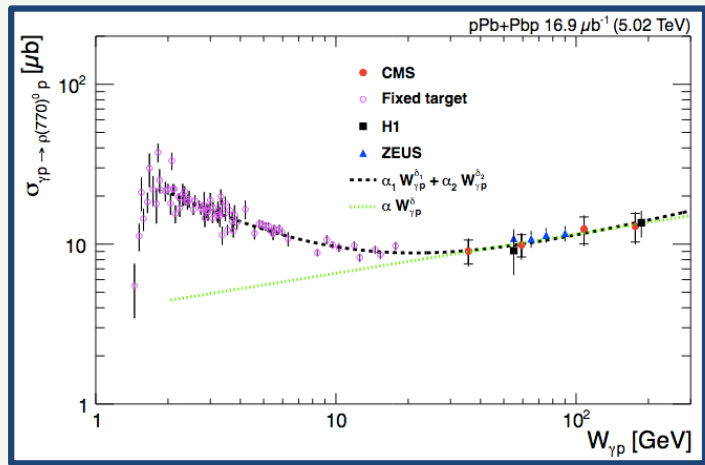
Which projectile produced the photon?



J/ψ production in pPb and Pbp

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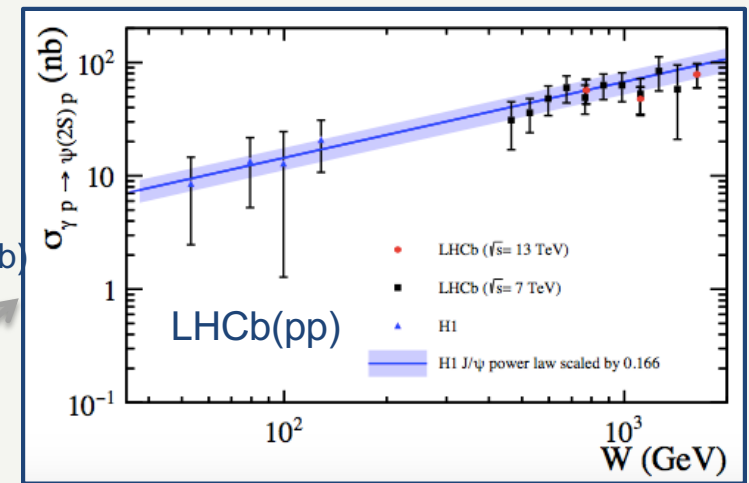
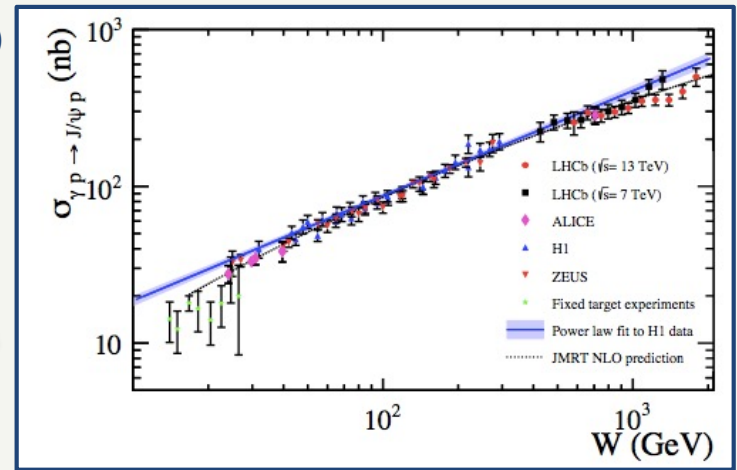




CMS (pPb) ALICE (XeXe, PbPb)

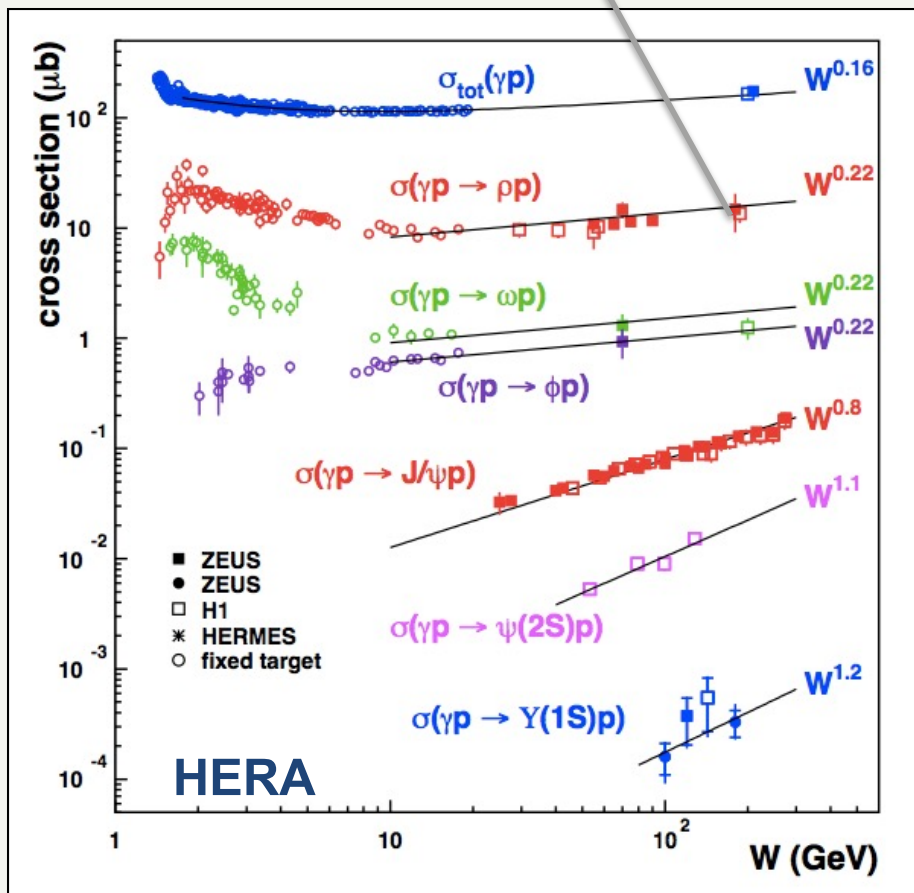
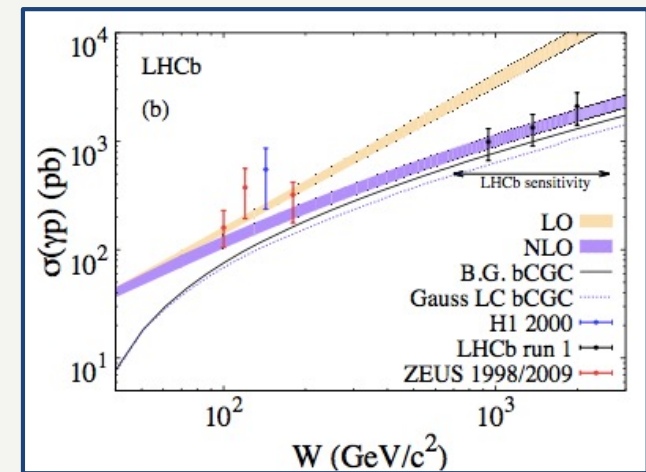
ALICE (pPb, PbPb)
LHCb (pp, PbPb)

Central region
 $W_{LHC} \sim W_{HERA}$
Forward
 $W_{LHC} \gg W_{HERA}$



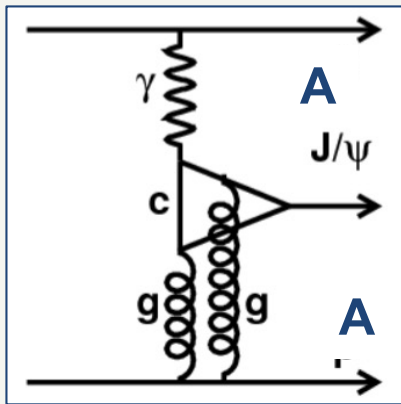
LHCb
(pp, PbPb)

LHCb (pp)
CMS (pPb)



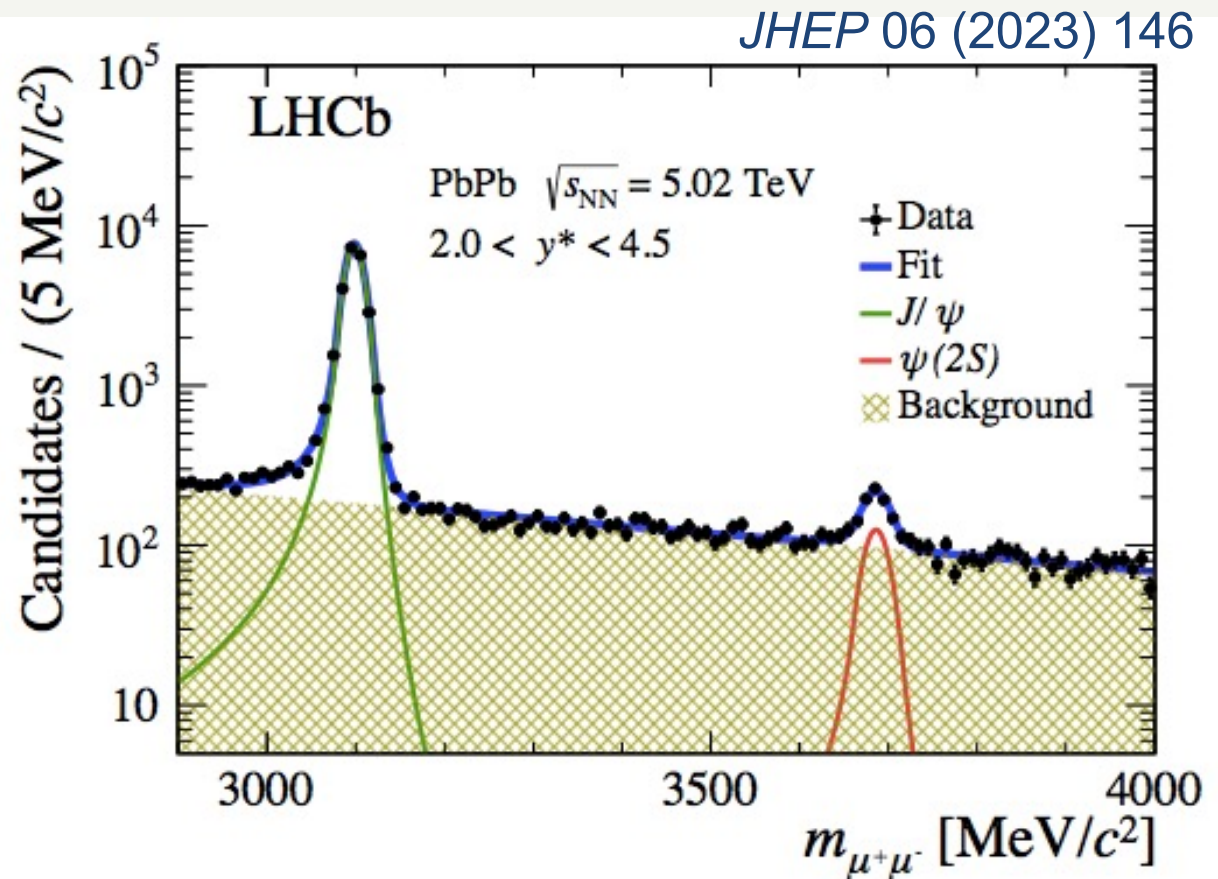
Exclusive quarkonium

Photoproduction in PbPb



$\sigma_{\gamma A}$ in PbPb is sensitive to **nuclear PDFs** and possibly saturation.

Source	Relative uncertainty [%]	
	$\sigma_{J/\psi}^{\text{coh}}$	$\sigma_{\psi(2S)}^{\text{coh}}$
Tracking efficiency	0.5–2.0	0.5–2.0
PID efficiency	0.9–1.6	0.9–1.6
Trigger efficiency	2.7–3.7	2.1–2.5
HERSCHEL efficiency	1.4	1.4
Background estimation	1.2	1.2
Signal shape	0.04	0.04
Momentum resolution	0.9–34	1.3–27
Branching fraction	0.6	2.1
Luminosity	4.4	4.4



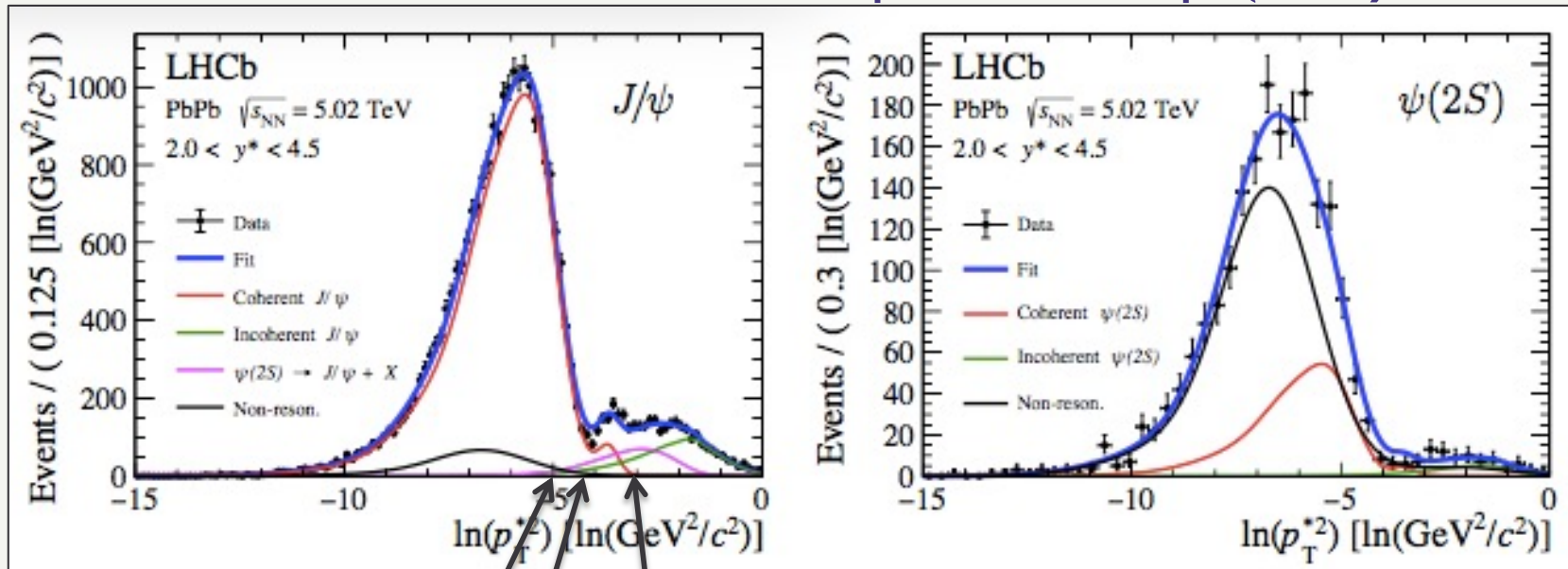
Continuum background is order of magnitude larger than in proton-proton (but still small for J/ψ , though not for ψ').

Note, there is almost no feed-down background.

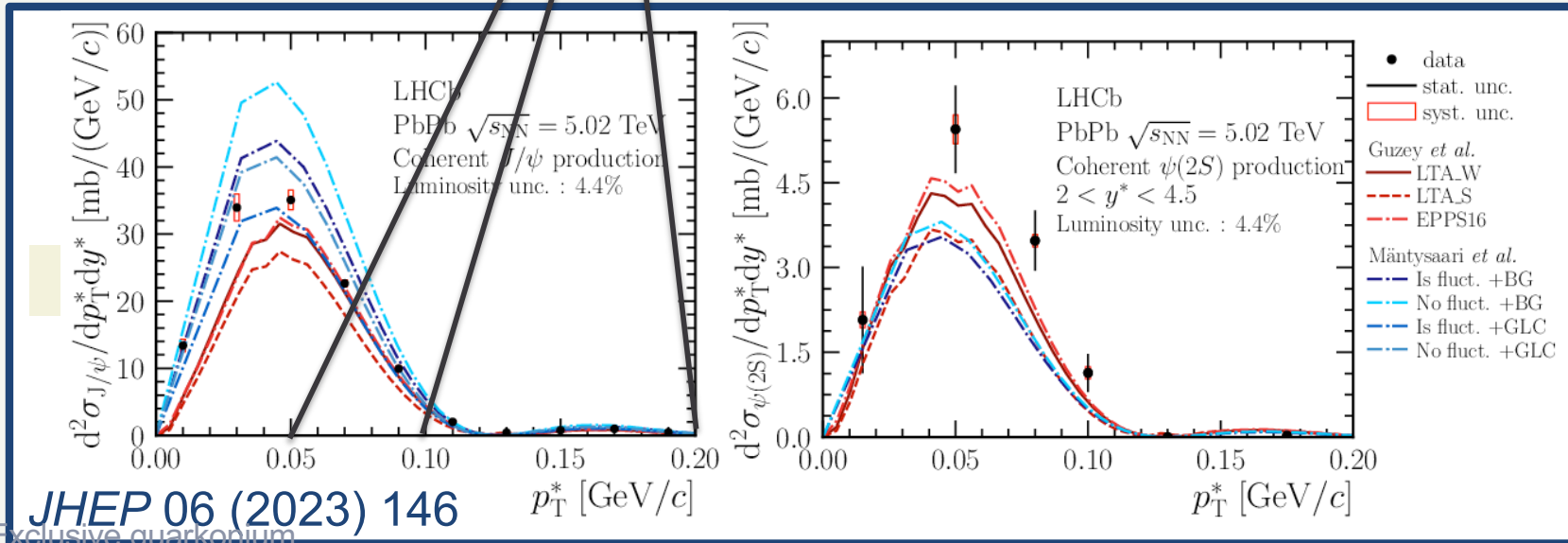
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Separating elastic and dissociative J/ψ and $\psi(2s)$

log(pT)

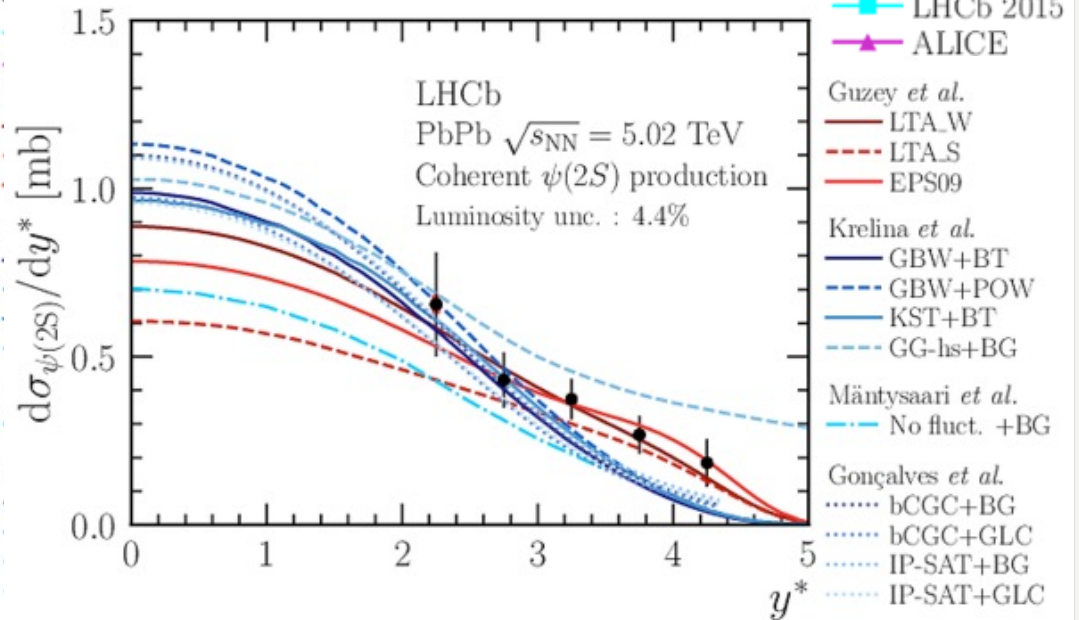
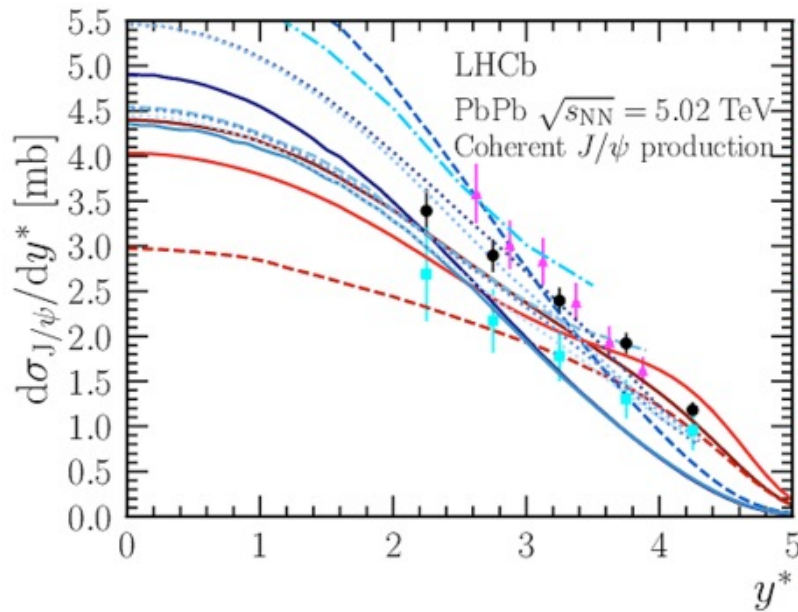


linear



Cross-sections

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Sensitive to details of the models:
QCD / CGC / dipole / meson wave fn.

$$\sigma_{J/\psi}^{\text{coh}} = 5.965 \pm 0.059 \pm 0.232 \pm 0.262 \text{ mb}$$

$$\sigma_{\psi(2S)}^{\text{coh}} = 0.923 \pm 0.086 \pm 0.028 \pm 0.040 \text{ mb}$$

$$2.0 < y^* < 4.5$$

Looking for saturation in nuclear collisions

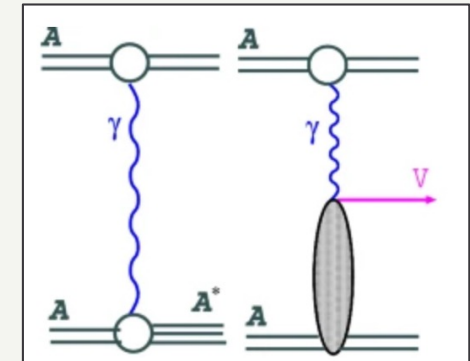
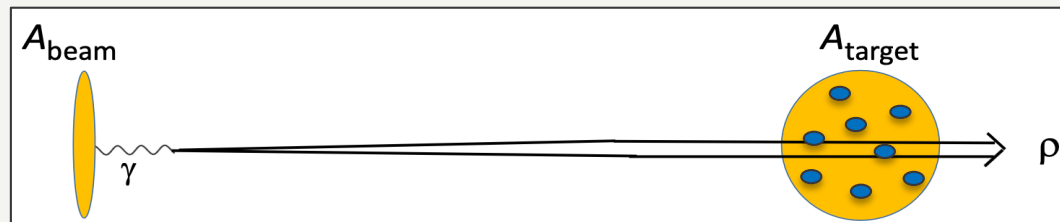
Coherent interaction: all nucleons behave as one.

- $b \sim 2R=13.2$ fm so $p_T \sim 15$ MeV
- nucleus remains intact*.

All things being equal, $\sigma_{\gamma A \rightarrow VA} = N_A \sigma_{\gamma p \rightarrow Vp}$

Saturation would decrease cross-section at high-W (low-x)
Nuclear suppression observed...

How much is due to saturation and how much to 'nuclear effects'?



*additional EMD can excite or break nucleus

$$\mathcal{A}_{\rho n}(b) = i(1 - e^{-\Omega(b)/2})$$

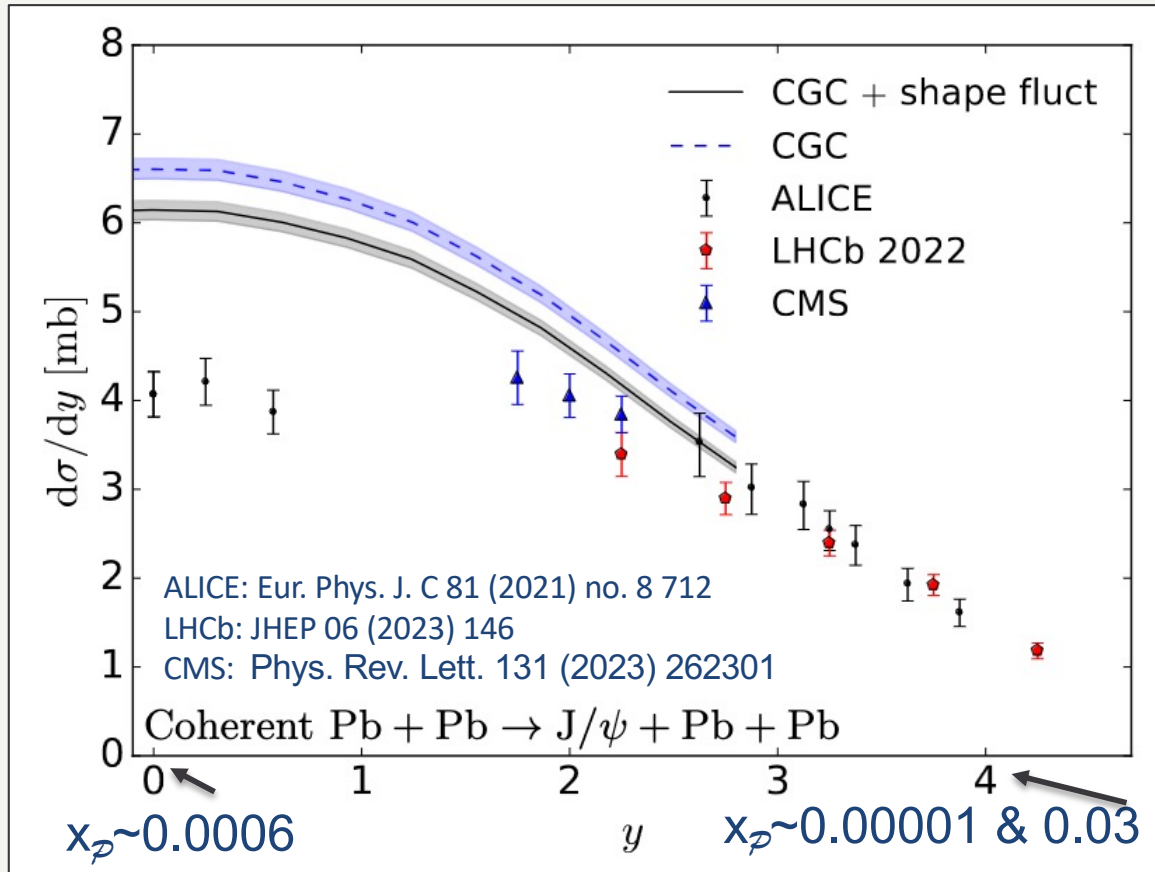
$$\Omega(b) = T_A(b) \sigma_{\rho n} \eta$$

Glauber eikonal approx.

Incoherent interaction with nucleon or parton

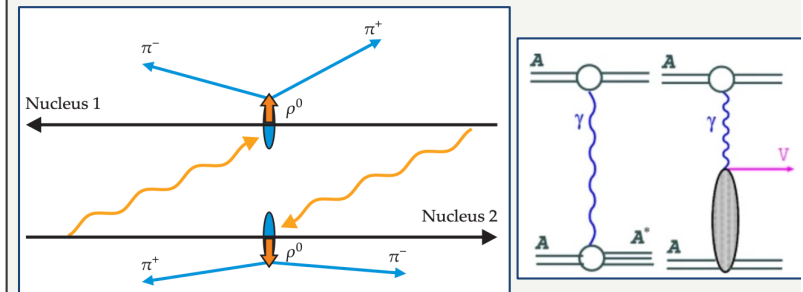
- p_T distribution follows $\exp(bt)$ b smaller than for coherent
- break-up is observed
- sensitive to smaller structures – saturation gives deviations from isotropy.

Coherent J/ψ in PbPb



H. Mäntysaari, F. Salazar, B. Schenke:
arXiv: 2312.04194

“We predict strong saturation-driven nuclear suppression at high energies, while LHC data prefers even stronger suppression.”



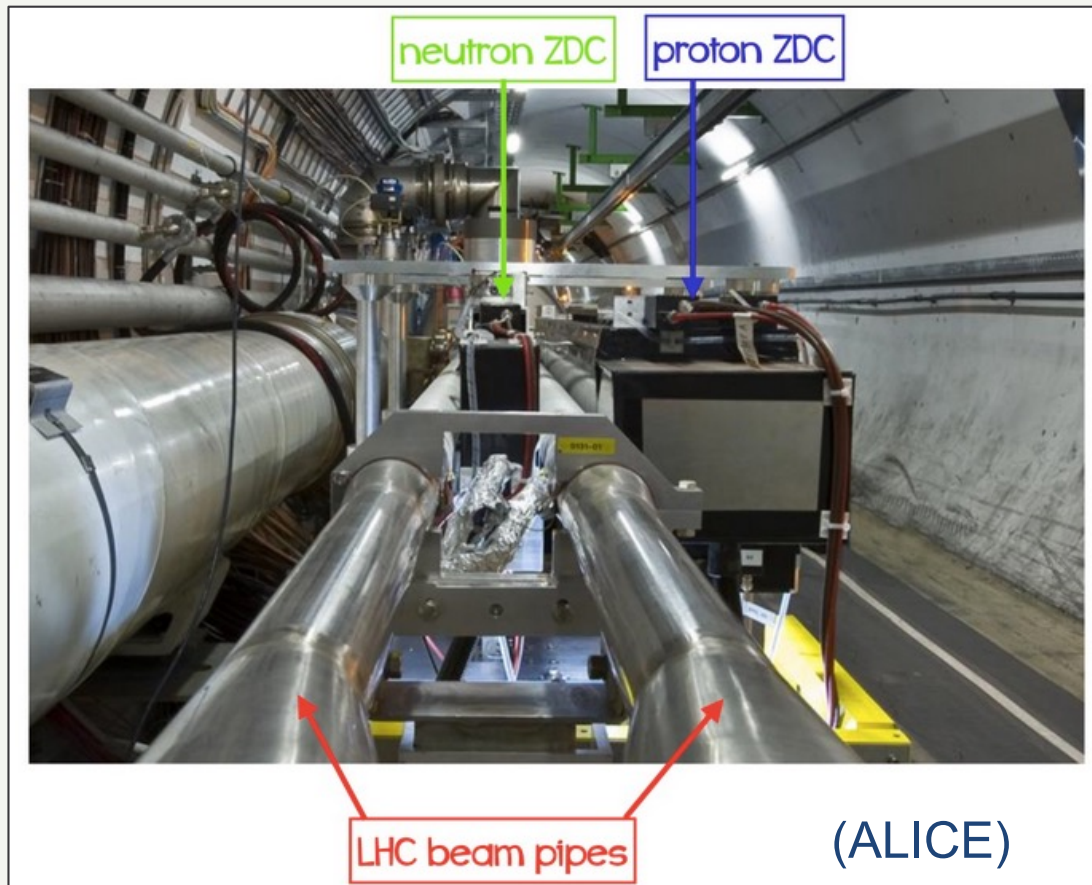
S. Klein, J. Nystrand, *Physics Today* 70, (2017) 40.

However, away from $y=0$, there is a two-fold ambiguity in the photon emitter and two-fold ambiguity in the value of W .

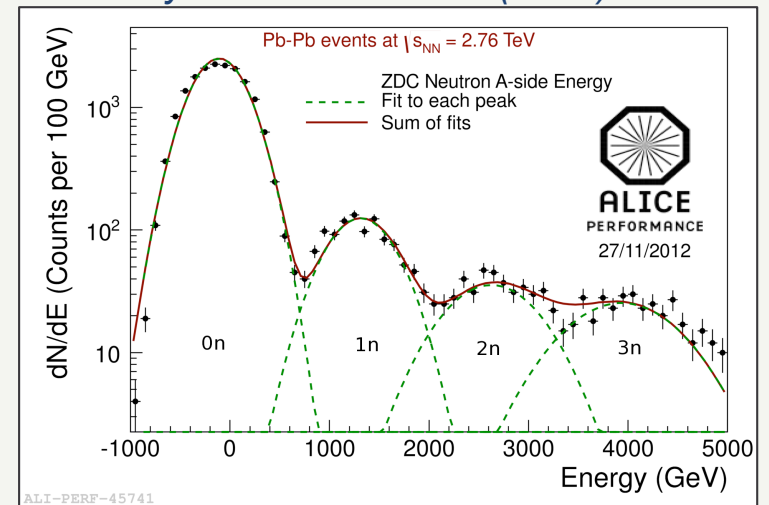
$$\frac{d\sigma_{PbPb \rightarrow PbJ/\psi Pb}}{dy} = \left(k \frac{dN_\gamma}{dk} \right)^+ \sigma_{\gamma Pb \rightarrow J/\psi Pb}(W^+) + \left(k \frac{dN_\gamma}{dk} \right)^- \sigma_{\gamma Pb \rightarrow J/\psi Pb}(W^-)$$

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ZDC calorimeters installed in CMS, ALICE, STAR



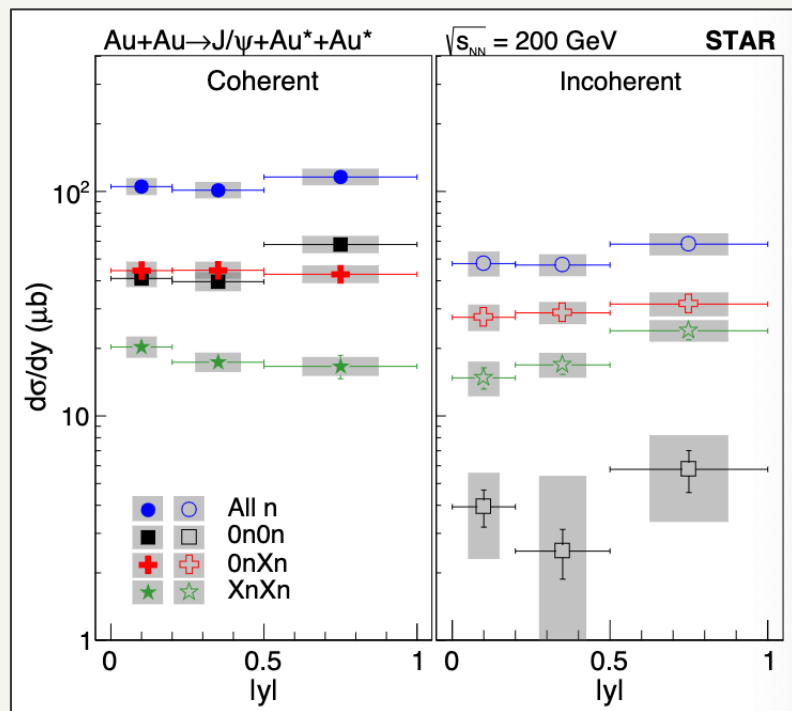
J. Phys.: Conf. Ser. 455 (2013) 012010



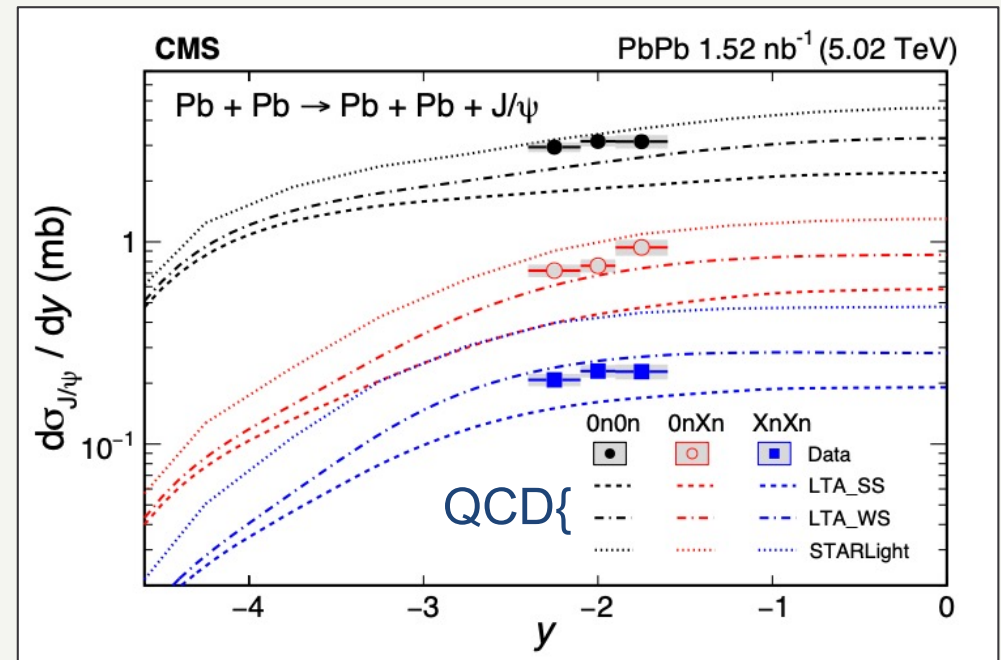
Detection of neutrons when ion breaks up allows identification of Electromagnetic Dissociation (EMD)

Resolving the two-fold ambiguity in PbPb

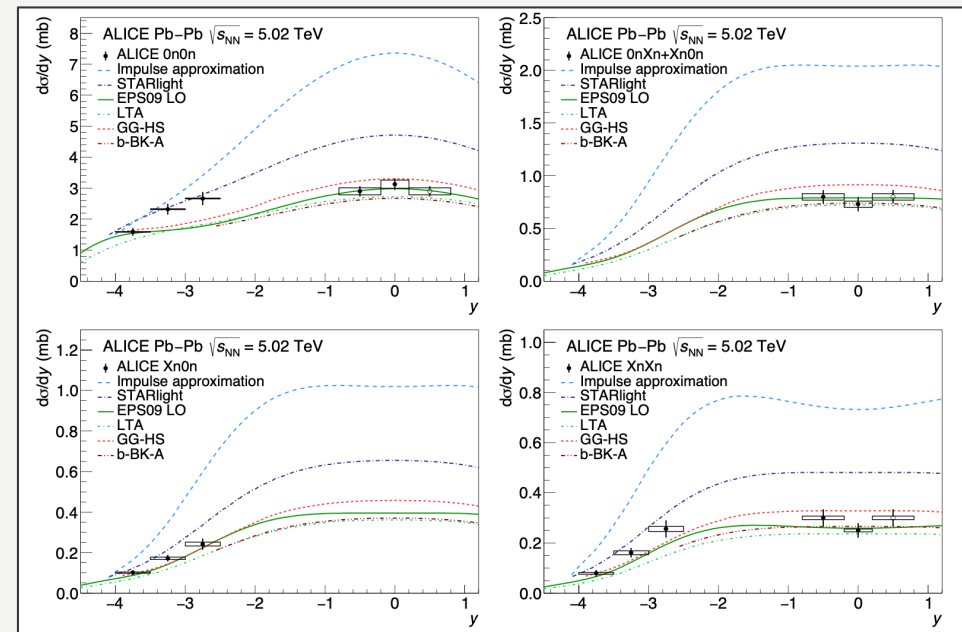
EMD is more likely at small impact parameters.
So fluxes for 0n and (X>=1)n different.



arXiv: 2311.13632

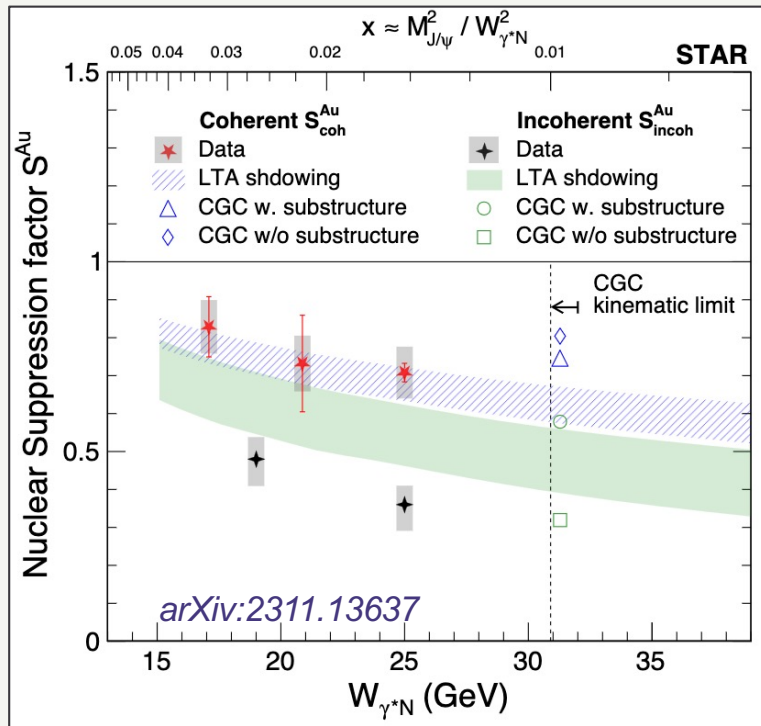


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Re-expressed in terms of nuclear suppression factors

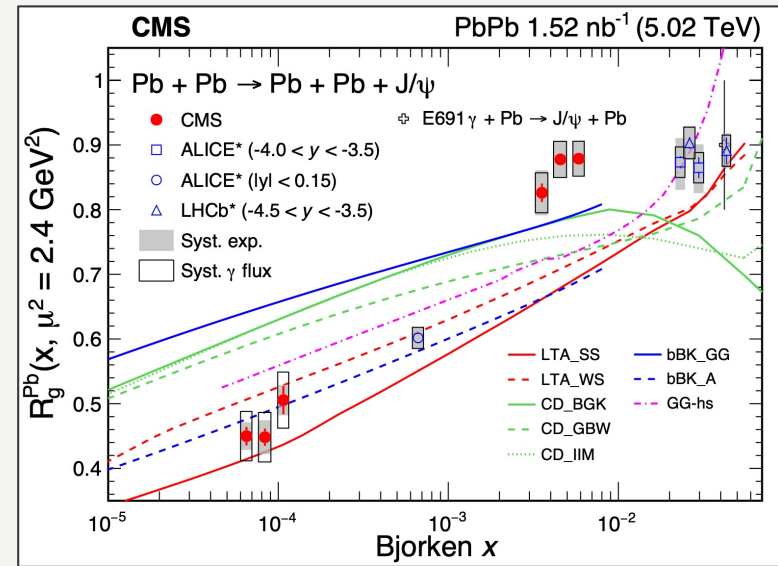


$$S_{coh} = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_{\gamma A}}{\sigma_{IA}}}$$

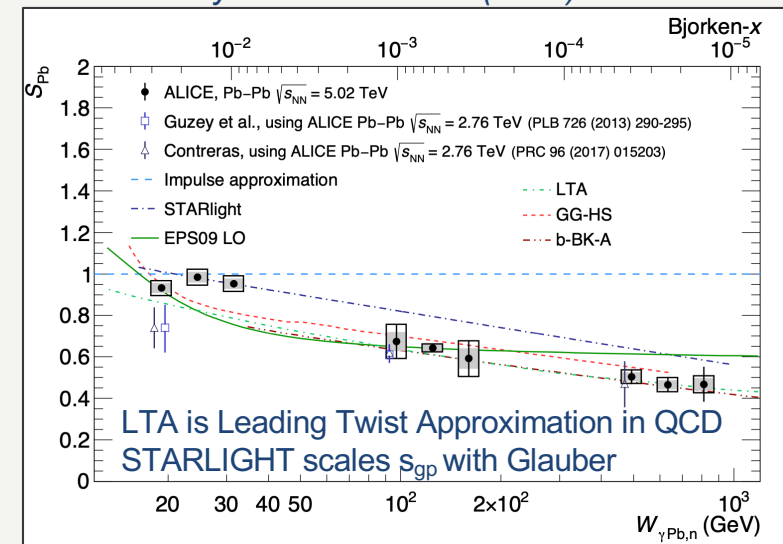
IA is simple N_A scaling of $\sigma_{\gamma p}$

None of the models does a perfect job.
 QCD/Starlight not too bad.
 Models with saturation also reasonable

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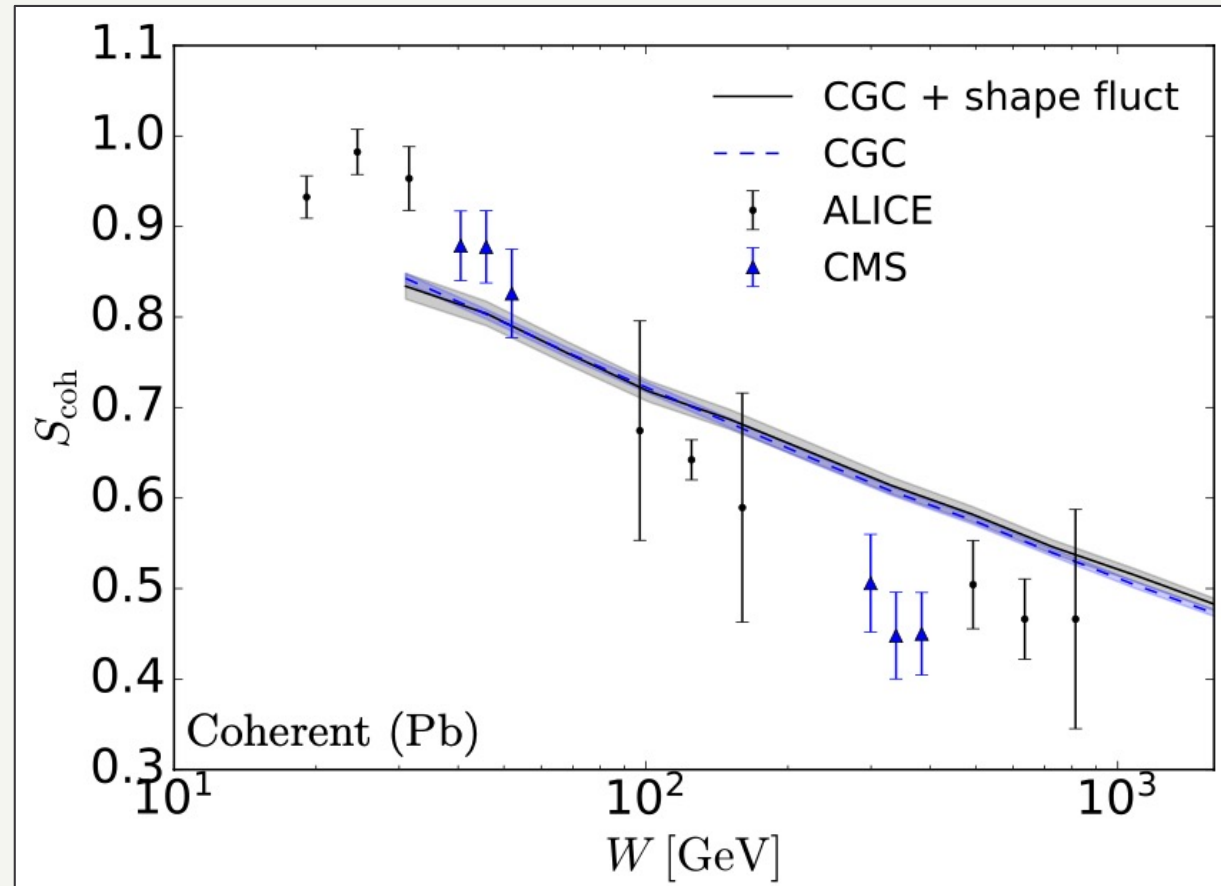
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The case for saturation....

$$S_{\text{coh}} = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma^{\gamma A}}{\sigma^{\text{IA}}}}$$

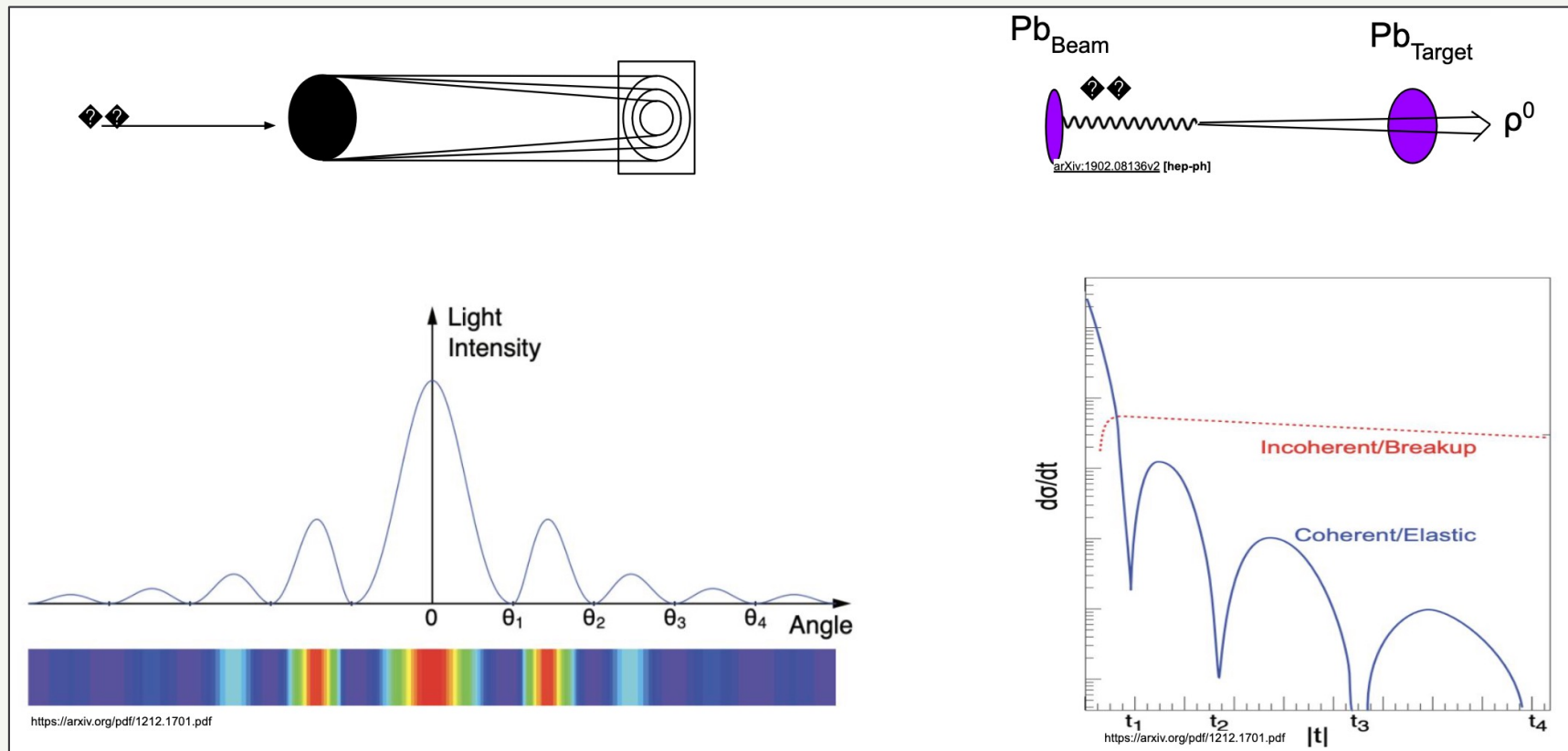


H. Mäntysaari, F. Salazar, B. Schenke: arXiv: 2312.04194

Transverse momentum distribution

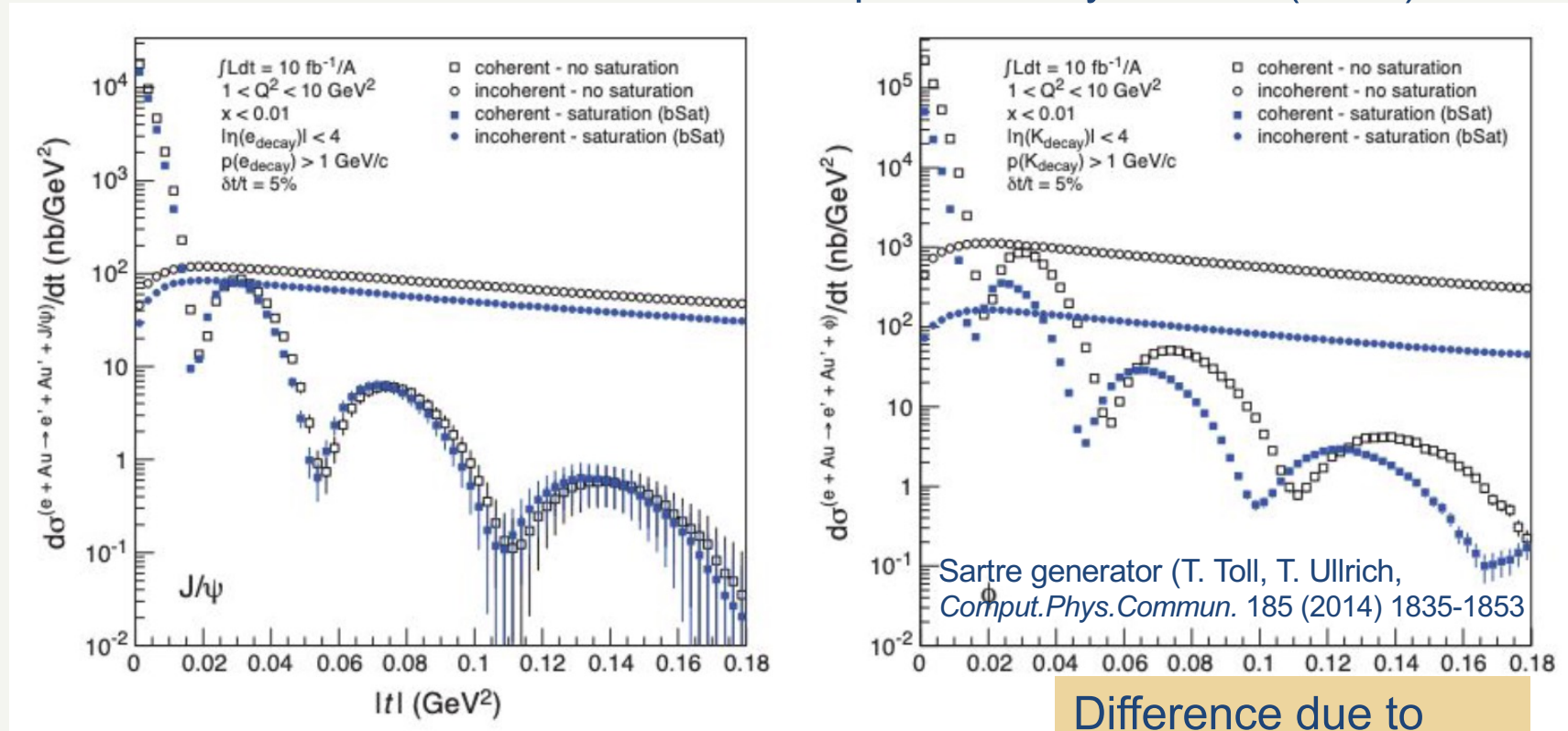
$d\sigma/dt \sim \exp(-bt)$ with $b \sim 6 \text{ GeV}^2$ in pp collisions and $\sim 400 \text{ GeV}^2$ in PbPb. (F.T. of ip)

$\langle p_T \rangle$ in pp and pA is $\sim 0.5 \text{ GeV} = 1/R_p$
 $\langle p_T \rangle$ in AA. $\sim 0.05 \text{ GeV} \sim 1/R_A$



Sensitivity to saturation?

EIC White Paper: Eur.Phys.J.A 52 (2016) 9, 268



The dip positions depend on the nuclear structure and the interaction probability.
In principle sensitive to hot-spots or saturation.

Difference due to saturation or to Glauber calculation?

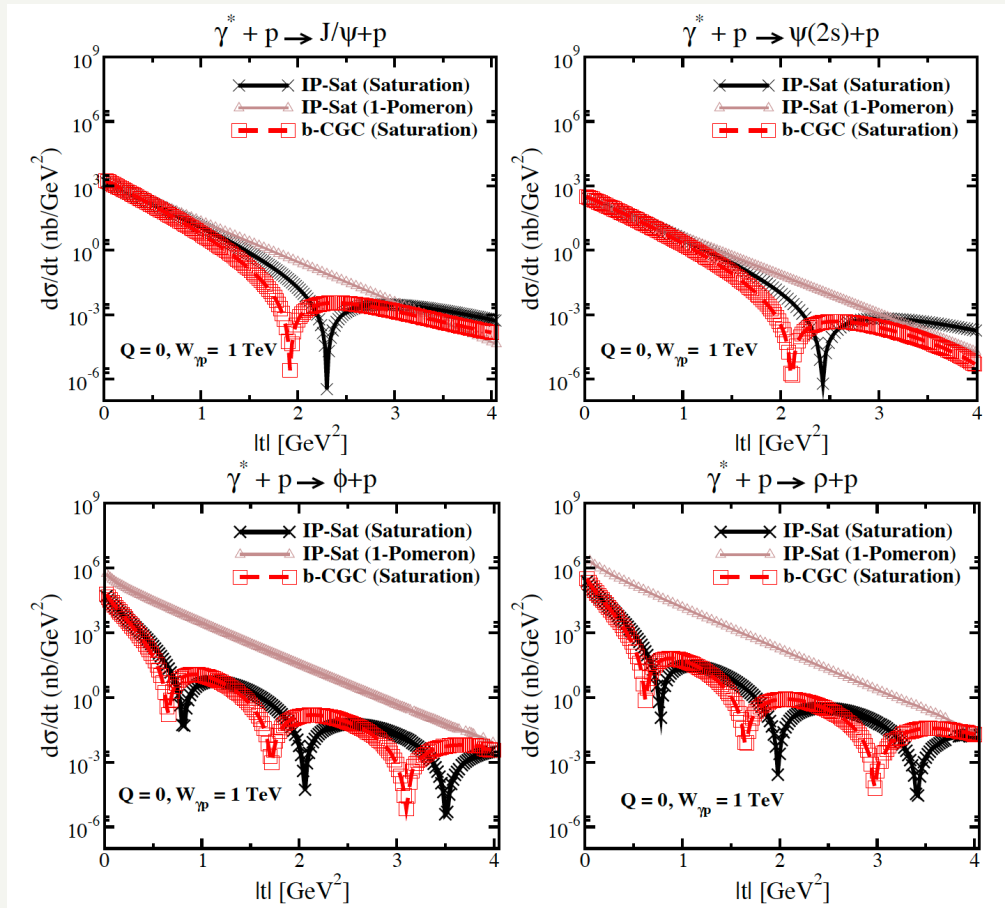
$$A_{\rho A}(b) = i\theta(R_A - b)$$

$$A_{\rho A}(b) = i(1 - e^{-\Omega(b)/2})$$

Scattering on the proton

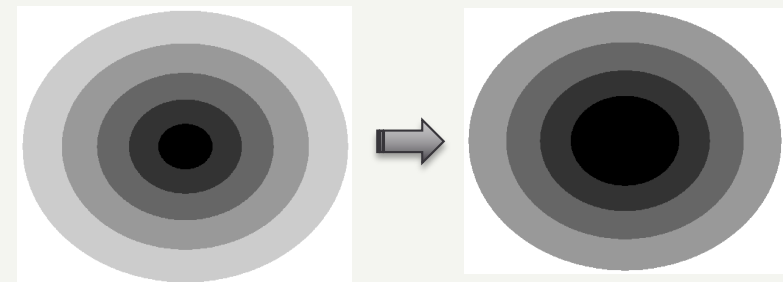
N. Armesto & A. Rezaeian

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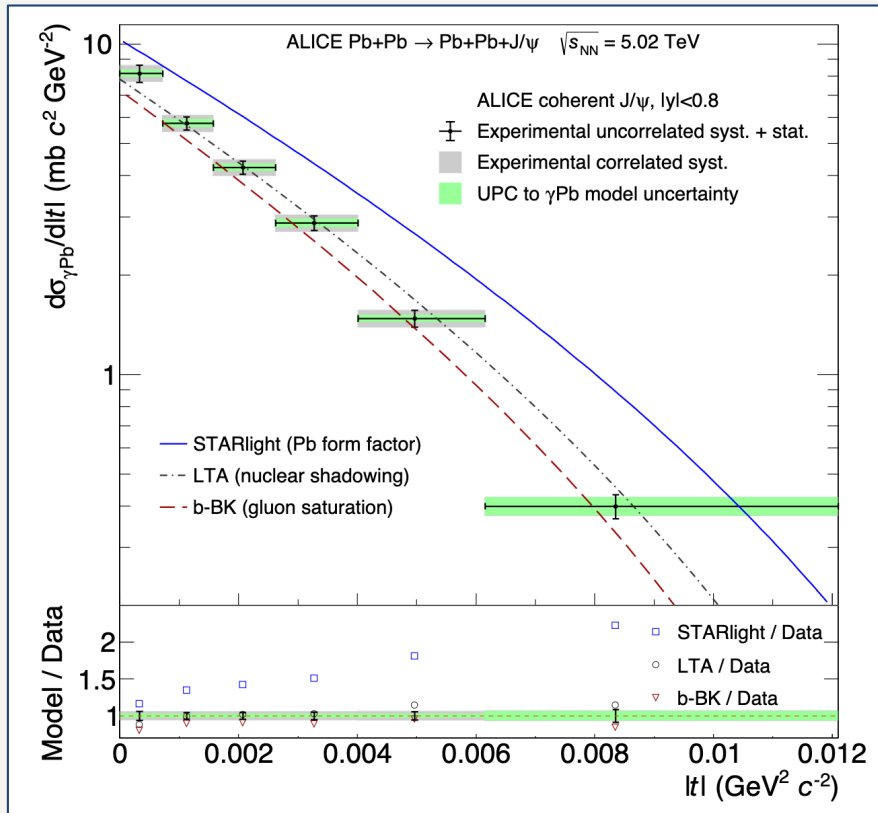


Experimentally tricky as incoherent reactions dominate at high- t

Presence of dips not necessarily evidence for saturation but non-linear models change dip position with W as you approach black-disk limit



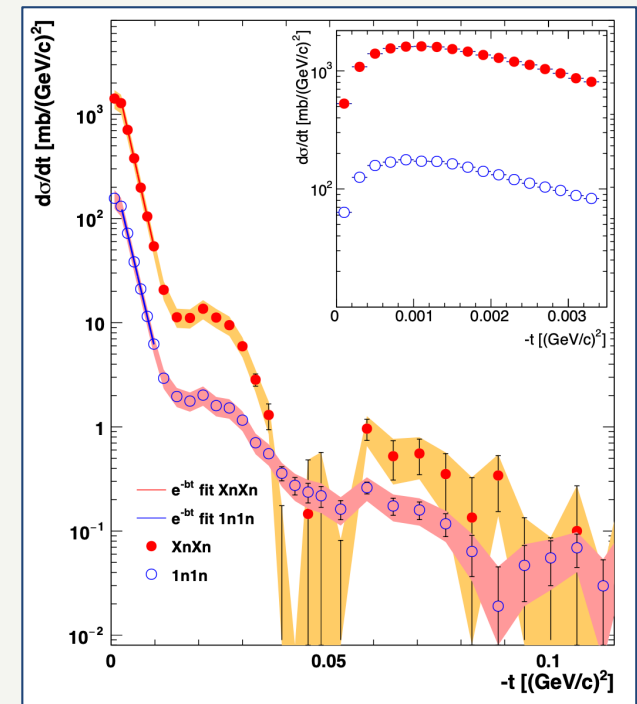
First measurements in UPC on lead



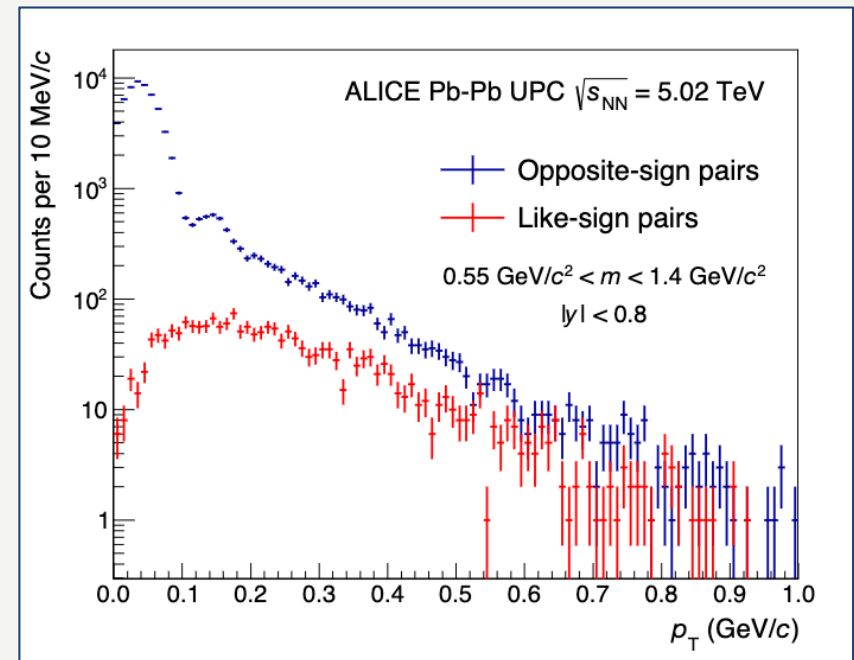
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Incoherent scatters also interesting

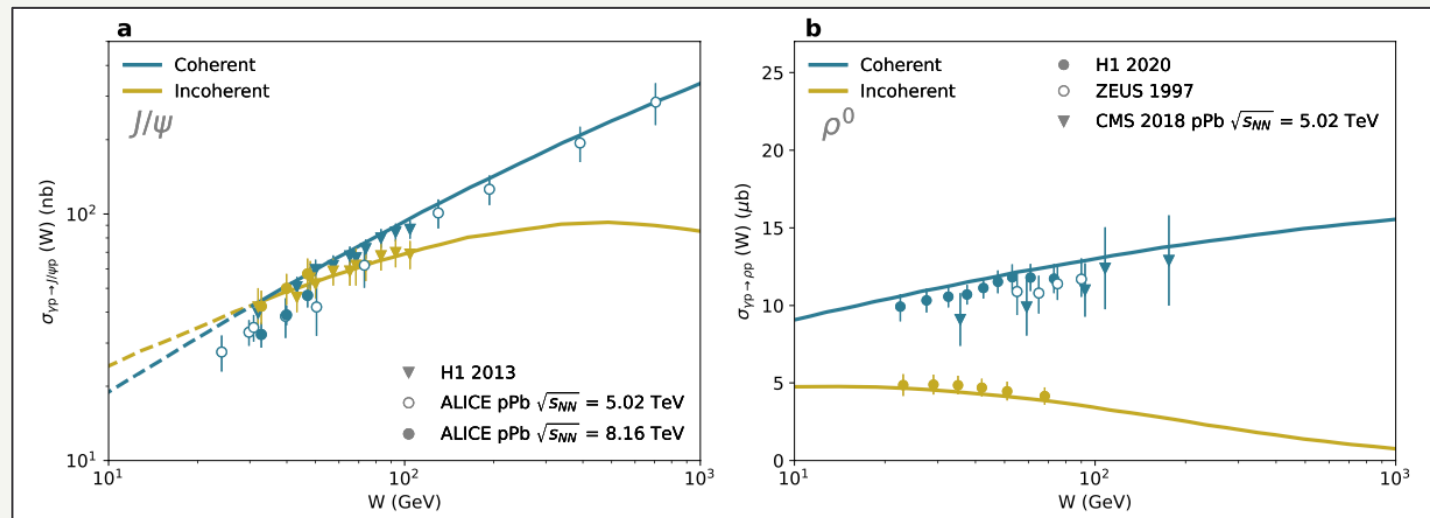
Intact target: sensitive to **average** colour
 Breakup: sensitive to fluctuations (**rms**)

$$\frac{d\sigma^{\gamma^* p \rightarrow J/\Psi p}}{dt} = \frac{1}{16\pi} |\langle A(x_{\mathbb{P}}, Q^2, \Delta) \rangle|^2$$

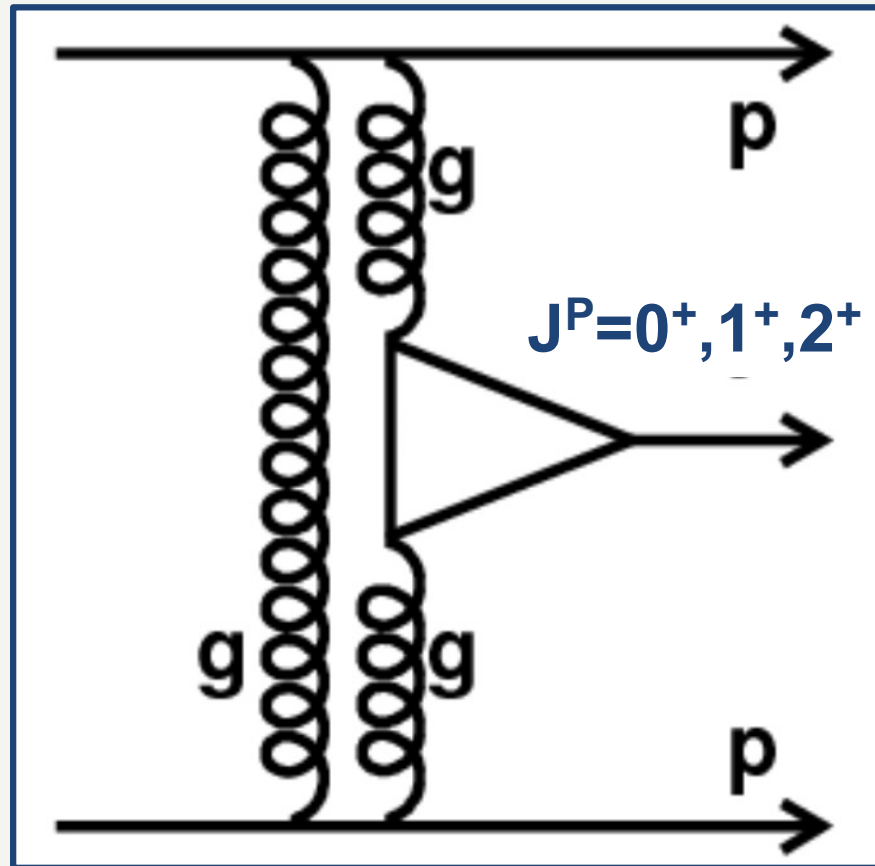
$$\frac{d\sigma^{\gamma^* N \rightarrow J/\Psi N^*}}{dt} = \frac{1}{16\pi} (\langle |A(x_{\mathbb{P}}, Q^2, \Delta)|^2 \rangle - |\langle A(x_{\mathbb{P}}, Q^2, \Delta) \rangle|^2)$$

Mäntysaari, Schenke, Phys. Rev. Lett. 117, 052301 (2016)

- Original model based on gluonic fluctuations around three hot-spots (valence quarks)
- Hot-spot evolution model (
- Energy-dependent hot-spots (J. Cepila, J. G. Contreras, J. D. Tapia Takaki Phys. Lett. B766 (2017) 186–191)
- The onset of saturation? (J. Cepilaa, J. G. Contrerasa, M. Matasa, A. Ridzikova, arXiv:2313.11320)

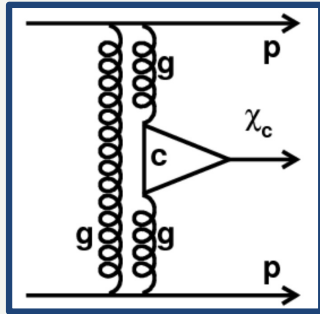


Double Pomeron Exchange



Understanding colourless strong interactions is fundamental
Also simple environment for spectroscopy, in particular, glueballs

Double Pomeron Exchange



Preliminary. $\sqrt{s}=7$ TeV

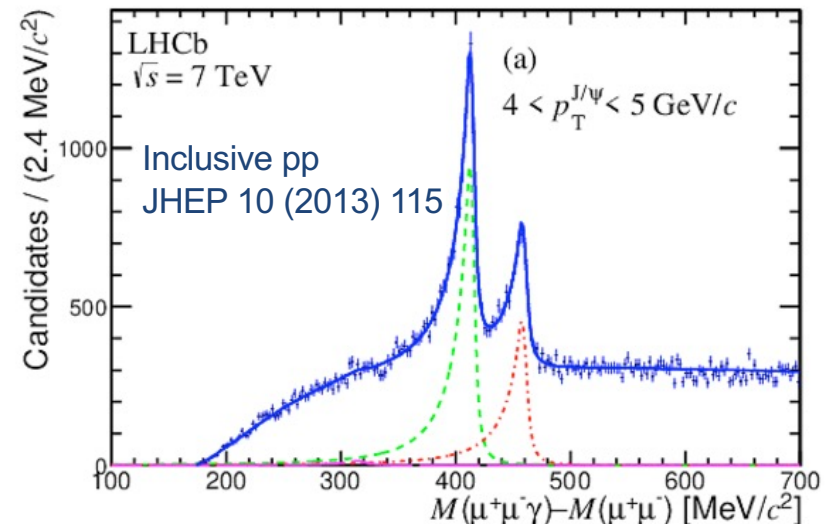
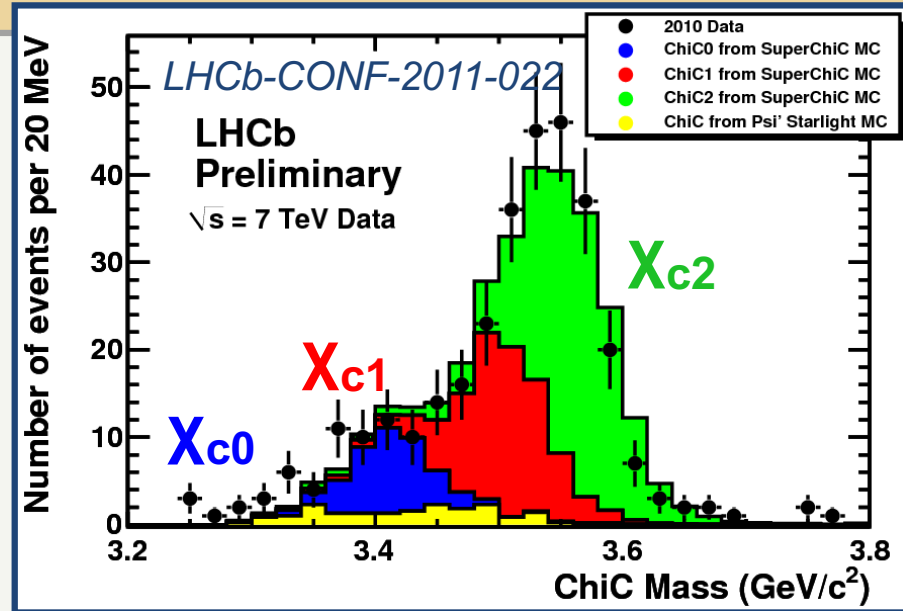
$$\sigma_{\chi_{c0} \rightarrow J/\psi \gamma \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \gamma} (2 < \eta_{\mu^+}, \eta_{\mu^-}, \eta_{\gamma} < 4.5) = 9.3 \pm 2.2 \pm 3.5 \pm 1.8 \text{ pb}$$

$$\sigma_{\chi_{c1} \rightarrow J/\psi \gamma \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \gamma} (2 < \eta_{\mu^+}, \eta_{\mu^-}, \eta_{\gamma} < 4.5) = 16.4 \pm 5.3 \pm 5.8 \pm 3.2 \text{ pb}$$

$$\sigma_{\chi_{c2} \rightarrow J/\psi \gamma \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \gamma} (2 < \eta_{\mu^+}, \eta_{\mu^-}, \eta_{\gamma} < 4.5) = 28.0 \pm 5.4 \pm 9.7 \pm 5.4 \text{ pb}$$

Difficult to separate peaks. Would be much improved using photon conversions.

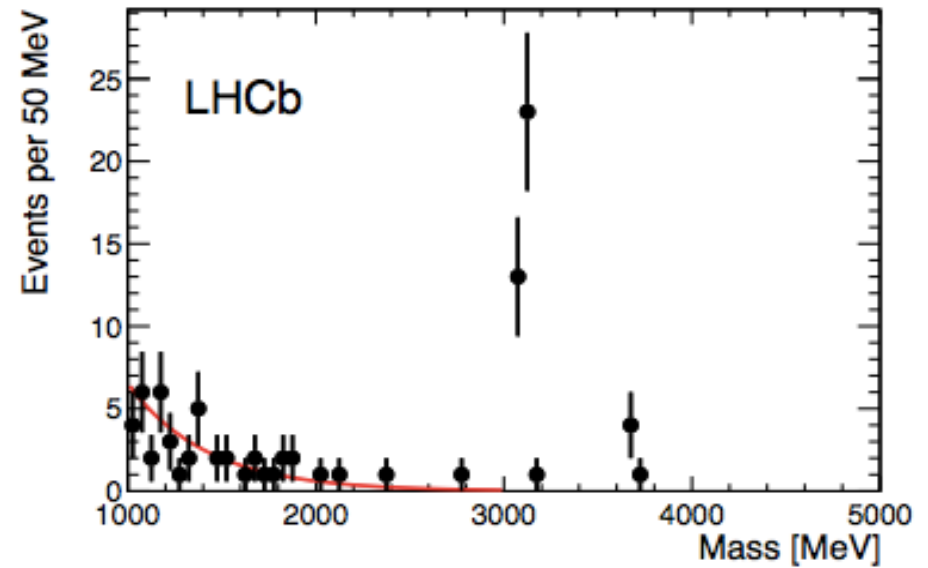
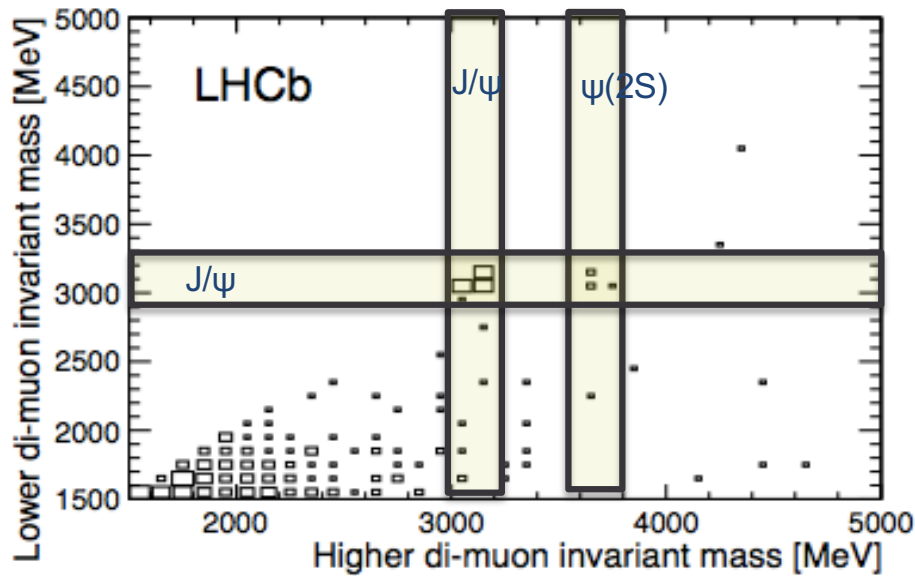
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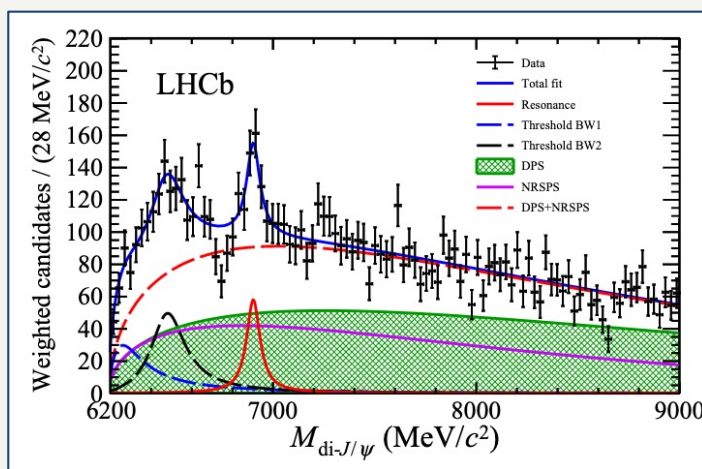
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$$\begin{aligned} \sigma^{J/\psi J/\psi} &= 58 \pm 10(\text{stat}) \pm 6(\text{syst}) \text{ pb}, \\ \sigma^{J/\psi \psi(2S)} &= 63^{+27}_{-18}(\text{stat}) \pm 10(\text{syst}) \text{ pb}, \\ \sigma^{\psi(2S)\psi(2S)} &< 237 \text{ pb}, \\ \sigma^{\chi_{c0}\chi_{c0}} &< 69 \text{ nb}, \\ \sigma^{\chi_{c1}\chi_{c1}} &< 45 \text{ pb}, \\ \sigma^{\chi_{c2}\chi_{c2}} &< 141 \text{ pb}, \end{aligned}$$



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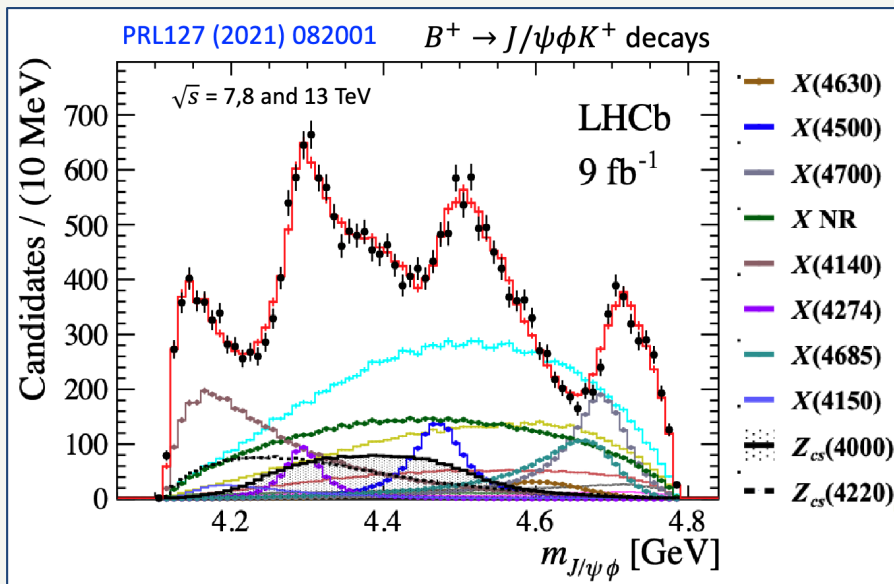


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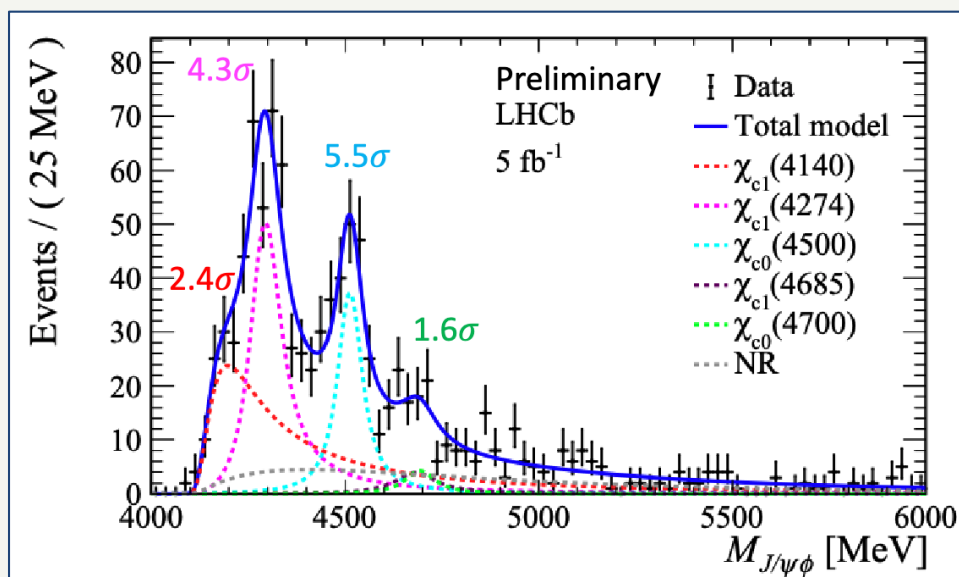
Today from inclusive measurements we know there is significant structure and tetraquark candidates

Diffraction measurements are cleaner and help identify quantum numbers

J/ψ+φ: search for exotica



Structure seen in Inclusive production of $J/\psi+\phi$.



Similar and much cleaner structure now seen exclusively.

Summary

- Quarkonia exclusive production
 - Photo-produced quarkonia are well described
 - Need to measure χ_c states
 - Pairs of quarkonia and vector mesons probe exotics
- Quarkonia as a tool
 - Proton and nuclear structure
 - Saturation