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## $\chi_{c2}$ transition from factors

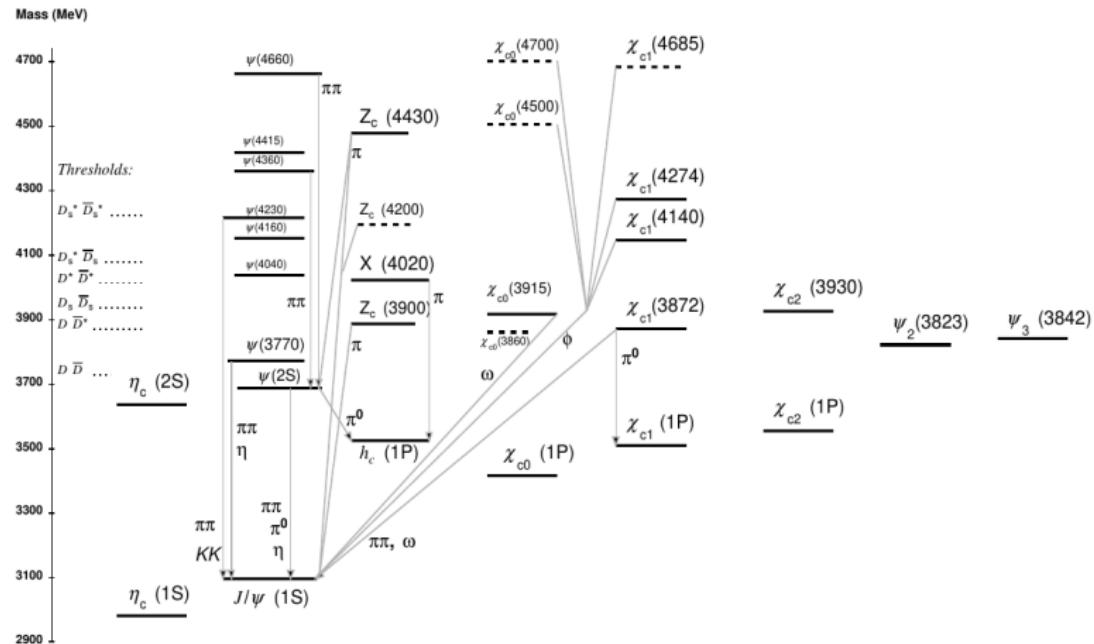
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# Charmonium family

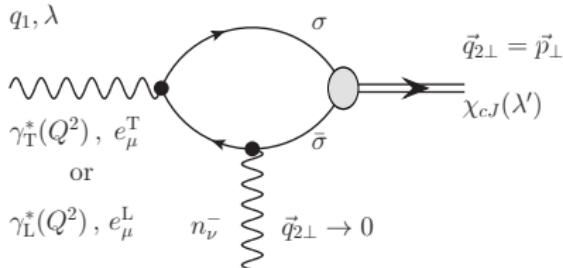


$$J^{PC} = \quad 0^{-+} \quad \quad \quad 1^{--} \quad \quad \quad 1^{+-} \quad \quad \quad 0^{++} \quad \quad \quad 1^{++} \quad \quad \quad 2^{++} \quad \quad \quad 2^{--} \quad \quad \quad 3^{--}$$

$J^{PC}$  :  $0^{-+}$  - pseudoscalar,  $0^{++}$  - scalar ,  
 $1^{--}$  - vector ,  $1^{++}$  - axial vector,  
 $2^{++}$  - tensor meson

spectroscopic notation:  
 $\ell = 0, 1, 2$   
 $S, P, D$

# Transition matrix element



In Drell-Yan frame one of the photons carries vanishing light-front plus momentum:

$$\begin{aligned} q_1 &= \{q_1^+, q_1^- = -\frac{Q^2}{2q_1^+}, \vec{q}_{1\perp} = 0\}, \\ q_2 &= \{q_2^+ = 0, q_2^- = P^- - q_1^-, \vec{q}_{2\perp}\}, \\ Q^2 - \text{photon virtuality, } q_1^2 &= -Q^2, Q^2 \geq 0, \\ \text{and } q_2^2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Possibilities of virtual photon polarizations:  
transverse :  $\gamma_T^*(Q^2)$ ,  
longitudinal:  $\gamma_L^*(Q^2)$ .

Helicity amplitudes related to matrix elements of the LF-plus component of the current:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}(\lambda \rightarrow \lambda') &\equiv \langle \chi_{cJ}(\lambda') | J_+(0) | \gamma_{T,L}^*(Q^2) \rangle \\ &= 2q_1^+ \sqrt{N_c} e^2 e_f^2 \int \frac{dz d^2 \vec{k}_\perp}{z(1-z) 16\pi^3} \sum_{\sigma, \bar{\sigma}} \underbrace{\Psi_{\sigma \bar{\sigma}}^{\lambda' *} (z, \vec{k}_\perp)}_{\text{QQ wave function}} (\vec{q}_{2\perp} \cdot \nabla_{\vec{k}_\perp}) \underbrace{\Psi_{\sigma \bar{\sigma}}^{\gamma_{T,L}} (z, \vec{k}_\perp, Q^2)}_{\text{photon wave function}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Psi_{\sigma \bar{\sigma}}^{\gamma_T} (z, \vec{k}_\perp, Q^2) = \sqrt{z(1-z)} \frac{\delta_{\sigma, -\bar{\sigma}} (\vec{e}_\perp \cdot \vec{k}_\perp) \left( 2(1-z)\delta_{\bar{\sigma}, \lambda} - 2z\delta_{\sigma, \lambda} \right) + \delta_{\sigma \bar{\sigma}} \delta_{\sigma \lambda} \sqrt{2} m_f}{\vec{k}_\perp^2 + m_f^2 + z(1-z)Q^2},$$

$$\Psi_{\sigma \bar{\sigma}}^{\gamma_L} (z, \vec{k}_\perp, Q^2) = \left( \sqrt{z(1-z)} \right)^3 \frac{2Q \delta_{\sigma, -\bar{\sigma}}}{\vec{k}_\perp^2 + m_f^2 + z(1-z)Q^2}, \quad \sigma(\bar{\sigma}) \text{quark(antiquark) polarization}$$

# Light Front Wave Function - tensor meson

$$\Psi_{\sigma\bar{\sigma}}^{(\lambda)}(z, \vec{k}_\perp) = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \Phi_{\sigma\bar{\sigma}}^{(\lambda)} \phi(z, k_\perp) \frac{2}{\sqrt{M_0^2 - 4m_f^2}}, \quad \phi(z, k_\perp) = \pi \sqrt{M_0} \frac{u_1(k)}{k}$$

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$$\Phi_{\sigma\bar{\sigma}}^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{k_\perp e^{-i\varphi}}{M_0} \left[ m_f + \frac{2k_\perp^2 - (2z-1)^2 M_0^2}{M_0 + 2m_f} \right] & (2z-1) \left[ \frac{k_\perp^2}{M_0 + 2m_f} + \frac{1}{2} M_0 - \frac{(2z-1)^2 M_0^2}{2(M_0 + 2m_f)} \right] \\ (2z-1) \left[ \frac{k_\perp^2}{M_0 + 2m_f} + \frac{1}{2} M_0 - \frac{(2z-1)^2 M_0^2}{2(M_0 + 2m_f)} \right] & -\frac{k_\perp e^{i\varphi}}{M_0} \left[ m_f + \frac{2k_\perp^2 - (2z-1)^2 M_0^2}{M_0 + 2m_f} \right] \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\Phi_{\sigma\bar{\sigma}}^{(+1)} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{z(1-z)}} \begin{pmatrix} m_f(2z-1) + 2k_\perp^2 \frac{(2z-1)}{M_0 + 2m_f} & k_\perp e^{i\varphi} \left[ \frac{(2z-1)^2 M_0}{M_0 + 2m_f} + (z-1) \right] \\ k_\perp e^{i\varphi} \left[ \frac{(2z-1)^2 M_0}{M_0 + 2m_f} - z \right] & -2k_\perp^2 e^{i2\varphi} \frac{(2z-1)}{M_0 + 2m_f} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\Phi_{\sigma\bar{\sigma}}^{(-1)} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{z(1-z)}} \begin{pmatrix} -2k_\perp^2 e^{-i2\varphi} \frac{(2z-1)}{M_0 + 2m_f} & -k_\perp e^{-i\varphi} \left[ \frac{(2z-1)^2 M_0}{M_0 + 2m_f} - z \right] \\ -k_\perp e^{-i\varphi} \left[ \frac{(2z-1)^2 M_0}{M_0 + 2m_f} + (z-1) \right] & m(2z-1) + 2k_\perp^2 \frac{(2z-1)}{M_0 + 2m_f} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\Phi_{\sigma\bar{\sigma}}^{(+2)} = \frac{-k_\perp e^{i\varphi}}{M_0 \sqrt{z(1-z)}} \begin{pmatrix} m_f + \frac{k_\perp^2}{M_0 + 2m_f} & \frac{1}{2} k_\perp e^{i\varphi} \left( 1 + \frac{(2z-1)M_0}{M_0 + 2m_f} \right) \\ -\frac{1}{2} k_\perp e^{i\varphi} \left( 1 - \frac{(2z-1)M_0}{M_0 + 2m_f} \right) & -k_\perp^2 e^{i2\varphi} \frac{1}{M_0 + 2m_f} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\Phi_{\sigma\bar{\sigma}}^{(-2)} = \frac{k_\perp e^{-i\varphi}}{M_0 \sqrt{z(1-z)}} \begin{pmatrix} -k_\perp^2 e^{-i2\varphi} \frac{1}{M_0 + 2m_f} & \frac{1}{2} k_\perp e^{-i\varphi} \left( 1 - \frac{(2z-1)M_0}{M_0 + 2m_f} \right) \\ -\frac{1}{2} k_\perp e^{-i\varphi} \left( 1 + \frac{(2z-1)M_0}{M_0 + 2m_f} \right) & m_f + \frac{k_\perp^2}{M_0 + 2m_f} \end{pmatrix}.$$

# Transition amplitude in the Drell-Yan frame

The covariant amplitude for the process  $\gamma^*(q_1)\gamma(q_2) \rightarrow 2^{++}$ :

$$\mathcal{M}_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} = 4\pi\alpha_{em} \left[ \delta_{\mu\nu}^\perp (q_2 - q_1)_\alpha (q_2 - q_1)_\beta F_{TT,0}(Q^2) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \delta_{\mu\alpha}^\perp \delta_{\nu\beta}^\perp + \delta_{\nu\alpha}^\perp \delta_{\mu\beta}^\perp - \delta_{\mu\nu}^\perp \delta_{\alpha\beta}^\perp \right) F_{TT,2}(Q^2) + \left( q_{1\mu} - \frac{q_1^2}{q_1 \cdot q_2} q_{2\mu} \right) \delta_{\nu\alpha}^\perp (q_2 - q_1)_\beta F_{LT}(Q^2) \right],$$

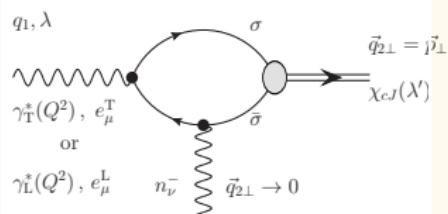
and  $\delta_{\mu\nu}^\perp = g_{\mu\nu} - \frac{\mathbf{1}}{(q_1 \cdot q_2)^2} ((q_1 \cdot q_2)(q_{2\mu} q_{1\nu} + q_{1\mu} q_{2\nu}) - q_1^2 q_{2\mu} q_{2\nu})$ .

- three independent form factors - each of them contain wave function of the proper meson polarization

The covariant amplitude definition  $\leftrightarrow$  transition amplitude in the Drell-Yan frame

$$\mathcal{M}(\lambda \rightarrow \lambda') = e_\mu(\lambda) n_\nu^- \mathcal{M}^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} E_{\alpha\beta}^*(\lambda')$$

$$\mathcal{M}(+1 \rightarrow 0) = 2q_1^+ e^2 (\vec{e}_\perp(+1) \cdot \vec{q}_{2\perp}) \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \frac{M^2 + Q^2}{M^2} F_{TT,0}(Q^2),$$



$$\mathcal{M}(+1 \rightarrow +2) = -2q_1^+ e^2 (\vec{e}_\perp^*(-1) \cdot \vec{q}_{2\perp}) \frac{1}{M^2 + Q^2} F_{TT,2}(Q^2),$$

$$\mathcal{M}(0 \rightarrow +1) = 2q_1^+ e^2 (\vec{e}_\perp^*(+1) \cdot \vec{q}_{2\perp}) \frac{Q}{\sqrt{2}M} F_{LT}(Q^2).$$

# Transition Form Factors: $F_{TT,0}$ , $F_{TT,2}$ , $F_{LT}$

Form factors with light-front wave functions

$$F_{TT,0}(Q^2) = \sqrt{6N_c} e_f^2 \frac{M^2}{M^2 + Q^2} \int \frac{dz k_\perp dk_\perp}{\sqrt{z(1-z)} 8\pi^2} \frac{1}{[k_\perp^2 + \varepsilon^2]^2} \left[ m_f k_\perp \tilde{\psi}_{\uparrow\uparrow}^0(z, k_\perp) - \frac{\varepsilon^2}{2} \left( (2z-1) (\tilde{\psi}_{\uparrow\downarrow}^0(z, k_\perp) + \tilde{\psi}_{\downarrow\uparrow}^0(z, k_\perp)) + (\tilde{\psi}_{\uparrow\downarrow}^0(z, k_\perp) - \tilde{\psi}_{\downarrow\uparrow}^0(z, k_\perp)) \right) \right],$$

$$F_{TT,2}(Q^2) = -2\sqrt{N_c} e_f^2 (M^2 + Q^2) \int \frac{dz k_\perp dk_\perp}{\sqrt{z(1-z)} 8\pi^2} \frac{1}{[k_\perp^2 + \varepsilon^2]^2} \left[ m_f k_\perp \tilde{\psi}_{\uparrow\uparrow}^{+2}(z, k_\perp) + \frac{k_\perp^2}{2} \left( (2z-1) (\tilde{\psi}_{\uparrow\downarrow}^{+2}(z, k_\perp) + \tilde{\psi}_{\downarrow\uparrow}^{+2}(z, k_\perp)) + (\tilde{\psi}_{\uparrow\downarrow}^{+2}(z, k_\perp) - \tilde{\psi}_{\downarrow\uparrow}^{+2}(z, k_\perp)) \right) \right],$$

$$F_{LT}(Q^2) = 4\sqrt{N_c} e_f^2 M \int \frac{dz k_\perp dk_\perp}{\sqrt{z(1-z)} 8\pi^2} \frac{z(1-z) k_\perp}{[k_\perp^2 + \varepsilon^2]^2} (\tilde{\psi}_{\uparrow\downarrow}^{+1}(z, k_\perp) + \tilde{\psi}_{\downarrow\uparrow}^{+1}(z, k_\perp)).$$

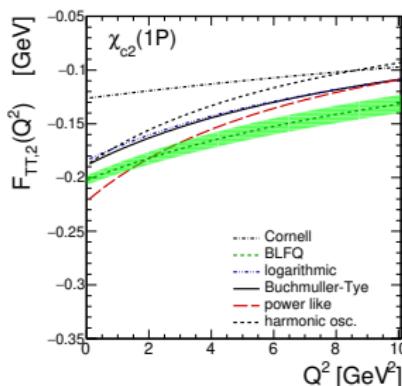
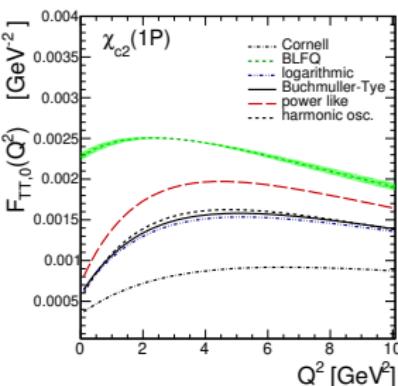
In the limit of nonrelativistic motion of quarks in the bound state

- expand  $z = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\Rightarrow z = \frac{1}{2} - \xi$ ,  $1 - z = \frac{1}{2} + \xi$ ,  $\xi \rightarrow 0$ ,
- expand  $k_\perp = 0$

NRQCD  $\Rightarrow$

$$\begin{cases} F_{TT,0}(Q^2) = e_f^2 (-4) \sqrt{\frac{3N_c M}{\pi}} \frac{Q^2}{(M^2 + Q^2)^3} R'(0) \\ F_{TT,2}(Q^2) = e_f^2 8 \sqrt{\frac{3N_c M}{\pi}} \frac{1}{M^2 + Q^2} R'(0), \\ F_{LT}(Q^2) = e_f^2 (-8) \sqrt{\frac{3N_c M}{\pi}} \frac{1}{(M^2 + Q^2)^2} R'(0). \end{cases}$$

# Contribution to radiative decay width: $\Gamma(\chi_{c2} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$



- the  $\chi_{c2}$  helicity  $\lambda = 0$  is strongly suppressed.
- $\frac{\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}(\lambda=0)}{\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}(\lambda=\pm 2)} = (0.0 \pm 0.6 \pm 1.2) \times 10^{-2}$ ,  
BESIII Collaboration, M. Ablikim et al.  
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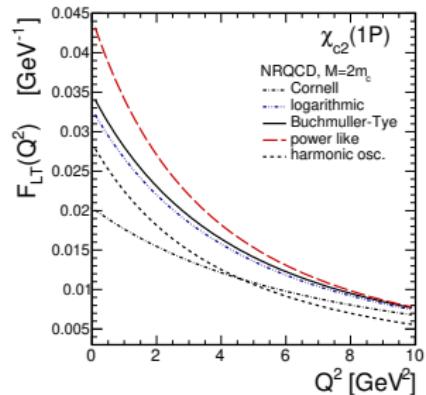
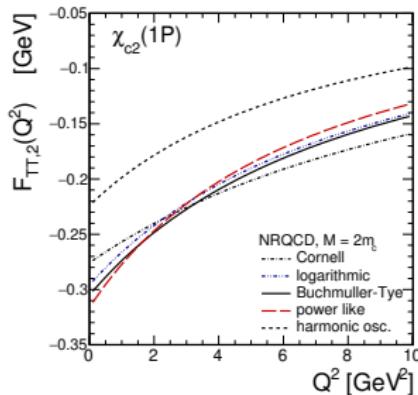
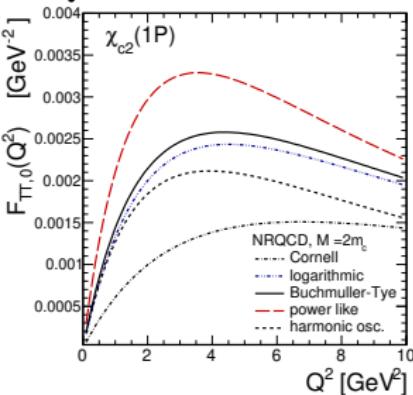
$$\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}(\chi_{c2}) = (4\pi\alpha_{\text{em}})^2 \left[ \frac{|F_{TT,0}(0)|^2 \cdot M_{\chi_{c2}}^3}{120\pi} + \frac{|F_{TT,2}(0)|^2}{80\pi M_{\chi_{c2}}} \right].$$

Helicity decomposition of the two-photon decay width of  $\chi_{c2}(1P)$ .

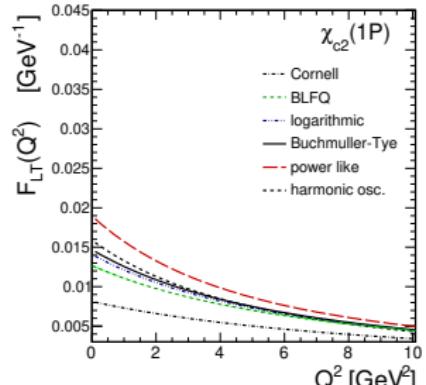
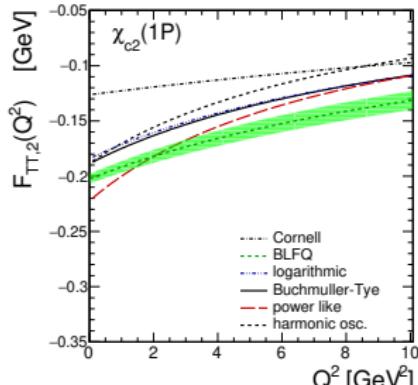
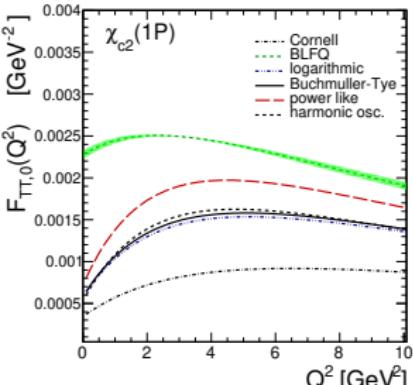
	$\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}(\lambda = 0)$ [keV]	$\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}(\lambda = \pm 2)$ [keV]	$\frac{\Gamma(\lambda=0)}{\Gamma(\lambda=\pm 2)}$	$\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}$ [keV]
Cornell	$1.18 \times 10^{-4}$	0.15	$0.7 \times 10^{-3}$	0.15
logarithmic	$3.37 \times 10^{-4}$	0.32	$0.3 \times 10^{-3}$	0.32
Buchmüller-Tye	$3.36 \times 10^{-4}$	0.34	$1.0 \times 10^{-3}$	0.34
power like	$5.18 \times 10^{-4}$	0.47	$1.1 \times 10^{-3}$	0.47
harmonic osc.	$2.80 \times 10^{-4}$	0.33	$0.8 \times 10^{-3}$	0.33
BLFQ	$(5.2 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-3}$	$0.39 \pm 0.01$	$(1.3 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-2}$	$0.39 \pm 0.01$

# Transition form factors: NRQCD vs LFWF approach

## NRQCD



## LFWF



# The off-shell decay width

The definition of **off-shell widths** that we were using comes from writing the  $\gamma^* \gamma$  cross-section for photons as ( $i, j \in T, L$ ) [J.Olsson Nucl.Phys.B Proc.Suppl.3\(1988\)613 – 637](#)

$$\sigma_{ij} = \frac{32\pi}{N_i N_j} (2J+1) \frac{W^2}{2\sqrt{X}} \frac{\Gamma \Gamma_{ij}^*(Q^2)}{(W^2 - M^2)^2 + M^2 \Gamma^2} = \frac{32\pi}{N_i N_j} (2J+1) \frac{W^2}{2M\sqrt{X}} \text{BW}(W^2, M^2) \Gamma_{ij}^*(Q^2).$$

The kinematical factor  $\sqrt{X} = \frac{1}{2}(M^2 + Q^2)$ ,  $N_T = 2$ ,  $N_L = 1$ , and  $J$  is the spin of the resonance, the Breit-Wigner distribution, in the narrow approx. :  $\text{BW}(W^2, M^2) \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2M} \delta(W - M)$ .

The TT and LT cross sections are obtained from the c.m.-frame helicity amplitudes as

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{\text{TT}} &= \frac{1}{4\sqrt{X}} \left( \mathcal{M}^*(++) \mathcal{M}(++) + \mathcal{M}^*(+-) \mathcal{M}(+-) \right) \text{BW}(W^2, M^2) \\ &= \frac{(4\pi\alpha_{\text{em}})^2}{4\sqrt{X}} \left\{ |\mathcal{F}_{\text{TT},2}(Q^2)|^2 + \frac{2}{3} \left( 1 + \frac{Q^2}{M^2} \right)^4 M^4 |\mathcal{F}_{\text{TT},0}(Q^2)|^2 \right\} \text{BW}(W^2, M^2), \\ \sigma_{\text{LT}} &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{X}} \mathcal{M}^*(0+) \mathcal{M}(0+) \text{BW}(W^2, M^2) = \frac{Q^2 \sqrt{X}}{W^2} (4\pi\alpha_{\text{em}})^2 |\mathcal{F}_{\text{LT}}(Q^2)|^2 \text{BW}(W^2, M^2), \end{aligned}$$

The single-tag cross-section, which we write as:

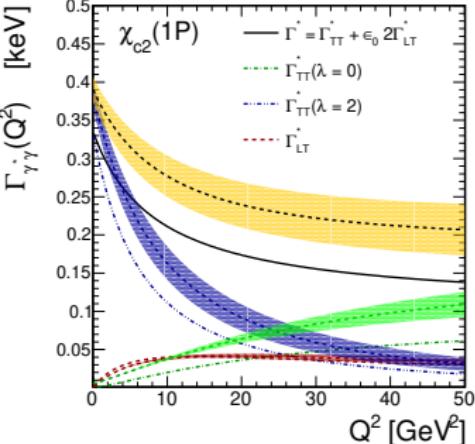
$$\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2} = 2 \int dW \frac{dL}{dW dQ^2} \left( \sigma_{\text{TT}}(W^2, Q^2) + \epsilon_0 \sigma_{\text{LT}}(W^2, Q^2) \right).$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2} = 4\pi^2 \frac{(2J+1)}{M^2} \left( 1 + \frac{Q^2}{M^2} \right)^{-1} \frac{2 dL}{dW dQ^2} \Big|_{W=M} \Gamma_{\gamma^* \gamma}(Q^2),$$

with the effective off-shell width defined as

$$\Gamma_{\gamma^* \gamma}(Q^2) = \Gamma_{\text{TT}}^*(Q^2) + \epsilon_0 2 \Gamma_{\text{LT}}^*(Q^2).$$

# The off-shell decay width



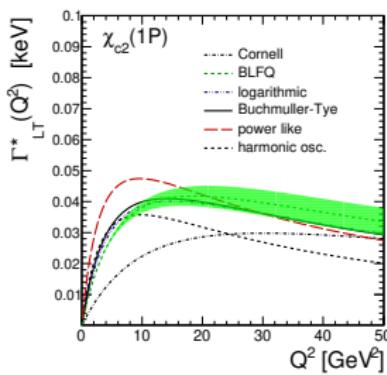
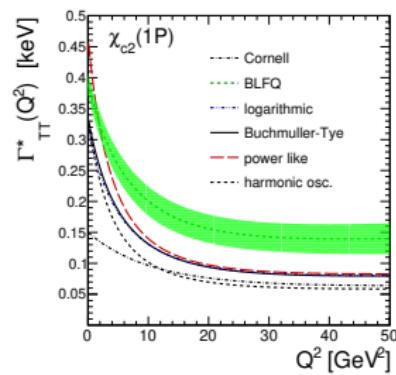
The effective off-shell width

$$\Gamma_{\gamma^*\gamma}(Q^2) = \Gamma_{TT}^*(Q^2) + \epsilon_0 2\Gamma_{LT}^*(Q^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{TT}^*(Q^2) &= (4\pi\alpha_{em})^2 \left\{ \frac{|F_{TT2}(Q^2)|^2}{80\pi M} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{M^3 |F_{TT0}(Q^2)|^2}{120\pi} \left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{M^2}\right)^4 \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\Gamma_{LT}^*(Q^2) = (4\pi\alpha_{em})^2 \frac{1}{160\pi} \left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{M^2}\right)^2 M Q^2 |F_{LT}(Q^2)|^2.$$

For the  $\chi_{c2}$  we took  $\epsilon_0 = 1$ , and  $M = M_{\chi_{c2}}$ .



- for  $Q^2 < 20$  GeV the dominant is  $\lambda = 2$
- for  $Q^2 > 50$  GeV the dominant is  $\lambda = 0$

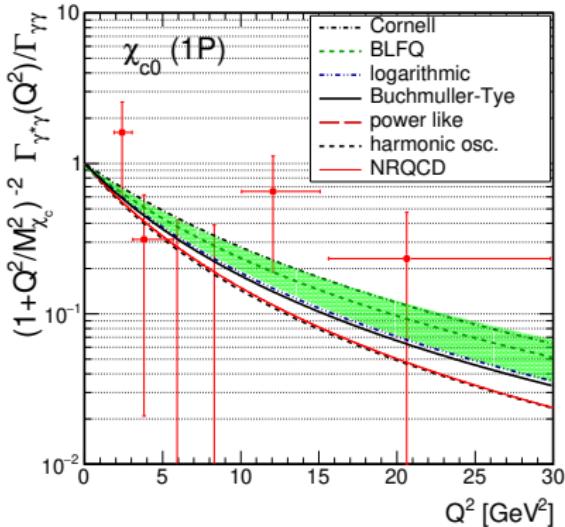
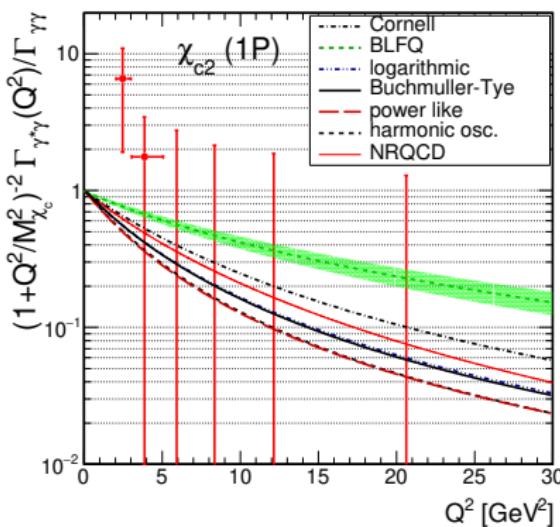
# The off-shell decay width

Off-shell widths are convention-dependent, and to compare to the experimental data from Ref.

M.Masuda et.al Phys. Rev. D 97, 052003(2018) , we note that the Belle collaboration writes

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2} = 4\pi^2 \frac{(2J+1)}{M^2} \left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{M^2}\right) \frac{2 dL}{dW dQ^2} \Big|_{W=M} \Gamma_{\gamma^*\gamma}^{\text{Belle}}(Q^2),$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2} = 4\pi^2 \frac{(2J+1)}{M^2} \left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{M^2}\right)^{-1} \frac{2 dL}{dW dQ^2} \Big|_{W=M} \Gamma_{\gamma^*\gamma}(Q^2),$$



- The transition form factors expressed by the Light Front Wave Functions were presented. The wave functions from two different approaches were used:
  - the Light Front Wave Functions (**LFWF**) obtained through the Melosh Spin-Rotation transform (for the spin-orbit part), and the solution from the Schrödinger equation for several models of the central potential models of  $Q\bar{Q}$  interaction;
  - Basis Light Front Quantization (**BLFQ**) approach
- We have found rather wide spread results of **radiative decay width**  $\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma} : (0.15 - 0.47)\text{keV}$
- We find the ratio  $\Gamma(\lambda = 0)/\Gamma(\lambda = \pm 2)$  of the order of  $10^{-3}$ , which is in agreement with the current experimental agreement.
- We have defined and calculated the so-called  $Q^2$ -dependent **off-shell diphoton width** and compared to the Belle data. It is rather difficult to conclude on the consistency of the model with rather low statistic available data. Future Belle II or Super  $\tau$ -Charm facility (STCF) high-statistics data on  $\gamma^*\gamma \rightarrow \chi_{c2}$  would be very useful to test the wave function and the formalism discussed in our studies.