

# J/ $\psi$ polarization in nuclear collisions from CGC perspective

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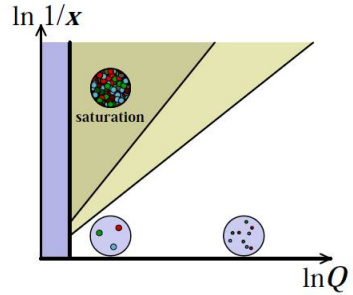
Jpsi polarization in pp  
Glasma and HQ in AA

# My background so far

- Heavy quark, dijets production in CGC formalism
- Glasma instability and its time-evolution
- Photon production in hadronization stage
- Critical fluctuation and its time evolution near QCD critical point
- Lefschetz thimble approach to the sign problem at finite density
- ...

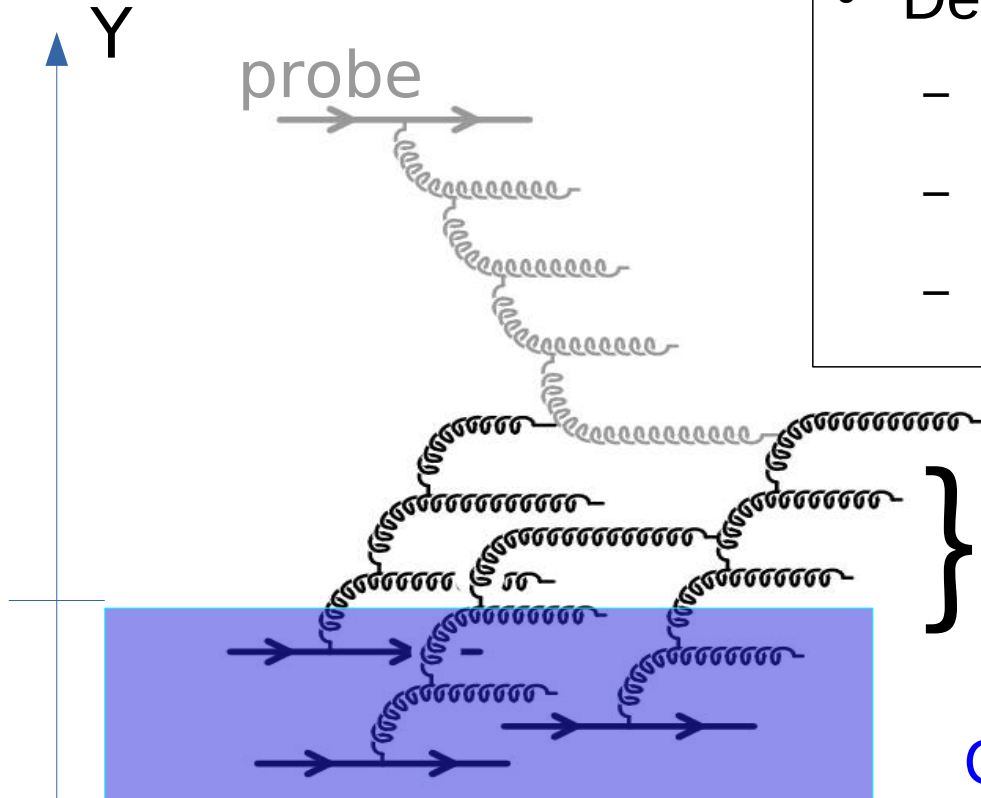
Not well aware of recent progress in polarization study of HIC,  
And like to learn much about it thru this WS!

# Color Glass Condensate = EFT for small-x



**Slow**  
Small x

**Fast**  
Large x



- Dense small-x gluons
  - Non-linear x-evolution
  - Sat scale  $Q_s \sim \text{intr. } kT$
  - Multiple scatterings

} **fluctuations**  
 $Q_s(x) \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$

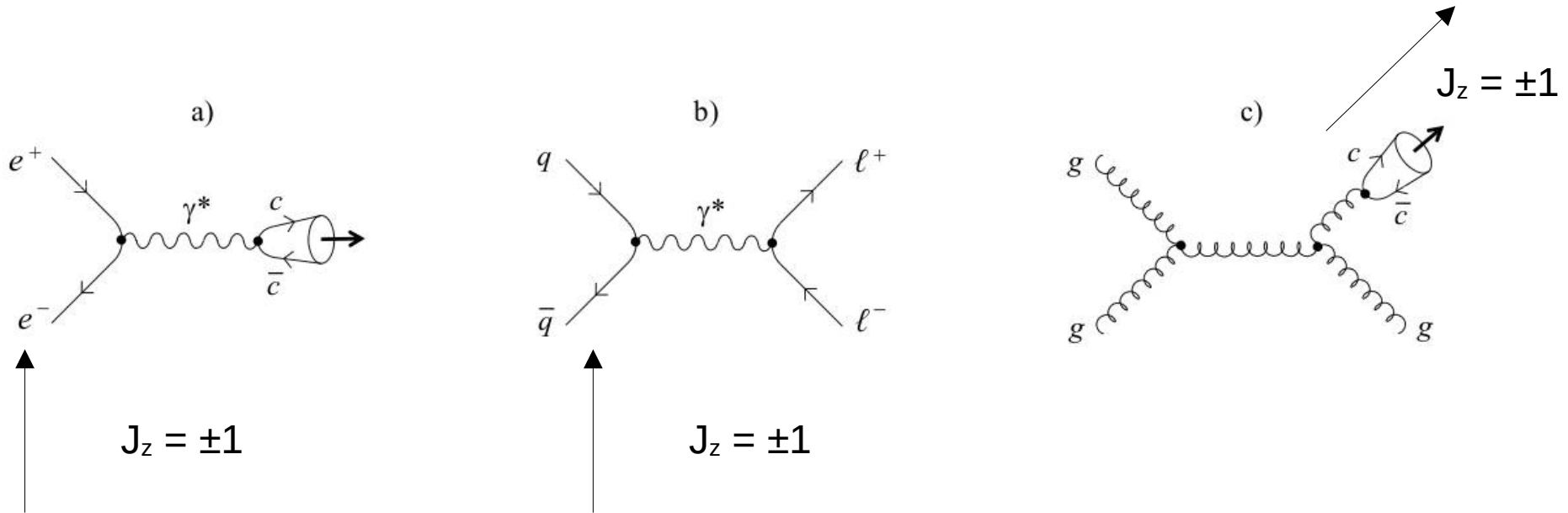
**Color charge**

This talk

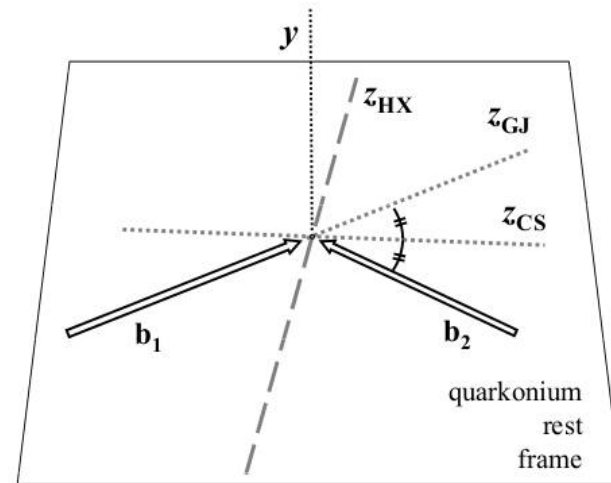
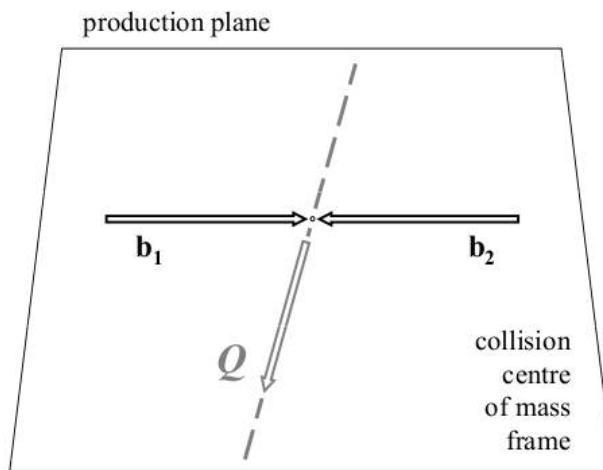
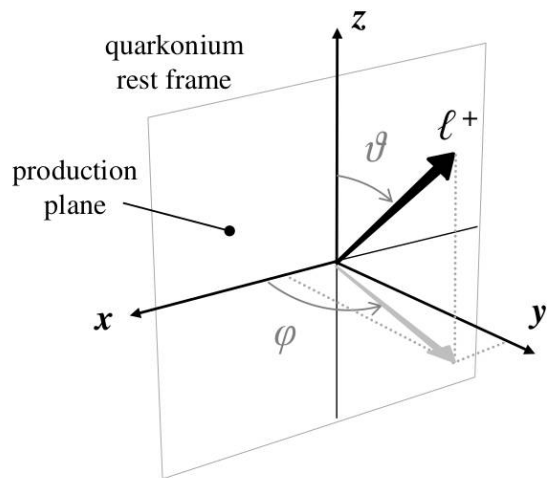
a brief recap and comments  
on  $J/\psi$  polarization from CGC perspective

# $J/\psi$ production in pp

- Famous prediction of transverse polarization of high- $p_T$   $J/\psi$  (octet contrib) by NRQCD at LO in  $(\alpha_s, v=q/M)$



# Coordinate choice for polarization



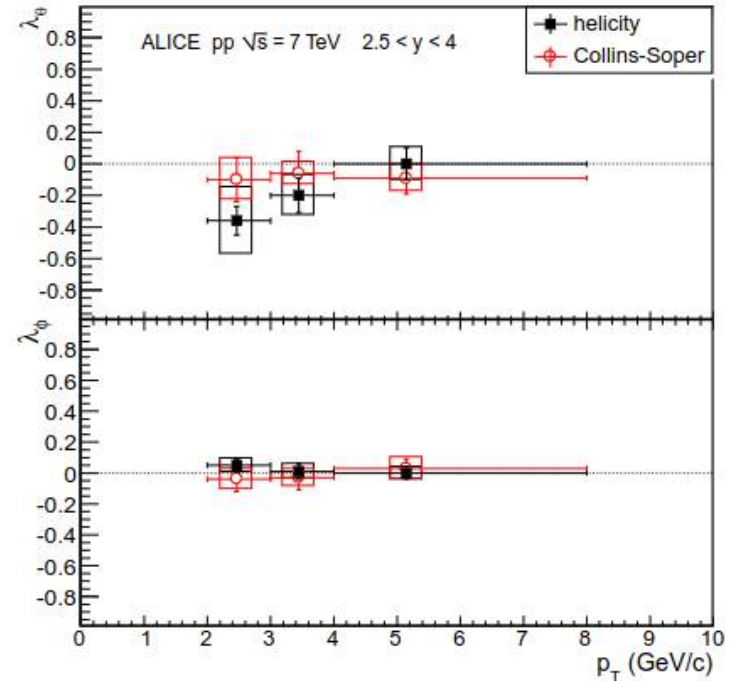
- Helicity frame refers to  $J_{\psi}$  mom directio
- CS frame refers to parton mon (in 2bdy kinema)

Review by Faccioli et al.

# Mostly no polarization observed in pp

$$W(\theta, \phi) \propto 1 + \lambda_\theta \cos^2 \theta + \lambda_\phi \sin^2 \theta \cos(2\phi) + \lambda_{\theta\phi} \sin(2\theta) \cos \phi,$$

- Example
  - Jpsi pp  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV  
Alice, PRL108 (2012) 082001
- NRQCD:
  - NLO found to be important
- At low  $p_T$  and at forward rapidity, small- $x$  DOF plays a role : CGC



# Jpsi polarization in dilute-dense collisions in CGC+NRQCD

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$$d\sigma_{ij} = \sum_{\kappa} d\hat{\sigma}_{ij}^{\kappa} \langle \mathcal{O}_{\kappa} \rangle$$

Short Distance parts

$$\left| \begin{array}{c} \text{diagram 1} \\ + \\ \text{diagram 2} \end{array} \right|^2 \text{ projected on } {}^3S_1^{[1]}, {}^1S_0^{[8]}, {}^3S_1^{[8]}, {}^3P_J^{[8]}$$

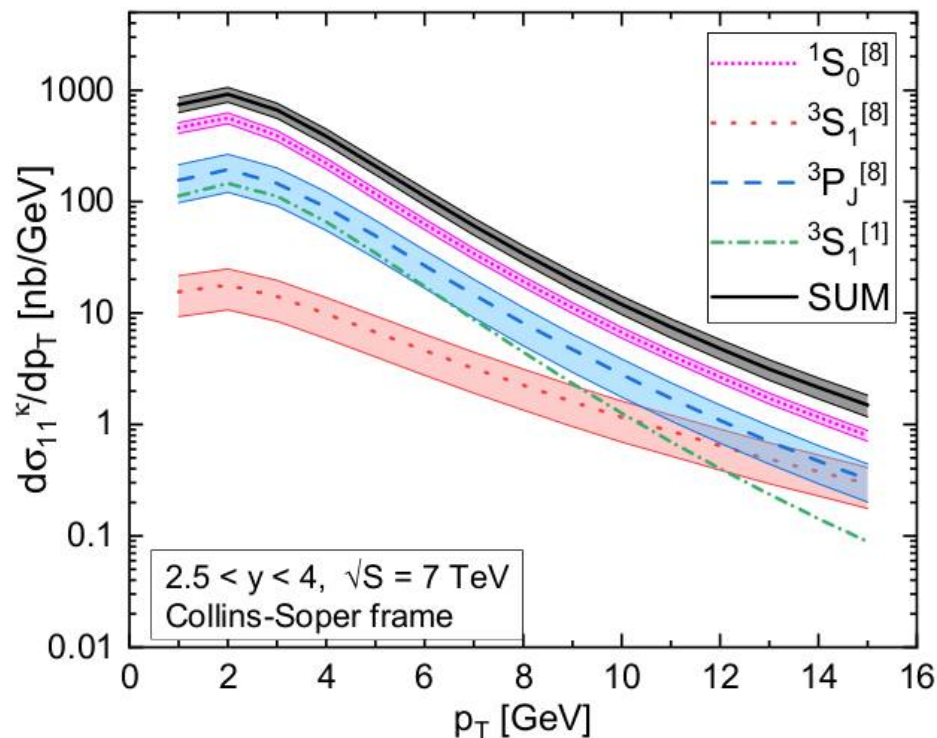
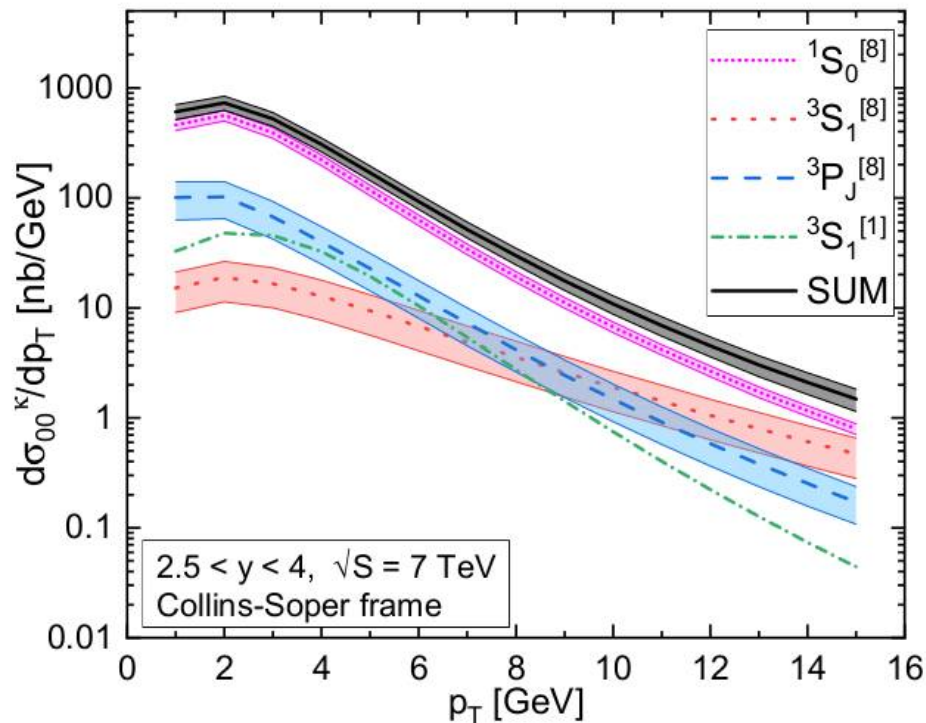

LDMEs are taken from NLO NRQCD fit

$$\langle \mathcal{O}^{J/\psi}({}^3S_1^{[1]}) \rangle \quad \langle \mathcal{O}^{J/\psi}({}^1S_0^{[8]}) \rangle \quad \langle \mathcal{O}^{J/\psi}({}^3S_1^{[8]}) \rangle \quad \langle \mathcal{O}^{J/\psi}({}^3P_0^{[8]}) \rangle,$$



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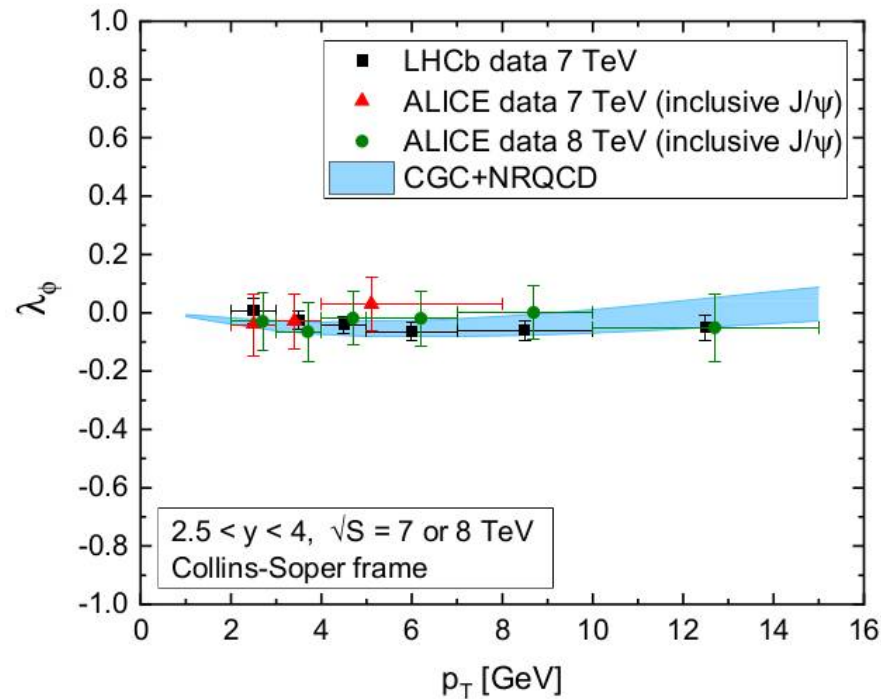
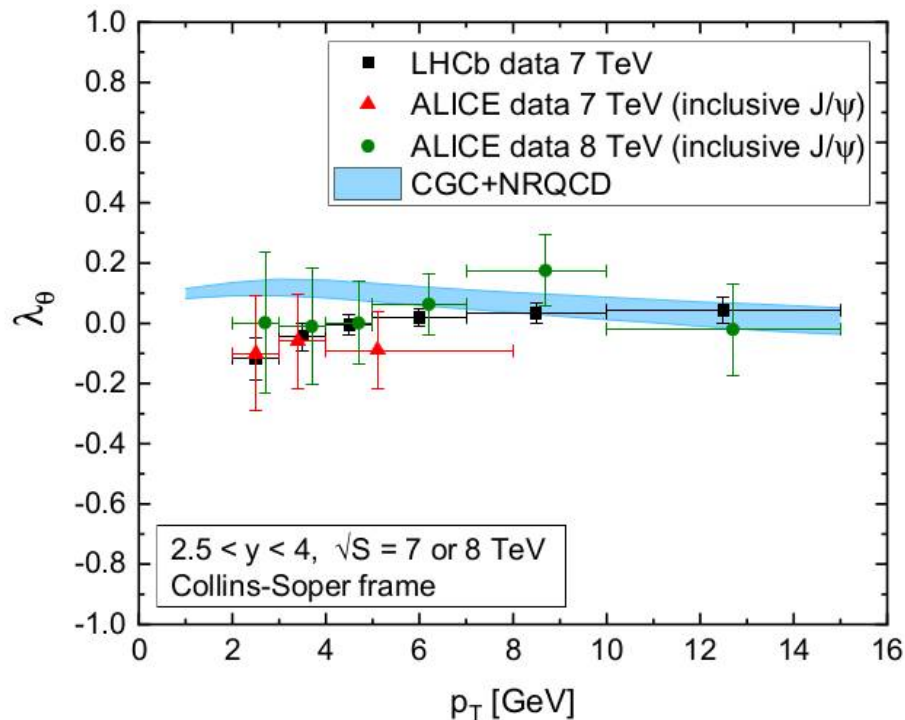
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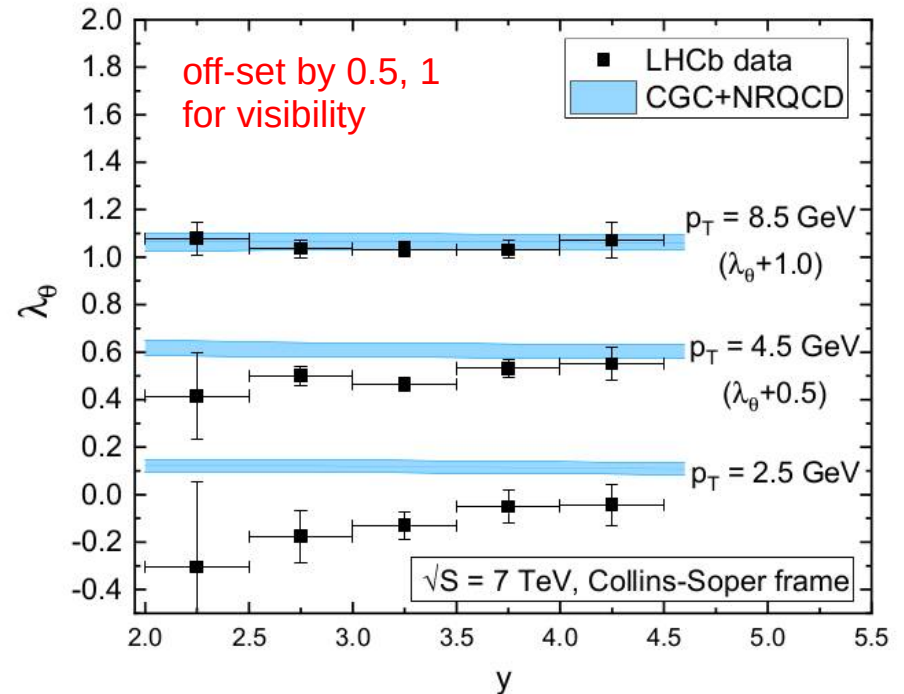
$$\lambda_\theta = \frac{d\sigma_{11} - d\sigma_{00}}{d\sigma_{11} + d\sigma_{00}}$$



# Small summary of $J/\psi$ in pp

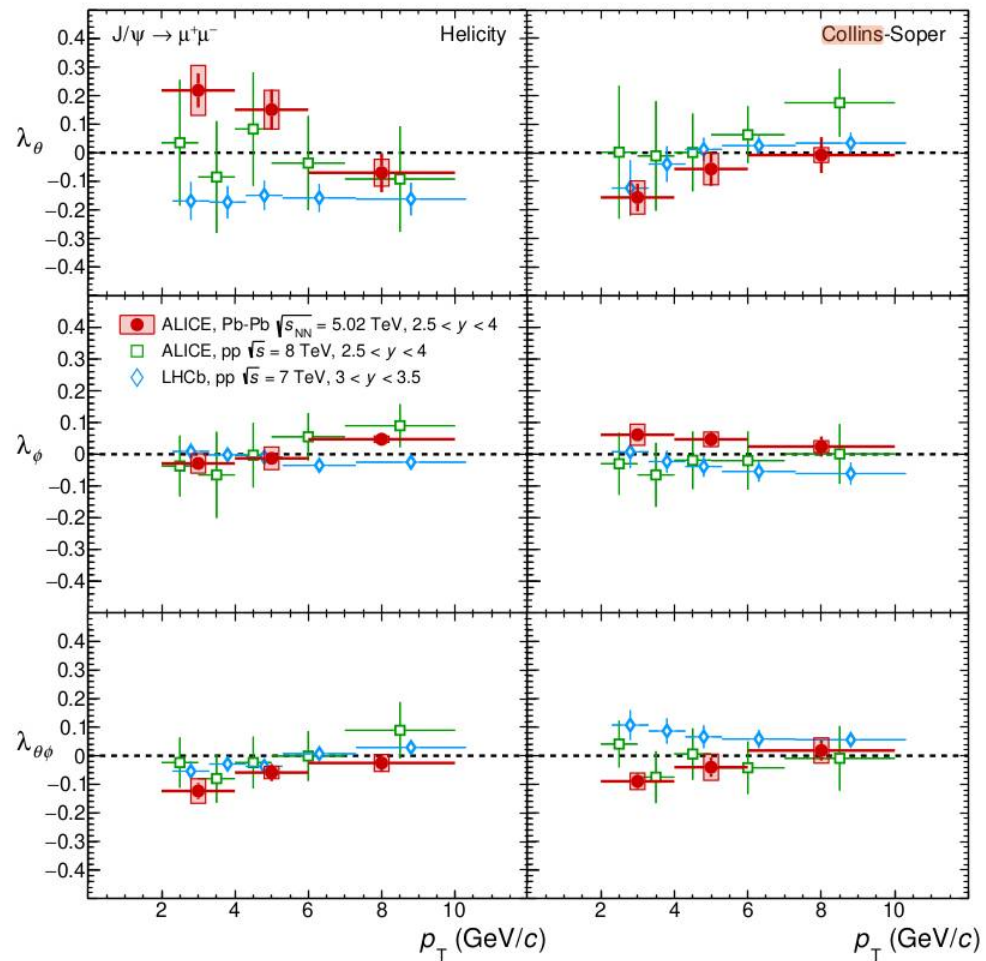
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- Mostly unpolarized and reasonably described by CGC+NRQCD
- Weak rapidity dependence



# J/ψ pols observed in PbPb colls

ALICE, PLB 815 (2021) 136146, arXiv:2005.11128

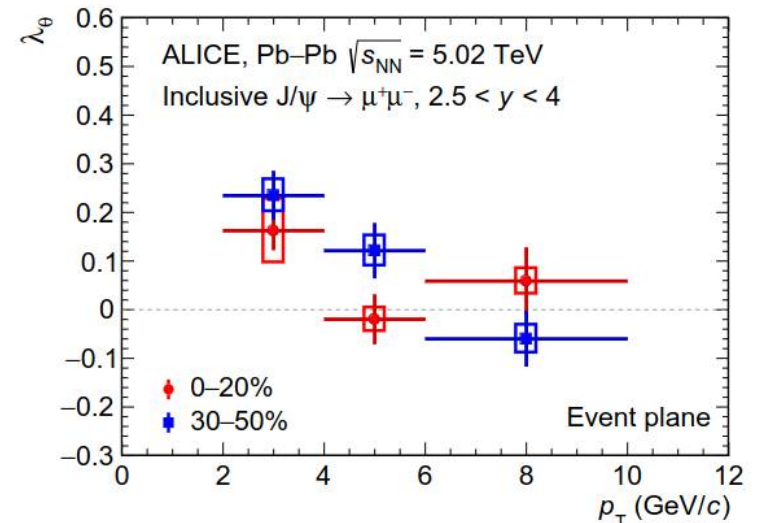
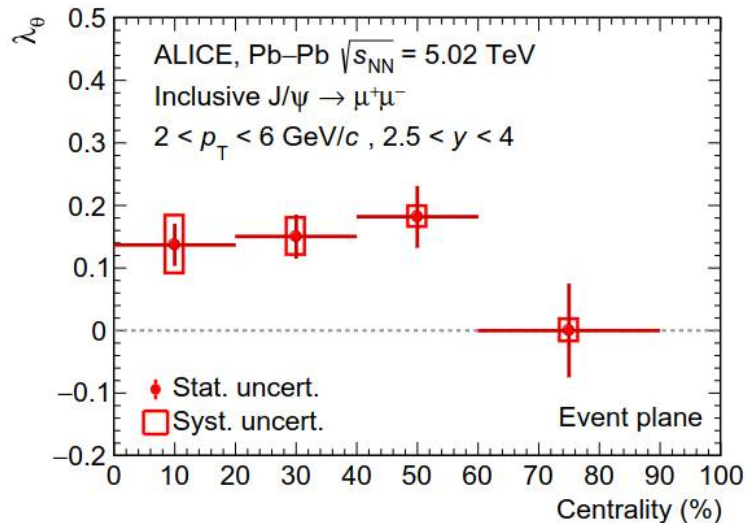


**Figure 3:** Inclusive  $J/\psi$  polarization parameters as a function of transverse momentum for Pb–Pb collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$  TeV, compared with results obtained in pp collisions by ALICE at  $\sqrt{s} = 8$  TeV [23] and by LHCb for prompt  $J/\psi$  at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV [24] (the LHCb markers were shifted horizontally by +0.3 GeV/c for better visibility) in the rapidity interval  $3 < y < 3.5$ . The error bars represent the total uncertainties for the pp results, while for Pb–Pb statistical and systematic uncertainties are plotted separately as a vertical bar and a shaded box, respectively. In the left part of the plot the polarization parameters in the helicity reference frame are reported, in the right those for the Collins-Soper frame.

# J/ψ pols w.r.t event plane

ALICE PRL131 (2023) 042303,  
arXiv:2204.10171

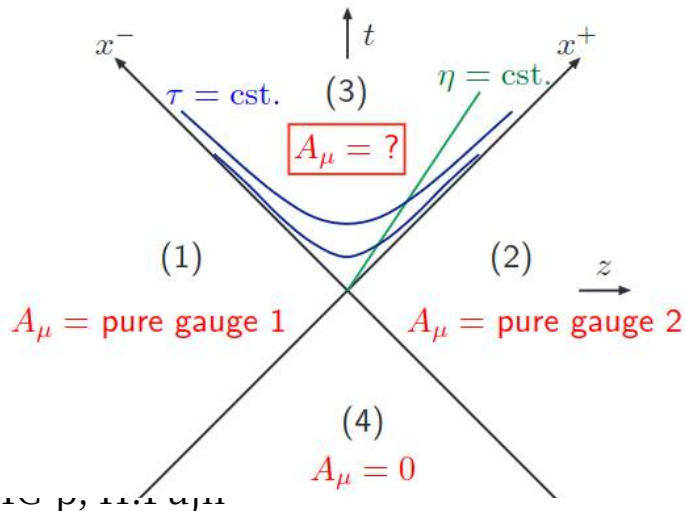
- Heavy-Ion collision is characterized by *Event Plane*
- Transverse pol w.r.t. Event Plane is observed
- Centrality dependence  $\Rightarrow$  response of J/ψ to B field and/or vorticity of QGP?
- Early stage dynamics important?



# Early stage important? - Glasma

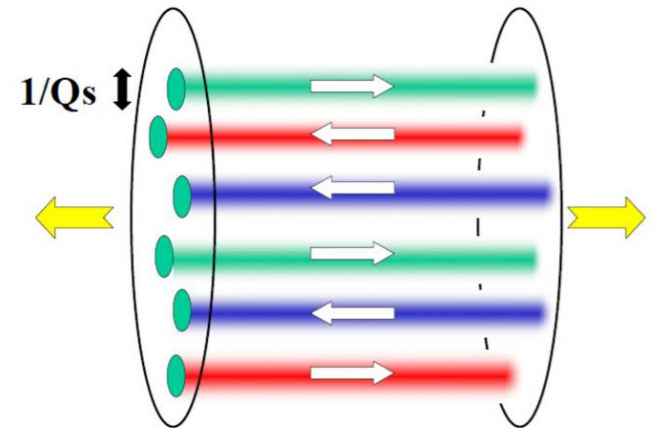
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- Non-zero commutators give longitudinal color fields at initial time
- $cc^{\text{bar}}$  and  $bb^{\text{bar}}$  produced in initial hard scatterings,  $\tau \sim .06, .02 \text{ fm}/c$  (light quarks as well as gluons are produced during the glasma decay and after, although non-trivial)



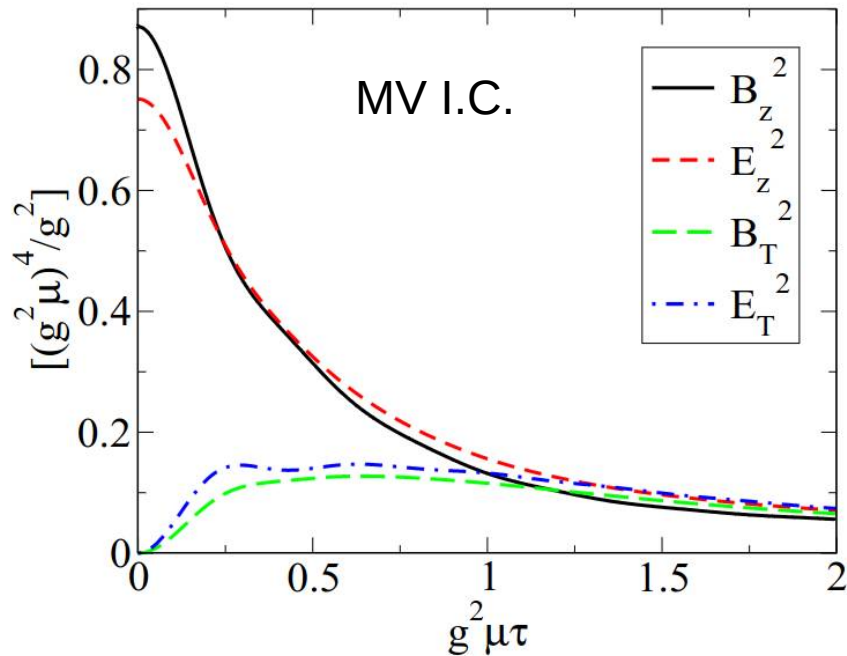
$$E^z = ig[\alpha_1^i, \alpha_2^i]$$

$$B^z = ig\epsilon^{ij}[\alpha_1^i, \alpha_2^j].$$

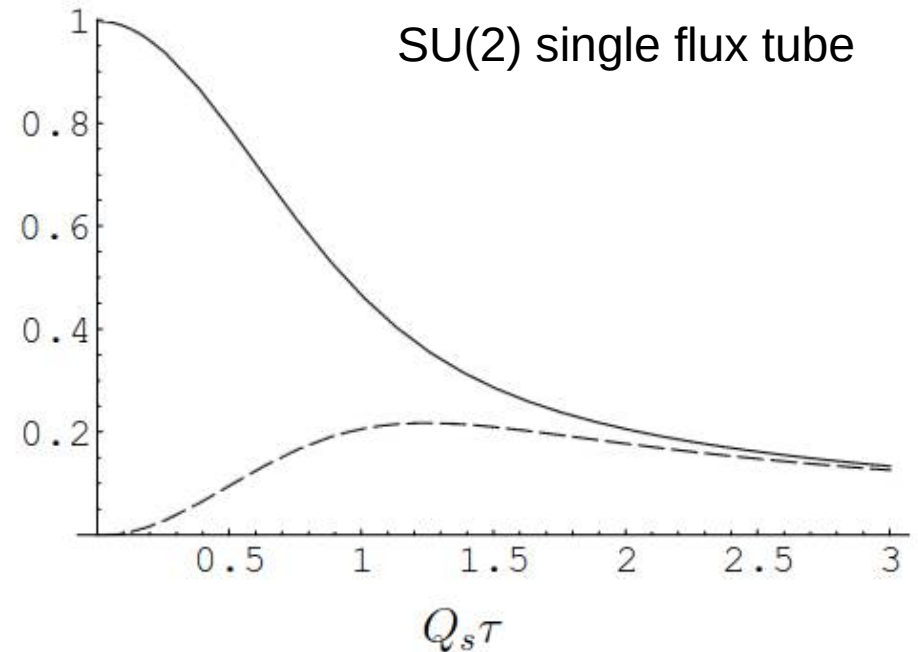


# Early stage important? - Glasma

- Transverse fields are generated in time evolution



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Fujii-Itakura

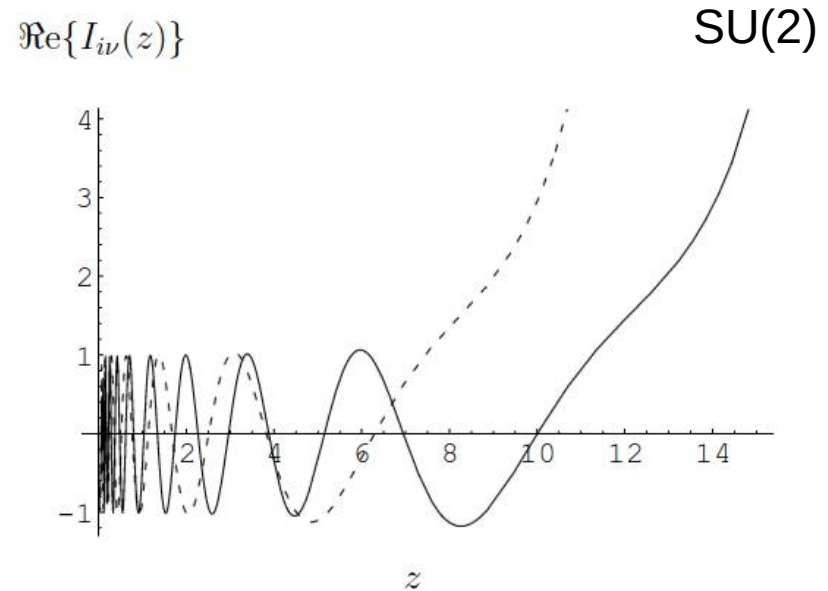
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- Fluctuation around the flux-tube is unstable

$$\partial_\tau^2 f + \frac{1}{\tau} \partial_\tau f + \left( -gB + \frac{\nu^2}{\tau^2} \right) f = 0.$$

Nielsen-Olesen type instability

- Off-diagonal color components
- *Negative spring constant* for small long.mom.  $\nu$



- Many more studies on glasma evolution so far



# Glasma

- Color charges in nuclei act coherently in longitudinal direction
- Fluctuating *randomly* with scale  $Q_s$  in transverse directions
- Supposedly decays rapidly to a QGP within  $\tau < 0.6$  fm (?)
  - Unstable I.C. (Weibel/Nielsen-Olesen)
  - Evolve to a turbulence (?)

	w.r.t. event plane	Range in trans. plane	It's bigger at $b=$	lifetime
B field	Perp	long	Mid-central	$\sim$ QGP
glasma	Irrelevant	$1/Q_s$	Most central	Very short

# Glasma effect on vector meson polarization

- Any observables are integrals of evolution history
  - Early stage effects should be included
- Kumar-Yang-Mueller, [see Kumar's talk yesterday](#)

# Glasma effect on jets and HQ

- Exploratory study: solving Wong's equations on top of boost-inv Glasma

Simulating jets and heavy quarks in the Glasma  
using the colored particle-in-cell method

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- Classical colored particles without spin

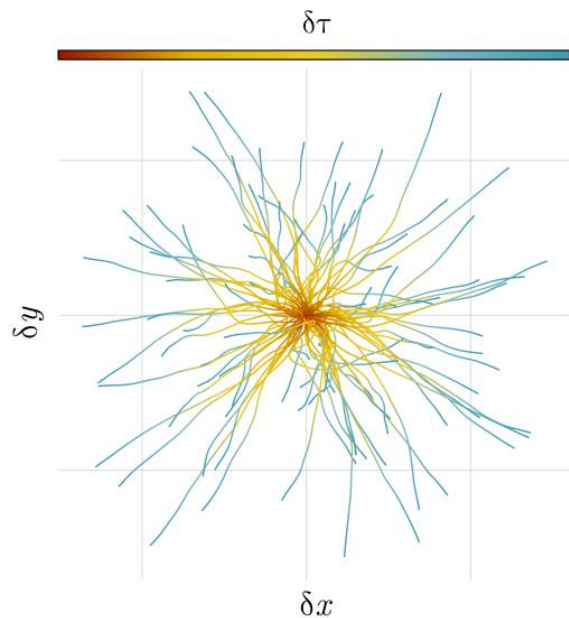
$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx^i}{dt} &= \frac{p^i}{E}, \\ \frac{dp^i}{dt} &= gQ^a F^{i\mu,a} \frac{p_\mu}{E}, \\ \frac{dQ^a}{dt} &= -gf^{abc} A_\mu^b Q^c \frac{p^\mu}{E},\end{aligned}$$

Momentum broadening (w/o deflection):

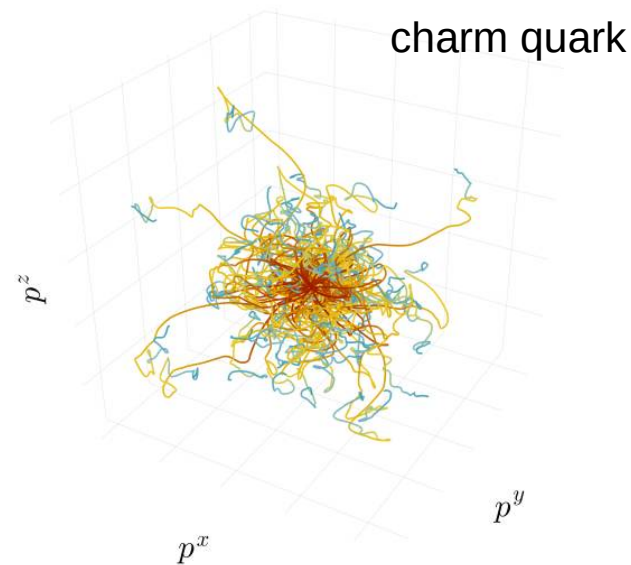
$$\begin{aligned}\langle \delta p_\mu^2(\tau) \rangle_R &= g^2 \int_{\tau_{\text{form}}}^{\tau} d\tau' \int_{\tau_{\text{form}}}^{\tau} d\tau'' \left\langle \text{Tr} \left[ \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_\mu(\tau') \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_\mu(\tau'') \right] \right\rangle_R. \\ \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_\mu(\tau) &\equiv \mathcal{U}^\dagger(\tau, \tau_0) \mathcal{F}_\mu(\tau) \mathcal{U}(\tau, \tau_0)\end{aligned}$$

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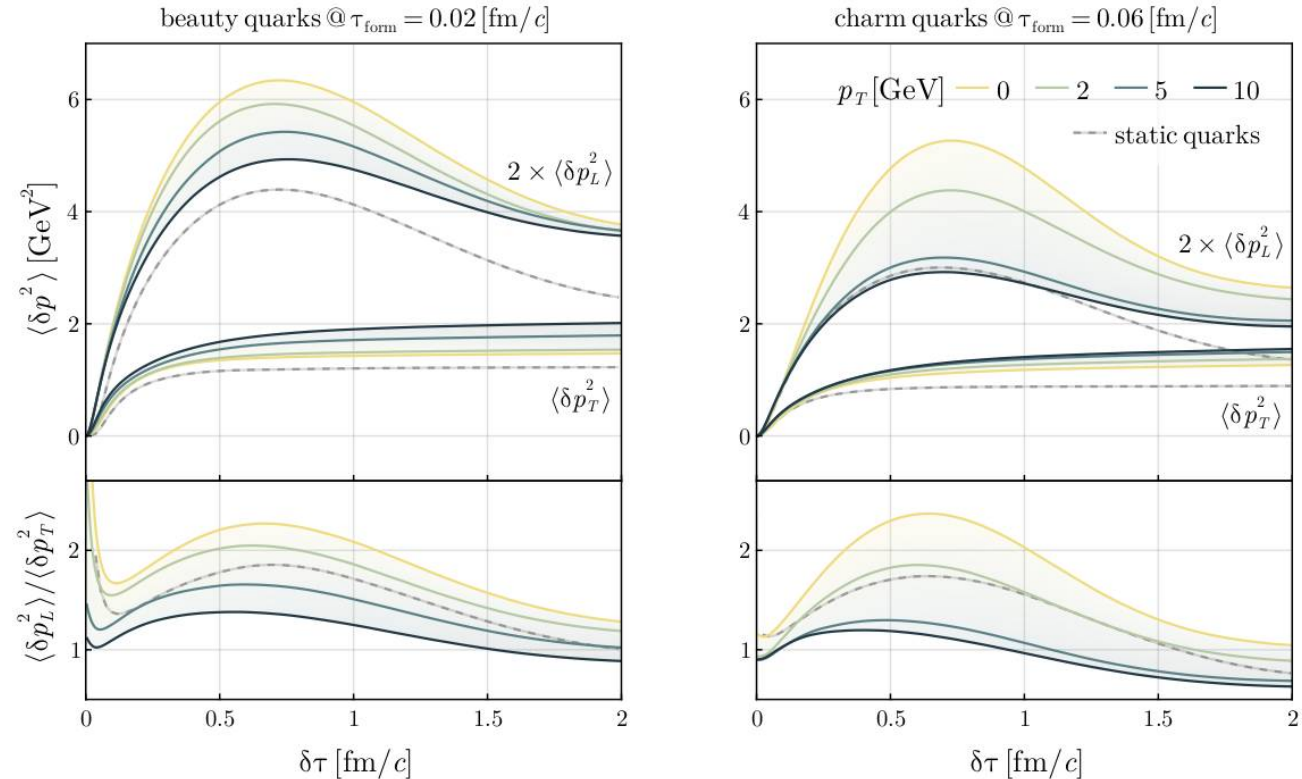
(a) Trajectories in the transverse plane



(b) Trajectories in momentum space

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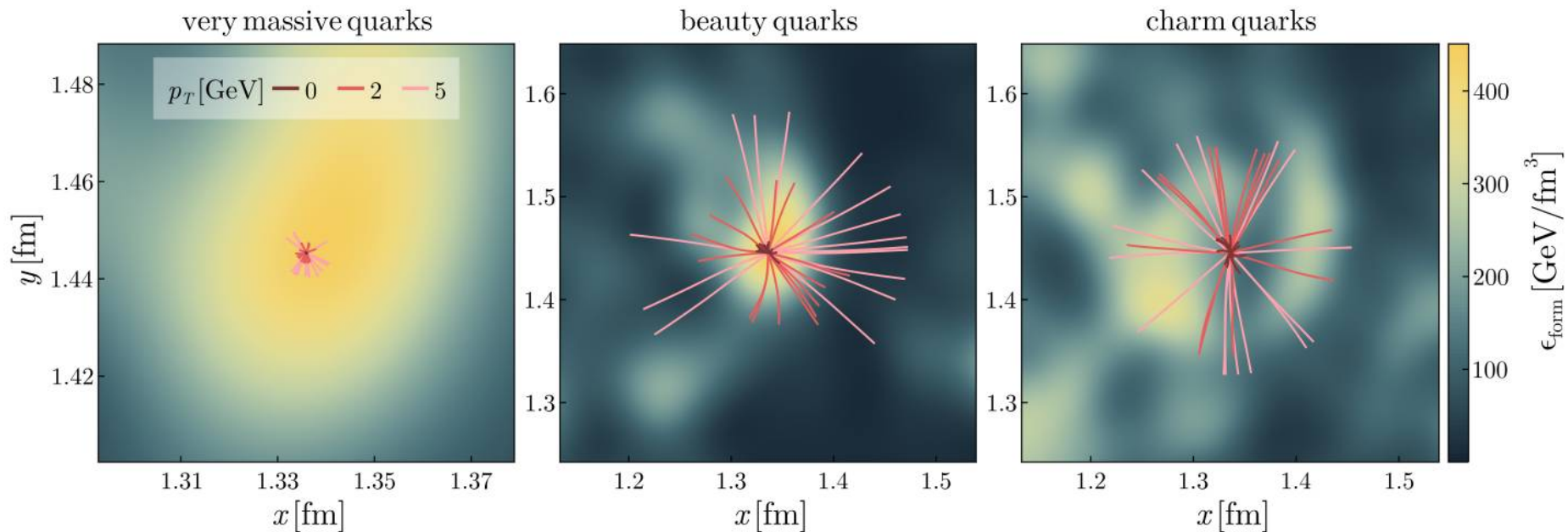
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$$\delta\tau = 0.2 \text{ fm}/c$$



Formation time, 0.02, 0.06 fm/c. Initial  $p_T$  chosen randomly for 0, 2, 5 GeV/c

# Speculation: glasma effect on $J/\psi$

- *Direct production*: color coherence between the two HQ with spin should be taken into account
- *Recombination*: Two independent HQ's traverse the glasma and recombine to form the  $J/\psi$  wavefunction

*Is it possible to simulate the evolution of two HQ's with spin on top of Glasma?*

# Summary

- Elementary production of  $J/\psi$  is likely to be unpolarized, and described by CGC+NRQCD
- Polarization of  $J/\psi$  in nuclear collisions may reflect info of EM field effect on HQ's
- Glasma may randomize the HQ's mom&spin, but the size of its effect is unknown
- Simulating HQ evolution with spin d.o.f on top of the glasma seems intriguing topic (even in a simplified setup)



# NRQCD factorization

- Failed to explain the polarization of the prompt  $J/\psi$  in pp collisions at Tevatron Braaten-Kniehl-Lee (2000)

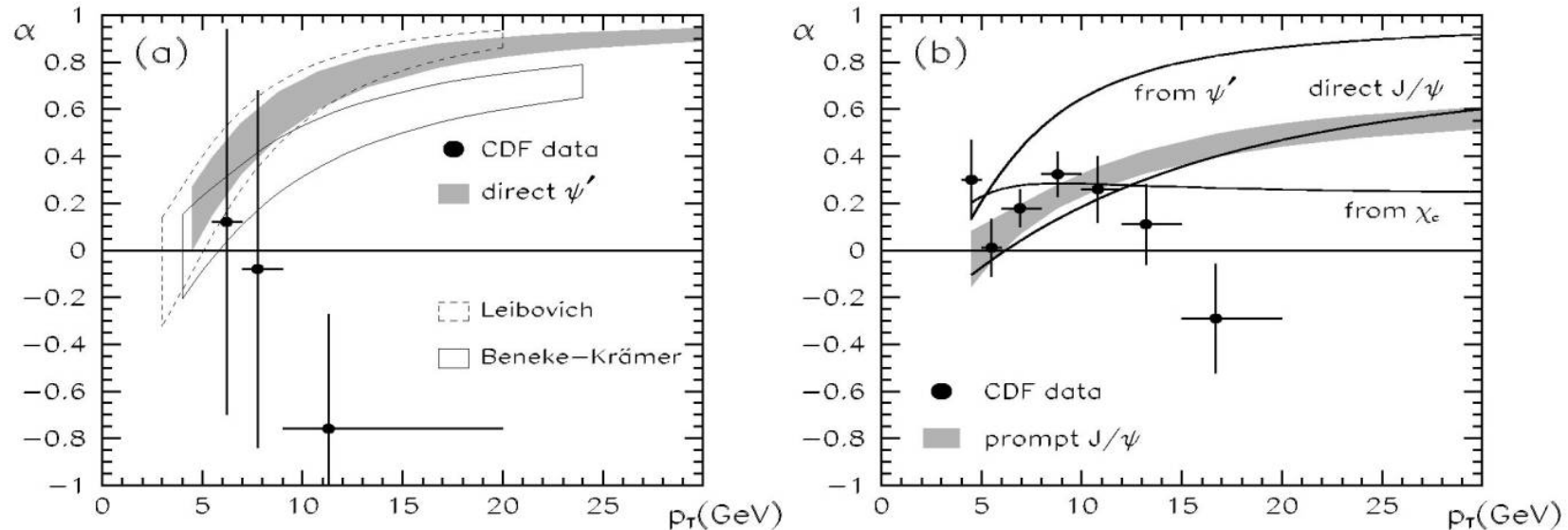


FIG. 1. Polarization variable  $\alpha$  vs  $p_T$  for (a) direct  $\psi'$  and (b) prompt  $J/\psi$  compared to CDF data.