

# Measurements of long-range correlations in photon-hadron collisions at the LHC

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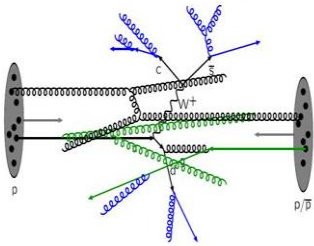


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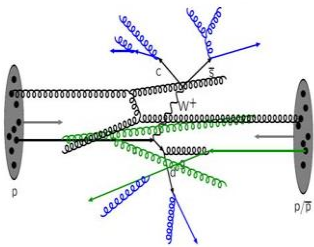
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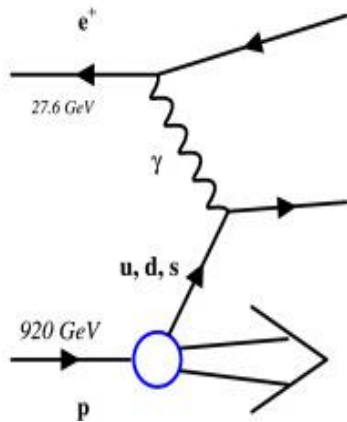
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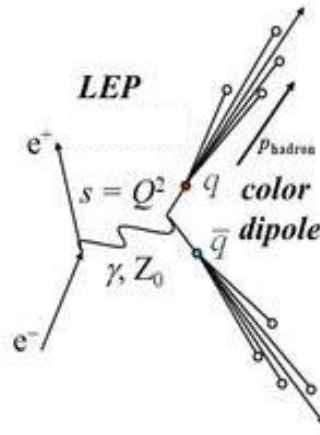
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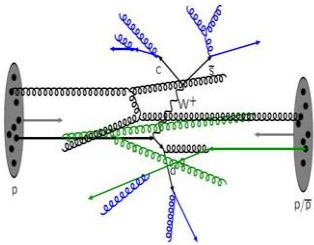


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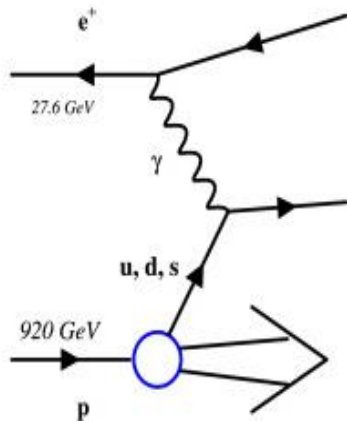
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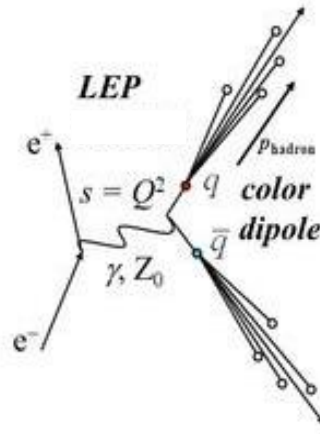
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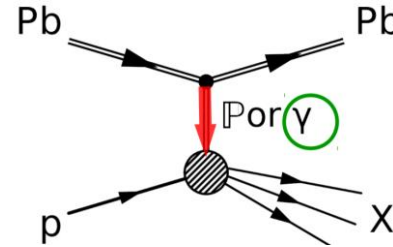
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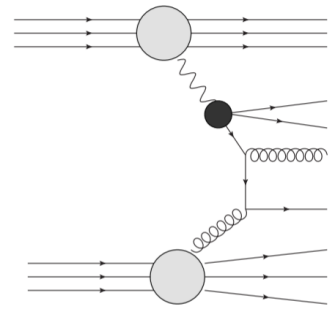
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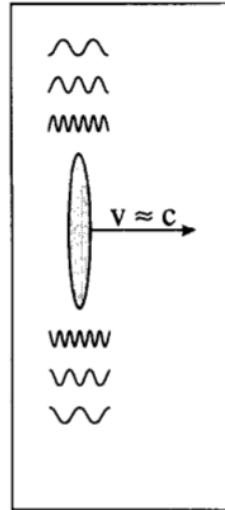
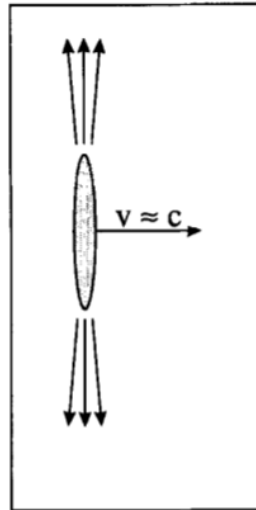
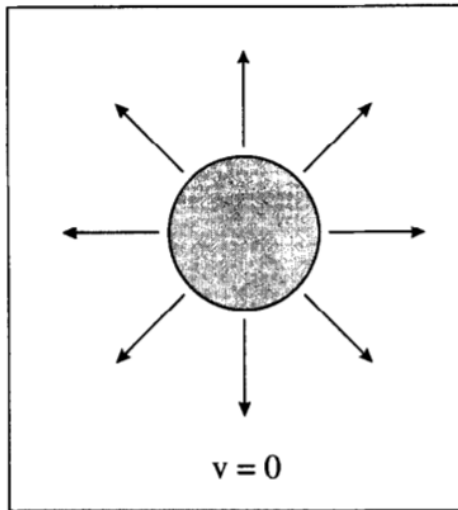


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# Ultra-peripheral collisions at the LHC

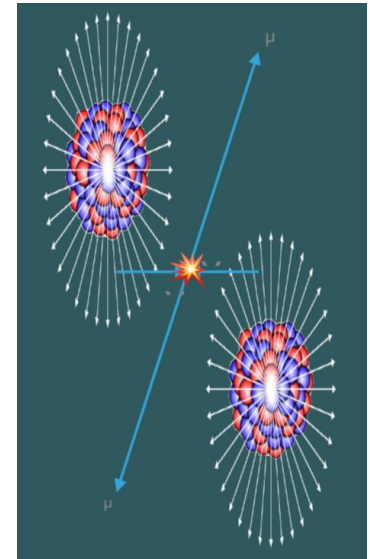


Coulomb fields of moving charges can be treated as an equivalent flux of photons which are boosted to high energies.

Photons reach energies of 10s of GeV with a 2.5 TeV Pb beam at the LHC

When  $b > 2R_A$  two categories of interactions

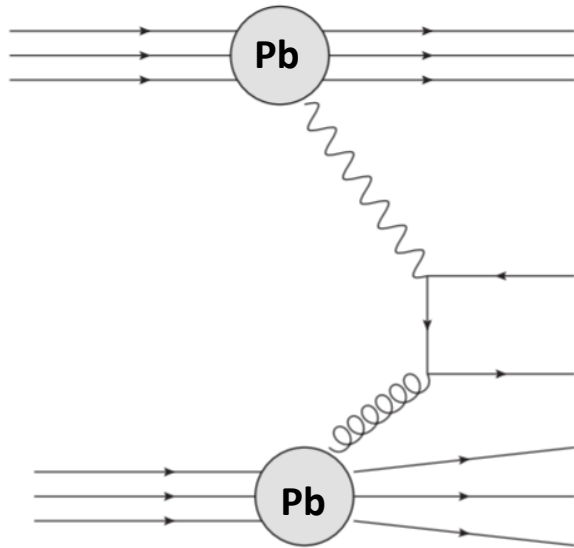
- Pure EM processes
  - $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  [arXiv:1904.03536](https://arxiv.org/abs/1904.03536) & [arXiv:2008.05355](https://arxiv.org/abs/2008.05355)
  - $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu\mu$  [arXiv:2011.12211](https://arxiv.org/abs/2011.12211)
- Photo-hadron interactions
  - $\gamma + A \rightarrow A^* + V$
  - $\gamma + A \rightarrow X$



# Photonuclear interactions

## Direct $\gamma A$ collisions

Photon couples directly to nuclear parton

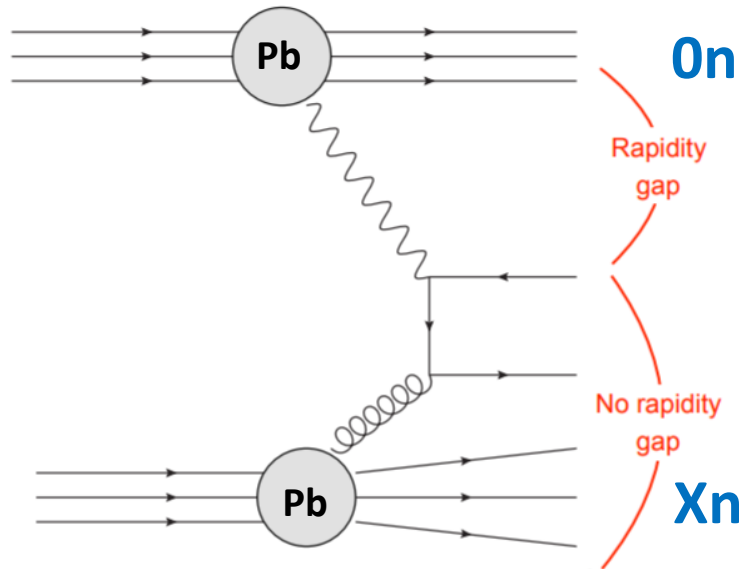


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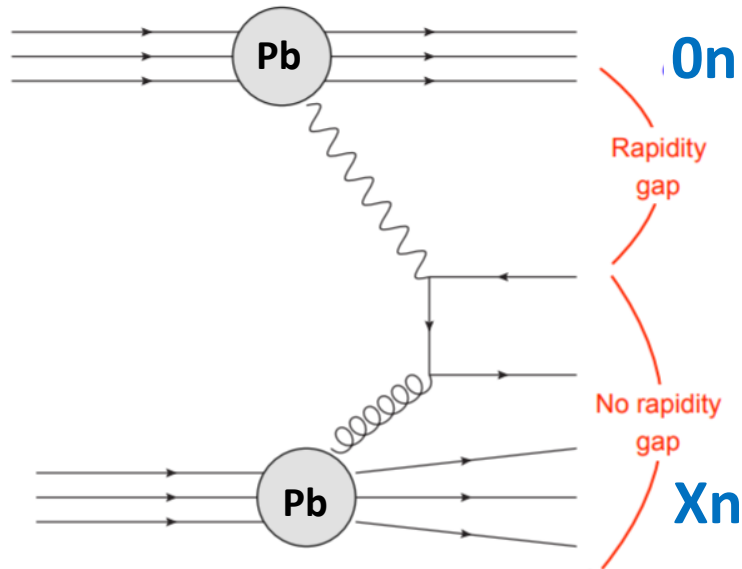
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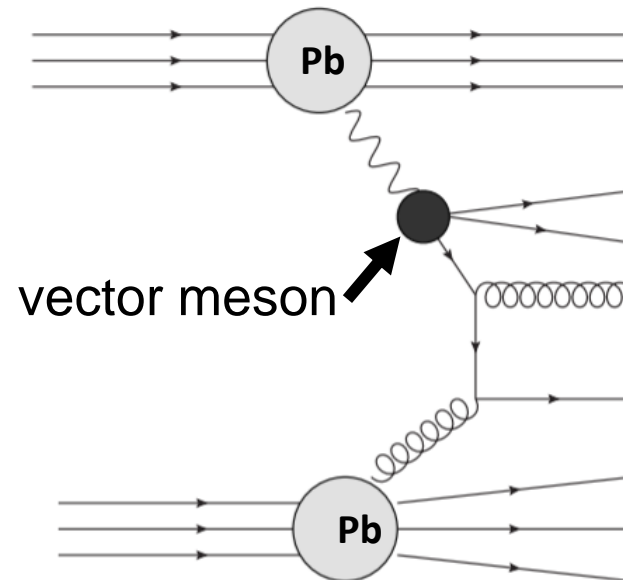
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## Resolved $\gamma A$ collisions

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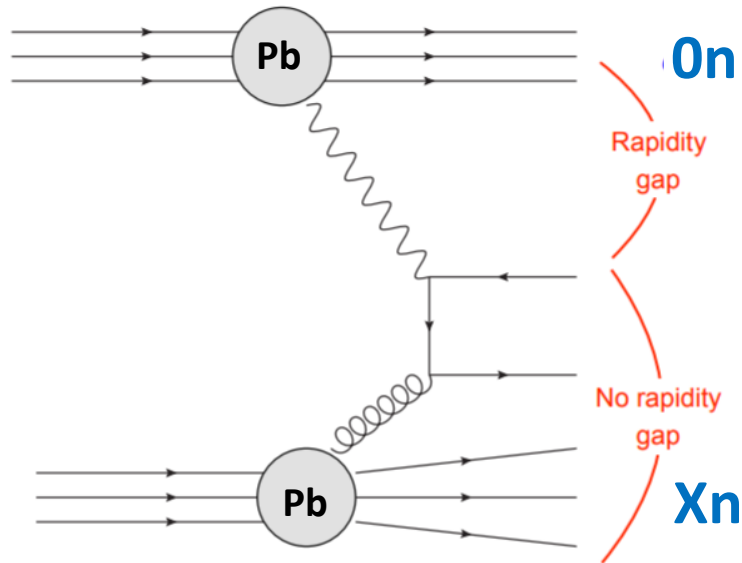
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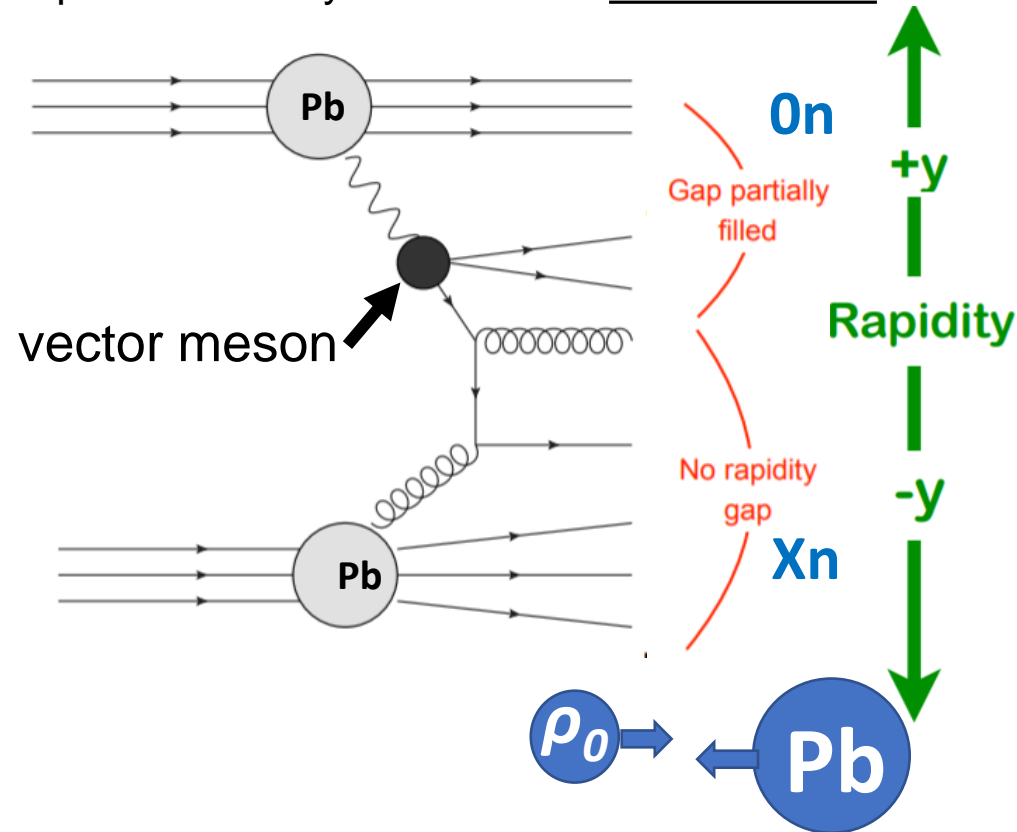
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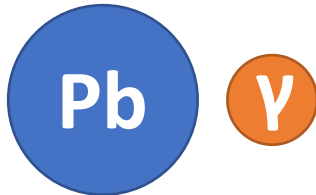


Select events based on primarily

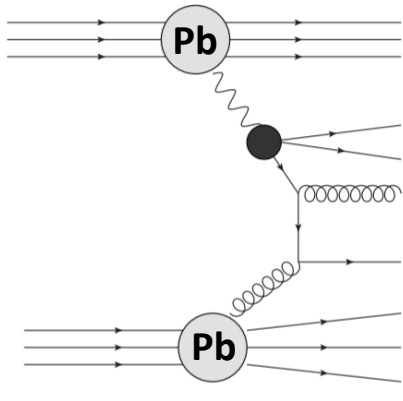
- Single-sided nuclear breakup “0nXn” (zero-degree calorimeter ZDC)
- Rapidity gaps

Minimum bias selection includes both but is dominated by resolved events.

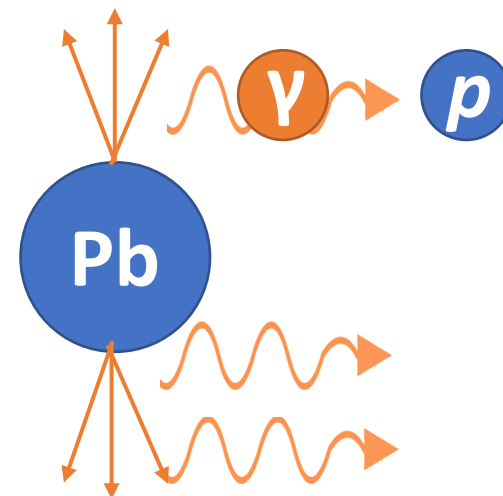
# Presenting two measurements



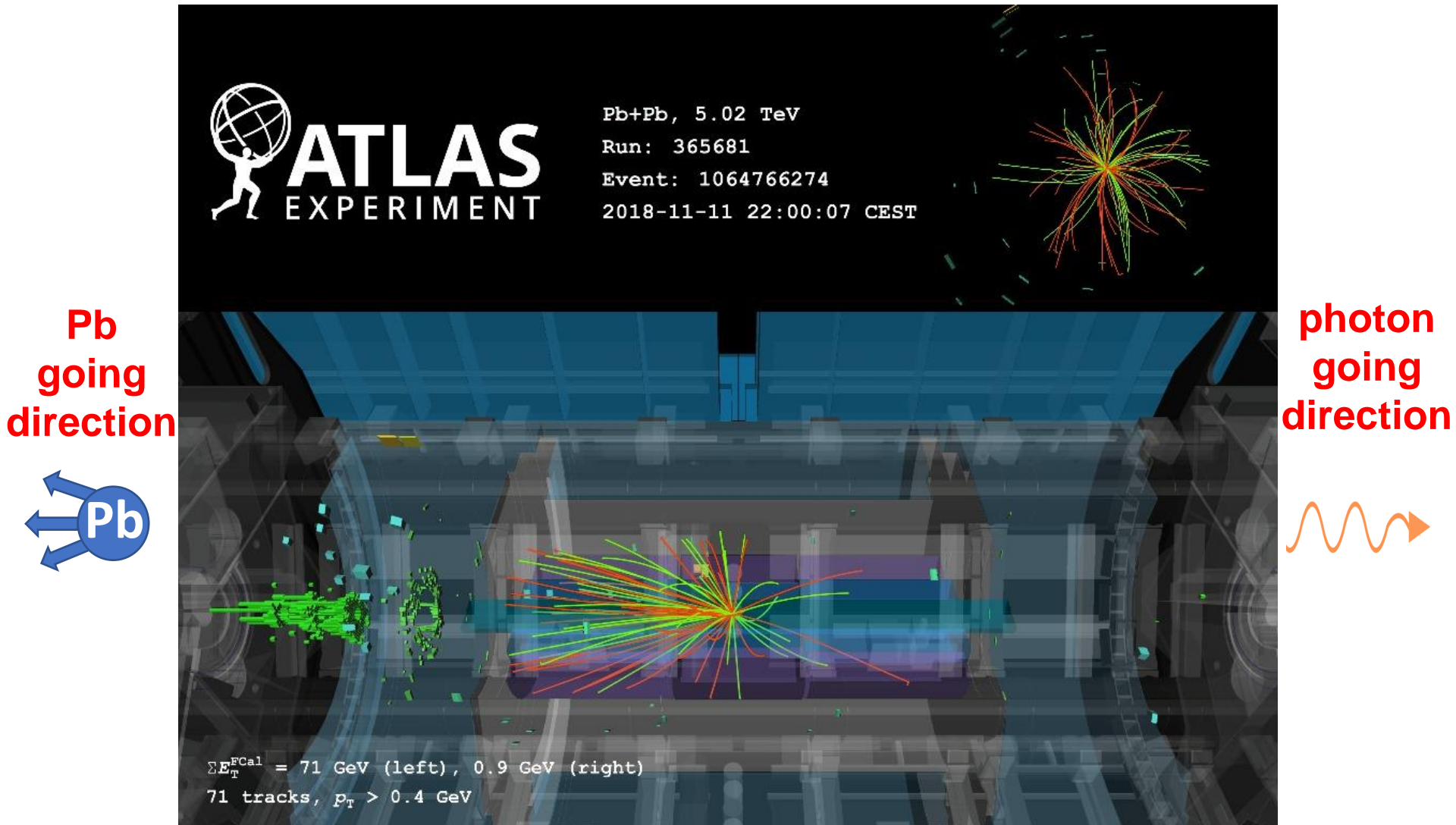
2018 5.02 TeV Pb+Pb  
Submitted to PRC  
[arXiv:2101.10771](https://arxiv.org/abs/2101.10771)



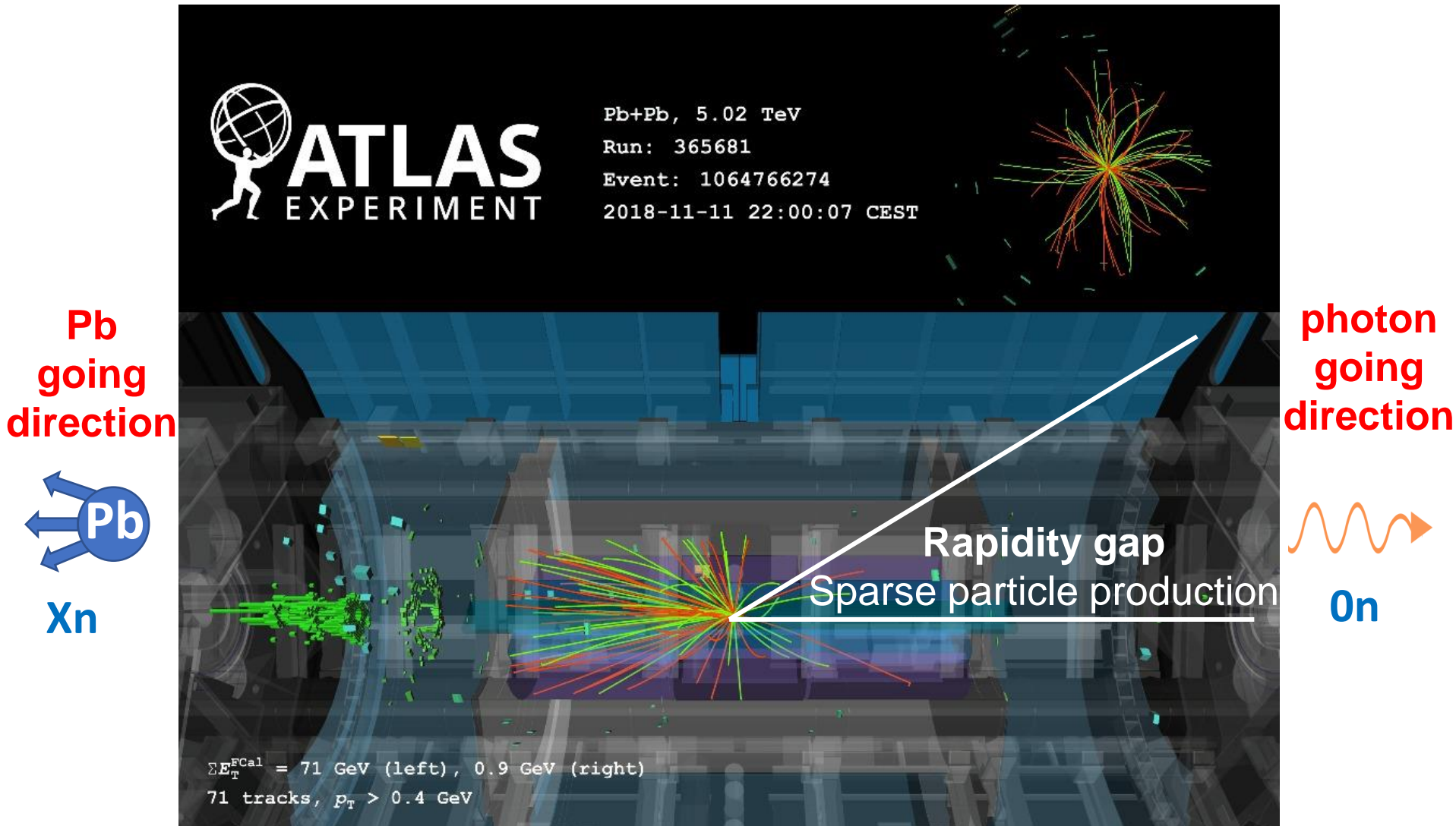
2016 8.16 TeV  $p$ +Pb  
Preliminary  
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# “High”-multiplicity photonuclear collisions

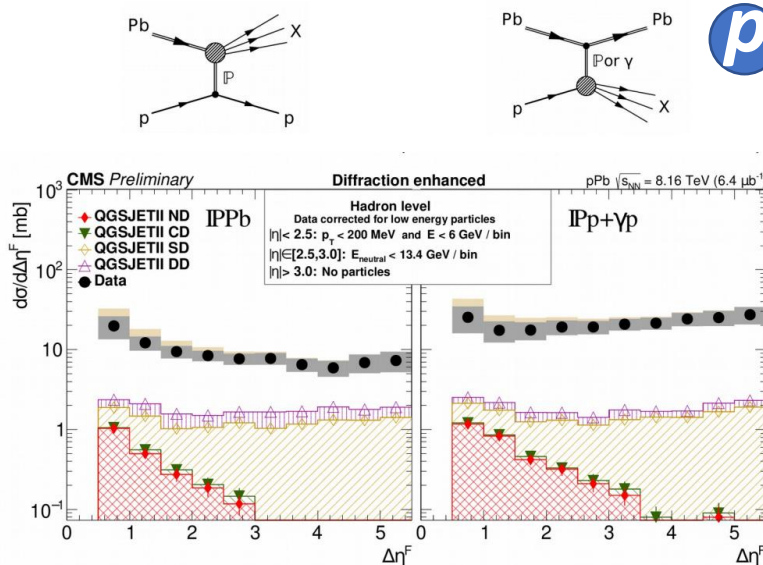


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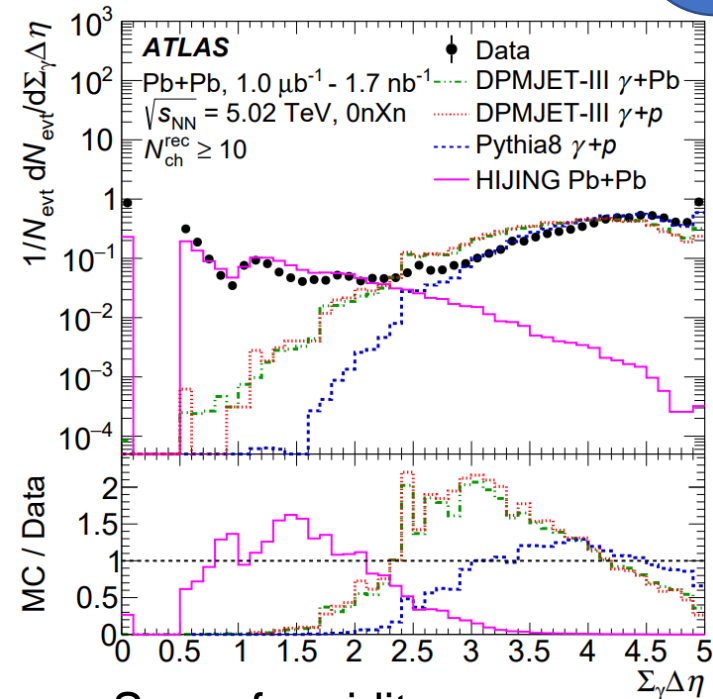
# Rapidity gap selection

Reconstructed rapidity gaps are used for event selection of  $\gamma+A$  and  $\gamma+p$  (gap definitions are different).



Gap between detector edge and  $\eta$  bin with significant energy deposition. CMS has made a preliminary measurement of gap distributions.

[CMS-PAS-HIN-18-019](#)



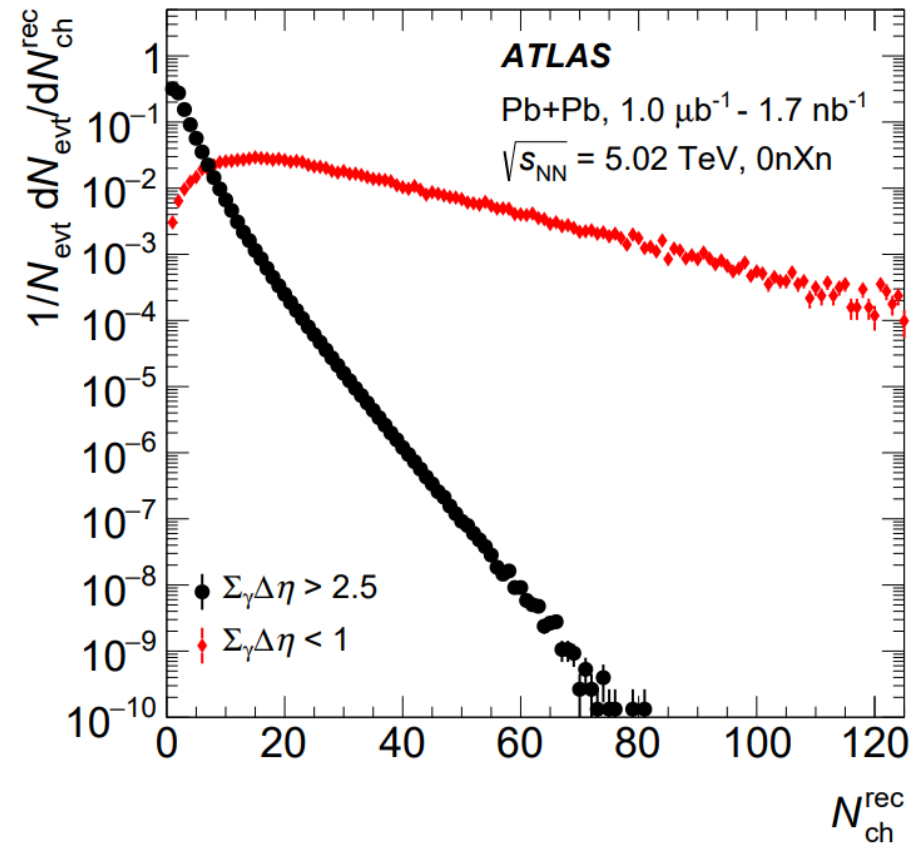
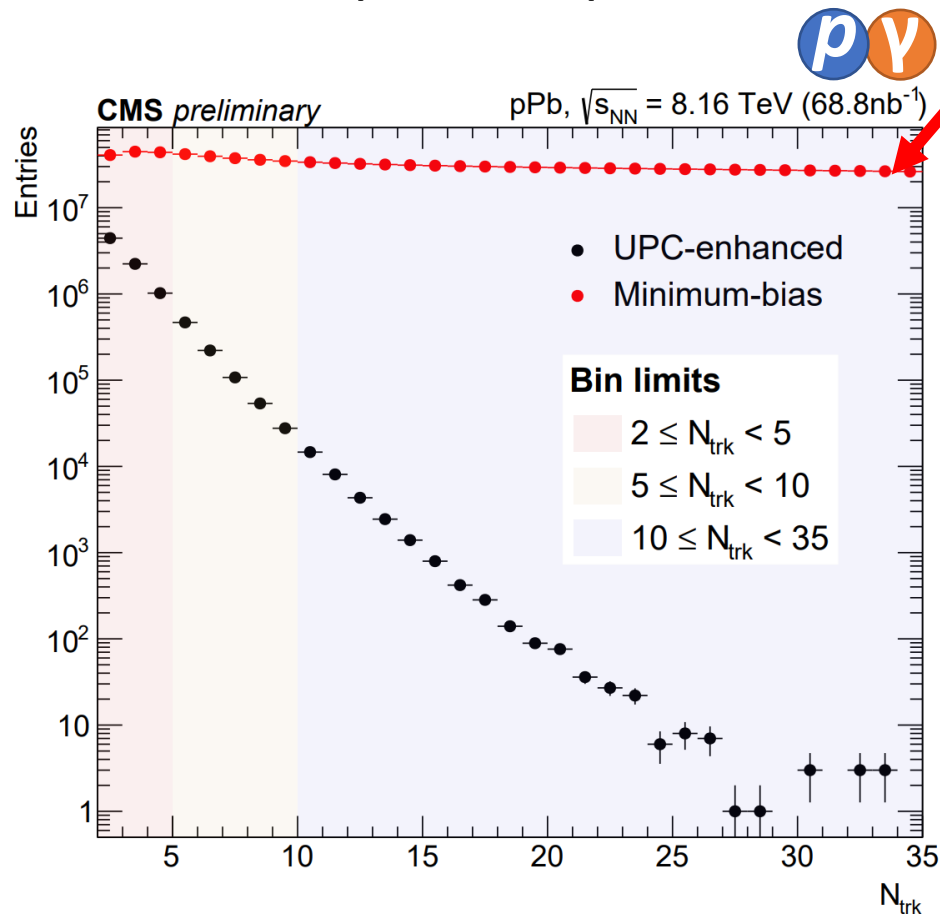
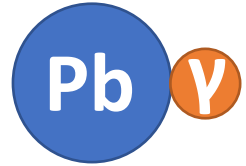
Sum of rapidity gaps between particles greater than  $\Delta\eta=0.5$

[arXiv:2101.10771](#)

Both MC comparisons indicate high purity  $\gamma+A/p$  samples

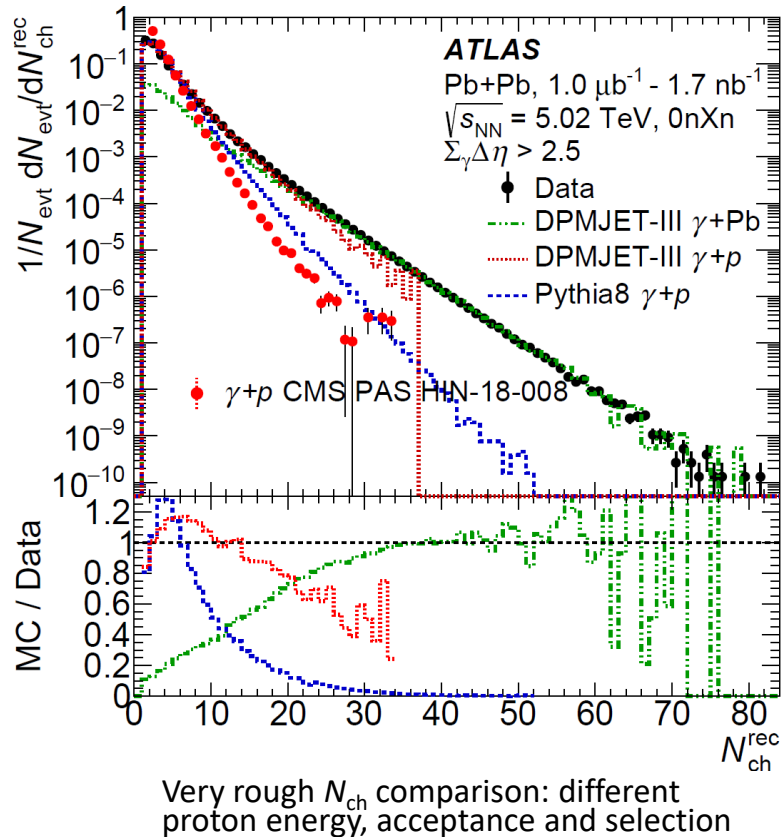
# Charged-particle multiplicity

$\gamma$ +A has a very steep multiplicity distribution and  $\gamma$ +p is even steeper compared to **minimum-bias p+Pb**.

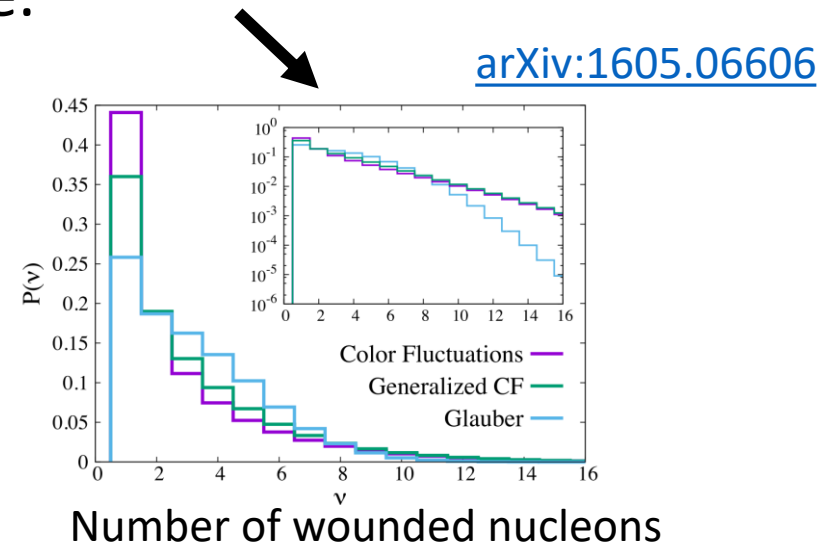




# Rough $N_{ch}$ comparison $\gamma+A/p$

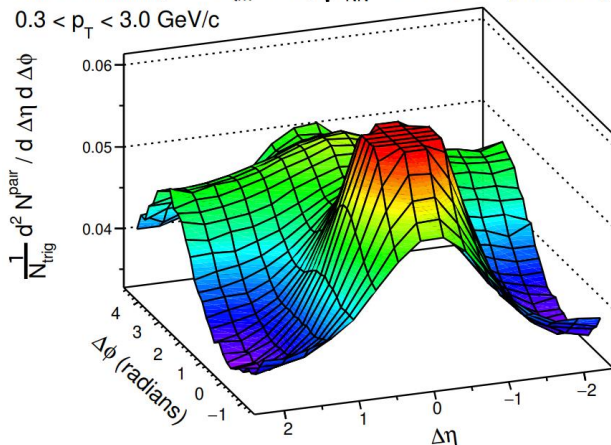


- Future minimum-bias measurements would add fundamental understanding.
- Such measurements would also add to interesting hadron physics in color fluctuations and more.



# Two-particle correlation of charged tracks

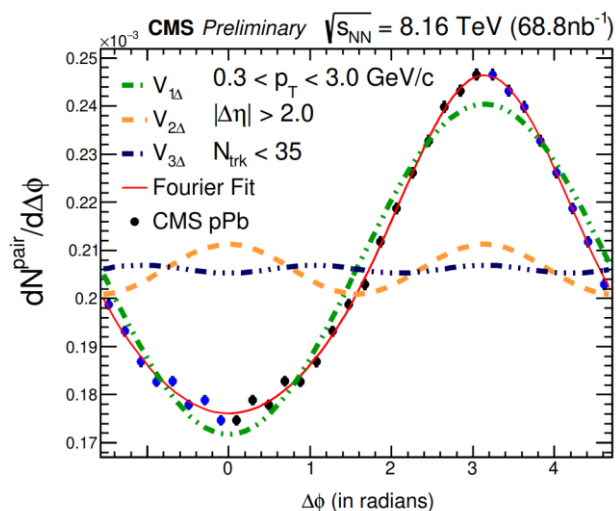
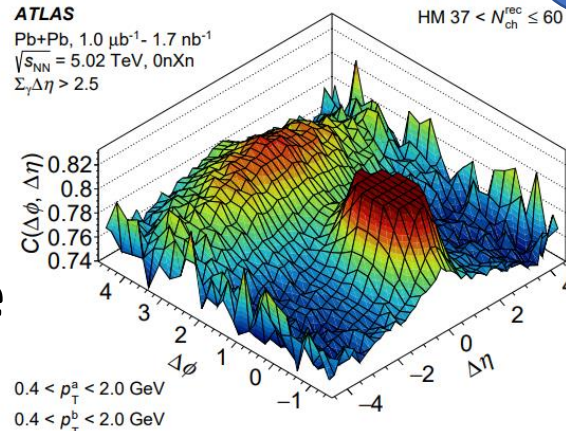
**CMS Preliminary**  $N_{\text{trk}} < 35$ ,  $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 8.16$  TeV ( $68.8 \text{ nb}^{-1}$ )  
 $0.3 < p_T < 3.0$  GeV/c



No clear  
nearside ridge

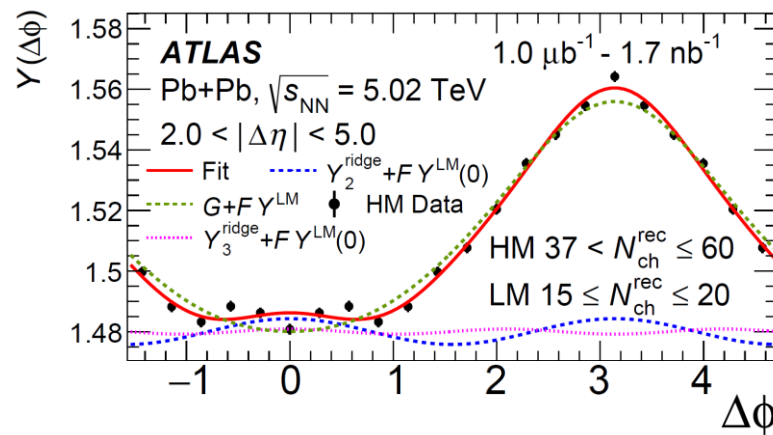


**ATLAS**  
Pb+Pb,  $1.0 \mu\text{b}^{-1} - 1.7 \text{ nb}^{-1}$   
 $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 5.02$  TeV,  $0 \text{ nXn}$   
 $\Sigma_T \Delta\eta > 2.5$



## Away-side correlation

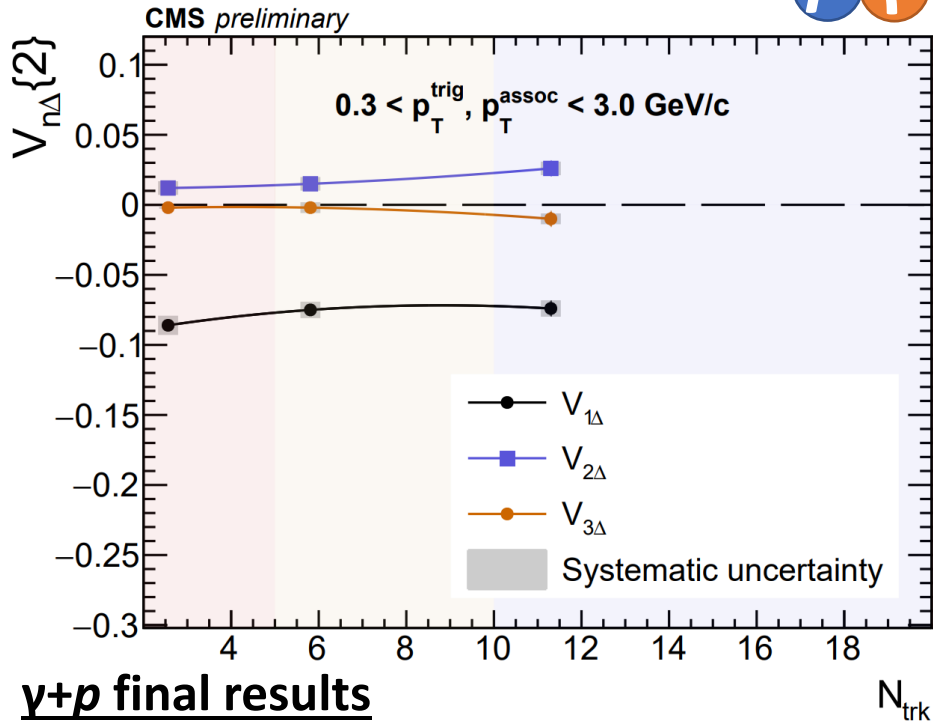
Momentum conservation  
 Jets  
 Not collective phenomenon  
 Termed “non-flow”





# Raw moments of 2PC (no non-flow removal)

CMS-PAS-HIN-18-008

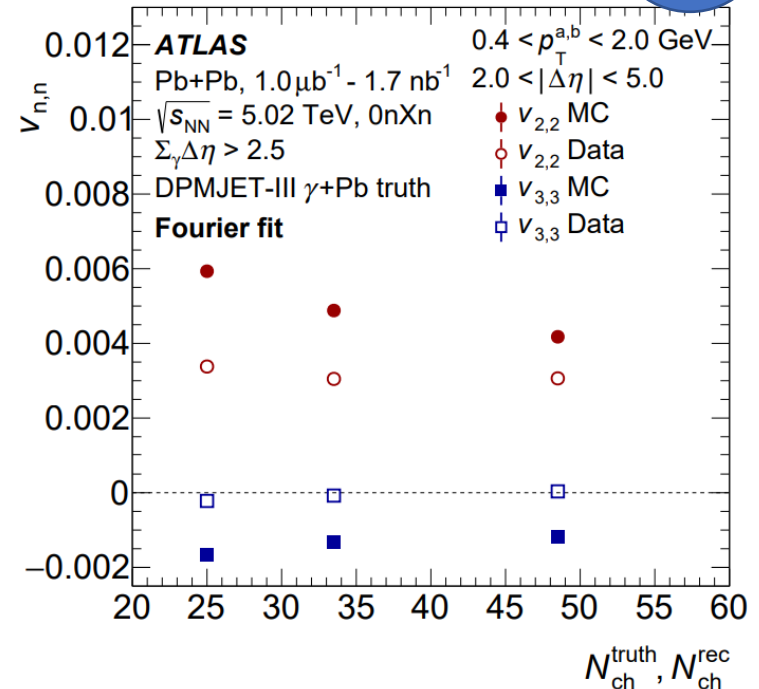


## $\gamma+p$ final results

- $v_{2,2}$  grows with  $N_{\text{ch}}$  – evidence of a dominant and  $N_{\text{ch}}$ -dependent-hardening jet shape
- Similar conclusion for  $v_{3,3}$
- Although very different multiplicities,  $\gamma+p$  has a much stronger correlation than  $\gamma+A$ .

**No trivial way of removing non-flow and require further study!**

arXiv:2101.10771



# Non-flow removal in $\gamma A$ correlations

● High-multiplicity (HM) correlation data

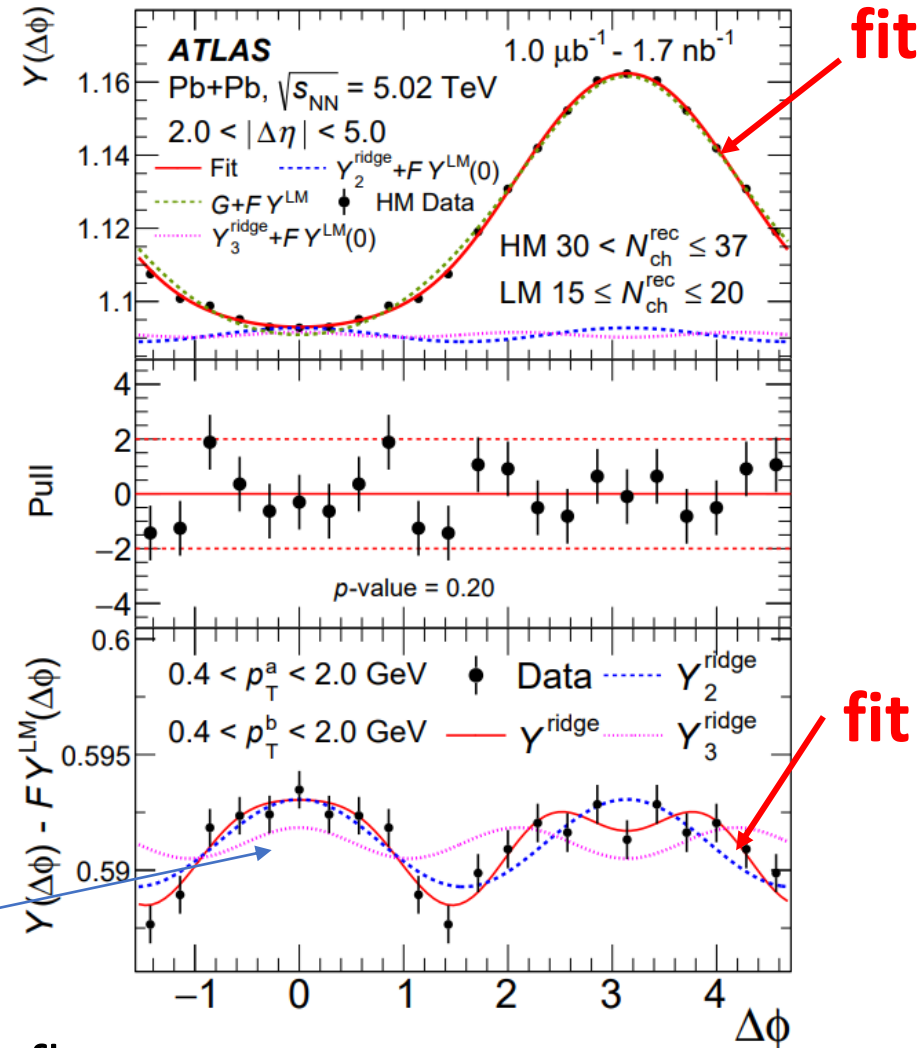
--- Low multiplicity (LM) template for jet/non-flow correlation

$$Y^{\text{HM}}(\Delta\phi) = FY^{\text{LM}}(\Delta\phi) + G \left\{ 1 + 2 \sum_{n=2}^3 v_{n,n} \cos(n\Delta\phi) \right\}$$

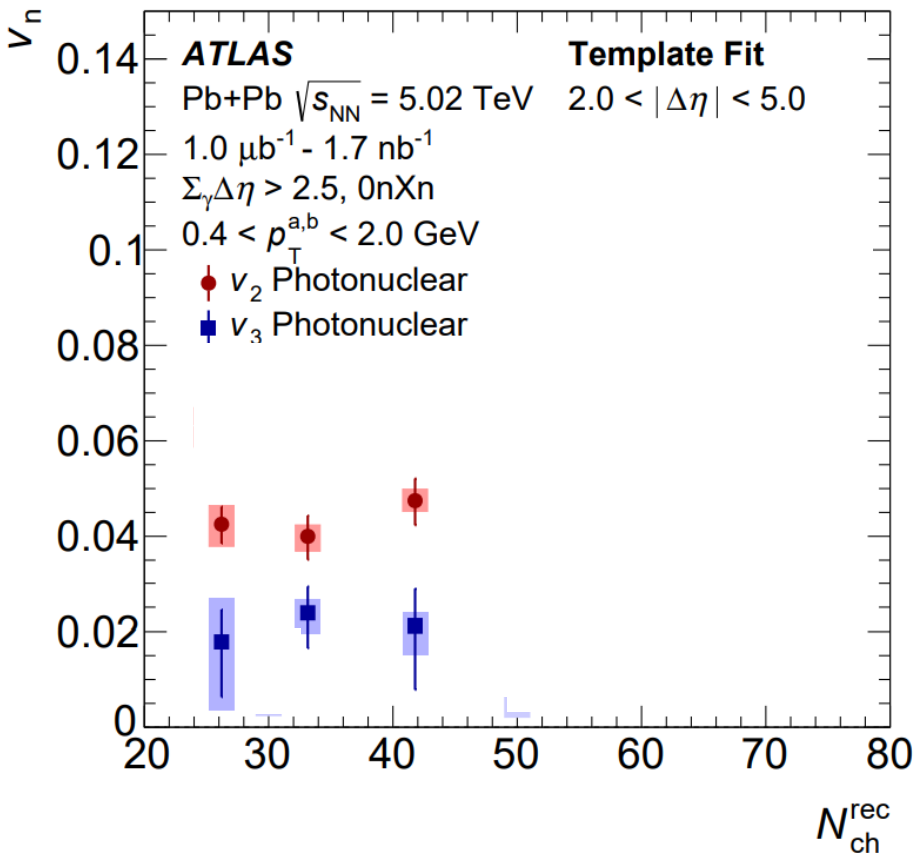
**HM – (scaled LM)  
removes nonflow** →

Clear  $\cos(2\Delta\phi)$  modulation

Same technique used in  $pp$  and  $p+Pb$  flow measurements



# $v_n$ in photonuclear collisions

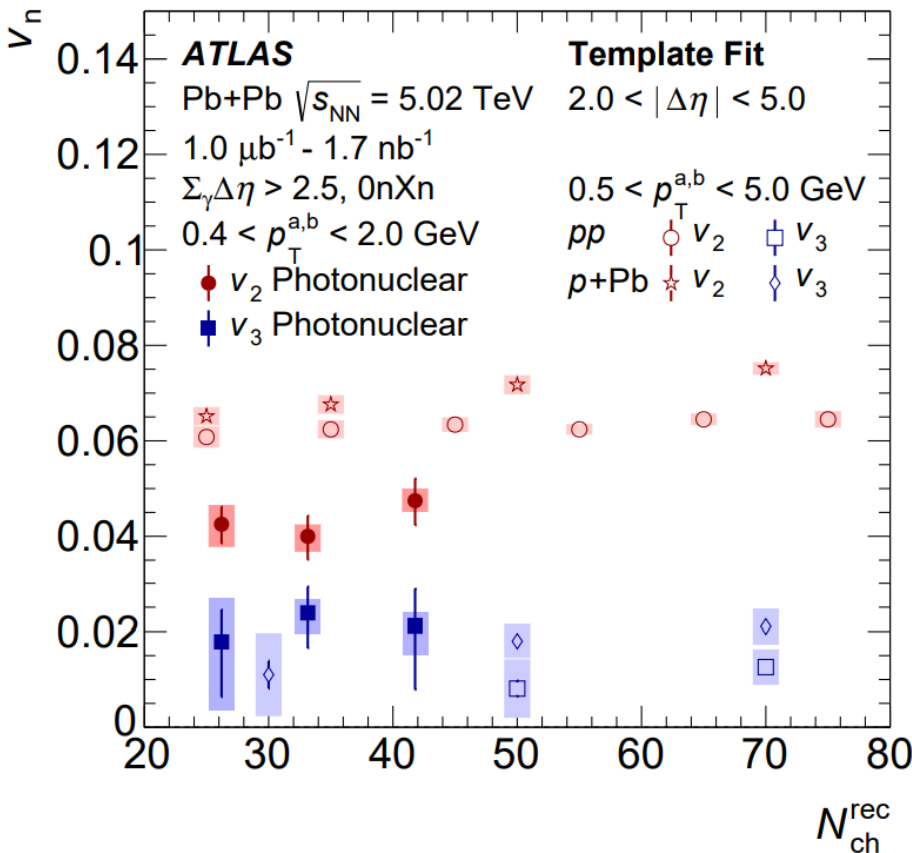


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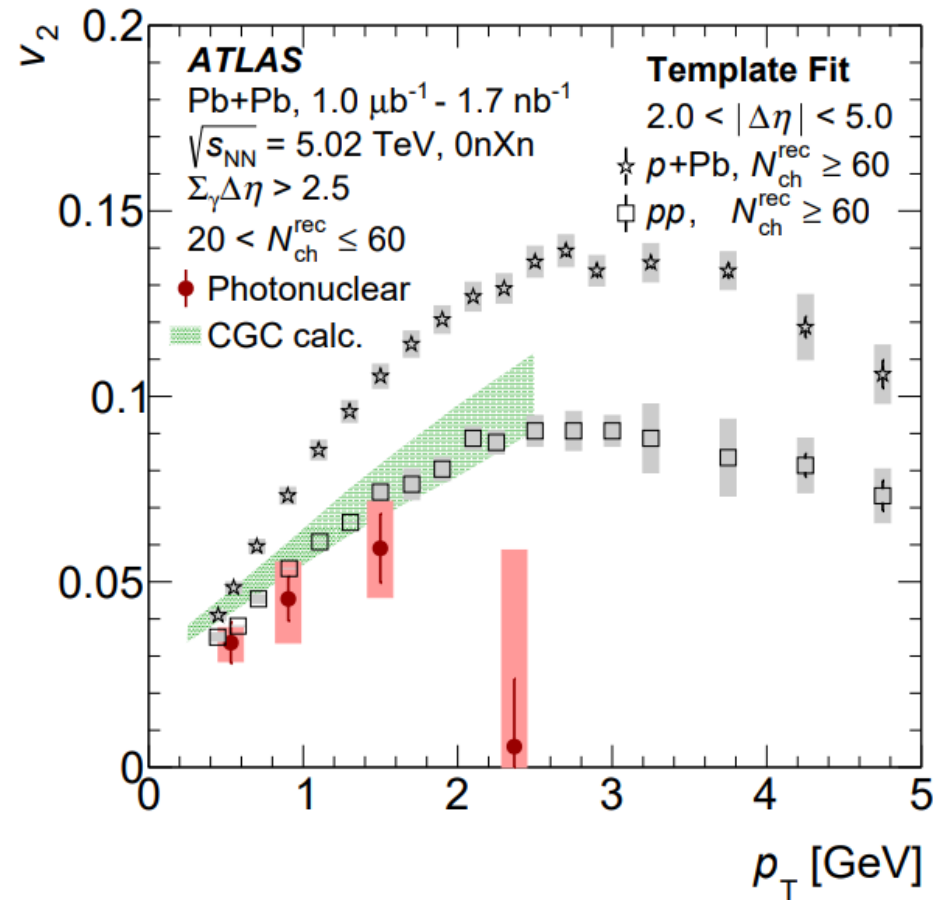
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**Changing  $pp$  to  $0.4 < p_T < 2.0$  is predicted to lower  $pp$   $v_2$  by  $\sim 10\%$  which does not lead to agreement between  $pp$  and  $\gamma A$**

**Consistent  $v_3$  between  $\gamma A$  and  $pp$  given large uncertainties on both**



# $v_2(p_T)$ comparison with $pp$ and $p+Pb$



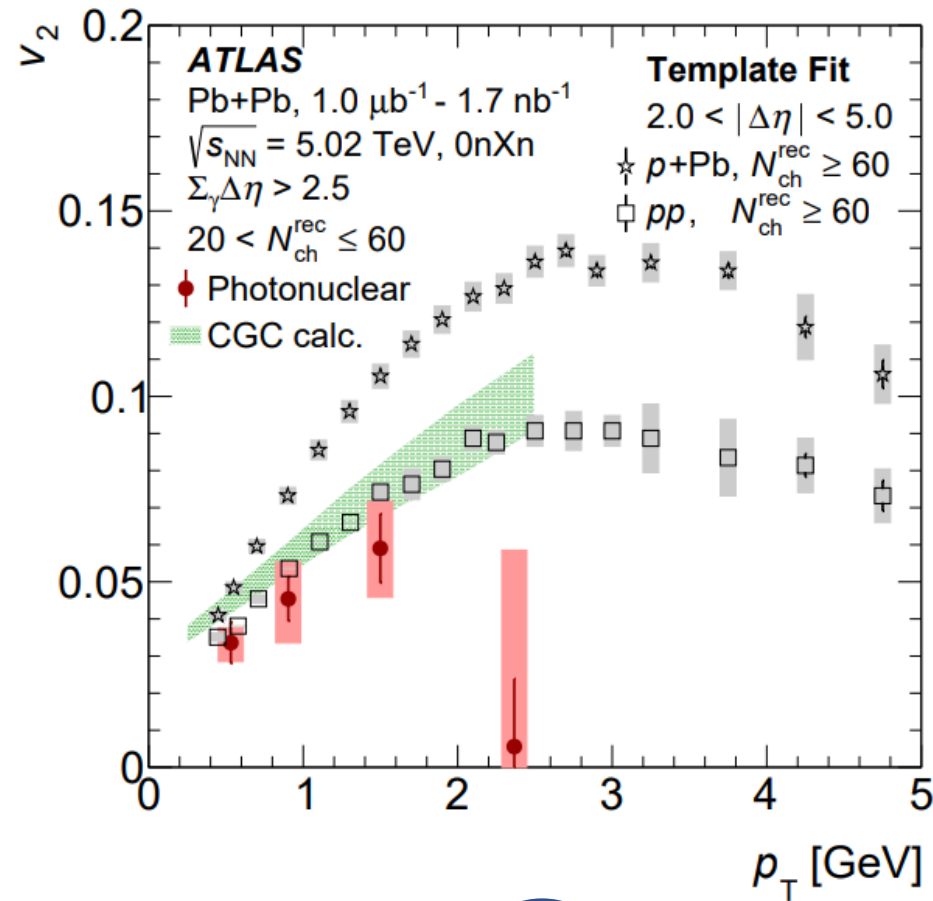
**Similar trend in  $v_2(p_T)$  as other hadronic systems.**

Similar low- $p_T$  behavior as  $pp$  and  $p+Pb$  but systematically lower.

High- $p_T$   $v_2$  is falling to large negative values (see backup) which is from the over-subtraction of nonflow.

This effect is present in  $pp$  but is larger and sets in at lower  $p_T$  in  $\gamma A$  (ATLAS-CONF-2020-018)

# $v_2(p_T)$ comparison with CGC calc.



Compared to  
 Color Glass Condensate  
 (CGC) framework  
calculation of  $\gamma A v_2(p_T)$  with  
 $Q_s^2 = 5 \text{ GeV}^2$  and  $B_p^2 = 25 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$

Model is consistent with data  
 at low- $p_T$

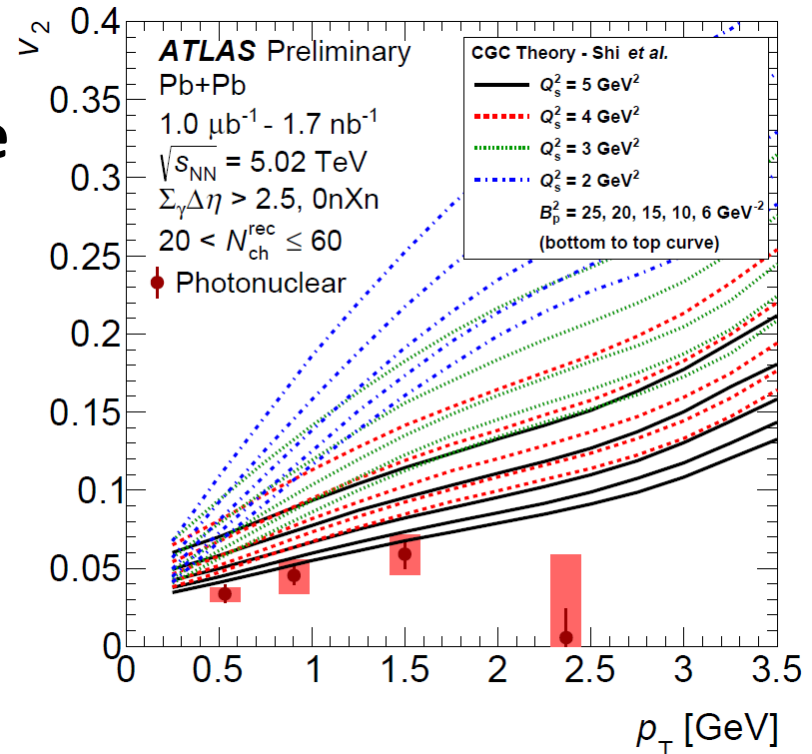
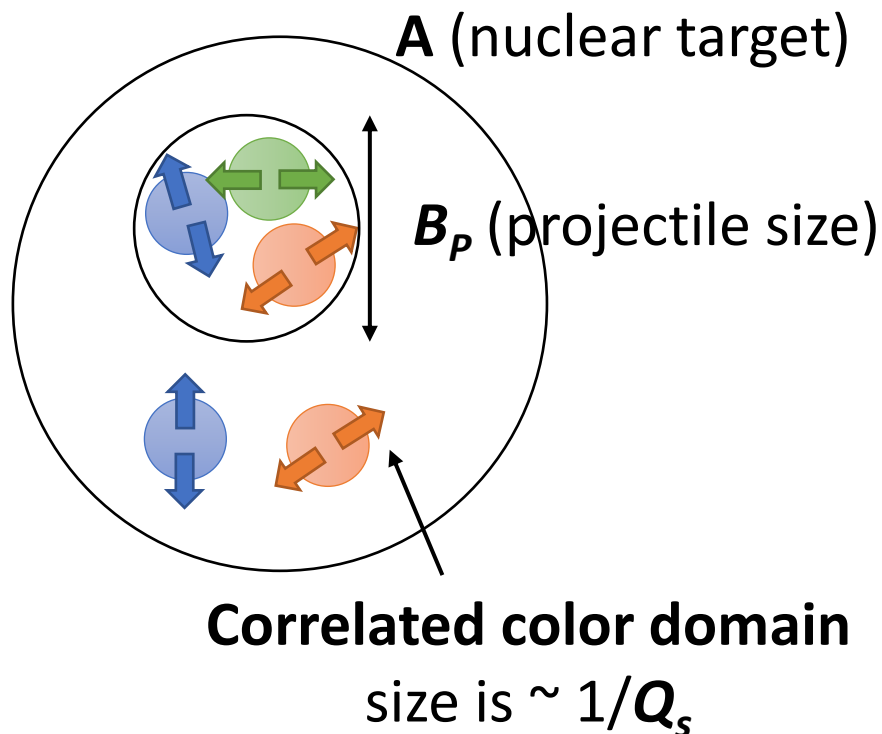
Theory uncertainty from  
 hadron fragmentation

[arXiv:2008.03569](https://arxiv.org/abs/2008.03569)



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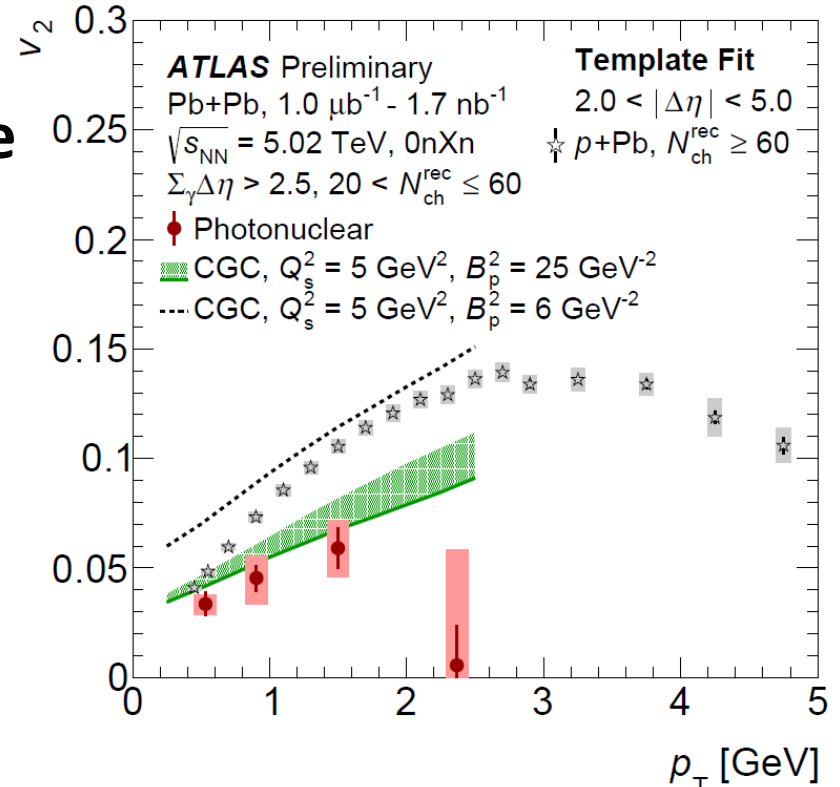
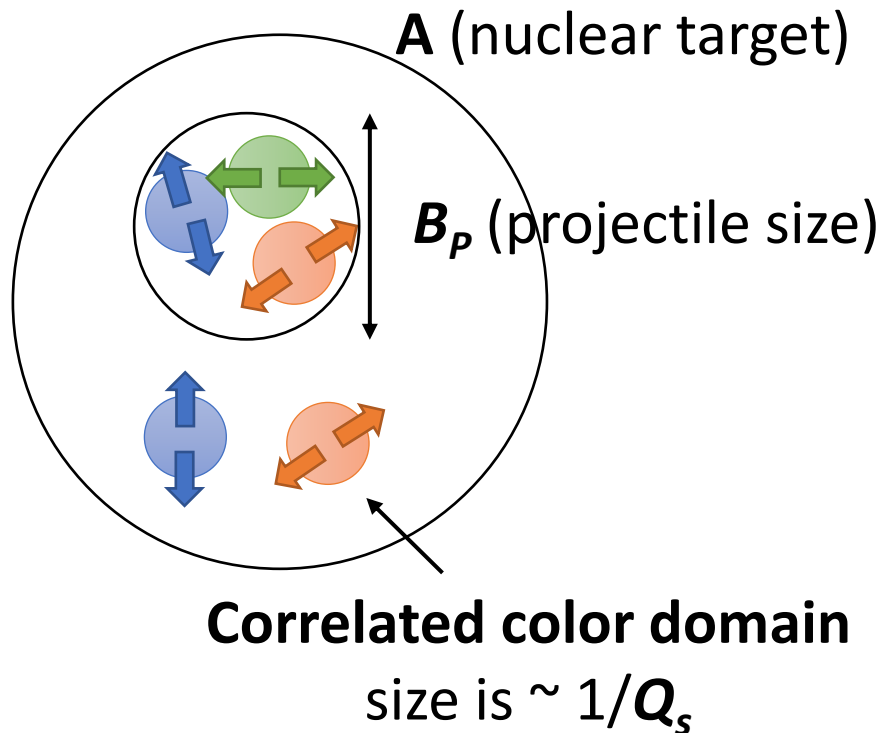
Color Glass Condensate model calculation containing **initial-state correlations** which gives rise to nonzero  $v_2$



- Larger number of domains struck  $\rightarrow$  lower  $v_2$
- Quasi-real photon is predicted to have large  $B_p$

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- Similar calculations describing  $p\text{-Pb}$  (arXiv:1808.09851)
- Difference in  $v_2$  is a result of a smaller  $B_p^2$  for a proton where  $B_p^2 \sim 1/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2$



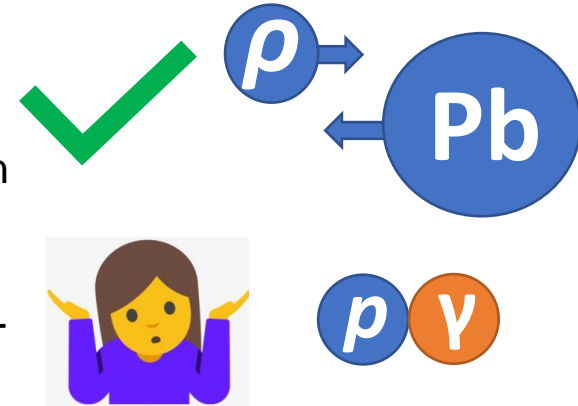
# Conclusions

## Results

Photonuclear  $v_n$  has a similar order of magnitude and trends as other previously measured hadronic systems

Intuitive property of hadronic-like photonuclear collisions (photon  $\rightarrow$  vector meson).

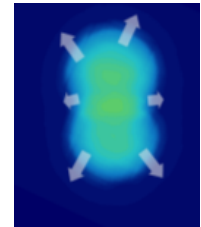
Preliminary results of  $\gamma+p$  show raw correlations with no nearside ridge and correlations consistent with non-flow.



## Theory

Compared to CGC model and are interested in models which include **final-state effects**.

Prediction for collectivity in  $\gamma+p$  given  $\gamma+A$ ?



## Future study

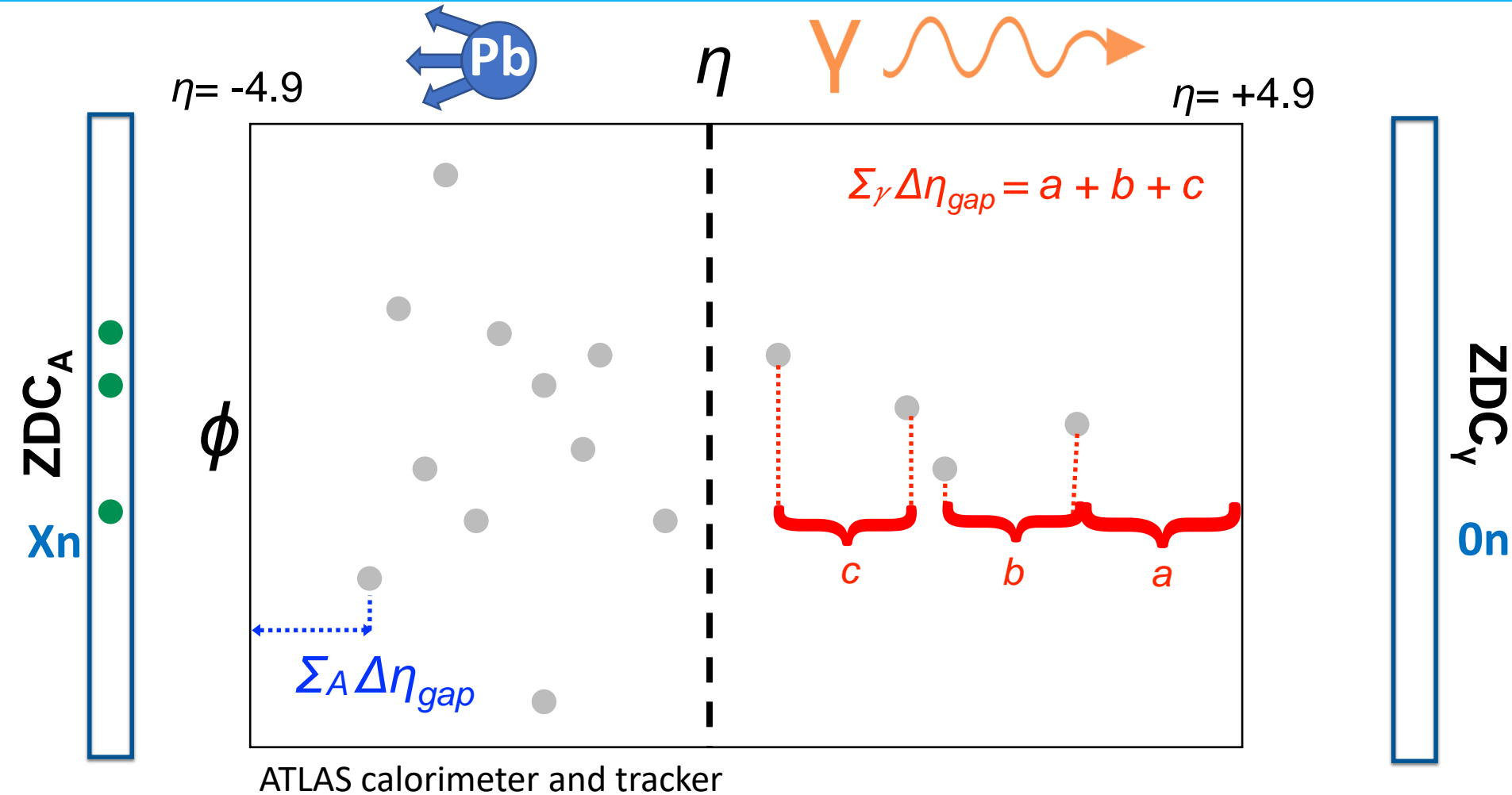
Difference with  $pp$  might be a consequence of (and further studied by) CM energy, CM-frame rapidity acceptance, decorrelations effects, and multi-particle correlations



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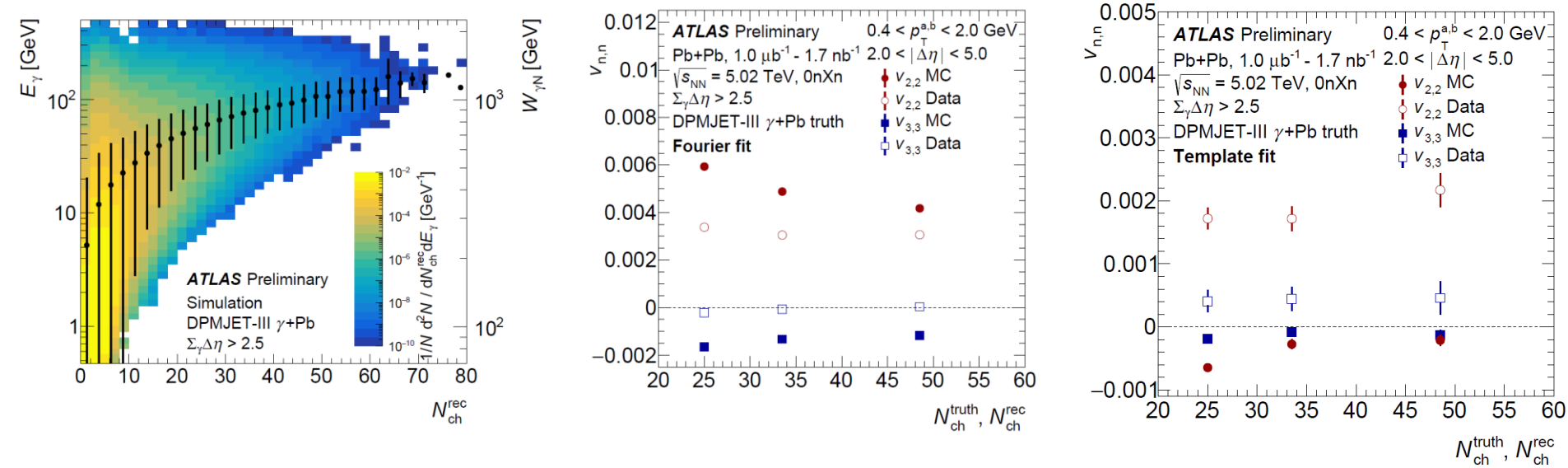
**Thank you**

# Gap definition (detector roll-out)



Event Selection:  $\Sigma \Sigma_{\gamma} \Delta\eta_{\text{gap}} > 2.5$

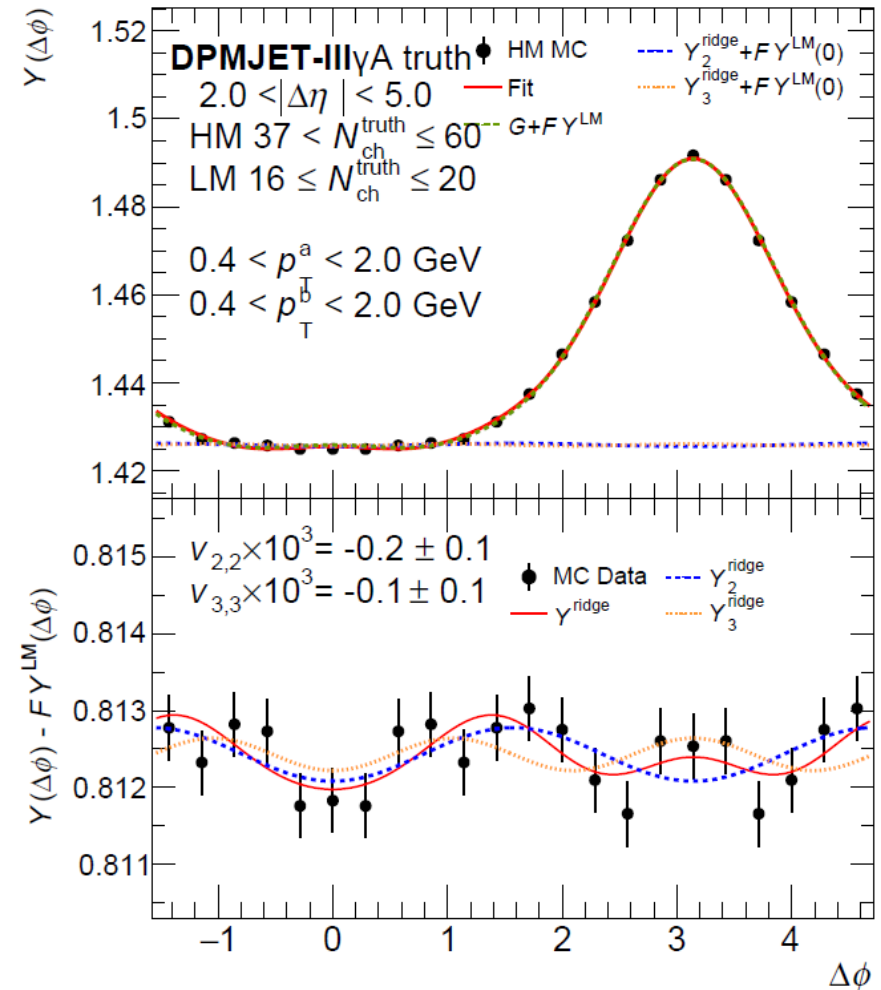
# Comparison to DPMJET-III



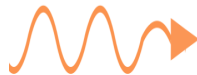
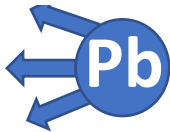
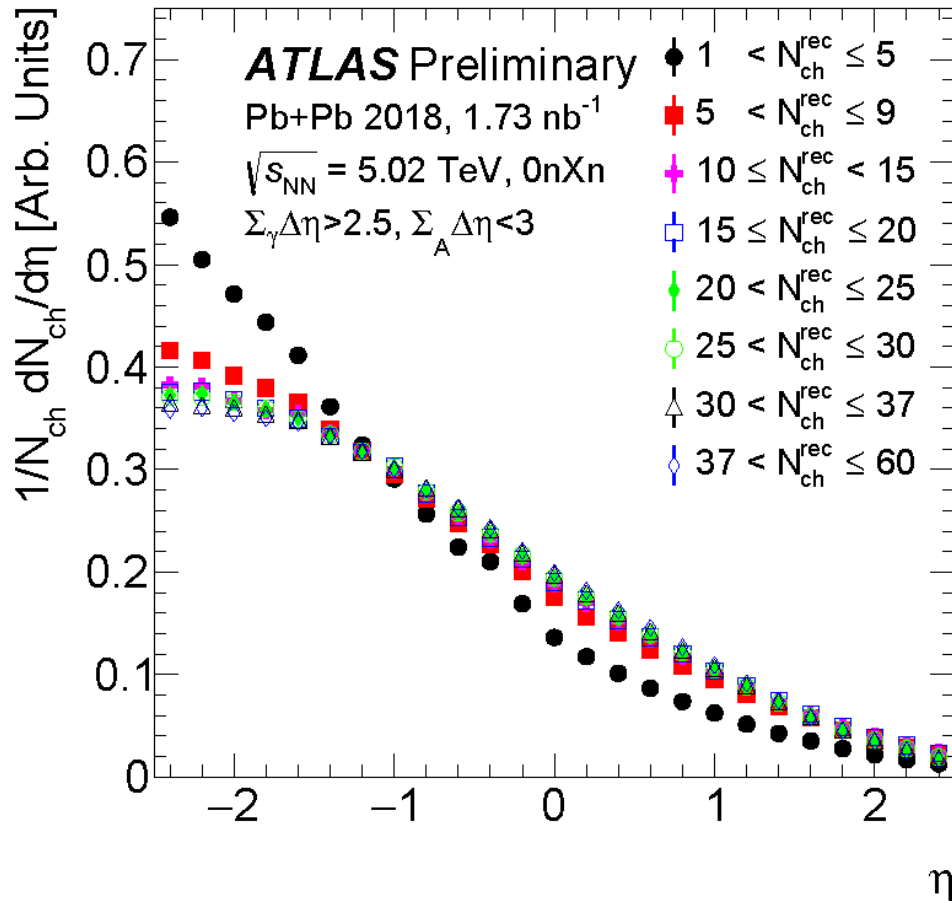
- DPMJET-III predicts the photon energy changes by about 1-2 standard deviations over the multiplicity range of the measurement and a doubling of the mean  $W_{\gamma N}$  for 10 to 60  $N_{ch}^{rec}$ .
- Large difference between measured  $v_{n,n}$  before and after template nonflow subtraction for data and DPMJET-III.
- Small negative  $v_{2,2}$  after template fit

# DPMJET-III 2PC example

More jet-like away side in DPMJET-III than in data. This produces the larger unsubtracted  $v_{2,2}$  seen on the previous slide. Small remaining modulation after nonflow subtraction seen in the lower panel. DPMJET-III is of limited use in modeling the soft correlations in photonuclear events.

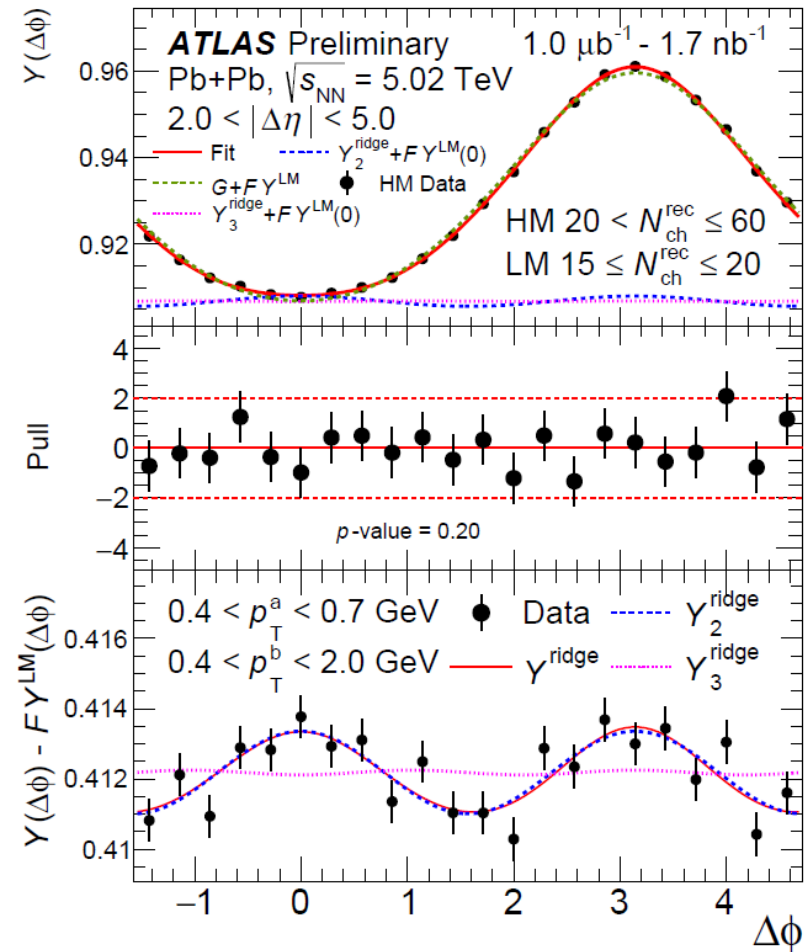
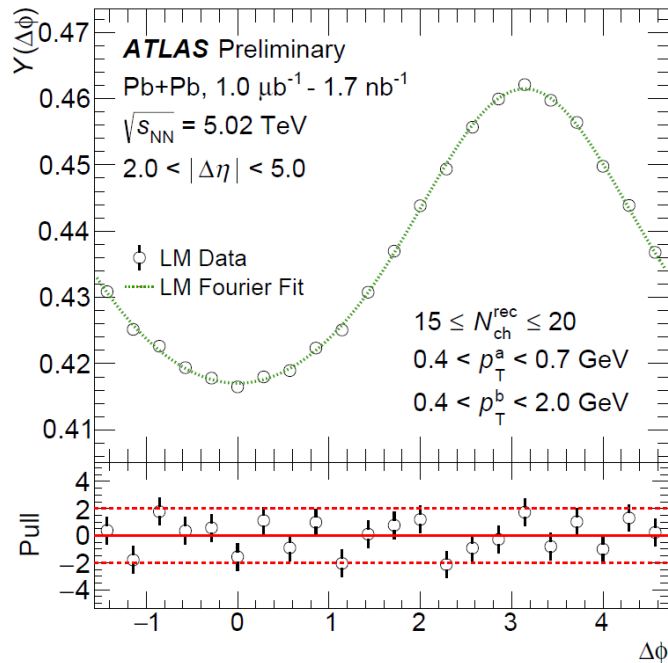


# $dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta$ in $\gamma A$ collisions

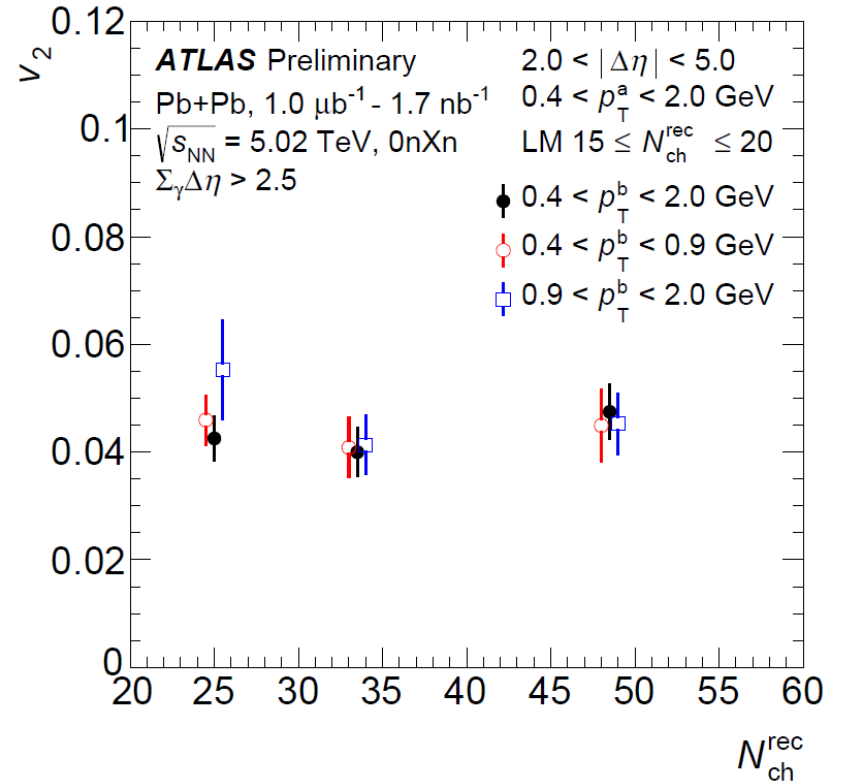
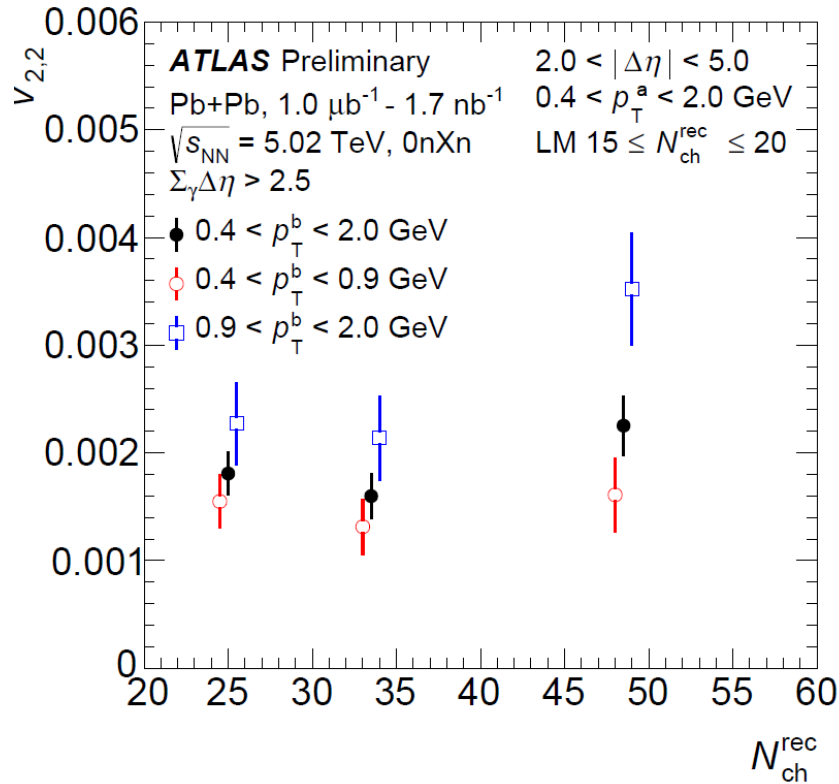


- $dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta$  of events passing the photonuclear event selection.
- Very similar shape  $dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta$  for events with  $N_{\text{ch}}^{\text{rec}} \geq 10$ .

# ATLAS template fitting method



# Factorization $v_2(N_{\text{ch}})$



$$v_n(p_{\text{T}}^a) = v_{n,n}(p_{\text{T}}^a, p_{\text{T}}^b) / v_n(p_{\text{T}}^b) = v_{n,n}(p_{\text{T}}^a, p_{\text{T}}^b) / \sqrt{v_{n,n}(p_{\text{T}}^b, p_{\text{T}}^b)}$$

$v_2(N_{\text{ch}})$  shows insensitivity to associated particle  $p_{\text{T}}$  range. This is consistent with a hydrodynamic paradigm where particle anisotropies are generated from a single-particle flow vector for all  $p_{\text{T}}$ .



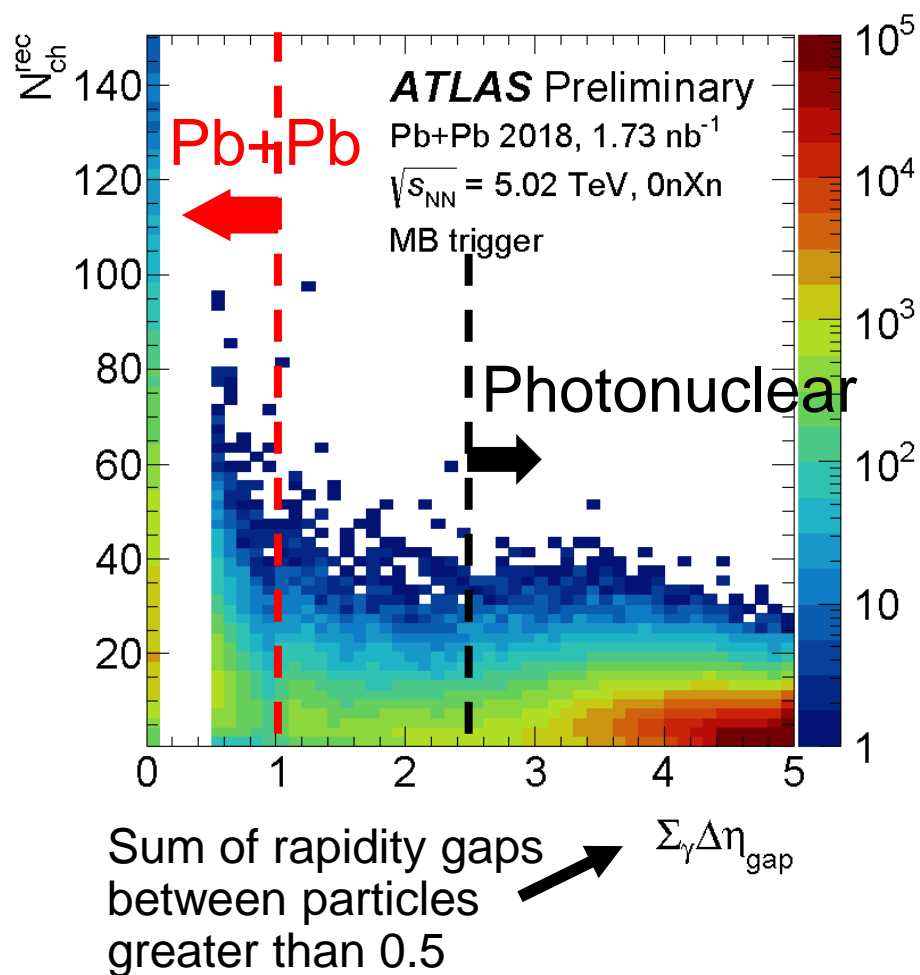
# Triggering on photonuclear events

- Due to trigger strategy, the high-statistics portion of the  $N_{\text{ch}}$  range is for  $N_{\text{ch}} > 15$

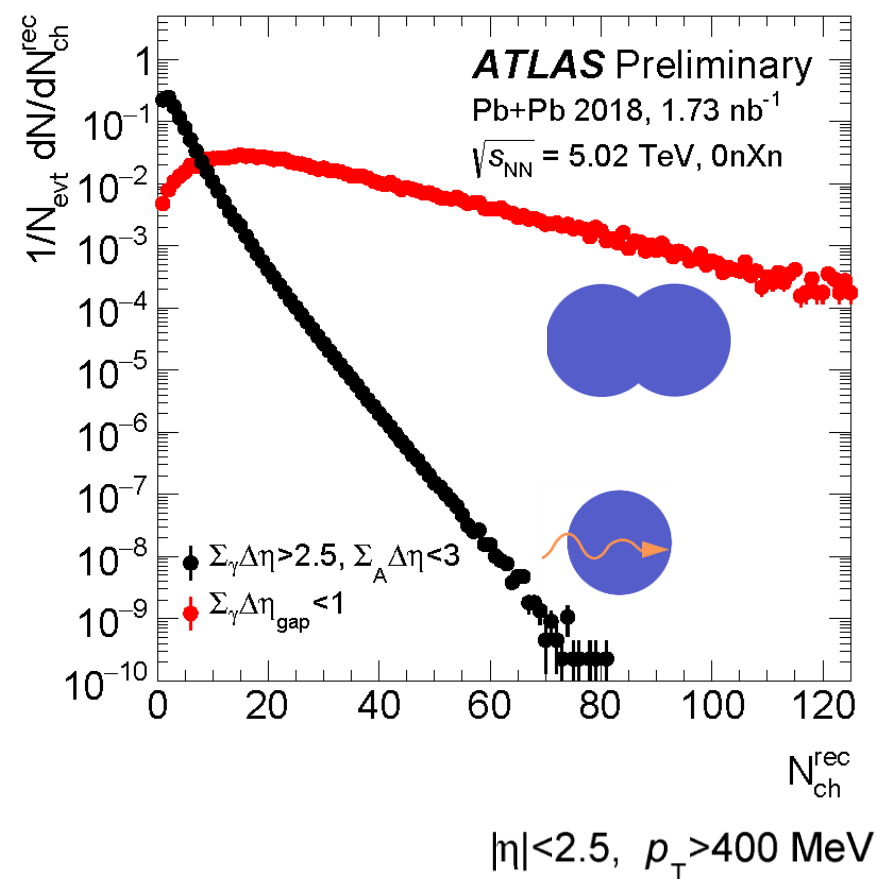
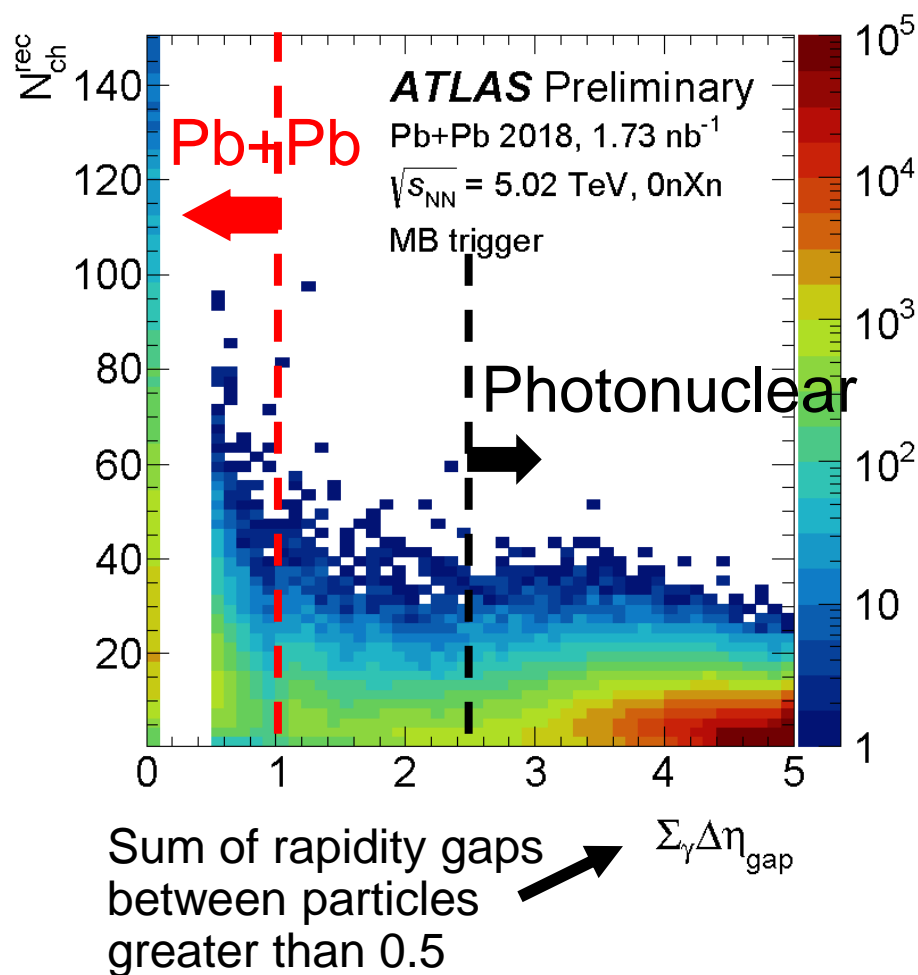
## Triggering included

- Level-1 requirements on
  - Minimum event activity to collect high-multiplicity  $\gamma A$  events
  - Maximum event activity to reject Pb+Pb collisions
  - Single-sided nuclear breakup (zero-degree calorimeter).
- High-level trigger requirements on
  - Minimum number of tracks to collect high-multiplicity events
  - Maximum energy in photon-going FCAL ( $3.2 < \eta < 4.9$ )

# Photonuclear rapidity gaps $\Sigma_{\gamma}\Delta\eta$ and $N_{\text{ch}}$



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Photonuclear events have large rapidity gaps in the photon-going direction and a steeply falling multiplicity distribution.