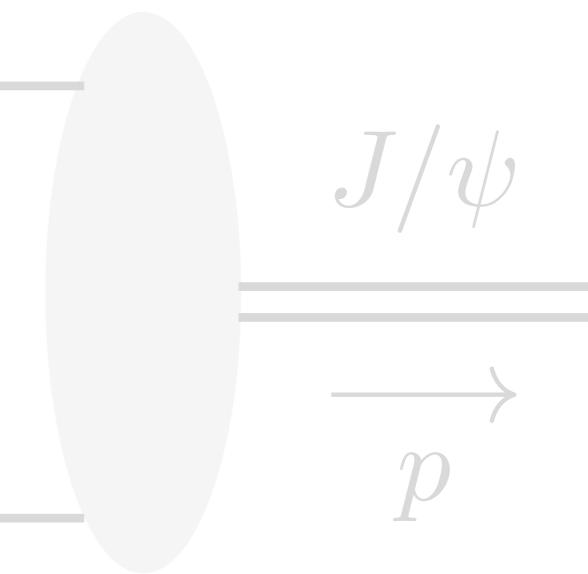


## Direct quarkonium production in eA collisions at small-x

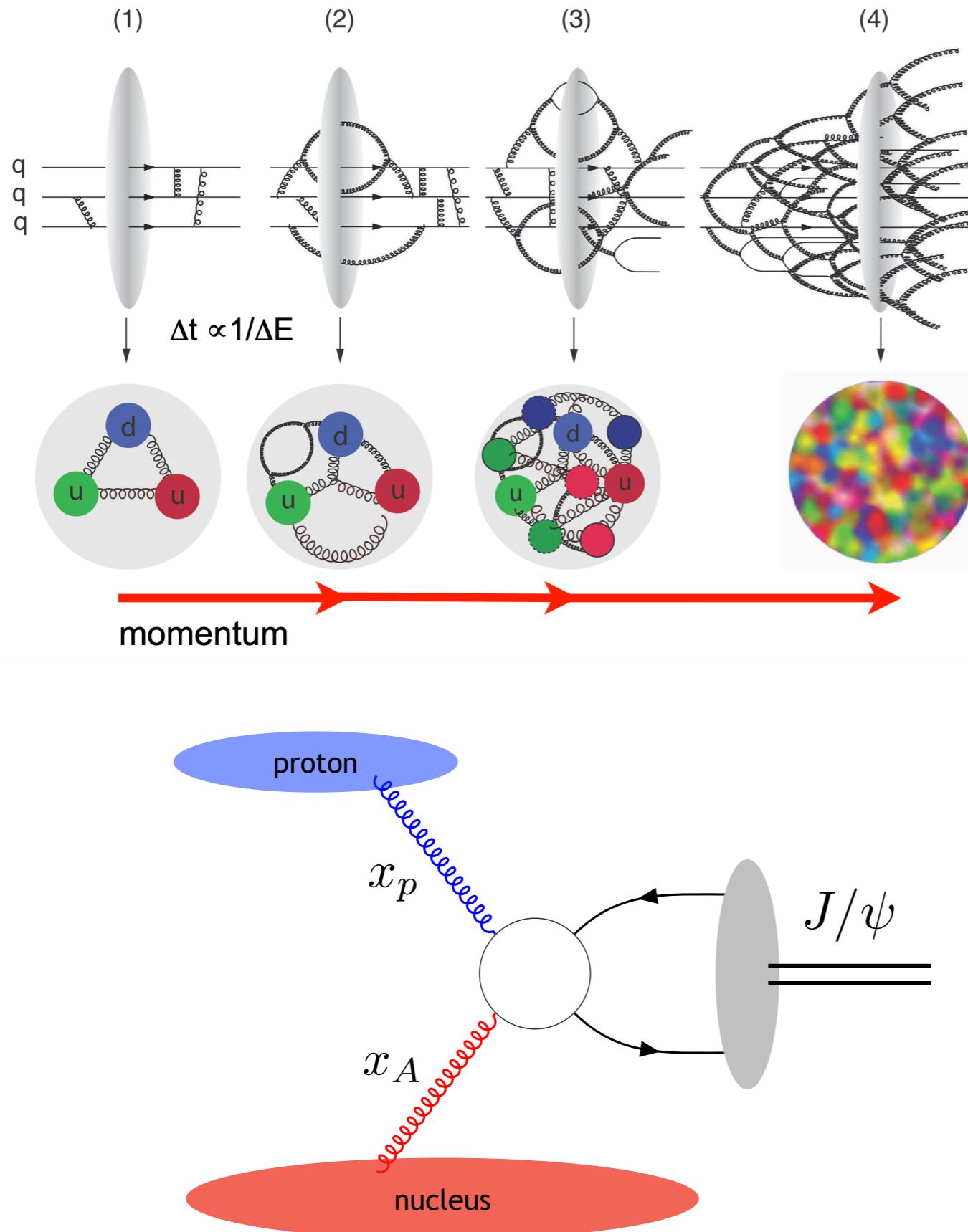
Farid Salazar (UCLA/LBL)  
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Based on

Vincent Cheung (Livermore), Zhongbo Kang (UCLA), FS (LBL/UCLA), Ramona Vogt (Livermore)  
2309.XXXX [on-going work]

# Quarkonium as a tool to search for gluon saturation



Gluon occupancy is high at small- $x$  (high-energy) and it saturates



Gluons with transverse momentum  $k_\perp \lesssim Q_s$  (saturation scale) are suppressed



Imprint on particle production in high-energy collisions at low  $k_\perp$

$$Q_s^2 \propto \frac{A^{1/3}}{x^\lambda} \sim M_{J/\psi}^2$$

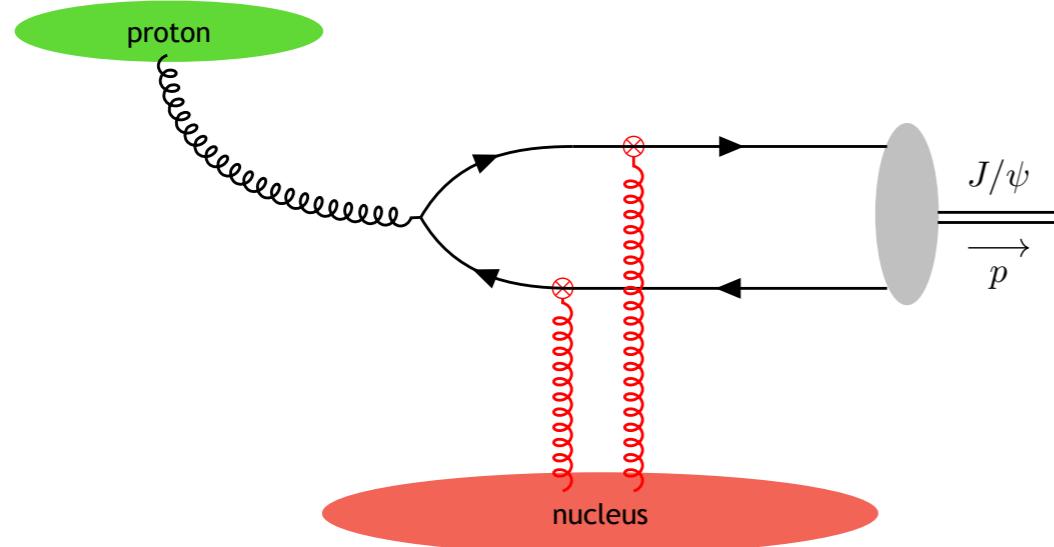
$$x_p = \sqrt{\frac{M_{J/\Psi}^2 + P_\perp^2}{s}} e^Y \quad x_A = \sqrt{\frac{M_{J/\Psi}^2 + P_\perp^2}{s}} e^{-Y}$$

Forward production  $Y \gg 1$

$$x_A \ll 1$$

# Quarkonium production in proton-nucleus collisions

CGC meets NRQCD



Non-relativistic QCD

$$\frac{d\sigma^{J/\psi}}{dp_{\perp}^2 d\eta} = \sum_{\kappa} \langle O_{\kappa}^{J/\psi} \rangle \frac{d\hat{\sigma}^{\kappa}}{dp_{\perp}^2 d\eta}$$

Non-perturbative LDME

Decompose contribution into specific quantum state  
of the heavy quark pair

$$\kappa = 2S+1 L_J^{[c]}$$

S (spin), L (angular momentum), J (total angular momentum), c (color state)

Contributing to  $J/\psi$  production:  ${}^3S_1^{[1]}, {}^1S_0^{[8]}, {}^3S_1^{[8]}, {}^3P_J^{[8]}$

Short-distance coefficients

$$\frac{d\hat{\sigma}^{\kappa}}{dp_{\perp}^2 d\eta} = g(x_p, \mathbf{k}_{\perp}) \otimes \tilde{\Gamma}^{\kappa}(\mathbf{p}_{\perp}; \mathbf{l}_{\perp}, \mathbf{l}'_{\perp}, \mathbf{k}_{\perp}) \otimes \tilde{\mathcal{G}}^{\kappa}(x_A, \mathbf{p}_{\perp}; \mathbf{l}_{\perp}, \mathbf{l}'_{\perp})$$

Proton UGD/TMD

Perturbative factor

Nuclear-dependent (CGC)

Kang, Ma, Venugopalan, Zhang (JHEP 2013)

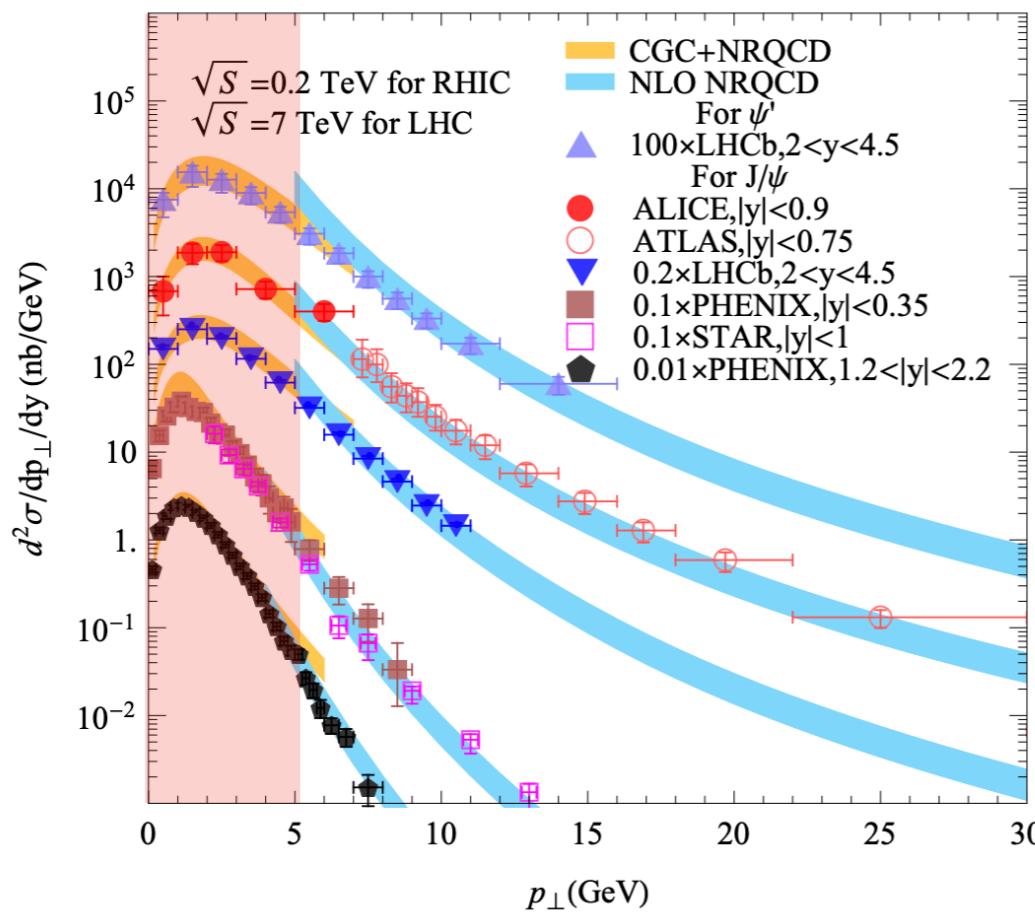
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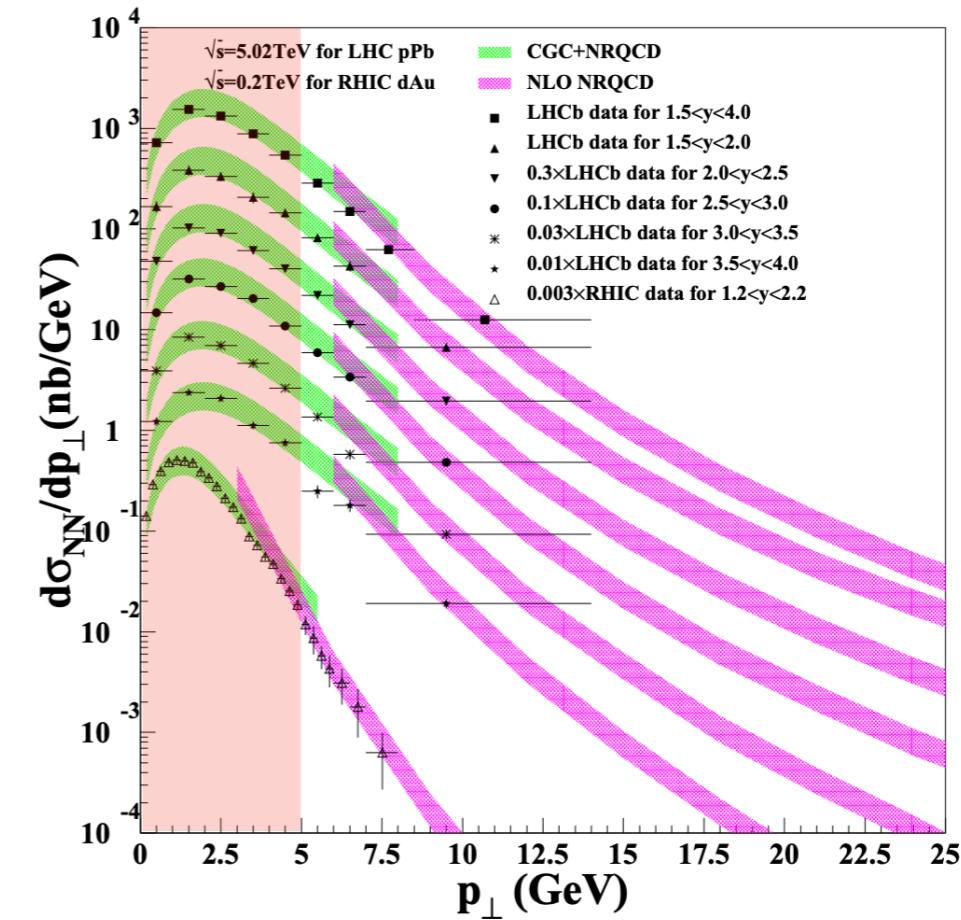
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## Transverse momentum distribution

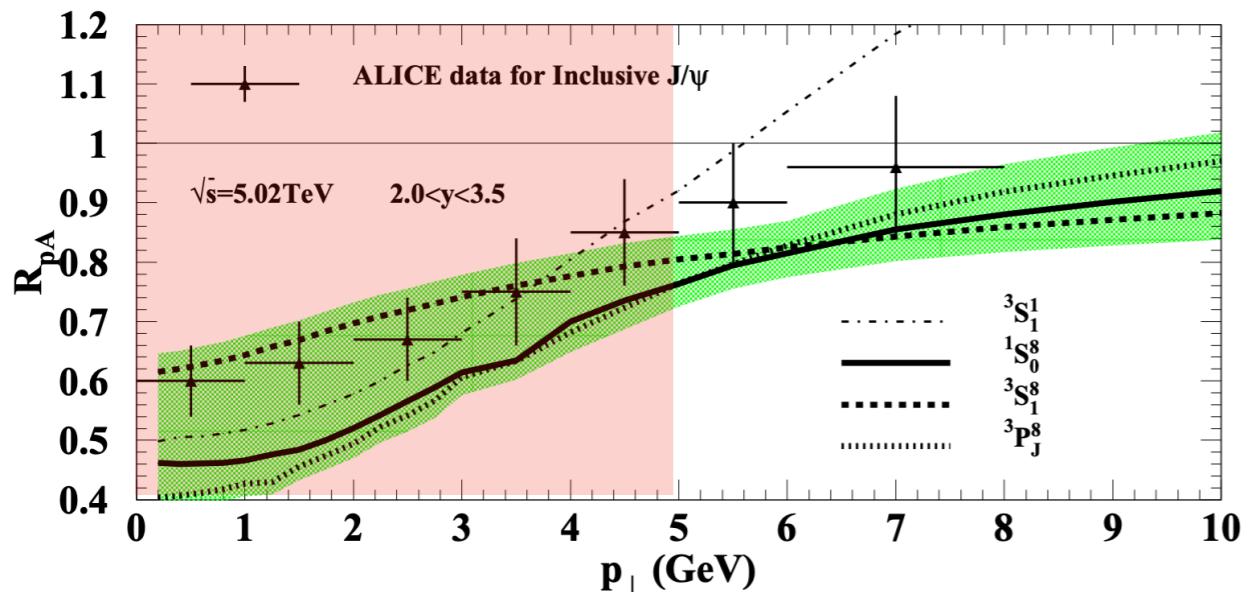
Proton-proton



Proton-nucleus



## Nuclear modification Ratio



CGC provides good description of experimental data at low  $p_T$  ( $p_T \lesssim Q_s$ )

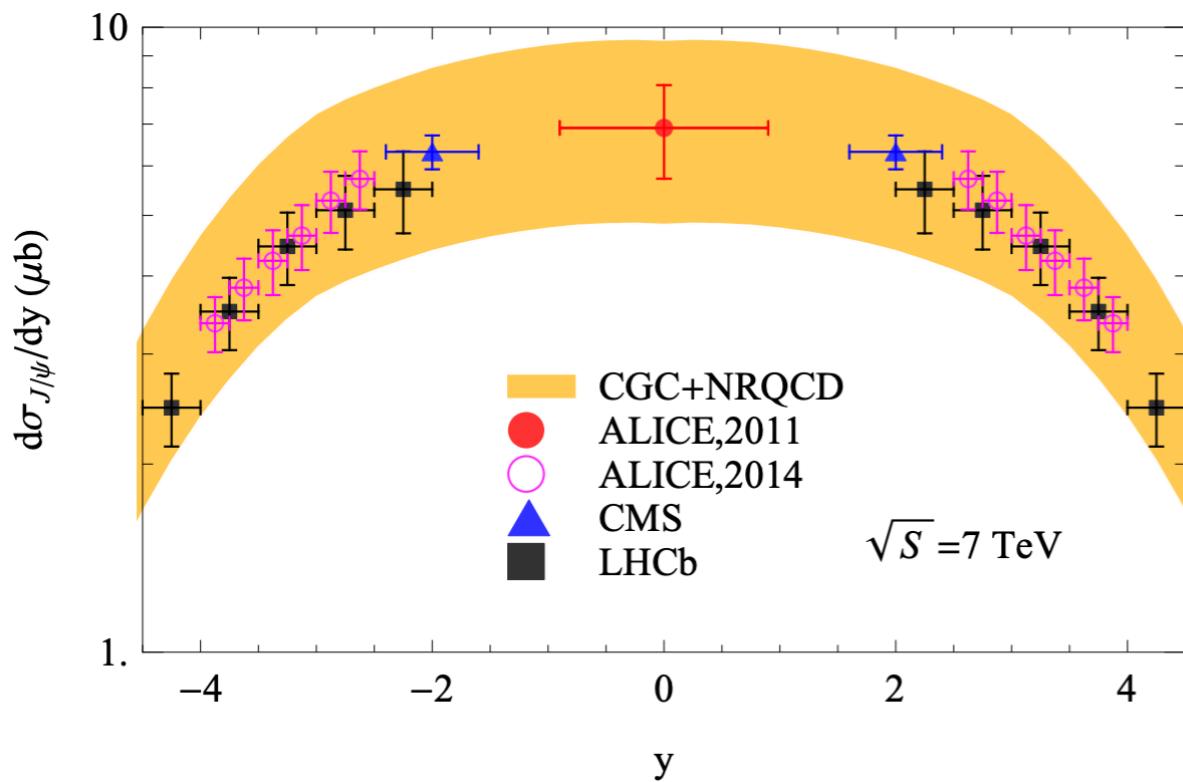
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## Rapidity distribution and nuclear modification

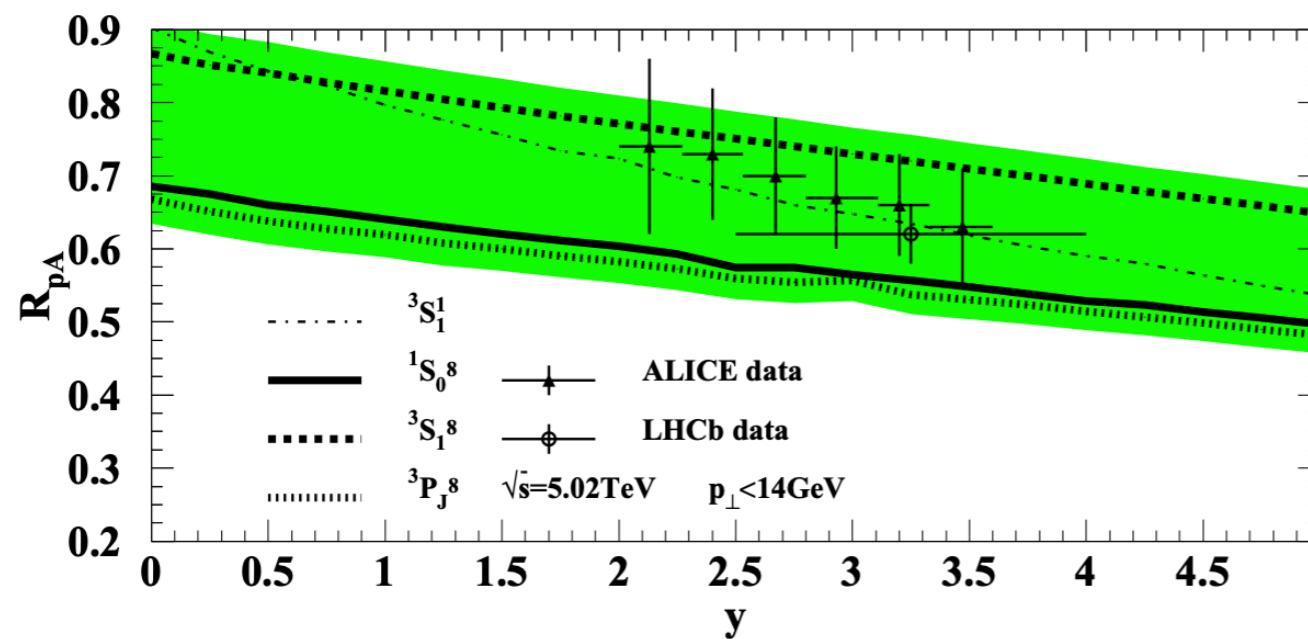
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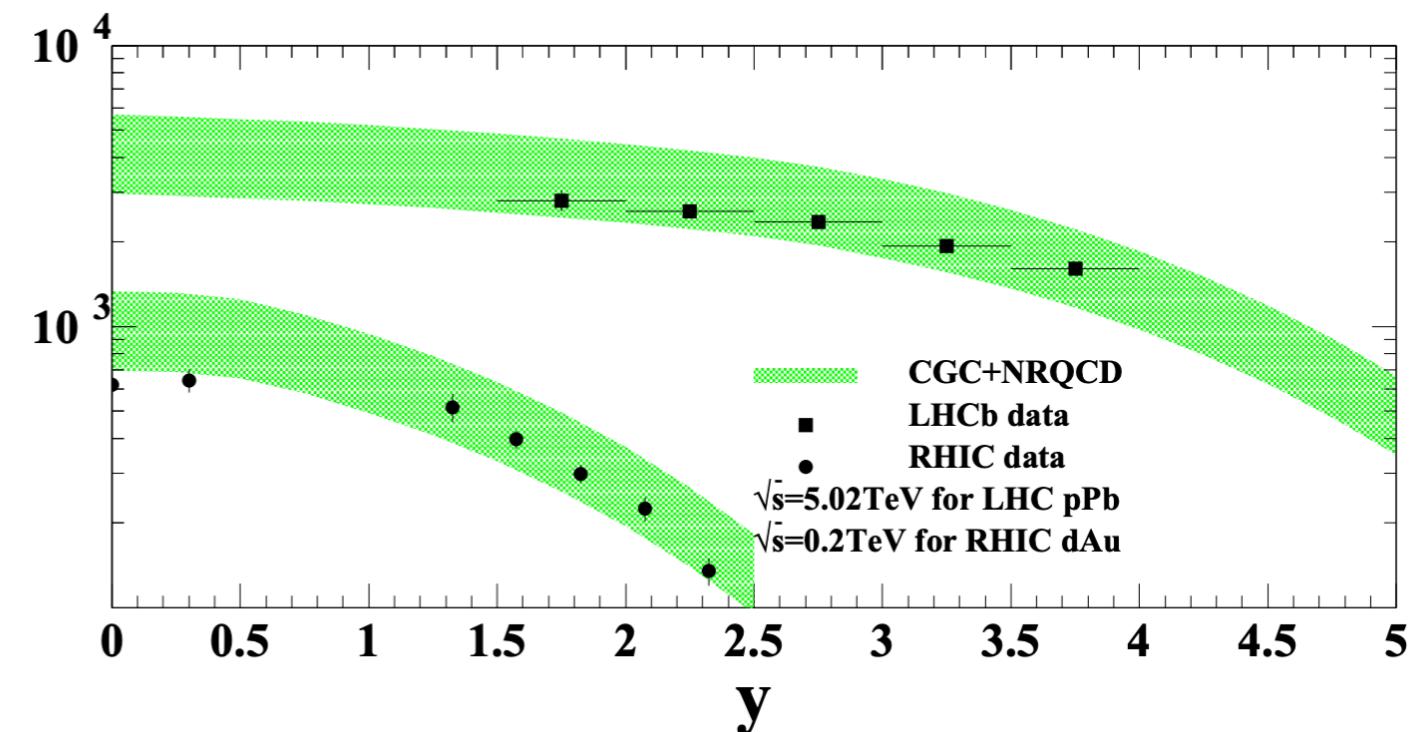
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Nuclear modification Ratio



Proton-nucleus

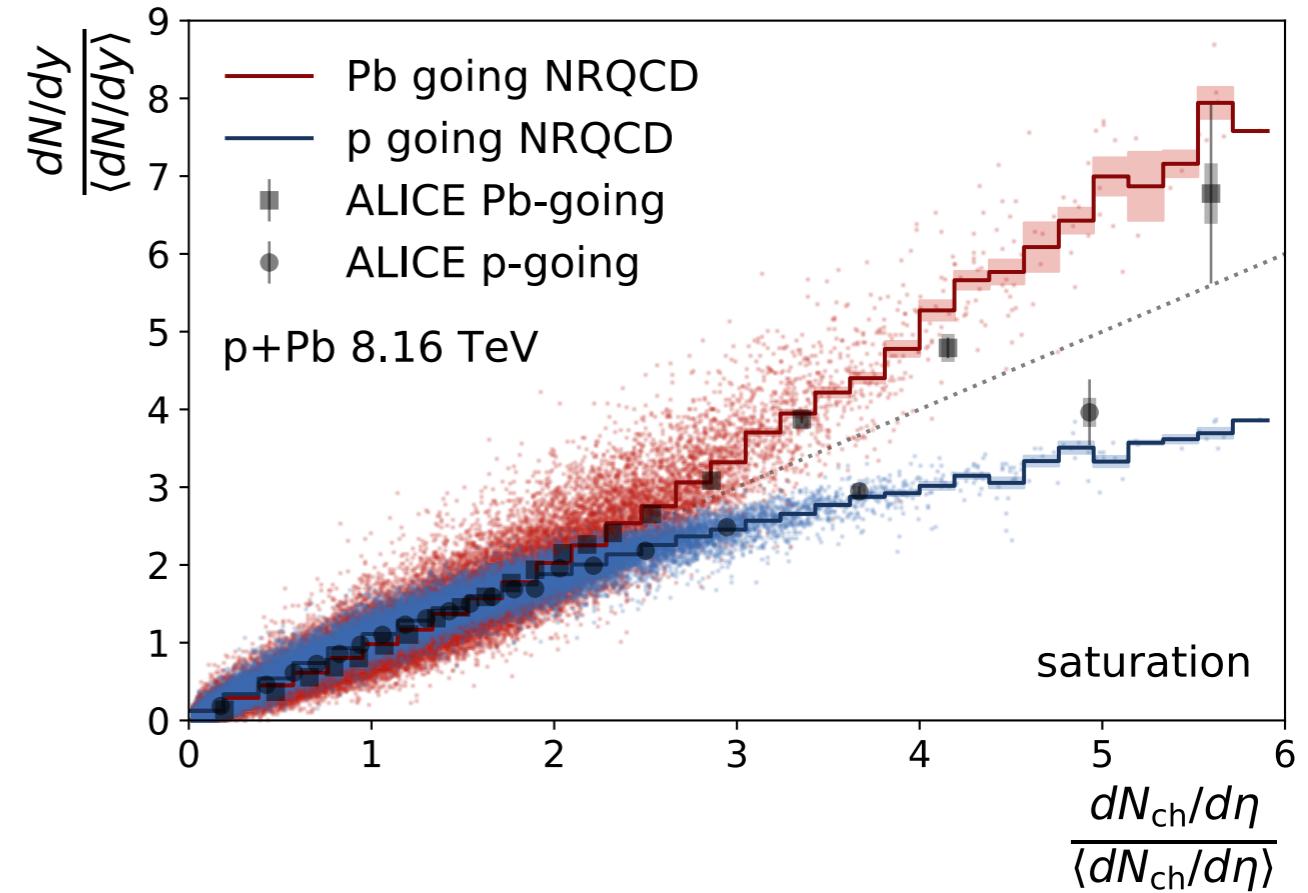
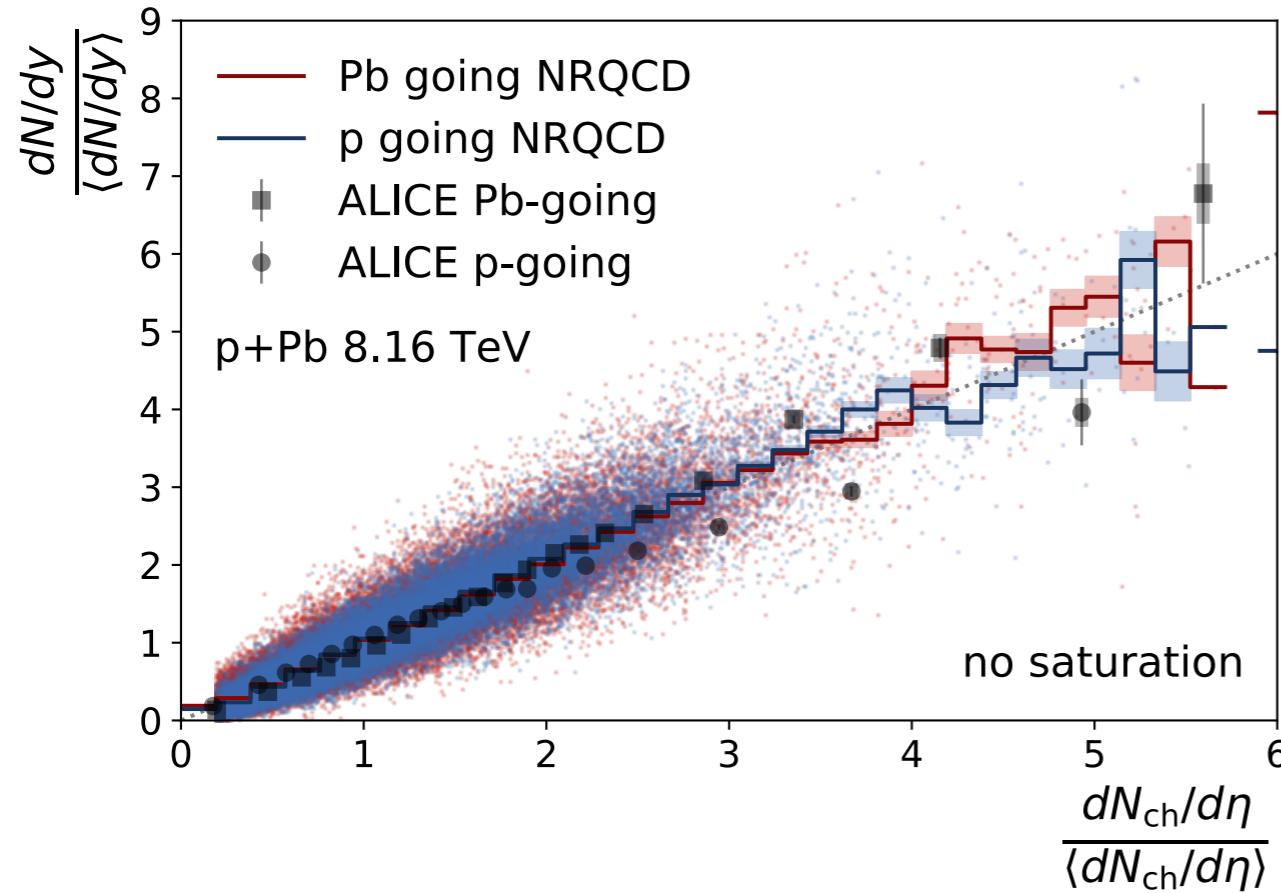


Rapidity distributions are integrated over  $p_{\perp}$ , low  $p_{\perp}$  dominates the bulk of the cross-section

# Confronting to RHIC and LHC data

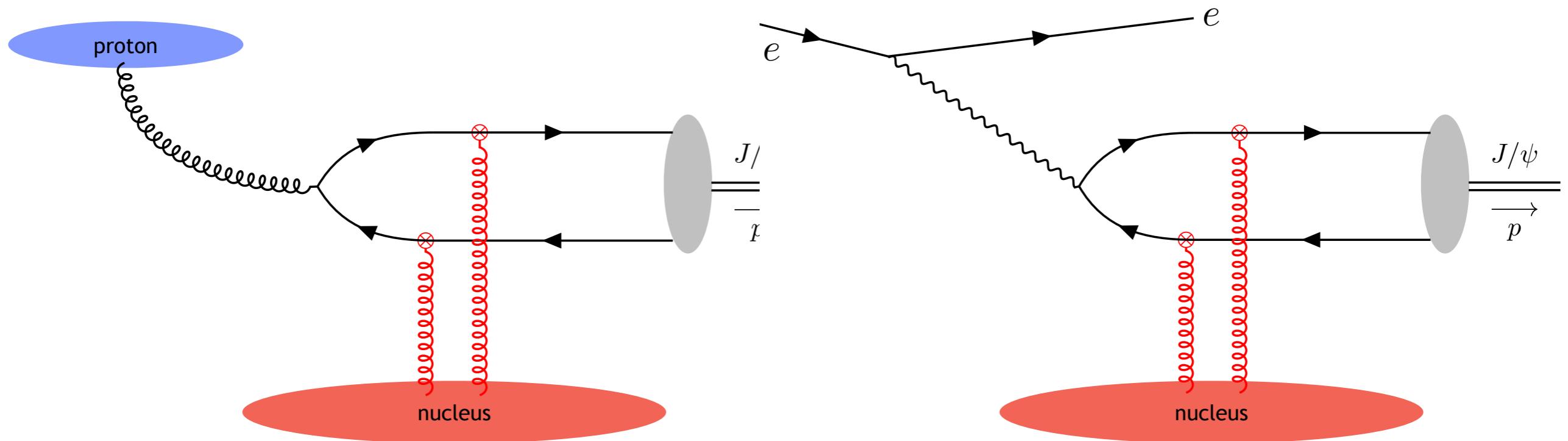
$J/\psi$  multiplicity vs charged hadron multiplicity

FS, Schenke, Soto-Ontoso [PLB 2022]



Sub-nuclear fluctuations in hotspots size and saturation scale provide a natural framework to generate different multiplicity classes that describe well LHC data

# What about electron-nucleus deep inelastic scattering?



Replace the proton projectile by an electron

Reconstruct kinematics of the “projectile” photon  
Electromagnetic probe  $\rightarrow$  cleaner theoretical calculation  
Possible to measure at the future EIC

Surprisingly, calculations [in CGC] hadn't been done yet, not even at LO...

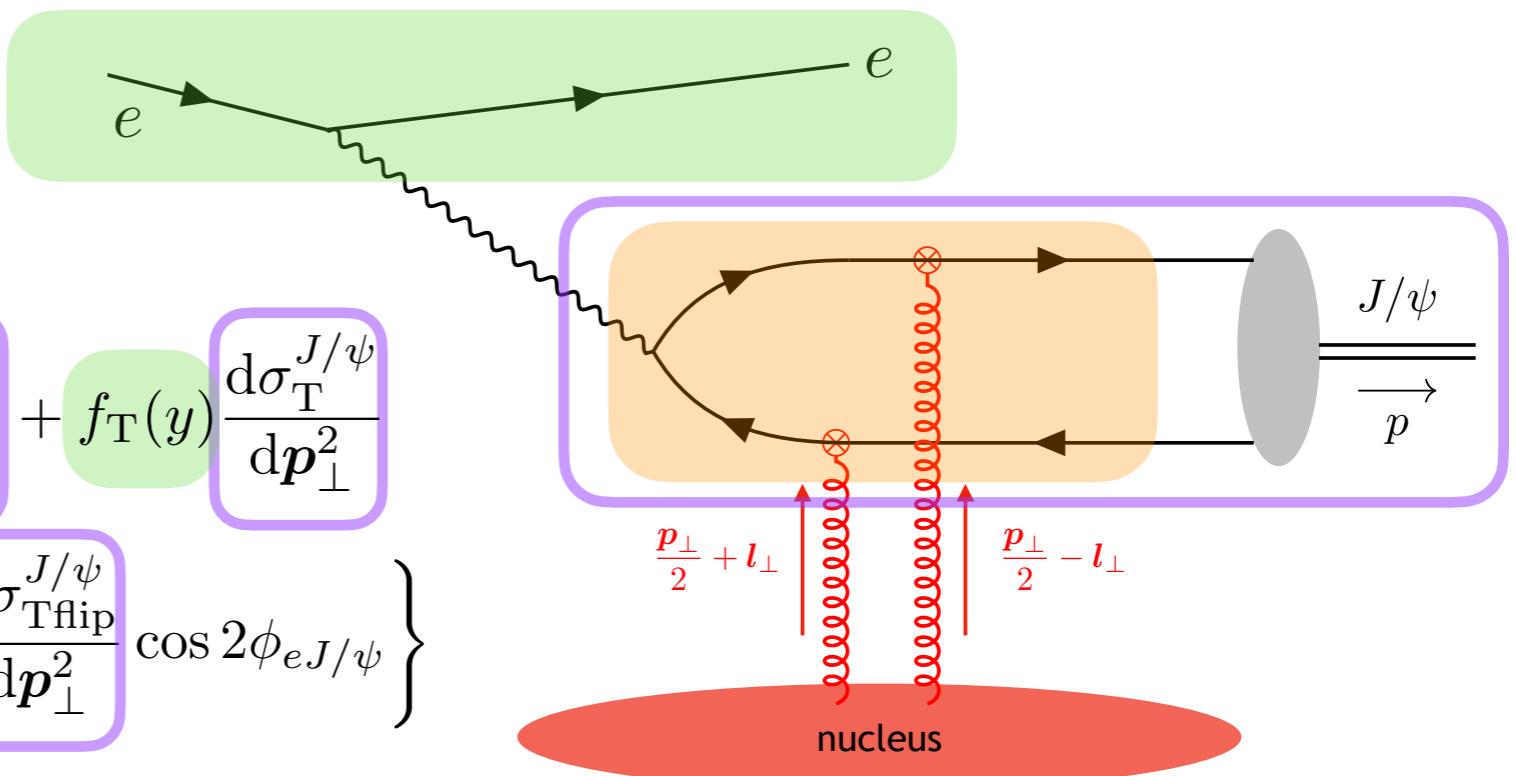
*Motivated our work in Cheung, Kang, FS, Vogt [2309.XXXX]*

# Quarkonium production in electron-nucleus collisions

CGC meets NRQCD

Direct  $J/\psi$  production in  $eA$  collision

$$\frac{d\sigma^{J/\psi}}{dx_{Bj} dy d\mathbf{p}_\perp^2 d\phi_{eJ/\psi}} = \frac{\alpha_{em}}{2\pi^2 y x_{Bj}} \left\{ f_L(y) \frac{d\sigma_L^{J/\psi}}{d\mathbf{p}_\perp^2} + f_T(y) \frac{d\sigma_T^{J/\psi}}{d\mathbf{p}_\perp^2} \right. \\ \left. + f_{TL}(y) \frac{d\sigma_{TL}^{J/\psi}}{d\mathbf{p}_\perp^2} \cos \phi_{eJ/\psi} + f_{Tflip}(y) \frac{d\sigma_{Tflip}^{J/\psi}}{d\mathbf{p}_\perp^2} \cos 2\phi_{eJ/\psi} \right\}$$



Direct  $J/\psi$  production in  $\gamma^* A$  collision

$$\frac{d\sigma_\lambda^{J/\psi}}{d\mathbf{p}_\perp^2} = \sum_\kappa \langle \mathcal{O}_\kappa^{J/\psi} \rangle \frac{d\hat{\sigma}_\lambda^\kappa}{d\mathbf{p}_\perp^2}$$

LDME for  $J/\psi$  production

Short-distance coefficients

$$\frac{d\hat{\sigma}_\lambda^\kappa}{d\mathbf{p}_\perp^2} = \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{l}_\perp}{2\pi} \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{l}'_\perp}{2\pi} \tilde{\Gamma}_\lambda^\kappa(\mathbf{p}_\perp, Q; \mathbf{l}_\perp, \mathbf{l}'_\perp) \tilde{\mathcal{G}}_Y^\kappa(\mathbf{p}_\perp; \mathbf{l}_\perp, \mathbf{l}'_\perp)$$

Convolution manifestly breaks kT factorization

Spin and polarization-dependent perturbative factor (20 functions)

Nuclear-dependent CGC distribution (Octet and Singlet)

# Quarkonium production in electron-nucleus collisions

kT factorization and the Weizsäcker Williams gluon distribution

Our result for Short-distance coefficients in CGC + NRQCD

$$\frac{d\hat{\sigma}_\lambda^\kappa}{dp_\perp^2} = \int \frac{d^2 l_\perp}{2\pi} \int \frac{d^2 l'_\perp}{2\pi} \tilde{\Gamma}_\lambda^\kappa(p_\perp, Q; l_\perp, l'_\perp) \tilde{\mathcal{G}}_Y^\kappa(p_\perp; l_\perp, l'_\perp)$$

Improved TMD limit

Expansion following  
Boussarie, Mehtar-Tani  
(PRD 2021)

$$Q_s^2 \ll Q^2 + M_{J/\psi}^2$$

$$\frac{d\hat{\sigma}_\lambda^\kappa}{dp_\perp^2} = \mathcal{H}_{\lambda, \alpha\alpha'}^\kappa(Q, p_\perp) x G^{\alpha\alpha'}(x, p_\perp)$$

Satisfies (generalized)  
kT factorization

TMD limit

$$Q_s^2 \ll Q^2 + M_{J/\psi}^2 \quad \text{and} \quad p_\perp^2 \ll Q^2 + M_{J/\psi}^2$$

Reproduces results by  
Bacchetta, Boer, Pisano and Taels  
(EPJC 2018) within TMD factorization

$$\frac{d\hat{\sigma}_\lambda^\kappa}{dp_\perp^2} = H_{\lambda, \alpha\alpha'}^\kappa(Q) x G^{\alpha\alpha'}(x, p_\perp)$$

$$x G^{\alpha\alpha'}(x, p_\perp)$$

Weizsäcker-Williams  
UGD or TMD at small-x

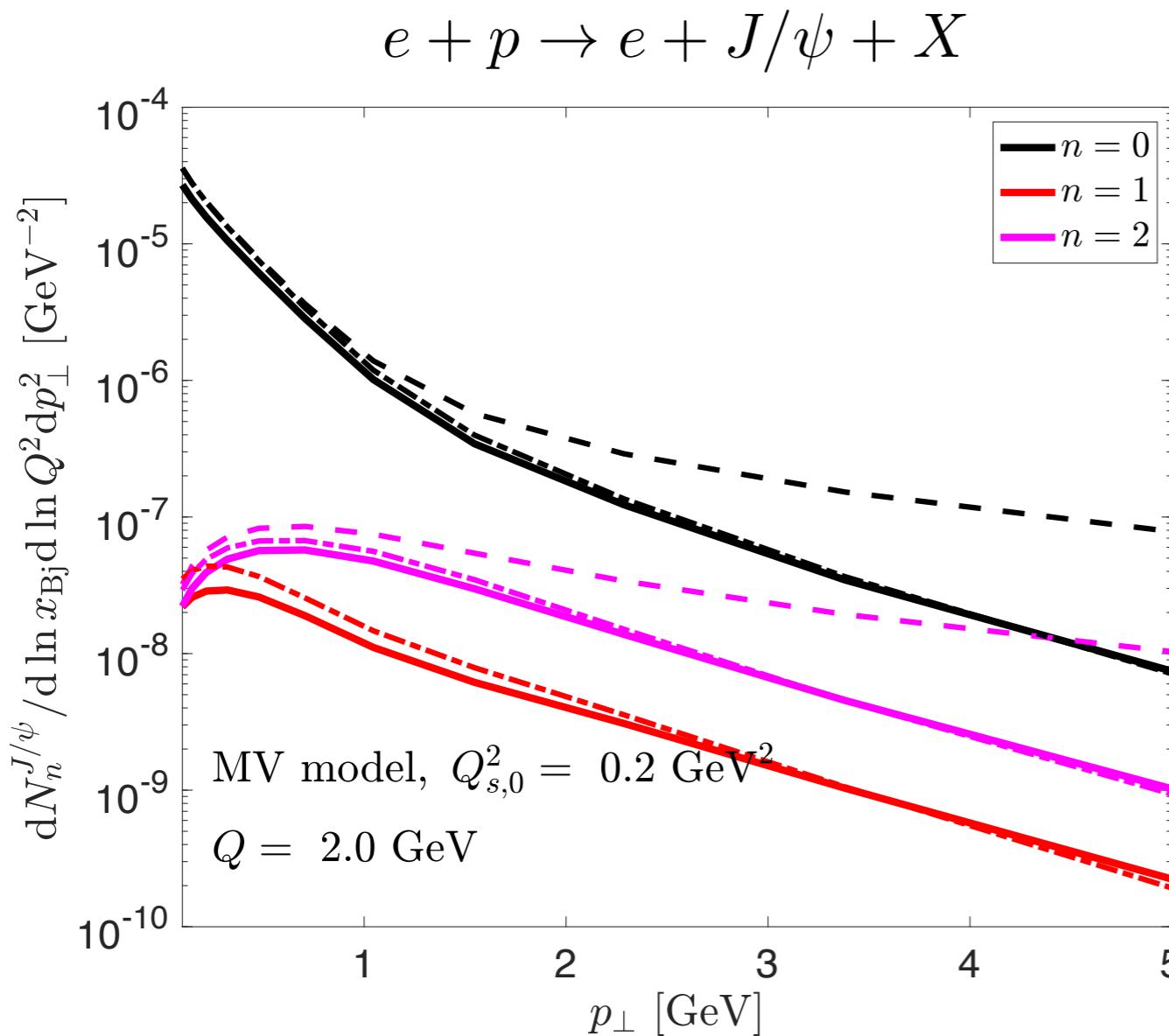
See e.g. Dominguez,  
Marquet, Xiao, Yuan  
( PRD 2013)

kT factorization breaking grows with saturation scale  $Q_s^2$   
(i.e. larger nuclei or larger energies)

# Quarkonium production in electron-nucleus collisions

pT dependence: CGC vs kT factorization (TMD and ITMD)

$$dN_n = \frac{1}{S_\perp} \int \frac{d\phi_{eJ/\psi}}{2\pi} d\sigma^{J/\psi} \cos(n\phi_{eJ/\psi})$$



Solid line= full CGC  
Dashed-solid= Improved TMD  
Dashed = TMD

kT factorization (ITMD)

$\ln(Q_s^2/p_\perp^2)$  for  $p_\perp^2 \lesssim Q_s^2$  TMD saturated

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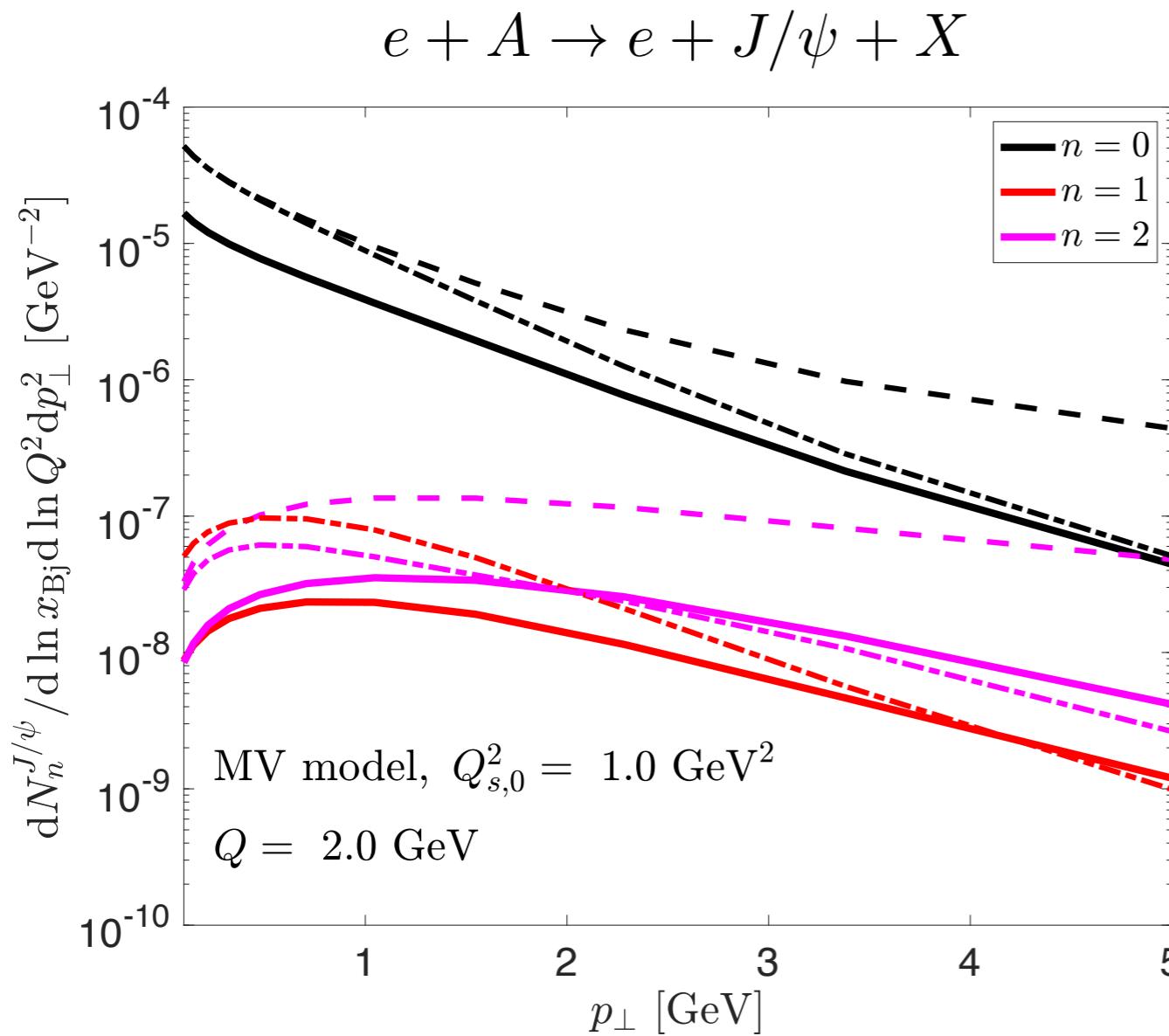
$1/p_\perp^4$  for  $p_\perp \gg Q^2 + M_{J/\psi}^2$  collinear

Small saturation scale ->  
little factorization kT breaking

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Full CGC

Further suppression at low  $p_\perp$   
when  $Q_s^2 \sim Q^2 + M_{J/\psi}^2$  due to kT  
factorization breaking

# Summary and Outlook

- Past

CGC + NRQCD provides good descriptions of rapidity and  $p_{\perp}$  distribution, nuclear modification ratio, and multiplicity-dependence in high-energy pp and pA collisions at RHIC and LHC

- Present

We computed direct quarkonium production in ep and eA, and carried out a numerical study focusing on deviations from kT factorization

- Future

Can we provide a good description of HERA data? UPCs?

Predictions for the EIC

Study polarized  $J/\psi$  production

Extend our results to NLO [ZK, FS and Emilie Li on-going work]