Production of quarkonium pairs in high-energy proton-proton collisions

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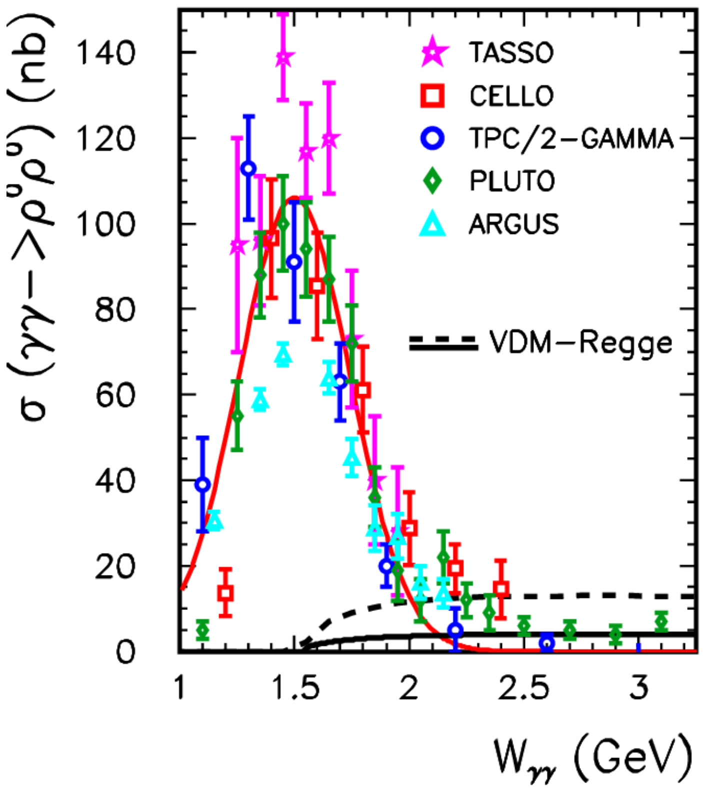
- **Production of χ_c-pairs and J/ψ-pairs**

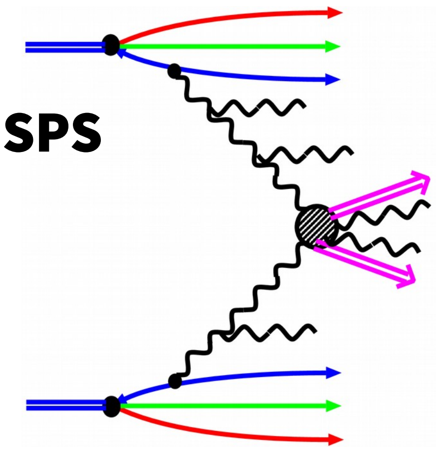
- **work in collaboration with Sergey Baranov (Lebedev Inst.), Anna Cisek (Rzeszow U.), Antoni Szczurek (IFJ PAN).**

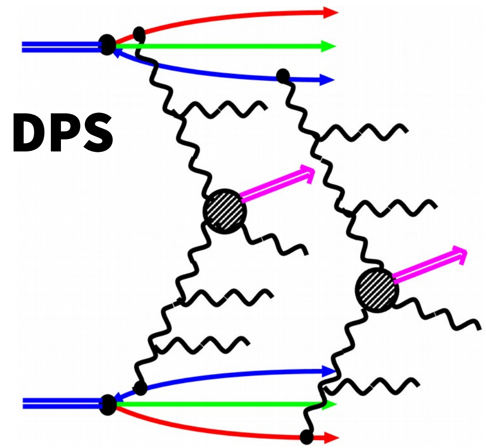
Motivation

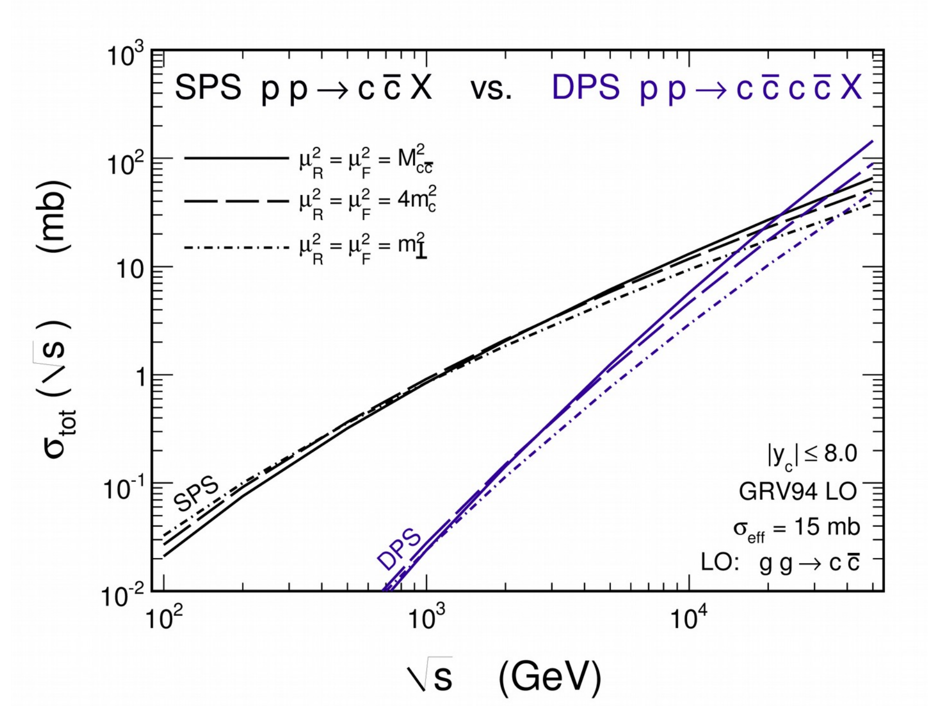


- “lower” center-of mass energies meson-meson interactions may probe resonances/bound states (e.g. “tetraquarks” etc).
- At higher energies a quasi-diffractive (or Regge) regime takes over
- Here we will be interested in the **production mechanisms** of pairs of heavy quarkonia in pp collisions. In particular their production in **single versus double parton scattering.**

Single vs. double parton scattering





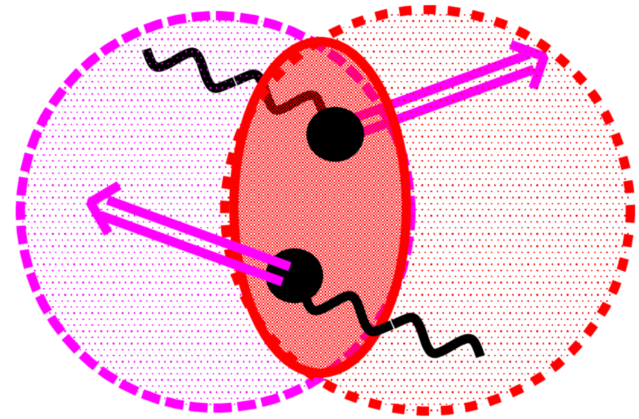


- Production of heavy quark pairs mainly through *single hard scattering* $gg \to Q\bar{Q}$
- At LHC energies multiple hard scatterings in one pp-collision become important
- DPS **especially prominent in charm sector** → large cross sections & access from perturbative QCD [Luszczak, Maciula & Szczurek (2012), Kom, Kulesza & Stirling (2011)]

DPS & the effective cross section

$$T_{NN}(\mathbf{b}) = \int d^2\mathbf{s}\, t_N(\mathbf{s}) t_N(\mathbf{b}-\mathbf{s})$$

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_{\rm eff}} = \int d^2\mathbf{b}\, T^2_{NN}(\mathbf{b})$$



Normalization of DPS is controlled by the "***effective cross section***" & measures the overlap of parton clouds in the transverse plane.

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\rm DPS}(pp\to abX)}{dy_a dy_b d^2\vec{p}_{aT} d^2\vec{p}_{bT}} = \frac{1}{1+\delta_{ab}} \frac{1}{\sigma_{\rm eff}} \frac{d\sigma(pp\to aX)}{dy_a d^2\vec{p}_{aT}} \frac{d\sigma(pp\to bX)}{dy_b d^2\vec{p}_{bT}}\,.$$

- Independent production: systems a & b are *completely uncorrelated in azimuth.*
- Each of the single particle spectra is a broad function of rapidity → *rapidity distance Δy between a & b has a very broad distribution!*
- Phenomenological models suggest: $\sigma_{\rm eff}$=15 mb.

Experimental results for σ_{eff}

- The universal **σ_{eff} = 15 mb** consistent throughout *except* for the J/ψ-pair production at ATLAS & D0.
- Could this be a hint for the failure of the *uncorrelated ansatz* for DPS?
- Or are we lacking in our understanding of J/ψ-pair production?
- **What kinematic variables really distinguish DPS & SPS ?**

15 mb

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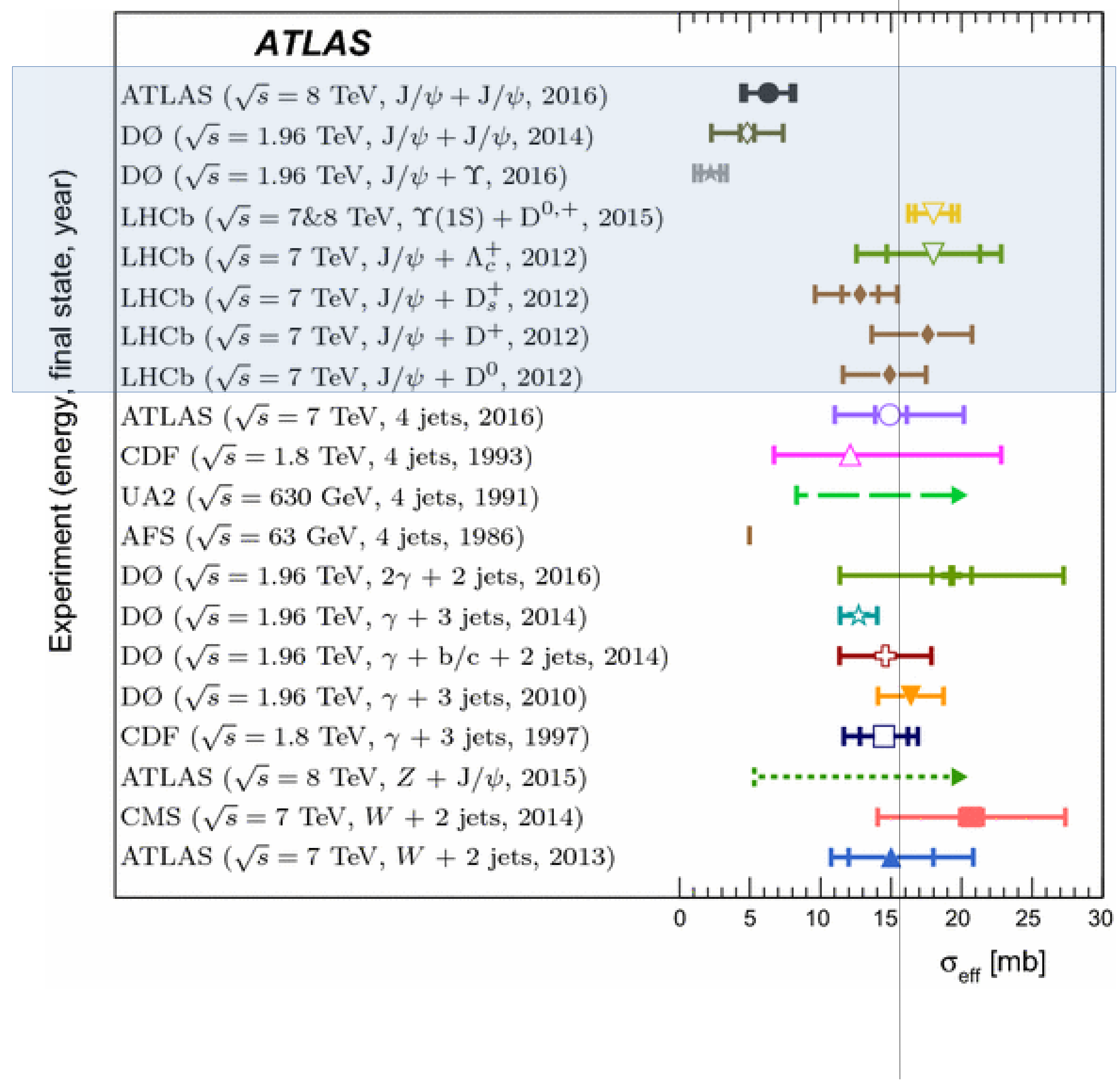
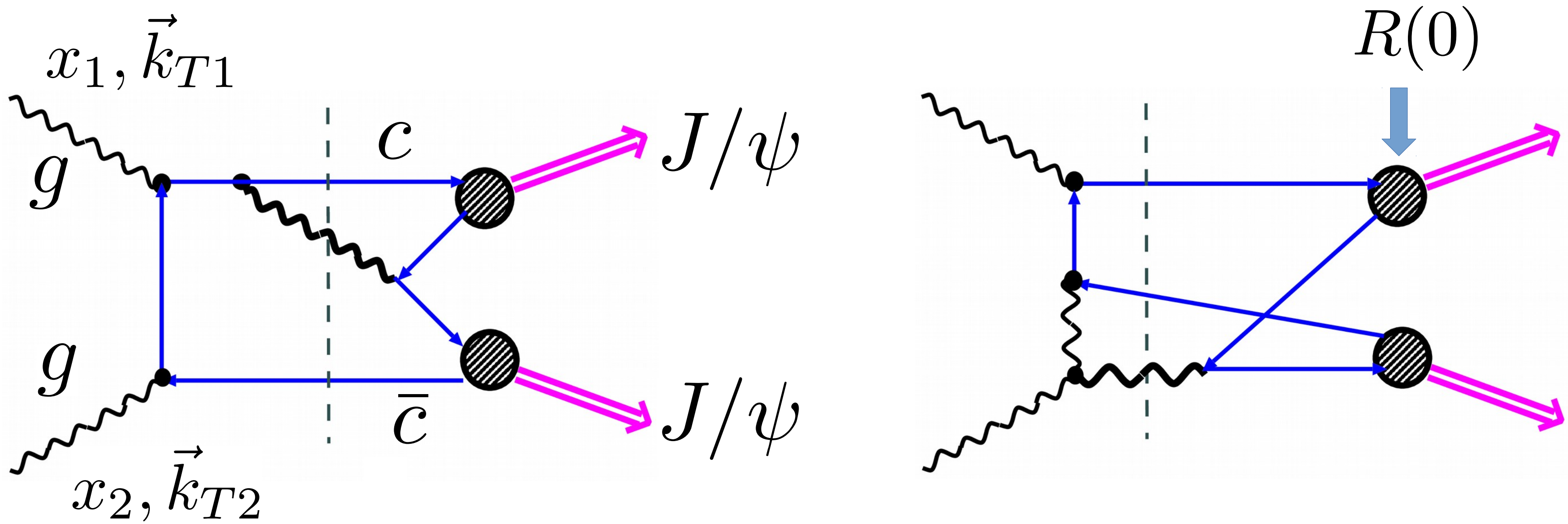
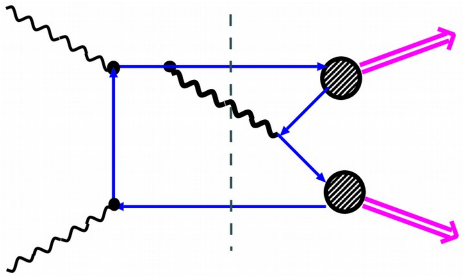


SPS: The "box" production mechanism

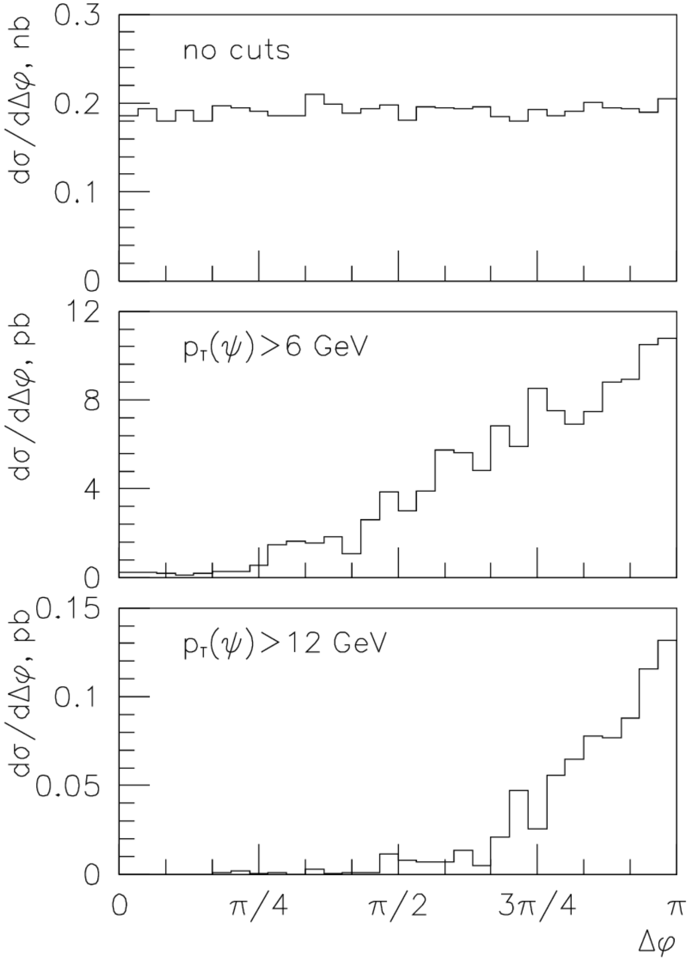


- We use **k_T factorization**, where incoming gluons are off-shell, and carry ***transverse momenta*** *quantified by unintegrated gluon distributions*.
- Outgoing J/ψ's will be ***azimuthally decorrelated*** wrt back-to-back kinematics of collinear parton calculations.
- The J/ψ-pair carries a ***finite transverse momentum.***
- k_T factorization matrix elements by Baranov [Phys.Rev. D84 (2011)].
- We stick to the **color-singlet mechanism**, where the $c\bar{c} \to J/\psi$ vertex is fixed through the wf. at the origin.

How to separate SPS & DPS



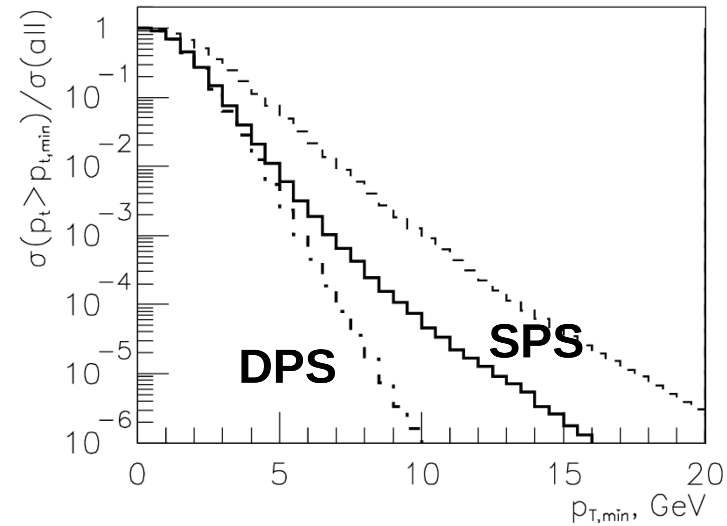
back-to-back



azimuthal angle between J/ψ's

increasing p_{Tmin}-cut

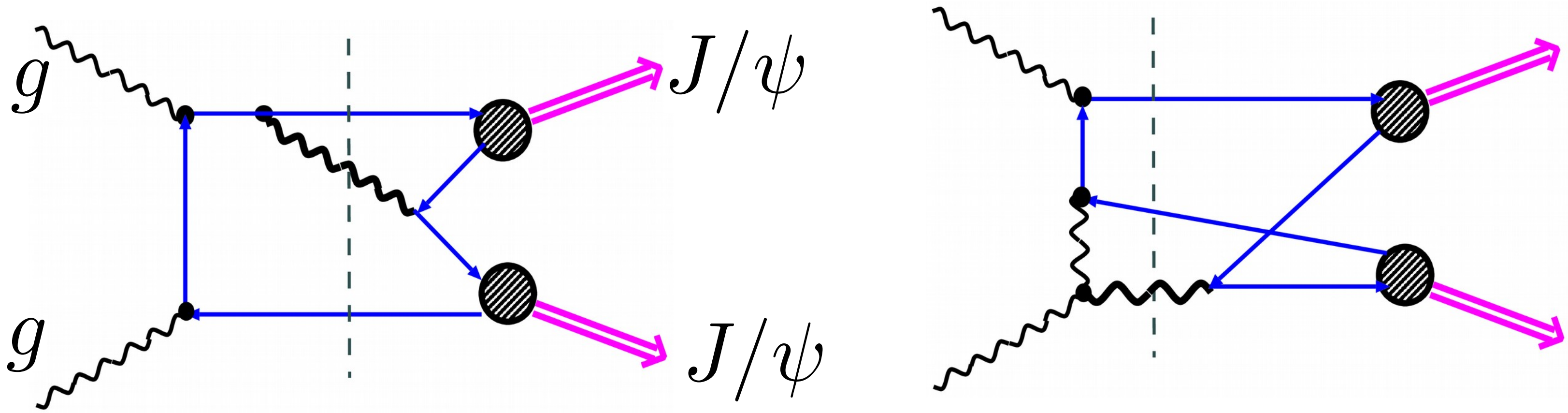
fraction of xsec surviving p_T-cut



- Box-contribution strongly decorrelated in azimuth
- Putting **lower cutoff on p_T of J/ψ**, we approach the dijet-like back-to-back limit
- But DPS-strength is lost disproportionally…
  → **not a very efficient discriminator**

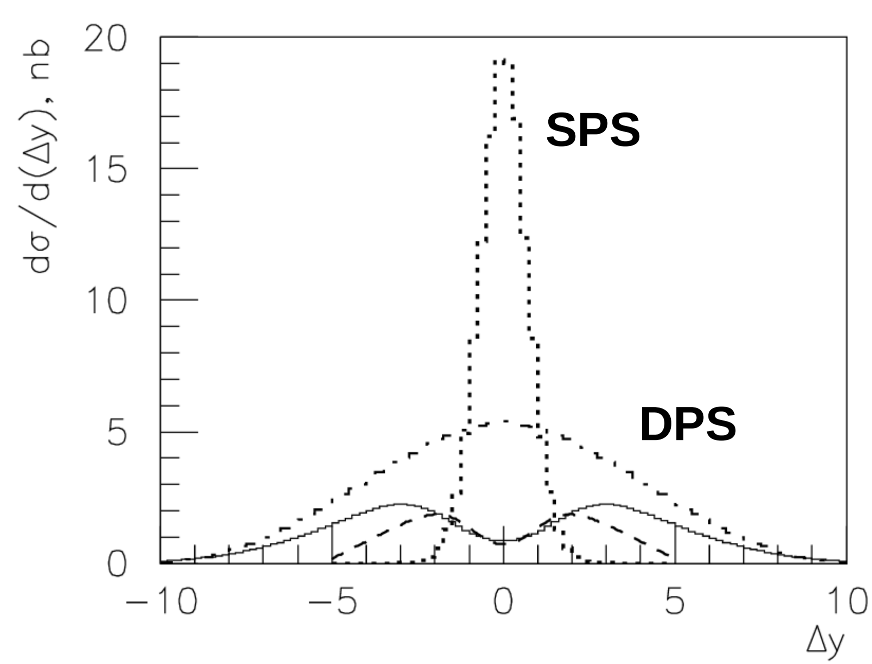
Baranov, Snigirev, Zotov, Szczurek & WS, Phys Rev D87 (2013)

Rapidity distance between J/ψ's



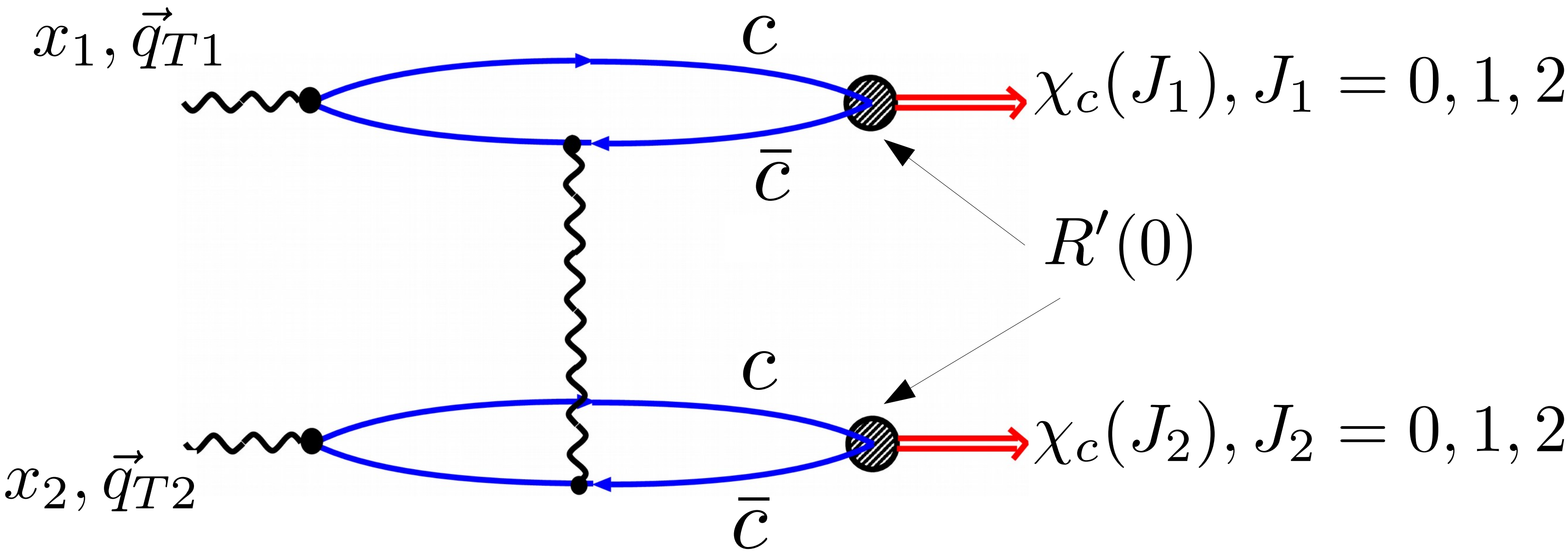
$$\sigma(g^*g^* \to J/\psi J/\psi) \propto \frac{1}{\hat{s}^3} \propto \exp[-3\Delta y]$$

- Box mechanism always has a parton with off-shellness growing with cm-energy, therefore strong energy dependence.
- Rapidity separation is an **excellent discriminator!**
- … but does this clean separation of SPS and DPS hold beyond the box-diagram mechanism?



rapidity distance between J/ψ's

Large rapidity distances in χ-pair production



- The *even C-parity* χ-states can be produced via the ***t-channel gluon exchange***. There is no divergence at small t as quark-antiquark pairs are color-neutral.
- Due to the vector exchange, cross section is constant at high energies
- The "box" contribution for χ-states is suppressed by a small parameter

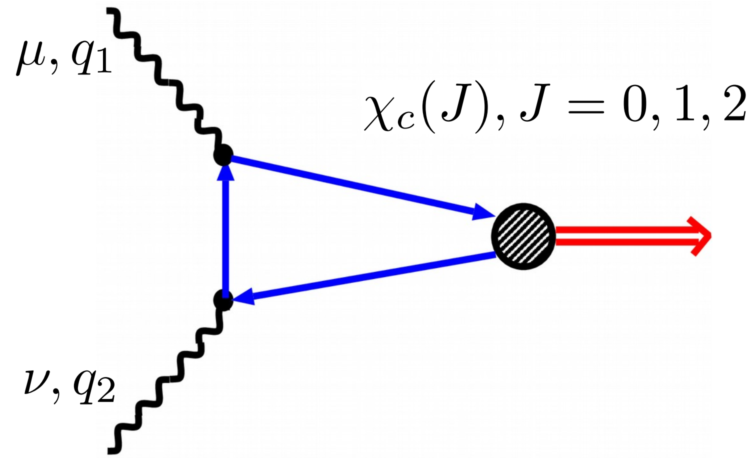
$$\left(\frac{|R'(0)|^2}{M_\chi^2 |R(0)|^2}\right)^2 \sim 10^{-3}$$

The g*g*→ χ vertices

A.Cisek, WS, A. Szczurek, Phys Rev D (2018)

$$V^{ab}_{\mu\nu}(J,J_z;q_1,q_2) = -i\,4\pi\alpha_S\,\delta^{ab}\,\frac{2R'(0)}{\sqrt{\pi N_c M^3}}\,\sqrt{3}\cdot T_{\mu\nu}(J,J_z;q_1,q_2)\,,$$

$$T_{\mu\nu}(0,0;q_1,q_2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\frac{M^2}{(2q_1\cdot q_2)^2}$$
$$\Big\{g_{\mu\nu}\Big(6(q_1\cdot q_2) - q_1^2 - q_2^2 + \frac{(q_2^2-q_1^2)^2}{M^2}\Big)$$
$$+ q_{1\mu}q_{2\nu}\,2\Big(\frac{q_1^2+q_2^2}{M^2} - 1\Big) + q_{2\mu}q_{1\nu}\,2\Big(\frac{q_1^2+q_2^2}{M^2} - 3\Big)$$
$$+ q_{1\mu}q_{1\nu}\frac{4q_2^2}{M^2} + q_{2\mu}q_{2\nu}\frac{4q_1^2}{M^2}\Big\}$$



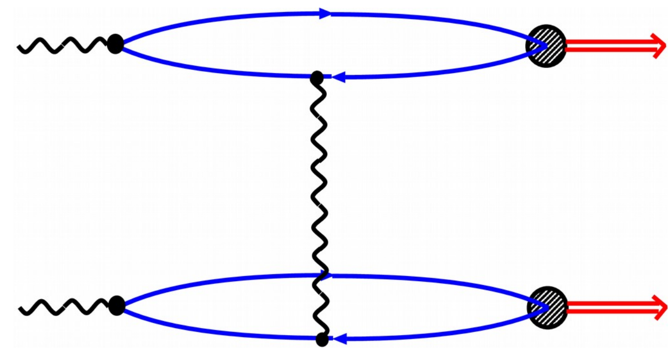
$$T_{\mu\nu}(1,J_z;q_1,q_2) = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}M}\frac{1}{(q_1\cdot q_2)}\Big\{(q_1^2-q_2^2)\epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}(q_1+q_2)^\alpha\epsilon^\beta(J_z)$$
$$+ \frac{q_1^2+q_2^2}{(q_1\cdot q_2)}(a_\mu q_{1\nu} - a_\nu q_{2\mu}) + 2(a_\nu q_{1\mu} - a_\mu q_{2\nu})\Big\}$$

$$a_\mu = \epsilon_{\mu\rho\alpha\beta}q_1^\rho q_2^\alpha\epsilon^\beta(J_z)\,.$$

$$T_{\mu\nu}(2,J_z;q_1,q_2) = \frac{-M^2}{(2q_1\cdot q_2)^2}\Big\{-g_{\mu\nu}(q_2-q_1)^\alpha(q_2-q_1)^\beta\epsilon_{\alpha\beta}(J_z)+4(q_1\cdot q_2)\epsilon_{\mu\nu}(J_z)$$
$$+ 2(q_2-q_1)^\alpha\epsilon_{\alpha\nu}(J_z)q_{2\mu} - 2(q_2-q_1)^\alpha\epsilon_{\alpha\mu}(J_z)q_{1\nu}\Big\}\,,$$

- All vertices fulfill the QED-like Ward identities and can be used for external spacelike off-shell gluons
- The vertex for the axial vector, J=1, vanishes for on-shell external photons/gluons, in agreement with Landau-Yang theorem

Amplitudes & cross sections



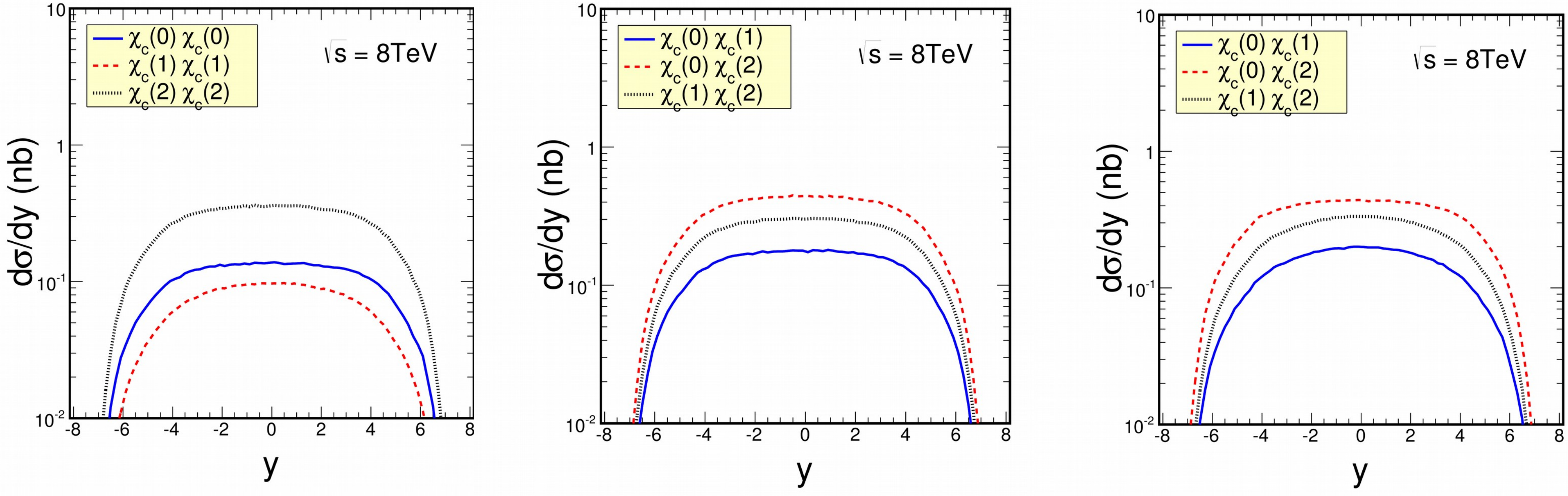
$$\mathrm{M}^{ab}_{\mu\nu}(J_1,J_{1z},J_2,J_{2z}) = V^{ac}_{\mu\alpha}(J_1,J_{1z};q_1,p_1-q_1)\frac{-g^{\alpha\beta}\delta_{cd}}{\hat{t}}V^{db}_{\beta\nu}(J_2,J_{2z};p_2-q_2,q_2)$$
$$+ V^{ac}_{\mu\alpha}(J_2,J_{2z};q_1,p_2-q_1)\frac{-g^{\alpha\beta}\delta_{cd}}{\hat{u}}V^{db}_{\beta\nu}(J_1,J_{1z};p_1-q_2,q_1)\,,$$

$$\frac{d\sigma(pp\to\chi\chi X)}{dy_1 d^2\vec{p}_{1T} dy_2 d^2\vec{p}_{2T}} = \frac{1}{16\pi^2(x_1x_2s)^2}\frac{1}{1+\delta_{ij}}\int\frac{d^2\vec{q}_{1T}}{\pi\vec{q}^{\,2}_{1T}}\frac{d^2\vec{q}_{2T}}{\pi\vec{q}^{\,2}_{2T}}\overline{|\mathcal{M}^{\mathrm{off-shell}}_{g^*g^*\to\chi_c(i)\chi_{cJ}}|^2}$$
$$\times\ \delta^{(2)}\left(\vec{q}_{1T}+\vec{q}_{2T}-\vec{p}_{1T}-\vec{p}_{2T}\right)\mathcal{F}(x_1,\vec{q}^{\,2}_{1T},\mu_F^2)\mathcal{F}(x_2,\vec{q}^{\,2}_{2T},\mu_F^2)\,.$$

unintegrated gluon distributions

$$xg(x,\mu_F^2) = \int^{\mu_F^2}\frac{d\vec{q}^{\,2}_T}{\vec{q}^{\,2}_T}\,\mathcal{F}(x,\vec{q}^{\,2}_{1T},\mu_F^2)$$

χ-pair production: single particle distributions



Contribution from $\chi_c(1)$ overall smaller → recall vanishing of the gg-vertex on-shell

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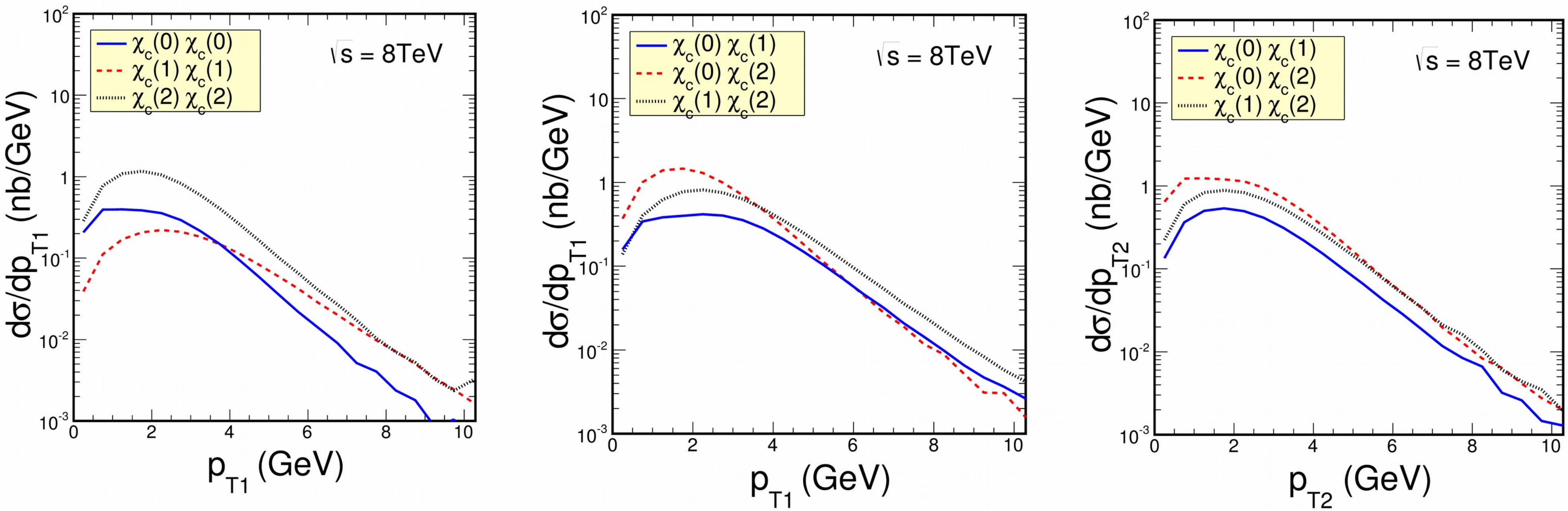

Spectra containing $\chi_c(1)$ tend to be harder → again property of gg-vertex

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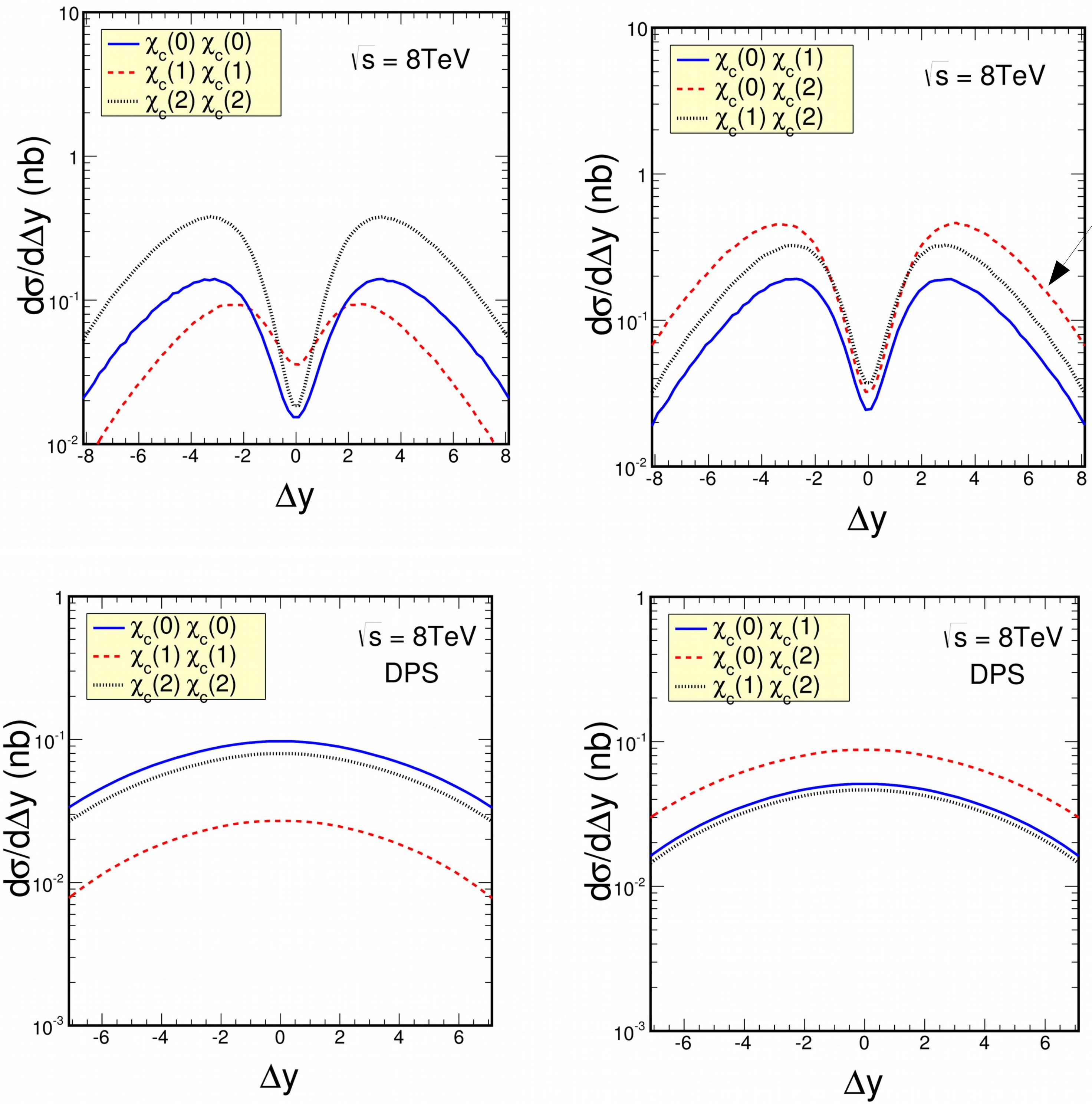

drop induced by large-x gluons

- SPS & DPS of the similar magnitude (**with σ_{eff}=15 mb**).
- Deep dip in SPS distribution

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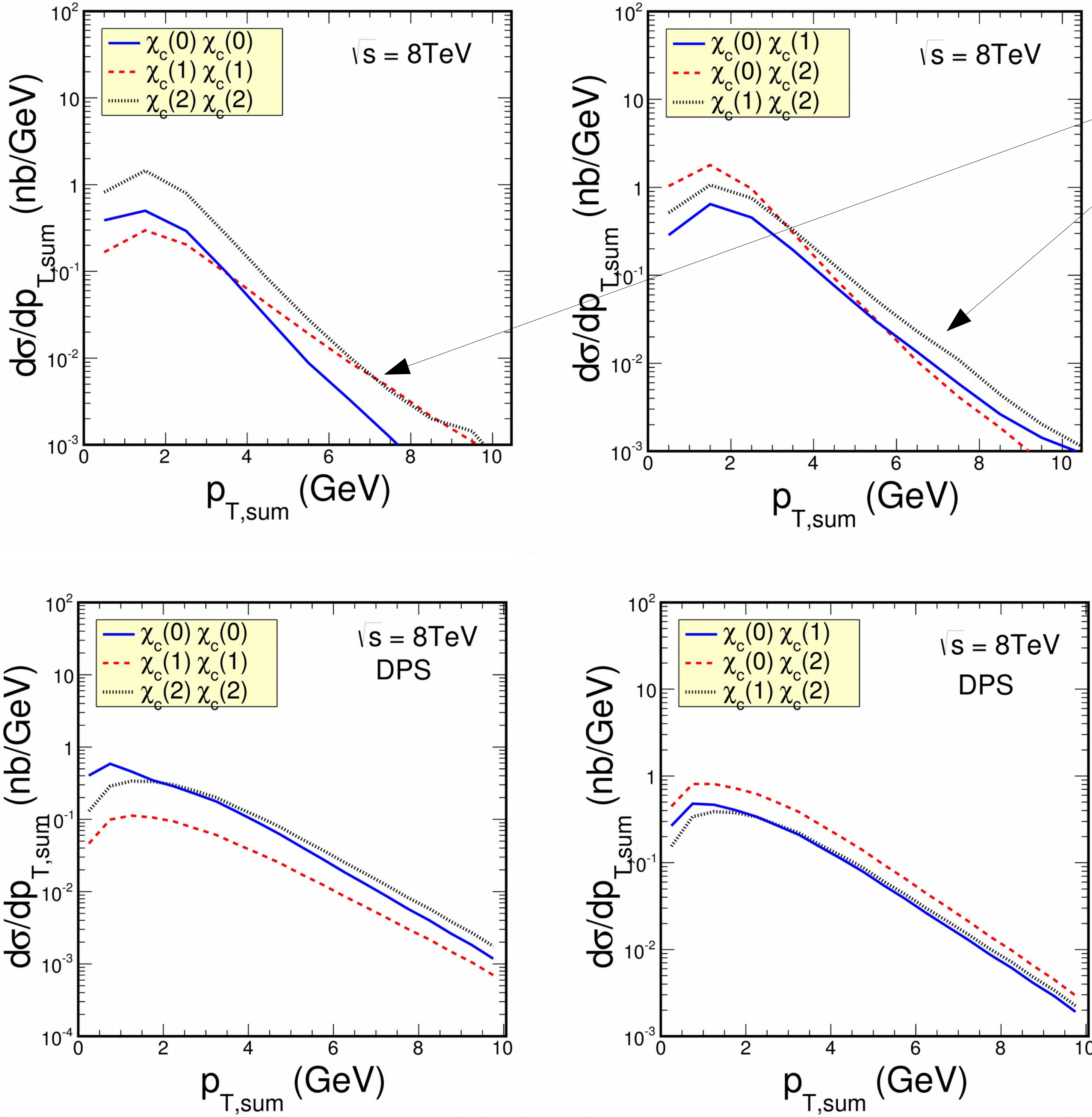

SPS: presence of $\chi_c(1)$ induces harder spectrum

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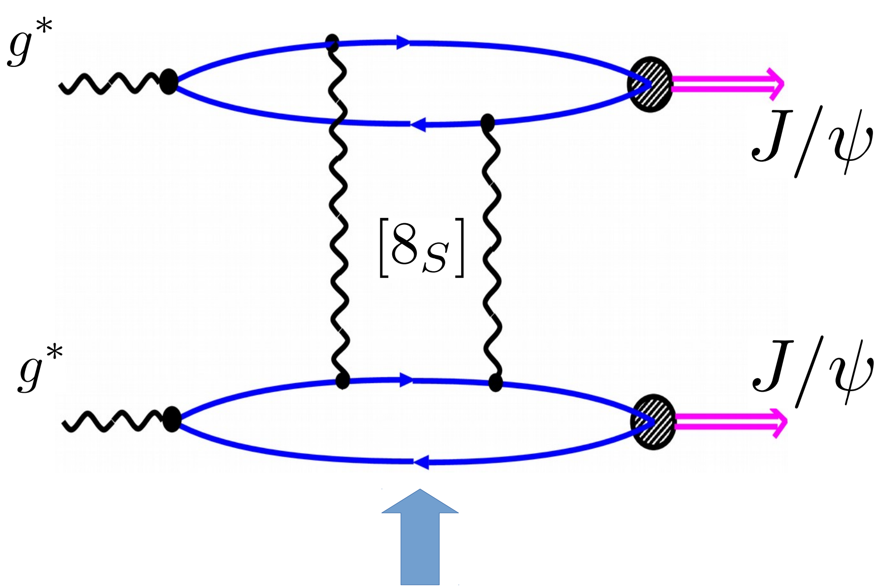
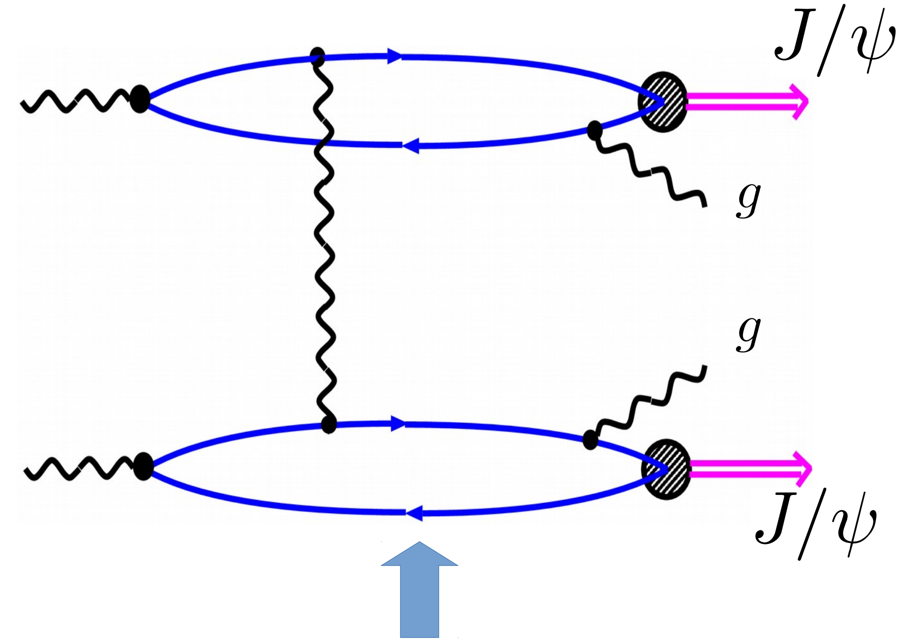
$g^*g^* \to J/\psi\ J/\psi$ processes that survive at high Δy



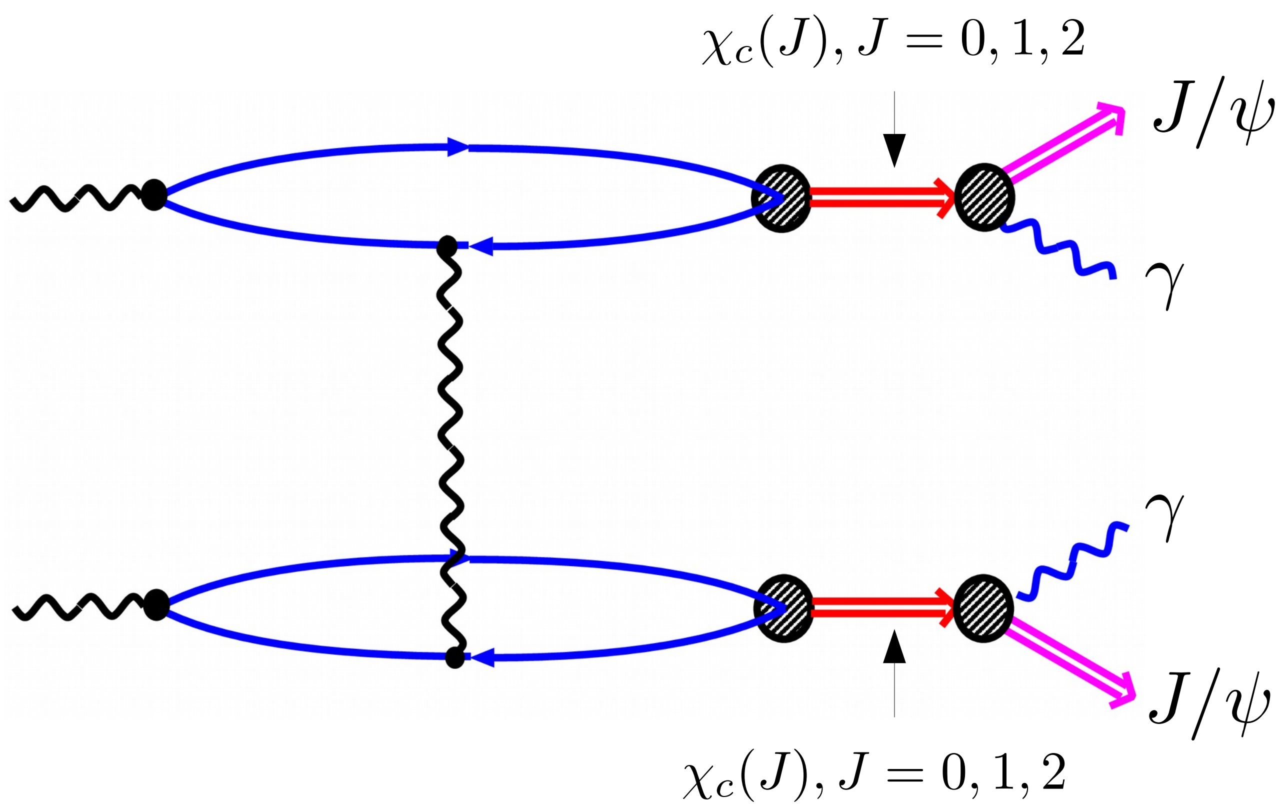


- "quasi-diffractive" exchange of 2 gluons in symmetric color octet
- A type of "colored Pomeron", purely imaginary amplitude very similar to 2 gluon exchange in γγ-scattering [Ginzburg, Panfil & Serbo 1988].

- Very small contribution, vast region of phase space "blocked" for final state gluons

Baranov, Snigirev, Zotov, Szczurek & WS, Phys Rev D87 (2013)

Contribution of χ-pairs to J/ψ-pair production



Br ($\chi_c(0) \to J/\psi\gamma$) = 1.26 ± 0.06%

Br ($\chi_c(1) \to J/\psi\gamma$) = 33.9 ± 1.2%,

Br ($\chi_c(2) \to J/\psi\gamma$) = 19.2 ± 0.7%

ATLAS data on J/ψ J/ψ

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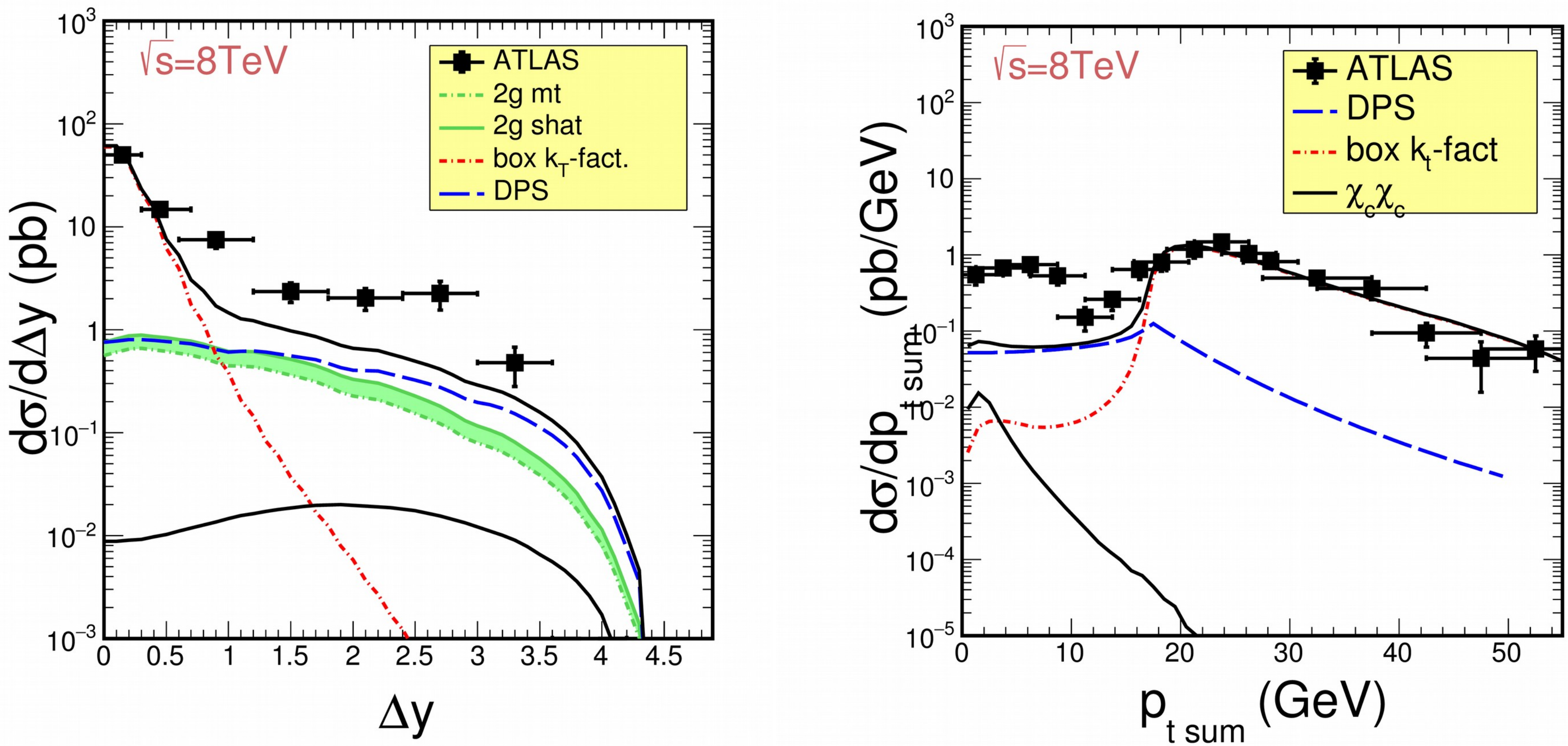
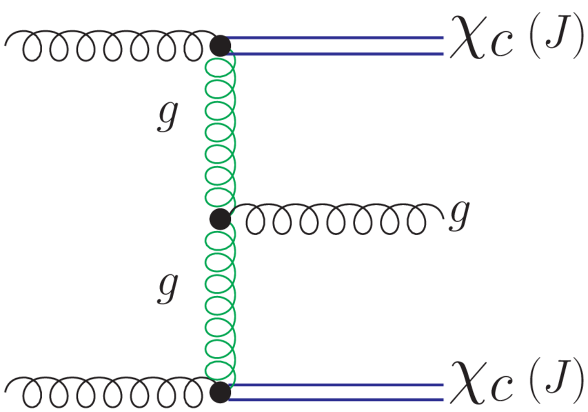
- cuts on J/ψ: $|y^{J/\psi}| < 2.1$, $p_T^{J/\psi} > 8.5\,\text{GeV}$.
- additional muon cuts: $|\eta^{\mu}| < 2.3$, $p_T^{\mu} > 2.5\,\text{GeV}$, $2.8 < M_{\mu\mu} < 3.4\,\text{GeV}$.

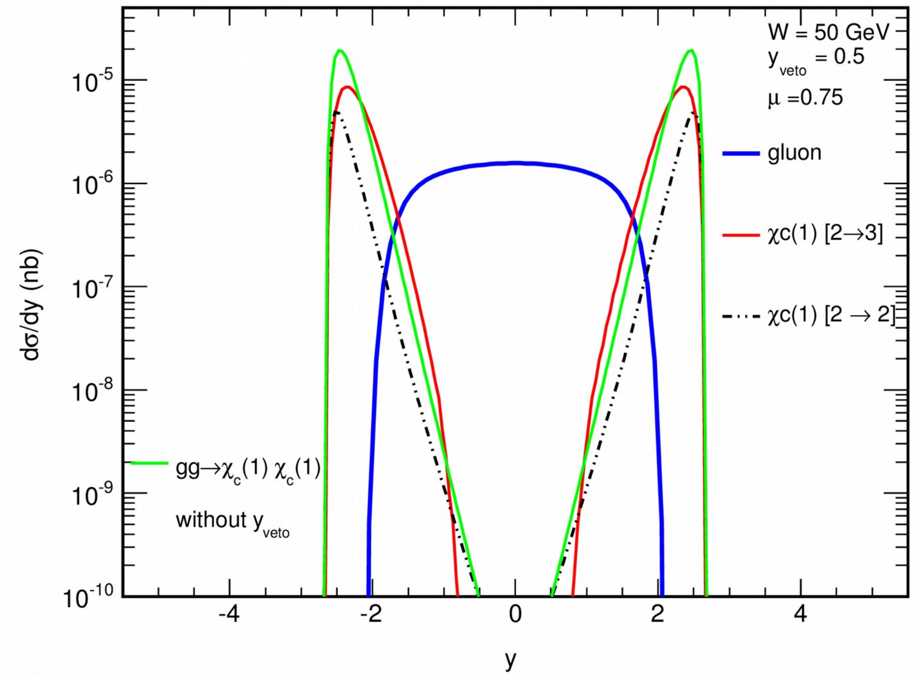


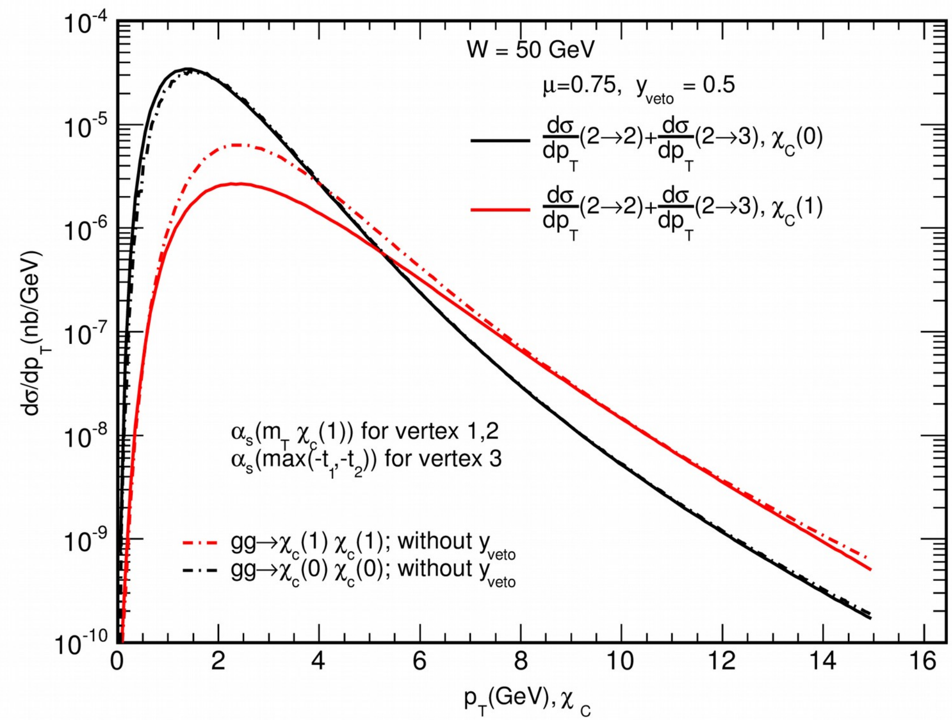
- Quasi-diffractive 2g-exchange & χ-feed-down nicely mimic DPS in the Δy distribution
- Unfortunately they are lacking in pair transverse momentum
- Here we used **σ_{eff}=15 mb.**
- Similar situation for CMS data.

Higher orders ?

I. Babiarz, a poster @ Meson 2018







- At high energy, a large phasespace for gluon emission opens up → ***potentially large $\alpha_s$log(s) corrections.***
- In the kinematic range of interest, virtual corrections seem to compensate the real ones & the overall higher order correction is small.

Summary

- Large DPS contribution in the charm sector → charmonium pair production as a probe of DPS
- *Rapidity difference* between J/ψ is an excellent discriminator between single (SPS) and double parton scattering (DPS) mechanisms
- Observation of small σ_{eff} leads to the quest for SPS mechanisms that *survive at large pair invariant mass/large rapidity distance Δy.*
- χ_c-pairs are produced via single t & u-channel gluon exchange → broad distributions in Δy
- Two-gluon exchange in gg → J/ψJ/ψ and feed-down from $\chi_c\chi_c$ *very much* ***mimic the behaviour of DPS*** but seem to be too small in strength to replace it.