

Reporte de Actividades

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ALICE

A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY

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J/psi production in ultra-peripheral heavy-ion collisions at forward rapidity with the ALICE experiment

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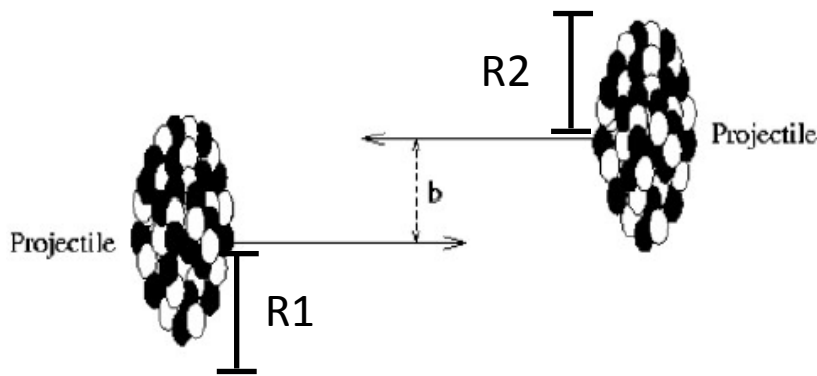


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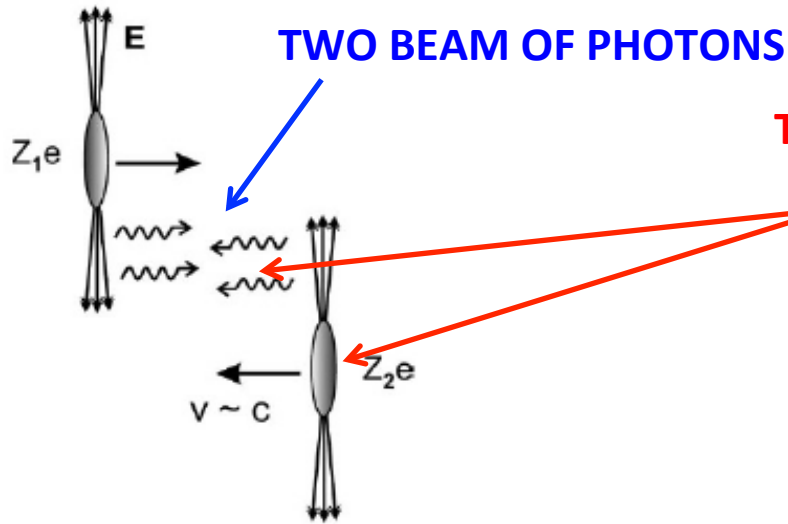
Peripheral collision: 

Ultra-peripheral collision: 

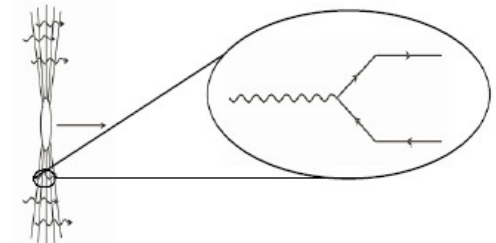
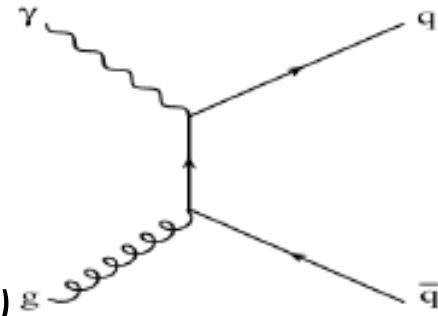
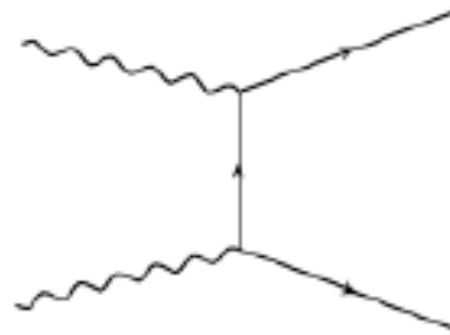
- **Two heavy nuclei not overlapping**
 - $b > b_{\min} \approx 2R$



The ultra peripheral collisions occurs if $b > R1 + R2$ → the photons and nuclei can interact in several ways.



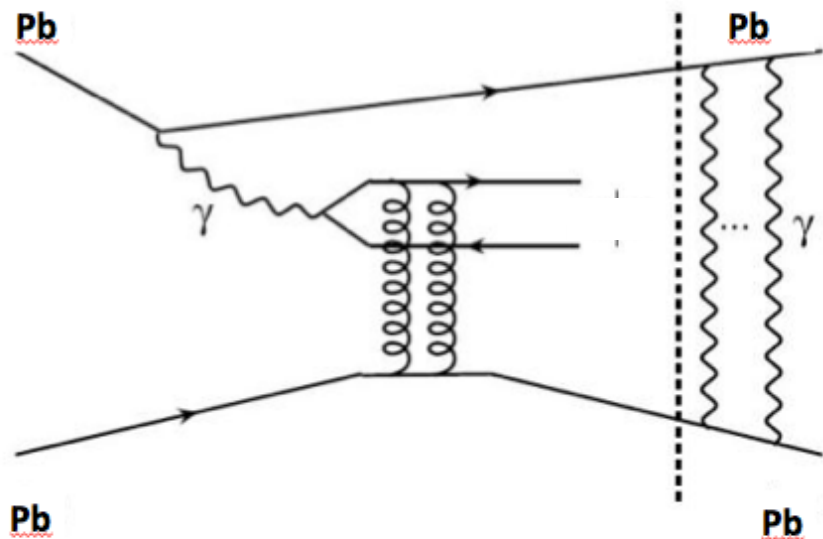
Two ions (or protons) pass by each other with impact parameters $b > 2R$



1. Electromagnetic interaction: $\gamma + \gamma$

2. Direct photonuclear interaction: $\gamma + \text{parton}$ ($\gamma + g \rightarrow qq$, $g + q \rightarrow \text{jet} + \text{jet}$)

3. Resolved photonuclear interaction (VMD), elastic or inelastic



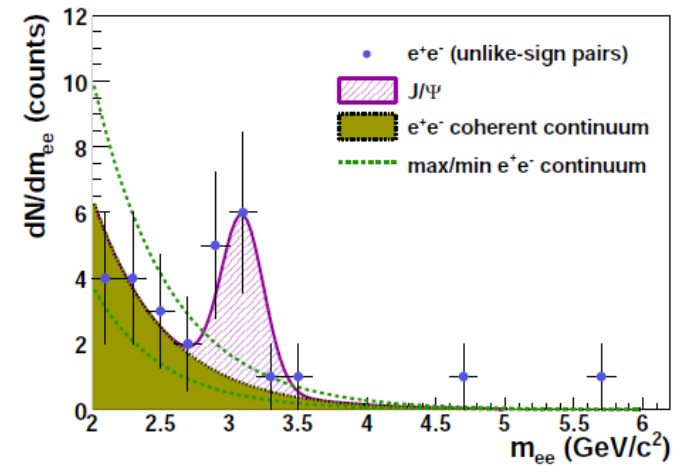
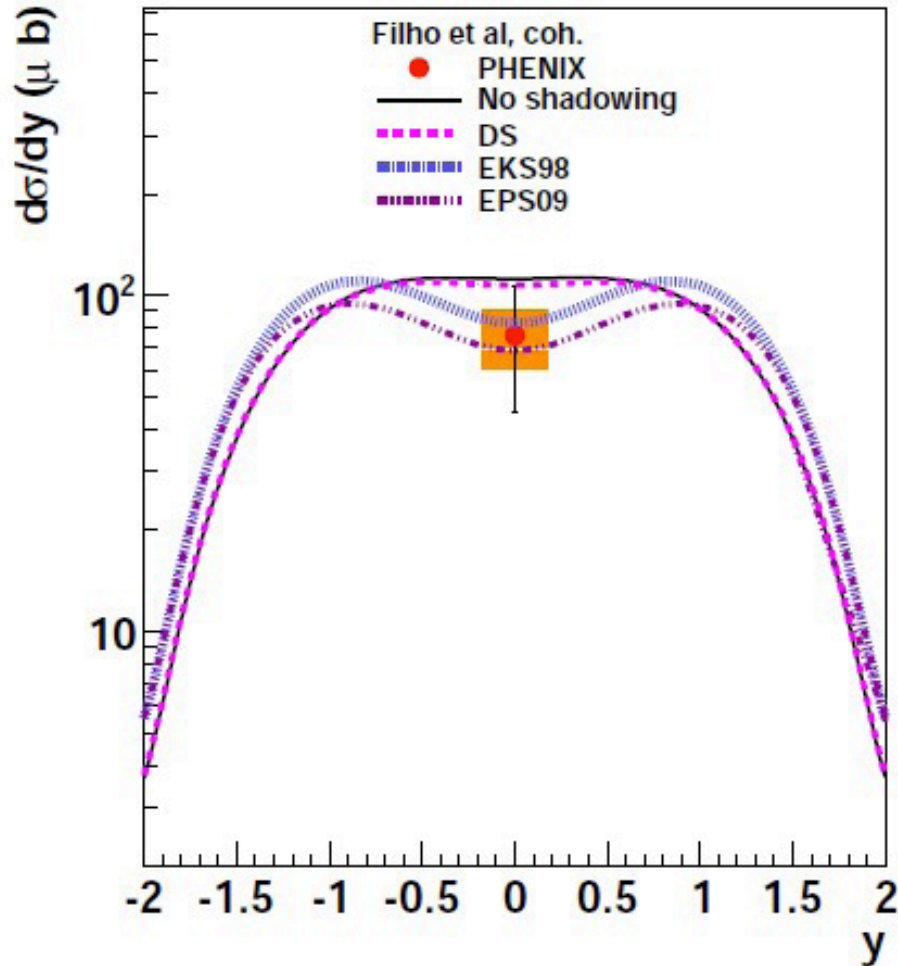
- $J/\psi, \Upsilon$
- $\sigma(\gamma p \rightarrow V p)$ calculable from pQCD
- 2-gluon exchange
- Sensitive probe of $g(x)$, $g^2(x)$

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma(\gamma A \rightarrow V A)}{dt} \right|_{t=0} = \frac{\alpha_s^2 \Gamma_{ee}}{3\alpha M_V^5} 16\pi^3 [xG_A(x, Q^2)]^2, \text{ with } Q^2 = M_V^2/4, \text{ and } x = M_V^2/W_{\gamma A}^2$$

Ryskin, Roberts, Martin, Levin, *Z. Phys C* 76 (1997) 231, Frankfurt LL, McDermott MF, Strikman M, *J. High Energy Physics* 02:002 (1999) and Martin AD, Ryskin MG, Teubner T *Phys.Lett.* B454:339 (1999)



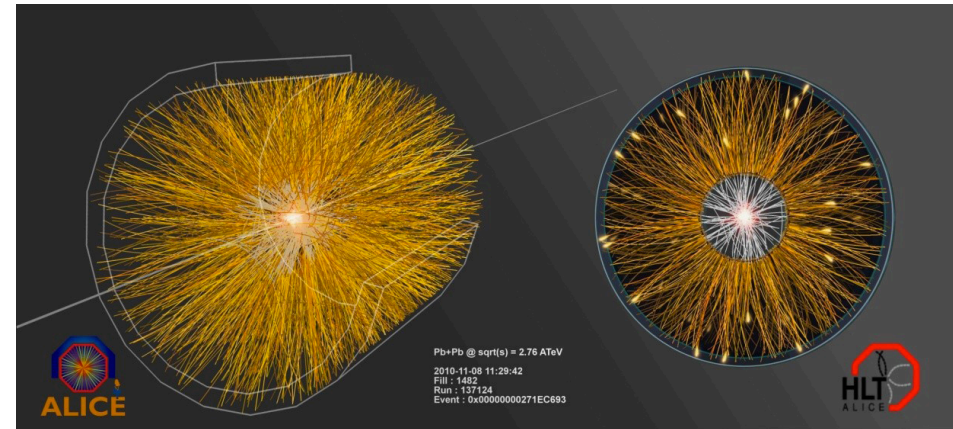
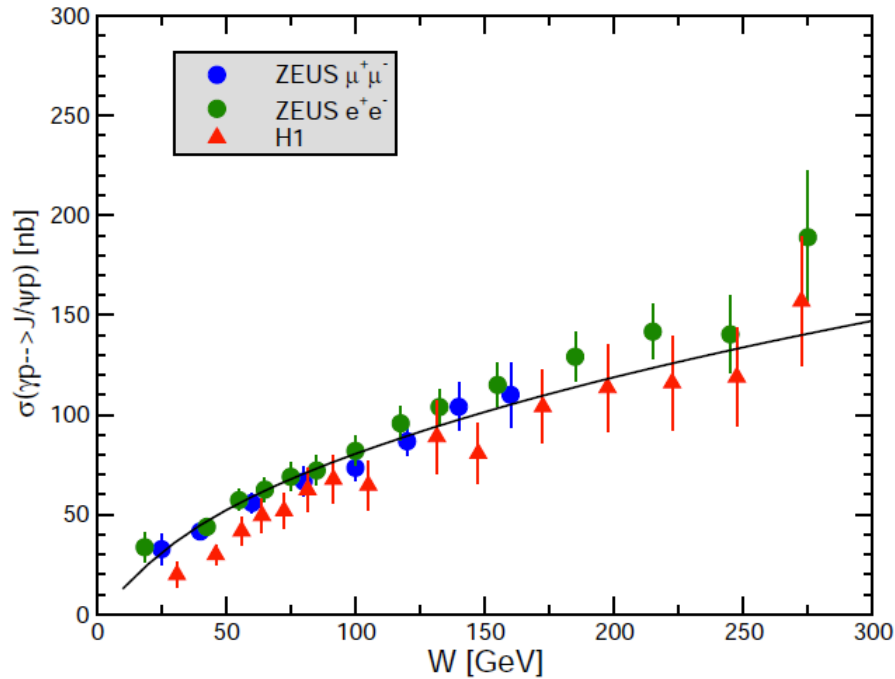
PHENIX - RHIC RESULTS



- **Two processes**
 - **Coherent:** $\gamma + A \rightarrow J/\psi + A$
 - **Incoherent:** $\gamma + A \rightarrow J/\psi + X$, dominated by $\gamma + N \rightarrow J/\psi + N$
- **Predicted cross sections**
 - Models differ by the way shadowing is taken into account

***Au+Au collisions at 200 GeV
PHENIX study:
PLB Vol 679, issue 4, p. 321-333***

Physics Motivations



LHC: $W_{\text{max}} \sim 950 \text{ GeV}$

HERA: $W_{\text{max}} \sim 300 \text{ GeV}$

RICH : $W_{\text{max}} \sim 34 \text{ GeV}$

H1: A. Aktas *et al.* Eur.Phys. J.C46:585-603,2006
ZEUS:S. Chekanov et al., Nucl. Phys. B695 (2004) 3.
A. Martin et al. Phys.Lett. B 662:252-258, 2008



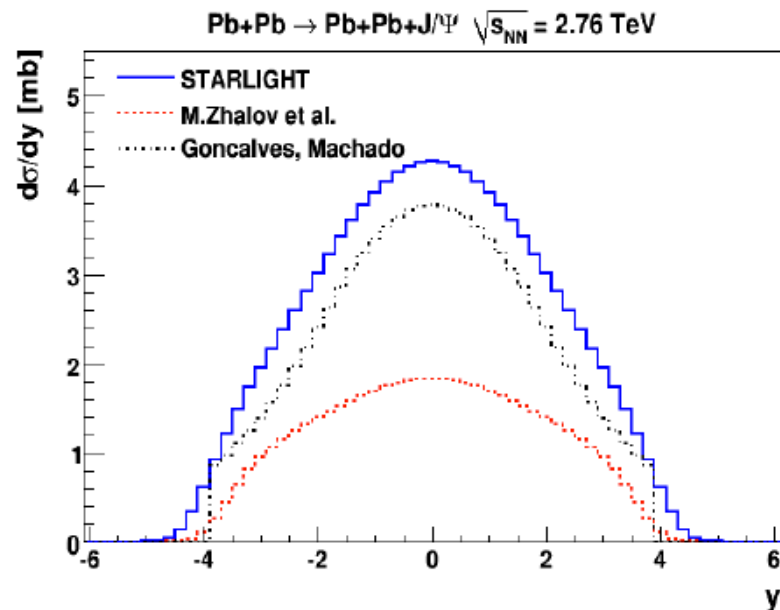
Probe the gluon distribution of the nuclei

Total J/ψ cross section: 23 mb (STARLIGHT) ν 10.3 mb Strikman, Zhalov, et al.

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\gamma T \rightarrow J/\psi T}(t=0)}{dt} = \frac{16\Gamma_{ee}\pi^3}{3\alpha_{em}M_{J/\psi}^5} \left[\alpha_s(\mu^2)xG_T(x, \mu^2) \right]^2$$

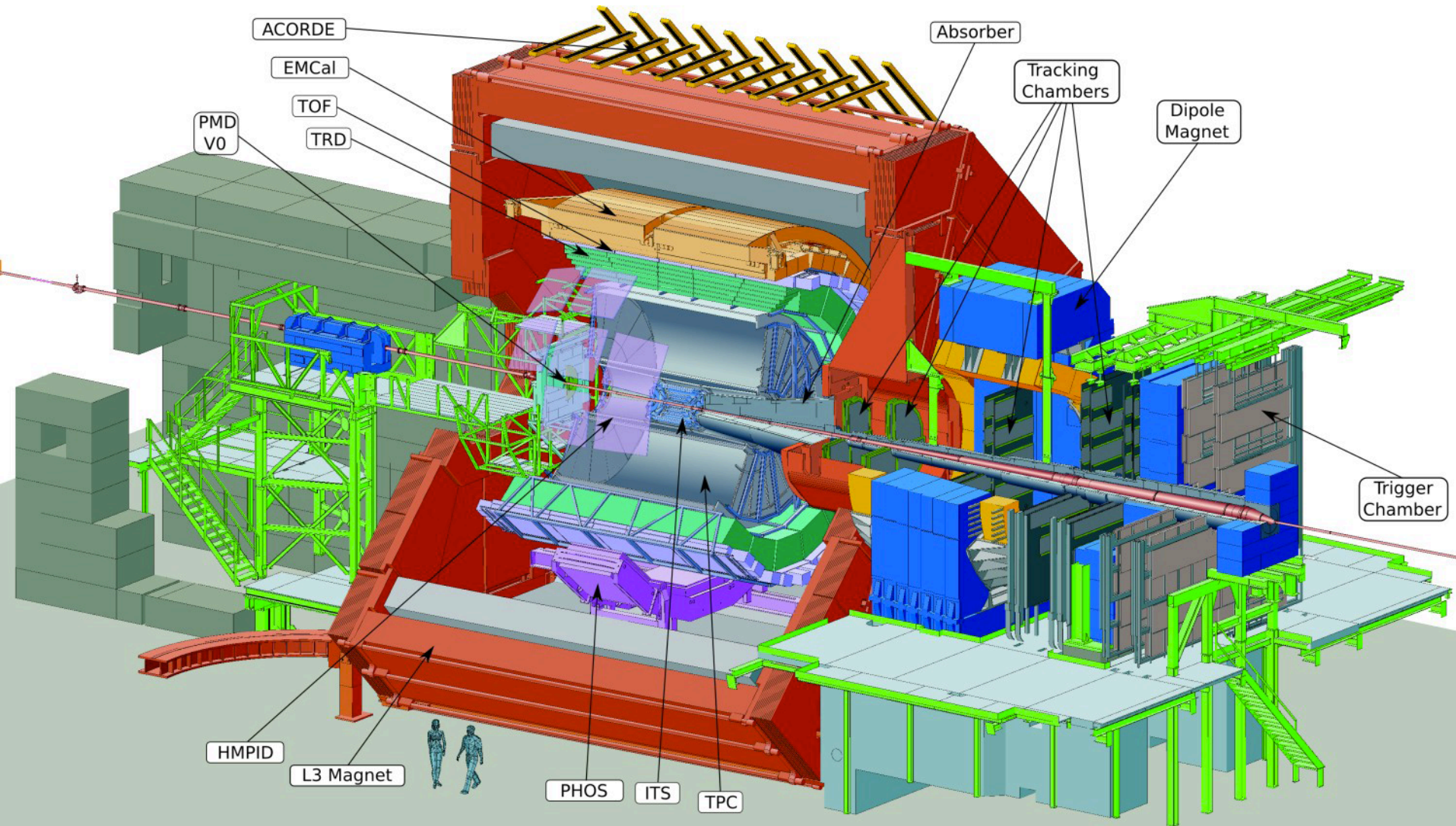
At leading order
perturbative QCD, it
depends quadratically on
the gluon distribution

STARLIGHT: S.R.Klein, J.Nystrand
Phys. Rev. C 60 (1999) 014903.
L. Frankfurt, M. Strikman, M. Zhalov
Phys. Lett. B 626 (2005) 72.
V.P. Goncalves, M.V.T. Machado
Phys. Rev. C 84 (2011) 011902.



Should provide a measure of the
nuclear gluon shadowing

ALICE detector



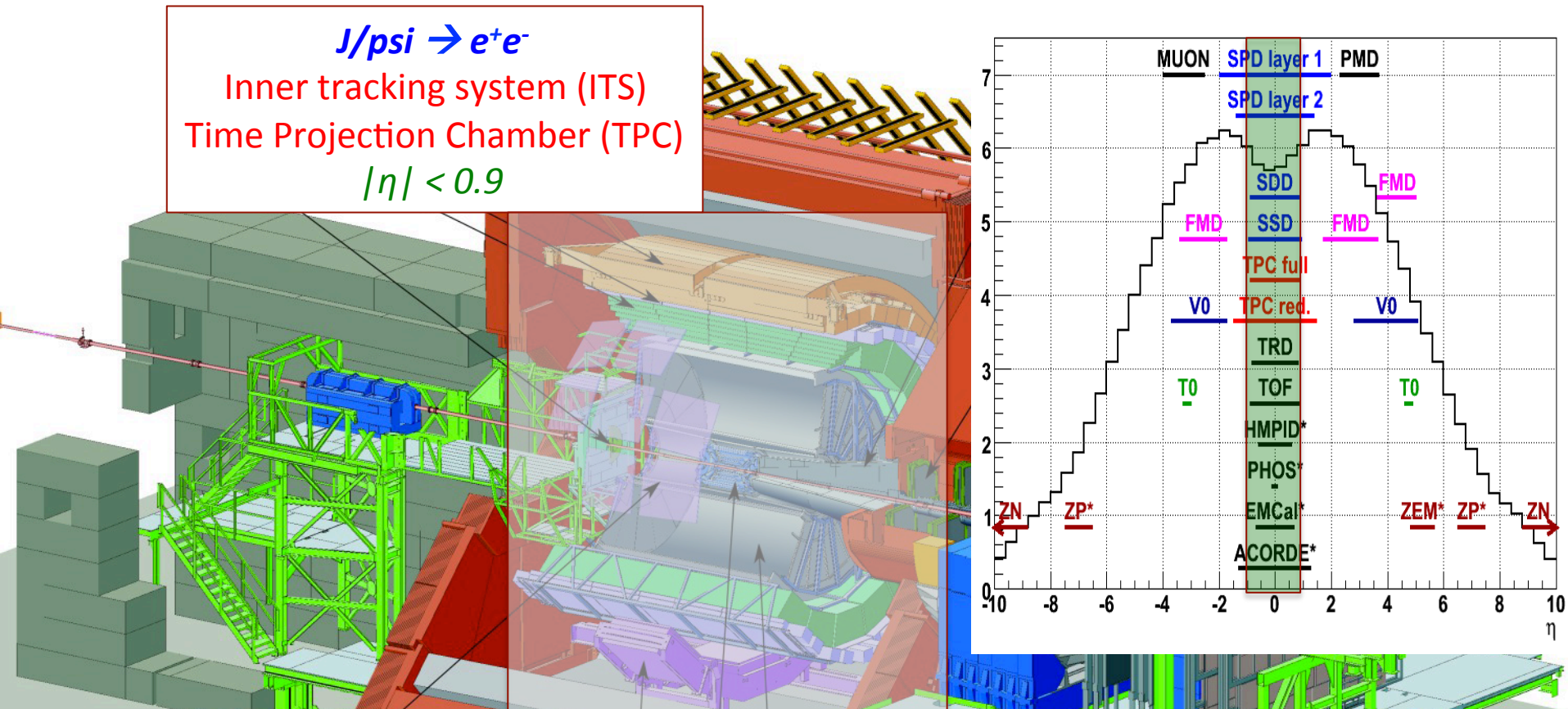
ALICE detector



$$J/\psi \rightarrow e^+e^-$$

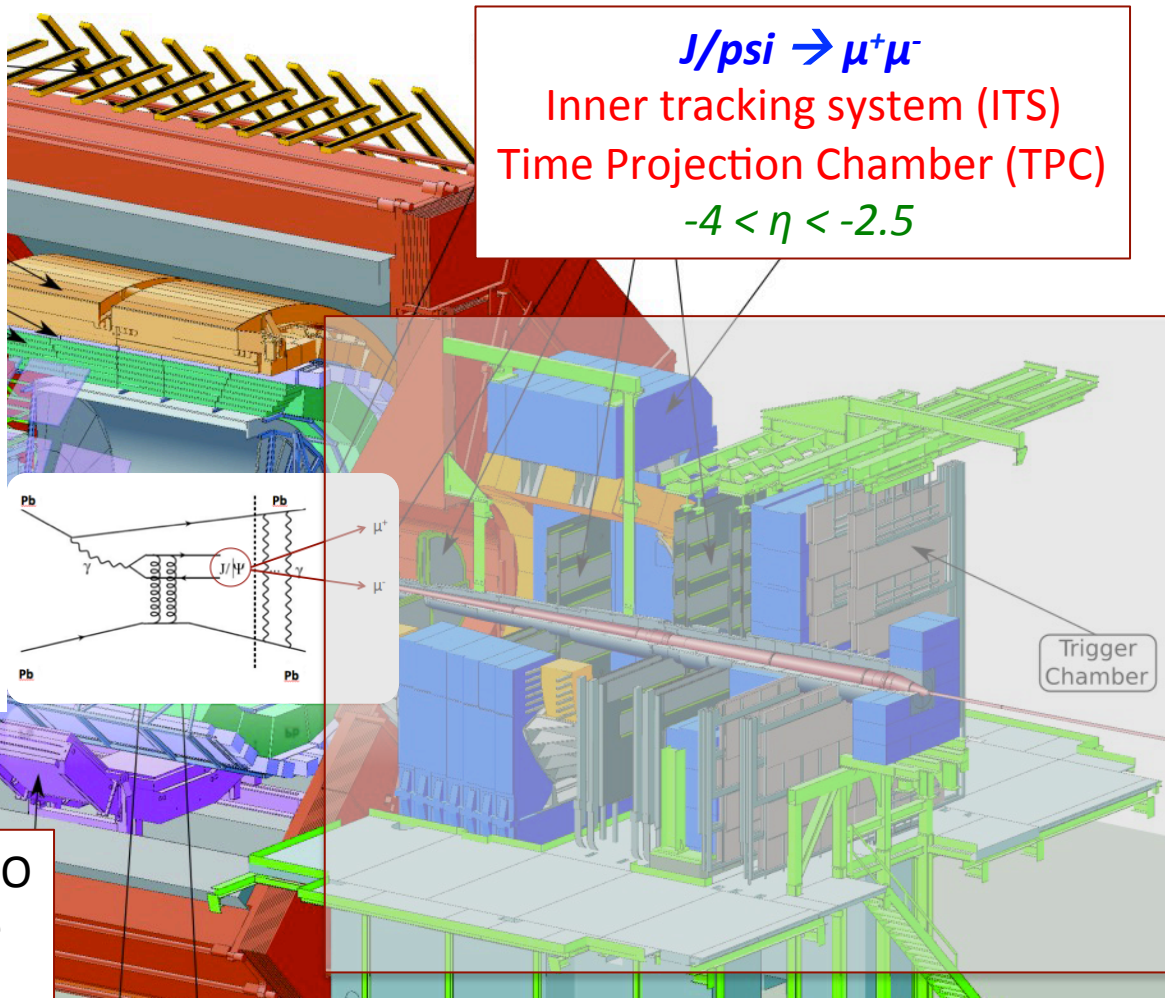
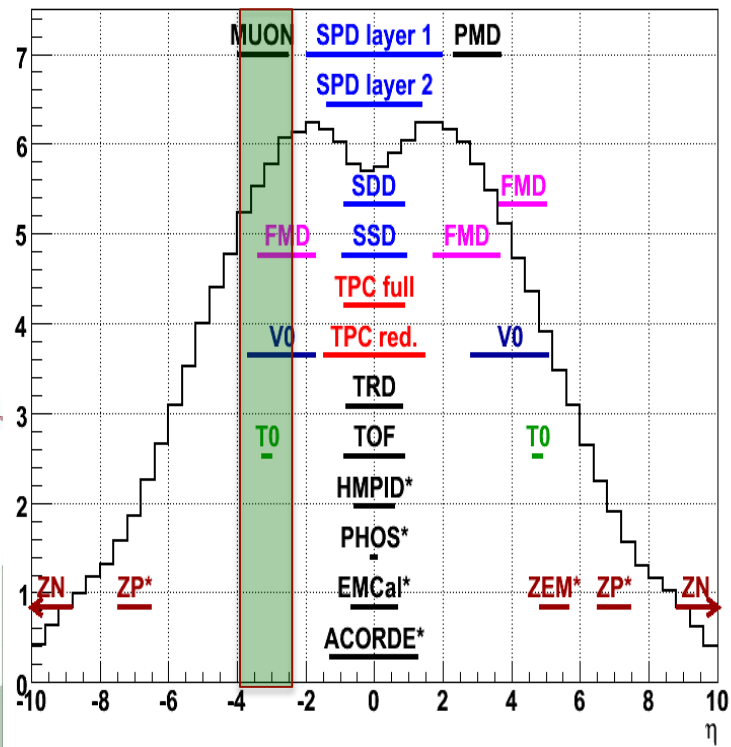
Inner tracking system (ITS)
Time Projection Chamber (TPC)

$$|\eta| < 0.9$$



Central rapidity: TOF trigger requiring a hit multiplicity to be between 2 and 6, vetoing signals from both VZERO detectors, and with at least 2 hits in SPD. In addition, at least one of the triggered tracks by TOF has the angular correlation $150^\circ < \Delta\phi < 180^\circ \rightarrow \sim 8$ M central barrel UPC triggers collected in 2011

ALICE detector

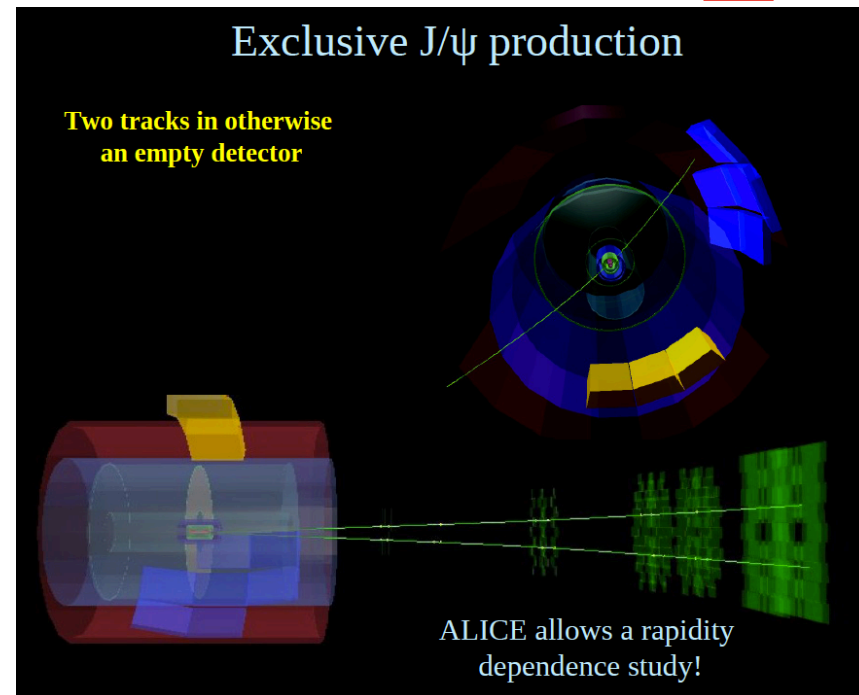
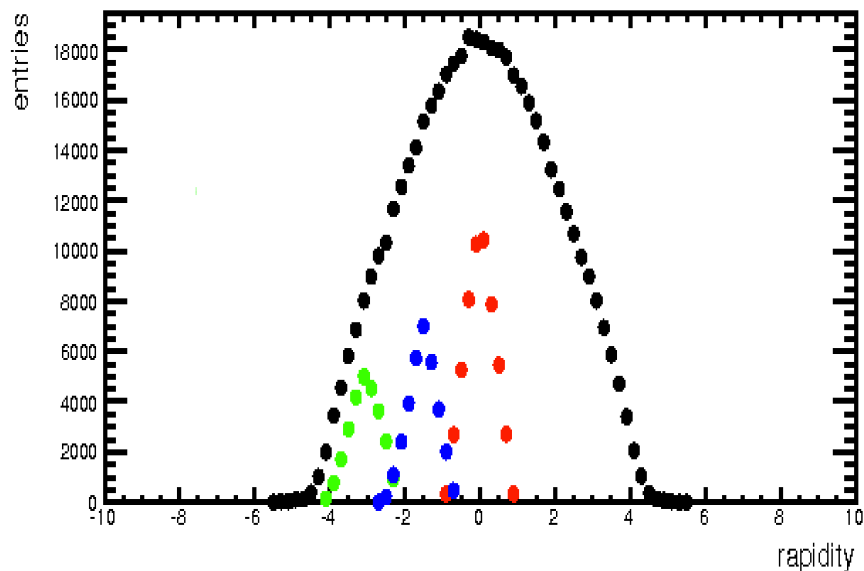


Forward rapidity: Muon arm + VZERO
 trigger: at least one muon candidate
 + veto on VZERO-A.

~ 3.4 M muon UPC triggers collected in 2011



Starlight simulations for coherent J/psi



Three J/psi analysis are possible in ALICE

1. Both dileptons (muons or electrons) at central rapidity, $-0.9 < y < 0.9$
2. Both muons at forward rapidity, $-4.0 < y < -2.5$
3. One forward muon and the other at mid-rapidity



Luminosity determination

of UPC-fwd. triggers analyzed: 3,161,675 (~ 97.01% of the available statistic)

1 VLN

$$L_{VLN} = \frac{N_{L2a}^{MUP1}}{N_{L0b}^{MUP1}} \cdot \frac{f_{found} N_{VLN}}{\sigma_{VLN}} \quad (1)$$

where

- N_{L2a}^{MUP1} is the number of *CMUP1-B* triggers at L2a level.
- N_{L0b}^{MUP1} is the number of *CMUP1-B* triggers at L0b level.
- f_{found} is the ratio between the number of *CMUP1-B* triggers found in the analysis respect to the number of L2a triggers.
- N_{VLN} is the number of L0b VLN triggers.
- $\sigma_{VLN} = 4.1 - 4\% + 7\% b$ is the CVLN cross section measured and reported at <https://indico.cern.ch/getFile.py/access?contribId=0&resId=0&materialId=slides&confId=187635>.

In this case, there is no trigger livetime correction associated to N_{VLN} as it was measured from a trigger class at L0b.

2 1ZED

$$L_{ZDC} = \frac{N_{L2a}^{MUP1}}{N_{L0b}^{MUP1}} \cdot \frac{f_{found} N_{ZDC}}{\sigma_{ZDC}} \quad (2)$$

where

- N_{L2a}^{MUP1} is the number of *CMUP1-B* triggers at L2a level.
- N_{L0b}^{MUP1} is the number of *CMUP1-B* triggers at L0b level.
- f_{found} is the ratio between the number of *CMUP1-B* triggers found in the analysis respect to the number of L2a triggers.
- N_{ZDC} is the number of 1ZED triggers.
- $\sigma_{ZDC} = 371.4 \pm 0.6(stat.) + 24 - 19(syst.) b$ is the cross section measured and reported at <https://aliceinfo.cern.ch/ArtSubmission/node/100>

In this case, there is no trigger livetime correction associated to N_{ZDC} as it was measured from a trigger input rather than from a trigger class.

3 MB

$$L_{MB} = f_D \cdot \frac{N^{MB}(0 - 90\%)}{0.90 \cdot \sigma^{MB}} \quad (3)$$

where

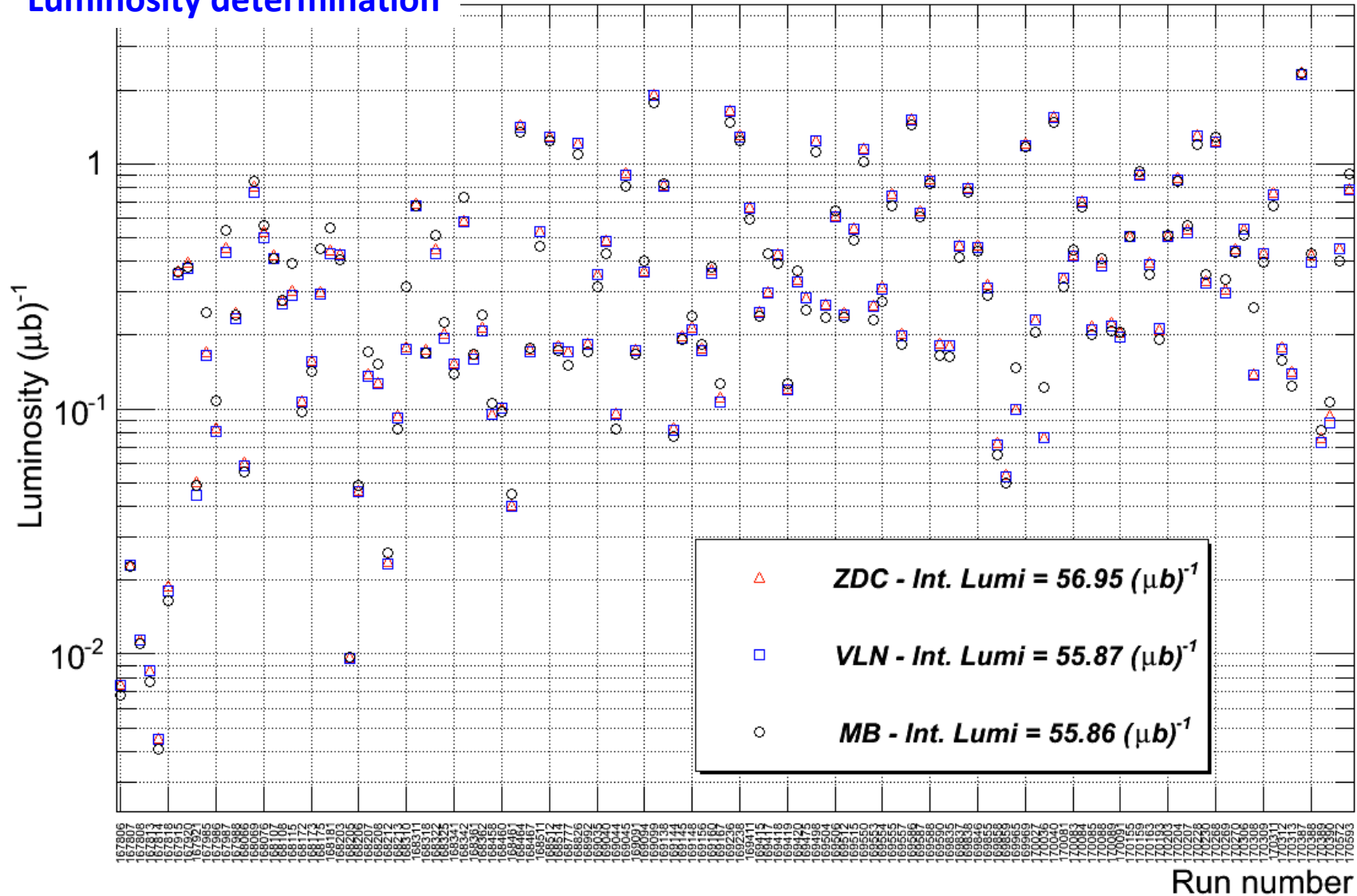
- $f_D = \frac{\# \text{ of CPB1(L0b) triggers}}{\# \text{ of CPB1(L0b) triggers}}$
- $N^{MB}(0 - 90\%)$ is the number of MB triggers found between 0 and 90 % of centrality.
- $\sigma^{MB} = 7.45 b$.

Because the J/ψ candidates collected by the *MUP1* trigger class and the MB events were measured in the same trigger group, they share the same trigger livetime.

Analysis of data



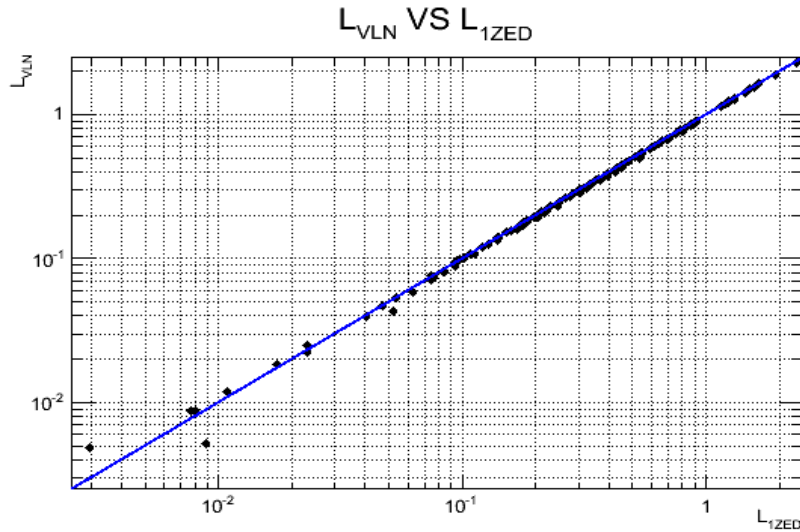
Luminosity determination



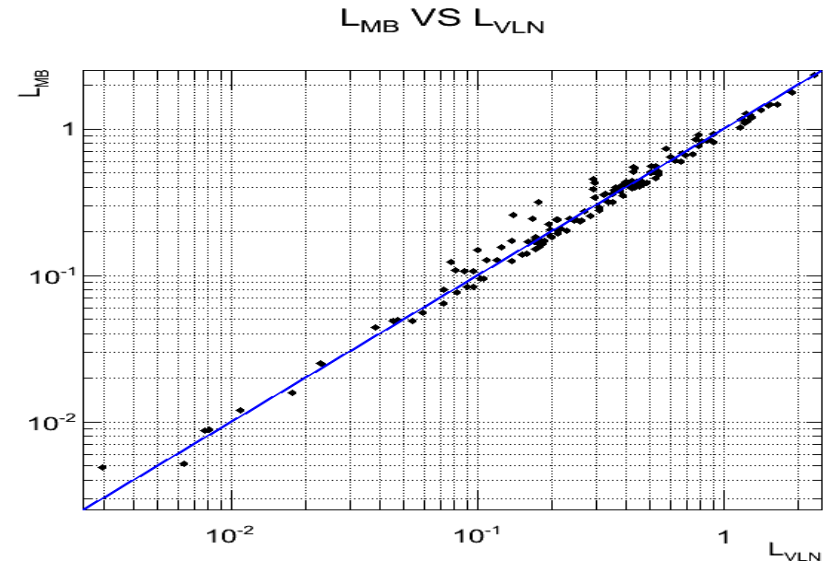
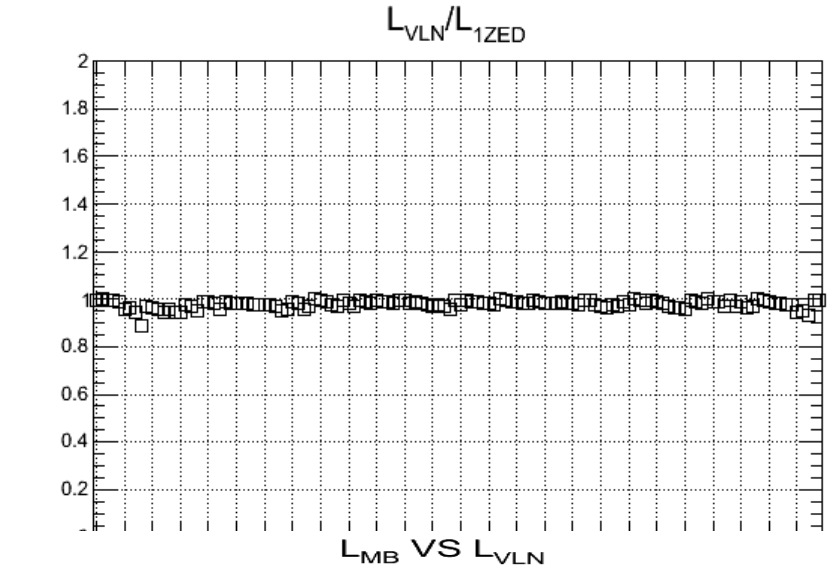
Analysis of data



Luminosity determination



There is good agreement
run per run between the
VLN and ZDC methods.





Signal yield extraction

Strategy

- 1.- Analyze the MC production of UPC events in the forward region (lh11h period).
- 2.- Fit the invariant mass spectrum of the J/ψ (MC) to estimate the values of *sigma*, *alpha* and *n* for the Crystal Ball model (CB).

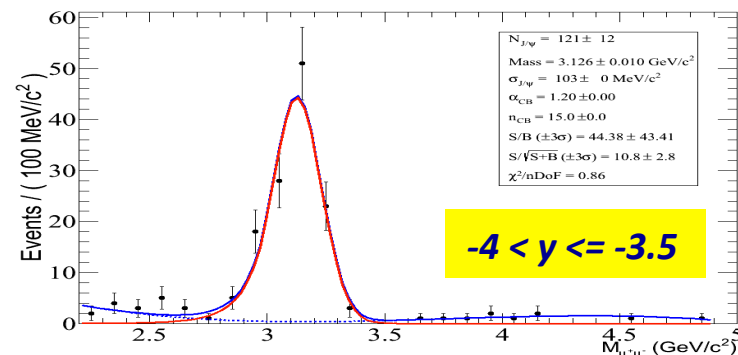
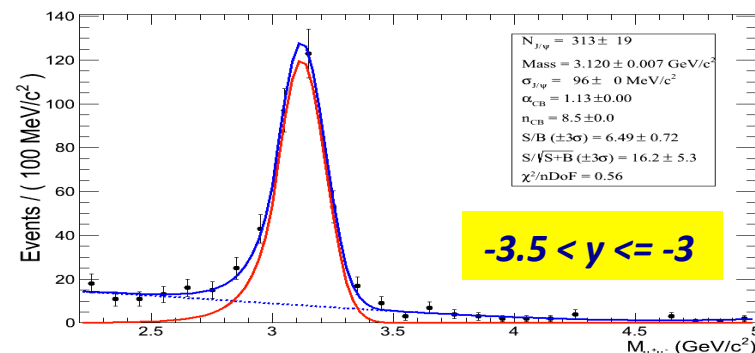
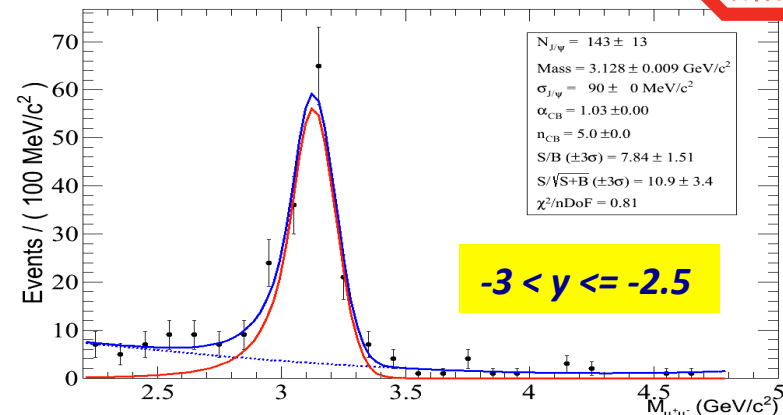
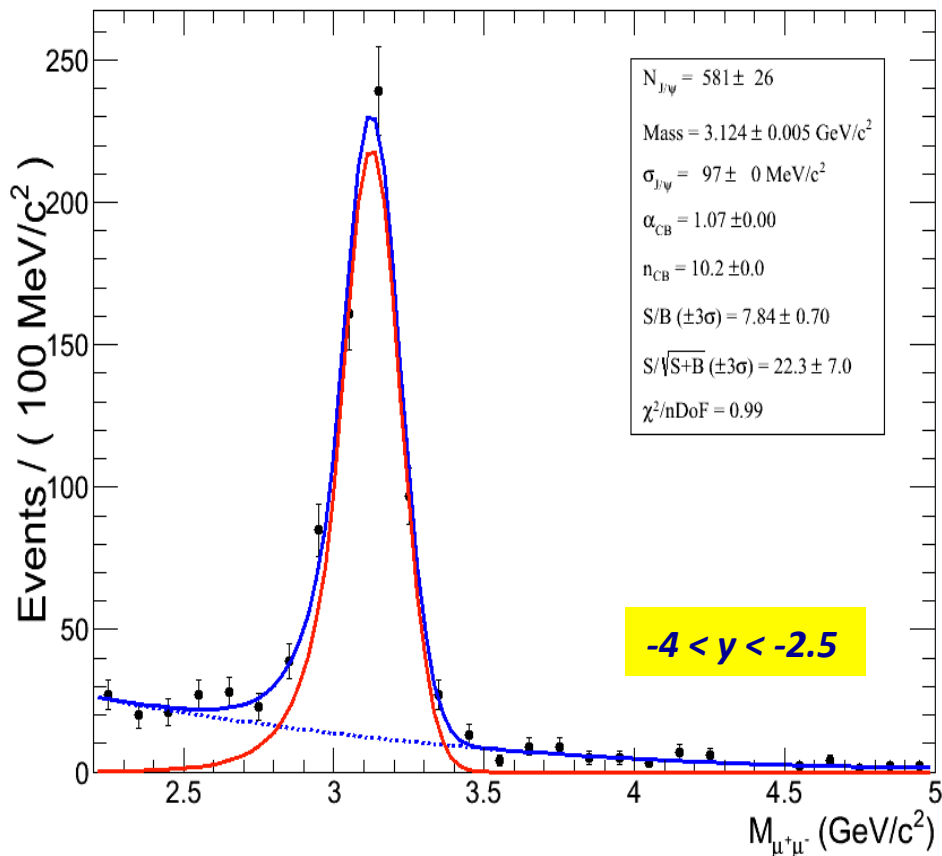
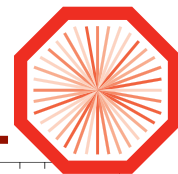
$$f(x; \alpha, n, \bar{x}, \sigma) = N \cdot \begin{cases} e^{-\frac{(x-\bar{x})^2}{2\sigma^2}} & \text{for } \frac{x-\bar{x}}{\sigma} > -\alpha \\ A \cdot (B - \frac{x-\bar{x}}{\sigma})^{-n} & \text{for } \frac{x-\bar{x}}{\sigma} \leq -\alpha \end{cases}$$

where

$$A = \left(\frac{n}{|\alpha|}\right)^n \cdot e^{\left(\frac{-|\alpha|^2}{2}\right)}, \quad B = \frac{n}{|\alpha|} - |\alpha|, \quad \text{and } N \text{ is a normalization factor}$$

- 3.- Fit the invariant mass spectrum of the dimuons (lh11h-data) using the model CB + exponential function (or polynomic functions) fixing the values of *sigma*, *alpha* and *n* from step 2.

Analysis of data

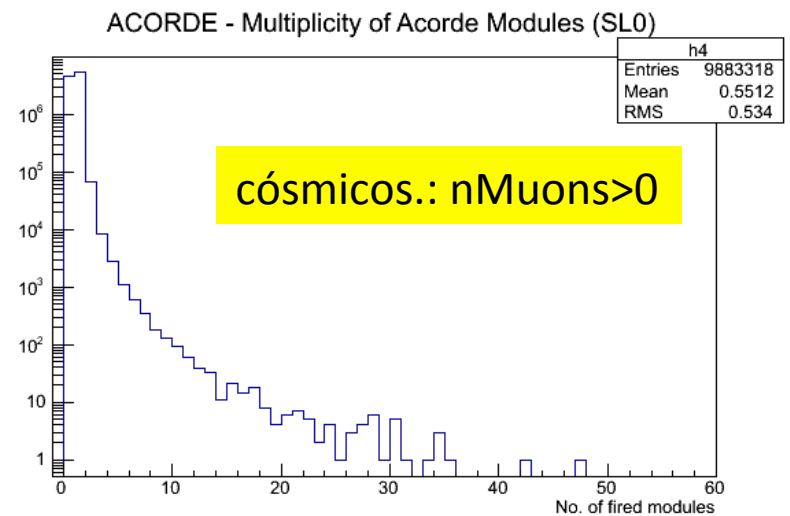
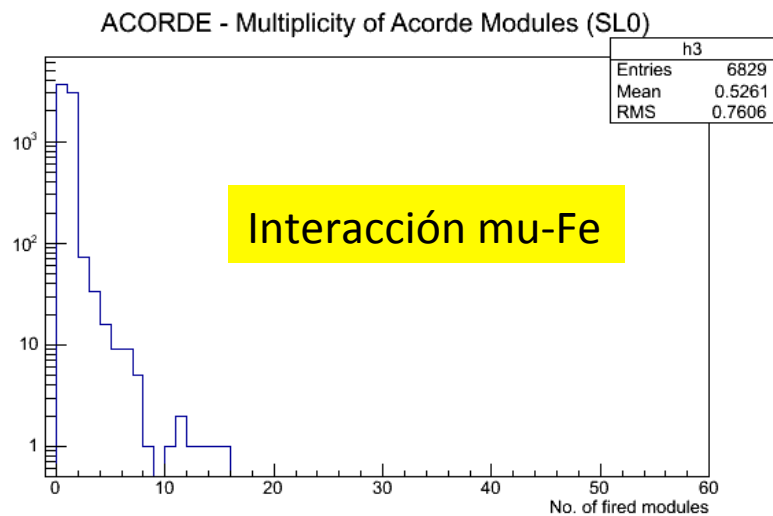
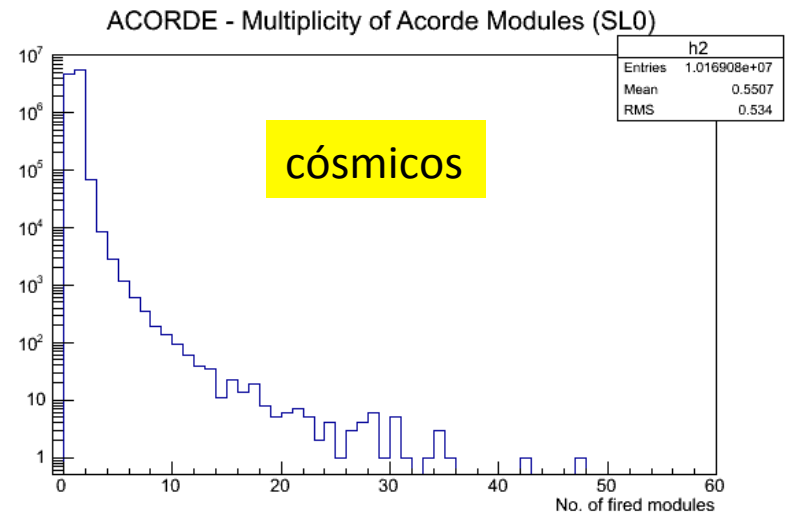
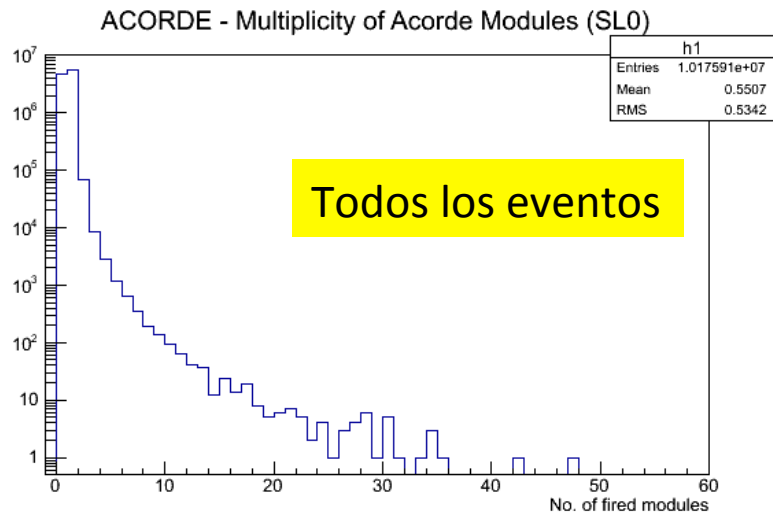


- Exactly two tracks in the MUON ARM.
- VZERO-C in coincidence with MUON trigger but VZERO-A vetoed.
- At least one track matches the trigger.
- At least one track with $pt > 1 \text{ GeV}/c$

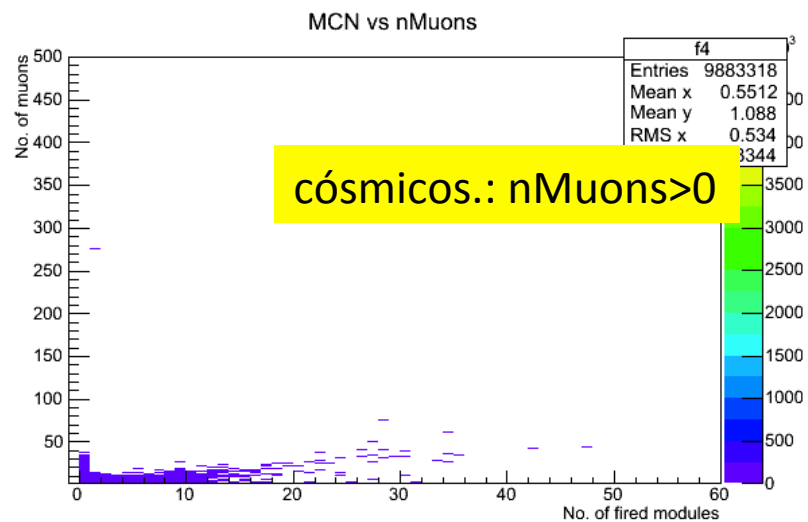
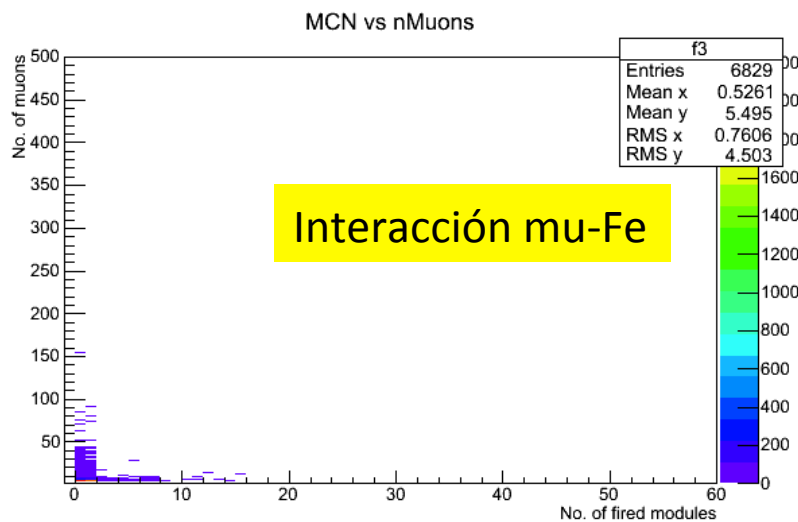
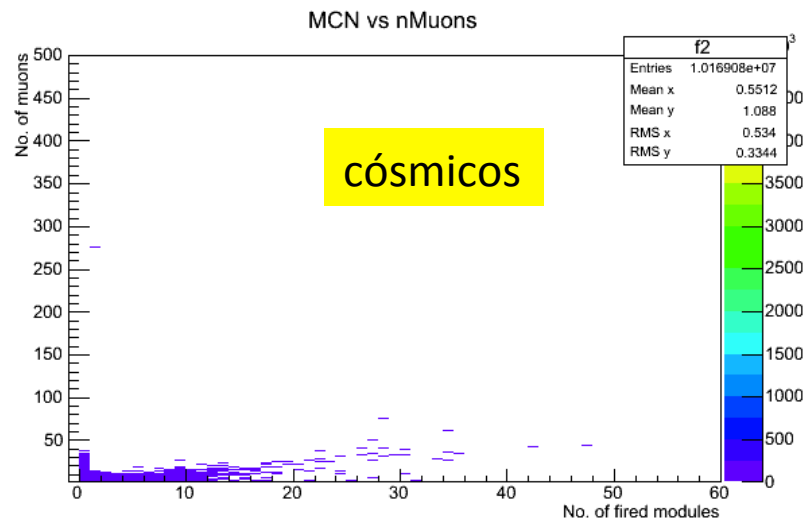
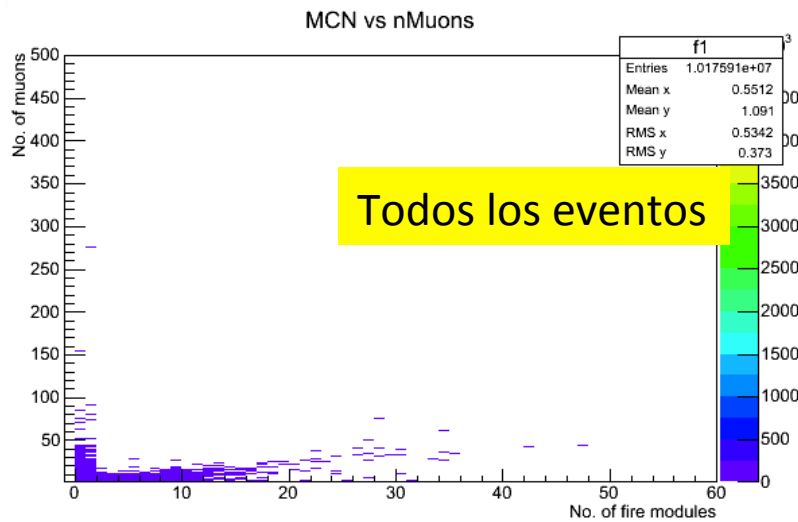


- The ALICE experiment allows the study of vector meson photo production in ultra peripheral nucleus-nucleus collisions.
- Exclusive J/Ψ is being studied by ALICE at both central and forward rapidity \rightarrow access to info on gluon density.
- Measurements of absolute and differential cross sections is almost finished.

□ C3smicos

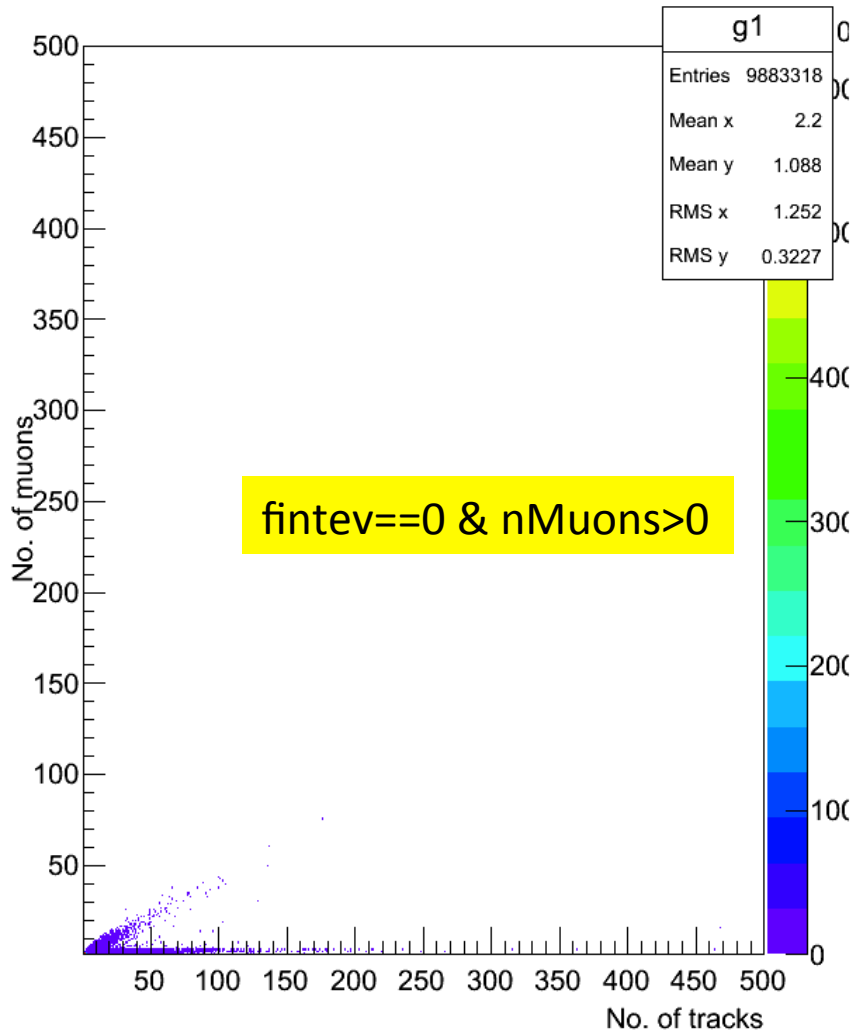


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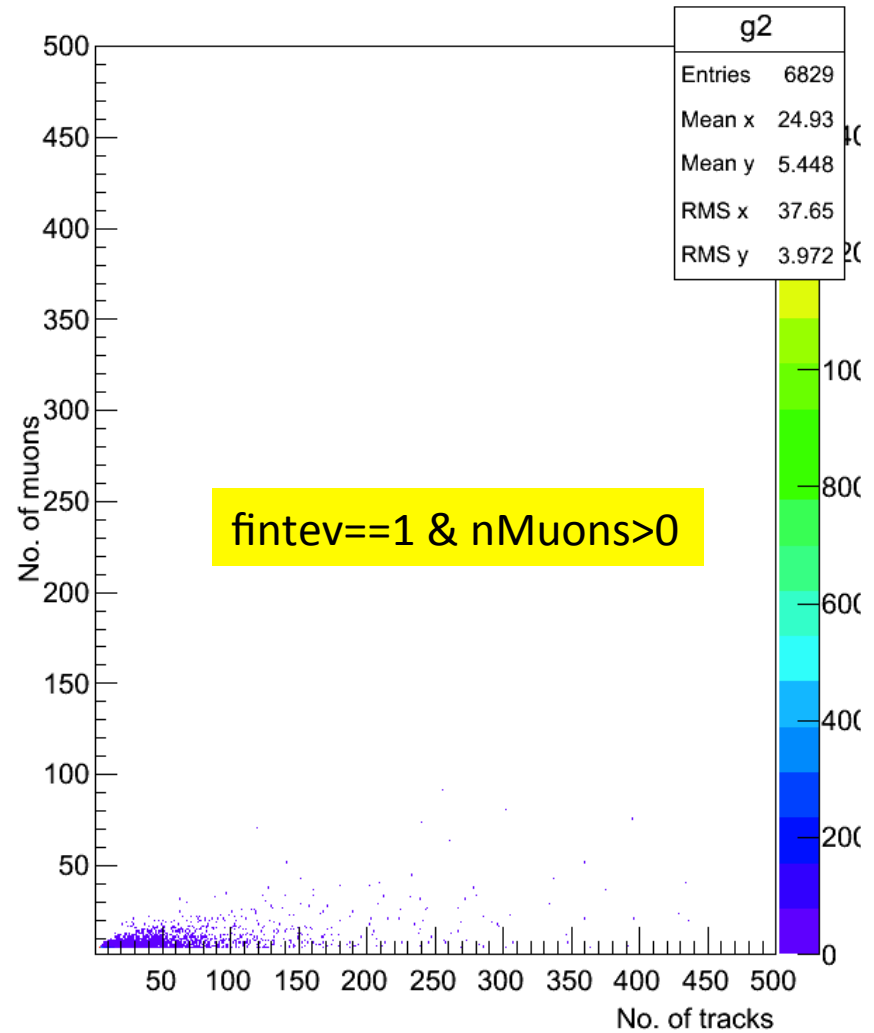


□ C3smicos

nMuons vs nTracks



nMuons vs nTracks



□ Comentarios finales

- IR A CONFERENCIA EN CRETA
- PRIMERA PARTE DE LA TESIS A ENVIAR DOMINGO
- SE APLICÓ A POSTDOC CON EL GRUPO DE STRASBOUG Y SE ENVÍO ANTEPROYECTO A GINES PARA SUBATECH

