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Central exclusive production of selected charmonia in the light-front k_{\perp} -factorization approach

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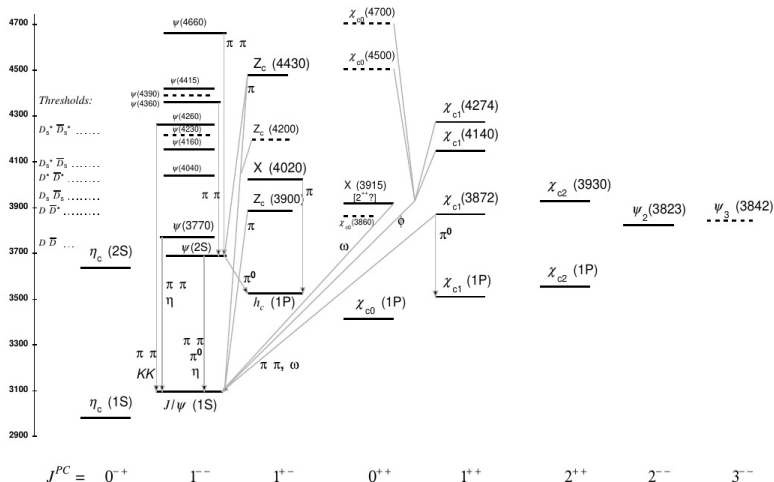
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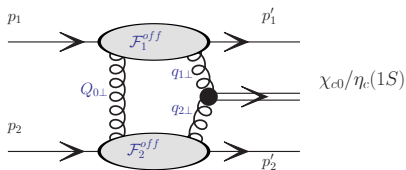
Introduction $\Rightarrow \eta_c(1S), \chi_{c0}(1P)$



mass spectra of $c\bar{c}$ states P.A. Zyla *et al.* (Particle Data Group), Prog. Theor. Exp. Phys. 2020, 083C01

(2020)

Introduction



Generic diagram for **central exclusive production** of η_c and χ_{c0} ,
[Phys.Rev.D102, 114028\(2020\)](#)

$\mathcal{V}^{c_1 c_2} \Rightarrow \mathcal{V}^{c_1 c_2}(g^* g^* \rightarrow \eta_c(1S))$
 Prompt hadroproduction of $\eta_c(1S, 2S)$
 in the k_T -factorization approach,
[JHEP02, 037\(2020\)](#),

$\mathcal{V}^{c_1 c_2} \Rightarrow \mathcal{V}^{c_1 c_2}(g^* g^* \rightarrow \chi_{c0}(1P))$
 Hadroproduction of scalar P -wave
 quarkonia in the light-front k_T -
 factorization approach
[JHEP06, 101\(2020\)](#)

$$\mathcal{M} = \frac{s}{2} \pi^2 \frac{1}{2} \frac{\delta_{c_1 c_2}}{N_c^2 - 1} \int d^2 Q \mathcal{V}^{c_1 c_2} \frac{\mathcal{F}_g^{\text{off}}(x_1, x', Q^2, q_1^2, \mu^2, t_1) \mathcal{F}_g^{\text{off}}(x_2, x', Q^2, q_2^2, \mu^2, t_2)}{Q^2 q_1^2 q_2^2},$$

Durham model of CEP, [Int. J. Mod. Phys. A 29, 1430031 \(2014\)](#), [arXiv:1405.0018 [hep-ph]]

$$\sigma = \frac{1}{2s} \frac{1}{2^8 \pi^4 s} \int |\mathcal{M}|^2 dt_1 dt_2 dy d\phi.$$

$$t_1 = (p_1 - p'_1)^2, \quad t_2 = (p_2 - p'_2)^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \phi \in (0, 2\pi)$$

R. S. Pasechnik, A. Szczurek, and O. V. Teryaev,
[Phys. Rev. D 78, 014007 \(2008\)](#),

Off-shell vertices

$$\mathcal{V}_{\mu\nu}^{ab}(g^* g^* \rightarrow \chi_{c0}) = 4\pi\alpha_s \frac{\text{Tr}[t^a t^b]}{\sqrt{N_c}} 2\mathcal{T}_{\mu\nu} = \frac{4\pi\alpha_s}{\sqrt{N_c}} \delta^{ab} \mathcal{T}_{\mu\nu},$$

$$\mathcal{T} = n_\nu^+ n_\mu^- \mathcal{T}_{\mu\nu} = |\mathbf{q}_1| |\mathbf{q}_2| G_1(q_1^2, q_2^2) + (\mathbf{q}_1 \cdot \mathbf{q}_2) G_2(q_1^2, q_2^2),$$

$$G_1(q_1^2, q_2^2) = |\mathbf{q}_1| |\mathbf{q}_2| \frac{4m_c}{q_2^2} \int \frac{dz d^2\mathbf{k}}{z(1-z)16\pi^3} \psi_{\chi_{c0}}(z, \mathbf{k}) 2z(1-z)(2z-1) \left[\frac{1}{l_A^2 + \varepsilon^2} - \frac{1}{l_B^2 + \varepsilon^2} \right]$$

$$G_2(q_1^2, q_2^2) = 4m_c \int \frac{dz d^2\mathbf{k}}{z(1-z)16\pi^3} \psi_{\chi_{c0}}(z, \mathbf{k}) \left[\frac{1-z}{l_A^2 + \varepsilon^2} + \frac{z}{l_B^2 + \varepsilon^2} \right] \\ + \frac{4m_c}{q_2^2} \int \frac{dz d^2\mathbf{k}}{z(1-z)16\pi^3} \psi_{\chi_{c0}}(z, \mathbf{k}) 4z(1-z) \left[\frac{\mathbf{q}_2 \cdot l_A}{l_A^2 + \varepsilon^2} - \frac{\mathbf{q}_2 \cdot l_B}{l_B^2 + \varepsilon^2} \right],$$

$$\mathcal{V}_{\mu\nu}^{ab}(g^* g^* \rightarrow \eta_c) = (-i) 4\pi\alpha_s \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} q^\alpha q^\beta \frac{\delta^{ab}}{2\sqrt{N_c}} 2l(q_1^2, q_2^2),$$

where $l(q_1^2, q_2^2) = F_{\gamma^* \gamma^* \rightarrow \eta_c}(q_1^2, q_2^2) / (e_c^2 \sqrt{N_c})$.

$$l(q_1^2, q_2^2) = 4m_c \int \frac{dz d^2\mathbf{k}}{z(1-z)16\pi^3} \psi_{\eta_c}(z, \mathbf{k}) \left\{ \frac{1-z}{(\mathbf{k} - (1-z)\mathbf{q}_2)^2 + z(1-z)q_1^2 + m_c^2} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{z}{(\mathbf{k} + z\mathbf{q}_2)^2 + z(1-z)q_1^2 + m_c^2} \right\},$$

Off-diagonal gluons

KMR off-diagonal gluon:

[Int. J. Mod. Phys. A 29, 1430031 \(2014\)](#),

[\[arXiv:1405.0018 \[hep-ph\]\]](#),

[Eur. Phys. J. C 35, 211–220 \(2004\)](#)

$$\mathcal{F}_{g,\text{KMR}}^{\text{off}}(x_i, x', Q_\perp^2, q_{i\perp}^2, \mu^2, t_i) = R_g \frac{d}{d \ln q_\perp^2} \left[xg(x, q_\perp^2) \sqrt{T_g(q_\perp^2, \mu^2)} \right]_{q_\perp^2 = Q_\perp^2} F(t),$$

$Q_{i\perp}^2 = \min(Q_\perp^2, q_{i\perp}^2)$, $i = 1, 2$ - Durham prescription

$Q_{i\perp}^2 = \sqrt{Q_\perp^2 q_{i\perp}^2}$, $i = 1, 2$ - BPSS prescription

CDHI off-diagonal gluon:

[Eur. Phys. J. C 61, 369–390 \(2009\)](#)

$$\mathcal{F}_{g,\text{CDHI}}^{\text{off}}(x_i, x', Q_\perp^2, q_{i\perp}^2, \mu^2, t_i) = R_g \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \log \bar{Q}^2} \sqrt{T_g(\bar{Q}^2, \mu^2)} xg(x, \bar{Q}^2) \right] \cdot \frac{2Q_\perp^2 q_\perp^2}{Q_\perp^4 + q_\perp^4} \cdot F(t),$$

$$F(t) = \exp\left(\frac{bt}{2}\right), \quad b = 4 \text{ GeV}^{-2},$$

PST off-diagonal:

[Phys. Rev. D 78, 014007 \(2008\)](#).

$$\mathcal{F}_{g,\text{PST}}^{\text{off}}(x_i, x', Q_\perp^2, q_{i\perp}^2, \mu^2, t_i) = \sqrt{Q_\perp^2 f_g^{\text{GBW}}(x', Q_\perp^2) q_\perp^2 f_g^{\text{GBW}}(x, q_\perp^2)} \sqrt{T_g(q_\perp^2, \mu^2)} F(t),$$

$$f_g^{\text{GBW}}(x, q_\perp^2) = \frac{3\sigma_0}{4\pi^2\alpha_s} R_0^2 q_\perp^2 \exp[-R_0^2 q_\perp^2],$$

[J.HighEnergyPhys.03\(2018\)102](#).

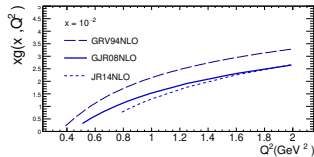
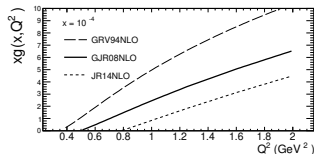
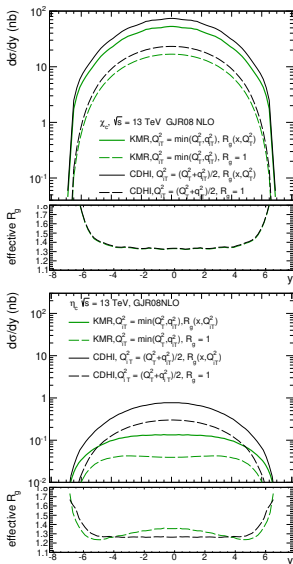
$$f_g^{RS}(x, |q|) = q^2 \frac{\sigma_0}{\alpha_s} \frac{N_c}{8\pi^2} \int_0^\infty r dr J_0(|q|r) \left(1 - \frac{\sigma(x, r)}{\sigma_0}\right).$$

[Phys.Rev.D88, 074016\(2013\)](#)

$$T_g(q_\perp^2, \mu^2) = \exp \left[- \int_{q_\perp^2}^{\mu^2} \frac{dk_\perp^2}{k_\perp^2} \frac{\alpha_s(k_\perp^2)}{2\pi} \times \int_0^{1-\Delta} \left[zP_{gg}(z) + \sum_q P_{qg}(z) \right] dz \right],$$

$$\mu^2 = M^2 + q_\perp^2.$$

Effective skewedness correction



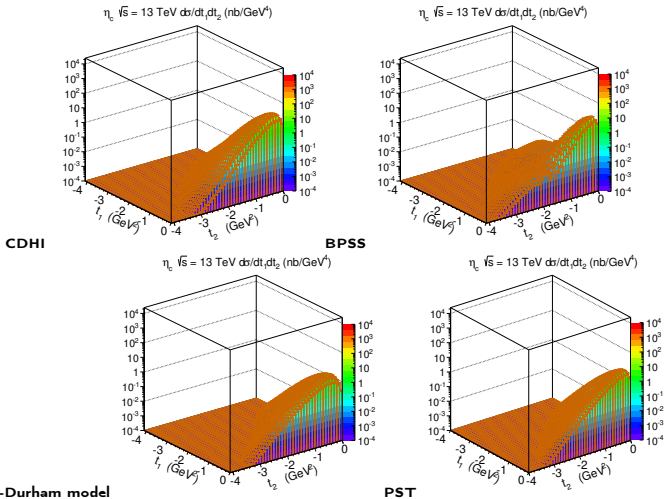
Shuvaev prescription

$$R_g = \frac{2^{2\lambda+3} \Gamma(\lambda + 5/2)}{\sqrt{\pi} \Gamma(\lambda + 4)},$$

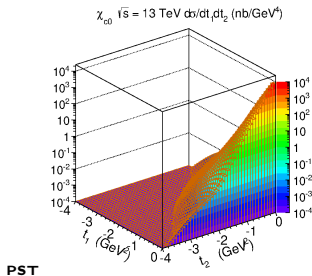
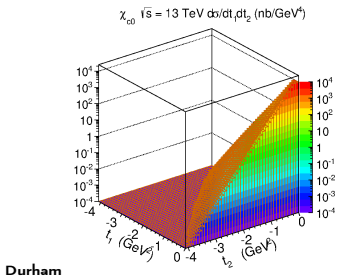
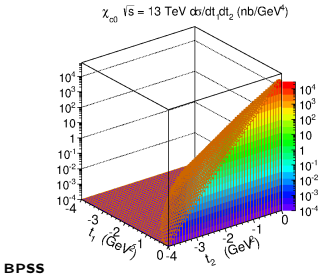
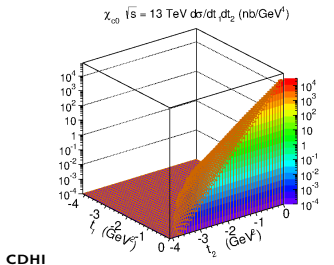
$$\lambda = \frac{d}{d \ln(1/x)} \left[\ln \left(xg(x, q_{\perp}^2) \right) \right].$$

η_c - distribution in $t_1 \times t_2$, $\sqrt{s} = 13\text{TeV}$

- in the limit $t_1, t_2 \rightarrow 0$ the CEP vertex vanishes \Rightarrow the cross-section is heavily suppressed relatively to χ_{c0}
- On the other hand the cross-section strongly depends on $\Psi_S(0)$, while $\chi_{c0} \Psi'_P(0)$



χ_{c0} - distribution in $t_1 \times t_2$, $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$



Total cross-section $pp \rightarrow p\eta_c p$

KMR Skewed gluon, $0.8\text{GeV}^2 \leq Q_{0T}^2$, JR14NLO	σ_{tot} [nb], $R_g = 1.0$	σ_{tot} [nb], $R_g(x, Q_{iT}^2)$
CDHI, $Q_{iT}^2 = (Q_T^2 + q_{iT}^2)/2$.	1.1	2.4
KMR, $Q_{iT}^2 = \sqrt{Q_T^2 \cdot q_{iT}^2}$	0.39	1.2
KMR, $Q_{iT}^2 = \min(Q_T^2, q_{iT}^2)$	0.13	0.25
KMR Skewed gluon, $0.5\text{GeV}^2 \leq Q_{0T}^2$, GJR08NLO	σ_{tot} [nb], $R_g = 1.0$	σ_{tot} [nb], $R_g(x, Q_{iT}^2)$
CDHI, $Q_{iT}^2 = (Q_T^2 + q_{iT}^2)/2$.	2.2	5.6
KMR, $Q_{iT}^2 = \sqrt{Q_T^2 \cdot q_{iT}^2}$	0.52	2.1
KMR, $Q_{iT}^2 = \min(Q_T^2, q_{iT}^2)$, $0.5\text{GeV}^2 \leq Q_{0T}^2$	0.44	1.3
KMR, $Q_{iT}^2 = \min(Q_T^2, q_{iT}^2)$, $0.8\text{GeV}^2 \leq Q_{0T}^2$	0.22	0.45
KMR Skewed gluon, $0.4\text{GeV}^2 \leq Q_{0T}^2$, GRV94NLO	σ_{tot} [nb], $R_g = 1.0$	σ_{tot} [nb], $R_g(x, Q_{iT}^2)$
CDHI, $Q_{iT}^2 = (Q_T^2 + q_{iT}^2)/2$.	$1.2 \cdot 10^2$	$7.8 \cdot 10^3$
KMR, $Q_{iT}^2 = \sqrt{Q_T^2 \cdot q_{iT}^2}$	2.2	$1.3 \cdot 10^3$
KMR, $Q_{iT}^2 = \min(Q_T^2, q_{iT}^2)$, $0.4\text{GeV}^2 \leq Q_{0T}^2$	2.8	$1.0 \cdot 10^1$
KMR, $Q_{iT}^2 = \min(Q_T^2, q_{iT}^2)$, $0.8\text{GeV}^2 \leq Q_{0T}^2$	1.25	2.9
PST Skewed gluon	σ_{tot} [nb]	-
PST, GBW	1.9	-
PST, RS	4.1	-

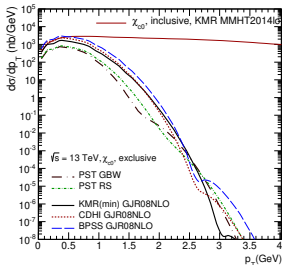
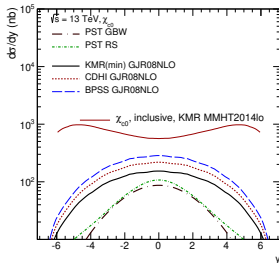
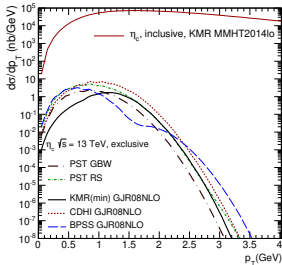
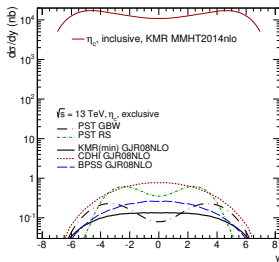
Total cross-section $pp \rightarrow p\chi_{c0}p$

KMR Skewed gluon $0.8 \text{ GeV}^2 \leq Q_{0T}^2$, JR14NLO	σ_{tot} [nb], $R_g = 1.0$	σ_{tot} [nb], $R_g(x, Q_{iT}^2)$
CDHI, $Q_{iT}^2 = (Q_T^2 + q_{iT}^2)/2$.	$0.42 \cdot 10^3$	$1.1 \cdot 10^3$
KMR, $Q_{iT}^2 = \sqrt{Q_T^2 \cdot q_{iT}^2}$	$0.36 \cdot 10^3$	$0.94 \cdot 10^3$
KMR, $Q_{iT}^2 = \min(Q_T^2, q_{iT}^2)$	$0.20 \cdot 10^3$	$0.52 \cdot 10^3$
KMR Skewed gluon $0.5 \text{ GeV}^2 \leq Q_{0T}^2$, GJR08NLO	σ_{tot} [nb], $R_g = 1.0$	σ_{tot} [nb], $R_g(x, Q_{iT}^2)$
CDHI, $Q_{iT}^2 = (Q_T^2 + q_{iT}^2)/2$.	$0.46 \cdot 10^3$	$1.57 \cdot 10^3$
KMR, $Q_{iT}^2 = \sqrt{Q_T^2 \cdot q_{iT}^2}$	$0.64 \cdot 10^3$	$2.1 \cdot 10^3$
KMR, $Q_{iT}^2 = \min(Q_T^2, q_{iT}^2)$	$0.34 \cdot 10^3$	$1.1 \cdot 10^3$
KMR Skewed gluon $0.4 \text{ GeV}^2 \leq Q_{0T}^2$, GRV94NLO	σ_{tot} [nb], $R_g = 1.0$	σ_{tot} [nb], $R_g(x, Q_{iT}^2)$
CDHI, $Q_{iT}^2 = (Q_T^2 + q_{iT}^2)/2$.	$1.88 \cdot 10^3$	$9.02 \cdot 10^3$
KMR, $Q_{iT}^2 = \sqrt{Q_T^2 \cdot q_{iT}^2}$	$3.03 \cdot 10^3$	$13.4 \cdot 10^3$
KMR, $Q_{iT}^2 = \min(Q_T^2, q_{iT}^2)$, $0.4 \text{ GeV}^2 \leq Q_{0T}^2$	$1.4 \cdot 10^3$	$6.1 \cdot 10^3$
KMR, $Q_{iT}^2 = \min(Q_T^2, q_{iT}^2)$, $0.8 \text{ GeV}^2 \leq Q_{0T}^2$	$0.75 \cdot 10^3$	$3.9 \cdot 10^3$
PST Skewed gluon	σ_{tot} [nb]	-
PST prescription, GBW	$0.44 \cdot 10^3$	-
PST prescription, RS	$0.52 \cdot 10^3$	-

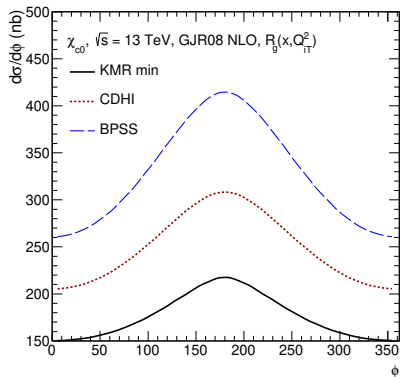
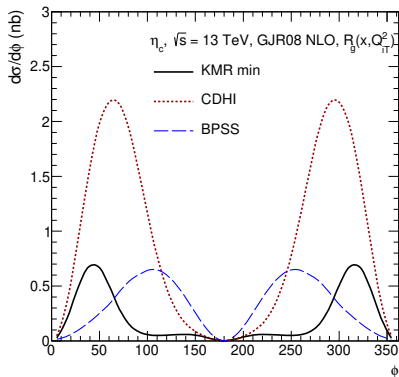
$$Br(\chi_{c0} \rightarrow J/\Psi \gamma) = (1.40 \pm 0.05)\%$$

$$Br(\chi_{c1} \rightarrow J/\Psi \gamma) = (34.3 \pm 1.0)\%$$

Exclusive vs. inclusive distributions



Azimuthal angle distribution



$$|\mathcal{M}(g^* g^* \rightarrow \eta_c)|^2 \sim \sin^2(\phi)$$

Absorptive correction to $pp \rightarrow pVp$ processes

$$\mathcal{M}(Y, y, \mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2) = \mathcal{M}^{(0)}(Y, y, \mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2) - \delta\mathcal{M}(Y, y, \mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2),$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}^{(0)}(Y, y, \mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2) &= i s \Phi_1(\mathbf{p}_1) R_{\mathbf{P}}(Y-y, \mathbf{p}_1^2) \\ &\times V(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2) R_{\mathbf{P}}(y, \mathbf{p}_2^2) \Phi_2(\mathbf{p}_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta\mathcal{M}(Y, 0, \mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2) &= \\ &\int \frac{d^2\mathbf{k}}{2(2\pi)^2} T(s, \mathbf{k}) \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}B_D(\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{k})^2\right) \\ &\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}B_D(\mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{k})^2\right) \times V(\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{k}) \end{aligned}$$

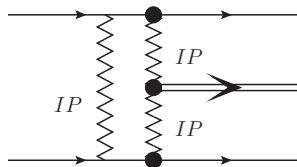
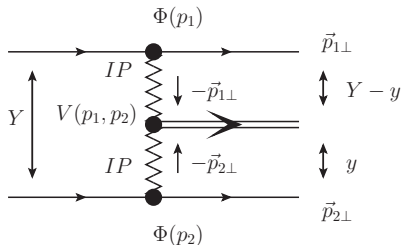
$$T(s, \mathbf{k}) = \sigma_{\text{tot}}^{pp}(s)$$

$$\times \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}B_{\text{el}}(s)\mathbf{k}^2\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV} &\Rightarrow \sigma_{\text{tot}}^{pp} = \\ &(110.6 \pm 3.4) \text{ mb}, B_{\text{el}} = \\ &(20.36 \pm 0.19) \text{ GeV}^{-2} \end{aligned}$$

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Collaboration],

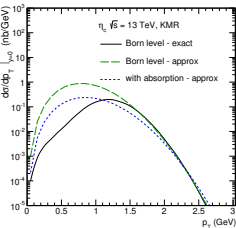
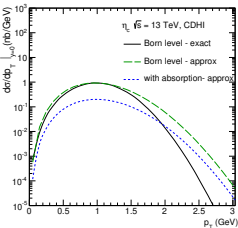
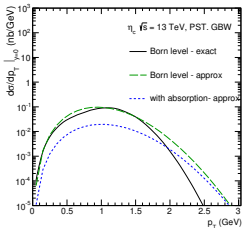
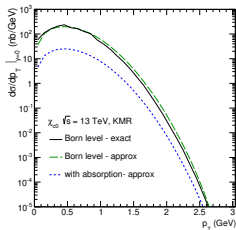
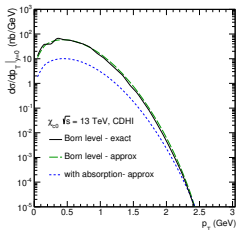
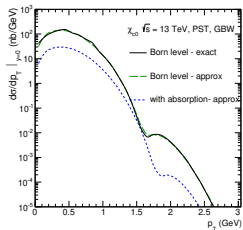
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Born level diagram

absorptive correction

Absorptive correction - results



Gap survival probability at mid rapidity

χ_{c0}	$\frac{d\sigma}{dy}_{\text{tot}} _{y=0}$ [nb]	$\frac{d\sigma}{dy}_{\text{tot}}^{\text{abs}} _{y=0}$ [nb]	$S^2_{y=0}$
PST GBW	17	3.7	0.22
PST RS	21	4.5	0.21
CDHI GJR08NLO	42	7.5	0.18
KMR GJR08NLO	29	3.7	0.13
BPSS GJR08NLO	61	8.0	0.13

η_c	$\frac{d\sigma}{dy}_{\text{tot}} _{y=0}$ [nb]	$\frac{d\sigma}{dy}_{\text{tot}}^{\text{abs}} _{y=0}$ [nb]	$S^2_{y=0}$
PST GBW	1.8×10^{-2}	3.9×10^{-3}	0.22
PST RS	9.0×10^{-3}	1.9×10^{-3}	0.21
CDHI GJR08NLO	1.8×10^{-1}	4.0×10^{-2}	0.22
KMR GJR08NLO	1.3×10^{-1}	3.0×10^{-2}	0.23
BPSS GJR08NLO	5.8×10^{-2}	2.2×10^{-2}	0.38

$$S^2 \equiv \frac{d\sigma/dy|_{y=0}}{d\sigma_{\text{Born}}/dy|_{y=0}}$$

- Transition amplitude for $g^* g^* \rightarrow \eta_c$ and $g^* g^* \rightarrow \chi_{c0}$ was calculated using light-cone wave functions of $c\bar{c}$ states in the framework of potential models.
- We also proposed a way to calculate the soft effects (in the region of small gluon transverse momenta) using the GBW or RS UGDs, which were obtained from the respective color dipole cross sections and a simple (PST) prescription for its off-diagonal extrapolation.
- Central exclusive processes in proton-proton collisions are sensitive to the low scale, especially η_c , which is the main uncertainties in the results.
- In our calculation of absorptive corrections, we restricted ourselves to the so-called elastic rescattering correction.
- Depending on the gluon distribution used, we obtain for the χ_c the gap survival values of $S^2 = (0.13 - 0.21)$, while for the η_c production, they are somewhat higher, $S^2 = (0.21 - 0.38)$.