# Shedding light on hadron structure with ultra-peripheral collisions

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# LHC as a $\gamma\gamma$ , $\gamma p$ and $\gamma Pb$ collider



### Ultra-peripheral (UPC) collisions: b > R<sub>1</sub>+R<sub>2</sub>

 $\rightarrow$  hadronic interactions strongly suppressed

### High photon flux

 $\rightarrow$  well described in Weizsäcker-Williams

approximation (quasi-real photons)

- $\rightarrow$  flux proportional to Z<sup>2</sup>
- $\rightarrow$  high cross section for  $\gamma$ -induced reactions

# Pb-Pb UPC at LHC can be used to study γ- γ, γ-p, γ-Pb interactions at higher center-of-mass energies than ever before

Recent reviews on UPC physics: A.J. Baltz et al, Phys. Rept. 458 (2008) 1 J.G. Contreras, J.D. Tapia Takaki. Int.J.Mod.Phys. A30 (2015) 1542012

# From typical hadronic interaction...



# to ultra-peripheral collisions



- Experimental signature: few signal tracks in an otherwise empty detector
- Wide acceptance coverage is important to ensure event emptiness
- Zero degree calorimeters (ZDC) serve to veto hadronic interactions

# $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow dileptons$



# Light-by-light scattering

- Forbidden in classical electrodynamics
- Possible channel to study anomalous gauge couplings and contributions from BSM particles

Evidence for light-by-light scattering in UPCs in agreement with SM predictions 4.1σ (CMS) and 4.4σ (ATLAS) significance





### ATLAS, Nature Physics 13, 852 (2017)



# Vector meson photoproduction in UPC



Exclusive vector meson production cross section in UPC can be factorized in two parts:

- QED: photon flux
- QCD: vector meson photoproduction:  $\sigma(W_{yp})$

# $J/\psi$ photoproduction in UPC

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LO pQCD: exclusive J/ψ photoproduction cross section is proportional to the **square of the gluon density in the target**:

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\gamma A \to J/\psi A}}{dt}\Big|_{t=0} = \frac{M_{J/\psi}^3 \Gamma_{ee} \pi^3 \alpha_s^2(Q^2)}{48\alpha_{\rm em} Q^8} \Big[ xg_A(x,Q^2) \Big]$$

- J/ $\psi$  mass serves as a hard scale:  $Q^2 \sim \frac{M_{J/\psi}^2}{4} \sim 2.5 \ {
  m GeV}^2$
- Bjorken  $x \sim 10^{-2} 10^{-5}$  accessible at LHC:

$$x = \frac{M_{J/\psi}^2}{W_{\gamma p}^2} = \frac{M_{J/\psi}}{2E_p} \exp(\pm y)$$

Vector meson photoproduction in UPC allows one to probe poorly known **gluon distributions at low** *x* 





# ALICE: exclusive J/ $\psi$ in p-Pb UPC



Wide energy range in ALICE extends HERA coverage:

- 2 beam configurations (p-Pb and Pb-p)
- 3 options to measure dilepton  $J/\psi$  decays

#### both muons in the muon arm



one muon in the muon arm, the other in the barrel



both leptons in the barrel



# $J/\psi$ photoproduction off a proton



- Nice agreement between HERA in ep, LHCb in pp and ALICE in p-Pb
- Energy dependence well described with a power law fit
   → no clear signs of saturation

# p-Pb @ 8.16 TeV



- x10 more stat at high  $W_{\gamma p} \approx 0.7$ -1.4 TeV
- Aim to study exclusive and proton-dissociative cross section behaviour at high W<sub>vp</sub>



#### Predictions for protondissociative cross section



Cepila, Contreras, Takaki: PLB766 (2017) 186

### Can we use this data to constrain gluon PDFs?

#### Caveats:

- J/ψ photoproduction probes generalized gluon distributions (two gluons have different x values)
  - Connected with collinear PDFs via Shuvaev transform:
     PRD 60 (1999) 014015
- Scale uncertainty  $\mu^2 \sim 2.4-3 \text{ GeV}^2$  is a reasonable choice
  - Guzey, Zhalov: JHEP 1310 (2013) 207
- Large NLO contributions
  - Y measurements reveal importance of NLO effects





# $J/\psi$ photoproduction on Pb target

Coherent J/ $\psi$  photoproduction cross section is proportional to the square of the gluon density in nuclei

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\gamma A \to J/\psi A}}{dt}\Big|_{t=0} = \frac{M_{J/\psi}^3 \Gamma_{ee} \pi^3 \alpha_s^2(Q^2)}{48\alpha_{\rm em} Q^8} \Big[xg_A(x,Q^2)\Big]^2$$

J/ψ photoproduction in Pb-Pb UPC (lead target) provides information on **gluon shadowing in nuclei at low x** 

$$R_g^A(x,Q^2) = \frac{g_A(x,Q^2)}{Ag_p(x,Q^2)} - \mathbf{g}\mathbf{I}$$

gluon shadowing factor



Nuclear shadowing = suppression of cross section on a nucleus compared to sum of cross sections on individual nucleons. Explained by destructive interference among amplitudes for interaction with 1, 2 and more nucleons

# Parton distributions in nuclei (nPDFs)

nPDFs are fundamental QCD quantities for the description of DIS, pA, AA collisions

- determine initial state in heavy ion collisions
- required for quantitative estimates for the onset of saturation



#### **Determination of nPDFs:**

#### EPPS16 : EPJ C (2017) 77

Resulting nPDFs have rather large uncertainties, especially for small-x gluons due to:

- Limited kinematics
- Indirect extraction of gluons via Q<sup>2</sup> evolution

# **Coherent and incoherent photoproduction**



ALICE. Eur. Phys. J. C73 (2013) 2617

### Two types of photoproduction processes:

- Coherent:
  - photon couples coherently to all nucleons
  - $-\langle p_{\rm T}\rangle \sim 1/R_{\rm Pb} \sim 60 \,{\rm MeV/c}$
- Incoherent:
  - photon couples to a single nucleon
  - $-\langle p_{\rm T}\rangle \sim 1/R_{\rm p} \sim 450 \,{\rm MeV/c}$
  - usually accompanied by neutron emission
- Other contributions:  $J/\psi$  from coherent and incoherent  $\psi'$  decays and  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow II$



### Coherent J/ $\psi$ photoproduction: results from Run 1



Several competing approaches:

- Empirical shadowing parameterizations: AB, PRC85 (2012) 044904
- Shadowing in leading twist approximation (LTA): RSZ, PLB 710 (2012) 252
- Color dipole model + saturation: GM: PRC84 (2011) 011902, CSS: PRC86 (2012) 014905, LM: PRC87 (2013) 032201

Good agreement with EPS09 and LTA shadowing

## Gluon shadowing from photoproduction data

Nuclear suppression factor:

$$S(W_{\gamma p}) \equiv \left[\frac{\sigma_{\gamma Pb \to J/\psi Pb}^{\exp}(W_{\gamma p})}{\sigma_{\gamma Pb \to J/\psi Pb}^{IA}(W_{\gamma p})}\right]^{1/2}$$

Experimental cross section in Pb-Pb UPC divided by the photon flux

#### Impulse approximation:

forward photoproduction cross section off proton (HERA) times integral over squared Pb form-factor



- Nuclear suppression factor S gives direct access to R<sub>g</sub>(x,μ~2.4 GeV)
- First direct evidence of large gluon nuclear shadowing: R<sub>g</sub>(x,µ~2.4 GeV) ~ 0.6
- Many complications (skewness, NLO, scale uncertainty and higher-twist corrections) are likely minimized – S factor can be used in global nPDF fits

# First run 2 results (Pb-Pb 2015)



• 90-95% contribution of high-*x*: 0.7-3 x 10<sup>-2</sup>

 Back-of-the-envelope calculation (neglect low-x):

Data/Impulse approximation ~ 0.6 => shadowing factor ~  $\sqrt{0.6}$  ~ 0.8



# + J/ $\psi$ in central barrel



access to x ~ 0.5 x 10<sup>-3</sup>



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# First observation in UPC: $J/\psi \rightarrow p\bar{p}$



Continuum  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow p\bar{p}$  might be also interesting, e.g. Kłusek-Gawenda, Lebiedowicz, Nachtmann, Szczurek: PRD96 (2017) 094029

# News from Pb-Pb2018

#### **Delivered Luminosity 2018**



### Ultimate goal: access gluon shadowing at x~10<sup>-5</sup>



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Two terms in vector meson photoproduction cross section in UPC:

Neutron-differential cross sections may help to decouple low-x and high-x cross sections:

known fluxes measured  $\sigma_{\gamma \mathrm{Pb}}(+y)\sigma_{\gamma \mathrm{Pb}}(+y) + n_{0\mathrm{N0N}}(-y)\sigma_{\gamma \mathrm{Pb}}(-y),$  $\sigma_{0N0N}(y)$ no neutrons:  $n_{0NXN}(+y)\sigma_{\gamma Pb}(+y) + n_{0NXN}(-y)\sigma_{\gamma Pb}(-y)$  $\sigma_{0NXN}(y)$ neutrons on one side:

Effective flux in J/ $\psi$  photoproduction is modified in presence of additional photon exchange

unknown photoproduction cross sections

# Run3-4 projections (Pb-Pb)

#### Expected statistics in Run 3-4 (13 /nb):

Yellow report on Run3-4: 1812.06772

PbPb								
	σ	All	Central	Central	Forward	Forward		
Meson		Total	ALICE	CMS, ATLAS	ALICE	LHCb		
$\rho \to \pi^+ \pi^-$	5.2b	68 B	5.5 B	21B	4.9 B	13 B		
$\rho' \to \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^-$	730 mb	9.5 B	210 M	2.5 B	190 M	1.2 B		
$\phi \to K^+ K^-$	0.22b	2.9 B	82 M	490 M	15 M	330 M		
$J/\psi \to \mu^+ \mu^-$	2.5 mb	32 M	3.0 M	15 M	1.2 M	3.3 M		
$\psi' \to \mu^+ \mu^-$	64µb	830 K	82 K	410 K	31 K	79 K		
$\Upsilon(1S) \to \mu^+ \mu^-$	$2.6 \mu b$	33 K	4.0 K	20K	880	2.0 K		



#### Main goals for Run3-4:

- access to gluon shadowing at low x
- probe gluon distribution in transverse plane



Guzey, Strikman, Zhalov PRC95 (2017) 025204

# Run3-4 projections (p-Pb)

Expected statistics in Run 3-4 (2/nb):

Yellow report on Run3-4: 1812.06772

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y=-3.5 p+Pb $\rightarrow$ Pb+p+J/ low energy  $\gamma A \rightarrow AJ/\psi$ high energy  $\gamma p \rightarrow pJ/\psi$ 

pPb - lead shine, $\gamma p$								
	$\sigma$	A	Central	Central	Forward	Forward	Backwarc	Backward
Meson		Tot	ALICE C	MS, ATLAS	ALICE	LHCb	ALICE	LHCb
$\rho \to \pi^+ \pi^-$	35 mb	70 B	3.9 B	15 B	2.0 B	5.5 B	850 M	2.0 B
$\phi \to K^+ K^-$	$870~\mu b$	1.7 B	65 M	290 M	22 M	120 M	9.7 M	52 M
$J/\psi \to \mu^+\mu^-$	$6.2 \ \mu b$	12 M	1.0 M	5.2 M	260 K	800 K	180 K	430 K
$\psi(2S) \to \mu^+ \mu^-$	134 nb	270 K	22 K	110 K	6.0 K	18 K	3.2 K	7.7 K
$Y(1S) \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	5.74 nb	11 K	1.1 K	5.4 K	310	880	41	100

pPb - proton shine, $\gamma A$									
	σ	А	Central	Central	Forward	Forward	Backwarc	Backwar	d 🍕
Meson		Tot	ALICE C	MS, ATLAS	ALICE	LHCb_	ALICE	LHCb	j
$\rho \to \pi^+ \pi^-$	531µb	1.1 B	83 M	360 M	20 M	44 M	56 M	150 M	-
$\phi \to \mathrm{K}^+\mathrm{K}^-$	23 µb	46 M	1.3 M	8.0 M	120 K	1.7 M	210 K	3.9 M	•
$\mathrm{J}/\psi  ightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$	333 nb	670 K	55 K	290 K	14K	36 K	15 K	41 K	
$\psi(2S) \to \mu^+ \mu^-$	8.9 nb	18 K	1.5 K	7.9 K	380	990	380	1.0 K	
$Y(1S) \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	0.43 nb	860	93	460	14	34	14	30	

Main goals:

Precision measurements on vector meson photoproduction off proton

Access gluon shadowing at 10<sup>-5</sup> with proton-shine gamma off lead

Guzey, Zhalov: JHEP 1402 (2014) 046

0.0 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 1.0

pt, GeV

### Coherent J/ $\psi$ in hadronic collisions?



- Data shows an excess of  $J/\psi$  at low  $p_T < 200 \text{ MeV/c} (R_{AA} \sim 7)$
- Possible interpretation: coherent photoproduction on nuclear fragments

### Coherent J/ $\psi$ in hadronic collisions: news from Run2



ALI-PREL-309948

### Low-x gluons with coherent J/ $\psi$ in hadronic collisions?



# Summary

- Continuum  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow$  I+I- cross sections consistent with LO predictions — Validate photon fluxes obtained with EPA
- Photoproduction of vector mesons in UPC at LHC allows one to study gluon distributions at unprecedently high energies
- Coherent J/ $\psi$  photoproduction cross sections in UPC shows direct evidence of large gluon shadowing R(x=10<sup>-3</sup>) ~ 0.6
- Unexpected discoveries: coherent  $J/\psi$  in hadronic events
- Expect lots of high precision data on photoproduction of vector mesons in UPC in Run3-4

# On nuclear shadowing

### **Glauber shadowing (modeling of several consequent interactions):**



$$\sigma_{\rm tot}^{\pi D} = 2 \, \sigma_{\rm tot}^{\pi N} - \frac{(\sigma_{\rm tot}^{\pi N})^2}{4\pi} \left\langle \frac{1}{r^2} \right\rangle_D$$

shadowing = destructive interference
between single and multiple interactions

**Gribov shadowing (coherent interaction via intermediate diffractive states):** 



$$\sigma_{\rm tot}^{\pi D} = 2\sigma_{\rm tot}^{\pi N} - 2\int d\vec{k}^2 \rho \left(4\vec{k}^2\right) \frac{d\sigma_{\rm diff}^{\pi N}(\vec{k})}{d\vec{k}^2}$$

### Leading twist shadowing (generalization of Gribov shadowing to the parton level):



$$\begin{split} xf_{j/A}^{(b)}(x,Q^2) &= -8\pi A(A-1) \Re e \frac{(1-i\eta)^2}{1+\eta^2} \int_x^{0.1} dx_{\mathbb{P}} \beta f_j^{D(4)}(\beta,Q^2,x_{\mathbb{P}},t_{\min}) \\ &\times \int d^2 \vec{b} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz_1 \int_{z_1}^{\infty} dz_2 \, \rho_A(\vec{b},z_1) \rho_A(\vec{b},z_2) e^{i(z_1-z_2)x_{\mathbb{P}}m_N}. \end{split}$$

shadowing is expressed via diffractive PDFs

### **Photoproduction cross-section from ALICE data**

V. Guzei, E. Kryshen, M. Strikman, M. Zhalov. Phys. Lett. B726 (2013) 290



 $J/\psi$  photoproduction cross section from ALICE data:

$$\sigma_{\gamma P b \to P b J/\psi}(W_{\gamma p} = 19.6 \,\text{GeV}) = 6.1^{+1.8}_{-2.0} \,\mu\text{b}$$
  
 $\sigma'_{\gamma P b \to P b J/\psi}(W_{\gamma p} = 92.4 \,\text{GeV}) = 17.2 \pm 2.1 \,\mu\text{b}$ 

### Photoproduction cross-section in the Impulse Approximation



 $\sigma_{\gamma Pb \to PbJ/\psi}^{IA}(W_{\gamma p} = 92.4 \,\text{GeV}) = 47.7 \pm 2.6 \,\mu\text{b}$ 

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### Estimation of the nuclear suppression factor

V. Guzei, E. Kryshen, M. Strikman, M. Zhalov. Phys. Lett. B726 (2013) 290

• J/psi photoproduction cross section measured by ALICE:

$$\sigma_{\gamma Pb \to PbJ/\psi}(W_{\gamma p} = 19.6 \,\text{GeV}) = 6.1^{+1.8}_{-2.0} \,\mu\text{b}$$
  
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• J/psi photoproduction cross section in the Impulse Approximation:

$$\sigma_{\gamma Pb \to PbJ/\psi}^{IA}(W_{\gamma p} = 19.6 \,\text{GeV}) = 11.1 \pm 0.6 \,\mu\text{b}$$
  
$$\sigma_{\gamma Pb \to PbJ/\psi}^{IA}(W_{\gamma p} = 92.4 \,\text{GeV}) = 47.7 \pm 2.6 \,\mu\text{b}$$

• Nuclear suppression factor:

$$S(W_{\gamma p}) \equiv \left[\frac{\sigma_{\gamma P b \to J/\psi P b}(W_{\gamma p})}{\sigma_{\gamma P b \to J/\psi P b}^{IA}(W_{\gamma p})}\right]^{1/2}$$

$$S(W_{\gamma p} = 19.6 \text{ GeV}) = 0.74^{+0.11}_{-0.12}$$
  
 $S(W_{\gamma p} = 92.4 \text{ GeV}) = 0.61^{+0.05}_{-0.04}$