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Study of coherent J/ψ production in ultra-peripheral lead-lead collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5 \text{ TeV}$

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LHCb Detector

- LHCb detector is a **single-arm forward spectrometer** fully instrumented in unique kinematic coverage: **$2 < \eta < 5$** .

Vertex Detector

Reconstruct vertices
Decay time resolution: 45 fs
Impact parameter resolution: 20 μm

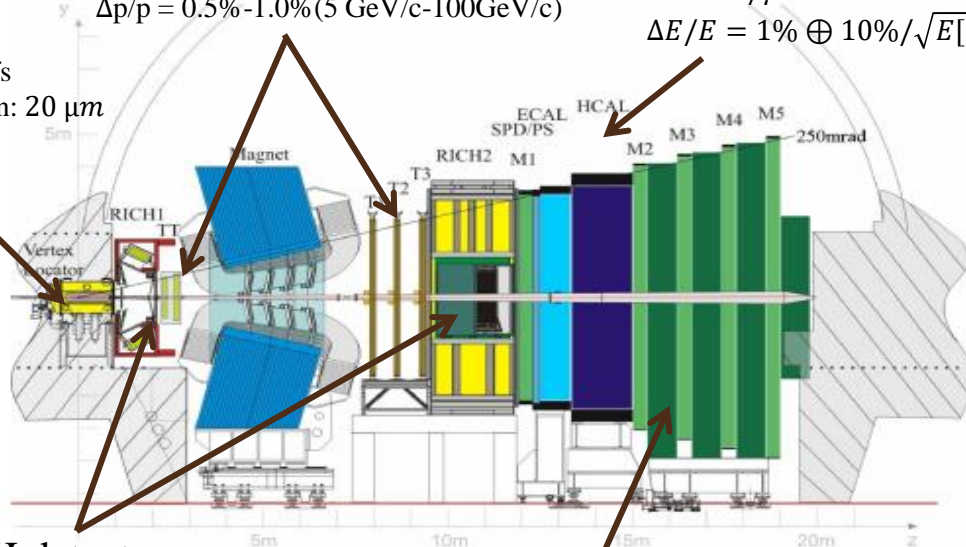
Tracking system

Momentum resolution
 $\Delta p/p = 0.5\% - 1.0\%$ (5 GeV/c-100 GeV/c)

Calorimeters

Energy measurement
 e/γ identification
 $\Delta E/E = 1\% \oplus 10\%/\sqrt{E[\text{GeV}]}$

- A high precision detector with excellent particle identification, precise vertex reconstruction and high momentum resolution.



RICH detectors

K, π, p separation
 $\epsilon(K \rightarrow K) \sim 95\%$, mis-ID $\epsilon(\pi \rightarrow K) \sim 5\%$

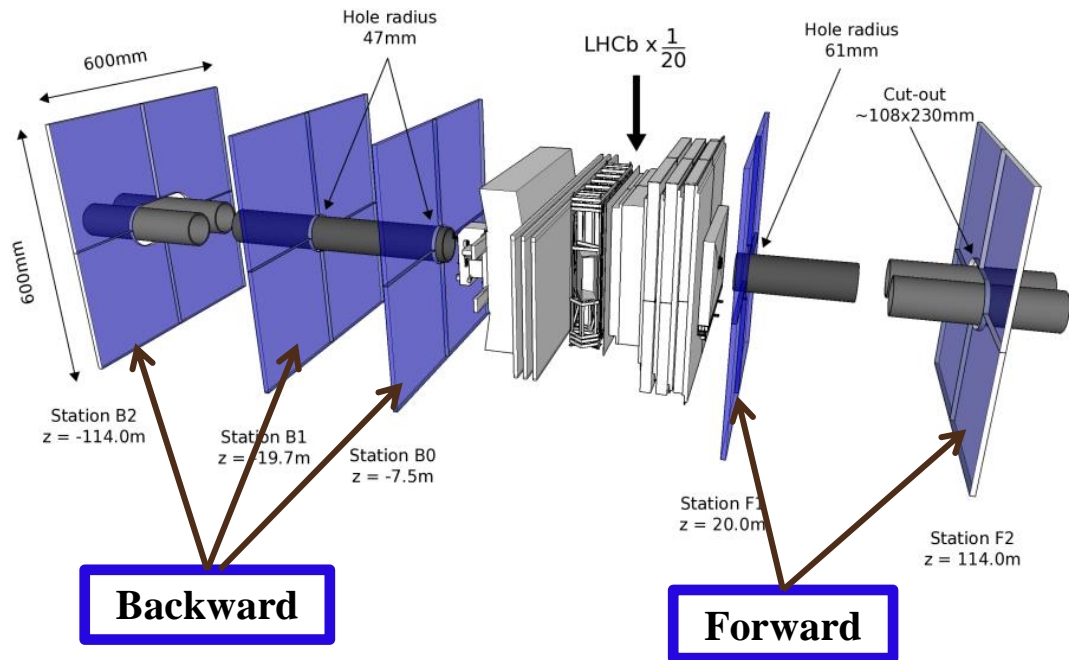
Muon system

μ identification
 $\epsilon(\mu \rightarrow \mu) \sim 97\%$, mis-ID $\epsilon(\pi \rightarrow \mu) \sim 1-3\%$

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HeRSChel detector

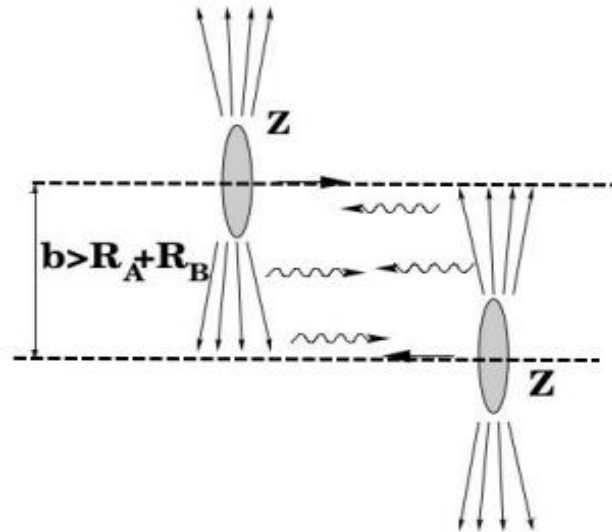
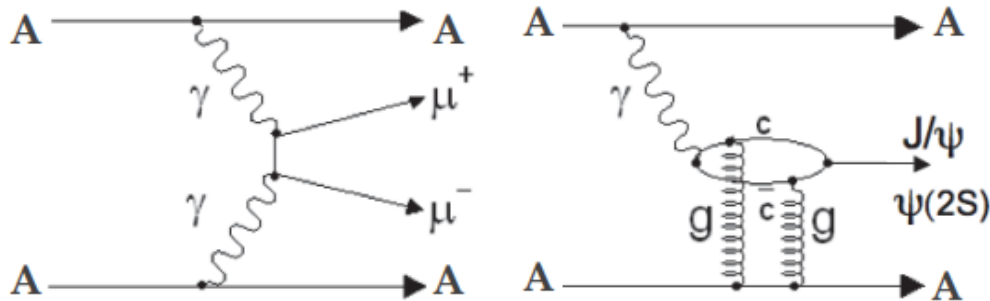
- HeRSChel(**H**igh **R**apidity **S**hower **C**ounters for **LHCb**), is a set of plastic scintillators used in order to detect any activity in high pseudo-rapidity range, typically $\eta \gtrsim 8$.
- Remove background activities close to beam.
- Also used to cut component with large momentum.
- May also cut a small fraction of signal.



Ultra-peripheral PbPb Collisions

➤ Ultra-Peripheral Collisions(UPCs):

- Occur when two nuclei collide, in which the impact parameter b is greater than the sum of their radii.
- Reactions in which two ions interact via their cloud of semi-real photons.



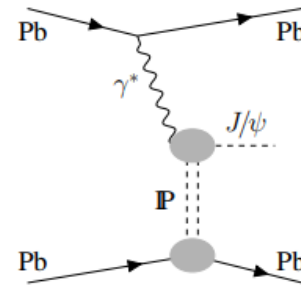
- Photon-induced quarkonium production: A $q\bar{q}$ loop created by the photon interaction with a pair of gluon exchange (pomeron) to produce a quarkonium ($c\bar{c}, b\bar{b}$).
- Non-resonant background: $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$

J/ ψ production in UPC

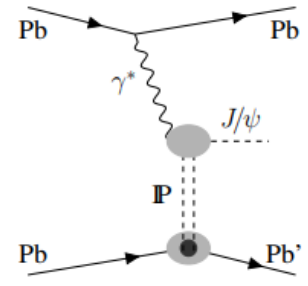
- **Coherent J/ ψ production**, the emitted photon interacts coherently with the whole nucleus.
- **Incoherent J/ ψ production**, the photon interacts with one nucleon leading to the break up of the target nucleus.
- J/ ψ from the feed-down of coherent and incoherent $\psi(2S)$ production.

- **Characteristics of coherent J/ ψ production:**

- No additional particle production ($Pb + Pb \rightarrow Pb + Pb + J/\psi$).
- low J/ ψ mesons transverse momentum.



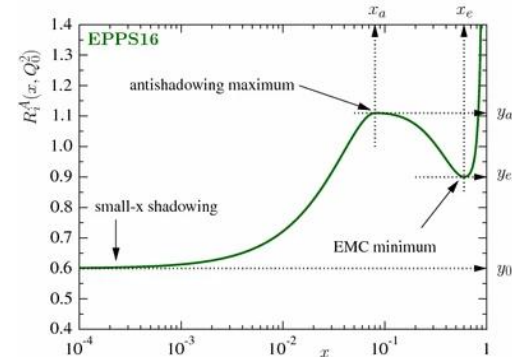
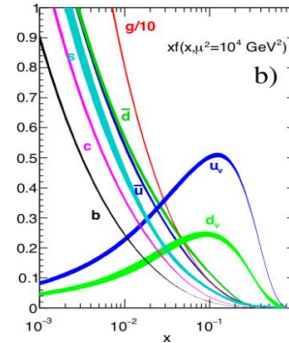
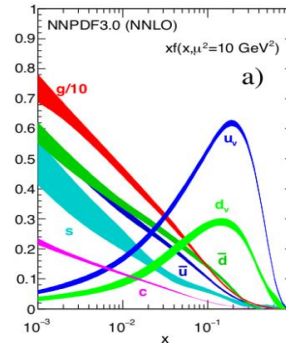
Coherent J/ ψ production



Incoherent J/ ψ production

Physics motivation

- Probe gluon distribution at low Bjorken- x and search for saturation effects.
- In gamma-nucleus the vector meson production (such as the J/ψ) is sensitive to the square of the nuclear gluon density at the leading order of perturbation.
- Coherent J/ψ production constrains the gluon Parton Distribution Functions.
- Coherent photoproduction in PbPb is a promising probe to study nuclear shadowing effect at small- x .



Analysis strategy

- **Decay channel:** $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ events.
- **Dataset:** lead-lead collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 5\text{TeV}$ taken in 2015. Integrated luminosity is $10.12 \pm 1.31 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$.
- **Definition of J/ψ cross section:**

$$\frac{d\sigma_{cohJ/\psi}}{dy} = \frac{N_{cohJ/\psi}}{\epsilon_{total} \cdot \mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) \cdot \mathcal{L} \cdot \Delta y}$$

Dimuon mass fits

[arXiv:2107.03223]

➤ Using mass fit to determine the yields of background under:

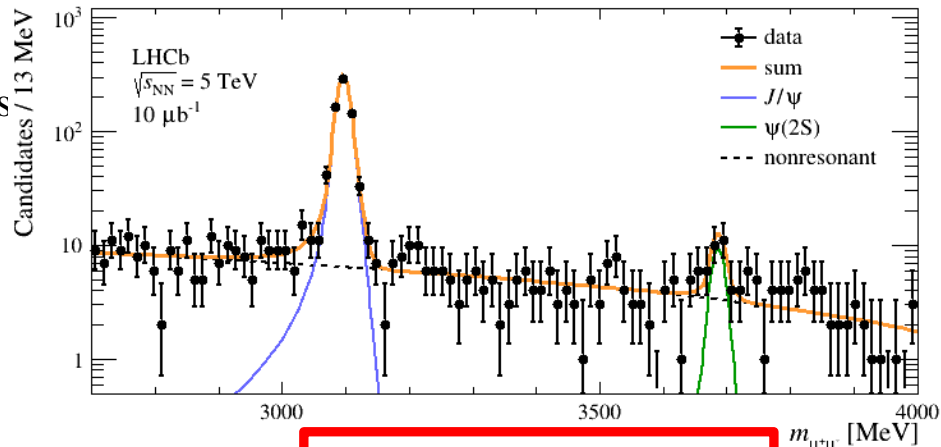
- J/ψ mass window $3032 < m_{\mu^+\mu^-} < 3162$ MeV

➤ Double-side Crystal Ball function for the mass peaks

- $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ and $\psi(2S) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$

➤ Exponential function for the background:

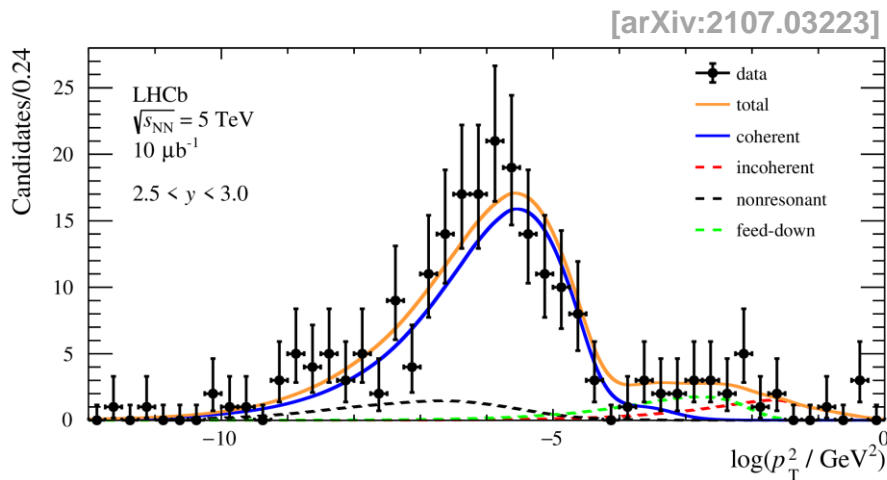
- $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$



➤ Selection is defined as:

- Each muon $p_T > 800$ MeV, $2 < \eta < 4.5$; Di-muon $p_T < 1$ GeV; Muon $|\Delta\phi_{\mu^+\mu^-}| > 0.9\pi$;
- Event selection for $\mu^+\mu^-$ in final state with only two long tracks reconstructed: $n\text{LongTracks} = 2$;
- Herschel detector is used to further reduce the multiplicities, applying the herschel cut is very useful to cut the incoherent part in mass window: $\ln(\chi_{HRC}^2) < 7$.

$\log(p_T^2)$ fits to extract the coherent component



- The $\log p_T^2$ distribution of di-muon candidates in the interval $2.5 < y < 3.0$, with p_T given in GeV.

$$f(\log(p_T^2)) = n_{\text{coh}} \cdot F_{\text{coh}}(\log(p_T^2)) + n_{\text{incoh}} \cdot F_{\text{incoh}}(\log(p_T^2)) \\ + n_{\text{feed}} \cdot F_{\text{feed}}(\log(p_T^2)) + n_{\text{non-reso.}} \cdot F_{\text{non-reso.}}(\log(p_T^2)),$$

J/ψ coherent: 489 ± 25

- Fit on the $\log p_T^2$ of J/ψ:
 - Including coherent and Incoherent J/ψ component, $\psi(2S)$ feed down and non-resonant part.
- All signal and background pdfs are estimated using the STARlight generator and the LHCb detector simulation.
- The non-resonant yields are extracted from the di-muon mass fits.

- STARlight is a Monte Carlo generator that simulates two-photon and photon-Pomeron interactions between relativistic nuclei and protons.

in rapidity intervals

- Total and coherent J/ψ yields after the invariant mass and the transverse momentum fits, in J/ψ rapidity intervals:

Rapidity y	Total J/ψ yield	Coherent J/ψ yield
2.0 – 2.5	69 ± 9	53 ± 8
2.5 – 3.0	208 ± 15	153 ± 14
3.0 – 3.5	233 ± 16	176 ± 15
3.5 – 4.0	131 ± 12	95 ± 11
4.0 – 4.5	32 ± 6	12 ± 5

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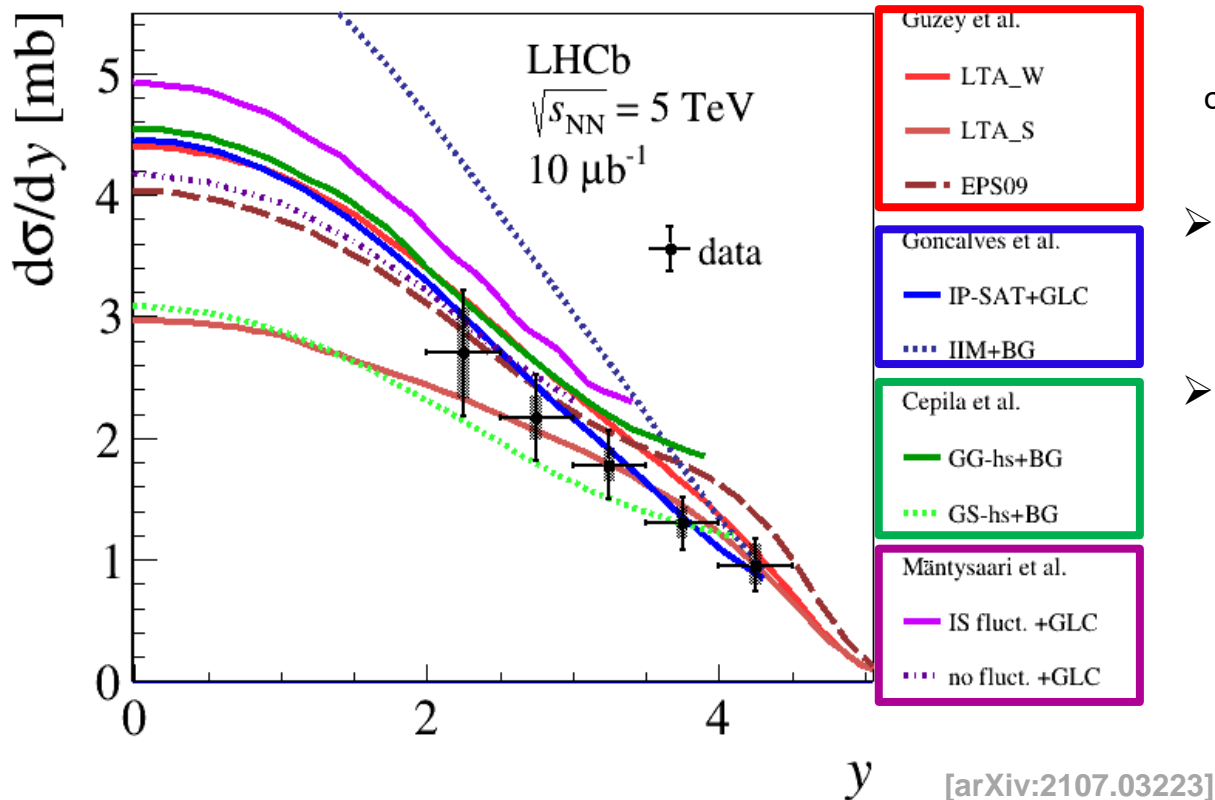
Results of cross section

- Measured cross section with statistical, systematic and luminosity uncertainties measured as a function of the J/ψ rapidity:

y interval	σ [mb]	Stat. [mb]	Syst. [mb]	Lumi. [mb]
2.0 – 4.5	4.45	0.24	0.18	0.58
2.0 – 2.5	1.35	0.19	0.06	0.17
2.5 – 3.0	1.09	0.09	0.05	0.14
3.0 – 3.5	0.89	0.07	0.04	0.12
3.5 – 4.0	0.65	0.06	0.03	0.08
4.0 – 4.5	0.48	0.09	0.02	0.06

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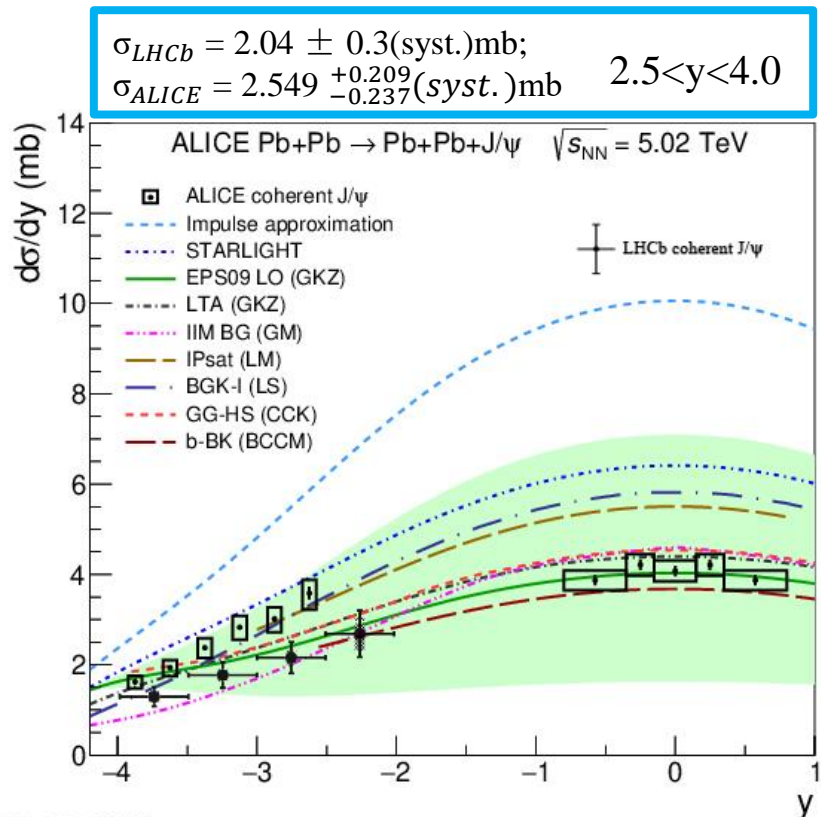
Compare with theoretical predictions



$$\sigma = 4.45 \pm 0.24(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.18(\text{syst.}) \pm 0.58(\text{lumi}) \text{ mb}$$

- pQCD calculations:
 - [PRC 93 (2016) 055206]
- Color dipole models:
 - [PRD 96 (2017) 094027]
 - [PRC 97 (2018) 024901]
 - [PLB 772 (2017) 832]

Compare results between LHCb and ALICE



Signal definition:

- LHCb: Veto all additional radiation.
- ALICE: Also allows nuclear excitations.

Uncertainty:

- LHCb:
 - Dominant uncertainty arises from the luminosity.
 - All the systematic uncertainty is correlated.
- ALICE:
 - Dominant uncertainty originates from the signal purity estimate.
 - Systematic uncertainty partially correlated.

$$\frac{\sigma_{Alice} - \sigma_{LHCb}}{\sqrt{\sigma_{\sigma_{LHCb}}^2 + \sigma_{\sigma_{Alice}}^2}} = 1.3$$

2018 Data Set

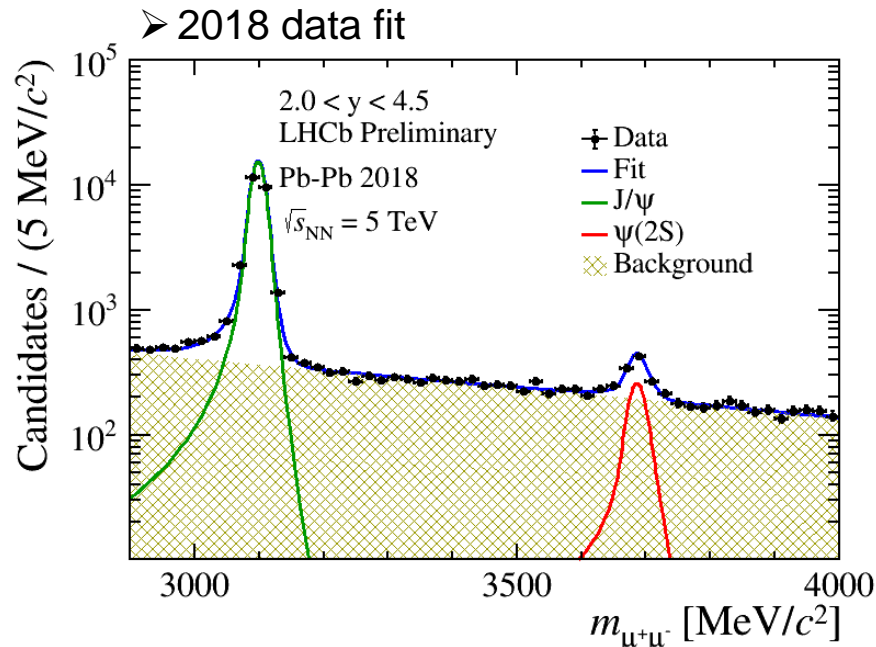
	2015	2018
\sqrt{s}	5 TeV	5 TeV
	PbPb	PbPb
\mathcal{L}	$10 \mu b^{-1}$	$\sim 228 \mu b^{-1}$

➤ About 20 times more statistics in 2015.

➤ The 20 times higher statistics make it possible to determine the cross-sections of both J/ψ and $\psi(2S)$, as well as in 5 rapidity bins.

➤ Cross-section ratio:

$$\frac{\sigma_{coh., J/\psi}}{\sigma_{coh., \psi(2S)}} = \frac{N_{J/\psi} \cdot \varepsilon_{total} \cdot \mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)}{N_{\psi(2S)} \cdot \varepsilon_{total} \cdot \mathcal{B}(\psi(2S) \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)}$$



【 <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/LHCb/LHCbPlotsQM2019> 】

summary

- Charmonium production in Ultra-peripheral PbPb collisions is of particular interests to probe gluon parton distribution functions.
- Results based on 2015 PbPb dataset at 5 TeV are presented. [arXiv:2107.03223]
- Higher precision results using 2018 dataset with 20 times higher statistics for both the J/ψ and $\psi(2S)$ cross section are coming soon.



Thanks!

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