

UPCs as probes of partonic structure — exclusive and inclusive processes



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- Brief introduction to ultraperipheral collisions (UPCs)
- Exclusive J/ψ and Y photoproduction in UPCs@LHC:
 - collinear factorization and NLO pQCD
 - dipole picture
- Inclusive dijet photoproduction in Pb-Pb UPCs@LHC
- Summary and Outlook

Ultrapерipheral collisions as photon-hadron collider

- Important part of physics program at the LHC and RHIC.
- **Ultrapерipheral collisions (UPCs)**: ions at large impact parameters $b \sim \mathcal{O}(50 \text{ fm}) \gg R_A + R_B \rightarrow$ strong interactions suppressed \rightarrow reaction via quasi-real photons in Weizsäcker-Williams approximation, Budnev, Ginzburg, Meledin, Serbo, Phys. Rept. 15 (1975) 181
- Photon flux $\sim Z^2$ and photon energy $k \sim \gamma_L \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, \gamma p, \gamma A$ scattering at high energies $\rightarrow W_{\gamma p} = 5 \text{ TeV}, W_{\gamma A} = 700 \text{ GeV}/A, W_{\gamma\gamma} = 4.2 \text{ TeV}$ at the LHC.
- Real photons in UPCs are probes of nucleus and proton partonic structure and strong interaction dynamics in small-x QCD.

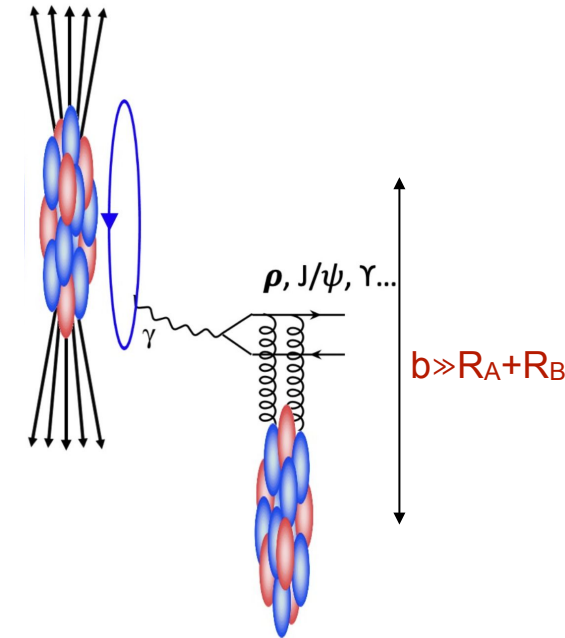
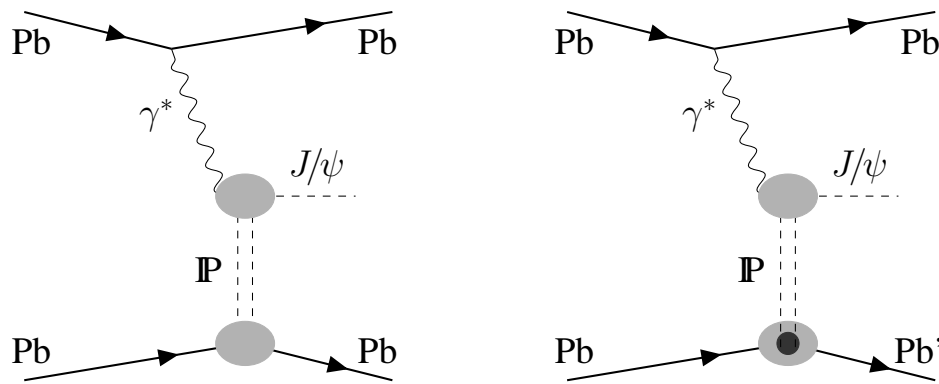


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Bertulani, Klein, Nystrand, Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 55 (2005) 271; Baltz et al, Phys. Rept. 458 (2008) 1; Contreras and Tapia-Takaki, Int. J. Mod. Phys. A 30 (2015) 1542012; Klein and Mäntysaari, Nature Rev. Phys. 1 (2019) no.11, 662; Snowmass Lol, Klein et al, arXiv:2009.03838

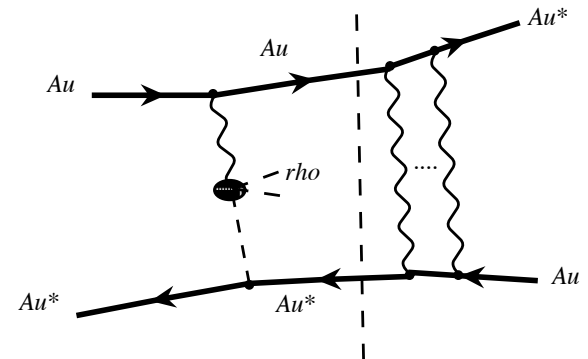
Coherent and incoherent scattering in UPCs

- The underlying **photon-nucleus scattering** can be **coherent** (target intact) and **incoherent** (target breaks up) → distinguished by measuring p_T of J/ψ and comparing to STARlight Monte Carlo, Klein, Nystrand, Seger, Gorbunov, Butterworth, Comput. Phys. Commun. 212 (2017) 258



UPCs have distinct experimental signatures → two leptons from J/ψ decay in otherwise empty detector.

Figure credit: Aaij et al [LHCb], JHEP 07 (2022) 117



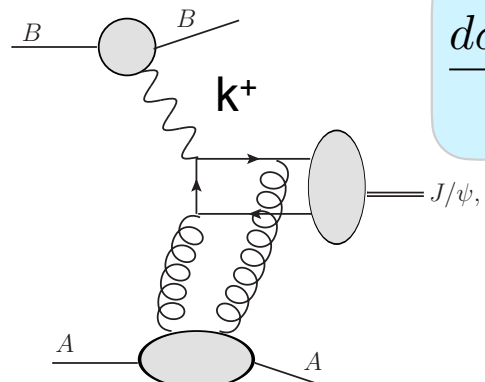
Ions de-excite by emitting neutrons detected in ZDCs

- Coherent and incoherent scattering can be accompanied by mutual e.m. excitation of ions followed by forward neutron emission, Pshenichnov et al, PRD 64 (2001) 1; Baltz, Klein, Nystrand, PRL 89 (2002) 01230.

- UPCs in different channels (0n0n, 0nXn, XnXn) allow one probe lower x , Guzey, Strikman, Zhalov, EPJC 74 (2014) 7, 2942; CMS PAS HIN-22-002; Kryshen, Strikman, Zhalov, 2303.12052 [hep-ph]; R. Lavicka talk 28.03.2023, W. Li talk 29.03.2023

Exclusive J/ψ photoproduction in UPCs

- Cross section of exclusive, coherent J/ψ photoproduction in AA UPCs \rightarrow two terms corresponding to high photon energy k^+ (low- x_A) and low k^- (high- x_A) \rightarrow ambiguity in relating J/ψ rapidity y to gluon momentum fraction x_A .



$$\frac{d\sigma^{AB \rightarrow AJ/\psi B}}{dy} = \left[k \frac{dN_{\gamma/B}}{dk} \sigma^{\gamma A \rightarrow J/\psi A} \right]_{k=k^+} + \left[k \frac{dN_{\gamma/A}}{dk} \sigma^{\gamma B \rightarrow J/\psi B} \right]_{k=k^-}$$

Photon flux from QED+Glauber-model suppression for $b < 2R_A$
Photoproduction cross section

$$k^\pm = \frac{M_{J/\psi}}{2} e^{\pm y}$$

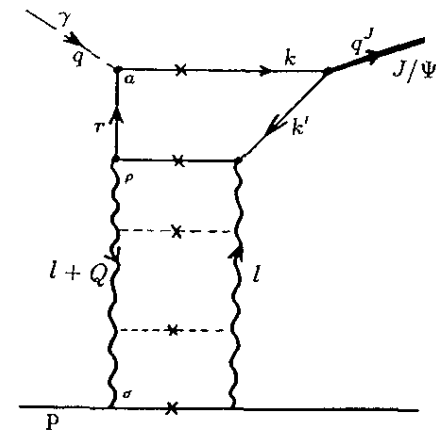
- In leading $\ln(Q^2) \ln(1/x)$ double logarithmic approximation of perturbative QCD and non-relativistic approximation for J/ψ wave function, [Ryskin, Z. Phys. C57 \(1993\) 89](#)

$$\frac{d\sigma^{\gamma p \rightarrow J/\psi p}(t=0)}{dt} = \frac{12\pi^3 \Gamma_V M_V^3}{\alpha_{\text{e.m.}} (4m_c^2)^4} [\alpha_s(Q_{\text{eff}}^2) x g(x, Q_{\text{eff}}^2)]^2 C(Q^2=0)$$

Γ_V is $J/\psi \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^-$ leptonic decay width

gluon density at $x=(M_{J/\psi})^2/W^2$ and $Q_{\text{eff}} \sim m_c$

depends on charmonium distribution amplitude; $C(Q^2=0)=1$ in NR limit.



Constraints on small-x gluon shadowing

- Application to nuclear targets:

$$\sigma^{\gamma A \rightarrow J/\psi A}(W) = \frac{d\sigma^{\gamma p \rightarrow J/\psi p}(W, t=0)}{dt} \left[\frac{g_A(x, \mu^2)}{Ag_p(x, \mu^2)} \right]^2 \int_{|t_{\min}|}^{\infty} dt |F_A(t)|^2$$

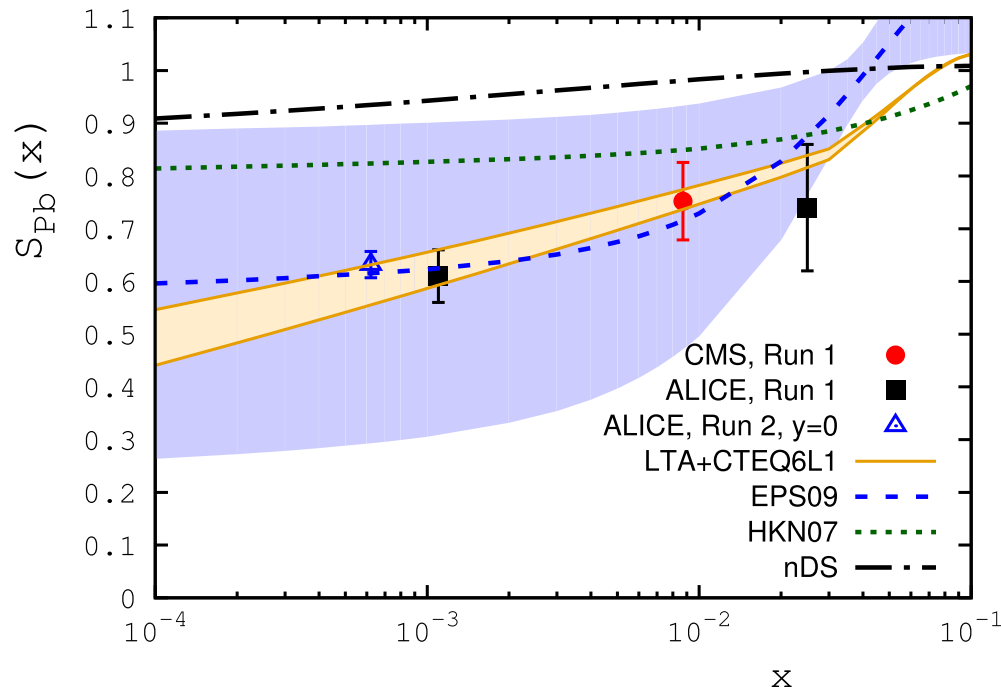
From fit to HERA and pp/pA UPC data

Ratio of nucleus and proton gluon densities

Nuclear form factor

- Well-defined impulse approximation (IA) \rightarrow nuclear suppression factor S_{Pb} , Guzey, Kryshen, Strikman, Zhalog, PLB 726 (2013) 290; Guzey, Zhalog, JHEP 1310 (2013) 207

$$\sigma_{IA}^{\gamma A \rightarrow J/\psi A}(W) = \frac{d\sigma^{\gamma p \rightarrow J/\psi p}(W, t=0)}{dt} \int_{|t_{\min}|}^{\infty} dt |F_A(t)|^2 \rightarrow S_{Pb}(W) = \left[\frac{\sigma^{\gamma A \rightarrow J/\psi A}(W)}{\sigma_{IA}^{\gamma A \rightarrow J/\psi A}(W)} \right]^{1/2} = \frac{g_A(x, \mu^2)}{Ag_p(x, \mu^2)}$$



- Model-independent* extraction of S_{Pb} from UPC@LHC data, Abelev *et al.* [ALICE], PLB718 (2013) 1273; Abbas *et al.* [ALICE], EPJ C 73 (2013) 2617; [CMS] PLB 772 (2017) 489; Acharya *et al.* [ALICE], EPJC 81 (2021) 8, 712

- Direct evidence of significant gluon shadowing, $R_g(x=6 \times 10^{-4} - 0.001) \approx 0.6$ in agreement with LTA model, Frankfurt, Guzey, Strikman, Phys. Rept. 512 (2012) 255 and EPS09, EPPS16 and nCTEQ15 nPDFs.

Exclusive J/ψ photoproduction in NLO pQCD

- Collinear factorization for hard exclusive processes, [Collins, Frankfurt, Strikman, PRD 56 \(1997\) 2982](#)

- $\gamma A \rightarrow J/\psi A$ amplitude in terms of generalized parton distribution functions (GPDs), [Ji, PRD 55 \(1997\) 7114](#); [Radyushkin PRD 56 \(1997\) 5524](#); [Diehl, Phys. Rept. 388 \(2003\) 41](#)

- To next-to-leading order (NLO) of perturbative QCD, [Ivanov, Schafer, Szymanowski, Krasnikov, EPJ C 34 \(2004\) 297, 75 \(2015\) 75 \(Erratum\)](#); [Jones, Martin, Ryskin, Teubner, J. Phys. G: Nucl. Part. Phys. 43 \(2016\) 035002](#)

$$\mathcal{M}^{\gamma A \rightarrow J/\psi A} \propto \sqrt{\langle O_1 \rangle_{J/\psi}} \int_{-1}^1 dx [T_g(x, \xi) F_A^g(x, \xi, t, \mu_F) + T_q(x, \xi) F_A^q(x, \xi, t, \mu_F)]$$

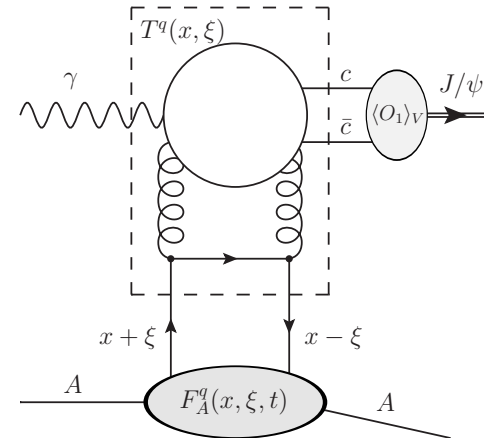
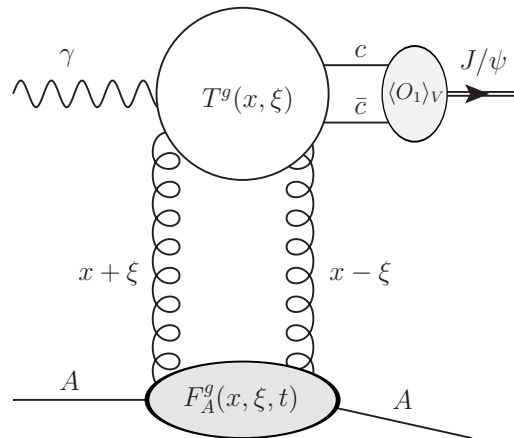
NRQCD matrix element from J/ψ leptonic decay

pQCD coefficient function

Gluon GPD

Quark contribution

- To leading order (LO), only gluons; both quarks and gluons at NLO.



$$\xi \approx \frac{M_{J/\psi}^2}{2W^2} \ll 1$$

GPDs at small $\xi \approx$ PDFs

- GPDs are hybrid distributions interpolating between **usual PDFs**, **distribution amplitudes** and **form factors** \rightarrow depend on momentum fractions x and ξ , mom. transfer t , and scale μ \rightarrow connection to PDFs and is model-dependent.

- However, at **small ξ** , GPDs can be expressed in terms of PDFs because μ^2 evolution washes out information on **ξ -dependence**, Shuvaev, Golec-Biernat, Martin, Ryskin, PRD 60 (1999) 014015; Dutrieux, Winn, Bertone, arXiv:2302.07861 [hep-ph].

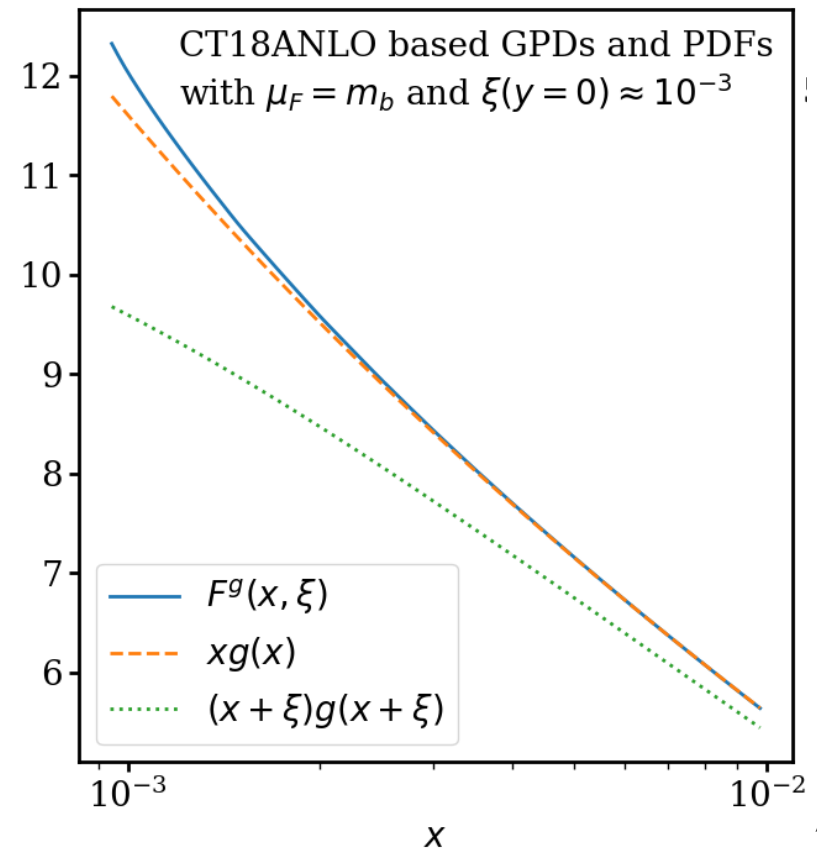
- Numerically, with a few % accuracy, one can use for nuclear GPDs, Eskola, Flett, Guzey, Löytäinen, Paukkunen, arXiv:2303.03007 [hep-ph]

$$F_A^g(x, \xi, t, \mu_F) = x g_A(x, \mu_F) F_A(t)$$

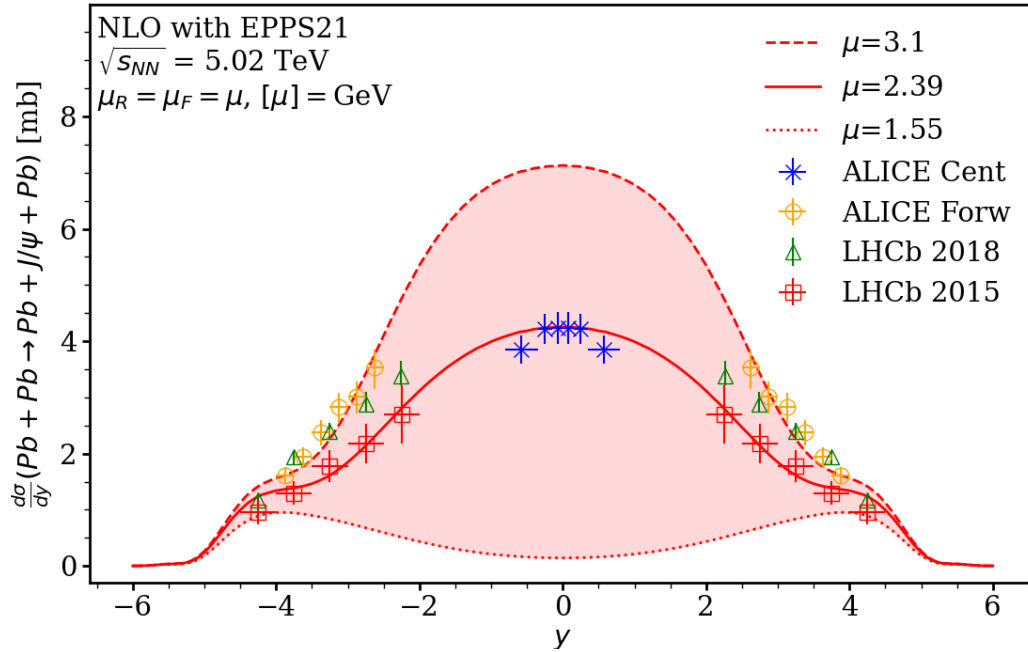


Nuclear PDFs (EPPS16, EPPS21, nCTEQ15 nNNPDF3.0)

Nucleus form factor (Woods-Saxon)

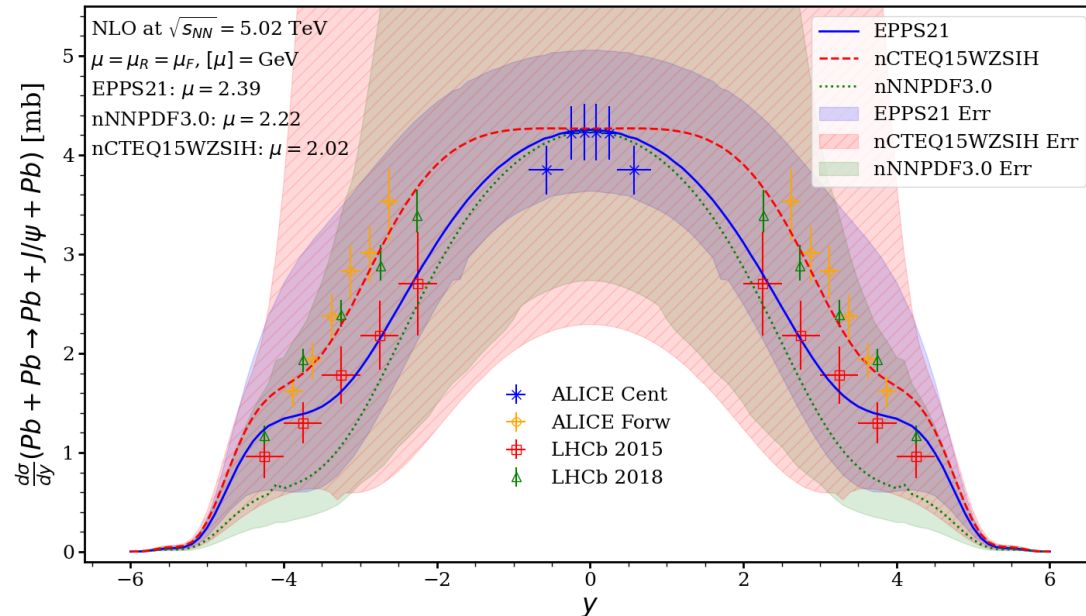


NLO pQCD predictions for J/ψ photoproduction in Pb-Pb UPCs at LHC



- Scale dependence for $m_c \leq \mu \leq M_{J/\psi}$ is expectedly **very strong** \rightarrow consequence of $\ln(m_c^2/\mu^2)\ln(1/\xi)$ terms in NLO coefficient function.

- Can find an “**optimal scale**” $\mu=2.39$ GeV (EPPS21) giving simultaneously fair description of Run 1&2 UPC data \rightarrow **note that** $\gamma+p \rightarrow J/\psi+p$ proton data is somewhat **overestimated**.



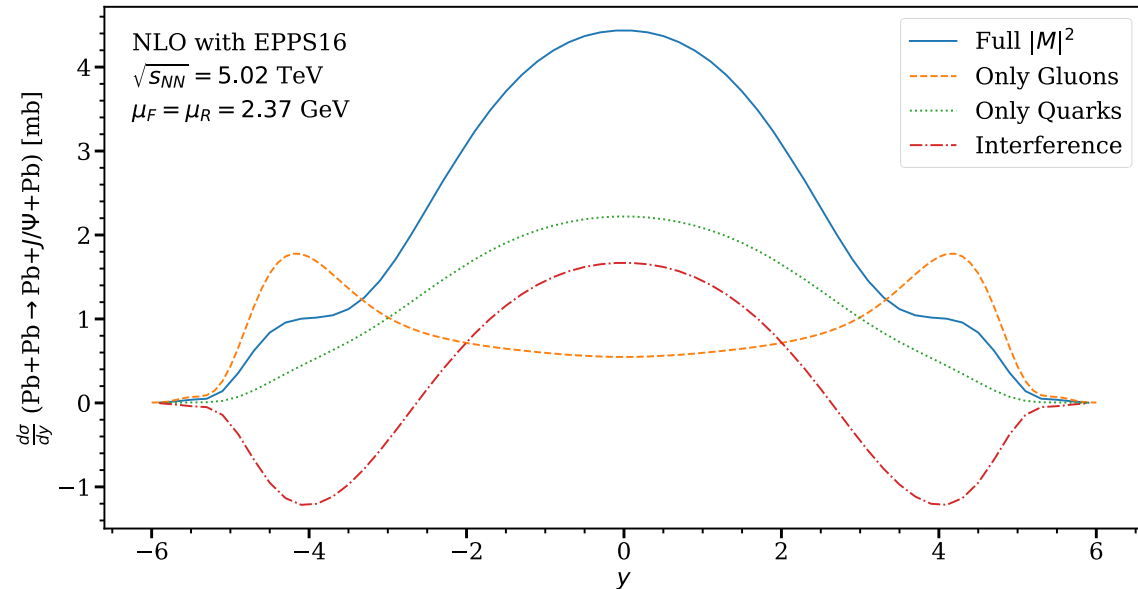
- Uncertainties due nPDFs are quite significant \rightarrow **opportunity to reduce** them using these data.

Eskola, Flett, Guzey, Löytäinen, Paukkunen, PRC 106 (2022) 3, 035202 and arXiv:2210.16048 [hep-ph]

Shown data: Acharya et al [ALICE], EPJC 81 (2021) no.8, 712 and PLB 798 (2019) 134926; Aaij et al [LHCb], JHEP 07 (2022) 117

Dominance of quark contribution in NLO pQCD

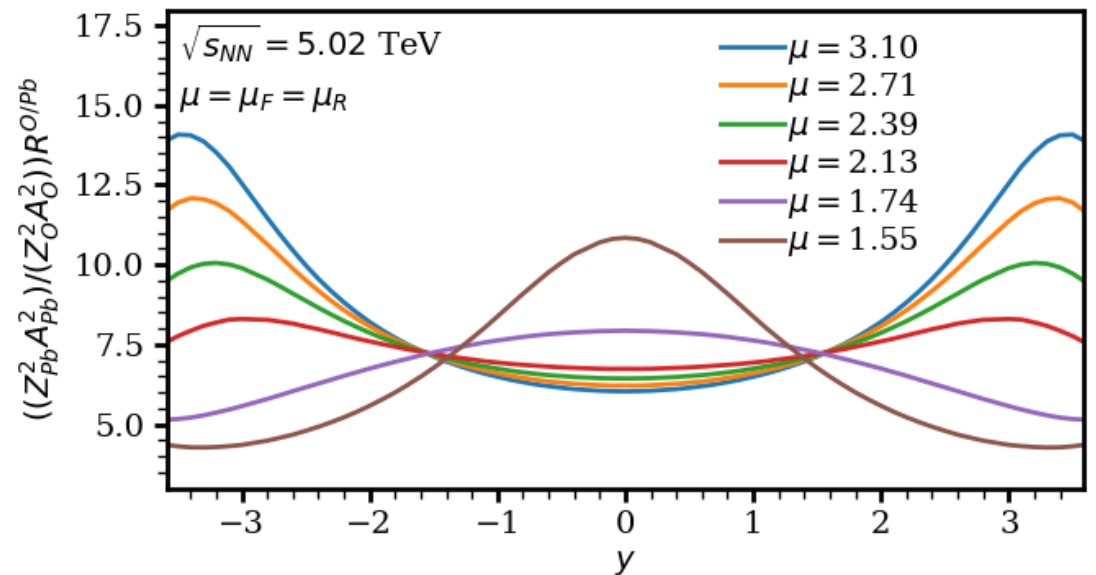
- Consequence of very large NLO corrections → **dominance of quark contribution** for $|y| < 2$ due to strong cancellations between LO and NLO gluons, Eskola, Flett, Guzey, Löytäinen, Paukkunen, PRC 106 (2022) 3, 035202



- At face value, **this complicates** interpretation of the data on coherent J/ψ photoproduction in heavy-ion UPCs as a probe of small-x nuclear gluons.

- Perturbative stability of NLO pQCD improves for scaled **ratio of oxygen and lead UPC cross secs:**

$$\left(\frac{208Z_{Pb}}{16Z_O}\right)^2 \frac{d\sigma(O + O \rightarrow O + J/\psi + O)/dy}{d\sigma(Pb + Pb \rightarrow Pb + J/\psi + Pb)/dy}$$



NLO pQCD predictions for Υ photoproduction in Pb-Pb UPCs at LHC

- These issues are much milder for Υ photoproduction: NLO corrections are moderate, **the gluons dominate** the cross section, GPD modeling benefits from longer μ^2 evolution up to bottom quark mass $\mu=m_b$, relativistic effects smaller.
- Nevertheless, NLO pQCD **under-predicts by factor ~ 2** the $\gamma+p \rightarrow \Upsilon+p$ cross section measured at HERA and in p-p and p-Pb UPCs at the LHC.

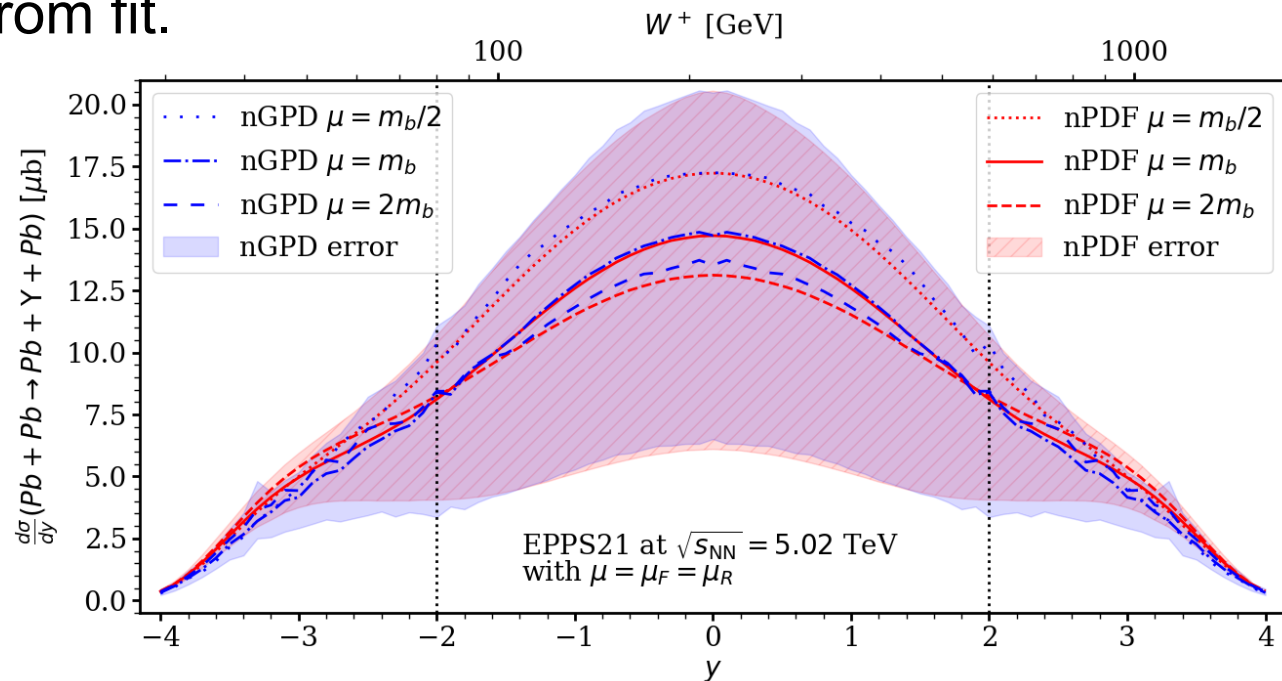
• Data-driven approach: NLO pQCD for the ratio of nucleus and proton cross sections + proton cross sect. from fit.

$$\sigma^{\gamma\text{Pb} \rightarrow \Upsilon\text{Pb}}(W) = \left[\frac{\sigma^{\gamma\text{Pb} \rightarrow \Upsilon\text{Pb}}(W)}{\sigma^{\gamma p \rightarrow \Upsilon p}(W)} \right]_{\text{pQCD}} \sigma_{\text{fit}}^{\gamma p \rightarrow \Upsilon p}(W)$$

• **Scale uncertainty is reduced** \rightarrow smaller than propagated errors of nPDFs.

• Dependence on modeling of **nuclear GPDs is eliminated** \rightarrow important for nPDF phenomenology.

Eskola, Flett, Guzey, Löytäinen, Paukkunen, arXiv:2303.03007 [hep-ph]



Tamed collinear factorization: gluons in proton

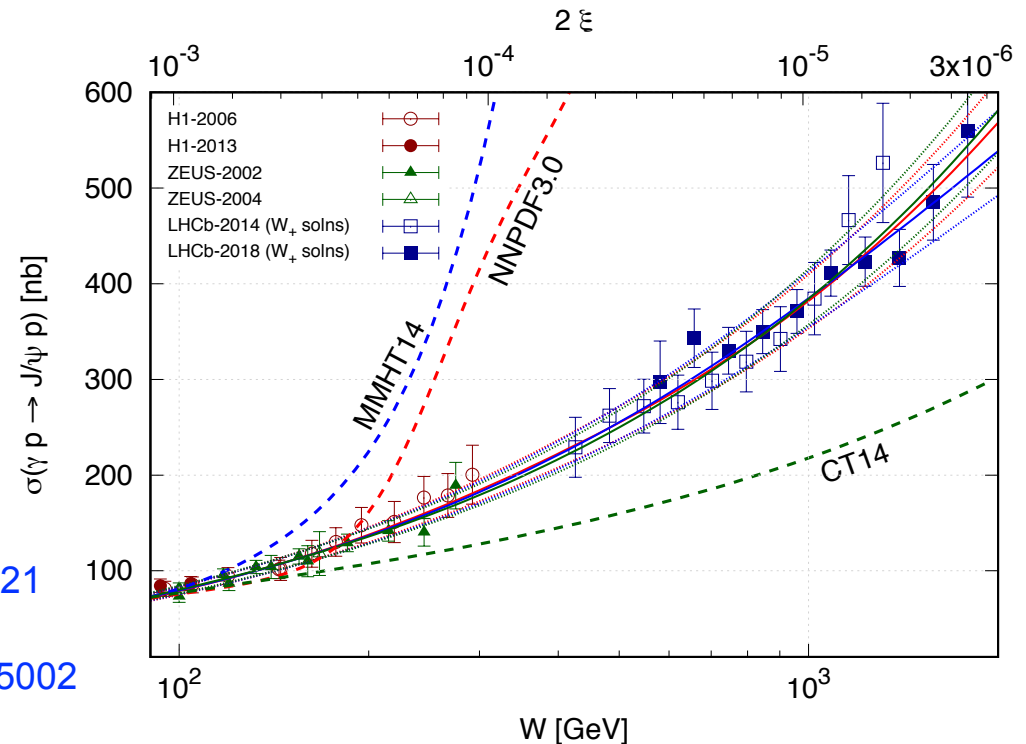
- Stability of perturbation series for exclusive J/ψ photoproduction in NLO pQCD can be improved by “resummation” of $\ln(m_c^2/\mu_F^2) \ln(1/\xi)$ terms and Q_0 subtraction, [Jones, Martin, Ryskin, Teubner, J. Phys. G 43 \(3\) \(2016\) 035002](#) and [EPJC 76 \(2016\) 633](#).
- Restores the gluon dominance and allows for sensible comparison to HERA and UPC data on $\gamma+p \rightarrow J/\psi+p$, [Flett, Jones, Martin, Ryskin, Teubner, PRD 101 \(2020\) 9, 094011](#).
- Allows to use the data to extract gluon PDF at small x , [Flett, Martin, Ryskin, Teubner, PRD 102 \(2020\) 114021](#)

$$xg(x, \mu_0^2) = C xg^{\text{global}}(x, \mu_0^2) + (1 - C) xg^{\text{new}}(x, \mu_0^2)$$

$$xg^{\text{new}}(x, \mu_0^2) = nN_0 (1 - x) x^{-\lambda}$$

- Constraints on xg_p for $3 \times 10^{-6} < x < 10^{-3}$
- No signs of saturation
- Predictions for Y , [Flett, Jones, Martin, Ryskin, Teubner, PRD 105 \(2022\) 3, 034008](#); [PRD 106 \(2022\) 7, 074021](#)

Shown LHCb data: [Aaij et al \[LHCb\], J. Phys. G41 \(2014\) 055002](#) and [JHEP 1810 \(2018\) 167](#).



Exclusive J/ψ photoproduction in dipole picture

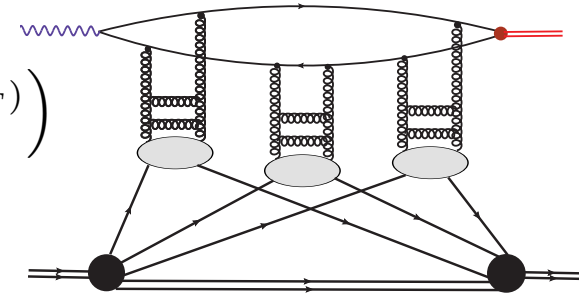
- Space-time picture of strong interaction at high energies in target rest frame
 \rightarrow photon is a superposition of long-lived $q\bar{q}$, $q\bar{q}g, \dots$ dipoles.
- Dipoles successively, elastically scatter on target nucleons \rightarrow high-energy factorization for $\gamma+A \rightarrow J/\psi+A$ amplitude:

$$\mathcal{M}^{\gamma A \rightarrow J/\psi A} = \int d^2 \mathbf{r}_T \int \frac{dz}{4\pi} \int d^2 \mathbf{b}_T [\Psi_{J/\psi}^* \Phi_\gamma] 2 \left(1 - e^{-\frac{1}{2} \sigma_{\text{dip}}(\mathbf{r}_T) T_A(\mathbf{b}_T)} \right)$$

Overlap of photon (QED) and J/ψ (model) wf's

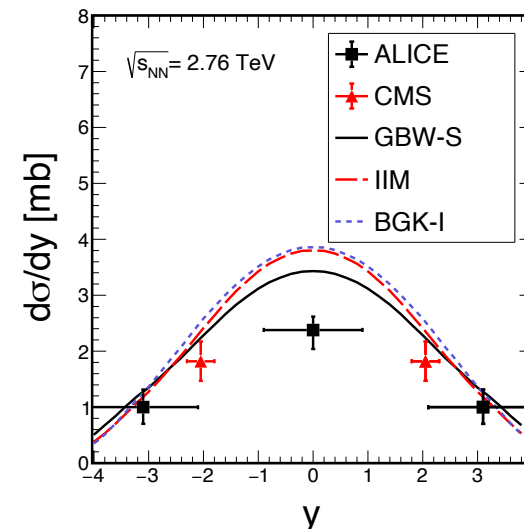
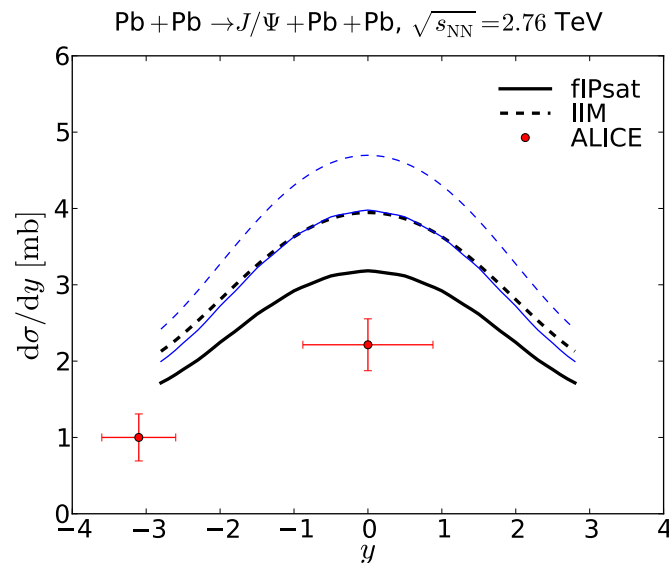
Dipole cross section from fits to HERA

Nuclear density



Lappi, Mäntysaari, PRC 87 (2013) 3, 032201

Luszczak, Schäfer, PRC 99 (2019) 4, 044905



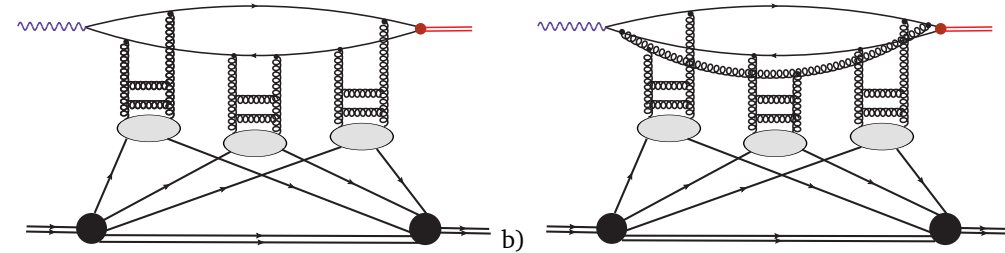
- This implementation **over-predicts** the data at $y=0$ \rightarrow nuclear shadowing due to rescattering of small dipoles with $\langle r_T \rangle \sim 0.3$ fm is too weak.

Dipole picture: role of $q\bar{q}$ dipoles

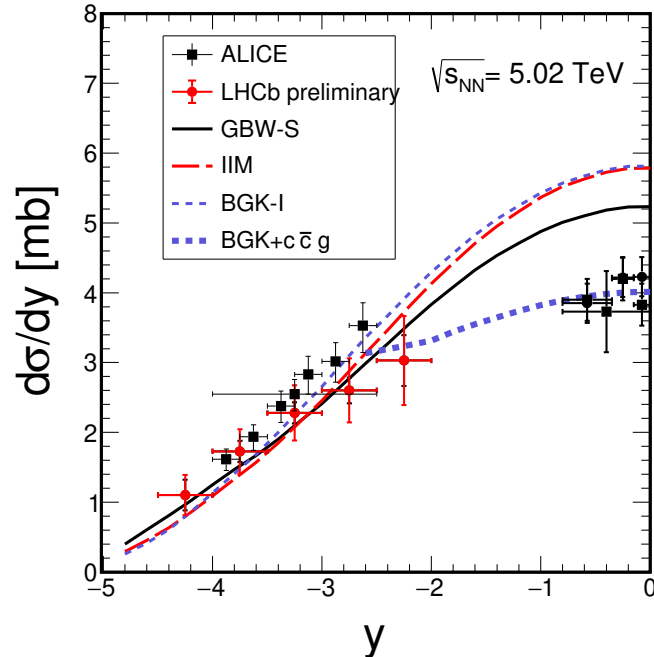
- Small- $\langle r_T \rangle$ $q\bar{q}$ dipoles provide higher-twist contribution to $\gamma+A \rightarrow J/\psi+A$ as well as to other nuclear observables, e.g. longitudinal structure function $F_L^A(x, Q^2)$,

Frankfurt, Guzey, McDermott, Strikman, JHEP 02 (2002) 027

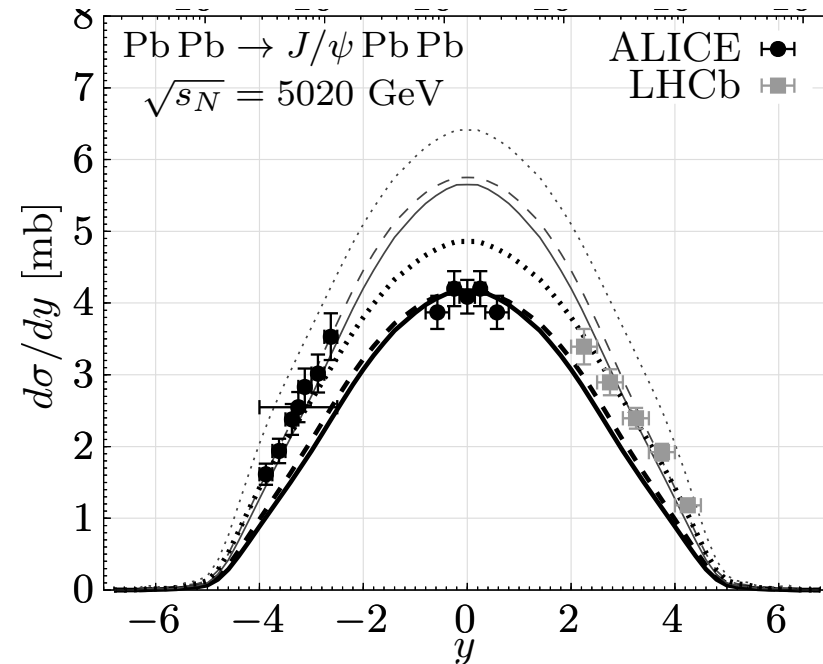
- Need to include higher $q\bar{q}g$ Fock states \rightarrow 3-body “dipole” cross section and wave function.



Luszczak, Schäfer, SciPost Phys.Proc. 8 (2022) 109, arXiv:2108.06788 [hep-ph]



Kopeliovich, Krelina, Nemchik, Potashnikova, PRD 107 (2023) 5, 054005



- Good description of data \rightarrow includes elastic and inelastic nuclear shadowing.

Dipole picture: saturation in nuclei

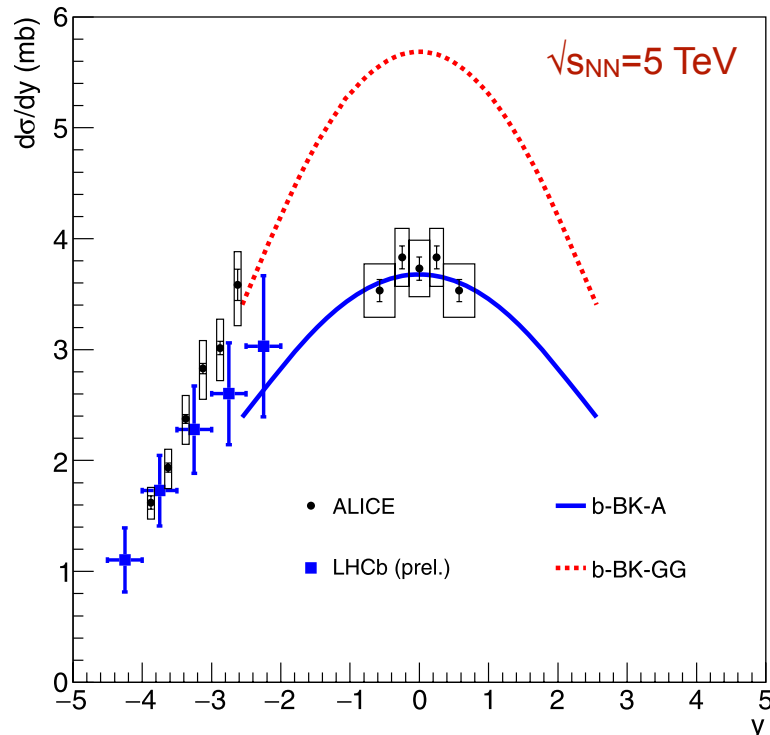
- Nuclear geometry in initial condition for **Balitsky-Kovchegov equation** → **saturation in nuclei, but not necessarily in nucleons** → good agreement with data.

$$\frac{\sigma_{\text{dip}}^A(\mathbf{r}_T, \mathbf{b}_T)}{d^2\mathbf{b}_T} = 2\mathcal{N}_{\text{BK}}(\mathbf{r}_T, \mathbf{b}_T, x)$$

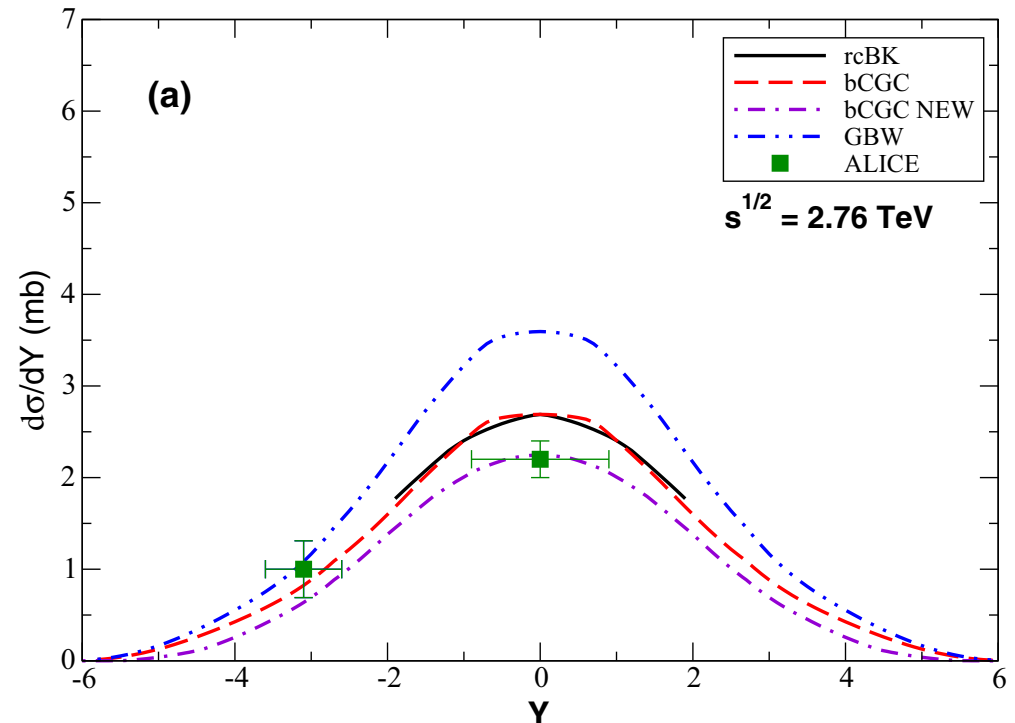
- Should be taken with grain of salt → predictions strongly depend on models for the dipole cross section and J/ψ wave function.

Bendova, Cepila, Contreras, Matas, PLB 817 (2021) 136306

Goncalves, Moreira, Navarra, PRC 90 (2014) 015203



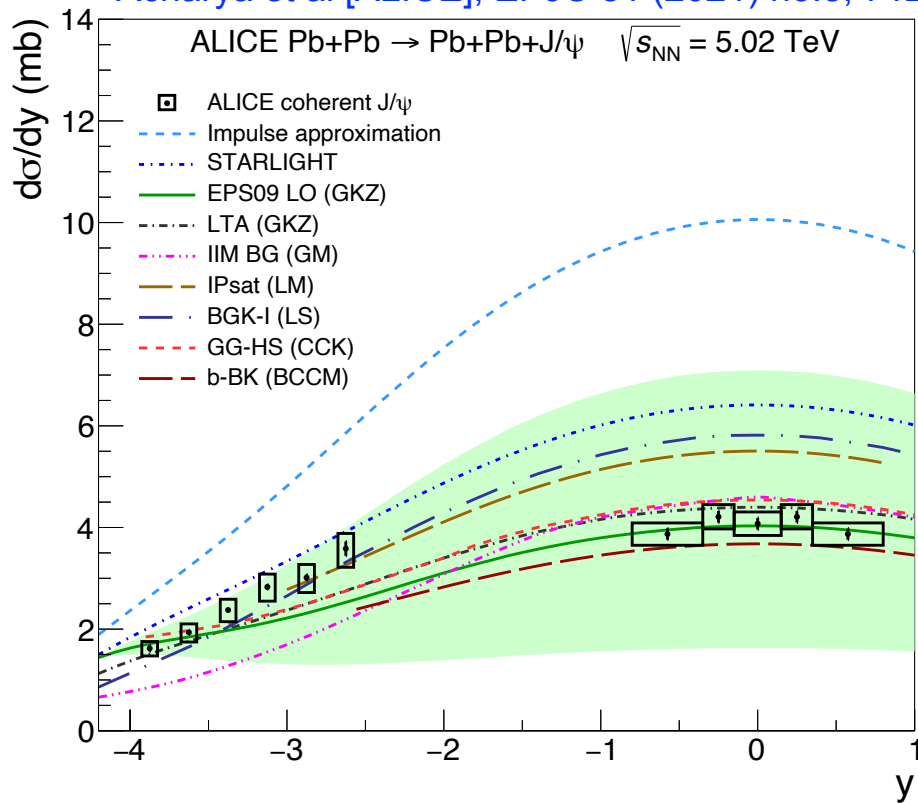
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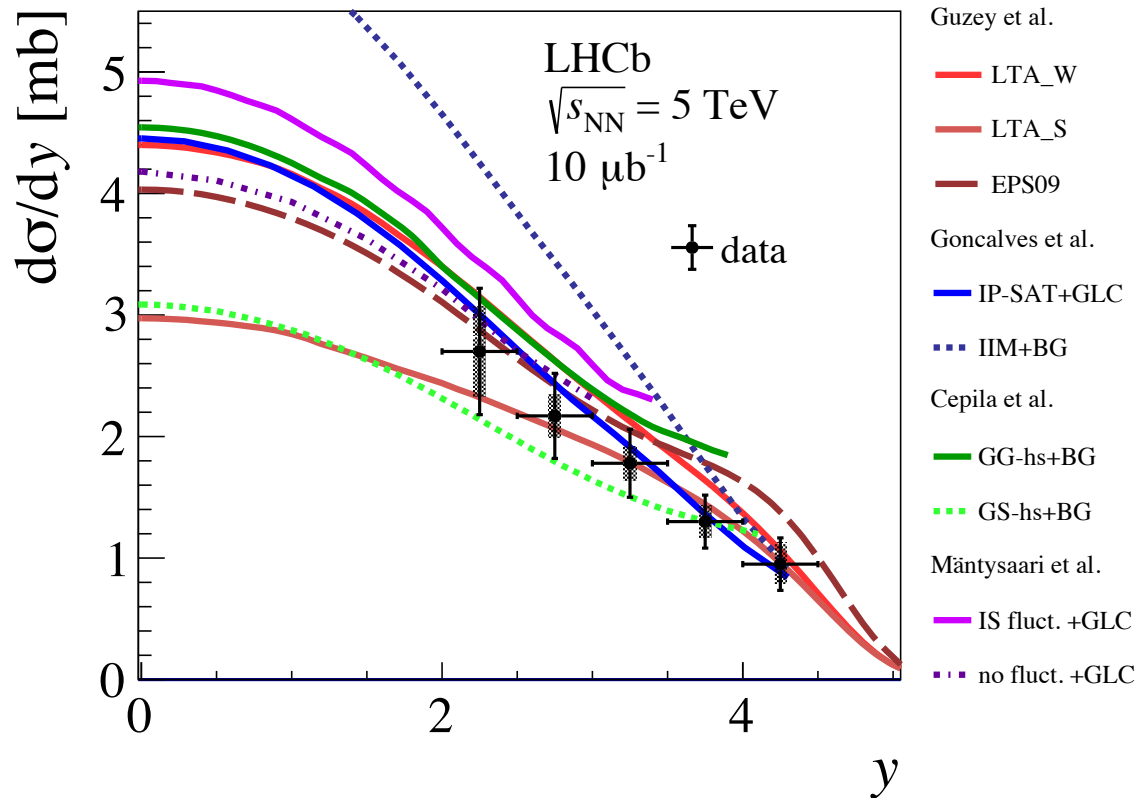
Shown Run 1 data: Abelev et al. [ALICE], PLB718 (2013) 1273; Abbas et al. [ALICE]

Coherent J/ψ photoproduction in Pb-Pb UPCs

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Aaij et al [LHCb], JHEP 07 (2022) 117



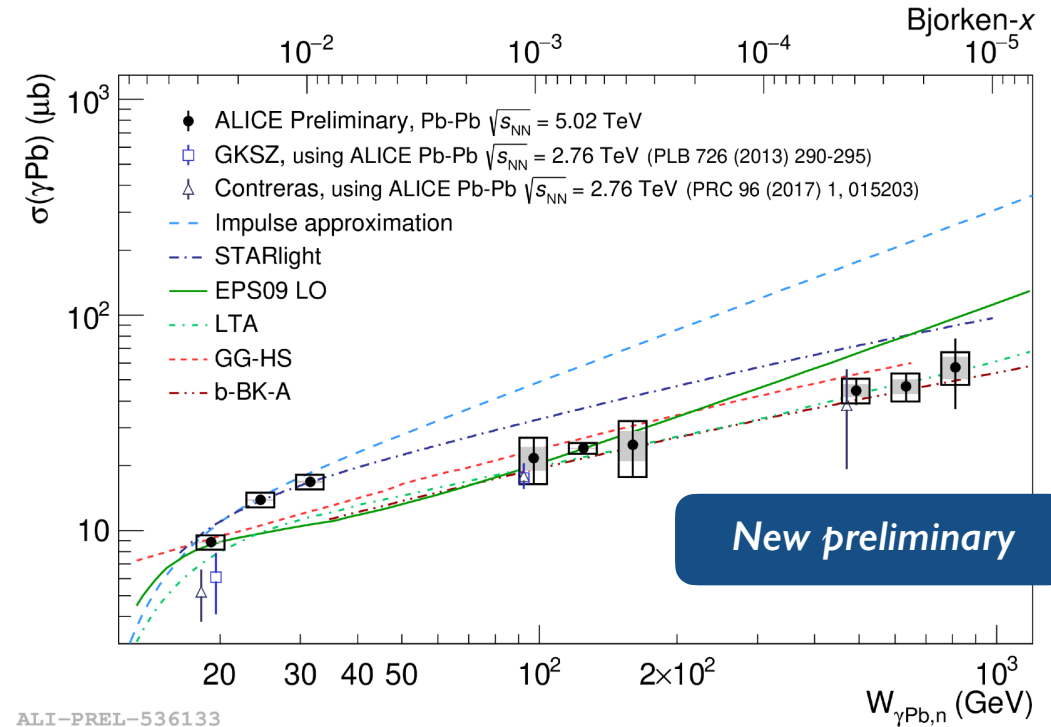
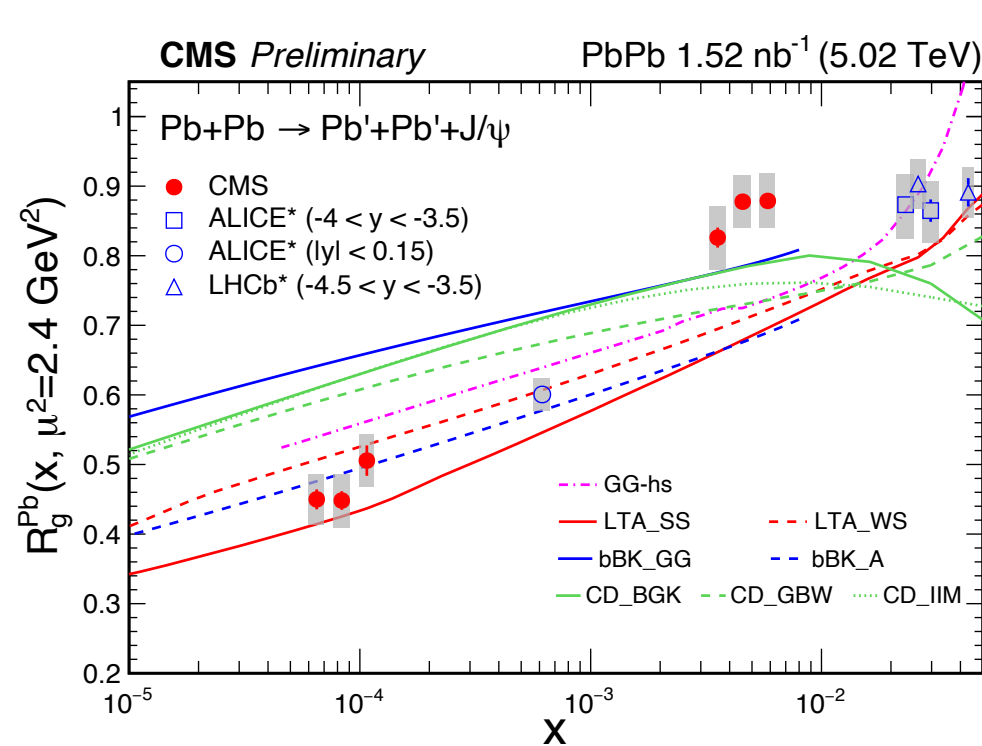
- None of the approaches describe the data in the entire range of J/ψ rapidity y .
- Suppression at $y=0$ \rightarrow strong leading-twist gluon/quark shadowing at small x , role of $q\bar{q}g$ dipoles, or a sign of saturation in nuclei.
- Behavior at large $|y|$ \rightarrow shadowing is small and models converge, while being at the border of their applicability.

Coherent J/ψ photoproduction in Pb-Pb UPCs with neutron emission

- Measurements of UPCs with neutron emission in any 2 channels ($0n0n$, $0nXn$) allow one to separate W^+ and W^- contributions to UPC cross section \rightarrow probe nuclear gluons down to $x \sim 10^{-5}$!

CMS PAS HIN-22-002, W. Li talk 29.03.2023

R. Lavicka, talk 28.03.2023

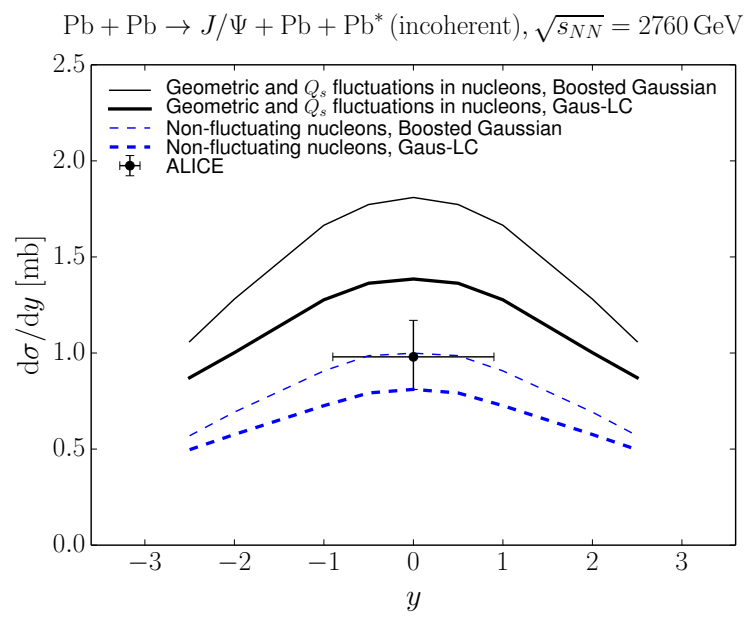


- The data indicates a continuous increase of nuclear shadowing at small x in agreement with leading twist model (LTA) and nuclear saturation (bBK-A).

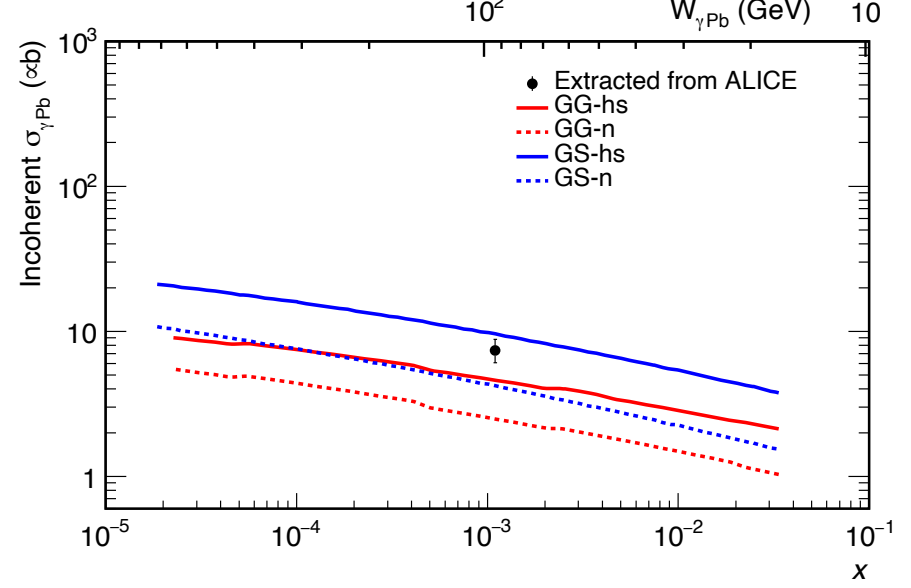
Dipole picture: Hot spots in proton and incoherent J/ψ photoproduction on nuclei

- Description of incoherent diffraction $\gamma+p \rightarrow J/\psi+p^*$ on the proton requires a new sub-nucleon scale \rightarrow gluonic “hot spots” and geometric fluctuations of the proton, Mäntysaari, Schenke, PRL 117 (2016) 052301; Cepila, Contreras, Tapia-Takaki, PLB 766 (2017) 186
- Can be applied to incoherent J/ψ photoproduction in $Pb+Pb \rightarrow Pb+J/\psi+Pb^*$ UPC

Mäntysaari, Schenke, PLB 772 (2017) 832



Cepila, Contreras, Krelina, PRC 97 (2018) no.2, 024901

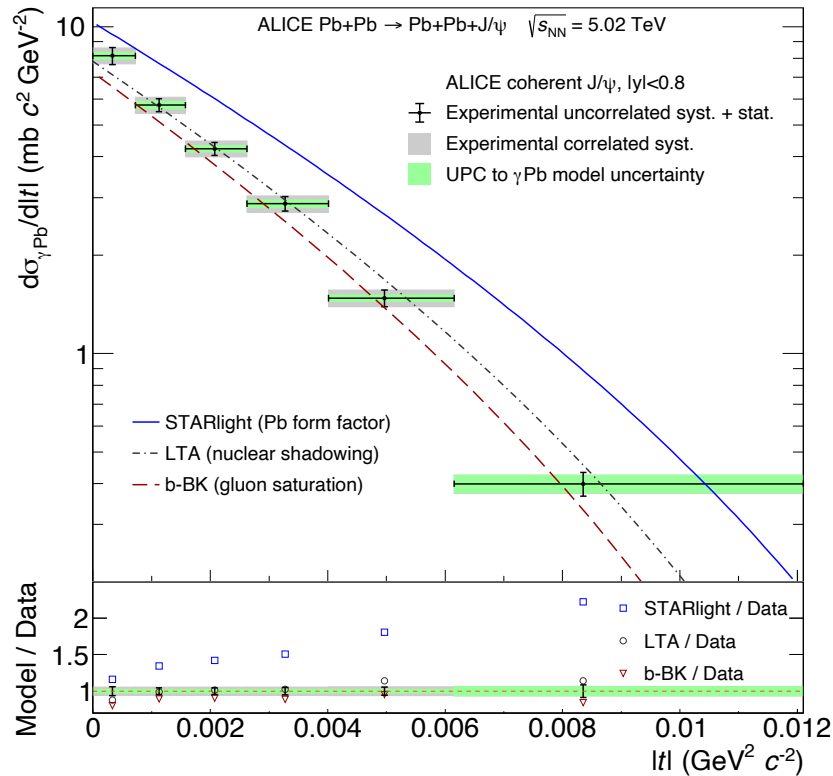


- Increases $\times 2$ incoherent cross section, weakly affects coherent cross section, describes well incoh/coh ratio.
- Alternative description of incoherent data: leading twist model (LTA), Guzey, Strikman, Zhalov, PRC 99 (2019) 1, 015201; Kryshen, Strikman, Zhalov, 2303.12052 [hep-ph]

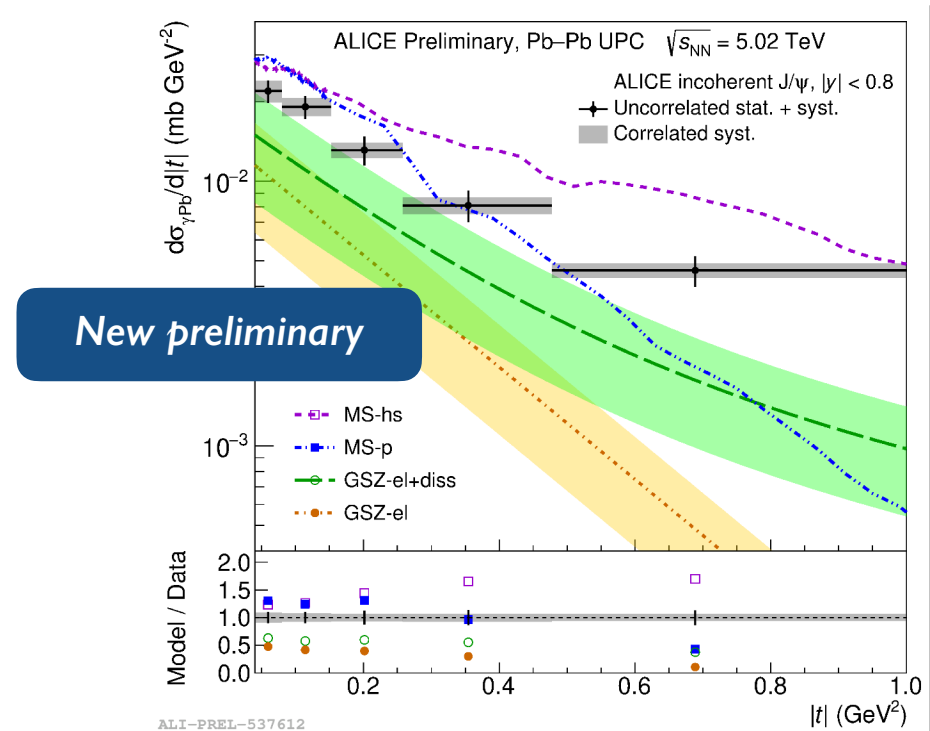
t-dependence of coherent and incoherent J/ψ photonuclear cross section

Acharya *et al.* [ALICE] PLB 817 (2021) 1, 136280

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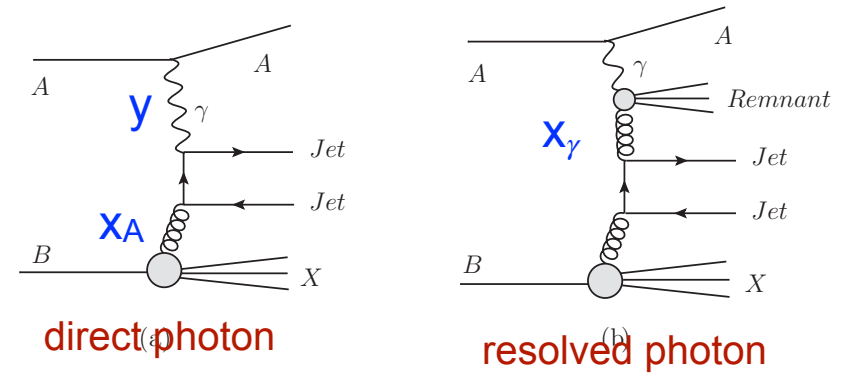
Incoherent: t distribution



- LTA model predicts stronger shadowing at nucleus center → 5-11% broadening of gluon distribution in impact parameter space → shift of diffractive minima, [Guzey, Strikman, Zhilov, PRC 95 \(2017\) 025204](#)
- Similar effect is caused by saturation in dipole picture, [Bendova, Cepila, Contreras, Matas, PLB 817 \(2021\) 136306](#)
- Strong sensitivity to sub-nucleon fluctuations at large $|t|$, [Mäntysaari, Schenke, PLB 772 \(2017\) 832](#)

Inclusive dijet photoproduction in Pb-Pb UPCs@LHC

- Collinear factorization and NLO pQCD, Klasen, Kramer, Z.Phys. C 72 (1996) 107, Z. Phys. C 76 (1997) 67; Klasen, Rev. Mod. Phys. 74 (2002) 1221; Klasen, Kramer, EPJC 71 (2011) 1774



$$d\sigma^{AA \rightarrow A+2\text{jets}+X} = \sum_{a,b} \int dy \int dx_\gamma \int dx_A f_{\gamma/A}(y) f_{a/\gamma}(x_\gamma, \mu^2) f_{b/A}(x_A, \mu^2) \hat{\sigma}_{ab \rightarrow \text{jets}}$$

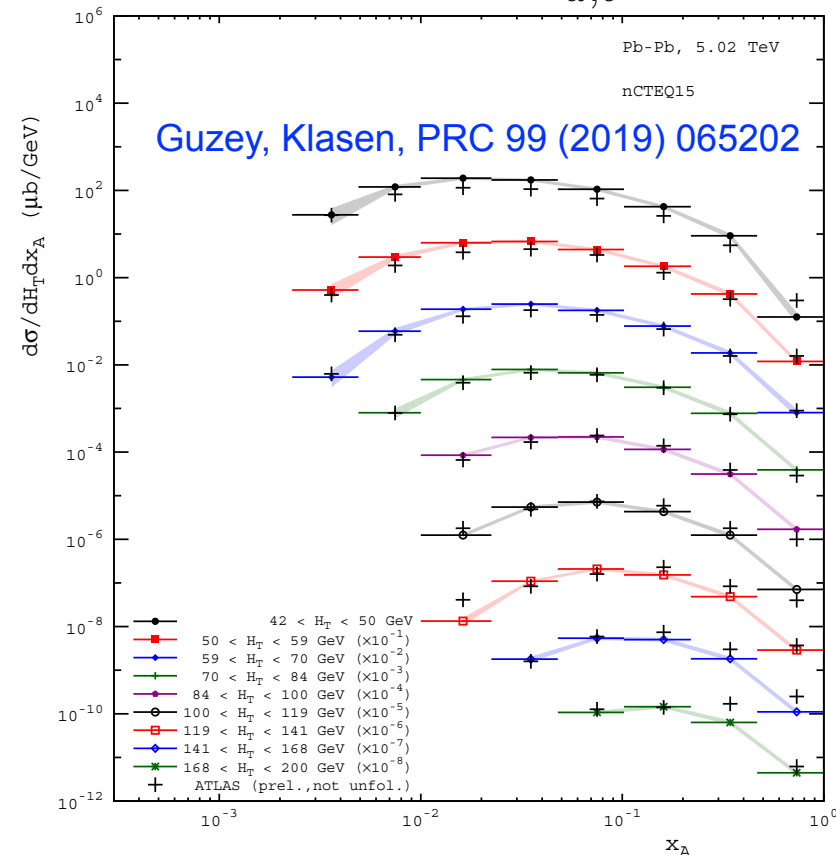
Photon flux

Photon PDFs for resolved case

Nuclear PDFs (nCTEQ15, EPPS16)

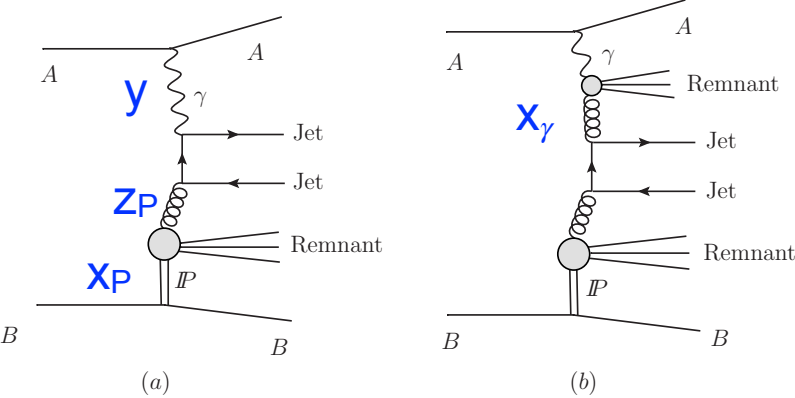
Hard parton cross section

- NLO pQCD describes shape and normalization of ATLAS data, [ATLAS-CONF-2017-011](#)
- Sensitivity to nuclear modifications of PDFs at 10-20% level → can be used to reduce uncertainty of gluon density by **factor 2** at $x_A=10^{-3}$, [Guzey, Klasen, EPJ C 79 \(2019\) 5, 396](#)
- Can also be used to look for nonlinear effects in Color Glass Condensate framework, [Kotko, Kutak, Sapeta, Stasto, Strikman, EPJ C 77 \(2017\) 5, 353](#)



Diffractive dijet photoproduction in Pb-Pb UPCs@LHC

- Collinear factorization and NLO pQCD → novel nuclear diffractive PDFs, test of QCD factorization breaking.
- Contribution of right-moving photon source:

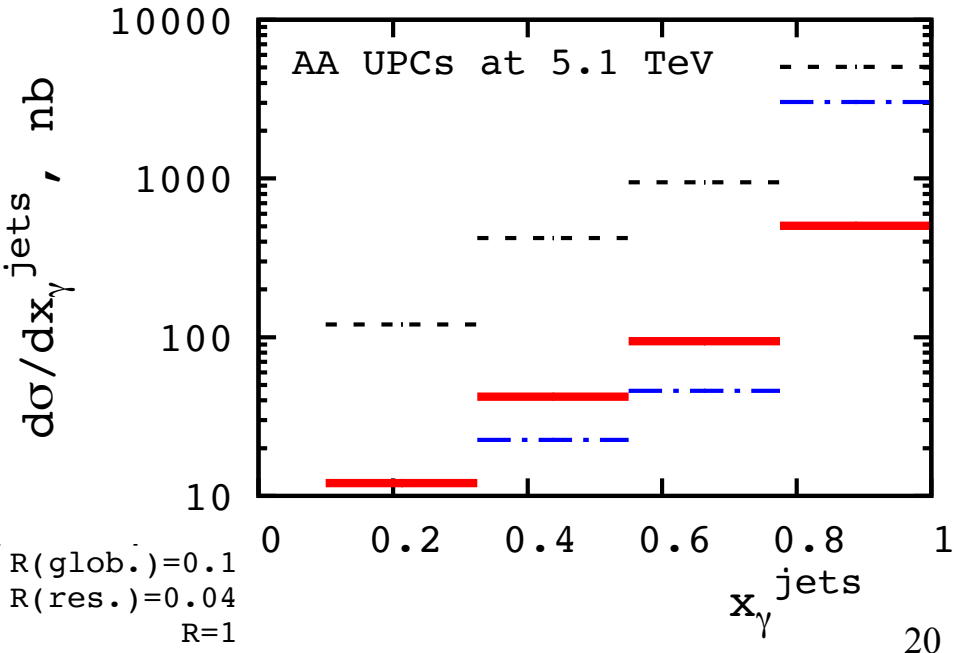


$$d\sigma(AA \rightarrow A + 2\text{jets} + X + A)^{(+)} = \sum_{a,b} \int dt \int dx_P \int dz_P \int dy \int dx_\gamma f_{\gamma/A}(y) f_{a/\gamma}(x_\gamma, \mu^2) f_{b/A}^{D(4)}(x_P, z_P, t, \mu^2) d\hat{\sigma}_{ab \rightarrow \text{jets}}$$

Nuclear diffractive PDFs

Guzey, Klasen, JHEP 04 (2016) 158

- Diffractive dijet photoproduction in ep scattering@HERA → QCD factorization is broken, Klasen, Kramer, EPJ C 38 (2004) 93; Guzey, Klasen, EPJ C 76 (2016) 8, 467
- Pattern unknown: global suppression by $R(\text{glob.})=0.5$ or the resolved-only suppression $R(\text{res.})=0.34$
- One can differentiate between these scenarios by studying x_γ distribution.



Summary and Outlook

- There is continuing interest in using UPCs at the LHC and RHIC to obtain new constraints on proton and nucleus PDFs and strong dynamics at small x .
- The data challenge both collinear factorization and dipole model frameworks.
- **Strong nuclear suppression** of coherent J/ψ photoproduction in Pb-Pb UPC@LHC at $y=0$ \rightarrow large gluon/quark shadowing at small x , importance of $q\bar{q}g$ dipoles, or a sign of saturation \rightarrow test in Y photoproduction.
- In the collinear framework, extraction of nPDFs is feasible using **ratios of AA/pp UPCs cross sections**, where theoretical complications cancel.
- Outstanding challenges are the treatment of **J/ψ vertex** in NLO pQCD beyond NRQCD and **small- x resummation** of NLO coefficient functions.
- In the dipole picture, significant progress in calculations exclusive vector meson photoproduction at NLO, [Mäntysaari, Penttala, JHEP 08 \(2022\) 247](#) \rightarrow applications to AA UPCs
- New avenue is AA peripheral, [I.-C. Arsene, talk 29.03.2023](#) and UPCs with neutron emission providing an access to very small $x \sim 10^{-5}$ both in coherent and incoherent cases, [Guzey, Strikman, Zhalov, EPJC 74 \(2014\) 7, 2942](#).

Dipole picture: relativistic effects in J/ψ wave function

- Standard lore: relativistic effects are small provided LO matrix element normalized to $J/\psi \rightarrow l^+l^-$ decay width, [Hoodbhoy, PRD 56 \(1997\) 388](#)
- However, it was shown that relativistic v_c/m_c corrections are sizable, [Eskobedo, Lappi, PRD 101 \(2020\) 3, 034030](#); [Lappi, Mäntysaari, Penttala, PRD 102 \(2020\) 5, 054020](#)
→ J/ψ wave function dependence **does not cancel in nucleus/proton ratio** → affects interpretation of nuclear suppression in AA UPCs@LHC and not included in shown dipole results.
- There is also a related issue of D-wave (spin rotation) of the charmonium wave function, [Krelina, Nemchik, Pasechnik, EPJ C 80 \(2020\) 2, 92](#)
- **Charm quark mass m_c** does not provide sufficiently high scale → asymptotic pQCD expressions receive large **k_T/m_c corrections** depending on J/ψ wf, [Frankfurt, Koepf, Strikman, PRD 57 \(1998\) 512](#); [Frankfurt, McDermott, Strikman, JHEP 02 \(1999\) 02](#) and [JHEP 03 \(2001\) 045](#)
→ dramatic (**$C(Q^2=0) \sim 0.1$**) suppression for J/ψ and moderate for Y .
- Consistent description in pQCD requires J/ψ light-cone distribution amplitude
→ no smooth connection to NR wf, [Brodsky, Frankfurt, Gunion, Mueller, Strikman, PRD 50 \(1994\) 3134](#)