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## Central exclusive production of $\eta_c$ and $\chi_{c0}$ in the light-front $k_T$ -factorization approach

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We study the exclusive production of  $J^{PC} = 0^{++}$  and  $0^{--}$  charmonium states in proton-proton collisions at the LHC energies. The amplitudes for  $gg \to \chi_{c0}$  as well as for  $gg \to \eta_c$  mechanisms are derived in the  $k_T$ -factorization approach. The  $pp \to pp\eta_c$  reaction is discussed for the first time. We have discussed rapidity and transverse momentum distributions as well as such correlation observables as the distribution in relative azimuthal angle and  $(t_1, t_2)$  distributions. The latter two observables are very different for the scalar and pseudoscalar meson.

We present the numerical results for the key observables in the framework of potential models for the lightfront quarkonia wave functions. We also discuss how different are the absorptive corrections for both considered cases.

We observe a substantial contribution from the nonperturbative domain of gluon virtualities, especially for  $\eta_c$  production. To model the nonperturbative region better, we utilize models of the unintegrated gluon distribution based on parametrizations of the color dipole cross-section.

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