

# The normal $J/\psi$ nuclear absorption



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# Motivation

- NA50 studies  $J/\psi$  production in Pb-Pb collisions at 158 GeV.
- A very well grounded baseline, describing the normal  $J/\psi$  nuclear absorption, has to be established.
  - ▶ Study  $J/\psi$  production measured in proton collisions with several  $A$  targets.
- Extrapolate the expected  $J/\psi$  normal nuclear behaviour (as deduced from p-A collisions) to heavier systems.



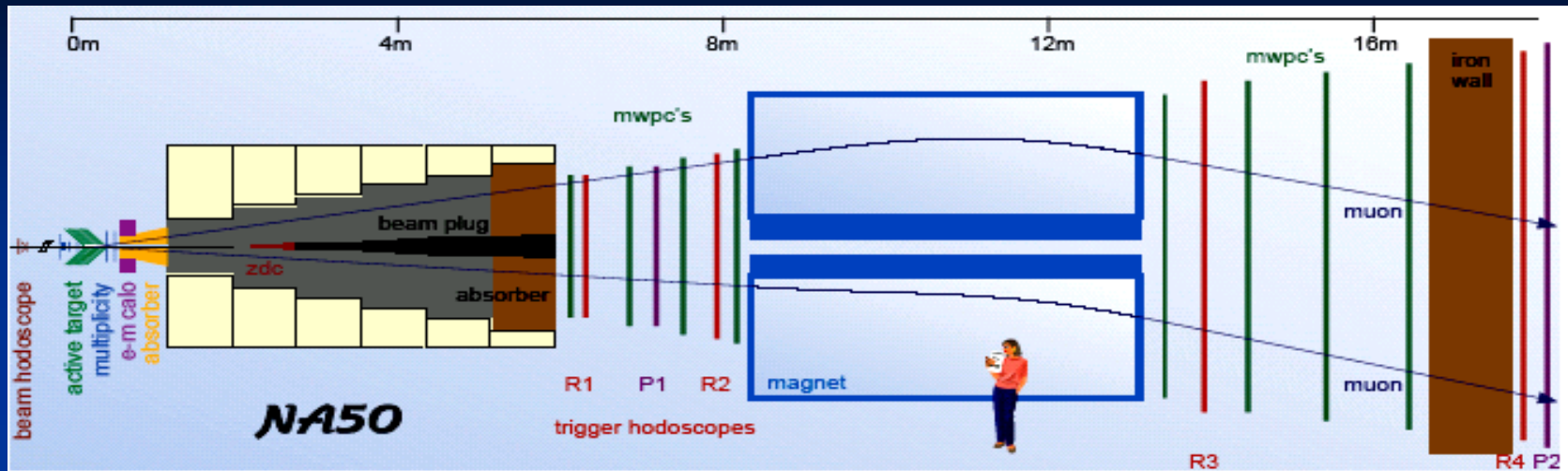
# Available p-A data sets

- Several experiments have measured  $J/\psi$  production, in proton-nucleus collisions, at different energies and kinematical domains:
  - **NA50 experiment**
    - p-A (A = Be, Al, Cu, Ag, W) at 450 GeV
    - p-A (A = Be, Al, Cu, Ag, W, Pb) at 400 GeV
  - **NA51 experiment**
    - pp, pd at 450 GeV
  - **NA38 experiment**
    - p-A (A = C, Al, Cu, W) at 450 GeV
    - p-A (A = Cu, W, U) and A-B (O-Cu, O-U, S-U) at 200 GeV
  - **NA3 experiment**
    - pp, pPt at 200 GeV

Same Spectrometer



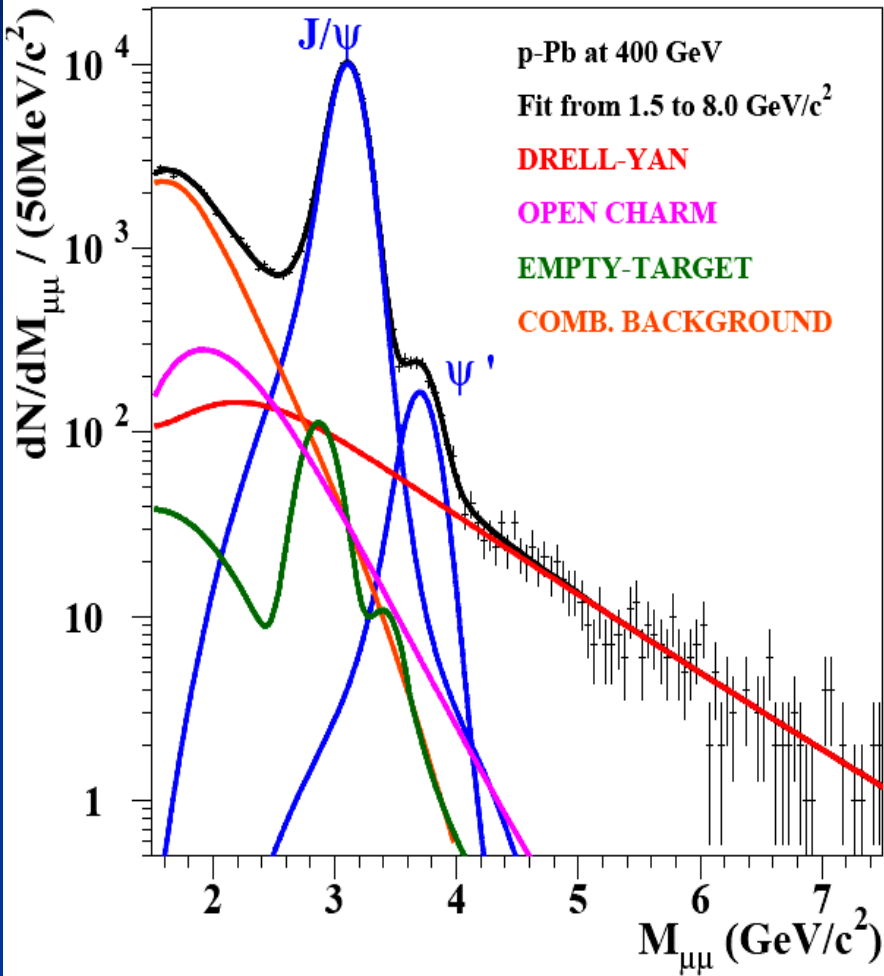
# Experimental setups



	$E_{\text{lab}}$ (GeV)	Data	$Y_{\mu\mu}^*$	$ \text{Cos}(\theta_{\text{CS}}) $	Absorber
NA50	450	p-A	-0.50 : 0.50	< 0.5	C, Fe
NA50	400	p-A	-0.45 : 0.55	< 0.5	C, Fe
NA50	158	Pb-Pb	0.00 : 1.00	< 0.5	C, Fe
NA51	450	pp, pd	-0.40 : 0.60	< 0.5	C, Fe
NA38	450	p-A	-0.40 : 0.60	< 0.5	C
NA38	200	p-A	0.00 : 1.00	< 0.5	C
NA38	200	A-B	0.00 : 1.00	< 0.5	C

# Data analyses

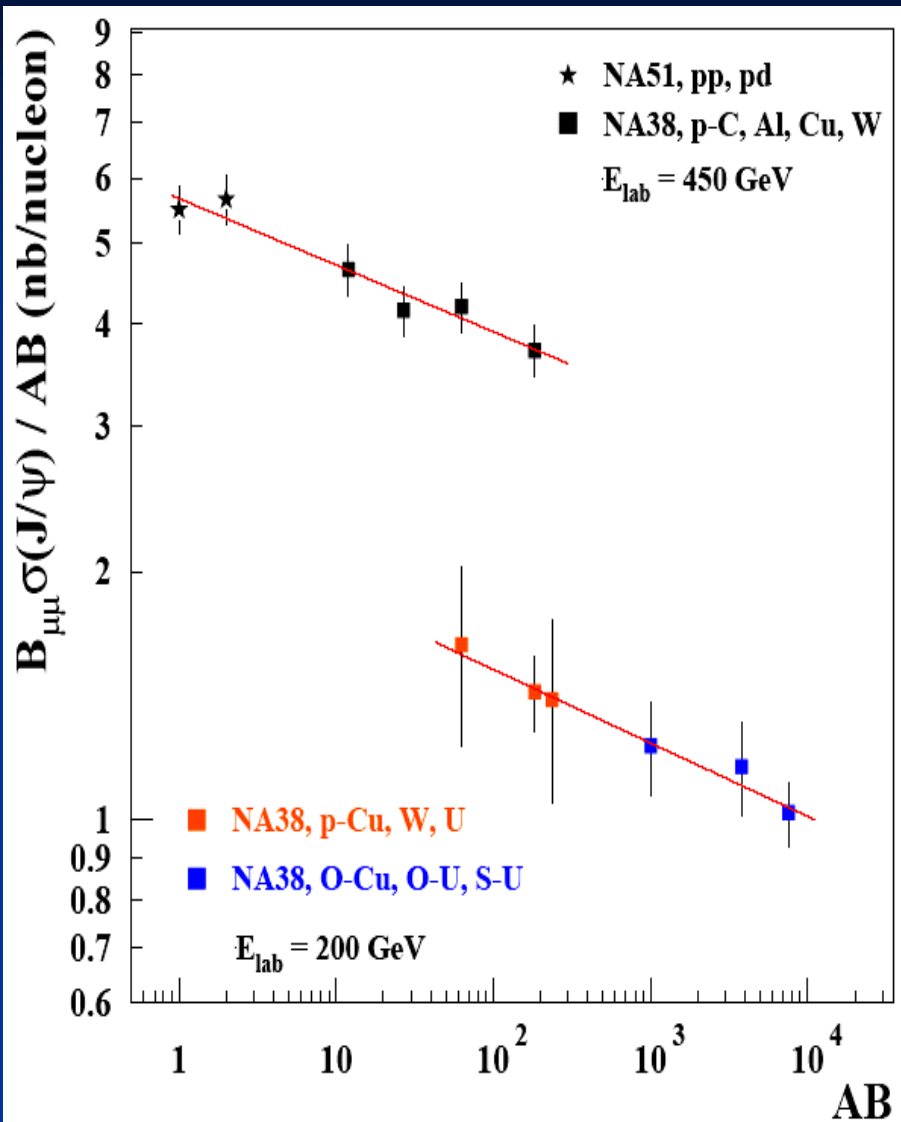
$$N_{J/\psi} \frac{dN_{J/\psi}}{dM} + N_{\psi'} \frac{dN_{\psi'}}{dM} + N_{DY} \frac{dN_{DY}}{dM} + N_{D\bar{D}} \frac{dN_{D\bar{D}}}{dM} + \frac{dN_{Bkg}}{dM} + \frac{dN_{Empty}}{dM}$$



- NA50, NA51 and NA38 analyses are performed with identical methods.
- The experimental dimuon opposite-sign mass spectrum is analysed through a fit including several ingredients:
  - $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$
  - $\psi' \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$
  - Drell-Yan process
  - Correlated semileptonic decays of open charm mesons.
  - Combinatorial background



# NA51 and NA38 joint $\alpha$ fit

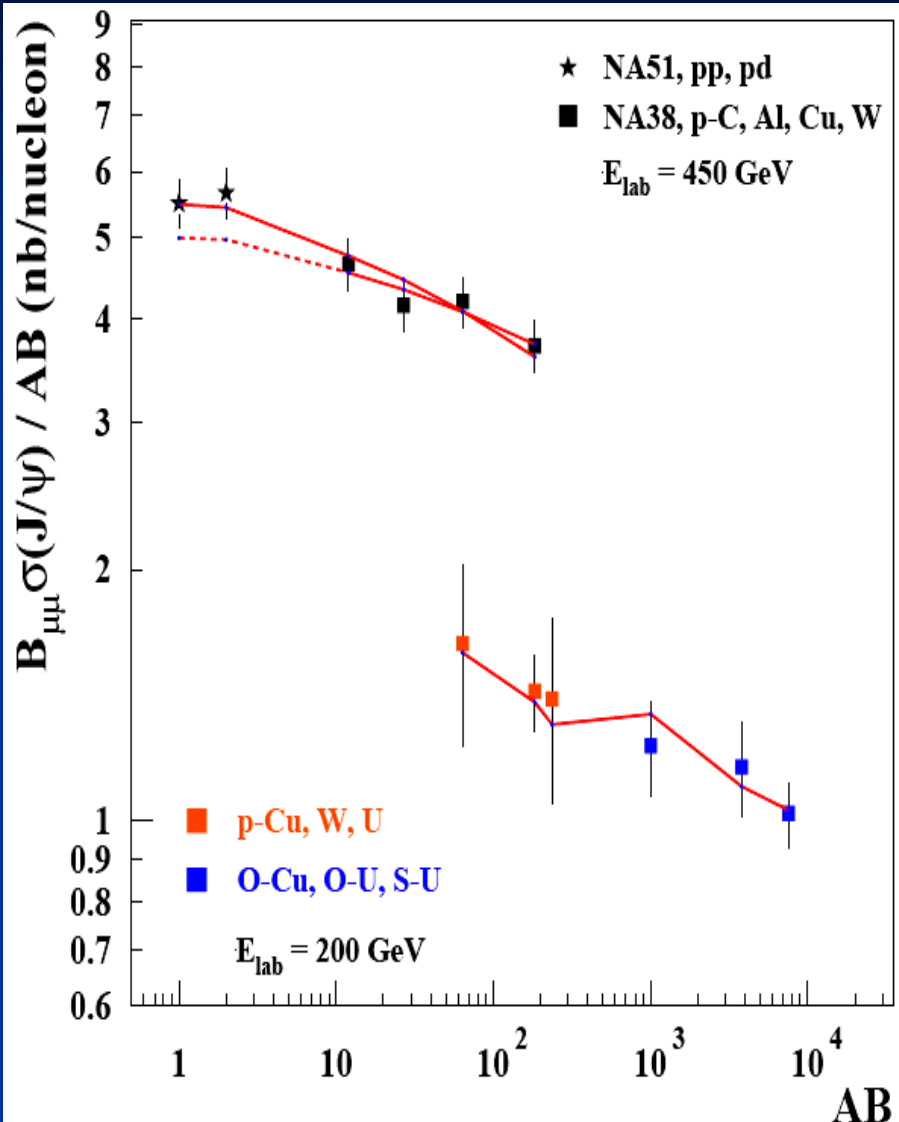


- NA38 has measured  $J/\psi$  production in several systems at 450 GeV and 200 GeV.
- NA38 results are compiled in PLB 466 (1999) 408 and analysed together with NA51 450 GeV pp, pd results.
- $J/\psi$  nuclear dependence was parametrized as  $\sigma(J/\psi) = \sigma_0 A^\alpha$

$P_{lab}$	$N_0$ (nb)	$\alpha_{J/\psi}$
450 GeV	$5.7 \pm 0.3$	$0.919 \pm 0.015$
200 GeV	$2.3 \pm 0.6$	$0.911 \pm 0.034$



# NA51 and NA38 joint Glauber fit



- A **Glauber Model** was used to describe  $J/\psi$  nuclear dependence production

$E_{lab}$	$N_0$ (nb)	$\sigma_{abs}$ (mb)
450 GeV	$5.5 \pm 0.2$	$7.1 \pm 1.6$
200 GeV	$2.2 \pm 0.5$	$7.8 \pm 3.5$

- If NA51 results are excluded from the Glauber fit, we obtain:

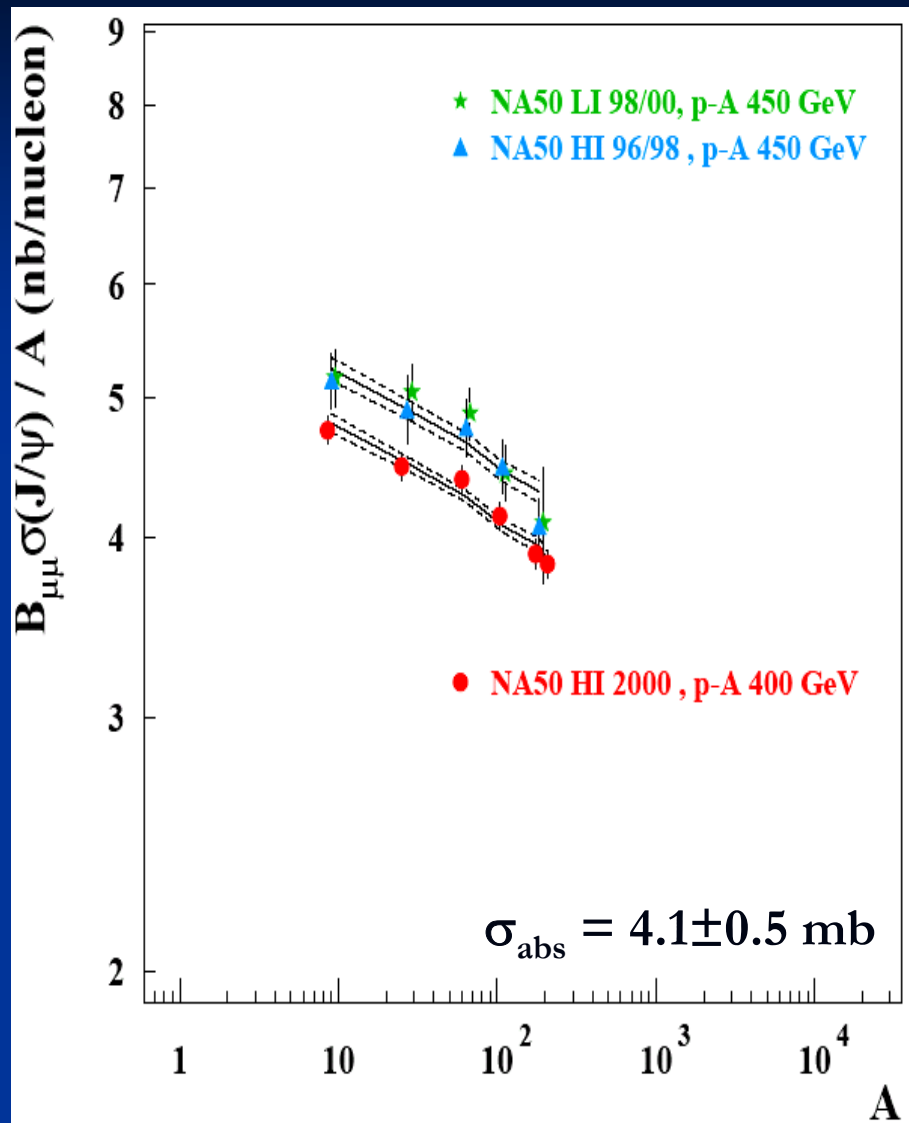
$E_{lab}$	$N_0$ (nb)	$\sigma_{abs}$ (mb)
450 GeV	$5.0 \pm 0.5$	$4.8 \pm 2.6$
200 GeV	$2.2 \pm 0.5$	$7.8 \pm 3.5$

- ▶ Possible normalization problem between NA51 and NA38 450 GeV p-A results?





# NA50 Glauber fit results



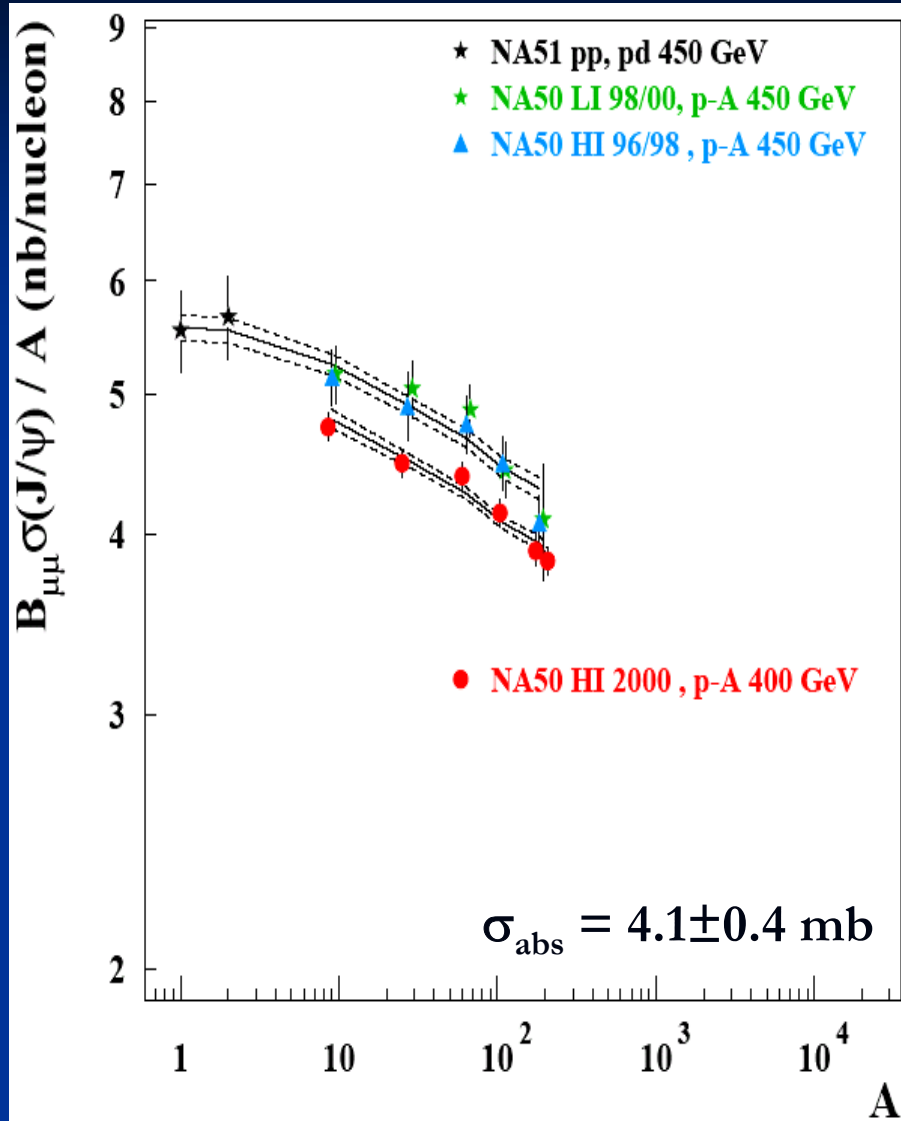
- NA50 has 3 different p-A data collections, at 2 different energies and using several targets (A=Be,Al,Cu,Ag,W,Pb)

Set	$E_{lab}$	$N_0$ (nb)	$\sigma_{abs}$ (mb)
HI 96/98	450 GeV	$5.6 \pm 0.3$	$4.4 \pm 1.2$
LI 98/00	450 GeV	$5.6 \pm 0.3$	$4.0 \pm 1.4$
HI 2000	400 GeV	$5.1 \pm 0.1$	$4.0 \pm 0.5$

- Results from different data sets are compatible
- Perform a simultaneous Glauber fit

$E_{lab}$	$N_0$ (nb)	$\sigma_{abs}$ (mb)
450 GeV	$5.6 \pm 0.1$	$4.1 \pm 0.5$
400 GeV	$5.1 \pm 0.1$	

# NA51 and NA50 joint Glauber fit



- Glauber fit results including NA51 data

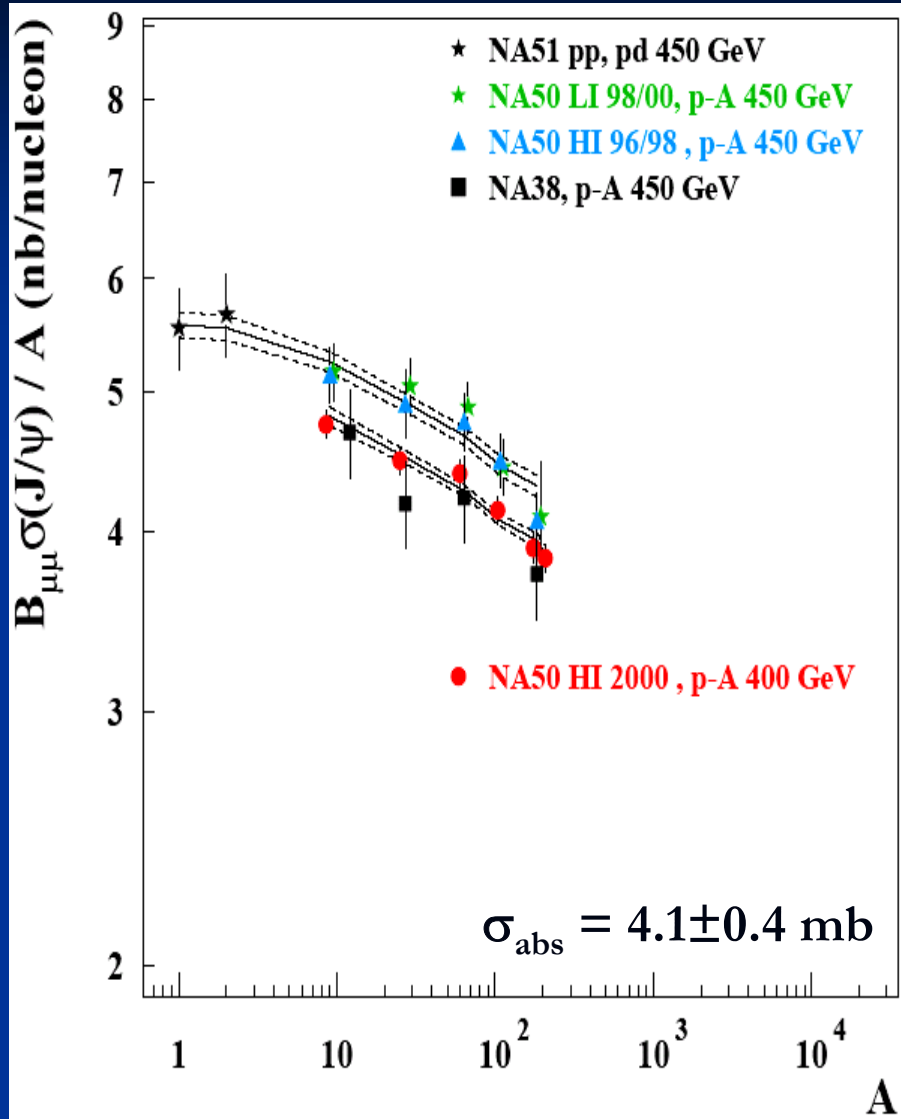
$P_{lab}$	$N_0$ (nb)	$\sigma_{abs}$ (mb)
450 GeV	$5.6 \pm 0.1$	$4.1 \pm 0.4$
400 GeV	$5.1 \pm 0.1$	

- NA51 results are consistent with the extrapolated Glauber behaviour from the NA50 450 GeV p-A results.

► **No apparent problem in normalization between NA51 and NA50 450 GeV p-A results.**



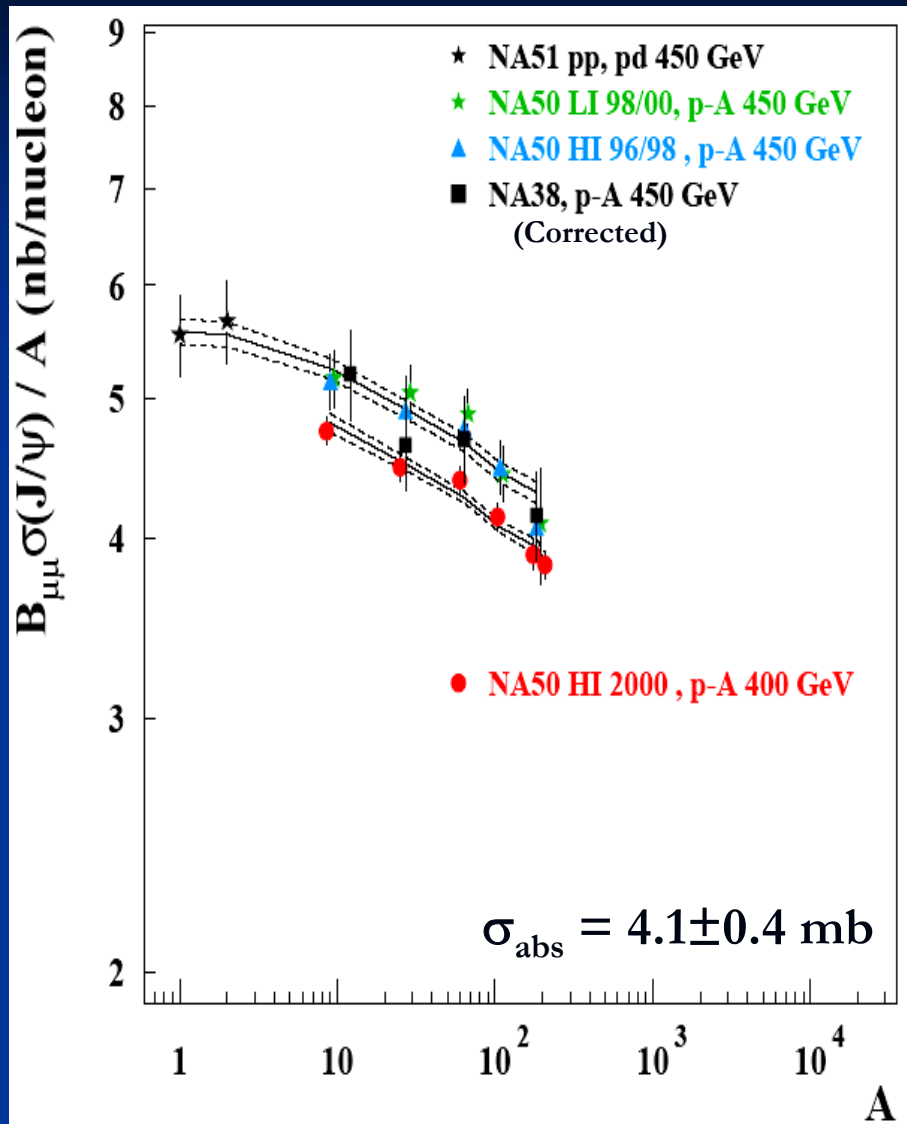
# NA51, NA50 and NA38 Glauber fit



- NA50 and NA38 p-A 450 GeV results are not in agreement regarding normalization.
- ▶ Possible systematic problem on NA38 cross-section measurements when compared to NA50.

Set	$E_{lab}$	$N_0$ (nb)	$\sigma_{abs}$ (mb)
NA50	450 GeV	$5.6 \pm 0.1$	$4.1 \pm 0.4$
NA50	400 GeV	$5.1 \pm 0.1$	
NA38	450 GeV	$4.9 \pm 0.2$	

# NA51, NA50 and NA38 Glauber fit



- We revisited the NA38 studies.
  - A problem was found in the NA38 450 GeV p-A reconstruction.
  - This problem does not affect the NA38 p-A 200 GeV results (at much lower intensity beam).
  - An overall  $\sim 11\%$  correction has to be applied to the NA38 450 GeV p-A results.

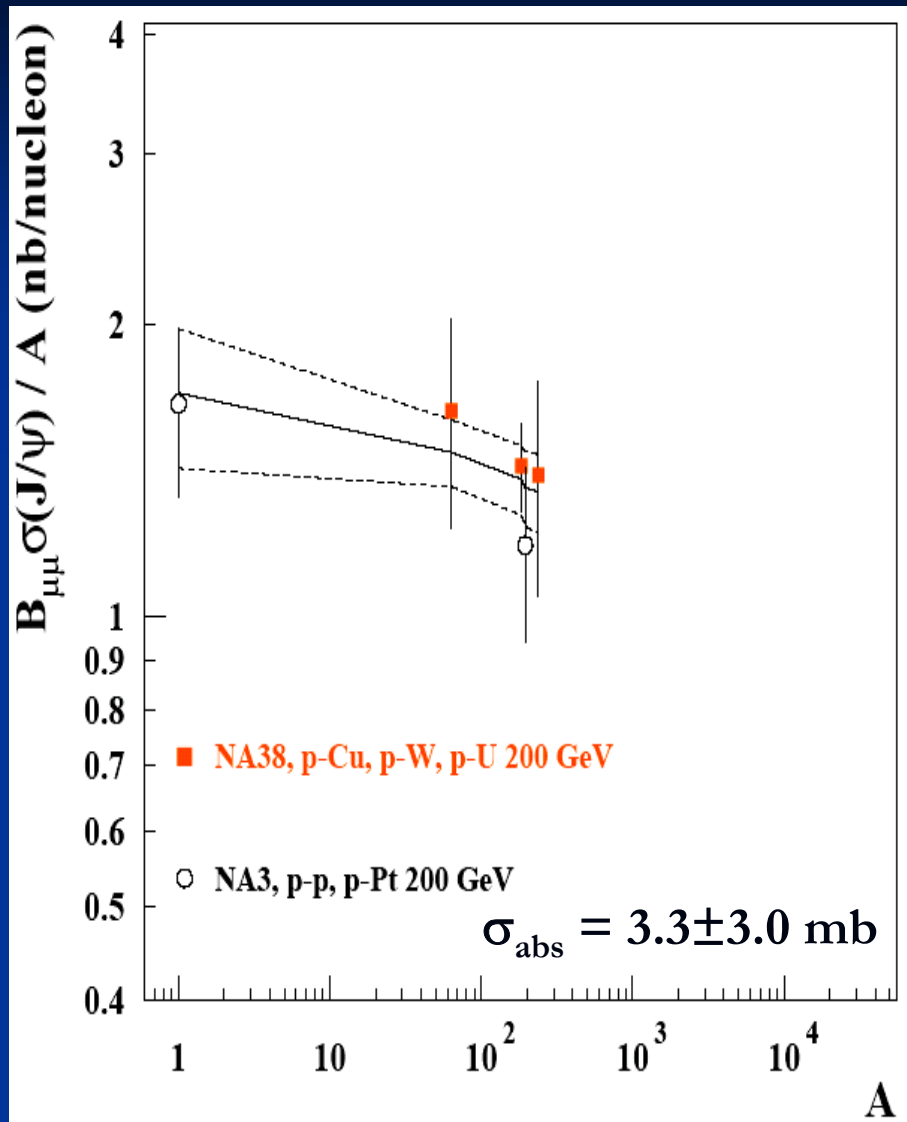
Set	$P_{lab}$	$N_0$ (nb)	$\sigma_{abs}$ (mb)
NA50	450 GeV	$5.6 \pm 0.1$	$4.1 \pm 0.4$
NA50	400 GeV	$5.1 \pm 0.1$	
NA38 (corrected)	450 GeV	$5.5 \pm 0.2$	

# NA50 and NA38 comparisons

- The fact that NA50 450 GeV p-A results are now compatible with NA38 450 GeV p-A results (within 2-3%) indicate that:
  - The systematic differences between the two experiments are small and under control;
  - NA50 data at 450/400 GeV can be safely compared with NA38 data at 200 GeV, in terms of slopes and normalizations.



# NA38 and NA3 200 GeV Glauber fit



- The 200 GeV NA38 p-A results are not sufficient to extract  $\sigma_{abs}$ .
- NA3 has measured  $J/\psi$  production in pp and pPt collisions at 200 GeV. The inclusion of these data in the Glauber fit will constrain the  $\sigma_{abs}$  determination.

$E_{lab}$	$N_0$ (nb)	$\sigma_{abs}$ (mb)
200 GeV	$1.7 \pm 0.3$	$3.3 \pm 3.0$

# Comparison of $\sigma_{\text{abs}}$ results

- Glauber fit results to the 450/400 GeV p-A data:

$E_{\text{lab}}$	$N_0$ (nb)	$\sigma_{\text{abs}}$ (mb)
450 GeV	$5.6 \pm 0.1$	$4.1 \pm 0.4$
400 GeV	$5.1 \pm 0.1$	

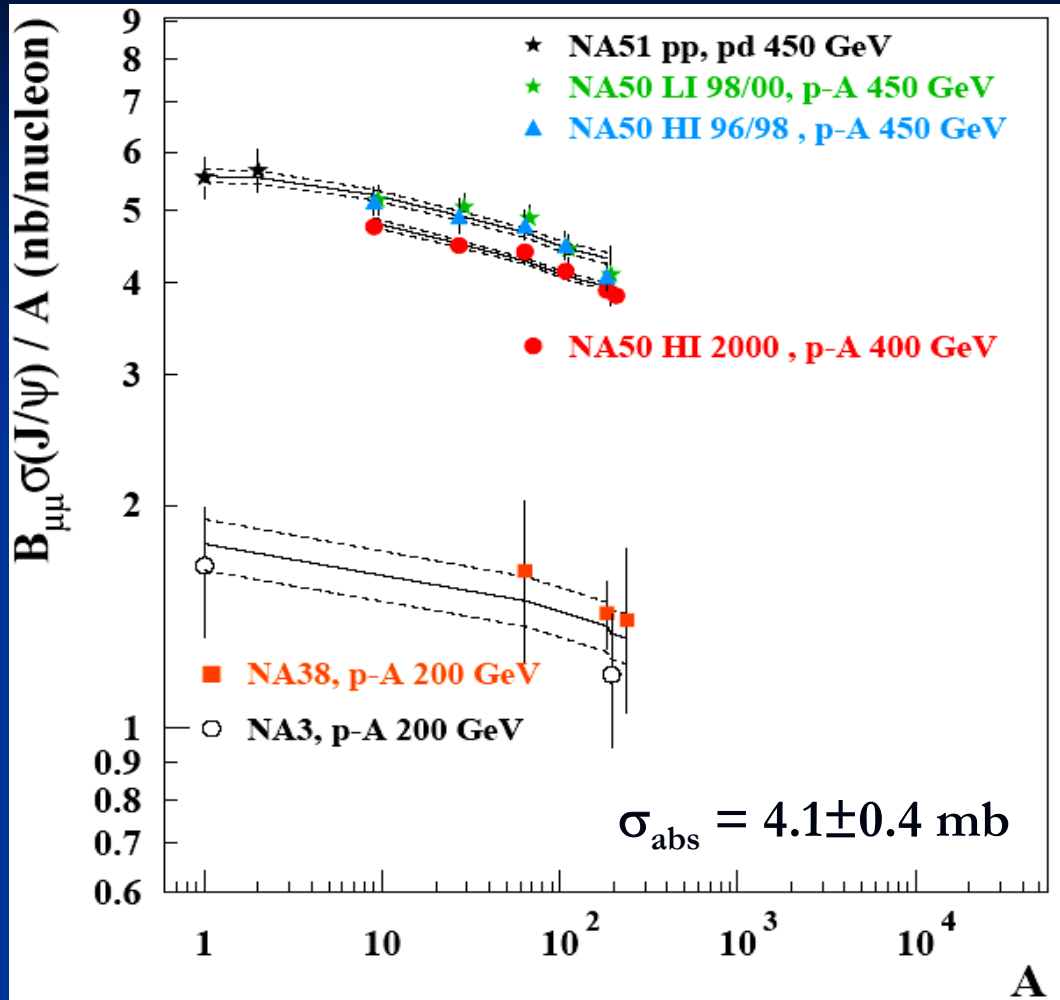
- Glauber fit results to the 200 GeV p-A data

$E_{\text{lab}}$	$N_0$ (nb)	$\sigma_{\text{abs}}$ (mb)
200 GeV	$1.7 \pm 0.3$	$3.3 \pm 3.0$

- $\sigma_{\text{abs}}$  is determined with bad accuracy at 200 GeV. However, these data are important since they establish the normalization at lower energies.
- $\sigma_{\text{abs}}$  results for the different energies are compatible
  - ▶ Assume  $\sigma_{\text{abs}}$  is constant between 450, 400 and 200 GeV.



# Final $\sigma_{\text{abs}}$ results

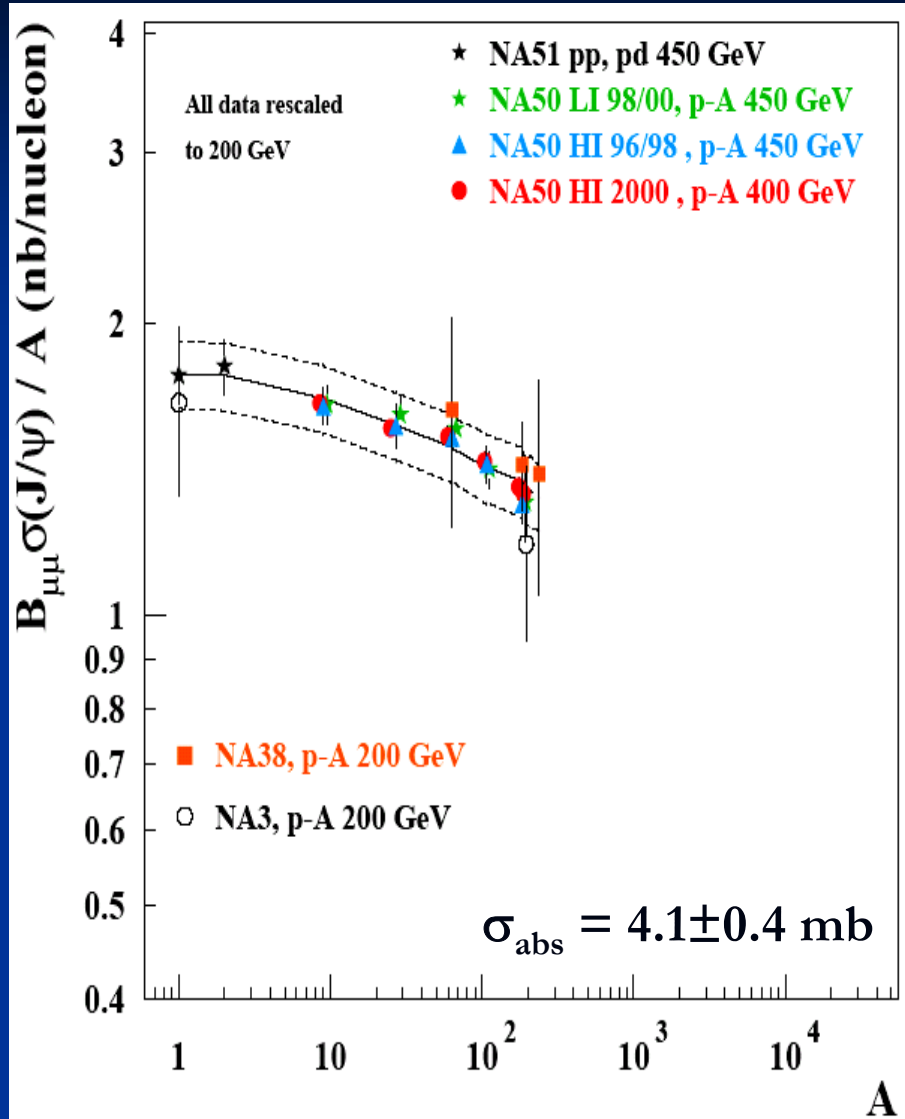


- Final results are obtained from a simultaneous Glauber fit performed for the 450/400/200 GeV p-A data

$N_0^{200}$ (nb)	$N_0^{400}$ (nb)	$N_0^{450}$ (nb)	$N_0^{200}/N_0^{400}$	$N_0^{200}/N_0^{450}$	$\sigma_{\text{abs}}$ (mb)
$1.8 \pm 0.1$	$5.1 \pm 0.1$	$5.6 \pm 0.1$	$0.348 \pm 0.027$	$0.319 \pm 0.025$	$4.1 \pm 0.4$



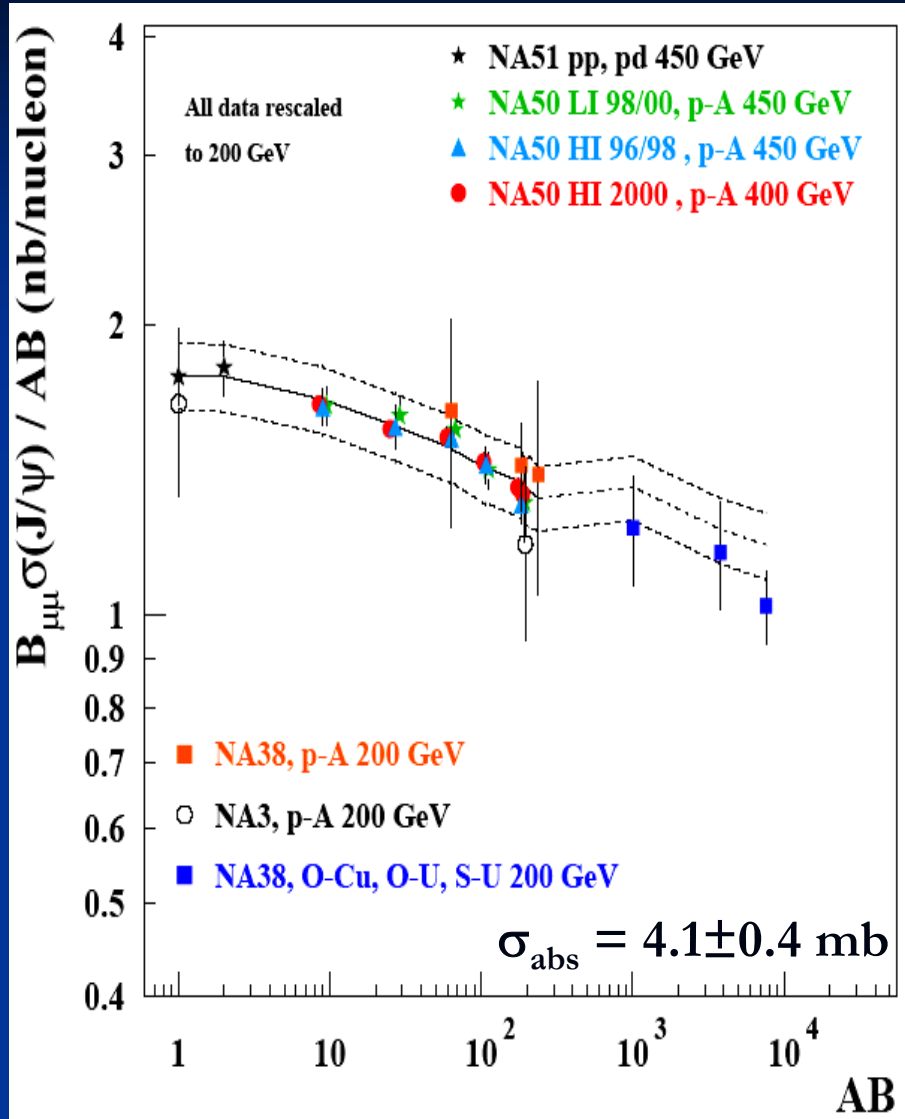
# Experimental rescaling to 200 GeV



- The ratios  $N_0^{200}/N_0^{450}$  and  $N_0^{200}/N_0^{400}$  are used to scale down  $J/\psi$  absolute cross-sections from higher energies to 200 GeV.
- The rescale systematic error (7.8%) is not included in the data error bars.



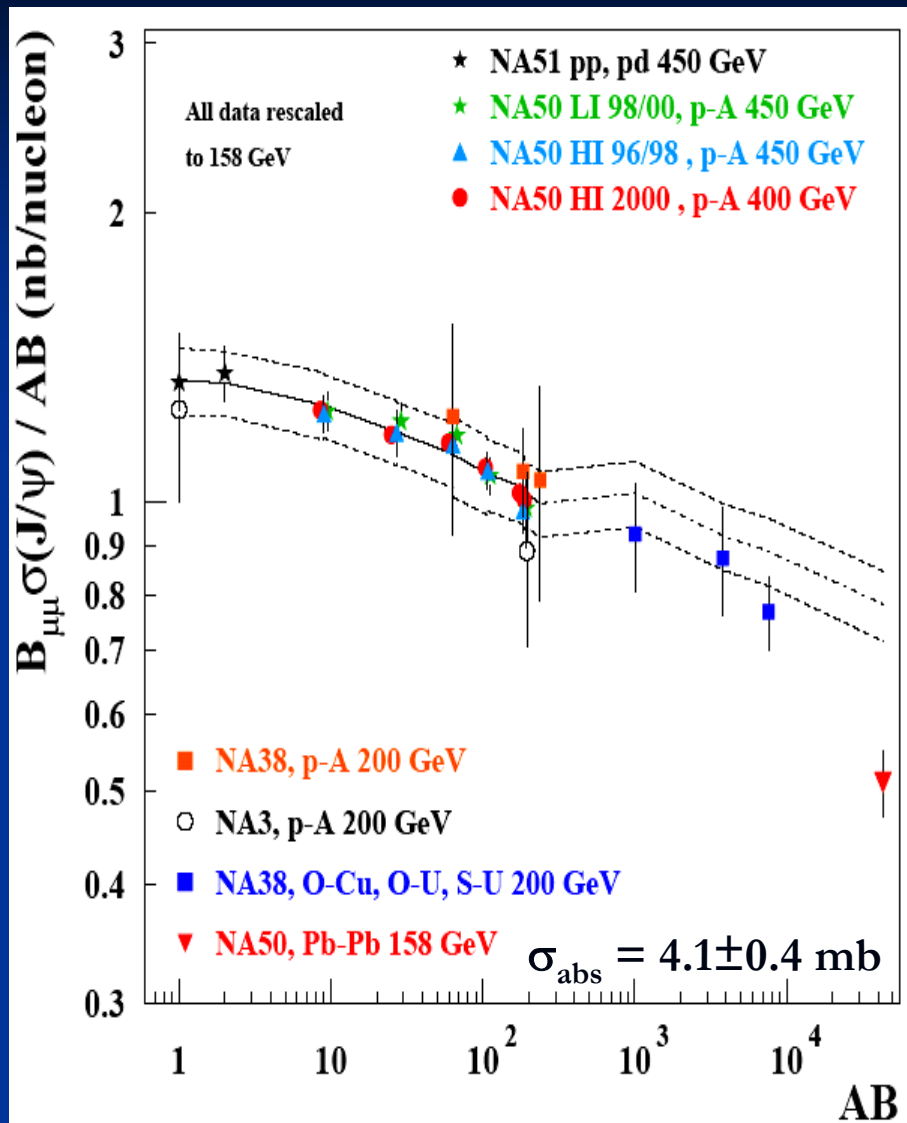
# Comparison with NA38 light ion data



- The A-B data from NA38 are not included in the Glauber fits.
- They are just plotted and compared with the corresponding Glauber estimation deduced from **p-A data**.



# Comparison with NA50 Pb-Pb results



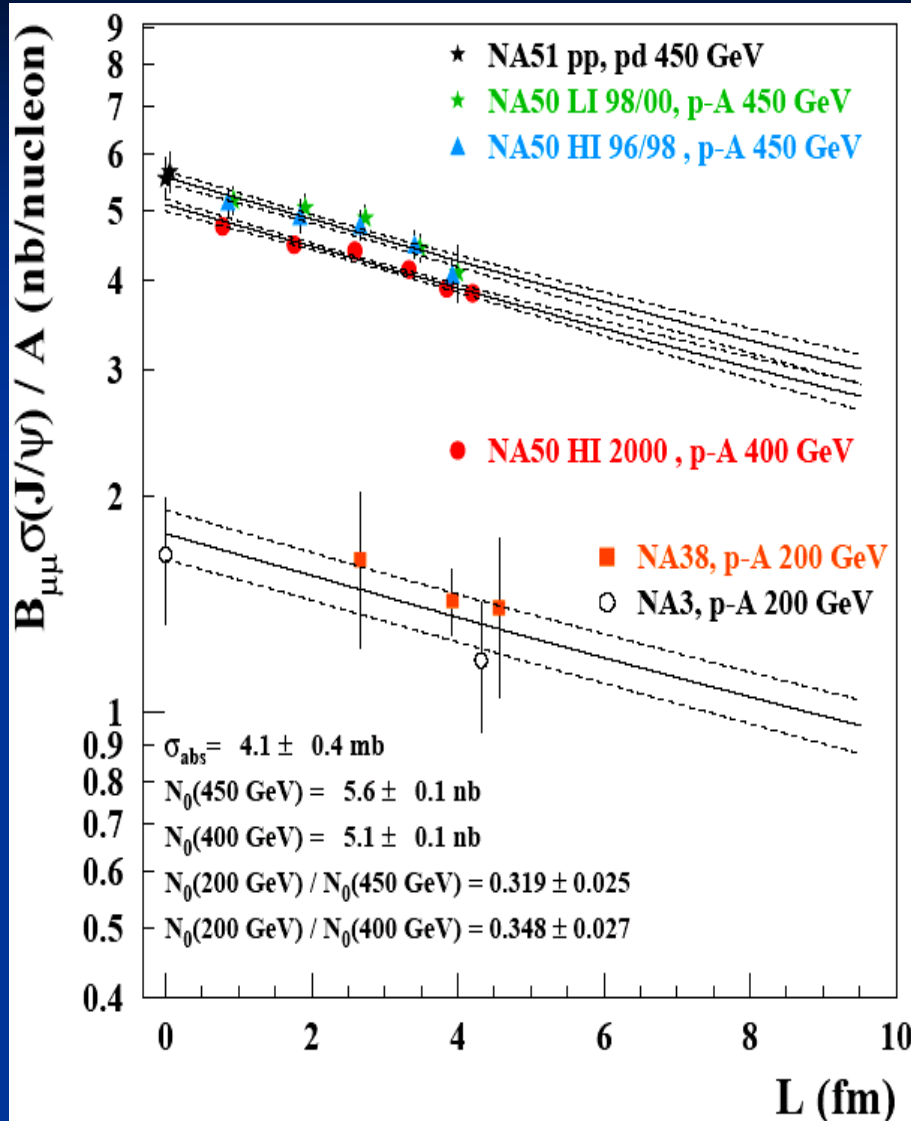
- NA50 has also measured Pb-Pb  $J/\psi$  absolute cross-section at 158 GeV.

- The “Schuler parametrization” (in energy and  $x_F$ ) is used to scale down all data from the 200 GeV kinematical domain to the 158 GeV kinematical domain.

- The Pb-Pb  $J/\psi$  production result is compared with the extrapolated Glauber behaviour deduced from p-A data with no assumptions at all regarding A-B results.



# $\psi$ absorption curve as a function of L



- The same absorption curve, with  $\sigma_{abs} = 4.1 \pm 0.4$  mb, is drawn as a function of L, the average path length of J/ $\psi$  in nuclear matter, for the 3 different energies:

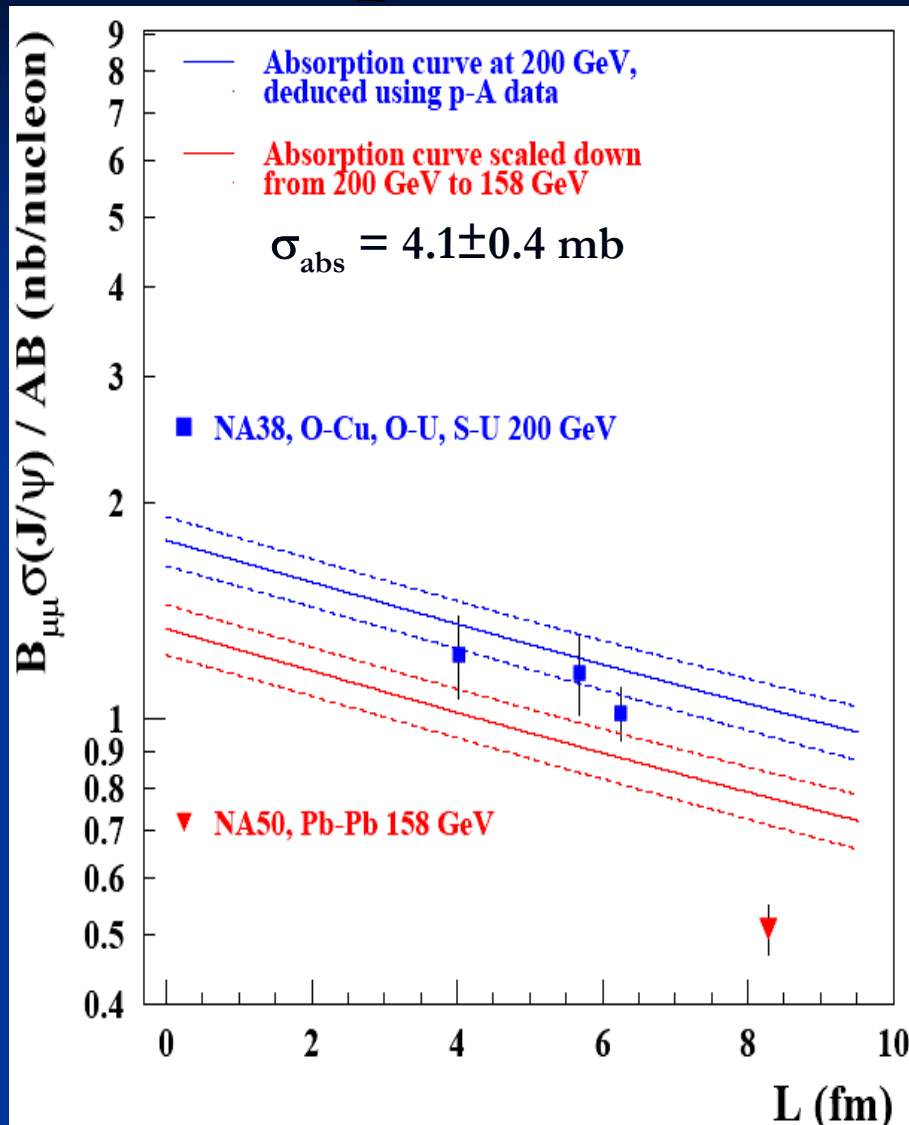
- 450 GeV

- 400 GeV

- 200 GeV



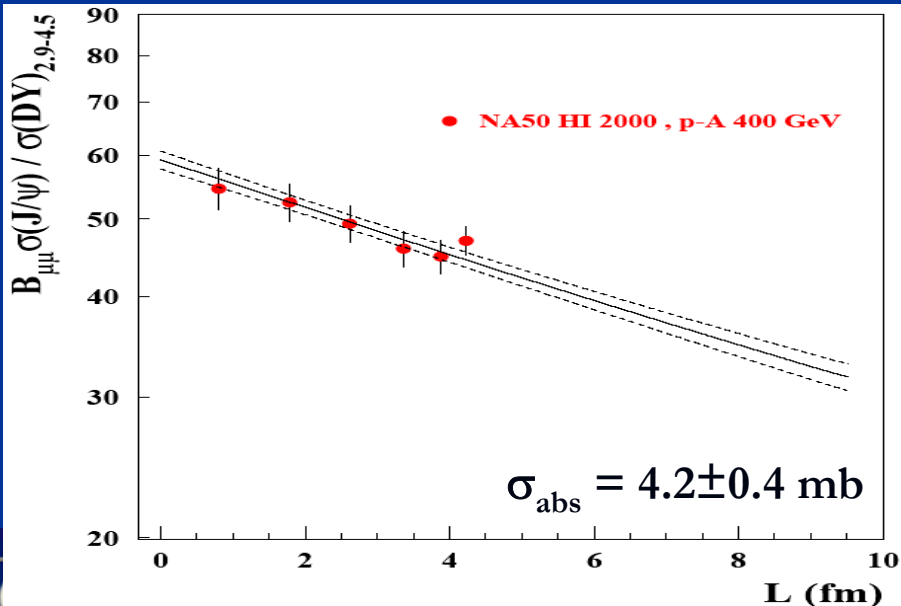
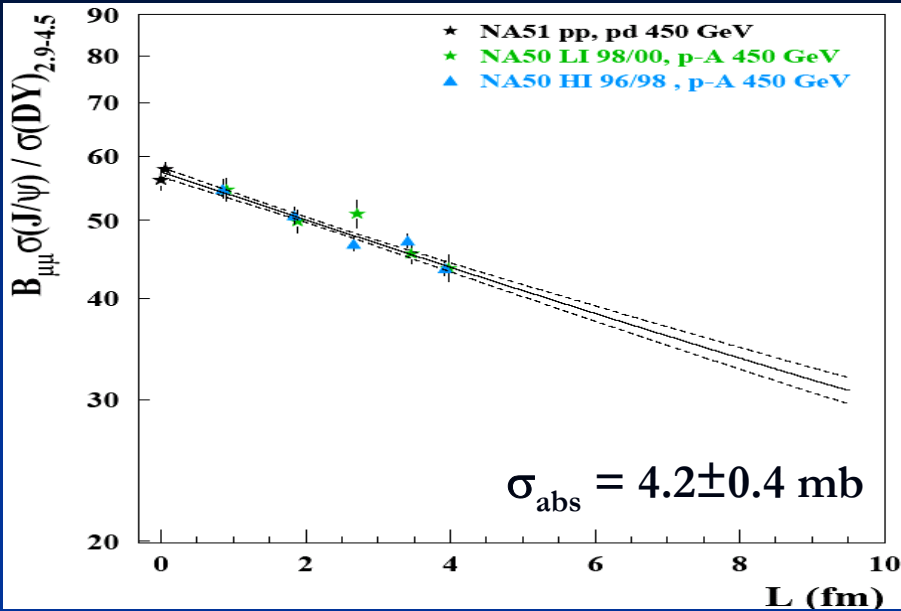
# $\psi$ absorption curve as a function of L (2)



- The absorption curve is directly compared with NA38  $B_{\mu\mu} \sigma(\psi) / AB$  results at 200 GeV.

- The absorption curve has to be scaled down to the NA50 158 GeV kinematical domain for a direct comparison with Pb-Pb  $B_{\mu\mu} \sigma(\psi) / AB$  results.

# p-A $B_{\mu\mu} \sigma(\psi) / \sigma(DY)_{2.9-4.5} \sigma_{abs}$ result

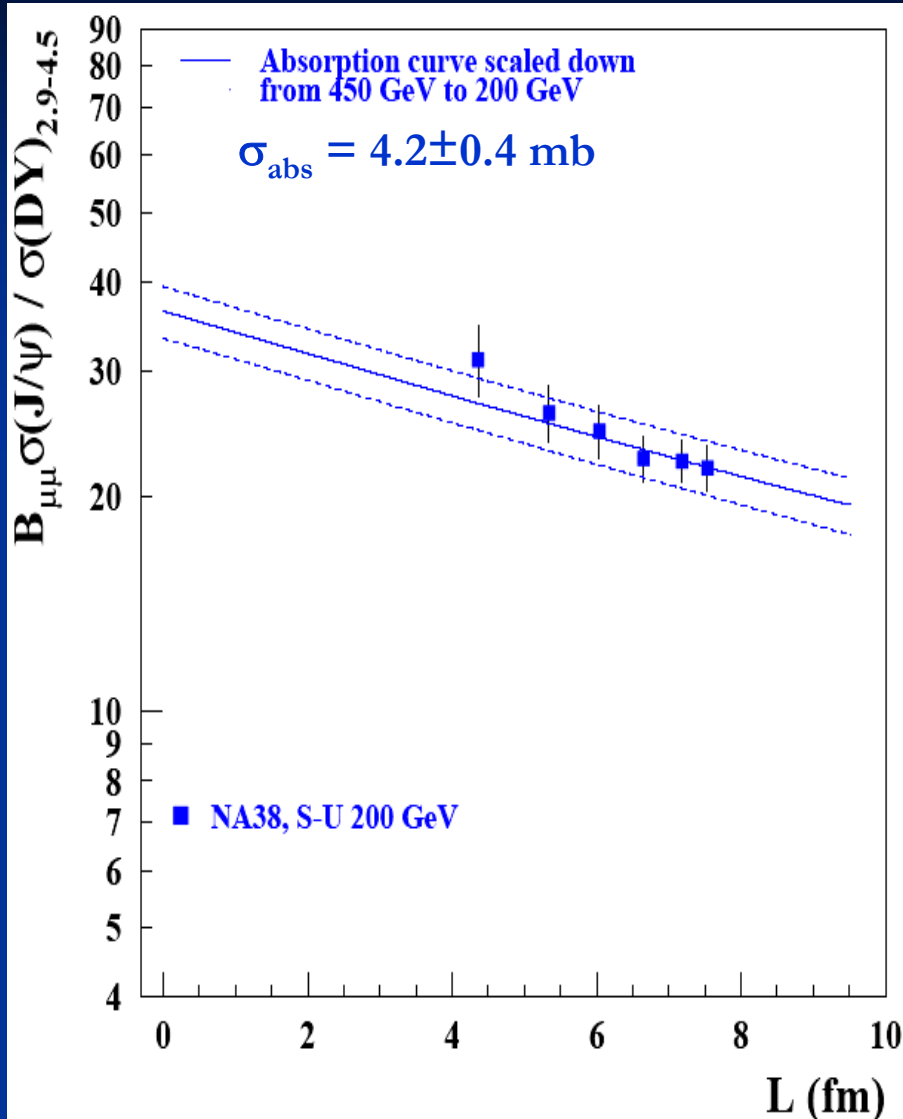


- $B_{\mu\mu} \sigma(\psi) / \sigma(DY)_{2.9-4.5}$  results in p-A collisions are extracted from NA51 and NA50 data. A Glauber fit is performed using these measurements:

$P_{lab}$	$N_0$ ( $\Psi/DY$ )	$\sigma_{abs}$ (mb)
450 GeV	$57.5 \pm 0.8$	$4.2 \pm 0.4$
400 GeV	$59.3 \pm 1.5$	

- This  $\sigma_{abs}$  value is in good agreement with the one obtained from  $B_{\mu\mu} \sigma(\psi) / AB$  results ( $\sigma_{abs} = 4.1 \pm 0.4$  mb).

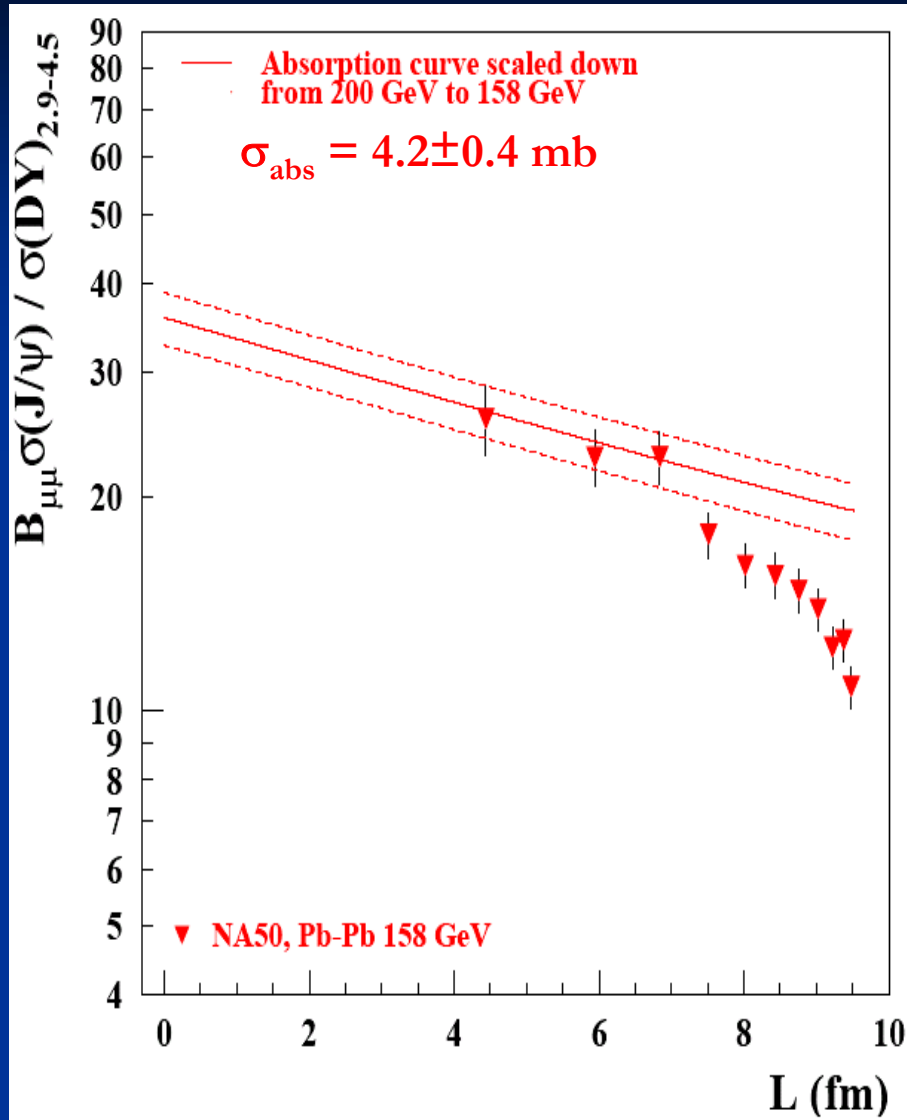
# $\psi$ /DY absorption curve as a function of L



- The  $\psi$ /DY absorption curve is **scaled down to 200 GeV using the  $J/\psi$  experimental rescales measured in p-A data** and a LO DY calculation.
- S-U  $B_{\mu\mu} \sigma(\psi) / \sigma(DY)_{2.9-4.5}$  results at 200 GeV are compared with the absorption curve.



# $\psi/\text{DY}$ absorption curve as a function of $L$ (2)



- $B_{\mu\mu} \sigma(\psi) / \sigma(\text{DY})_{2.9-4.5}$   
Pb-Pb results are compared with an absorption curve **scaled down from 200 GeV to 158 GeV** using Schuler energy/ $x_F$  dependence and a LO DY calculation.





# Summary and Conclusions

- $J/\psi$  production was deeply studied using the **available p-A data** at different energies (450, 400 and 200 GeV) from several experiments (NA51, NA50, NA38 and NA3).
- From the  $J/\psi$  absolute cross-section used in this study, we have obtained
  - $\sigma_{\text{abs}}(450, 400 \text{ GeV}) = 4.1 \pm 0.4 \text{ mb}$
  - $\sigma_{\text{abs}}(200 \text{ GeV}) = 3.3 \pm 3.0 \text{ mb}$

allowing us to assume that  $\sigma_{\text{abs}}$  may be the same within the energy range and kinematical domains of the different experiments.



# Summary and Conclusions (2)

- Results from a simultaneous fit to p-A data at the different energies and kinematical domains, give  $\sigma_{\text{abs}} = 4.1 \pm 0.4 \text{ mb}$  and allow to scale down absolute cross-section from higher energies to 200 GeV.
- We observe that the J/ $\psi$  NA38 O-Cu, O-U and S-U results lie on top of the absorption curve deduced from p-A data.
- Pb-Pb results are systematically below the absorption curve, either in:
  - $B_{\mu\mu} \sigma(\psi) / \text{AB}$  measurements
  - $B_{\mu\mu} \sigma(\psi) / \sigma(\text{DY})_{2.9-4.5}$  measurements



# More details in analysis method

- The opposite sign mass spectrum is analysed in a multistep fit procedure:
  - $1.5 \leq M_{\mu\mu} < 8.0 \text{ GeV}/c^2 \rightarrow 1^{\text{st}}$  approach. Obtain good initial values.
  - $1.5 \leq M_{\mu\mu} < 2.3 \text{ GeV}/c^2 \rightarrow$  Get  $R_{\text{BKG}}$
  - $2.7 \leq M_{\mu\mu} < 4.1 \text{ GeV}/c^2 \rightarrow$  Precise definition of the resonance shapes
  - $1.5 \leq M_{\mu\mu} < 8.0 \text{ GeV}/c^2 \rightarrow$  Get  $N_{\psi}$ ,  $N_{\psi'}$ ,  $N_{\text{DY}}$ ,  $N_{\text{DD}}$  contributions
- Acceptances and physical shapes of the different contributions are obtained via MC and spectrometer simulation.
- Background shape is obtained from the like sign mass spectra coming from  $\pi^{\pm}$ ,  $K^{\pm}$  uncorrelated decays
$$N^{\pm} = 2 R_{\text{BKG}} (N^{++} N^{--})^{1/2}$$
- An empty target contribution is included taking into account dimuons produced upstream and downstream from the target.



# Systematics between NA38 and NA3 ?

- The systematics between NA3 and NA38 data at 200 GeV may exist.
- We have increased NA3 data by a factor 1.21 corresponding to the ratio

$$(\sigma_{pW}/A_W)|_{NA38} / (\sigma_{pPt}/A_{Pt})|_{NA3}$$

- The simultaneous Glauber calculation was performed as before. We have obtained:

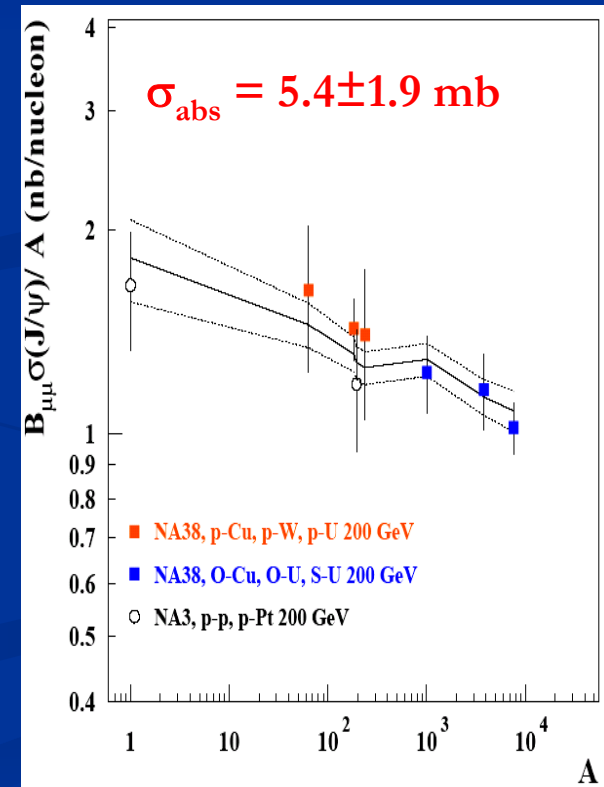
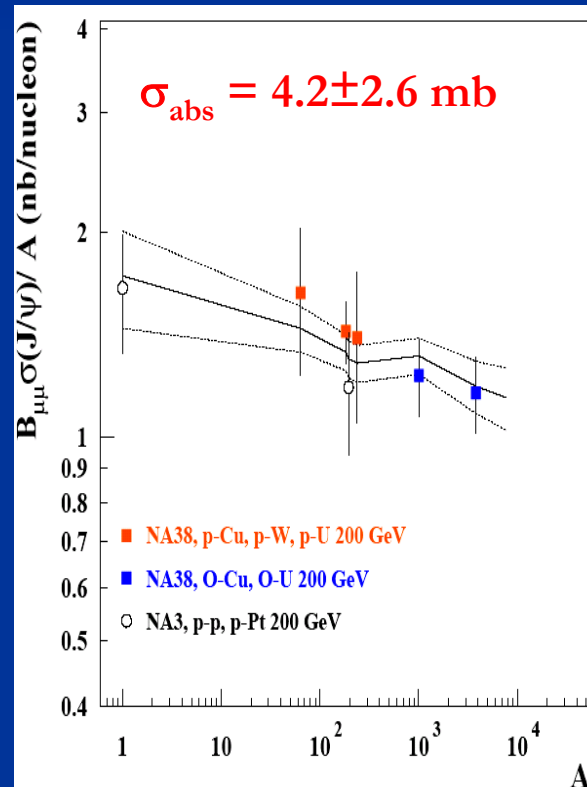
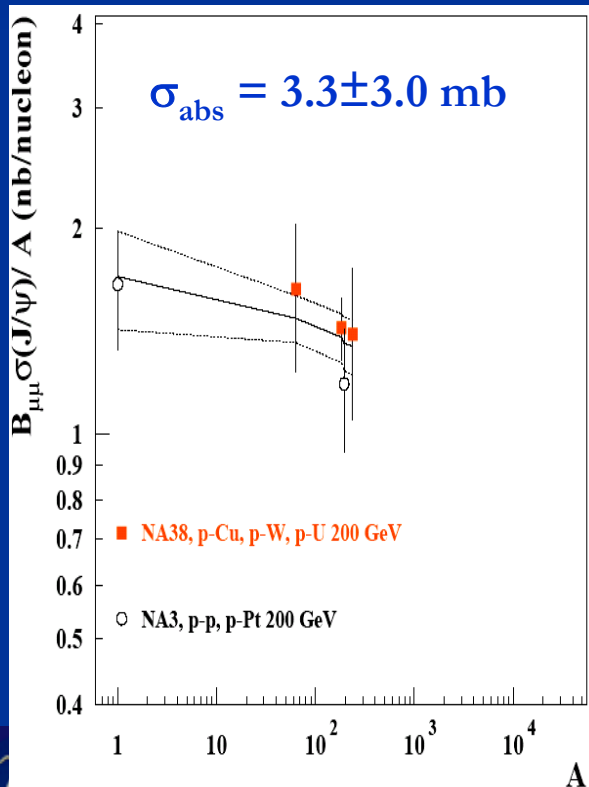
$E_{lab}$	$N_0$ (nb)	$\sigma_{abs}$ (mb)
200 GeV	$1.7 \pm 0.3$	$3.3 \pm 3.0$
200 GeV	$2.0 \pm 0.4$	$5.4 \pm 3.4$



# 200 GeV A-B Glauber fit results

- Include A-B results in the Glauber fits at 200 GeV

$E_{\text{lab}}$	p-A	O-Cu,U	S-U	$N_0$ (nb)	$\sigma_{\text{abs}}$ (mb)
200 GeV	✓			$1.7 \pm 0.3$	$3.3 \pm 3.0$
200 GeV	✓	✓		$1.7 \pm 0.3$	$4.2 \pm 2.6$
200 GeV	✓	✓	✓	$1.8 \pm 0.3$	$5.4 \pm 1.9$



# From NA3 to NA38 kinematical domain

- NA3 has measured  $J/\psi$  production in pp, pPt collisions. Results are obtained to  $x_F > 0$  and reported in Z. Phys. C20 (1983) 101.

	$\sigma_{\pi-A}$ (nb/nuc)	$\sigma_{p-A} / \sigma_{\pi-A}$	$\sigma_{p-A}$ (nb/nuc)
H <sub>2</sub>	$6.3 \pm 0.8$	$0.58 \pm 0.07$	$3.654 \pm 0.640$
Pt	$4.92 \pm 0.77$	$0.53 \pm 0.05$	$2.608 \pm 0.477$

- Rescale to NA38 kinematical domain:

- Divide by a factor 2 (assuming an uniform  $|\cos(\theta_{CS})|$  distribution)
- Multiply by  $0.907 \pm 0.084$  to rescale to NA38  $x_F$  domain at 200 GeV.

- $d\sigma/dx_F \sim (1 - |x_F|)^d$

	$\sigma_{p-A}$ (nb/nuc)
H <sub>2</sub>	$1.657 \pm 0.328$
Pt	$1.182 \pm 0.242$



# “Schuler parametrization” and R.Vogt calculations

## ■ NA51/NA50/NA38/NA3 experimental rescale

$$\sigma_0(450 \text{ GeV}, -0.5 < Y_{\mu\mu} < 0.5) / \sigma_0(200 \text{ GeV}, 0.0 < Y_{\mu\mu} < 1.0) =$$

$$\mathbf{0.319 \pm 0.025}$$

## ■ Comparison with other J/ψ production descriptions

$E_{\text{lab}}$	$x_F$	Schuler ( $E, x_F$ )	R. Vogt ( $E, x_F$ )
450 GeV → 200 GeV	[-0.11 : 0.11[ → [0.00 : 0.38[	$(0.460 \pm 0.009) * (0.866 \pm 0.139) =$ $0.398 \pm 0.064$	$0.394 * 0.947 = 0.373$
200 GeV → 158 GeV	[0.00: 0.38[ → [0.00: 0.42[	$(0.738 \pm 0.006) * (1.020 \pm 0.013) =$ $0.753 \pm 0.011$	$0.724 * 1.026 = 0.743$

## ■ R.Vogt calculation from

- Int. J. Mod. Phys. E12 (2003) 211
- hep-ph/0311048

## ■ Schuler parametrizations

- $d\sigma/dx_F \sim (1 - |x_F|)^d$  with  $d = [13.5 \pm 4.5] / (1 + ([44.9 \pm 21.9]/s^{1/2}))$
- $\sigma \sim (1 - M/s^{1/2})^n$  with  $n = 12.7 \pm 0.3$

