



Modeling of Coherent Photoproduction in Hadronic Collisions I

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Hadronic Diffractive Collisions at DIS and Hadron
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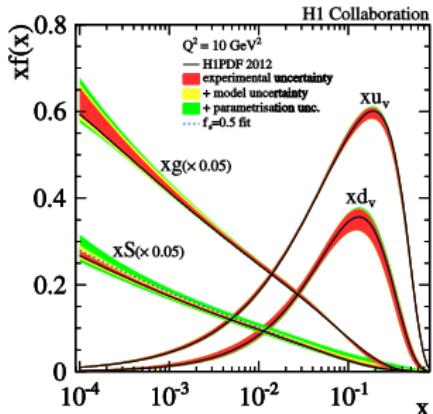
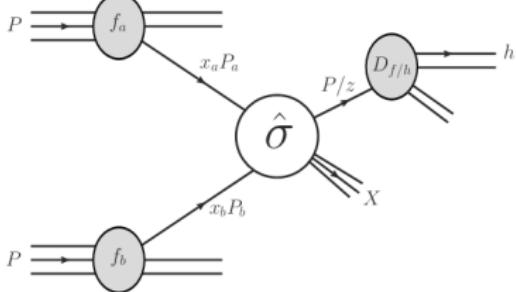
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- The production cross section can be written as

$$\sigma_{hh \rightarrow hx} \propto f_{a/h}(x_1, Q^2) \otimes f_{b/h}(x_2, Q^2) \otimes \hat{\sigma}(ab \rightarrow cd) \otimes D_{h/c}(z_c, \hat{Q}^2)$$

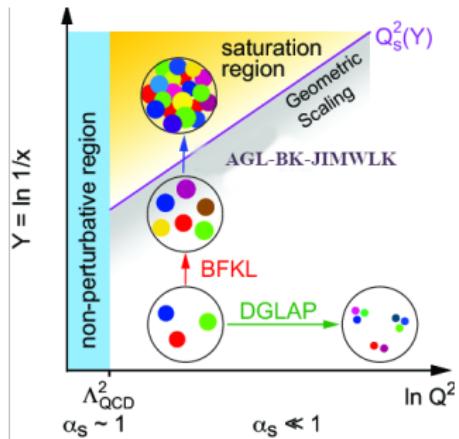
$f_p(x, Q^2) \rightarrow$ Parton Distribution Functions (PDF's): MRST, GRV, CT18, MMHT14, ...

$\hat{\sigma}(ab \rightarrow cd) \rightarrow$ partonic subprocess $ab \rightarrow cd$: $q\bar{q} \rightarrow q\bar{q}$, $q\bar{q} \rightarrow gg$, $gg \rightarrow gg$, ...

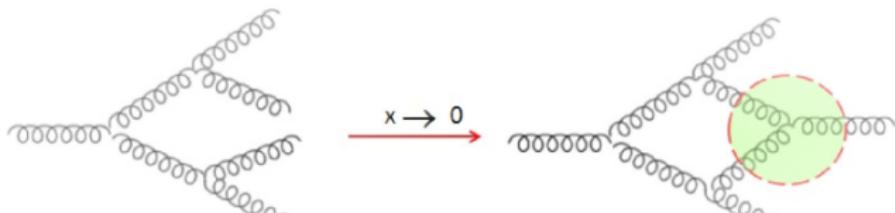
$D_{h/c}(z_c, \hat{Q}^2) \rightarrow$ fragmentations functions of hadron h from a parton c .

Saturation Phenomena

- Some evolution equations:
- Linear equations
- DGLAP
- BFKL
- Non-Linear equations
- AGL
- JIMWLK
- BK



- At small- x , the gluon recombination process is important

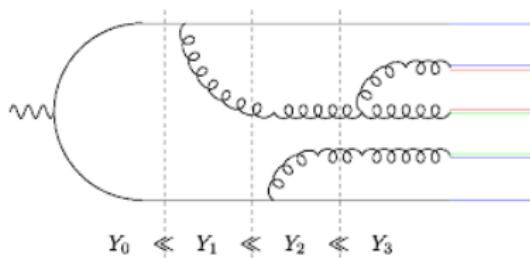


Balitsky-Kovchegov

The Balitsky-Kovchegov Equation

$$\partial_Y \langle T(x,z) \rangle = \frac{\bar{\alpha}_s}{2\pi} \int d^2z \mathcal{M}(x,y,z) [\langle T(x,z) \rangle + \langle T(z,y) \rangle - \langle T(x,y) \rangle - \langle T(x,z) \rangle \langle T(z,y) \rangle]$$

- This equation evolves $\langle T(x,y) \rangle$, average over all the dipole amplitudes $T(x,y)$.
- The evolution variable is the rapidity $Y \approx \ln 1/x$.
- $\bar{\alpha}_s = \alpha_s N_c / \pi$ and $\mathcal{M}(x,y,z) = \frac{(x-y)^2}{(x-z)^2(z-y)^2}$.
- The photon splitting in the $q\bar{q}$ pair with z and $1-z$ fraction of light cone momentum.
- The quark or antiquark can emit soft gluons ($z_2 \ll z_1$), which can also emit softer gluons.
- In the limit $N_c \rightarrow \infty$, these soft gluons can be considered as quark-antiquark pairs.



Colour Dipole Formalism

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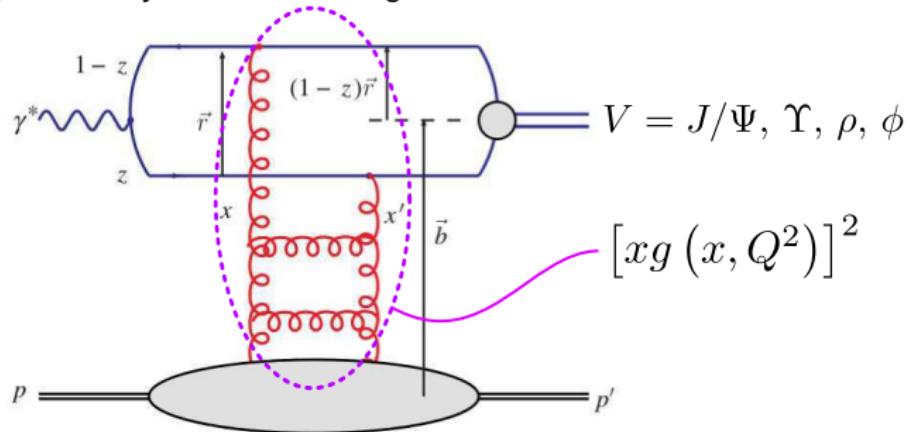
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- Complementary information on gluons distribution can be obtained



r is the dipole separation.

z(1-z) is the quark(antiquark) momentum fraction.

b is the dipole-target impact parameter.

Photo-Induced Interactions

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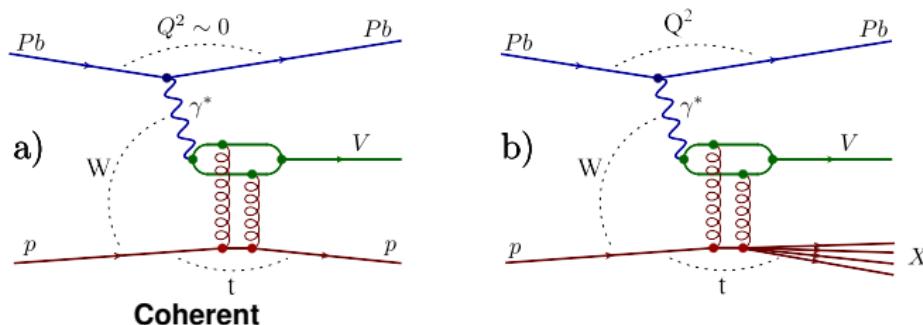
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- Diffractive production of vector mesons in hadron-hadron collisions.
- The process is characterized by large rapidity gaps in the final state.



$Q^2 \rightarrow$ photon virtuality.

$W^2 \rightarrow \gamma^* p$ center of mass energy.

$t \rightarrow$ squared momentum transfer.

- We are interested in the first case: **Exclusive Photoproduction ($Q^2 \sim 0$)**,

$$p \otimes Pb \rightarrow Pb \otimes V \otimes p$$

Weizsäcker-Williams Method

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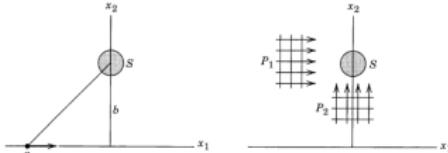
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- Hadron-Hadron interaction → photon-hadron interaction



- Thus, the hadron process can be written in a simpler way

$$\sigma_X = \frac{dN(\omega)}{d\omega} \otimes \sigma_X^\gamma(\omega)$$

where the equivalent photon flux is written as ^a

$$\frac{dl(\omega)}{d\omega} = \frac{2q^2}{\pi} [\chi_{min} K_0(\chi_{min}) K_1(\chi_{min}) - \frac{1}{2} \chi_{min}^2 [K_1^2(\chi_{min}) - K_0^2(\chi_{min})]]$$

and σ_X^γ is the photoproduction cross section.

^aUPC case, where $b > R_A + R_B$ and assuming the form factor $F(q)=1$, i.e., point-like charge.



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- For $\gamma - p$ interaction, the forward scattering amplitude is given by

$$\text{Im } A_{\text{proton}}(x, t=0) = \int \int \frac{d^2 r dz}{4\pi} (\psi_V^* \psi_\gamma)_T \sigma_{\text{dip}}^{\text{proton}}(x, r)$$

- $(\psi_V^* \psi_\gamma)_T$ - photon-meson wave function → **Boosted Gaussian**, better for the excited states;
 - $\sigma_{\text{dip}}^{\text{proton}}(x, r)$ - dipole cross section → **GBW** and **CGC** models.

- Then, the photoproduction cross section will be

$$\sigma(\gamma p \rightarrow Vp) = \frac{|\text{Im } A_{\text{proton}}(x, t=0)|^2}{16\pi B_V} \left(1 + \beta(\lambda_{\text{eff}})^2\right) R_g^2(\lambda_{\text{eff}})$$

- $x = (M_V^2 + Q^2) / (Q^2 + 2\omega\sqrt{s_{NN}})$ and B_V is the slope parameter;
- $\beta(\lambda_{\text{eff}}) = \frac{\text{Re } A_{\text{proton}}(x, t=0)}{\text{Im } A_{\text{proton}}(x, t=0)}$ restores the real contribution of the $A_{\text{proton}}(x, t=0)$;
- $R_g^2(\lambda_{\text{eff}})$ - skewedness effect.

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$$\text{Im } A_{\text{nuc}}(x, t=0) = \int \int \frac{d^2 r dz}{4\pi} (\psi_V^* \psi_\gamma)_T \sigma_{\text{dip}}^{\text{nuc}}(x, r)$$

where

$$\sigma_{\text{dip}}^{\text{nuc}}(x, r) = 2 \int d^2 b' \left\{ 1 - \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} T_A(b') \sigma_{\text{dip}}^{\text{proton}}(x, r) \right] \right\}$$

b' is the photon-nuclei impact parameter.

$T_A(b')$ is the nuclear profile function;

- Then, the photoproduction cross section will be

$$\sigma(\gamma A \rightarrow VA) = \frac{|\text{Im } A_{\text{nuc}}(x, t=0)|^2}{16\pi} \left(1 + \beta (\lambda_{\text{eff}})^2 \right) R_g^2(\lambda_{\text{eff}}) \int_{t_{\min}}^{\infty} |F(t)|^2 dt$$

$F(t)$ - electromagnetic form factor and $t_{\min} = (M_V^2 / 2\omega\gamma)^2$;

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- The Golec-Biernat and Wüsthoff (GBW) model ¹:
- Model based on QCD-inspired phenomenology
 - The functional form of the dipole cross-section must have:
 - For small r , $\sigma \propto r^2$ (Colour transparency);
 - For large r , $\sigma \rightarrow \text{constant}$ (Ensures saturation).

$$\sigma_{q\bar{q}}^{GBW}(x, r) = \sigma_0 [1 - \exp(-r^2 Q_s^2(x)/4)]$$

- $Q_s^2(x) = (x_0/x)^{\lambda_{GBW}}$ is the saturation scale;
 - $\sigma_0 = 29.12 \text{ mb}$, $x_0 = 0.41 \times 10^{-4}$, $\lambda_{GBW} = 0.29$ and $\chi^2/N_{dof} = 3.78$ - old fit - for the extracted data from HERA with charm quark ($Q^2 \leq 10 \text{ GeV}^2$ and $x \leq 10^{-2}$).
- Re-evaluate for this fit²

- $\sigma_0 = 27.32 \text{ mb}$, $x_0 = 0.42 \times 10^{-4}$,
- $\lambda_{GBW} = 0.248$ and $\chi^2/N_{dof} = 1.60$.

¹ K. G. Biernat and M. Wüsthoff, Phys. Rev. D59, 014017 (1999); Phys. Rev. D60, 114023 (1999).

² K. G. Biernat and S. Sapeta, JHEP 1803 (2018) 102..

Dipole models

- The Iancu, Itakura and Munier (CGC) model³:

$$\sigma_{q\bar{q}}^{CGC}(x, r) = \sigma_0 \times \begin{cases} \mathcal{N}_0 \left(\frac{rQ_s}{2}\right)^{2(\gamma_s + (1/\kappa\lambda)Y \ln(2/rQ_s))} & : rQ_s \leq 2 \\ 1 - e^{-A \ln^2(BrQ_s)} & : rQ_s > 2 \end{cases}$$

- $A = -\frac{\mathcal{N}_0^2 \gamma_0^2}{(1-\mathcal{N}_0)^2 \ln(1-\mathcal{N}_0)}$ and $B = \frac{1}{2} (1 - \mathcal{N}_0)^{-(1-\mathcal{N}_0)/(\mathcal{N}_0 \gamma_s)}$.
- $Y = \ln(1/x)$, $\gamma_s = 0.73$, $\kappa = 9.9$ and $Q_s(x) = (x_0/x)^{\lambda/2}$.
- Free parameters: $\sigma_0 = 27.33$ mb, $\mathcal{N}_0 = 0.7$ and $\lambda = 0.22$.

Features:

For $r \ll 2/Q_s$ (small dipoles), \mathcal{N} obtained from the saddle point approximation to the (LO) BFKL equation;

For $r \gg 2/Q_s$ (large dipoles), functional form of \mathcal{N} obtained from solving the BK equation;

A and B restricted by continuity condition of \mathcal{N} at $rQ_s = 2$

³E. Iancu, K. Itakura, and S. Munier, Phys. Lett. B590, 199 (2004).

Ultraperipheral Collisions

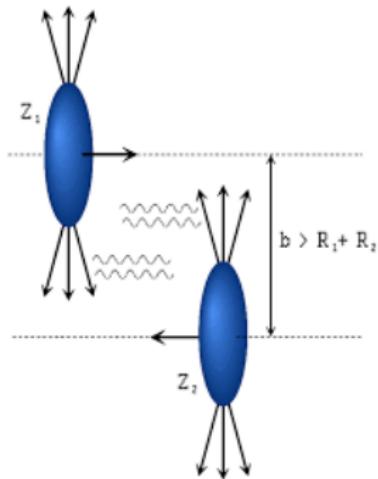
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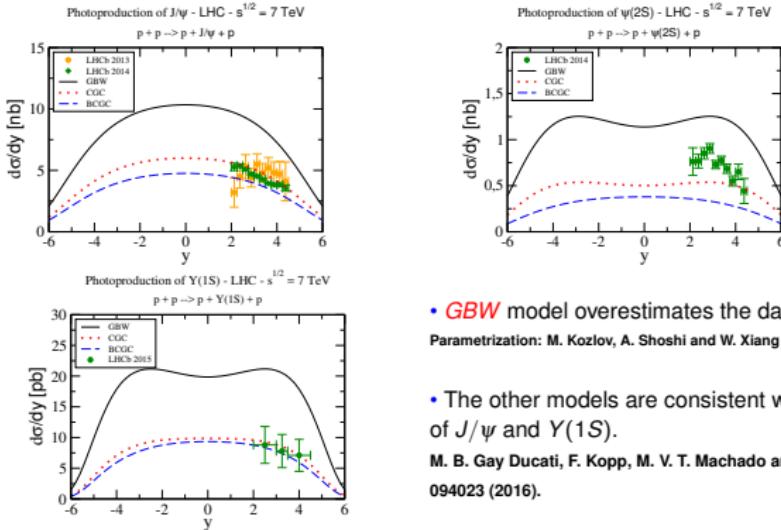
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- Comparison of the rapidity distribution for pp collisions with the LHCb data⁴

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dy}(pp \rightarrow p \otimes V \otimes p) = \omega \frac{dN_y}{d\omega} \sigma(\gamma p \rightarrow Vp) + (y \rightarrow -y)$$



- GBW** model overestimates the data.

Parametrization: M. Kozlov, A. Shoshi and W. Xiang - JHEP 0710 (2007) 020.

- The other models are consistent with the data of J/ψ and $Y(1S)$.

M. B. Gay Ducati, F. Kopp, M. V. T. Machado and S. Martins, PRD94, 094023 (2016).

⁴

R. Aaij *et al.*, J. Phys. G40, 045001 (2013); J. Phys. G41, 055002 (2014); JHEP 1509, 084 (2015).



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- Total cross section corrected by acceptance and branching ratio ($BR_{V \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-}$).

$\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV	GBW	CGC	b-CGC	LHCb
J/ψ [pb]	553.87	316.82	246.29	291 ± 20 pb
$\psi(2S)$ [pb]	10.80	4.64	2.76	6.5 ± 1.0 pb
$Y(1S)$ [pb]	22.05	9.25	8.05	9.0 ± 2.7 pb
$Y(2S)$ [pb]	4.16	1.71	1.59	1.3 ± 0.85 pb
$Y(3S)$ [pb]	2.07	0.87	0.83	<3.4 pb

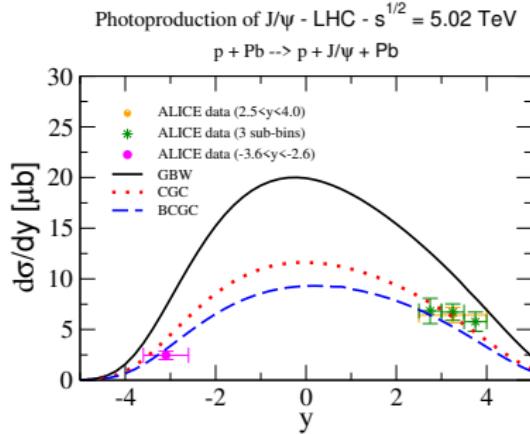
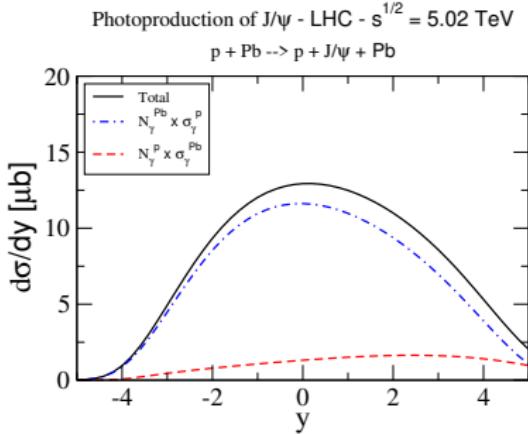
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$$\frac{d\sigma}{dy}(pPb \rightarrow p \otimes V \otimes Pb) = \omega(y)N_\gamma^p(\omega(y))\sigma_V^{\gamma Pb}(\omega(y)) + \omega(-y)N_\gamma^{Pb}(\omega(-y))\sigma_V^{\gamma p}(\omega(-y))$$



- Comparison of the rapidity distribution for pA collisions with the ALICE data (right plot)⁵

⁵ B. B. Abelev et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 113, (2014) 232504

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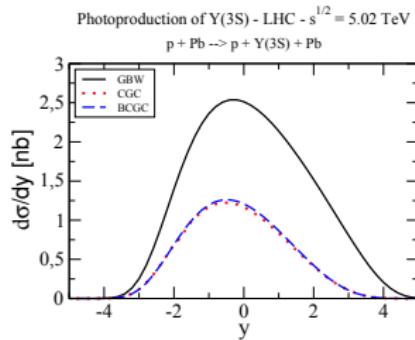
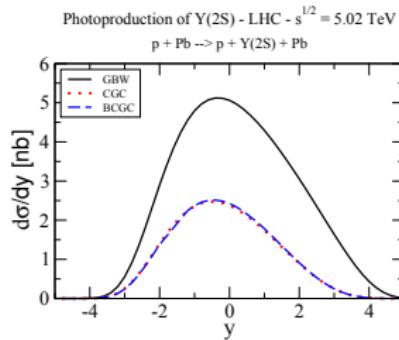
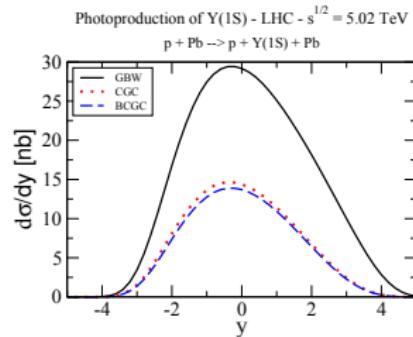
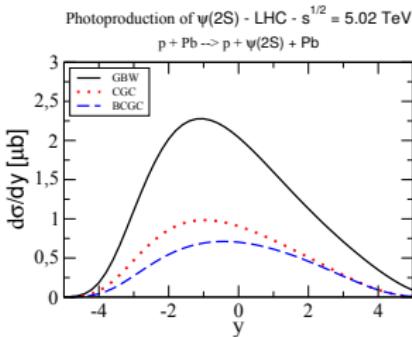
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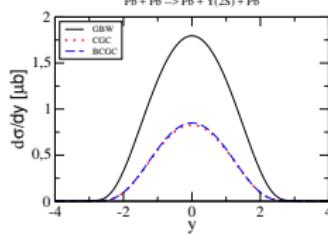
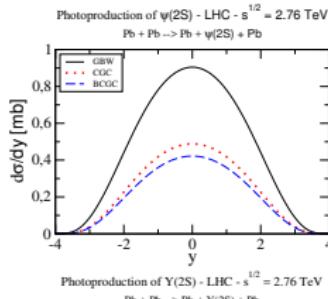
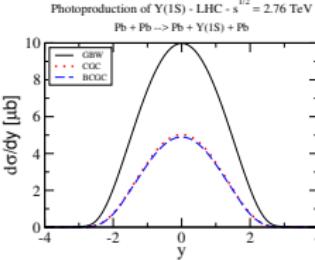
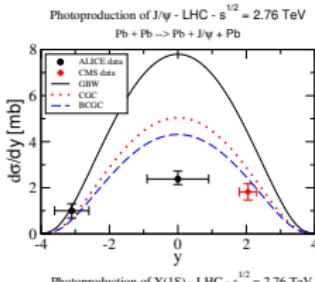
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Results for $\sqrt{s} = 2.76 \text{ TeV}$ in AA collisions

- Comparison of the rapidity distribution for AA collisions with the ALICE data⁶

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dy}(AA \rightarrow A \otimes V \otimes A) = \omega \frac{dN(\omega)}{d\omega} \sigma(\gamma A \rightarrow VA) + (y \rightarrow -y)$$



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B. Abelev *et al.*, Phys. Lett. B718, 1273 (2013); E. Abbas *et al.*, Eur. Phys. J. C73, 2617 (2013).

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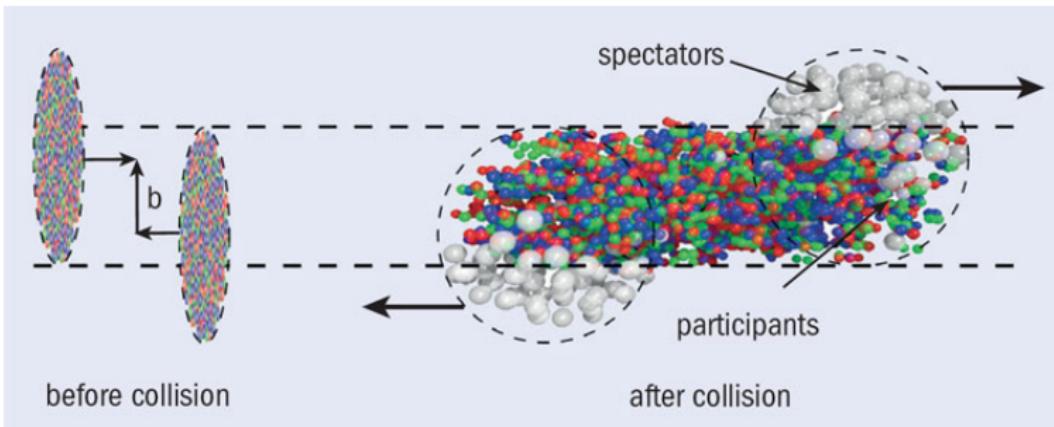
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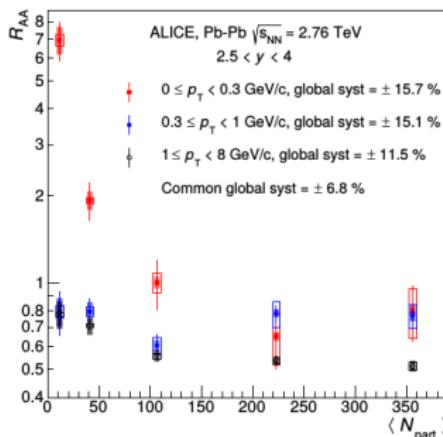
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- The nuclear modification factor (R_{AA}) is given by ⁷

$$R_{AA}^{hJ/\psi} = \frac{N_{AA}^{J/\psi}}{BR_{J/\psi \rightarrow l^+l^-} \cdot N_{events} \cdot (A \times \varepsilon)_{AA}^{J/\psi} \cdot \langle T_{AA} \rangle \cdot \sigma_{pp}^{hJ/\psi}}$$



- $N_{AA}^{J/\psi}$ → raw number of J/ψ
 - $BR_{J/\psi \rightarrow l^+l^-} = 5.96\%$
 - $N_{events}^a \simeq 10.6 \times 10^7$
 - $(A \times \varepsilon)_{AA}^{J/\psi} \sim 11.31\%$
 - $\langle T_{AA} \rangle^b = \begin{cases} 3.84 \text{ mb}^{-1}, & 30\%-50\% \\ 0.954 \text{ mb}^{-1}, & 50\%-70\% \\ 0.17 \text{ mb}^{-1}, & 70\%-90\% \end{cases}$
 - $\sigma_{pp}^{hJ/\psi} = 0.0514 \mu b$
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- ^a ALICE Coll., B. Abelev et al., PLB734, 314, (2014)
- ^b ALICE Coll., B. Abelev et al., PRC88, 044909,



ALICE Measurements - J/ψ

- The Average Rapidity Distribution

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma}{dy} \right|_{2.5 < y < 4.0} = \frac{1}{\Delta y} \int_{2.5}^{4.0} \frac{d\sigma}{dy} dy$$

- ALICE measurements⁸

Cent.%	$p_T < 0.3 \text{ GeV}/c$ and $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76 \text{ TeV}$				
	$N_{AA}^{J/\psi}$	$N_{AA}^{hJ/\psi}$	$N_{AA}^{\text{excess}J/\psi}$	$d\sigma_{J/\psi}^{\text{coh}}/dy [\mu\text{b}]$	
0-10	$339 \pm 85 \pm 78$	$406 \pm 14 \pm 55$	< 251	< 318	
10-30	$373 \pm 87 \pm 75$	$397 \pm 10 \pm 61$	< 237	< 290	
30-50	$187 \pm 37 \pm 15$	$126 \pm 4 \pm 15$	$62 \pm 2 \pm 5$	$73 \pm 44^{+26}_{-27} \pm 10$	
50-70	$89 \pm 13 \pm 2$	$39 \pm 2 \pm 5$	$50 \pm 14 \pm 5$	$58 \pm 16^{+8}_{-10} \pm 8$	
70-90	$59 \pm 9 \pm 3$	$8 \pm 1 \pm 1$	$51 \pm 9 \pm 3$	$59 \pm 11^{+7}_{-10} \pm 8$	

• $N_{AA}^{J/\psi}$ → raw number of J/ψ .

• $N_{AA}^{\text{excess}J/\psi}$ → excess of J/ψ .

• $N_{AA}^{hJ/\psi}$ → raw hadronic number of J/ψ .

⁸ ALICE Collaboration, J. Adam et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 116, 222301, (2016)

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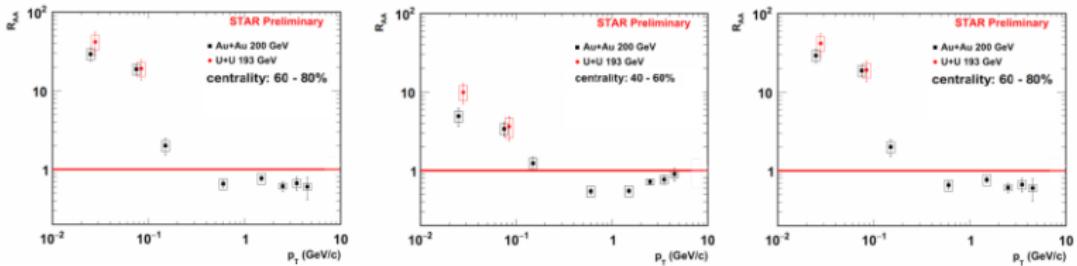
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- R_{AA} as a function of p_T for mid-rapidity ($|y| < 1$) ⁹.
- $\sqrt{s} = 200 \text{ GeV}$ for Au-Au and $\sqrt{s} = 193 \text{ GeV}$ for U-U.
- More intense excess for **60%-80%** centrality bin.
- The J/ψ excess is still present for **40%-60%** centrality class.



⁹W. Zha (STAR Collaboration), Journal of Physics: Conference Series 779, 012039 (2017).

b-Dependence Photon Flux

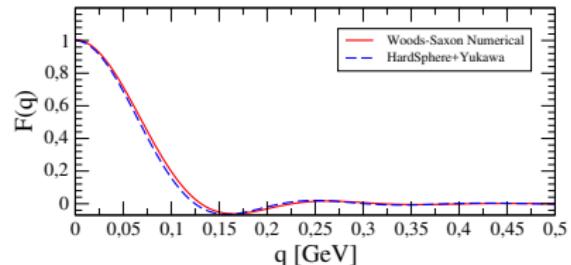
- For peripheral collisions $\rightarrow N(\omega, b)$ with b-dependence¹⁰,

$$\frac{dN(\omega,b)}{d\omega db^2} = \frac{Z^2 \alpha_{qed}}{\pi^2 \omega} \left| \int d^2 k_T k_T^2 \frac{F(k)}{k^2} J_1(k_T b) \right|^2$$

- Yukawa potential+hard sphere (more realistic for lead)¹¹,

$$F(k) = \frac{4\pi\rho_0}{Ak^3} [\sin(kR_A) - kR_A \cos(kR_A)] \left[\frac{1}{1 + a^2 k^2} \right]$$

- $k^2 = (\omega/\gamma)^2 + k_\perp^2$.
- $\rho_0 = 0.1385$ fm and $a = 0.7$ fm
- $A=208$ and $R_A = 1.2A^{1/3}$ fm



¹⁰F. Krauss, M. Greiner and G. Soff, Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 39, 503, (1997)

¹¹K. T. R. Davies and J. R. Nix, Phys. Rev. C14, 1977 (1976).

Comparing the Form Factors

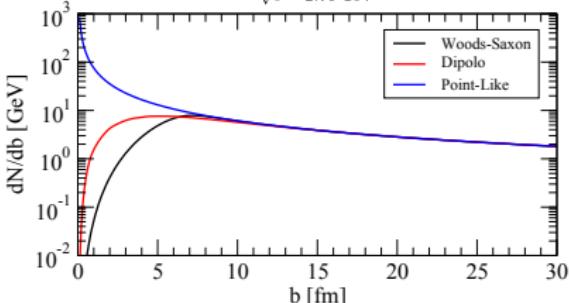
- Centrality classes and related impact parameters range:

Centrality Classes	Glauber Model		ALICE	
	b_{\min} (fm)	b_{\max} (fm)	b_{\min}^{\exp} (fm)	b_{\max}^{\exp} (fm)
30%-50%	7.77	10	8.55	11.04
50%-70%	10	11.87	11.04	13.05
70%-90%	11.87	13.47	13.05	14.96

- Analysis of the different form factors

Photon flux integrated in ω

$\sqrt{s} = 2.76 \text{ TeV}$



Point Like (used in UPC)

$$\bullet F(k^2) = 1$$

Dipole Form Factor

$$\bullet F_{\text{dip}}(k^2) = \frac{\Lambda^2}{\Lambda^2 + k^2}.$$

Woods-Saxon+Yukawa

$$\bullet F_{\text{WSY}}(k^2) = \frac{4\pi\rho_0}{Ak^3} [\sin(kR_{Pb}) - kR_{Pb}\cos(kR_{Pb})] \left[\frac{1}{1+a^2k^2} \right].$$

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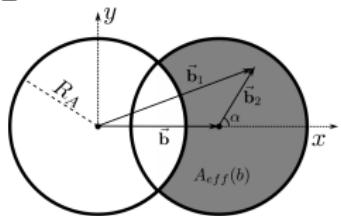
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- Considering an effective photon flux ¹²

$$\sigma_X = \int \omega \frac{dN^{eff}(\omega)}{d\omega} \sigma_X(\omega)$$



- Hypothesis:** Only spectators interact coherently with the photon.

- In this scenario, $\frac{dN^{eff}(\omega,b)}{d\omega}$ can be described as ¹³

$$N^{eff}(\omega, b) = \frac{1}{A_{eff}(b)} \int N^{usual}(\omega, b_1) \theta(b_1 - R_A) \theta(R_A - b_2) d^2 b_2$$

- $A_{eff} = R_A^2 [\pi - 2\cos^{-1}(b/2R_A)] + (b/2)\sqrt{4R_A^2 - b^2}$ and $b_1^2 = b^2 + b_2^2 + 2bb_2\cos(\alpha)$

¹² M. K. Gawenda and A. Szczurek, Phys. Rev. C93, 044912, (2016).

¹³ M. B. Gay Ducati and S. Martins, Phys. Rev. D97, 116013, (2018).



The Effective Photonuclear Cross Section

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- The forward scattering amplitude is given by

$$\text{Im } \mathcal{A}_{nuc}(x, t=0) = \int \frac{d^2 r dz}{4\pi} (\psi_V^* \psi_\gamma)_T \sigma_{\text{dip}}^{\text{nucleus}}(x, r)$$

where

$$\sigma_{\text{dip}}^{\text{nucleus}}(x, r) = 2 \int d^2 b' \left\{ 1 - \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} T_A(b') \sigma_{\text{dip}}^{\text{proton}}(x, r) \right] \right\}$$

- Consistency with the construction of $N^{eff}(\omega, b)$,
restrict $\sigma_{\text{dip}}^{\text{nucleus}}(x, r)$:

$$\sigma_{\text{dip}}^{\text{nucleus}}(x, r) = 2 \int d^2 b_2 \Theta(b_1 - R_A) \left\{ 1 - \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} T_A(b_2) \sigma_{\text{dip}}^{\text{proton}}(x, r) \right] \right\}$$

$$• b_1^2 = b^2 + b_2^2 + 2bb_2 \cos(\alpha).$$

Our results for $d\sigma/dy$

- Essentially, three modification were considered

- b-dependence (S1).
- Effective photon flux (S2).
- Effective Photonuclear cross section (S3) .

The scenario S3 uses the effective photon flux and the effective photonuclear cross section.

- Comparing with ALICE data (S3),

Average Rapidity Distribution: $2.5 < y < 4.0$

GBW / CGC	$d\sigma_{J/\psi}^{\text{theo}}/dy [\mu\text{b}]$	$d\sigma_{J/\psi}^{\text{exp}}/dy [\mu\text{b}]$
30%-50%	73 / 61	$73 \pm 44^{+26}_{-27} \pm 10$
50%-70%	78 / 66	$58 \pm 16^{+8}_{-10} \pm 8$
70%-90%	75 / 63	$59 \pm 11^{+7}_{-10} \pm 8$

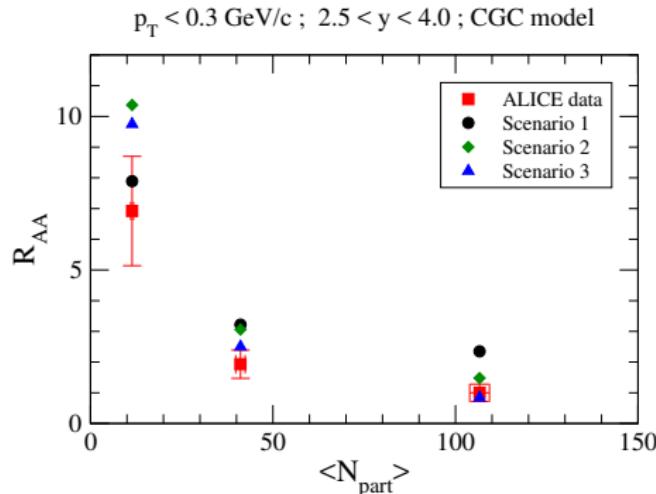
- Better agreement for CGC model considering 50% → 90%.

Our results for R_{AA}

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- Black circles (S1): only the b-dependence
 - Best agrees with the data only in the more peripheral region;
- Green losangle (S2): b-dependence + effective photon flux
 - Better results were achieved for the more central classes;
- Blue triangle (S3): All the three modifications was applied
 - A slight correction in direction to data in relation to last case;



Our results: Quark Matter 2022

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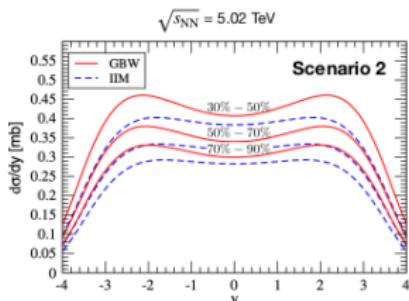
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J/ ψ photoproduction in peripheral collisions



- Transition from ultra-peripheral to peripheral collisions:
 - Need to account for the geometrical constraints of a given impact parameter
 - Modification of the photon flux / photonuclear cross section



Scenario 1: UPC like
Scenario 2: effective photon flux
Scenario 3: effective photon flux + photonuclear cross section
IIM: Color Glass Condensate approach
GBW: light cone dipole formalism

M. B. Gay Ducati et al., PRD 97 (2018) 11

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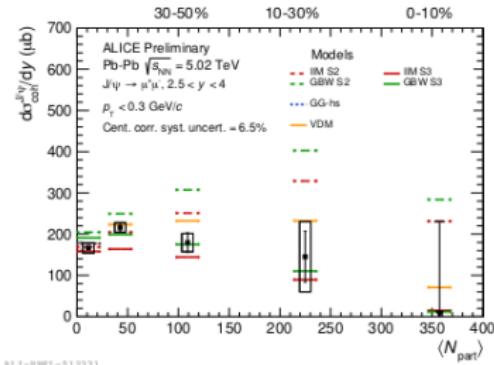
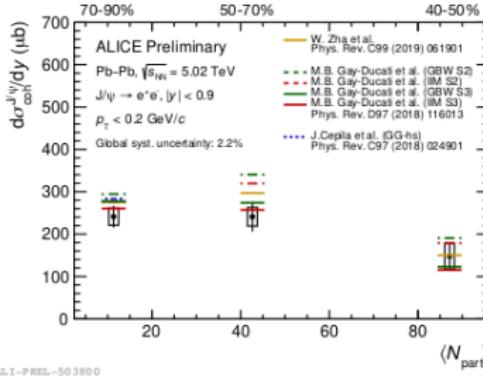
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Coherent J/ ψ cross section vs centrality - model comparison

NEW



- Models including only modifications of the photon flux (but VDM) do not reproduce the measured cross section towards more central collisions

Forward rapidity: ALICE-PUBLIC-2022-006

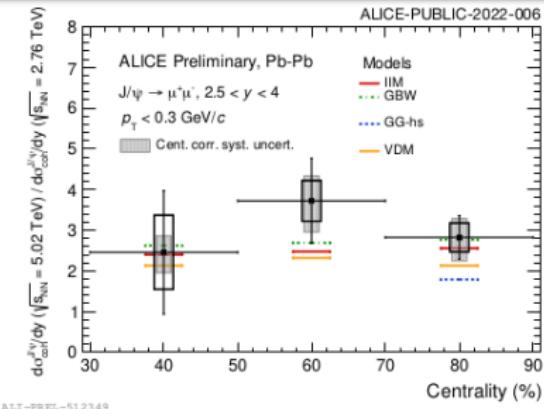
VDM: M. Klusek-Gawenda et al., PLB 790 (2019) 339-344

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Coherent J/ ψ cross section at forward rapidity

NEW



- Ratio of the measurements at $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 5.02$ TeV and $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 2.76$ TeV shows no centrality dependence within uncertainties
- Fair agreement of the measured ratio to models (except GG-hs) within uncertainties

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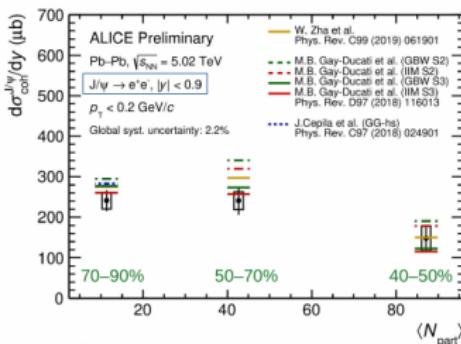
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Coherent J/ ψ photoproduction in Pb-Pb collisions: centrality dependence

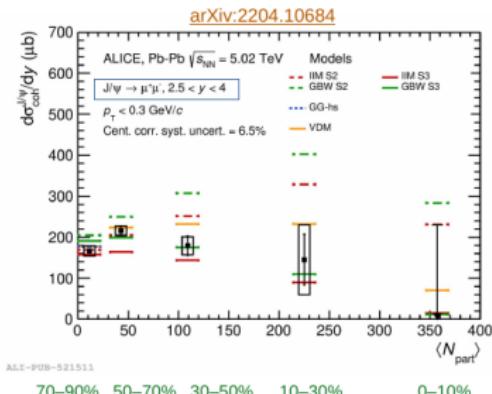
- Both measurements at mid and forward rapidity don't show a significant centrality dependence*
- Measurements are qualitatively described by a large number of models developed for UPC and extended to account for the nuclear overlap



ALICE-PREL-503800

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

A. Shatat, QM, Sept. (3-9) 2023



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

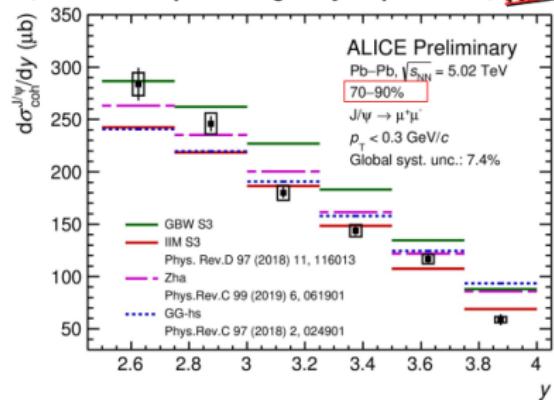
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- A strong rapidity dependence is seen
 - Models initially developed for VM photoproduction in UPC and modified for PC **are able to describe qualitatively the magnitude of the cross section, but fail at reproducing the y -dependence**, **NEW**
- Models considerations:
- GG-hs: photon flux with constraints on impact parameter range
 - Zha : assumptions on photon-pomeron coupling (nucleus+spectator)
 - GBW S3 } effective photon flux and photonic cross section considered w.r.t UPC calculations (see next slide)
 - IIM S3 }



A. Shatat, QM, Sept. (3-9) 2023

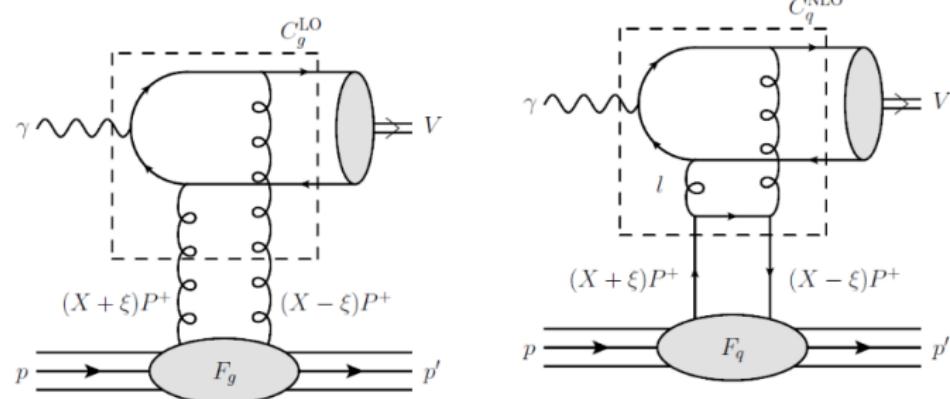
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NLO study in pQCD

- Scale dependence
- Gluons and quarks contributions (!)
- Nuclear effects

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- only gluons GPD's
- Gluons + quarks GPD's
 [Ivanov et al., Eur. Phys. J. C 34 (2004) no. 3, 297]

How about data (LHC)?

Figures from C. Flett, PhD thesis [Flett:2021xsl]



NLO study in pQCD: amplitude

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K. Eskola et al., arXiv:2203.11613 [hep-ph]

$$\mathcal{M}^{VN \rightarrow VN} \propto \langle O_1 \rangle_V^{1/2} \int_{-1}^1 dx [T_g(x, \xi) F^g(x, \xi, t) + T_q(x, \xi) F^{q,S}(x, \xi, t)],$$

- $\langle O_1 \rangle_V^{1/2}$ NRQCD element
- T_g and T_q hard scattering functions from pQCD[1], scale dependent (μ_F , μ_R)
- F^g and $F^{q,S}$ GPDs[2], nonperturbative (μ_F)

$$|\mathcal{M}|^2 = |\mathcal{M}_G^{\text{LO}} + \mathcal{M}_G^{\text{NLO}}|^2 + |\mathcal{M}_Q^{\text{NLO}}|^2 + 2 \left[\text{Re}(\mathcal{M}_G^{\text{LO}} + \mathcal{M}_G^{\text{NLO}}) \text{Re}(\mathcal{M}_Q^{\text{NLO}}) + \text{Im}(\mathcal{M}_G^{\text{LO}} + \mathcal{M}_G^{\text{NLO}}) \text{Im}(\mathcal{M}_Q^{\text{NLO}}) \right].$$

[1] D. Y. Ivanov, A. Schafer, L. Szymanowski, G. Krasnikov, Eur. Phys. J. C 34 (2004) no. 3, 297 [Erratum: Eur.Phys.J.C 75, 75 (2015)]

Comparison of LO for exclusive J/ ψ photoproduction in PbPb

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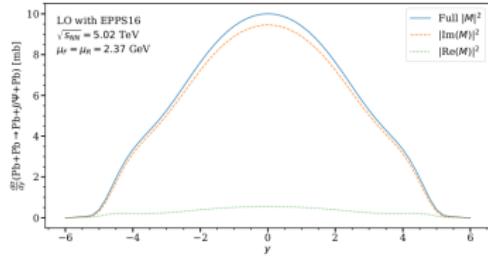
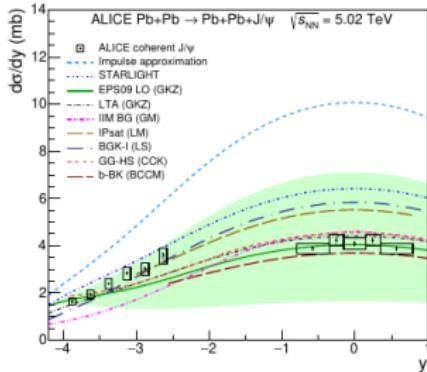
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- In pQCD and QCD models
- Linear and non-linear evolution equations.
- The data favour those models

featuring moderate nuclear shadowing.

S. Ragoni, on behalf of the ALICE

Collaboration, arXiv:2305.03616v1

- In pQCD
- The $|Re(M)|^2$ in LO is almost irrelevant.

K. Eskola et al., arXiv:2203.11613 [hep-ph]

NLO for exclusive J/ψ photoproduction in PbPb (pQCD): contributions of quark, gluons and interference term

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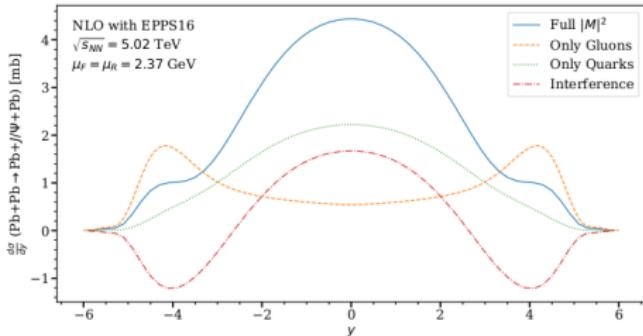
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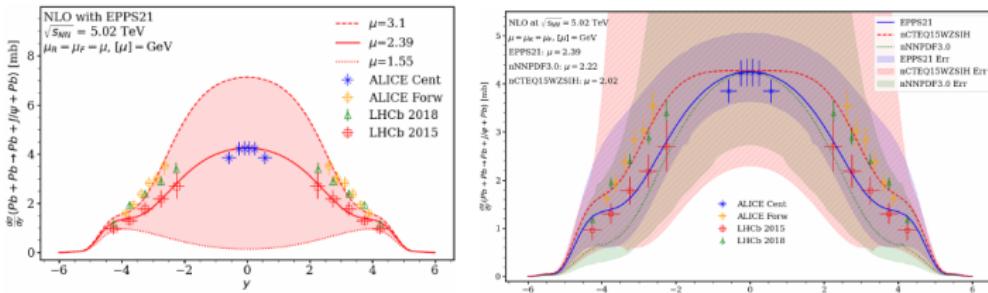


- How the quark, gluons and interference terms contribute to final amplitude.

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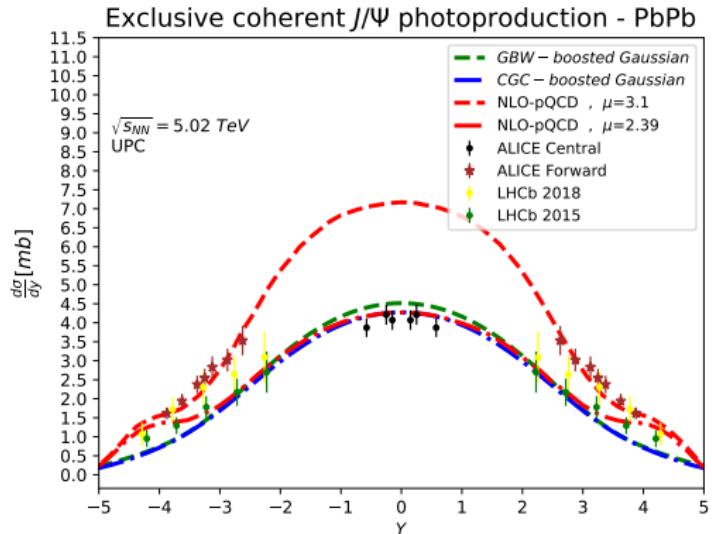


- New LHCb forward data agrees with ALICE data also at forward direction.
- Sensible to μ choice.
- However, large uncertainties remain due to the nuclear PDFs. A comparison between EPPS21, nNNPDF3.0 and nCTEQ15WZSIH uncertainties is shown.

NLO for exclusive J/ ψ photoproduction in PbPb (pQCD) vs colour dipole picture LO (UPC)

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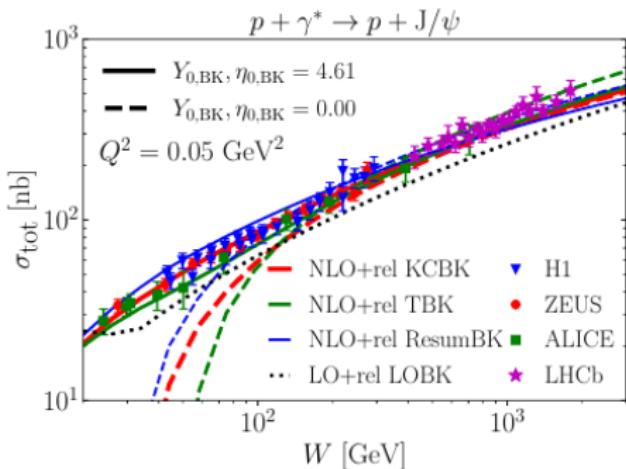


- The data does not support any particular model.
- Our results with dipole picture in LO are shown by the blue solid line and the green dashed line.

Energy dependence for J/ψ photoproduction within colour dipole picture: NLO

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Relativistic correction proportional to the heavy quark velocity squared v^2

and next-to-leading order to longitudinal vector meson.

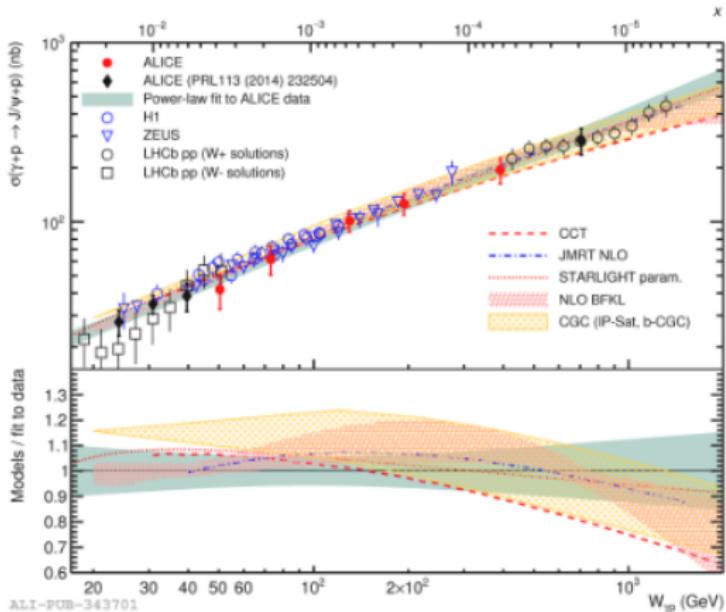
- The smallest possible evolution rapidity $Y_{0,BK} = 0$ (or $\eta_{0,BK} = 0$ in the case of TBK evolution).

H. Mäntysaari et al. JHEP 08 (2022) 247

Energy dependence for J/ψ photoproduction: CGC, NLO BFKL and others

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- These models consider only gluons: NLO BFKL (K-factor), JMNR NLO (K-factor).

$|t|$ -dependence of coherent and incoherent J/ψ photonuclear production

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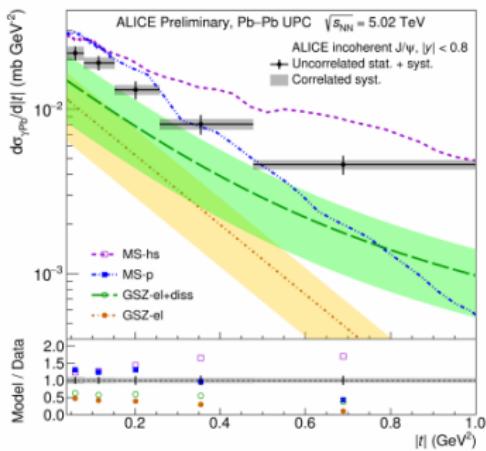
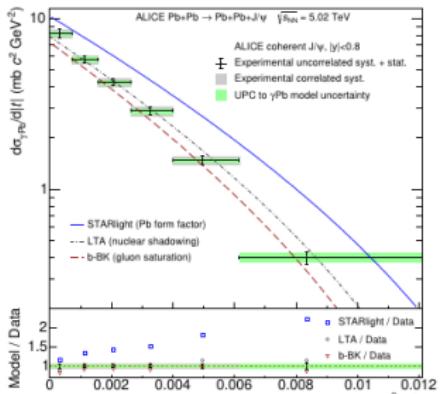
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- Coherent J/ψ is sensitive to the average of spatial distribution of the gluons.
- Incoherent J/ψ is sensitive to the gluons variance.
- None of the models manages to describe both the slope and the normalization of the data distribution.
- It is a powerful observable to measure gluon saturation.

FoCAL (forward electromagnetic and hadronic calorimeter)

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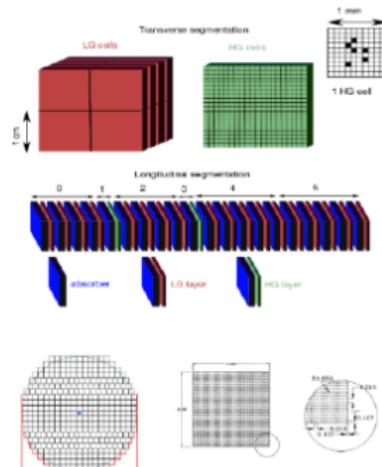
FOCAL (FORWARD ELECTROMAGNETIC AND HADRONIC CALORIMETER)

FoCal calorimeter consist of two calorimeters, an electromagnetic calorimeter (FoCal-E) and an hadronic calorimeter (FoCal-H), intended to be installed in the ALICE experiment in 2026.

The FoCal-E will be a sampling calorimeter made of tungsten and silicon.

The FoCal-H will be a sampling calorimeter "spaghetti" model made of lead and scintillating fibers.

With FoCal, it will be possible to study the J/ψ mesons through their decay into $e^+ e^-$ pairs, which can be detected by the calorimeter through the production of electromagnetic showers.



- Simulation using STARlight to generate J/ψ and ψ' events. Where the data is grouped into superclusters and matched with the physical primary particles;
- Expected yields result in a clear separation between the resonances.



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- Exclusive quarkonium photoproduction off protons in p-Pb UPC
 - Probe the gluon density at low x
 - Search for gluon saturation effects
- Light vector mesons photoproduction in UPC provides
 - Test theoretical models
 - Study shadowing effects in the nonperturbative regime
- Photoproduction in peripheral collisions
 - Complements the knowledge on hadroproduction
 - Improve analytical description on centrality dependence
- LO calculations require comparison to NLO
 - Role of quark contribution in heavy vector meson production
 - Confrontation data on different energies, y 's, p_t 's, centralities...



And a Look Ahead...

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- UPC Pb-Pb collisions for exclusive coherent J/ψ , the current data cannot distinguish between NLO pQCD and LO dipole models;
- J/ψ photoproduction within NLO dipole picture requires the relativistic correction v^2 as well as longitudinal vector meson function at NLO to describe the data;
- Study dipole colour models with DGLAP evolution equations for peripheral collisions;
- FoCal is the best suited LHC detector subsystem to exploit this energy; it will probe the gluon densities of protons and heavy ions down to Bjorken-x values below 10^{-6} .