



# Energy dependence of $J/\psi$ production in pp collisions with the PACIAE model

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# Background and Motivation

- $J/\psi$  is the lightest vector charmonium meson.
- The suppression of  $J/\psi$  production was proposed as a probe to QGP created in HI collisions.
- The  $J/\psi$  production could also be suppressed due to the CNM effects, such as modifications of nuclear PDFs.
- In order to disentangle the hot and cold medium effects, it is necessary to understand the  $J/\psi$  production in pp collisions where the initial state effects are absent.



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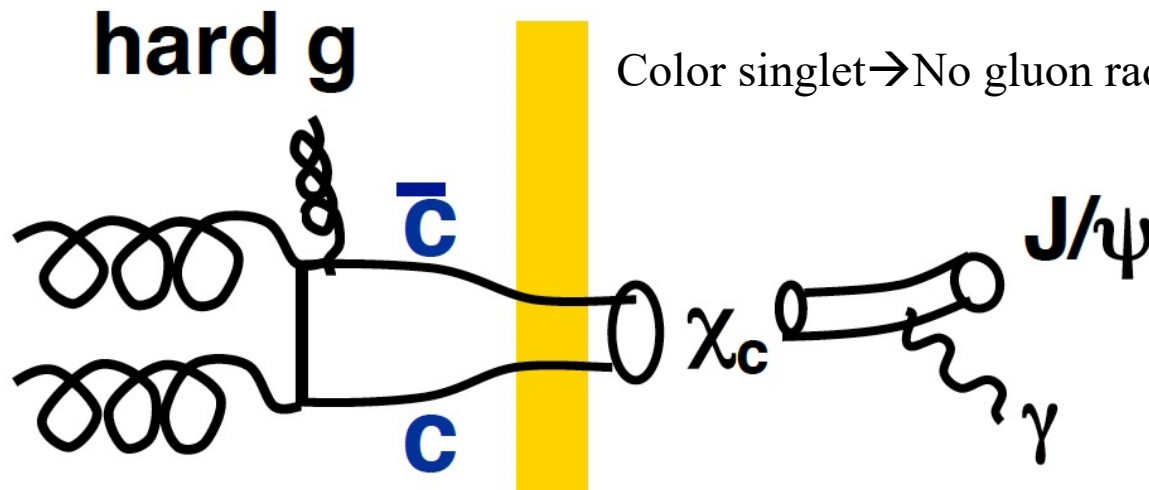
- The  $J/\psi$  production was extensively investigated at colliders such as the Tevatron, RHIC and LHC.
- The ALICE collaboration had published the inclusive  $J/\psi$  production in the fwd- and mid-rapidity regions in pp collisions.

$\sqrt{s}$	forward rapidity ( $2.5 < y < 4$ )	mid-rapidity ( $-0.9 < y < 0.9$ )
2.76 TeV	Phys. Lett. B 718, 295 (2012).	–
5.02 TeV	Eur. Phys. J. C 77, 392 (2017).	J. High Energy Physics 10, 84 (2019).
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8 TeV	Eur. Phys. J. C 76, 184 (2016).	–
13 TeV	Eur. Phys. J. C 77, 392 (2017).	Eur. Phys. J. C 77, 392 (2017).

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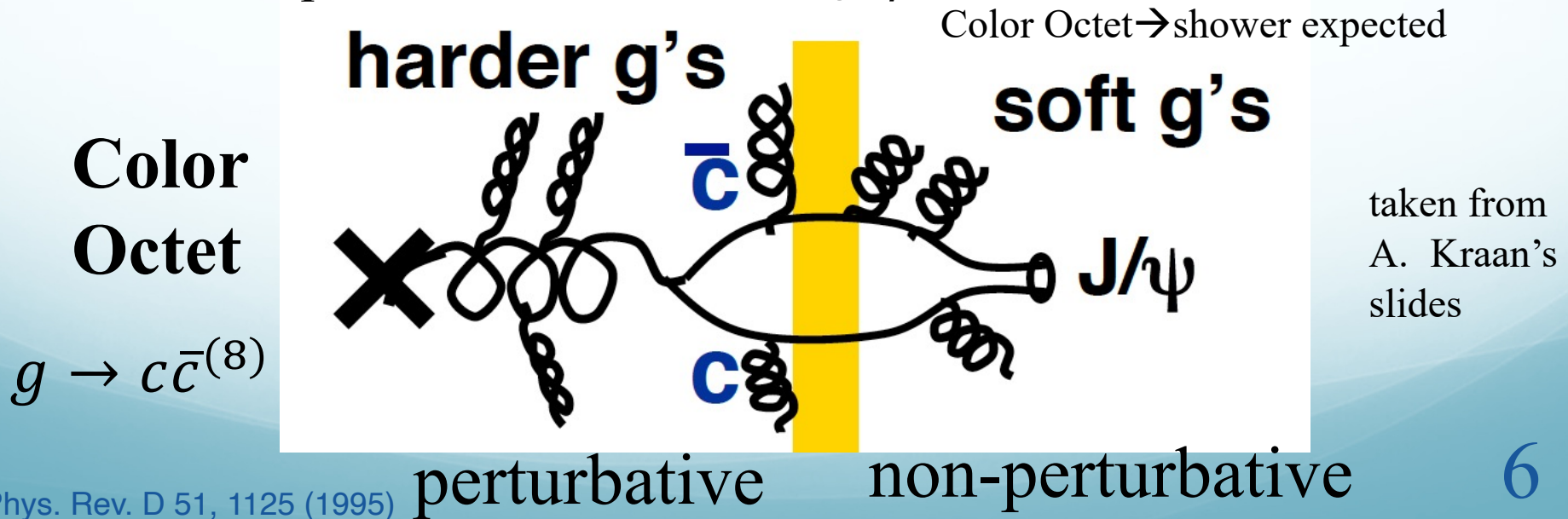
Color Singlet



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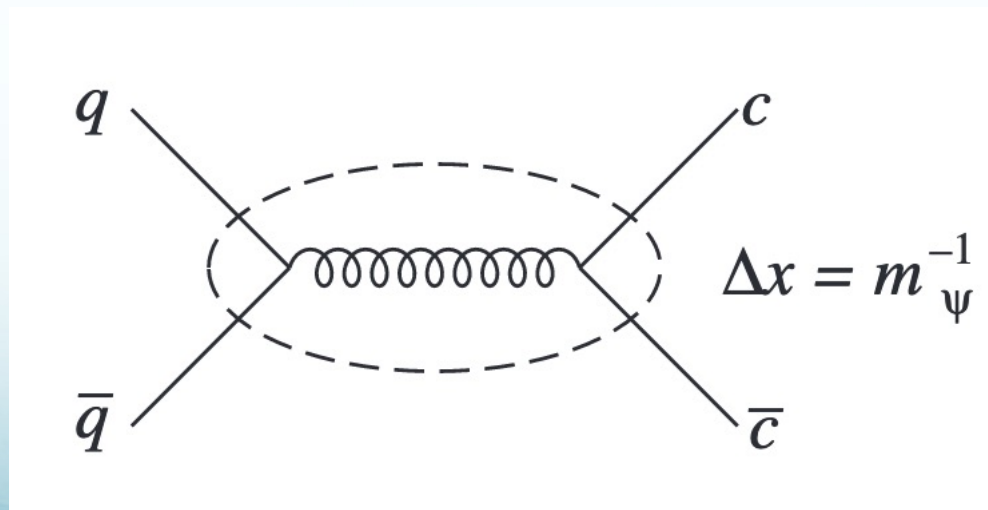
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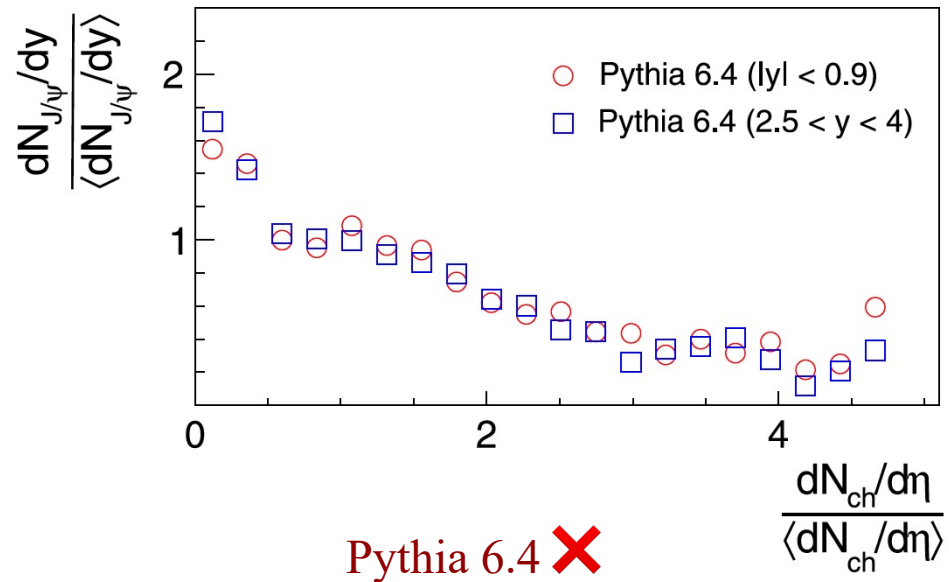
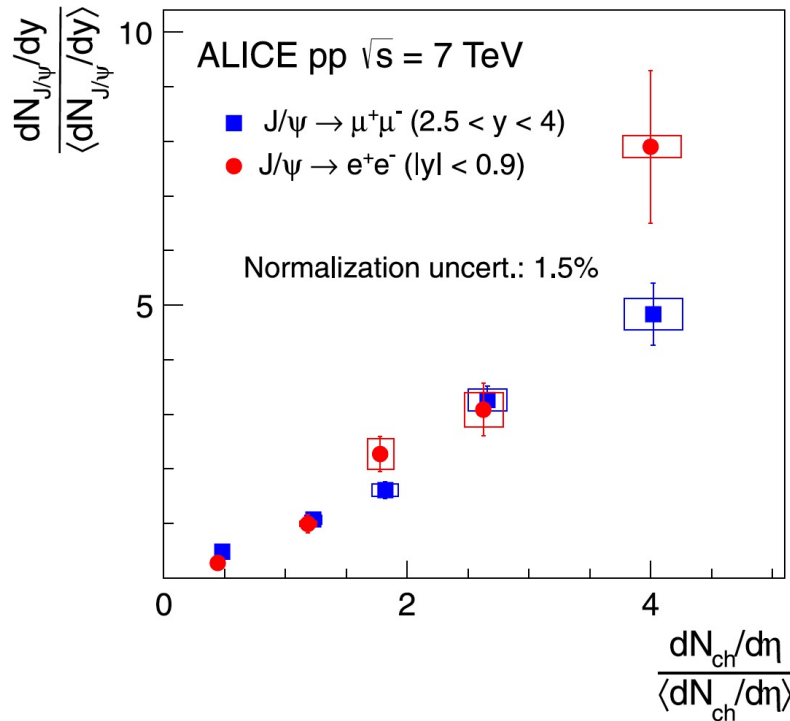
## Color Evaporation



$q\bar{q}$  annihilation into  $c\bar{c}$

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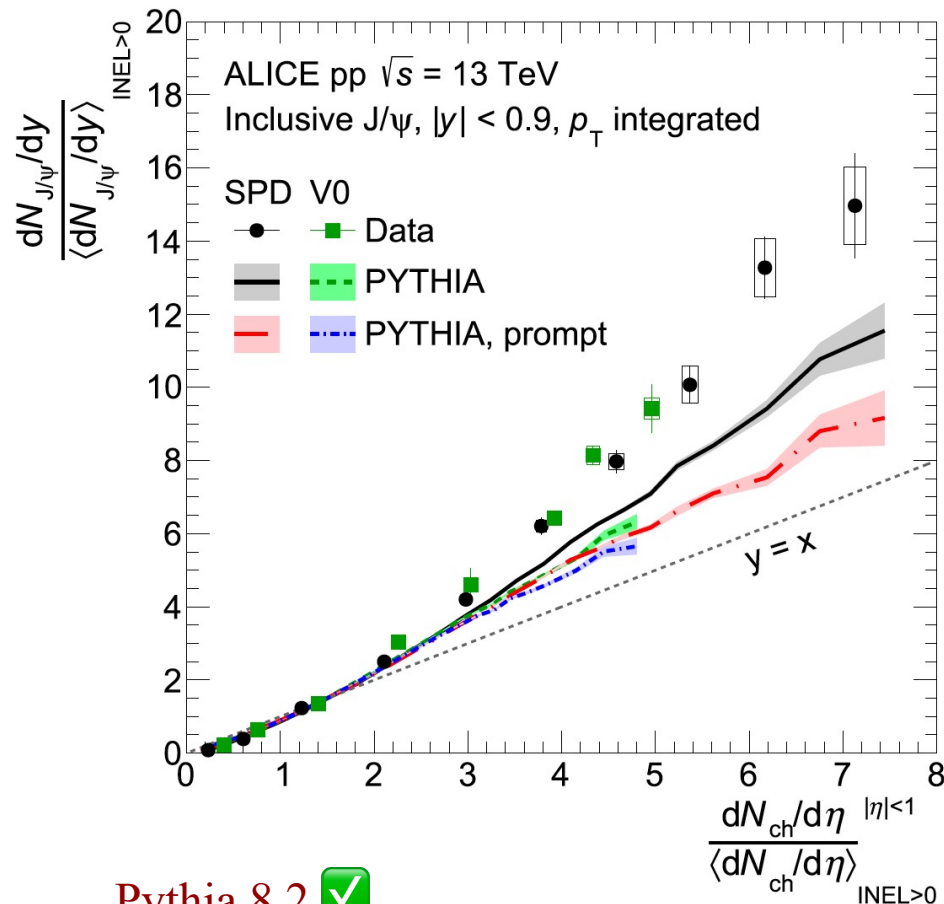


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Different treatment  
of MPI in PYTHIA 6  
and PYTHIA 8



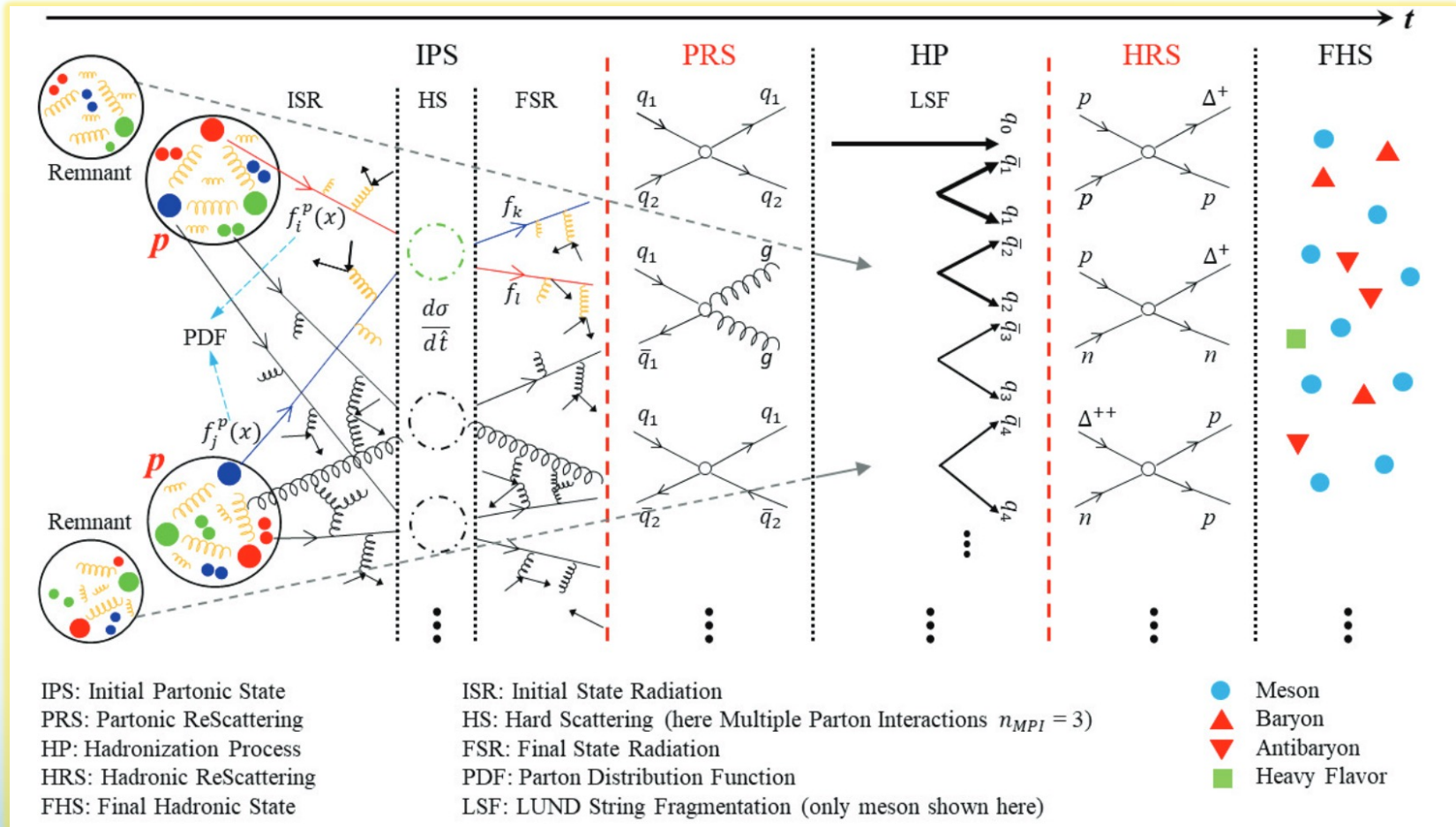
Pythia 8.2



# Background and Motivation

- As a complementary study, we use a parton and hadron cascade model PACIAE 2.2a to investigate the  $J/\psi$  production in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 2.76, 5.02, 7, 8,$  and 13 TeV.
- In the model the  $J/\psi$  production QCD process will be selected specially and a bias factor will be introduced for the simulation sample correspondingly.

# The PACIAE Model



PACIAE is based on PYTHIA 6.4 but further considers the partonic rescattering before hadronization and the hadronic rescattering after hadronization.



# The PACIAE Model

- The initial partonic states are created by temporarily **switching off** the **string fragmentation** in PYTHIA, breaking down these strings and splitting up the diquarks (anti-diquarks) randomly.
- Together with the ISR and FSR, this partonic matter then undergoes **hard scatterings** and **parton rescatterings**, where the LO pQCD parton-parton interaction xs are employed.



# The PACIAE Model

- A  $K$  factor is introduced to consider higher order effects and non-perturbative corrections.
- After the parton rescattering, the partonic matter is converted into hadrons by the **string fragmentation** or the **coalescence** model.
- Then followed is the **hadronic rescattering** where the method of two-body collision is utilized to rescatter hadrons until the kinetic freeze-out happens.



# The Method

- A 'menu' of subprocesses for the  $J/\psi$  production is composed.
- The 'color-octet' processes are not considered, as we only focus on the production of  $J/\psi$  in the low and intermediate  $p_T$  range.

color-singlet  
processes

ISUB =	86	$gg \rightarrow J/\psi g$
	87	$gg \rightarrow \chi_{0c} g$
	88	$gg \rightarrow \chi_{1c} g$
	89	$gg \rightarrow \chi_{2c} g$
	104	$gg \rightarrow \chi_{0c}$
	105	$gg \rightarrow \chi_{2c}$
	106	$gg \rightarrow J/\psi \gamma$



# The Method

- The selection of the  $J/\psi$  production processes will introduce a bias sampling.

$$\frac{\left. \frac{d\sigma_{J/\psi}}{dy} \right|_{\text{sim}}}{\int p_T \left. \frac{d^2\sigma_{J/\psi}}{dp_T dy} \right|_{\text{sim}} dp_T} = \frac{\left. \frac{d\sigma_{J/\psi}}{dy} \right|_{\text{exp}}}{\int p_T \left. \frac{d^2\sigma_{J/\psi}}{dp_T dy} \right|_{\text{exp}} dp_T}$$

Bias factor

$$B = \frac{\int p_T \left. \frac{d^2\sigma_{J/\psi}}{dp_T dy} \right|_{\text{exp}} dp_T}{\int p_T \left. \frac{d^2\sigma_{J/\psi}}{dp_T dy} \right|_{\text{sim}} dp_T} = \frac{\int p_T \left. \frac{d^2\sigma_{J/\psi}}{dp_T dy} \right|_{\text{exp}} dp_T}{\int p_T \left. \frac{d^2N_{J/\psi}}{dp_T dy} \cdot \frac{\sigma_{J/\psi}}{N_{J/\psi}} \right|_{\text{sim}} dp_T}$$

$N_{J/\psi}$  is total  $J/\psi$  yield in simulation

$\sigma_{J/\psi}$  is  $J/\psi$  cross section in one pp collision at a given energy



# The Method

- In PACIAE, the model parameters are chosen as the **default values** in PYTHIA 6.4, except for the  $K$  factor.
- The  $K$  factor is determined by fitting the simulation to the experimental data with a least  $\chi^2$  method.

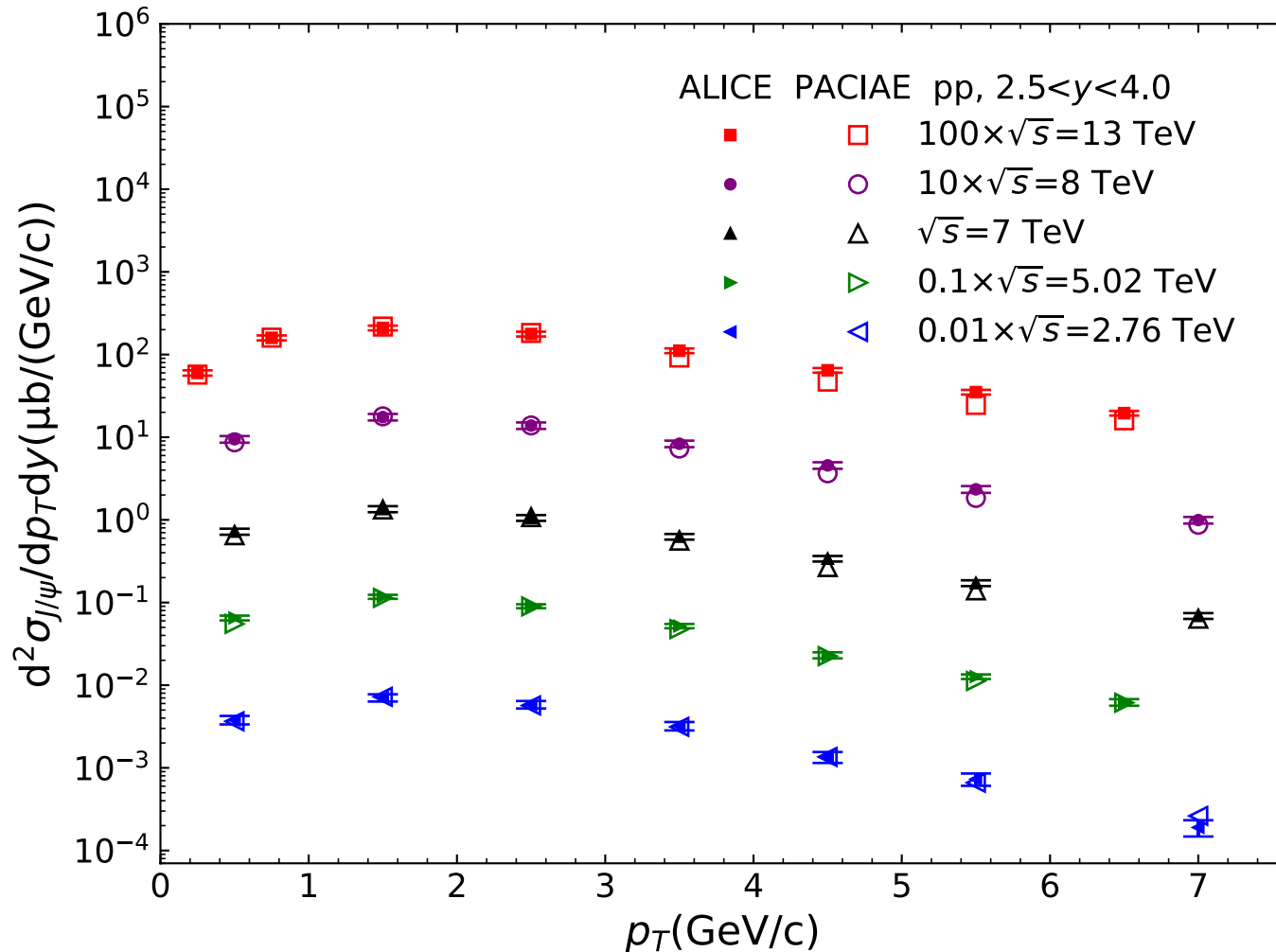
$K$	2.76 TeV	5.02 TeV	7 TeV	8 TeV	13 TeV
	$\chi^2/ndf$				
1.1	5.39/6	14.06/6	23.85/6	17.09/6	66.34/7
1.2	4.74/6	10.93/6	19.57/6	16.77/6	71.67/7
1.3	6.11/6	17.25/6	<b>16.62/6</b>	16.40/6	63.80/7
1.4	4.81/6	13.55/6	18.87/6	17.08/6	60.94/7
1.5	6.86/6	11.44/6	21.23/6	<b>13.40/6</b>	58.07/7
1.6	<b>3.46/6</b>	13.10/6	19.18/6	13.71/6	58.83/7
1.7	5.92/6	<b>10.92/6</b>	19.54/6	14.85/6	<b>54.86/7</b>
1.8	7.04/6	14.89/6	19.25/6	14.37/6	65.33/7
1.9	5.96/6	15.22/6	20.05/6	14.94/6	71.83/7





# Results and Discussions

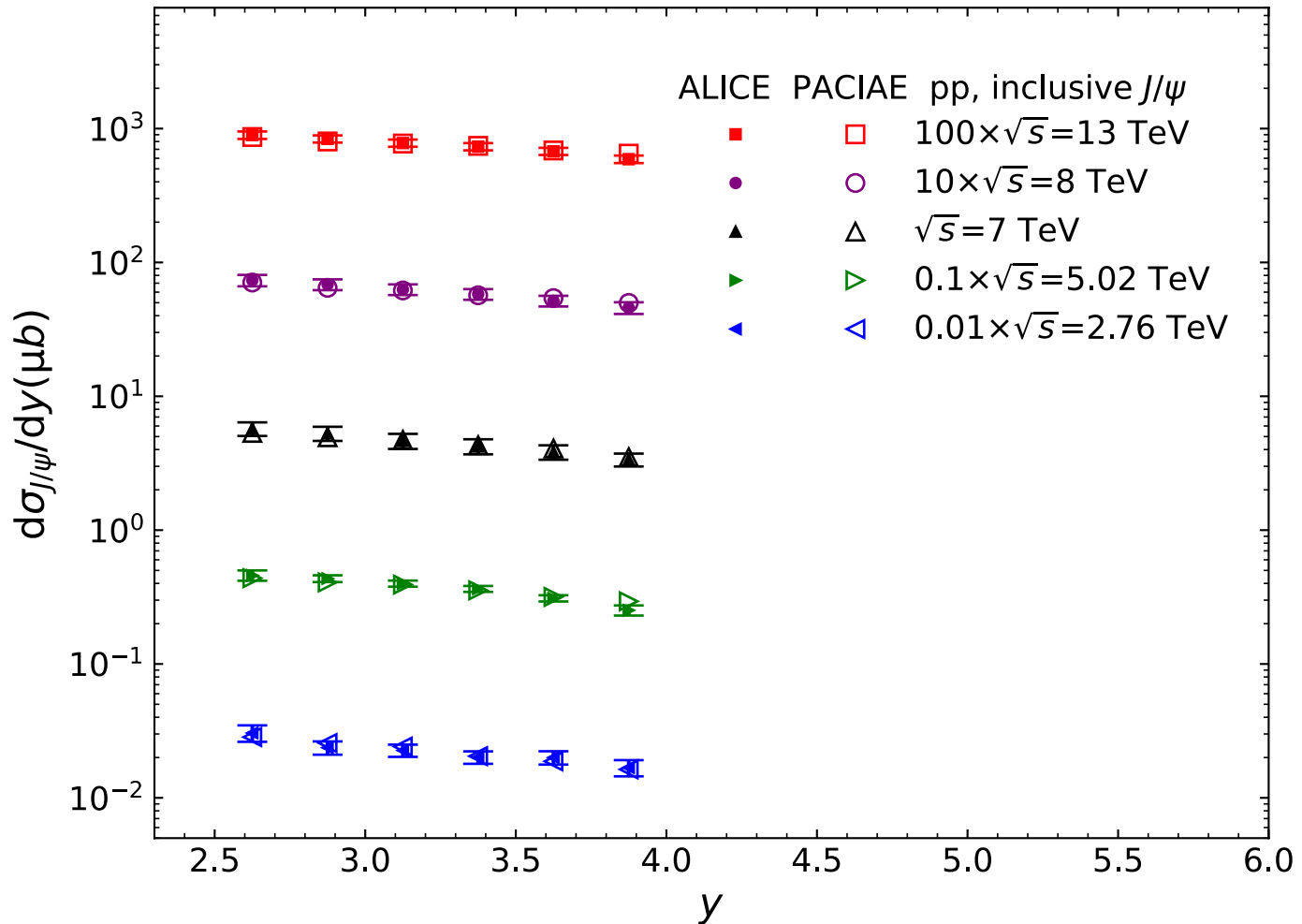
## Forward rapidity





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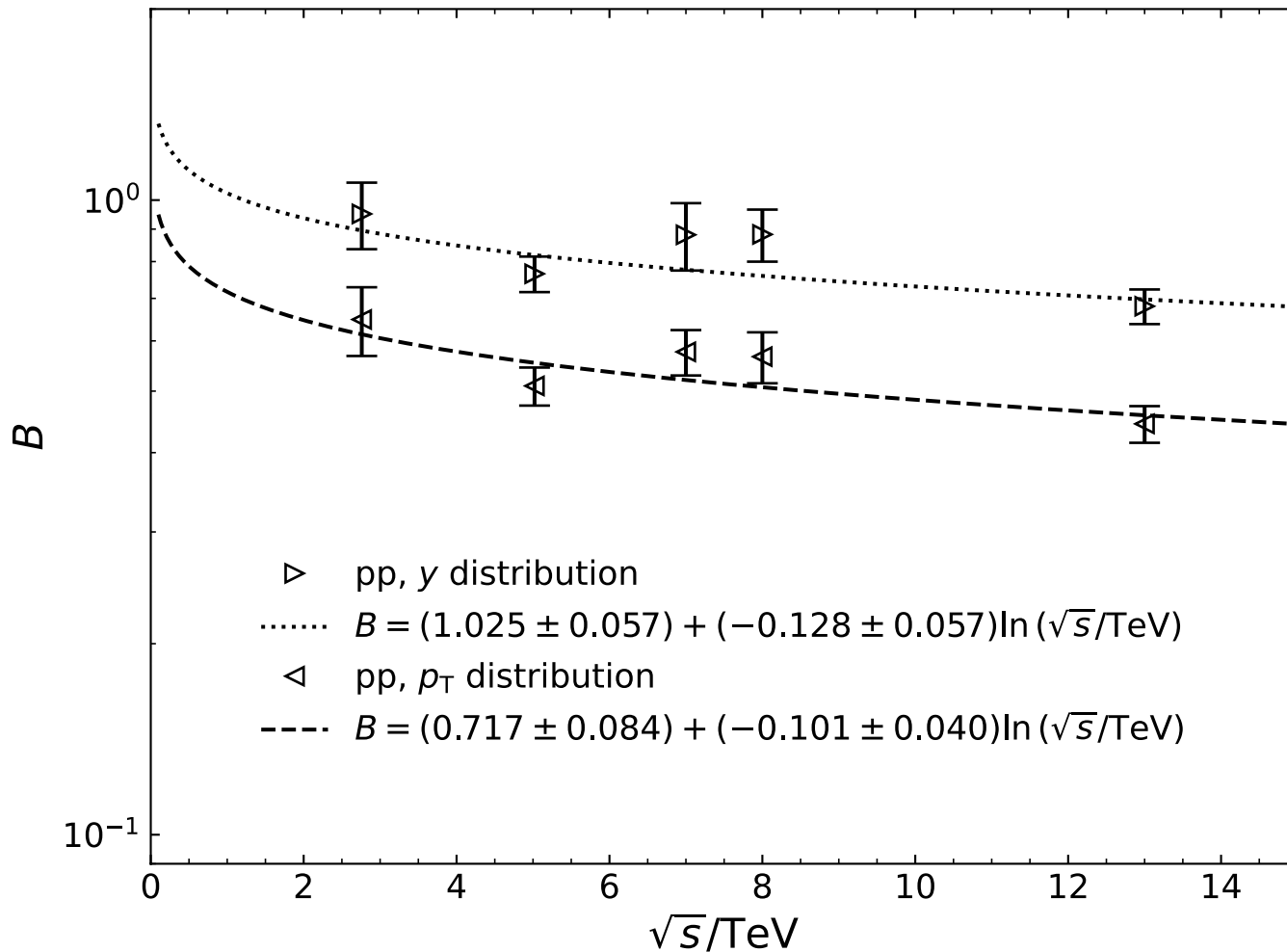
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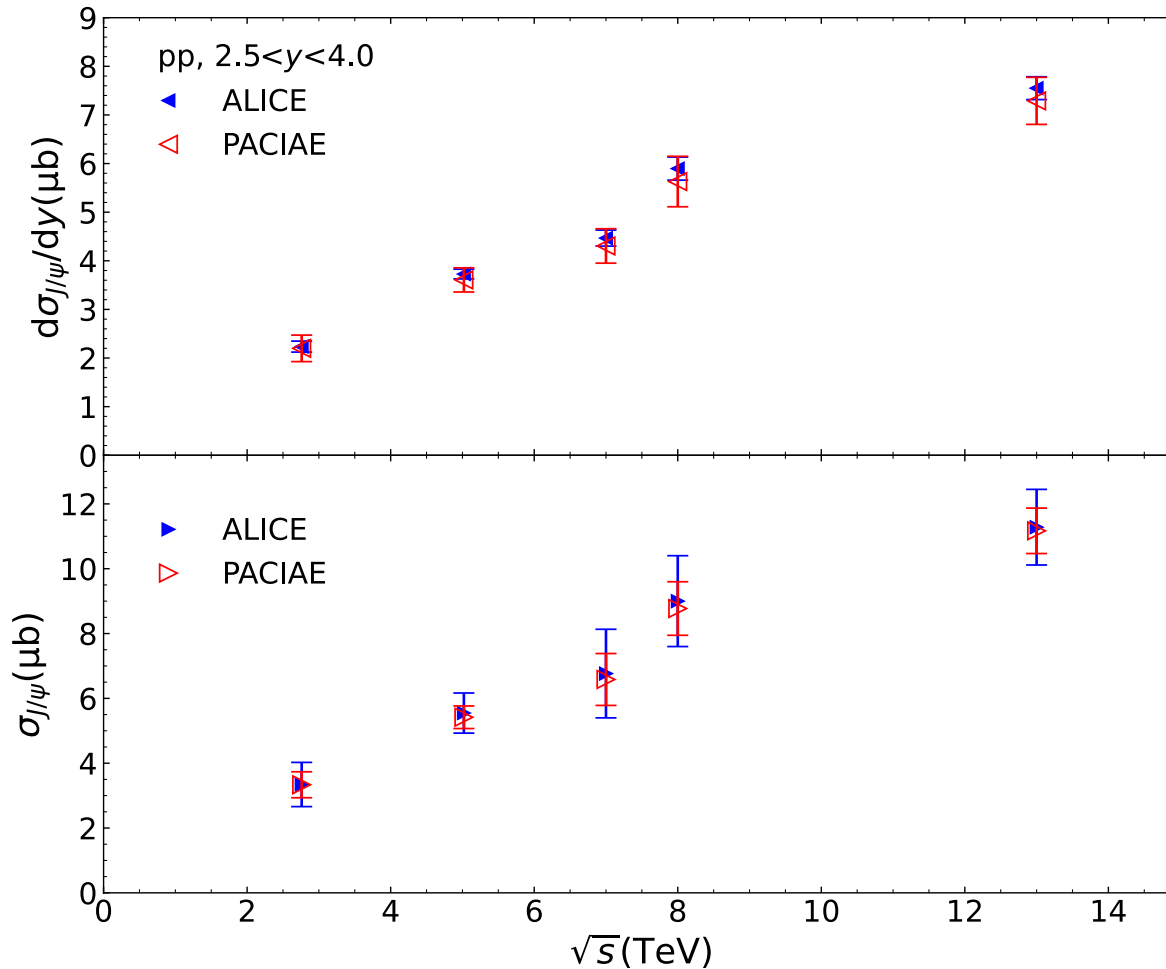
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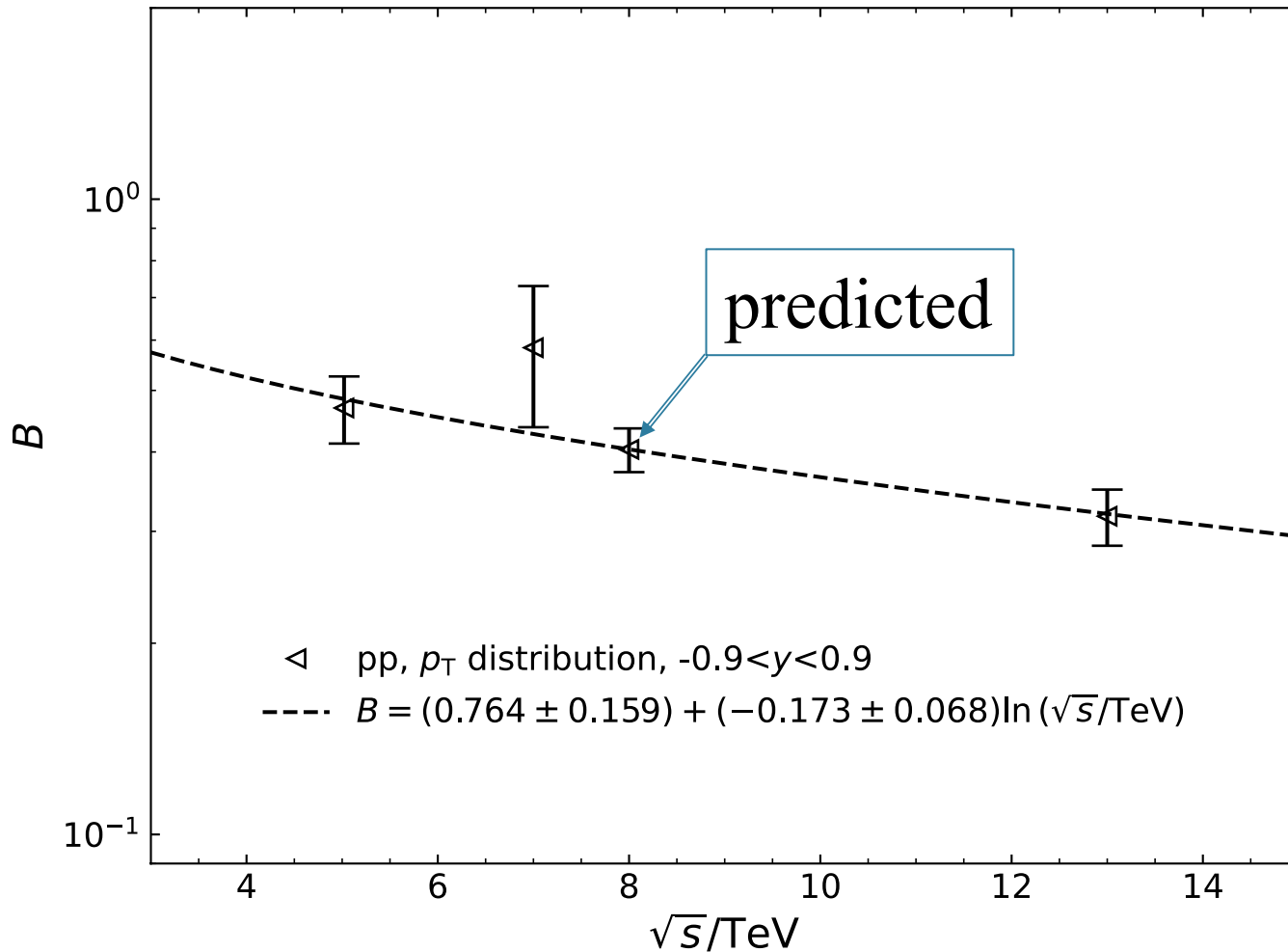
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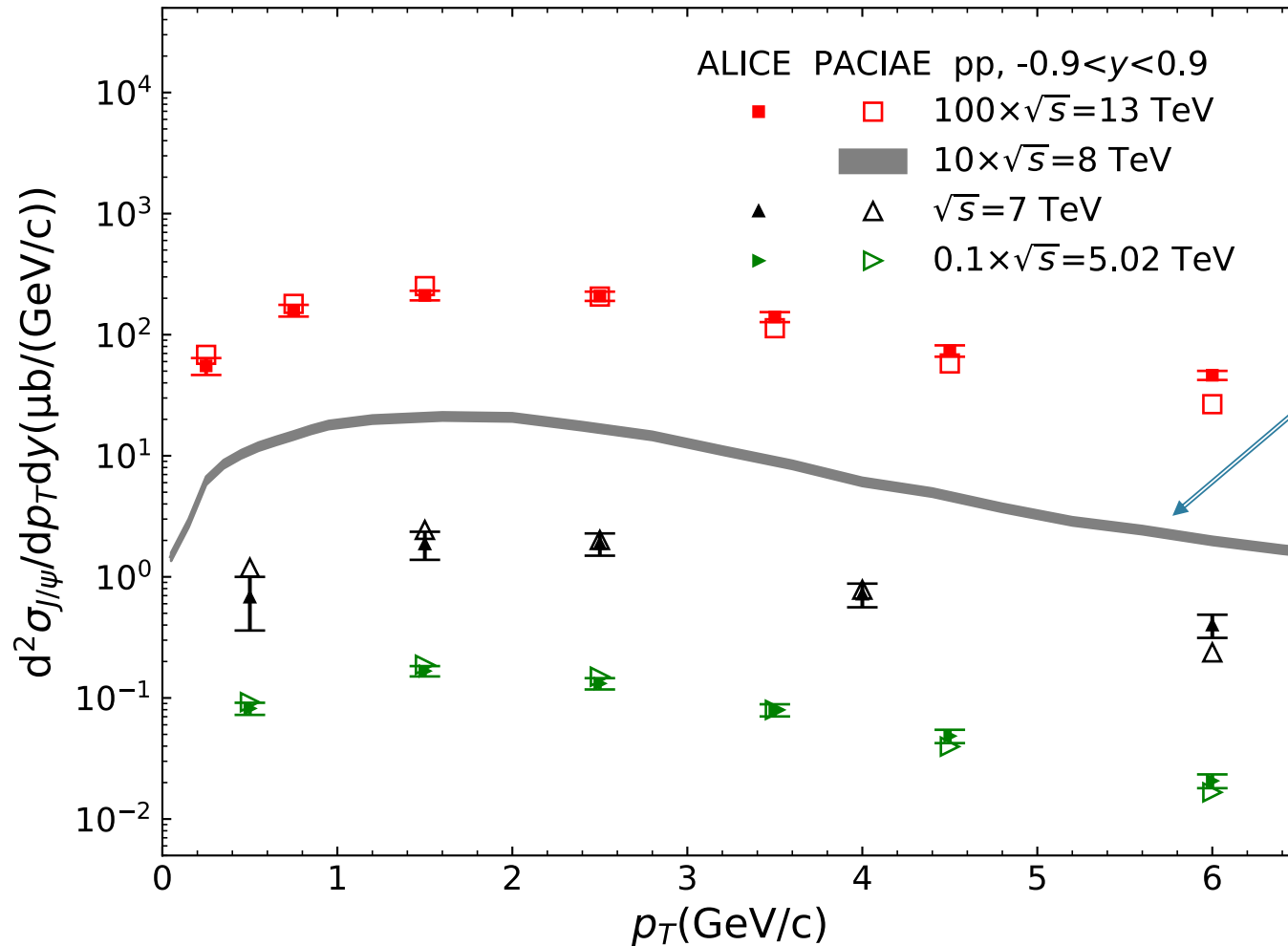
## Mid-rapidity





# Results and Discussions

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# Conclusions

- We have investigated the  $J/\psi$  production in pp collisions at the LHC energy with PACIAE 2.2a.
- The  $J/\psi$  production QCD processes are selected specially, the bias factor is proposed and applied to the simulation sample correspondingly.
- The calculated  $J/\psi$  xs as a function of  $p_T$  and  $y$  agree with the experimental data reasonably well.
- The double differential xs of  $J/\psi$  at  $\sqrt{s} = 8$  TeV is predicted.
- The necessary of the individually investigating the partonic and hadronic rescattering effects, which will be presented in our next work.



# Back up

Summary of cross sections for each  $J/\psi$  'color-singlet' selection process,  $\sigma_{\text{sel}}$ , in one pp collision at a given energy in PACIAE.

Processes	2.76 TeV	5.02 TeV	7 TeV	8 TeV	13 TeV	BR	Sampling probability
	$\sigma_{\text{sel}}(\mu\text{b})$						
$gg \rightarrow J/\psi g$	32.871	62.654	64.798	83.623	132.548	100.0%	2.184%
$gg \rightarrow \chi_{0c} g$	241.830	499.519	533.856	700.603	1169.812	1.4%	21.054%
$gg \rightarrow \chi_{1c} g$	138.797	312.055	345.636	460.827	823.761	34.3%	5.000%
$gg \rightarrow \chi_{2c} g$	265.777	552.470	593.993	779.302	1302.222	19.0%	23.101%
$gg \rightarrow \chi_{0c}$	294.944	554.780	572.512	744.378	1202.169	1.4%	23.525%
$gg \rightarrow \chi_{2c}$	255.635	484.268	502.488	651.972	1060.098	19.0%	25.083%
$gg \rightarrow J/\psi \gamma$	0.929	1.872	1.856	2.588	4.232	100.0%	0.053%
$\sigma_{J/\psi}(\mu\text{b})$	28.631	57.349	60.822	79.524	132.111	–	–



# Back up

- The total  $J/\psi$  cross section in one event at a given energy in simulation,  $\sigma_{J/\psi}$ , can be expressed as follows:

$$\sigma_{J/\psi} = \sigma_{J/\psi}^{ev} \frac{N_{J/\psi}}{N_{ev}} = \sigma_{J/\psi}^{ev} N_{J/\psi}^{per}$$

- $N_{J/\psi}$  ( $N_{ev}$ ) is the number of  $J/\psi$  (events) in the simulation sample.
- For each energy,  $N_{ev}$  is set to be  $10^6$ .
- $N_{J/\psi}^{per}$  is the number of  $J/\psi$ s in one event,  $N_{J/\psi}^{per} = N_{J/\psi} / N_{ev}$
- $\sigma_{J/\psi}^{ev}$  is the xs of producing one  $J/\psi$  in one event,  $\sigma_{J/\psi}^{ev} = \sigma_{J/\psi} / N_{J/\psi}^{per}$

$$\frac{d^2 \sigma_{J/\psi}}{dp_T dy} = \frac{1}{N_{ev}} \frac{d^2 N_{J/\psi}}{dp_T dy} \sigma_{J/\psi}^{ev} = \frac{d^2 N_{J/\psi}}{dp_T dy} \frac{\sigma_{J/\psi}}{N_{J/\psi}^{per}}$$

# Back up

- If MPI were mainly affecting processes involving only light quarks and gluons, as implemented e.g. in PYTHIA 6.4, processes like  $J/\psi$  and open heavy flavor production should not be influenced and their rates are expected to be independent of the overall event multiplicity.
- However, at the high center-of-mass energies reached at the LHC, there might be a substantial contribution of MPI on a harder scale which can also induce a correlation between the yield of quarkonia and the total charged particle multiplicity.