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# A data-driven interpretation of heavy quarkonium measurements at the LHC

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- A “universal production” scenario?
- How easily can NRQCD account for it?
- A simple interpretation
- Test: global fit of charmonium data

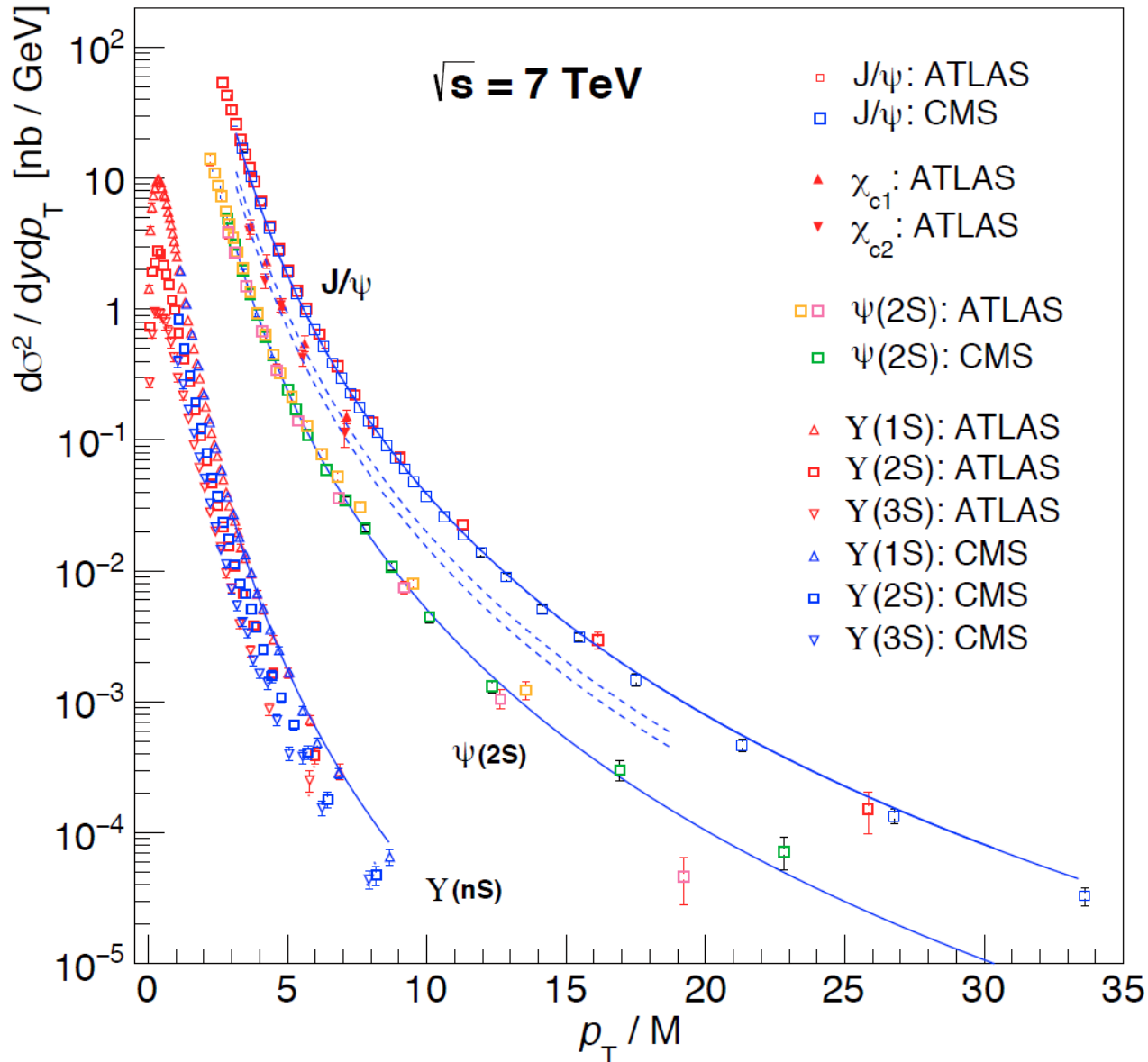


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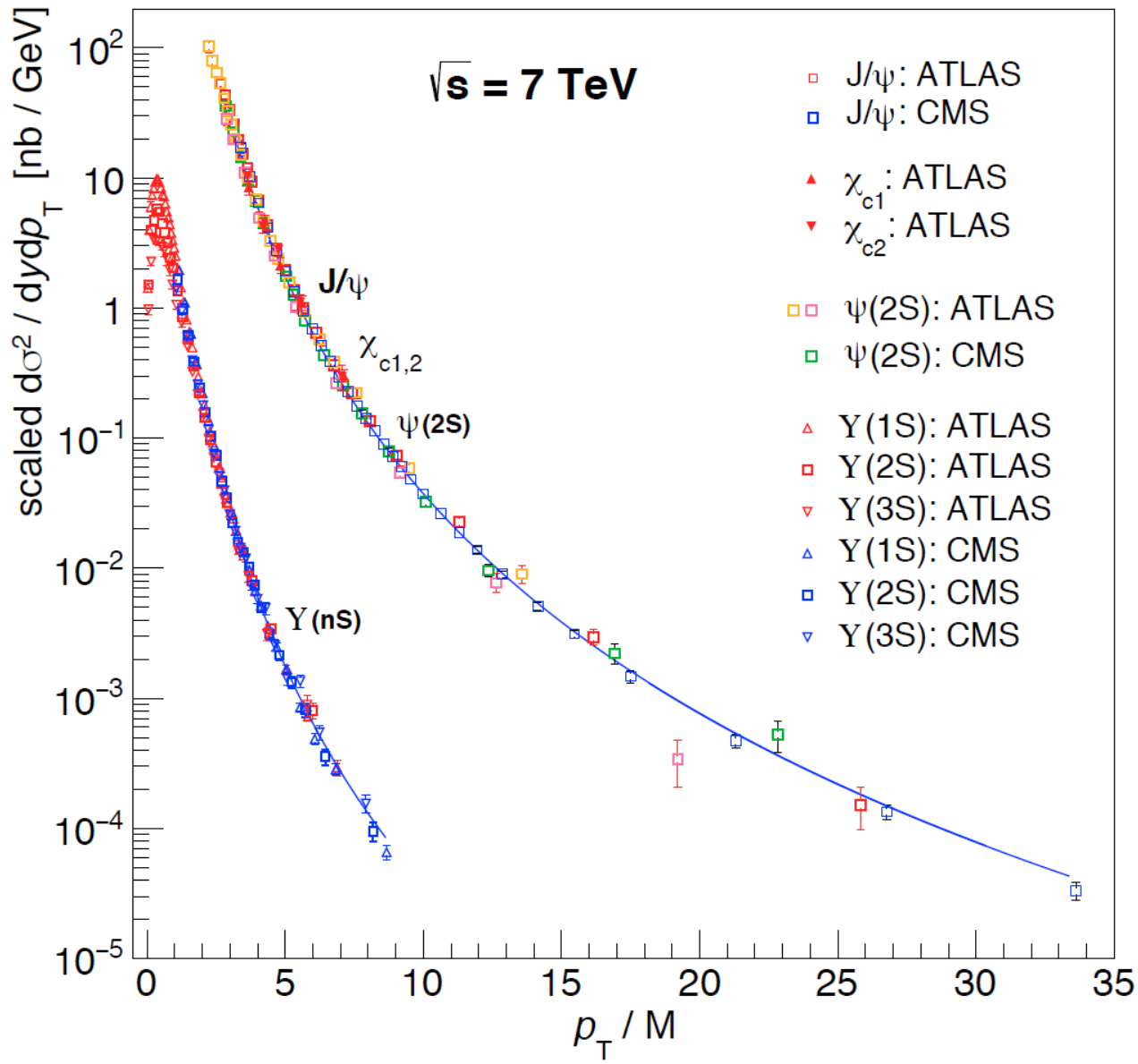
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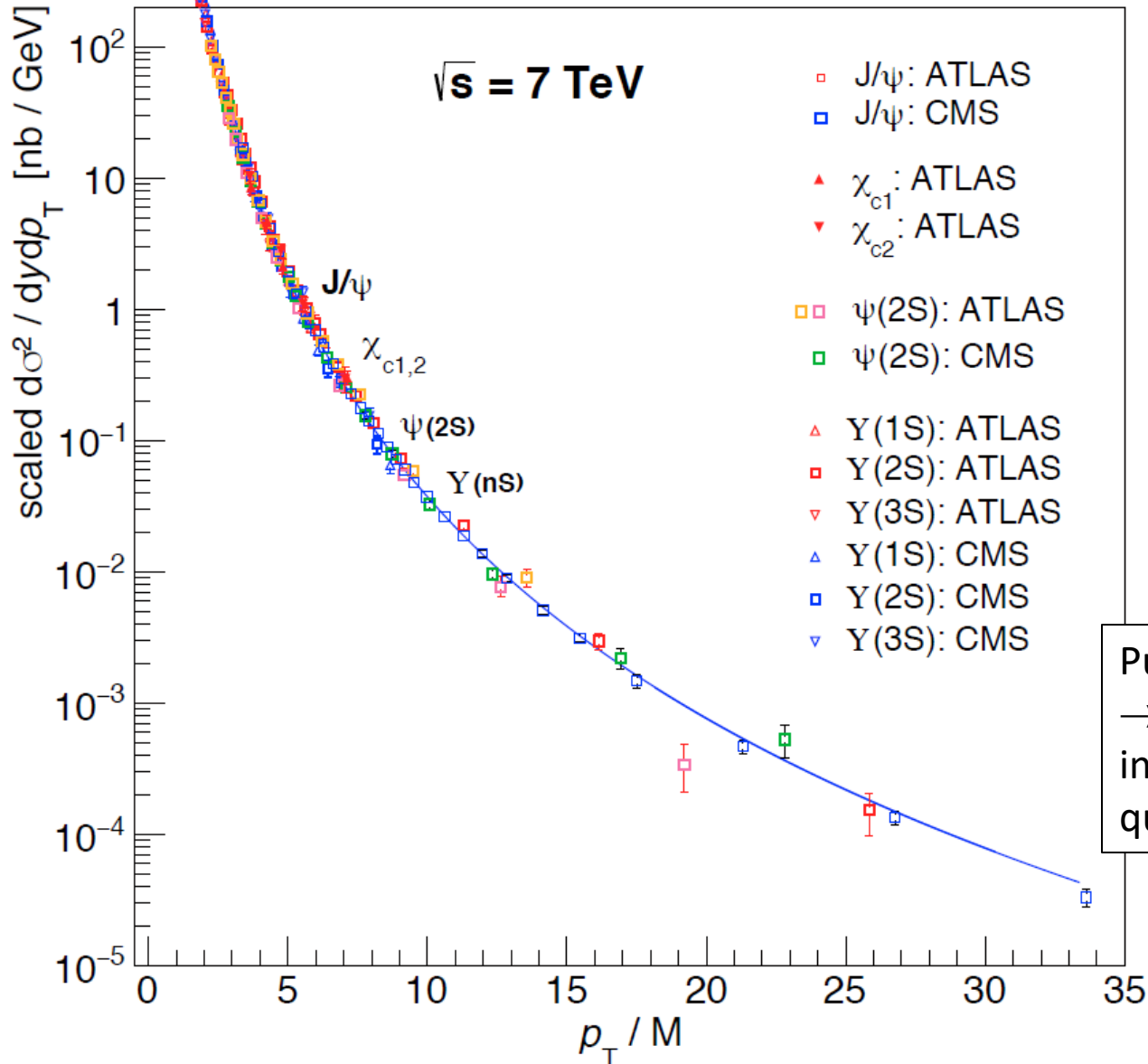
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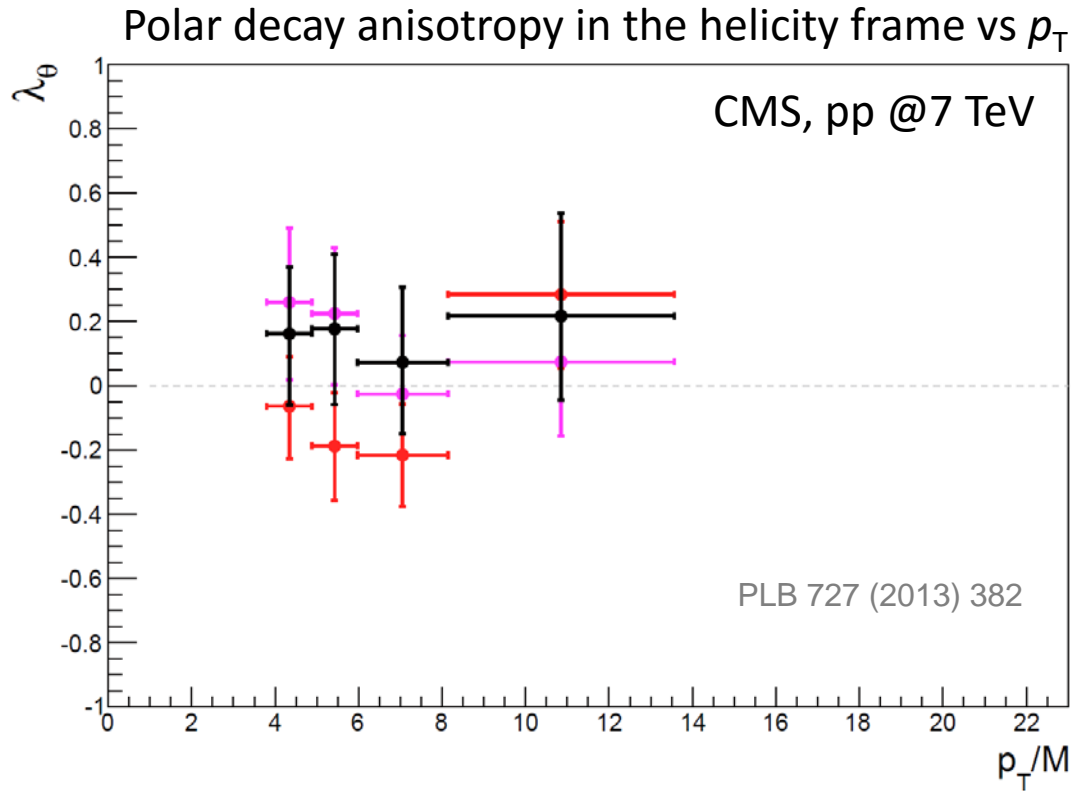


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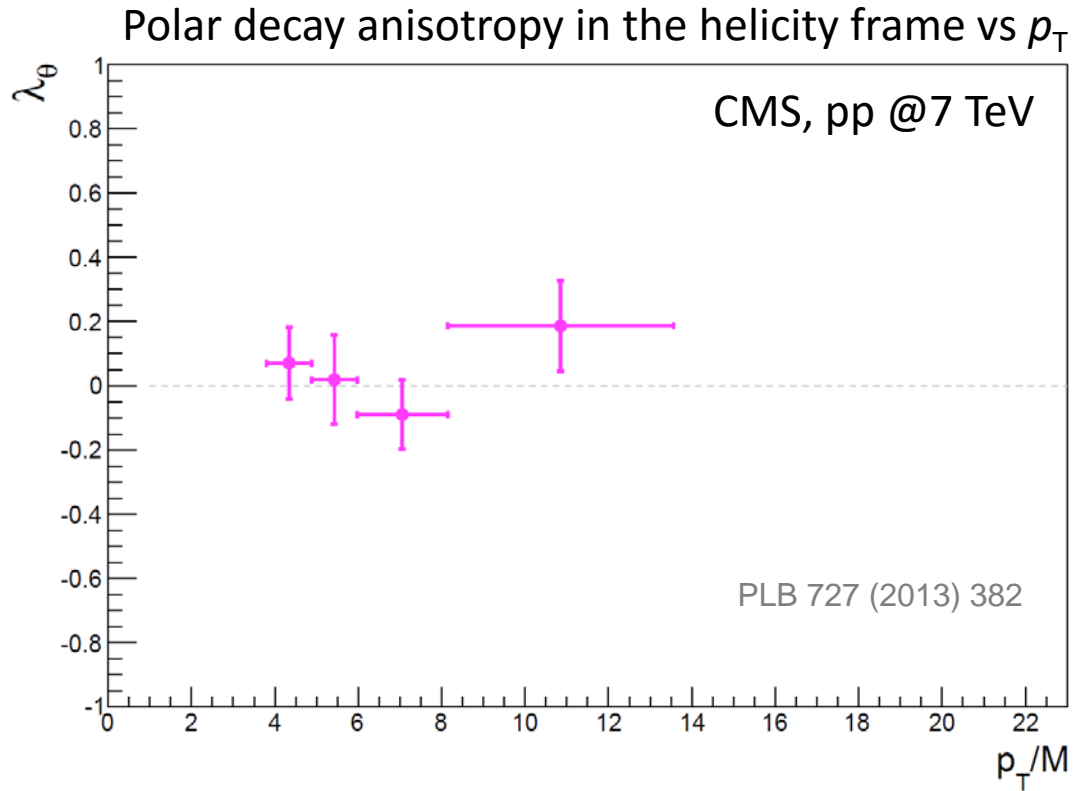
Purely *kinematic* scaling  
→ production *dynamics*  
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quantum numbers!

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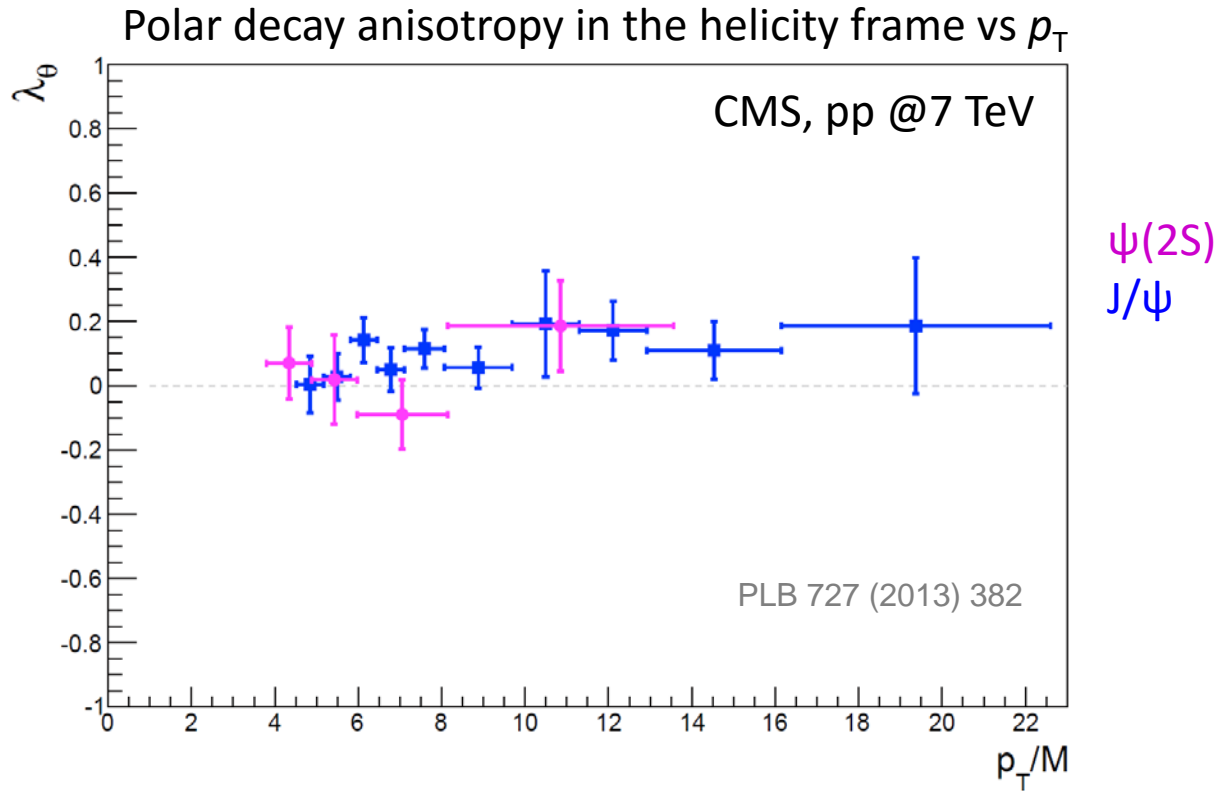
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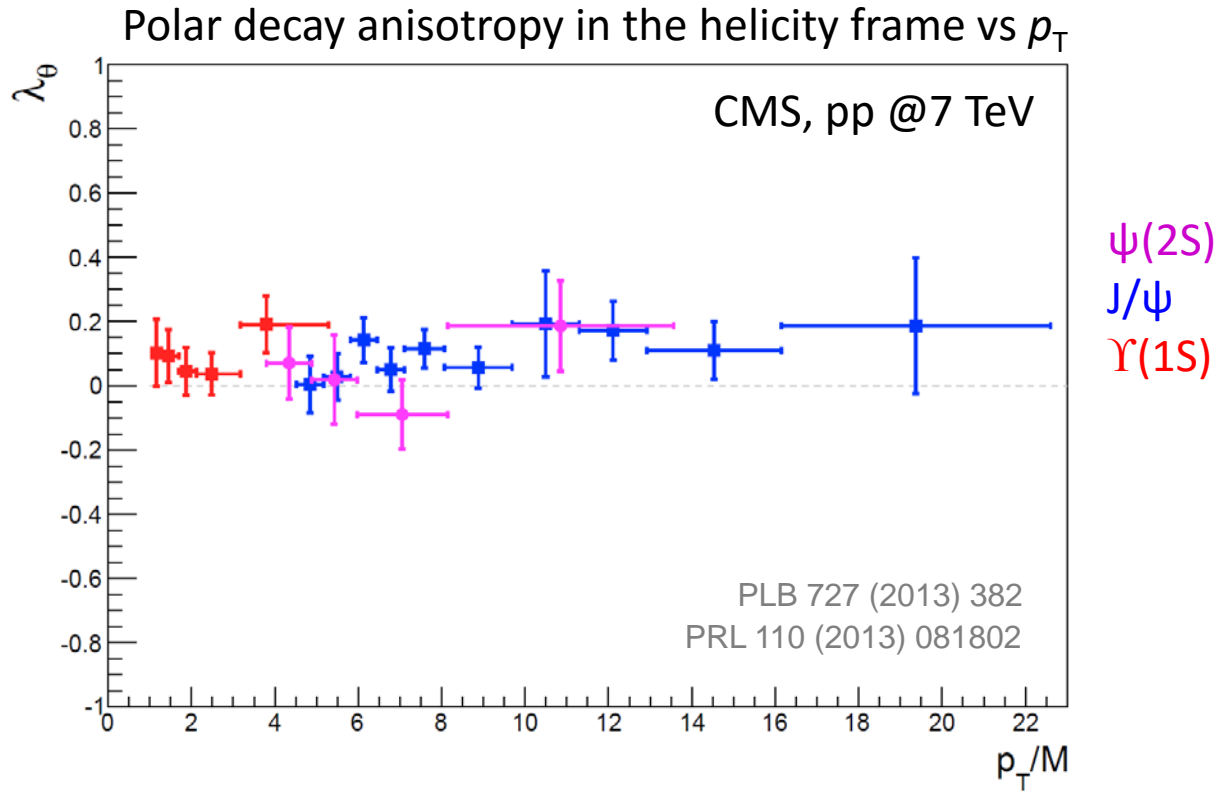
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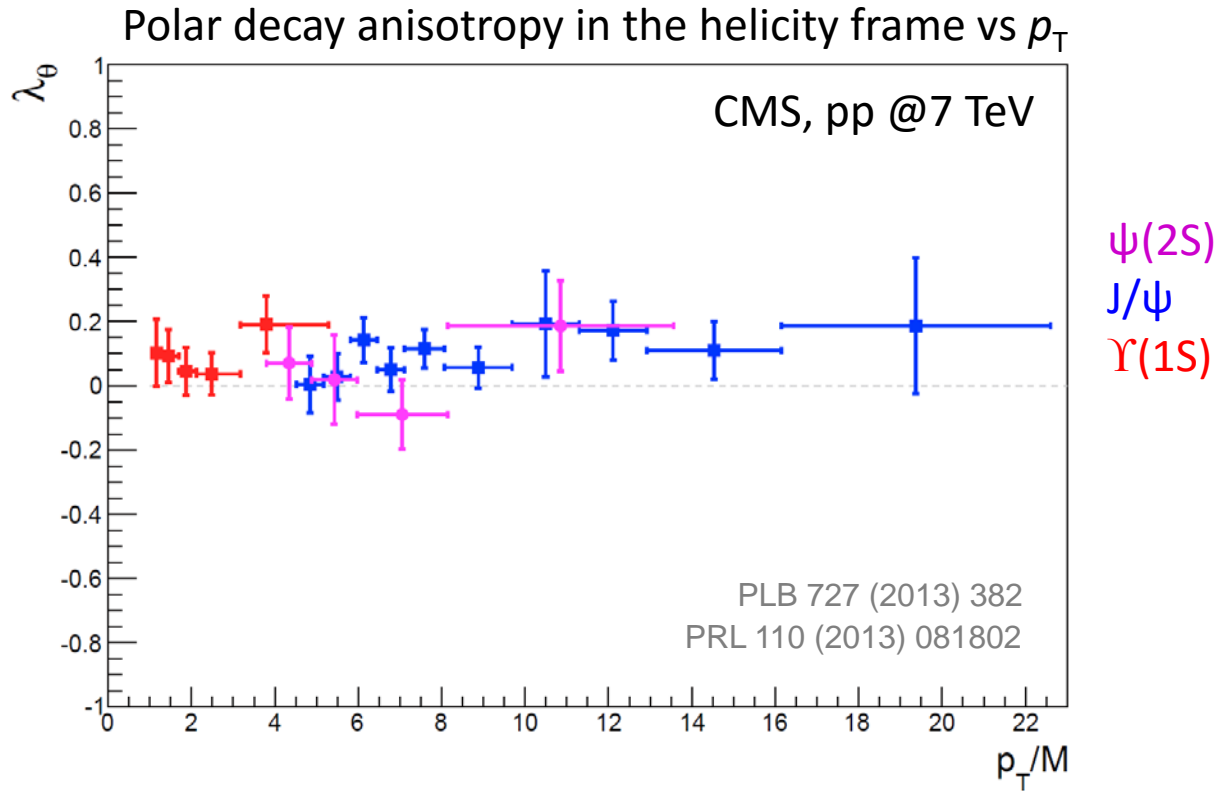




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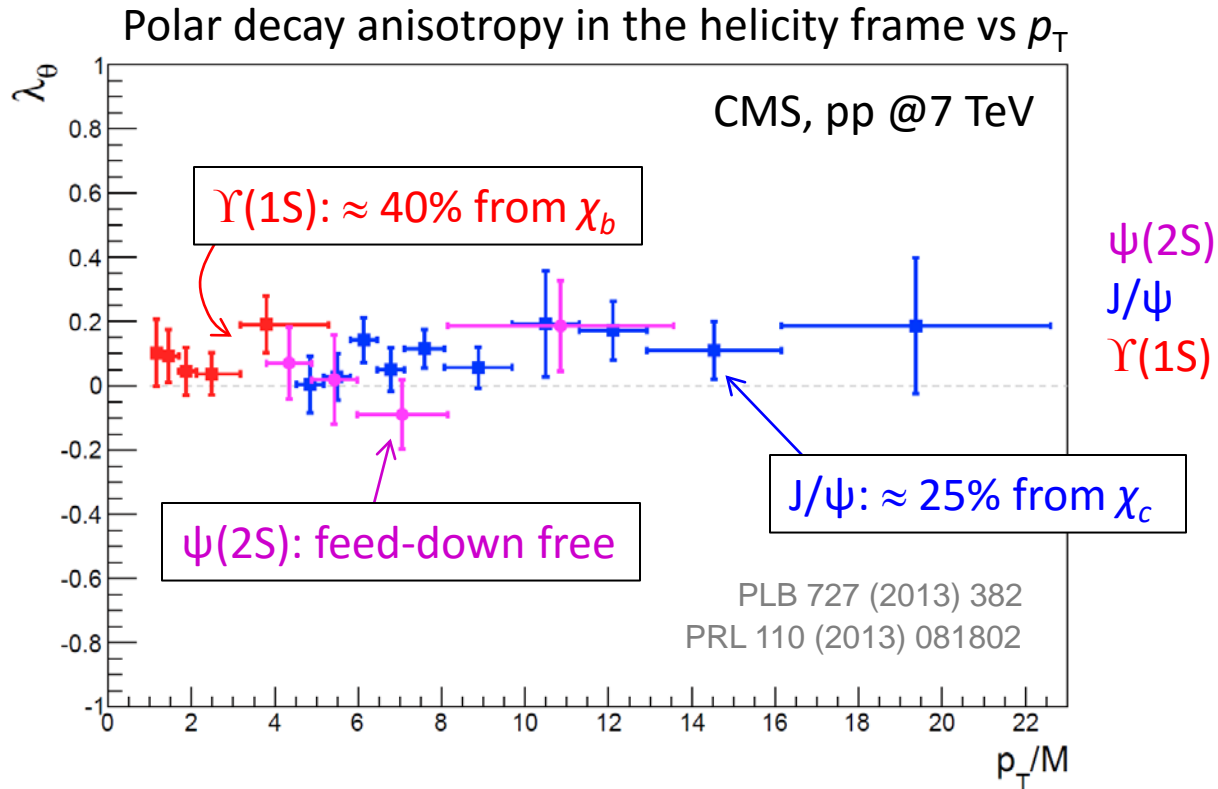


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- No apparent differences between states, despite very different feed-down contributions from P-wave states  
→ expect similar, weak polarizations also for  $\chi_{c(1,2)}$  and  $\chi_{b(1,2)}$

## Surprising simplicity

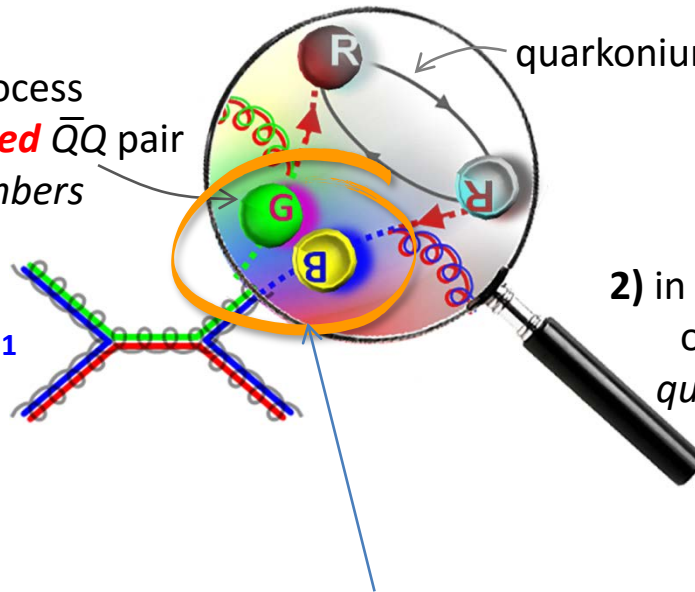
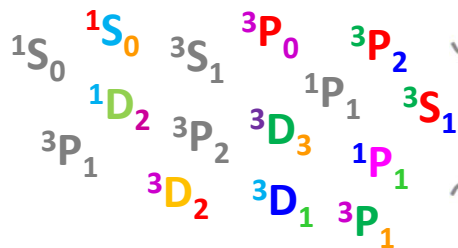
- There is today no experimental evidence of **differences in production and decay kinematics** between quarkonium states of **different masses and angular momentum properties**
- Such scenario, with all quarkonia produced in the same way, is not expected a priori: because of conservation rules, partonic production cross sections are in principle different for states of different quantum numbers



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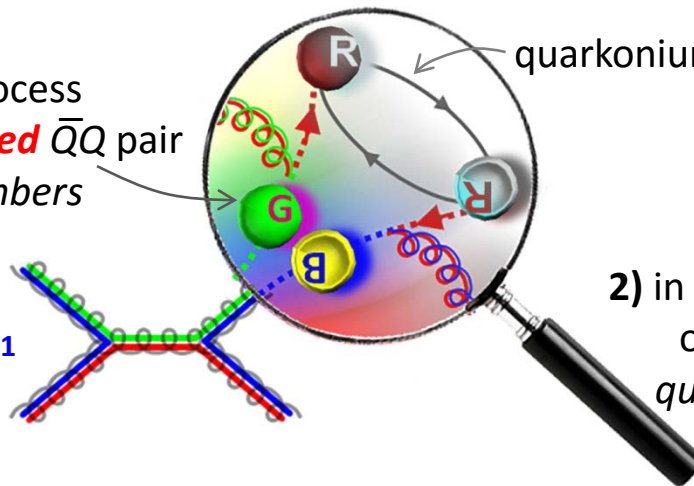
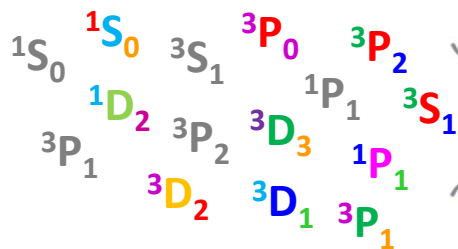
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What is produced in the hard scattering  
(and determines kinematics and polarization)  
is a *pre-resonance*  $Q\bar{Q}$  state  
with its own quantum properties

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 $p_T$ -dependent partonic cross sections

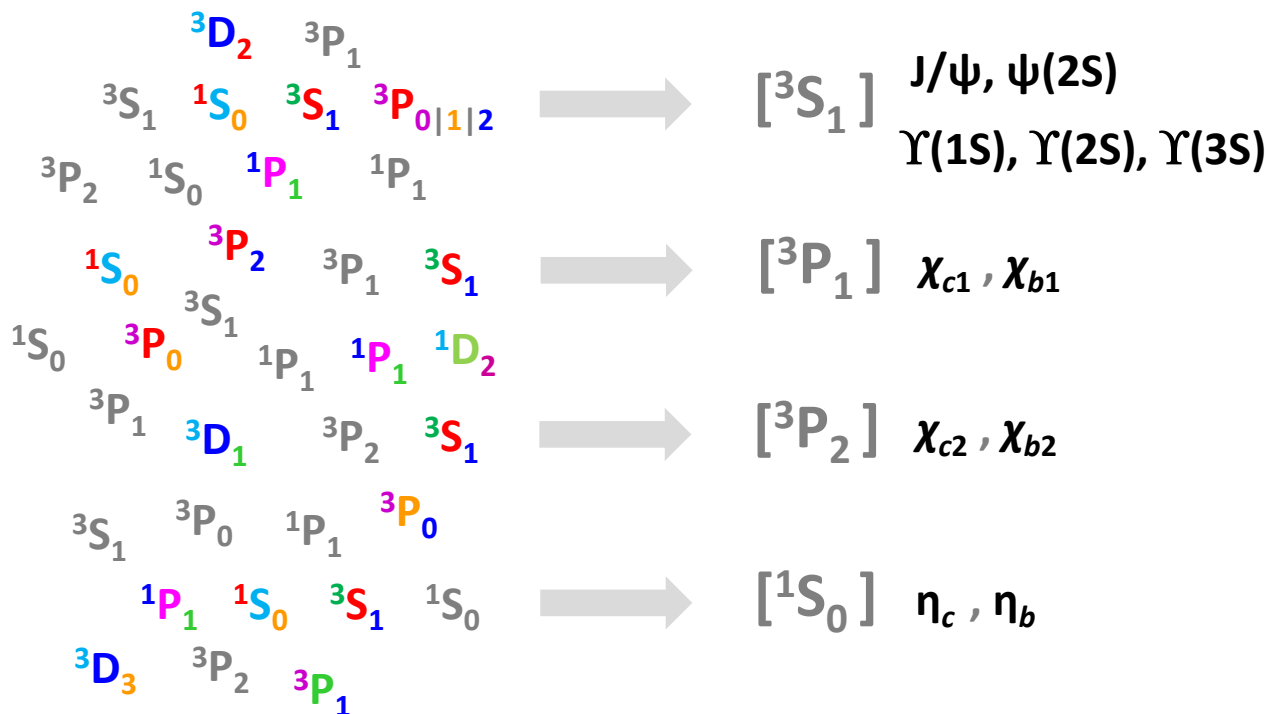
2) *long-distance matrix elements* (LDMEs):  
constant, fitted from data

$$\sigma(A + B \rightarrow Q + X) = \sum_{S, L, C} \overbrace{\mathcal{S}\{A + B \rightarrow (Q\bar{Q})_C [{}^{2S+1}L_J] + X\}} \cdot \overbrace{\mathcal{A}\{(Q\bar{Q})_C [{}^{2S+1}L_J] \rightarrow Q\}}$$

$Q\bar{Q}$  angular momentum and colour configuration

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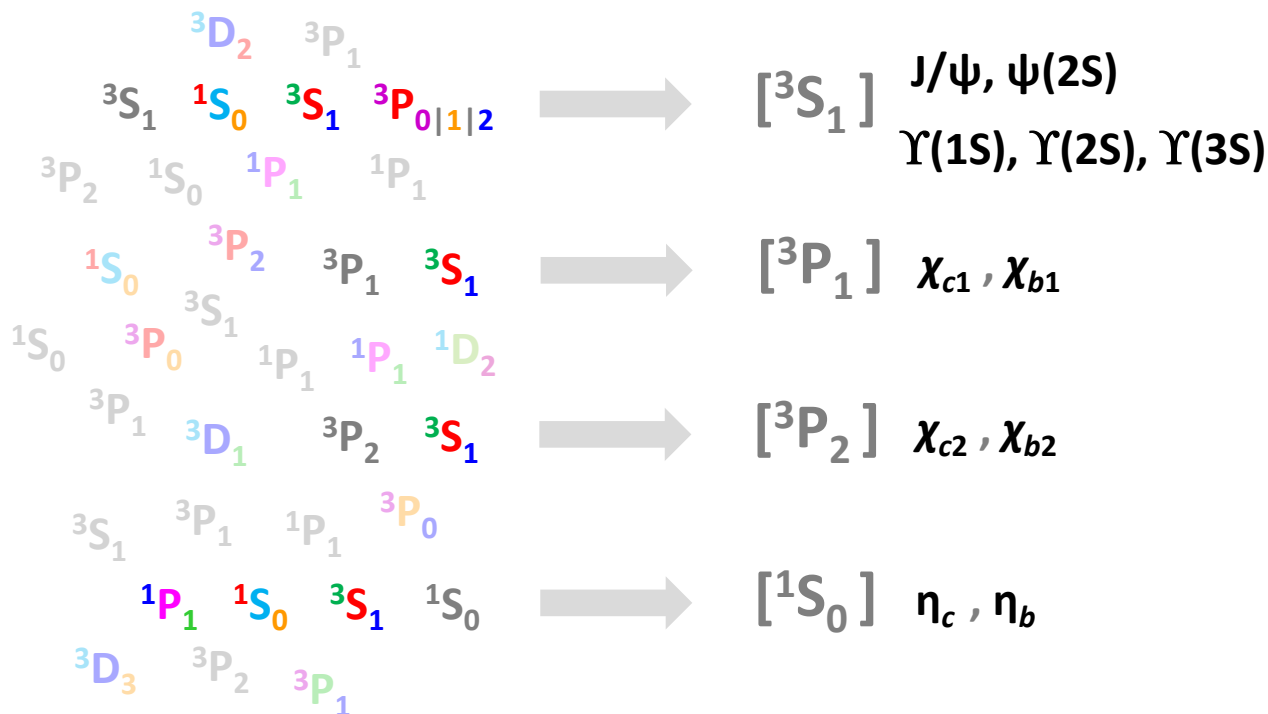




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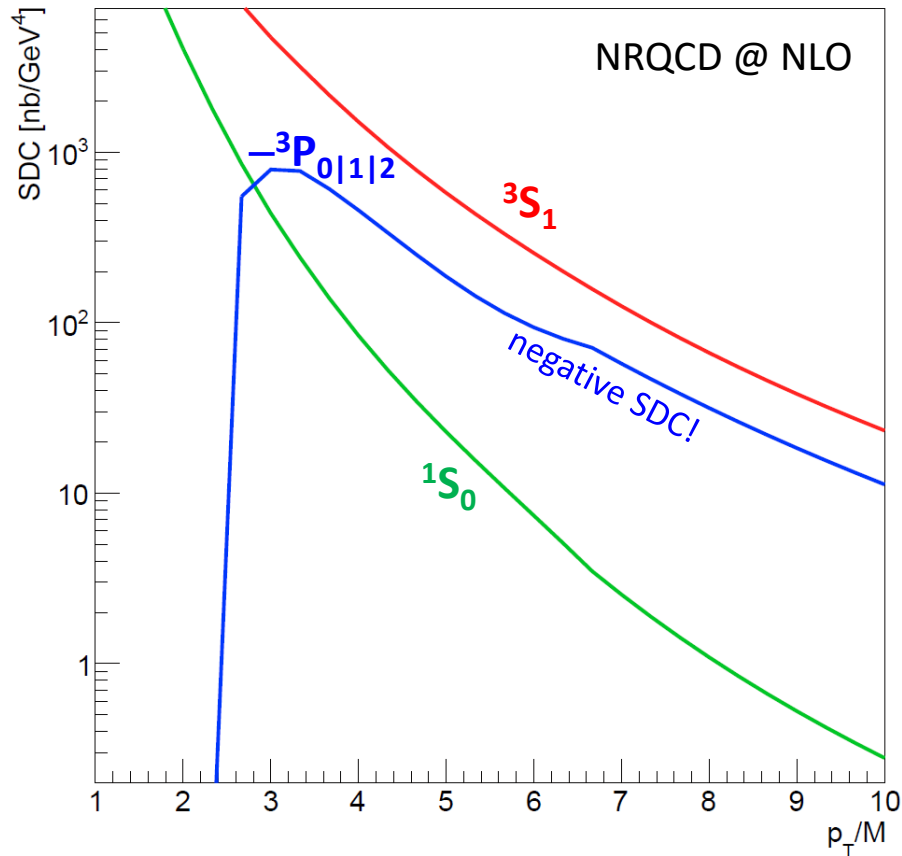
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3) **Heavy-quark spin symmetry**  $\rightarrow$  relations between LDMEs of different states

$$\frac{^3S_1 \rightarrow \chi_{c2}}{^3S_1 \rightarrow \chi_{c1}} = \frac{^3S_1 \rightarrow \chi_{b2}}{^3S_1 \rightarrow \chi_{b1}} = \frac{5}{3}, \quad \begin{array}{l} ^3S_1 \rightarrow \eta_c = ^1S_0 \rightarrow J/\psi \\ ^3S_1 \rightarrow \eta_b = ^1S_0 \rightarrow \Upsilon \end{array}, \text{ etc.}$$

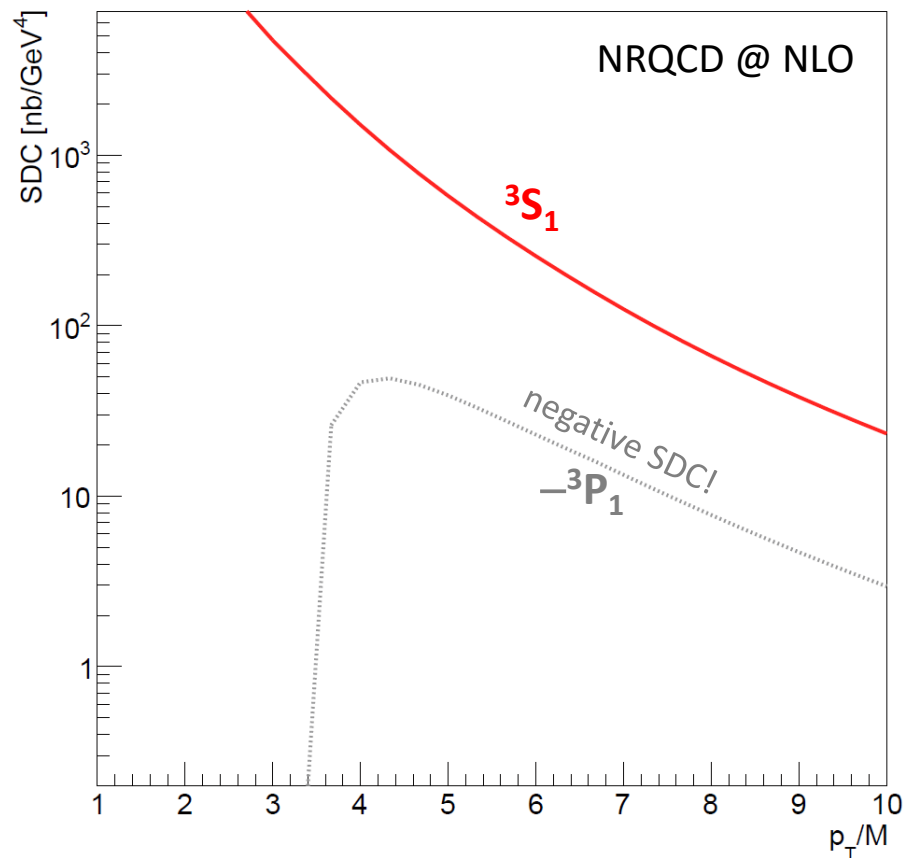
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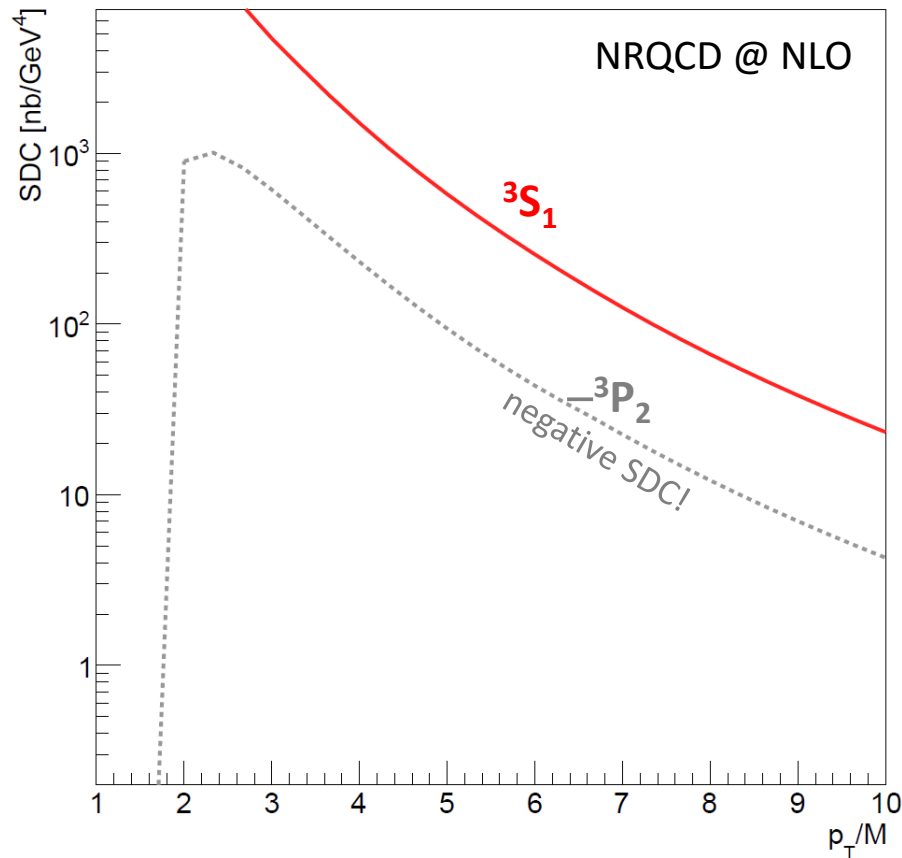
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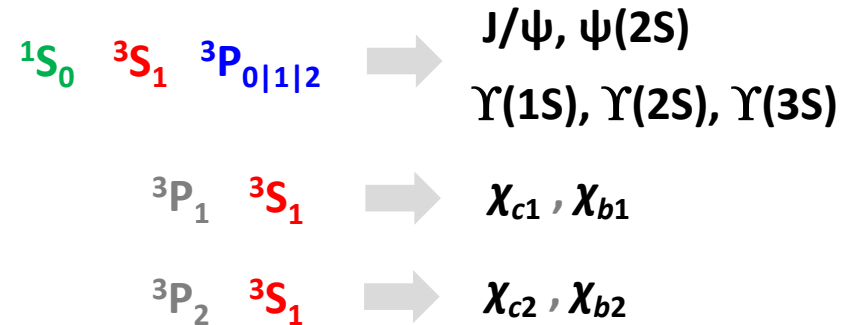
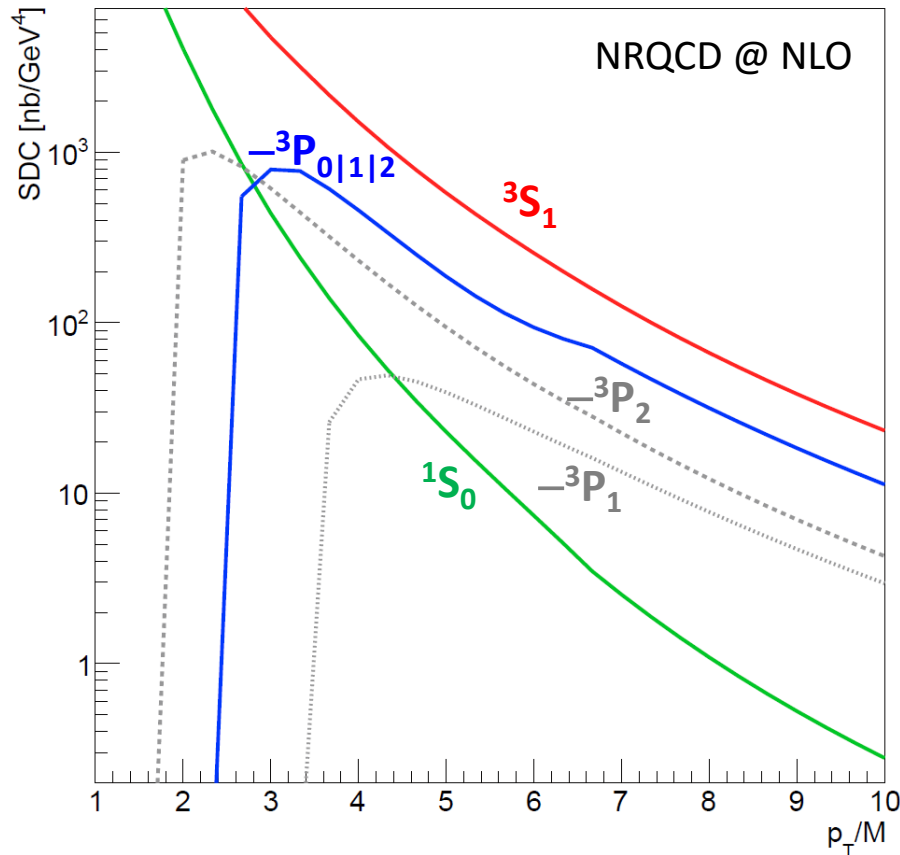


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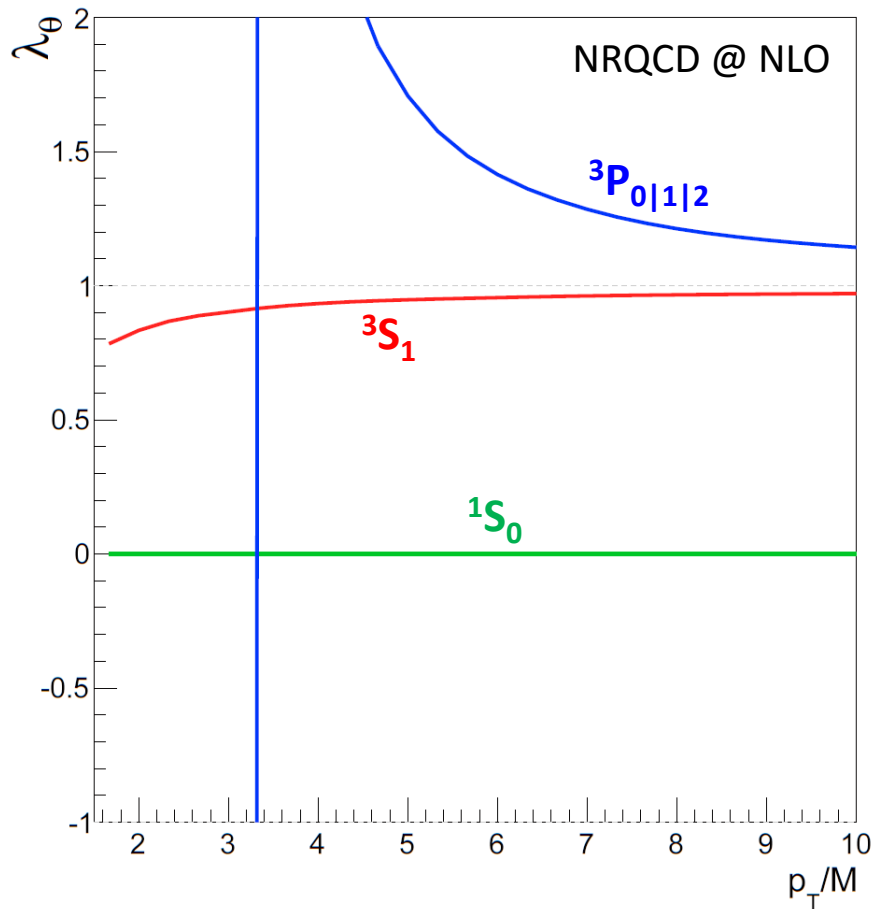
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- Different final states come from different pre-resonance mixtures, with rather **diversified** kinematic behaviours

$\rightarrow$  Conspiring SDC $\times$ LDME combinations needed to approximately reproduce observed  $p_T/M$  scaling

# NRQCD vs unpolarized scenario



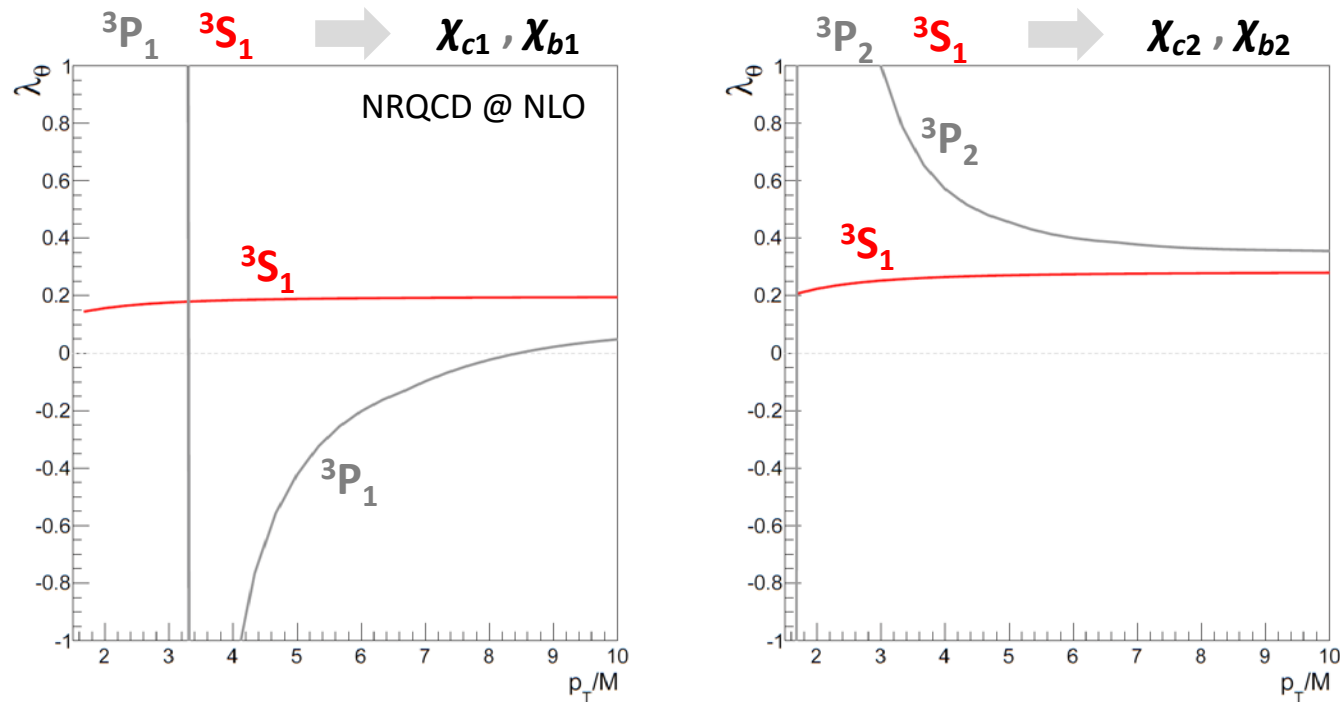
$$\underbrace{1S_0 \approx 3S_1 \approx 3P_{0|1|2}} \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} J/\psi, \psi(2S) \\ \Upsilon(1S), \Upsilon(2S), \Upsilon(3S) \end{array}$$

comparable magnitudes  
according to **v-scaling** rules

- Unphysical P-wave polarization (“hyper-transverse” for  $p_T/M > 3$ )
- must have  $SDC \times LDME < 0$  to become longitudinal and be **cancelled** by the transverse  $3S_1$  contribution

→ Chirurgical cancellation needed to approximately reproduce measured polarizations

# The $\chi$ case

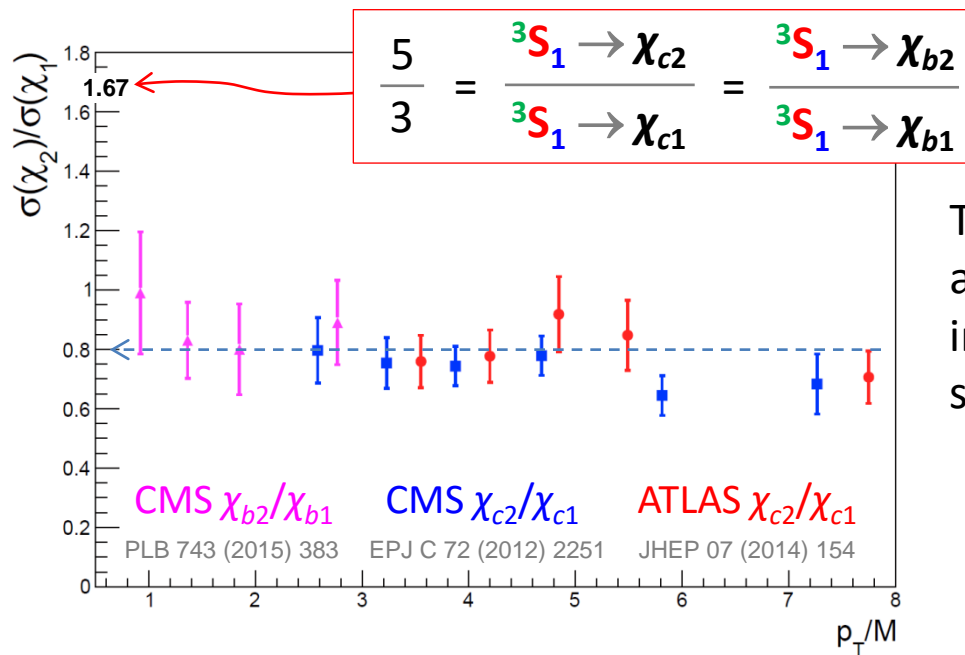


Colour-singlet contributions:

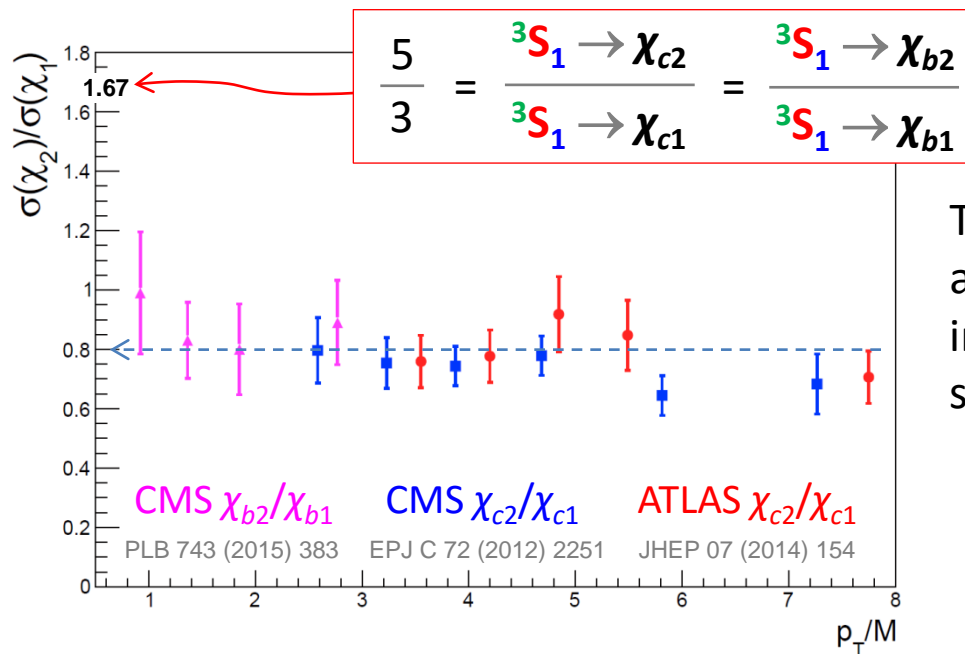
- **strongly polarize**  $\chi$  production ( $\lambda_\theta$  even diverges at  $p_T/M \approx 3$ )
- **strongly differentiate** J=2 from J=1

Might they be found to be negligible, as in  $\psi$  and  $\Upsilon$  production?

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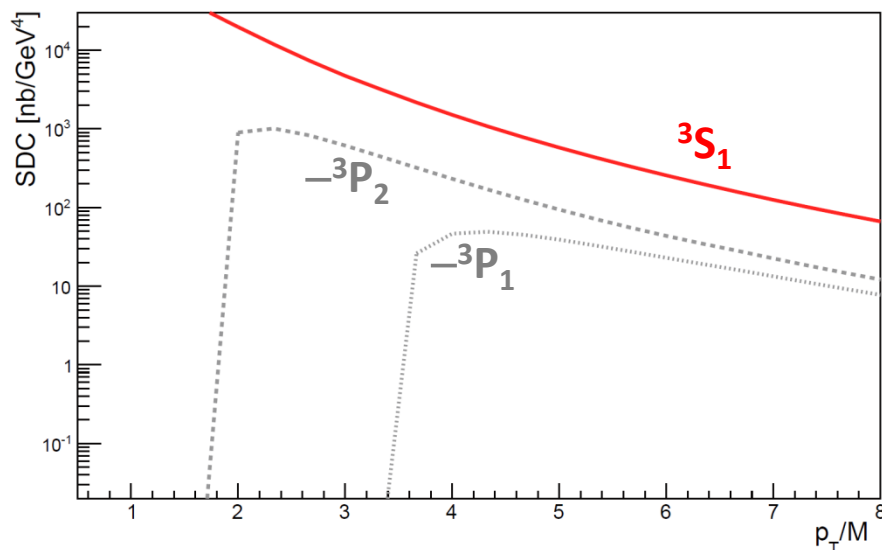


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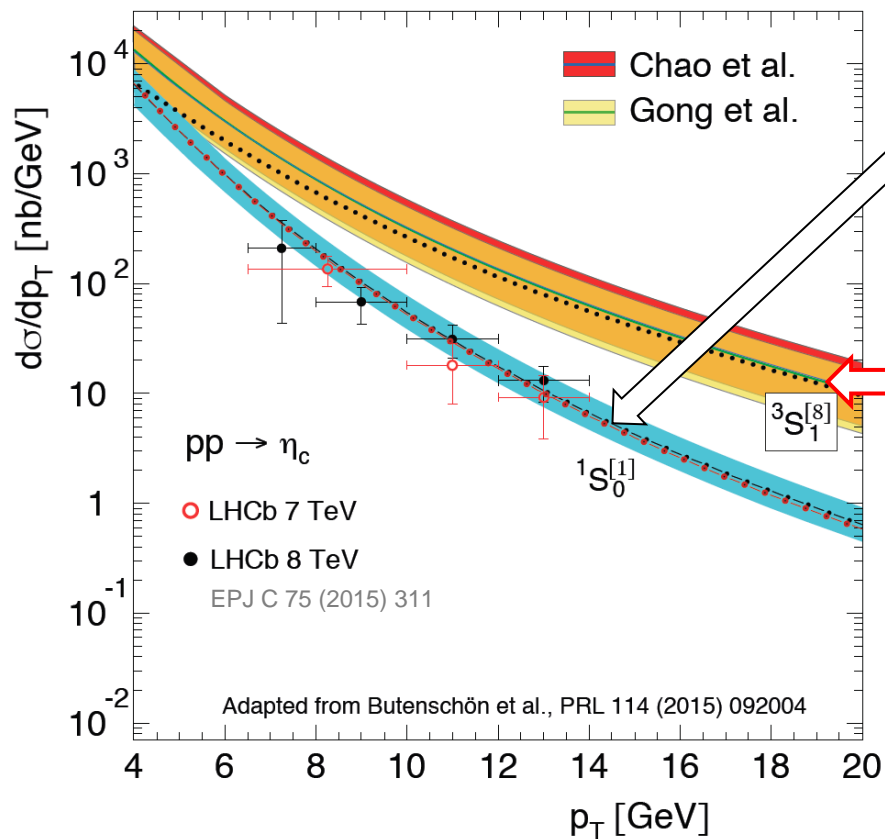
(heavy-quark spin-symmetry)

The measured  $\chi_{c2}/\chi_{c1}$  and  $\chi_{b2}/\chi_{b1}$  ratios are *half* of the **pure-octet** expectation, indicating that the **singlet** components should be very important



On the other hand, large singlet terms would also lead to a large difference in  $p_T$ -dependence between  $J=1$  and  $J=2$ , contradicting the remarkably flat  $p_T/M$  dependence of the measured ratio

# The $\eta_c$ “puzzle”



$\eta_c$  measurements are explained by  
pure  $1S_0$  singlet production

but heavy-quark spin-symmetry relations

$$^3S_1 \rightarrow \eta_c = ^1S_0 \rightarrow J/\psi$$

impose sizeable octet contributions,  
severely overshooting data

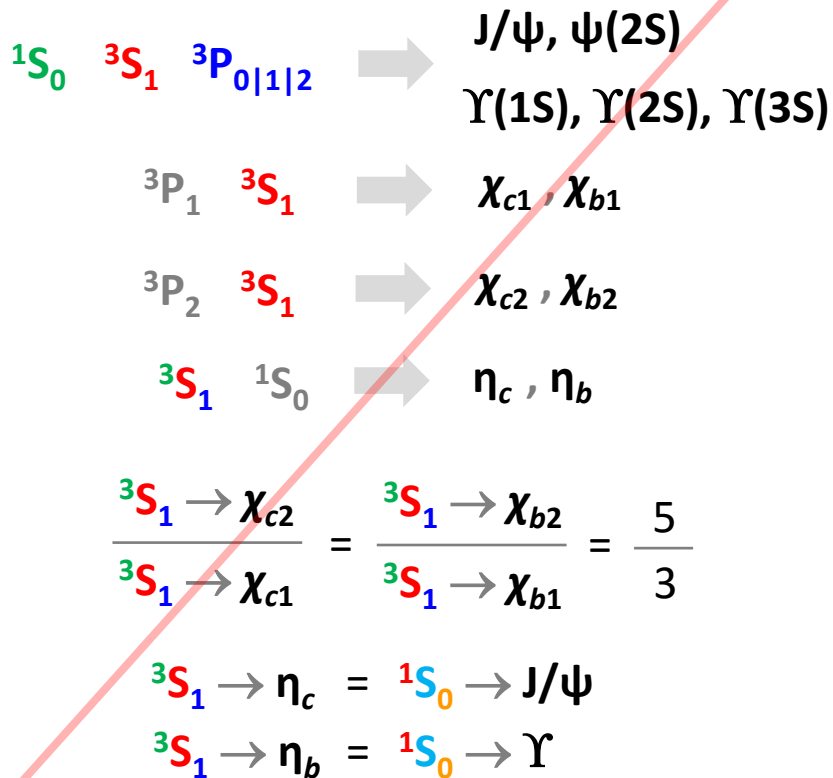
## NRQCD vs simplicity

- The variety of pre-resonances implied by  $v$ -scaling hierarchies seems **redundant** with respect to the observed “universal”  $p_T/M$  scaling and lack of polarization
- Constraints imposed by heavy-quark symmetry relations further complicate the theory scenario, forcing the necessity of **conspiracies** to reproduce the simple data patterns

# Occam's razor

We want to explore a much simpler picture, directly implied by data

NRQCD heavy-quark-limit  
hierarchies and constraints



Pure angular-momentum  
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The fractional contribution  
of  ${}^3S_1$  may depend on the  
final state.

The unpolarized scenario  
indicates that it is very small  
for  $J/\psi$  and  $\psi(2S)$  states



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Why to abdicate heavy-quark-limit hierarchies?

For example, because they neglect mass-difference effects ( $M = 2 m_Q$  for all states) and spin-orbit interactions

E.g.:

$$\frac{{}^3\text{S}_1 \rightarrow \chi_{c2}}{{}^3\text{S}_1 \rightarrow \chi_{c1}} = \frac{{}^1\text{S}_0 \rightarrow \chi_{b2}}{{}^1\text{S}_0 \rightarrow \chi_{b1}} = \frac{5}{3}$$

Real-world counterparts strongly violate this rule:

$$\frac{\psi(2S) \rightarrow \chi_{c2} \gamma}{\psi(2S) \rightarrow \chi_{c1} \gamma} = 0.95 \pm 0.05 \quad \frac{\Upsilon(2S) \rightarrow \chi_{b2} \gamma}{\Upsilon(2S) \rightarrow \chi_{b1} \gamma} = 1.04 \pm 0.08$$

coming closer to the measured  $\chi$  yield ratios  $\approx 0.8$

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Instead, we introduce the constraint

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and, analogously, for the  $\psi$  and  $\Upsilon$  states

$$\frac{{}^3\text{S}_1 \rightarrow \psi/\Upsilon(2\text{S})}}{{}^3\text{S}_1 \rightarrow \psi/\Upsilon(1\text{S})} = \frac{{}^1\text{S}_0 \rightarrow \psi/\Upsilon(2\text{S})}}{{}^1\text{S}_0 \rightarrow \psi/\Upsilon(1\text{S})} = R_\psi$$

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# Occam's razor

- naturally explains **universal  $p_T/M$  scaling** and **the lack of polarization**
- avoids necessity of cancellations involving the unphysical P-wave contributions
- predicts **flat  $p_T/M$  dependence** of the  $\chi_{c2}/\chi_{c1}$  ratio (as well as of the  $\psi(2S)/\psi(1S)$  ratio)
- eases the  $\eta_c$  “puzzle”

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# Test: global charmonium fit

We want to test the hypothesis using charmonium data from the LHC:

- **$J/\psi$ ,  $\psi(2S)$ ,  $\chi_{c1}$ ,  $\chi_{c2}$  cross sections** measured by CMS and ATLAS
- **$J/\psi$  and  $\psi(2S)$  polarizations** measured by CMS

We take into account:

- all relevant **feed-downs**

$$\psi(2S) \rightarrow \chi_{c1,2} \quad \psi(2S) \rightarrow J/\psi \quad \chi_{c1,2} \rightarrow J/\psi$$

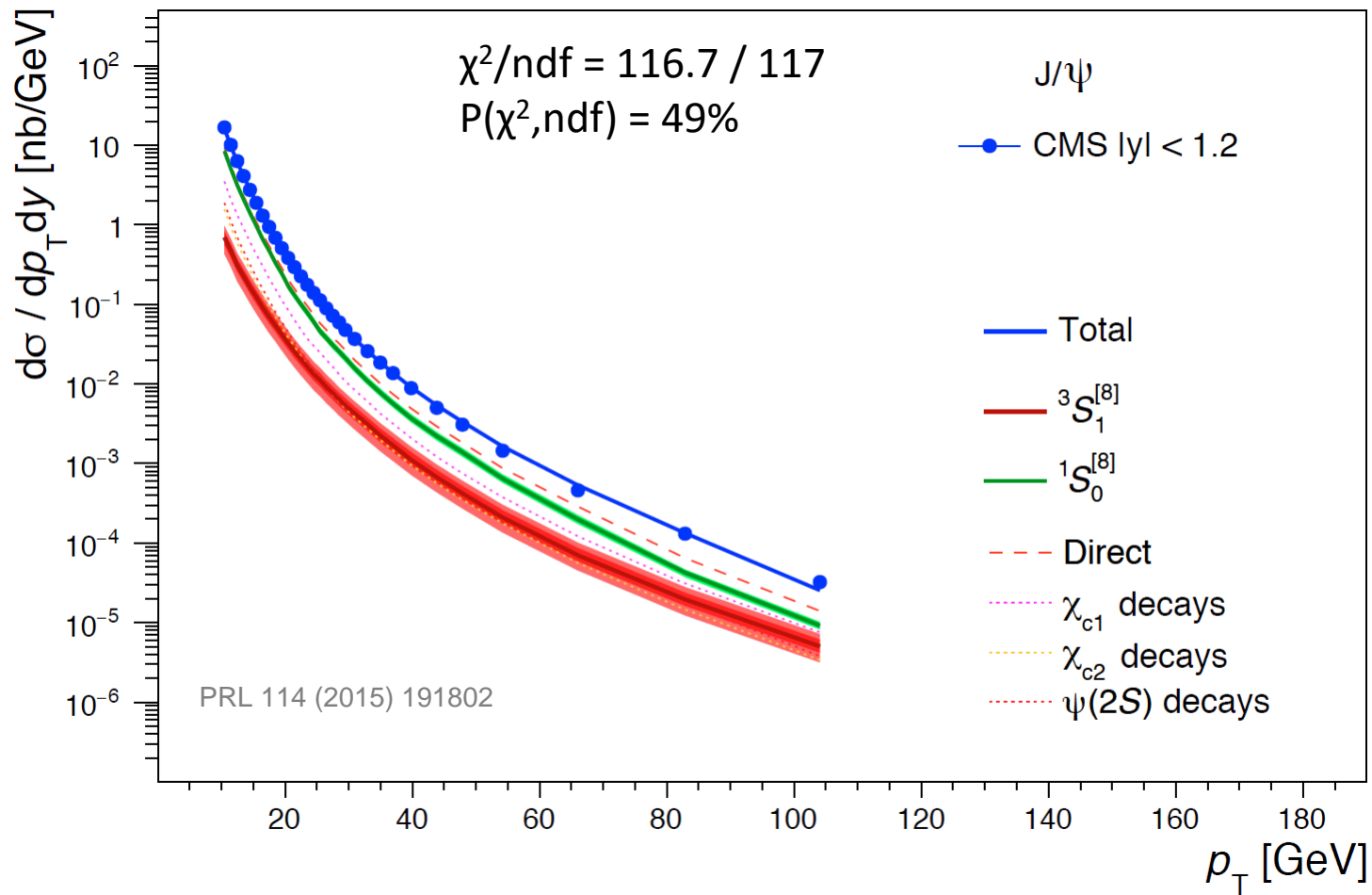
with the correct **kinematic** transformations and **polarization-transfer** relations

- **luminosity** and **branching-ratio** uncertainties and correlations
- dependence of cross sections on polarization, via **acceptance**

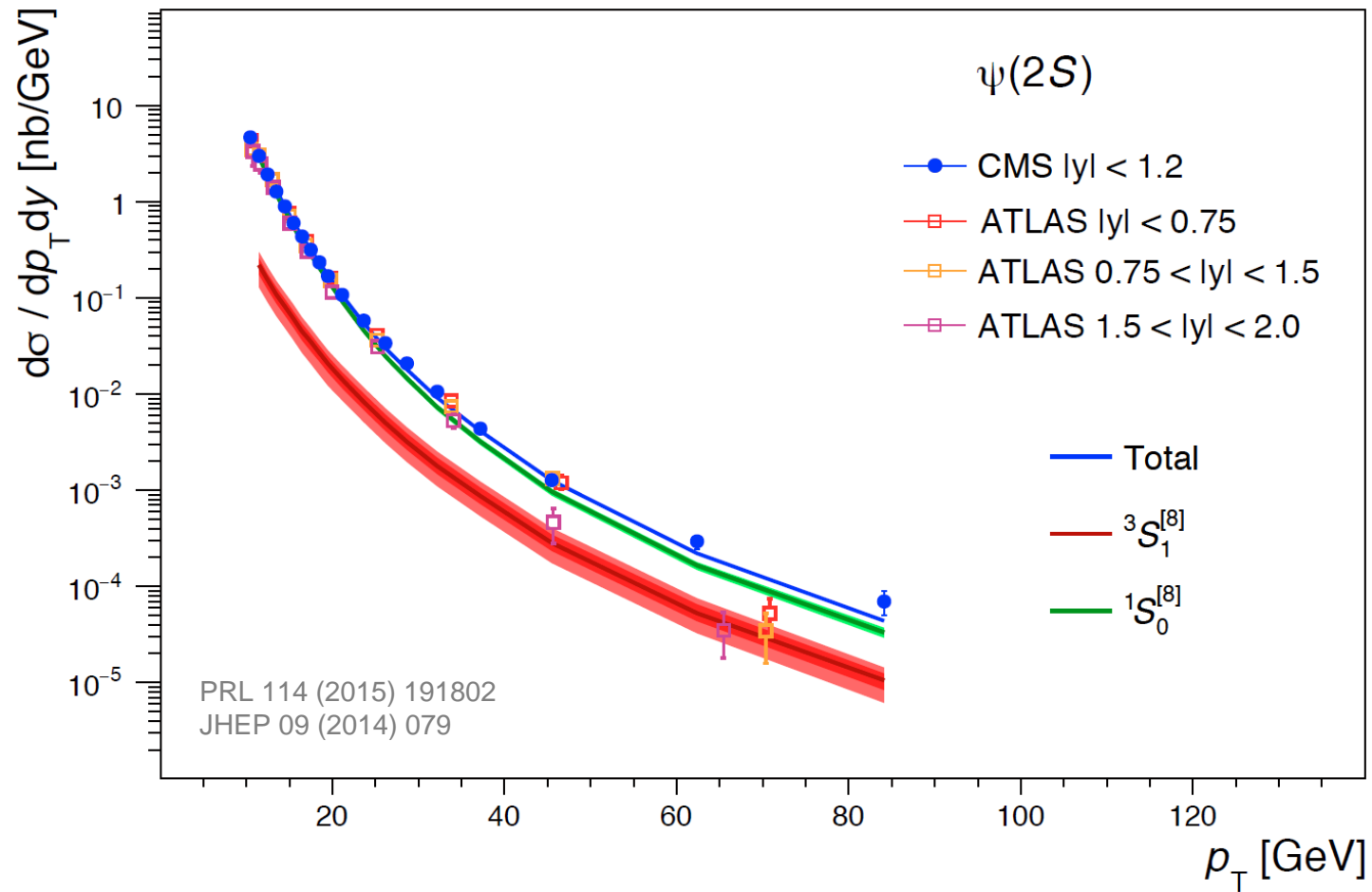
Theory ingredients:

- $^1S_0$  and  $^3S_1$  octet-SDC calculations by H.-S. Shao et al.  
(PRL 108, 242004; PRL 112, 182003; Comput. Phys. Commun. 198, 238)
- Leading-power fragmentation corrections by G.T. Bodwin et al. (PRL 113, 022001)
- Theory uncertainty modelled as NLO-LO difference (= 100%-confidence-level semi-interval of a flat distribution)

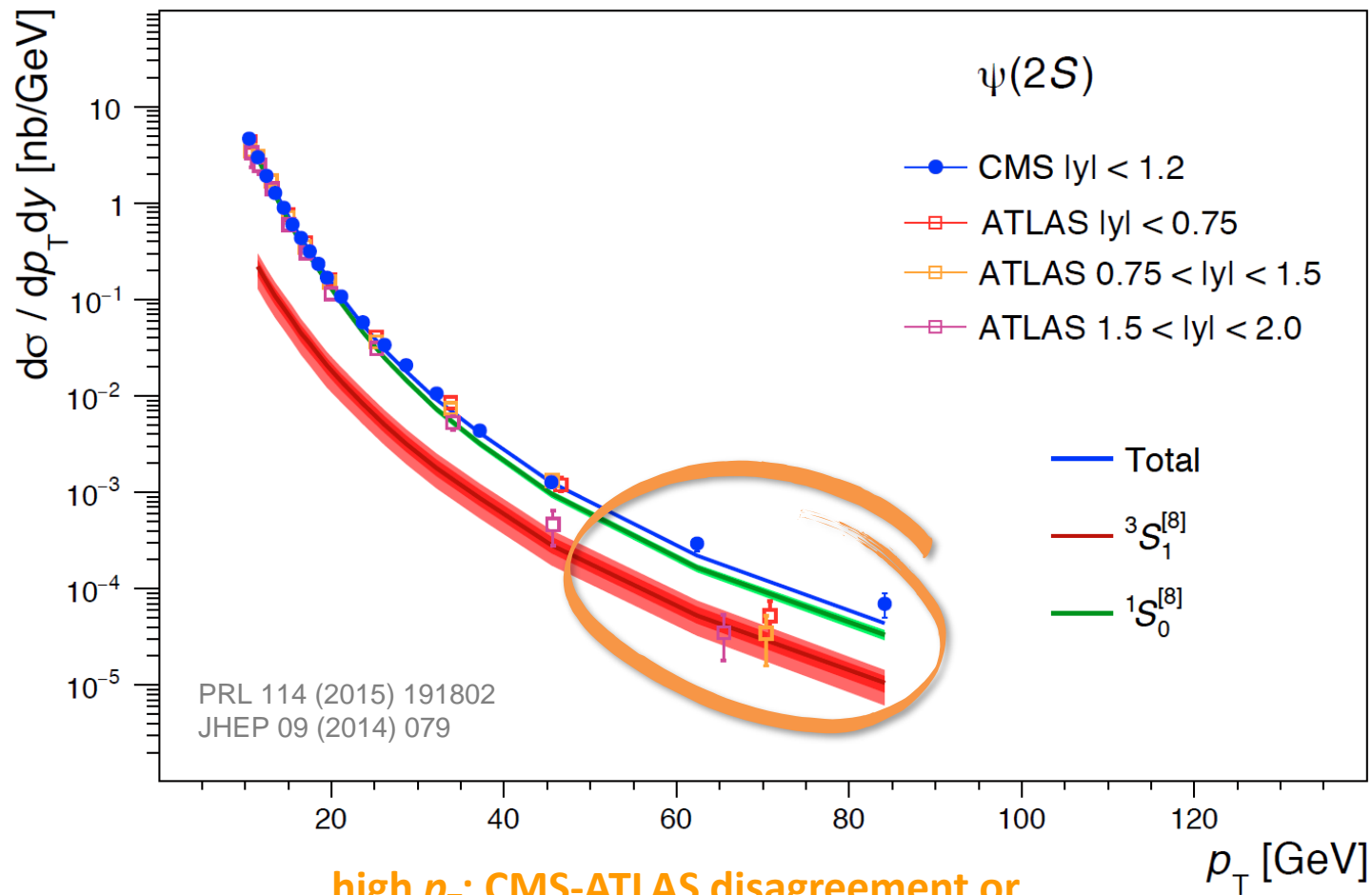
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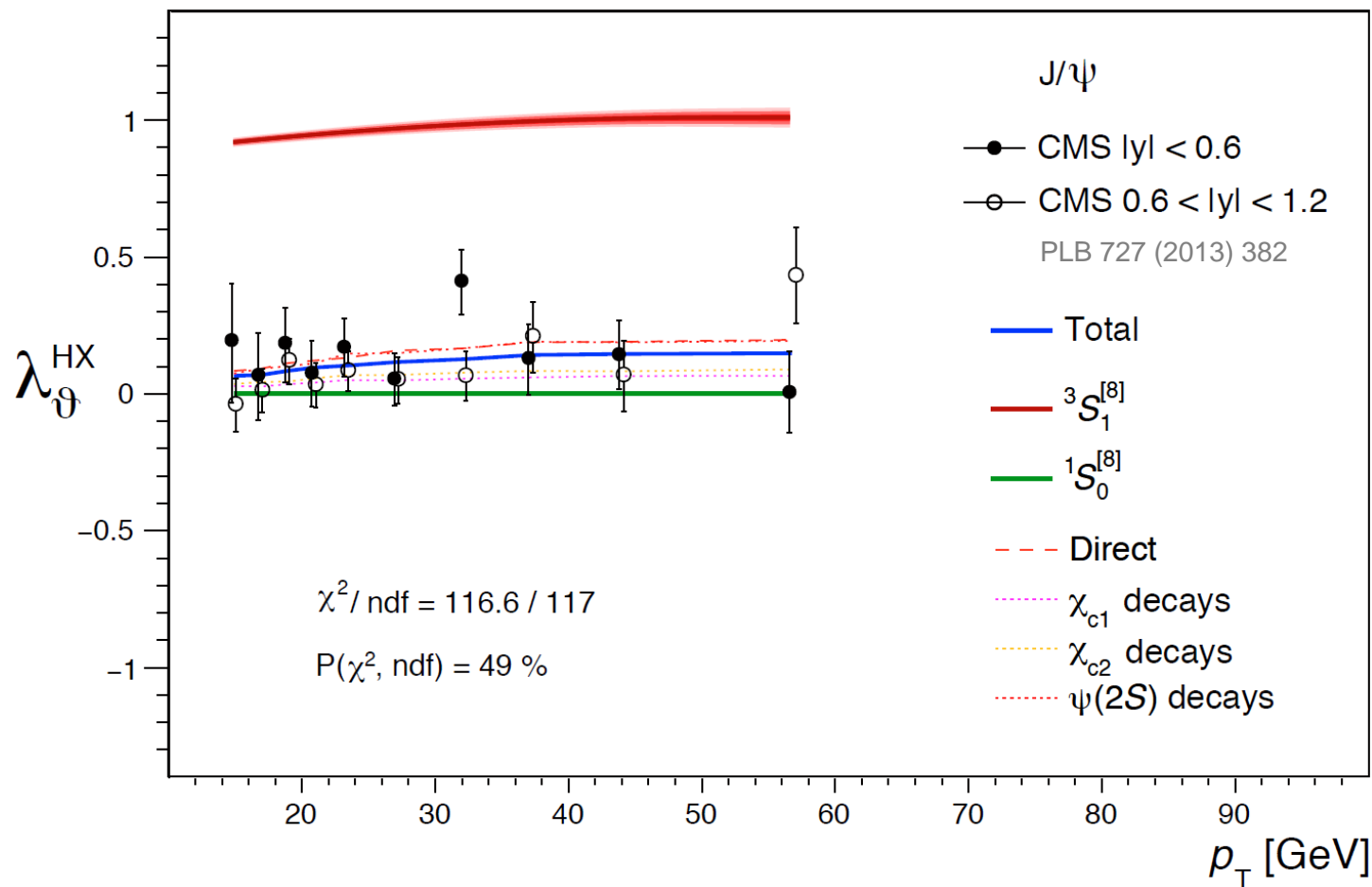


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high  $p_T$ : CMS-ATLAS disagreement or significant rapidity dependence?

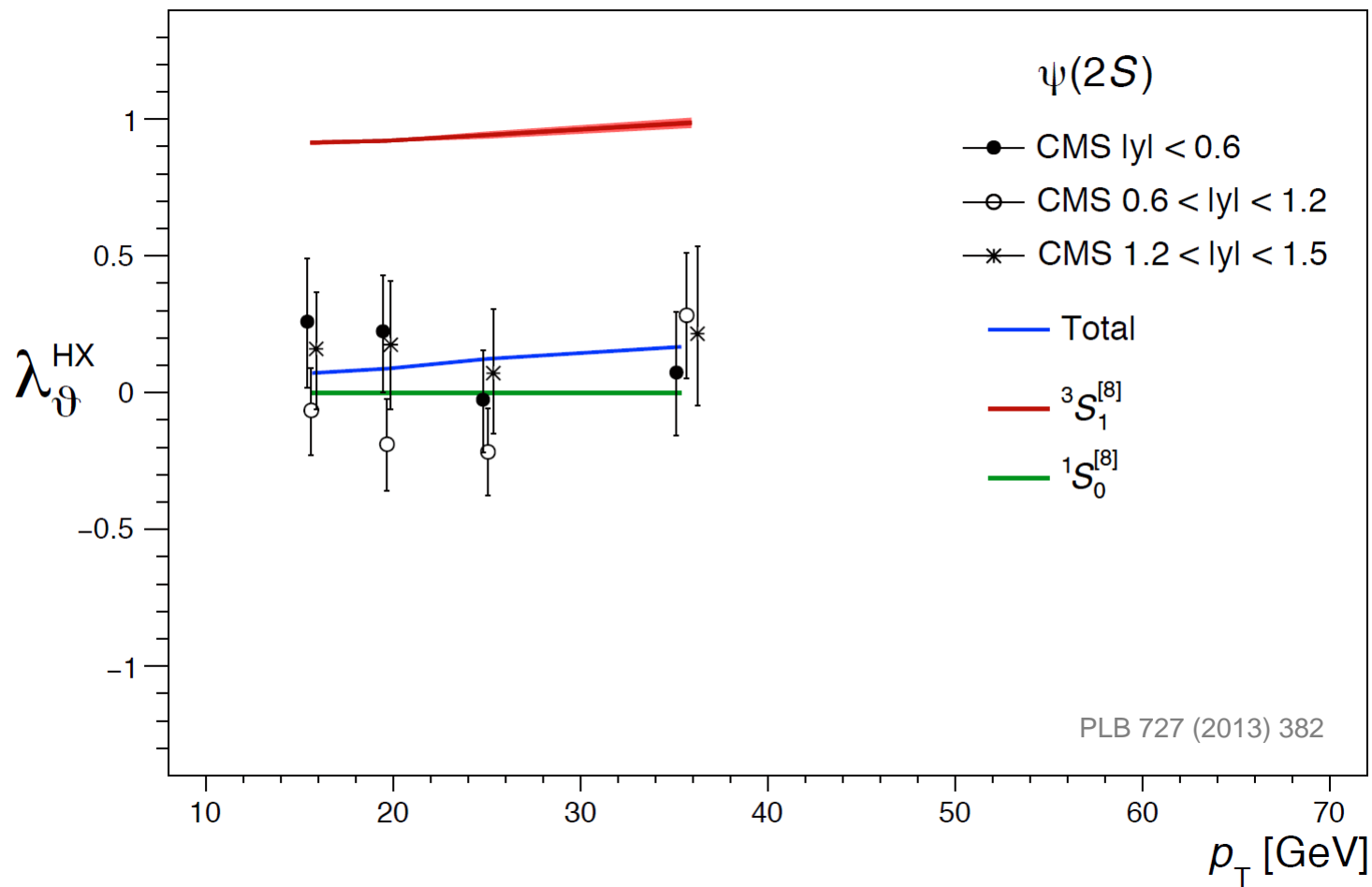
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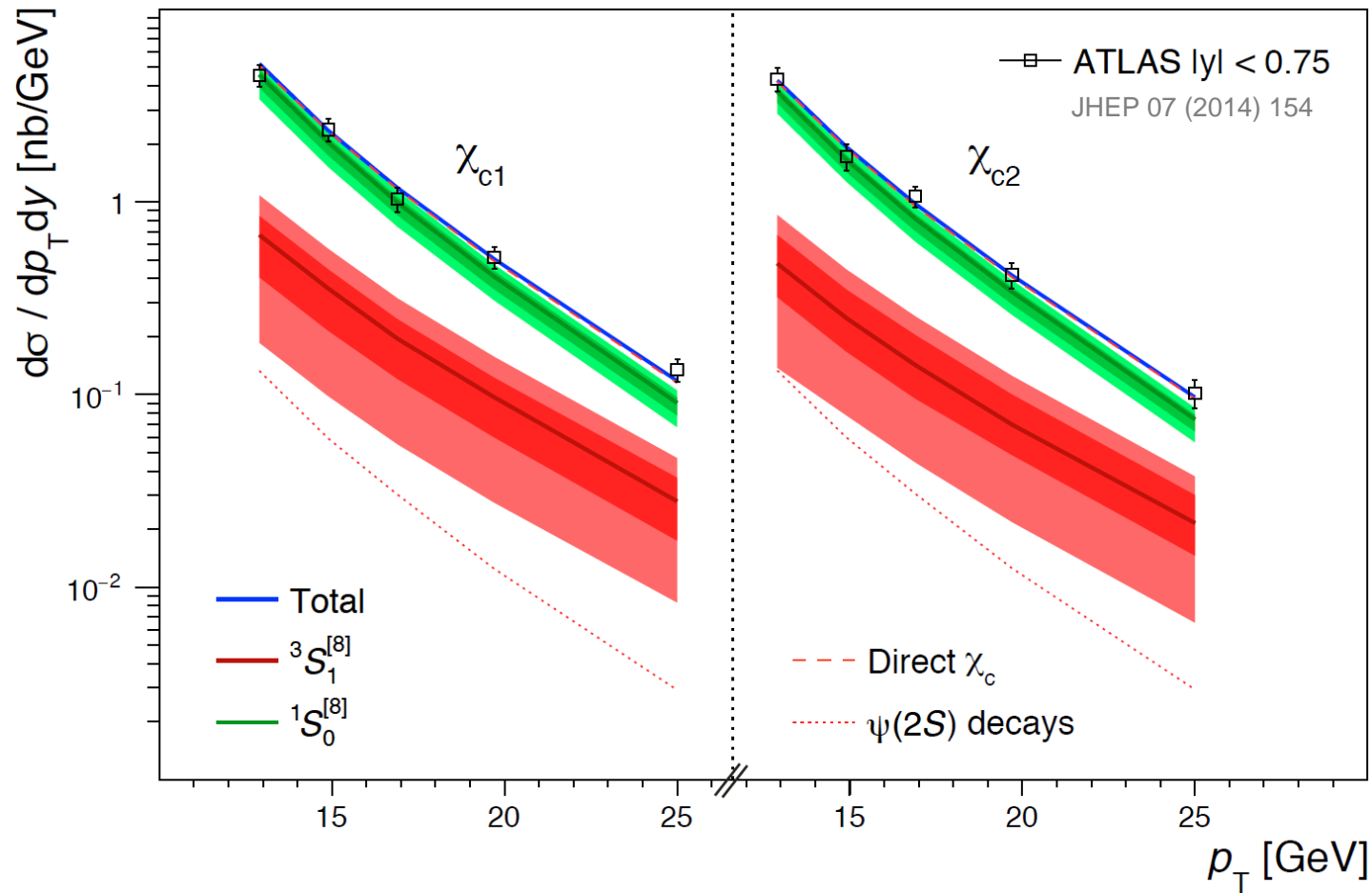


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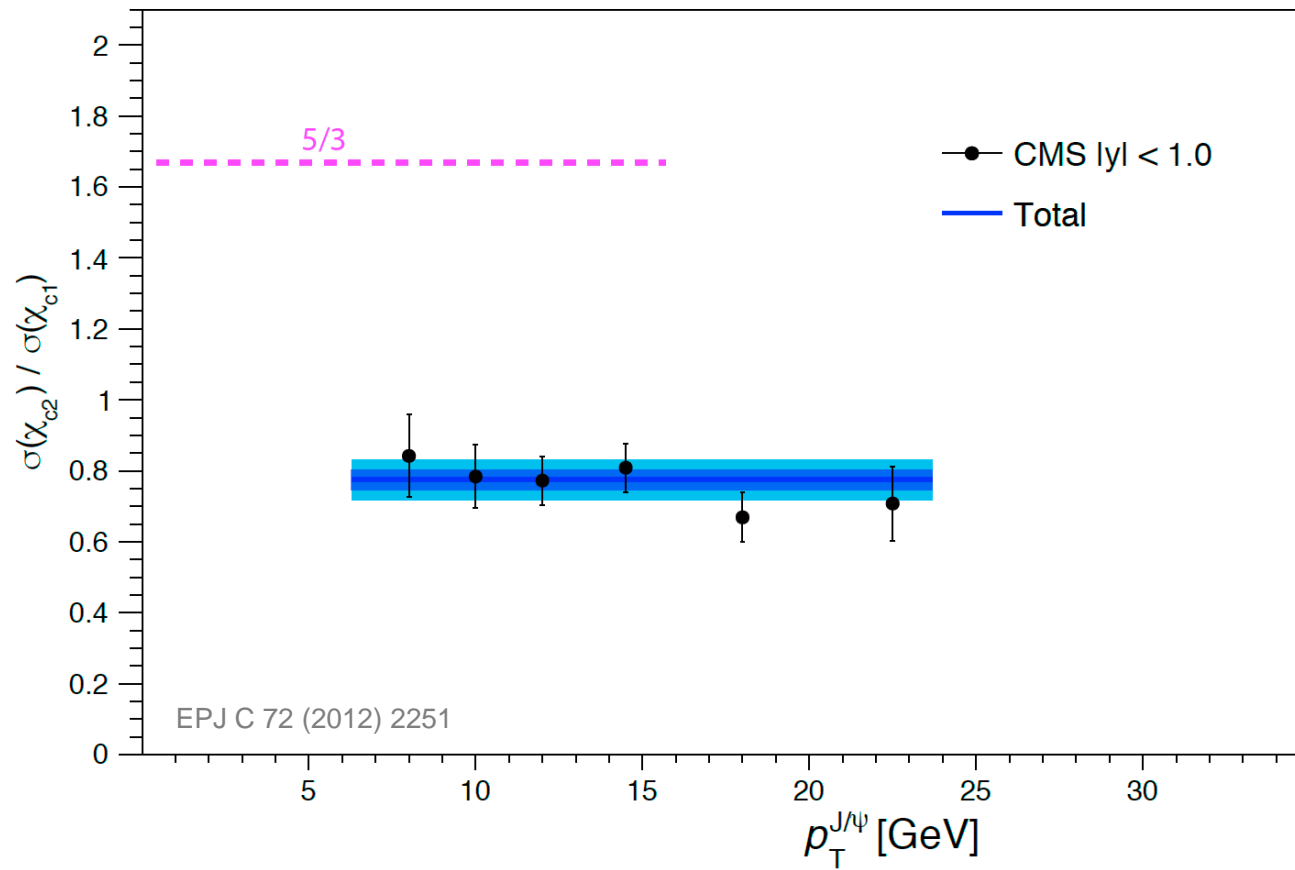
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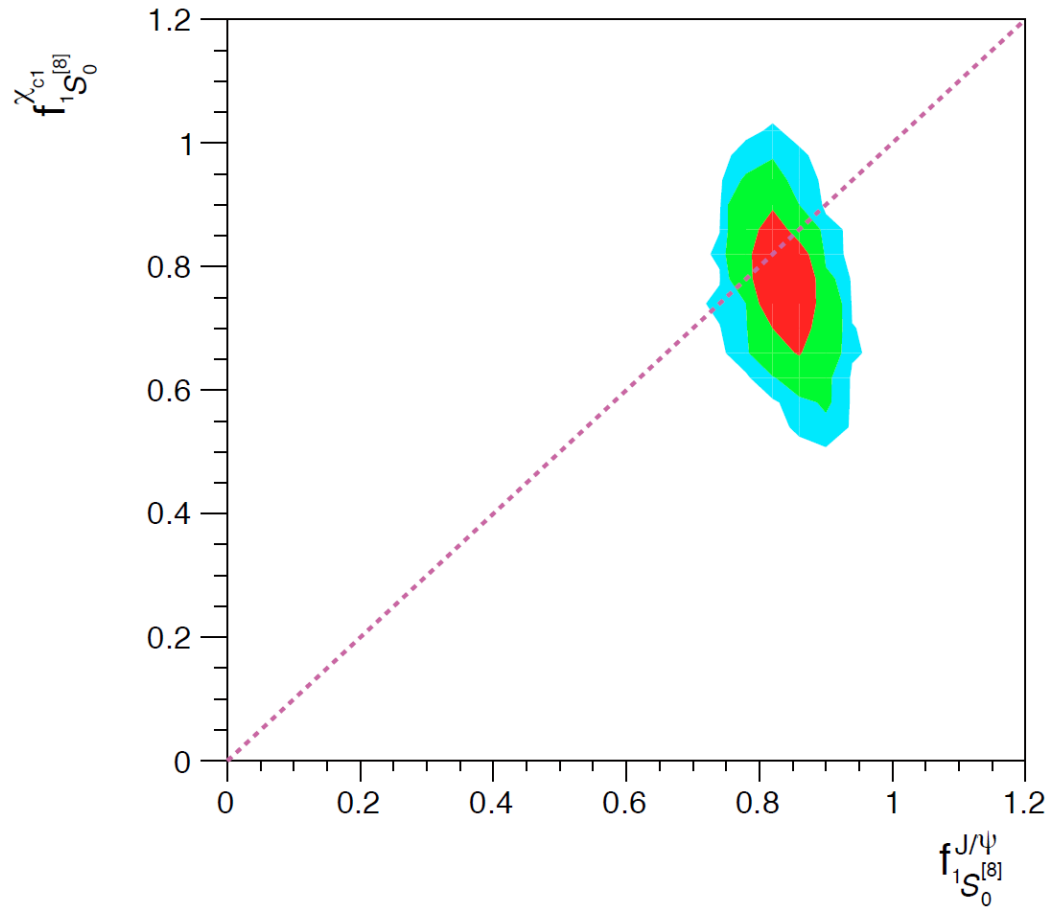
Large uncertainty in the  $^3S_1$  term. More  $\chi_c$  data needed!

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$^1S_0$  cross-section fractions for  $\psi$  and  $\chi_c$  at  $p_T/M = 6$

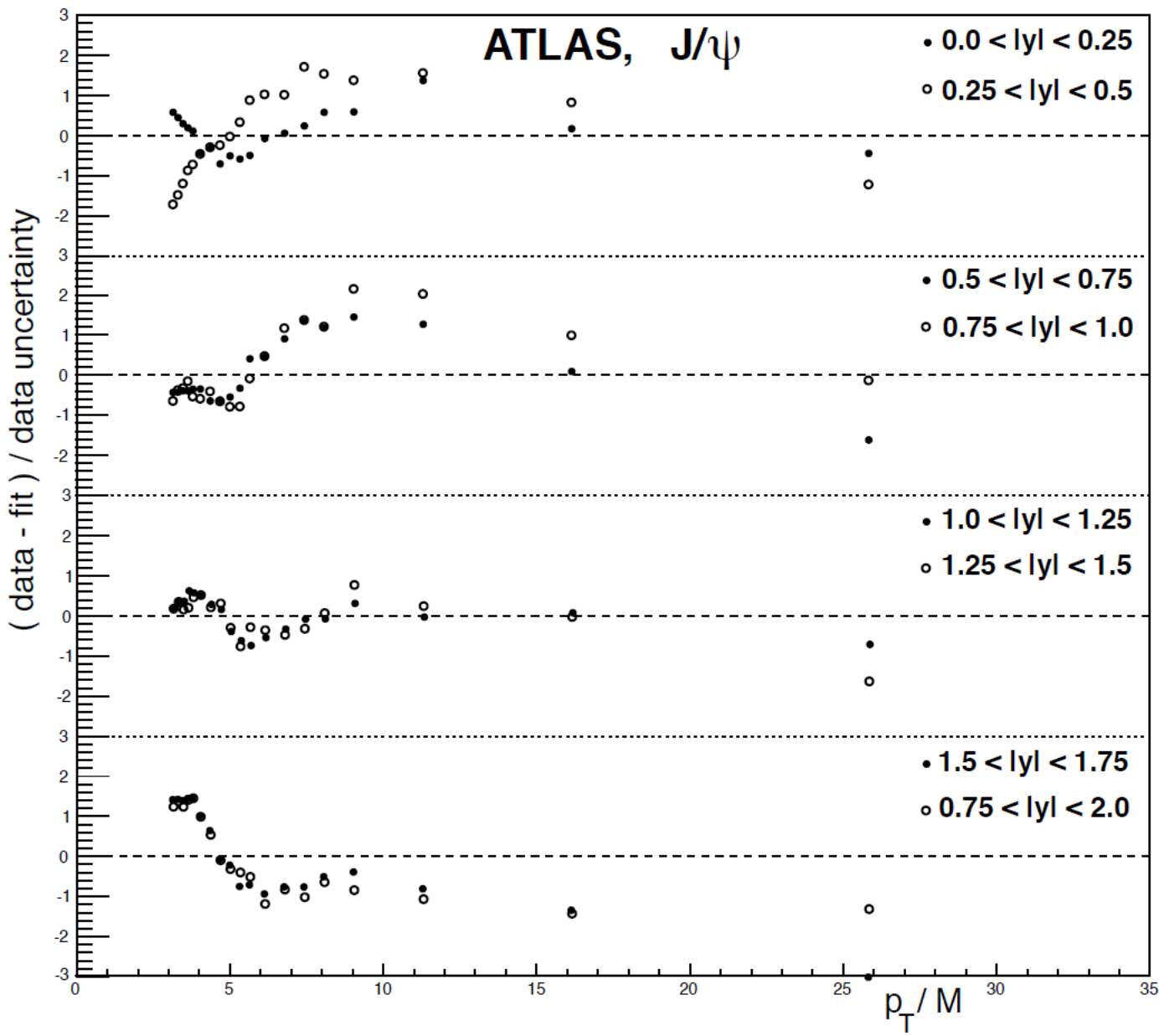


- $^1S_0$  is the larger contribution for both  $\chi_c$  and  $\psi$ , dominating the total cross sections

# Summary

- LHC data depict a scenario of maximum simplicity: universal  $p_T/M$  scaling and lack of polarization
- NRQCD, with its heavy-quark-limit hierarchies and constraints, can accommodate this scenario only through precise cancellations of extreme kinematic behaviours and polarizations
- We tested a simple hypothesis, assuming only one, strong hierarchy based on angular momentum: production happens only via S-wave pre-resonances
- A global fit of recent charmonium production data, taking into account feed-down relations, shows perfect compatibility with this interpretation
- $^1S_0$  dominates quarkonium cross sections at low  $p_T/M$

# Backup: ATLAS $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu\mu$ cross sections



8 rapidity bins  
pulls with respect to  
common fitting function