

# How well does nonrelativistic QCD factorization work for inclusive quarkonium production at NLO?

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# Outlines

1. Review of inclusive quarkonium production in NRQCD
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3. Summary

## Quarkonium: A multi-scale problem

- Quarkonium: Excellent probe of PDFs, GPDs, TMDs, QGP... Referred as the **QCD version of hydrogen atom** – The simplest QCD system.
- Quarkonium production at colliders is a typical multi-scale problem
  - $m_Q$ , the heavy-quark mass scale,  $m_c \sim 1.5$  GeV,  $m_b \sim 4.75$  GeV;
  - $m_Q v$ , the typical heavy-quark momentum;
  - $m_Q v^2$ , the typical heavy-quark kinetic energy and binding energy.
- $v$  is the typical heavy-quark velocity in the quarkonium rest frame,
  - $v^2 \simeq 0.25$  for charmonium;
  - $v^2 \simeq 0.1$  for bottomonium.
- 50 year passed since the discovery of  $J/\psi$ , **its production mechanism is not fully understood yet**. Puzzles still remain.

## Nonrelativistic QCD (NRQCD) factorization

- Nonrelativistic QCD (NRQCD) factorization is the most prominent approach to describe both quarkonium decay and production processes.

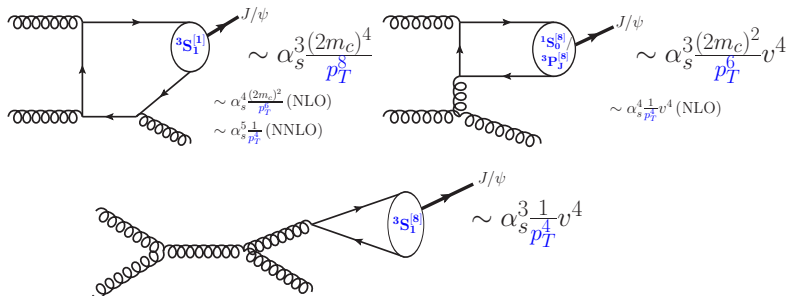
Bodwin, Braaten & Lepage, PRD 51, 1125 (1995),  $\sim 3000$  citations.

$$\sigma_{Q+X} = \sum_n \hat{\sigma}(ij \rightarrow Q\bar{Q}(n) + X) \langle \mathcal{O}^Q(n) \rangle, \quad (1)$$

with  $i, j = \{p, \bar{p}, e^+, e^-, \gamma, \gamma^*, \dots\}$ ,  $n = {}^{2S+1}L_J^{[1/8]}$ , [1], [8] representing color-singlet (CS) and color-octet (CO), respectively.

- $\hat{\sigma}$ , the short-distance-coefficients (SDCs),  $Q\bar{Q}$  in state  $n$  produced at short distance,  $\alpha_s$  expansion,
- $\langle \mathcal{O}^Q(n) \rangle$ , long-distance-matrix-elements (LDMEs), supposed to be universal, describing the hadronization  $Q\bar{Q}(n) \rightarrow Q + X$ ,  $v^2$  expansion.
- NRQCD factorization: double expansion of  $\alpha_s, v^2$ .

## $p_T$ power counting



- At high  $p_T$ ,  $p_T$  power counting dominates (over  $\alpha_s, v^2$  power counting).
- At LO, only  ${}^3S_1^{[8]}$  channel gives  $p_T$  leading-power (LP,  $1/p_T^4$ ) contribution, which leads to strong transverse polarization (**The  $J/\psi$  polarization puzzle!**).
- We need NLO calculation to include other LP contributions (CS contribution is small even at NNLO). Lansberg, EPJC 61, 693 (2009)

## Heavy quark spin symmetry (HQSS)

- For the spin-1  $S$ -wave quarkonium  $V$  ( $J/\psi$ ,  $\Upsilon$ ...), based on HQSS, we have

$$\langle \mathcal{O}^V(^3P_J^{[8]}) \rangle = (2J + 1) \langle \mathcal{O}^V(^3P_0^{[8]}) \rangle (1 + \mathcal{O}(v^2)). \quad (2)$$

- Relations between the LDMEs of  $\eta_c$  and  $J/\psi$  due to HQSS,

$$\langle \mathcal{O}^{\eta_c}(^1S_0^{[1]}/^1S_0^{[8]}) \rangle = \frac{1}{3} \langle \mathcal{O}^{J/\psi}(^3S_1^{[1]}/^3S_1^{[8]}) \rangle (1 + \mathcal{O}(v^2)), \quad (3)$$

$$\langle \mathcal{O}^{\eta_c}(^3S_1^{[8]}) \rangle = \langle \mathcal{O}^{J/\psi}(^1S_0^{[8]}) \rangle (1 + \mathcal{O}(v^2)), \quad (4)$$

$$\langle \mathcal{O}^{\eta_c}(^1P_1^{[8]}) \rangle = 3 \langle \mathcal{O}^{J/\psi}(^3P_0^{[8]}) \rangle (1 + \mathcal{O}(v^2)). \quad (5)$$

## NRQCD long-distance-matrix elements (LDMEs)

The definitions of the relevant spin-1  $S$ -wave quarkonium ( $V$ ) LDMEs are

$$\langle \mathcal{O}^V(^3S_1^{[1]}) \rangle = \langle \Omega | \chi^\dagger \sigma^i \psi \mathcal{P}_{V(\mathbf{P}=0)} \psi^\dagger \sigma^i \chi | \Omega \rangle, \quad (6a)$$

$$\langle \mathcal{O}^V(^3S_1^{[8]}) \rangle = \langle \Omega | \chi^\dagger \sigma^i T^a \psi \Phi_\ell^{\dagger ab} \mathcal{P}_{V(\mathbf{P}=0)} \Phi_\ell^{bc} \psi^\dagger \sigma^i T^c \chi | \Omega \rangle, \quad (6b)$$

$$\langle \mathcal{O}^V(^1S_0^{[8]}) \rangle = \langle \Omega | \chi^\dagger T^a \psi \Phi_\ell^{\dagger ab} \mathcal{P}_{V(\mathbf{P}=0)} \Phi_\ell^{bc} \psi^\dagger T^c \chi | \Omega \rangle, \quad (6c)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathcal{O}^V(^3P_0^{[8]}) \rangle &= \frac{1}{3} \langle \Omega | \chi^\dagger \left( -\frac{i}{2} \overleftrightarrow{\mathbf{D}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} \right) T^a \psi \Phi_\ell^{\dagger ab} \mathcal{P}_{V(\mathbf{P}=0)} \\ &\quad \times \Phi_\ell^{bc} \psi^\dagger \left( -\frac{i}{2} \overleftrightarrow{\mathbf{D}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} \right) T^c \chi | \Omega \rangle, \end{aligned} \quad (6d)$$

here  $\mathcal{P}_{V(\mathbf{P})} = \sum_X |V+X\rangle\langle V+X|$ ,  $\Phi_\ell = P \exp[-ig \int_0^\infty d\lambda \ell \cdot A^{\text{adj}}(\ell\lambda)]$  is the path-ordered Wilson line that ensures the gauge invariance.

- CS LDMEs can be related to quarkonium nonrelativistic wavefunctions.
- Unclear how to calculate CO LDMEs from first principle such as lattice, so the **CO LDMEs are determined through fitting with experimental data.**

## Recent significant progress: Spin-1 S-wave LDMEs in pNRQCD

- Based on strong coupled pNRQCD, we have (up to  $\mathcal{O}(1/N_c^2, v^2)$  corrections),  
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$$\langle \mathcal{O}^V(^3S_1^{[1]}) \rangle = 2N_c \times \frac{3|R_V^{(0)}(0)|^2}{4\pi}, \quad (7a)$$

$$\langle \mathcal{O}^V(^3S_1^{[8]}) \rangle = \frac{1}{2N_c m^2} \frac{3|R_V^{(0)}(0)|^2}{4\pi} \mathcal{E}_{10;10}, \quad (7b)$$

$$\langle \mathcal{O}^V(^1S_0^{[8]}) \rangle = \frac{1}{6N_c m^2} \frac{3|R_V^{(0)}(0)|^2}{4\pi} c_F^2 \mathcal{B}_{00}, \quad (7c)$$

$$\langle \mathcal{O}^V(^3P_0^{[8]}) \rangle = \frac{1}{18N_c} \frac{3|R_V^{(0)}(0)|^2}{4\pi} \mathcal{E}_{00}, \quad (7d)$$

- $c_F$  is the NRQCD(HQET) matching coefficient,
- $R_V^{(0)}(0)$  is the wave-function at the origin,
- $\mathcal{E}_{10;10}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}_{00}$ , and  $\mathcal{E}_{00}$  are universal gluonic correlators of mass dimension 2,



## Gluonic correlators

$$\mathcal{E}_{10;10} = \left| d^{dac} \int_0^\infty dt_1 t_1 \int_{t_1}^\infty dt_2 g E^{b,i}(t_2) \right. \\ \left. \times \Phi_0^{bc}(t_1; t_2) g E^{a,i}(t_1) \Phi_0^{df}(0; t_1) \Phi_\ell^{ef} |\Omega\rangle \right|^2, \quad (8a)$$

$$\mathcal{B}_{00} = \left| \int_0^\infty dt g B^{a,i}(t) \Phi_0^{ac}(0; t) \Phi_\ell^{bc} |\Omega\rangle \right|^2, \quad (8b)$$

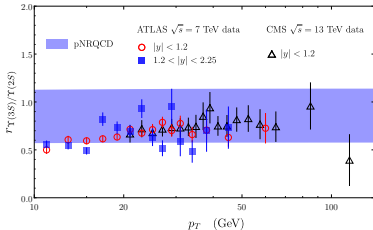
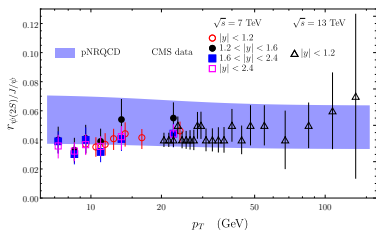
$$\mathcal{E}_{00} = \left| \int_0^\infty dt g E^{a,i}(t) \Phi_0^{ac}(0; t) \Phi_\ell^{bc} |\Omega\rangle \right|^2, \quad (8c)$$

where  $\Phi_0(t, t') = \mathcal{P} \exp[-ig \int_t^{t'} d\tau A_0^{\text{adj}}(\tau, \mathbf{0})]$  is a Schwinger line.

- By evolving the scale of  $\mathcal{E}_{10;10}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}_{00}$ , and  $\mathcal{E}_{00}$  from charm mass scale to bottom mass scale, **we can related LDMEs between  $\psi(nS)$  and  $\Upsilon(nS)$ .**

## pNRQCD predictive power

- Significantly reduces the number of independent CO LDMEs ( $15 \rightarrow 3$ ).
- $J/\psi$  and  $\psi(2S)$  share the same  $\mathcal{E}_{10;10}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}_{00}$ , and  $\mathcal{E}_{00}$ , thus their cross sections ratio equals the ratio of  $|R_{J/\psi}^{(0)}(0)|^2$  and  $|R_{\psi(2S)}^{(0)}(0)|^2$  (same for  $\Upsilon(nS)$  states).



Figures from Brambilla, Chung, Vairo & Wang, JHEP 03 (2023) 242

- The prediction is based on NRQCD factorization and pNRQCD relations of the LDMEs without explicit perturbative calculations!

## $J/\psi$ LDMEs fittings

- Chao et al. :  $p_T > 7\text{Gev}$ , two linear combinations (of the 3 CO LDMEs) are constrained, but the **best fit gives large**  $\langle \mathcal{O}^{J/\psi}(^1S_0^{[8]}) \rangle$ .  
Ma, Wang & Chao, PRL 106, 042002 (2011)
- Butenschön et al. :  $p_T > 3\text{Gev}$ , global fit ( $pp, p\bar{p}, \gamma p, \gamma\gamma, e^+e^-$ ) .  
Butenschön & Kniehl, PRD 84, 051501 (2011)
- Zhang et al. :  $p_T > 7\text{Gev}$ , combine  $J/\psi$  and  $\eta_c$  hadron production data based on HQSS, **constrains**  $\langle \mathcal{O}^{J/\psi}(^1S_0^{[8]}) \rangle$  **to be small**.  
Zhang *et al.*, PRL 114, 092006 (2015)
- Bodwin et al. :  $p_T > 10\text{Gev}$ , combine leading-power resummation with NLO fixed-order calculation.  
Bodwin *et al.*, PRD 93, 034041 (2016)
- Feng et al. :  $p_T > 7\text{Gev}$ , fit both  $J/\psi$  hadron production and polarization data.  
Feng *et al.*, PRD 99, 014044 (2019)
- TUM :  $p_T > 3(5) \times 2m_Q$ , fit 3 gluonic correlators to the high  $p_T$   $J/\psi, \psi(2S), \Upsilon(2S/3S)$  hadroproduction data based on the pNRQCD relations, **also leads to small**  $\langle \mathcal{O}^{J/\psi}(^1S_0^{[8]}) \rangle$ .

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$J/\psi$  LDMEs fittingsTable: Selected representative fitting results in units of  $10^{-2} \text{ GeV}^3$ .

Group	$\langle \mathcal{O}^{J/\psi}(^3S_1^{[8]}) \rangle$	$\langle \mathcal{O}^{J/\psi}(^1S_0^{[8]}) \rangle$	$\langle \mathcal{O}^{J/\psi}(^3P_0^{[8]}) \rangle / m^2$
Chao et al. set 1	0.05	7.4	0
Chao et al. set 2	1.11	0	1.89
Butenschön et al.	$0.168 \pm 0.046$	$3.04 \pm 0.35$	$-0.404 \pm 0.072$
Zhang et al.	$1.0 \pm 0.3$	$0.74 \pm 0.3$	$1.7 \pm 0.5$
Bodwin et al.	$-0.713 \pm 0.364$	$11 \pm 1.4$	$-0.312 \pm 0.151$
Feng et al.	$0.117 \pm 0.058$	$5.66 \pm 0.47$	$0.054 \pm 0.005$
TUM ( $p_T > 3 \times 2m_Q$ )	$1.72 \pm 0.18$	$-4.7 \pm 1.55$	$3.14 \pm 0.35$
TUM ( $p_T > 5 \times 2m_Q$ )	$1.57 \pm 0.45$	$-2.73 \pm 3.64$	$2.89 \pm 0.87$

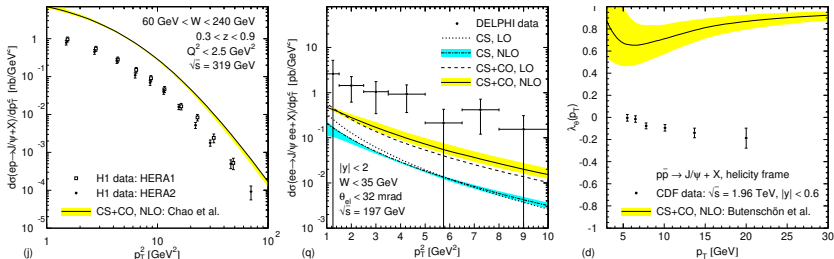
- Dramatically different LDME sets are fitted, but **none of them can well describe all the data, challenging the LDME universality.**
- Fittings are based on NLO calculations, which are rather complicated and need super computer. Inclusive productions at NNLO are infeasible in near future.

## Score card of fittings

**Table:** Tests of the LDMEs for  $J/\psi$  from high  $p_T$   $pp$ , and low  $p_T$   $\gamma p$ ,  $\gamma\gamma$  collisions.  $\checkmark$   $\times$  indicates marginally well (no serious conflict).

Group	$pp$ ( $p_T$ in fit)	pol. ( $pp$ )	$\eta_c(pp)$	$J/\psi + Z$	$\gamma p$	$\gamma\gamma$
Chao et al. set 1	$\checkmark$ ( $p_T > 7\text{GeV}$ )	$\checkmark$	$\times$	-	$\times$	-
Chao et al. set 2	$\checkmark$ ( $p_T > 7\text{GeV}$ )	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	-	$\times$	-
Butenschön et al.	$\checkmark$ ( $p_T > 3\text{GeV}$ )	$\times$	$\times$	$\times$	$\checkmark$	$\times$
Zhang et al. $+\eta_c$	$\checkmark$ ( $p_T > 6.5\text{GeV}$ )	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	-	$\times$	-
Bodwin et al.	$\checkmark$ ( $p_T > 10\text{GeV}$ )	$\checkmark$	$\times$	$\times$	$\times$	-
Feng et al.	$\checkmark$ ( $p_T > 7\text{GeV}$ )	$\checkmark$	$\times$	-	$\times$	-
TUM (pNRQCD)	$\checkmark$ ( $p_T > 3 \times 2m_Q$ )	$\checkmark$	$\times$	$\checkmark \times$	$\times$	-
TUM (pNRQCD)	$\checkmark$ ( $p_T > 5 \times 2m_Q$ )	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark \times$	$\times$	-

# The main conflicts/puzzles



Figures from M. Butenschön, B. A. Kniehl, Mod.Phys.Lett. A 28 (2013) 1350027.

- All high  $p_T > 7\text{GeV}$  fittings overshoot the low  $p_T$   $\gamma p$  data by a factor of  $\sim 5 - 10$  (see left figure, take Chao et. al as an example).
- Global fit cannot describe the low  $p_T$   $\gamma\gamma$  data and the  $J/\psi$  polarization data (see middle and right figures).

## Motivations

- The conflict between low  $p_T$  and high  $p_T$  fittings and descriptions still remain.
- It has been argued that NRQCD factorization may only hold at  $p_T \gg 2m_Q$  (see, for instance, the talk of Bodwin at LepageFest 2024). **Really?**
- Key observation 1: There is no theory prediction for  $J/\psi$   $p_T$  distribution in the region  $1 \gg z$ , although the data exist long time ago (**surprising!**).
- Key observation 2: There is no theory prediction using high  $p_T$  fit for the low  $p_T$  LEP data (**surprising!**), while the global low  $p_T$  fit cannot describe the data.
- Another motivation: Describe recent ATLAS (2309.17177, global fit cannot well describe the data at very high  $p_T$ )  $J/\psi$  production data with  $p_T$  ranging from 8 GeV to 360 GeV.

## Our new fitting strategies and fitting results

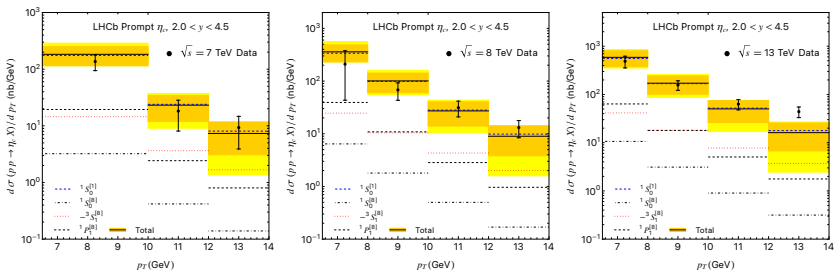
- We combine LHC  $\eta_c$  and  $J/\psi$  data to fit 3  $J/\psi$  CO LDMEs based on HQSS.
- We choose three different scale choices,  $\mu_r = \mu_f = [\frac{1}{2}, 1, 2]m_T$ , with the default scale choice  $\mu_r = \mu_f = m_T$ , where  $m_T = \sqrt{4m_Q^2 + p_T^2}$ ;
- By choosing:  $m_c = 1.5 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $\langle \mathcal{O}^{J/\psi}(^3S_1^{[1]}) \rangle = 1.16 \text{ GeV}^3$ ,  $\langle \mathcal{O}^{\psi(2S)}(^3S_1^{[1]}) \rangle = 0.76 \text{ GeV}^3$  and  $\langle \mathcal{O}^{\eta_c}(^1S_0^{[1]}) \rangle = 0.328 \text{ GeV}^3$ ,

we obtain three sets of fitted CO LDMEs with uncertainties, corresponding to the three different scale choices (in units of  $10^{-2} \text{ GeV}^3$ ),

$\mu_r = \mu_f$	$\langle \mathcal{O}^{J/\psi}(^3S_1^{[8]}) \rangle$	$\langle \mathcal{O}^{J/\psi}(^1S_0^{[8]}) \rangle$	$\frac{\langle \mathcal{O}^{J/\psi}(^3P_0^{[8]}) \rangle}{m_c^2}$	$\frac{\chi_{\min}^2}{\text{d.o.f}}$
$m_T/2$	$0.604 \pm 0.106$	$-0.501 \pm 0.171$	$0.716 \pm 0.169$	0.26
$m_T$	$1.062 \pm 0.195$	$-0.204 \pm 0.229$	$1.905 \pm 0.422$	0.18
$2m_T$	$1.367 \pm 0.261$	$0.094 \pm 0.288$	$3.232 \pm 0.732$	0.15

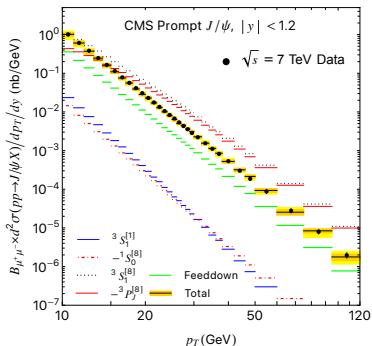


# Fitting results – LHCb $\eta_c$ production



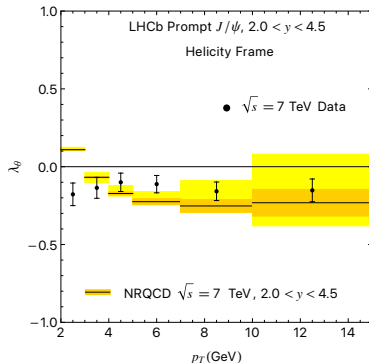
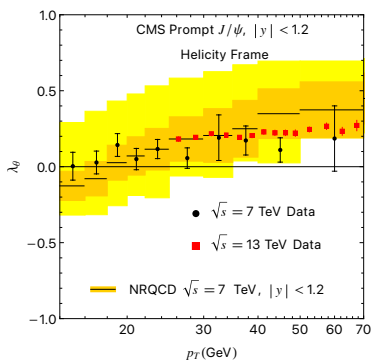
- Inner bands correspond to the default scale choice, the outer bands encompass the uncertainties coming from the two other scale choices.
- The above figures show that **CS channel saturates the cross sections and thus can constrain  $\langle \mathcal{O}^{J/\psi}(1S_0^{[8]}) \rangle$**  to be small under HQSS.

# Fitting results – CMS $J/\psi$ production



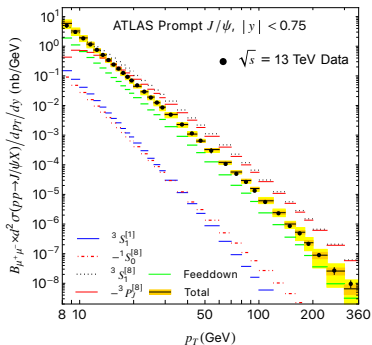
- The cross sections are based on the **cancellation between a large positive  $^3S_1^{[8]}$  and a large negative  $^3P_J^{[8]}$   $J/\psi$  production channel.**
- This cancellation is not fine-tuning, because NLO LDME mixing implies that only the sum of both contributions has physical significance.

## Prediction $-J/\psi$ polarization



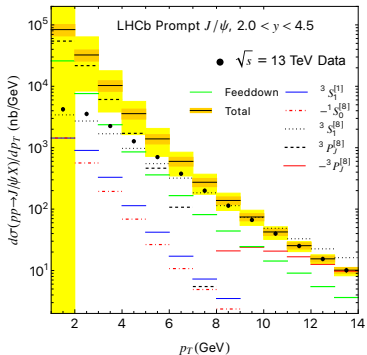
- Our predictions are in good agreement with the measurements and match the pattern that  $\lambda_\theta$  turns from slightly negative at relatively low  $p_T$  to positive and converges to  $\lambda_\theta \sim 0.3$  at high  $p_T$ .
- No polarization puzzle appears.

# Prediction – ATLAS $J/\psi$ production at very high $p_T$



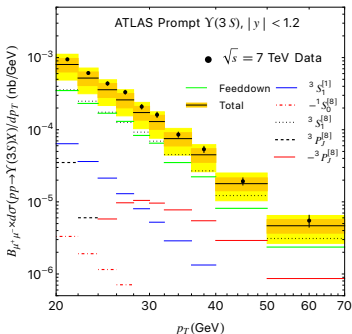
- Excellent description up to the highest measured  $p_T$ , surprising!
- Contradicts with the negative cross section predictions (arXiv: 2408.04255).
- It is, however, **unclear why it works at very high  $p_T$** . The resummation effect of  $\log(m_c^2/p_T^2)$  is expected to be significant at very high  $p_T$ . Further investigations are needed to understand the deep reasons.

# Prediction – LHCb $J/\psi$ production at low $p_T$



- The  ${}^3P_J^{[8]}$  SDCs change sign from negative to positive when going below  $p_T \approx 7$  GeV, so that instead of a cancellation between  ${}^3S_1^{[8]}$  and  ${}^3P_J^{[8]}$  channels, there is an amplification.
- The resulting steep increase at low  $p_T$  is not observed in the data.
- **Small- $x$  resummation needed.**

# Prediction – ATLAS $\Upsilon(nS)$ production in pNRQCD



$$\langle \mathcal{O}^V(^3S_1^{[1]}) \rangle = 2N_c \times \frac{3|R_V^{(0)}(0)|^2}{4\pi},$$

$$\langle \mathcal{O}^V(^3S_1^{[8]}) \rangle = \frac{1}{2N_c m^2} \frac{3|R_V^{(0)}(0)|^2}{4\pi} \mathcal{E}_{10;10},$$

$$\langle \mathcal{O}^V(^1S_0^{[8]}) \rangle = \frac{1}{6N_c m^2} \frac{3|R_V^{(0)}(0)|^2}{4\pi} c_F^2 \mathcal{B}_{00},$$

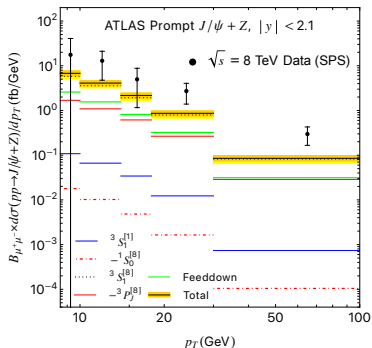
$$\langle \mathcal{O}^V(^3P_0^{[8]}) \rangle = \frac{1}{18N_c} \frac{3|R_V^{(0)}(0)|^2}{4\pi} \mathcal{E}_{00},$$

$$\mathcal{B}_{00}(m_b) = \mathcal{B}_{00}(m_c) \left( 1 - \frac{2N_c}{\beta_0} \ln \frac{\alpha_s(m_c)}{\alpha_s(m_b)} \right) \simeq 0.74 \times \mathcal{B}_{00}(m_c),$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}_{10;10}(m_b) &= \mathcal{E}_{10;10}(m_c) + \frac{4}{3\beta_0} \frac{N_c^2 - 4}{N_c} \mathcal{E}_{00} \ln \frac{\alpha_s(m_c)}{\alpha_s(m_b)} \\ &\simeq \mathcal{E}_{10;10}(m_c) + 0.1 \mathcal{E}_{00}. \end{aligned}$$

- ATLAS  $\Upsilon(3S)$  data well reproduced, similar results for  $\Upsilon(1S)$  and  $\Upsilon(2S)$ .
- Highly nontrivial test of the above pNRQCD relations.
- The scale evolutions of the gluonic correlators (mainly from  $\mathcal{E}_{10;10}$ ,  $^3S_1^{[8]}$  LDMEs) result in a very different Fock state decomposition in  $\Upsilon(3S)$ , where the cross section is dominated by the  $^3S_1^{[8]}$  channel and feeddown from  $\chi_{bJ}$ .

# Prediction – ATLAS $J/\psi + Z$ , single parton scattering (SPS)



- $^3S_1^{[8]}$  channel dominates. DPS contribution is smaller at higher  $p_T$ .
- For the two highest  $p_T$  bins, predictions lie  $\sim 2\sigma$  deviations below data.  
Underestimated DPS contributions, unlikely? or?

# Prediction – LEP $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow J/\psi + X$

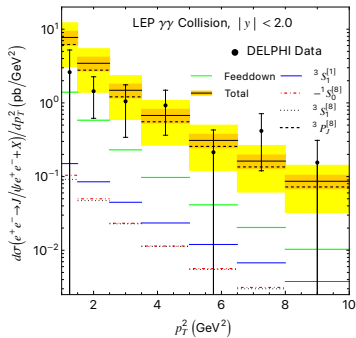
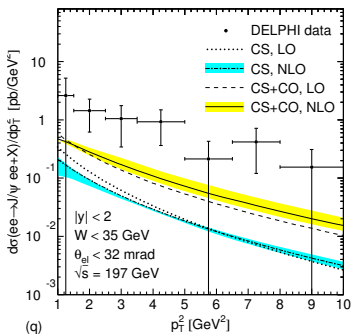
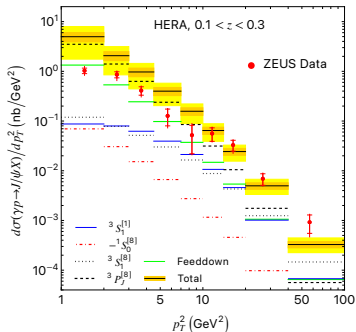


Figure: Left: global fit (Butenschön et al.); right: our prediction

- The cross section is exclusively dominated by single-resolved photon contributions. CS contribution is far below the data.  ${}^3P_J^{[8]}$  channels dominate.



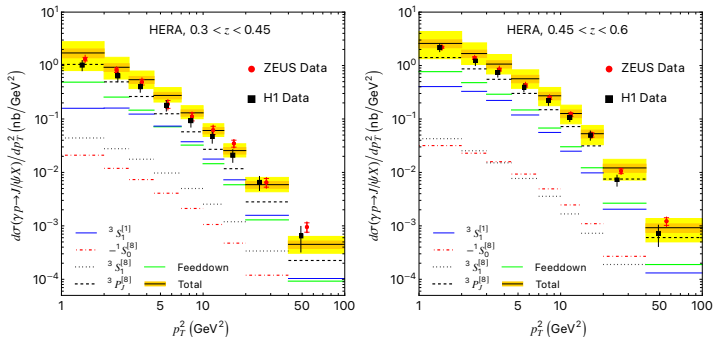
# Prediction – HERA $\gamma p \rightarrow J/\psi + X$ ( $0.1 < z < 0.3$ )



**Figure:** Our prediction with divided  $z$  bins (and figures in the next 2 slides). Inelasticity  $z = E_{J/\psi}/E_\gamma$  in the proton rest frame.

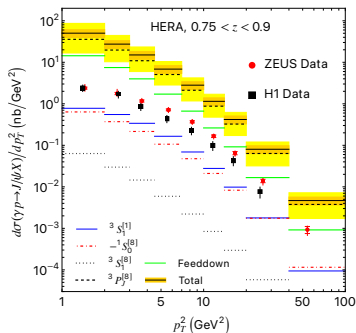
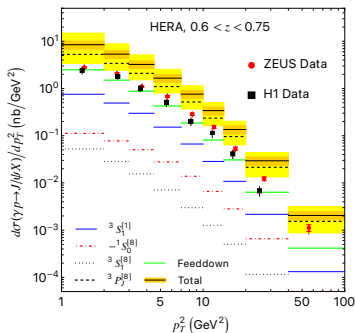
- For  $0.1 < z < 0.3$ , good description for the data except for a few lowest  $p_T$  bins, where resolved photon ( $gg \rightarrow J/\psi + X$ ) contribution dominates, which is similar to hadroproduction case, so, not surprised.

# Prediction – HERA $\gamma p \rightarrow J/\psi + X$ ( $0.3 < z < 0.6$ )



- The data can be well described in the whole measured  $p_T$  range,  $[1, 10]$  GeV.
- ${}^3P_J^{[8]}$  channels dominate, comparing to the  ${}^3S_1^{[8]}$ ,  ${}^3P_J^{[8]}$  cancellation scenario in large  $p_T$  hadroproduction.

# Prediction – HERA $\gamma p \rightarrow J/\psi + X$ ( $0.6 < z < 0.9$ )



- Obviously overshoot the data, regardless of  $p_T$ . For  $0.75 < z < 0.9$ , predictions overshoot the data by factors of 5.2 to 20.
- The region  $z \rightarrow 1$  corresponds to the endpoint region, where the NRQCD factorization may not be valid,  $v^2$  expansion becomes  $v^2/(1-z)$  expansion. **Quarkonium shape function needed.** Beneke, Rothstein & Wise, PLB 408, 373 (1997).

## Update score card of fittings

**Table:** Tests of the LDMEs for  $J/\psi$  from high  $p_T$   $pp$ , and low  $p_T$   $\gamma p$ ,  $\gamma\gamma$  collisions. ✓ ✗ indicates marginally well (no serious conflict).

Group	$pp$ ( $p_T$ in fit)	pol. ( $pp$ )	$\eta_c$ ( $pp$ )	$J/\psi + Z$	$\gamma p$	$\gamma\gamma$
Chao et al. set 1	✓ ( $p_T > 7\text{GeV}$ )	✓	✗	-	✗	-
Chao et al. set 2	✓ ( $p_T > 7\text{GeV}$ )	✓	✓	-	✗	-
Butenschön et al.	✓ ( $p_T > 3\text{GeV}$ )	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗
Zhang et al. + $\eta_c$	✓ ( $p_T > 6.5\text{GeV}$ )	✓	✓	-	✗	-
Bodwin et al.	✓ ( $p_T > 10\text{GeV}$ )	✓	✗	✗	✗	-
Feng et al.	✓ ( $p_T > 7\text{GeV}$ )	✓	✗	-	✗	-
TUM (pNRQCD)	✓ ( $p_T > 3 \times 2m_Q$ )	✓	✗	✓ ✗	✗	-
TUM (pNRQCD)	✓ ( $p_T > 5 \times 2m_Q$ )	✓	✓	✓ ✗	✗	-
<b>This work</b>	✓ ( $p_T > 6.5\text{GeV}$ )	✓	✓	✓ ✗	✓ ( $z < 0.6$ )	✓

- Now,  $J/\psi$  high  $p_T$  hadroproduction and low  $p_T$  production from  $\gamma p (z < 0.6)$ ,  $\gamma\gamma$  collisions can be consistently described.

## Summary

- Simple answer: NRQCD works pretty well except for end-point regions.
- The following data are well reproduced in NRQCD factorization at NLO:
  - High  $p_T$   $J/\psi$ ,  $\eta_c$ ,  $\Upsilon(nS)$  production ✓ (highly nontrivial test of pNRQCD)
  - High  $p_T$   $J/\psi$  polarization ✓ no polarization puzzle!
  - Very high  $p_T$  (360 GeV)  $J/\psi$  production ✓ surprising! (why so well?)
  - $J/\psi$  from  $\gamma\gamma$  with  $10 \text{ GeV}^2 > p_T^2 > 1 \text{ GeV}^2$  ✓ surprising!
  - $J/\psi$  from  $\gamma p$  with  $100 \text{ GeV}^2 > p_T^2 > 1 \text{ GeV}^2$ ,  $z < 0.6$  ✓ surprising!
  - $J/\psi + Z$  ✓ ✗ (underestimated DPS contributions, unlikely? or?)
- Challenges the argument that NRQCD factorization may only hold at  $p_T \gg 2m_Q$ , NRQCD works well at low  $p_T$  from  $\gamma p$ ,  $\gamma\gamma$  collisions.
- Observables still evade a consistent description: coincide with “extensions” of endpoint regions.
  - Low  $p_T$  hadroproduction ✗ small- $x$  resummation
  - $J/\psi$  photoproduction ( $z > 0.6$ ),  $J/\psi$  from Belle ✗ shape function
- Has significance impact on future quarkonium studies at EIC, EicC, HL-LHC.