

# Quarkonium production cross section and polarisation

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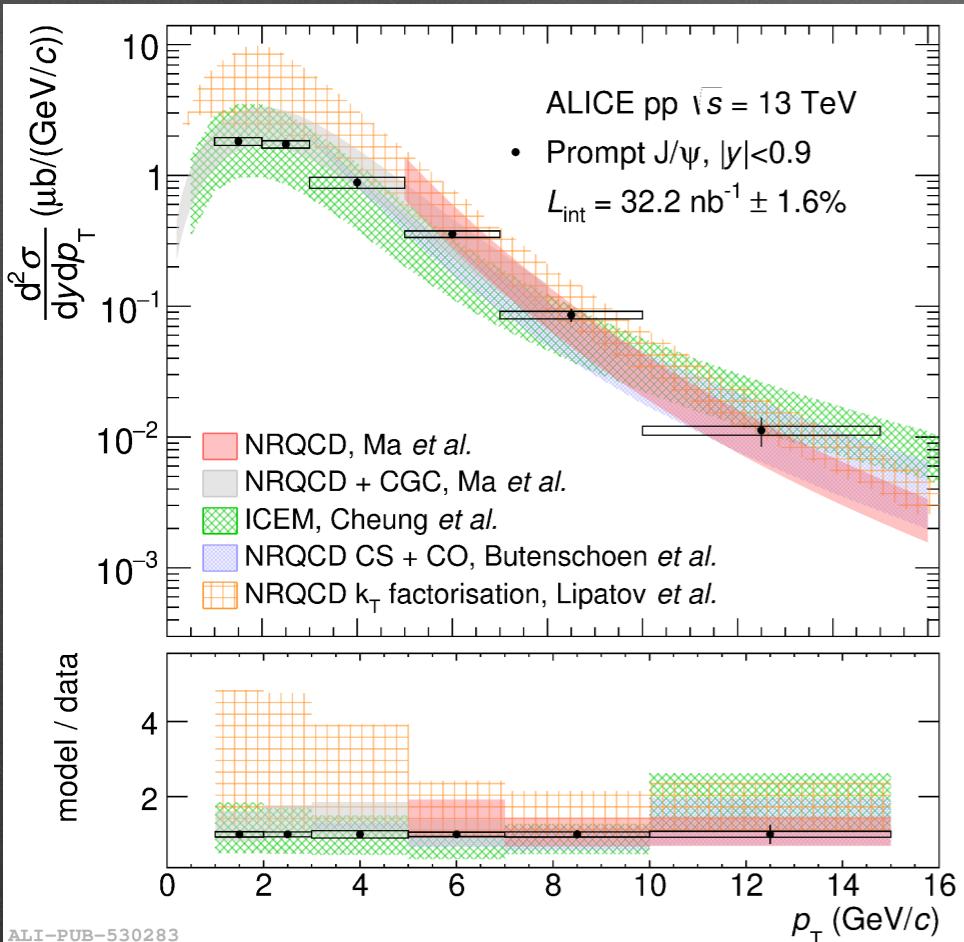
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- ▶ Quarkonium production used as a **tool** to study:      [Prog.Part.Nucl.Phys. 122 (2022) 103906]
  - gluon content of the proton/nucleus      [*See talk by J. G. Contreras Nuno – Heavy Ion Physics session, 25/05 16:12*]
  - associated production of quarkonium pairs      [*See talk by Y. Wei – QCD Physics session, 25/05 14:47*]
  - quark-gluon plasma      [*See talks by P. Gossiaux and C. Hadjidakis – Joint Heavy Ion + Flavour session, 23/05 11:30*]
  - multiple-parton scattering interactions
  - spectroscopy (exotic quarkonium states)      [Rev.Mod.Phys. 90 (2018) 1, 015003]

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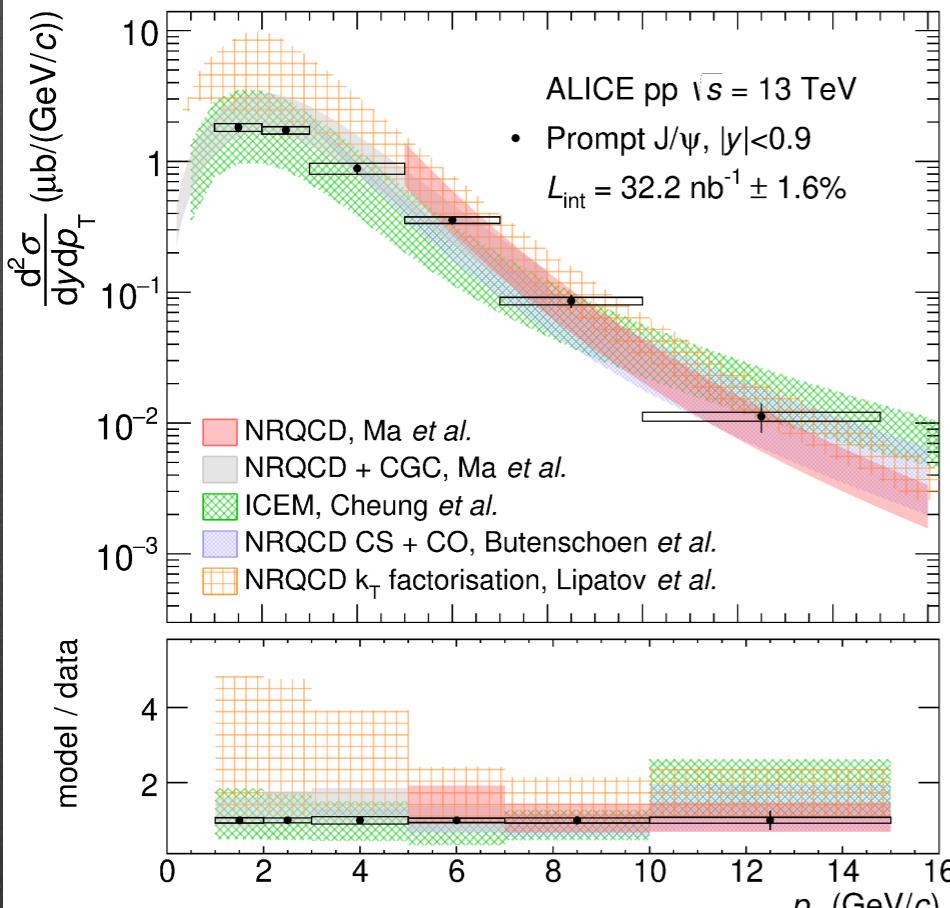
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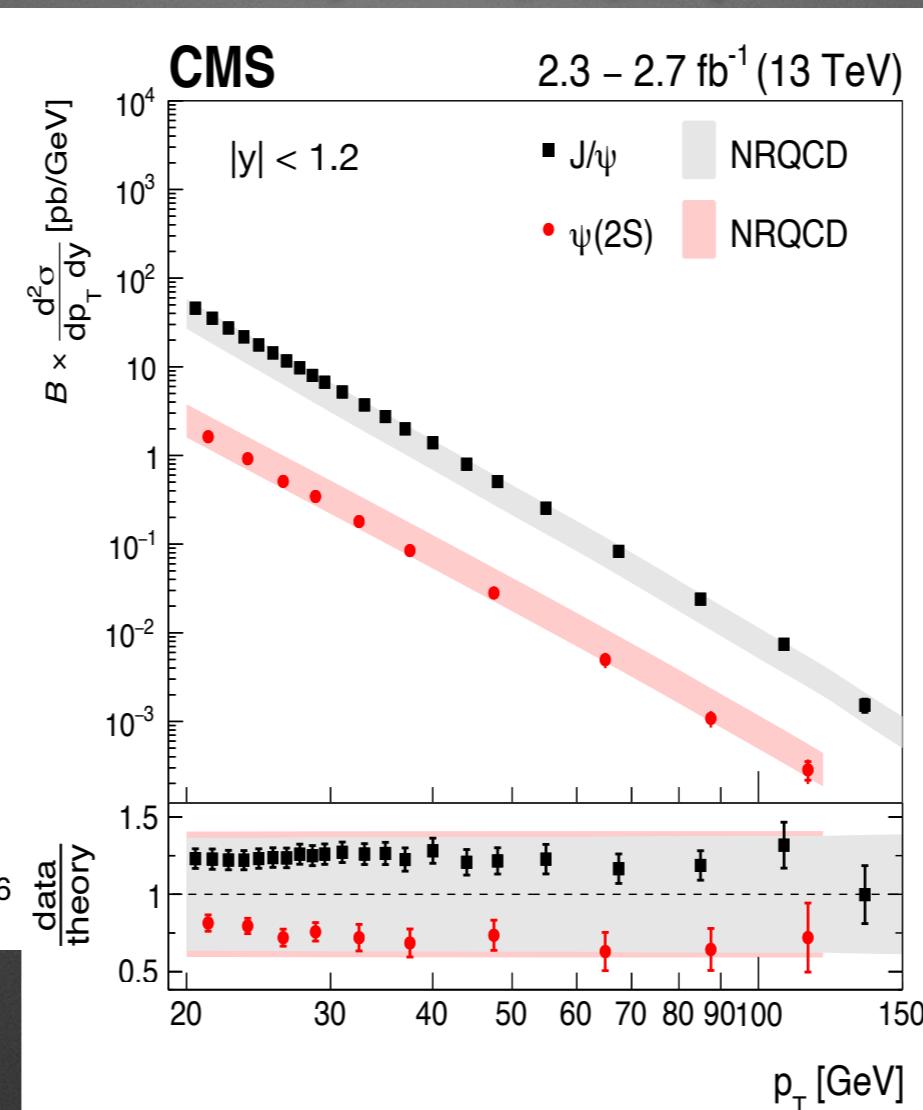
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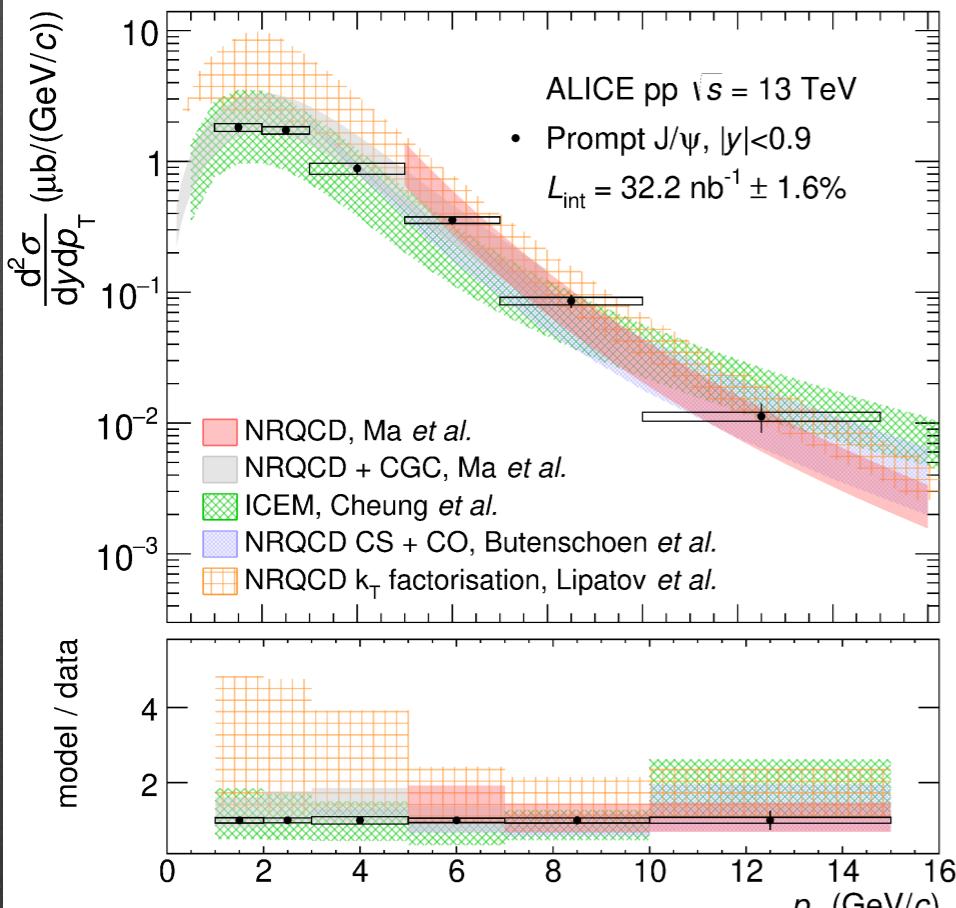


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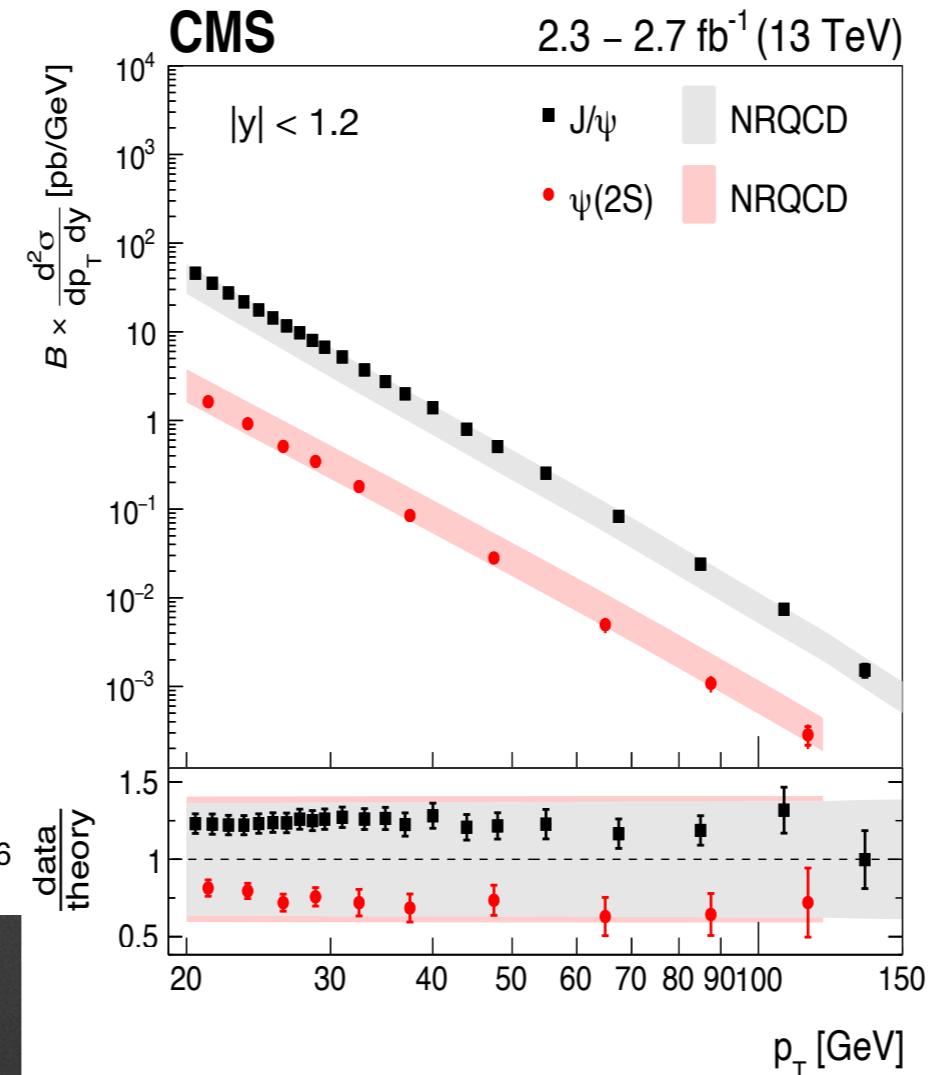
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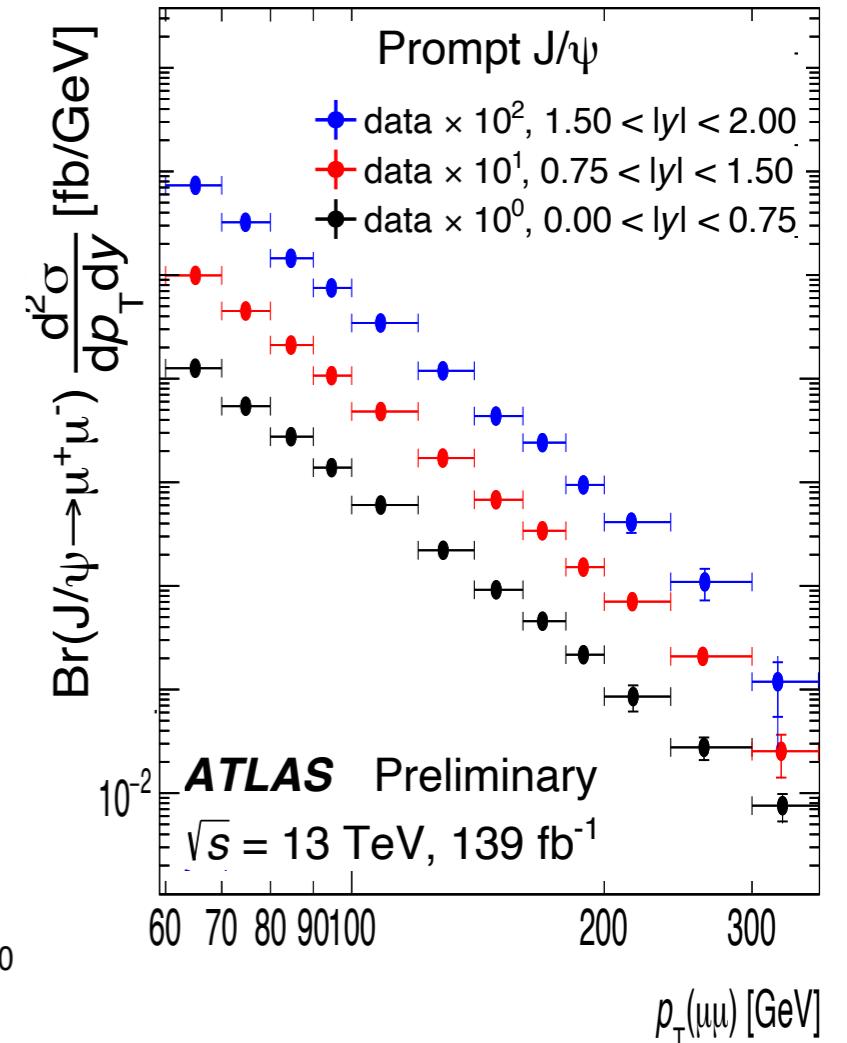
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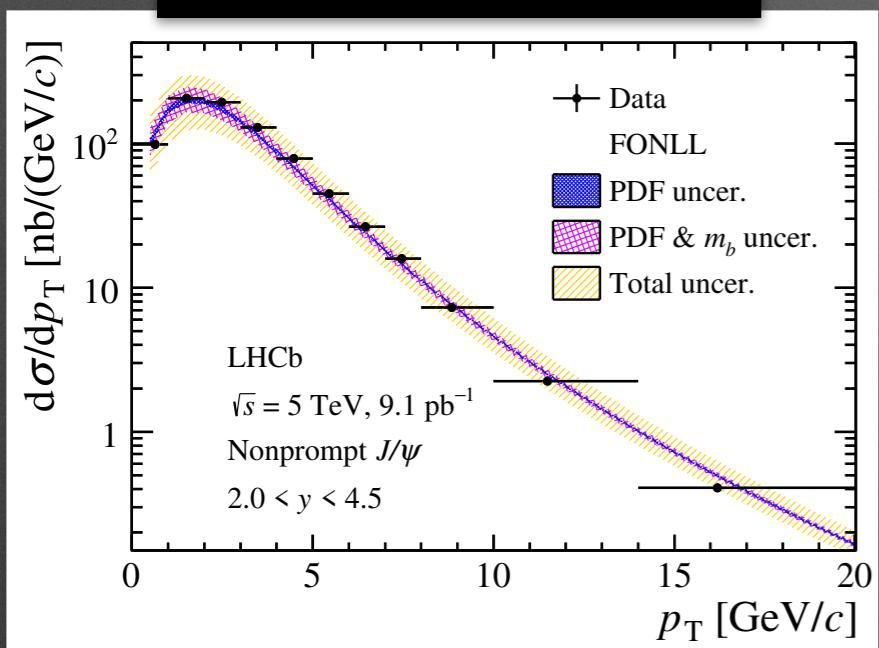


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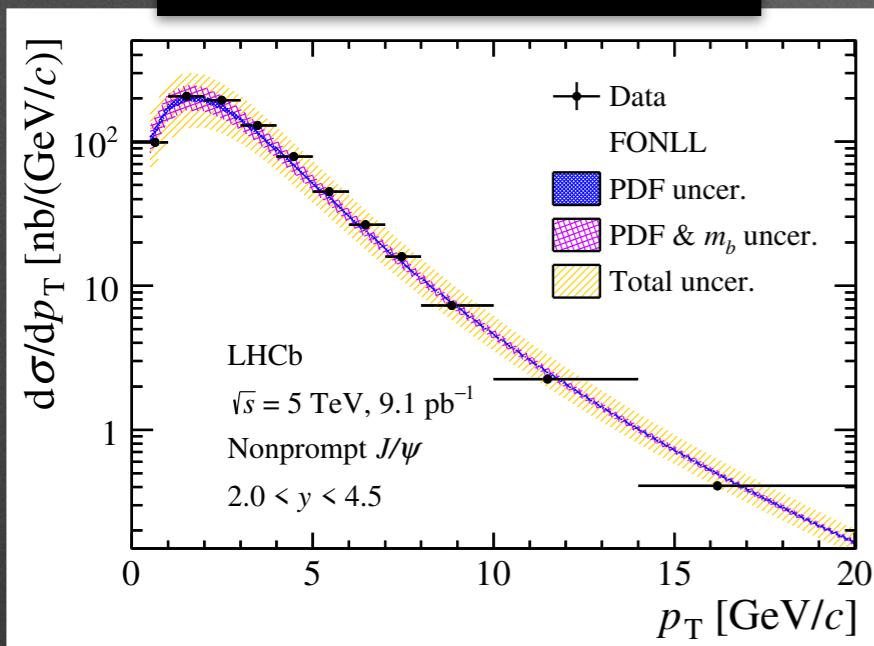
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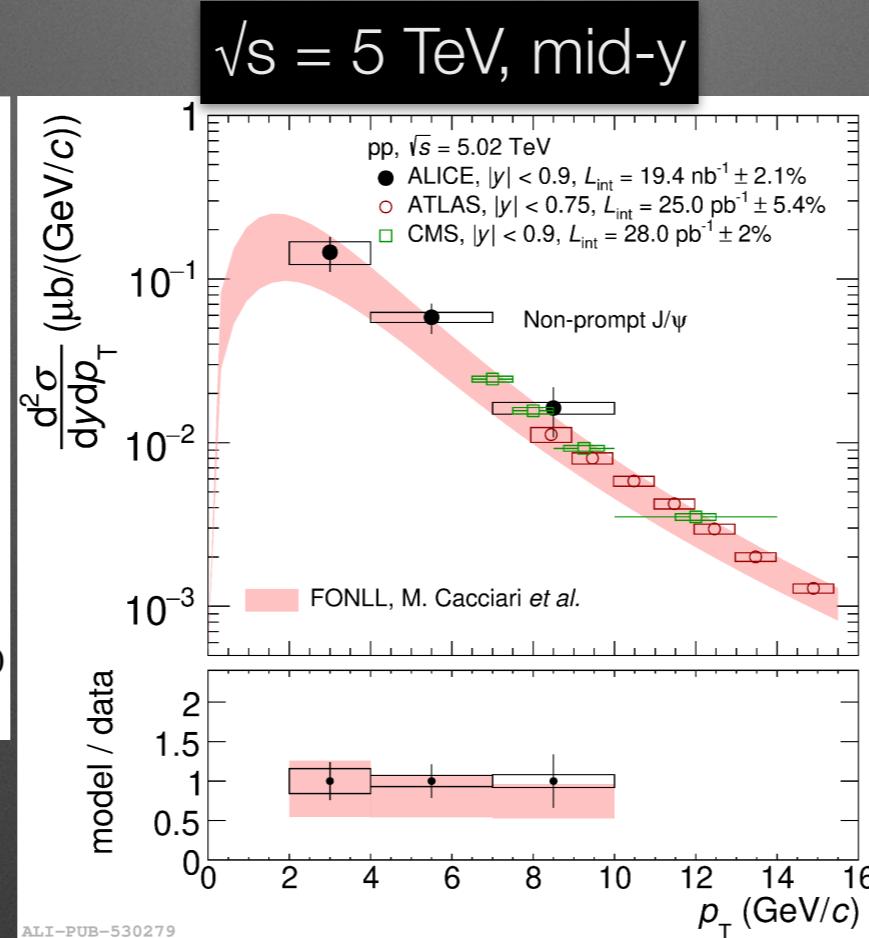
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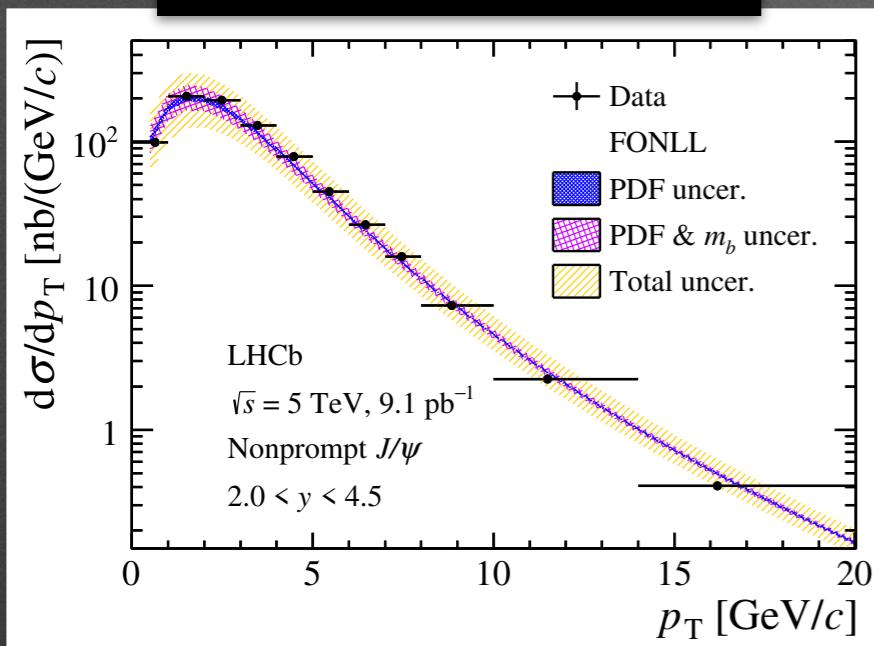


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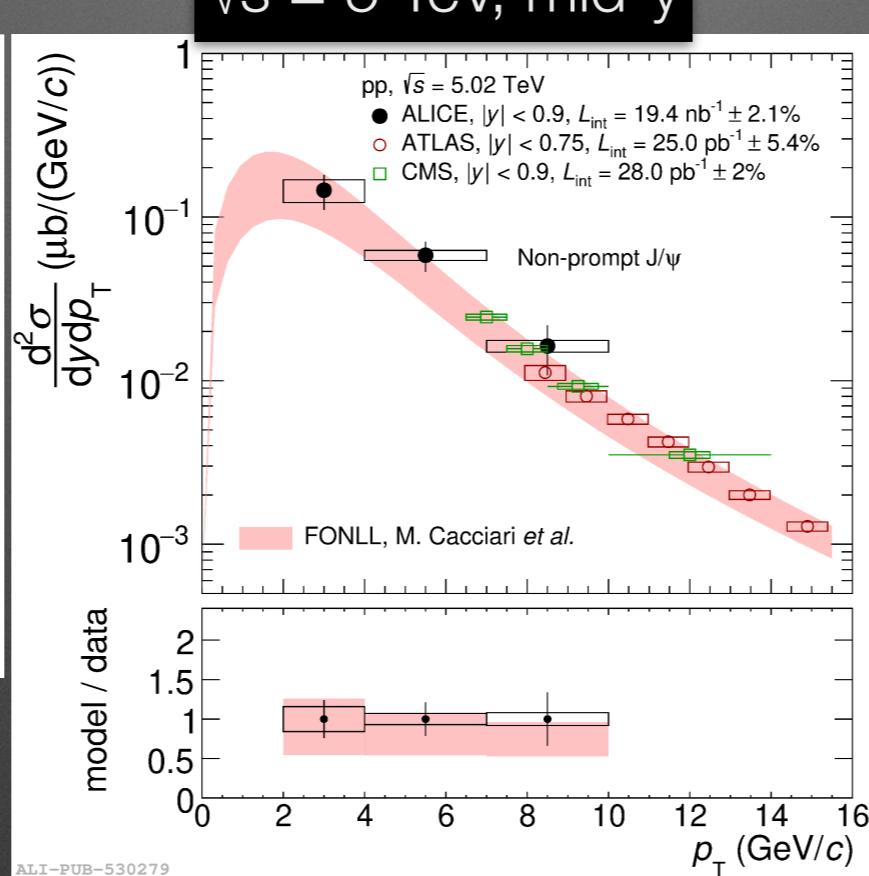
- $J/\psi \leftarrow b$  : FONLL expectations are compared to measured  $p_T$  spectra at different  $\sqrt{s}$  and  $y$ 
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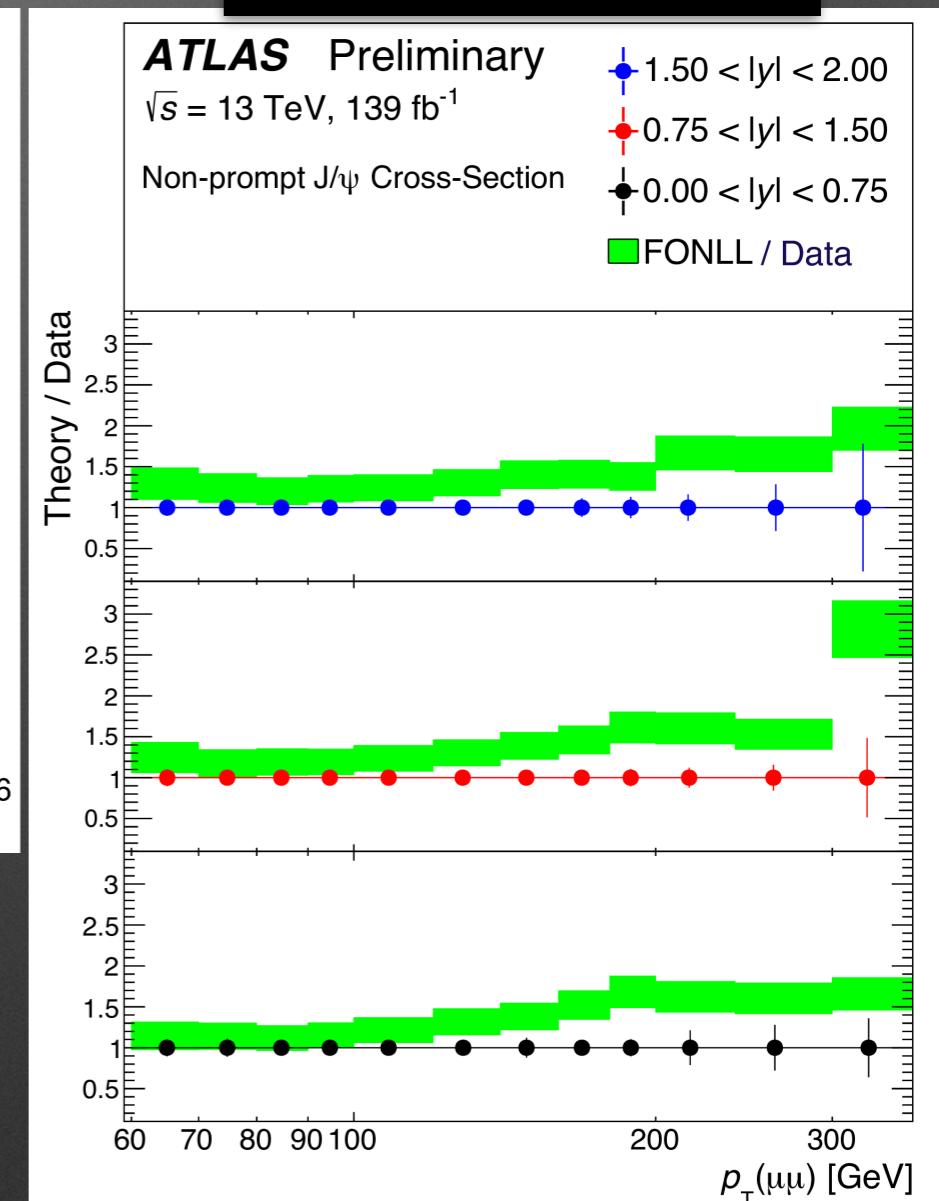
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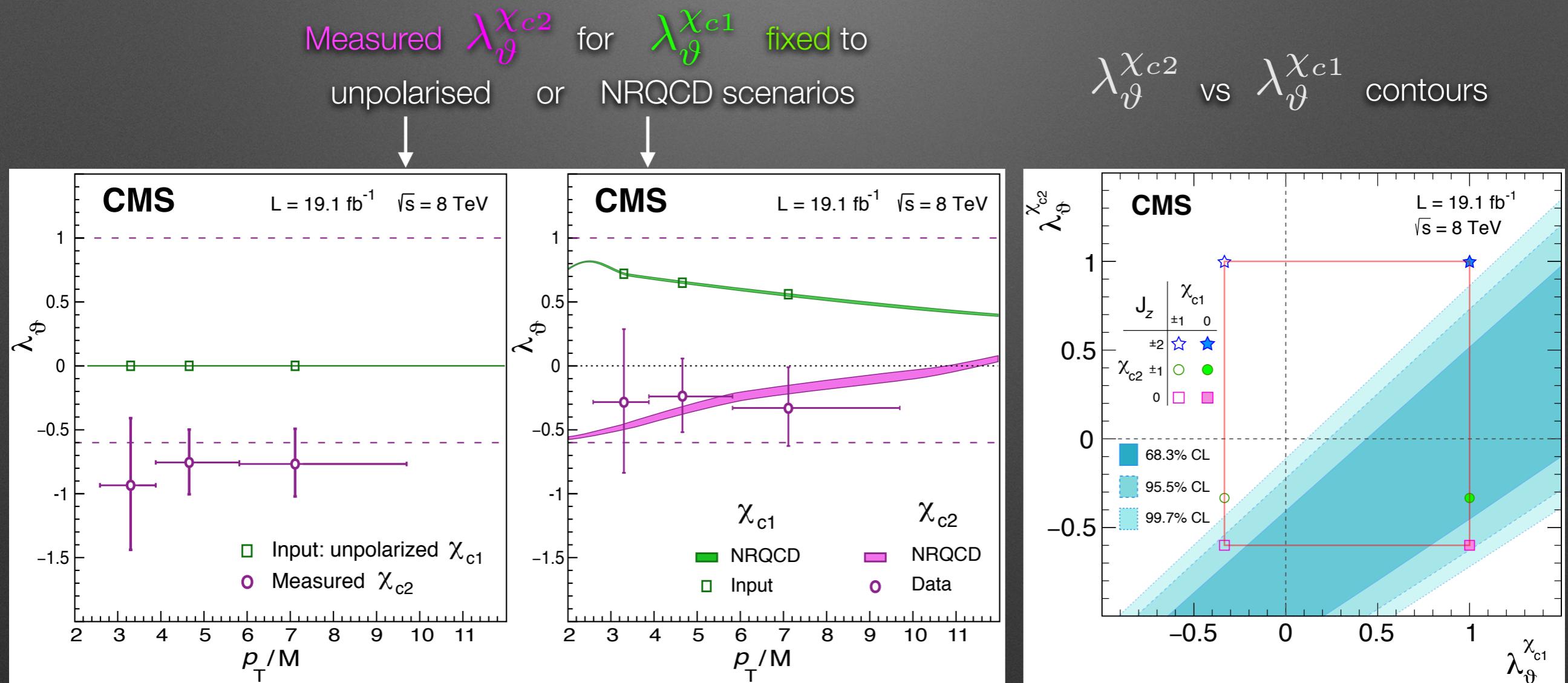
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Unpolarised scenario and a sizeable part of the physically allowed region (red rectangle) are excluded at 99.7% CL

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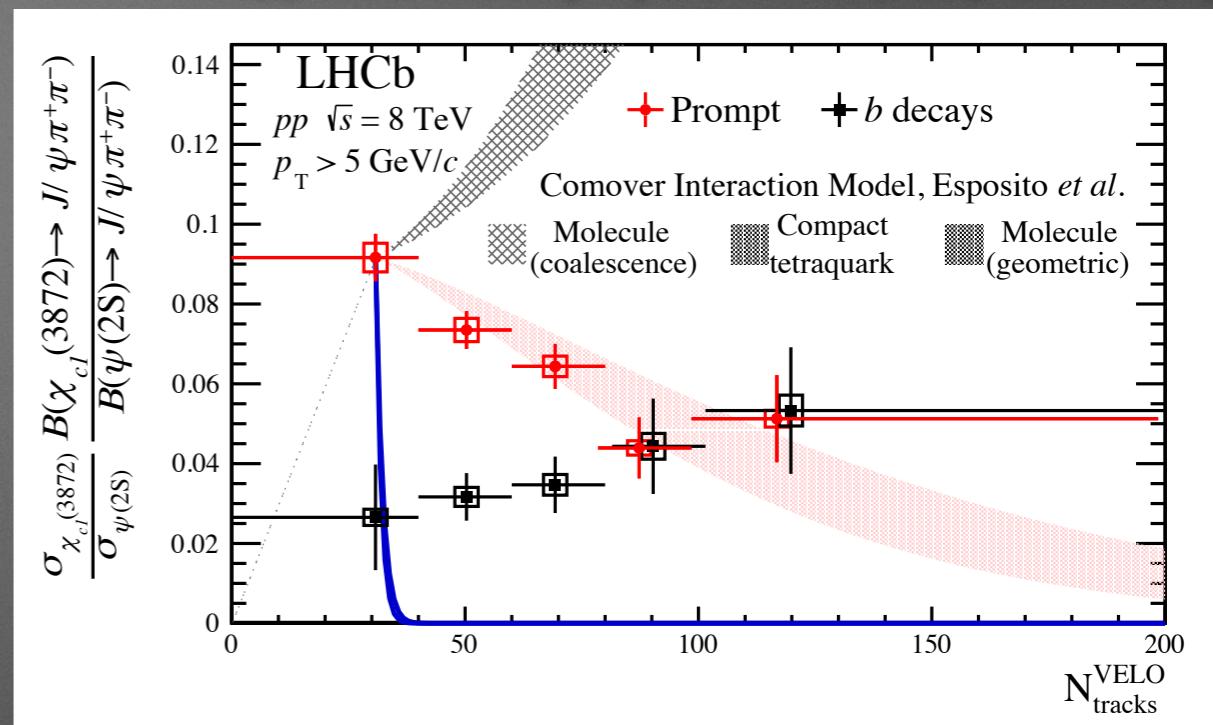
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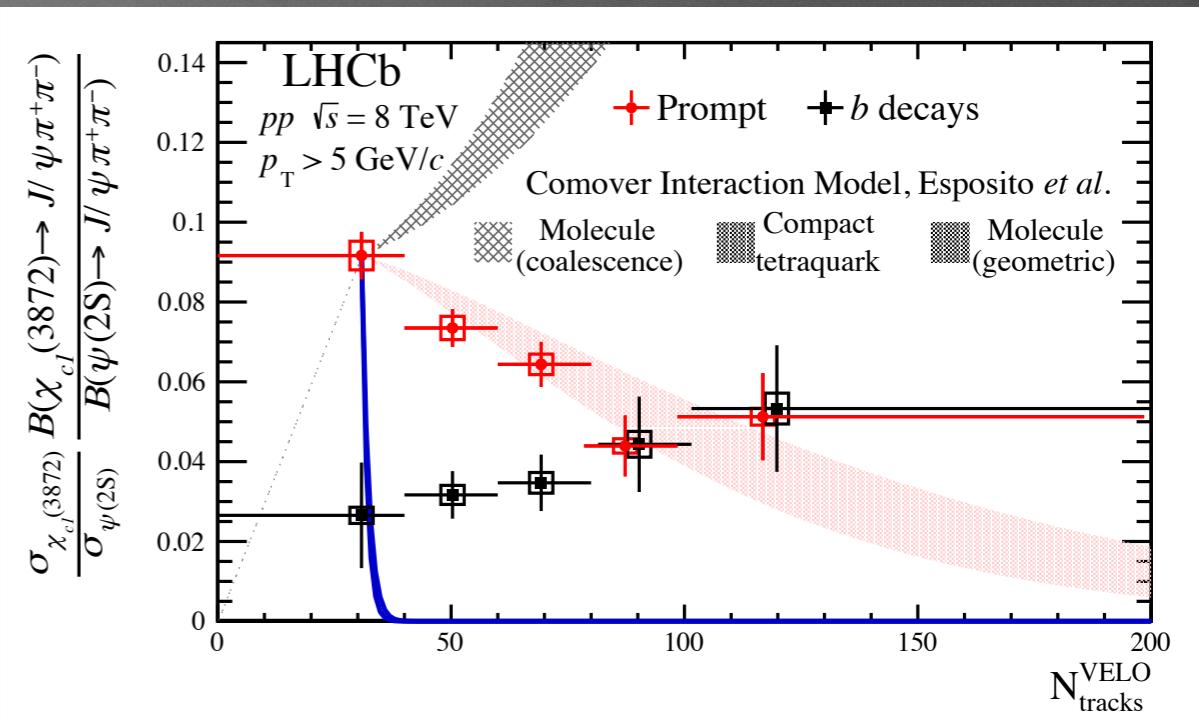
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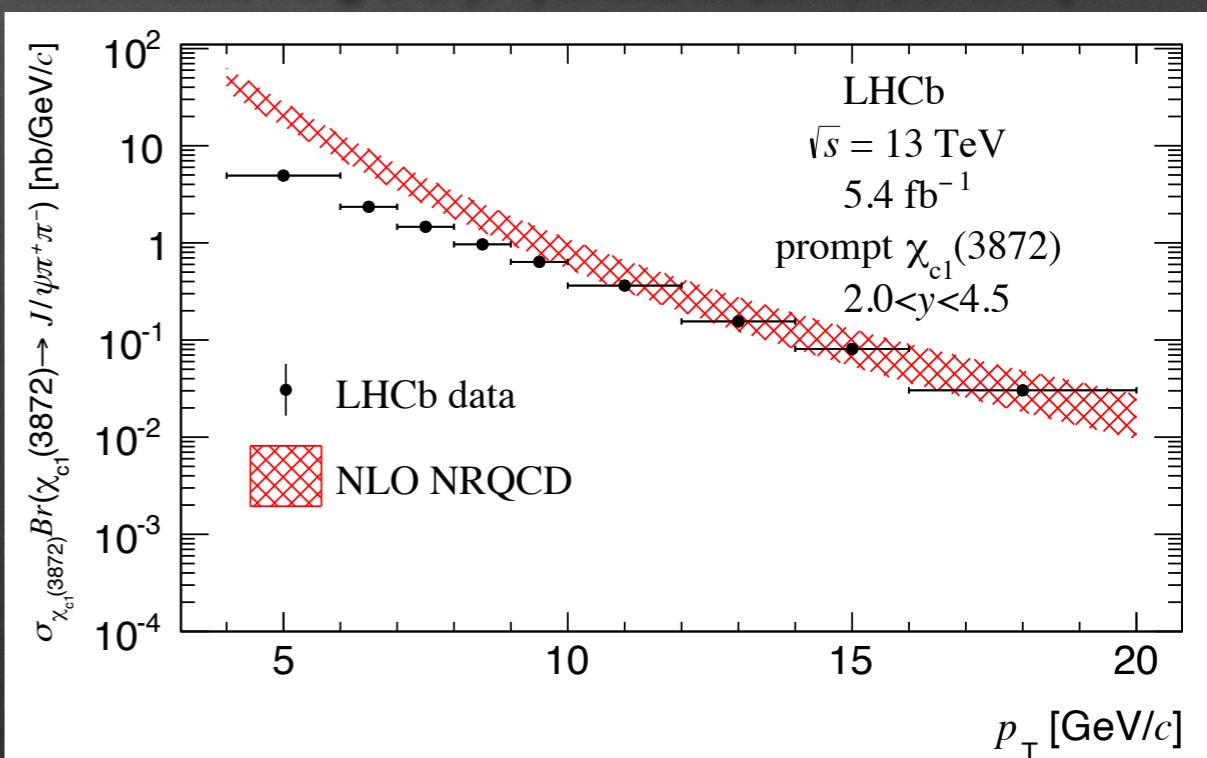
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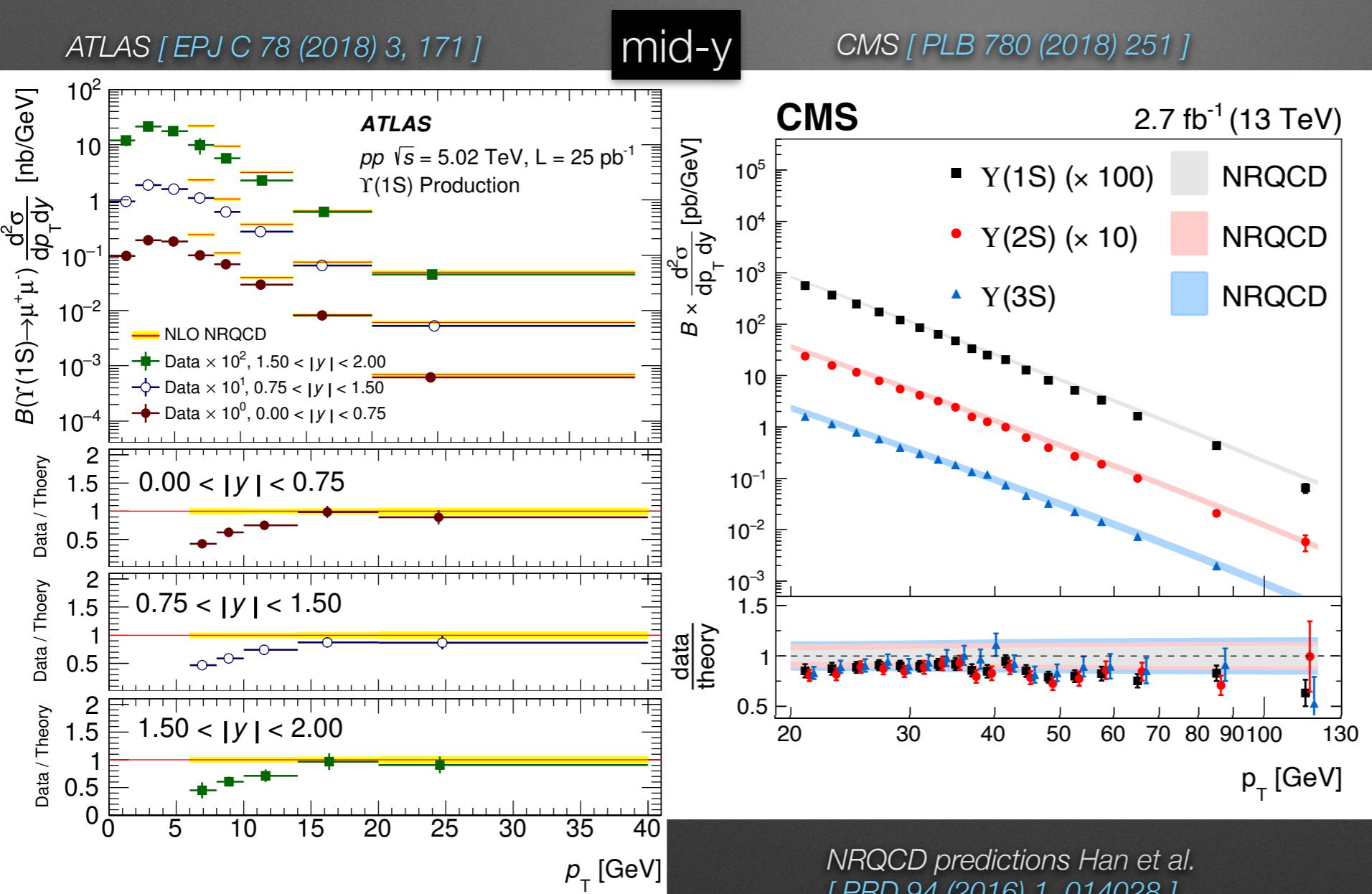
- For  $p_T > 10 \text{ GeV}/c$ , agreement with NLO NRQCD predictions which model the  $\chi_{c1}(3872)$  state as a mixture of  $\chi_{c1}(2P)$  and  $D^0\bar{D}^{*0}$  molecule states



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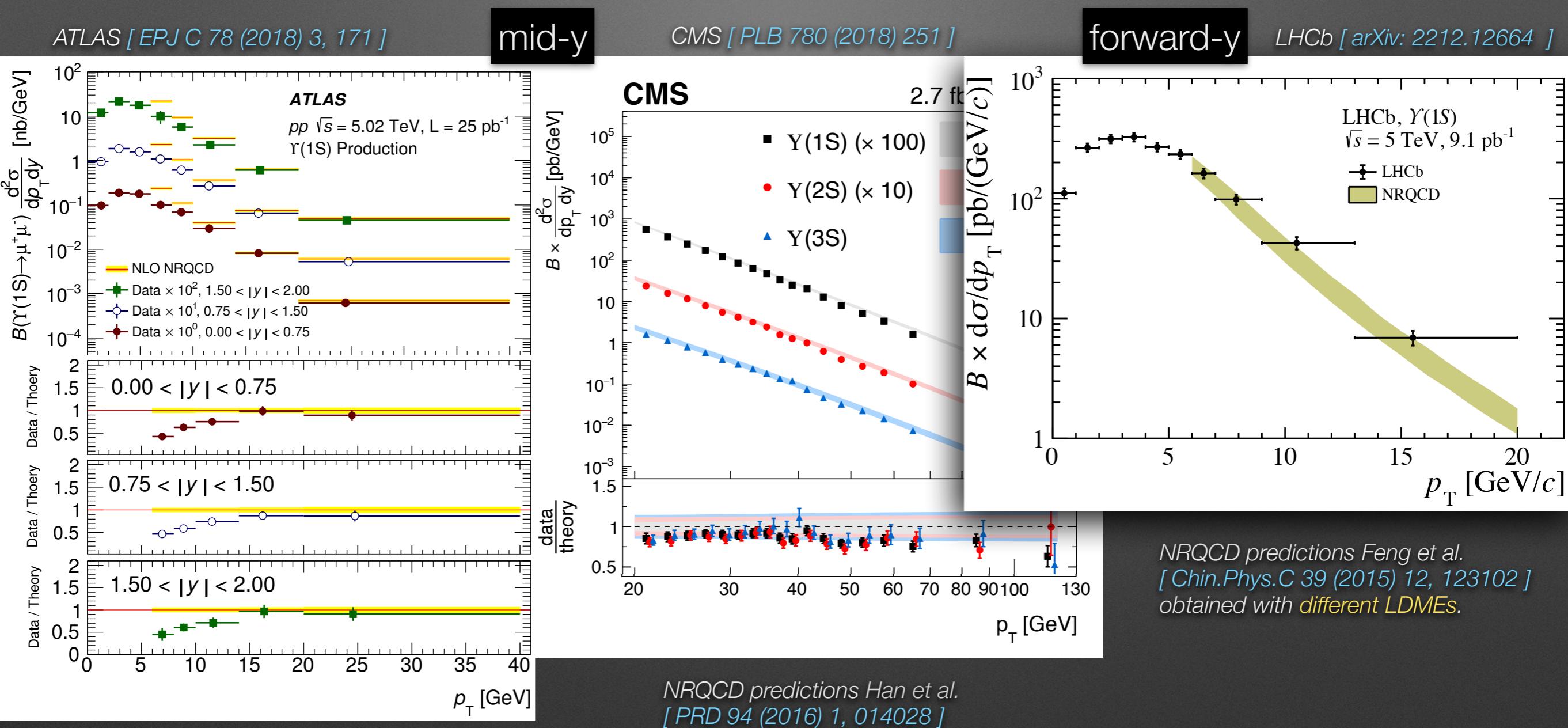
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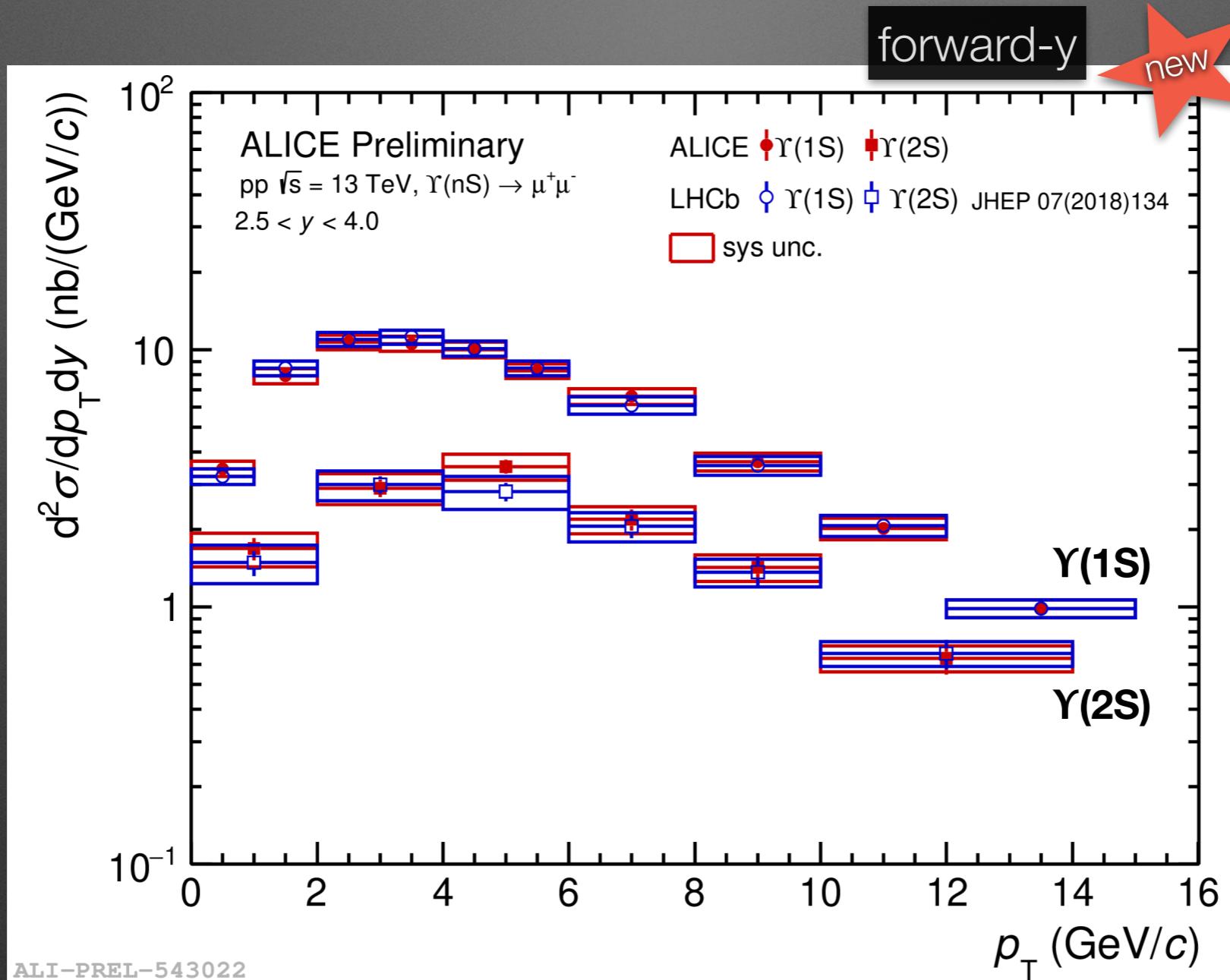
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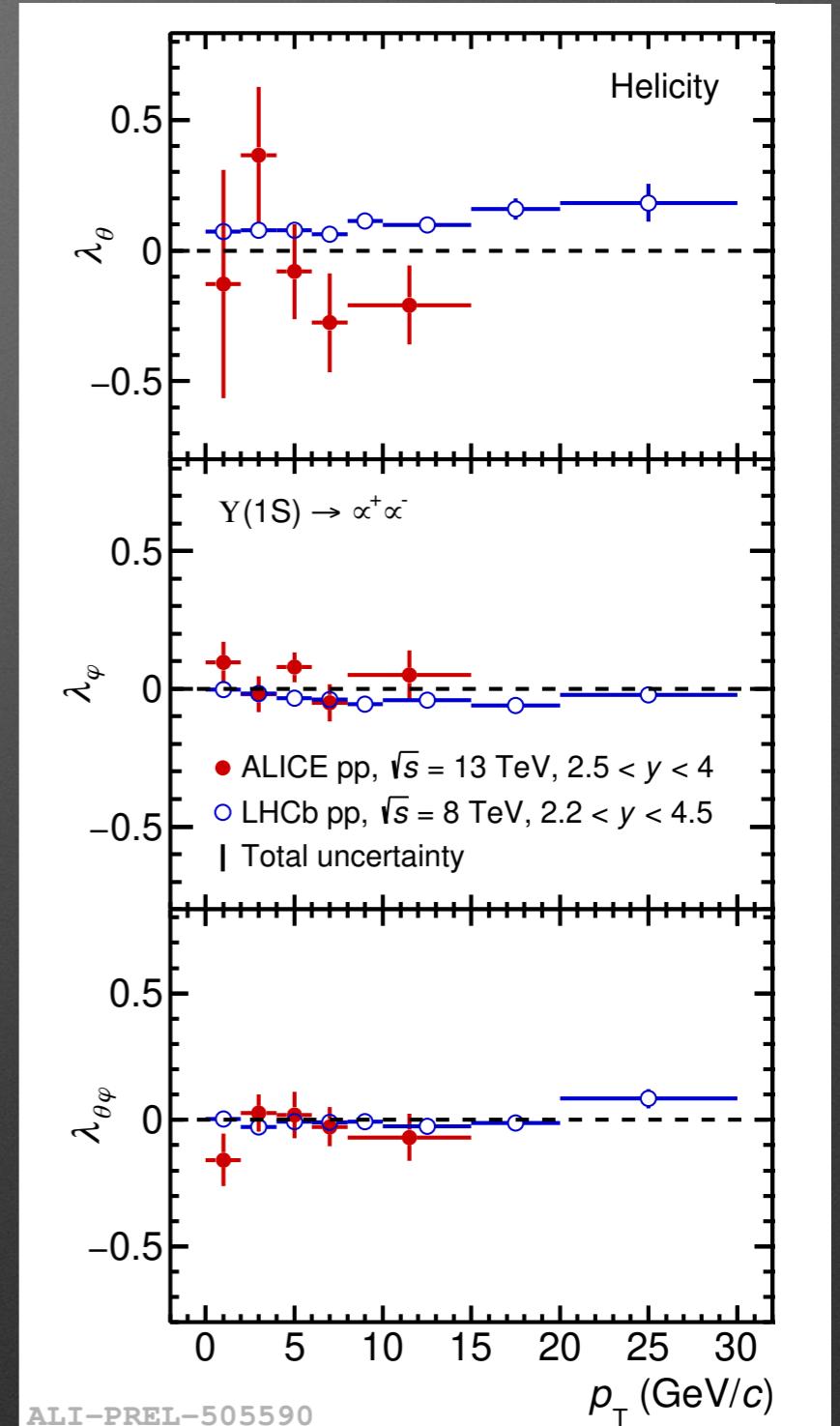
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- ▶ LHCb results: close to an isotropic decay
  - $\lambda_{\theta\varphi}$  and  $\lambda_\varphi$  parameters are very close to zero,  
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- ▶ Recent preliminary results released by ALICE aggregates pp dataset collected in 2016, 2017 and 2018
  - Compatible with LHCb measurements
  - Evaluated down to ~zero  $p_T$
  - Limited by the statistical precision

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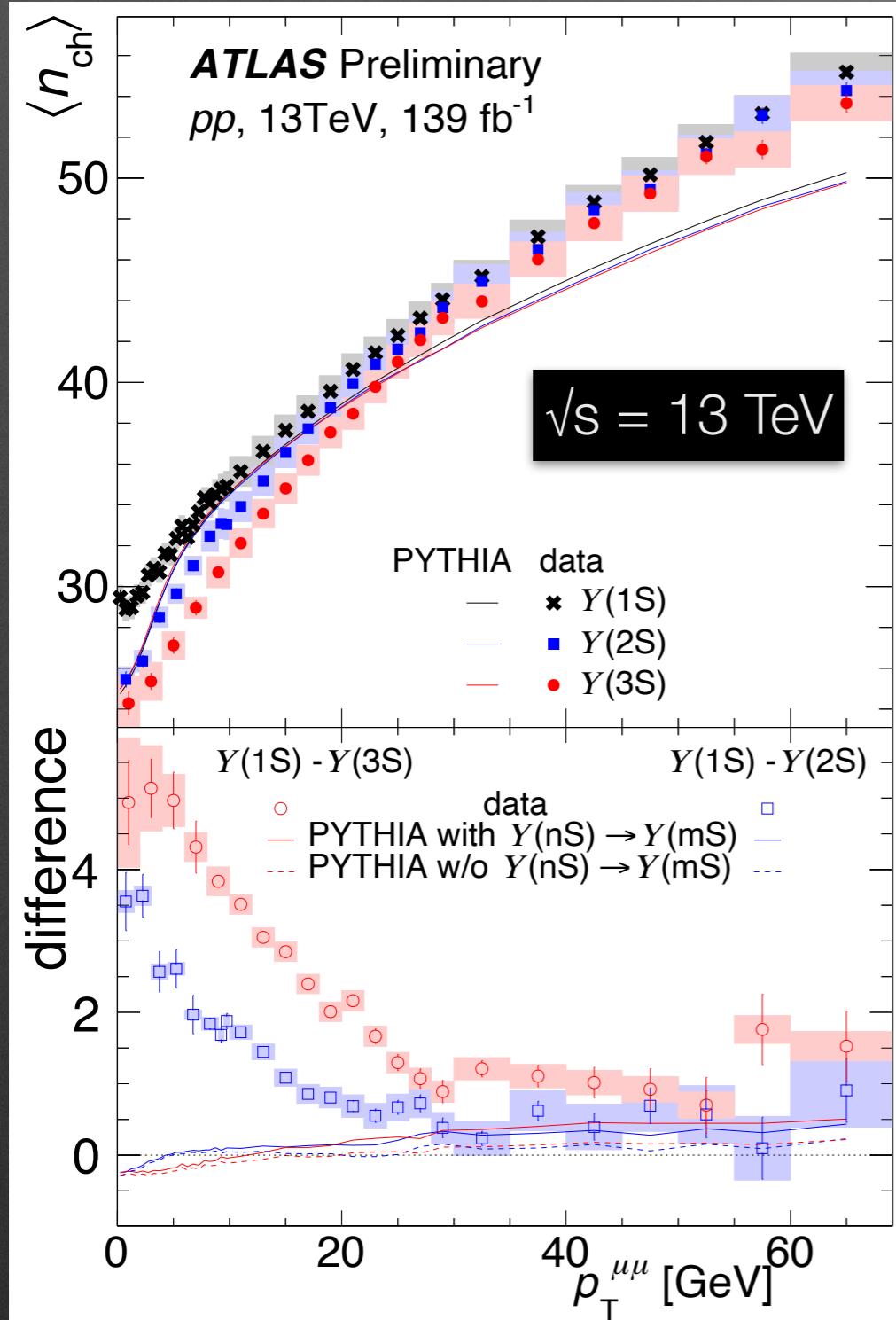
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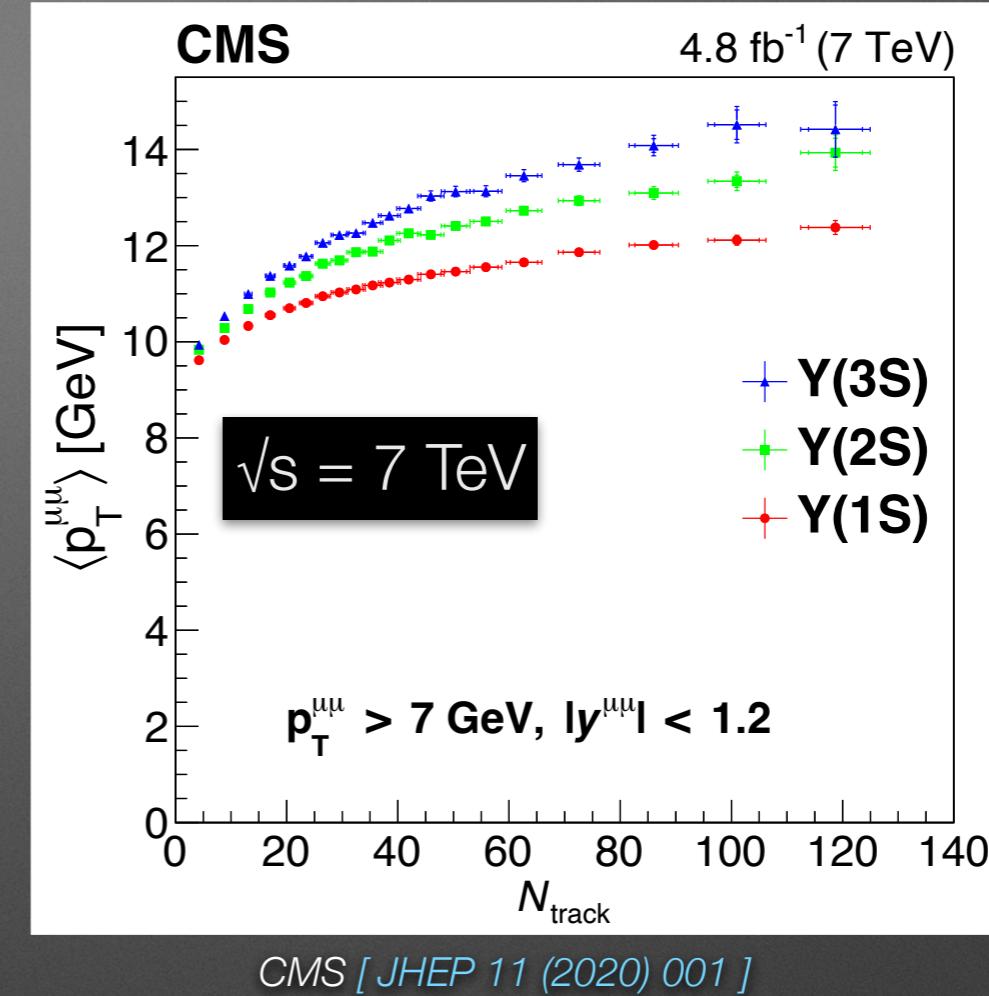
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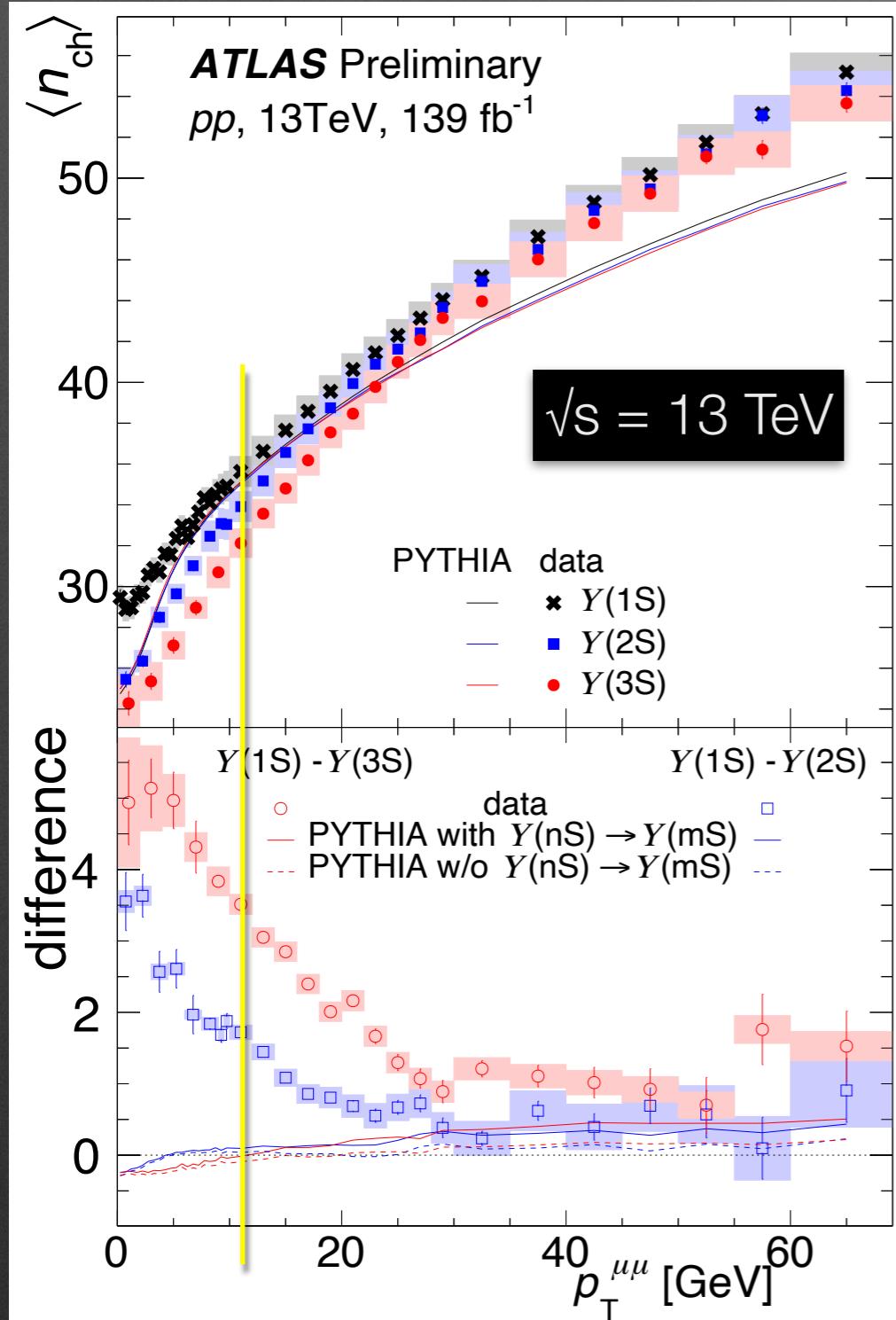
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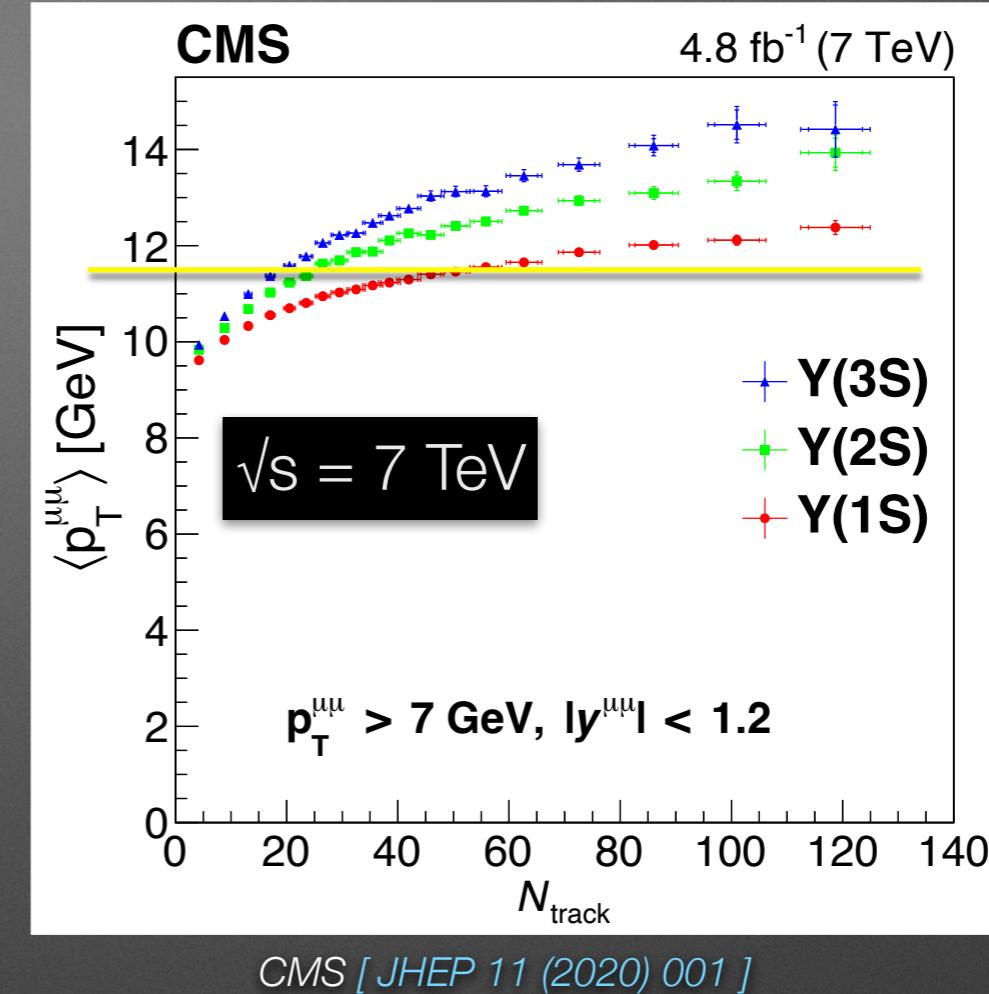
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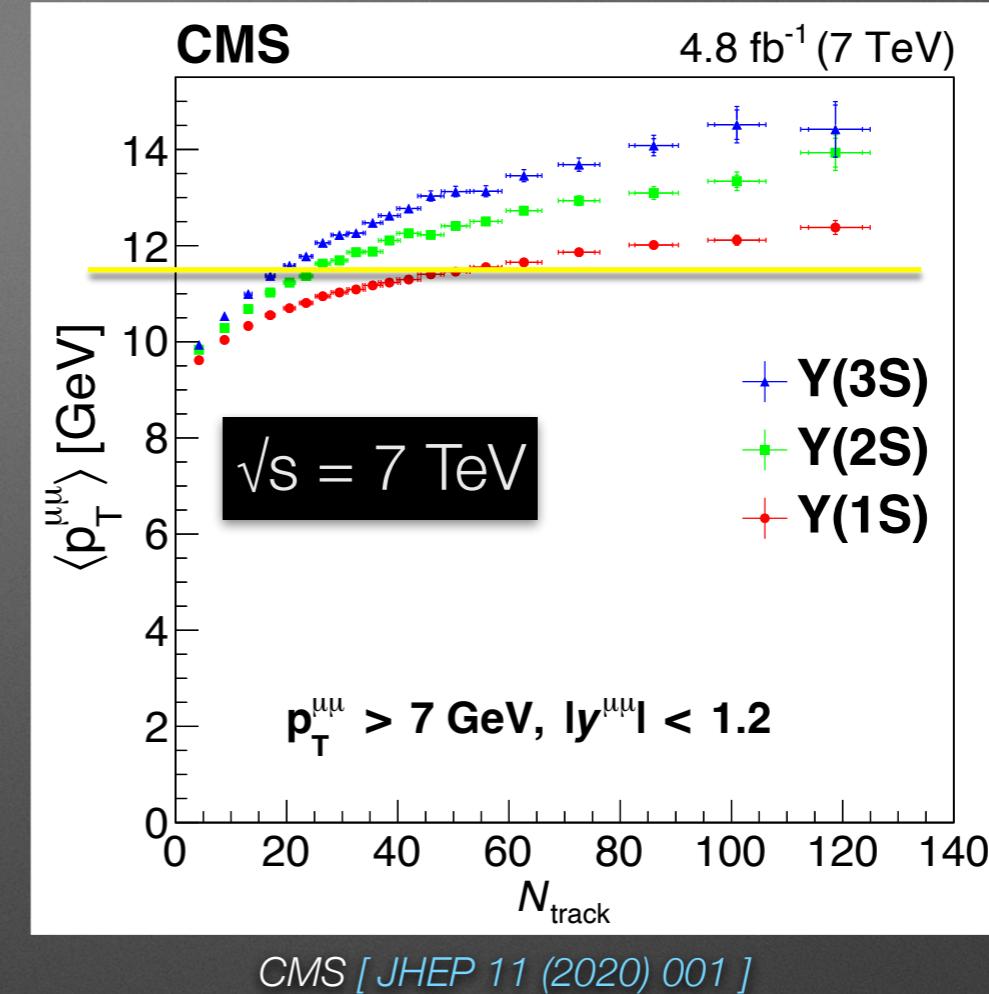
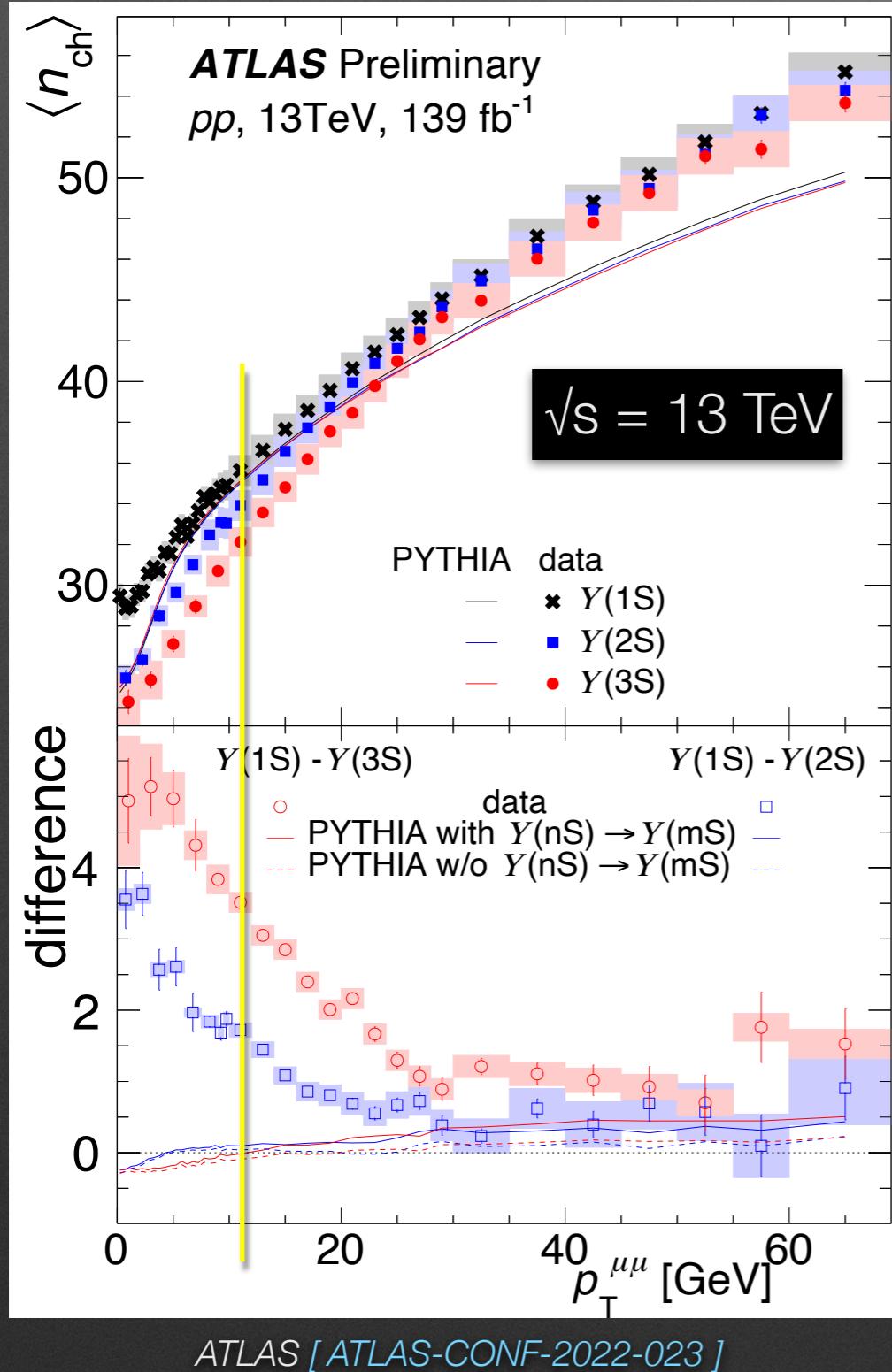
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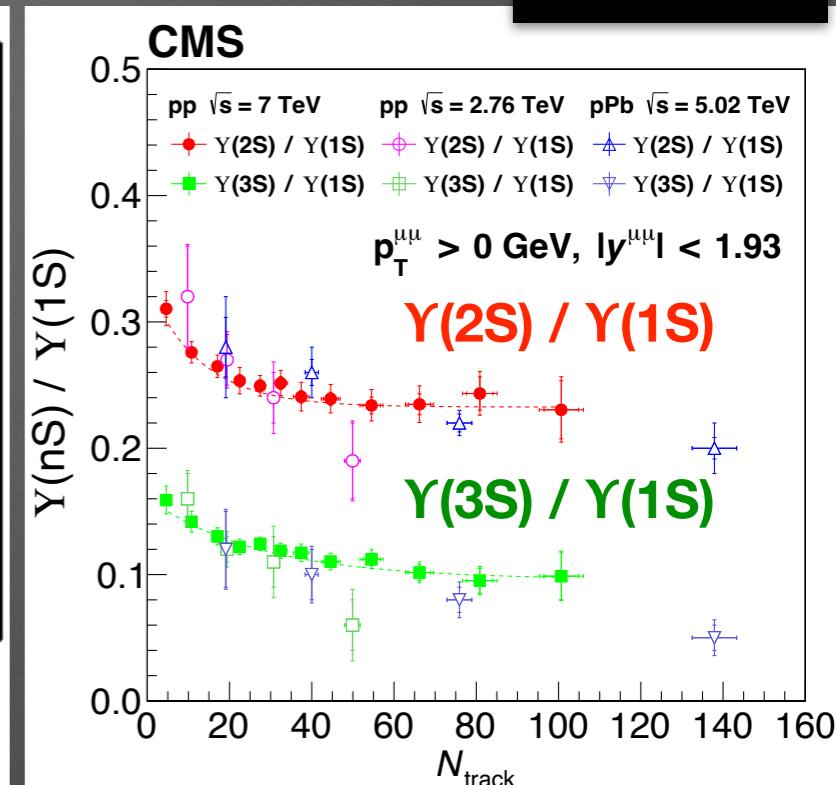
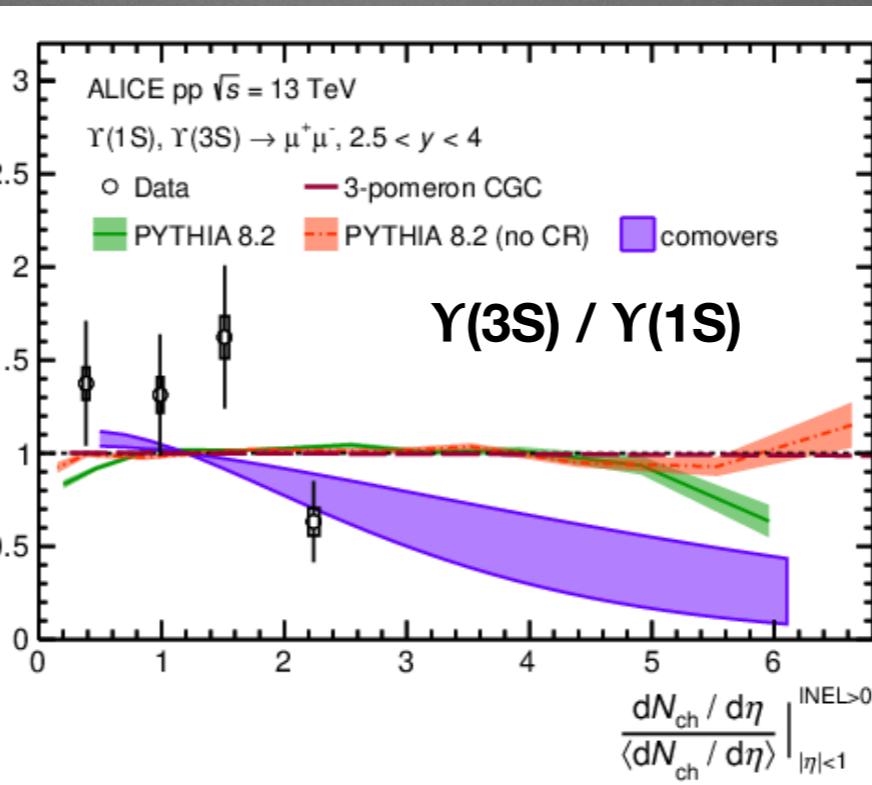
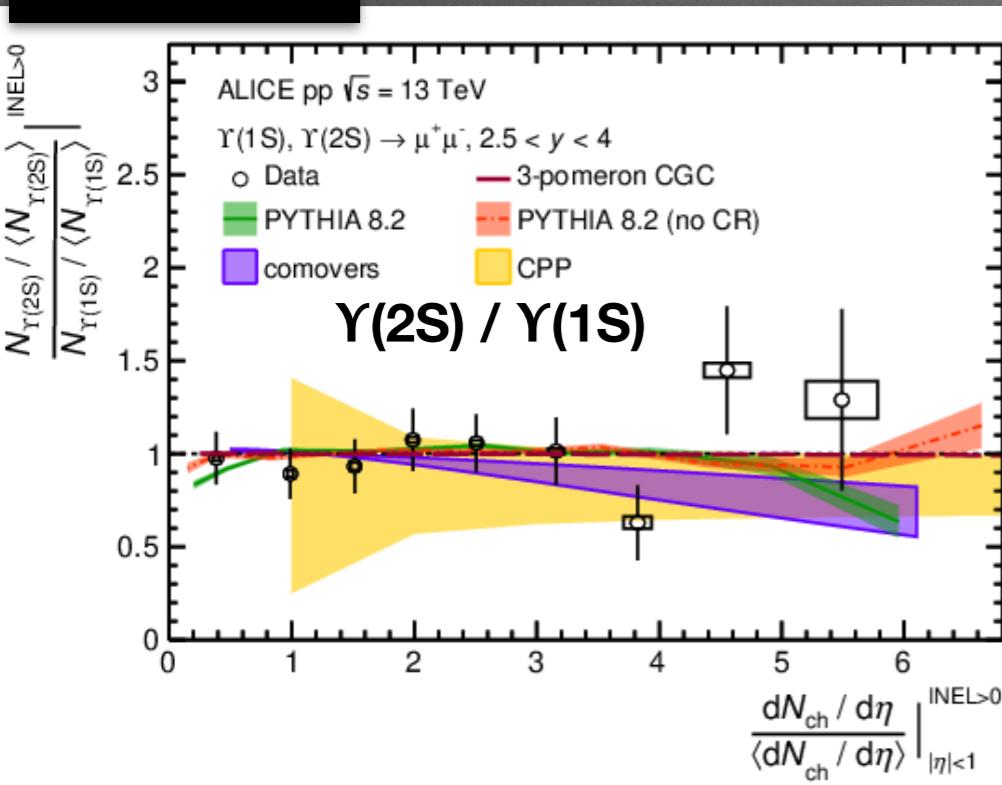
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- Large differences across  $\Upsilon(nS)$  states at low  $p_T$  are:
  - > reduced at high  $p_T$
  - > unexpected with PYTHIA event generator

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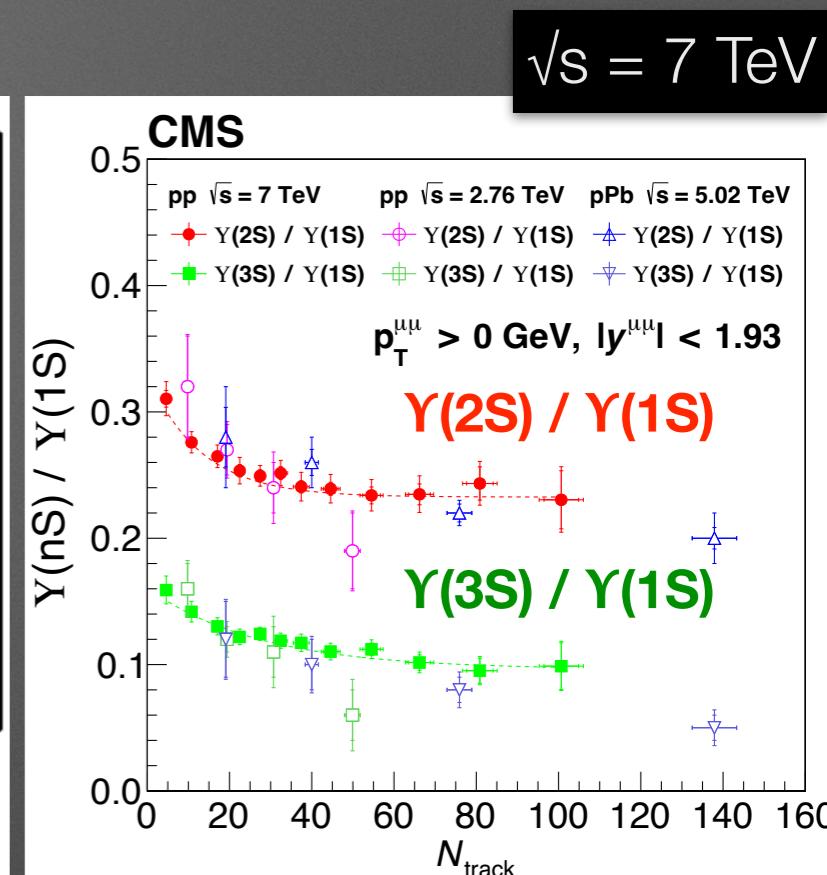
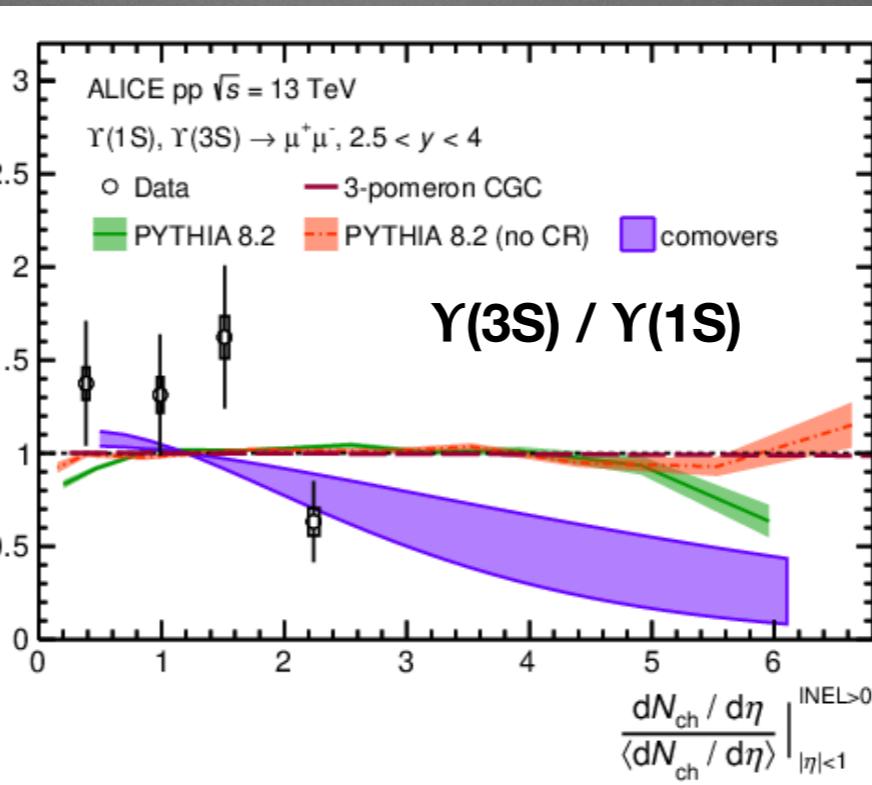
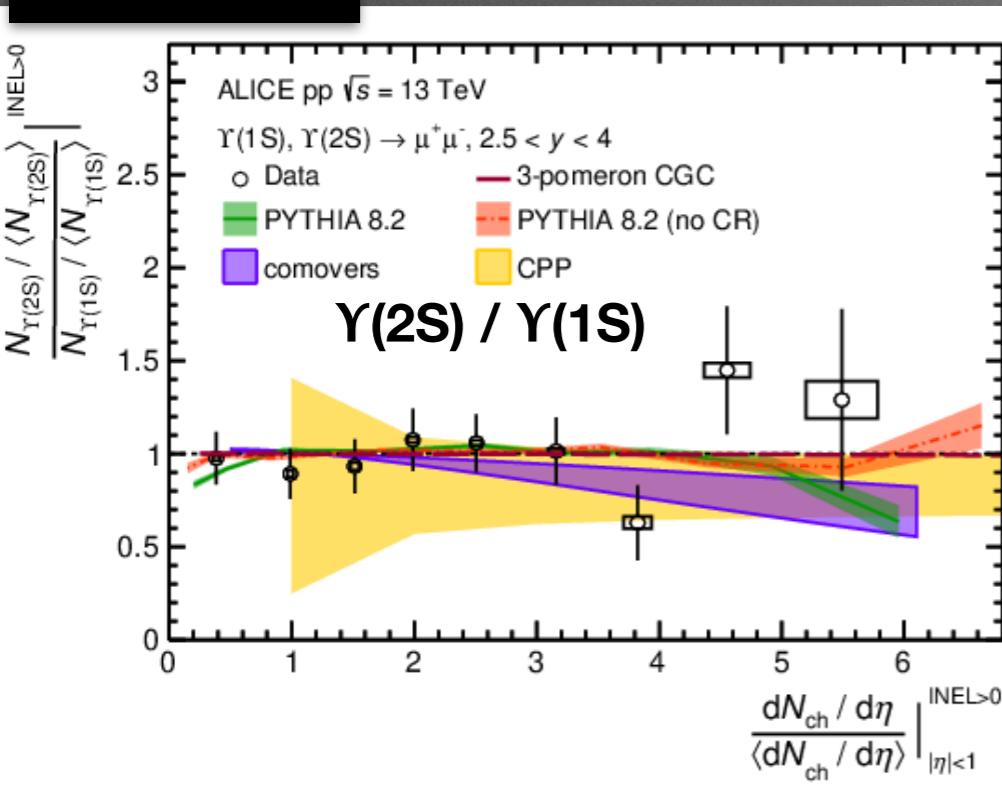
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- ▶ Test any final state (break-up ?) effect dependent on the multiplicity by removing most initial state effects in the ratios
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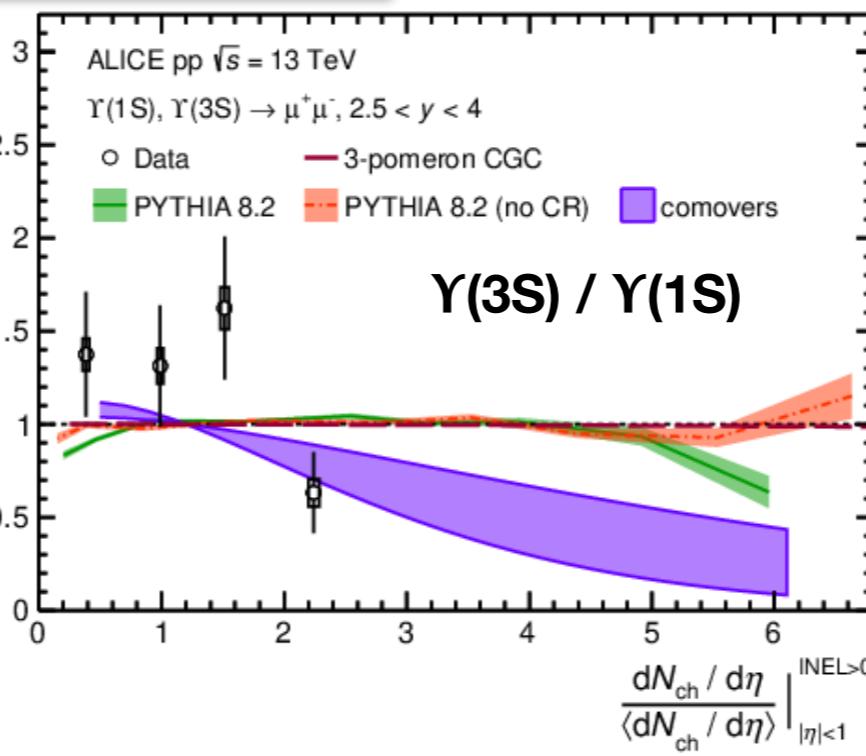
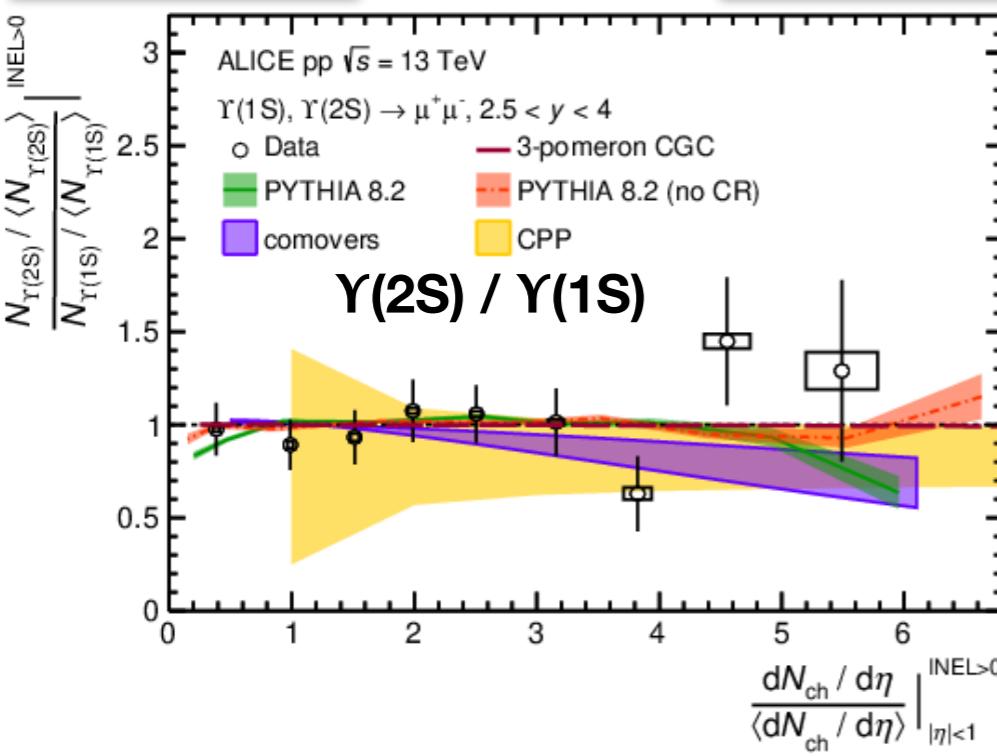
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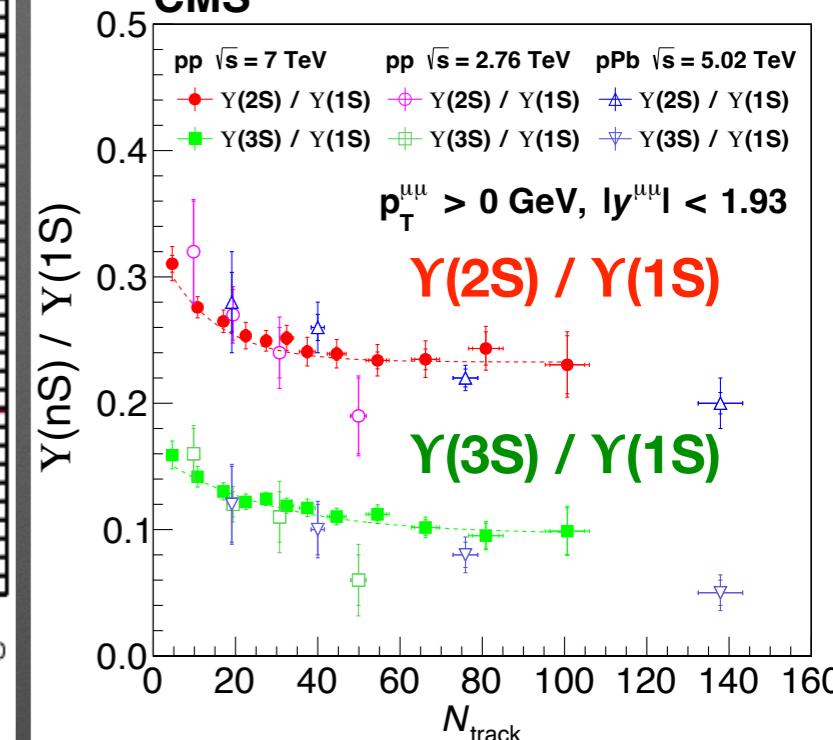
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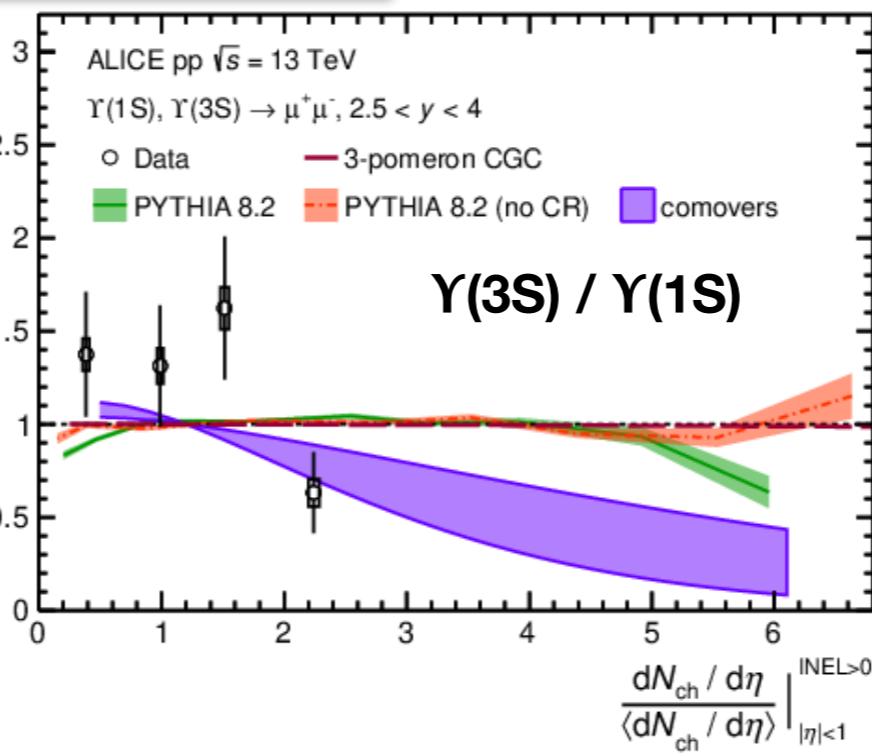
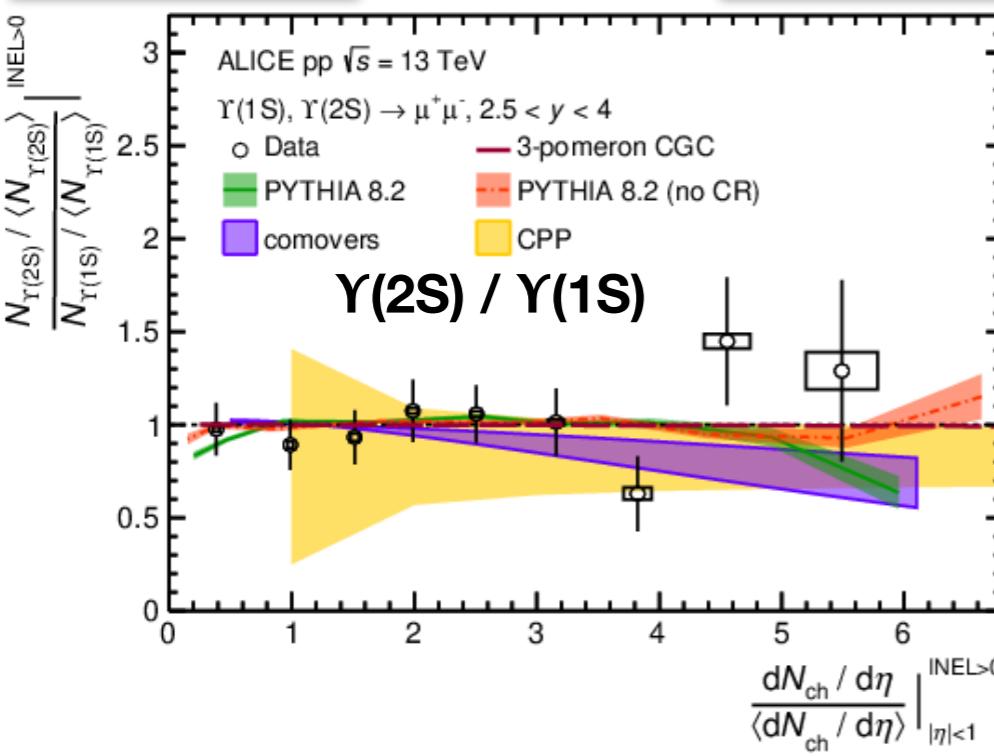
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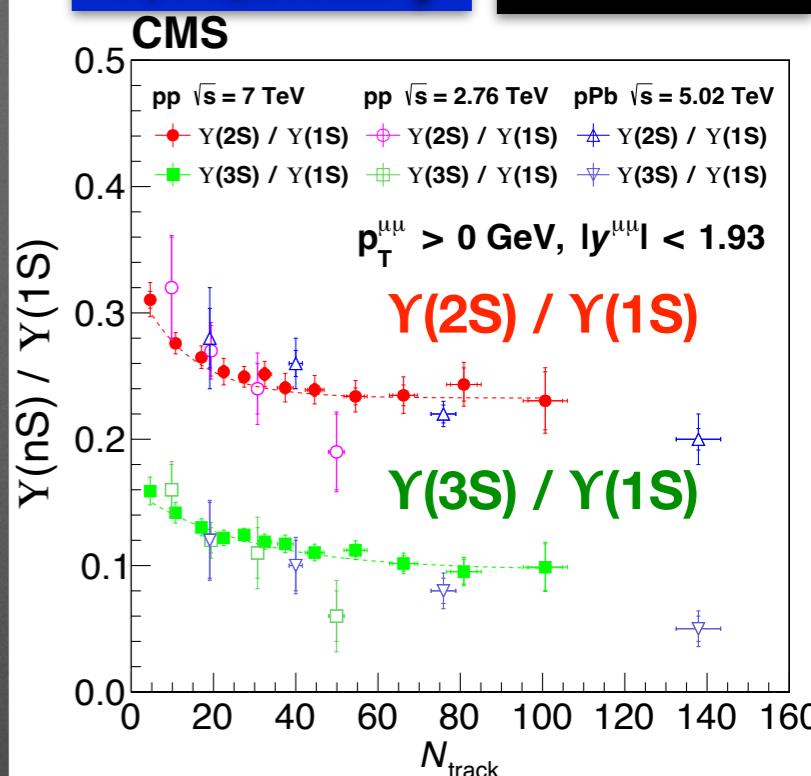
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- ▶ ALICE to CMS comparison: dataset collected during Run 2
  - ➡ Very interesting prospects in Run 3 !

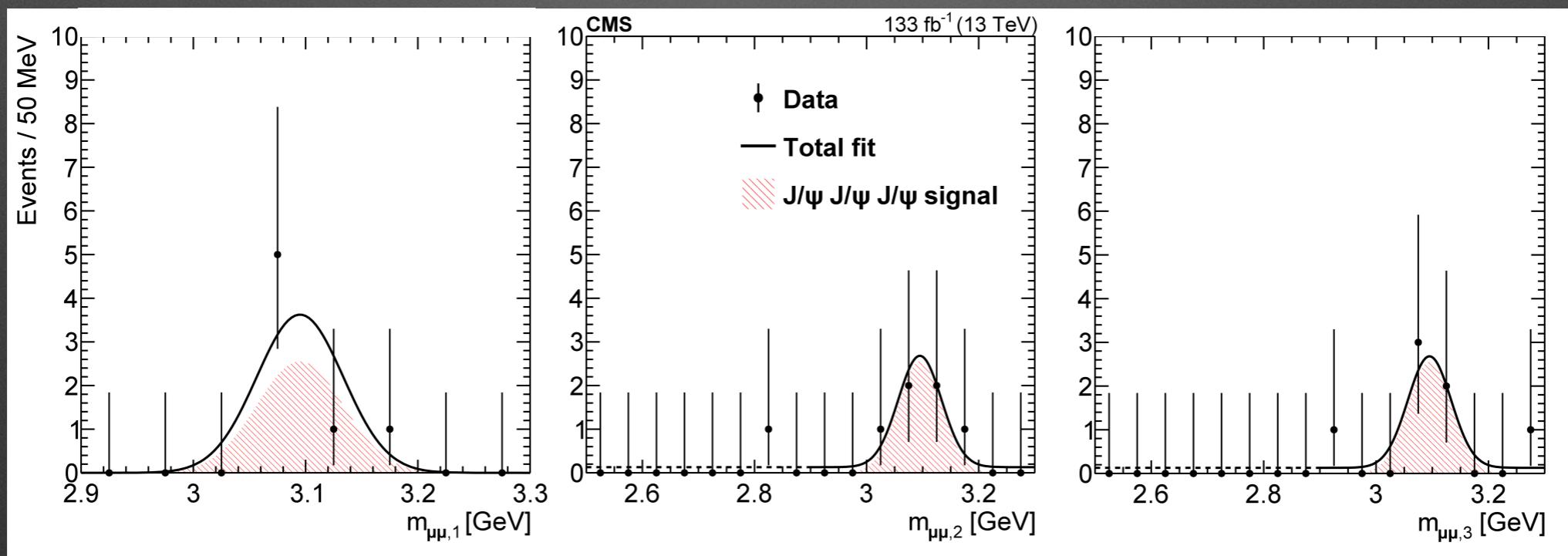
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CMS [NP 19 (2023) 3, 338]

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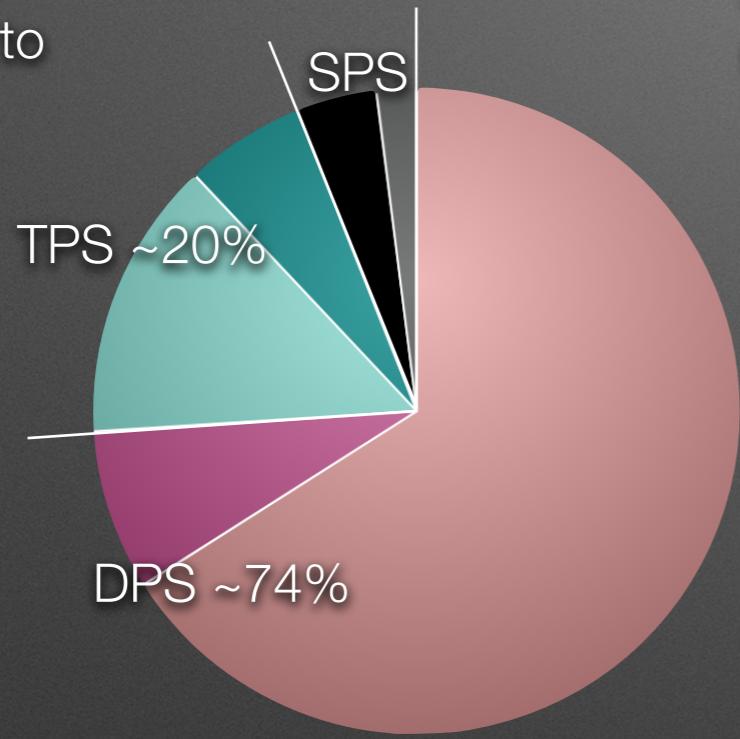


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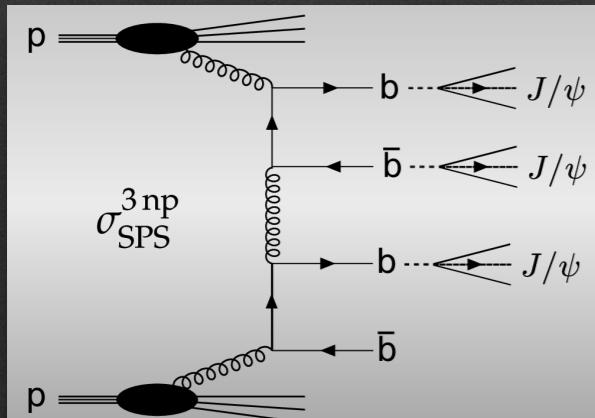
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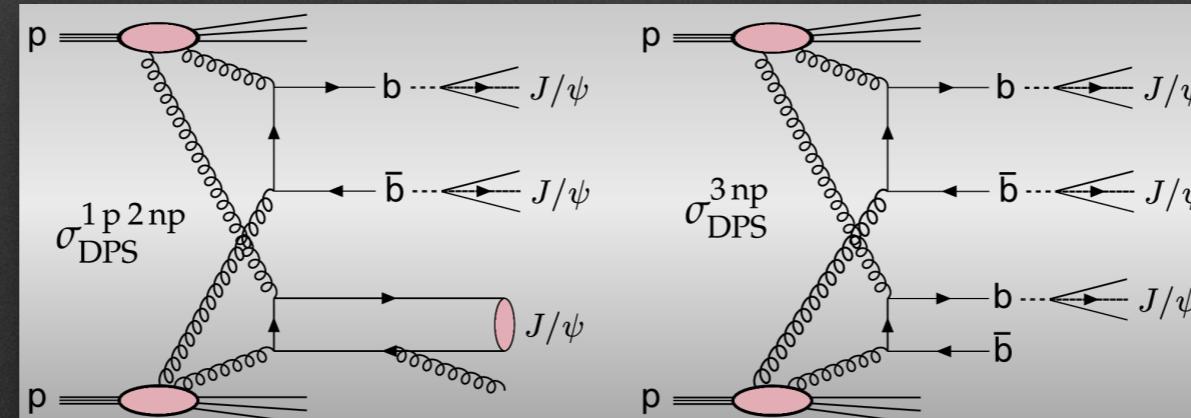
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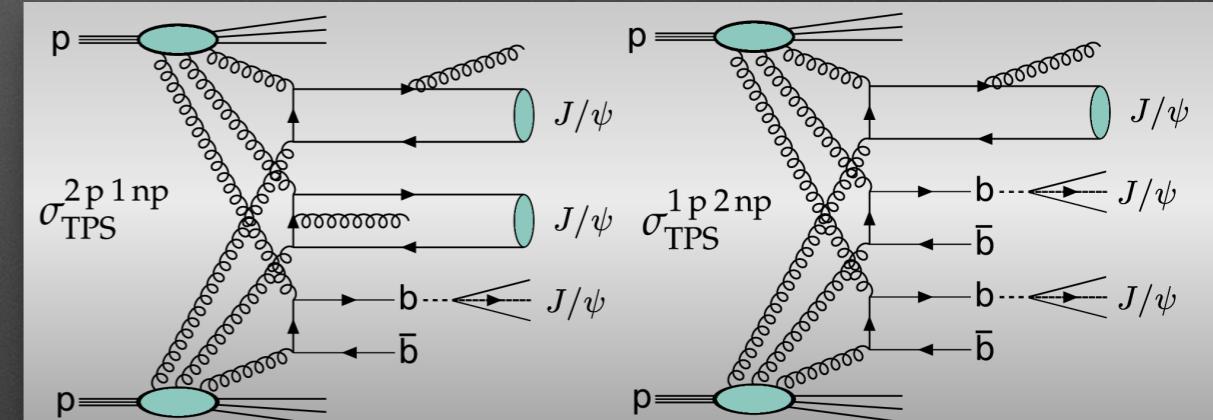


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TPS : dominant processes



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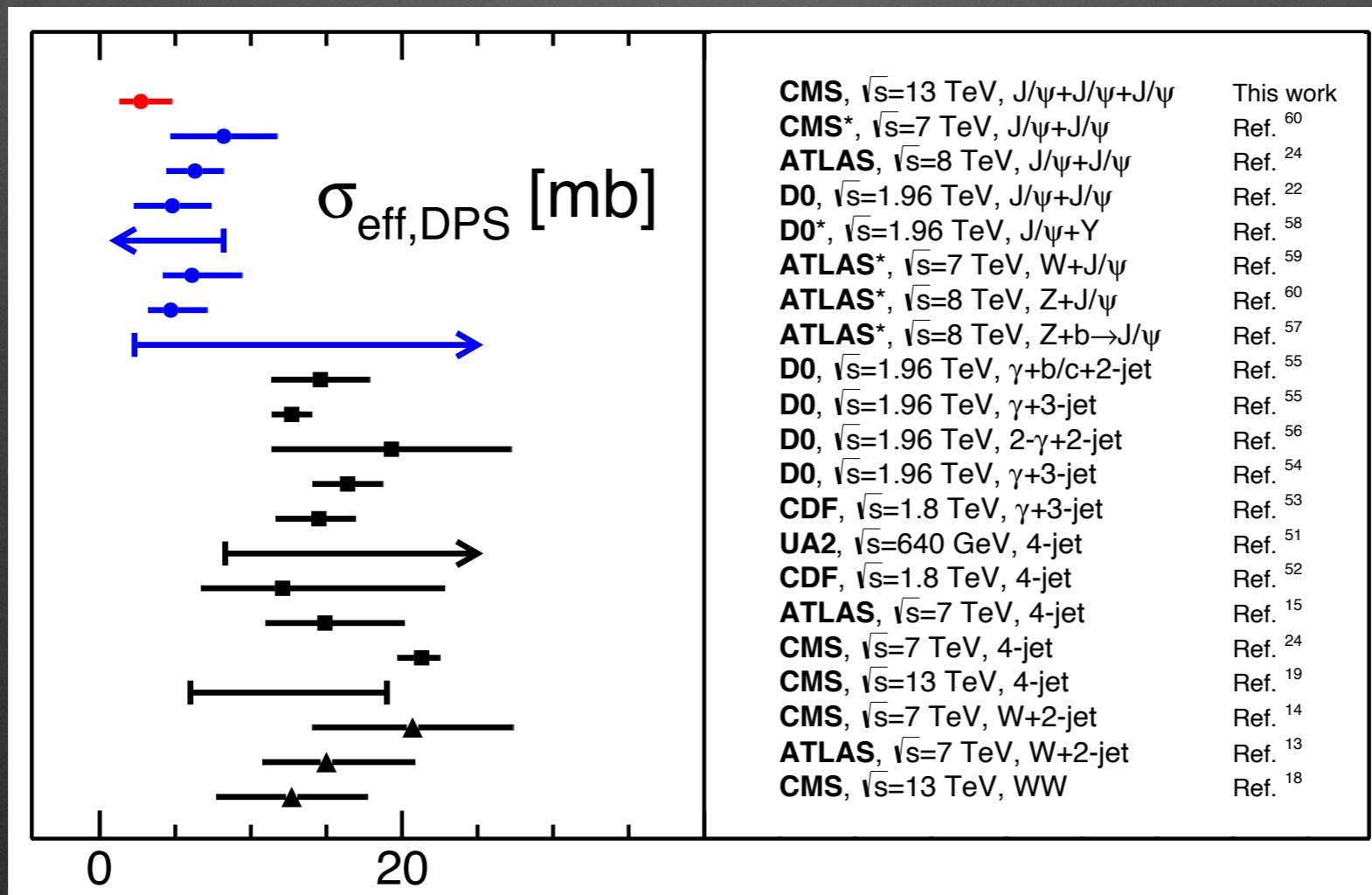
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- Extracted  $\sigma_{\text{eff,DPS}} \propto$  average (squared) transverse separation of the partons involved in the DPS

$$\sigma_{\text{DPS}}^{\text{pp} \rightarrow ab} = \left( \frac{m}{2} \right) \frac{\sigma_{\text{SPS}}^{\text{pp} \rightarrow a} \cdot \sigma_{\text{SPS}}^{\text{pp} \rightarrow b}}{\sigma_{\text{eff,DPS}}}$$

- consistent with values derived from processes mostly induced by gluon-gluon scatterings

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CMS [PLB 808 (2020) 135578]

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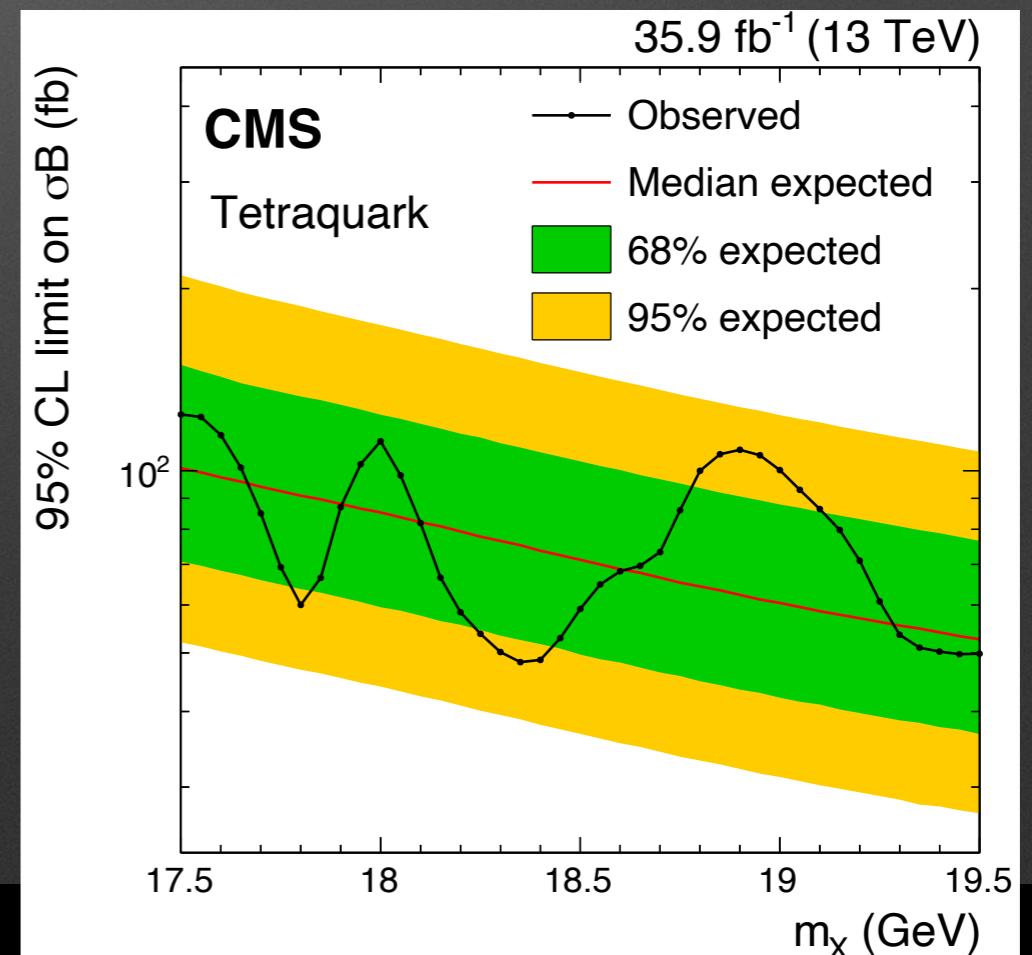
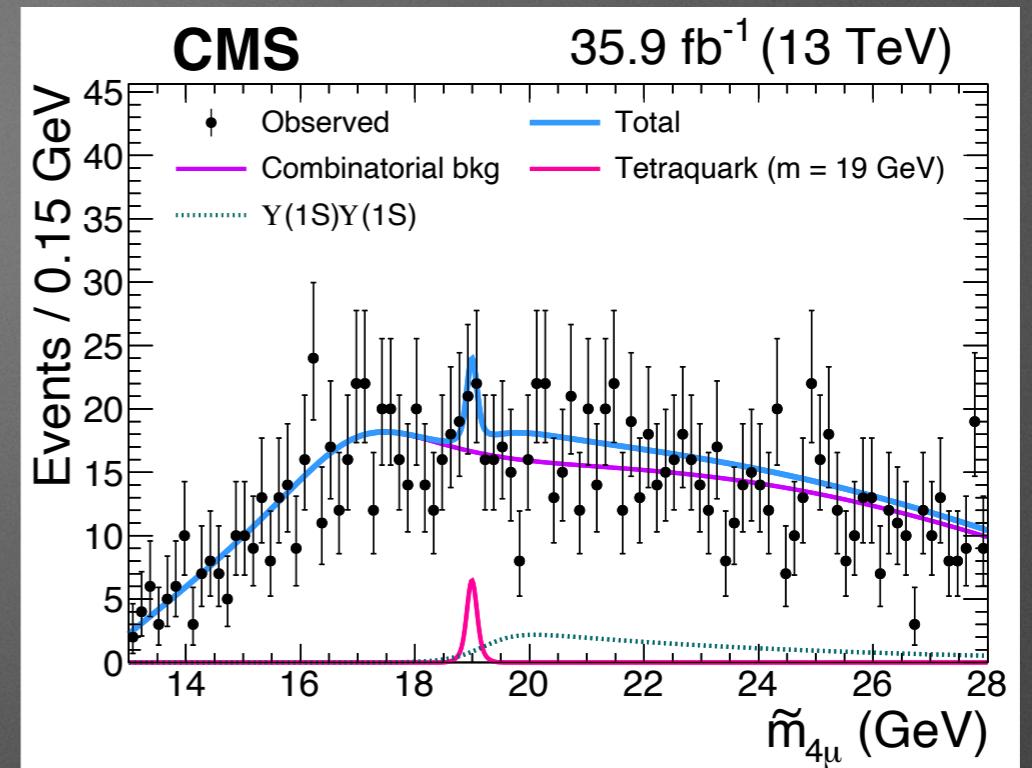
$$\downarrow \mu\mu$$

X : tetraquark, scalar, pseudoscalar, or spin-2 state

- With an estimated mass :

$$\tilde{m}_{4\mu} = m_{4\mu} - m_{\mu\mu} + m_{\Upsilon(1S)}$$

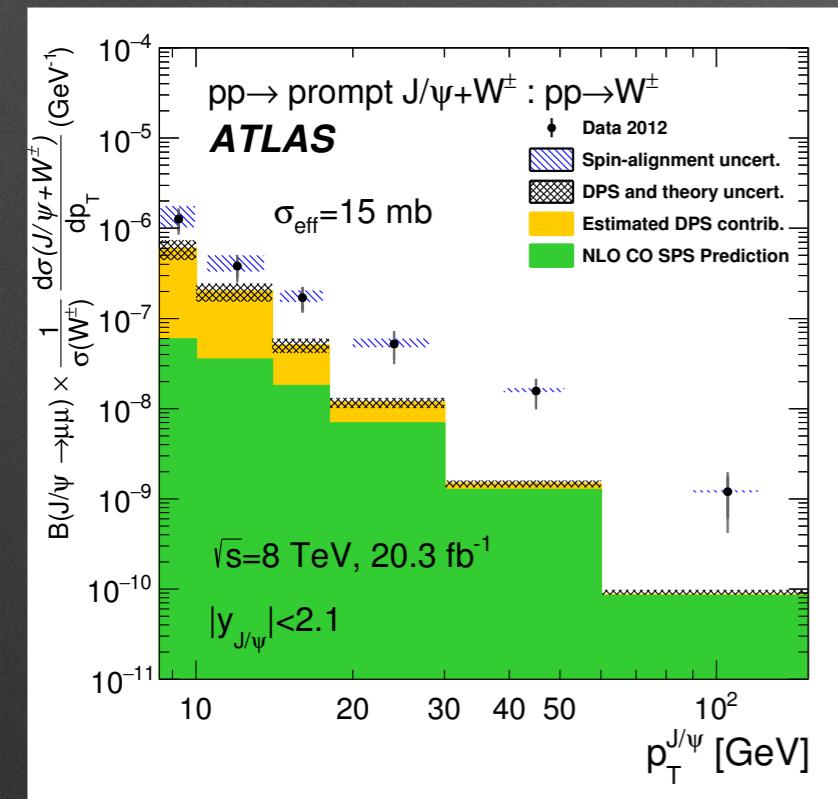
- No excess of events compatible with signal is observed in the  $\tilde{m}_{4\mu}$  distribution



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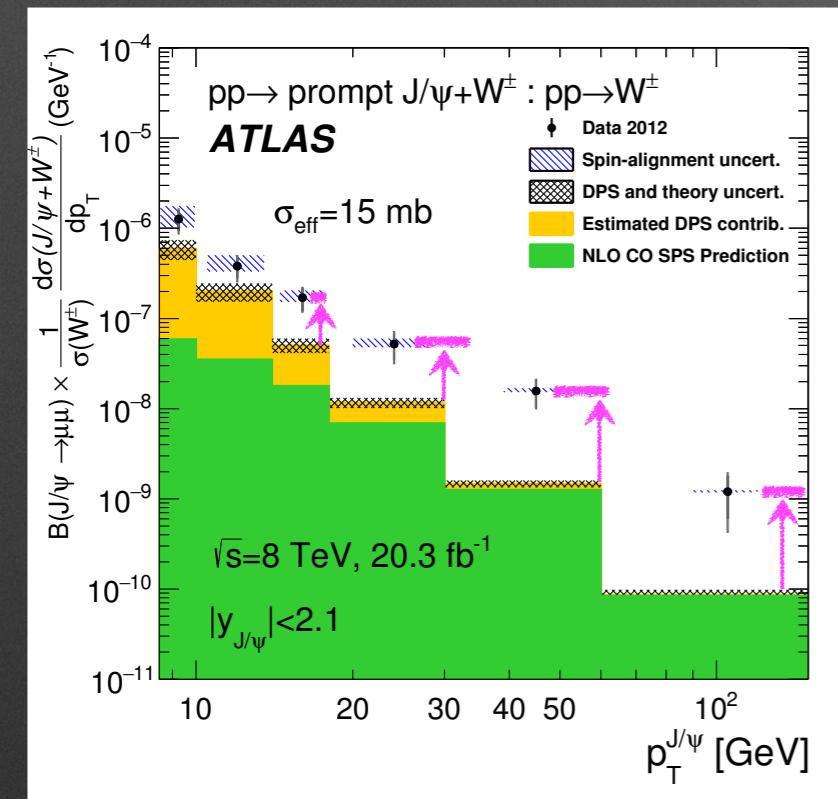
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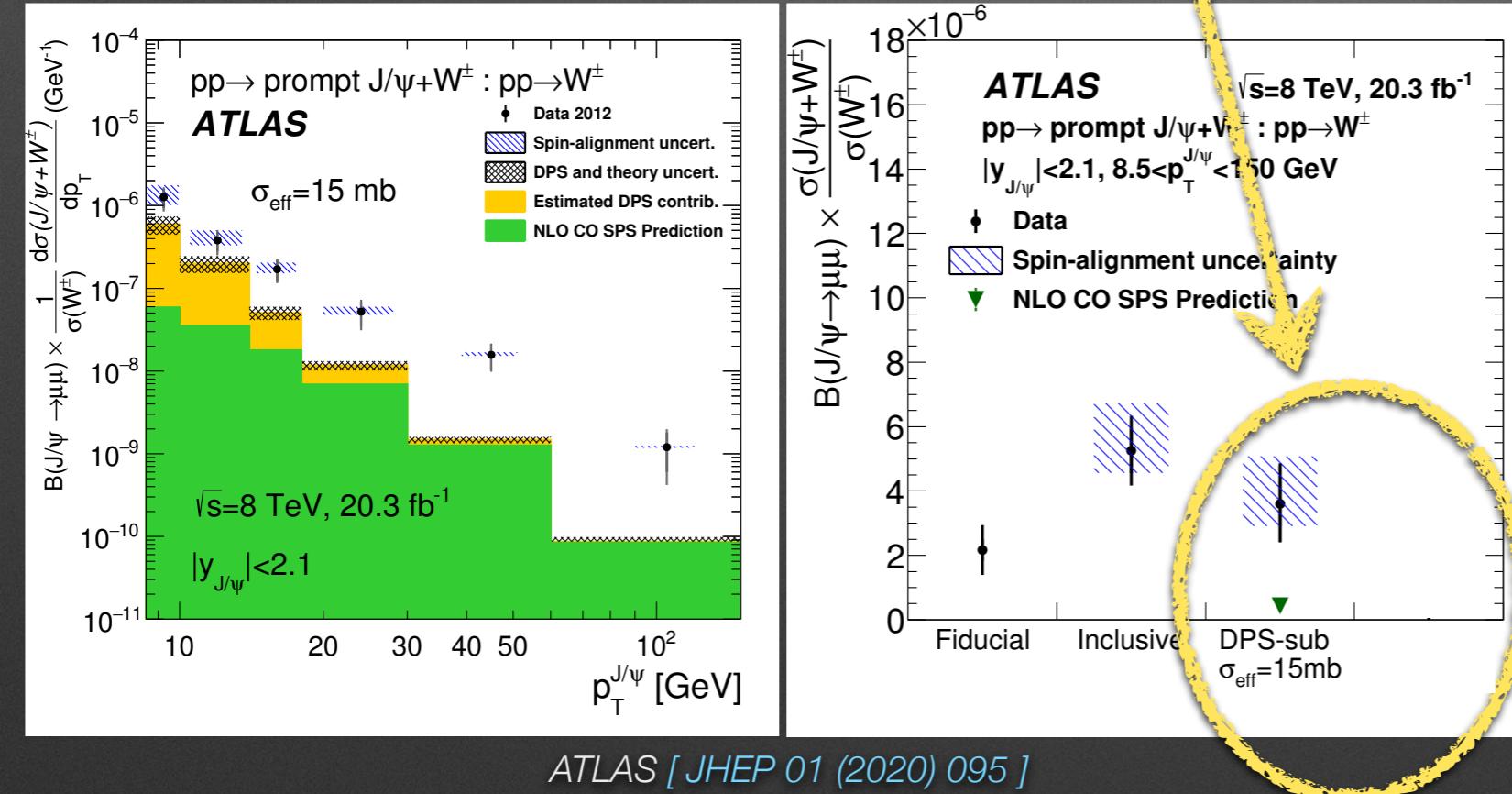
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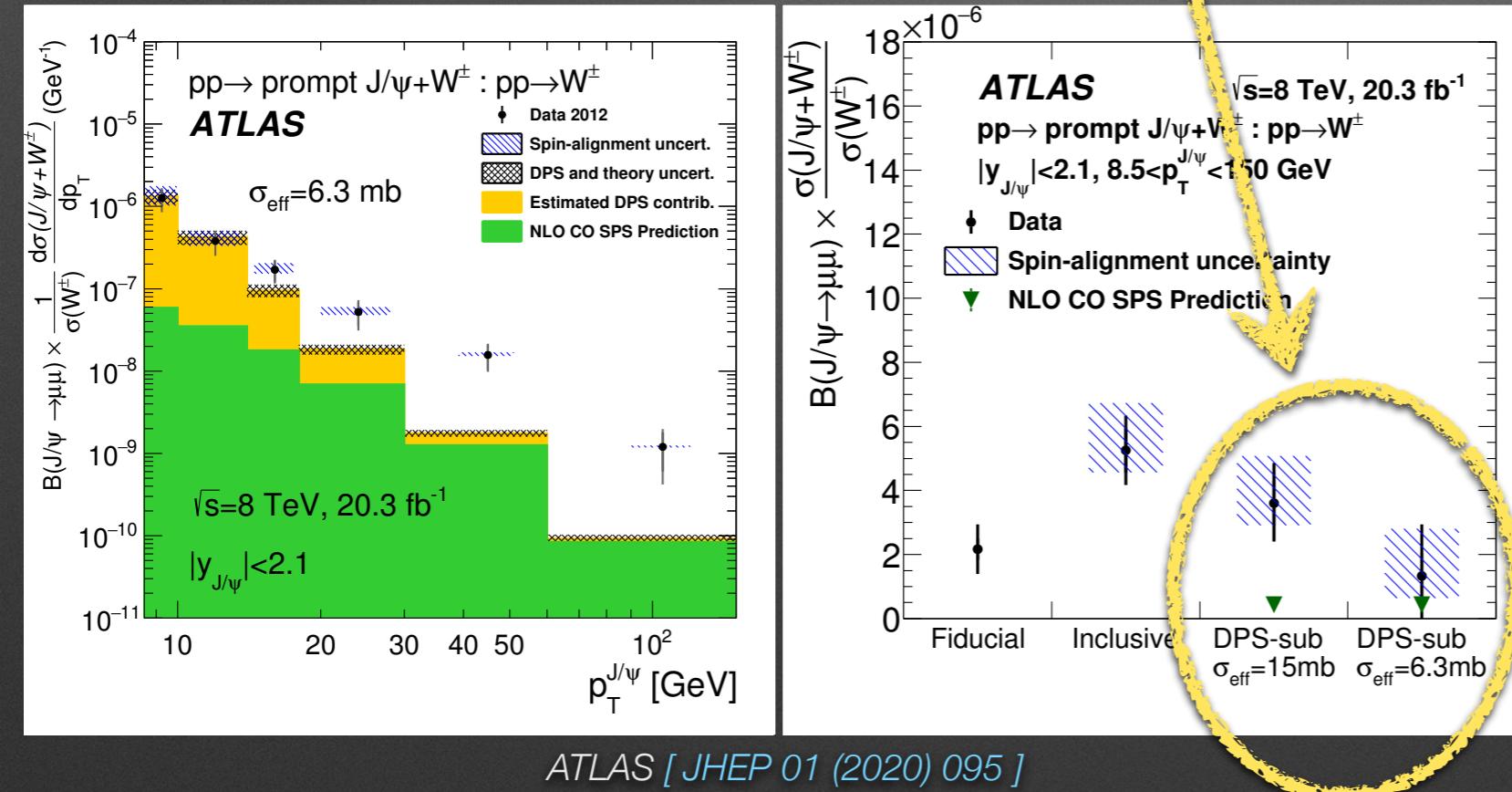


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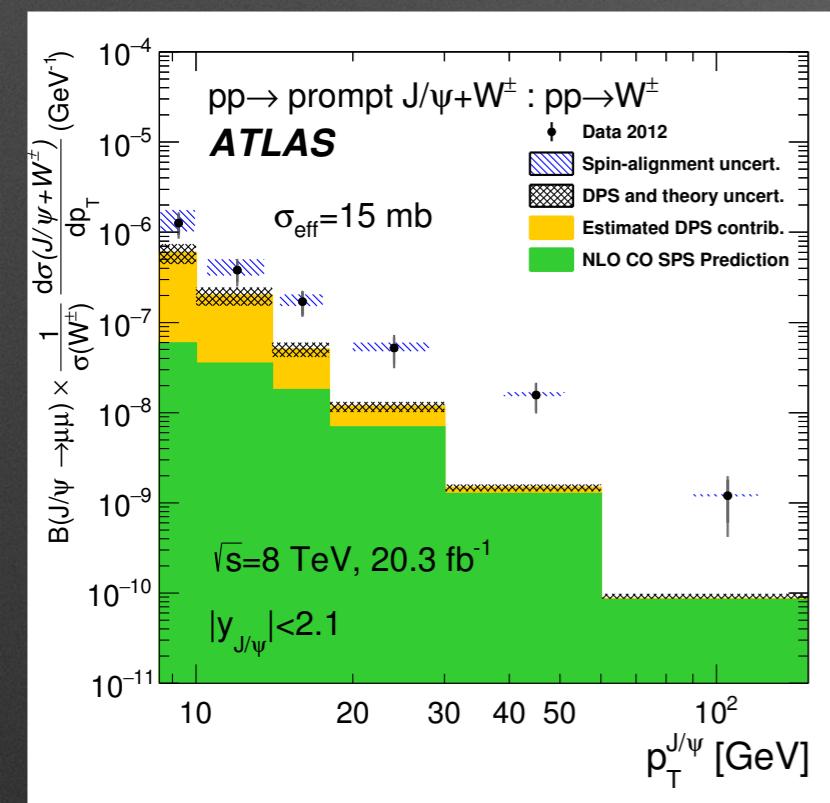


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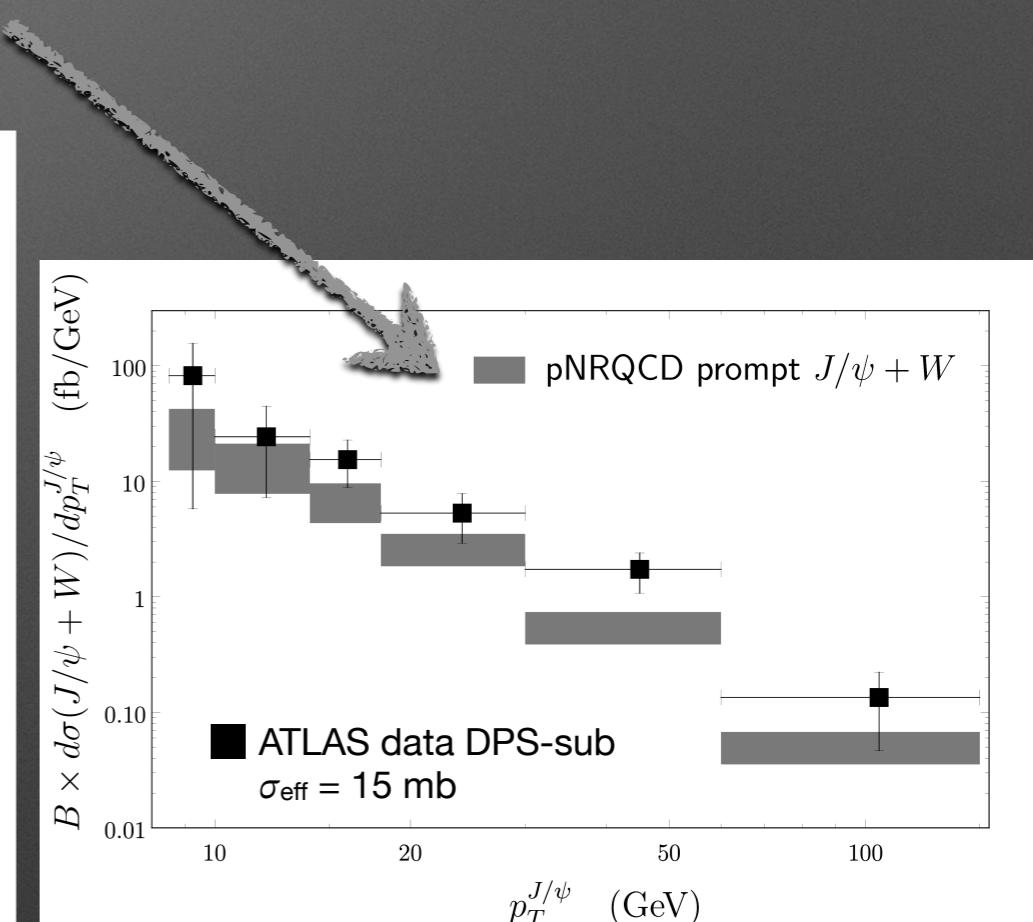
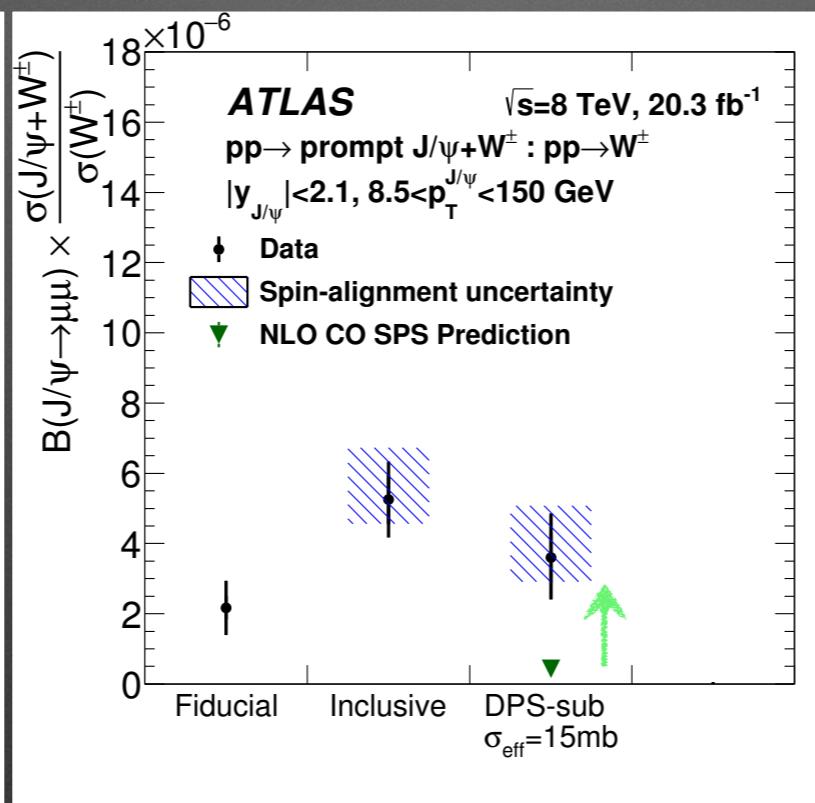
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pNRQCD, Brambilla et al. [ JHEP 03 (2023) 242 ]

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- P-wave charmonia feed-down are included
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- LDMEs extracted from joint fit of LHC data of prompt J/ψ, ψ(2S), Υ(2S) and Υ(3S)

# Summary

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  - exploratory means to search for and study exotic resonances
- ▶ Looking forward to upcoming results from LHC Run 3 !

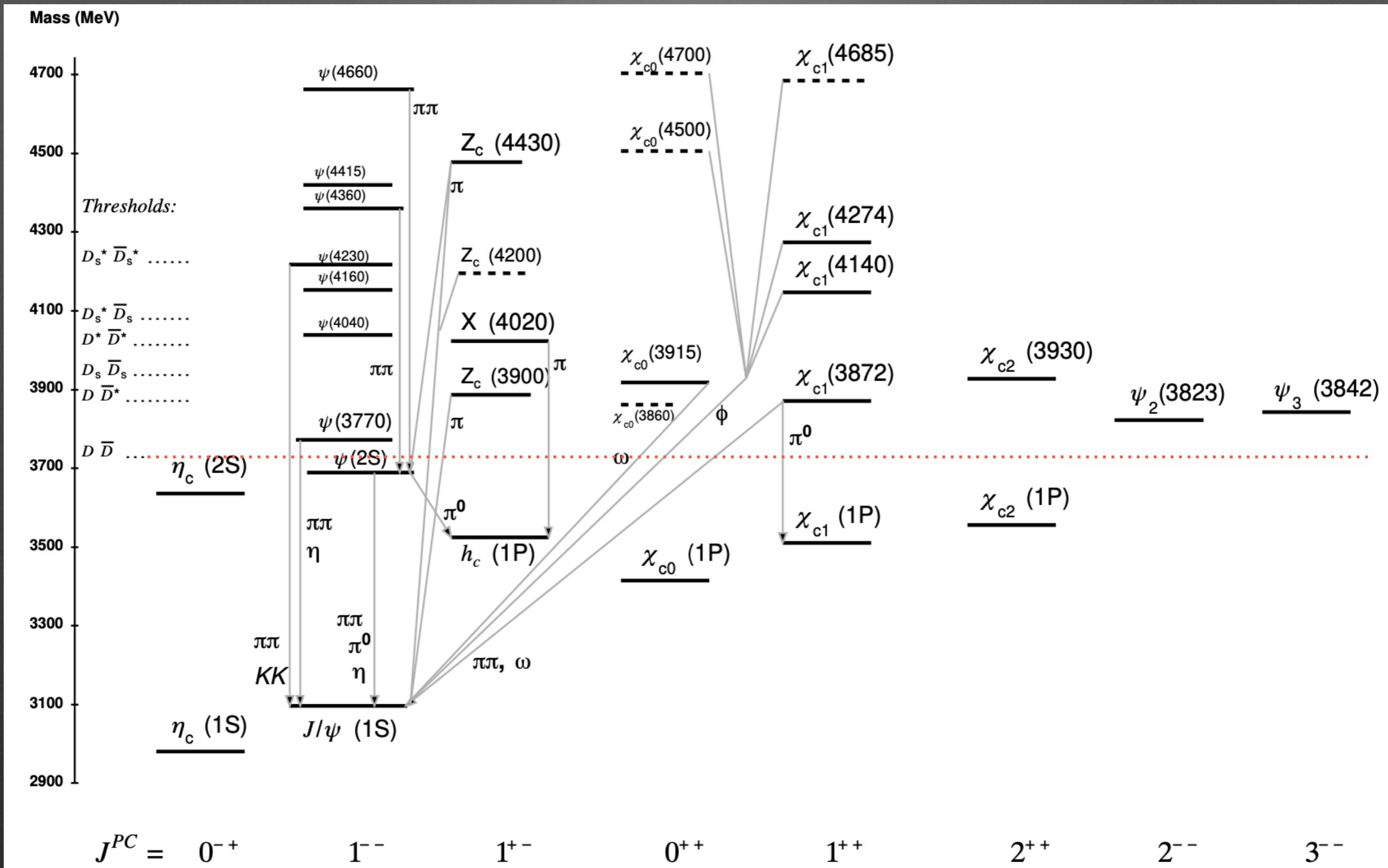
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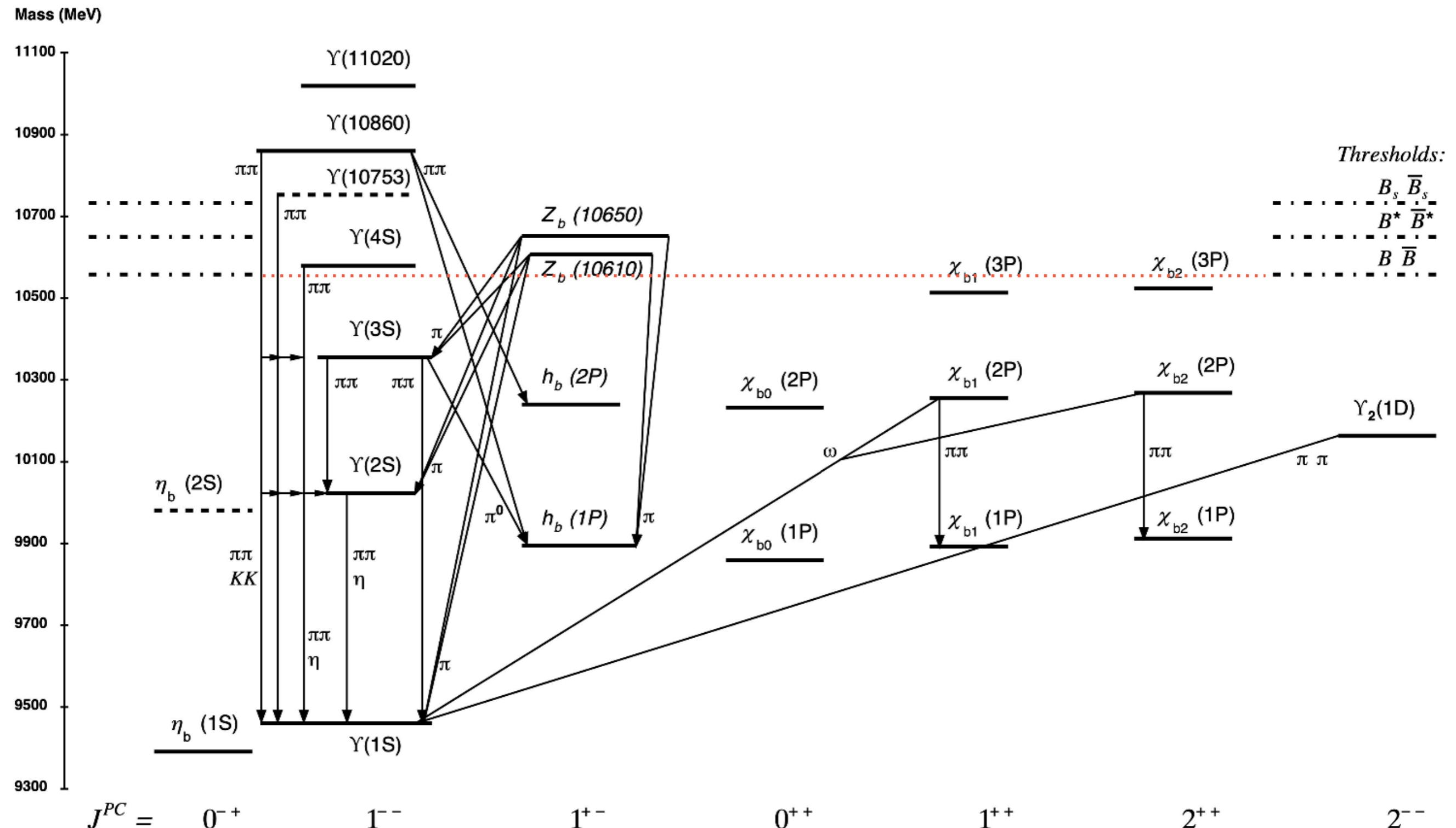
# Charmonium system

PDG [ *Prog.Theor.Exp.Phys.* 2022, 083C01 ]



# Bottomonium system

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# Polarisation of P-wave charmonia

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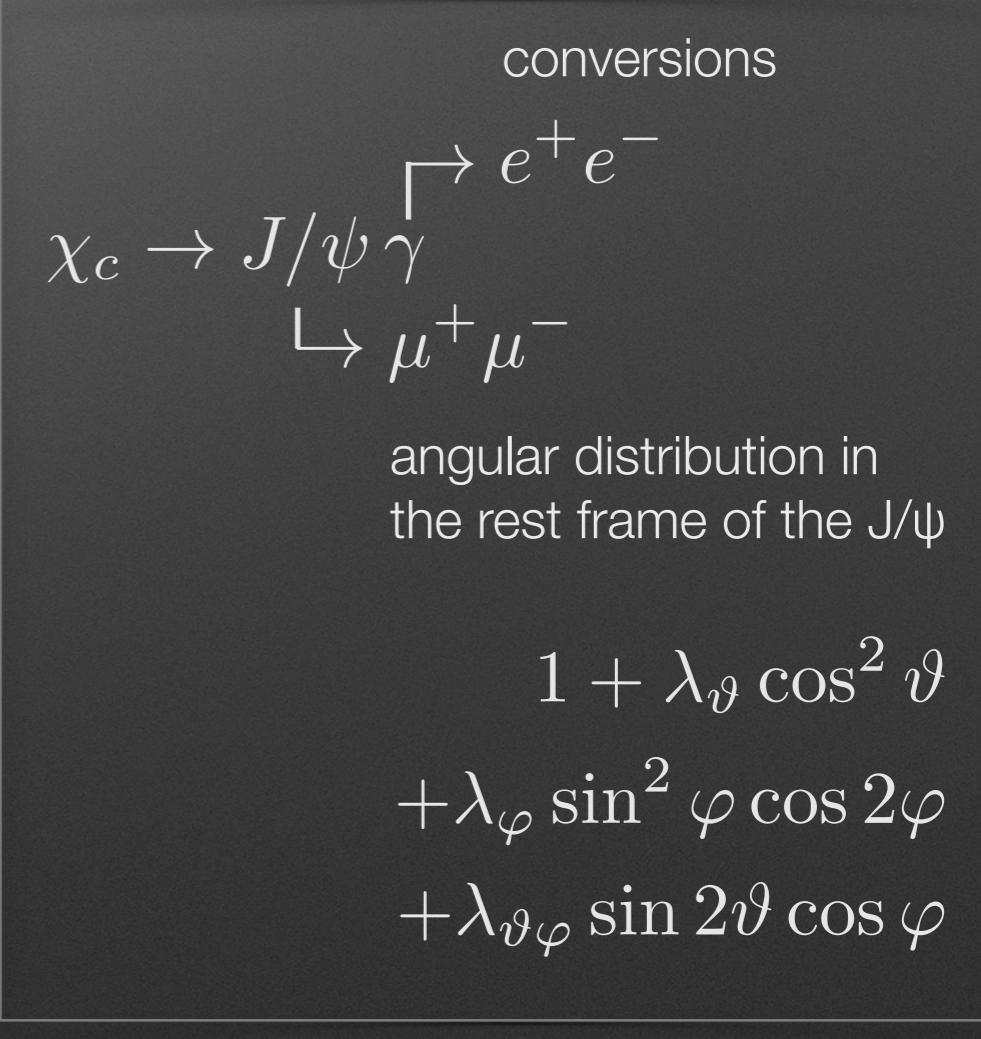
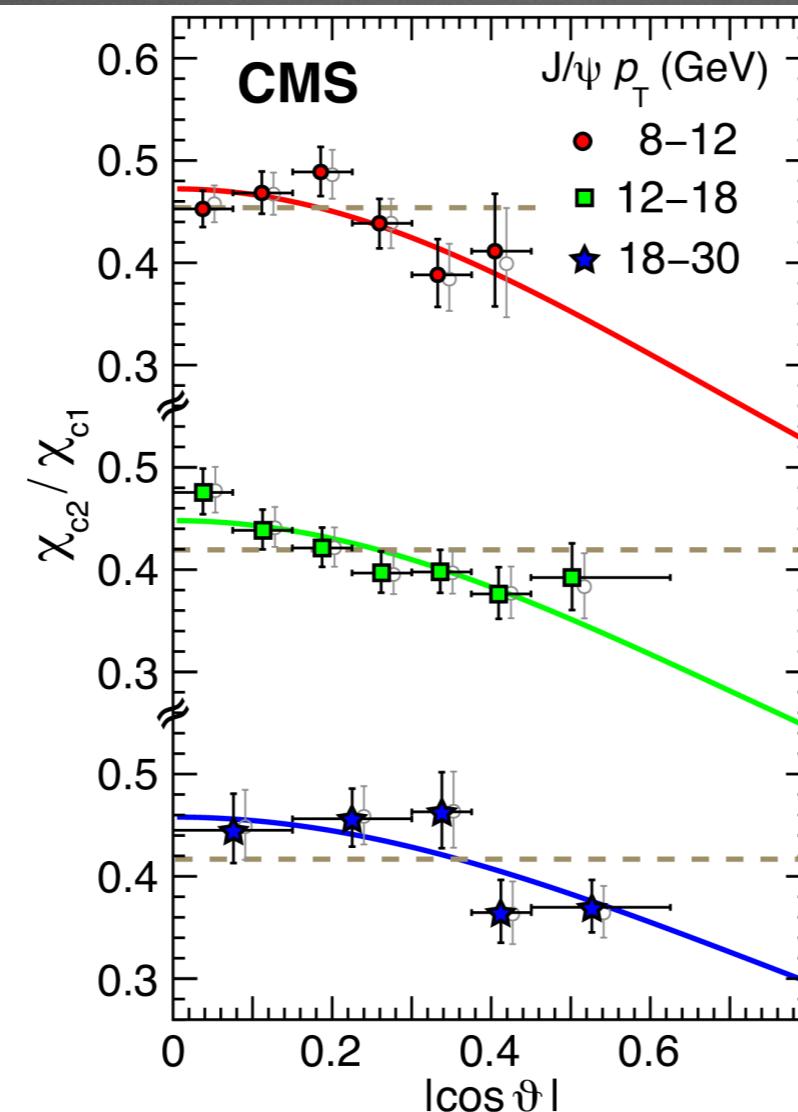
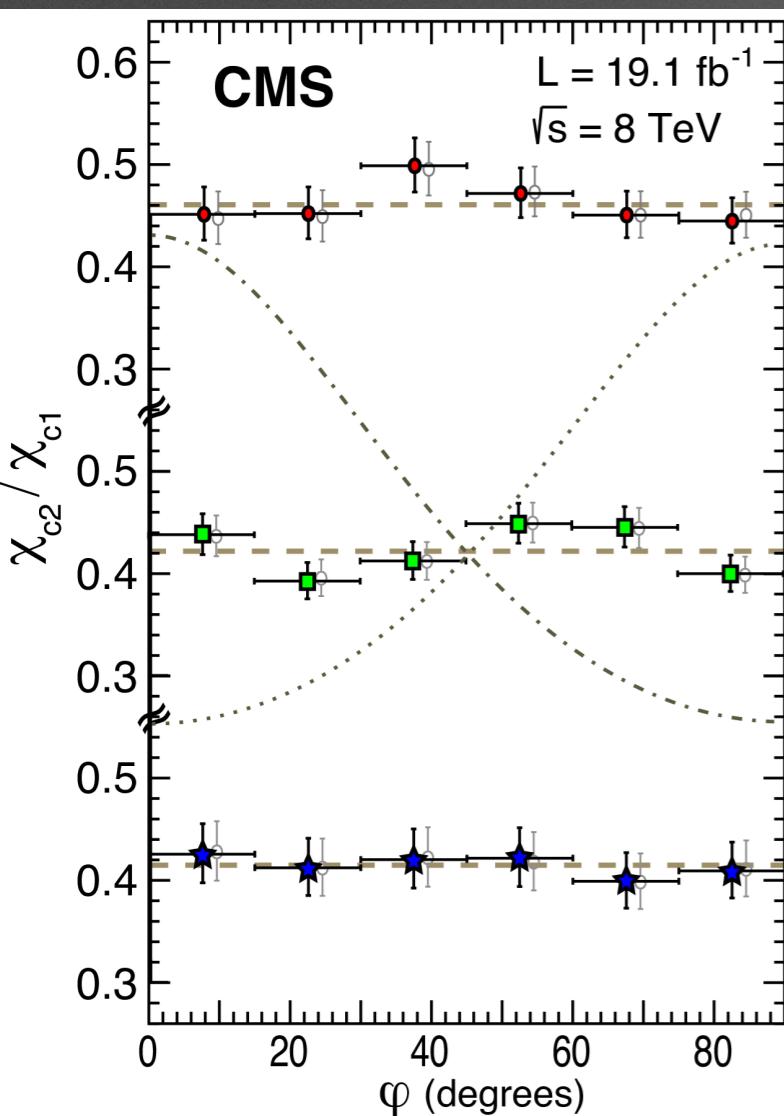
- Within NRQCD,  $\chi_{c1}$  and  $\chi_{c2}$  polarisations can be predicted with a single CO (color octet) parameter from  $\chi_{c2}/\chi_{c1}$  cross-section ratio
- « Relative » polarisation study of  $\chi_{c2}$  vs  $\chi_{c1}$

NRQCD prediction Faccioli et al. [EPJ C 78 (2018) 3, 268]

CMS [PRL 124 (2020) 16, 162002]

$\chi_{c2}/\chi_{c1}$  yield ratios

— NRQCD scenario  
- - - unpolarised scenario

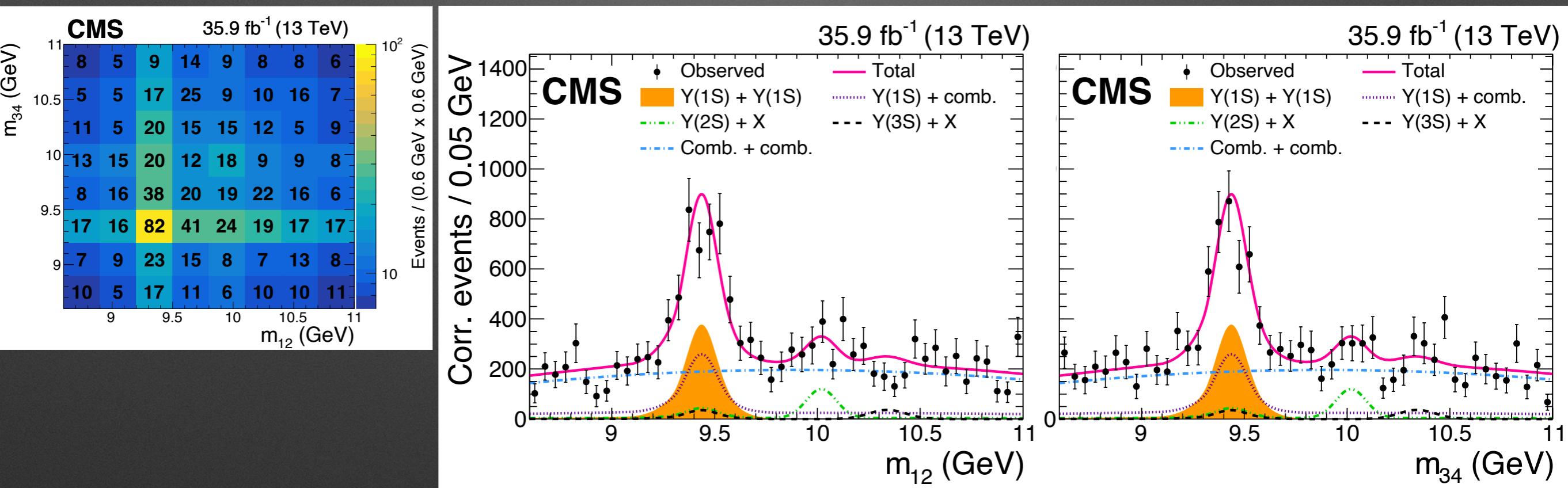


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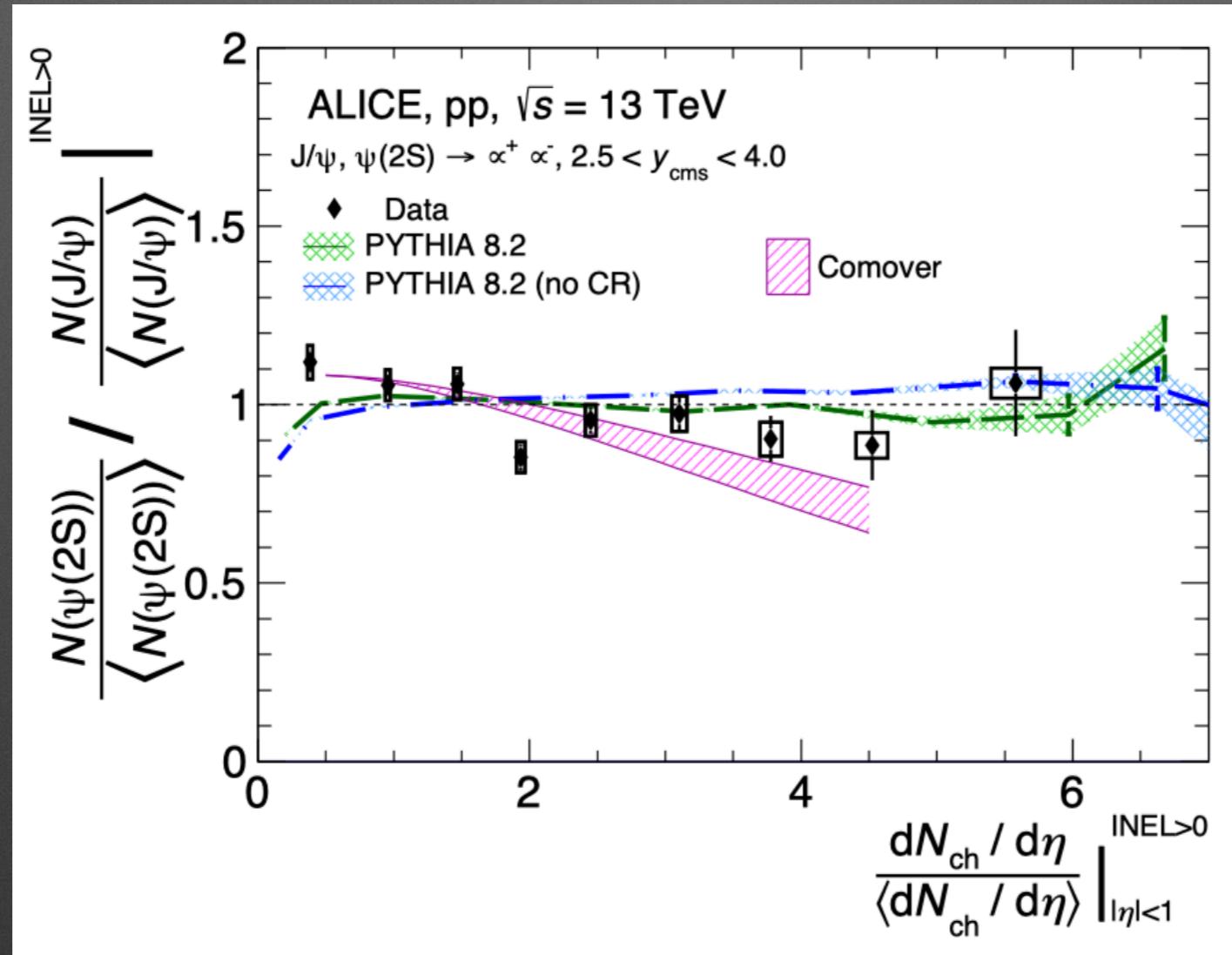
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# $\Psi(2S) / J/\psi$ ratio vs multiplicity

$\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$

ALICE [[arXiv:2204.10253](https://arxiv.org/abs/2204.10253)]

Comovers, Ferreiro [[PLB 749 \(2015\) 98](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.plb.2015.02.011)]

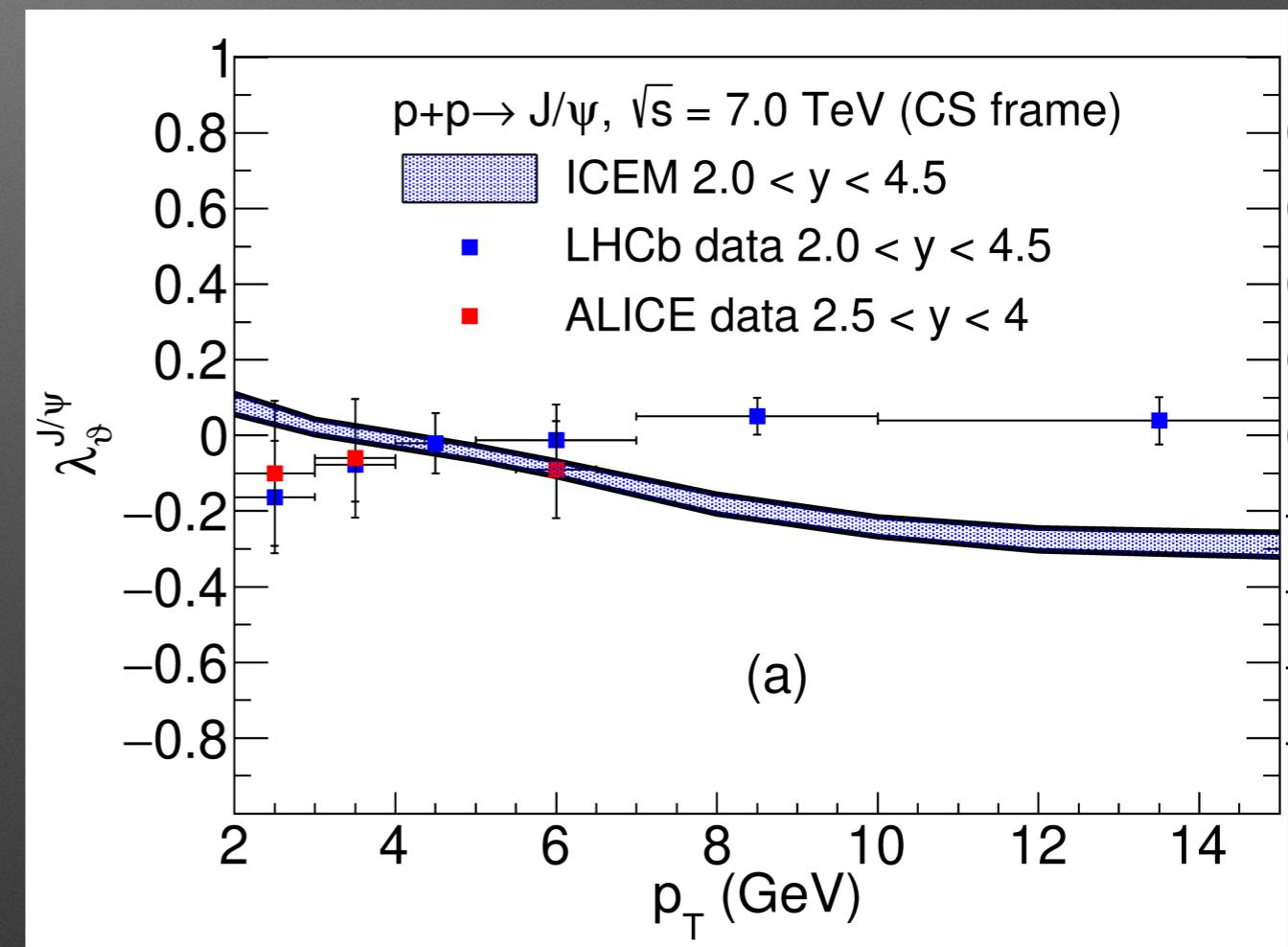
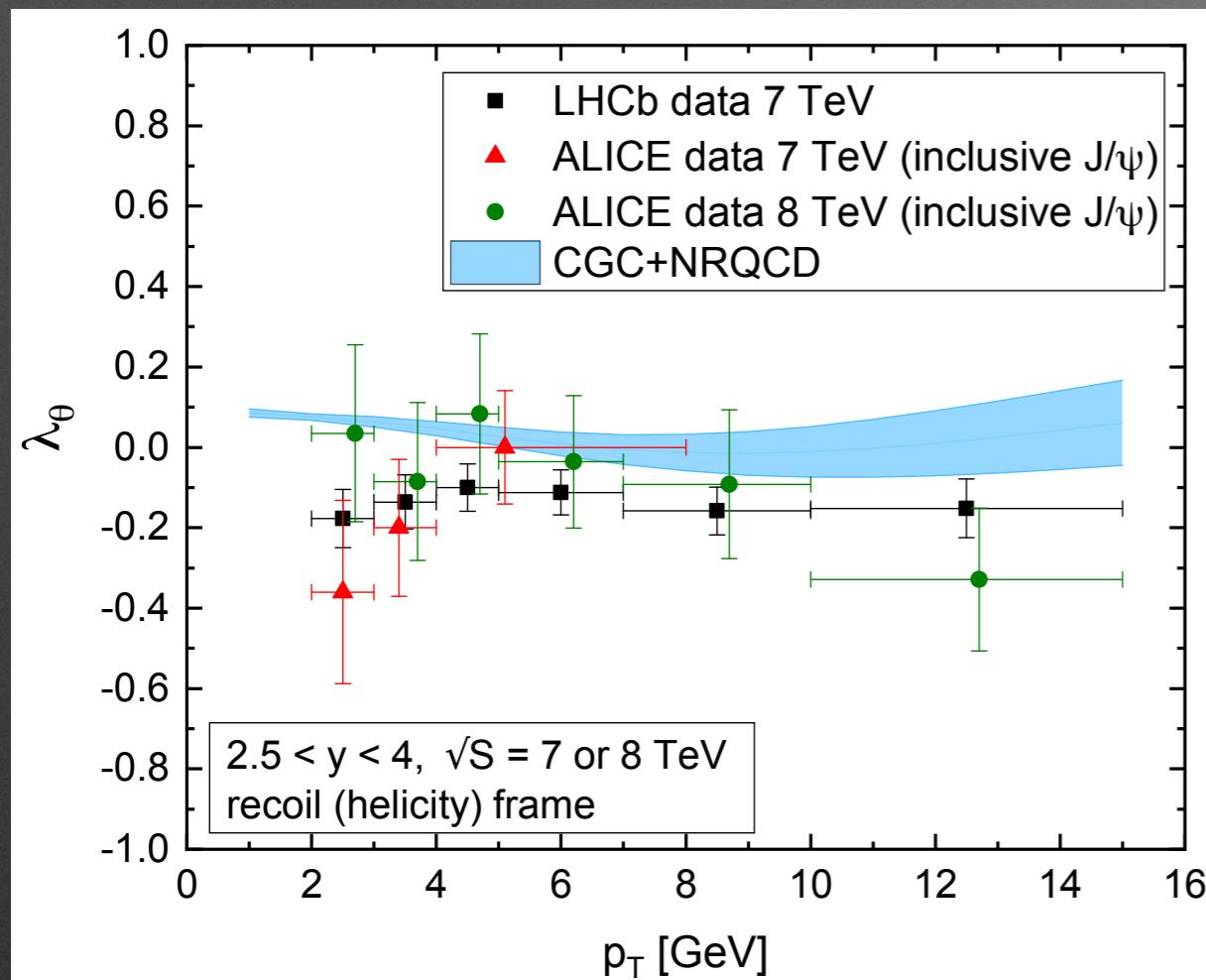


- Excited-to-ground state ratio is also measured in the charmonium sector
- Compatible with unity and model calculations

# J/ $\psi$ polarisation

$\sqrt{s} = 7, 8 \text{ TeV}$ , forward- $y$

ALICE [PRL 108 (2012) 082001]  
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 LHCb [EPJ C 73 (2013) 11, 2631]

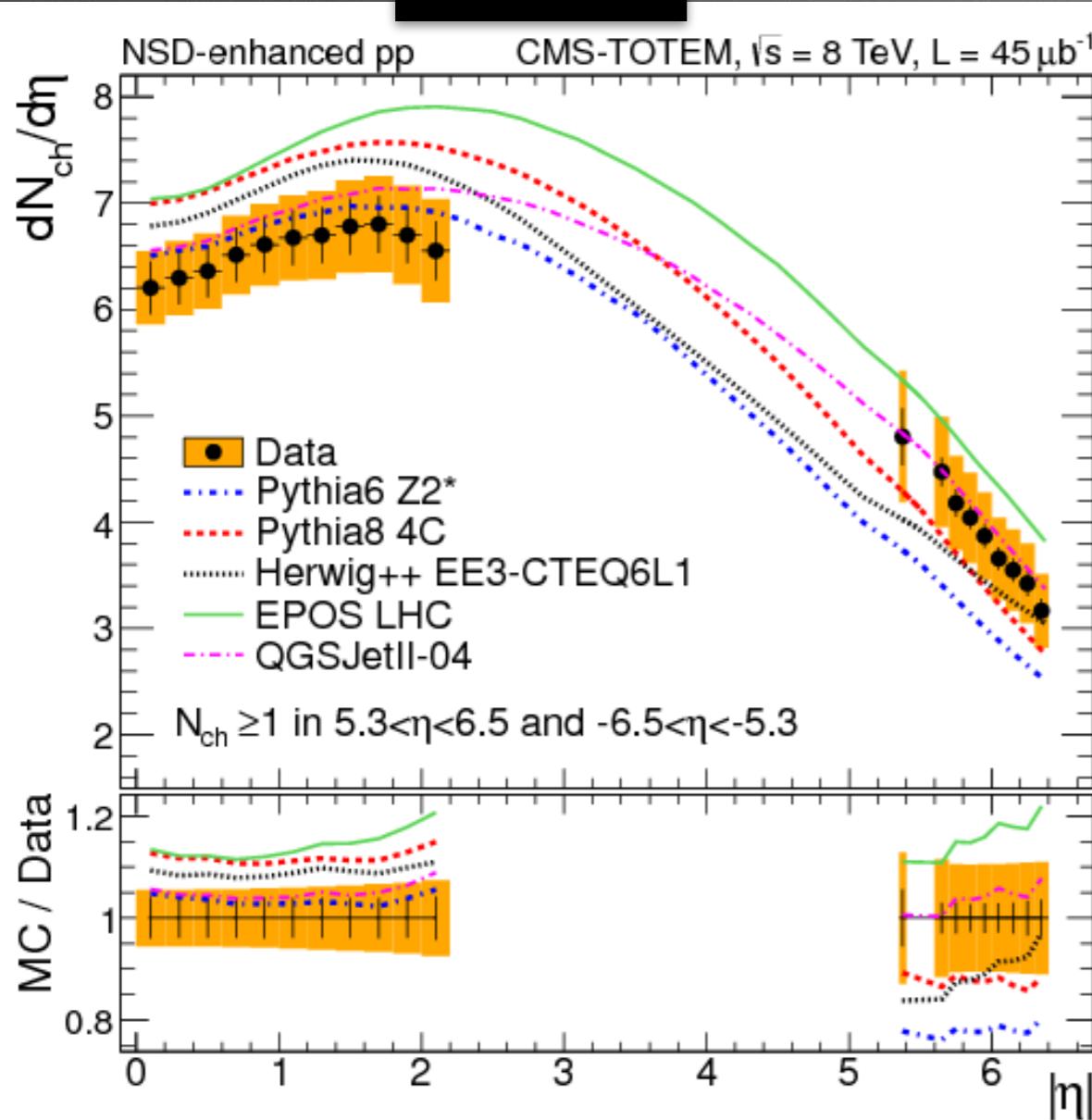


CGC + NRQCD, Ma et al. [JHEP 12 (2018) 057]

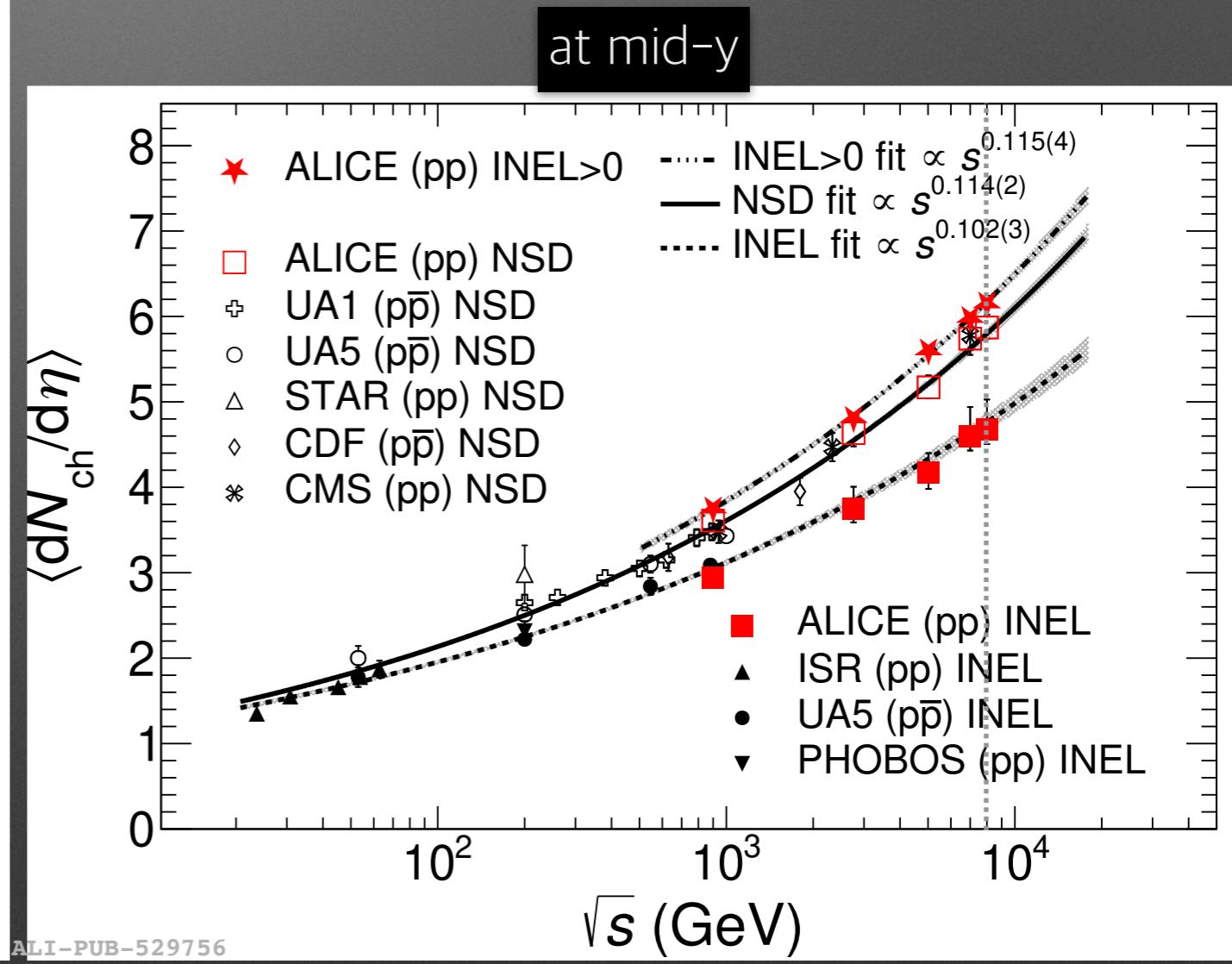
ICEM, Cheung, Vogt [PRD 104 (2021) 9, 094026]

# Pseudorapidity densities of charged particles in pp collisions

$\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$



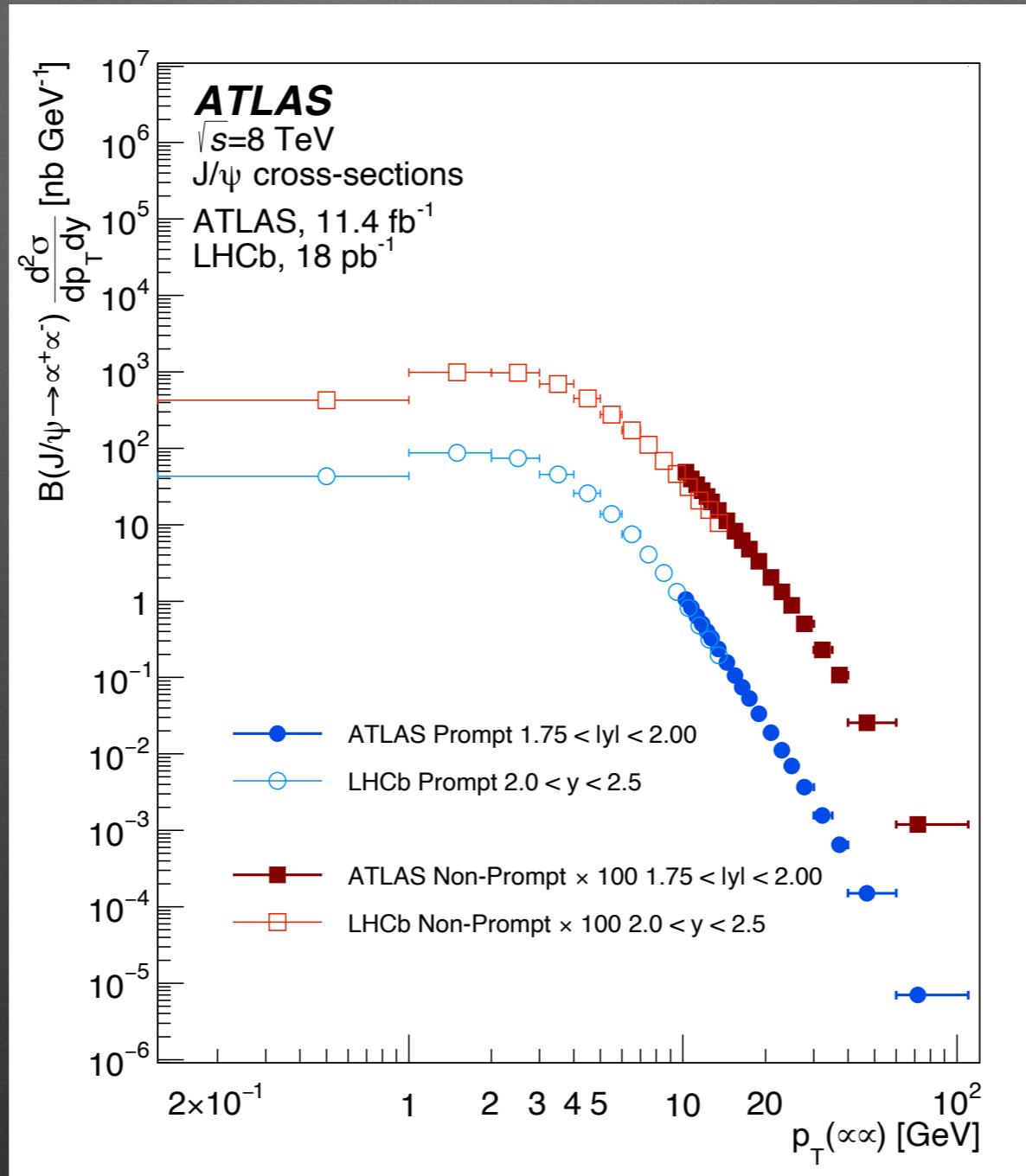
CMS-TOTEM [EPJ C 74 (2014) 10, 3053]



ALICE [arXiv:2211.15364]

# J/ $\psi$ $p_T$ spectra

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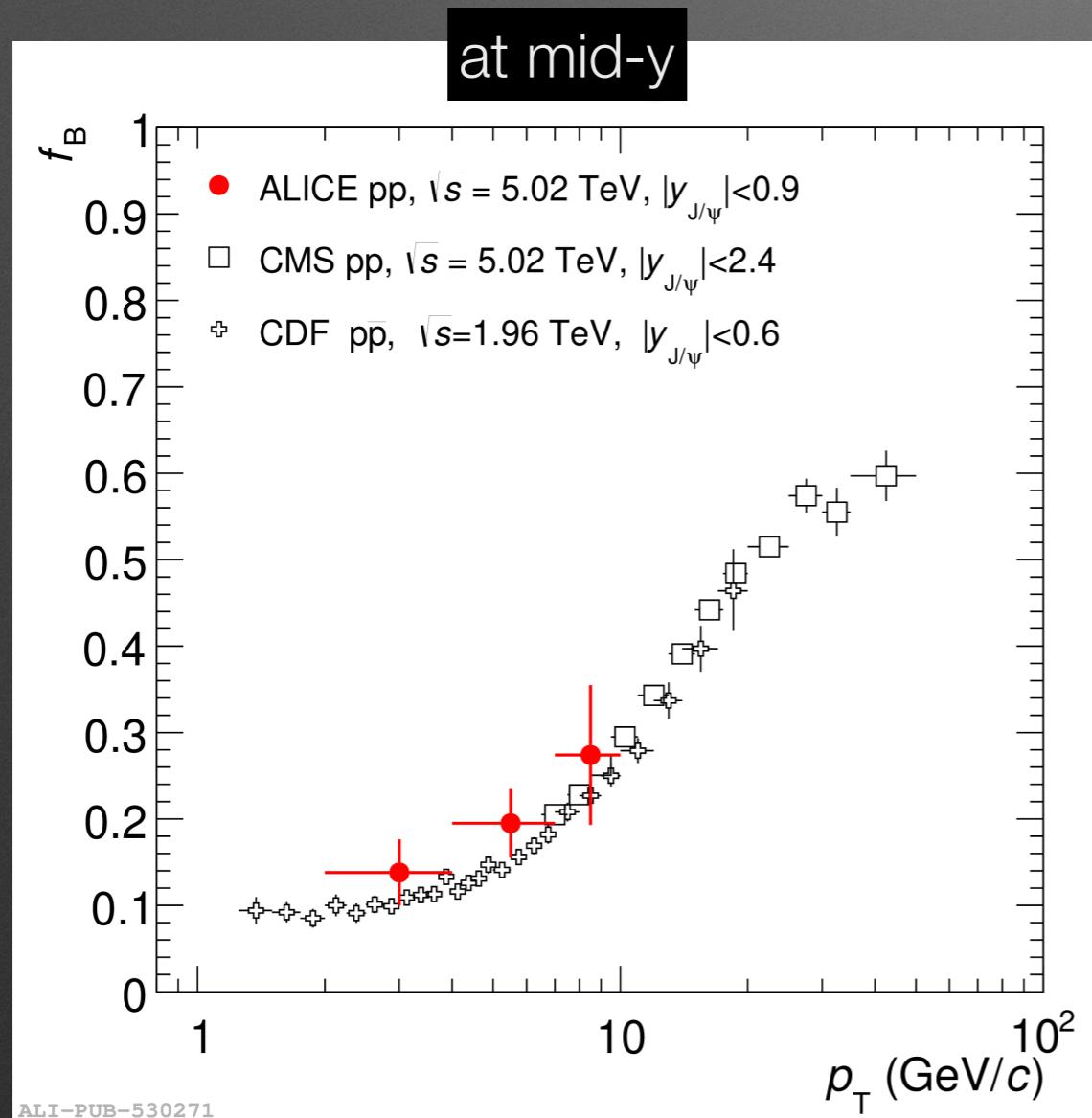


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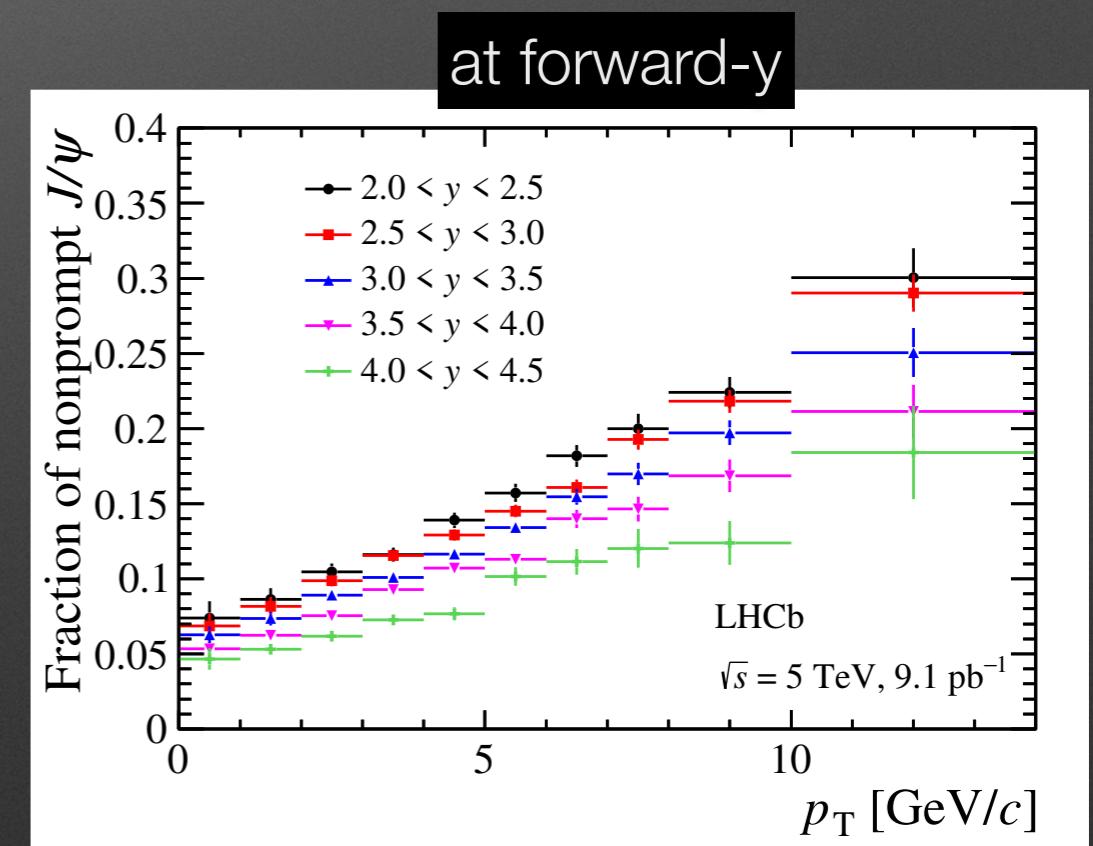
# Non-prompt J/ $\psi$ fraction vs $p_T$

$\sqrt{s} = 5 \text{ TeV}$

- Measurements available in different rapidity intervals (ALICE, CMS, LHCb)
- The fraction of  $J/\psi \leftarrow b$  increases with  $p_T$



ALICE [ JHEP 03 (2022) 190 ]



LHCb [ JHEP 11 (2021) 181 ]

# Three competing models (1/2)

How quarkonia are produced ? From initial  $|q\bar{q}\rangle$  to the physical quarkonium  $|Q\bar{Q}\rangle$ :

- CSM (Colour-singlet model)
  - >  $|q\bar{q}\rangle \rightarrow |Q\bar{Q}\rangle$  allowed only if same quantum numbers (both colourless, same  $J^{PC}$ )
  - > transition probability determined by wavefunction at origin
- (Improved) CEM (Colour evaporation model)
  - > initial pairs below open charm (beauty) threshold will hadronise to charmonium (bottomonium)
  - > no requirements on initial quantum numbers
  - > probability  $|q\bar{q}\rangle \rightarrow |Q\bar{Q}\rangle$  only depends on the considered final state : universal constant  $f_{Q\bar{Q}}$  for a given quarkonium
- both models : ordered only in increasing power of  $\alpha_s$  (Feynman diagrams involved in hard creation of  $|q\bar{q}\rangle$  pair)

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- > ordering in power of  $v$  (heavy quark velocity) and  $\alpha_s$
- > a physical quarkonium is a superposition of Fock states, e.g.

$$|J/\psi\rangle = \mathcal{O}(1) \underbrace{\left| c\bar{c} \left[ {}^3S_1^{(1)} \right] \right\rangle}_{\alpha_s^3} + \mathcal{O}(v) \underbrace{\left| c\bar{c} \left[ {}^3P_J^{(8)} g \right] \right\rangle}_{\alpha_s^2} + \mathcal{O}(v^2)$$

- > the transition probability is determined by supposedly universal non-perturbative long-distance matrix elements (LDME) that are extracted from « fit » to experimental data

$$\left| q\bar{q} \left[ {}^{2S+1}L_J^{(1,8)} \right] \right\rangle \rightarrow |Q\bar{Q}\rangle$$

- > NRQCD adds CO terms to the CSM
- > Heavy-quark spin-symmetry links CS and CO LDME of different quarkonium states
  - stronger constraints on LDME from simultaneous study of several states