



RECENT EXPERIMENTAL RESULT FROM ALICE AND PROSPECTS

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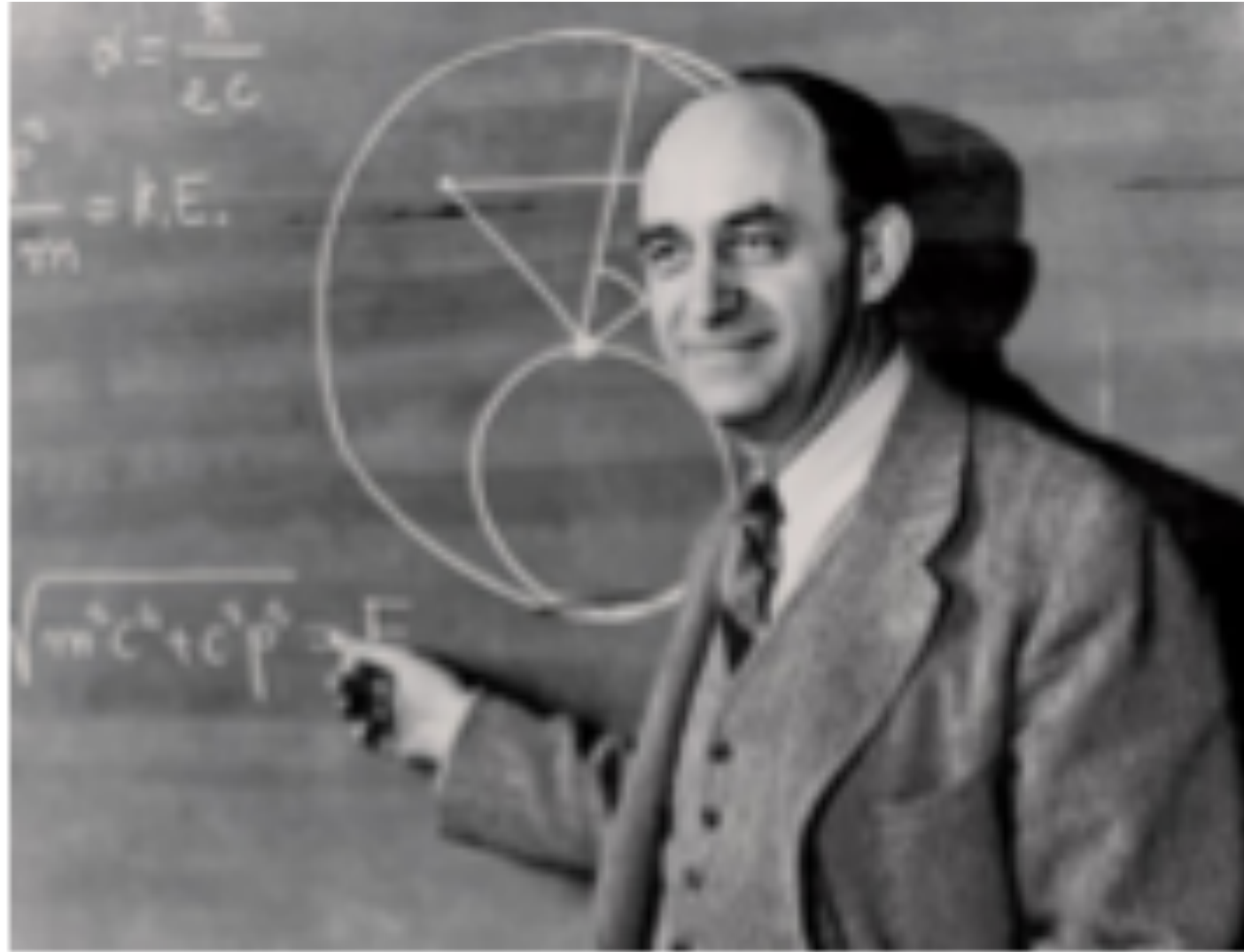


Using the LHC as $\gamma\gamma$, γPb and γp collider

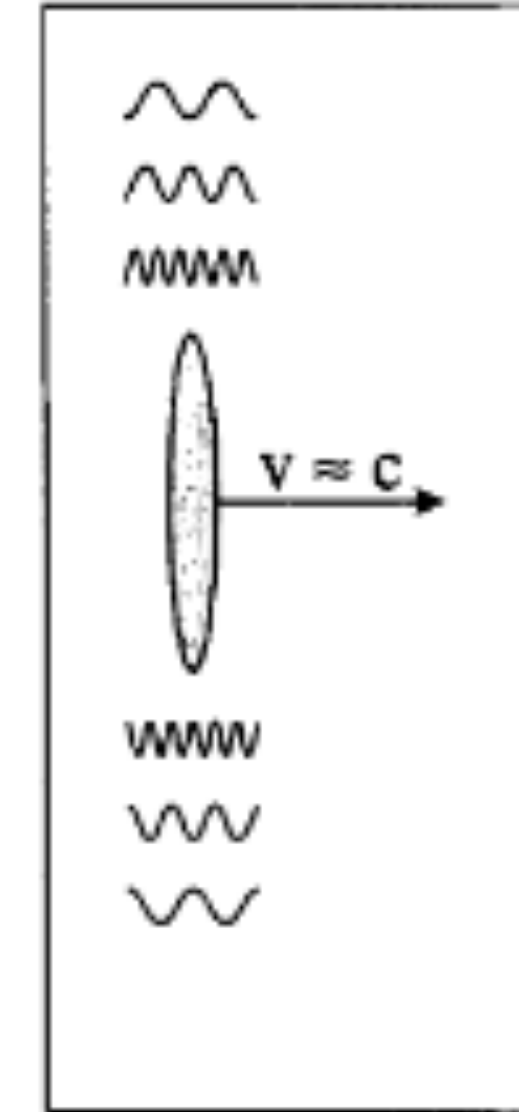
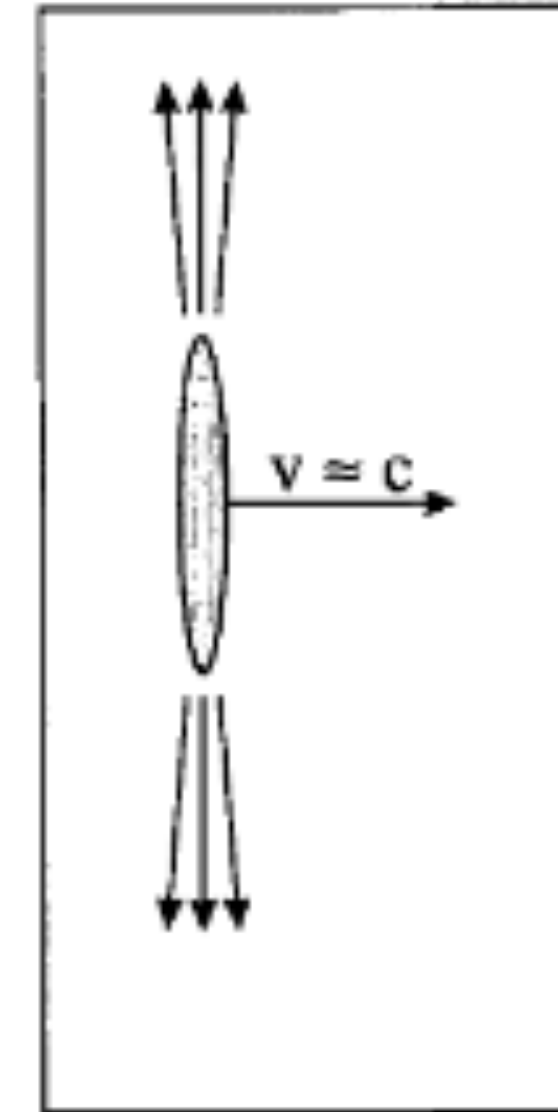
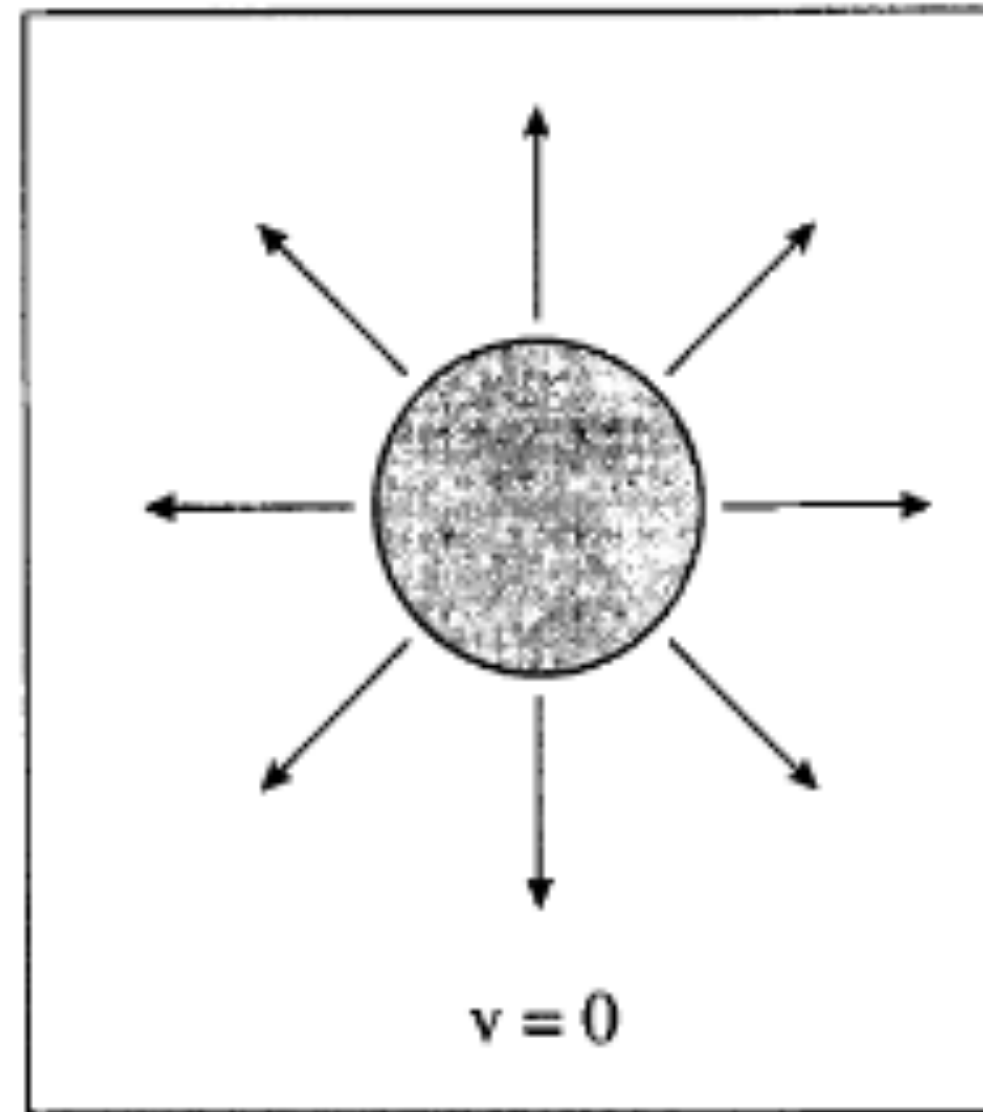


The most powerful collider not only for pp and $Pb-Pb$ collisions, but also for $\gamma\gamma$ and γp interactions





E. Fermi



Fast moving charged particles produce strong electromagnetic field [1]

Electromagnetic fields \approx photon fluxes

[1] E. Fermi, Nuovo Cim.,2:143-158, arXiv:hep-th/0205086 (1925)

[2] C.F. von Weizsacker, Z. Phys. 88, 612 (1934)

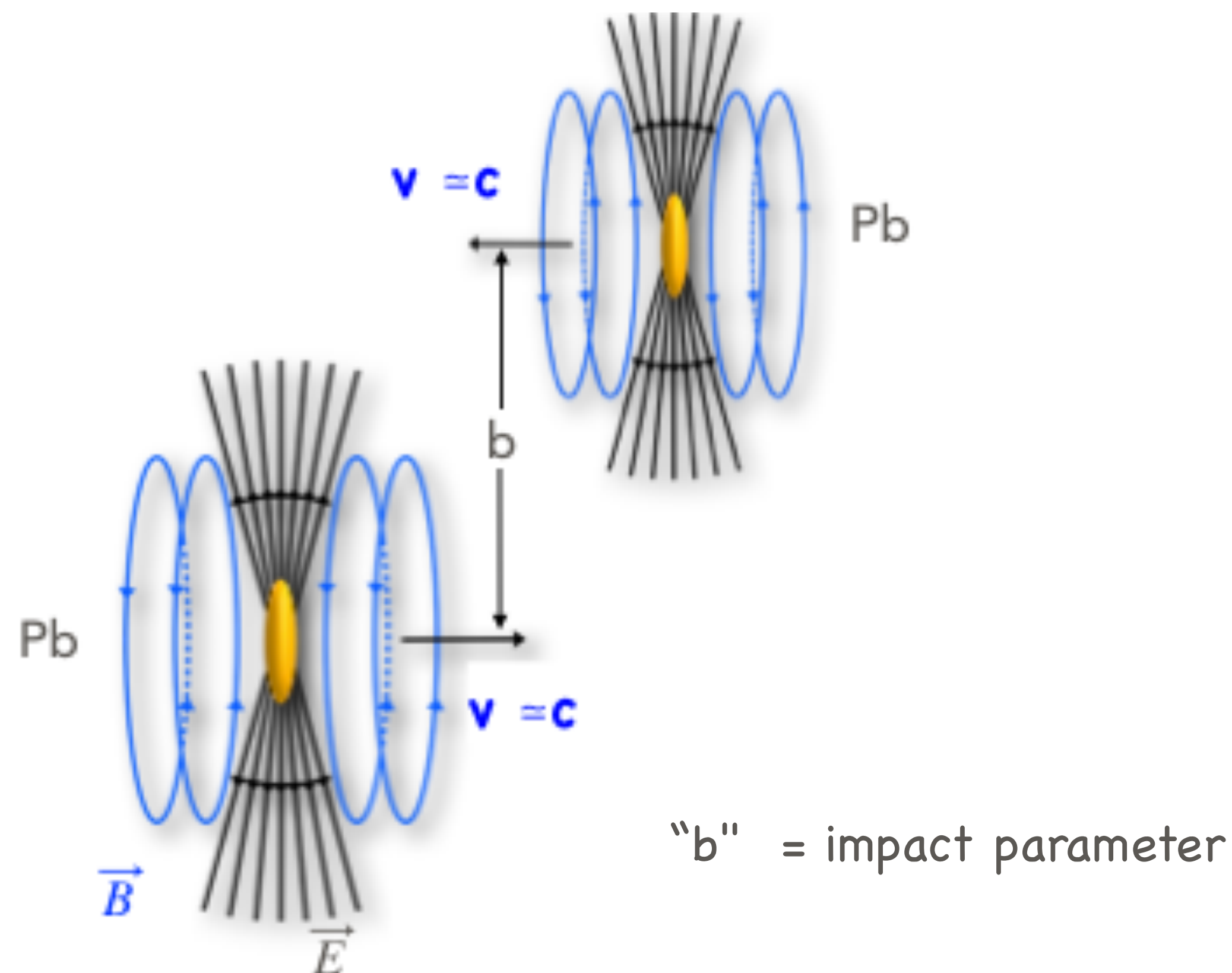
[3] E. J. WILLIAM S, Kgl. Danske Videnskab. Selskab Mat.-Fys. Medd. 13, 4 (1935)]

Later, this method was extended to relativistic region($v \approx c$) by **Weizsacker-Williams** , known as **EPA Method** [2.3]

Equivalent photon approximation (EPA) in heavy-ion collisions

Relativistic heavy-ions are strong EM field emitters

Electromagnetic fields



In heavy-ion collisions (HIC) :

$$|E| \sim 5 \times 10^{16} - 10^{18} \text{ V/cm}$$

$$|B| \sim 10^{14} - 10^{16} \text{ T}$$

V. Skokov et al, Int.J.Mod.Phys.A 24 (2009) 5925-5932

Magnetic field in other systems

$$\text{Pulsar} \sim 10^{11} \text{ T}$$

$$\text{Earth} \sim 10^{-5} \text{ T}$$

Strongest EM fields in the Universe

EM fields can be treated in terms of photon quanta or flux

Maximum photon energy

LHC $\sim 80 \text{ GeV}$

RHIC $\sim 3 \text{ GeV}$

$$E_{\gamma, \text{max}} \approx \gamma \hbar c / R$$

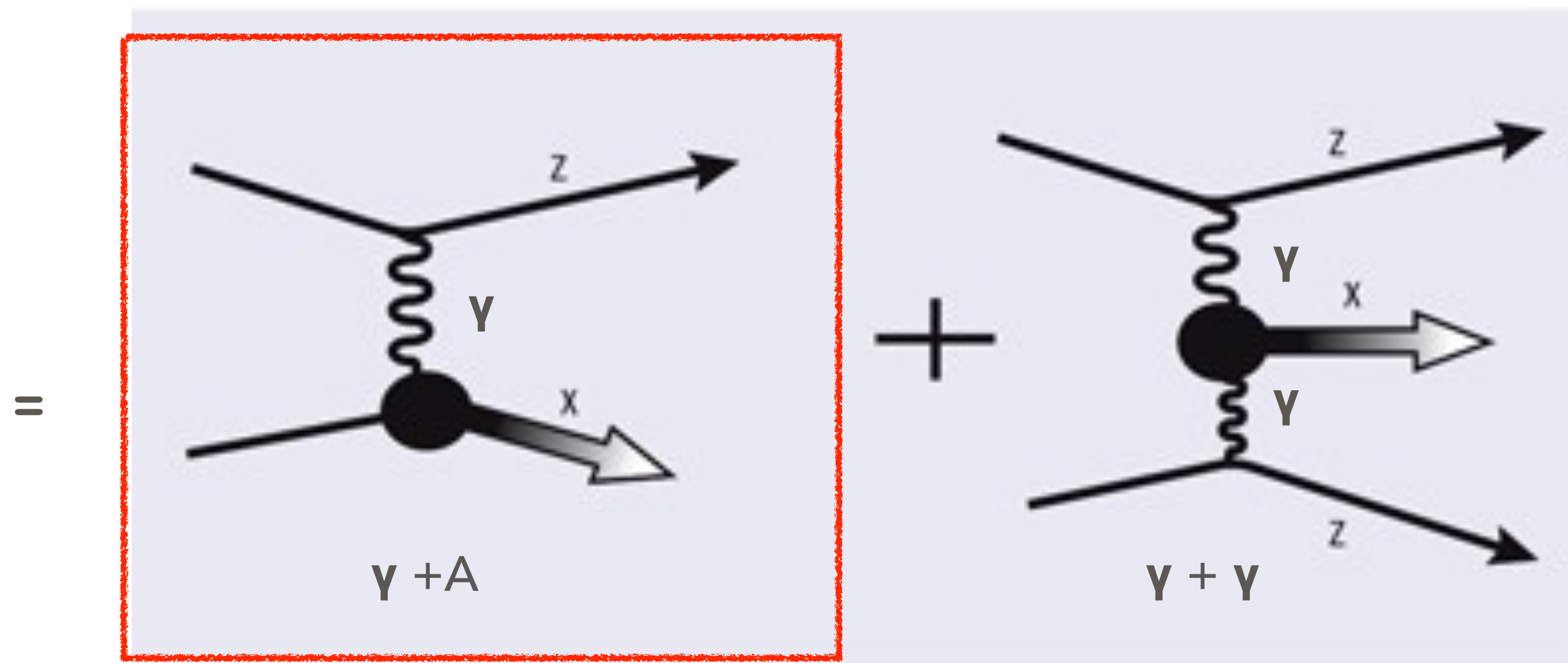
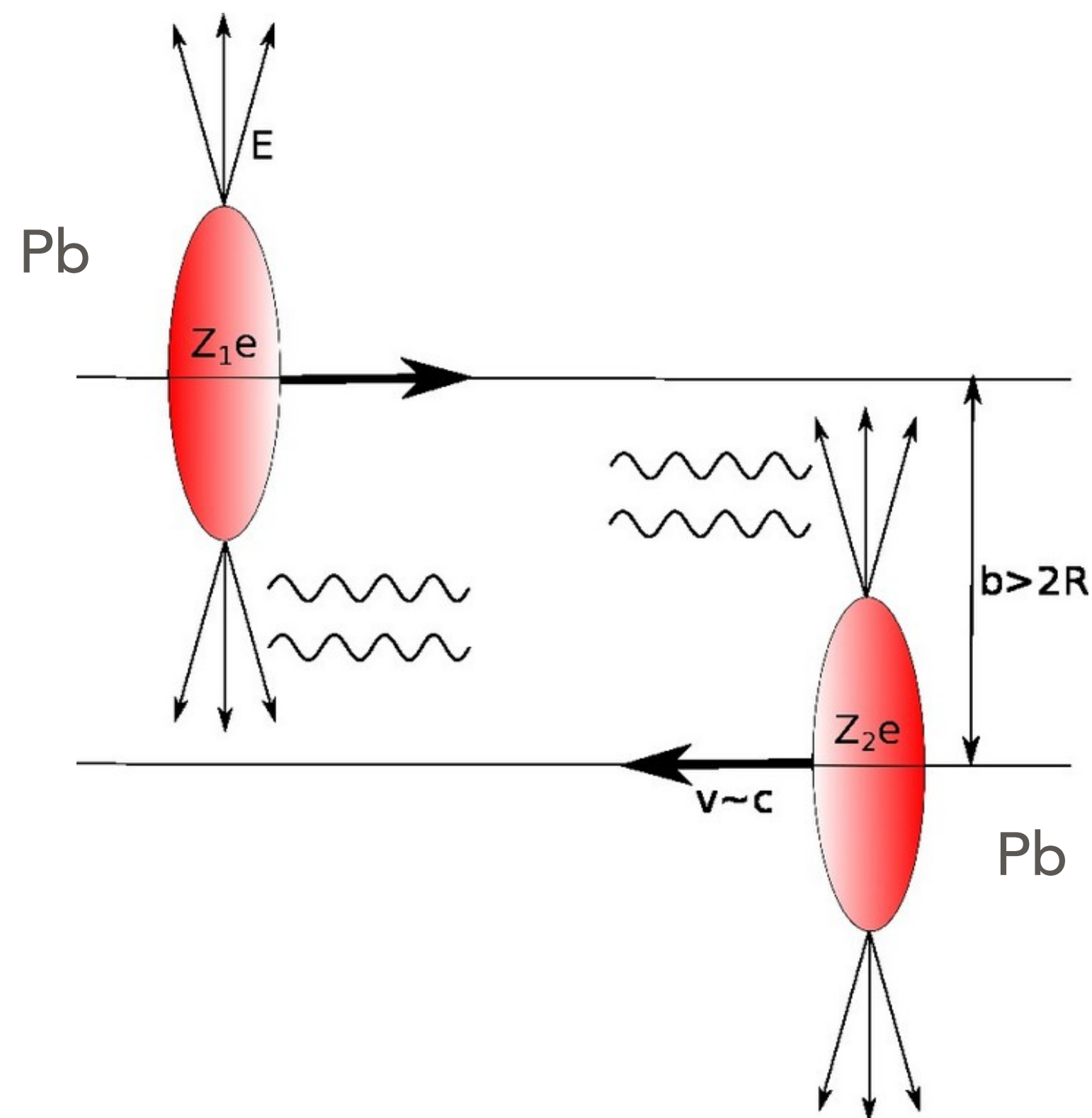
γ = Lorentz factor

R = Radius of the nucleus

Photon-induced processes in heavy-ion collisions

UltraPeripheral Collisions (UPCs) : $b > R_1 + R_2$

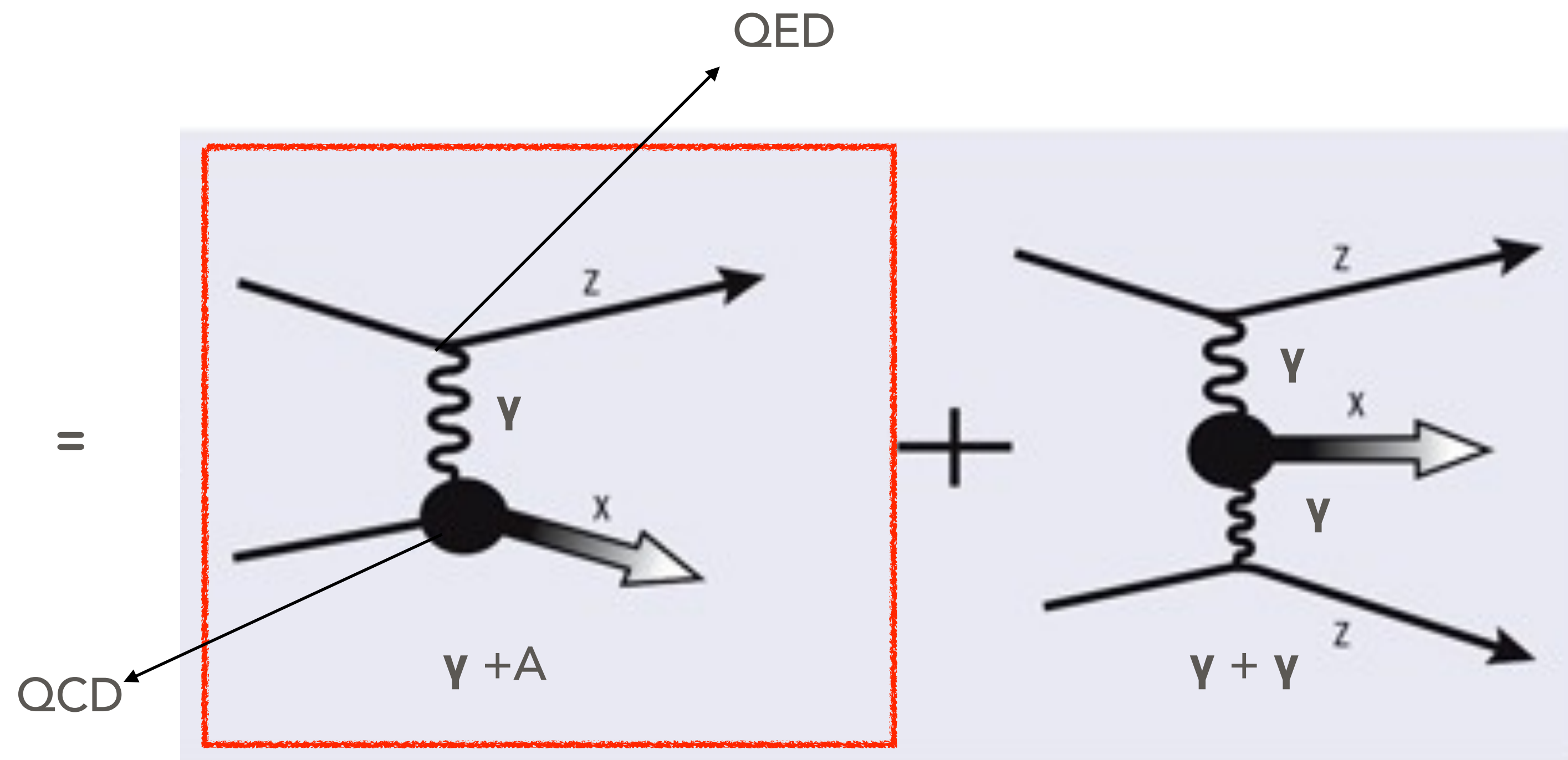
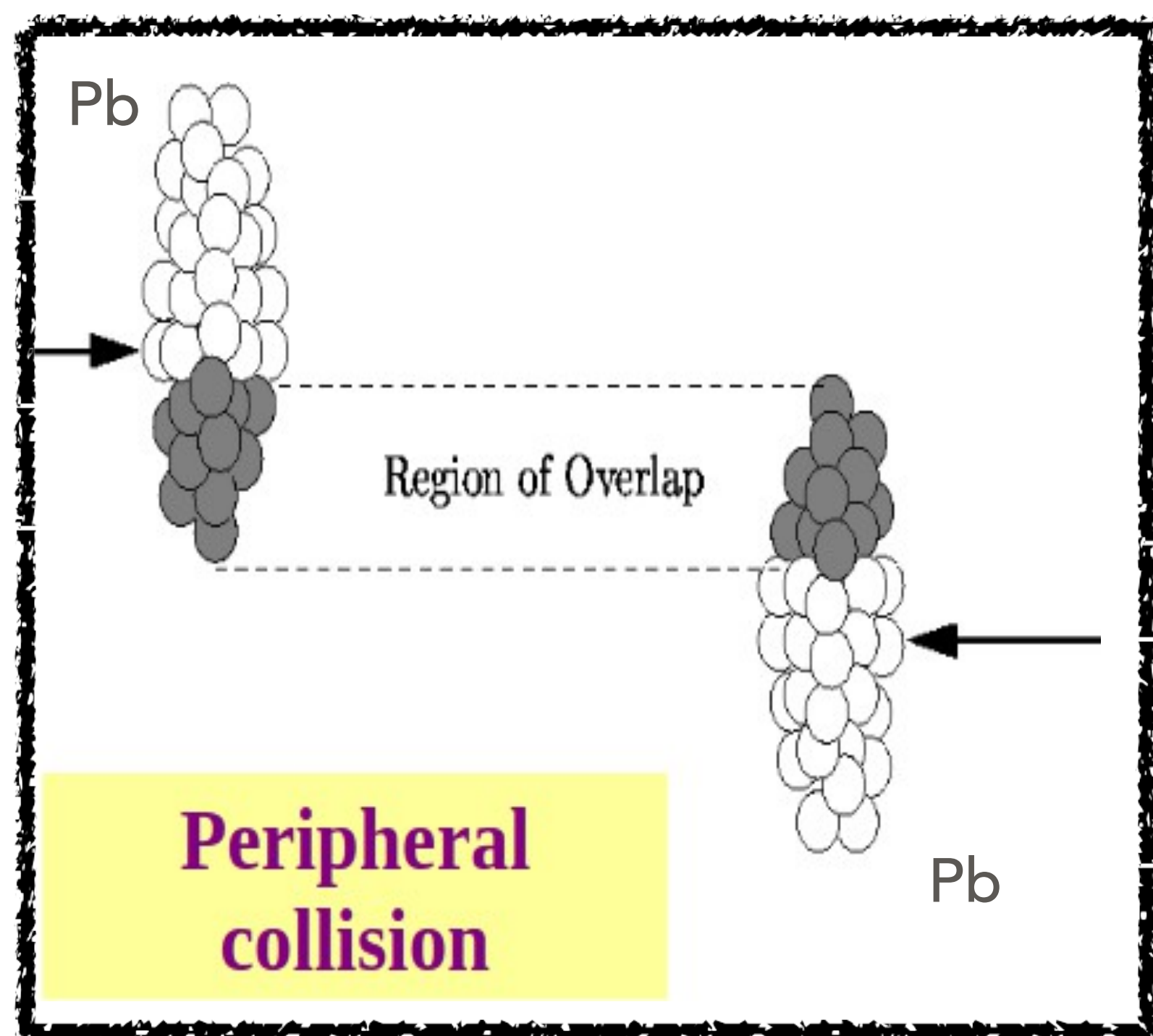
Types of interactions



Photon flux density $\propto Z^2$
Electromagnetic interactions are dominant
Hadronic interactions are suppressed

Photon-induced processes in heavy-ion collisions

Peripheral Collisions (PC) : large b , $b \leq R_1 + R_2$



Photon flux density $\propto Z^2$, (photon flux is expected to be modified from UPC to PC due to geometrical constraints on impact parameter and impact of nuclear overlap)

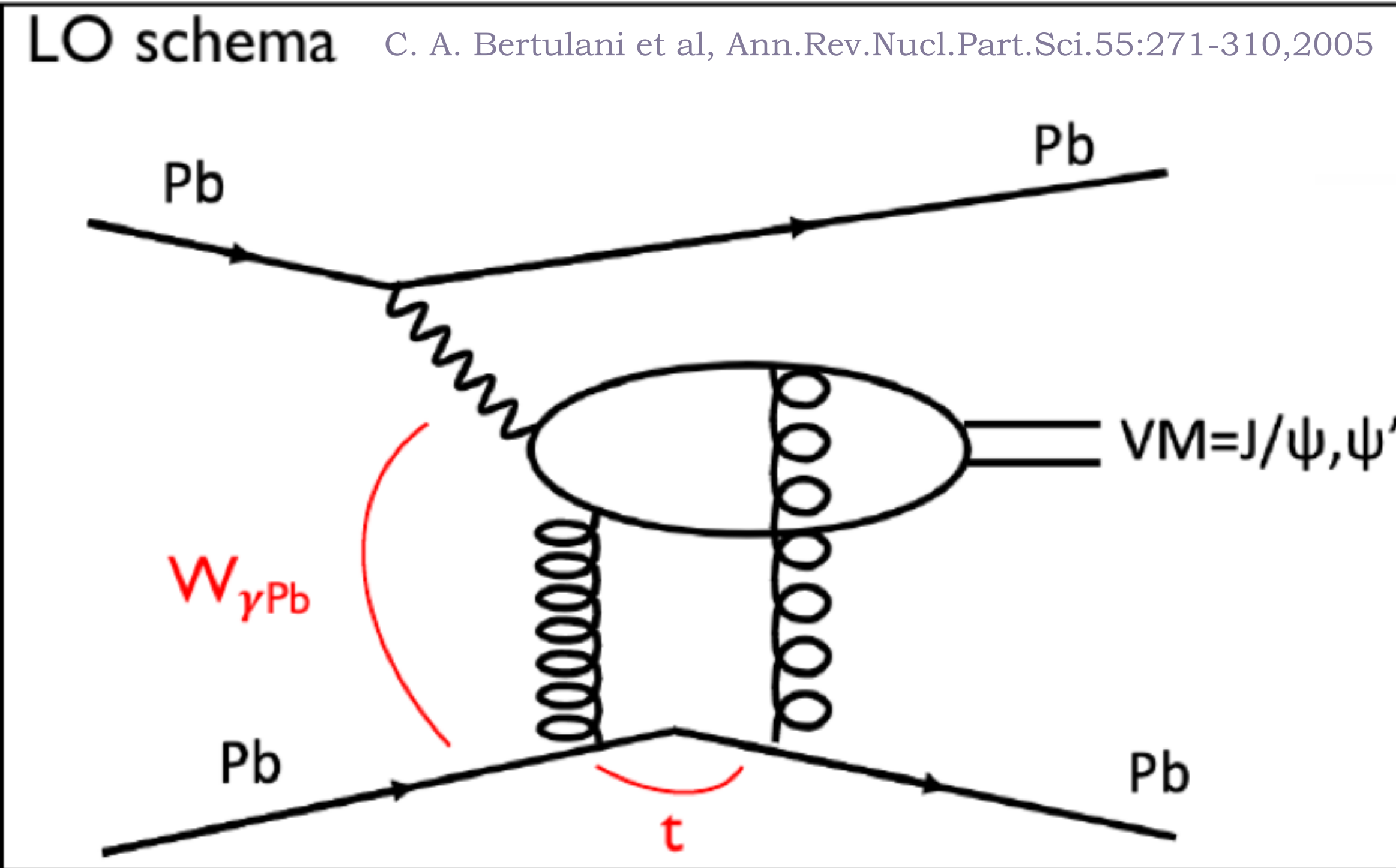
Hadronic interactions are dominant

Electromagnetic interactions are observed

Photon-induced processes are present both in UPCs and PCs with nuclear overlap

-> Good probe to test QCD and QED phenomena

Vector meson photoproduction in HICs

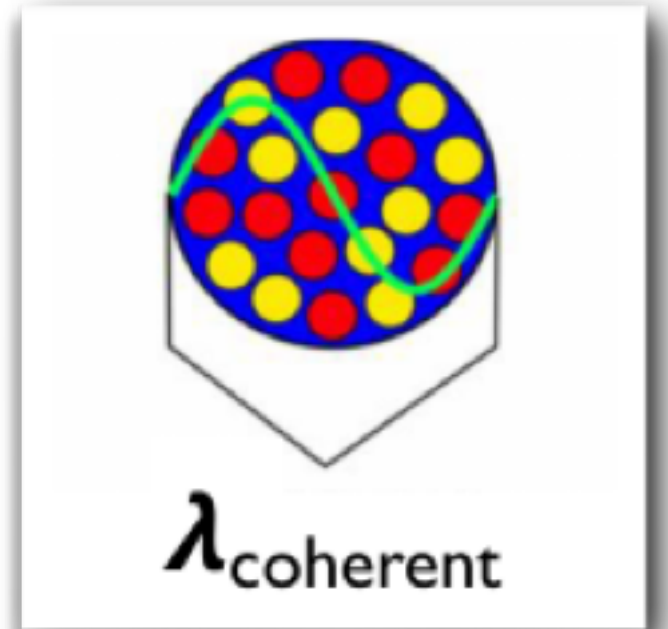


LO : Leading order

$W_{\gamma Pb}$: Center-of-mass energy of photon-lead system
 t : Mandelstam variable = $-p_T^2$

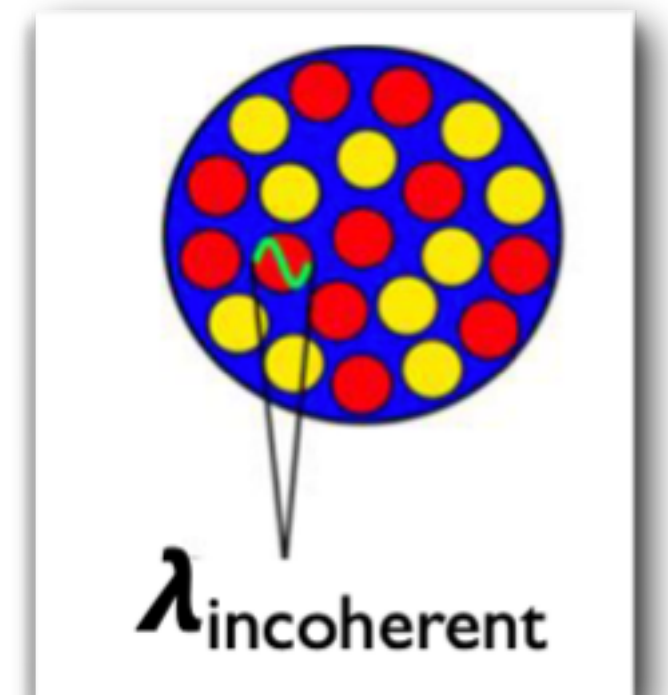
Coherent photo production

Photon (γ) couples coherently to all nucleons
 $\langle p_T \rangle_{J/\psi} \sim 1/R \sim 60 \text{ MeV}/c$
 Usually no breaking of target



Incoherent photo production

Photon (γ) couples to single nucleon
 $\langle p_T \rangle_{J/\psi} \sim 500 \text{ MeV}/c$
 Usually target nucleus breaks



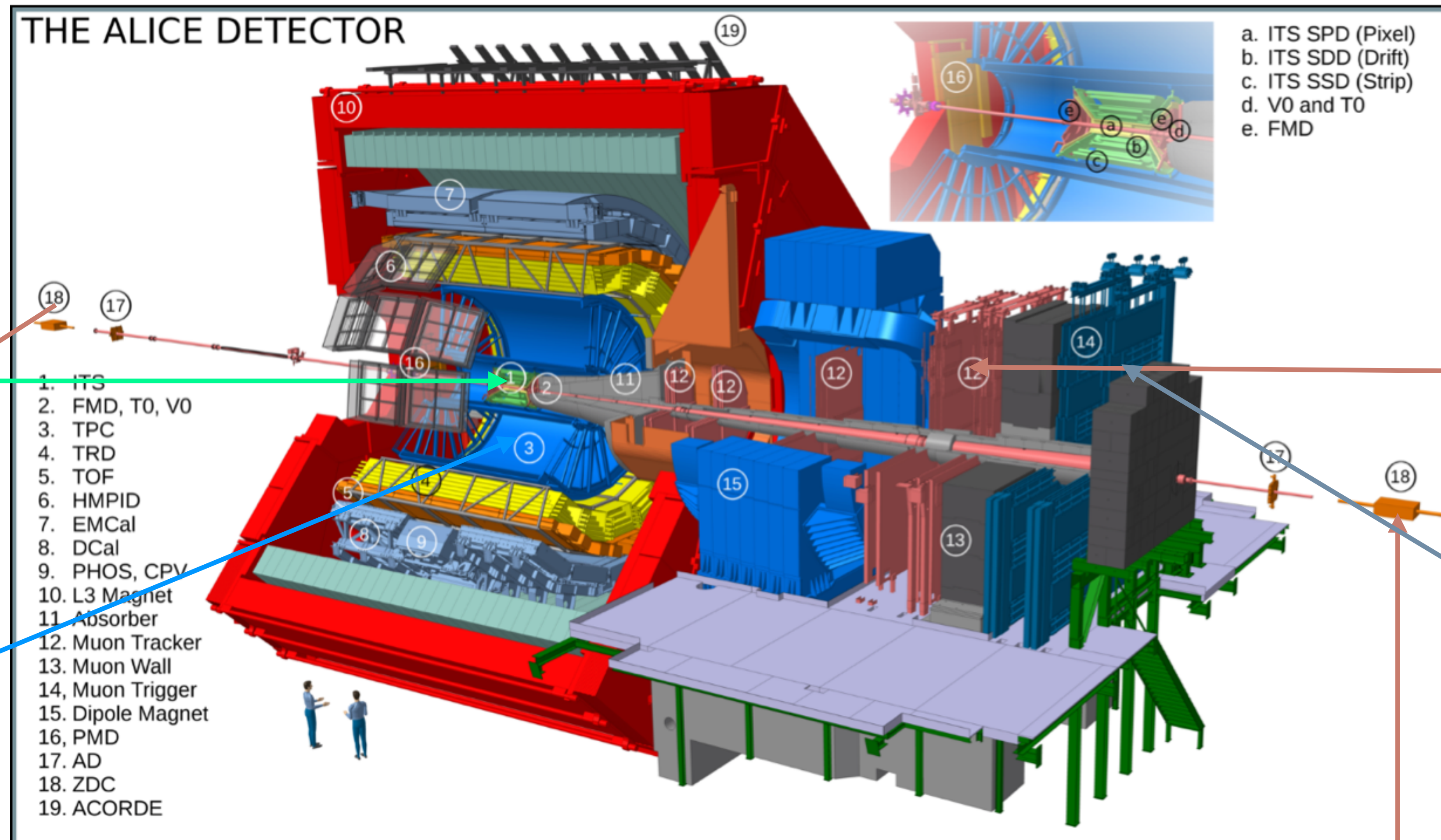
$$x = \frac{m_{J/\psi}}{\sqrt{s_{NN}}} \times \exp(\pm y)$$

Clean experimental signature and probing different photoproduction mechanisms

Imaging of nuclear gluon distributions in nuclei at low Bjorken-x

The ALICE Apparatus

Data sample : 2015 + 2018 Pb–Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV (Run 2)



Central barrel:
 $|y| < 0.9$
 $J/\Psi \rightarrow e^+e^-$

Muon Spectrometer :
 $2.5 < y < 4.0$
 $J/\Psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$

ITS : Tracking, vertex reconstruction

ZDC :Energy deposition

TPC : Tracking, Particle identification (PID)

Muon tracker : tracking

Muon trigger : triggering

V0 : triggering, centrality determination, background rejection

ZDC :Energy deposition

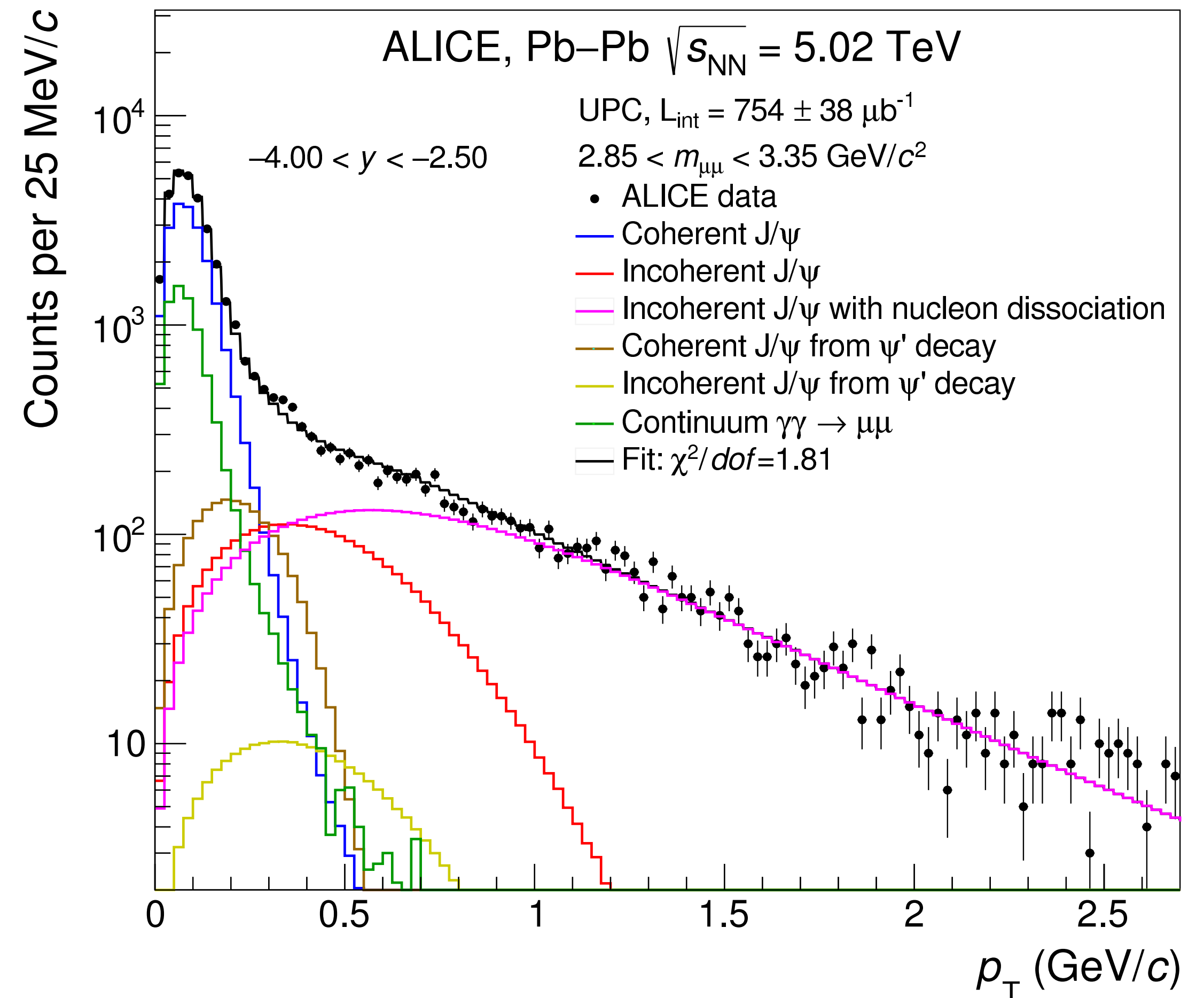
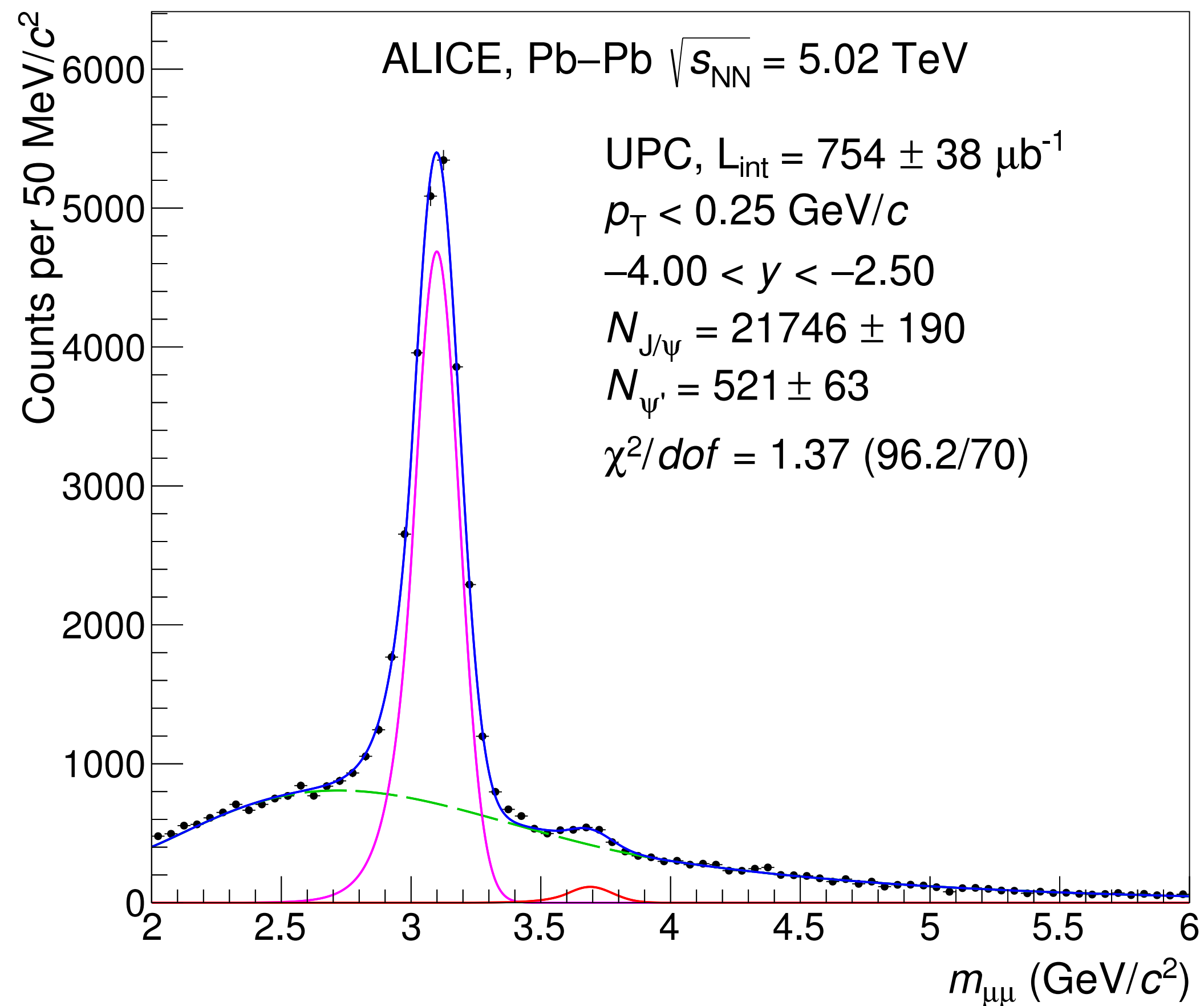
Experimental observation:

Coherent γ M photo production in UPC

$$m^2 = E^2 - \vec{p}^2 = (E_{\mu^+} + E_{\mu^-})^2 - (\vec{p}_{\mu^+} + \vec{p}_{\mu^-})^2$$

STARlight MC : Comp. Phys. Comm. 212 (2017) 258.

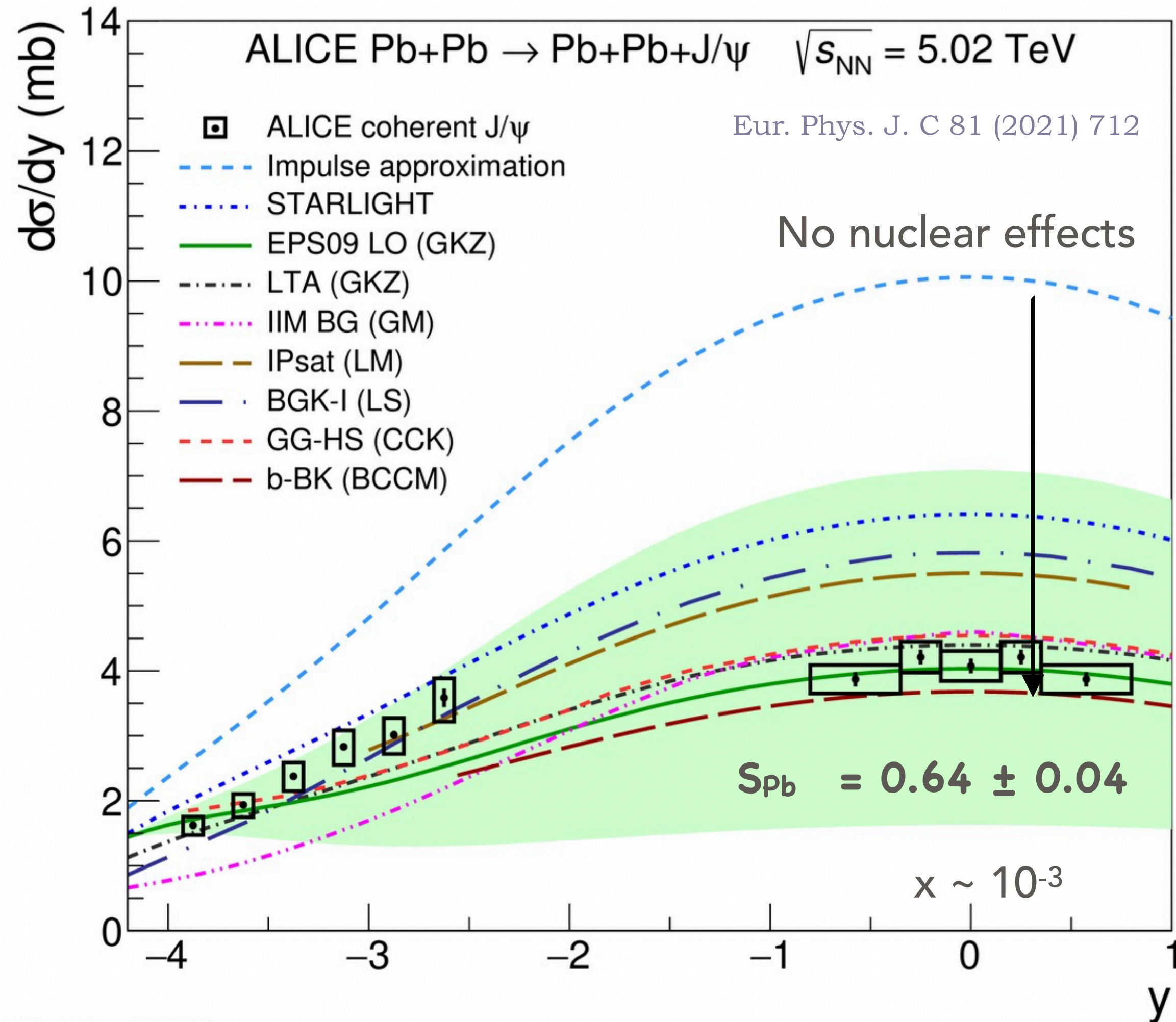
Phys. Lett. B798 (2019) 134926



Coherent photo production process dominates at low p_T

VM photo production cross section vs. y in UPC

Coherent J/ψ photo production



Nuclear suppression factor (shadowing) =

$$S_{Pb}(y \sim 0) = \sqrt{\frac{d\sigma}{dy}_{data} / \frac{d\sigma}{dy}_{IA}} = 0.64 \pm 0.04$$

- Impulse approximation: [PRC88, 014910 (2013)]
 STARLIGHT: [Comp. Phys. Comm. 212 (2017) 258]
 EPS09 LO (GKZ): [PRC. 93(5), 055206 (2016)]
 LTA (GKZ): [Phys. Rep.512, 255–393 (2012)]
 IIM BG (GM): [P.RC 90, 015203 (2014)] and [J. Phys.G 42(10), 105001 (2015)]
 Ipsat (LM) : [PRC. 83,065202 (2011)] and [PRC. 87, 032201 (2013)]
 BGK-I (LS): [PRC. 99(4), 044905 (2019)]
 GG-HS (CCK): [PRC. 97(2), 024901 (2018)], and [PLB 766, 186–191 (2017)]
 b-BK (BCCM): [PLB 817, 136306 (2021)]

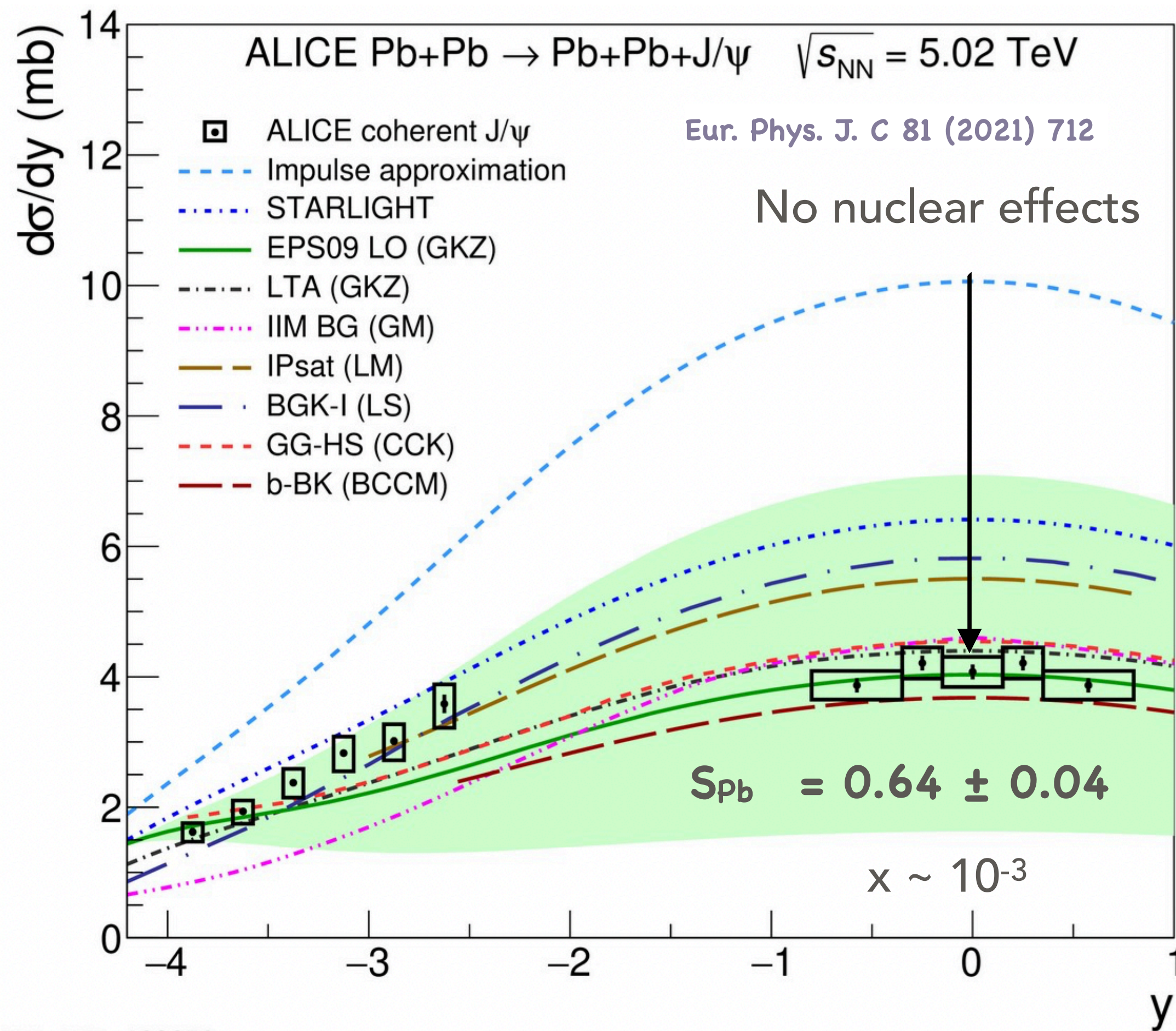
$$x = \frac{m_{J/\psi}}{\sqrt{s_{NN}}} \times \exp(\pm y)$$

Models including nuclear shadowing are in agreement with the measurement

Models cannot describe at the same time the mid and forward rapidity cross section measurements

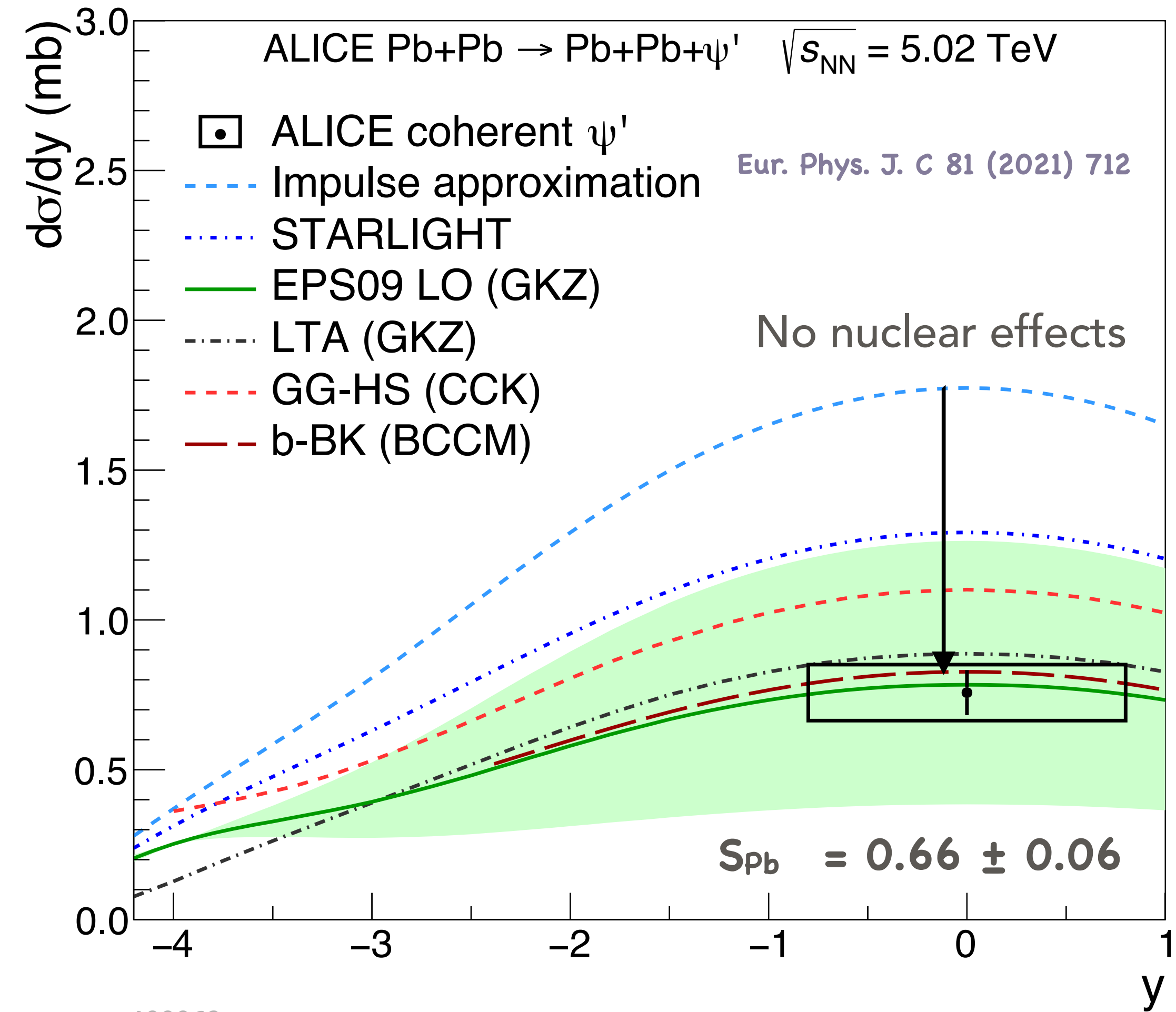
VM photo production cross section vs. y in UPC

Coherent J/ψ cross section



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Coherent ψ' cross section



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VM photo production cross section ratio vs. y in UPC

QM 2023,

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1139644/timetable/#20230906>

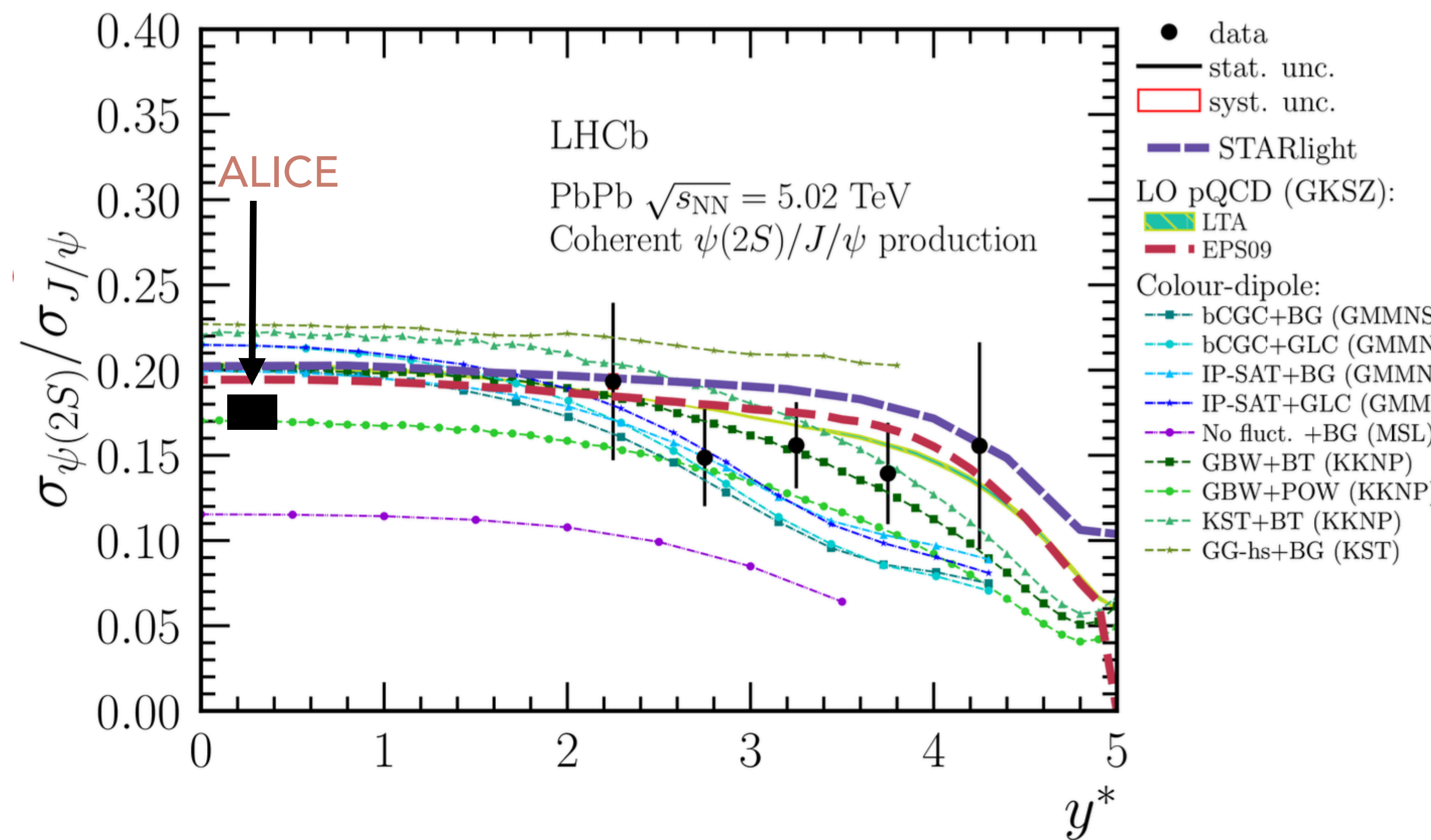
Eur. Phys. J. C 81 (2021) 712

ALICE : at mid- y

$$\sigma_{\psi(2S)}/\sigma_{J/\psi(1S)} :$$

$$0.18 \pm 0.0185(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.028(\text{syst.}) \pm 0.005(\text{BR}).$$

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More details :

Recent experimental results in UPC collisions on coherent photoproduction at LHCb, Ronan McNulty, 12/10/2023

Experimental observation:

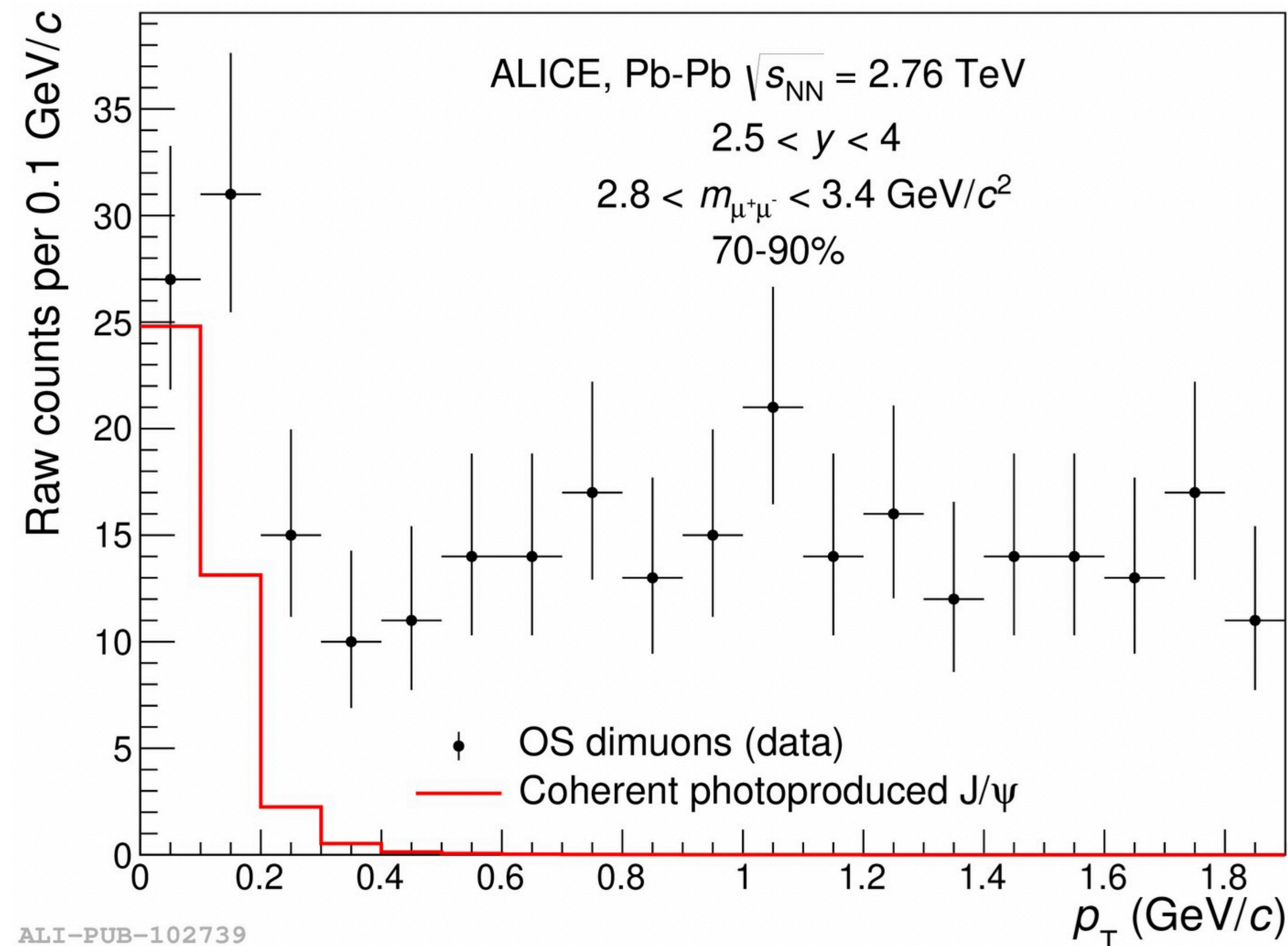
Coherent VM photo production in Peripheral Collisions

VM photoproduction in Pb-Pb collisions in PCs

PRL 116, 222301(2016)

STARlight MC : Comp. Phys. Comm. 212 (2017) 258.

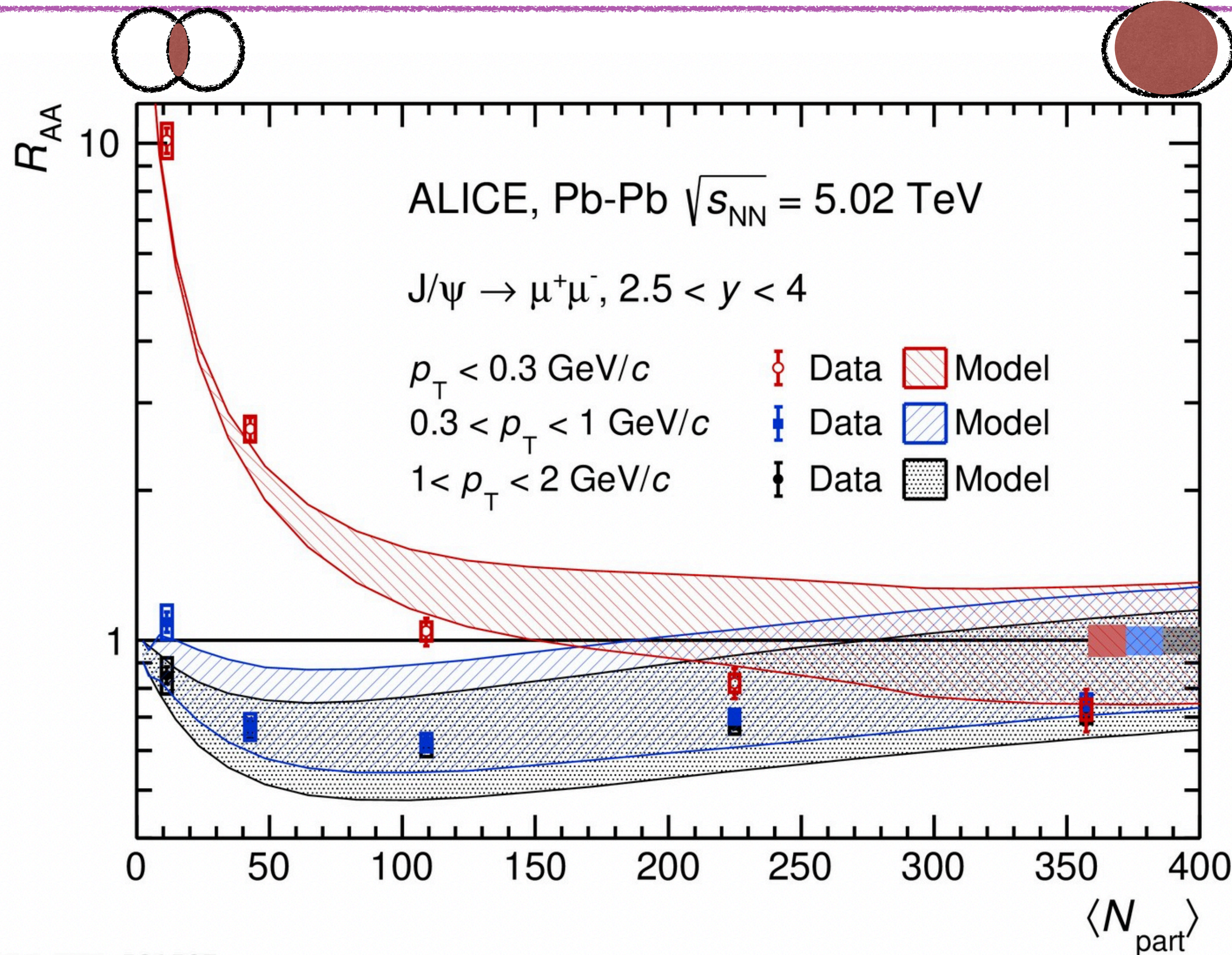
PCs = Peripheral collisions



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First J/ψ excess for $p_T < 0.3$ GeV/c is observed in 70-90% Pb-Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$ TeV (PRL 116, 222301(2016))

Nuclear modification factor (R_{AA}) in Pb-Pb collisions



Associated with a dramatic increase of the R_{AA}

Phys. Lett. B 846 (2023) 137467

Model: W. Shi et al., Phys. Lett. B 777 (2018), 399-405

Including both cold and hot nuclear matter effects

$$R_{AA}(p_T) = \frac{Y_{J/\psi}^{Pb-Pb}}{\langle T_{AA} \rangle \sigma_{J/\psi}^{pp}}$$

Y_{Pb-Pb} = yield of J/ψ in Pb-Pb collisions

$\langle T_{AA} \rangle$ = Nuclear thickness function

σ_{pp} = cross section of pp

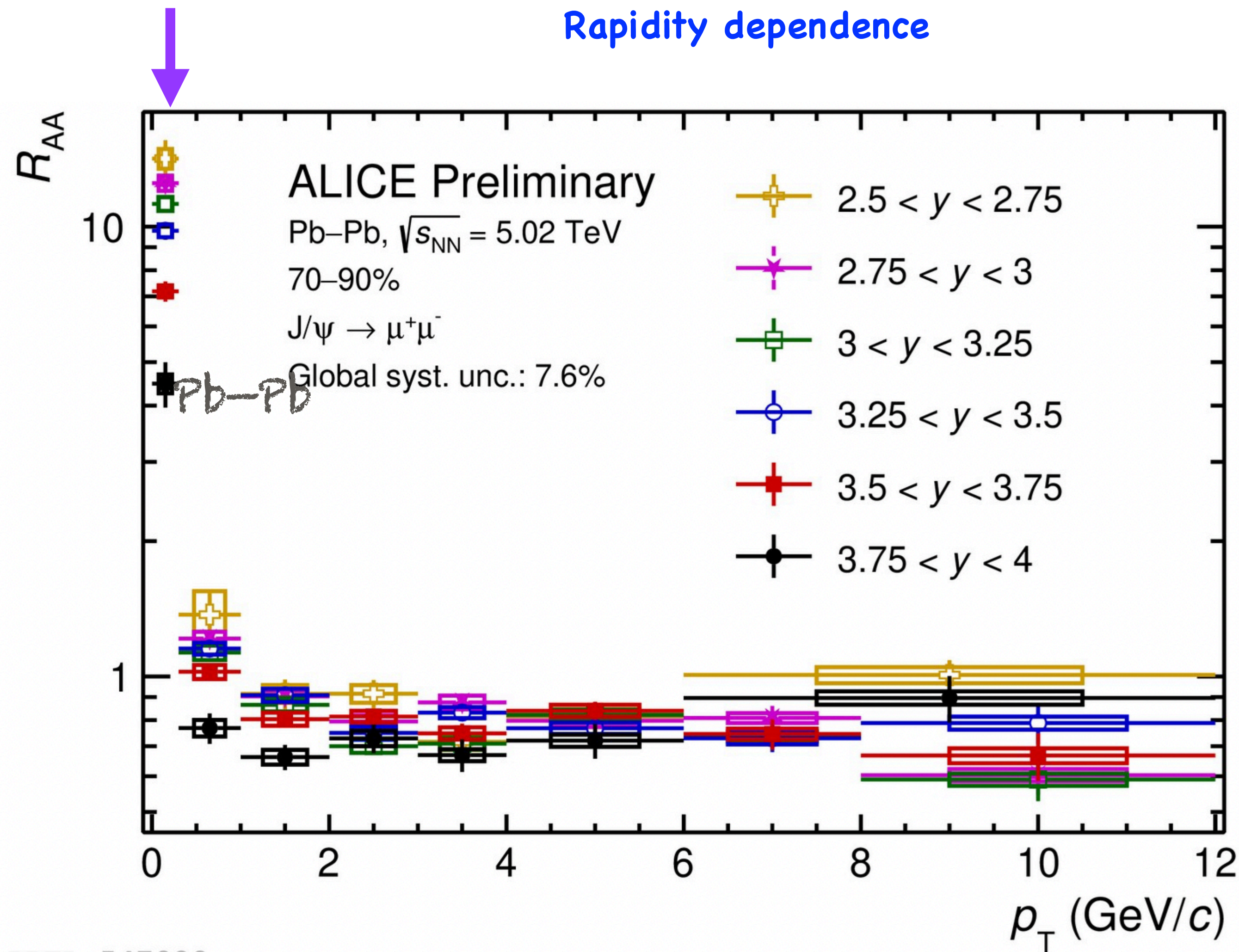
Significant J/ψ excess for $p_T < 0.3$ GeV/c in 70-90% Pb-Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$ and 5.02 TeV

-> **Interpreted dominant contribution from coherent photoproduction**

Similar observed also by STAR [PRL 123, 132302 (2019)] and LHCb [PRC. 105 (2022) L032201].

More details : For STAR and LHCb, Dr Daniel Kikofa 11/10/2023 and Ronan McNulty, 12/10/2023

Modelization of hadronic J/ψ yield contribution for $p_T < 0.3 \text{ GeV}/c$



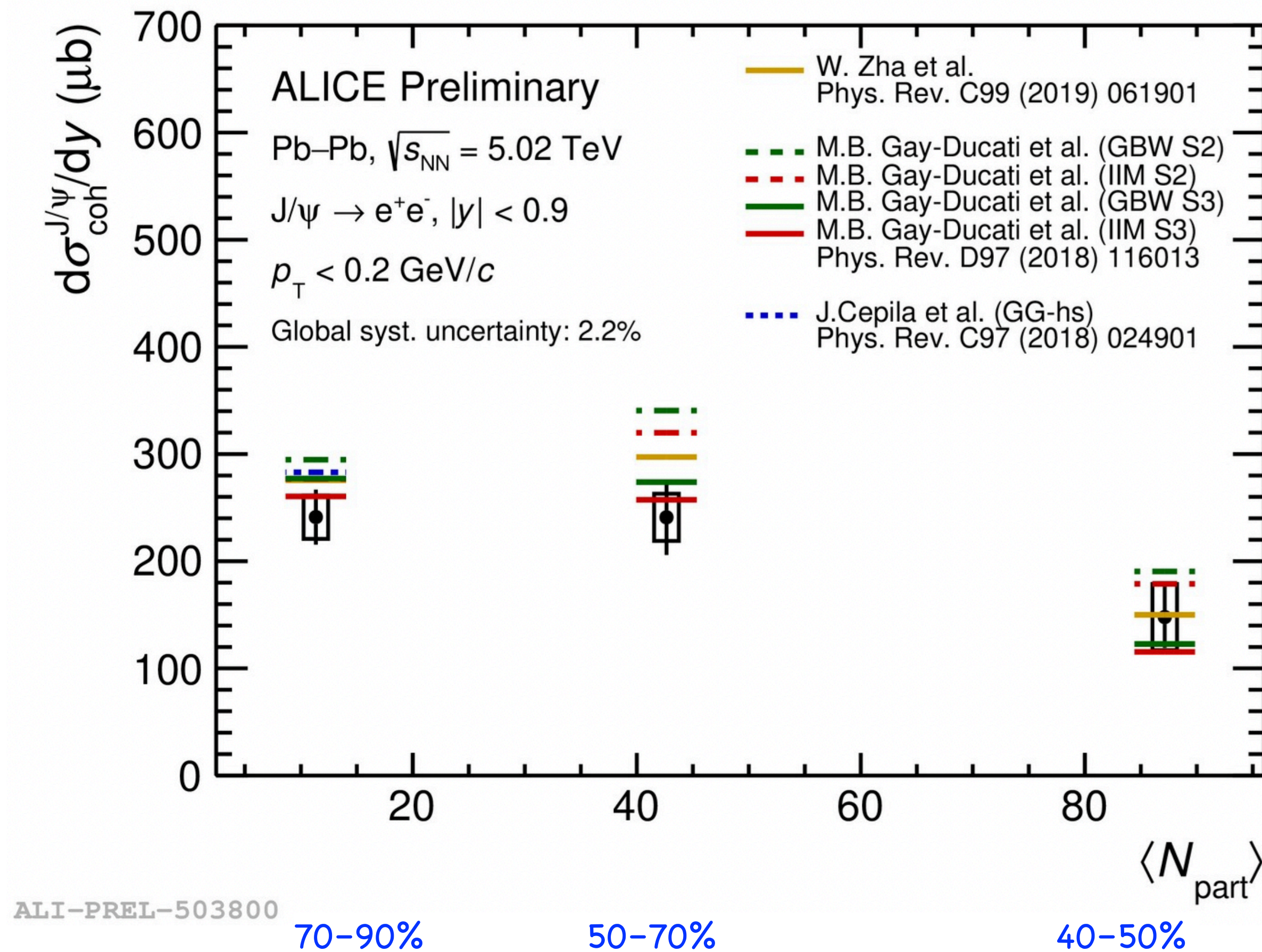
The J/ψ cross section in pp collisions and the J/ψ R_{AA} are used as inputs for modeling the expected hadronic J/ψ yield

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The R_{AA} largely increases for $p_T < 0.3 \text{ GeV}/c$ and it has a hierarchy in y , the most forward R_{AA} is the least enhanced

Coherent J/ψ photoproduction : centrality dependence

mid rapidity

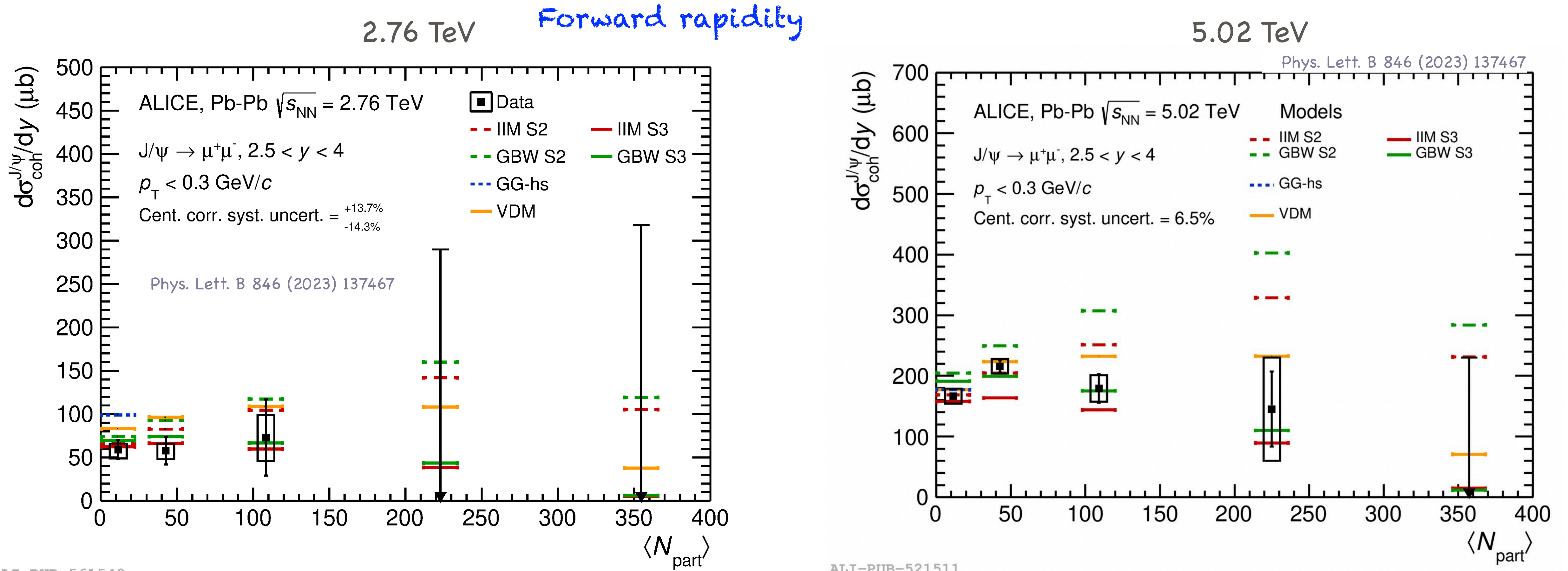


* The cross section is not normalized to the centrality interval width

Measurements at mid rapidity doesn't show a significant centrality dependence

Measurements are **qualitatively described by a large number of models developed for UPC and extended to account for the nuclear overlap**

Coherent J/ψ photoproduction : centrality dependence



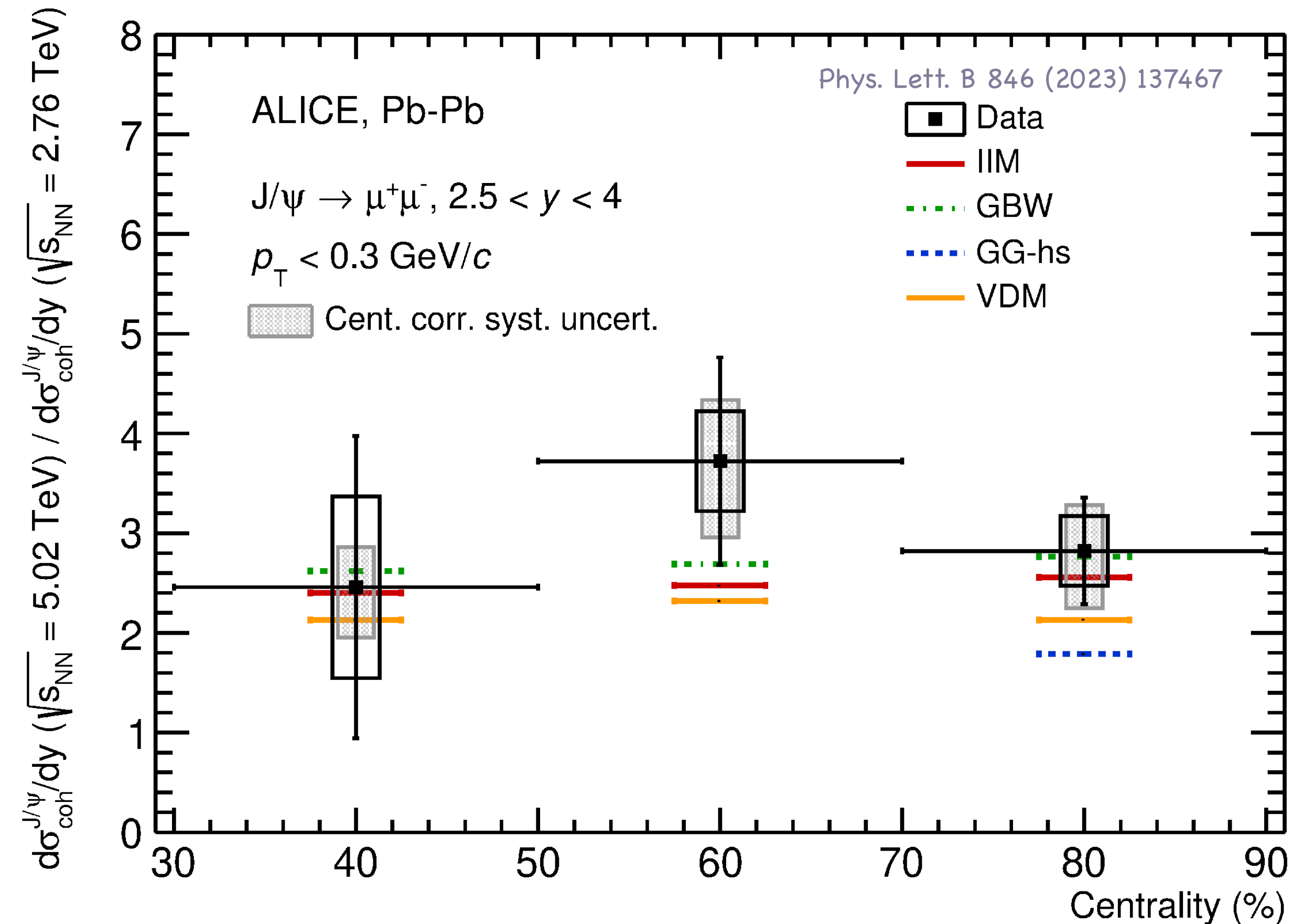
70-90% 50-70% 30-50% 10-30% 0-10%

* The cross section is not normalized to the centrality interval width

Both measurements at mid and forward rapidity don't show a significant centrality dependence
 Measurements are **qualitatively described by a large number of models developed for UPC and extended to account for the nuclear overlap**

Coherent J/ψ photoproduction : energy dependence

Forward rapidity, centrality and energy dependence

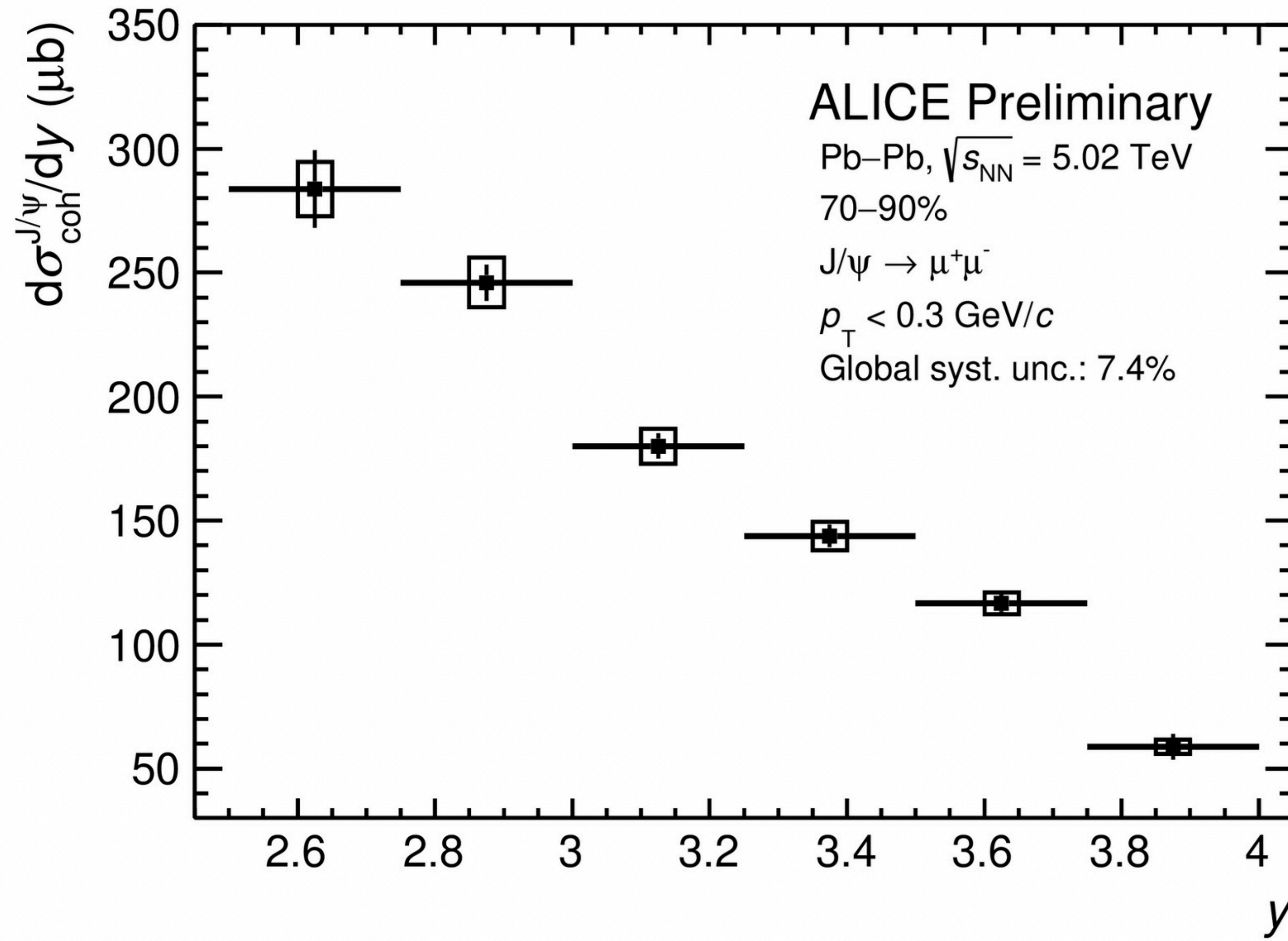


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Measurements don't show a significant centrality/energy dependence

Measurements are qualitatively described by a large number of models developed for UPC and extended to account for the nuclear overlap

J/ψ photoproduction cross section vs. y in PCs

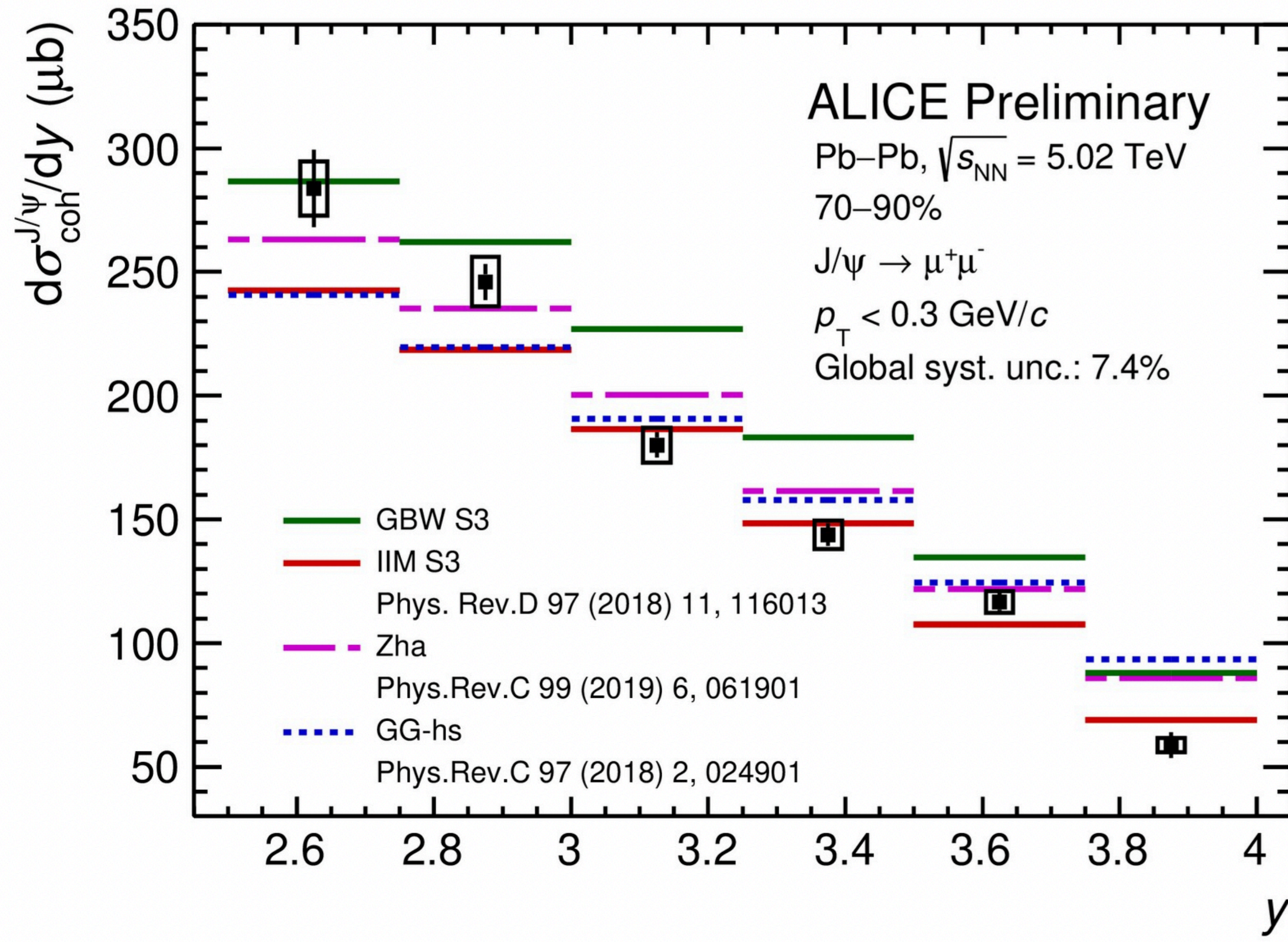


J/ψ excess yield = J/ψ raw yield – J/ψ hadronic yield

The coherent J/ψ yield is obtained by correcting the excess yield for the fraction of incoherent J/ψ (fI, 8.9%) and the fraction of coherent (fd, 6.6%) $\psi(2S) \rightarrow J/\psi$ evaluated in UPC. [arXiv:2204.10684](https://arxiv.org/abs/2204.10684)

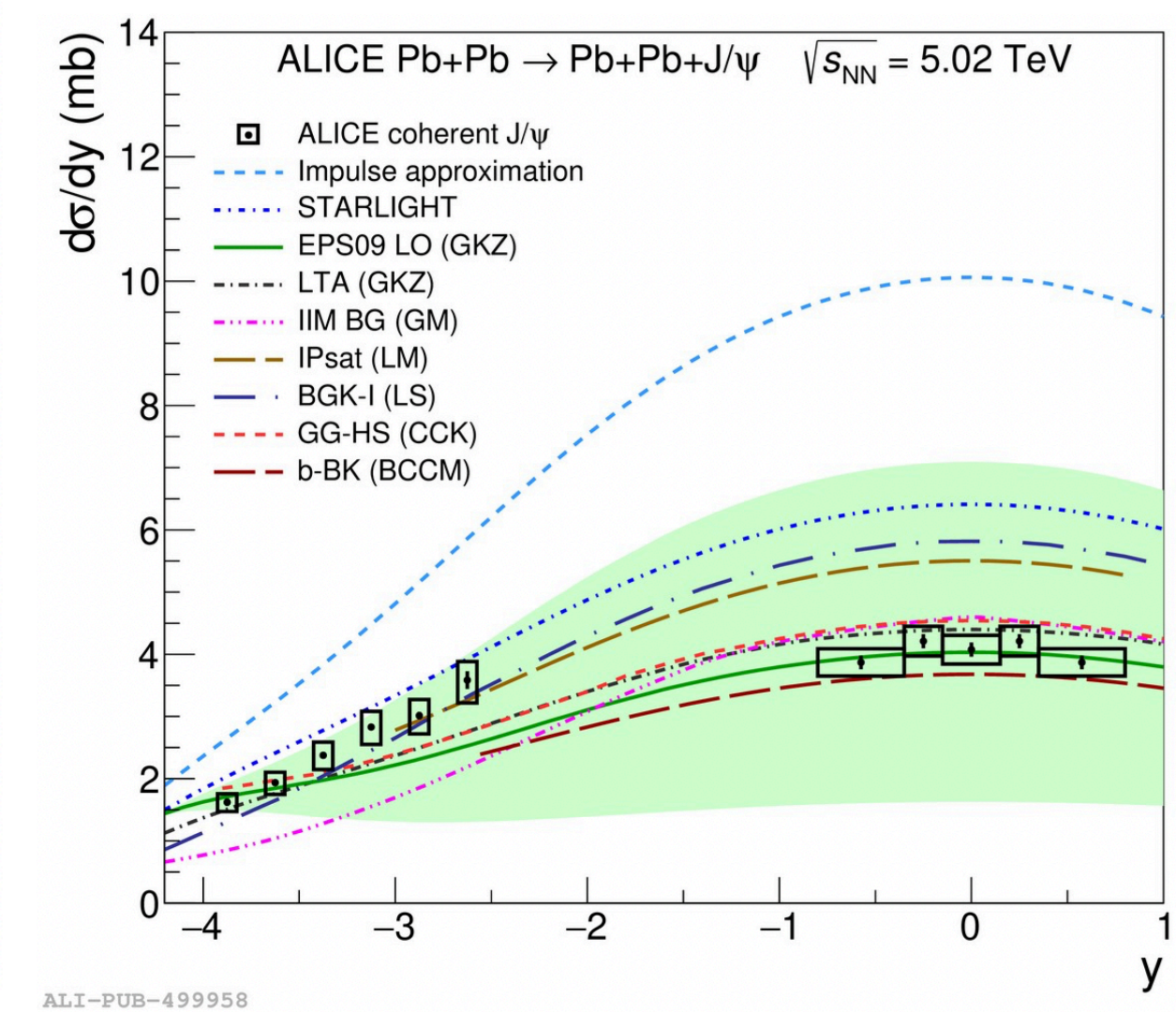
A strong rapidity dependence is seen

J/ψ photoproduction cross section vs. y in PCs



Models considerations:

- GG -hs : photon flux with constraints on impact parameter range
- Zha : assumptions on photon-pomeron coupling (nucleus+spectator)
- GBW/IIM S3 : effective photon flux and photonuclear cross section considered w.r.t UPC calculations (accounting for nuclear overlap)

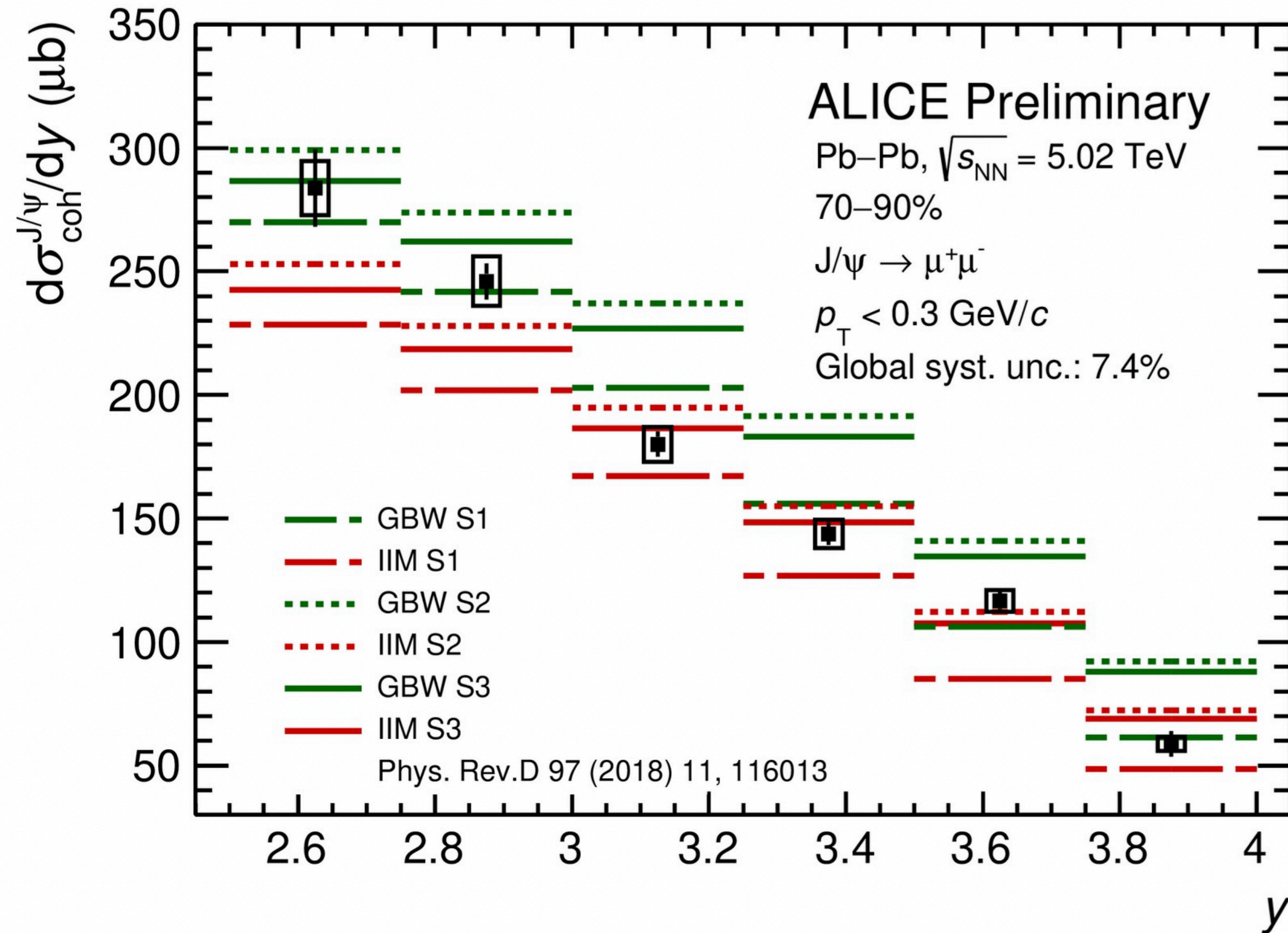


Models initially developed for VM photoproduction in UPC and modified for PC are able to describe qualitatively the magnitude of the cross section, but fail at reproducing the y-dependence, similarly to UPC.

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J/ψ photoproduction cross section vs. y in PCs



GBW/IIM: extending UPC models to PCs considering the overlap region

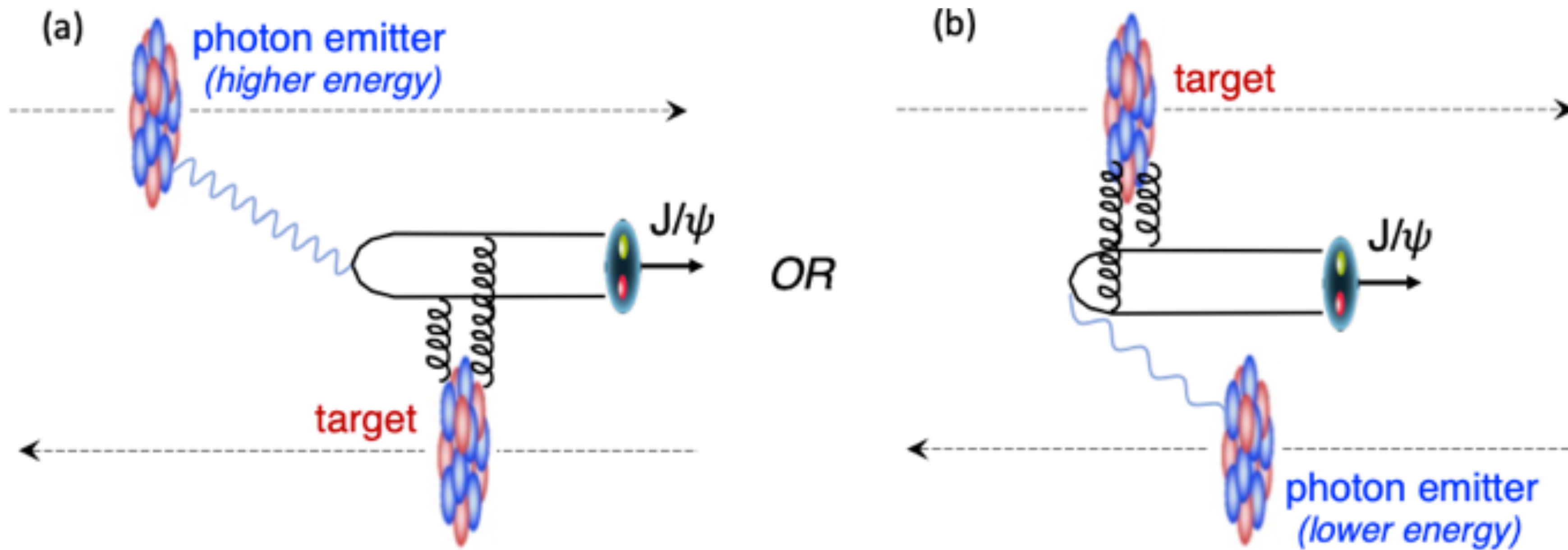
- - S1 : no relevant modifications w.r.t the UPC calculations
- - S2 : effective photon flux where only photons reaching the spectator region are considered
- S3: S2 + modification of the photonuclear cross section (exclusion of the overlap region)

The three scenarios are qualitatively describing the cross section
 Any effect related to the nuclear overlap is expected to be small in the peripheral 70-90% centrality range

Understanding the impact of the nuclear overlap on the VM photoproduction cross section measurement is a theoretical challenge

Photon energy ambiguity

Each colliding nucleus could serve as a photon emitter, the other acts as a target ($\pm y$)



$$x = \frac{m_{J/\psi}^2}{W_{\gamma\text{Pb}}^2}$$

$$x = \frac{m_{J/\psi}}{\sqrt{s_{NN}}} \times \exp(\pm y)$$

Photo-induced processes
in symmetric collisions
(Pb—Pb)

Energies of photon emitted are
different (corresponds to
different Bjorken-x)

Depends on which nucleus acts
as source or target

Due to direction (or sign in the
rapidity) of photon emitter

For a fixed mass ($m_{J/\psi}$) and center-of-mass energy ($\sqrt{s_{NN}}$)

Bjorken-x depends on center-of-mass energy of photon-Pb system ($W_{\gamma\text{Pb}}$) and rapidity of VM

Photon energy ambiguity

Measured cross section from Pb-Pb collisions

Photon flux at rapidity $\pm y$ in the impact parameter range (b_1, b_2)

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{PbPb}}}{dy} = n_{\gamma}(y; b_{1,2}) \sigma_{\gamma\text{Pb}}(y) + n_{\gamma}(-y; b_{1,2}) \sigma_{\gamma\text{Pb}}(-y)$$

For midrapidity, $y = 0$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dy} = 2n(\gamma) \sigma_{\gamma\text{Pb}}$$

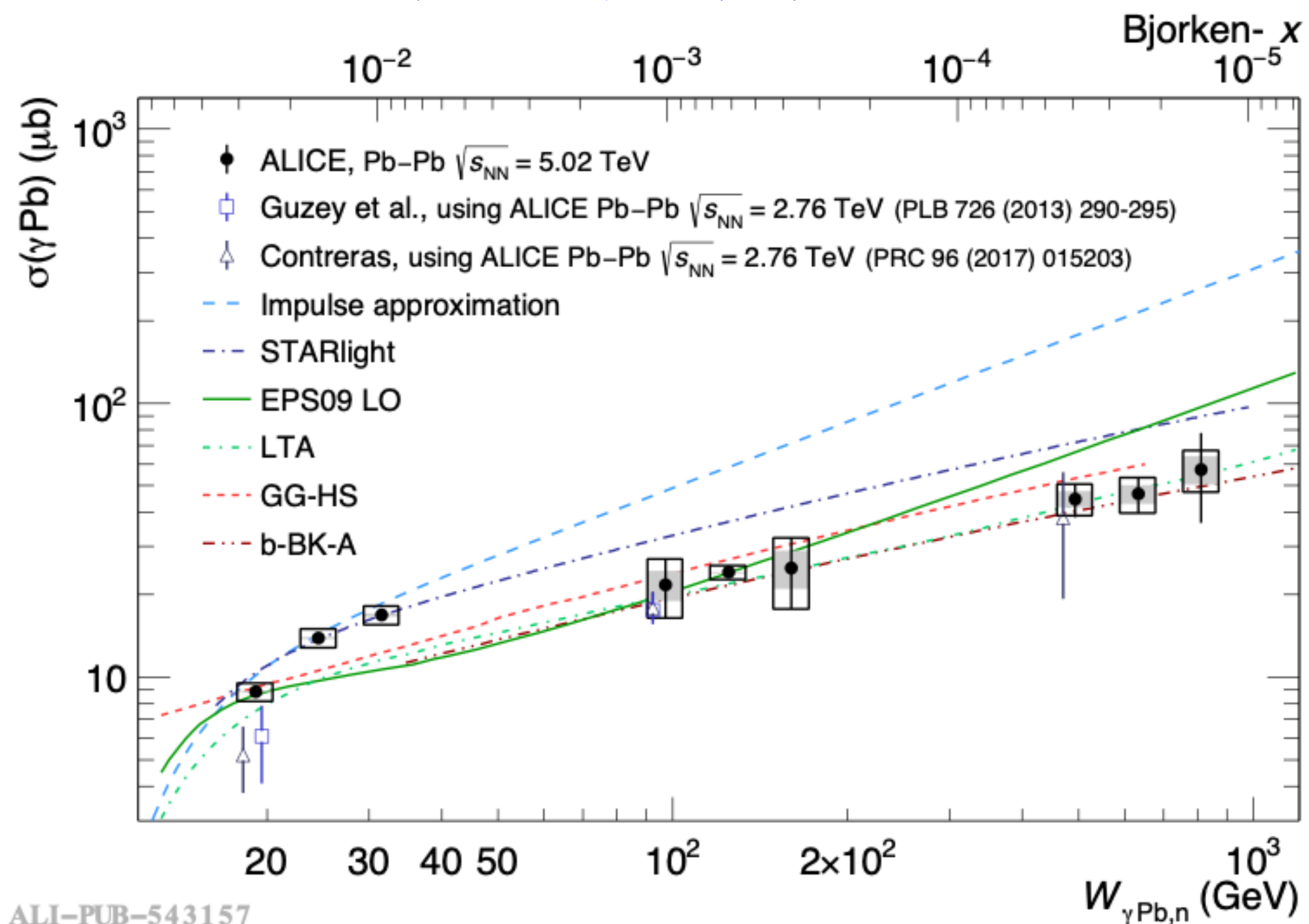
Photonuclear cross section: QCD!

Goal is extracted :
 $\sigma_{\gamma\text{Pb}}$ vs. $W_{\gamma\text{Pb}}$ or x

Proposed solution by Guzey et al., Eur.Phys.J.C 74 (2014) 7, 2942 and J. G. Contreras, PRC 96, 015203 (2017)

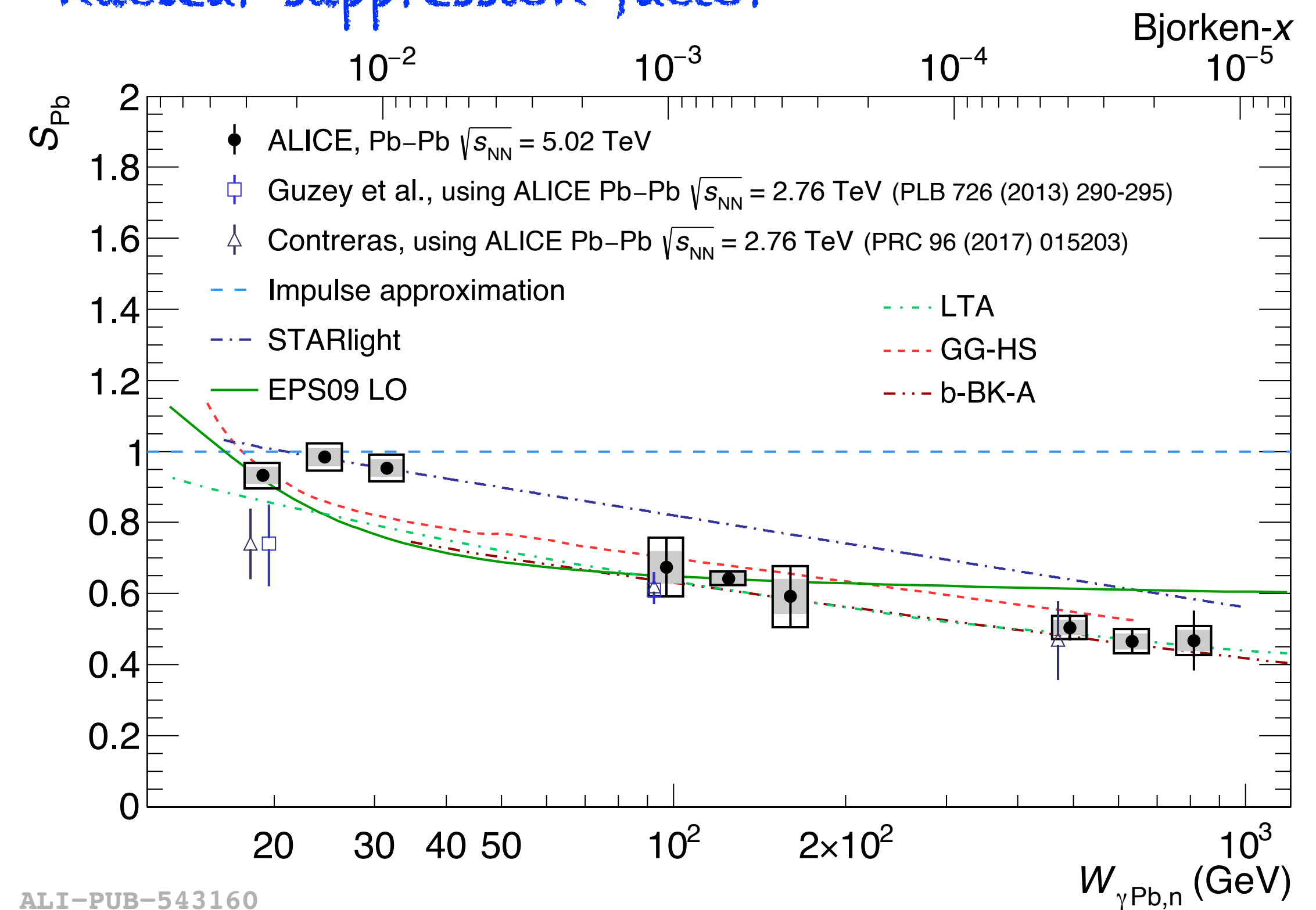
- i) Electromagnetic dissociation of nuclei (EMD): Different neutron emission
- ii) Measurement in UPCs and PCs (both integrated and differential y)

Photonuclear cross section



nuclear suppression factor

ALICE, arXiv:2305.19060



Recent measurement photo nuclear cross section ($\sigma_{\gamma\text{Pb}}$) access to low- x (10^{-5})

At low- x data favors both saturation and shadowing models whereas at x ($\sim 10^{-2}$) LTA and impulsive approximation describes the measurement

Photon energy ambiguity : simultaneously measurement

Perform two independent measurements at the same rapidity, but different impact parameter, then solve the equations.

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma_{\text{PbPb}}}{dy}\right)_A = n_\gamma(y; \{b\}_A)\sigma_{\gamma\text{Pb}}(y) + n_\gamma(-y; \{b\}_A)\sigma_{\gamma\text{Pb}}(-y)$$

$A = \text{UPC}$

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma_{\text{PbPb}}}{dy}\right)_B = n_\gamma(y; \{b\}_B)\sigma_{\gamma\text{Pb}}(y) + n_\gamma(-y; \{b\}_B)\sigma_{\gamma\text{Pb}}(-y)$$

$B = \text{PC}$

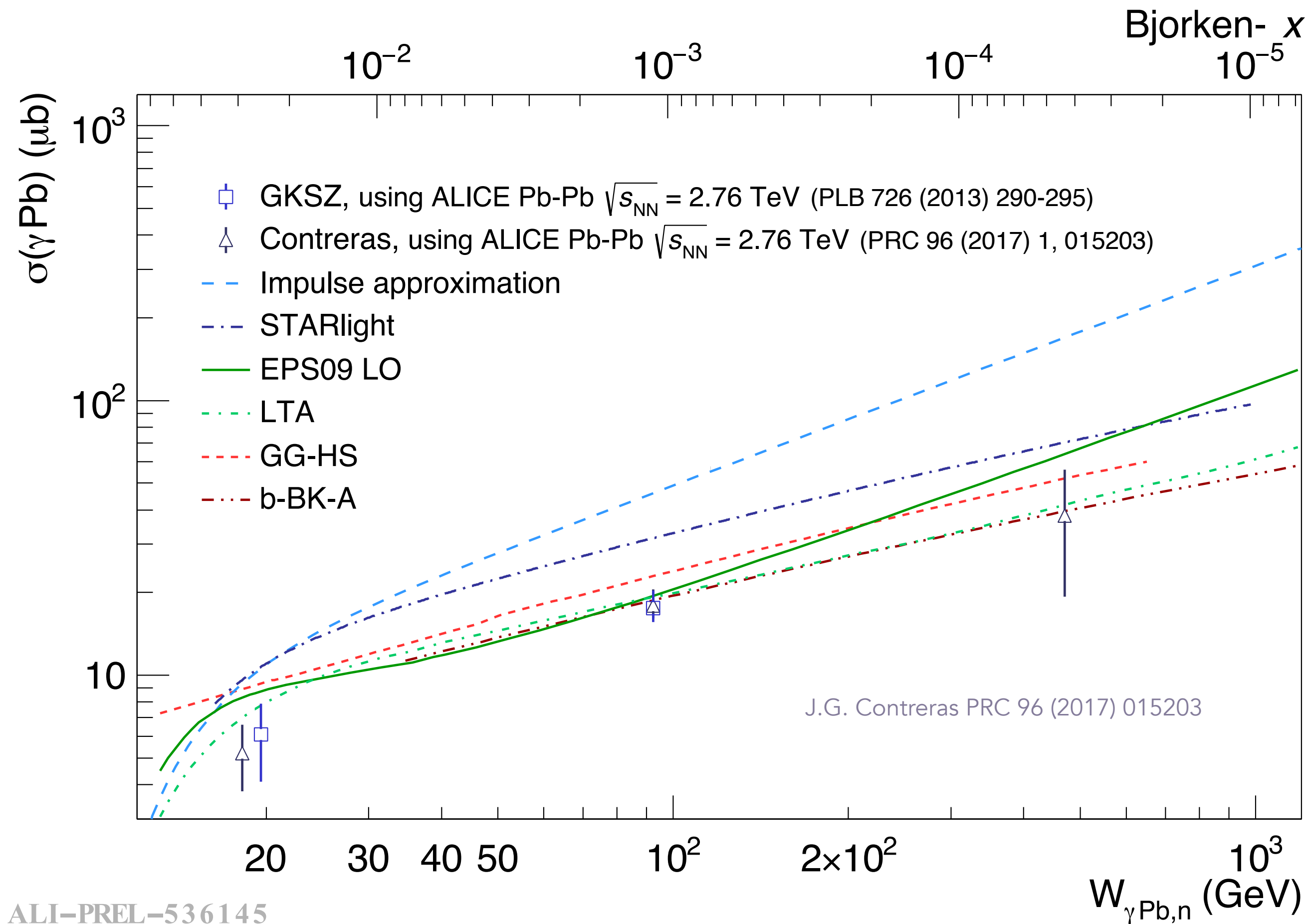
Goal is extracted :
 $\sigma_{\gamma\text{Pb}}$ vs. $W_{\gamma\text{Pb}}$ or x

For example, use peripheral and ultra-peripheral collisions

JGC, PRC 96, 015203 (2017)

Caveat : this calculation considers the photon-nucleus cross sections in both PC and UPC to be the same.

Photon energy ambiguity : simultaneously measurement



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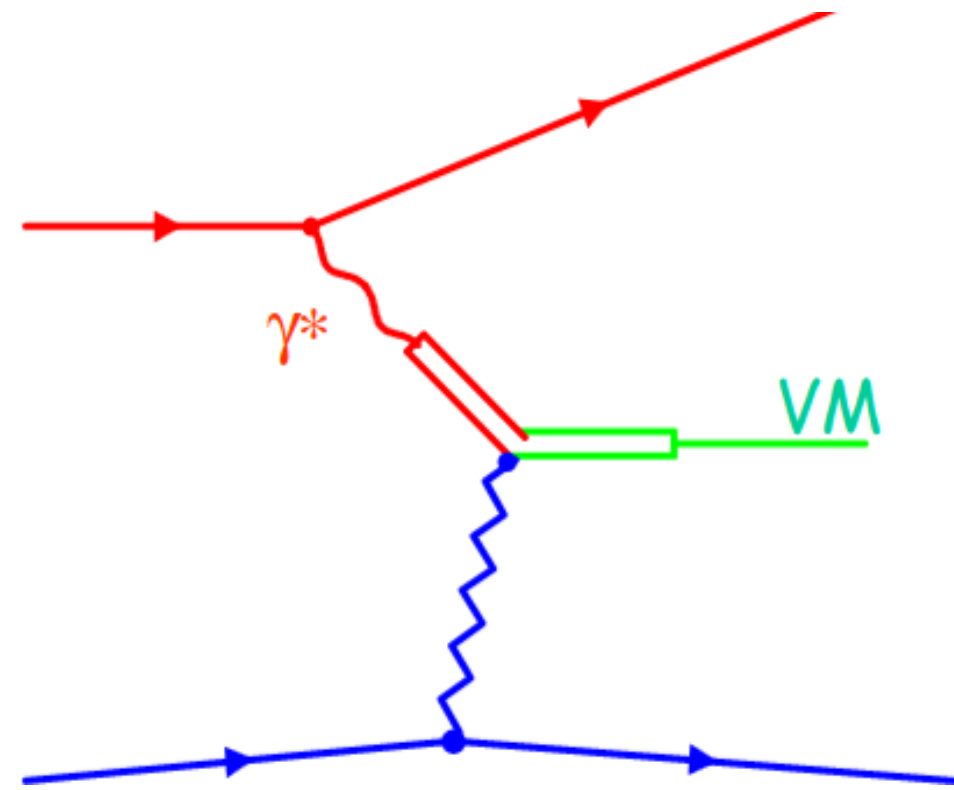
Caveat : this calculation considers the photon-nucleus cross sections in both PC and UPC to be the same.

Using new rapidity-dependent results provide further constraint on photonuclear cross section computations

Polarization:

Coherent VM photo production in UPCs and PCs

Polarization : Coherent vector meson photoproduction



Polarization refers to the particle spin alignment with respect to a chosen direction

s-channel helicity conservation (SCHC): helicity or polarization of photon transferred to vector meson (J/ψ)

Vector meson (VM) has retained same helicity and polarization as that of the initial photon that interacted with the target

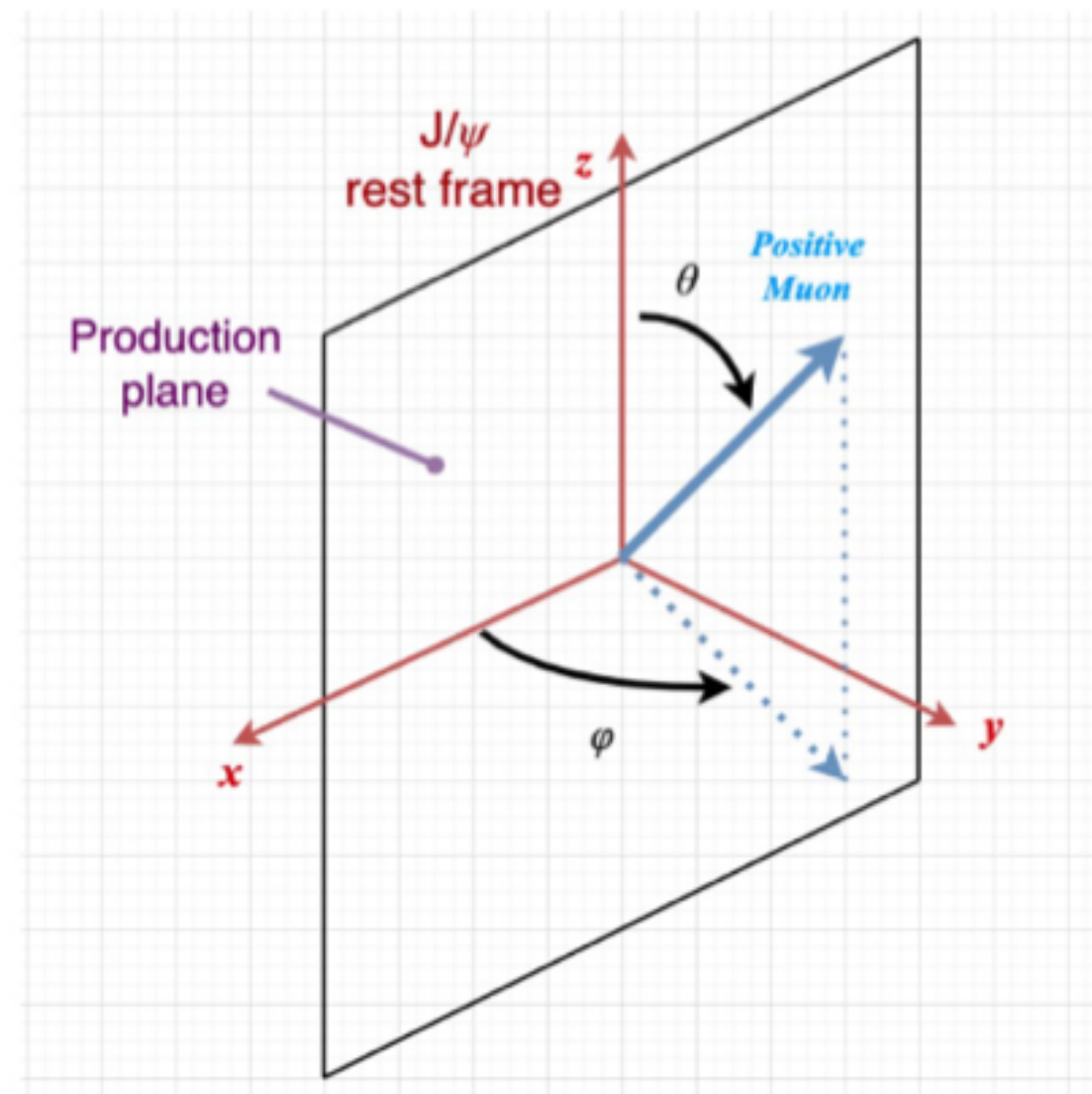
Phys. Lett. B 31 (1970) 387-390, JETP Lett. 68 (1998) 696-703

Helicity frame

z-axis (polarization axis): flight direction of the J/ψ in its rest frame

Dilepton decay angular distribution

P. Faccioli et al., Eur.Phys.J.C69:657-673, 2010

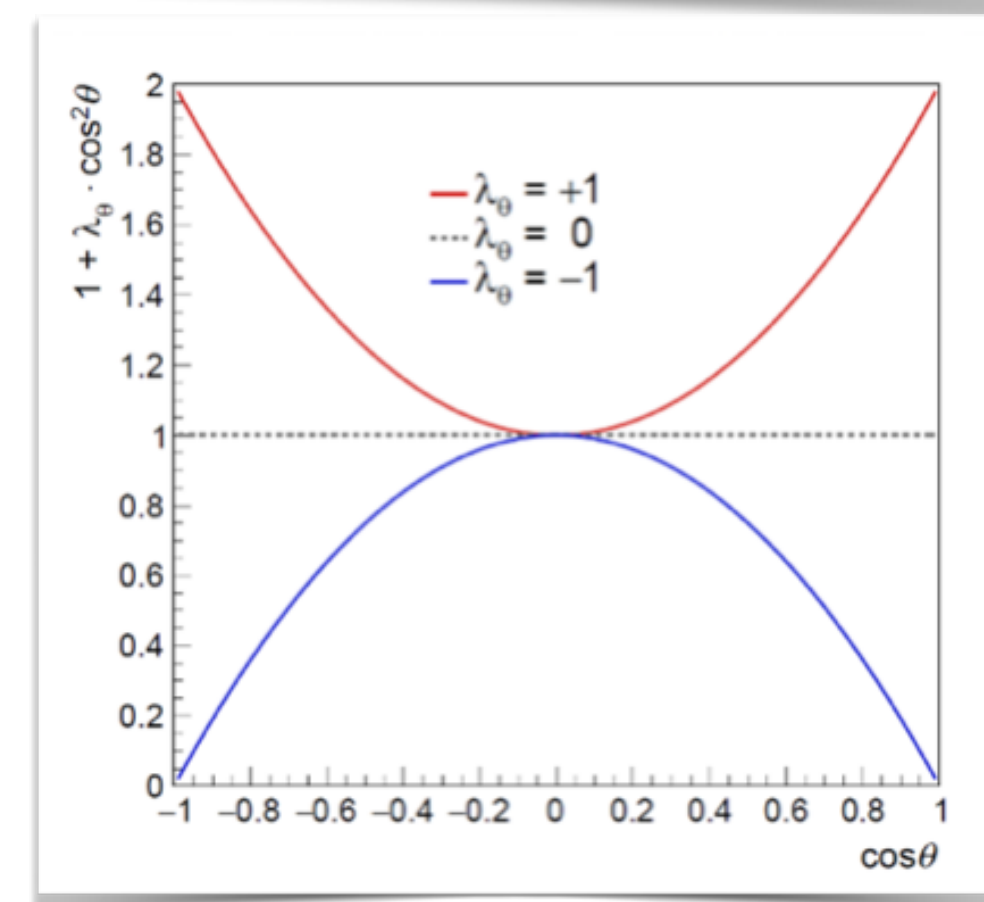


$$W(\cos\theta, \phi) \propto \frac{1}{3+\lambda_\theta} \cdot (1 + \lambda_\theta \cos^2 \theta + \lambda_\phi \sin^2 \theta \cos 2\phi + \lambda_{\theta\phi} \sin 2\theta \cos \phi)$$

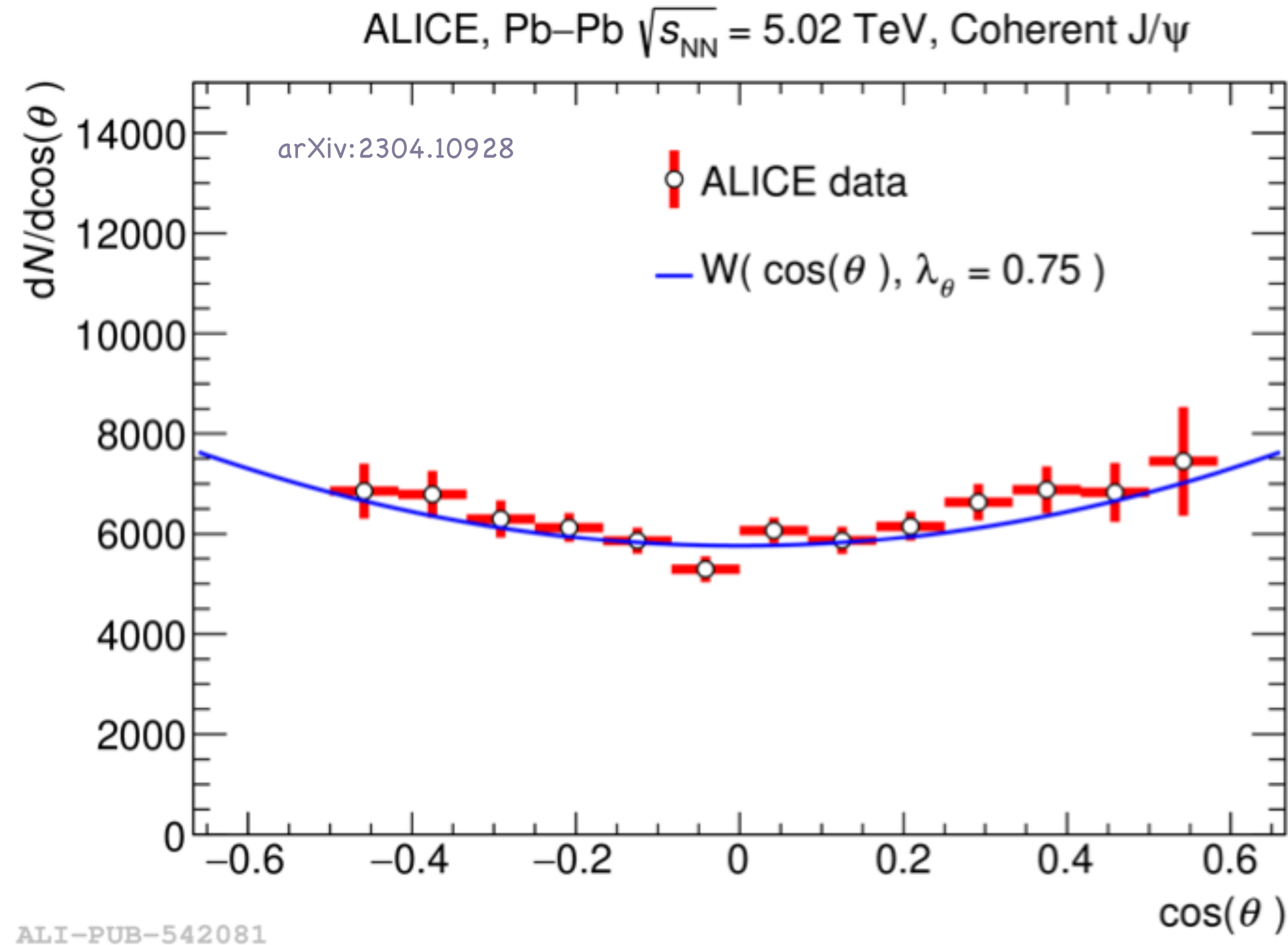
$(\lambda_\theta, \lambda_\phi, \lambda_{\theta\phi}) = (0,0,0) \Rightarrow$ No polarization

$(\lambda_\theta, \lambda_\phi, \lambda_{\theta\phi}) = (+1,0,0) \Rightarrow$ Transverse polarization

$(\lambda_\theta, \lambda_\phi, \lambda_{\theta\phi}) = (-1,0,0) \Rightarrow$ Longitudinal polarization



Polarization : Coherent vector meson photo production in UPC



Coherently photoproduced J/ ψ in UPCs at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV

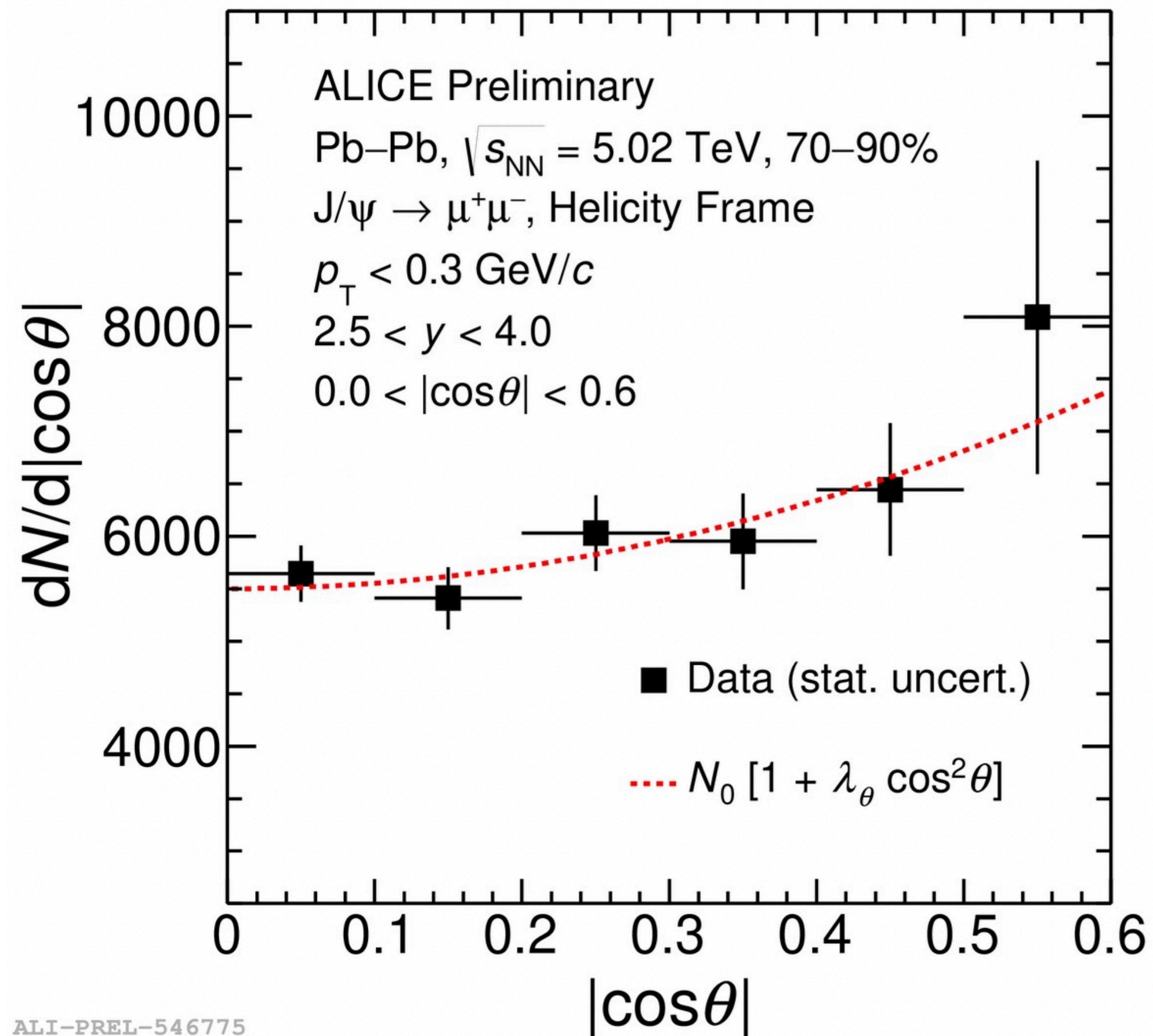
Transversely polarized

Consistent with SCHC hypothesis

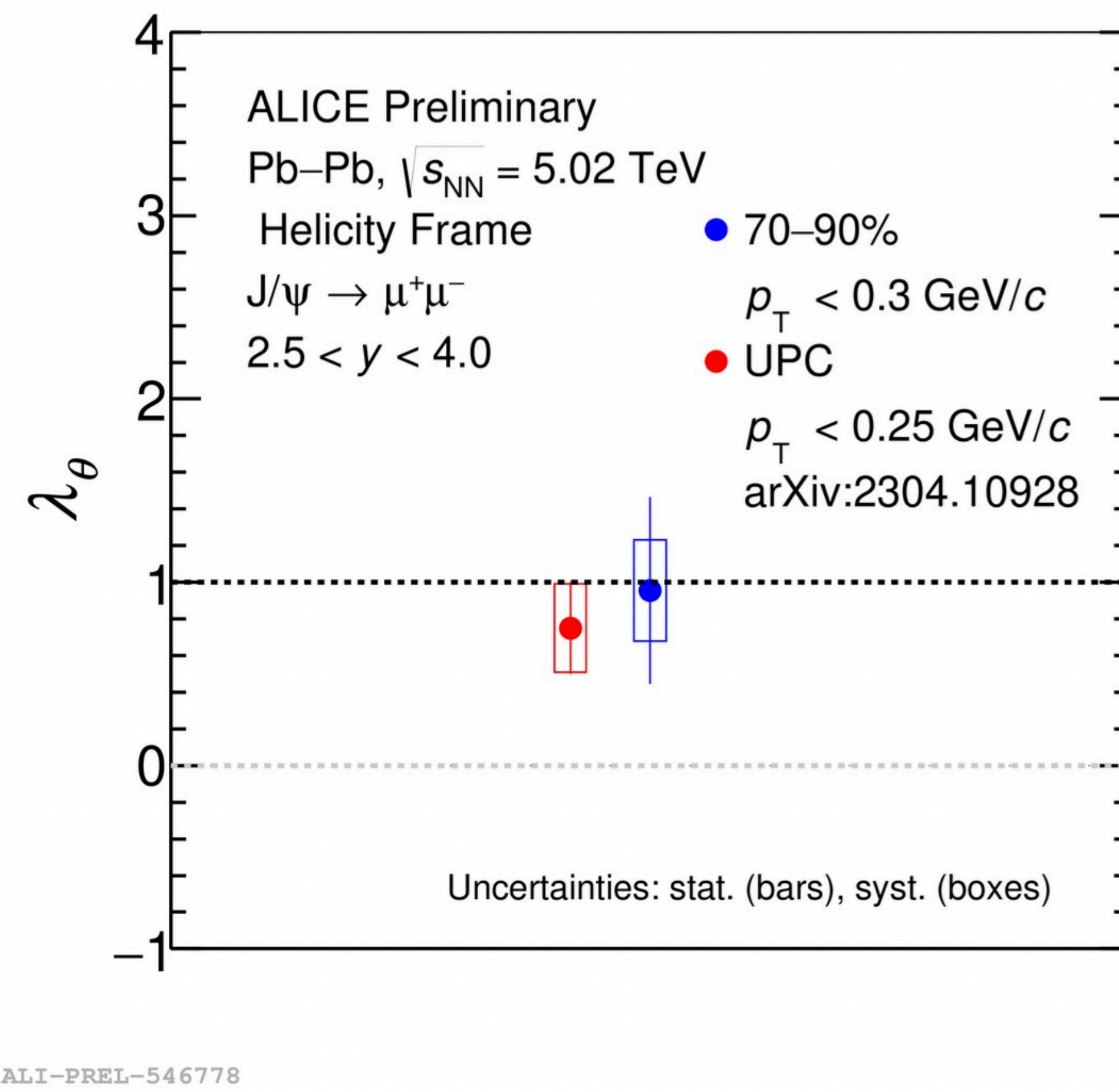
Do we expect similar observation for J/ ψ at low p_T (< 0.3 GeV/c) in Pb-Pb collisions with nuclear overlap (70–90%) ?

Additional challenge w.r.t UPC measurement : deal with a contamination from hadronic J/ ψ

Inclusive J/ψ polarization in Pb-Pb collisions for $p_T < 0.3$ GeV/c



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A hint for transverse polarization from $\cos\theta$ angular distribution

The λ_θ parameter is **consistent with the UPC measurement for coherently photoproduced J/ψ within uncertainties**

→ As expected in this kinematic region, where J/ψ coherent photoproduction dominates ($\sim 78\%$) over the J/ψ hadronic production [arXiv:2204.10684]

Summary

Coherent photo production cross section measurements:

- ✓ No significant centrality/energy dependence are seen in coherent J/ψ photoproduction cross section
- ✓ First y -differential measurement of coherent J/ψ photoproduction cross section in peripheral Pb–Pb collisions (PC) at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV for $p_T < 0.3$ GeV/c
- ✓ Shows a strong y -dependence similar to that observed in Ultraperipheral collisions (UPC)
- ✓ Measurements are qualitatively described by a large number of vector meson photoproduction models developed for UPC and extended to PC, but fail at reproducing the y -dependence (similarly to UPC)

Polarization measurement:

- ✓ First inclusive J/ψ polarization measurement for $p_T < 0.3$ GeV/c in peripheral Pb–Pb collisions with nuclear overlap at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV
- ✓ In agreement with the transverse polarization scenario (SCHC hypothesis) and consistent with a major contribution from a photoproduction process in the region of study.

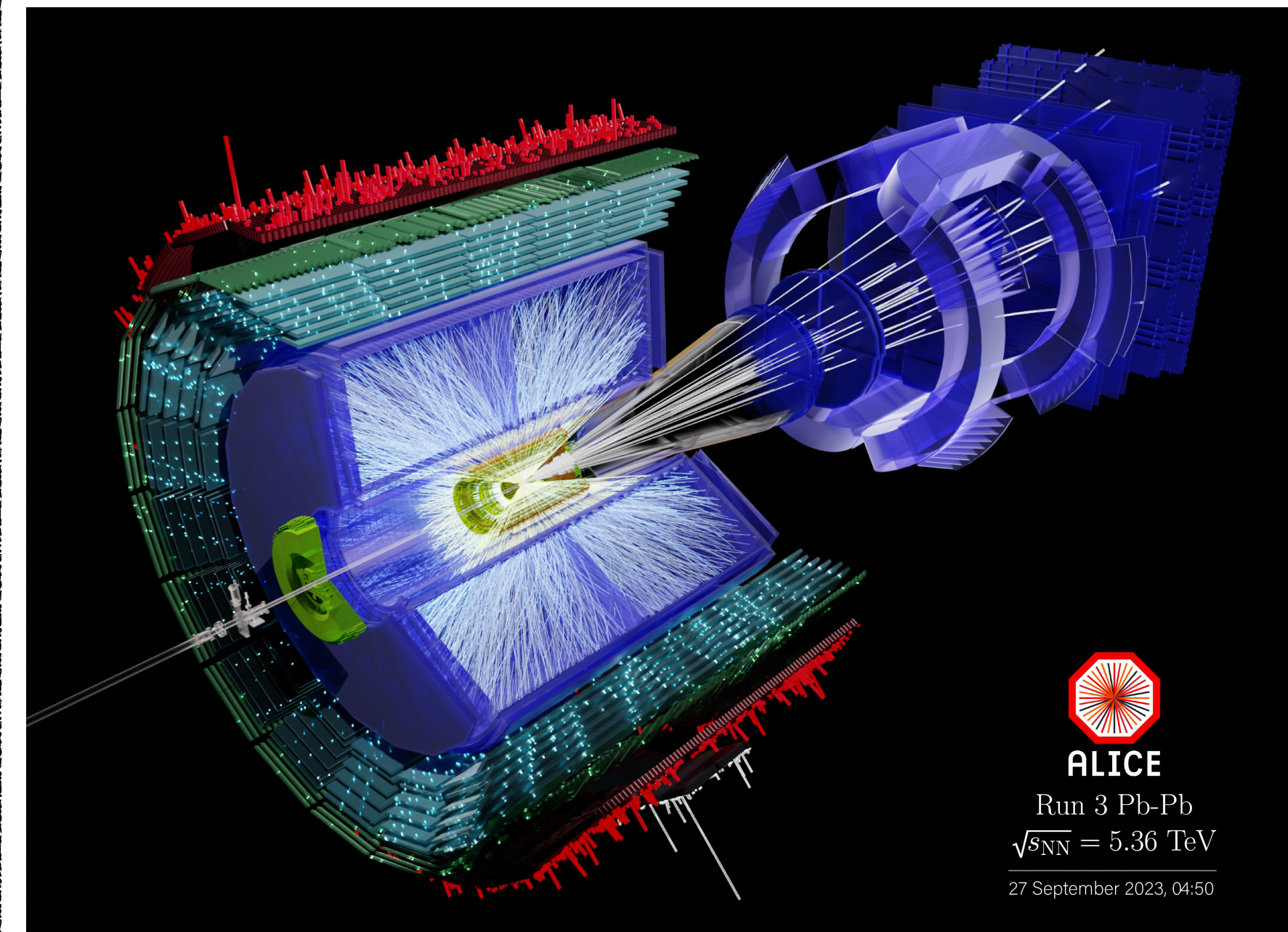
Outlook

Photoproduction cross section

- The coherent J/ψ photoproduction cross section measurement can be exploited to **extract photonuclear cross sections in two Bjorken-x regions** [J.G. Contreras, Phys. Rev. C 96, 015203 (2017)]
- **ALICE Run 3 will provide a large Pb-Pb data sample and new MFT results:**
 - Will permit to study J/ψ photoproduction in the most central collisions
 - To better constrain models (especially the role of spectator nucleons in the coherence condition)
 - > **precision and more differential measurements**
- Look at **heavier vector mesons** could become also possible to pin down possible **QGP effects** on the measured probes
- Look at **ratios of coherent $\psi(2S)/J/\psi(1S)$** : centrality and rapidity

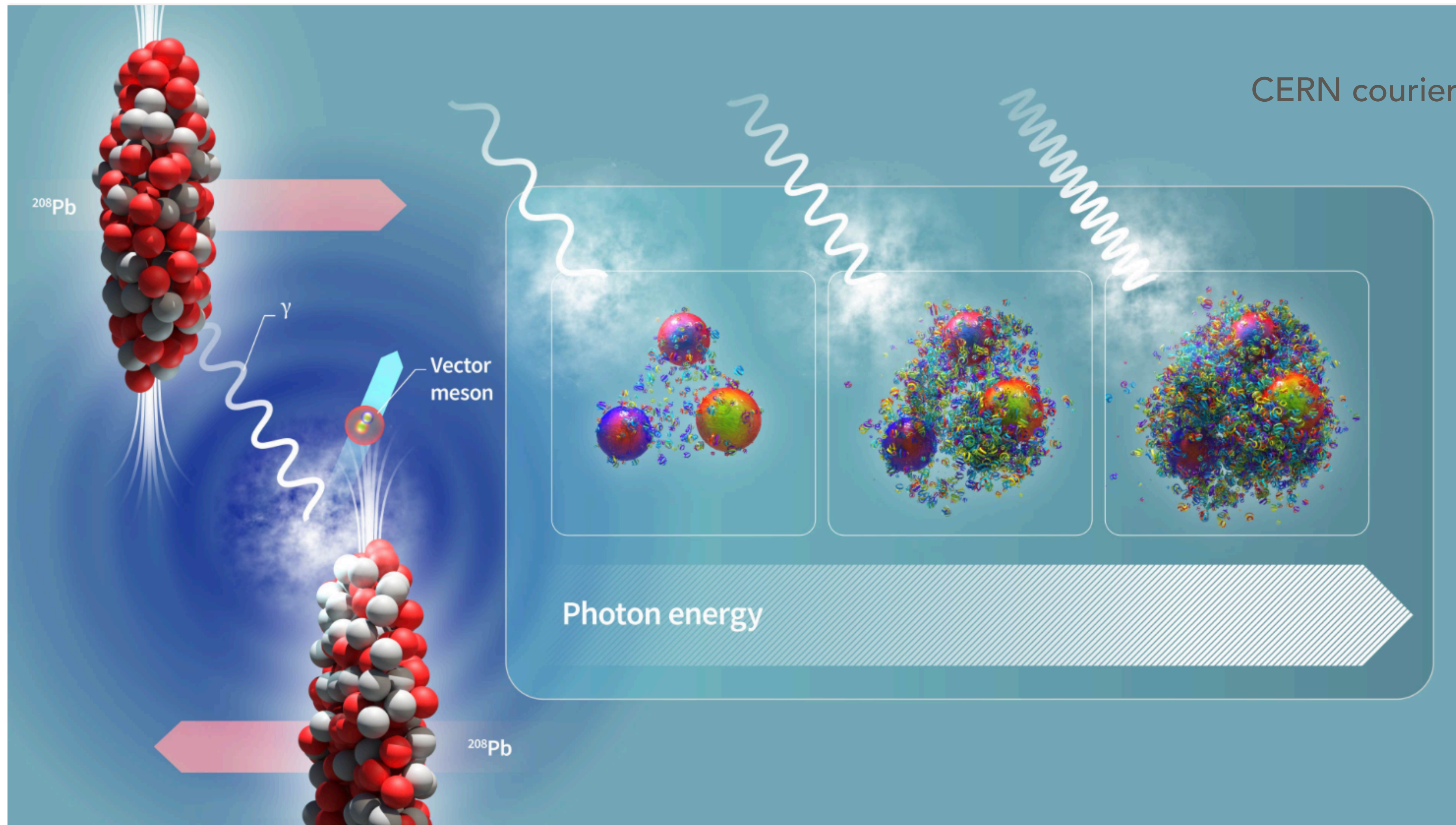
Polarization :

- **Precision measurement** in J/ψ and other VMs (i.e $\psi(2S)$, $Y(nS)$ etc.)
- Will explore **interference and entanglement phenomena** of VMs



Back up

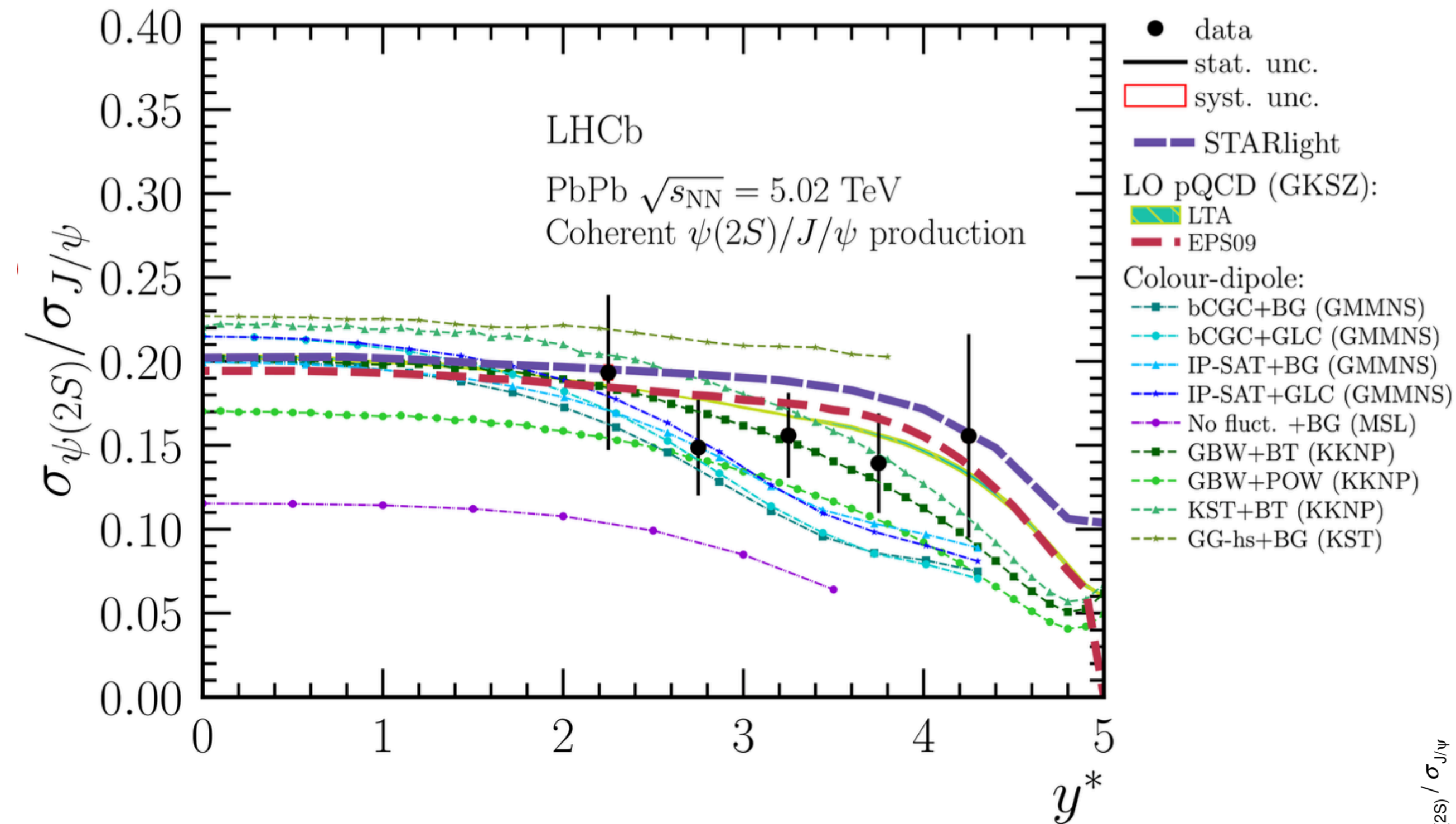
ALICE shines light into the nucleus to probe its structure



The structure of the gluonic matter in the nucleus gets further exposed when probed by higher energy photons

<https://home.cern/news/news/physics/alice-shines-light-nucleus-probe-its-structure>

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ALICE : at mid- y

coh. $\sigma_{\psi(2S)}/\text{coh. } \sigma_{J/\psi(1S)}$

$0.18 \pm 0.0185(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.028(\text{syst.}) \pm 0.005(\text{BR}).$

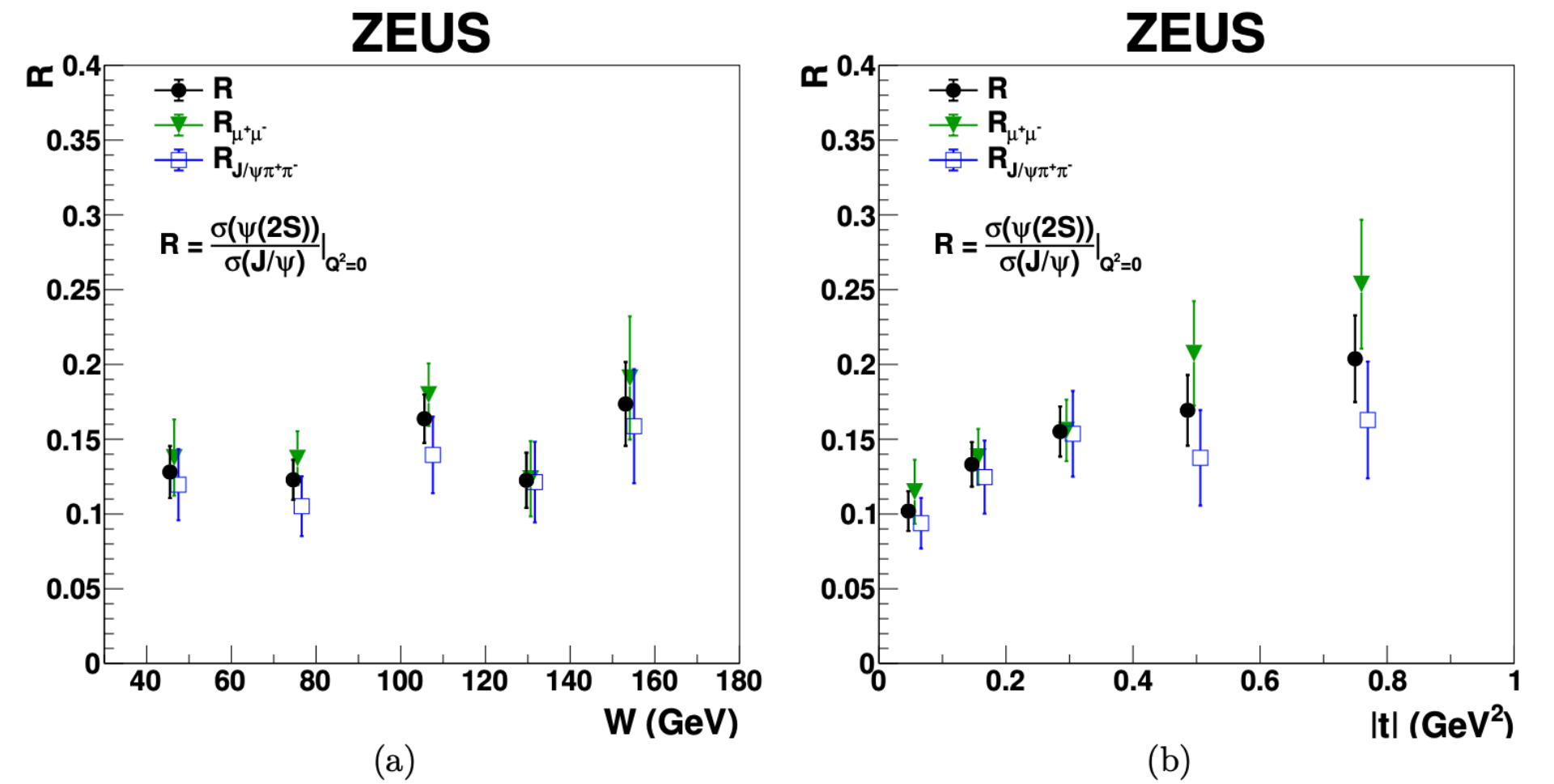
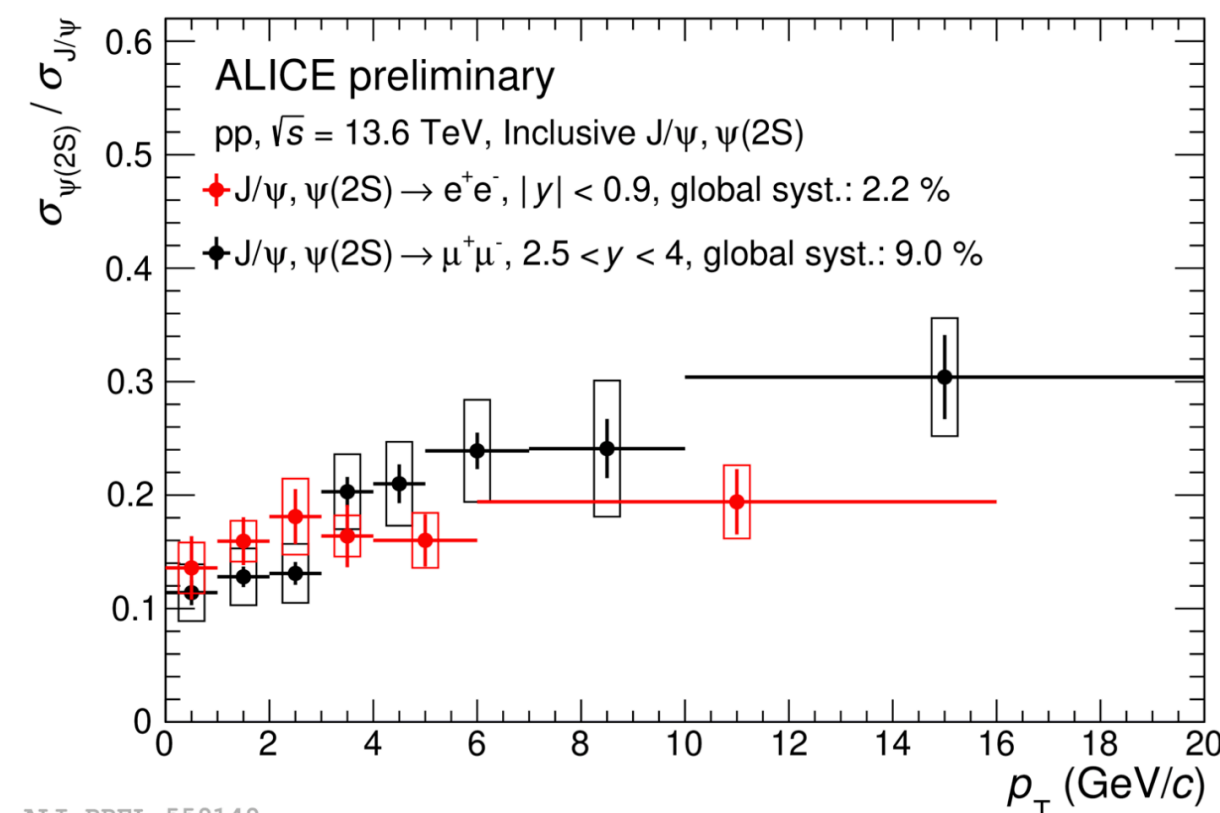


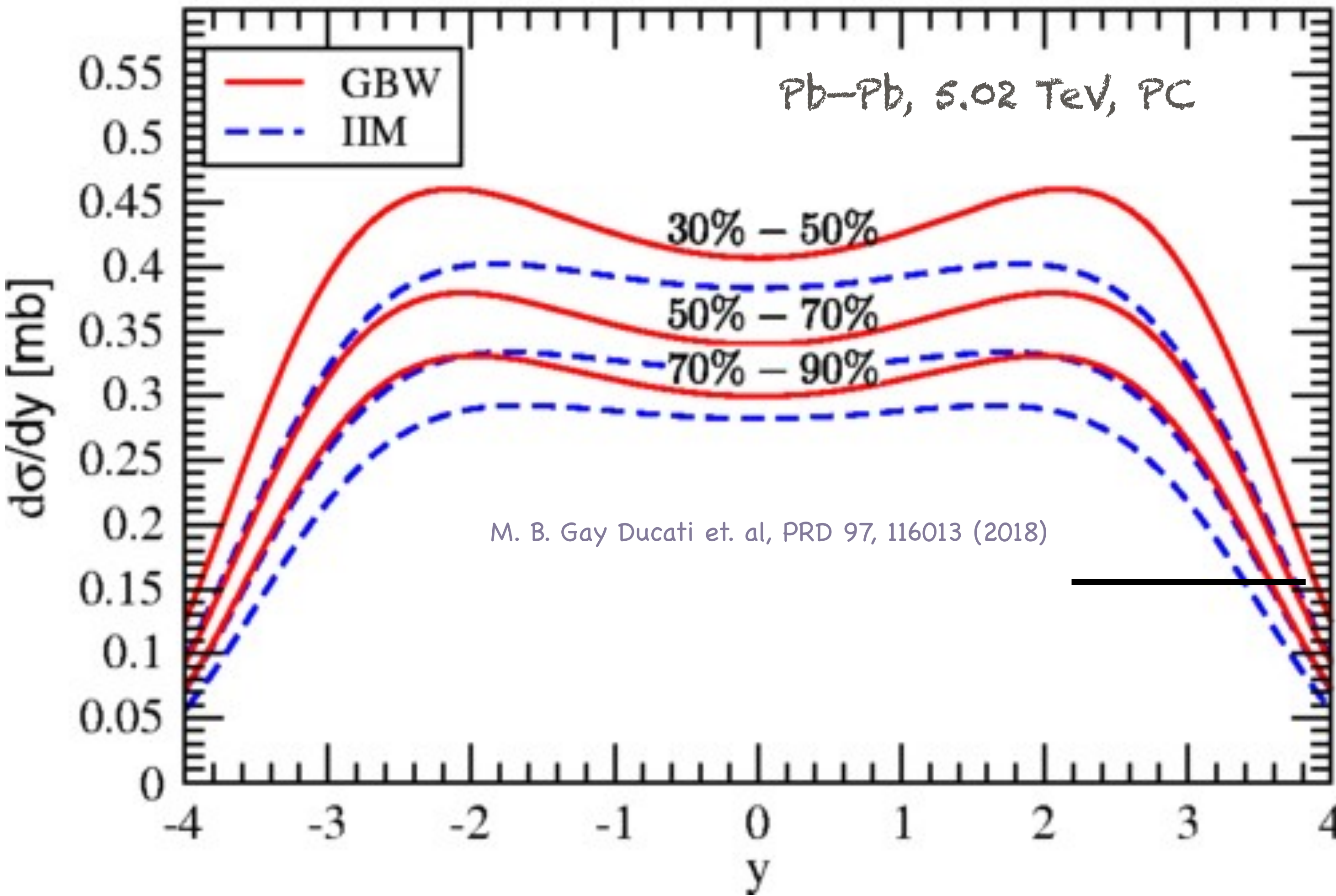
Figure 7. Cross-section ratio $R = \sigma_{\psi(2S)}/\sigma_{J/\psi(1S)}$ in photoproduction as a function of (a) W and (b) $|t|$ for the two decay channels, $R_{\mu\mu}$ for $\psi(2S) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ (triangles) and $R_{J/\psi\pi\pi}$ for $\psi(2S) \rightarrow J/\psi(1S)\pi^+\pi^-$ (squares), and the combination of the two decay modes (solid circles). The error bars show the statistical uncertainties only. The points for R are shown at the mean W and $|t|$ values for each bin as determined for the $J/\psi(1S)$ data (see table 1). The points for $R_{\mu\mu}$ and $R_{J/\psi\pi\pi}$ are displaced horizontally for better visibility.



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Ratio of $\psi(2S)$ to J/ψ in LHC Run 3 proton-proton collisions as a function of transverse momentum, showing ALICE's capability for measurements of the excited and ground charmonium states in the central (red points) and forward (black points) region. (Image: ALICE)

Coherent J/ψ photoproduction : Rapidity (y) dependence

Models predict a strong y -dependence of the VM photoproduction cross section M. B. Gay Ducati et. al, PRD 97, 116013 (2018)



PCs = Peripheral collisions

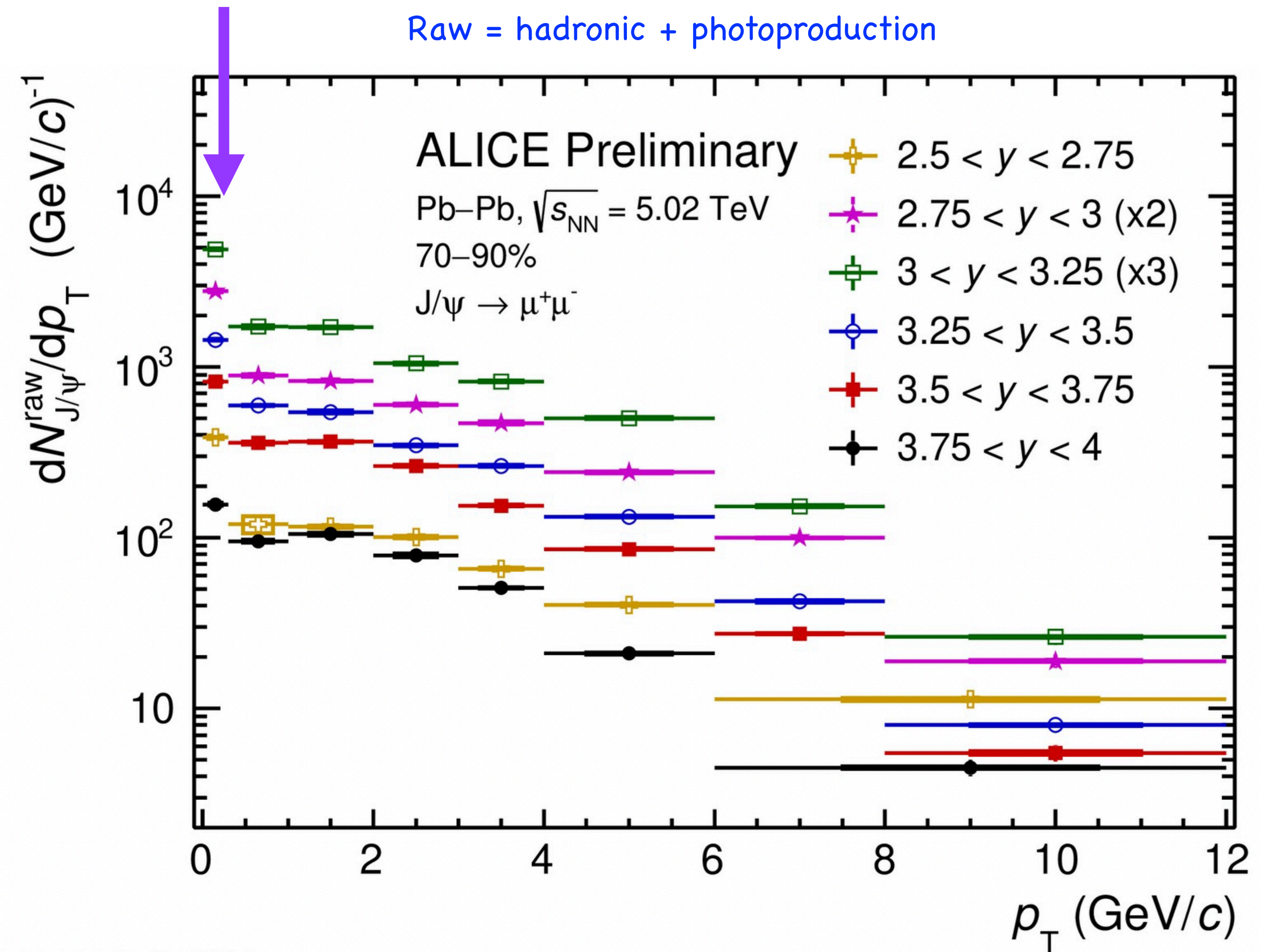
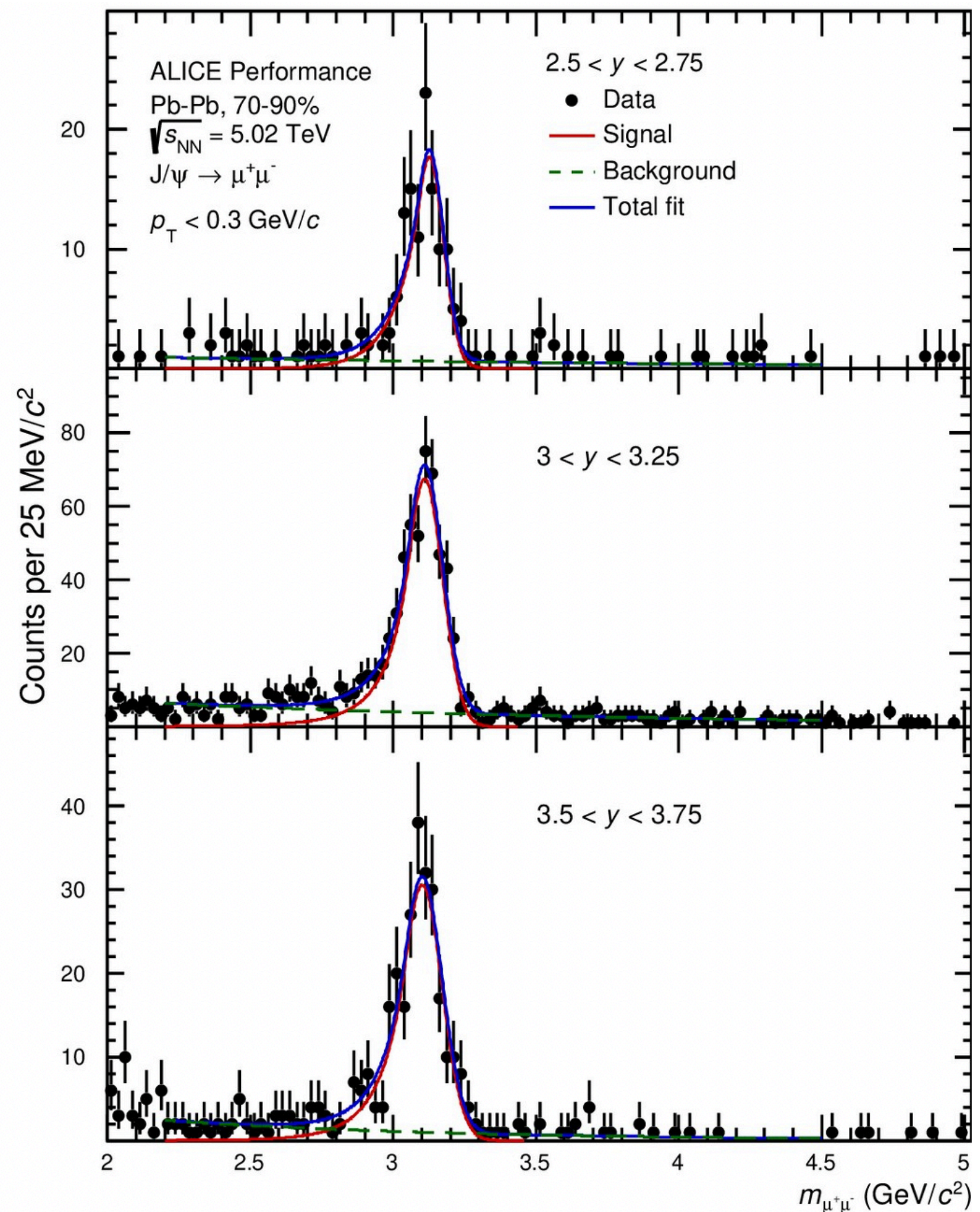
Additional differential measurements are needed to better constrain models, as done in UPC

A new measurement is performed as a function of rapidity in Pb-Pb collisions with nuclear overlap

The state of art: raw J/ψ yield in rapidity intervals

J/ψ signal extraction from the invariant-mass distribution of the decay daughters

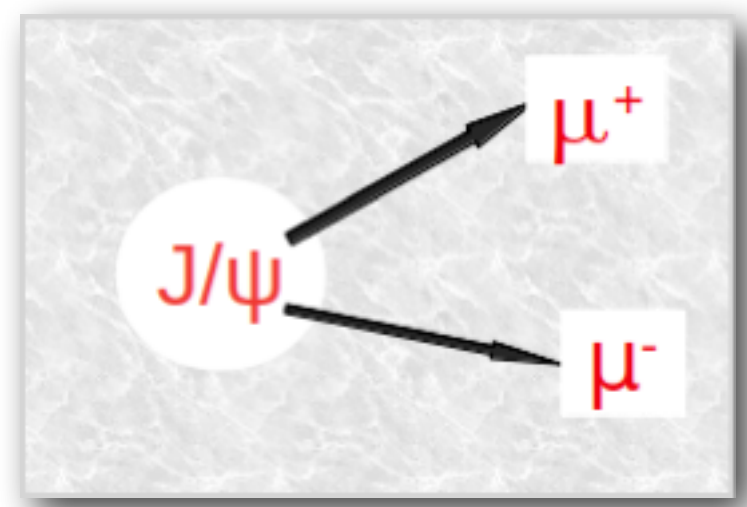
$J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$, 70–90%, $2.5 < y < 4$, $p_T < 0.3$ GeV/c



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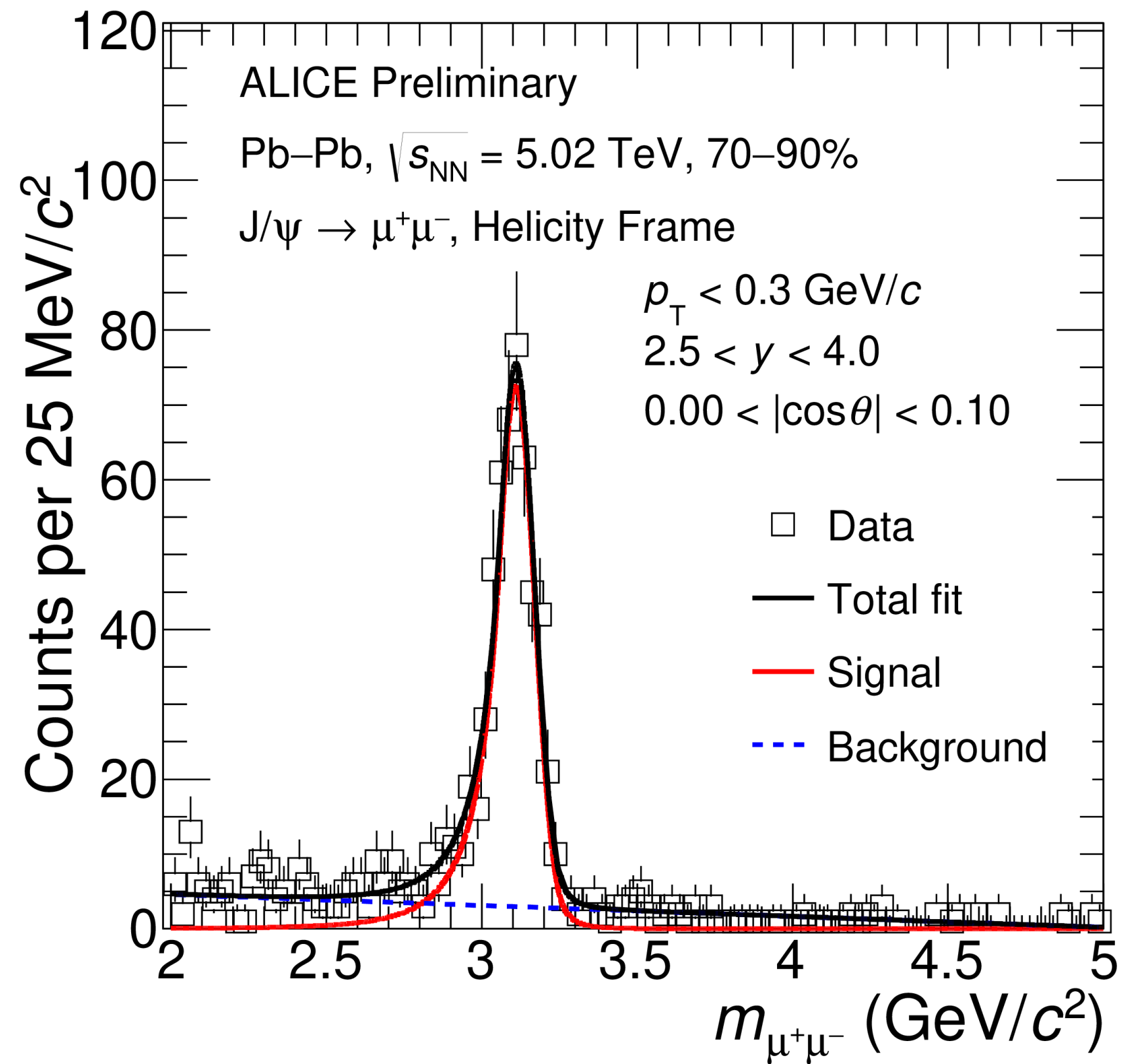
Raw yield excess is observed for $p_T < 0.3$ GeV/c for all y

J/ψ signal extraction in angular intervals for $p_T < 0.3 \text{ GeV}/c$

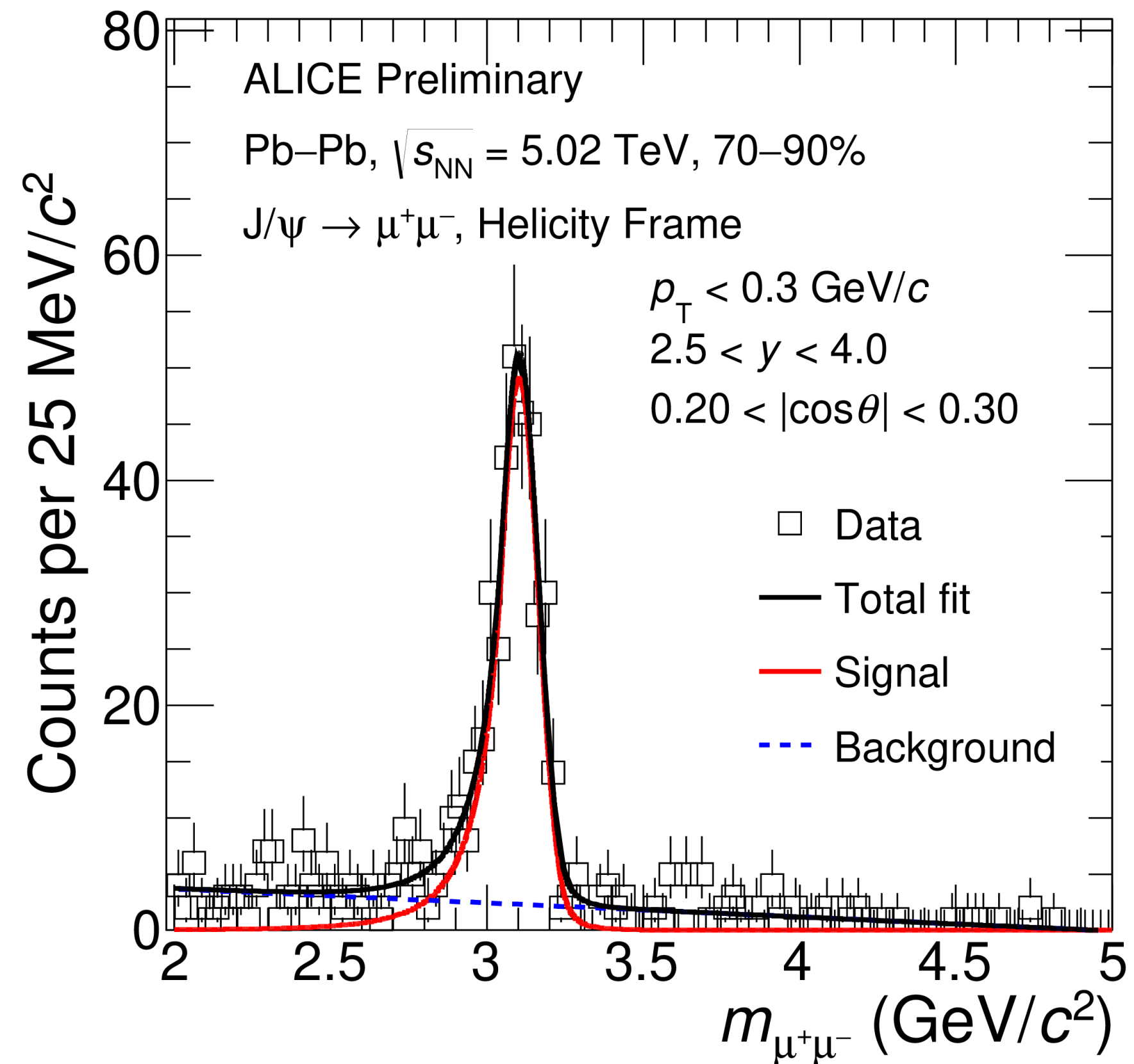


$J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$, 70–90%, $2.5 < y < 4$, $p_T < 0.3 \text{ GeV}/c$

J/ψ signal is extracted in six $\cos\theta$ intervals using the dimuon invariant mass distribution

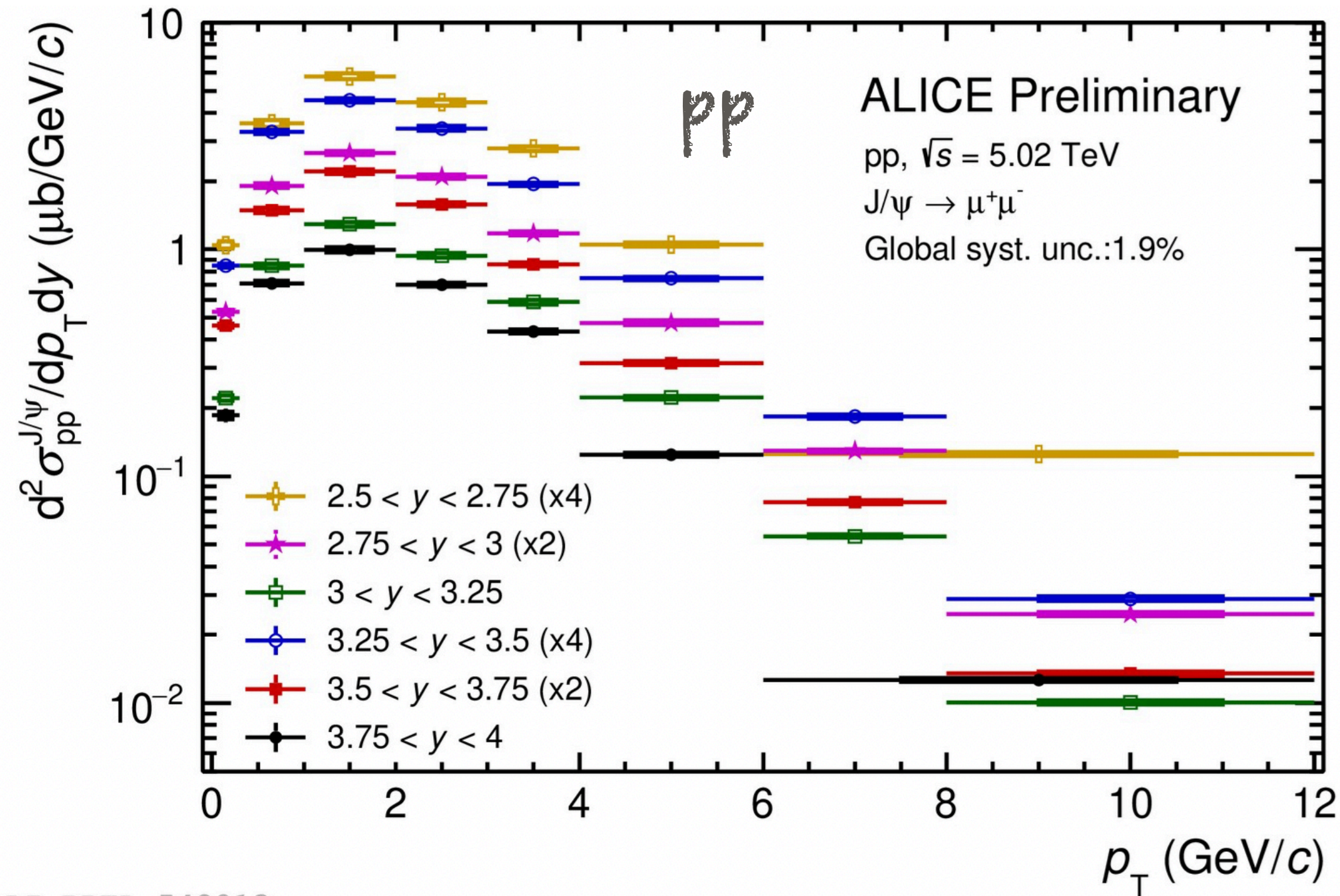


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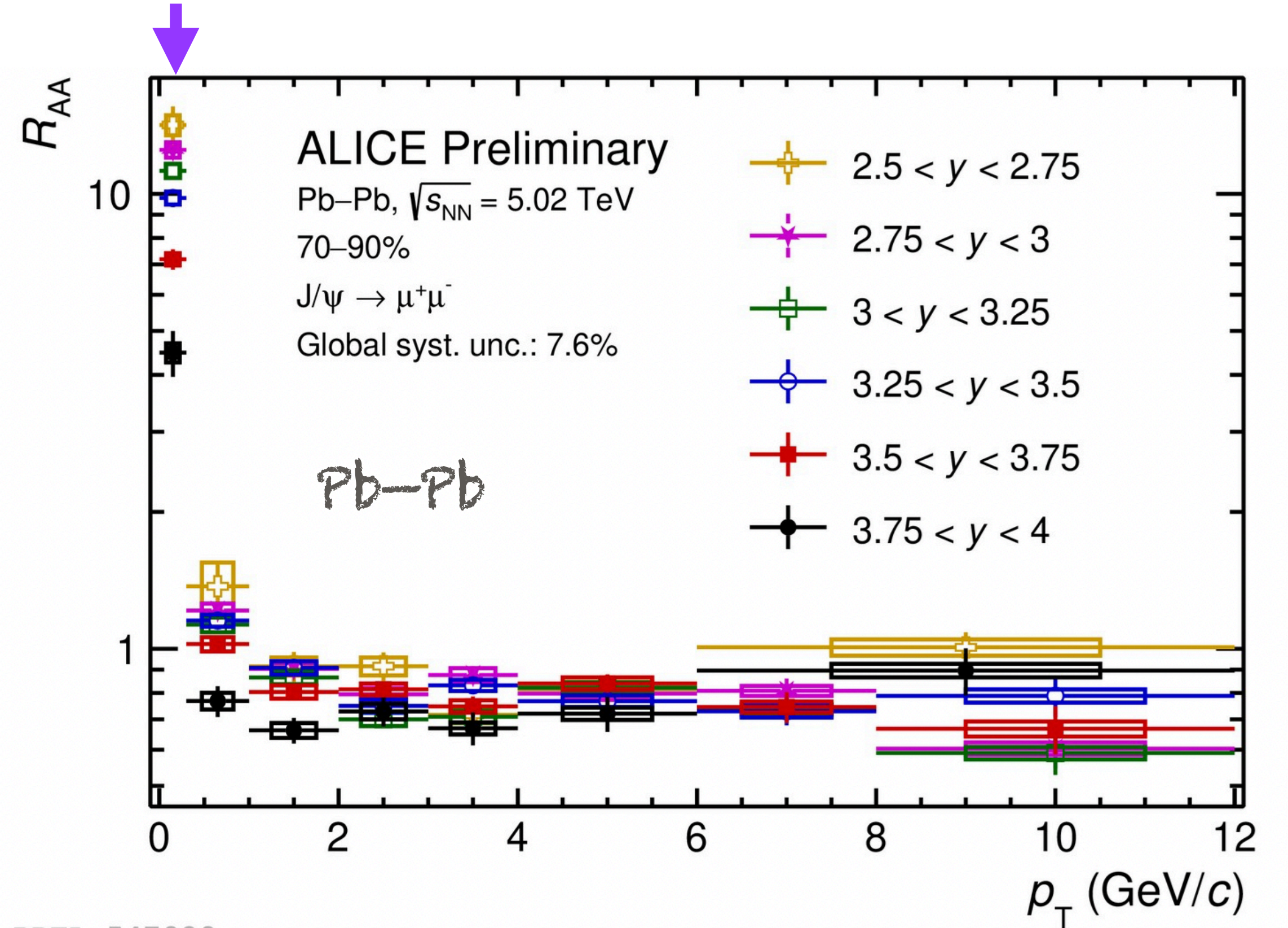


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Modelization of hadronic J/ψ yield contribution for $p_T < 0.3 \text{ GeV}/c$



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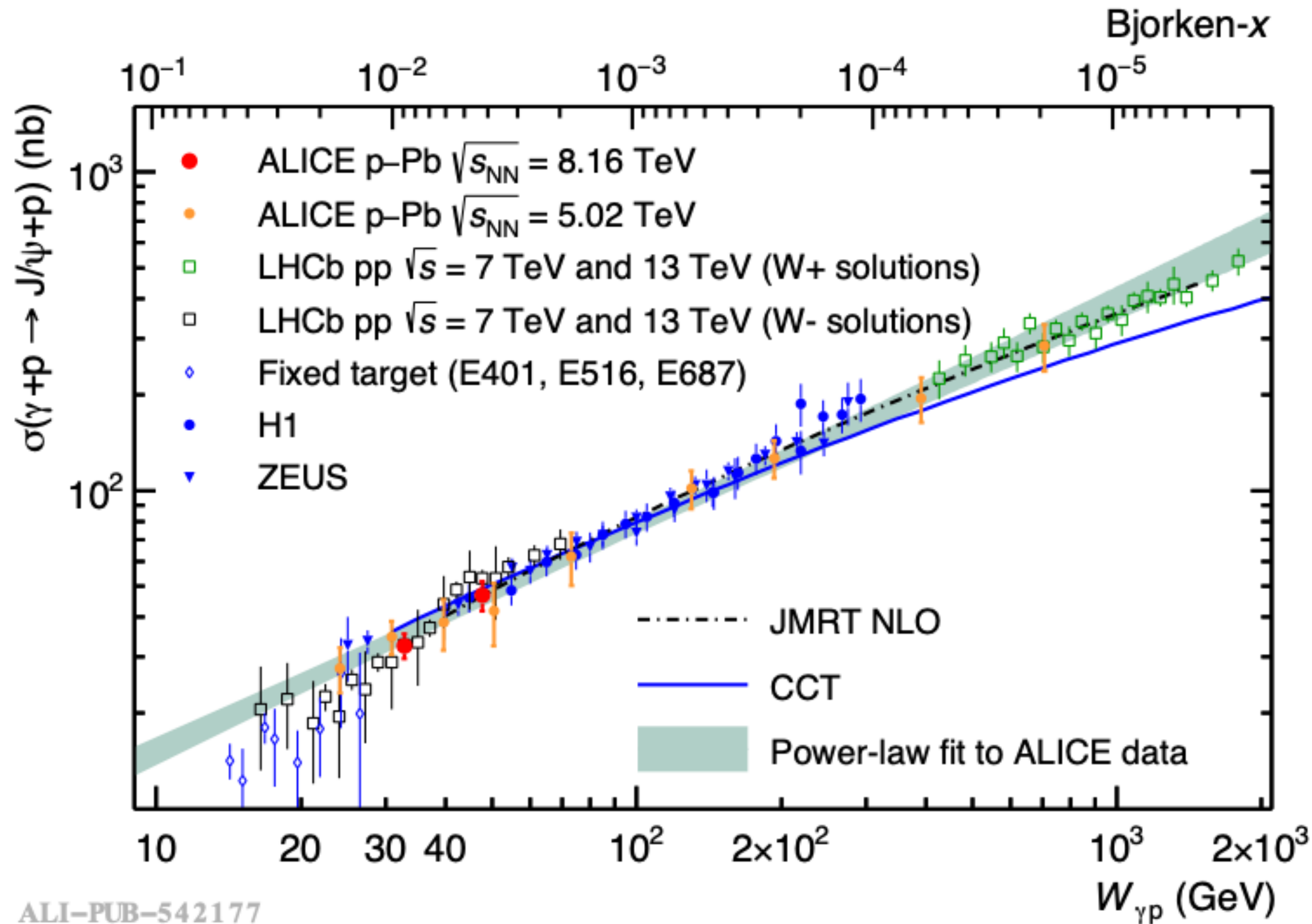


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The J/ψ cross section in pp collisions and the J/ψ R_{AA} are used as inputs for modeling the expected hadronic J/ψ yield

The R_{AA} largely increases for $p_T < 0.3 \text{ GeV}/c$ and it has a hierarchy in y , the most forward R_{AA} is the least enhanced

Exclusive J/ψ in p -Pb UPC



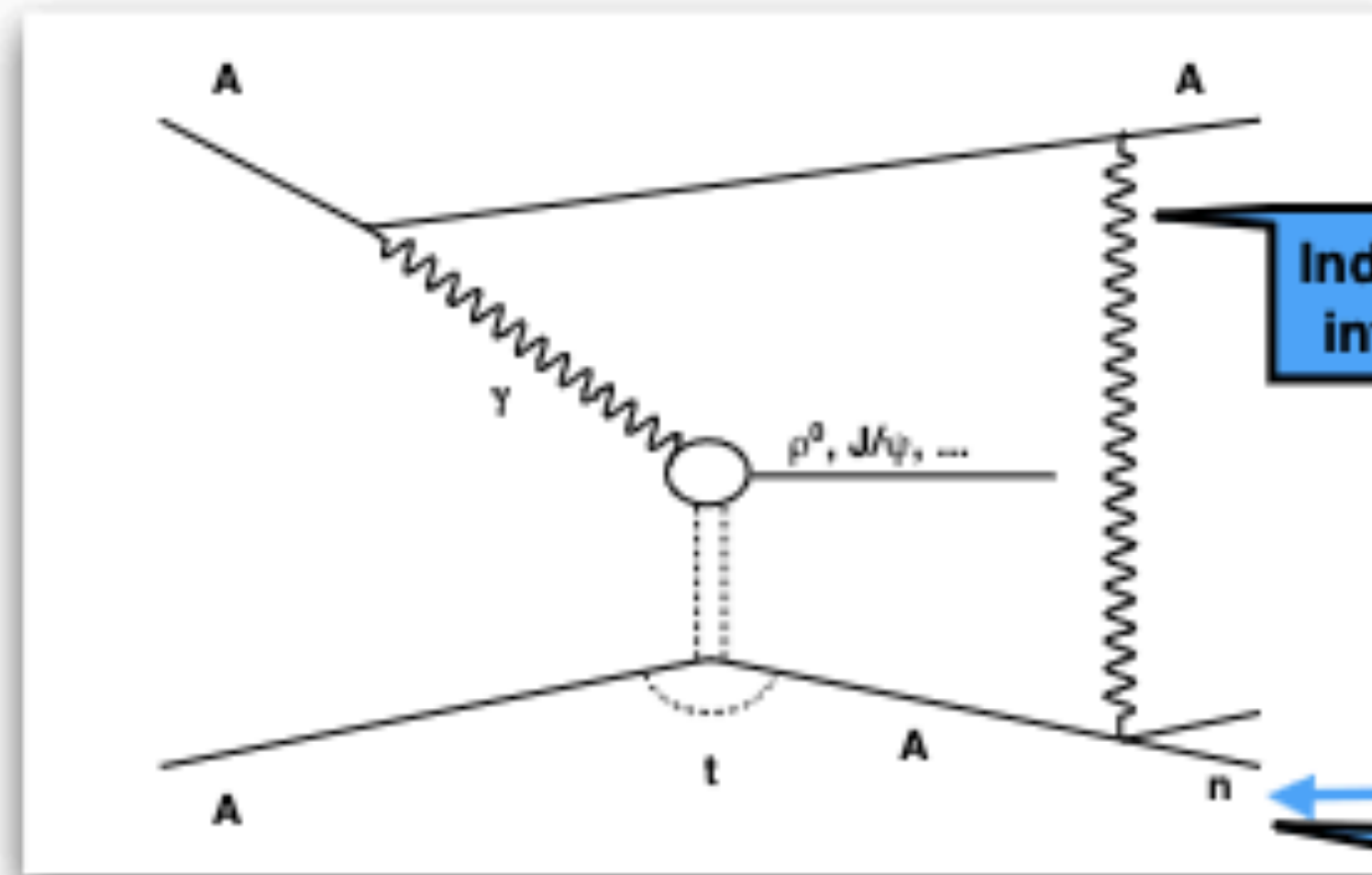
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Eur. Phys. J. C (2019) 79: 402 (ALICE midrapidity and semiforward)
 Phys. Rev. Lett. 113 no. 23, (2014) 232504 (ALICE forward)

Photon energy ambiguity : Neutron emission

Ambiguity problem: use EMD

Guzey, Strikman, Zhalov, EPJ C74 (2014) 2942

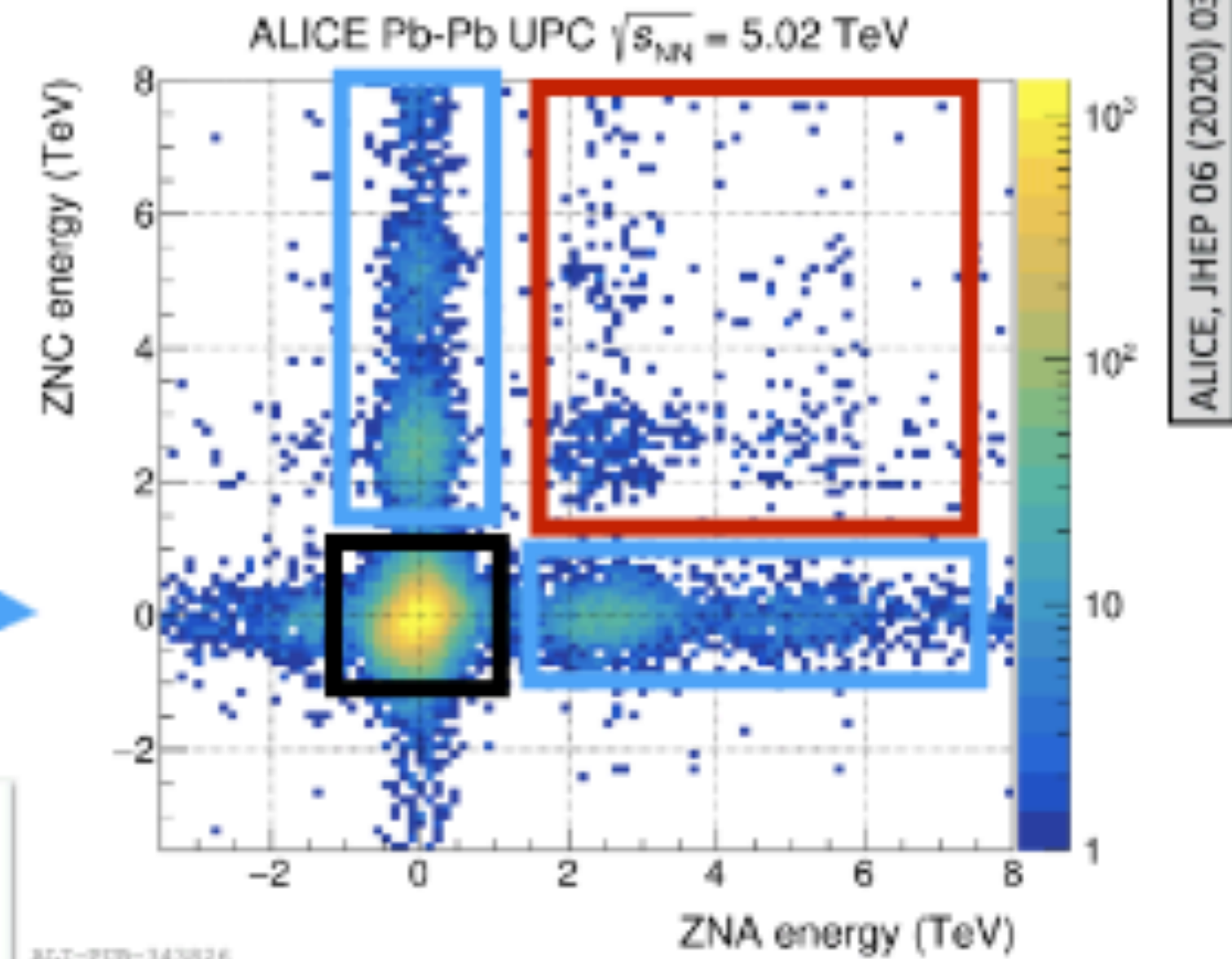


Independent interaction

ZDC

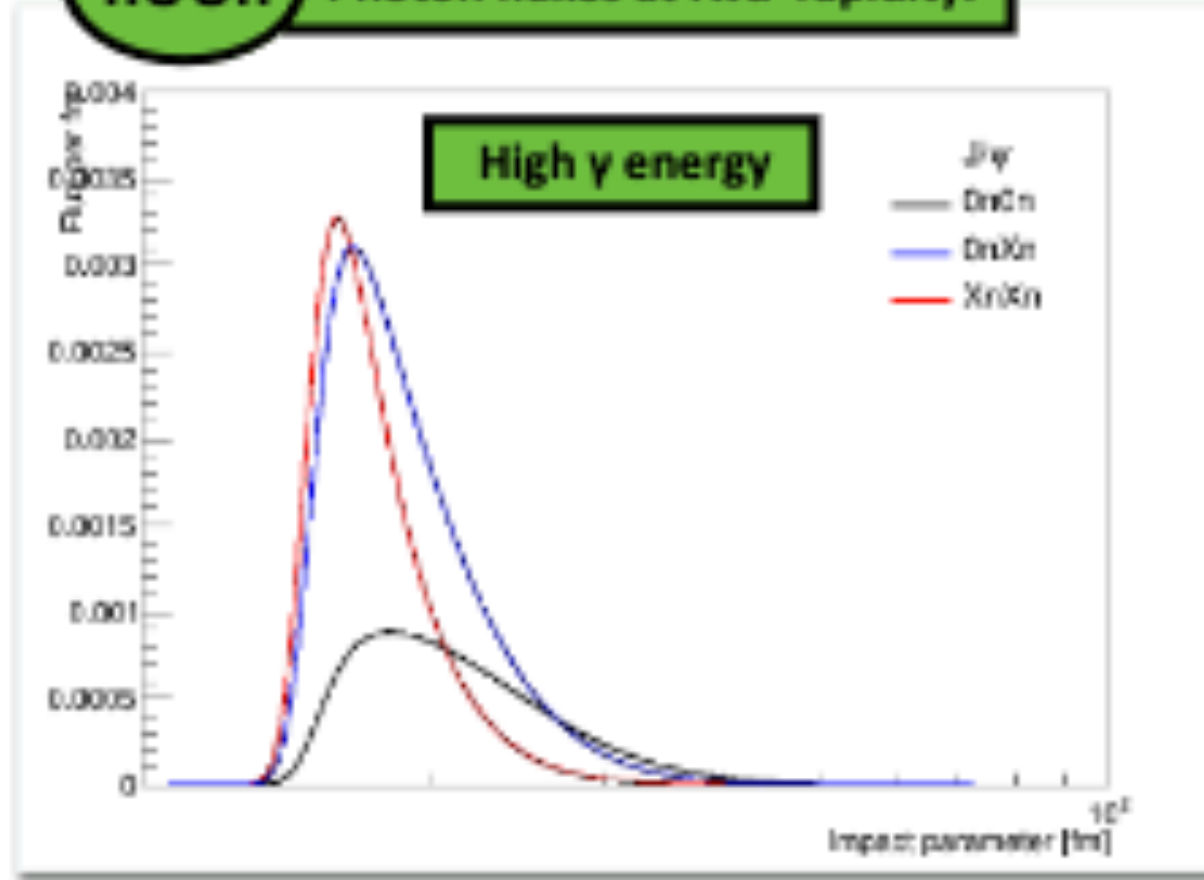
neutrons are emitted along the beamline

Electromagnetic dissociation of nuclei

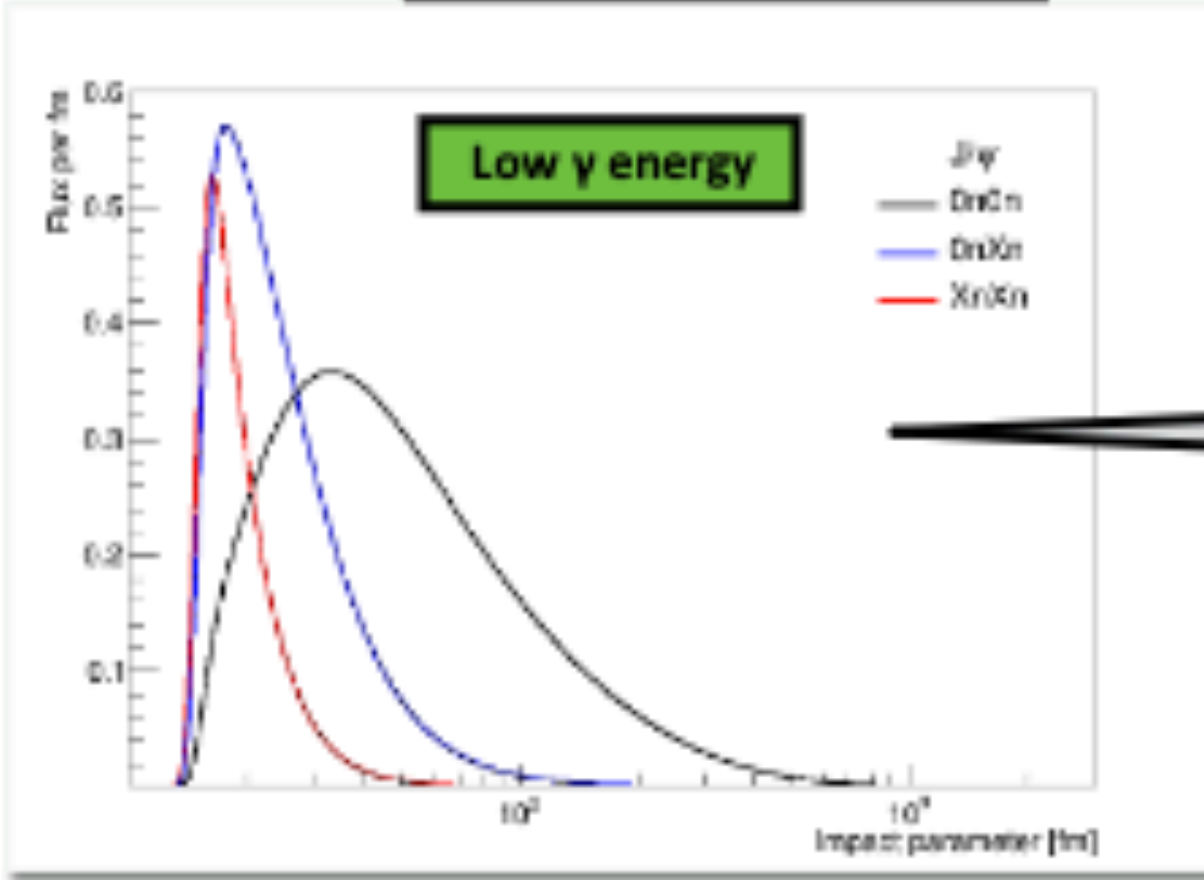


ALICE, JHEP 06 (2020) 035

n00n Photon fluxes at fwd rapidity:



High γ energy



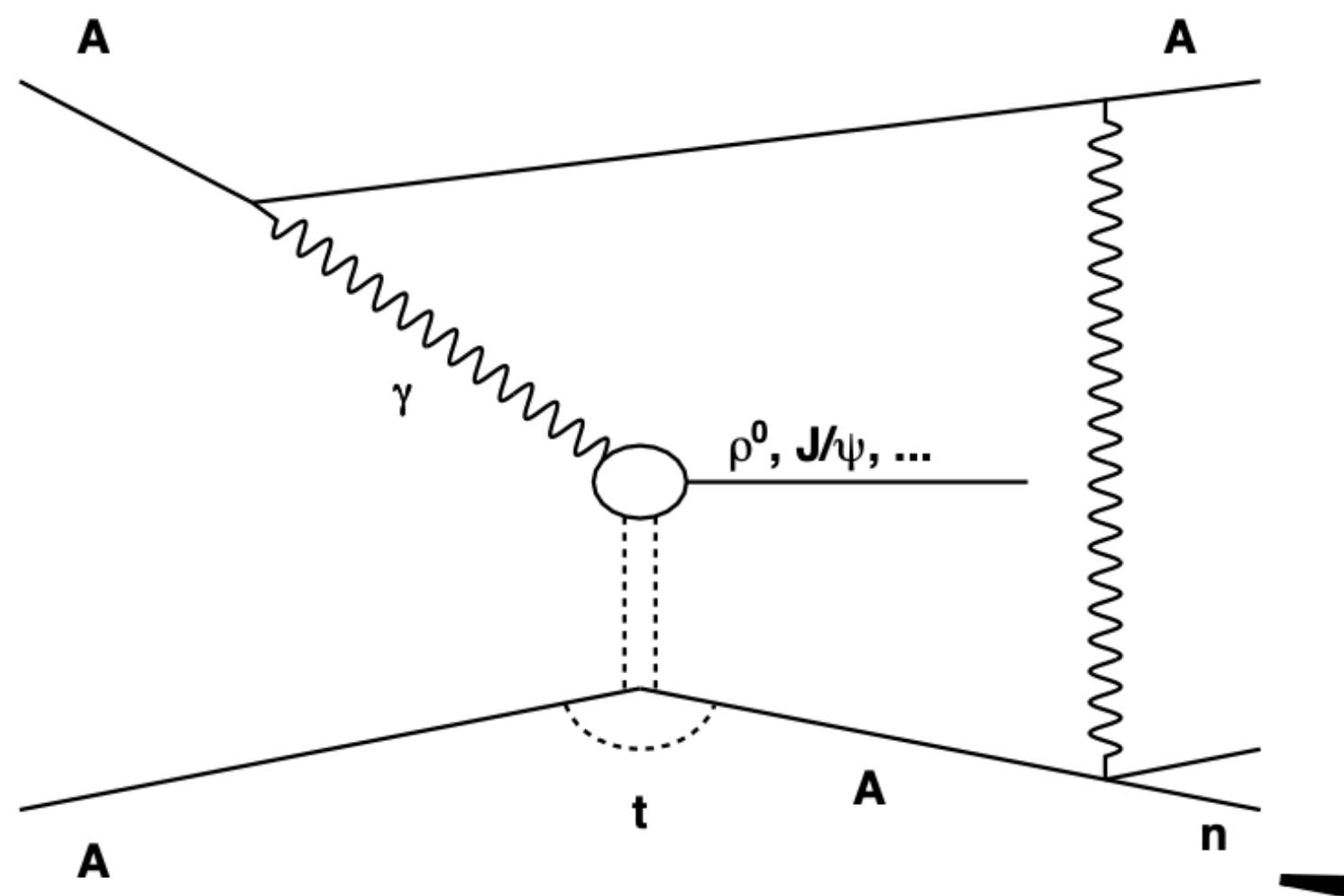
Low γ energy

0n0n: no EMD neutron (large b)
 0nXn: single EMD (medium b)
 XnXn: mutual EMD (smaller b)

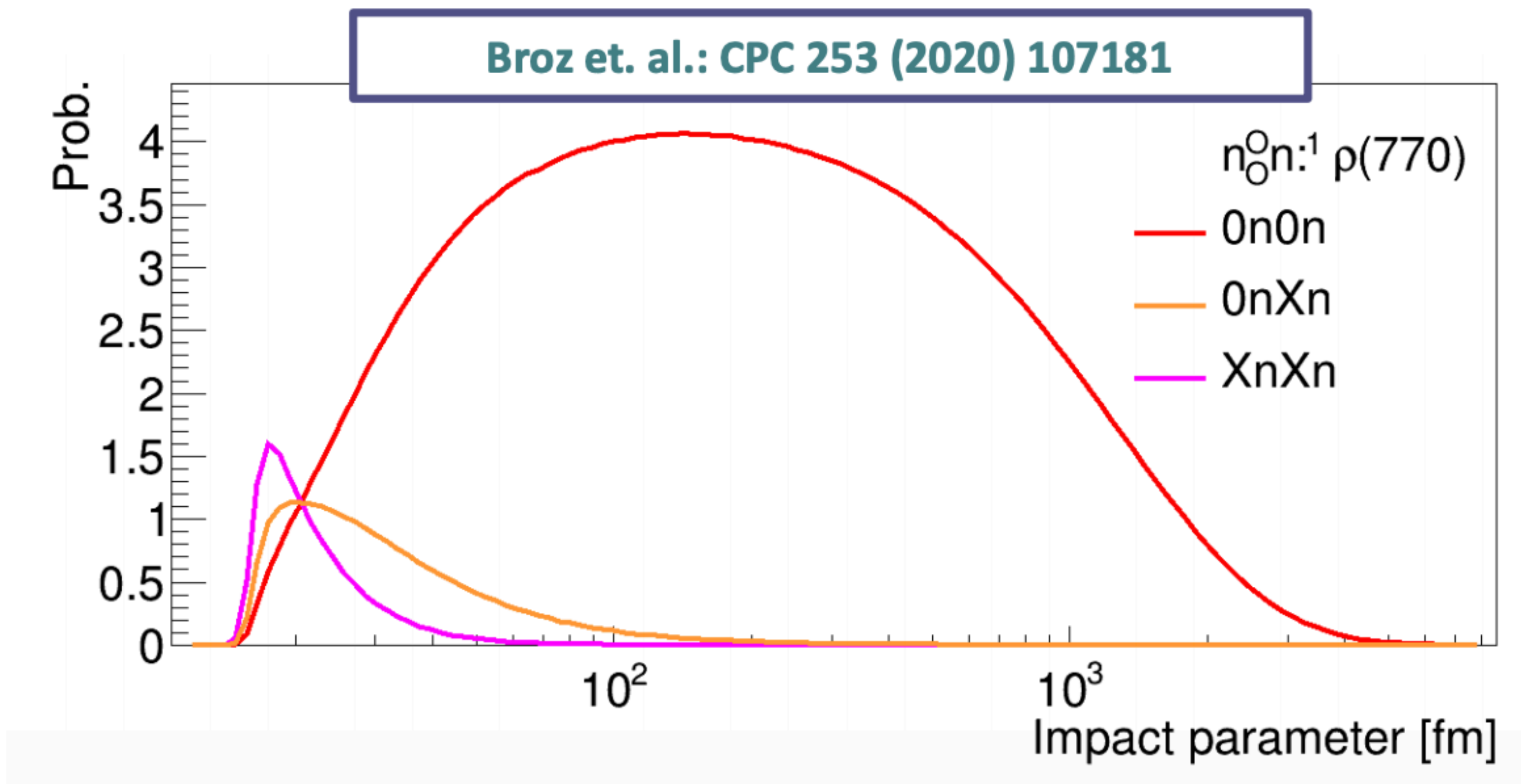
Three independent measurements at the same rapidity, but different impact parameters

Broz et al., CPC 235 (2020) 107181

Guillermo Contreras, CTU in Prague



Guzey et al.,
Eur.Phys.J.C 74 (2014) 7, 2942



$$\frac{d\sigma_{PbPb}^{0N0N}}{dy} = n_{0N0N}(\gamma, +y) \cdot \sigma_{\gamma Pb}(+y) + n_{0N0N}(\gamma, -y) \cdot \sigma_{\gamma Pb}(-y)$$

$$\frac{d\sigma_{PbPb}^{0NXN}}{dy} = n_{0NXN}(\gamma, +y) \cdot \sigma_{\gamma Pb}(+y) + n_{0NXN}(\gamma, -y) \cdot \sigma_{\gamma Pb}(-y)$$

Using the neutron ZDCs on the A and C side to detect the neutrons!

0N0N: no neutrons on either ZDCs

0NXN: neutrons only on one side

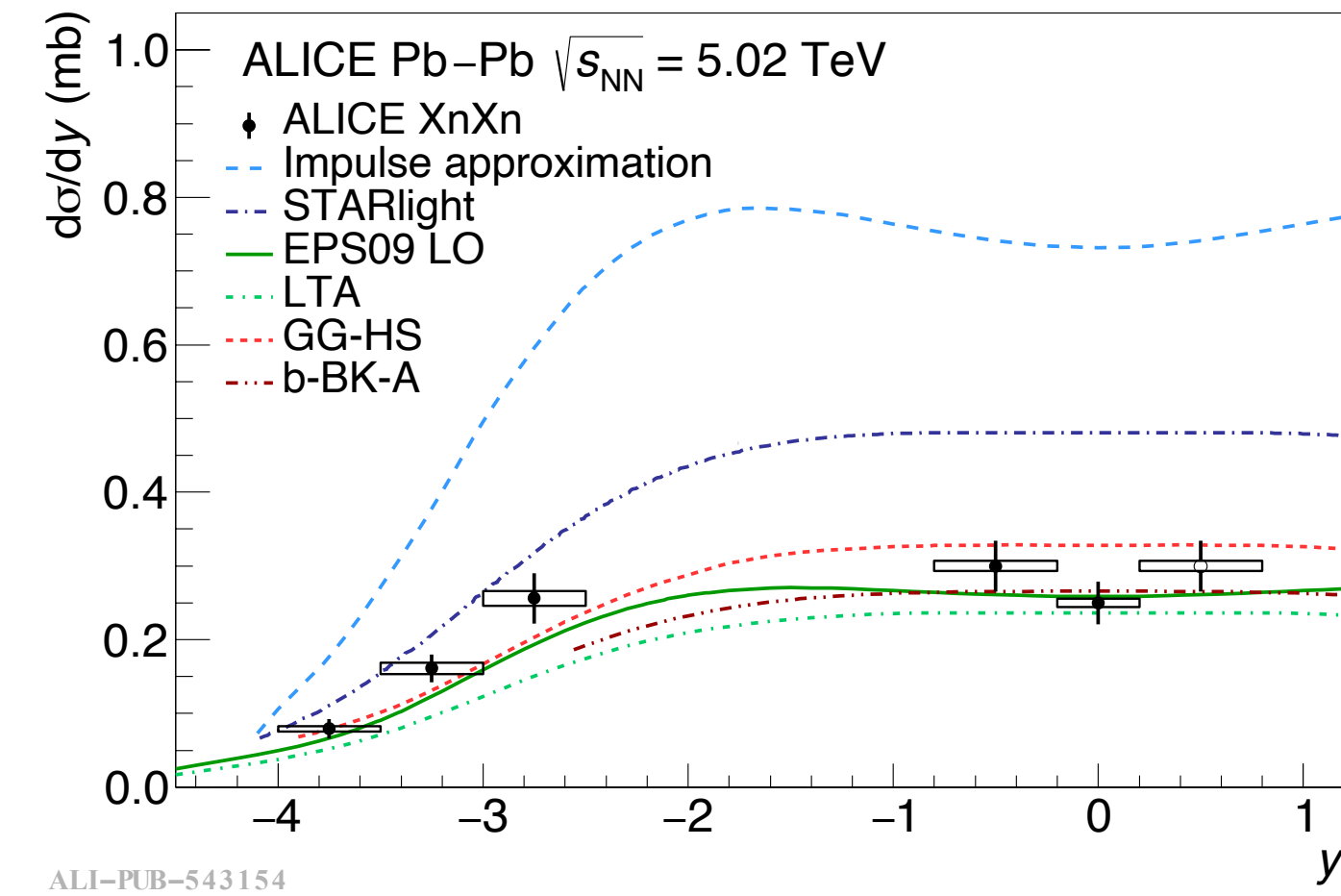
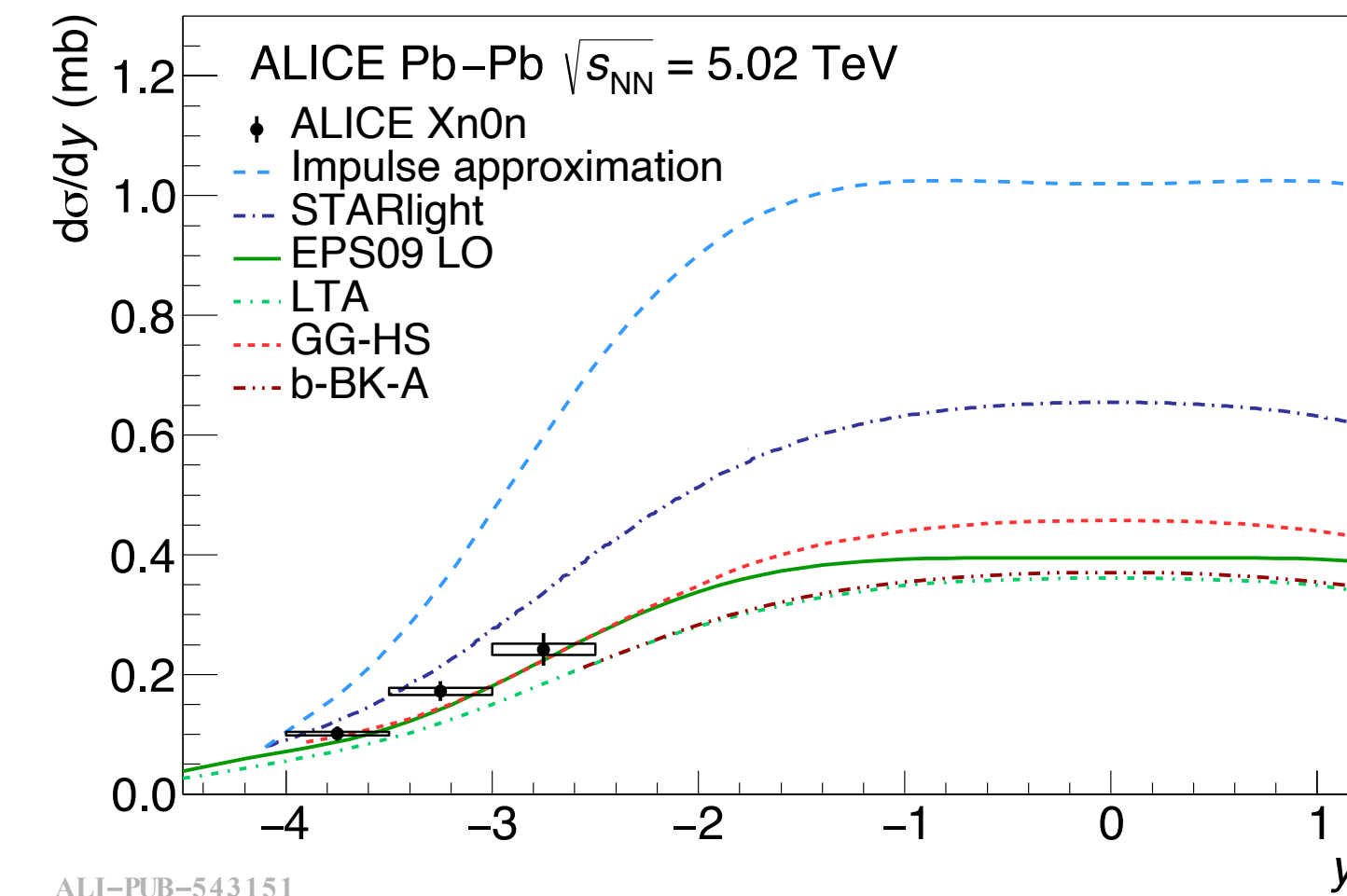
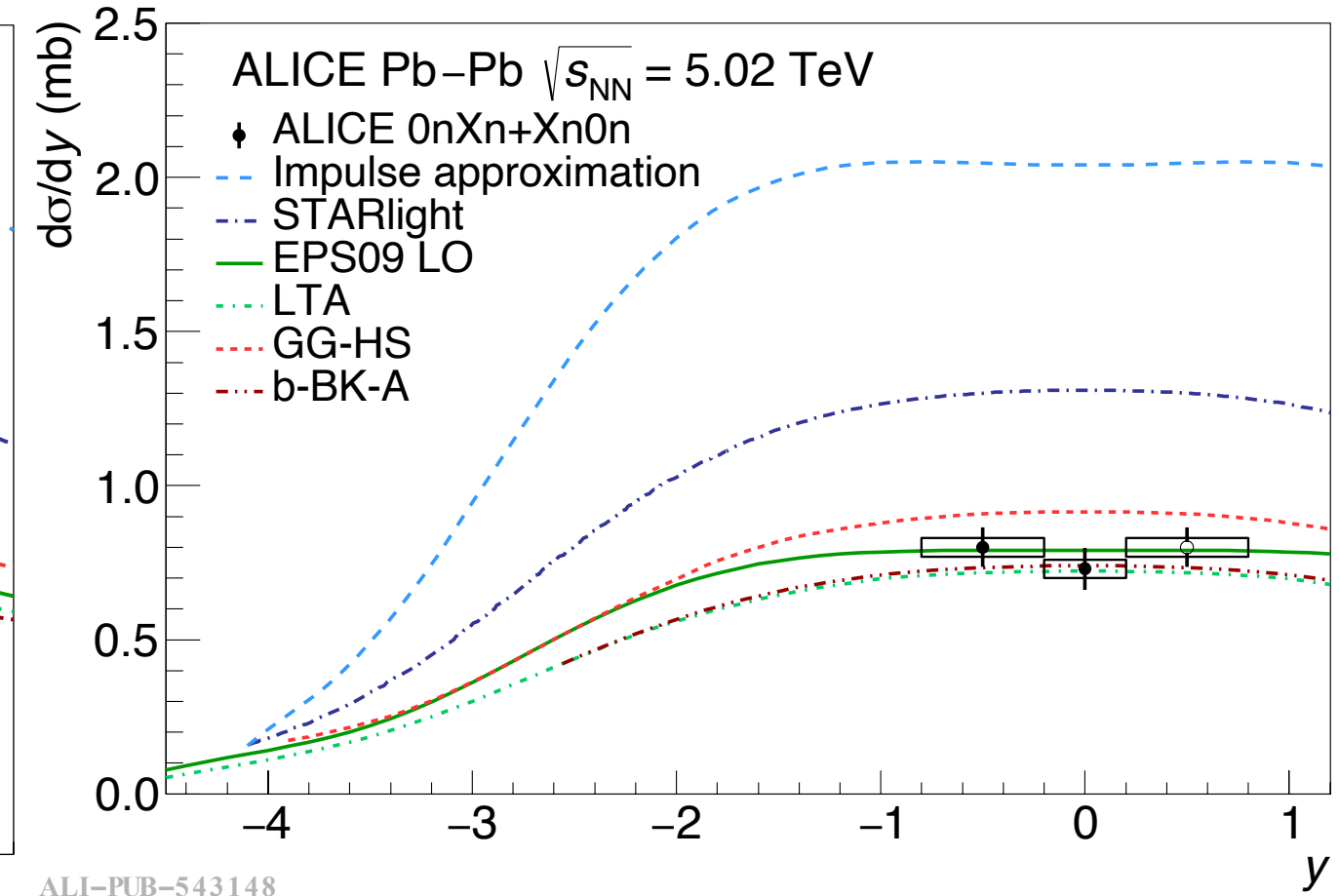
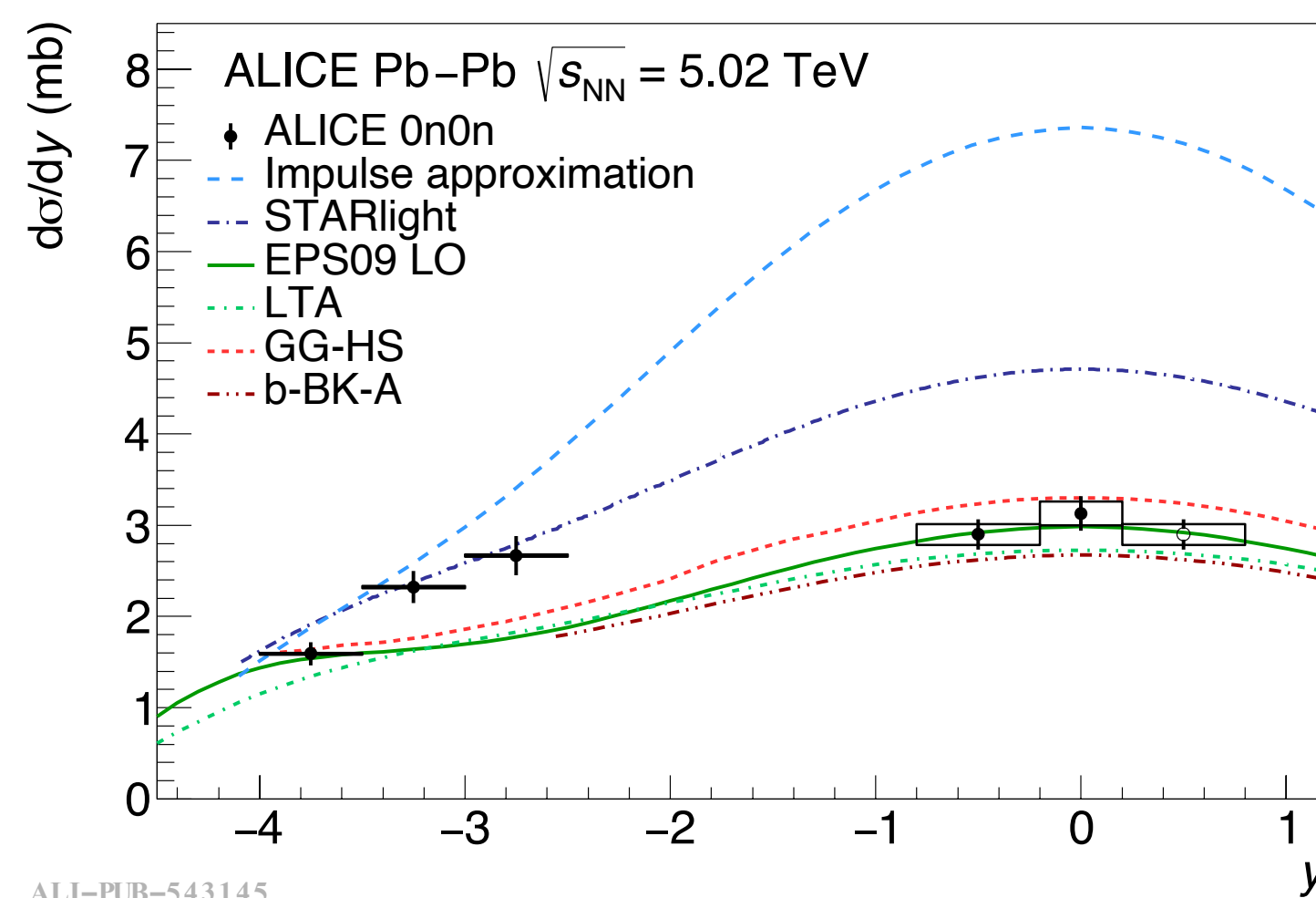
Coherent J/ψ with Neutron emission

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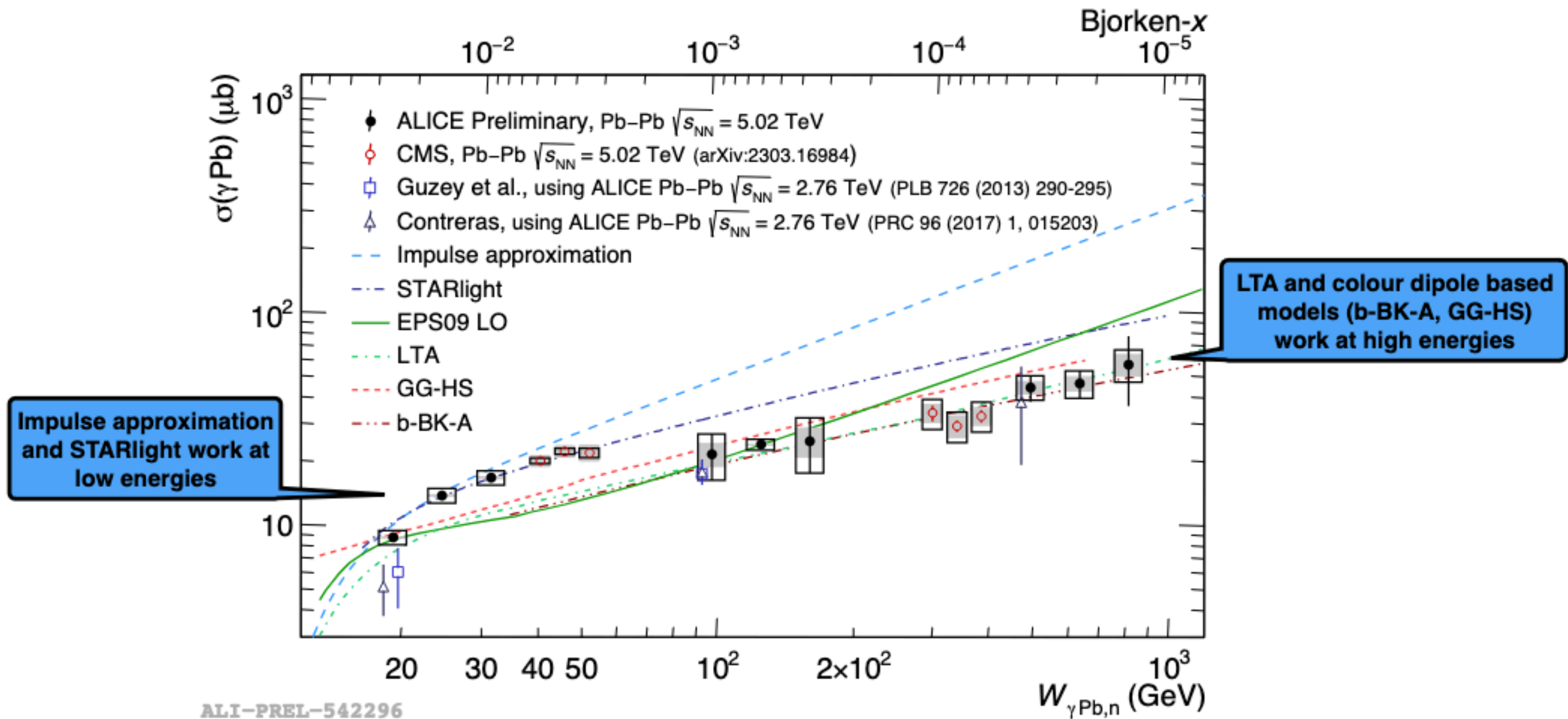
Guzey et al., Eur.Phys.J.C 74 (2014) 7, 2942

ALICE, arXiv:2305.19060



y	$n_{\gamma}(0n0n)$	$n_{\gamma}(0nXn+Xn0n)$	$n_{\gamma}(XnXn)$	$\sigma_{\gamma Pb}^{IA} (\mu b)$
$3.5 < y < 4$	178.51	18.18	6.34	10
$3 < y < 3.5$	162.99	18.19	6.34	14
$2.5 < y < 3$	147.46	18.19	6.34	19
$0.2 < y < 0.8$	77.88	17.88	6.33	48
$-0.2 < y < 0.2$	62.86	17.47	6.27	58
$-0.8 < y < -0.2$	48.31	16.75	6.18	71
$-3 < y < -2.5$	3.91	4.97	2.78	176
$-3.5 < y < -3$	1.22	2.15	1.42	215
$-4 < y < -3.5$	0.26	0.61	0.48	262

photo nuclear cross section



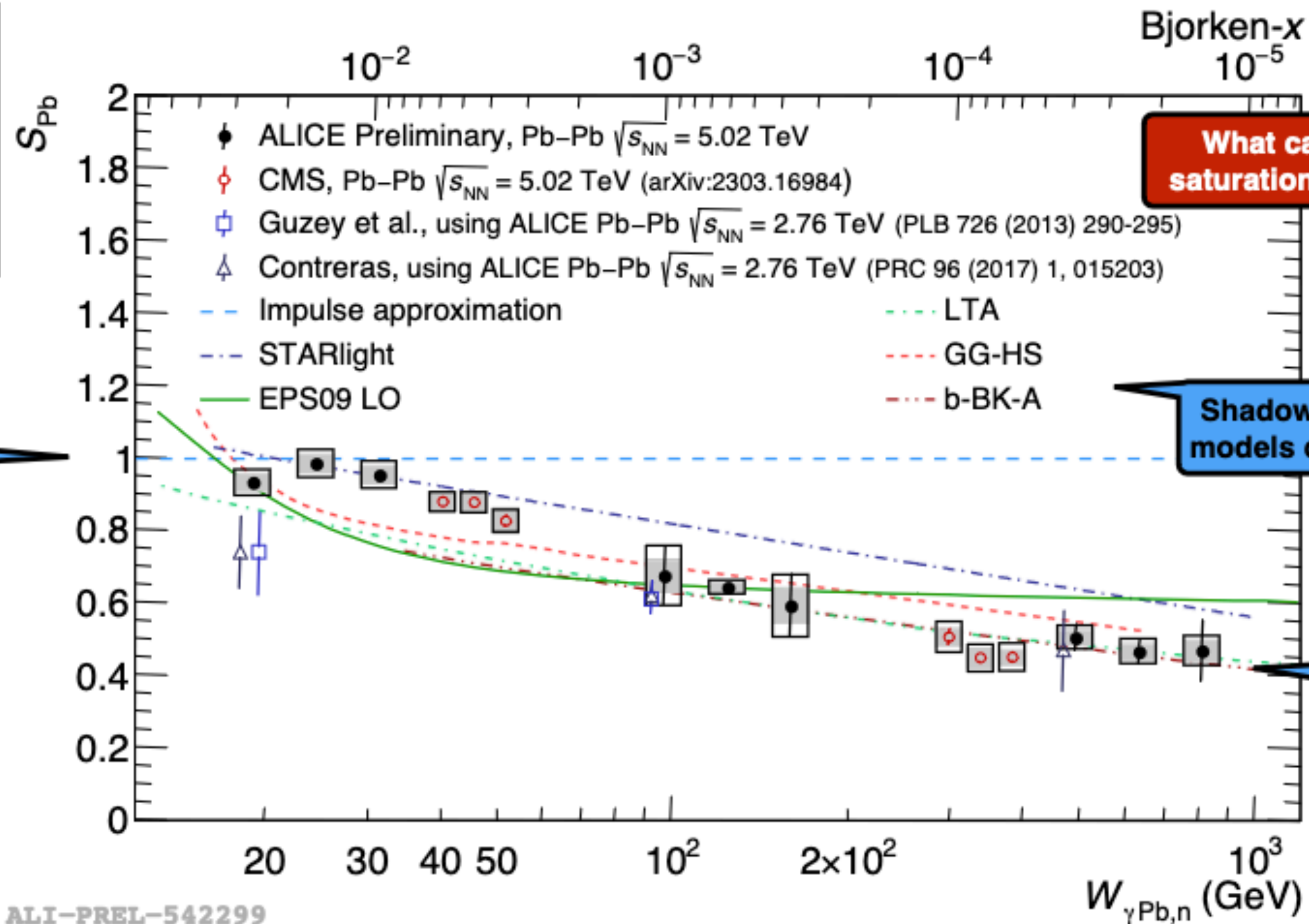
Nuclear suppression factor : shadowing



Energy/Bjorken-x dependence of coherent production from Run 2: Shadowing

Nuclear suppression factor (shadowing)

$$S_{Pb} = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_{\gamma Pb}}{\sigma_{\gamma Pb}^{IA}}}$$



No suppression at low energies?

What can we do to disentangle saturation and shadowing models?

Shadowing and saturation based models describe data equally well.

Flattening of suppression at high energies?

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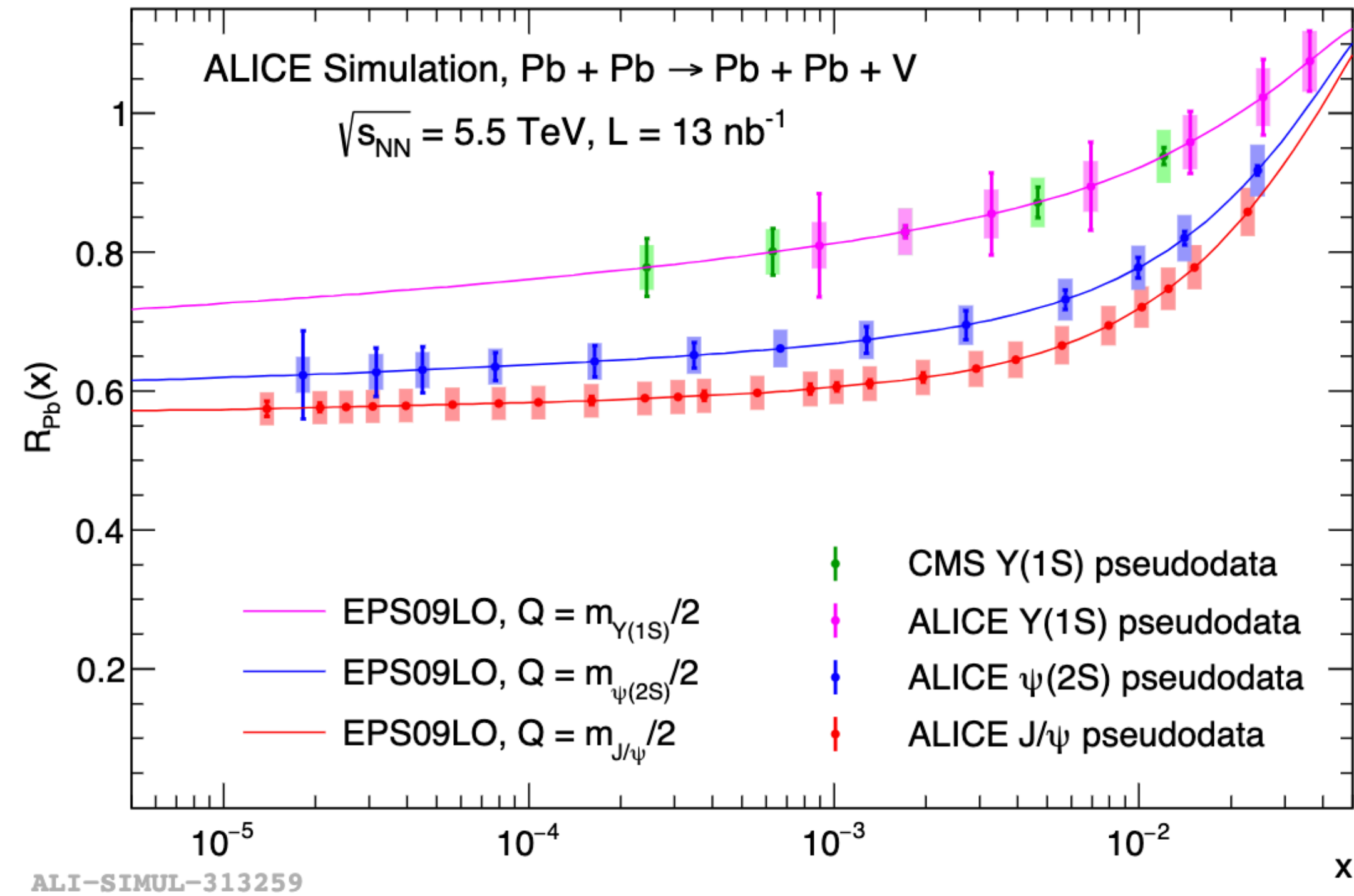
CMS, arXiv 2303.16984

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Outlook : Run 3 and Run 4

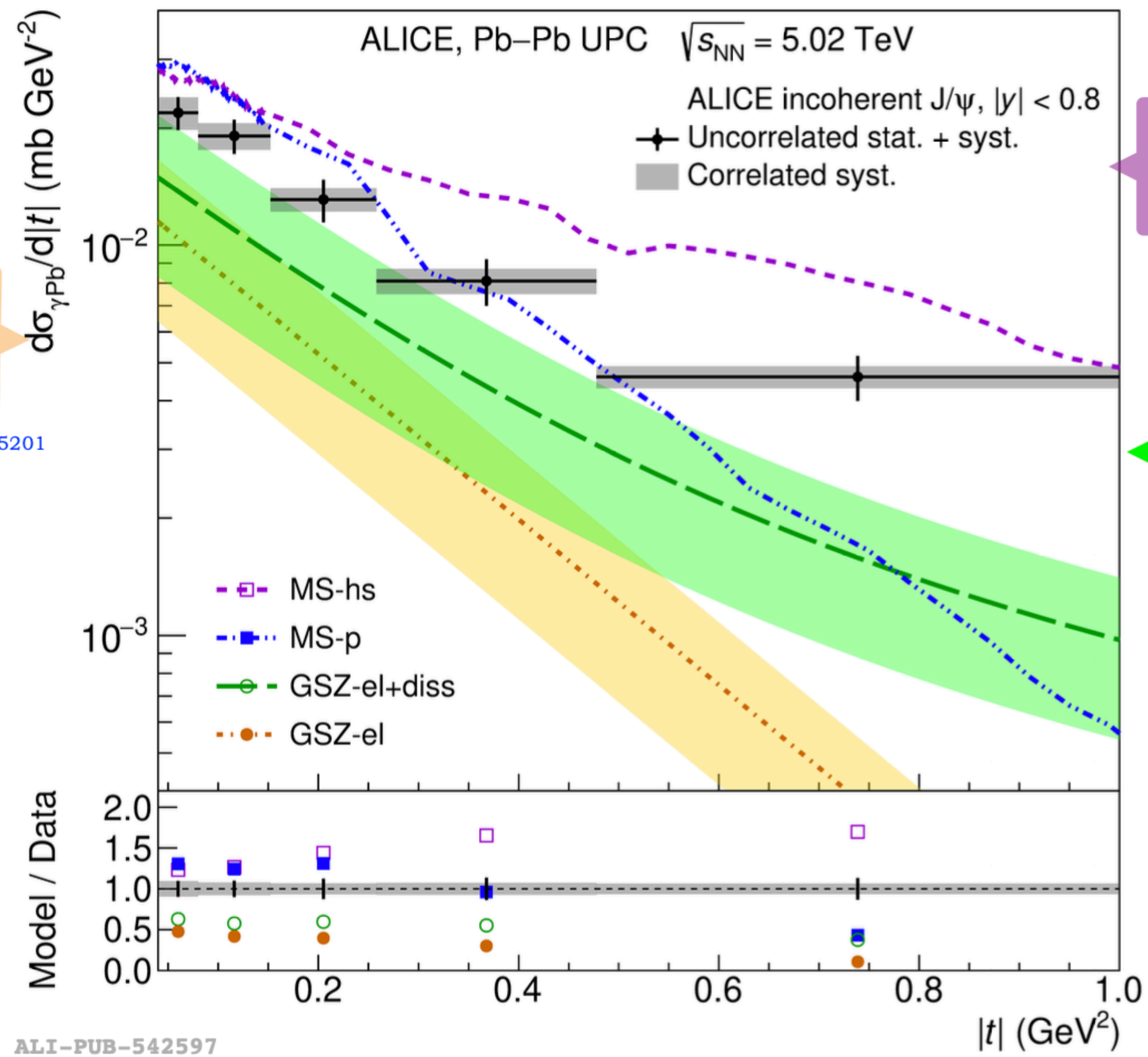


Meson	σ	PbPb	
		Central 1 Total	Forward 1 Total 1
$\rho \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$	5.2b	5.5 B	4.9 B
$\rho' \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^-$	730 mb	210 M	190 M
$\phi \rightarrow K^+ K^-$	0.22b	82 M	15 M
$J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	1.0 mb	1.1 M	600 K
$\psi(2S) \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	$30 \mu\text{b}$	35 K	19 K
$Y(1S) \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	$2.0 \mu\text{b}$	2.8 K	880

CERN Yellow Rep. Monogr. 7
(2019) 1159-1410, arXiv
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t -dependence incoherent J/ψ photo production

arXiv:2305.06169



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GSZ-el :production off nucleons elastic part (from HERA data) + Shadowing

V. Guzey et al., Phys. Rev. C 99 (2019) 015201

MS-hs: subnucleon fluctuations (hot spots fluctuating event by event) + saturation

H. Mäntysaari et al., Phys. Lett. B 772 (2017) 832–838

Saturation model : H. Kowalski et al. Phys. Rev. D 68 (2003) 114005

GSZ-el -diss: production off nucleons including dissociation (Shadowing+ elastic part from HERA data)

V. Guzey et al., Phys. Rev. C 99 (2019) 015201
Shadowing : N. Armesto, J. Phys. G 32 (2006) R367–R394

MS-p : subnucleon fluctuations not considered + saturation

H. Mäntysaari et al., Phys. Lett. B 772 (2017) 832–838

$|t| = p_{\perp}^2 =$ related to the transverse size of the target

Models including fluctuations in subnucleon scale give reasonably good description of the measurement
→ suggests nuclear gluon density is not static at high energies

R_{AA} modelization for estimate photoproduction contribution

Methodology : Photoproduction cross section

To extract the coherent J/ψ photoproduction cross section in Pb-Pb PC

via channel J/ψ → μ⁺μ⁻

$$\frac{d\sigma_{Pb-Pb}^{coh J/\Psi photo}}{dy} [p_T < 0.3 GeV/c] = \frac{N_{J/\Psi}^{coh}}{(\mathcal{A} * \varepsilon)^{coh J/\Psi} \cdot BR(J/\Psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) \cdot \mathcal{L} \cdot \Delta y}$$

J/ψ
(Acceptance*Efficiency)

J/ψ decay
branching ratio

Integrated luminosity
of the Pb-Pb data
sample

**in each dy ,
[0 < p_T < 0.3
GeV/c]**

$$N_{AA}^{J/\Psi raw yield} - N_{AA}^{h J/\Psi} = N_{AA}^{J/\Psi excess} \rightarrow N_{J/\Psi}^{coh} = \frac{N_{AA}^{J/\Psi excess}}{1 + f_I + f_D}$$

R_{AA} modelization for estimate photoproduction contribution

arXiv:2204.10684

in each dy ,
[$0 < p_T < 0.3$
GeV/c]

AA = PbPb

$$N_{AA}^{h J/\Psi} = \mathcal{N} \cdot \int_0^{0.3} \frac{d\sigma_{pp}^{h J/\Psi}}{dp_T} * R_{AA}^{h J/\Psi} * (\mathcal{A} * \varepsilon)_{AA}^{h J/\Psi} dp_T$$

Normalisation
factor

Nuclear modification factor
(consideration of nuclear
effects)

Hadronic J/ψ
(Acceptance*Efficiency)

$$\mathcal{N} = \frac{\int_1^8 \left(\frac{d\sigma_{pp}^{h J/\Psi}}{dp_T} * R_{AA}^{h J/\Psi} * (\mathcal{A} * \varepsilon)_{AA}^{h J/\Psi} \right) dp_T}{\int_1^8 \left(\frac{dN_{AA}^{h J/\Psi}}{dp_T} \right) dp_T}$$

□ J/ψ production cross section in pp as a baseline to describe the hadronic J/ψ yield in Pb-Pb.

in each dy ,

$$\frac{d\sigma_{pp}^{h J/\Psi}}{dp_T} = \frac{dN_{pp}^{h J/\Psi}}{dp_T} \frac{1}{\mathcal{A} \varepsilon(p_T, y)^{h J/\Psi} \cdot \mathcal{L} \cdot BR(J/\Psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)}$$

Polarization : photoproduction of vector mesons

ρ^0 meson measurement : consistent with SCHC

Phys. Rev. D 7, 3150, (1970) by SLAC Collaboration
Z. Phys. C 53, 581–594, (1992) by CERN SPS

ρ^0 [1] , ω [2] and ϕ [3] photoproduction by CLAS Collaboration : SCHC violation

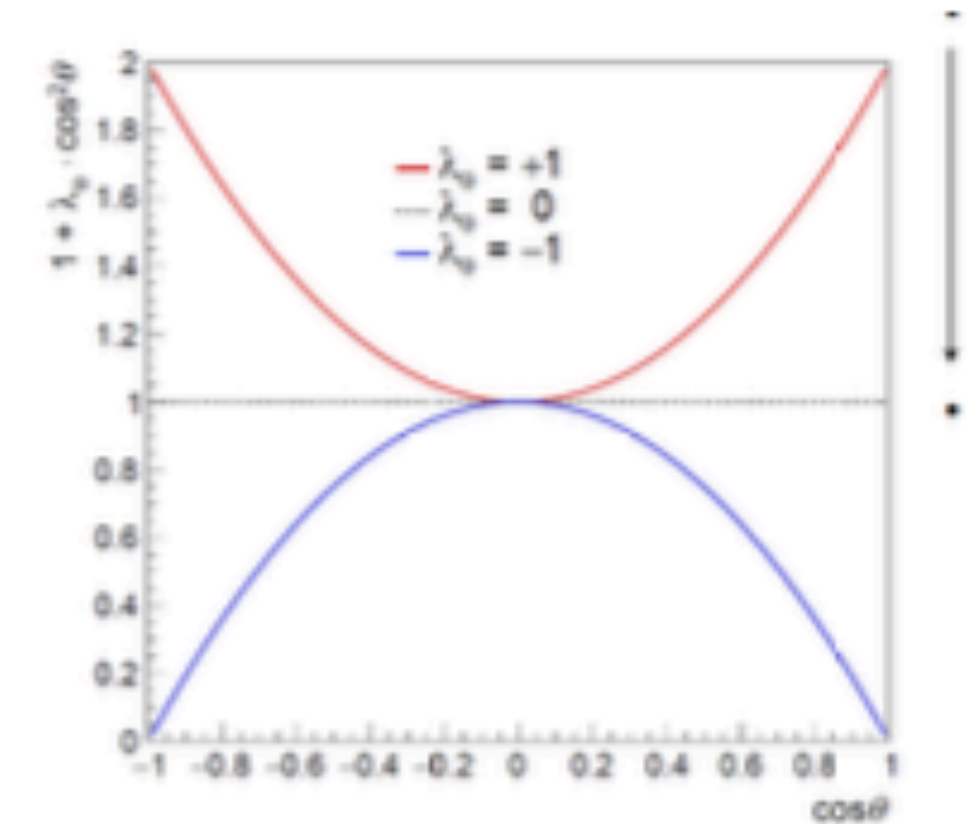
- [1] Eur. Phys. J. A 39, 5–31, (2009)
- [2] Int. J. Mod. Phys. Conf. Ser. 26, 1460063, (2014)
- [3] Phys. Rev. C 90, 019901, (2014)

ρ^0 photoproduction by STAR Collaboration : consistent with SCHC

Phys. Rev. C 77 (2008) 034910

Exclusive J/ψ photoproduction by H1 and ZEUS collaborations : consistent with SCHC

- [1] Eur. Phys. J. C 46 , 585–603 (2006)
- [2] Nucl. Phys. B 695, 3–37 (2004)



Do we see similar observation for J/ψ at low p_T (< 0.3 GeV/c) in Peripheral Pb-Pb collisions with nuclear overlap?

- ✓ Is the J/ψ transversely polarized and therefore obey the SCHC hypothesis ?
- ✓ Another way to test the production mechanism at the origin of the J/ψ very low p_T excess
- ✓ Also complementary to the UPCs measurement

$$r_{00}^{04} = \frac{1 - \lambda_\theta}{3 + \lambda_\theta}$$
$$r_{1,-1}^{04} = \frac{\lambda_\theta}{2} \cdot (1 + r_{00}^{04})$$

Observables : Extract angular variables and spin density matrix element