

CHIC

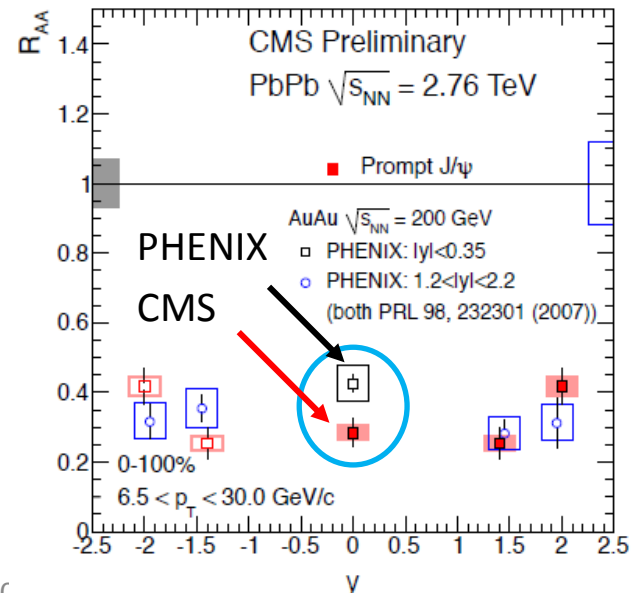
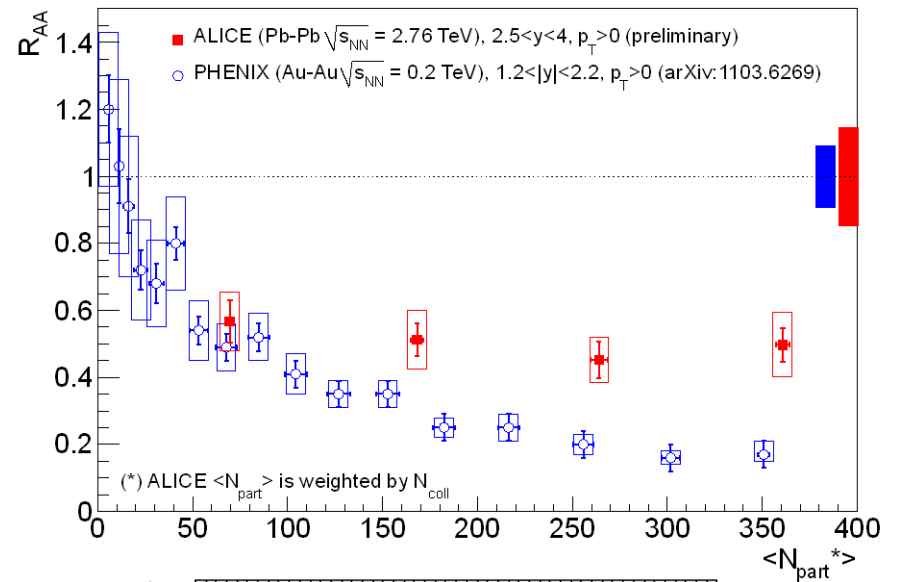
Charm in Heavy Ion Collisions @ SPS

1. J/Ψ – Suppression in A+A
2. CHIC – Physics motivations
3. CHIC – Experimental aspects

J/Ψ – Suppression in A+A

- **RHIC (200 GeV) .vs. LHC (2.76 TeV) at forward rapidity**
 - Compare PHENIX vs ALICE
 - $1.2 < |y| < 2.2$ at RHIC (**PHENIX**)
 - $2.5 < y < 4$ at LHC (**ALICE**)
 - **LESS SUPPRESSION** at LHC .vs. RHIC
 - Could be due to **recombination** effects
- **RHIC (200 GeV) .vs. LHC (2.76 TeV) at mid-rapidity**
 - Compare PHENIX vs CMS
 - $|y| < 0.35$ at RHIC (**PHENIX**)
 - $|y| < 1$ at LHC (**CMS**)
 - **MORE SUPPRESSION** at LHC .vs. RHIC
 - $p_T > 6.5$ GeV/c → in principle no recombination applies
 - larger suppression due to **QGP effects ?**
 - Hint for **sequential suppression ? (J/Ψ melting)**

Caution : Need CNM effects comparison



J/Ψ – Suppression in A+A

- Overall (simplified) picture

1. Similar suppression at SPS vs. RHIC

2. Larger suppression at LHC
outside recombination regime

CMS results

Hint of sequential suppression ?
(assuming CNM effects are the same or smaller)

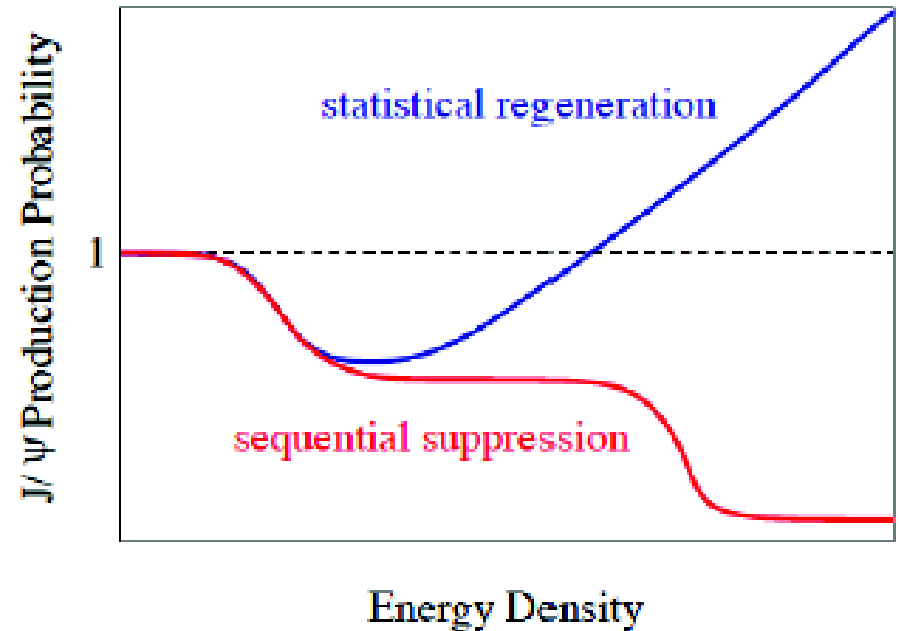
3. Smaller suppression at LHC
inside recombination regime

ALICE results

Hint of recombination ?
(assuming CNM effects are the same or larger)

- To do:

- Understand CNM effects : p+Pb run
- Test recombination mechanism : J/Ψ at mid-rapidity at low p_T
- Test sequential suppression → measure χ_c in A+A → not accessible → **CHIC experiment**



CHIC – Physics motivations

1. Benchmark: Measure χ_c in A+A at SPS

How χ_c is suppressed relative to J/Ψ ?

What is the dependence with y , p_T , centrality,... ?

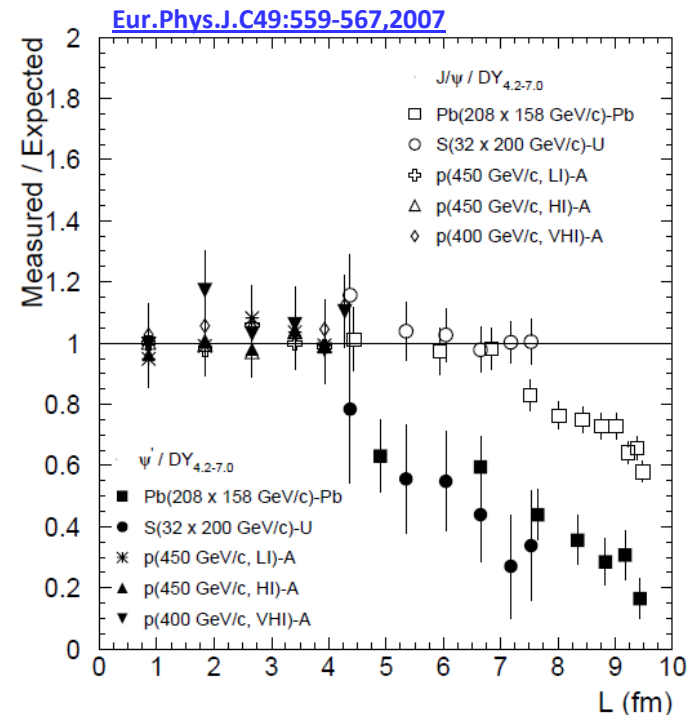
Mandatory to draw the whole picture (SPS .vs. RHIC .vs. LHC)

Why SPS ?

1 First place where anomalous suppression has been seen.

2 SPS good place to see full Sequential suppression : Ψ' , J/Ψ , χ_c

3 No recombination at SPS



CHIC – Physics motivations

- Quarkonia suppression

At SPS

60% direct J/Ψ
 + 30% $\chi_c \rightarrow J/\Psi + \gamma$
 + 10% $\Psi' \rightarrow J/\Psi + X$
Inclusive J/Ψ yield

Two possible scenarios:

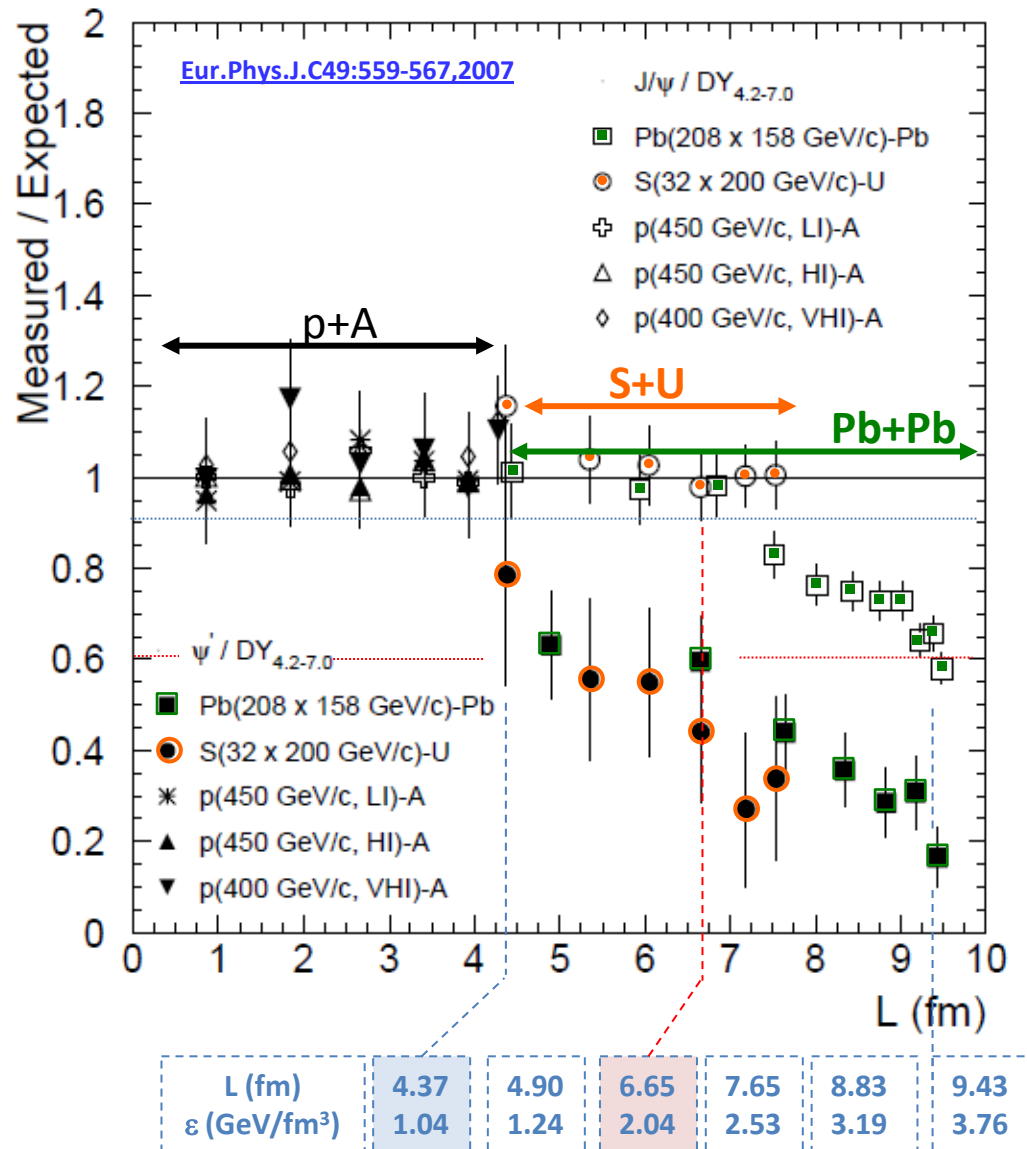
- sequential suppression (QGP)
- comovers (no QGP)

Temperature of dissociation

state	$J/\psi(1S)$	$\chi_c(1P)$	$\psi'(2S)$	$\Upsilon(1S)$	$\chi_b(1P)$	$\Upsilon(2S)$	$\chi_b(2P)$	$\Upsilon(3S)$
T_d/T_c	2.10	1.16	1.12	> 4.0	1.76	1.60	1.19	1.17

Binding energy

state	η_c	J/ψ	χ_{c0}	χ_{c1}	χ_{c2}	ψ'
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CHIC – Physics motivations

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- QGP (sequential suppression)**

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Because $\Delta E(\Psi') \sim 50$ MeV

- Ψ' easily suppressed by comovers

Because $\Delta E(\chi_c) \sim 200$ MeV and $\Delta E(J/\Psi) \sim 600$ MeV

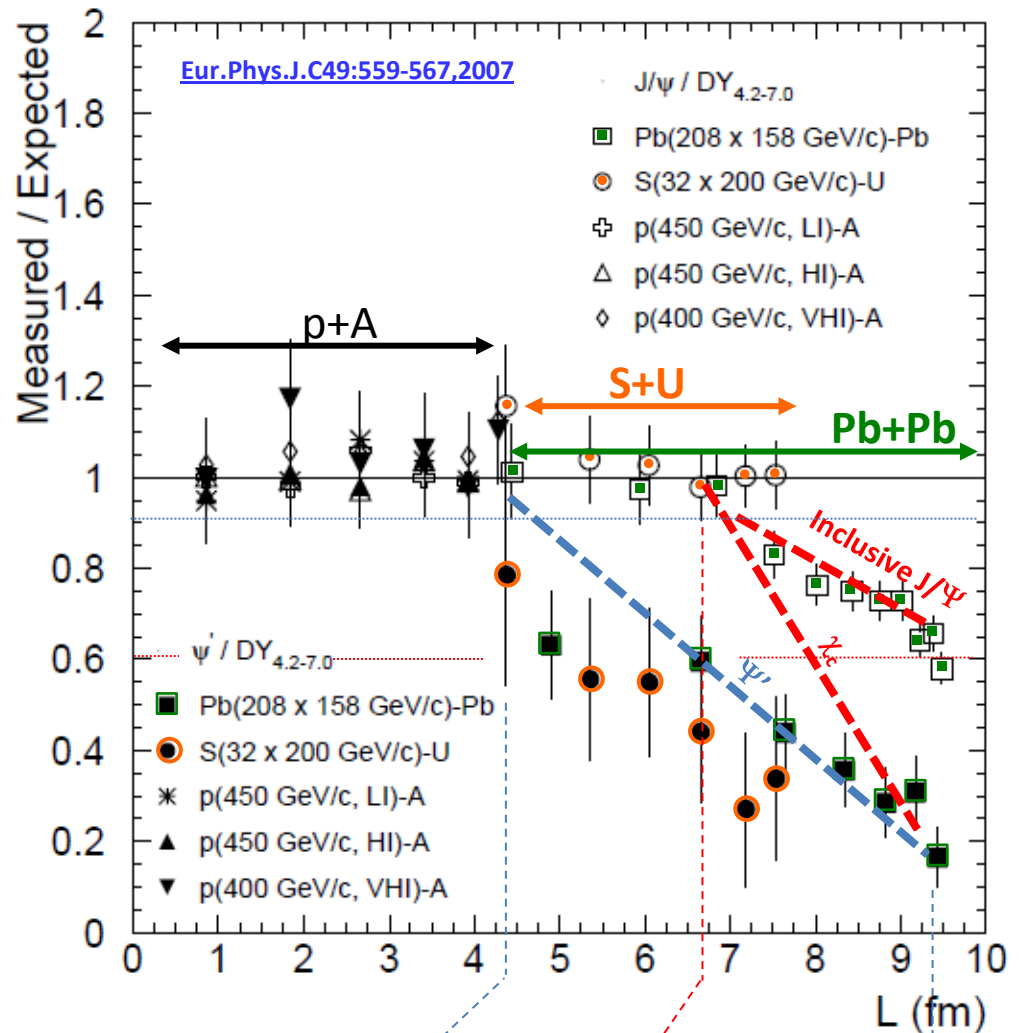
- χ_c and J/Ψ hardly suppressed by comovers

If χ_c suppressed by QGP,

- χ_c slope strongly steeper than J/Ψ and Ψ'

Measuring

χ_c suppression pattern
will (in)validate this



L (fm)	4.37	4.90	6.65	7.65	8.83	9.43
ϵ (GeV/fm ³)	1.04	1.24	2.04	2.53	3.19	3.76

Note that direct J/Ψ can be experimentally estimated
 $\text{Yield}_{\text{incl. } J/\Psi} - \text{Yield}_{\chi_c \rightarrow J/\Psi + \gamma} - \text{Yield}_{\Psi'} \sim \text{Yield}_{\text{direct } J/\Psi}$

CHIC – Physics motivations

- Two possible scenarios

2. No QGP (full comovers)

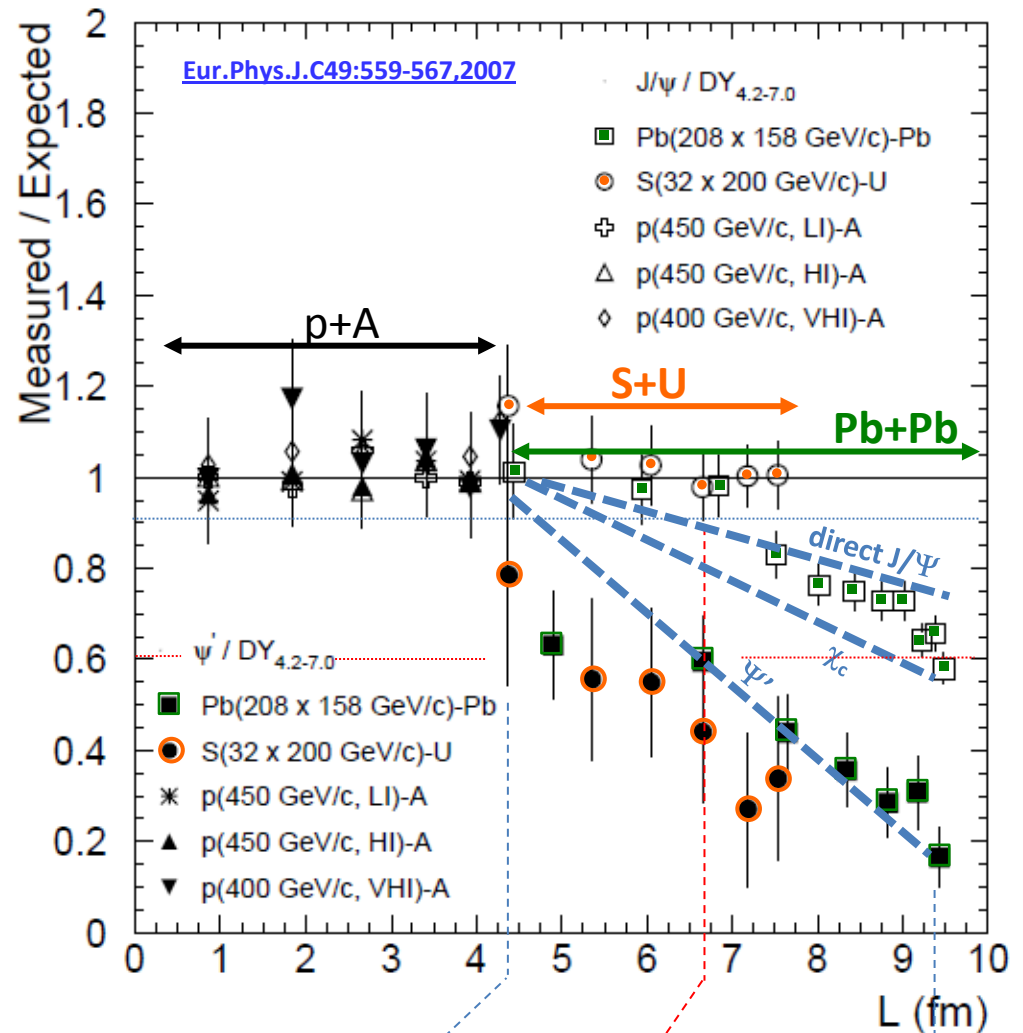
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Because $\sigma_{J/\psi-co} \leq \sigma_{\chi_{c-co}} \leq \sigma_{\psi'-co}$

- Ψ' slope slightly steeper than χ_c
- χ_c slope slightly steeper than J/ψ

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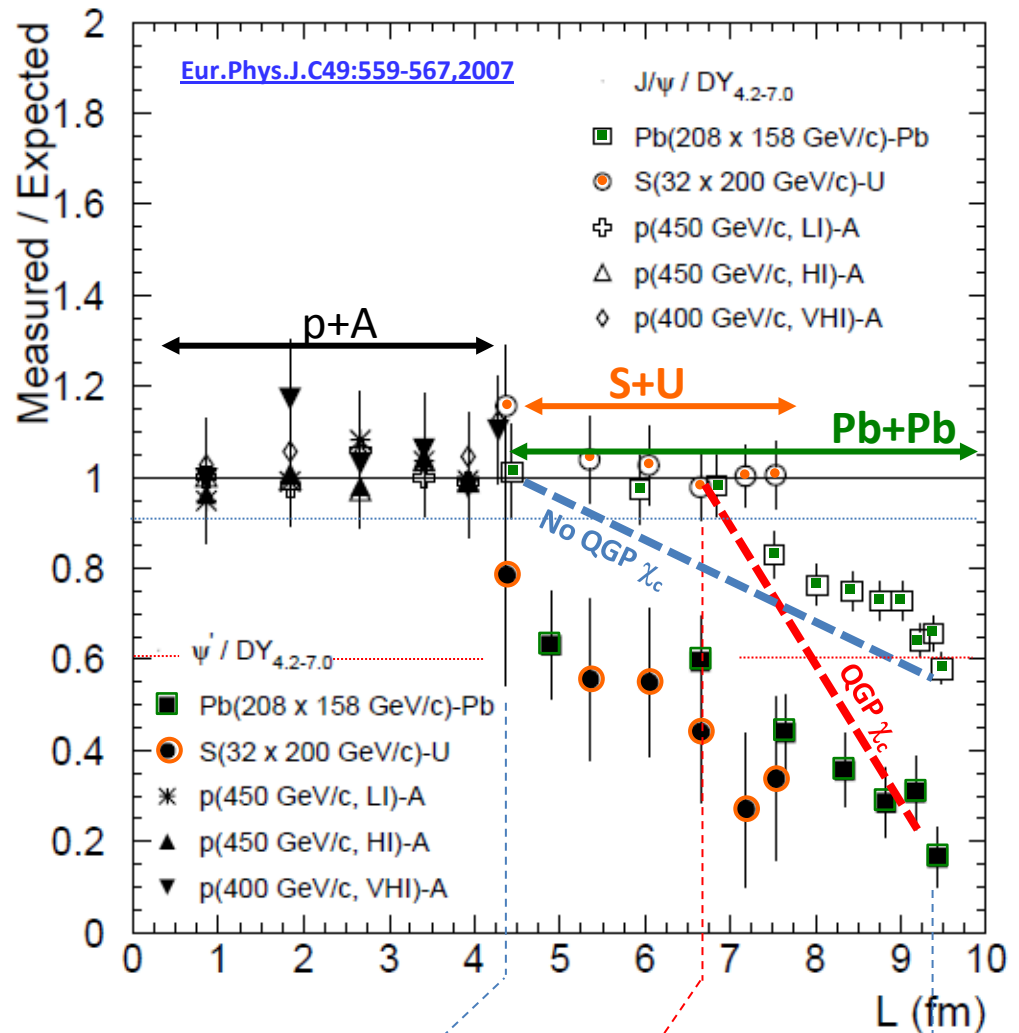
CHIC – Physics motivations

- **Conclusion : measure χ_c in A+A at SPS**

measuring Ψ' , J/Ψ and χ_c suppression pattern

will answer the question

----- QGP
 ----- no QGP



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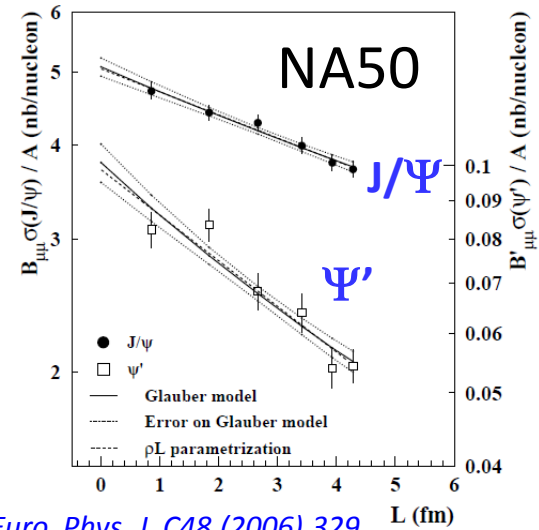
CHIC – Physics motivations

2. Benchmark: Measure charmonium in p+A at SPS

J/Ψ and Ψ' suppression in p+A collisions as a function of L



→ Measuring different charmonium states gives key information on Cold Nuclear Matter and production mechanism.

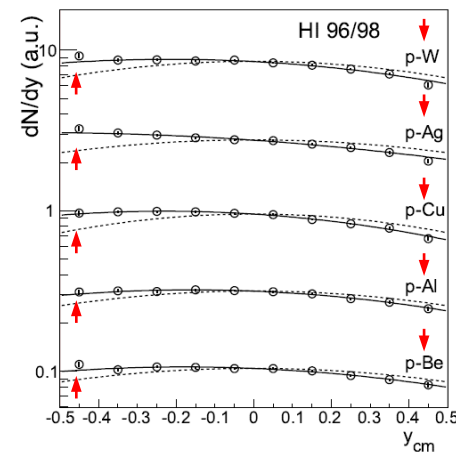


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J/Ψ rapidity distribution in p+A collisions (asymetry wrt $y_{cm}=0$)



→ Measuring charmonium in a wide x_F range is important to identify possible (anti)shadowing effects



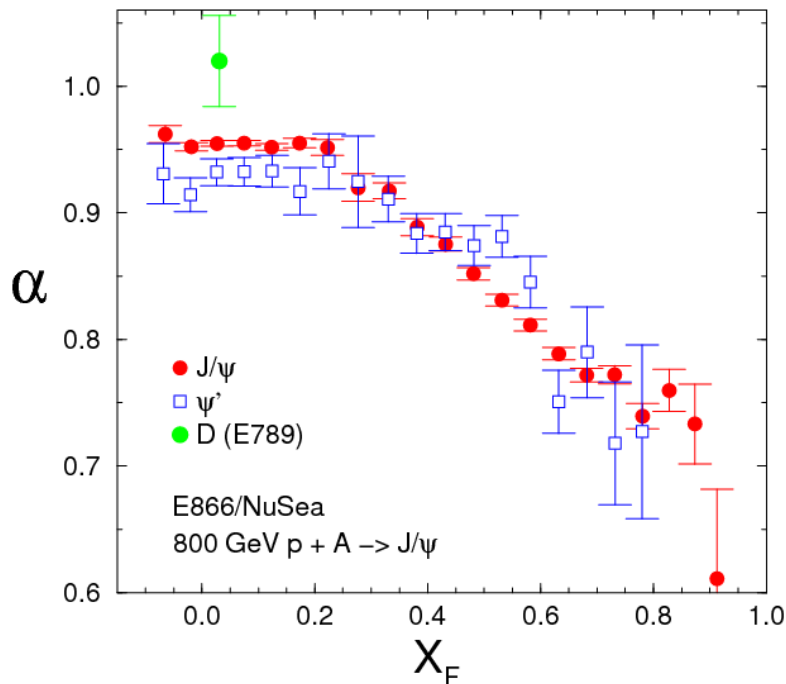
CHIC – Physics motivations

2. Measure charmonium in p+A at SPS

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$$\sigma_A = \sigma_p * A^\alpha$$

E866, Phys. Rev. Lett. 84, 3256-3260 (2000)



$$x_F = \frac{2M}{\sqrt{s}} \sinh y_{CMS}$$

With $M=3.1 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ and $\sqrt{s}=17.2 \text{ GeV}$ (158 GeV)
 $x_F = 1 \rightarrow y_{CMS} = 1.7$

With $M=3.1 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ and $\sqrt{s}=29.1 \text{ GeV}$ (450 GeV)
 $x_F = 1 \rightarrow y_{CMS} = 2.2$
 $y_{CMS}=2 \rightarrow x_F = 0.8$

Possible to access large x_F if measuring charmonia at rapidity up to $y_{CMS} \sim 2$

CHIC – Physics motivations

1. Measure χ_c production in A+A

How χ_c is suppressed relative to J/Ψ ? What is the dependence with y , p_T , N_{part} ,... ?

Mandatory to draw the whole picture (SPS .vs. RHIC .vs. LHC)

Benchmark 1 : Measure χ_c production within $y_{CMS} \in [-0.5, 0.5]$

2. Measure charmonia production in p+A

what is the dependence of charmonia suppression with rapidity ?

Crucial to understand effects due to cold nuclear matter

Benchmark 2 : Measure charmonium states within $y_{CMS} \in [-0.5, 2]$

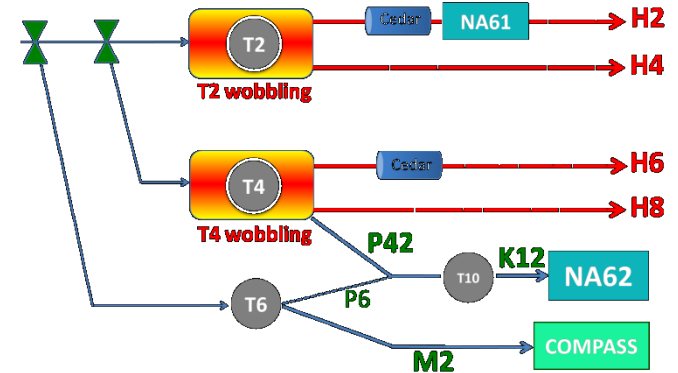
3. Other physics subjects

Open charm, low mass resonances, Drell-Yan,...

CHIC – Expected yields

- **Need high intensity p and Pb beams ($\sim 10^7$ Pb/sec)**
 - NA50/NA60 beam line not available (NA62)
 - H2 beam line occupied by NA61
 - **H4 and H8 available but need shielding for HI**

North Area Beamlines



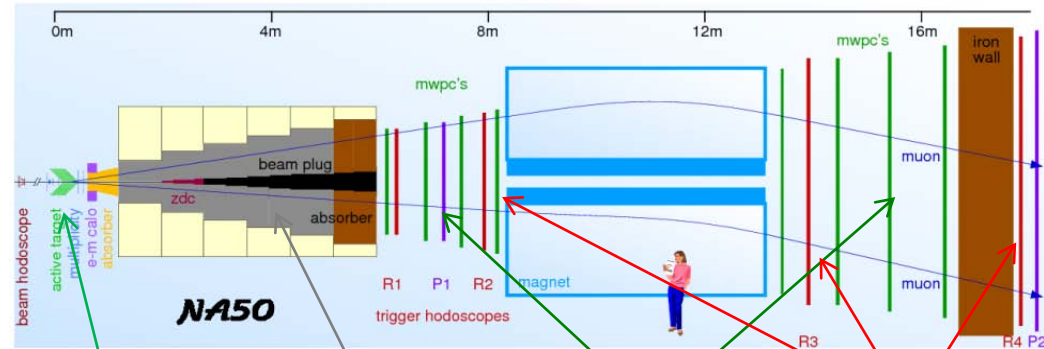
- **NA50: European Physical Journal C39 (2005) 335**
 - *New measurement of J/ψ suppression in Pb+Pb at 158 GeV/nucleon*
 - 35 days of data taking in 2000
 - $\sim 1 \cdot 10^7$ Pb/s over 5s bursts every 20s
 - 4 mm thick Pb target ($10\% \lambda_I$)
 - $\sim 100\,000 J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ within $\gamma^* \in [0,1]$ (on disk)
- **Expect fair amount of χ_c : $N_{J/\psi} \sim 60\%$ direct + $\sim 30\%$ from χ_c + $\sim 10\%$ from Ψ'**
 - Same conditions as NA50 setup $\rightarrow \sim 20\,000 \chi_c$ expected within $y_{\text{CMS}} \in [-0.5, 0.5]$
 - Expect more with thicker target (1cm for instance)

CHIC – detector design

- Past experiments

1st generation: NA38, NA50, NA51

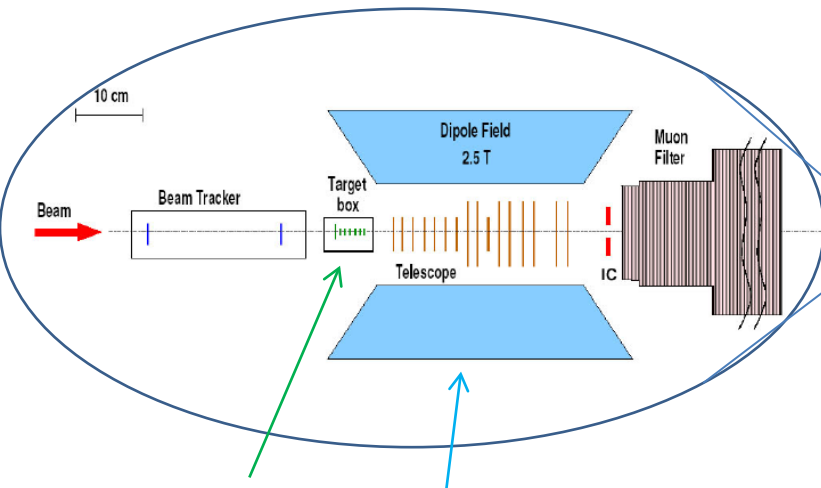
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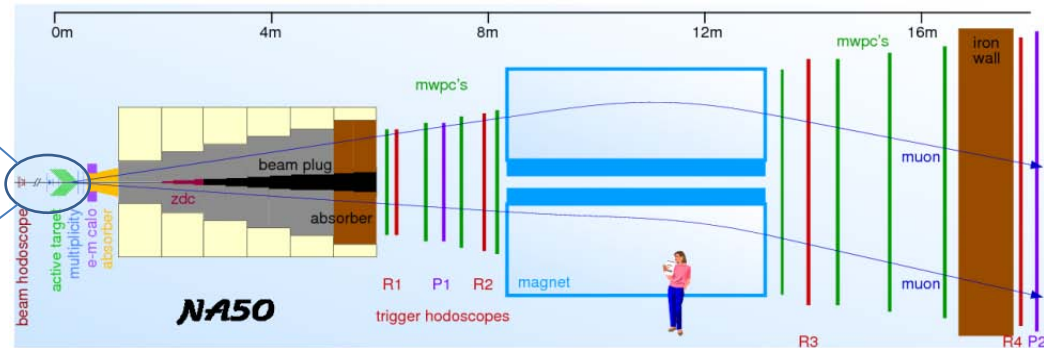
Target → absorber → spectrometer → muID

2nd generation: NA60

Measure dimuons and open charm vertex



Target → telescope



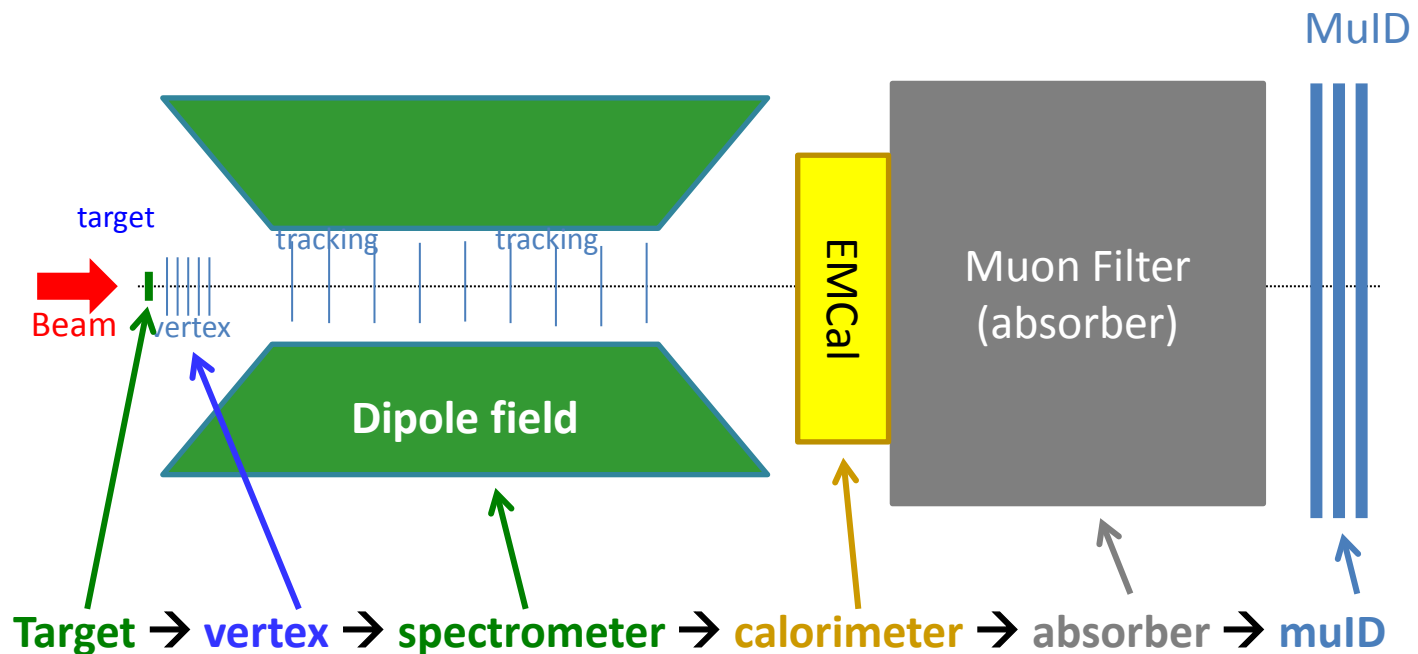
CHIC – detector design

- 3rd generation: CHIC

- Measure dimuons and **photons**

- Must place the **calorimeter in front of the absorber**

- Must separate photon/electron → **tracking in front of the calorimeter.**

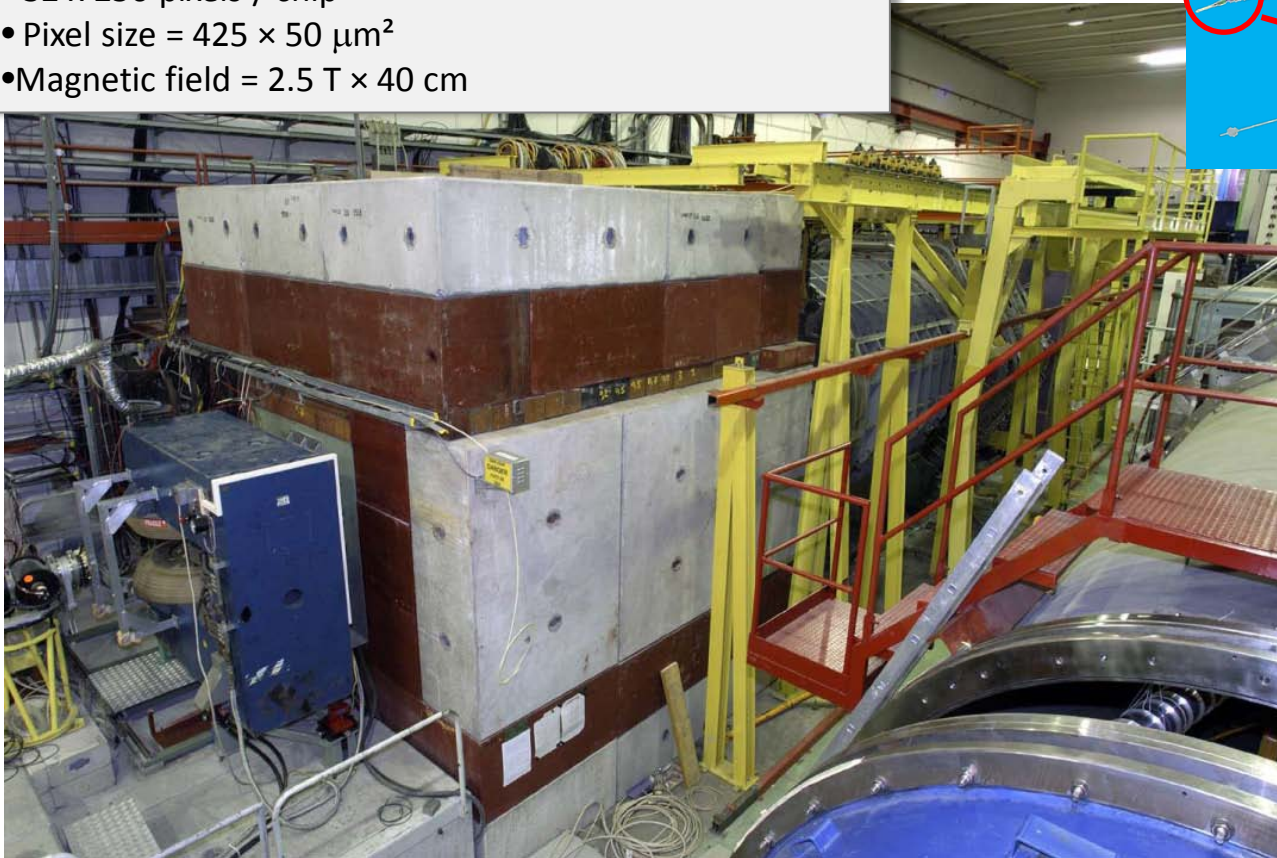
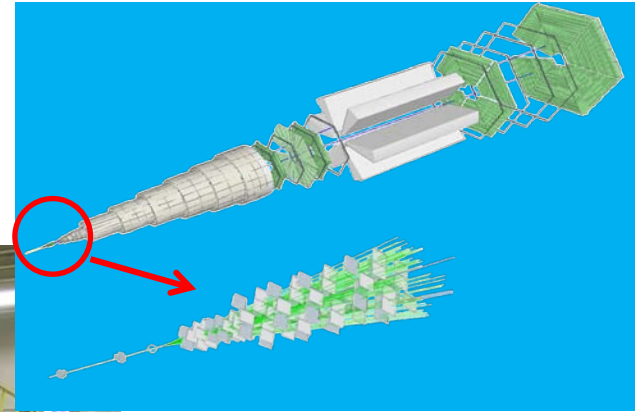


Detector – tracking

- The NA60 example

Pixel detector

- 16 planes – 96 chips total
- 32 x 256 pixels / chip
- Pixel size = $425 \times 50 \mu\text{m}^2$
- Magnetic field = 2.5 T \times 40 cm



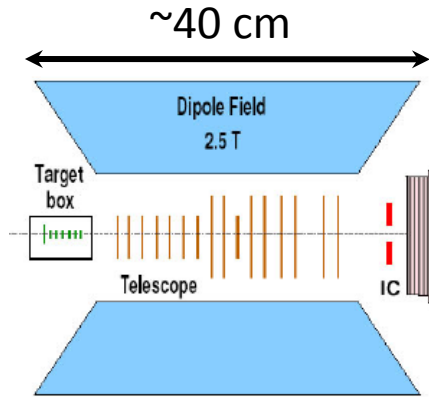
Momentum resolution
@J/ Ψ mass
(typical $p_\mu \sim 15 \text{ GeV}/c$)

$$\frac{\Delta P}{P} \sim 6\%$$

(R. S. priv. Comm.)

Detector – tracking

- The NA60 pixel detector



$$\frac{\Delta P}{P} = 6\% \Rightarrow \frac{\Delta M}{M} = \frac{\Delta P}{\sqrt{2}P} = 4.2\% \Rightarrow \Delta M_{J/\Psi} \sim 130 \text{ MeV}$$

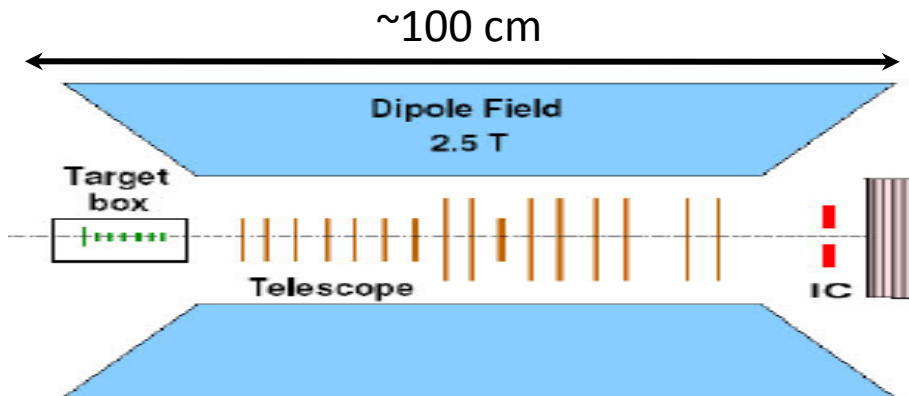
$L = 0.4 \text{ m}$

$$\frac{\Delta P}{P} \propto \frac{1}{BL^2} P$$

$L = 1 \text{ m}$

$$\frac{\Delta P}{P} = 1\% \Rightarrow \Delta M_{J/\Psi} \sim 20 \text{ MeV}$$

- The CHIC pixel detector



Detector – tracking

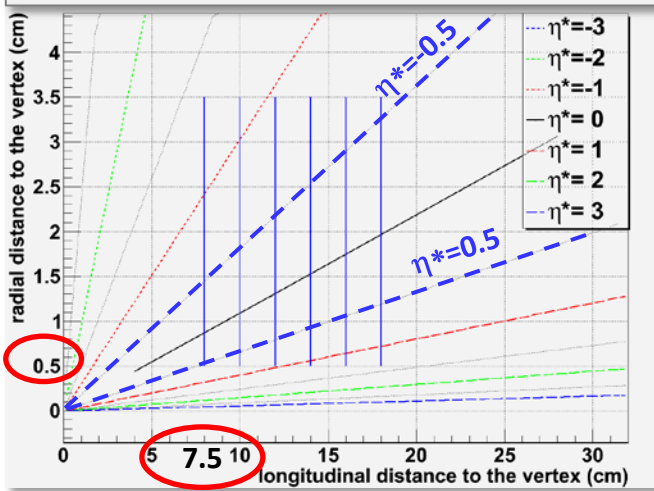
- Size, position, resolution : tentative design – toy

B (T)	L (cm)	$\Delta P/P$ (%)	ΔM (MeV)
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2.5	80	~ 1.5	~30
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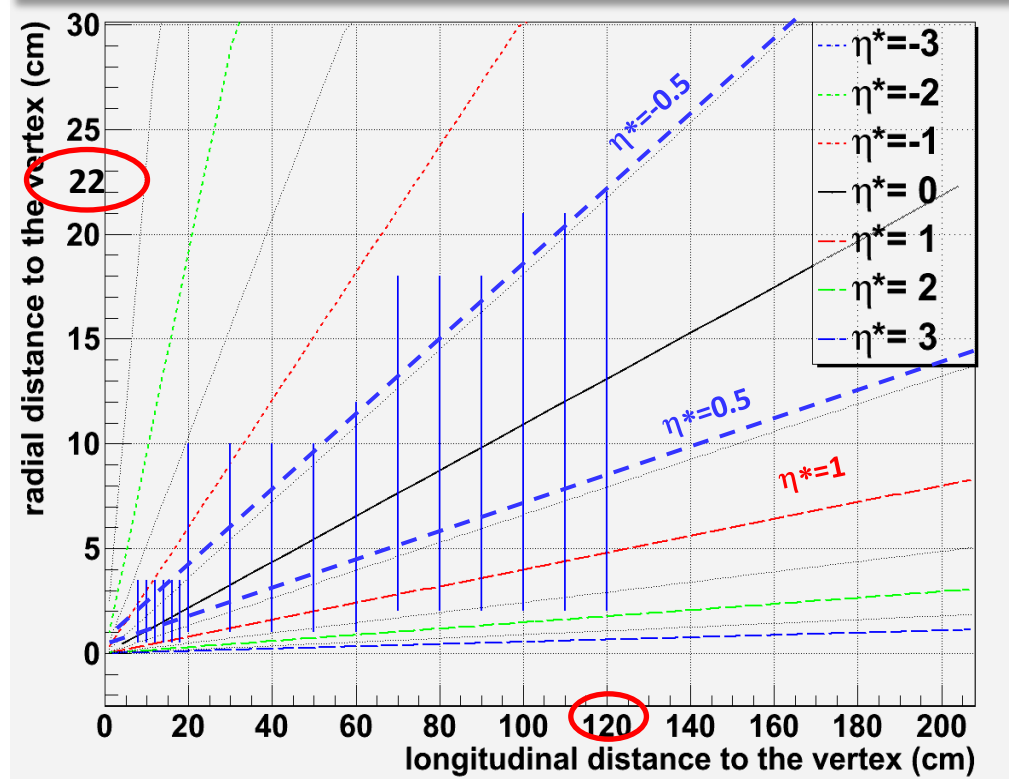
← NA60

← CHIC

6 plane vertex
 @ $r_{\min} = 0.5$ cm $\rightarrow z_{\min}(\eta^*=0.5) \sim 7.5$ cm
 6 planes from $z=8$ cm to $z=18$ cm



11 plane spectrometer
 @ $z_{\max} = 120$ cm $\rightarrow r_{\max}(\eta^*=-0.5) \sim 22$ cm
 11 planes from $z=20$ cm to $z = 120$ cm



Track particles within $\eta^* \in [-0.5 ; 1]$

Detector – tracking

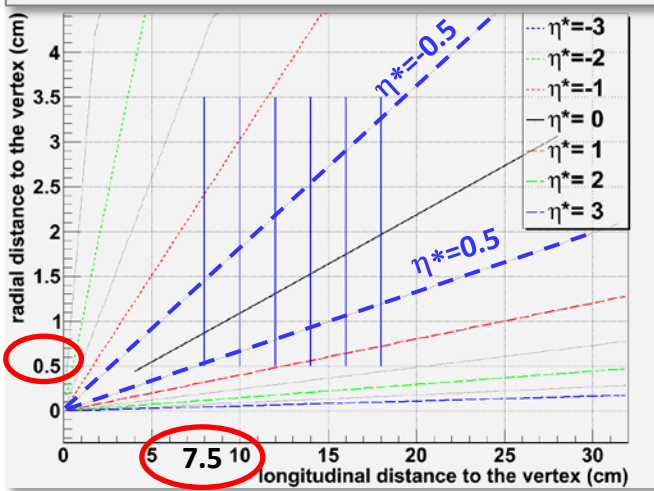
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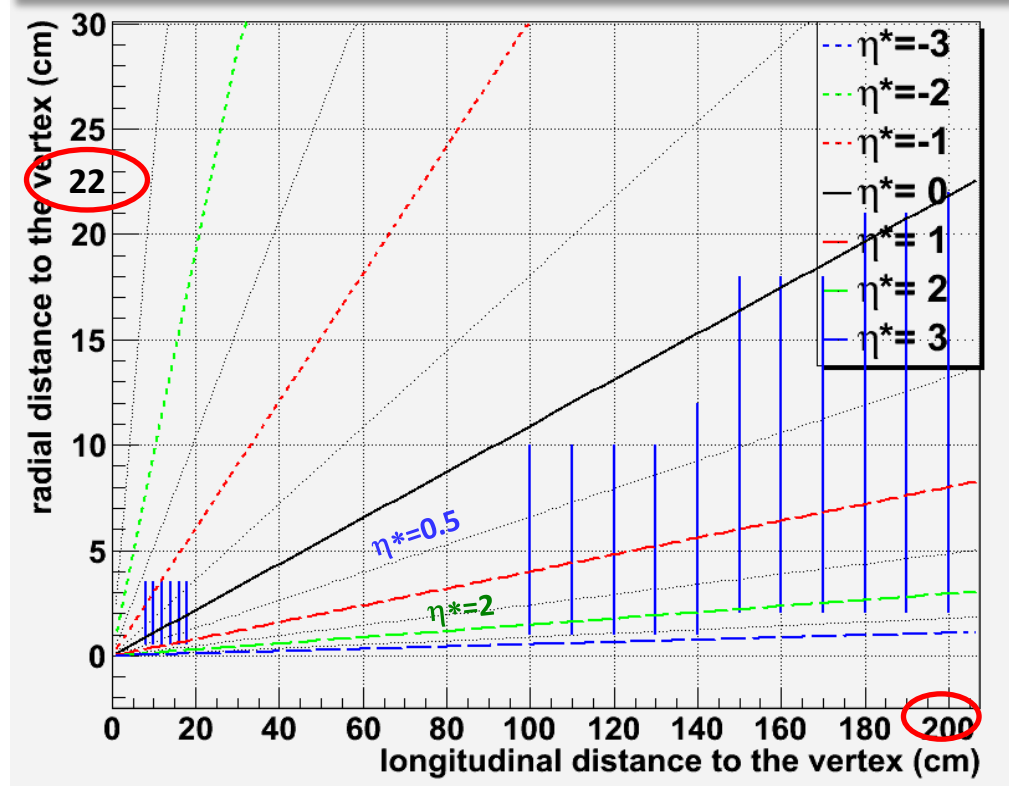
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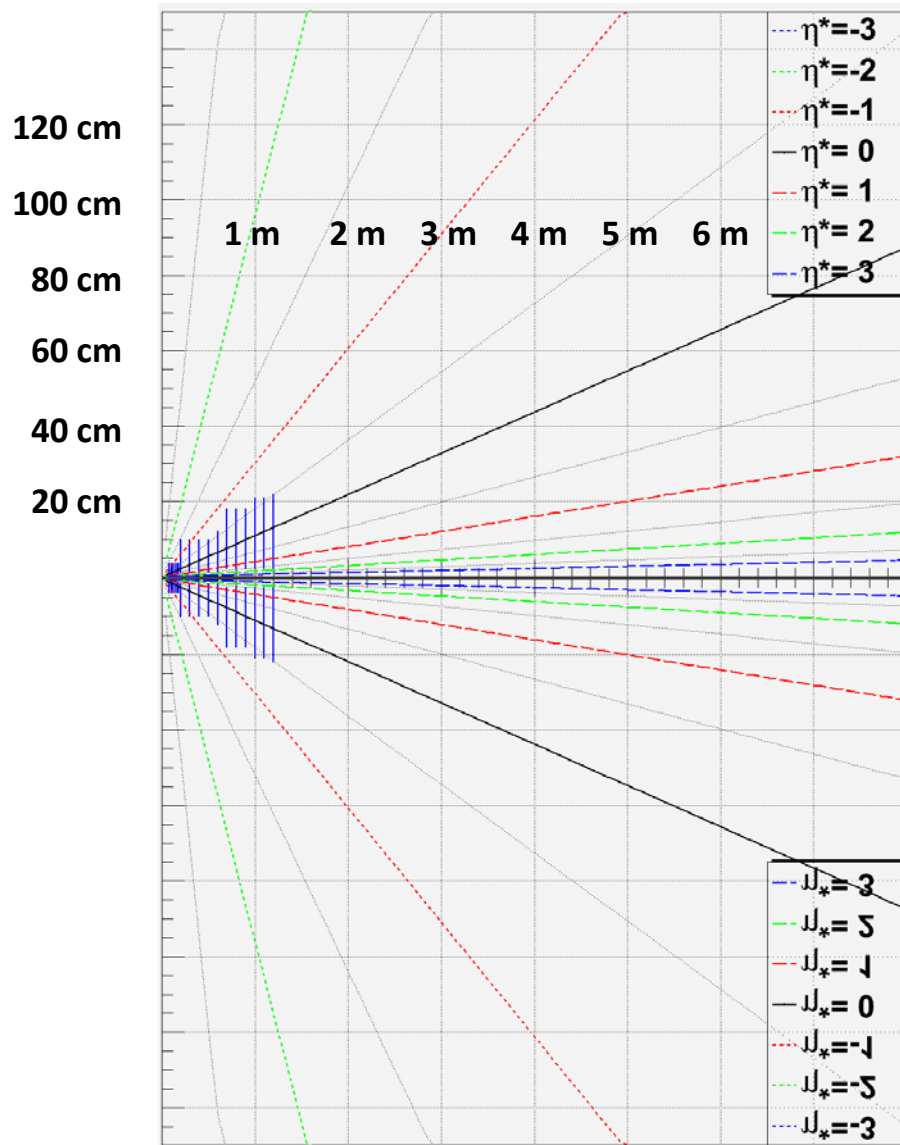


11 plane spectrometer
 @ $z_{\max} = 120 \text{ cm} \rightarrow r_{\max}(\eta^*=-0.5) \sim 22 \text{ cm}$
 11 planes from $z=100 \text{ cm}$ to $z = 200 \text{ cm}$



Track particles within $\eta^* \in [0.5 ; 2]$

Detector – tentative design



Vertex detector :

$$R_{\min} = 0.5 \text{ cm} \quad Z_{\min} = 7.5 \text{ cm}$$

$$R_{\max} = 3.5 \text{ cm} \quad Z_{\max} = 18 \text{ cm}$$

Spectrometer :

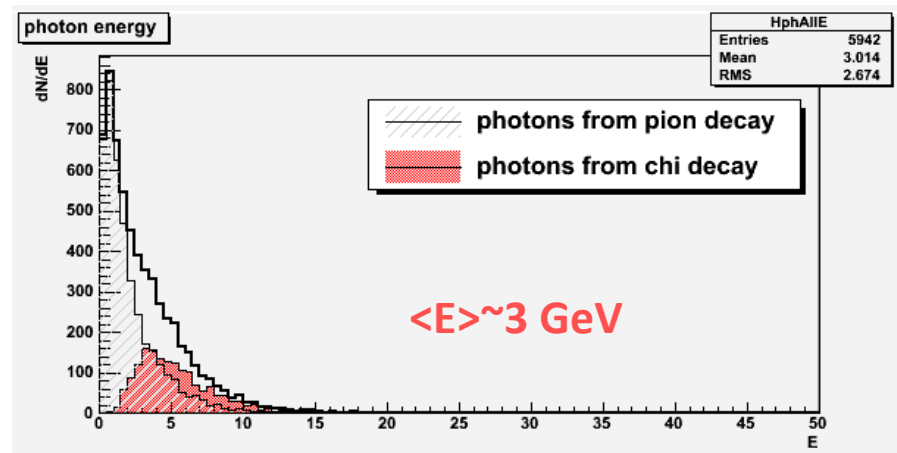
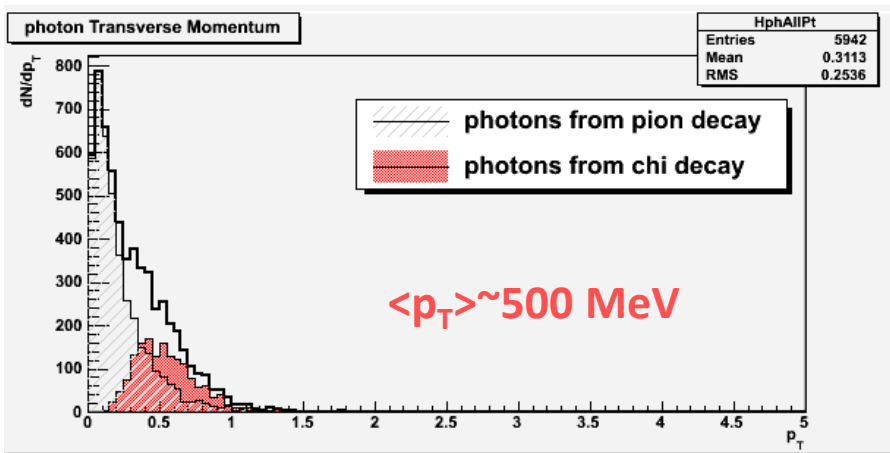
$$R_{\min} = 1 \text{ cm} \quad Z_{\min} = 20 \text{ (100) cm}$$

$$R_{\max} = 22 \text{ cm} \quad Z_{\max} = 120 \text{ (200) cm}$$

Detector – calorimetry

- Goal : measure $\chi_c \rightarrow J/\Psi + \gamma$
- Issues
 1. Low energy photon (similar to $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$)
 2. High multiplicity of photon from $\pi^0 / \eta \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
 3. High multiplicity of charged particles ($\pi^{+/-}$)

Pythia 6.421 - p+p - $\sqrt{s} = 17.2$ GeV



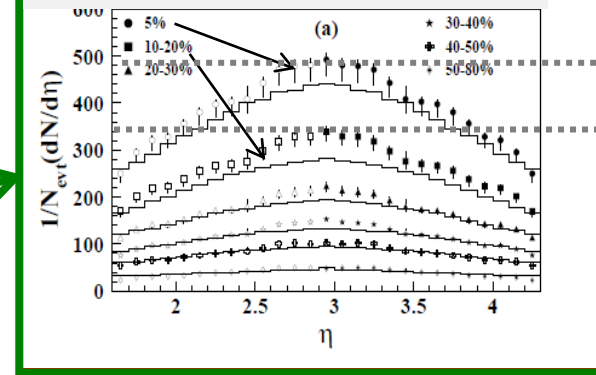
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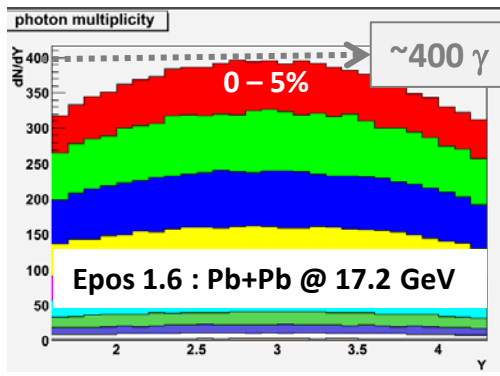
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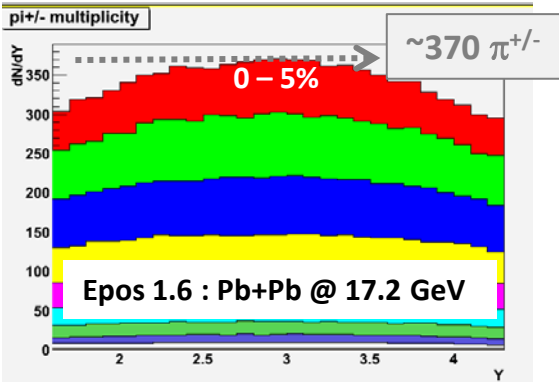
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~480 γ
~340 γ

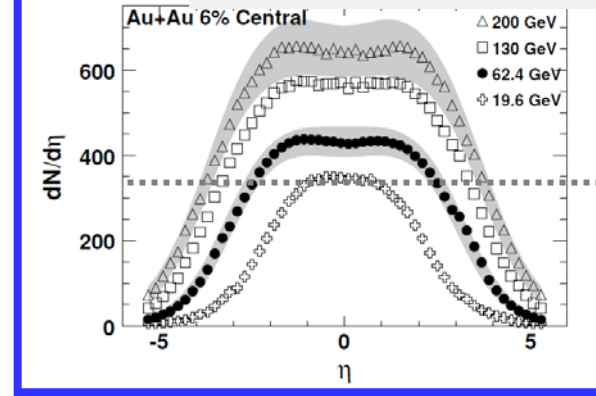


~400 γ



~370 $\pi^{+/-}$

Phobos: Phys. Rev. C74, 021901, 2006

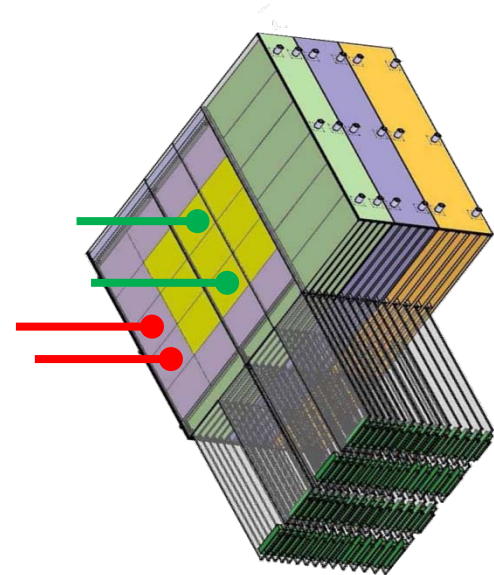


~350 $\pi^{+/-}$

0 – 5% Pb+Pb most central \rightarrow ~450 γ + 350 $\pi^{+/-}$

Detector – calorimetry

- **Need very high segmentation**
 - to separate two electromagnetic showers
 - To isolate photons from $\pi^{+/-}$ contamination
- **W + Si calorimeter à la Calice**
 - 30 layers
 - $0.5 \times 0.5 \text{ cm}^2$ pads



1st relevant quantity : distance between two incoming particles



→ Min. distance between 2 particles at impact = 1 free pad = 1 cm (for $0.5 \times 0.5 \text{ cm}^2$)

→ **distance between two incoming particles must be > 1 cm**

→ N photons → N/2 neutrals ($\pi^0 + \eta$) → N $\pi^{+/-}$
 → N $\gamma + N \pi^{+/-} = 2N$ particles

→ **distance between two photons must be > 2 cm ($1\text{cm} \times 2N/N$)**

2nd relevant quantity : EM shower transverse size
 → Moliere Radius R_M : 90% of the shower energy

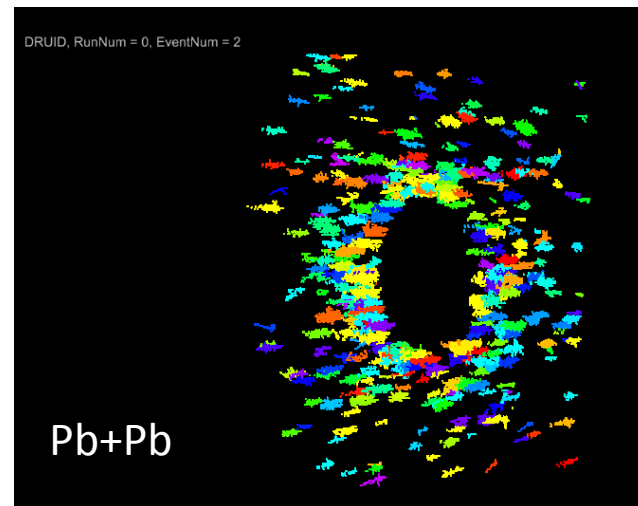
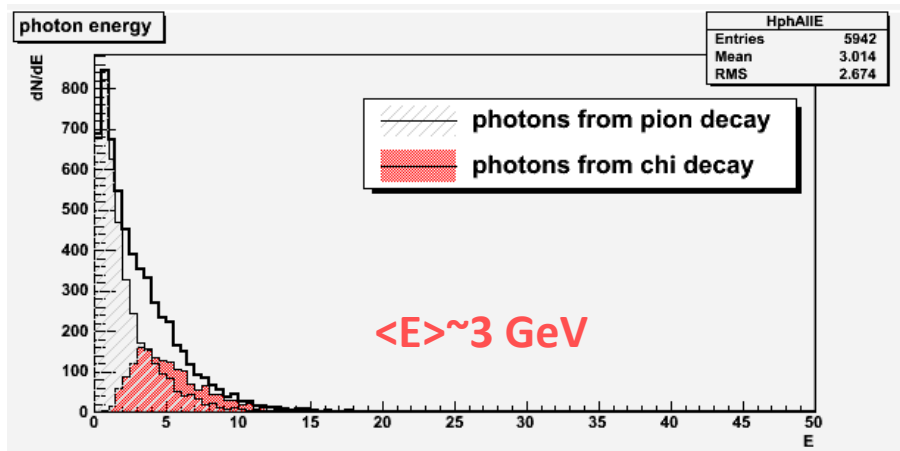
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} R_M = X_0 \frac{21 \text{ MeV}}{610 \text{ MeV}/(Z+1.24)} \\ X_0 = \frac{716.4 \times A \text{ g.cm}^{-2}}{Z(Z+1)\ln(287/\sqrt{Z})} \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow \underline{R_M(W)} = \frac{17.6 \text{ g.cm}^{-2}}{19.25 \text{ g.cm}^{-3}} \approx \underline{0.9 \text{ cm}}$$

→ **Distance between two photons must be > 2 cm ($2 R_M$)**

Geometrical condition: in principle
 $\Delta y > 2\text{cm}$

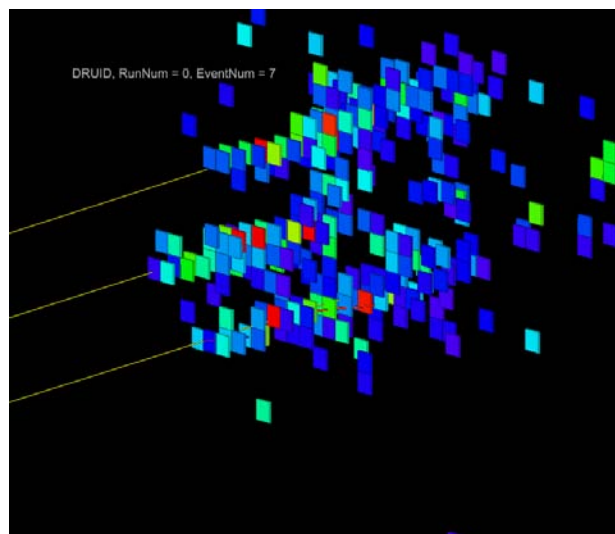
Detector – calorimetry

- Full simulation performed with the Calice Ecal proto



3 photons with $E \sim 2 \text{ GeV}$
distance between each photon $\sim 2 \text{ cm}$

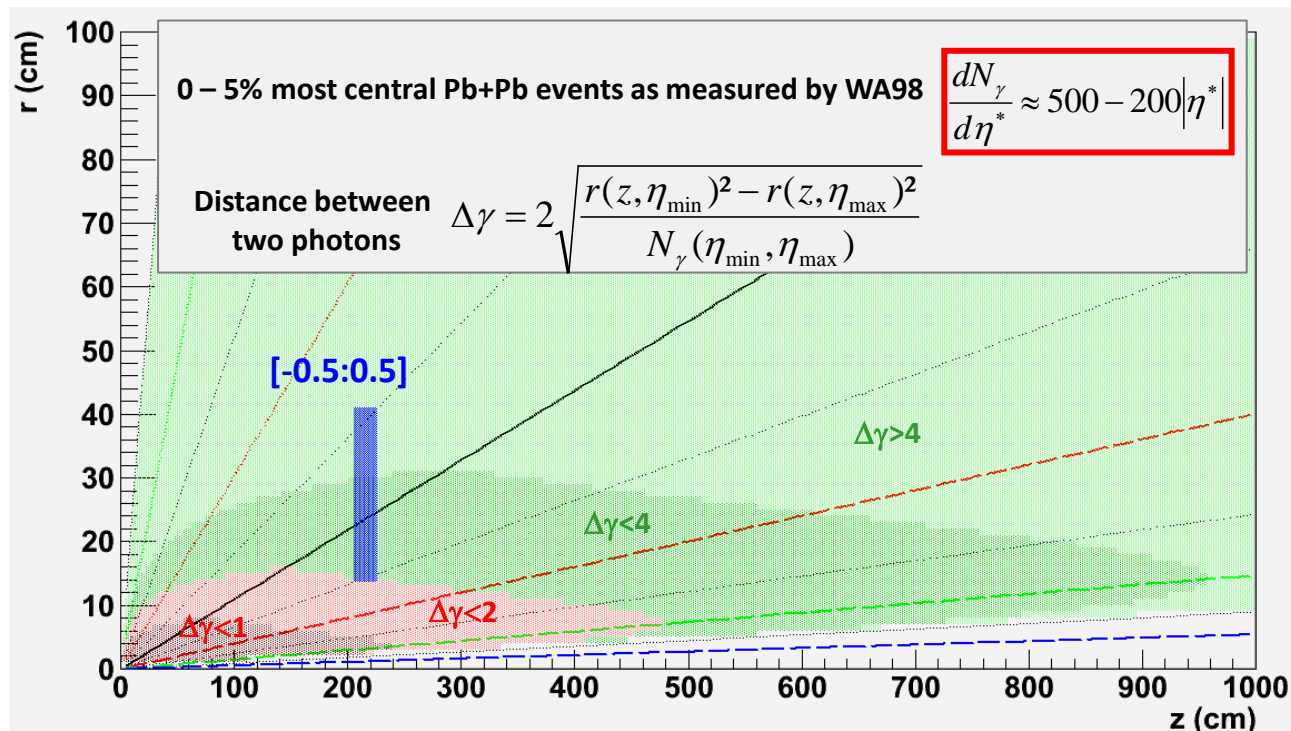
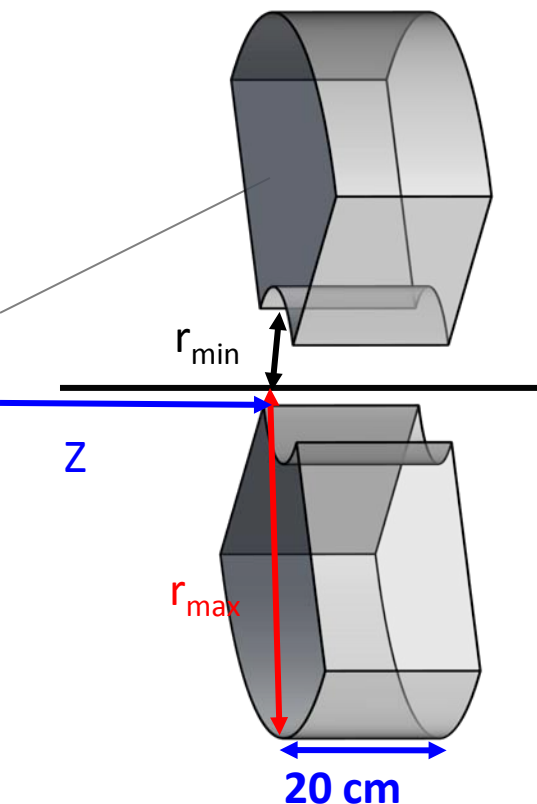
(full simu made by D. Jeans - Calice collab.)



$0.5 \times 0.5 \text{ cm}^2$ pads

Detector – calorimetry

- Size and position : tentative design



Closer position to the target w/ $\Delta\gamma > 2$ cm:

→ $z = 205$ cm $[-0.5:0.5]$

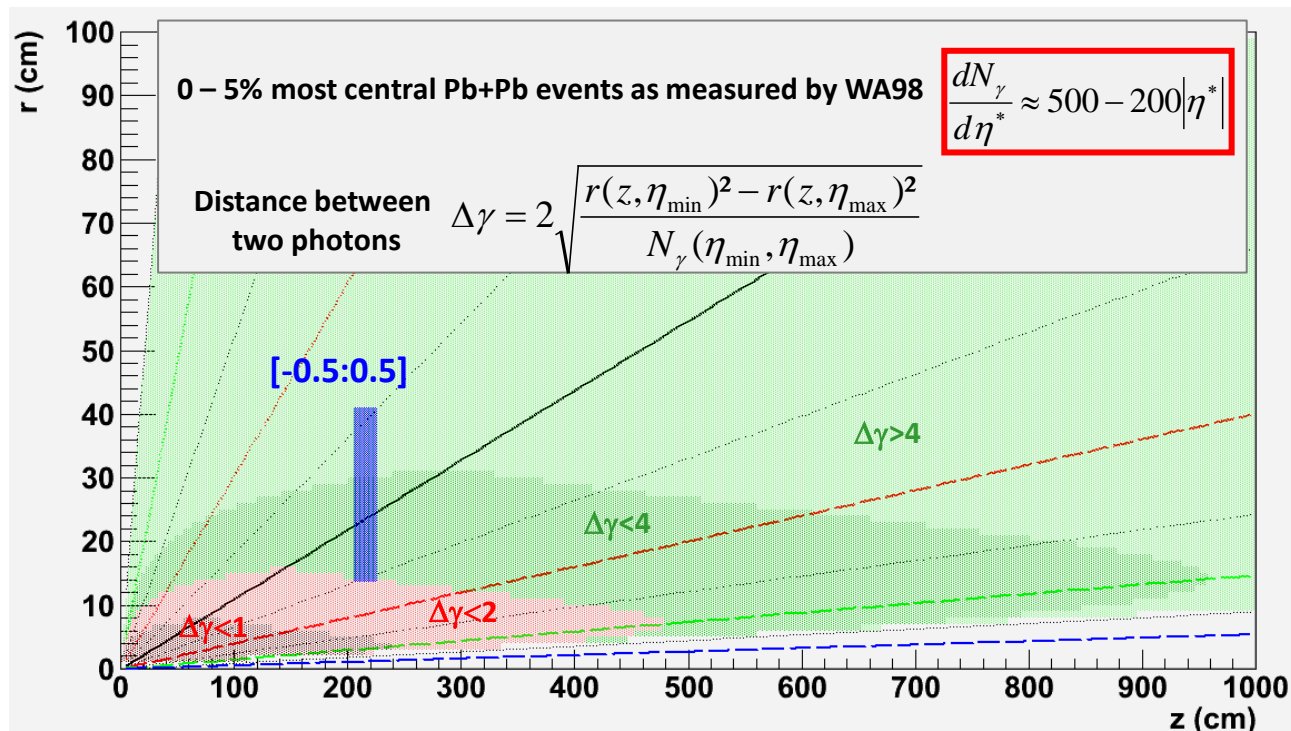
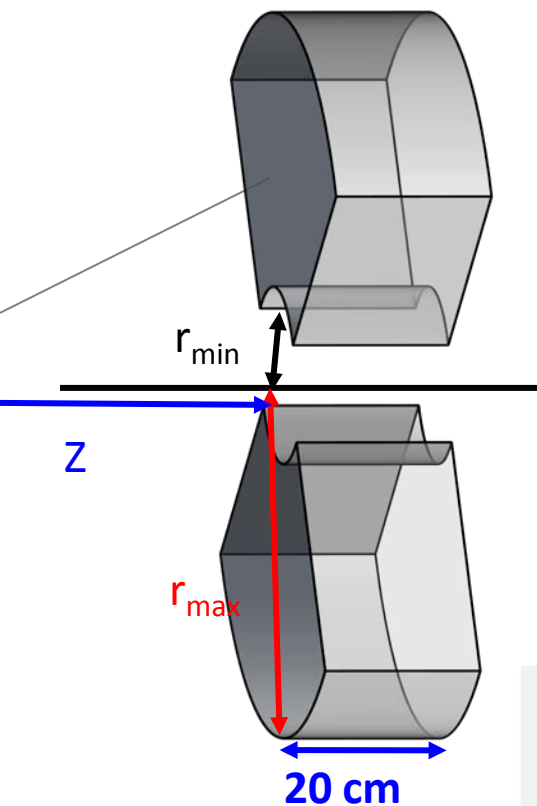
→ $R_{\min} = 13.6$ cm

→ $R_{\max} = 40.9$ cm

Using 0.5×0.5 cm² pads

Detector – calorimetry

- Size and position : tentative design



Warning : not clear that $\Delta\gamma > 2$ cm is large enough.

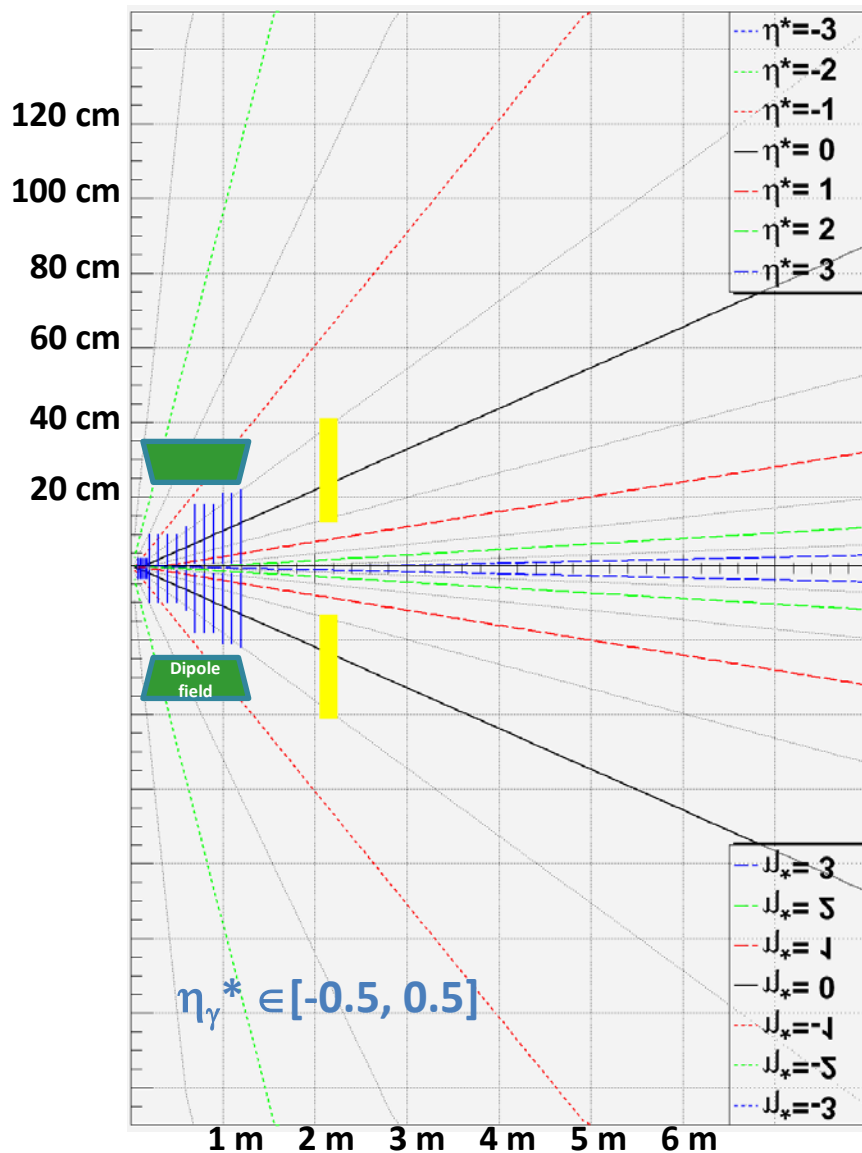
May need to investigate alternative design, for instance:

taking $\Delta\gamma > 4$ cm with $z = 205$ cm $\rightarrow R_{\min/\max} = 30/55$ cm $\rightarrow \eta^* \in [-0.8, -0.3]$

taking $\Delta\gamma > 4$ cm with $\eta^* \in [-0.5, 0.5]$ $\rightarrow z \sim 400$ cm

Must check with full simulation what is optimum $\Delta\gamma$!

Detector – tentative design



Vertex detector :

$$R_{\min} = 0.5 \text{ cm} \quad Z_{\min} = 7.5 \text{ cm}$$

$$R_{\max} = 3.5 \text{ cm} \quad Z_{\max} = 18 \text{ cm}$$

Spectrometer :

$$R_{\min} = 1 \text{ cm} \quad Z_{\min} = 20 \text{ (100) cm}$$

$$R_{\max} = 22 \text{ cm} \quad Z_{\max} = 120 \text{ (200) cm}$$

Calorimeter $\Delta\gamma > 2 \text{ cm}$:

$$R_{\min} = 14 \text{ cm} \quad Z_{\min} = 205 \text{ cm}$$

$$R_{\max} = 41 \text{ cm} \quad Z_{\max} = 225 \text{ cm}$$

Detector – absorber

- Absorber type**

NA50/NA60 : measure muon momentum **after** the absorber

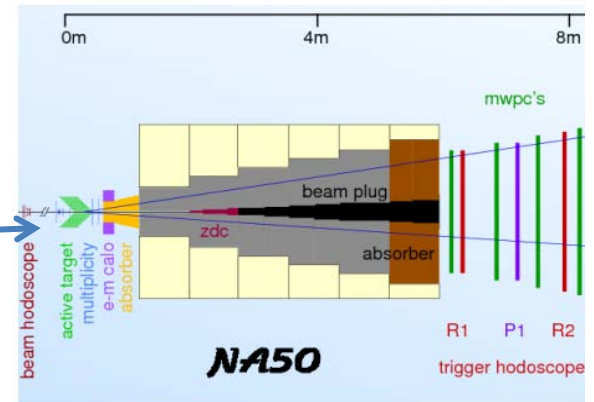
→ **must minimize multiple scattering**

- Must use low Z material: best = BeO (but expensive)
- **NA50** : 0.6 m BeO + 4 m C + 0.6 m Fe = 5.2 m

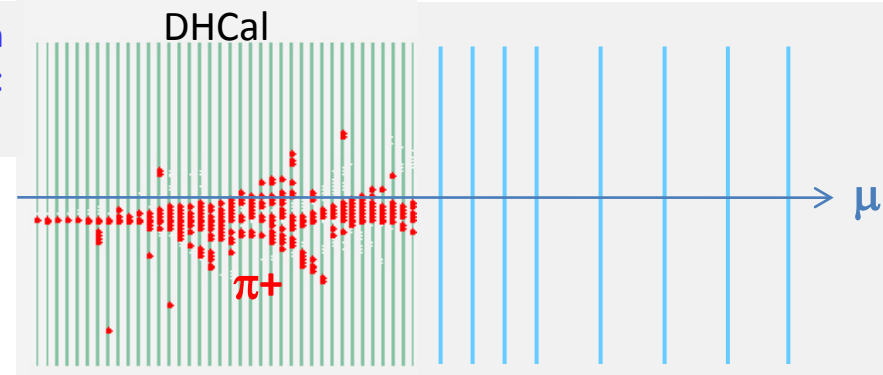
CHIC : measure muon momentum **before** the absorber

→ minimization of multiple scattering less crucial

→ **can use Fe material To absorb $\pi^{+/-}$**

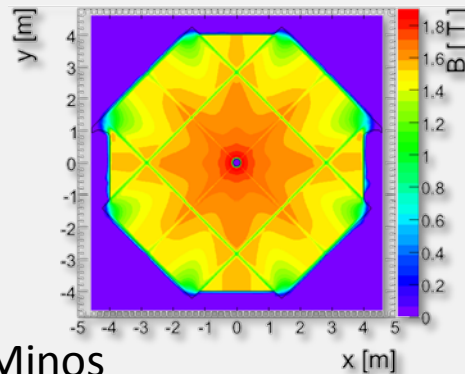
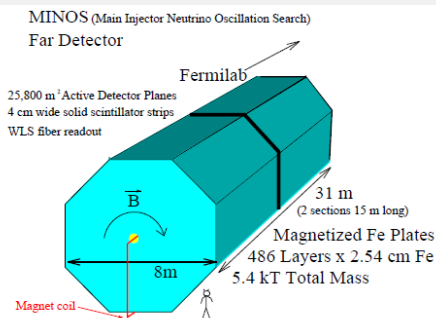


Need to **match muon track position** between spectrometer and trigger :
Use an instrumented Fe absorber



<http://newsline.linearcollider.org/archive/2010/20101104.html>

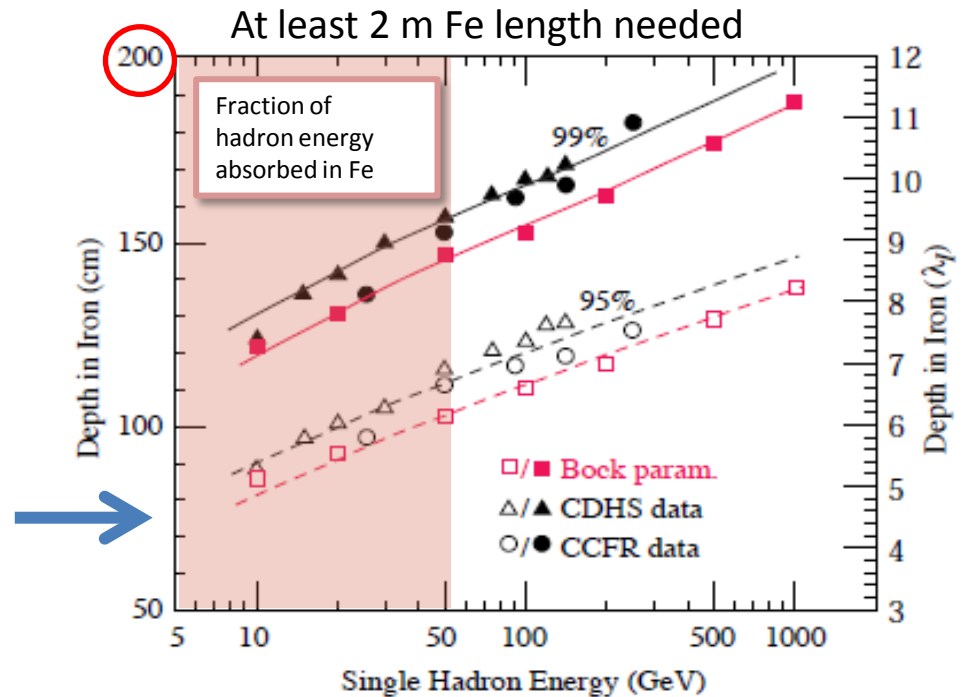
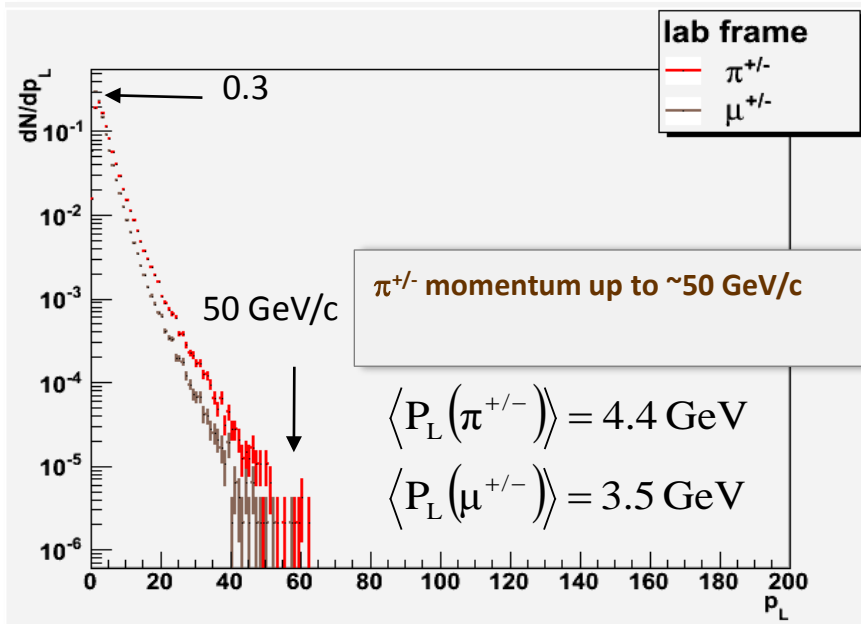
Can match muon track momentum between spectrometer and trigger :
Use magnetized Fe absorber ?



Minos

Detector – absorber

- Absorber size and energy loss



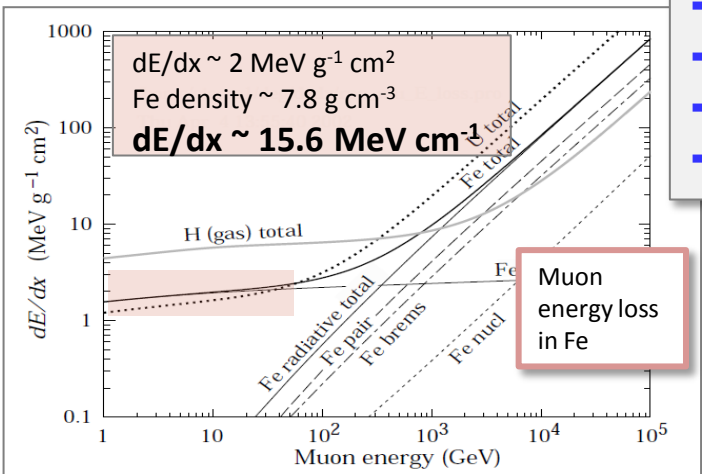
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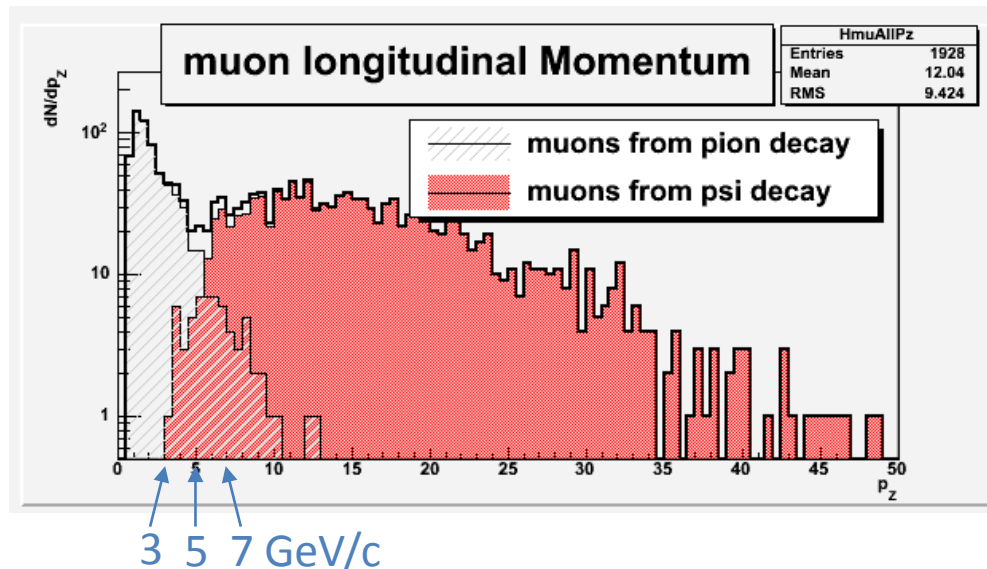
- Absorber size and energy loss

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- 2.0 m Fe → $\Delta E/\Delta x \sim 15.6 \times 200 \sim 3.1 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{J/\Psi} \sim 18.4 \%$
- 3.2 m Fe → $\Delta E/\Delta x \sim 15.6 \times 320 \sim 5 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{J/\Psi} \sim 18.0 \%$
- 3.8 m Fe → $\Delta E/\Delta x \sim 15.6 \times 380 \sim 6 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{J/\Psi} \sim 17.3 \%$
- 4.5 m Fe → $\Delta E/\Delta x \sim 15.6 \times 450 \sim 7 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{J/\Psi} \sim 16.1 \%$

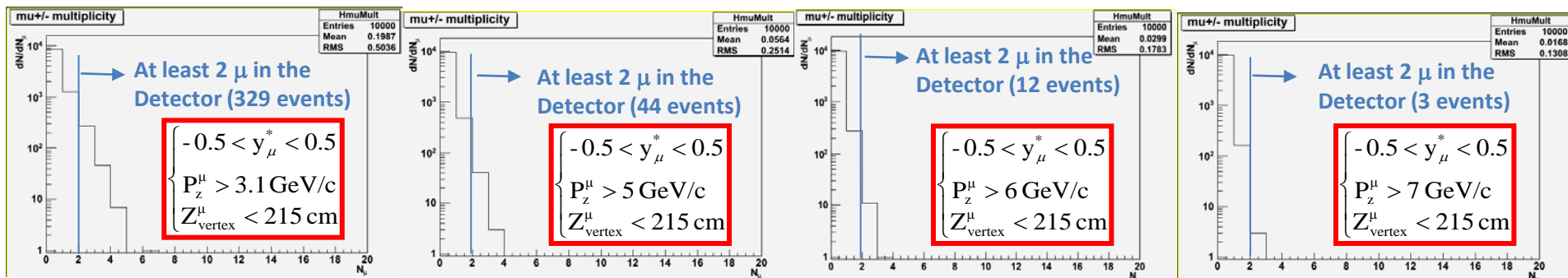


Absorber starts @ 205 cm
 $\pi^{+/-}$ stop decaying after $1 \lambda_1$ in tungsten ($\lambda_1 \sim 10 \text{ cm}$)
 → $\pi^{+/-}$ stop decaying @ 2.15 m



Detector – trigger rate in Pb+Pb

- **Pb Beam intensity**
 - NA50 $\rightarrow 5 \cdot 10^7$ ions/bunch $\rightarrow 10^7$ ions/sec (with a bunch time length ~ 5 sec)
 - **Luminosity** : $\mathcal{L} = N_b \times N_T = N_b \times (\rho \times e \times \mathcal{N}_A) / A = 10^7 \times (11.35 \times 0.4 \times 6.02 \cdot 10^{23}) / 207.19 = \mathbf{0.12 \mu b^{-1} s^{-1}}$
- **Number of min bias events (for Pb+Pb)**
 - $\sigma_1 = 68.8 \times (A^{1/3}_{proj} + B^{1/3}_{targ} - 1.32)^2 \rightarrow \sigma^{PbPb}_{minbias} = 68.8 \times (208^{1/3} + 207.19^{1/3} - 1.32)^2 = \mathbf{7.62 \text{ barn}}$
 - **Nevents/sec** $\sim 0.12 \cdot 10^6 \times 7.62 \sim \mathbf{0.9 \text{ MHz}}$
- **Event rejection :** 10 000 Pb+Pb minbias events generated with EPOS 1.6



3.2m Fe abs.: $P_z > 5 \text{ GeV/c}$: Trigger accepts 44/10000 events $\rightarrow N_{\text{events/sec}} \sim 0.9 \text{ MHz} \times 4.4 \cdot 10^{-3} \sim \mathbf{4 \text{ kHz}}$
3.8m Fe abs.: $P_z > 6 \text{ GeV/c}$: Trigger accepts 12/10000 events $\rightarrow N_{\text{events/sec}} \sim 0.9 \text{ MHz} \times 1.2 \cdot 10^{-3} \sim \mathbf{1.1 \text{ kHz}}$
4.5m Fe abs.: $P_z > 7 \text{ GeV/c}$: Trigger accepts 3/10000 events $\rightarrow N_{\text{events/sec}} \sim 0.9 \text{ MHz} \times 3 \cdot 10^{-4} \sim \mathbf{270 \text{ Hz}}$

CHIC – Detector design

- **Primary goals :**

- $\chi_c \rightarrow J/\Psi + \gamma \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \gamma$ at $y_{CMS} = 0$
- $J/\Psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ in large y_{CMS} range

- **Detector features : very compact**

1. **Spectrometer**

- Measure tracks before absorber $\rightarrow \sigma_M \sim 20 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
- Covers $y_{CMS} [-0.5, 2] \rightarrow$ need high segmentation
- \rightarrow Silicon technologies

2. **Calorimeter**

- Measuring γ in high π^0 multiplicity environment
- \rightarrow ultra-granular EMCal (Calice)

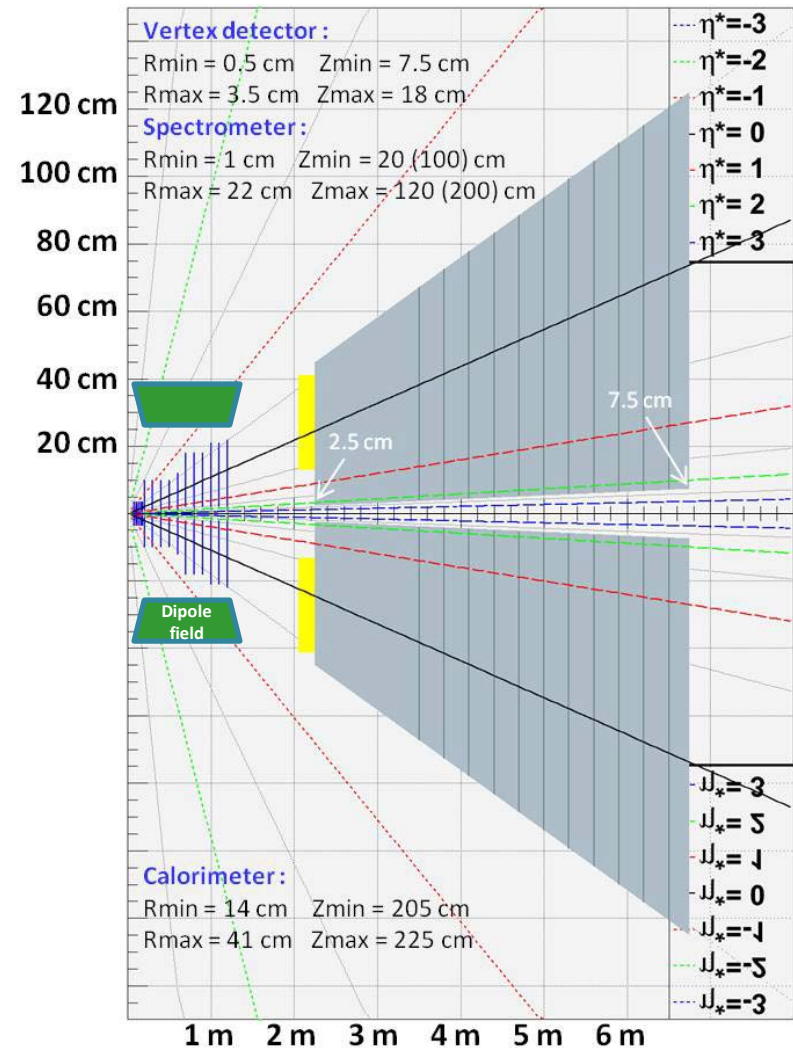
3. **Absorber/trigger**

- Using 4.5 m thick Fe to absorb π/K and low P $\mu^{+/-}$
- Can use smaller absorber if Fe magnetized
- Trigger to be defined (expected rate = 0.3 kHz)

- **Expected performances**

1. **tracking :** $\frac{\Delta P}{P} \sim 1\%$ within 1m long 2.5T \vec{B}

2. **Calorimetry :** $\frac{\Delta E}{E} \sim \frac{20\%}{\sqrt{E}}$



CHIC – Performances

- χ_{c2} in p+p collisions at $\sqrt{s}=17.8$ GeV

- **Sample:**

- 20 000 events with Pythia 6.421
- 1 $\chi_{c2} \rightarrow J/\Psi \gamma \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \gamma$ per event
- Smearing $\Delta P_\mu / P_\mu = 1\%$
- Smearing $\Delta E_\gamma / E_\gamma = 20\% / \sqrt{E_\gamma}$

- **Selections :**

- Keep muons w/ $-0.5 < y_{cms} < 0.5$
- Keep muons w/ $P_z > 7$ GeV
- Keep muons w/ $z_{vertex} < 215$ cm
- Keep photons w/ $-0.5 < y_{cms} < 0.5$
- Reject photons w/ $M_{\gamma\gamma} \in [100, 160]$ MeV/c²

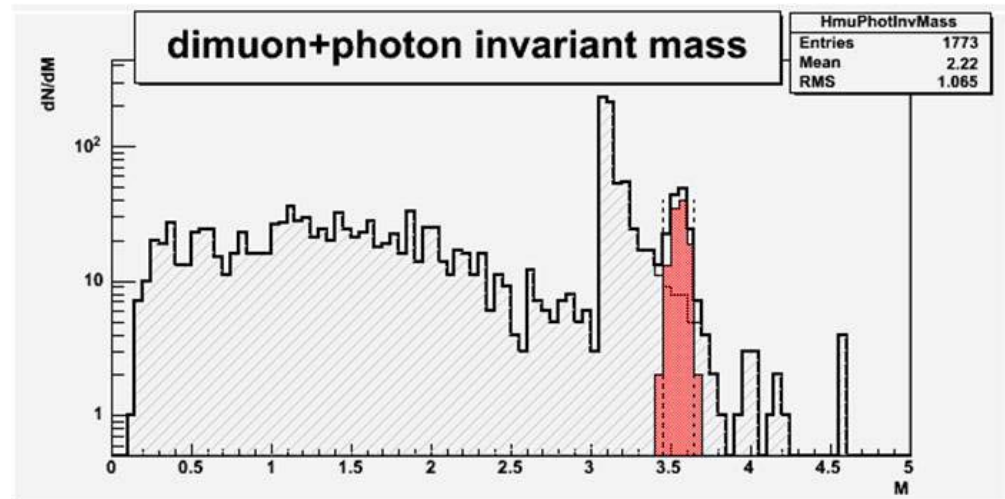
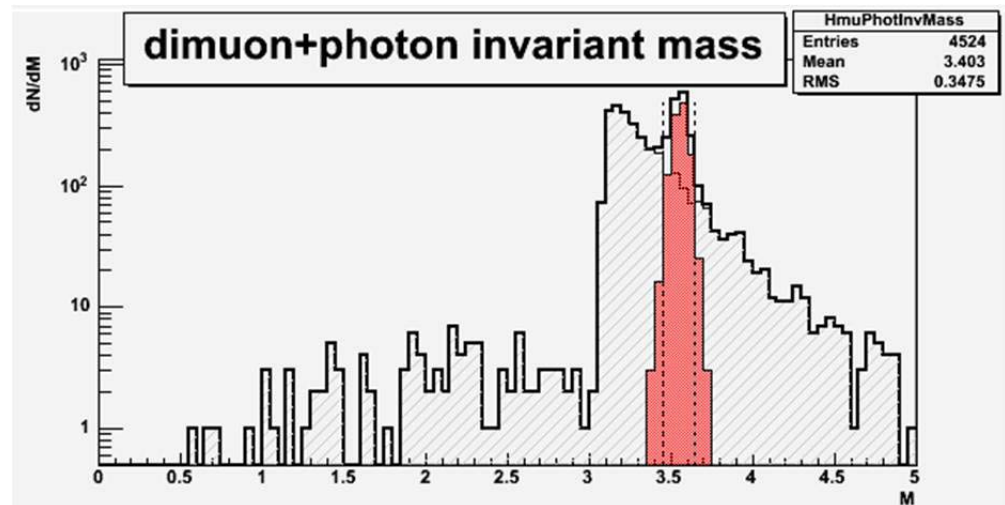
- **Results** : signal/bkg = 2.8

- χ_{c2} in Pb+Pb at $\sqrt{s}=17.8$ GeV

- **Sample:**

- 10 000 events minbias with Epos 1.6
- 1 pythia χ_{c2} embedded in each event
- Same selections as in p+p
- Reject γ if not in the same emisphere as J/Ψ

- **Results** : signal/bkg = 3.6



Conclusion

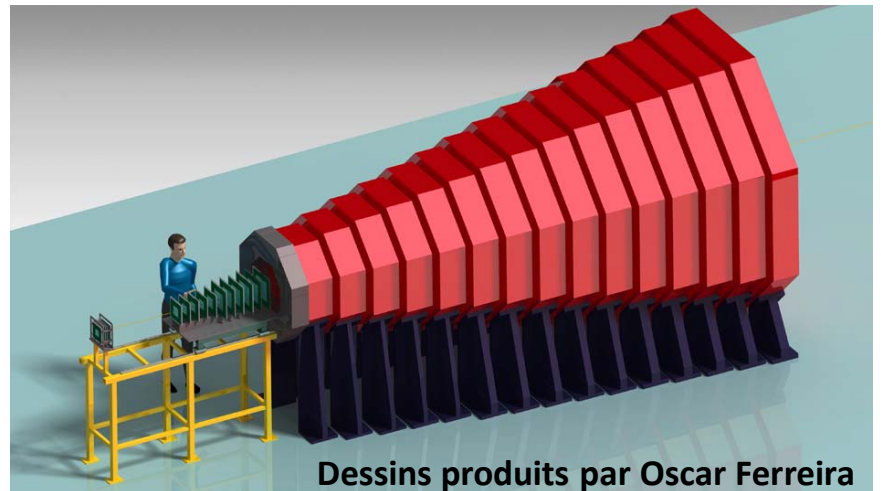
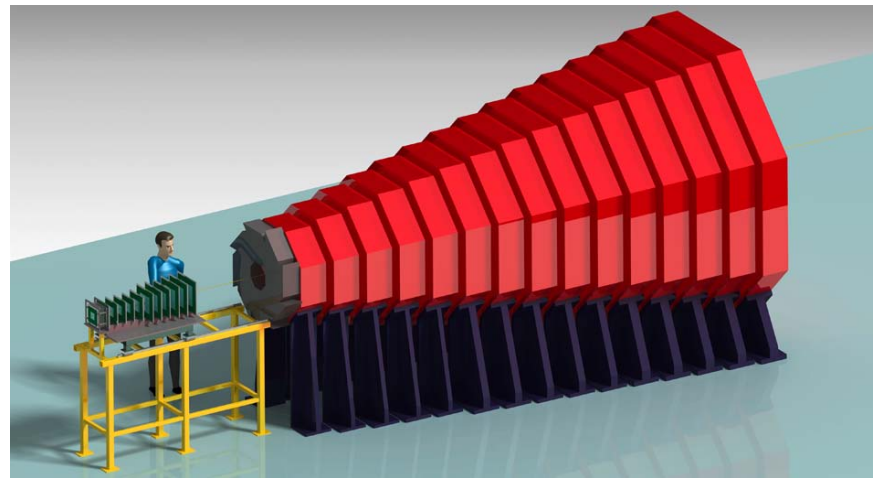
- Déjà beaucoup de données sur le J/Ψ à différentes énergies, d'autres à venir
- Toujours difficile à comprendre:
 - A-t-on vu la suppression séquentielle ?
 - A-t-on vu la régénération ?
- La mesure du χ_c est une étape essentielle (et nécessaire)
- Le SPS est le meilleur endroit pour commencer
- C'est aujourd'hui faisable

- **Programme pour 2012**

- Promotion du projet : séminaires, conférences
- **Recherche de partenaires**
- Première version d'un framework de simulation
- Évaluation des technologies (tracking, muons)
- Échelle de temps < 10 ans (~3 construction)
- Échelle de prix ~3 – 4 M€

- **Demandes :**

- Quelques aides ponctuelles
- **Des encouragements**



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Conclusion

Expression of Interest

CHIC: Charm in Heavy Ion Collisions

Study of charm production with proton and heavy ion
beams at the CERN SPS

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Abstract

We propose a third generation experiment devoted to the measurement of open and hidden charm production in heavy ion collisions. The specific purpose of this experiment is to measure $\chi_c \rightarrow J/\psi + \gamma$ in the very busy environment produced in Pb+Pb collisions. This will lead to the first observation of charmonium sequential suppression in a Quark Gluon Plasma.