

Quarkonium production for precision NRQCD

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Production cross-section measurement

- Number of events N observed by an experiment for a decay ($H \rightarrow AB \dots$):

$$N(H \rightarrow AB \dots) = \sigma \times \mathcal{L} \times \varepsilon \times \mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow AB \dots)$$



Good final state for studies has **high efficiency** and **large branching ratio**

- **Cross-section determination:**

- **absolute:**

$$\sigma = \frac{N(H \rightarrow AB \dots)}{\mathcal{L} \times \varepsilon \times \mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow AB \dots)}$$

- **relative:**

$$\frac{\sigma_H}{\sigma_{H'}} = \frac{N_H}{N_{H'}} \times \frac{\mathcal{B}(H' \rightarrow A'B' \dots)}{\mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow AB \dots)} \times \frac{\varepsilon_{H'}}{\varepsilon_H}$$

Production studies require **precise luminosity measurement** or **well-known normalisation channel**

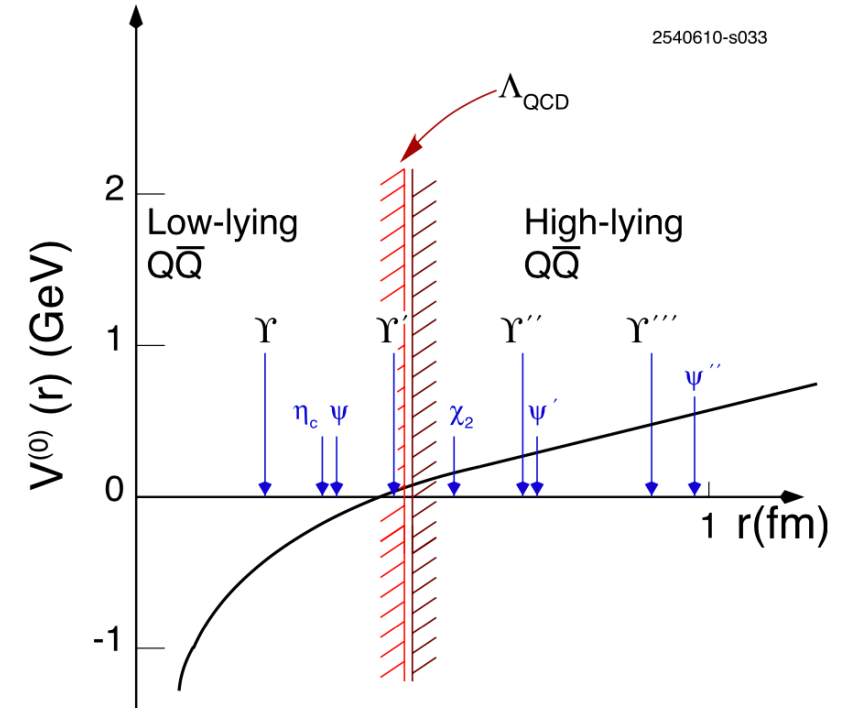
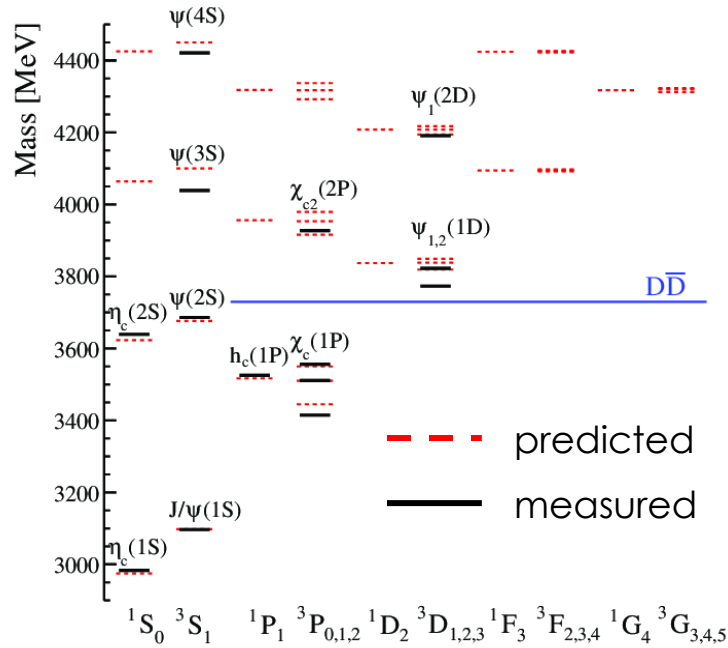
Quarkonia



Quarkonium

- A bound state of two **heavy quarks** ($c\bar{c}$ or $b\bar{b}$)
- J/ψ discovery in 1974 – first discovery of c -quark
- **Non-relativistic QCD object:** charmonium: $v^2 \approx 0.3$, bottomonium: $v^2 \approx 0.1$
 - three intrinsic scales $m \gg mv \gg mv^2$
 - simple potential model

v^2 - typical velocity of a heavy quark in the quarkonium rest frame



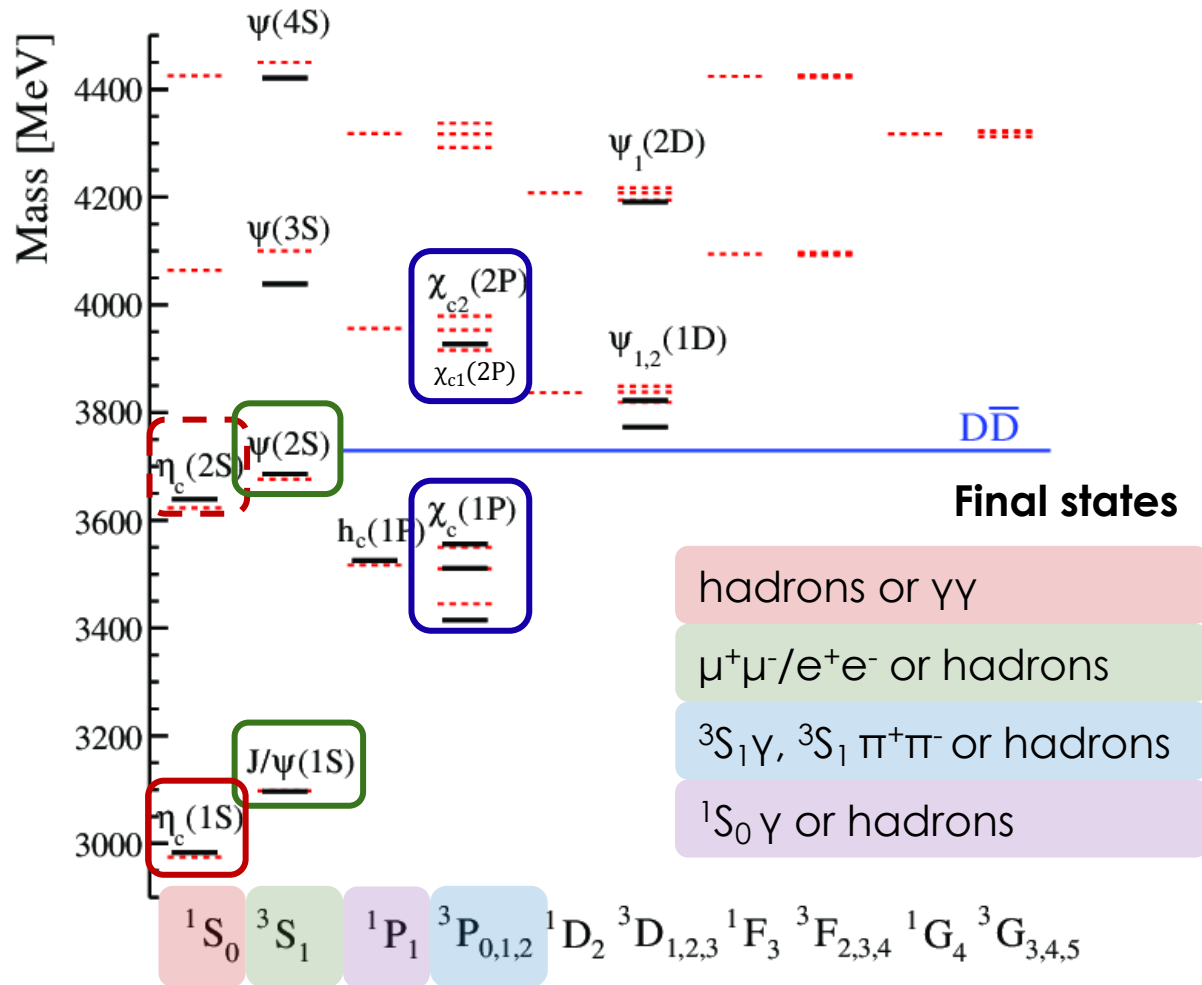
$Q\bar{Q}$ potential as a function of quarkonia radius

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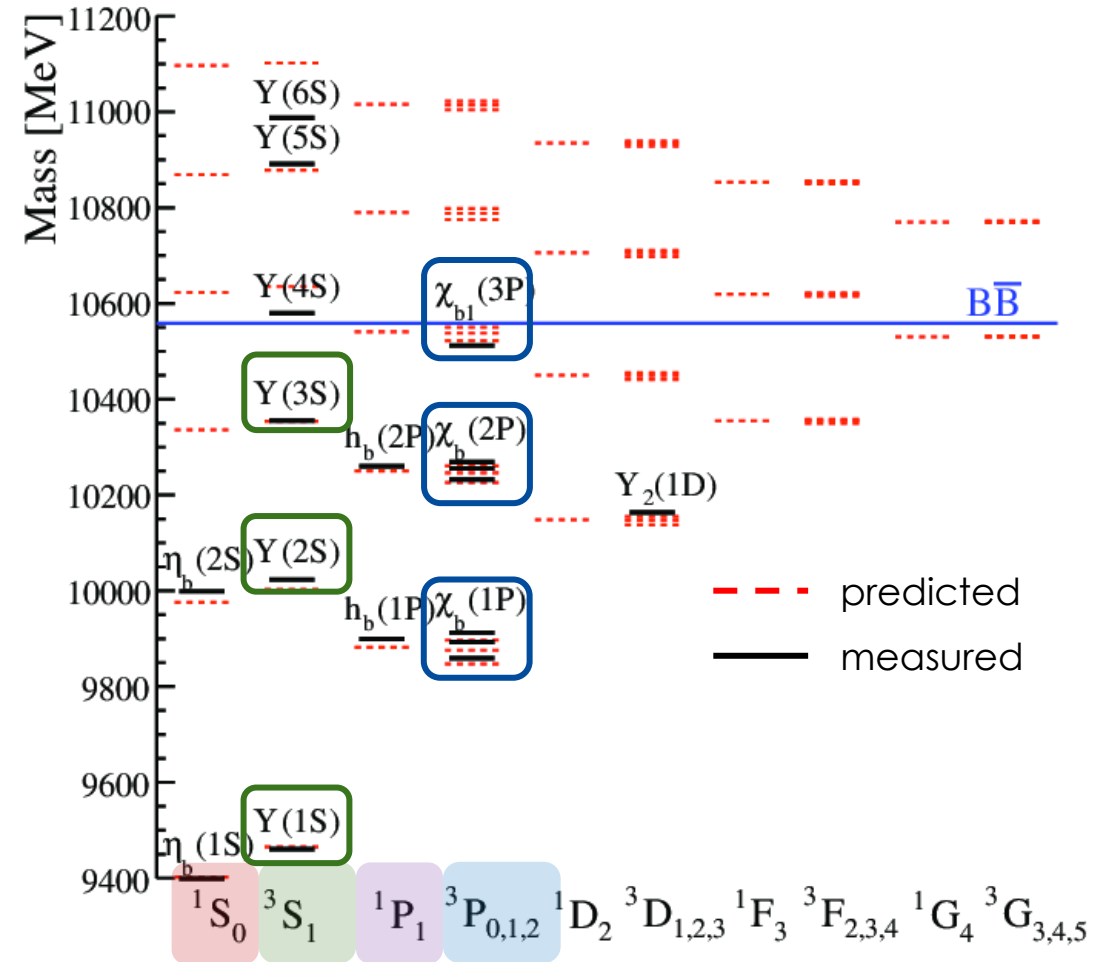
Ideal probe for different QCD processes

Quarkonium: Decay modes

Charmonium



Bottomonium



Hadronic final states allow to study different quarkonium states simultaneously

Quarkonium: (Un)known modes

- Good final state for study:
 - large and precise branching ratio \Rightarrow large signal
 - “easy” to reconstruct \Rightarrow high efficiency
 - low background \Rightarrow better precision
 - available for several states \Rightarrow normalisation
- Branching ratios are studied at flavour factories
- **Lack of information** for some states: challenging to find a decay mode for production studies

$\eta_b(1S)$ DECAY MODES

Mode	Fraction (Γ_i/Γ)	Confidence level
Γ_1 hadrons	seen	
Γ_2 $3h^+3h^-$	not seen	
Γ_3 $2h^+2h^-$	not seen	
Γ_4 $4h^+4h^-$	not seen	
Γ_5 $\gamma\gamma$	not seen	
Γ_6 $\mu^+\mu^-$	$< 9 \times 10^{-3}$	90%
Γ_7 $\tau^+\tau^-$	$< 8\%$	90%

$h_b(1P)$ DECAY MODES

Mode	Fraction (Γ_i/Γ)
Γ_1 $\eta_b(1S)\gamma$	$(52^{+6}_{-5})\%$

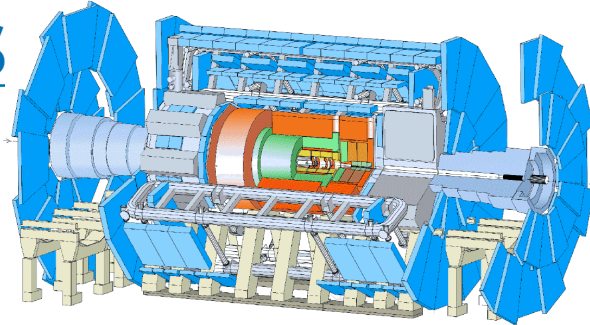
	$\mathcal{B} \times 10^3$								
	$p\bar{p}$	$\phi\phi$	ϕK^+K^-	$\phi\pi^+\pi^-$	$\Lambda\bar{\Lambda}$	$\Xi^+\Xi^-$	$\Lambda(1520)\bar{\Lambda}(1520)$	$\eta_c\gamma$	$p\bar{p}\pi^+\pi^-$
η_c	1.52 ± 0.16	1.79 ± 0.20	2.9 ± 1.4	unknown	1.09 ± 0.24	9.0 ± 2.6	-	-	5.3 ± 1.8
J/ψ	2.12 ± 0.03	forbidden	0.83 ± 0.12	0.87 ± 0.09	1.89 ± 0.08	0.97 ± 0.08	unknown	17 ± 4	6.0 ± 0.5
χ_{c0}	0.22 ± 0.01	0.80 ± 0.07	0.97 ± 0.25	unknown	0.33 ± 0.02	0.48 ± 0.07	0.31 ± 0.12	forbidden	2.1 ± 0.7
h_c	< 0.15	forbidden	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown	510 ± 60	unknown
χ_{c1}	0.076 ± 0.003	0.42 ± 0.05	0.41 ± 0.15	unknown	0.11 ± 0.01	0.08 ± 0.02	< 0.09	forbidden	0.50 ± 0.19
χ_{c2}	0.073 ± 0.003	1.06 ± 0.09	1.42 ± 0.29	unknown	0.18 ± 0.02	0.14 ± 0.03	0.46 ± 0.15	forbidden	1.32 ± 0.34
$\eta_c(2S)$	0.07^{+1}	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown	forbidden	unknown
$\psi(2S)$	0.29 ± 0.01	forbidden	0.07 ± 0.02	0.12 ± 0.03	0.38 ± 0.01	0.29 ± 0.01	unknown	3.4 ± 0.5	0.60 ± 0.04

New and more precise measurements are necessary for further studies

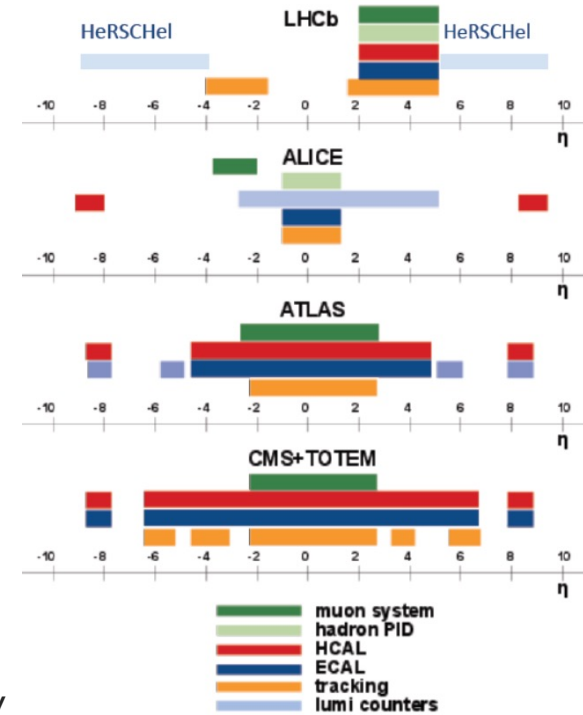
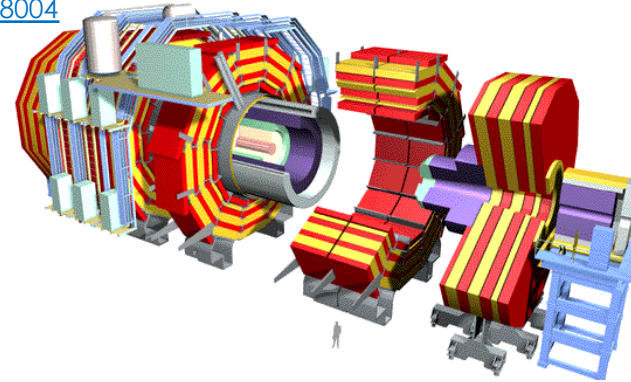
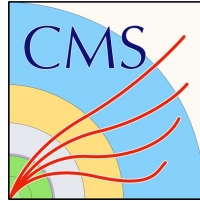
LHC detectors hunting for quarkonium

- **ATLAS** and **CMS**: mid-rapidity region, with muons in final state

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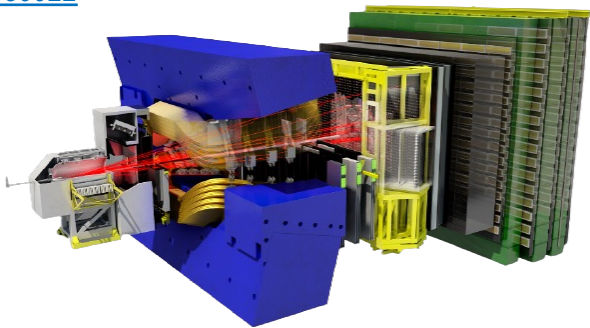


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- **LHCb**: forward-rapidity region, with muons and hadrons in final state

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- **ALICE**: both mid- and forward-rapidity regions, with muons and electrons in final state

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ALICE



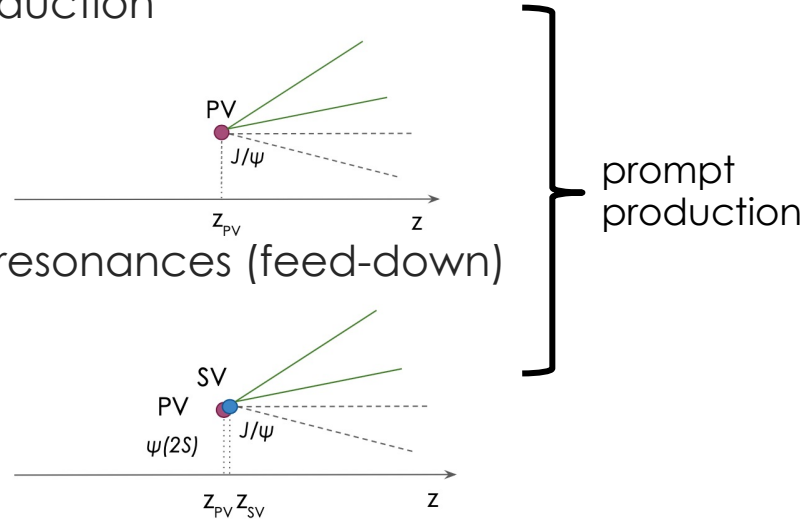
Experiments provide complementary measurements

Quarkonium production @ LHC

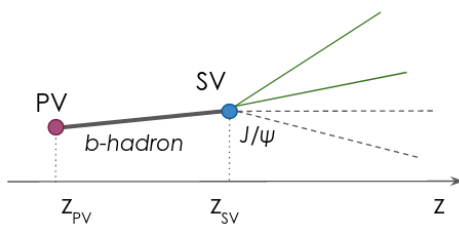
- **Origin:**

- prompt hadroproduction

- decays of higher resonances (feed-down)



- production in b-hadron decays / non-prompt (only charmonium)



prompt production

- **Existing measurements:**

- η_c production
- $\eta_c(2S)$ production in b-decays
- J/ψ , $\psi(2S)$ and $Y(nS)$ production and polarization
- $J/\psi+J/\psi/jet/Z/W^\pm$, $J/\psi+J/\psi+J/\psi$ and $Y(1S)+Y(1S)$ production
- χ_c production and polarization
- χ_b production

distinguished via pseudo-proper decay time

$$t_z = \frac{z_{SV} - z_{PV}}{p_z} M_{qq}$$

PV – pp collision vertex
SV – decay vertex

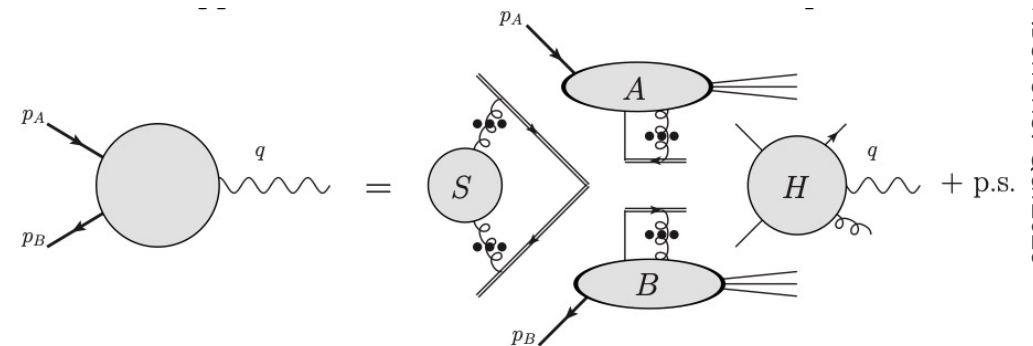
Understanding quarkonium production is challenging both experimentally and theoretically

Quarkonium production: Assumptions and Models

- Nearly all models assume **factorisation** between the **$Q\bar{Q}$ formation** and its **hadronization** into a meson
 - hard-scale **$Q\bar{Q}$ formation** – calculated as an expansion in powers of α_s
 - soft-scale **hadronization** – non-perturbative; mostly extracted from data; process-independent (**universal**)
- Factorisation depends on a chosen kinematic regime:
 - Collinear, $\sqrt{q^2} \approx q_T \gg \Lambda_{QCD}$
 - Transverse Momentum Dependent, $\sqrt{q^2} \gg q_T \gg \Lambda_{QCD}$
 - k_T or High Energy, $\sqrt{q^2} \gg q_T \gg \Lambda_{QCD}$
- Additionally, intrinsic scales are used in hadronization description: $m \gg mv \gg mv^2$
- Most advanced models:

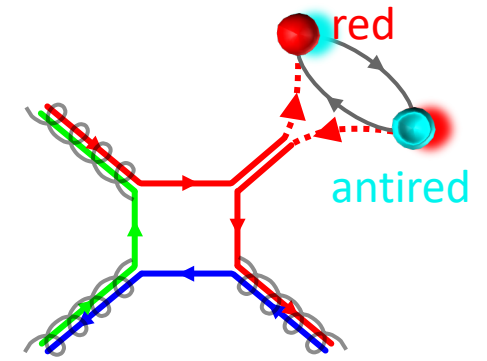
Colour Evaporation Model, Colour Singlet Model, Non-relativistic QCD, Fragmentation Function approach

No consensus on the quarkonium production mechanism

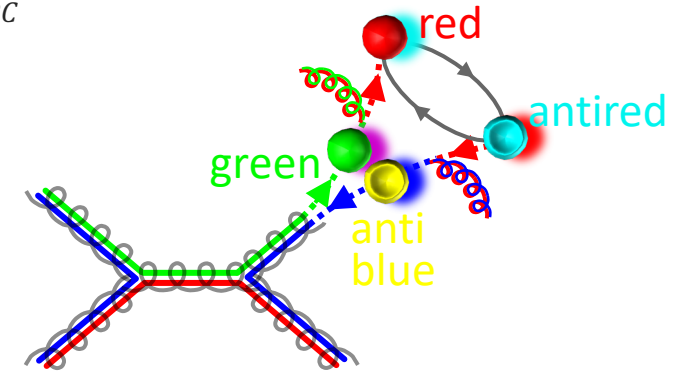


Quarkonium production: Models

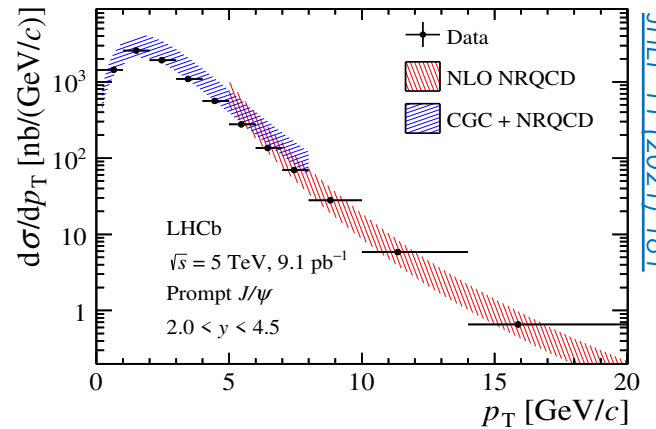
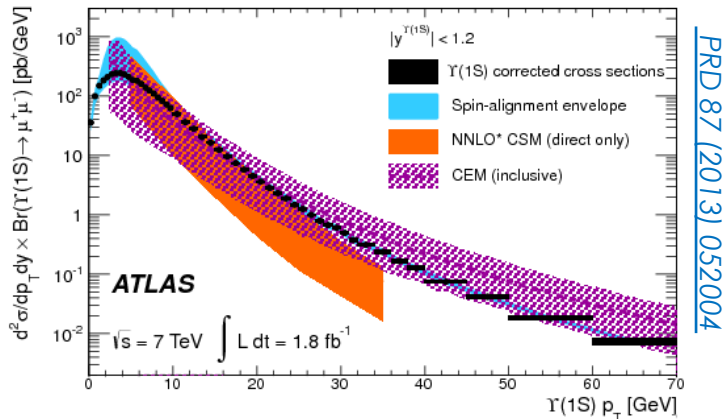
- Essential difference in various approaches is in the **description of the hadronization**:
 - Colour evaporation model (CEM)**: application of quark-hadron duality; only the invariant mass matters;
 - Colour-singlet model (CS)**: intermediate $Q\bar{Q}$ state is colourless and has the same J^{PC} as the final-state quarkonium;
 - Colour-octet model (CO)** (encapsulated in NRQCD): all viable colours and J^{PC} allowed for the intermediate $Q\bar{Q}$ state;



Colour Singlet state



Colour Octet state



NRQCD is found to be the most used, because it is based on an EFT and can be improved systematically

NRQCD: Theory vs Experiment

- **Factorization:** $d\sigma_{A+B \rightarrow H+X} = \sum_n d\sigma_{A+B \rightarrow Q\bar{Q}(n)+X} \times \langle O^H(n) \rangle$
 - **Short distance:** perturbative cross-sections + pdf for the production of a $Q\bar{Q}$ pair
 - **Long distance matrix elements (LDMEs):** non-perturbative part
 - Both **CS** and **CO states** are allowed with varying probabilities
 - ⇒ LDMEs from experimental data: p_T -differential production, feed-down...
- **Universality:** same LDMEs for different \sqrt{s} , prompt production and production in b-decays
 - ⇒ production at all possible \sqrt{s} , associated production, separate prompt and b-decays...

- **Heavy-Quark Spin-Symmetry:** links between CS and CO LDMEs of different quarkonium states

⇒ simultaneous studies of several states: $\eta_c + J/\psi$, $\chi_{cJ} + h_c$...

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_1^{\chi_{cJ}}(^3P_J) \rangle = \frac{2J+1}{3} \langle \mathcal{O}_1^{h_c}(^1P_1) \rangle$$

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_8^{\chi_{cJ}}(^3S_1) \rangle = \frac{2J+1}{3} \langle \mathcal{O}_8^{h_c}(^1S_0) \rangle$$

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_{1,8}^{\eta_c}(^1S_0) \rangle = \frac{1}{3} \langle \mathcal{O}_{1,8}^{J/\psi}(^3S_1) \rangle$$

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_8^{\eta_c}(^3S_1) \rangle = \langle \mathcal{O}_8^{J/\psi}(^1S_0) \rangle$$

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_8^{\eta_c}(^1P_1) \rangle = 3 \langle \mathcal{O}_8^{J/\psi}(^3P_0) \rangle_{12}$$

Experimental approach



J/ψ, ψ(2S) production

- Production measurement via l^+l^- final state (e.g. $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$, $J/\psi \rightarrow e^+e^-$...)
- Cross-section determination in bin[p_T, y]

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dydp_T} = \mathcal{L} \times \varepsilon \times \frac{N(q\bar{q} \rightarrow l^+l^-)}{\mathcal{B}(q\bar{q} \rightarrow l^+l^-)} \times \Delta y \times \Delta p_T$$

- integrated luminosity
- total efficiency
- number of signal candidates in the given (p_T, y) bin
- bin width

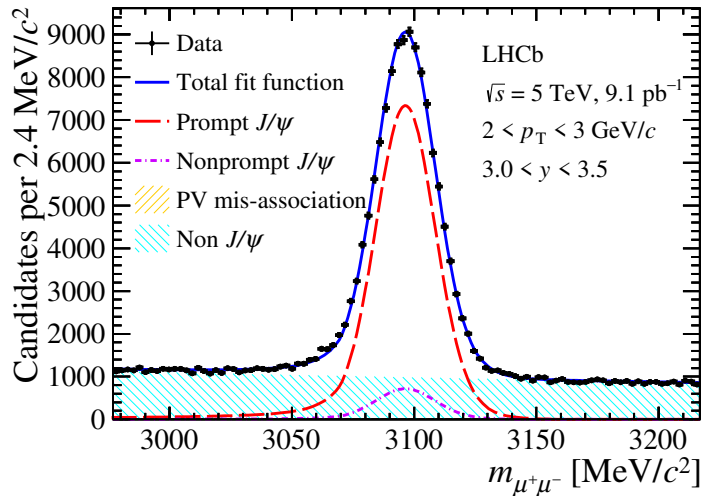
- **Prompt** and **b-decay production of charmonium** distinguished via pseudo-proper decay time:

$$t_z = \frac{z_{SV} - z_{PV}}{p_z} M_{p\bar{p}}$$

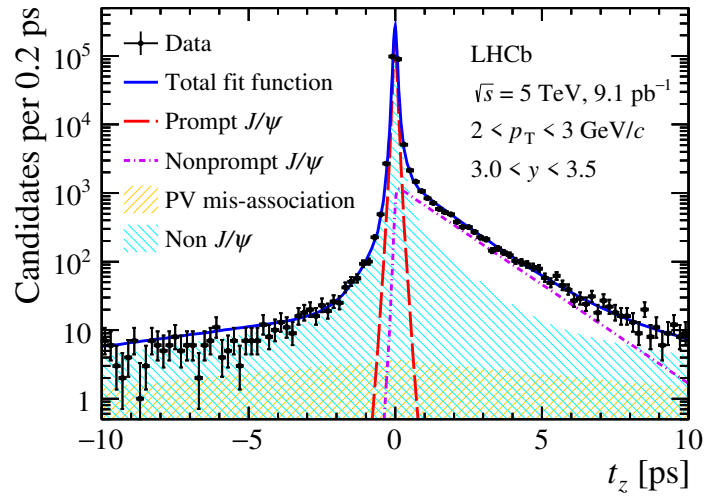
- **Full kinematic range cross-section**

J/ψ and ψ(2S): Combined mass-lifetime fits

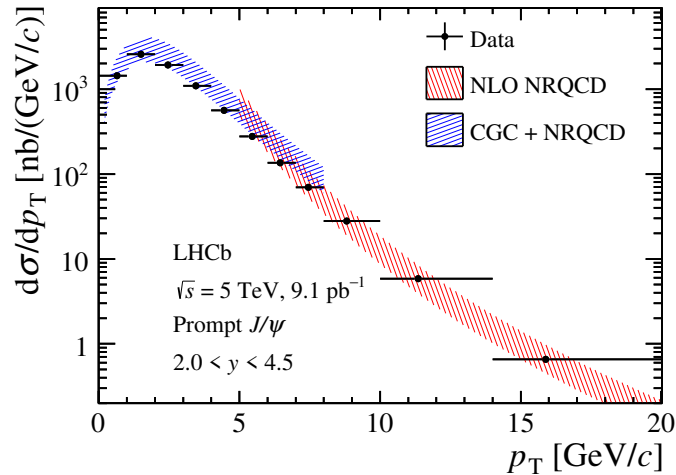
- **Prompt** and **from b-decay production** distinguished via decay time value: $t_z = \frac{z_{SV} - z_{PV}}{p_z} M_{\mu\mu}$
- Unbinned maximum likelihood fit in bins of $[p_T, y]$ to $M_{\mu^+\mu^-}$ and t_z



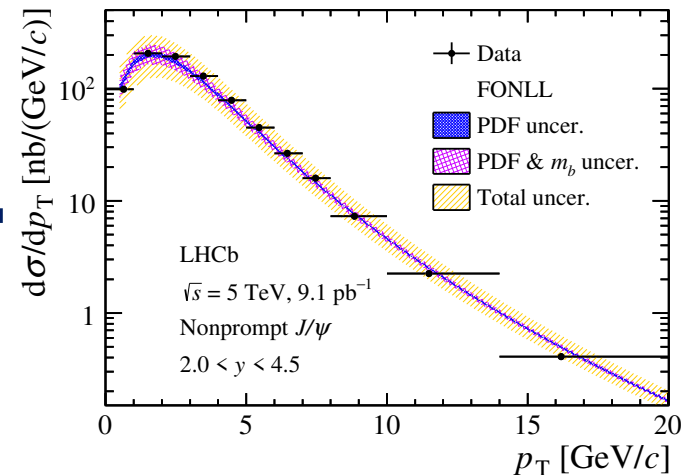
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- **Production cross-section:**



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Cross-section determination

- **Production cross-section:**

$$\frac{\sigma(A)}{\sigma(B)} = \frac{N_A^P}{N_B^P} \times \frac{\mathcal{B}_{B \rightarrow p\bar{p}}}{\mathcal{B}_{A \rightarrow p\bar{p}}} \times \frac{\epsilon_{B \rightarrow p\bar{p}}}{\epsilon_{A \rightarrow p\bar{p}}}$$

● From DATA
● From PDG
● From MC

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}_{b \rightarrow AX}}{\mathcal{B}_{b \rightarrow BX}} = \frac{N_A^b}{N_B^b} \times \frac{\mathcal{B}_{B \rightarrow p\bar{p}}}{\mathcal{B}_{A \rightarrow p\bar{p}}} \times \frac{\epsilon_{B \rightarrow p\bar{p}}}{\epsilon_{A \rightarrow p\bar{p}}}$$

- **Prompt and b-decay separation:**

- prompt and b-decay production distinguished via **pseudo-proper decay time value:**

$$t_z = \frac{z_{SV} - z_{PV}}{p_z} M_{p\bar{p}}$$

- **two different techniques** t_z -cut and t_z -fit technique

- **Final state:** $c\bar{c} \rightarrow p\bar{p}$

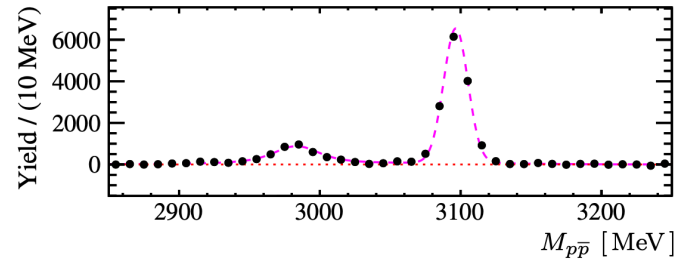
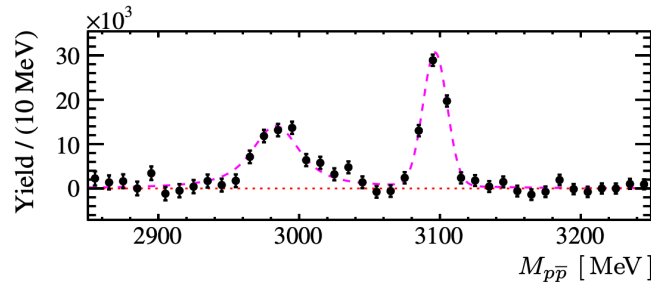
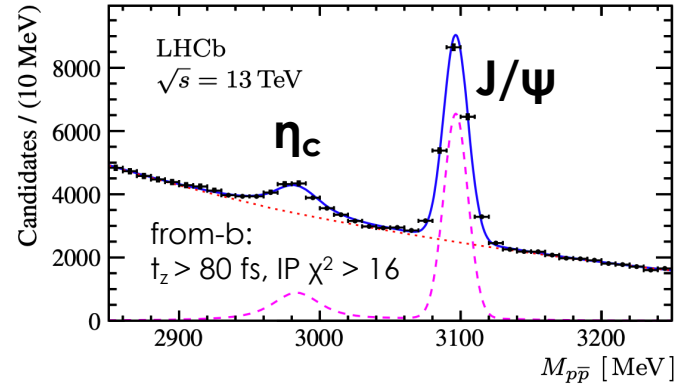
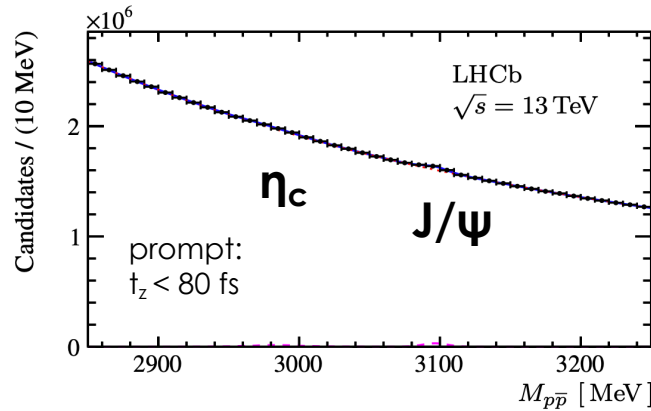
- **Production studied in the thesis:**

- J/ψ - normalization channel ($p_T < 14$ GeV/c)
- $\eta_c(1S)$ - p_T, y -differential x-section
- $\eta_c(2S), h_c$ - integrated x-section
- $\chi_{cJ}, \psi(2S)$ - cross-check

Using ratio allows to reduce systematic uncertainties

$\eta_c(1S)$ production at LHCb at $\sqrt{s}=13$ TeV

- t_z -cut technique: **prompt** and **b-decay production** separated using t_z -value



- Relative charmonium yields:

$$6.5 < p_T < 14.0 \text{ GeV}/c, 2.0 < y < 4.5$$

$$\frac{N_{\eta_c}^{\text{prompt}}}{N_{J/\psi}^{\text{prompt}}} = 1.18 \pm 0.10 \quad \frac{N_{\eta_c}^{\text{from-b}}}{N_{J/\psi}^{\text{from-b}}} = 0.33 \pm 0.02$$

- Cross-feed probabilities accounted in the simultaneous fit:

$$\rightarrow \varepsilon^{\text{prompt} \rightarrow \text{prompt}} = 0.965 \pm 0.021$$

$$\rightarrow \varepsilon^{\text{prompt} \rightarrow \text{from-b}} = 0.0002 \pm 0.0001$$

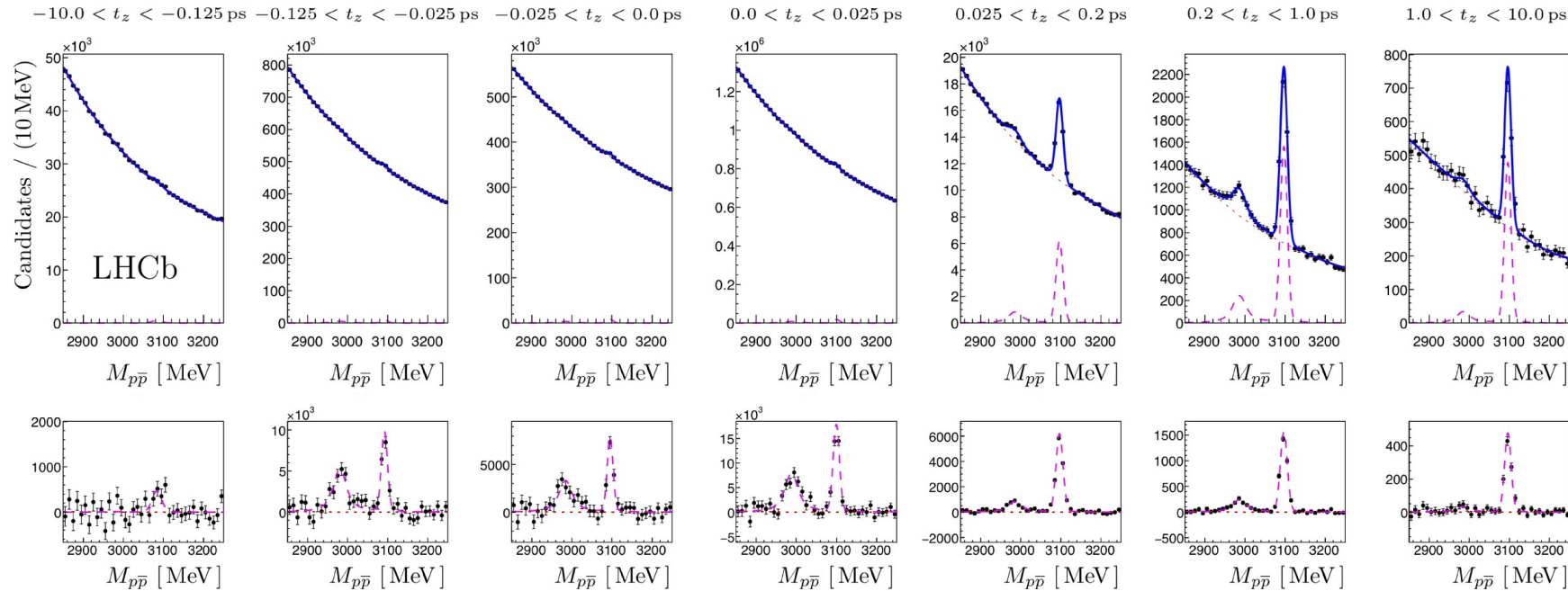
$$\rightarrow \varepsilon^{\text{from-b} \rightarrow \text{prompt}} = 0.066 \pm 0.005$$

$$\rightarrow \varepsilon^{\text{from-b} \rightarrow \text{from-b}} = 0.689 \pm 0.022$$

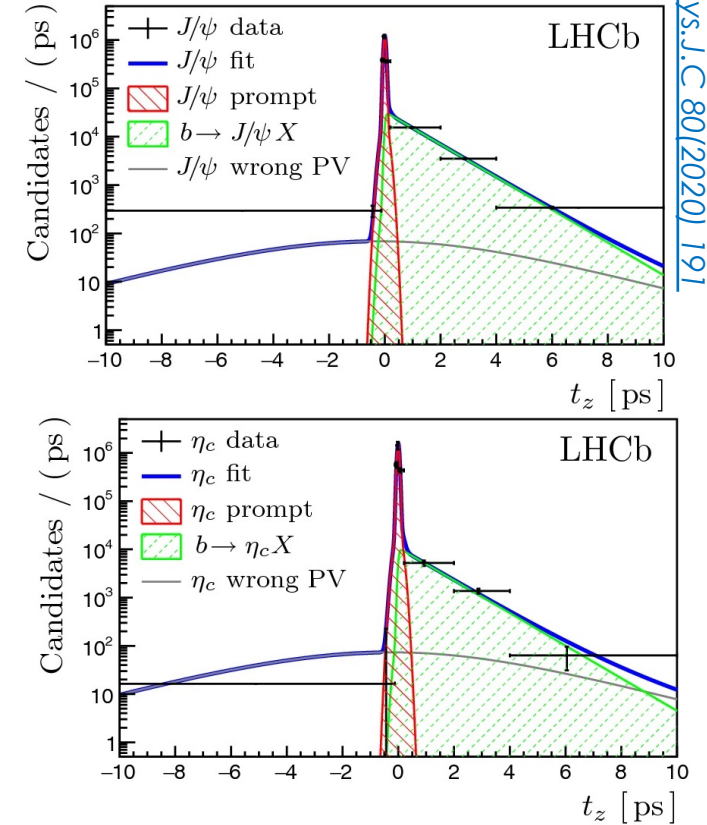
Challenging background conditions for prompt

$\eta_c(1S)$ production at LHCb at $\sqrt{s}=13$ TeV

- t_z -fit technique



$6.5 < p_T < 14$ GeV, $2.0 < y < 4.5$

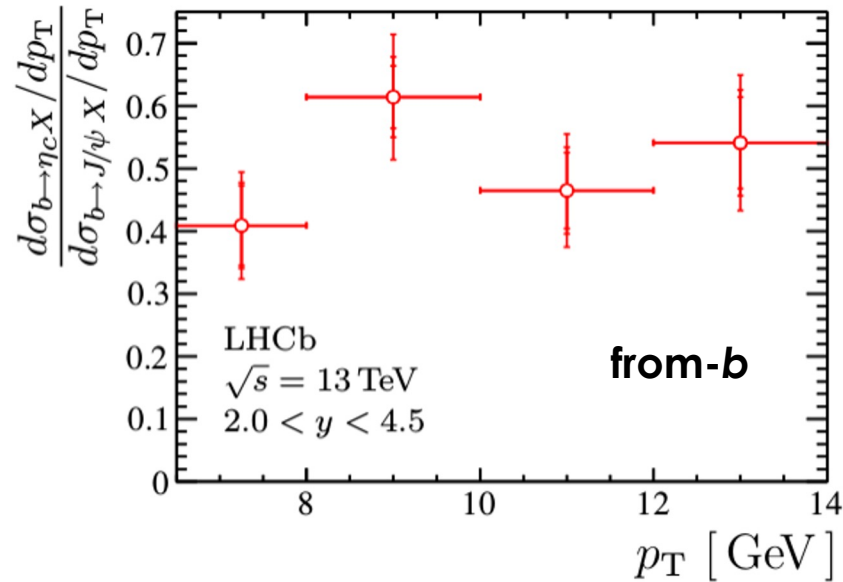
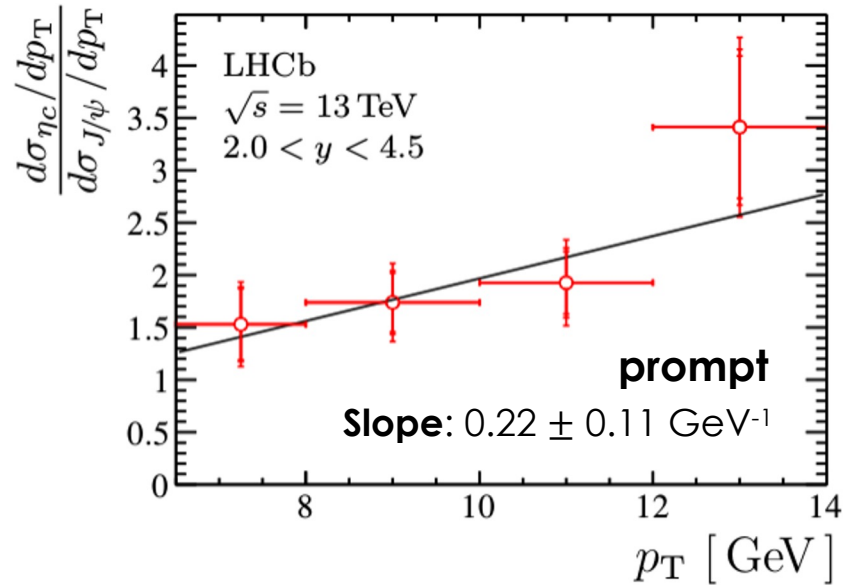


- Simultaneous likelihood **fit to $M_{p\bar{p}}$** in bins of **$[p_T, t_z]$** to **extract charmonium yields**
- Simultaneous integral χ^2 **fit to t_z** in **p_T -bins** to **separate prompt** and **from b -decays charmonium**
- Results consistent with t_z -cut technique

Ratio between η_c and J/ψ production

- Relative η_c to J/ψ p_T -differential production cross-sections

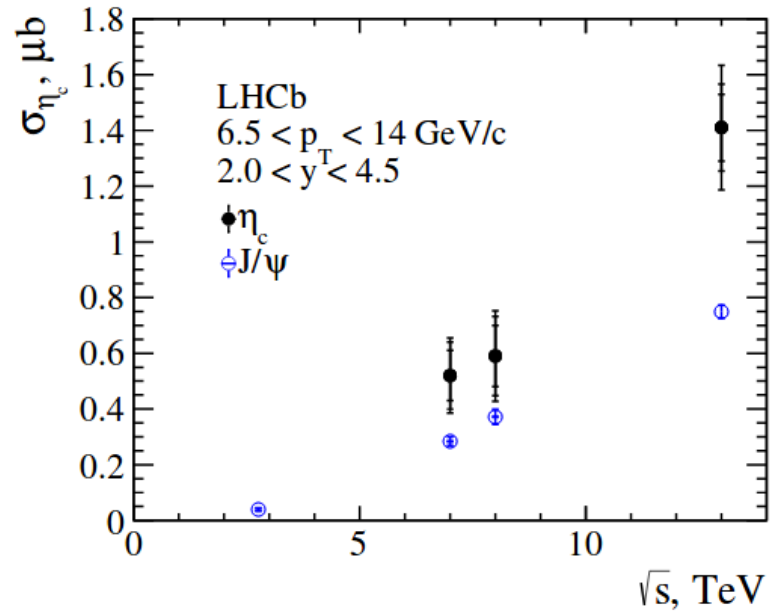
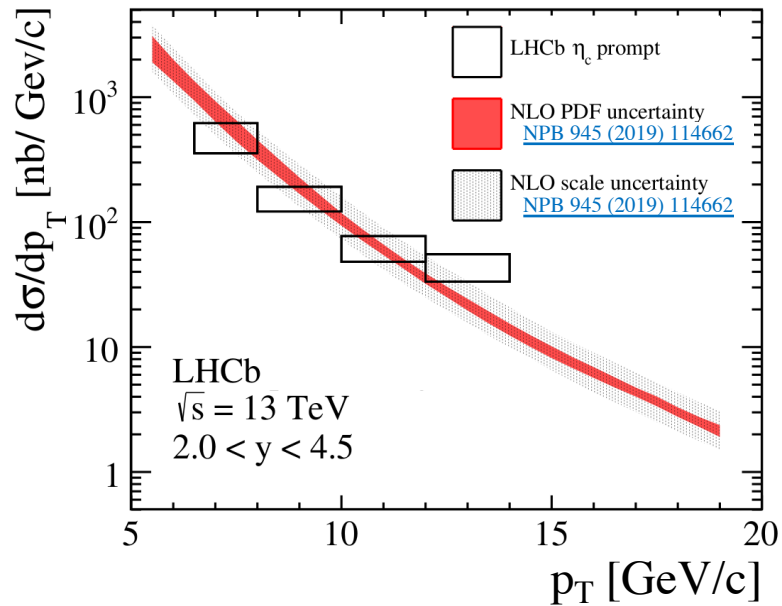
$$\frac{d\sigma(\eta_c)/dp_T}{d\sigma(J/\psi)/dp_T} = \frac{N_{\eta_c}^P}{N_{J/\psi}^P} \times \frac{\mathcal{B}_{J/\psi \rightarrow p\bar{p}}}{\mathcal{B}_{\eta_c \rightarrow p\bar{p}}} \times \frac{\epsilon_{J/\psi \rightarrow p\bar{p}}}{\epsilon_{\eta_c \rightarrow p\bar{p}}}$$



Integrated and differential cross-sections

- Measurement of **integrated** and **p_T -differential production cross-sections**

$$d\sigma(\eta_c)/dp_T = \frac{d\sigma(J/\psi)}{dp_T} \times \frac{N_{\eta_c}^P}{N_{J/\psi}^P} \times \frac{\mathcal{B}_{J/\psi \rightarrow p\bar{p}}}{\mathcal{B}_{\eta_c \rightarrow p\bar{p}}} \times \frac{\epsilon_{J/\psi \rightarrow p\bar{p}}}{\epsilon_{\eta_c \rightarrow p\bar{p}}} \quad \sigma(\eta_c) = \sum_i d\sigma_i(\eta_c)/dp_T$$

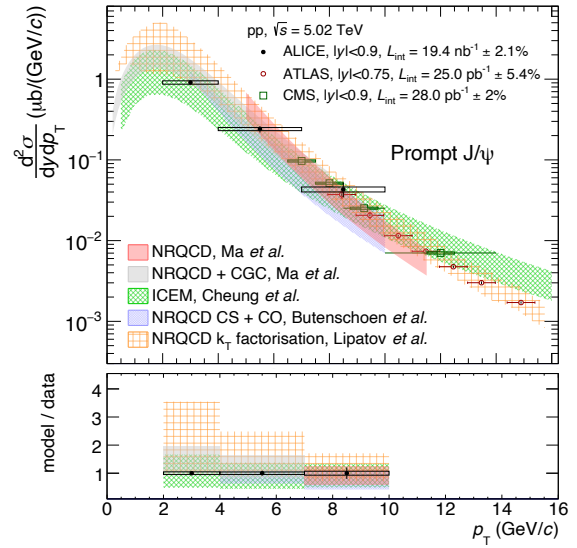
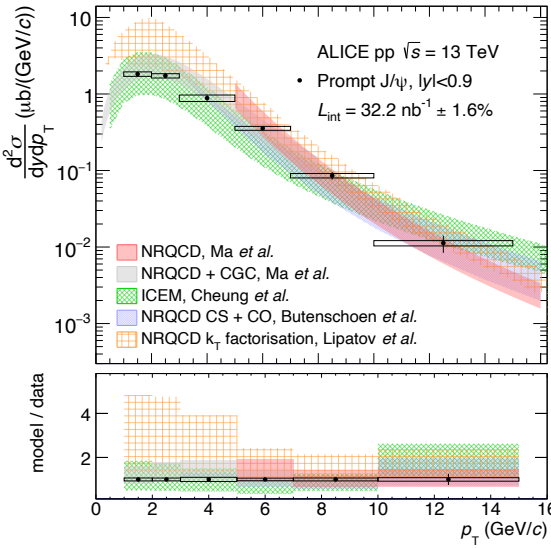
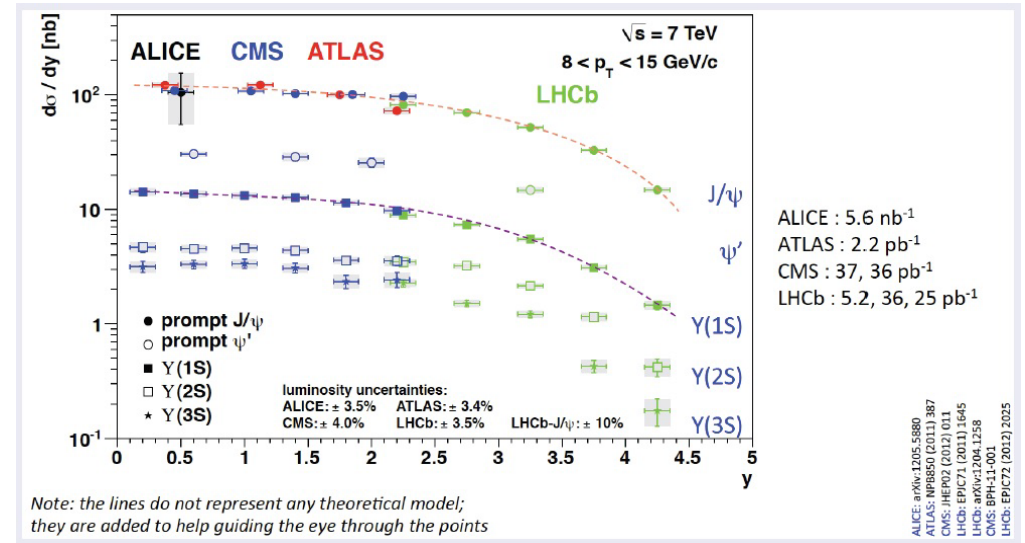


Current status



J/ψ production at the LHC

- J/ψ production and polarisation were studied at different LHC experiments: **consistent and complementary cross-section measurements**
- Description of the production cross-section at different energies



Explicit prediction for η_c using HQSS relations between η_c and J/ψ LDMEs:

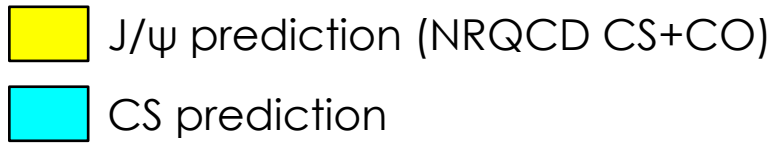
$$\langle \mathcal{O}_{1,8}^{\eta_c} (^1S_0) \rangle = \frac{1}{3} \langle \mathcal{O}_{1,8}^{J/\psi} (^3S_1) \rangle$$

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η_c production at the LHC

- $\eta_c(1S)$ LDMEs determined from known HQSS relations for J/ψ and J/ψ production



- Direct projection to LHCb data

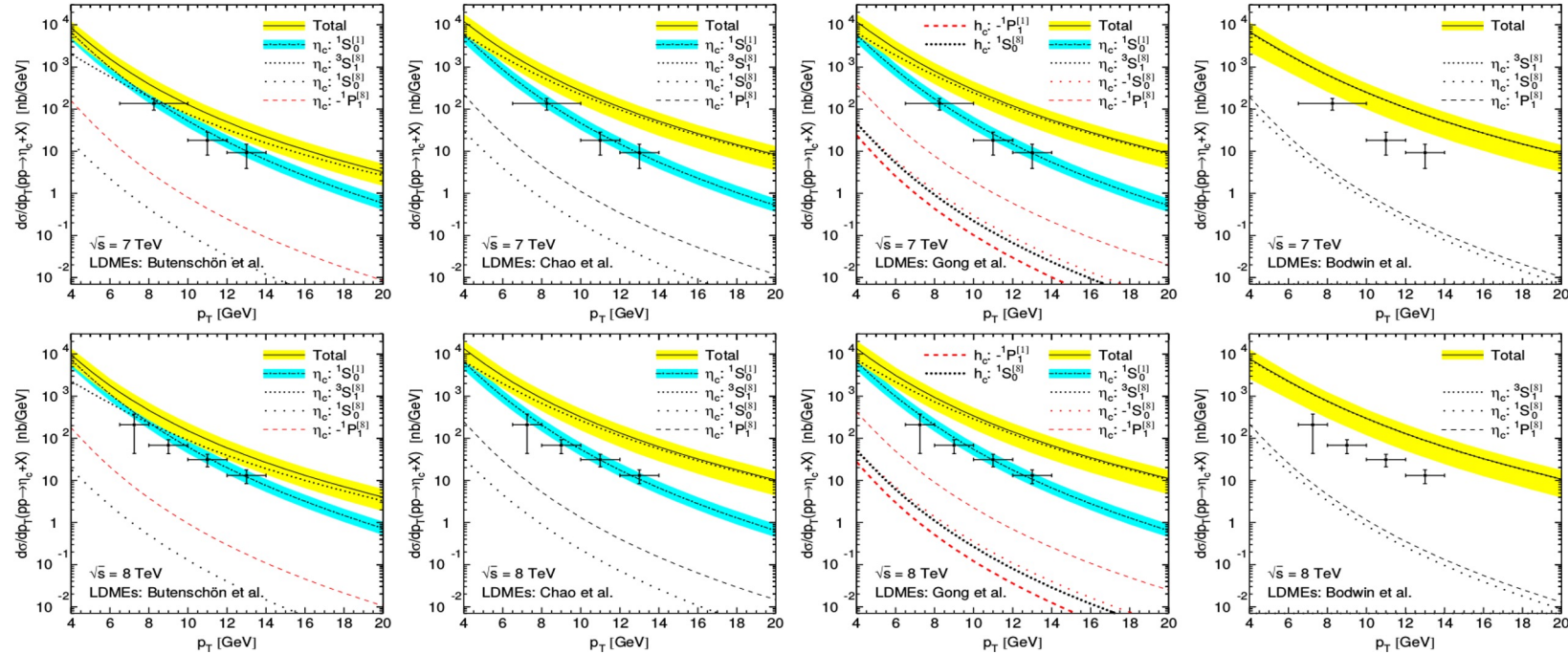
- LHCb data saturated by CS contribution**, problem in simultaneous description of η_c production and J/ψ production and polarization

- Following progress in theory:

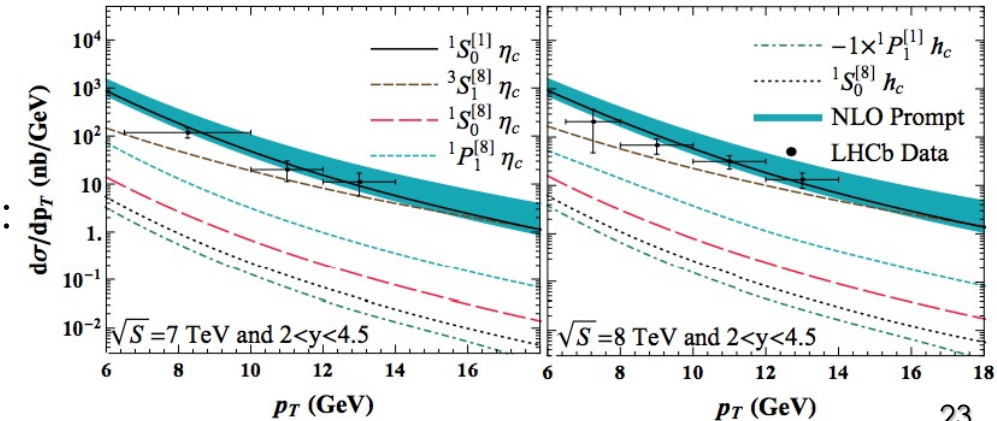
- using constraints from fits to J/ψ production measurements and fit to η_c production measurement, upper limit on CO LMDE extracted:

$$0 < O^{\eta_c}(^3S_1^8) < 1.46 \times 10^{-3} \text{ GeV}^3$$

Butenschön, He, and Kniehl [PRL 114\(2015\), 092004](#)

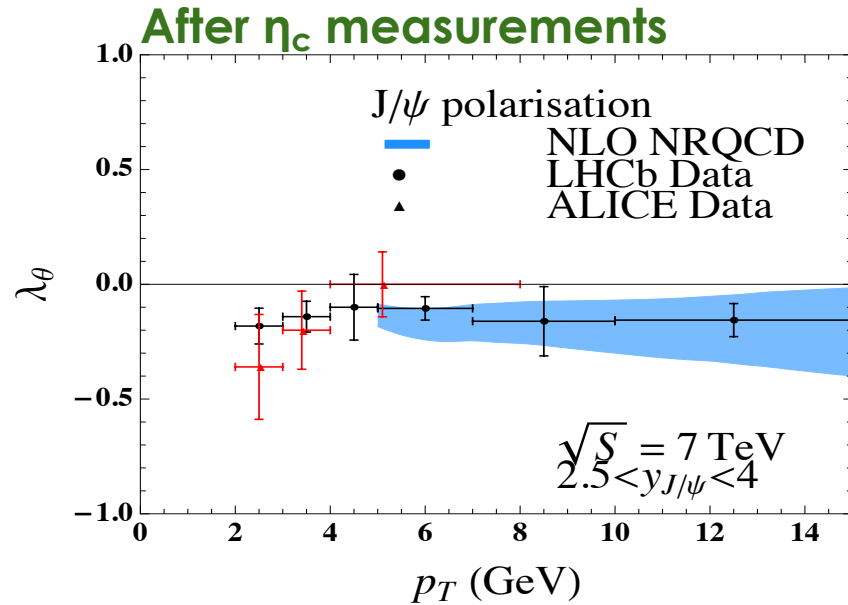
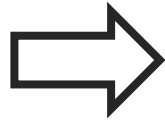
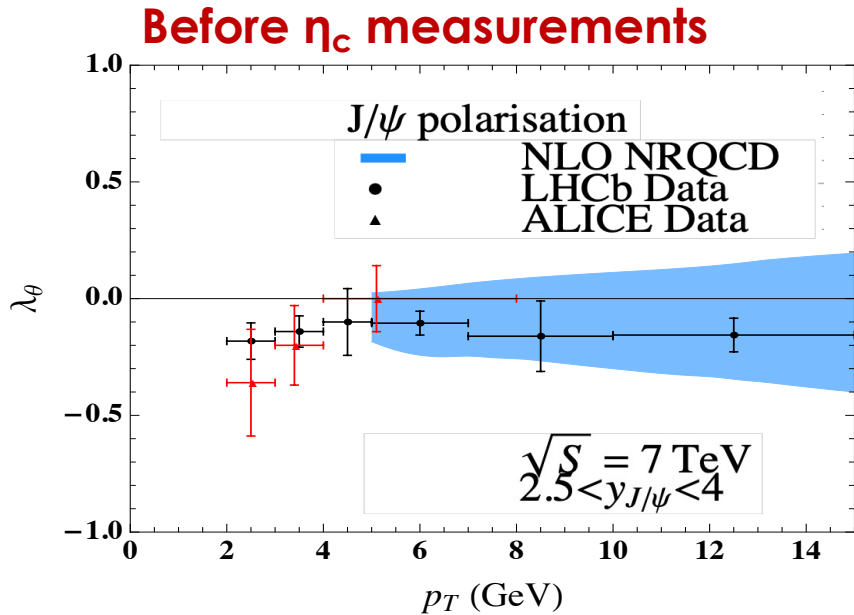


Han, Ma, Meng, Shao, and Chao [PRL 114\(2015\), 092004](#)



Simultaneous study of η_c and J/ψ production

- η_c production @ $\sqrt{s} = 7$ and 8 TeV sets new constraint on J/ψ polarization



PRL 114(2015), 092004

- Outcome:**

- Impressive progress
- Tension with CDF data
- Two large CO contributions cancel each other \Rightarrow hierarchy problem \Rightarrow Soft Gluon Fragmentation, etc.?
- Joint study of hadroproduction and production in inclusive b -decays?

Same links for $\eta_c(2S)$ and $\psi(2S)$ are expected \Rightarrow clean test to confront NRQCD [[Lansberg, Shao and Zhang](#)]

$\eta_c(1S)$: Differential production cross-section

- **Relative $\eta_c/J/\psi$ and absolute η_c p_T -differential production cross-sections @ 13 TeV (2015-2016 data)**

- **$\eta_c(1S)$ production:**

$6.5 < p_T < 14.0$ GeV/c, $2.0 < y < 4.5$

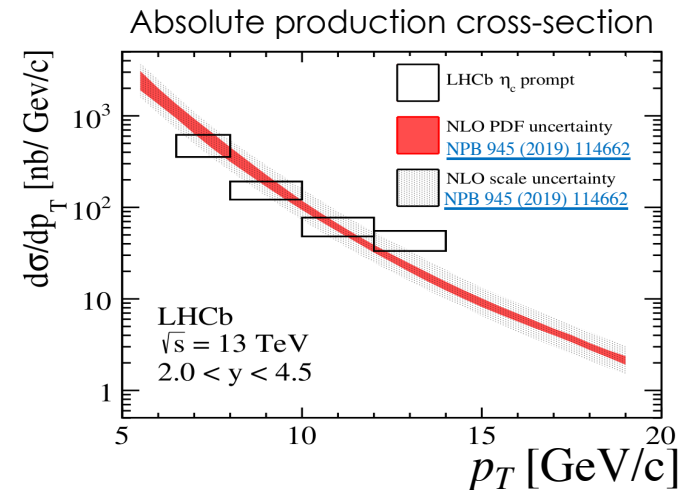
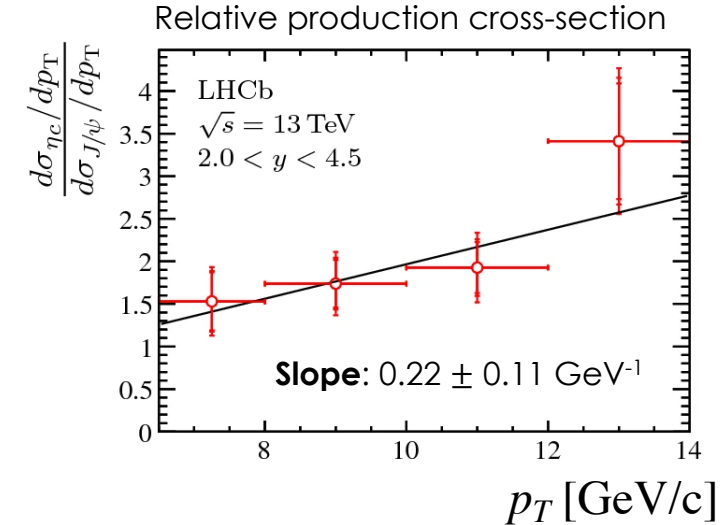
$$\sigma_{\eta_c}^{prompt} = 1.26 \pm 0.11_{stat} \pm 0.08_{syst} \pm 0.14_{J/\psi} \mu b$$

$$\mathcal{B}_{b \rightarrow \eta_c X} = (5.51 \pm 0.32_{stat} \pm 0.29_{syst} \pm 0.77_{J/\psi}) \times 10^{-3}$$

- Results may **provide** important **constraints for J/ψ production and polarization**

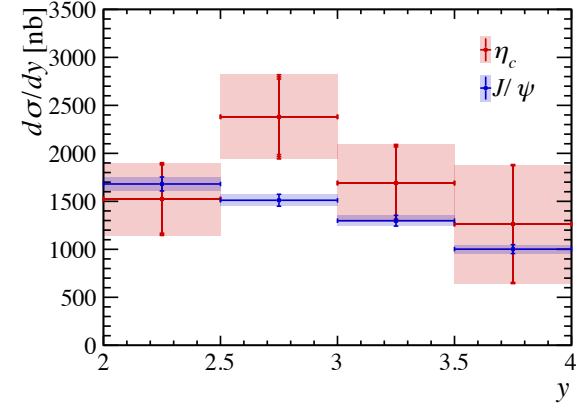
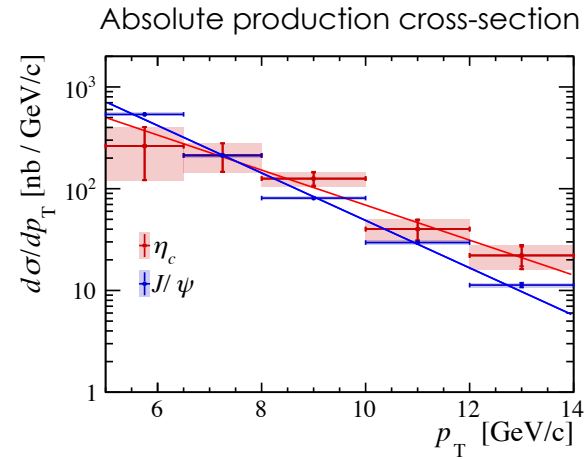
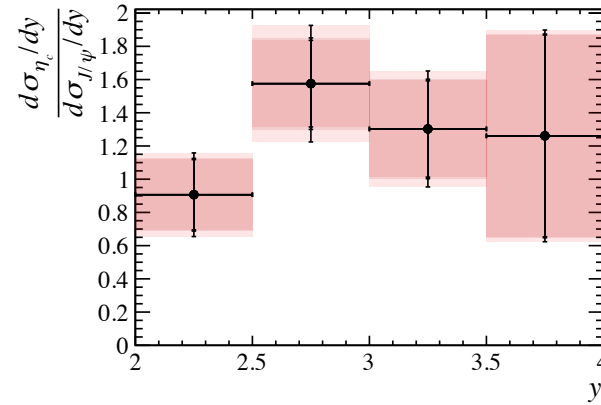
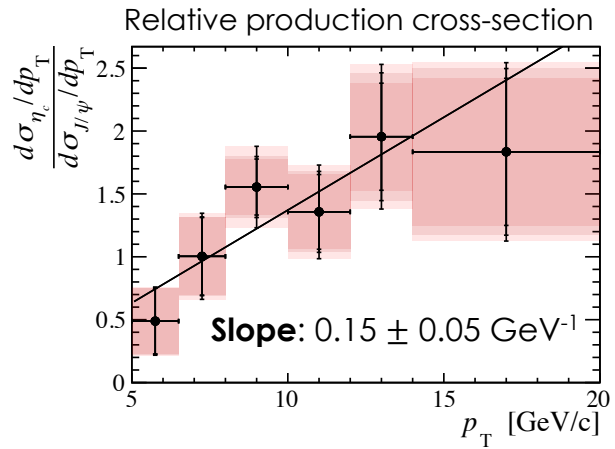
- **$\eta_c(1S)$ production can be described by CS contribution only;** measurement in **extended p_T is required:** larger slope would indicate **possible CO contribution**

Interpretation of $\eta_c(2S)/\psi(2S)$ much cleaner than for $\eta_c(1S)/J/\psi$ due to absence of feed-down



$\eta_c(1S)$: Differential production cross-section

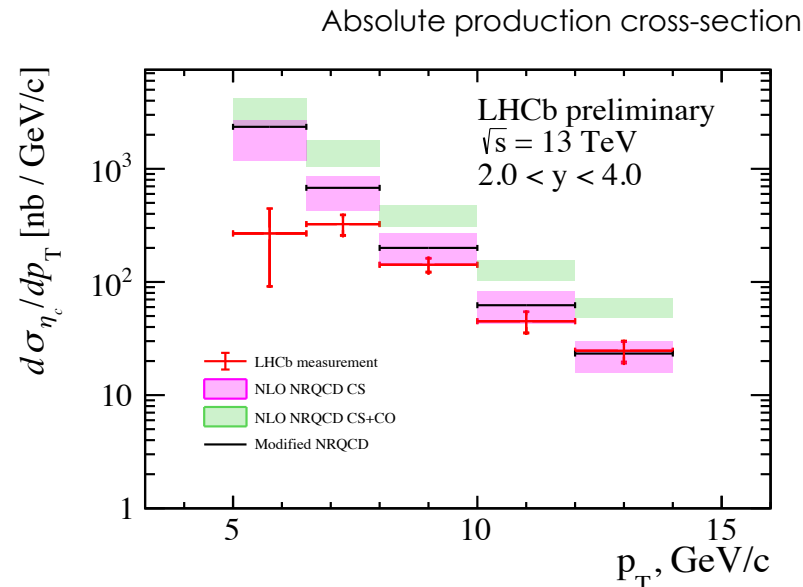
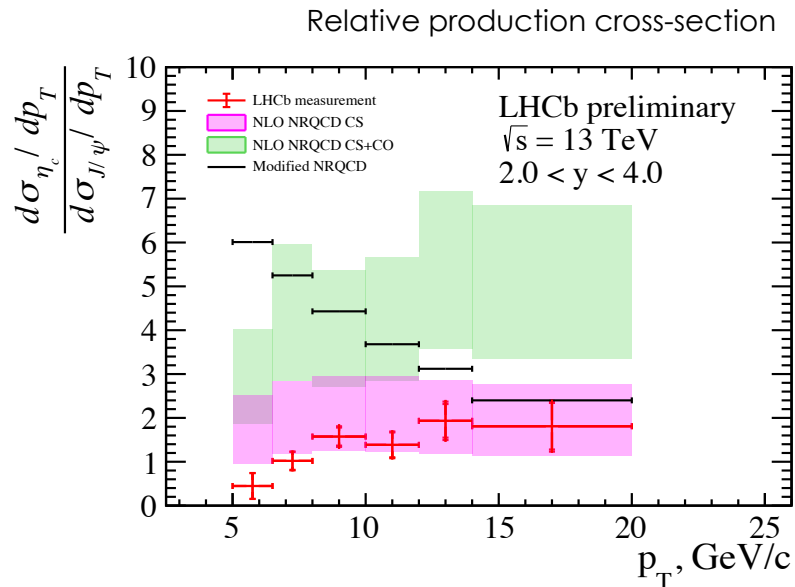
- **Relative $\eta_c/J/\psi$ and absolute η_c p_T - and y -differential production cross-sections @ 13 TeV (2018 data)**



- Extended p_T -range compared to the previous analysis
- The first measurement of y -differential $\eta_c(1S)$ cross-section
- Slope in p_T -differential ratio of η_c to J/ψ production indicates **different shape and maximum position of p_T -spectra**

Comparison with theory and outcome

- **Extended p_T -range:**
 - low p_T – probe the transition region between NRQCD and models targeting low p_T region
 - high p_T – sensitive to CO contribution
- Hadroproduction results are compared with NRQCD CS and CO, and modified NRQCD predictions:
 - NRQCD CS describes data for $p_T > 7$ GeV/c
 - **no CO contribution** at high p_T
 - modified NRQCD does not describe η_c to J/ψ production ratio
 - strong motivation to better understand/reduce theoretical uncertainties



Rapidity-differential study may provide a tool to reduce scale uncertainties

Summary and outlook

- Quarkonia is a great tool to study QCD
- **Persisting challenges:**
 - simultaneous description of **J/ψ production** and **polarization** – “polarization puzzle”
 - simultaneous description of η_c and **J/ψ** together with **J/ψ photoproduction** - “HQSS puzzle”
 - negative contribution in the cross-section
 - ...
- **New sources of input are required:**
 - New studies of quarkonia decays
 - Study of η_q and χ_q states
 - Associated quarkonia production
 - Production in heavy-ion collisions
 - Non-conventional quarkonium

