







Inclusive quarkonium photoproduction at the LHC

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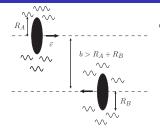
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Inclusive UPC @ LHC

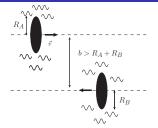
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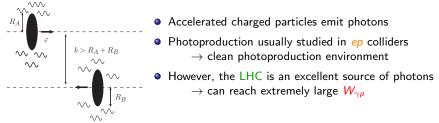
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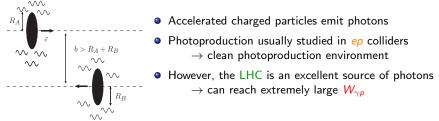


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- Photoproduction usually studied in *ep* colliders
 → clean photoproduction environment
- However, the LHC is an excellent source of photons \rightarrow can reach extremely large $W_{\gamma p}$



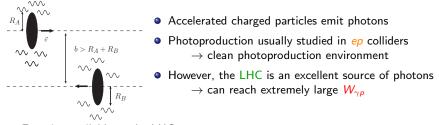
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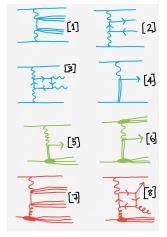


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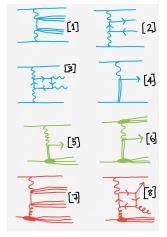
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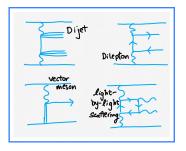
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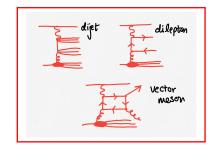


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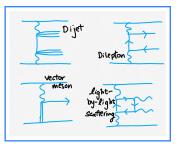
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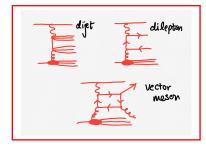


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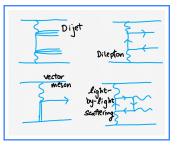
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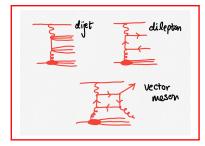


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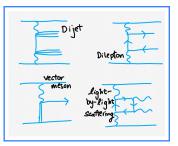


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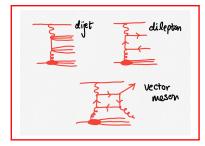


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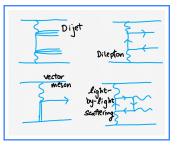


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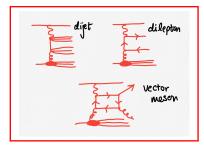


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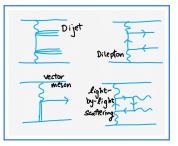


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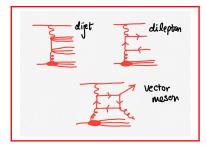


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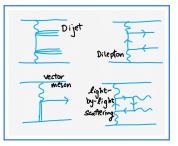


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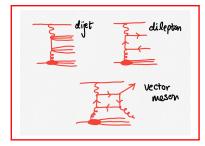


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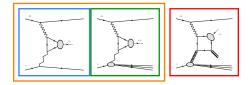
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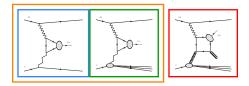
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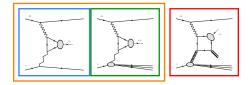


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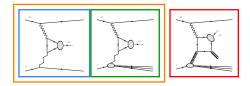
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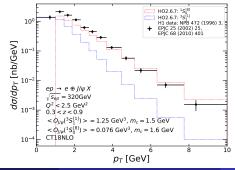
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e.g. J.P.Lansberg Phys.Rept. 889 (2020) 1

- LO CS undershoots large P_T photoproduction data [Theory uncertainties not shown]
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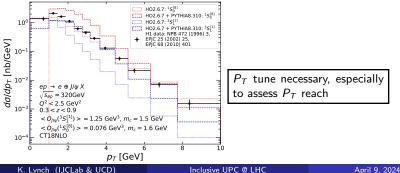
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See e.g. C. Flore, JPL, H.S. Shao, Y. Yedelkina, PLB 811 (2020) 135926

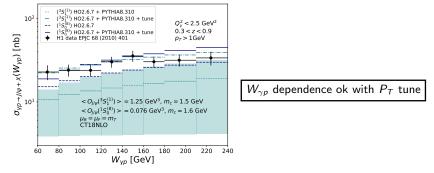
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Reconstructibility of z and $W_{\gamma p}$? [In pPb, no ambiguity on γ emitter but E_{γ} not measured in UPC]

Reject background: reliable background MC + background reduction strategy

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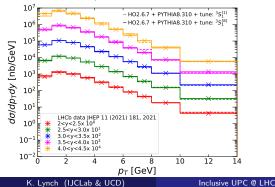
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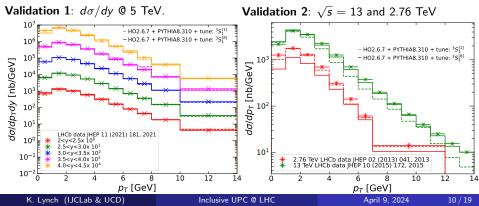


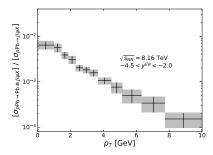
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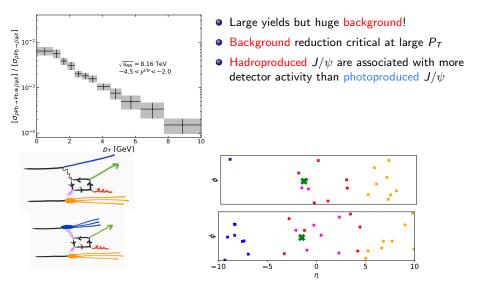
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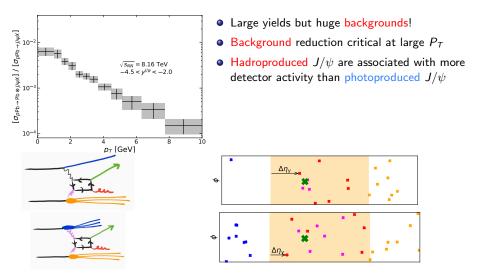




- Large yields but huge background!
- Background reduction critical at large P_T
- Hadroproduced J/ψ are associated with more detector activity than photoproduced J/ψ

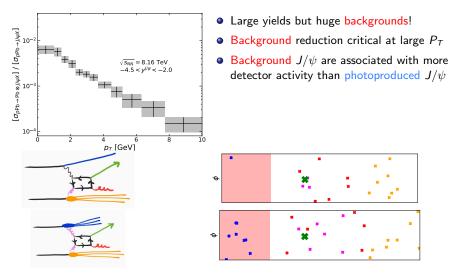


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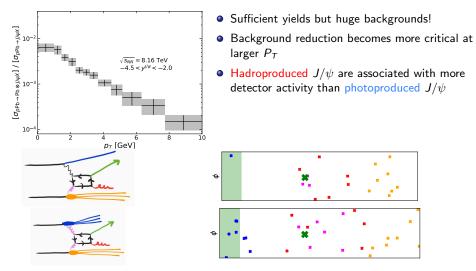
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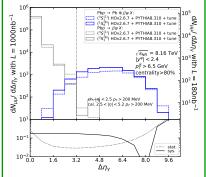


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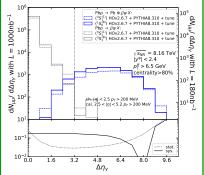
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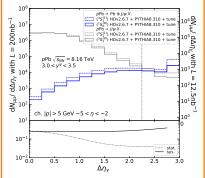
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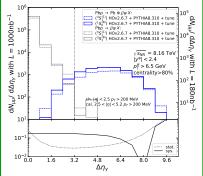
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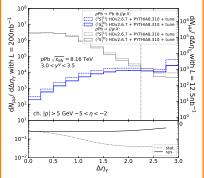
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Selecting a cut value that minimises that statistical uncertainty:
 → removes O(99.99%) (O(99.9%)) of background events → S/B ≥ O(1)

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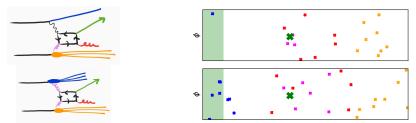
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Method II: forward activity with HeRSCheL at LHCb

- forward scintillator sensitive to charged particle activity in the region $5 < |\eta| < 10$
- Photoproduction events identified with no HeRSCheL activity

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Method III: far-forward activity with zero-degree calorimeter at ALICE, ATLAS, & CMS

- detector close to the beam pipe ($|\eta|\gtrsim$ 8) sensitive to neutral particles
- UPCs identified as most peripheral events (80 100% centrality)

[Already done in pPb collisions: ALICE, JHEP 02 (2021) 002]

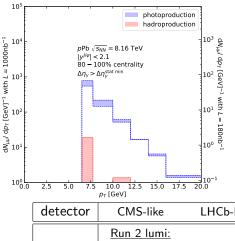
• Selecting events with **0** neutrons in ZDC can further enhance signal purity

[We expect $\mathcal{O}(100\%)$ of the signal with no neutron emission]

Part III

Results

Photoproduction yields



- Possible to isolate photoproduction with CMS and ATLAS using methods I & III
- With Run3+4 lumi, possible to extend the P_T reach from 10 GeV (HERA data) to 20 GeV
- Expect ψ' yield to be $\sim 1/20$ of J/ψ yield no $_{P_T}$ differential data from HERA!

detector	CMS-like	LHCb-like	CMS-like	LHCb-like
	<u>Run 2 lumi:</u>		Run 3+4 lumi:	
yield	$\mathcal{O}(10^3-10^5)$	$\mathcal{O}(10^3-10^4)$	$\mathcal{O}(10^4-10^6)$	$\mathcal{O}(10^4-10^5)$
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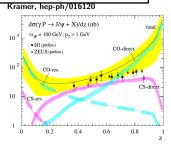
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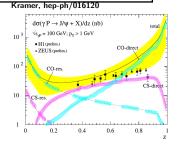
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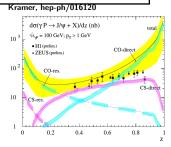
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• Let us reconstruct the photon kinematics from the final state : $Pb(P_{Pb}) + p(P_{p}) \xrightarrow{\gamma(P_{\gamma})} Pb(P'_{Pb}) + J/\psi(P_{\psi}) + X(P_{X}) \text{ thus } P_{\gamma} = P_{\psi} + P_{X} - P_{p}$ • $W_{\gamma p} \simeq (2(P_{\psi} + P_{X} - P_{p}) \cdot P_{p})^{1/2} \& z = \frac{P_{p} \cdot P_{\psi}}{P_{p} \cdot (P_{\psi} + P_{X} - P_{p})}$

• In fact, we only need to measure $(P_X \cdot P_p)$ or equivalently $P_X^- = E_X - P_{X,z}$

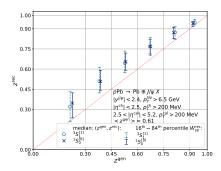
• NB: In the exclusive case, $P_X \simeq P_p \Rightarrow P_\gamma + P_p = P_\psi + P_p$ and $W_{\gamma p} \simeq M_\psi e^{-y_\psi}$

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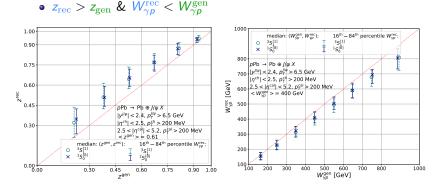
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- For CMS and ATLAS: z reconstruction allows for O(5-6) bins (similar to HERA) improves with increasing values of z
- $W_{\gamma p}$ reconstruction allows for $\mathcal{O}(10)$ bins

improves for decreasing values of $W_{\gamma p}$

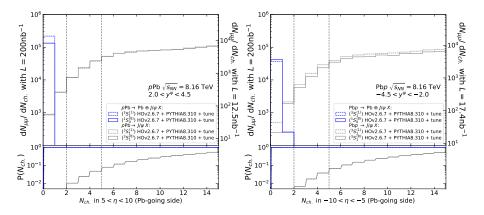
- The LHC can be used as a photon-nucleon collider
 - Feasible to measure inclusive J/ ψ , ψ' and Υ photoproduction at the LHC
 - Complementary to HERA measurements with a doubled P_T reach
 - It can be done now $\mathcal{O}(10)$ years before the EIC
- CMS and ATLAS are the most favourable experiments with the largest P_T reach and broadest psuedorapidity coverage

(CMS has additional advantage of measuring $P_T \rightarrow 0$ GeV)

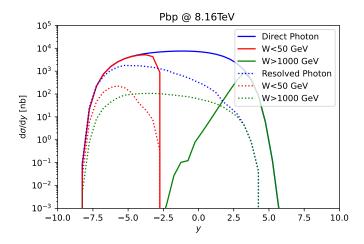
- Possible to make measurements at ALICE and LHCb too!
- Despite the impossibility to measure the intact Pb ion, possible to reconstruct z and $W_{\gamma p}$
 - Binning competitive with HERA, confirms the reach in $W_{\gamma p}$ up to 1 TeV !
 - Possibility to isolate resolved-photon contributions

Backup

Activity in HeRSCeL



Direct and resolved photon rapidity comparison

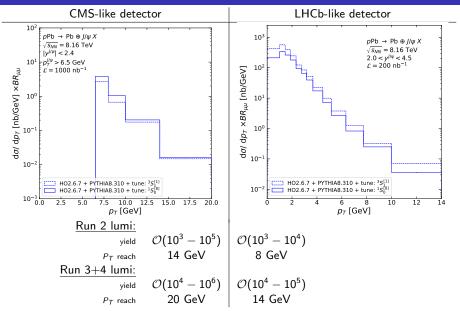


Resolved photon contribution increases with increasing photon energy $(W_{\gamma p})$; however, at most forward rapidities is suppressed.

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Inclusive UPC @ LHC

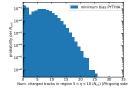
Results: photoproduction P_T distributions and yields



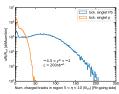
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From p to Pb in the HeRSCheL region

- The background is modelled by generating *p*A events with HELAC-Onia and passing them through PYTHIA; PYTHIA reads these as *pp* events.
- In a *pp* collision $N_{coll.} = 1$; whereas in a *p*A collision there are many more nucleons and therefore it is possible to have $N_{coll.} > 1$ [typically modelled using Glauber-type models].
- Using minimum bias events generated by PYTHIA, one can obtain a probability distribution for the number of charged tracks in the HeRSCheL region. [bottom left]
- To model the HeRSCheL signal using the PYTHIA events (i.e., converting *pp* to *pA*) events are randomly assigned a centrality class and then assigned *N_{coll}*. based on ALICE results. [bottom centre arXiv:1605.05680]
- For a given event, the total number of charged tracks in the HeRSCheL region is given by throwing $i = 1, ..., N_{coll.} 1$ points into the probability distribution, and summing over $N_{coll.}$.
- The transformation from pp to pA HeRSCheL distribution. [bottom right]



Centrality class	$\langle N_{\rm coll} \rangle_{\rm opt.}$	$\langle N_{\rm coll} \rangle_{\rm ALICE}$	b [fm]
2 - 10%	14.7	$11.7\pm1.2\pm0.9$	4.14
10 - 20%	13.6	$11.0 \pm 0.4 \pm 0.9$	4.44
20 - 40%	11.4	$9.6\pm0.2\pm0.8$	4.94
40-60%	7.7	$7.1\pm0.3\pm0.6$	5.64
60-80%	3.7	$4.3\pm0.3\pm0.3$	6.29
80-100%	1.5	$2.1\pm0.1\pm0.2$	6.91



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Kinematics: z and $W_{\gamma p}$ reconstruction

$$\mathsf{Pb}(P_{\mathsf{Pb}}) + p(P_p)
ightarrow \mathsf{Pb}(P'_{\mathsf{Pb}}) + J/\psi(P_\psi) + X(P_X)$$

• By momentum conservation $P_{\gamma} = P_{\psi} + P_X - P_p$

- $P_{Pb} \simeq \frac{1}{2} P_{Pb}^{-} \eta_{+}$: lead-ion moving backward with negative rapidity
- $P_p \simeq \frac{1}{2} P_p^+ \eta_-$: proton moving forward with positive rapidity
- $P_X = \sum_{i}^{N} P_i$: sum over particle momenta

$$z = \frac{P_{\rho} \cdot P_{\psi}}{P_{\rho} \cdot \underbrace{(P_{\psi} + P_X - P_{\rho})}_{P_{\gamma}}} \simeq \frac{P_{\psi}^-}{P_X^- + P_{\psi}^-}$$
$$W_{\gamma \rho} \simeq \sqrt{2(P_{\psi} + P_X - P_{\rho}) \cdot P_{\rho}} \simeq \sqrt{(P_X^- + P_{\psi}^-)P_{\rho}^+}$$

• A particle *i* collinear to the proton has $P_i^- = 0$ and does not contribute to z

- Exclusive case: $P_X^- = 0 \rightarrow z = 1$
- A particle *i* collinear to the photon emitter has a large P_i^-
 - As we expect a rapidity gap between the photon emitter and the produced particles, much of the produced particles can be captured by the main LHC detectors

Lightcone four-vector representation

Choose two vectors along an axis such that,

$$\eta^{\pm} \cdot \eta^{\pm} = 0 \quad \& \quad \eta^{\mp} \cdot \eta^{\pm} = 2.$$
 (1)

A particle's four-momentum can be written as,

$$p = (E, p_x, p_y, p_z) = [P^+, P^-, \mathbf{p}].$$
 (2)

The scalar product of two four-momenta is given as,

$$\boldsymbol{p} \cdot \boldsymbol{q} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\boldsymbol{P}^+ \boldsymbol{Q}^- + \boldsymbol{P}^- \boldsymbol{Q}^+ \right) - \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{q}. \tag{3}$$

() If p lies along the vector η^- , then the scalar product reduces to,

$$p \cdot q = \frac{1}{2} \left(P^- Q^+ \right). \tag{4}$$

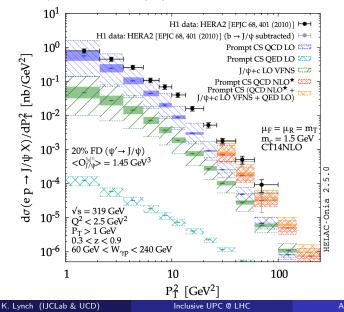
Onsider some massless particle q,

- If q lies on the vector η^+ : $p \cdot q$ is maximised $\rightarrow p \cdot q = A$.
- If q is perpendicular to the vectors η^{\pm} : $p \cdot q = A/2$.
- If q lies on the vector η^- : $p \cdot q$ is minimised $\rightarrow p \cdot q = 0$.

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NLO inclusive J/ψ photoproduction at HERA

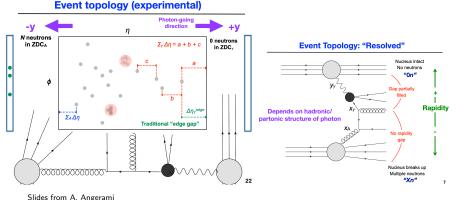
"NLO inclusive J/ψ photoproduction at large P_T at HERA and the EIC", Flore et. al. 2021



ATLAS UPC dijet Study

ATLAS-CONF-2022-021

- Pb-Pb @ $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02 \text{ TeV}$
 - OnXn requirement [E_{ZDC} < 1 TeV]
 - $\sum_{\gamma} \Delta \eta$ requirement [instead of $\Delta \eta_{\gamma}^{edge}$]
 - Include resolved photon in analysis
 - What is the effect of higher order corrections on choice of gap definition?



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From LHC programme coordination meeting; pPb and PbPb targets are for Run 3 and 4 and pp targets are for Run 3 only.

	ATLAS	CMS	ALICE	LHCb
рр	160 ft	o^{-1}	200 pb^{-1}	$25 \ {\rm fb}^{-1}$
PbPb	13 nb^{-1}			2 nb^{-1}
<i>p</i> Pb	1 pb	-1	$0.5 \ \mathrm{pb}^{-1}$	$0.2 \ \mathrm{pb}^{-1}$

Pb-Pb inclusive dijets

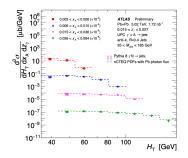
ATLAS-CONF-2017-011, ATLAS-CONF-2022-021

• Triply differential cross section in,

$$z_{\gamma} = \frac{m_{jets}}{\sqrt{s_{NN}}} e^{+y_{jets}}, \quad x_A = \frac{m_{jets}}{\sqrt{s_{NN}}} e^{-y_{jets}}, \quad H_T = p_T^{jet1} + p_T^{jet2}$$
(5)

• Jets defined using anti- k_T with R = 0.4; $p_T^{jet1(2)} > 15(20)$ GeV and $|\eta^{jet}| < 4.4$.

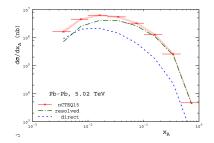
- selection of events:
 - $\Delta \eta_A < 3$ [hadro.] and $\sum_{\gamma} \Delta \eta > 2.5$ [photo.]
 - sum-of-gaps retains high efficiency for the resolved-photon contribution
 - OnXn biases towards lower impact parameter collisions



Pb-Pb inclusive dijets

Guzey, Klasen, PHYSICAL REVIEW C 99, 065202 (2019)

- Resolved contribution dominant in region $x_A > 0.01$ [equivalently, resolved-photon contribution dominant for J/ψ in most forward region]
- Resolved and direct contributions comparable in region x_A < 0.01
- LO results (PYTHIA 8 + EPPS16 nPDF) quantitatively similar
- However, resolved contribution is larger @ NLO [this statement is scheme and scale dependant]



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- Use MC samples generated by HELAC-Onia in the NRQCD framework to model the photoproduction and hadroproduction
 - Signal $[\gamma g \rightarrow J/\psi({}^3S^1_1)g]$ and $[\gamma g \rightarrow J/\psi({}^1S^8_0)g]$
 - Background $[gg \rightarrow J/\psi({}^3S_1^1)g$] and $[gg \rightarrow J/\psi({}^3S_1^8)g]$
- Use PYTHIA to shower partonic events
- The P_T distribution is not well described by leading order NRQCD or leading order NRQCD + Parton shower
- Perform a tune of leading order NRQCD + Parton shower MC to experimental data to correctly describe the P_T shape
 - photoproduction signal H1 ep 320 GeV data 10.1140/epjc/s10052-010-1376-5; 10.1007/s10052-002-1009-8
 - hadroproduction background LHCb 5 TeV pp data 10.1007/JHEP11(2021)181