

# Double & triple parton scatterings in p-A, A-A at the LHC

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(\*) Details in the following review on DPS/TPS/NPS in pp, pA, AA:  
D.d'E & A.Snigirev: arXiv:1708.07519 [Adv.Ser.Direct.High.En.Phys. 29 (2018) 159]

# N-parton scatterings in p-p collisions

- Motivation for studies of multiple production of hard/heavy particles:
  - (1) **Generalized PDFs** ( $x, Q^2, b$ ) of the proton, in particular unknown energy **evolution of transverse proton profile**.
  - (2) Role of **partonic correlations** (in space,  $p, x$ , flavour, colour, spin,...) in hadronic wave functions.
  - (3) **Backgrounds** for rare (B)SM resonance decays w/ **multiple heavy particles**

- Studies so far focused on **double-parton scatterings (DPS)**:

$$\sigma_{\text{DPS}}^{\text{pp} \rightarrow \psi_1 \psi_2 + X} = \left(\frac{m}{2}\right) \frac{\sigma_{\text{SPS}}^{\text{pp} \rightarrow \psi_1 + X} \sigma_{\text{SPS}}^{\text{pp} \rightarrow \psi_2 + X}}{\sigma_{\text{eff,DPS}}}$$

“Pocket formula” assuming no parton correlations:

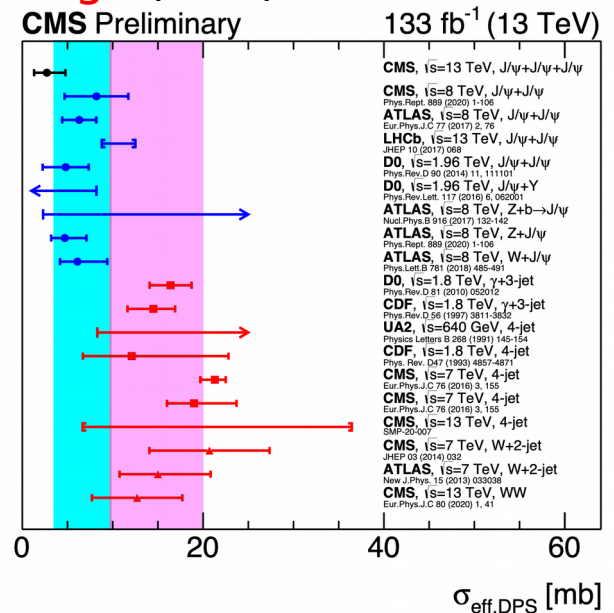
$\sigma_{\text{eff}}$  is a proxy to the mean inter-parton transverse separation squared,

derivable from p-p transverse overlap:

$\sigma_{\text{eff}} \sim 20\text{--}30 \text{ mb}$  (PYTHIA8/HERWIG p form-factor)

$\sigma_{\text{eff}} \sim 15 \text{ mb}$  (from DPS of jets, EWK bosons)

$\sigma_{\text{eff}} \sim 5 \text{ mb}$  (from di-quarkonia)



- Reasons: **x- q,g-dependent correlations & transverse proton profile?**

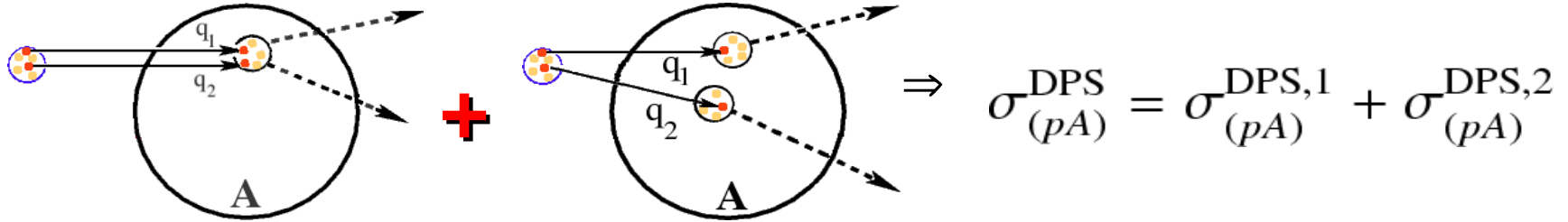
- Novel observables: **Triple-parton scatterings (TPS), DPS/TPS with ions**

# Double Parton Scatterings

# Double Parton Scattering x-sections in p-A

- Two contributions to DPS x-section in p-A:

[DdE, Snigirev, PLB 718 (2013)1395]  
[Also Treleani, Strikman, Blok...]



$$\sigma_{(pA \rightarrow ab)}^{\text{DPS},1} = A \cdot \sigma_{(pN \rightarrow ab)}^{\text{DPS}} + \sigma_{(pA \rightarrow ab)}^{\text{DPS},2} = \sigma_{(pN \rightarrow ab)}^{\text{DPS}} \cdot \sigma_{\text{eff,pp}} \cdot F_{pA}$$

p-A overlap function:

$$F_{pA} = \int d^2r T_{pA}^2(\mathbf{r}) = 30.4 \text{ mb}^{-1}$$

Pb Woods-Saxon density  
( $r=6.62 \text{ fm}$ ,  $a=0.546 \text{ fm}$ )

Relative weight of DPS terms:  $\sigma^{\text{DPS},1}:\sigma^{\text{DPS},2} = 0.7 : 0.3$  (small A),  $0.33 : 0.66$  (large A)

- “Pocket” formula for DPS p-A x-section:

$$\sigma_{(pA \rightarrow ab)}^{\text{DPS}} = \left(\frac{m}{2}\right) \frac{\sigma_{(pN \rightarrow a)}^{\text{SPS}} \cdot \sigma_{(pN \rightarrow b)}^{\text{SPS}}}{\sigma_{\text{eff,pA}}}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{eff,pA}} = \frac{\sigma_{\text{eff,pp}}}{A + \sigma_{\text{eff,pp}} F_{pA}} = 21.5 \pm 1.1 \mu\text{b} \quad (\sigma_{\text{eff,pp}} = 13 \pm 2 \text{ mb})$$

▶ Ratio of DPS p-Pb/p-p x-sections:  $\sigma_{\text{eff,DPS}}/\sigma_{\text{eff,DPS,pA}} \approx [A + A^{4/3}/\pi]$

- DPS x-sections are large in p-A: a factor  $\times 600$  (not  $\times 208$ ) for p-Pb (!)

- Pb transverse density ( $F_{pA}$ ) well known: Alternative extraction of  $\sigma_{\text{eff,pp}}$

# Examples: DPS x-sections in p-Pb (8.8 TeV)

[DdE, Snigirev, NPA 931 (2014) 303]

- Cross sections & rates for **DPS processes with  $J/\psi, Y$  &  $W, Z$  bosons**  
[Also V. Goncalves (2018): double- $J/\psi$ ; Paukunen (2019): double-D,...]

pPb (8.8 TeV)	$J/\psi + J/\psi$	$J/\psi + \Upsilon$	$J/\psi+W$	$J/\psi+Z$
$\sigma_{pN \rightarrow a}^{\text{SPS}}, \sigma_{pN \rightarrow b}^{\text{SPS}}$	45 $\mu\text{b}$ ( $\times 2$ )	45 $\mu\text{b}$ , 2.6 $\mu\text{b}$	45 $\mu\text{b}$ , 60 nb	45 $\mu\text{b}$ , 35 nb
$\sigma_{p\text{Pb}}^{\text{DPS}}$	45 $\mu\text{b}$	5.2 $\mu\text{b}$	120 nb	70 nb
$N_{p\text{Pb}}^{\text{DPS}}$ (1 $\text{pb}^{-1}$ )	<b><math>\sim 65</math></b>	<b><math>\sim 60</math></b>	<b><math>\sim 15</math></b>	<b><math>\sim 3</math></b>
	$\Upsilon + \Upsilon$	$\Upsilon+W$	$\Upsilon+Z$	ss WW
$\sigma_{pN \rightarrow a}^{\text{SPS}}, \sigma_{pN \rightarrow b}^{\text{SPS}}$	2.6 $\mu\text{b}$ ( $\times 2$ )	2.6 $\mu\text{b}$ , 60 nb	2.6 $\mu\text{b}$ , 35 nb	60 nb ( $\times 2$ )
$\sigma_{p\text{Pb}}^{\text{DPS}}$	150 nb	7 nb	4 nb	150 pb
$N_{p\text{Pb}}^{\text{DPS}}$ (1 $\text{pb}^{-1}$ )	<b><math>\sim 15</math></b>	<b><math>\sim 8</math></b>	<b><math>\sim 1.5</math></b>	<b><math>\sim 4</math></b>

Leptonic final states:  $\text{BR}(J/\psi, Y, W, Z) = 6\%, 2.5\%, 11\%, 3.4\%$

Accept.\*Effic.= 1% ( $J/\psi, |y|=0,2$ ), 20% ( $Y, |y|<2.5$ ), 50% ( $W, Z |y|<2.4$ )

- **Many double hard scatterings** processes w/ visible p-Pb x-sections at the LHC. (Note:  $J/\psi$  values are per unit- $|y|$ ).
- Useful **independent extraction of  $\sigma_{\text{eff,pp}}$**  !

# First study of DPS in p-Pb (LHCb, 8.2 TeV)

[LHCb, PRL 125 (2020) 212001]

## double charm production in proton lead collisions

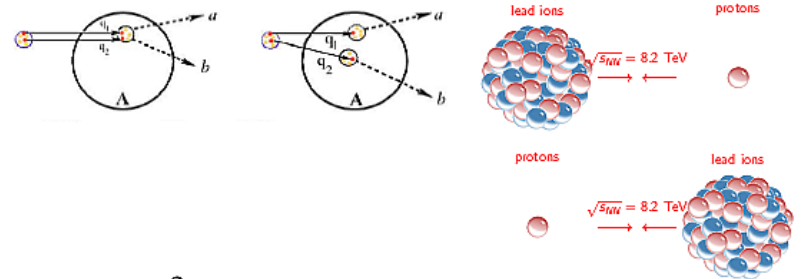
- select pairs of  $D^0, \bar{D}^0, D^+, D^-, D_s^+, D_s^-$  and  $J/\psi$
- sort them into pair production and “DPS” categories

$$\sigma_{C_1, C_2} = \alpha \frac{\sigma_{C_1} \sigma_{C_2}}{\sigma_{\text{eff}}}$$

$$R_{\text{forward}}^{D_1 D_2} = \frac{\sigma_{D_1 D_2}}{\sigma_{D_1 \bar{D}_2}} = 0.308 \pm 0.015 \pm 0.010$$

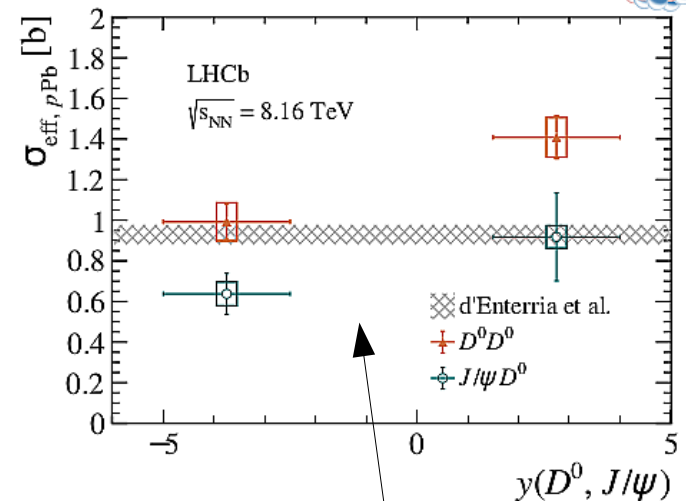
$$R_{\text{backward}}^{D_1 D_2} = 0.391 \pm 0.019 \pm 0.025$$

$$R_{pp}^{D^0 D^0} = 0.109 \pm 0.008$$



Like sign charm fraction tripled!

$$\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 8.2 \text{ TeV} \quad \text{Phys. Rev. Lett. 125 (2020) 212001}$$



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charming DPS

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- Useful independent extraction of  $\sigma_{\text{eff,pp}}$ :

$$\sigma_{\text{eff,pA}} = \frac{\sigma_{\text{eff,pp}}}{A + \sigma_{\text{eff,pp}} F_{\text{pA}}}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{eff,pp}}(D^0 D^0) = 7\text{--}16 \text{ mb}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{eff,pp}}(J/\psi D^0) = 13\text{--}40 \text{ mb}$$

nPDF effects visible in -y/+y results.

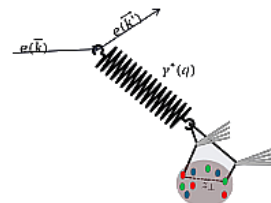
(why LHCb does not quote the equivalent  $\sigma_{\text{eff,pp}}$  values?)

# DPS in Ultraperipheral p-Pb collisions?

[M.Rinaldi, Tuesday 12/10/21]

- Rinaldi&Ceccopieri (also Blok & Strikman) have proposed to study DPS from photon-proton collisions (where photon = vector meson):

## 6 The $\gamma$ -p effective cross section

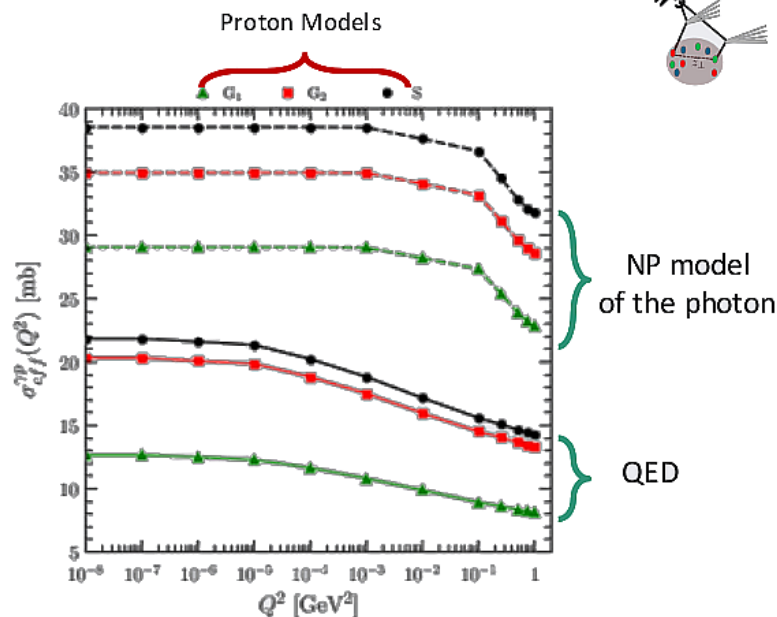


$$1 \quad [\sigma_{\text{eff}}^{\gamma p}(Q^2)]^{-1} = \int \frac{d^2 k_{\perp}}{(2\pi)^2} T_p(k_{\perp}) T_{\gamma}(k_{\perp}; Q^2)$$

2  $T_p(k_{\perp})$  proton EFF

3  $\psi_{\gamma}$  Photon WF

M. R. and F. A. Ceccopieri, arXiv:2103.13480

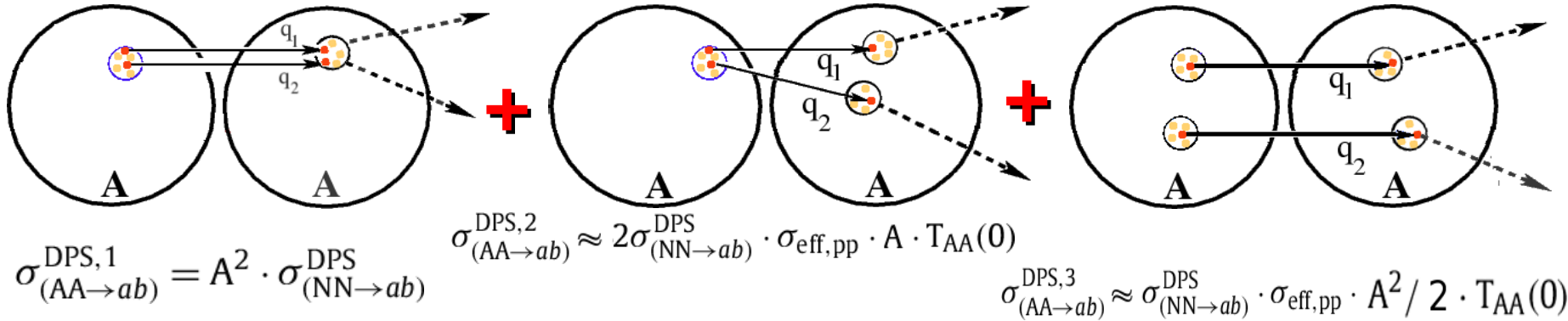


- Such studies (based on HERA data so far) could be tested with UPCs in p-Pb with the photon emitted from the Pb ion (we should go beyond searching for 'ridges' in UPCs, and extract some quantitative x-sections...)

# Double Parton Scattering x-sections in A-A

[DdE, Snigirev, PLB727 (2013)157]

## ■ Three contributions to DPS x-section in A-A:



► Third “ $N_{\text{coll}}$  term”  $\propto A^2 \cdot T_{AA}(0)$ , clearly dominant (1:4:200 ratio for PbPb)

“Genuine” DPS (within same nucleon):  $\sim 2.5\%$  (in Pb-Pb) or  $\sim 13\%$  (Ar-Ar)

## ■ “Pocket formula” for DPS A-A x-section:

$$\sigma_{(AA \rightarrow ab)}^{\text{DPS}} = \left(\frac{m}{2}\right) \frac{\sigma_{(NN \rightarrow a)}^{\text{SPS}} \cdot \sigma_{(NN \rightarrow b)}^{\text{SPS}}}{\sigma_{\text{eff,AA}}}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{eff,AA}} = \frac{1}{A^2 [\sigma_{\text{eff,pp}}^{-1} + \frac{2}{A} T_{AA}(0) + \frac{1}{2} T_{AA}(0)]} = 1.5 \text{ nb} \quad (\text{for Pb-Pb collisions})$$

► Ratio of DPS Pb-Pb/p-p x-sections:  $\sigma_{\text{eff,pp}} / \sigma_{\text{eff,AA}} \propto A^{3.3} / 5 \simeq 9 \cdot 10^6 !$

## ■ Strong centrality dependence:

$$\sigma_{(AA \rightarrow ab)}^{\text{DPS}} [b_1, b_2] \approx \left(\frac{m}{2}\right) \sigma_{(NN \rightarrow a)}^{\text{SPS}} \cdot \sigma_{(NN \rightarrow b)}^{\text{SPS}} \cdot f_{\%} \sigma_{AA} \cdot \langle T_{AA}[b_1, b_2] \rangle^2$$



# Examples: DPS x-sections in Pb-Pb (5.5 TeV)

[DdE, Snigirev, NPA 931 (2014)303]

- Cross sections & rates for DPS processes with  $J/\psi, Y$  &  $W, Z$  bosons:

PbPb (5.5 TeV)	$J/\psi + J/\psi$	$J/\psi + \Upsilon$	$J/\psi+W$	$J/\psi+Z$
$\sigma_{NN \rightarrow a}^{\text{SPS}}, \sigma_{NN \rightarrow b}^{\text{SPS}}$	25 $\mu\text{b}$ ( $\times 2$ )	25 $\mu\text{b}$ , 1.7 $\mu\text{b}$	25 $\mu\text{b}$ , 30 nb	25 $\mu\text{b}$ , 20 nb
$\sigma_{\text{PbPb}}^{\text{DPS}}$	210 mb	28 mb	500 $\mu\text{b}$	330 $\mu\text{b}$
$N_{\text{PbPb}}^{\text{DPS}} (1 \text{ nb}^{-1})$	$\sim 250$	$\sim 340$	$\sim 65$	$\sim 14$
	$\Upsilon + \Upsilon$	$\Upsilon+W$	$\Upsilon+Z$	ss WW
$\sigma_{NN \rightarrow a}^{\text{SPS}}, \sigma_{NN \rightarrow b}^{\text{SPS}}$	1.7 $\mu\text{b}$ ( $\times 2$ )	1.7 $\mu\text{b}$ , 30 nb	1.7 $\mu\text{b}$ , 20 nb	30 nb ( $\times 2$ )
$\sigma_{\text{PbPb}}^{\text{DPS}}$	960 $\mu\text{b}$	34 $\mu\text{b}$	23 $\mu\text{b}$	630 nb
$N_{\text{PbPb}}^{\text{DPS}} (1 \text{ nb}^{-1})$	$\sim 95$	$\sim 35$	$\sim 8$	$\sim 15$

Leptonic final states:  $\text{BR}(J/\psi, Y, W, Z) = 6\%, 2.5\%, 11\%, 3.4\%$

Accept.\*effic.= 1% ( $J/\psi, |y|=0,2$ ), 20% ( $Y, |y|<2.5$ ), 50% ( $W, Z |y|<2.4$ )

- Visible rates for many double hard scatterings processes in Pb-Pb!  
(Note:  $J/\psi$  values are per unit- $|y|$ ).

# Example: Pb-Pb $\rightarrow$ J/ $\psi$ J/ $\psi$ at 5.5 TeV

[DdE, Snigirev, PLB727 (2013)157]

## ■ Visible rates:

- ▶ Fiducial x-section per unit-y:  $d\sigma_{J/\psi}/dy \approx \sigma_{J/\psi}/8$
- ▶ BR(J/ $\psi \rightarrow l^+l^-$ )  $\approx$  6%
- ▶ Typical ALICE/CMS acceptance & efficiencies:  $\varepsilon \approx 1/12$

## ■ Expected dimuon rates including yield all losses & 1 nb<sup>-1</sup> integ. luminosity:

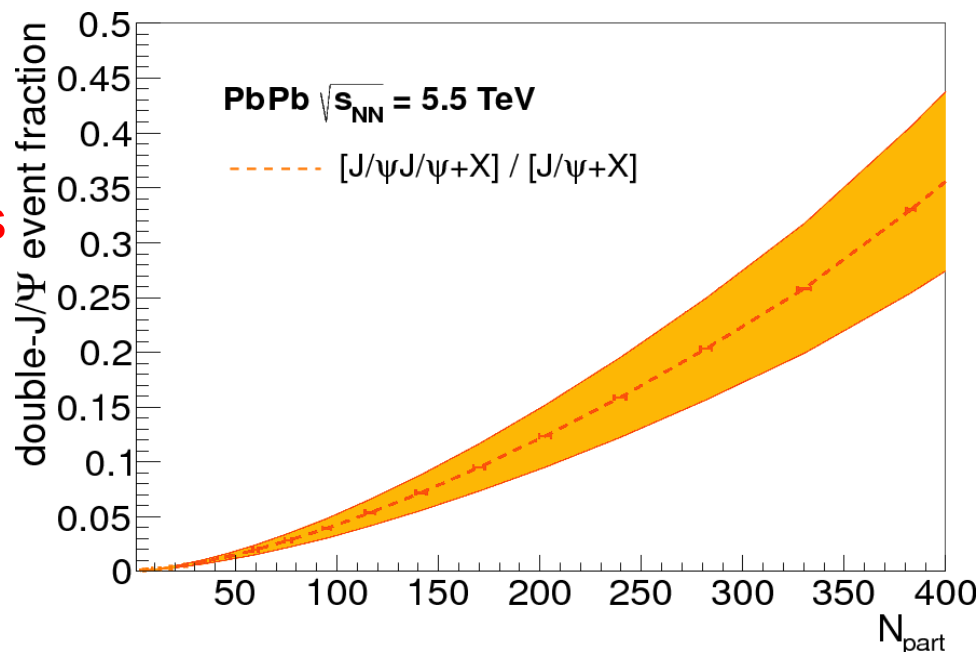
$$\mathcal{N} = \sigma_{\text{Pb-Pb} \rightarrow J/\psi J/\psi}^{\text{DPS}} / (\varepsilon \cdot \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}) \approx \text{250 double-J}/\psi \text{ per year (per unit-|y|)}$$

(x2 less including final-state suppression)

## ■ Centrality dependence of double-J/ $\psi$ fraction:

35% of central Pb-Pb collisions have two J/ $\psi$  produced !

Seeing 2 J/ $\psi$  on event-by-event basis not to be blindly taken as signal of c-cbar recombination.



# Triple Parton Scatterings

# TPS in p-p collisions (13 TeV, CMS)

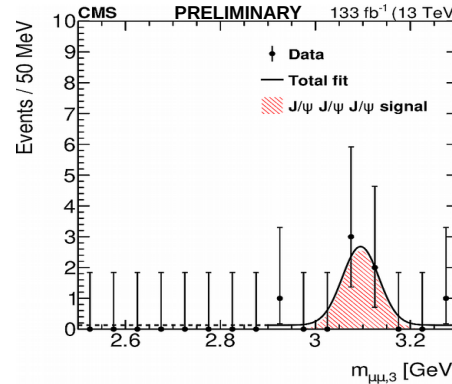
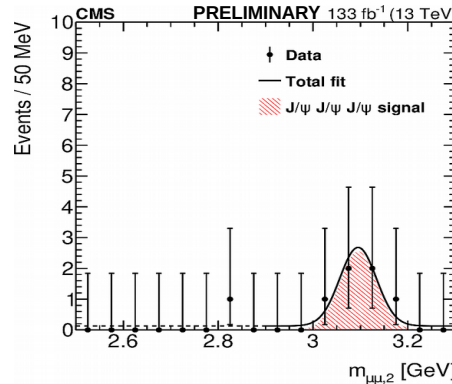
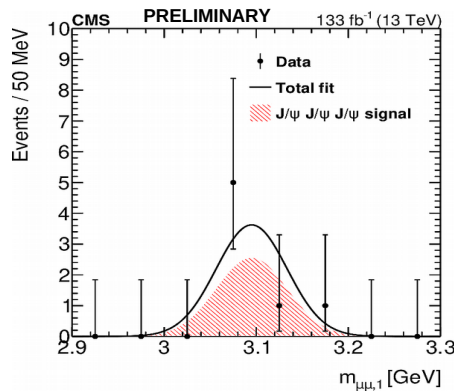
- Triple parton scatterings x-sections in p-p: alternative extraction of  $\sigma_{\text{eff,DPS}}$

$$\sigma_{hh' \rightarrow a_1 a_2 a_3}^{\text{TPS}} = \left(\frac{m}{3!}\right) \frac{\sigma_{hh' \rightarrow a_1}^{\text{SPS}} \cdot \sigma_{hh' \rightarrow a_2}^{\text{SPS}} \cdot \sigma_{hh' \rightarrow a_3}^{\text{SPS}}}{\sigma_{\text{eff,TPS}}^2}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{eff,TPS}} = (0.82 \pm 0.11) \sigma_{\text{eff,DPS}}$$

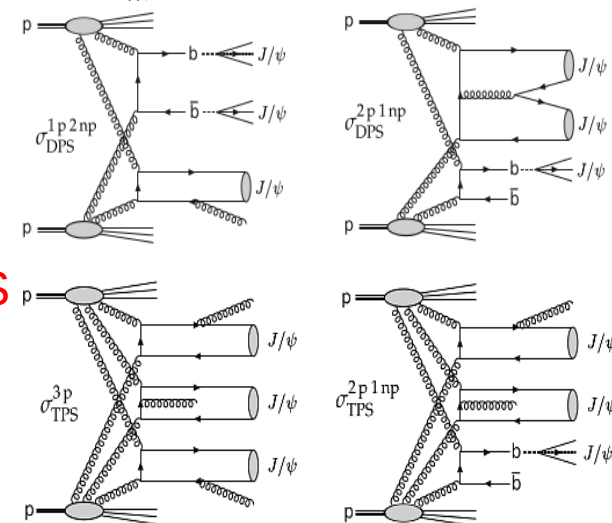
[DdE, Snigirev, PRL 118(2017)122001]

- First observation of triple- $J/\psi$  production (CMS):



[CMS-BPH-18-004]

- Measurement of fiducial cross section  $\sigma(pp \rightarrow 3J/\psi) = 272_{-104}^{+141}$  (stat)  $\pm 17$  (syst) fb
- Pocket formula with (N)NLO for single-, double-, triple- $J/\psi$  SPS x-sections:
  - Triple- $J/\psi$  fractions:  $\sim 6\%$  SPS,  $\sim 74\%$  DPS,  $\sim 20\%$  TPS
  - $\sigma_{\text{eff,DPS}} = 2.7_{-1.0}^{+1.4}$  (exp)  $_{-1.0}^{+1.5}$  (theo) mb consistent with for di-quarkonia (lower than jet/ $\gamma$ /W/Z DPS results):
    - q/g x-dependent transverse profile & correlations

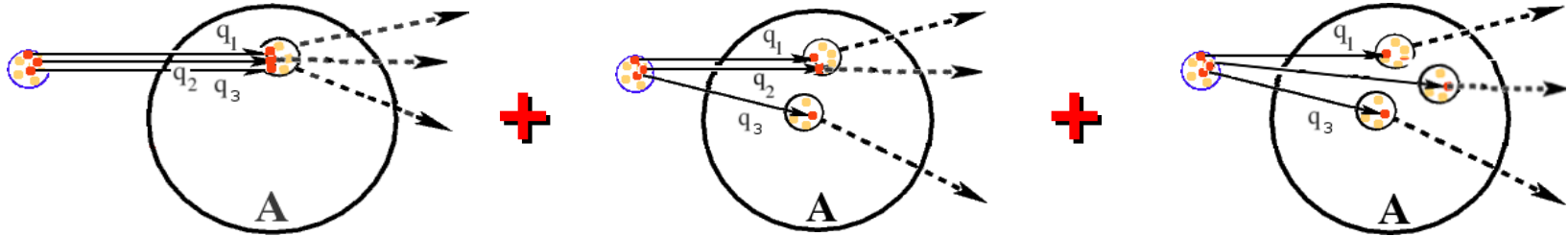


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# Triple Parton Scattering x-sections in p-A

## ■ Three contributions to TPS x-section in p-A:

[DdE, Snigirev, EPJC 78 (2018)359]



$$\sigma_{pA \rightarrow abc}^{\text{TPS},1} = A \cdot \sigma_{pN \rightarrow abc}^{\text{TPS}}, \quad \sigma_{pA \rightarrow abc}^{\text{TPS},2} = \sigma_{pN \rightarrow abc}^{\text{TPS}} \cdot 3 \frac{\sigma_{\text{eff},\text{TPS}}^2}{\sigma_{\text{eff},\text{DPS}}} F_{pA}, \quad \sigma_{pA \rightarrow abc}^{\text{TPS},3} = \sigma_{pN \rightarrow abc}^{\text{TPS}} \cdot \sigma_{\text{eff},\text{TPS}}^2 \cdot C_{pA}, \quad \text{with}$$

$$C_{pA} = \frac{(A-1)(A-2)}{A^2} \int d^2b T_{pA}^3(\mathbf{b}),$$

Relative weight of TPS terms:  $\sigma_{pA \rightarrow abc}^{\text{TPS},1} : \sigma_{pA \rightarrow abc}^{\text{TPS},2} : \sigma_{pA \rightarrow abc}^{\text{TPS},3} = 1 : 4.54 : 3.56$ .

(TPS yields in pPb: 10% "genuine", 50% involve 2 nucleons, 40% involve 3 different Pb nucleons)

## ■ "Pocket" formula for TPS p-A x-section:

$$\sigma_{pA \rightarrow abc}^{\text{TPS}} = \left(\frac{m}{6}\right) \frac{\sigma_{pN \rightarrow a}^{\text{SPS}} \cdot \sigma_{pN \rightarrow b}^{\text{SPS}} \cdot \sigma_{pN \rightarrow c}^{\text{SPS}}}{\sigma_{\text{eff},\text{TPS},pA}^2} \quad \sigma_{\text{eff},\text{TPS},pA} = \left[ \frac{A}{\sigma_{\text{eff},\text{TPS}}^2} + \frac{3 F_{pA} [\text{mb}^{-1}]}{\sigma_{\text{eff},\text{DPS}}} + C_{pA} [\text{mb}^{-2}] \right]^{-1/2}$$

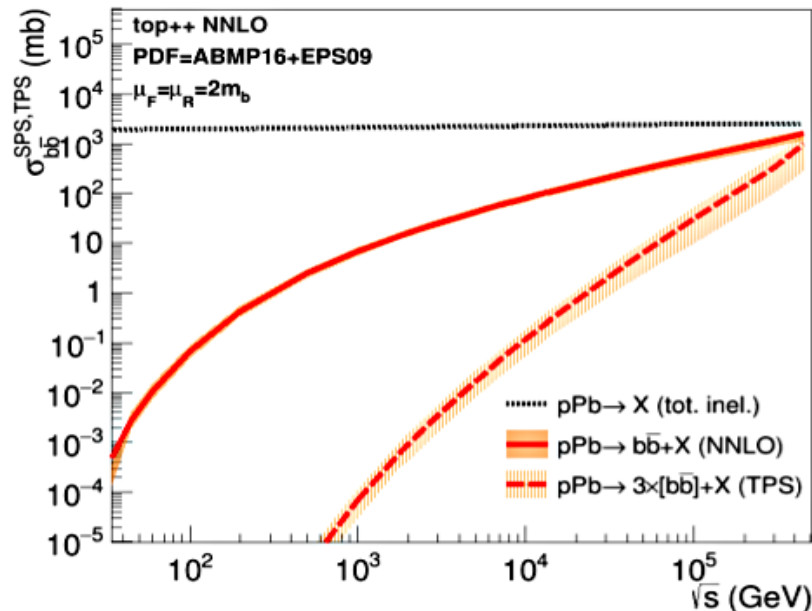
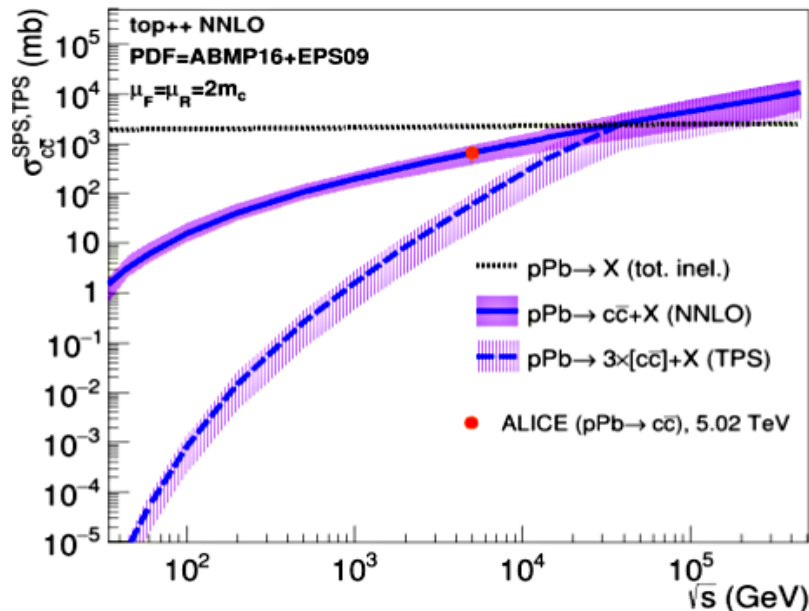
►  $\sigma_{\text{eff},\text{TPS},p\text{Pb}} = 0.29 \pm 0.04 \text{ mb}$  ( $\times 45$  times the p-p case with  $\sigma_{\text{eff},\text{TPS}} = 12.5 \text{ mb}$ )

■ TPS x-sections are large in p-A: a factor  $\times 45$  for p-Pb compared to p-p

■ Pb transv. density ( $F_{pA}$ ,  $C_{pA}$ ) well-known: Alternative extraction of  $\sigma_{\text{eff},pp}$

# Example: Triple charm & beauty in p-Pb colls.

- Charm & beauty have very large TPS x-sections at the LHC & above:



Process	pPb(8.8 TeV)	pPb(63 TeV)	p-Air(430 TeV)
$\sigma_{pA}^{inel}$	$2.2 \pm 0.4$ b	$2.4 \pm 0.4$ mb	$0.61 \pm 0.10$ b
$\sigma_{c\bar{c}+X}^{SPS}$	$0.96 \pm 0.45_{sc} \pm 0.10_{PDF}$ b	$3.4 \pm 1.9_{sc} \pm 0.4_{PDF}$ b	$0.75 \pm 0.5_{sc} \pm 0.1_{PDF}$ b
$\sigma_{c\bar{c} c\bar{c} c\bar{c}+X}^{TPS}$	$200 \pm 140_{tot}$ mb	$8.7^* \pm 6.2_{tot}$ b	$5.0^* \pm 3.6_{tot}$ b
$\sigma_{b\bar{b}+X}^{SPS}$	$72 \pm 12_{sc} \pm 5_{PDF}$ mb	$370 \pm 75_{sc} \pm 30_{PDF}$ mb	$110 \pm 25_{sc} \pm 5_{PDF}$ mb
$\sigma_{b\bar{b} b\bar{b} b\bar{b}+X}^{TPS}$	$0.084 \pm 0.045_{tot}$ $\mu$ b	$11 \pm 7_{tot}$ $\mu$ b	$17 \pm 11_{tot}$ $\mu$ b

- Triple charm amounts to  $\sim 20\%$  ( $\sim 100\%$ !) of inclusive charm x-sections at LHC (FCC). Large triple  $J/\psi$  production at FCC:  $\sigma(J/\psi J/\psi J/\psi + X) \approx 1$  mb
- Triple beauty amounts to  $\sim 3\%$  of inclusive beauty x-sections at FCC.

# Summary: DPS studies with heavy ions

- What's the **parton transverse density** of a proton? Its **energy evolution**? How do **partons correlate** (kinemat., quantum numbers) transversely?
- Double hard parton scatterings in **p-p collisions**:

$$\sigma_{(hh' \rightarrow ab)}^{\text{DPS}} = \left(\frac{m}{2}\right) \frac{\sigma_{(hh' \rightarrow a)}^{\text{SPS}} \cdot \sigma_{(hh' \rightarrow b)}^{\text{SPS}}}{\sigma_{\text{eff}}}$$

In absence of parton correlations:

$$\sigma_{\text{eff}} = \left[ \int d^2b t^2(\mathbf{b}) \right]^{-1}$$

geom. overlap area of 2 proton transv. profiles

- $\sigma_{\text{eff}}(\text{exp}) \approx 2\text{--}20 \text{ mb}$  at Tevatron/LHC. Can HI colls. help to clarify this?

- Available DPS x-sections “**pocket formula**” for p-A and A-A:

( $\sigma_{\text{eff,pp}} = 13 \pm 2 \text{ mb}$ )

$$\sigma_{\text{eff,pA}} = \frac{\sigma_{\text{eff,pp}}}{A + \sigma_{\text{eff,pp}} F_{\text{pA}}} = 21.5 \pm 1.1 \mu\text{b}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{eff,AA}} = \frac{1}{A^2 [\sigma_{\text{eff,pp}}^{-1} + \frac{2}{A} T_{\text{AA}}(0) + \frac{1}{2} T_{\text{AA}}(0)]} = 1.5 \text{ nb}$$

Huge enhancements!  $\sigma_{\text{eff,DPS}} / \sigma_{\text{eff,DPS,pA}} \approx 600$ ,  $\sigma_{\text{eff,pp}} / \sigma_{\text{eff,AA}} \propto A^{3.3} / 5 \simeq 9 \cdot 10^6$

- **p-Pb**: Large DPS yields in p-A (in particular with quarkonia) provide many useful independent **extractions of  $\sigma_{\text{eff,pp}}$** . 1<sup>st</sup>-ever measurement by **LHCb**.

- **Pb-Pb**: Large DPS but dominated by scatts. **from different nucleons**. (~16% sensitivity on  $\sigma_{\text{eff,pp}}$  from DPS with lighter ions such as Ar-Ar).

# Summary: TPS studies with heavy ions

- What's the **parton transverse density** of a proton? Its **energy evolution**? How do **partons correlate** (kinemat., quantum numbers) transversely?

- Triple** hard parton scatterings in p-p collisions:

(closely related to DPS in the absence of parton correlations):

$$\sigma_{hh' \rightarrow a_1 a_2 a_3}^{\text{TPS}} = \left(\frac{m}{3!}\right) \frac{\sigma_{hh' \rightarrow a_1}^{\text{SPS}} \cdot \sigma_{hh' \rightarrow a_2}^{\text{SPS}} \cdot \sigma_{hh' \rightarrow a_3}^{\text{SPS}}}{\sigma_{\text{eff,TPS}}^2}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{eff,TPS}} = (0.82 \pm 0.11) \sigma_{\text{eff,DPS}}$$

- Triple charm** amounts to ~15% of inclusive charm x-sections in p-p collisions at the LHC. **Triple-J/ψ** fully dominated by DPS/TPS: “**golden channel**” to extract  $\sigma_{\text{eff,pp}}$ : 1<sup>st</sup>-ever observation by CMS.

- Derived TPS x-sections “**pocket formula**” for p-A:

$$\sigma_{\text{pA} \rightarrow abc}^{\text{TPS}} = \left(\frac{m}{6}\right) \frac{\sigma_{\text{pN} \rightarrow a}^{\text{SPS}} \cdot \sigma_{\text{pN} \rightarrow b}^{\text{SPS}} \cdot \sigma_{\text{pN} \rightarrow c}^{\text{SPS}}}{\sigma_{\text{eff,TPS,pA}}^2}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{eff,TPS,pA}} = \left[ \frac{A}{\sigma_{\text{eff,TPS}}^2} + \frac{3 F_{\text{pA}} [\text{mb}^{-1}]}{\sigma_{\text{eff,DPS}}} + C_{\text{pA}} [\text{mb}^{-2}] \right]^{-1/2}$$

- Large TPS yields** in p-Pb, e.g.  $\sigma_{\text{TPS}}$  (triple-c $\bar{c}$ ) = 200 mb (~20% of incl. c $\bar{c}$  x-section): provide useful **independent extractions** of  $\sigma_{\text{eff,pp}}$ . [Don't be shy to attempt a 1<sup>st</sup>-ever measurement in p-Pb...].

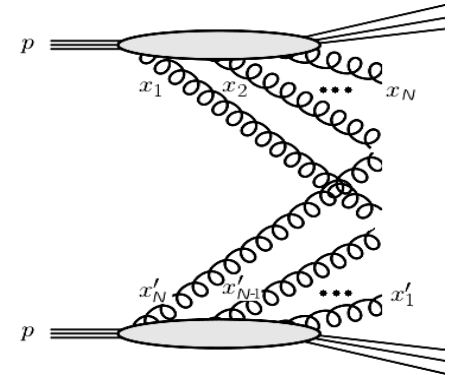


# Backup slides

# N-parton scattering x-sections (p-p)

- Assuming that the probabilities for N hard collisions to be independent of each other, one can write a generic pocket-formula for NPS x-section:

$$\sigma_{hh' \rightarrow a_1 \dots a_n}^{\text{NPS}} = \left( \frac{m}{n!} \right) \frac{\sigma_{hh' \rightarrow a_1}^{\text{SPS}} \dots \sigma_{hh' \rightarrow a_n}^{\text{SPS}}}{\sigma_{\text{eff,NPS}}^{n-1}}$$



normalized by the  $N^{\text{th}}-1$  power of an effective x-section ( $\sigma_{\text{eff,NPS}}$ ) plus a trivial combinatorial factor ( $m/n!$ ) to avoid double, triple, N-counting in case of same particles produced:

- DPS:  $m = 1$  if  $a_1 = a_2$ ; and  $m = 2$  if  $a_1 \neq a_2$ .
- TPS:  $m = 1$  if  $a_1 = a_2 = a_3$ ;  $m = 3$  if  $a_1 = a_2$ , or  $a_1 = a_3$ , or  $a_2 = a_3$ ; and  $m = 6$  if  $a_1 \neq a_2 \neq a_3$ .

- Ignoring all parton correlations,  $\sigma_{\text{eff,NPS}}$  is the inverse  $N^{\text{th}}-1$  power of the integral of the  $N^{\text{th}}$  power of the pp overlap function:

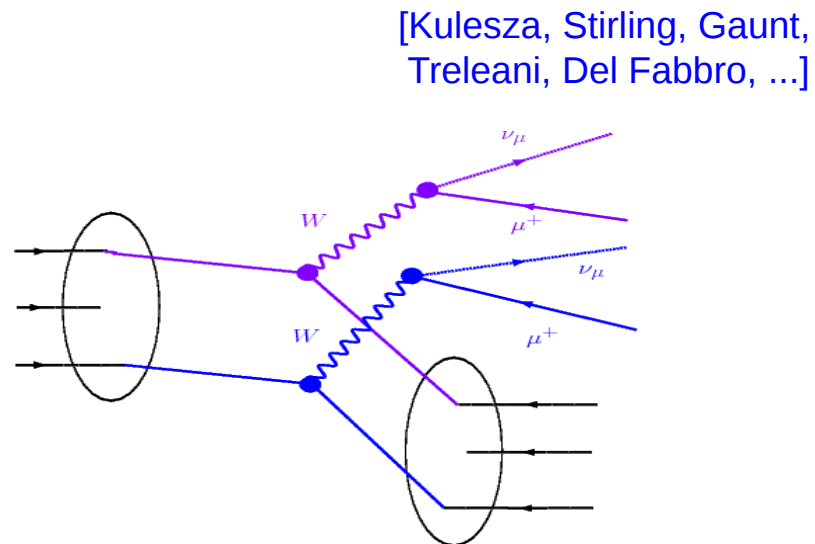
$$\sigma_{\text{eff,NPS}} = \left\{ \int d^2b T^n(\mathbf{b}) \right\}^{-1/(n-1)}$$

- A generic framework for the most economical (geometrical) expressions for N-parton scattering cross sections is available now.

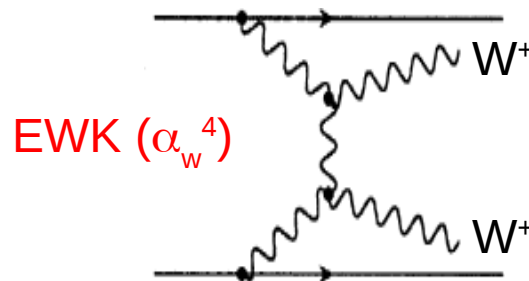
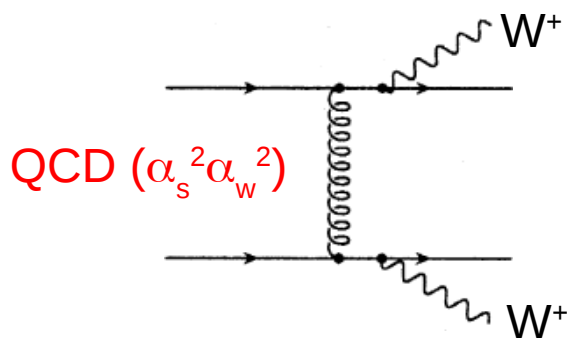
# DPS “golden channel”: Same-sign WW

- Same-sign W-W production from 2 independent hard scatterings is a “golden” DPS signature:

- Well controlled pQCD x-sections.
- Clean experimental final-state: 2 like-sign leptons + missing- $E_T$



- Backgrounds: Same-sign W-W production in single parton scatterings (SPS) is higher-order and occurs **only with 2 extra jets**:



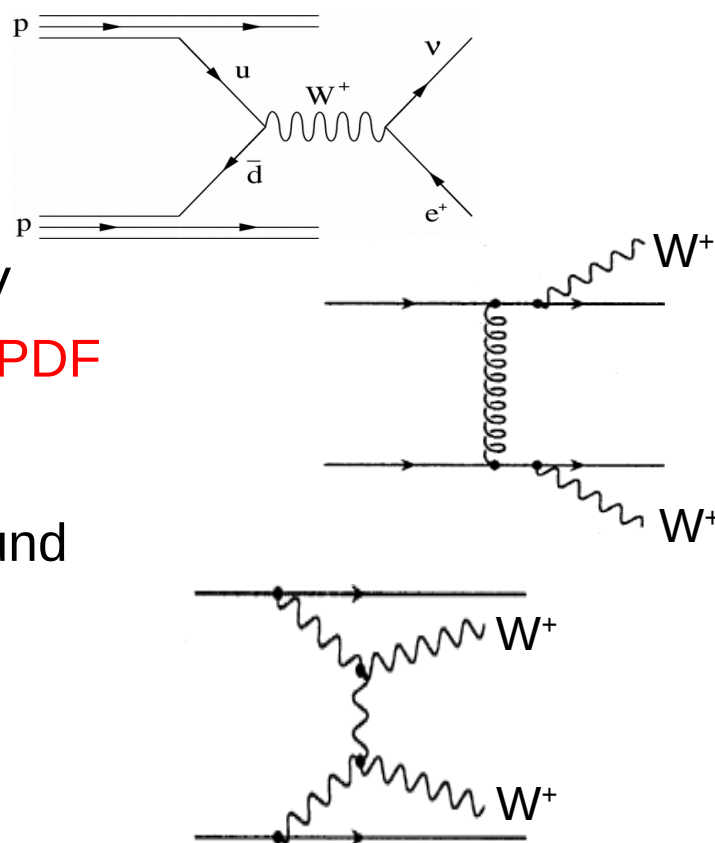
- $\sigma(WW, DPS) \sim 1/3 \cdot \sigma(WWjj, SPS)$ , but SPS background reducible by more than x20 applying jet cuts.

# Case study: p-Pb $\rightarrow$ $W^+W^+, W^-W^-$ at 8.8 TeV

[DdE, Snigirev, PLB718 (2013)1395]

## Theoretical setup:

- ▶ **MCFM 6.2:** Single-parton  $W^+, W^-$   
 $W^+W^+jj$  (QCD) background
  - **NLO** accuracy.
  - **Scales:**  $\mu(W) = m_W, \mu(WW) = 150$  GeV
  - **CT10** proton PDF, **EPS09 Pb nuclear PDF**
  - Uncertainties:  $\sim 10\%$
- ▶ **VBFNLO 2.6.0:**  $W^+W^+jj$  (EWK) background
  - **NLO** accuracy
  - **Scales:**  $\mu^2 = t_{W,Z}$
  - **CT10** PDF
  - Uncertainties:  $< 10\%$



## Cross sections in pb (signal & background):

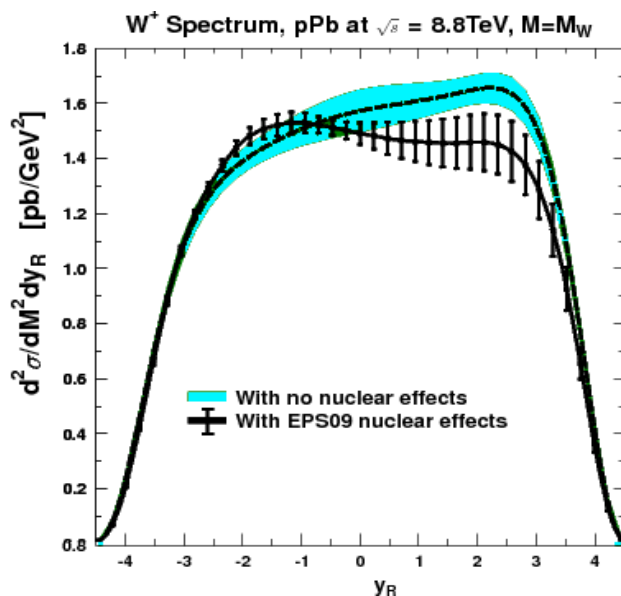
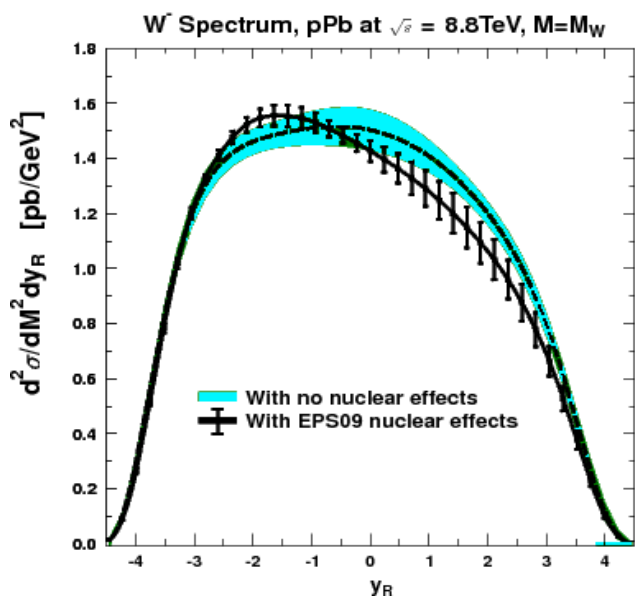
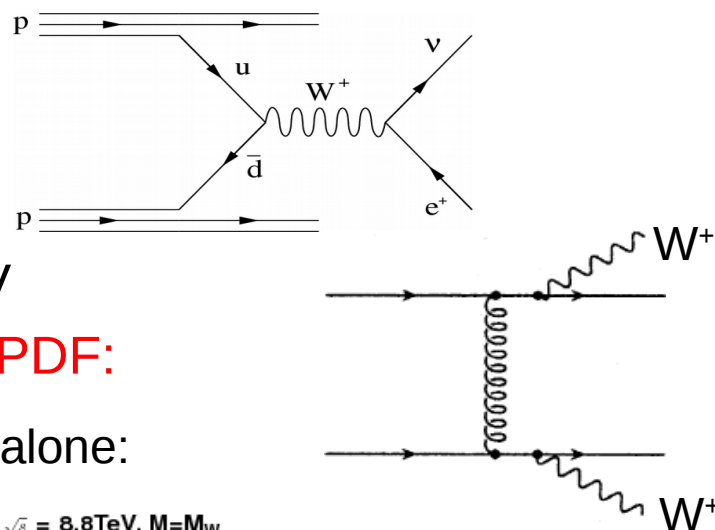
p-Pb final-state:	$W^+$	$W^-$	$W^+W^-$	$W^+W^+jj$ (QCD)	$W^+W^+jj$ (VBF)	$W^\pm W^\pm$ (DPS)
Code (process #):	MCFM (1)	MCFM (6)	MCFM (61)	MCFM (251)	VBFNLO (250)	Eq. (15)
Order ( $\sigma$ units):	NLO ( $\mu\text{b}$ )	NLO ( $\mu\text{b}$ )	NLO (nb)	'NLO' (pb)	NLO (pb)	(pb)
$\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.0$ TeV	$6.85 \pm 0.68$	$5.88 \pm 0.59$	$5.48 \pm 0.56$	$12.1 \pm 1.2$	$12.4 \pm 0.6$	$44. \pm 8.$
$\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 8.8$ TeV	$12.6 \pm 1.3$	$11.1 \pm 1.1$	$13.0 \pm 1.3$	$40.4 \pm 4.0$	$51.8 \pm 2.0$	$152. \pm 27.$

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  - CT10 proton PDF, EPS09 Pb nuclear PDF:
- ~10% effects due nuclear (anti)shadowing alone:



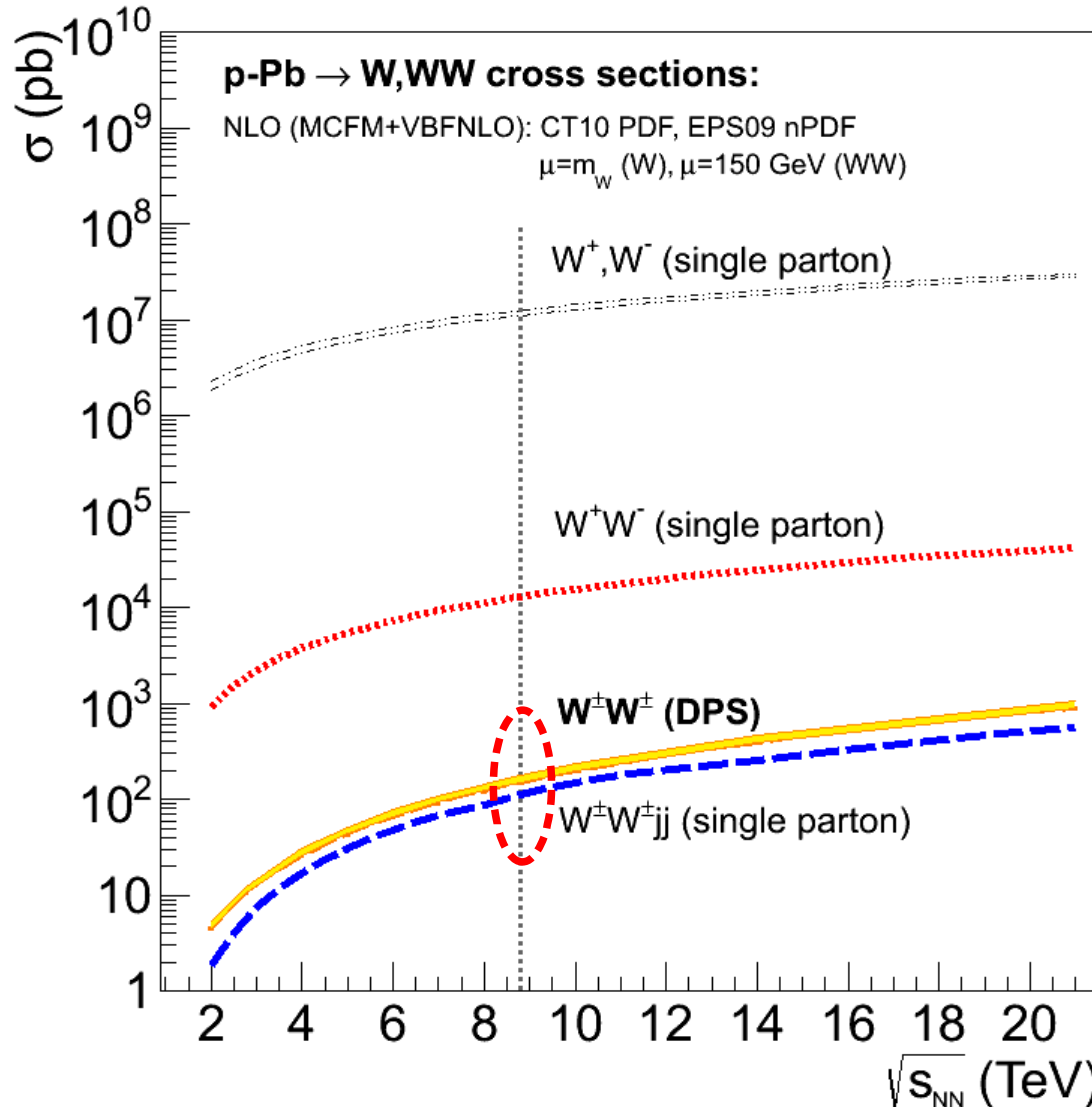
Isospin+shadow.  
effects on total  
inclusive x-sections:  
 $W^-$  : +7%  
 $W^+$  : -15%  
compared to p-p

[Paukkunen&Salgado JHEP 1103 (2011) 071]

# Results: p-Pb $\rightarrow$ $W^+W^+, W^-W^-$ at 8.8 TeV

[DdE, Snigirev, PLB718 (2013)1395]

- Cross sections for all relevant SPS & DPS processes vs  $\sqrt{s}$ :



p-Pb @ 8.8 TeV:

$\sigma(WW, \text{DPS}) \approx 150$  pb

$\sigma(WWjj) \approx 100$  pb

$\pm 18\%$  uncertainties:

$\pm 15\%$  for  $\sigma_{\text{eff}}$

$\pm 10\%$  for scales & PDFs

# Results: p-Pb $\rightarrow$ $W^+W^+, W^-W^-$ at 8.8 TeV

[DdE, Snigirev, PLB718 (2013)1395]

## ■ Measurable final-states:

### ▶ $W$ 's branching ratios:

- $BR(W \rightarrow l\nu) \approx 3 \times 1/9$ ,  $BR(W \rightarrow qq') \approx 2/3$
- **Both leptonic**: 4 final-states ( $\mu\mu, ee, e\mu, \mu e$ ):  $4 \times (1/9)^2 \approx 1/20, 1/16$  (+  $\tau$ )  
[1 leptonic + 1 hadronic (jet-charge):  $2/9 \times 4/3 \approx 0.3$ ]

### ▶ Typical ATLAS/CMS acceptances & efficiencies:

- Leptons:  $|y| < 2.5$ ,  $p_T > 15$  GeV  $\Rightarrow \epsilon_{WW} \approx 40\%$

## ■ LHC p-Pb **luminosities** (note: very small pileup):

- ▶  $\mathcal{L}_{int} = 0.2-2$  pb<sup>-1</sup> (increase to nominal p intensity, reduce beam size)

## ■ **Expected (purely leptonic) rates** including yield losses & luminosity:

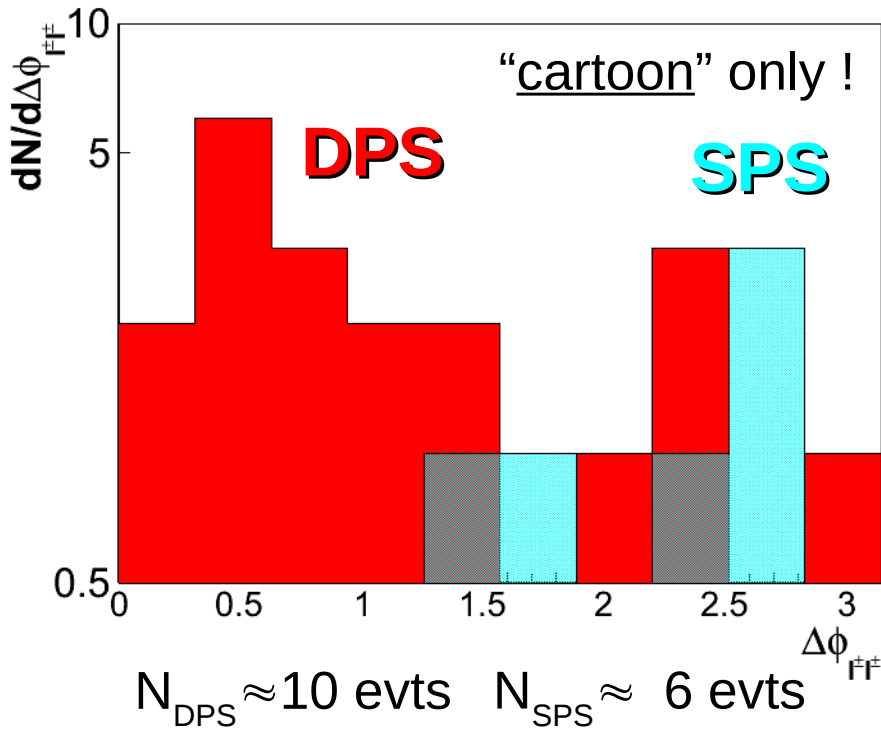
$$\mathcal{N}_{DPS} = \sigma_{pPb \rightarrow WW}^{DPS} / (\epsilon \cdot \mathcal{L}_{int}) \approx \mathbf{1-10 \text{ same-sign } WW \text{ pairs/year}}$$

(factor  $\times 6$  more in 1 lepton + 1-jet channel)

# Results: p-Pb $\rightarrow$ $W^+W^+, W^-W^-$ at 8.8 TeV

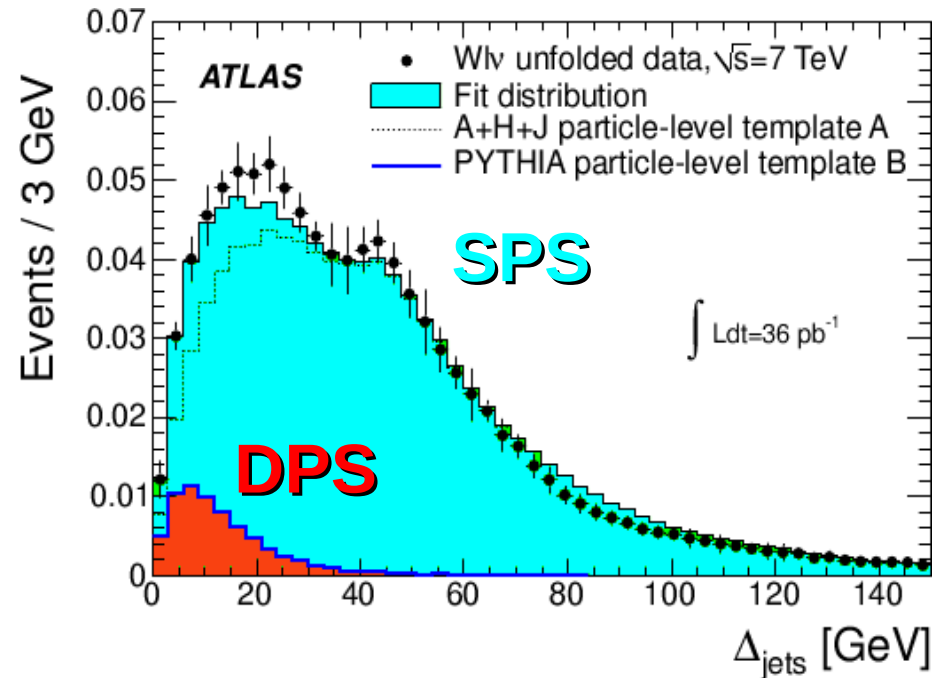
- Typical DPS-sensitive kinematical distributions for signal & background:

p-Pb @ 8.8 TeV ( $2 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ ):  
Same-sign leptons  
azimuthal separation:



(Other reducible bckgds:  $WZ, Z^{(*)}Z^{(*)}, B^0B^0$ )

Compare to:  
p-p  $\rightarrow$   $W+2j$  @ 7 TeV ( $36 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ ):  
dijet azimuthal separation

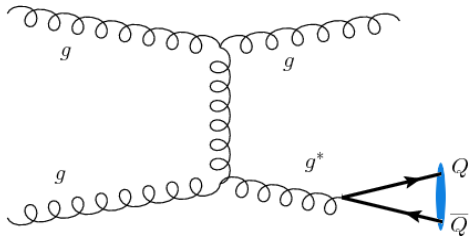




# Example: Pb-Pb $\rightarrow$ J/ $\psi$ J/ $\psi$ at 5.5 TeV

[DdE, Snigirev, PLB727 (2013)157]

## ■ FONLL+CEM (R.Vogt): Single-parton J/ $\psi$

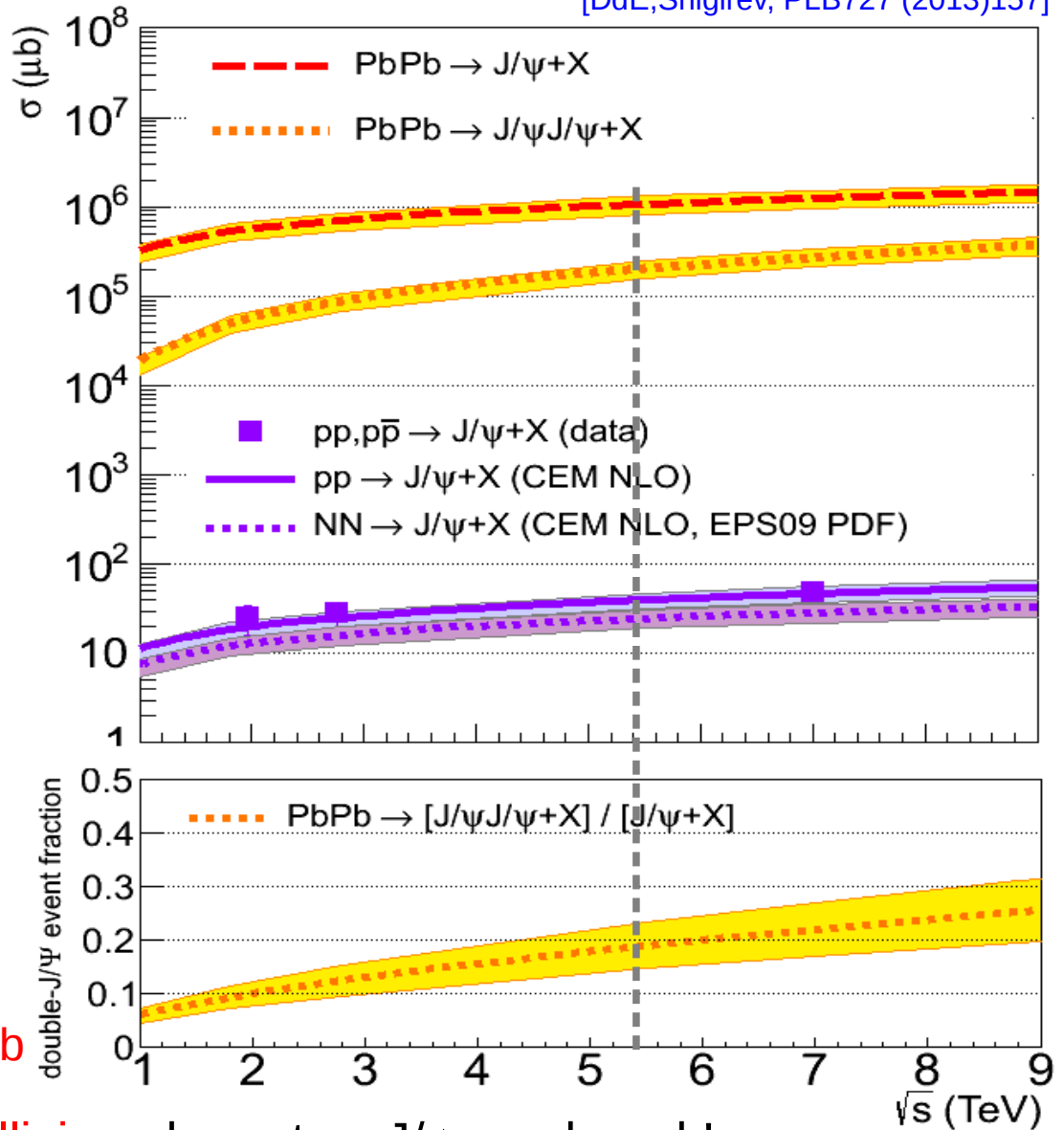


- NLO accuracy.
- Scales:  $\mu_R = \mu_F = 1.5 \cdot m_c$
- Good agreement with Tevatron&LHC data

- EPS09 Pb nPDF  
20–35% shadowing  
x-section reduction

## ■ At 5.5 TeV:

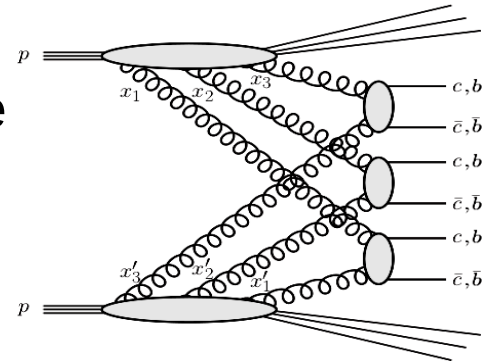
$$\sigma^{\text{DPS}}(\text{Pb-Pb} \rightarrow \text{J}/\psi \text{ J}/\psi \text{ X}) = 200 \pm 50 \text{ mb}$$



20% of min.bias Pb-Pb collisions have two J/ $\psi$  produced !

# Triple parton scattering x-sections (p-p)

- Assuming that the probabilities for 3 hard collisions to be independent of each other, one can again write a pocket-formula for TPS x-section:



$$\sigma_{hh' \rightarrow a_1 a_2 a_3}^{\text{TPS}} = \left( \frac{m}{3!} \right) \frac{\sigma_{hh' \rightarrow a_1}^{\text{SPS}} \cdot \sigma_{hh' \rightarrow a_2}^{\text{SPS}} \cdot \sigma_{hh' \rightarrow a_3}^{\text{SPS}}}{\sigma_{\text{eff,TPS}}^2}$$

normalized by the square of an eff. x-section ( $\sigma_{\text{eff,TPS}}^2$ ) plus a trivial combinatorial factor ( $m/3!$ ) to avoid triple-counting in case of same particles produced:  $m = 1$  if  $a_1 = a_2 = a_3$ ;  $m = 3$  if  $a_1 = a_2$ , or  $a_1 = a_3$ , or  $a_2 = a_3$ ; and  $m = 6$  if  $a_1 \neq a_2 \neq a_3$ .

- How to interpret  $\sigma_{\text{eff,TPS}}$ ? What values one naively expects for it?
- Most generic expression for TPS cross section:

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{hh' \rightarrow a_1 a_2 a_3}^{\text{TPS}} = & \left( \frac{m}{3!} \right) \sum_{i,j,k,l,m,n} \int \Gamma_h^{ijk}(x_1, x_2, x_3; \mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \mathbf{b}_3; Q_1^2, Q_2^2, Q_3^2) \\ & \times \hat{\sigma}_{a_1}^{il}(x_1, x'_1, Q_1^2) \cdot \hat{\sigma}_{a_2}^{jm}(x_2, x'_2, Q_2^2) \cdot \hat{\sigma}_{a_3}^{kn}(x_3, x'_3, Q_3^2) \\ & \times \Gamma_{h'}^{lmn}(x'_1, x'_2, x'_3; \mathbf{b}_1 - \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b}_2 - \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b}_3 - \mathbf{b}; Q_1^2, Q_2^2, Q_3^2) \\ & \times dx_1 dx_2 dx_3 dx'_1 dx'_2 dx'_3 d^2 b_1 d^2 b_2 d^2 b_3 d^2 b. \end{aligned}$$

Generalized PDFs =  $f(x, Q^2, \mathbf{b})$

# Triple parton scattering x-sections (p-p)

- Assumption 1: Factorize generalized Triple-PDF into longitudinal &

transverse components: 
$$\Gamma_h^{ijk}(x_1, x_2, x_3; \mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \mathbf{b}_3; Q_1^2, Q_2^2, Q_3^2) = D_h^{ijk}(x_1, x_2, x_3; Q_1^2, Q_2^2, Q_3^2) f(\mathbf{b}_1) f(\mathbf{b}_2) f(\mathbf{b}_3),$$

p-p transv. overlap function ( $\text{mb}^{-1}$ ): 
$$T(\mathbf{b}) = \int f(\mathbf{b}_1) f(\mathbf{b}_1 - \mathbf{b}) d^2b_1, \text{ with } \int d^2b T(\mathbf{b}) = 1.$$

- Assumption 2: Longitudinal triple-PDF is the product of 3 single PDFs (i.e. no parton correlations in colour, momentum, flavour, spin,...)

$$D_h^{ijk}(x_1, x_2, x_3; Q_1^2, Q_2^2, Q_3^2) = D_h^i(x_1; Q_1^2) D_h^j(x_2; Q_2^2) D_h^k(x_3; Q_3^2)$$

- Then,  $\sigma_{\text{eff,TPS}}^2$  is simply the inverse of the cube of the transv. pp overlap:

$$\sigma_{\text{eff,TPS}}^2 = \left[ \int d^2b T^3(\mathbf{b}) \right]^{-1}$$

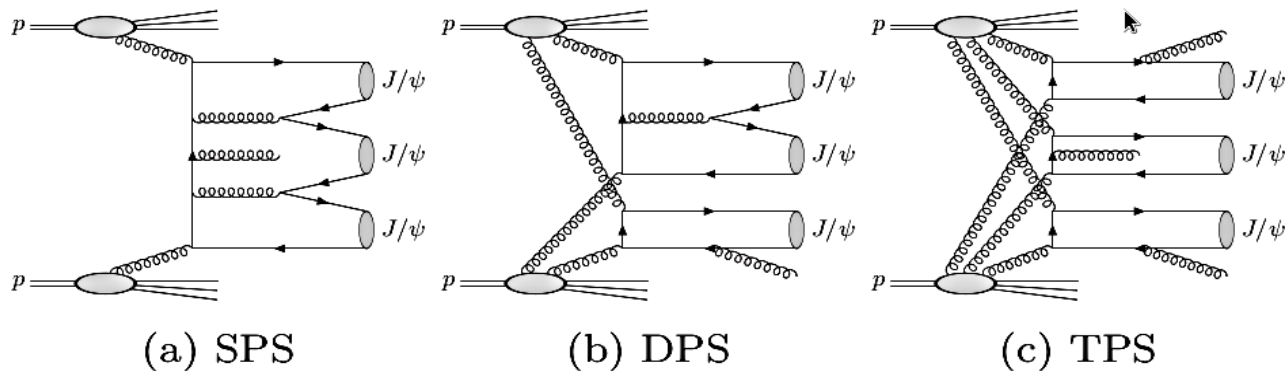
- By testing many proton overlaps/profiles (hard sphere, Gaussian, expo, dipole fit), we find a close relationship between  $\sigma_{\text{eff,TPS}}$  &  $\sigma_{\text{eff}}$ :

$$\sigma_{\text{eff,TPS}} = k \times \sigma_{\text{eff,DPS}}, \text{ with } k = 0.82 \pm 0.11$$

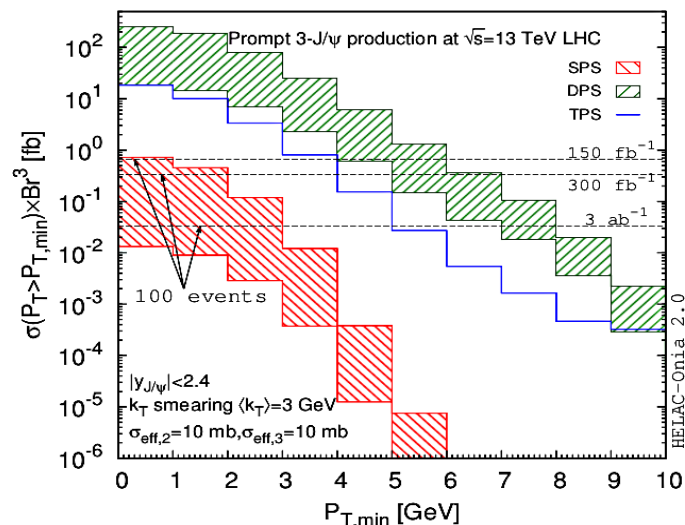
- Measuring TPS provides independent info on  $\sigma_{\text{eff}}$  and p transv. profile.

# Triple- $J/\psi$ from SPS production (p-p)

- H.-S. Shao et al. [arXiv:1902.04949, PRL 122(2019)192002] computed all triple- $J/\psi$  x-sections with SPS HELAC-ONIA plus our pocket formulas:



		inclusive	$2.0 < y_{J/\psi} < 4.5$	$ y_{J/\psi}  < 2.4$
13 TeV	SPS	$0.41^{+2.4}_{-0.34} \pm 0.0083$	$(1.8^{+11}_{-1.5} \pm 0.18) \times 10^{-2}$	$(8.7^{+56}_{-7.5} \pm 0.098) \times 10^{-2}$
	DPS	$(190^{+501}_{-140}) \times \frac{10 \text{ mb}}{\sigma_{\text{eff},2}}$	$(7.0^{+18}_{-5.1}) \times \frac{10 \text{ mb}}{\sigma_{\text{eff},2}}$	$(50^{+140}_{-37}) \times \frac{10 \text{ mb}}{\sigma_{\text{eff},2}}$
	TPS	$130 \times \left(\frac{10 \text{ mb}}{\sigma_{\text{eff},3}}\right)$	$1.3 \times \left(\frac{10 \text{ mb}}{\sigma_{\text{eff},3}}\right)$	$18 \times \left(\frac{10 \text{ mb}}{\sigma_{\text{eff},3}}\right)$
27 TeV	SPS	$0.46^{+2.9}_{-0.39} \pm 0.022$	$(3.2^{+22}_{-2.8} \pm 0.21) \times 10^{-2}$	$(5.8^{+39}_{-5.1} \pm 0.29) \times 10^{-2}$
	DPS	$(560^{+2900}_{-480}) \times \frac{10 \text{ mb}}{\sigma_{\text{eff},2}}$	$(19^{+97}_{-16}) \times \frac{10 \text{ mb}}{\sigma_{\text{eff},2}}$	$(120^{+630}_{-100}) \times \frac{10 \text{ mb}}{\sigma_{\text{eff},2}}$
	TPS	$570 \times \left(\frac{10 \text{ mb}}{\sigma_{\text{eff},3}}\right)$	$5.0 \times \left(\frac{10 \text{ mb}}{\sigma_{\text{eff},3}}\right)$	$57 \times \left(\frac{10 \text{ mb}}{\sigma_{\text{eff},3}}\right)$
75 TeV	SPS	$0.59^{+4.4}_{-0.52} \pm 0.016$	$(3.0^{+25}_{-2.7} \pm 0.23) \times 10^{-2}$	$(7.2^{+63}_{-6.5} \pm 0.38) \times 10^{-2}$
	DPS	$(1900^{+11000}_{-1600}) \times \frac{10 \text{ mb}}{\sigma_{\text{eff},2}}$	$(57^{+340}_{-50}) \times \frac{10 \text{ mb}}{\sigma_{\text{eff},2}}$	$(310^{+2000}_{-270}) \times \frac{10 \text{ mb}}{\sigma_{\text{eff},2}}$
	TPS	$3900 \times \left(\frac{10 \text{ mb}}{\sigma_{\text{eff},3}}\right)$	$27 \times \left(\frac{10 \text{ mb}}{\sigma_{\text{eff},3}}\right)$	$260 \times \left(\frac{10 \text{ mb}}{\sigma_{\text{eff},3}}\right)$
100 TeV	SPS	$1.1^{+8.4}_{-1.0} \pm 0.044$	$(4.5^{+33}_{-4.0} \pm 0.72) \times 10^{-2}$	$(36^{+290}_{-32} \pm 1.8) \times 10^{-2}$
	DPS	$(3400^{+19000}_{-2900}) \times \frac{10 \text{ mb}}{\sigma_{\text{eff},2}}$	$(100^{+550}_{-86}) \times \frac{10 \text{ mb}}{\sigma_{\text{eff},2}}$	$(490^{+3000}_{-430}) \times \frac{10 \text{ mb}}{\sigma_{\text{eff},2}}$
	TPS	$6500 \times \left(\frac{10 \text{ mb}}{\sigma_{\text{eff},3}}\right)$	$45 \times \left(\frac{10 \text{ mb}}{\sigma_{\text{eff},3}}\right)$	$380 \times \left(\frac{10 \text{ mb}}{\sigma_{\text{eff},3}}\right)$



- SPS negligible, DPS (TPS) dominates at low (high)  $p_T$ .

Clear sensitivity to  $\sigma_{\text{eff}}$  !