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### NRQCD analysis of fixed-target charmonium production and pion PDFs

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# Experimental Approaches of Accessing Pion PDFs

- Drell-Yan:  $\pi^{\pm}p \rightarrow \mu^{+}\mu^{-}X$  (LO: sensitive to valence quarks)
  - LO:  $q\overline{q} \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$
  - NLO:  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- G$ ,  $qG \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- q$  (large  $p_T$ )
  - NNLO:  $q\bar{q}G \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-G$ ,  $qG \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-qG$ ,  $GG \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-q\bar{q}$
- Direct photon:  $\pi^{\pm}p \rightarrow \gamma X$  (LO: sensitive to gluons)
  - LO:  $q\overline{q} 
    ightarrow \gamma G$ ,  $qG 
    ightarrow \gamma q$
- Jpsi:  $\pi^{\pm}p \rightarrow J/\psi X$  (LO: sensitive to gluons)
  - LO:  $q\overline{q} \rightarrow c\overline{c} \rightarrow J/\psi X$ ,  $GG \rightarrow c\overline{c} \rightarrow J/\psi X$
  - NLO:  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow c\bar{c}G \rightarrow J/\psi X$ ,  $GG \rightarrow c\bar{c}G \rightarrow J/\psi X$ ,  $qG \rightarrow c\bar{c}q \rightarrow J/\psi X$
- Leading neutron (LN) electroproduction: Sullivan processes from a nucleon's pion cloud

n(k')

m

p(k)

# Pion PDFs (2022)

PDF	DY (xF, pT)	Direct $\gamma$	J/ψ	LN	Refs.
OW	*		*		PRD 1984
ABFKW	*	*			<u>PLB 1989</u>
SMRS	*	*			PRD 1992
GRV	*	*			<u>ZPC 1992</u>
GRS	*				EPJC 1999
JAM	*			*	PRL 2018 PRD 2021 PRL 2021
xFitter	*	*			PRD 2020
BS, BBP	*		(*)		<u>NPA 2019</u> <u>PLB 2021</u> <u>PRD 2022</u>

### **JAM21: finite qT** [Cao et al., PRD 103, 114014 (2021)]



FIG. 1. Examples of LO diagrams for the large transverse momentum region in Drell-Yan leptonpair production for the  $q\bar{q}$  channel (a) and qg channel (b).

 $H_{a,b}^{\text{DY}}$  starts at  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^0)$ , and in our analysis we compute corrections up to  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$ . Our study is the first attempt to include both  $p_{\text{T}}$ -differential and  $p_{\text{T}}$ -integrated pion-nucleus Drell-Yan data [4, 5] on the same footing, taking advantage of the fact that the  $p_{\text{T}}$ -dependent cross sections provide access to a larger region of parton momentum fractions relative to the  $p_{\text{T}}$ -integrated case.

# GRV vs. JAM21



**JAM21** 



The hierarchy of <x> of valence quark and gluon are opposite in GRV and JAM.

### JAM21: Threshold Resummation [Barry et al., PRL 127, 232001 (2021)]



FIG. 3. Effective exponents  $\beta_v^{\text{eff}}$  for the various prescriptions versus x at the scale  $\mu_0$ , compared with the ASV extraction [33]. The values  $\beta_v^{\text{eff}} = 1$  and 2 are shown for reference.

results in a wide variety of  $\beta_v^{\text{eff}}$  values, with the cosine and expansion methods yielding  $\beta_v^{\text{eff}} > 2$ , consistent with ASV [33], and as large as  $\approx 2.6$ . However, with the double Mellin method the effective exponent is much closer to the NLO case, with  $\beta_v^{\text{eff}} \approx 1.2$  as  $x \to 1$ . This suggests that with currently available data and theoretical methods, we cannot distinguish between  $\beta_v^{\text{eff}} \sim 1$  and  $\sim 2$ asymptotic behaviors.

#### Large systematics of threshold resummation prescriptions!

### JAM21: Momentum Fractions [Barry et al., PRL 127, 232001 (2021)]

TABLE II. Momentum fractions of the pion carried by valence quarks, sea quarks and gluons at the input scale,  $\mu^2 = m_c^2$ , and at  $\mu^2 = 10 \text{ GeV}^2$ , for various combinations of data sets used in this analysis. The results for the full analysis ("DY+LN+DY $p_T$ ") are given in boldface.

		$\mu^2=m_c^2$		$\mu^2 = 10 \ {\rm GeV^2}$			
data sets	$\langle x \rangle_v^{\pi}$	$\langle x \rangle_s^{\pi}$	$\langle x \rangle_g^{\pi}$	$\langle x \rangle_v^{\pi}$	$\langle x \rangle_s^{\pi}$	$\langle x \rangle_g^{\pi}$	
DY	0.59(1)	0.28(10)	0.13(11)	0.49(1)	0.26(8)	0.25(8)	
DY+LN	0.53(2)	0.14(4)	0.34(6)	0.43(2)	0.17(3)	0.40(4)	
$DY+LN+DYp_T$	0.54(2)	0.16(3)	0.29(5)	0.44(1)	0.19(2)	0.37(3)	

TABLE I. Total momentum fractions of the valence quark, sea quark, and gluon distributions at the input scale  $\mu = \mu_0$  for various resummation prescriptions.

resummation method	$\langle x \rangle_{v}$	$\langle x \rangle_s$	$\langle x \rangle_g$
NLO	0.53(2)	0.14(4)	0.34(6)
NLO+NLL cosine	0.47(2)	0.14(5)	0.39(6)
NLO+NLL expansion	0.46(2)	0.16(5)	0.38(6)
NLO+NLL double Mellin	0.46(3)	0.15(7)	0.40(5)

the double Mellin resummation favors a larger gluon at higher x





The gluon distributions of SMRS and GRV are significantly larger than JAM and xFitter for x>0.1.

### Pion-induced J/psi Production - Fixed-target Experiments

Paper	Reference	Year	Collab	E	sqrt(s)	Beam	Targets	
-				(GeV)	(GeV)		-	
Fermilab								:
Branson	PRL 23, 1331	1977	Princ-Chicago	225	20.5	π-, π+, p	C, Sn	
Anderson	PRL 42, 944	1979	E444	225	20.5	π-, π+, К+, р, ар	C, Cu, W	COMPASS 2015 NH data
Abramov	Fermi 91-062-E	1991	E672/E706	530	31.5	π-	Be	$\sim$ Large $J/\psi$ cross sections! Cowin Ass 2019 Min <sub>3</sub> data
Kartik	PRD 41, 1	1990	E672	530	31.5	π-	C, AL, Cu, Pb	10 <sup>3</sup> μ //ψ (MC)
Katsanevas	PRL 60, 2121	1988	E537	125	15.3	π-, ар	Be, Cu, W	Ο ψ' (MC)
Akerlof	PR D48, 5067	1993	E537	125	15.3	π-, ар	Be, Cu, W	The second secon
Antoniazzi	PRD 46, 4828	1992	E705	300	23.7	π-, π+	Li	O Total MC + Comb. backgroun
Gribushin	PR D53, 4723	1995	E672/E706	515	31.1	π-	Be	
Koreshev	PRL 77, 4294	1996	E706/E672	515	31.1	π-	Be	
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Abolins	PLB 82, 145	1979	WA11/Goliath	n 150	16.8	π-	Be	10 〒 🏹 🔪 🎬 🍟
McEwen	PLB 121, 198	1983	WA11	190	18.9	π-	Be	E , N. S. I.
Badier	Z.Phys. C20, 101	1983	NA3	150	16.8	π-, π+, K-, K+, p, ap	H, Pt	
		1983	NA3	200	19.4	π-, π+, K-, K+, p, ap	H, Pt	4 0 8 10
		1983	NA3	280	22.9	π-, π+, K-, K+, p, ap	H, Pt	COMPASS, PRL 119 (2017) 112002 $ m M_{uu}~(GeV/c$
Corden	PLB 68, 96	1977	WA39	39.5	8.6	π-, π+, K-, K+, p, ap	Cu	
Corden	PLB 96, 411	1980	WA39	39.5	8.6	π-, π+, K-, K+, p, ap	w	
Corden	PLB 98, 220	1981	WA39	39.5	8.6	π-, π+, K-, K+, p, ap	p	
Corden	PLB 110, 415	1982	WA40	39.5	8.6	π-, π+, К-, К+, р, ар	р, W	
Alexandrov	NPB 557.3	1999	Beatrice	350	25.6	π-	Si, C, W	

# **LO & NLO Diagrams of** $c\bar{c}$ **Production**

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A. Petrelli et al. /Nuclear Physics B 514 (1998) 245-309

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**NLO** 





Fig. 8. Diagrams for the real corrections to the  $q\bar{q}$  channels. Permutations of outgoing gluons and/or reversal of fermion lines are always implied.



### Model Dependence of $c\bar{c}$ Hadronization

- Color singlet model (CSM): only pairs with matched quantum number of the charmonium.
- Color evaporation model (CEM): all pairs with mass less than *DD* threshold. One hadronization parameter for each charmonium.
- Non-relativistic QCD model (NRQCD): all pairs of different color and spin sates fragmenting with different probabilities – long-distance matrix elements (LDMEs).



# Color evaporation model (CEM)

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### Constraining gluon density of pions at large x by pion-induced $J/\psi$ production

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The gluon distributions of the pion obtained from various global fits exhibit large variations among them. Within the framework of the color evaporation model, we show that the existing pion-induced J/w

# **Data vs. CEM NLO:** $\sigma(\sqrt{s})$



GG dominates at high energies, while  $q\bar{q}$  is important near threshold.

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### Data vs. CEM NLO $[\pi^{-} + Dt] \rightarrow Inci + V$ of 200 GoV 7. Phys. C20 101(1082)]

 $[\pi^- + Pt \rightarrow Jpsi + X \text{ at } 200 \text{ GeV}, Z. Phys. C20,101(1983)]$ 



- The GG contribution dominates except at very forward or backward directions.
- To well describe the data for xF>0.2, an appropriate weighting of GG and  $q\bar{q}$  contributions is necessary.

### Data vs. CEM NLO $[\pi^{-} \mid Pt \mid V \text{ at 200 GeV} \mid 7 \text{ Phys. C20 101(1983)]}$

 $[\pi^- + Pt \rightarrow Jpsi + X \text{ at } 200 \text{ GeV}, Z. Phys. C20,101(1983)]$ 



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# Data vs. CEM Calculations

TABLE III. Results of F factor and  $\chi^2$ /ndf value of the best fit of the NLO CEM calculations for SMRS, GRV, xFitter, and JAM pion PDFs to the data listed in Table II. The F\* factor and  $\chi^2$ /ndf\* are the ones corresponding to the fit with inclusion of PDF uncertainties for xFitter and JAM.

Data	SN	/IRS	G	RV		xFitter			JAM			
Experiment $(P_{beam})$	F	$\chi^2/\mathrm{ndf}$	F	$\chi^2/\mathrm{ndf}$	F	$F^*$	$\chi^2/\mathrm{ndf}$	$\chi^2/\mathrm{ndf}^*$	F	$F^*$	$\chi^2/\mathrm{ndf}$	$\chi^2/\mathrm{ndf}^*$
E672, E706 (515)	0.040	1.2	0.040	2.2	0.063	0.063	6.8	4.7	0.081	0.081	18.9	18.5
E705 (300)	0.052	2.3	0.053	1.9	0.073	0.076	3.2	1.3	0.086	0.086	16.1	15.9
NA3 (280)	0.046	1.5	0.049	2.0	0.067	0.069	5.0	3.2	0.081	0.081	10.4	10.3
NA3 (200)	0.046	2.1	0.050	2.2	0.065	0.066	5.0	1.3	0.081	0.081	7.7	7.6
WA11 (190)	0.054	5.0	0.058	7.2	0.078	0.076	19.4	6.2	0.091	0.091	73.7	72.9
NA3 (150)	0.065	1.1	0.071	1.0	0.089	0.091	2.6	1.6	0.108	0.108	3.9	3.8
E537 (125)	0.044	1.5	0.049	1.5	0.065	0.065	3.1	1.4	0.083	0.083	3.5	3.5
WA39 (39.5)	0.068	1.3	0.079	1.4	0.073	0.072	1.1	0.8	0.080	0.080	1.2	1.2

- The hadronization F factor is stable across energy.
- High-energy J/ $\psi$  data have a large sensitivity to the large-x gluon density of pions.
- The valence-quark distributions plays a minor role if away from the threshold.
- CEM NLO calculations favor SMRS and GRV PDFs whose gluon densities at x > 0.1 are higher, compared with xFitter and JAM PDFs.

# psi'/Jpsi(x<sub>F</sub>)



Naïve CEM calculation fails to describe the xF dependence of psi'/Jpsi.

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### Non-relativistic QCD model (NRQCD)

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#### NRQCD analysis of charmonium production with pion and proton beams at fixed-target energies

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#### ABSTRACT

We present an analysis of hadroproduction of  $J/\psi$  and  $\psi(2S)$  at fixed-target energies in the framework of non-relativistic QCD (NRQCD). Using both pion- and proton-induced data, a new determination of the color-octet long-distance matrix elements (LDMEs) is obtained. Compared with previous results, the contributions from the  $q\bar{q}$  and color-octet processes are significantly enhanced, especially at lower energies. A good agreement between the pion-induced  $J/\psi$  production data and NRQCD calculations using the newly obtained LDMEs is achieved. We find that the pion-induced charmonium production data are sensitive to the gluon density of pions, and favor pion PDFs with relatively large gluon contents at large *x*.



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#### Hadroproduction of quarkonium in fixed-target experiments

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We analyze charmonium and bottomonium production at fixed-target experiments. We find that the inclusion of color octet production channels removes large discrepancies between experiment and the predictions of the color singlet model for the total production cross section. Furthermore, including octet contributions accounts for the observed direct to total  $J/\psi$  production ratio. As found earlier for photoproduction of quarkonia, a fit to fixed-target data requires smaller color octet matrix elements than those extracted from high- $p_t$ production at the Fermilab Tevatron. We argue that this difference can be explained by systematic differences in the velocity expansion for collider and fixed-target predictions. While the color octet mechanism thus appears to be an essential part of a satisfactory description of fixed-target data, important discrepancies remain for the  $\chi_{c1}/\chi_{c2}$  production ratio and  $J/\psi$  ( $\psi'$ ) polarization. These discrepancies, as well as the differences between pion- and proton-induced collisions, emphasize the need for including higher twist effects in addition to the color octet mechanism. [S0556-2821(96)05515-4]

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### Long-Distance Matrix Elements (LDMEs) PRD 54, 2005 (1996)



$$\Delta_8 = \langle \mathcal{O}_8^H[{}^1S_0] \rangle + \frac{3}{m_c^2} \langle \mathcal{O}_8^H[{}^3P_0] \rangle + \frac{4}{5m_c^2} \langle \mathcal{O}_8^H[{}^3P_2] \rangle$$

Н	$\langle \mathcal{O}_1^H[{}^3S_1] \rangle$	$\langle \mathcal{O}_1^H[^3P_0] \rangle / {m_c}^2$	$\langle \mathcal{O}_8^H[^3S_1] \rangle$	$\langle \mathcal{O}_8^H[^1S_0] \rangle = \langle \mathcal{O}_8^H[^3P_0] \rangle / m_c^2$
$J/\psi$	1.16		$6.6\times10^{-3}$	$3.75 \times 10^{-3}$
$\psi(2S)$	0.76		$4.6  imes 10^{-3}$	$0.65\times10^{-3}$
$\chi_{c0}$		0.044	$3.2 \times 10^{-3}$	

color-singlet (CS) LDMEs

 $\left\langle O_{1,8}^{H} \right\rangle^{2S+1} L_{J}$ 

Determined by fit of proton- and pion-indcued data color-octet (CO) LDMEs

$$\sigma_{J/\psi} = \sigma_{J/\psi}^{direct} + Br(\psi(2S) \to J/\psi X)\sigma_{\psi(2S)} + \sum_{J=0}^{2} Br(\chi_{cJ} \to J/\psi \gamma)\sigma_{\chi_{cJ}}$$

# Jpsi & psi' Data vs. NRQCD

Best-fitted CO [3S1] and [1S0] LDMEs by p+N Jpsi/psi' and  $\pi^-$ +N Jpsi/psi' data.



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## $\pi^-+N \rightarrow Jpsi+X: pion PDFs$



# $\pi^-+N \rightarrow Jpsi+X$ : pion PDFs



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# Data of $d\sigma/dx_F$

Experiment	Beam	$P_{beam}$ (GeV/c)	Target	Data	Normalization <sup>a</sup>	References
FNAL E672, E706	π	515	Be	$\sigma^{J/\psi}$	12.0	[59]
FNAL E705	π	300	Li	$\sigma^{J/\psi}$	9.5	[60]
CERN NA3 <sup>b</sup>	π	280	р	$\sigma^{J/\psi}$	13.0	[61]
CERN NA3 <sup>b</sup>	π	200	р	$\sigma^{J/\psi}$	13.0	[61]
CERN WA11 <sup>b</sup>	$\pi$	190	Be	$\sigma^{J/\psi}$	<sup>c</sup> 10.0	[62]
CERN NA3 <sup>b</sup>	π	150	р	$\sigma^{J/\psi}$	13.0	[61]
FNAL E537	π	125	Be	$\sigma^{J/\psi}$	6.0	63
CERN WA39 <sup>b</sup>	π	39.5	р	$\sigma^{J/\psi}$	15.0	[64]
FNAL E672, E706	π	515	Be	$\sigma^{\psi(2S)}$	16.0	59
FNAL E615	π	253	W	$\sigma^{\psi(2S)}/\sigma^{J/\psi}$		[74]
HERA-B	р	252	W	$\sigma^{\psi(2S)}/\sigma^{J/\psi}$		[75]
CERN NA50	р	450	W	$\sigma^{\psi(2S)}/\sigma^{J/\psi}$		[76]
FNAL E789	р	800	Au	$\sigma^{\psi(2S)}/\sigma^{J/\psi}$		[77]
FNAL E771	р	800	Si	$\sigma^{\psi(2S)}/\sigma^{J/\psi}$		[78]
FNAL E705	р	300	Li	$\sigma^{J/\psi}$	10.1	[60]
CERN NA3 <sup>b</sup>	р	200	р	$\sigma^{J/\psi}$	<sup>c</sup> 10.0	[61]

# Data vs. NRQCD

- Global analysis of fixed-target charmonium production



We can achieve a reasonable description of the charmonium data with the proton and pion beams by NRQCD calculations with similar LDMEs obtained in Chin. J. Phys. 73 (2021) 13.

### Data vs. NRQCD

 $[\pi^- + Pt \rightarrow Jpsi + X \text{ at } 200 \text{ GeV}, Z. Phys. C20,101(1983)]$ 



The GG contribution dominates around xF=0.

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## Data vs. NRQCD

 $[\pi^- + Pt \rightarrow Jpsi + X \text{ at } 200 \text{ GeV}, Z. Phys. C20,101(1983)]$ 



The  $q\bar{q}$  contribution dominates the whole xF.

### **Data vs. NRQCD** $[\pi^- + Be \rightarrow Jpsi/psi' + X \text{ at } 515 \text{ GeV, PRD } 53, 4723 (1996)]$



Relatively the  $q\bar{q}$  process plays a more significant role in the production of  $\Psi'$ , compared with J/ $\Psi$ .

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### **psi'/Jpsi(xF)** $[\pi^- + W \rightarrow Jpsi/psi' + X \text{ at } 253 \text{ GeV}, PRD 53, 4723 (1996)]$



The non-flat xF dependence of psi'/Jpsi can be accounted by NRQCD and could possibly be improved with inclusion of higher-order QCD effects.

### **Pion PDFs: DY + Jpsi** Phys.Rev.D 105 (2022) 076018 ; arXiv: 2202.12547

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### Pion partonic distributions in a statistical model from pion-induced Drell-Yan and $J/\Psi$ production data

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We present a new analysis to extract pion parton distribution functions (PDFs) within the framework of the statistical model. Starting from the statistical model first developed for the spin-1/2 nucleon, we extend this model to describe the spin-0 pion. Based on a combined fit to both the pion-induced Drell-Yan data and the pion-induced  $J/\Psi$  production data, a new set of pion PDFs has been obtained. The inclusion of the  $J/\Psi$  production data in the combined fit has provided additional constraints for better determining the gluon distribution in the pion. We also compare the pion PDFs obtained in the statistical model with other existing pion PDFs.

# Statistical Model: DY + Jpsi

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# Summary

- Significant discrepancy of valence quark and gluon densities at x>0.1 is seen among the pion PDFs.
- Within CEM and NRQCD, the high-energy J/psi data are shown to be sensitive to the pion gluon distribution. The current data favor the SMRS and GRV pion PDFs with relatively stronger gluon at large x.
- Within NRQCD, the psi' data is found to sensitive to the  $q\bar{q}$  contribution, similar to DY.
- The pion(kaon)-induced charmonium data from COMPASS and AMBER shall provide good constrains on the large-x gluon distributions of pions (kaons).