# Highlights from quarkonium production at the LHC



# Quarkonium studies: a one-slide motivation

the illustrated edition > Quarkonia: ideal probes of hadron formation (QCD); but production is not yet understood > How/when do the observed Q-Qbar bound states acquire their quantum numbers?



 $\succ$  Two options leading to strong polarizations (longitudinal and transverse, resp.) for the directly-produced S-states  $\rightarrow$  polarization measurements are fundamental Figures by Pietro Faccioli

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### B feed-down to J/ $\psi$ and $\psi$ '

> Large B (B  $\rightarrow \psi$  X) : *background* for quarkonium studies

> For  $p_T > 20$  GeV/c more than 50% of all  $\psi$ 's come from B decays!

> Weak dependence on beam energy, from Vs = 1.96 to 7 or 8 TeV





Forward data  $\rightarrow$  smaller B fraction low p<sub>T</sub> and forward J/ $\psi$ 's are mostly prompt (relevant for ALICE dimuon results)



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- > The Color Evaporation Model calculations help comparing LHCb with ATLAS/CMS



Note: the lines represent CEM calculations made by Ramona Vogt; they are added to help guiding the eye through the points

### Prompt J/ $\psi$ differential cross sections: data vs. theory

> High-p<sub>T</sub> J/ $\psi$  data well described by NLO NRQCD; note that the  $\chi_c$  feed-down has not been subtracted...



### Prompt $\psi$ ' differential cross sections: data vs. theory

≻ High-p<sub>T</sub> ψ' data well described by NLO NRQCD (including singlet and octet production)
> ψ' production is not affected by  $\chi_c$  feed-down → more robust comparison with theory



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# $\psi$ over J/ $\psi$ prompt cross-section ratio

> Good overlap between mid-rapidity CMS data and forward LHCb data > CDF results show *stronger*  $p_T$  dependence...



Note: the lines do not represent any theoretical model; they are added to help quiding the eye through the points In the  $\mu^+\mu^-$  decay channel, the  $\psi'$  yield is only 1–6 %

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## Feed-down contributions to the J/ $\psi$

> Observed quarkonia: directly produced plus those resulting from feed-down decays



> The fraction of the inclusive J/ $\psi$  yield due to b-hadron decays increases strongly with J/ $\psi$  p<sub>T</sub> > What about the fractions from  $\psi'$  and  $\chi_c$  feed-down?

# $\psi$ ' feed-down contribution to J/ $\psi$ production

From the ψ' over J/ψ cross-section ratio, we can infer the ψ' to J/ψ feed-down fraction
 The measurements indicate a roughly constant ψ' to J/ψ feed-down fraction, of around 8%



- > We need to account for the shift from the  $\psi' \ p_{T}$  to the J/ $\psi \ p_{T}$
- > We assume  $p_T(\psi') > / < p_T(J/\psi) > = m(\psi') / m(J/\psi)$
- > A toy MC simulation of the  $\psi'$  to J/ $\psi$  decay showed that this relation
  - does not depend significantly on the assumed polarizations
  - > does not depend on the assumed  $\pi^+\pi^-$  mass distribution shape

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# $\chi_c$ feed-down contribution to J/ $\psi$ production

> The  $\chi_c$  represents the most important prompt feed-down source to J/ $\psi$  production

> world average of fixed-target data :  $25 \pm 5 \%$  [JHEP10 (2008) 004]

> CDF [Run I] : around 25–30%

> LHCb : from 14 to 27% between  $p_T = 2.5$  and 14 GeV/c



> It is not trivial to conciliate the CDF and LHCb observations...

### $\chi_c$ measurements at the LHC

> Detection of  $\chi_c \rightarrow J/\psi + \gamma$  with ECAL photons or photon conversions,  $\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-$ Photon conversions give much better resolution: the J = 1,2 states can be resolved ( $\Delta M = 45 \text{ MeV}$ )



# $\chi_{c2}$ / $\chi_{c1}$ cross-section ratio: data vs. theory

- $\succ$  The k<sub>T</sub> factorization model describes the p<sub>T</sub> trend, but is a factor 2 higher than the data
- > NRQCD NLO calculations do not include polarization → polarization scenarios induce large uncertainties
- > The p<sub>T</sub> < 8 GeV/c data is not described by NRQCD



2 1.8 α(χ<sup>c<sup>1</sup></sup>) / α(χ<sup>c<sup>1</sup></sup>) α(χ<sup>c<sup>1</sup></sup>)

1.4

LHCb Preliminary

√s = 7 TeV L ≈ 370 pb<sup>-1</sup>

LHCb (2011)

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NLO NROCD

CDF 🔼 ChiCGen

# $\chi_{c2}$ / $\chi_{c1}$ cross-section ratio: revisiting the $k_{T}$ curve

- > The k<sub>T</sub> factorization curve assumes identical wave functions for the two states:  $|R'_{\chi 2}(0)|^2 = |R'_{\chi 1}(0)|^2$
- > But maybe the  $\chi_{c1}$  has a narrower and higher wave function
- > After all, BR( $\psi' \rightarrow \chi_{c2} + \gamma$ ) / BR( $\psi' \rightarrow \chi_{c1} + \gamma$ ) = 0.948 ± 0.055 [PDG] and not 5/3, as expected from spin counting, indicating that the two wave functions are different



- > The new normalization, suggested by the BR( $\psi' \rightarrow \chi_{c2} + \gamma$ ) / BR( $\psi' \rightarrow \chi_{c1} + \gamma$ ) ratio, gives a curve in good agreement with the CMS  $\chi_{c2}$  /  $\chi_{c1}$  cross-section ratio
- > It seems that  $|R'_{\chi^2}(0)|^2 / |R'_{\chi^1}(0)|^2 \sim 3/5$

# $\chi_{c2}$ / $\chi_{c1}$ cross-section ratio: data vs. data

> At high  $p_T$  the  $\chi_{c2}$  over  $\chi_{c1}$  cross-section ratio is below 1:

 $\chi_{c2}$  are less copiously produced than  $\chi_{c1}$  (contrary to naïve "spin counting": 5/3)

> Acceptance corrections assume that  $\chi_{c1}$  and  $\chi_{c2}$  are produced unpolarized



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# $\chi_{c2}$ / $\chi_{c1}$ cross-section ratio: data vs. polarization scenario

> The consistency between the CDF and LHCb points strongly depends on the assumed polarizations > At  $p_T \sim 10$  GeV, the  $\chi_{c2} / \chi_{c1}$  ratio varies by around a factor 2 depending on the polarization scenario



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### Quarkonium polarization: angles and frames

Decay angular dist. of J = 1 particles:





Helicity axis (HX): quarkonium momentum direction Gottfried-Jackson axis (GJ): direction of one or the other beam Collins-Soper axis (CS): average of the two beam directions



#### Quarkonium polarization: data vs. data puzzles



### Quarkonium polarization: data vs. theory puzzles



### Upsilon polarization at the LHC

> CMS measured the Y(1S), Y(2S) and Y(3S) polarizations vs.  $p_T$  (10 <  $p_T$  < 50 GeV/c) in two |y| bins and three polarization frames: helicity (HX), Collins-Soper (CS) and perpendicular helicity (PX)





## Upsilon polarization: CMS vs. CDF and theory

- The LHC data extend the p<sub>T</sub> and y coverage probed by previous experiments
- > Theory is more reliable for  $p_T >> m$
- Measured polarizations are much weaker than expected by the theory models

- > Y(1S) has a very large  $\chi_b$  feed-down contribution, of unknown polarization
- ➤ Y(3S) should be almost free from feed-down
   → more robust comparison to calculations
- $\succ$  Theory predictions for  $\lambda_{\varphi}$  and  $\lambda_{\theta\varphi}$  not available or restricted to the HX frame



### Summary (back to the future)

- Can QQbar production be described by pQCD, factorizing long-distance bound-state effects? How do the quarkonia acquire their final quantum numbers? Are they mainly produced as colour-neutral QQbar pairs (CSM)?
   Or also as coloured pairs, changing quantum numbers by non-pert. gluon emission (NRQCD)? These two options lead to strong polarizations (longitudinal and transverse, resp.) for the directly-produced S-states → polarization measurements are fundamental
- $\rightarrow$  both seem ruled out by existing data up to  $p_T \approx 35$  GeV (CDF & CMS); higher- $p_T$  data needed
- What is the role of P-wave states in the observed J/ψ and Y polarizations? Do directly and indirectly produced states cancel their polarizations giving the observed, almost unpolarized, decay distributions? Or are quarkonia intrinsically produced almost unpolarized, an extremely peculiar scenario?

→ we must measure the polarizations of the  $\psi$ (2S) and Y(3S), mostly directly produced → and evaluate the polarizations of the  $\chi$  states

These open questions demand new (and accurate) quarkonium measurements
 → An important physics program, which the LHC experiments will continue addressing

# Backup slides

### Feed-down contributions to the Y(1S)

> CDF measured large feed-down fractions ( $F_X$ ) into Y(1S) at 1.8 TeV, |y| < 0.7,  $p_T > 8$  GeV/c:

 $F\chi_b(1P) = 27.1 \pm 6.9 \pm 4.4\%$  $F\chi_b(2P) = 10.5 \pm 4.4 \pm 1.4\%$ 

and estimated the direct Y(1S) fraction:

 $50.9 \pm 8.2 \pm 9.0$  %



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> LHCb recently measured  $F_x$  for 2.0 < y < 4.5, 6 <  $p_T$  < 15 GeV/c:

 $F\chi_b(1P) = 20.7 \pm 5.7 + 2.7_{-5.4} \%$ 

seemingly independent of  $p_T$ 

 $F_X = \frac{Y(1S) \text{ from X decays}}{\text{inclusive } Y(1S)}$ 

